

**DESCENT FROM OFFICERS OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS:**

**JOHN STRONG (1610-1699), ELDER FROM 1663;
JOHN CLARK (SR.) (1651-1704), DEACON FROM 1691;
JOHN CLARK (JR.) (1679-1768), DEACON FROM 1730;
WILLIAM HOLTON (1610-1691), DEACON FROM 1663;
NATHANIEL PHELPS (1625-1702), DEACON FROM 1691;
PRESERVED CLAPP (1643-1720), ELDER FROM 1699.**

(Elder) John Strong (1610-1699), m. 1636 Abigail Ford (1619-1688); parents of Mary Strong (1654-1738), m. 1679 **(Deacon) John Clark (Sr.) (1651-1704)**; parents of **(Deacon) John Clark (Jr.) (1679-1768)**, m. 1704 Elizabeth Cooke (1685-1761); parents of Jerusha Clark (1712-1745), m. 1739 Jonathan Kingsley (1700-1754); parents of Jerusha Kingsley (1740-1796), m. 1760 Oliver Burt (1738-1807); parents of Thomas Burt (1761-1839), m. 1808 Betsy Jeffords (1785-1854); parents of Harriet J. Burt (1809-1896), m. 1833 Randall S. Meacham (1813-1887); parents of (William) Chauncey Meacham (1840-1907), m. 1860 Wrexavilla Rorapaugh (1840-1910); parents of Alice L. Meacham (1872-1943), m. 1896 Milton A. Wavle (1870-1948); parents of Rexa Lorie Wavle (1898-1972), m. 1917 George Franklin Webber (1896-1980); parents of Donald Milton Webber (1918-1976), m. 1937 Laura Lucille Carpenter (1920-1990); parents of David Milton Webber (1938-2008), m. Joy Ann Balint (living); parents of (David) Jay Webber (living), m. Carol Ruth Wimble (living); parents of Paul Morgan Edward Webber (living), m. Ruth Marie Wilde Gullixson (1988-2012); parents of John Wilde Webber (living)

(Deacon) William Holton (1610-1691), m. 1632 Mary – (d. 1691); parents of Mary Holton (1636-1713), m. 1655 David Burt (1629-1690); parents of Henry Burt (1660-1735), m. 1690 Mary Dyer; parents of Thomas Burt (1697-1773), m. 1730 Mercy Phelps (1703-1779); parents of Oliver Burt (1738-1807), m. 1760 Jerusha Kingsley (1740-1796); parents of Thomas Burt (1761-1839), m. 1808 Betsy Jeffords (1785-1854)...

(Deacon) Nathaniel Phelps (1625-1702), m. 1650 Elizabeth – (1630-1712); parents of William Phelps (1657-1745), m. 1678 Abigail Stebbins (1660-1748); parents of Mercy Phelps (1703-1779), m. 1730 Thomas Burt (1697-1773); parents of Oliver Burt (1738-1807), m. 1760 Jerusha Kingsley (1740-1796)...

(Elder) Preserved Clapp (1643-1720), m. 1668 Sarah Newberry (1650-1716); parents of Wait Clapp (1670-1722), m. 1689 John Taylor (1667-1744); parents of Jonathan Taylor (1685-1732), m. Hannah Thomas (b. 1678); parents of Elnathan Taylor (b. 1704), m. 1727 Desire Blakeslee (b. 1708); parents of Nathan Taylor (1730-1820), m. 1750 Lydia Thomas (1737-1820); parents of Amos Taylor (b. 1767), m. Mary Lawrence (1770-1834); parents of Vernon Dyke Taylor (1798-1864), m. 1831 Catherine Maria Woodruff (1809-1837); parents of (Timothy) Dwight Taylor (1832-1900), m. 1863 Mary Kirkham (1839-1921); parents of Catharine Elizabeth Taylor (1864-1908), m. 1886 John Clark Mattison (1862-1944); parents of Mary Pemelia Mattison (1890-1928), m. 1915 Raymond Stuart Farrell (1890-1977); parents of Kathryn Louise Farrell (1918-1990), m. 1937 Francis A. Wilde (1909-1994); parents of John Raymond Wilde (1947-1990), m. Diane Marie Falkenberg (living); parents of Ruth Marie Wilde Gullixson (1989-2012), m. Paul Morgan Edward Webber (living); parents of John Wilde Webber (living)

THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND MARY (STRONG) CLARK OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dea. John Clark [born in 1651] and Mary Strong [daughter of Elder John Strong]. They were married March 20, 1679. He died in 1704. Their children:

- i. Dea. John, born Dec. 28, 1679; married Elizabeth Cook..., Oct. 31, 1704, and died Aug. 3, 1768, aged 89.
- ii. Nathaniel, born May 13, 1681; married Hannah Sheldon, Oct. 26, 1705, and died Nov. 23, 1767, aged 86.
She died Feb. 13, 1764, aged 80.
- iii. Ebenezer, born Oct. 18, 1682; married Abigail Parsons... She died Aug. 17, 1763, aged 73, and he died Feb. 27, 1781, aged 98.
- iv. Increase, born April 8, 1684; married Mary Sheldon, Feb. 2, 1710, and he died Aug. 27, 1775, aged 91.
- v. Mary, born Oct. 27, 1685; married Benjamin Edwards.
- vi. Rebecca, born Nov. 22, 1687; married John Baker.
- vii. Experience, born Oct. 30, 1689; married Daniel Nash.
- viii. Abigail, born March, 1692; married Dea. Noah Cook, Jr.
- ix. Noah, born March 28, 1694. ...
- x. Thankful, born Feb. 13, 1696, and died unmarried.
- xi. Dea. Josiah, born June 11, 1697; died April 7, 1789, aged 92.

Of the six sons and five daughters of this very remarkable family – remarkable alike for their longevity, their piety and their numerous offspring – four of them lived to be more than 90 years of age; three others were more than 80, and three others were more than 70. All the sons were married, and all the daughters except one. All the sons lived with their wives more than 50 years, and could therefore have celebrated “their Golden Weddings,” if that had been the custom of those times. All the sons outlived their wives, and all the daughters outlived their husbands. There were two deacons in the family, and the tradition is that these six brothers and their sisters were accustomed, for many years, to meet every week in their own houses, by rotation, for special and earnest prayer that “their children and their children’s children, down to the latest generation, might be converted and saved.” The influence of their humble and believing supplications to a covenant-keeping God is doubtless felt in the families of their numerous descendants today, and will be through all time. It has long been a tradition in Northampton and its vicinity, that “Increase Clark, with his hands tied behind him, would out-pray Mr. [Jonathan] Edwards.”

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