"The Hull Family In America" By Col. Charles H. Weygant

Descendants of Richard Hull

I. Richard Hull, December 3, 1599—August 21, 1662 ,colonist, free planter and progenitor of a prominent New Haven branch of the Hull Clan in America, was a native of Derbyshire, England. The exact date of his arrival in New England has not been ascertained. He was made a freeman of Massachusetts Bay Colony at Dorchester in 1634, and a few months later was at Roxbury. In 1636 he sold his dwelling house at Roxbury to one Philip Sherman and removed to Boston. In 1639 he was at New Haven and there ended his wanderings, becoming one of that settlement's recognized founders and permanent citizens. The ancient records show that on joining the New Haven Company he promptly signed the "Fundamental Agreement," was received into the church and became thereby a full fledged member of the select body which constituted the initial General Court, and was soon busied in making history. On the 29th of October, 1639, this General Court formally organized the government of the "New Haven Plantation," by electing from their number a Chief Magistrate, four Assistant Magistrates, a Marshal, a Notary, and several other officers. At the same time an act was passed providing "That church members only shall be free burgesses, and they only shall choose among themselves magistrates and officers to have the power of transacting all public civil affairs of this plantation, and making and repealing laws"; also, "that there shall be a renewing or change of all officers every year at a General Court, to be held for this Plantation the last week in October." It is a matter of record that at this early date the residence of Richard Hull was on Chapel Street, that he was assigned a prominent sitting in the new church, and that his family consisted of four persons. The reports of a session of the General Court held in 1649, show that on one occasion that year, when Richard Hull was serving as "Master of the Watch," two sentries who had disobeyed his orders and grossly neglected duty, "were ordered whipped." At another session of the court, held the same year, a record is made showing that "Richard Hull, because his son Jeremiah wanted a worm and a scourer," (at an inspection of the train band), "was fined twelve cents." An inventory of the personal estate of Richard Hull was presented Jan. 6, 1662, showing that he had died possessed of goods and chattles valued at One Hundred Pounds, eighteen shilling and four pence. At the same time his will was filed. The latter reads as follows:

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I, RICHARD HULL, of New Haven, in New England planta'n. being sick and weak in body, but through the mercy of God at present of perfect mind and memory, and having a desire to settle and dispose of ye small estate wherewith yt hath pleased God to bless me, do make and declare my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

In the first place, I commit my soule into ye hands of Jesus Christ, whoe hath redeemed it by his precious blood, and through whome only I hope for eternal life, & my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried accordingto the discretion of my executor, knowing yt my Redeemer liveth whoe will rays up the same at the last day, and as for my outward estate my mind is & I doe dispose of the same as followeth:

Imprimus. I give unto my oldest sonne Jeremy Hull (whom I make my executor) the house I now live in and home lot with ye barne & appurtenances and all other land & meadow lying and being in this towne & plantation of New Haven, except such part and parcel as I shall otherwise dispose of by this my will, hee paying out of ye sd. house, home lot & premises ye sume of twenty pounds, current pay toward ye raysing of such legacies as I shall give by this my will.

Item. I give unto my sonne John Hull the sume of ten pounds in full of his part.

Item. I give to my daughter Hannah Hull the sum of fforty pounds, the greater part of which sume I will shall bee payd out of my household goods and movables and it is my mind ye sd. legacies of ten pounds & fforty pounds be paid within the time of twelve months after my decease or sooner if it can be raised.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law John Jaxon & my daughter Mary his wife, one piece or parcell of meadow which I bought of Timothy Nash, lying and beeing on the east side near the ferry and all my upland, situate lying and being at Oyster Point, and also two acres more of upland in the Yorkshire quarter, to have, possess and enjoy all the upland and meadow to him my said son-in-law Jno. Jaxon, his wife & heyres and assigns for ever from and immediately after my decease.

Item. I give the sum of five pounds to be paid to the deacons of the church at New Haven aforesaid for the use of the poore of the said church, within one year or sooner as aforesaid.

Item. It is my mind and will yt if my estate should not amount to the payment of the said several legacies bequeathed as aforesaid by this my will, that then there be a proportionable abatement in

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each legacy, with due respect and consideration to my sonne Jeremy unto whom I intend to give full value of thirty pounds and leave estate out of the house and home lott and my other land bequeathed to him, excepting as is before excepted.

Item. It is my will that my executor in the first place see that all my just depts be fully payd and satisfied and funeral expences discharged. And in witness that this is my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of August, 1662.

(Signed) RICHARD HULL.

Signed sealed and delivered ye day and year before mentioned as the testators last will and testament, in presence of

MATTHEW GILBERT,
WM. JONES.

CHILDREN

2. **Jeremiah Hull**, d. June 13, 1700; m. 1658, Hannah Baldwin.
3. **John Hull**, bap. Mar. 24, 1640; d. Dec. 6, 1711. (He had three wives.)
4. **Hannah Hull**, b. Feb., 1642; m. 1662, Edward Dorman.
5. **Mary Hull**, b. 1646; m. John Jackson.

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3. DR. JOHN HULL, 1640-1711, of New Haven, Stratford, Killingworth, Derby and Wallingford, all in Connecticut, son of (1) Richard Hull, was a planter and physician. He was thrice married. No records have been discovered giving the maiden name of his first wife. On October 19, 1671, he was married to his second wife Mary Jones, and on May 13, 1675, to his third wife Rebecca Turner.

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In business affairs Dr. Hull was clear headed, energetic and successful, and the records make it plain that he possessed the confidence and esteem of the several communities in which he lived, as well as of men of prominence and with whom he was associated. He is named as one of the founders of Derby, and took a leading part in the building of the first meeting house and parsonage erected there. He also built dwellings for his sons, and a corn and flour mill at Wallingford. The minutes of the General Court of Connecticut contain the following entries relative to his service in King Philips War:—

> Oct. 14, 1675—This Court desires Major Gould to send up Mr. Joseph Harvy or John Hull to be chirurgeons [surgeons] to the Army, which of them he judgeth most suitable.

> May 11, 1675—This Court alloweth the chirurgeons . . Mr. John Hull . . fourteen shillings a week for services.

> Feb. 18, 1676—Resolved that orders be sent to . . John Hull . . to hasten to go forth with the Army.

> June 21, 1676—Ordered that Mr. John Hull be called to Hartford to looke after the wounded men at Hartford and Watertown forthwith.

Dr. Hull, in his several changes of place of residence, retained his holdings in the places he removed from and acquired additional land in the new towns into which he moved. He held the office of selectman in the town of Derby for at least four years, and represented the town of Wallingford for one or more terms in the General Assembly. Several years before his death he transferred to his children a considerable portion of his real estate, including bounty land awarded him for valuable service rendered in the King Philip War.

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16. **John Hull**, b. Mar. 14, 1662; m. H. Prindle and Mary Merwin.
17. Samuel Hull, b. Feb. 4, 1664; m. Deborah Beers Fairchild.
18. Mary Hull, b. Oct. 21, 1666; m. 1685, John Prindle.
19. **Joseph Hull**, b. Feb. 16, 1668; d. Oct. 15, 1744; m. (1st) Mary Nichols, (2nd) H. Botsford.
20. **Benjamin Hull**, b. 1672; d. Mar. 8, 1741; m. 1693, Elizabeth Andrews.
21. Richard Hull, b. Oct. 16, 1674.
22. **Ebenezer Hull**, b. Sept. 18, 1679; d. 1709; m. 1706, Lydia Mix.
23. **Jeremiah Hull**, b. Sept. 28, 1680; d. 1736; m. 1711, Hannah Cook
24. Andrew Hull, b. July 15, 1685.

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20. DR. BENJAMIN HULL, 1672-1741, of Stratford and Wallingford, Conn., son of (3) Dr. John and Mary Jones Hull, was married in 1693 to Elizabeth Andrews, 1674-1732, daughter of Samuel Andrews and his wife Elizabeth Peck. Both the Andrews and Peck families hold prominent places in the early history of New England.

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84. Andrew Hull, b. Aug. 17, 1694; d. 1717.
85. Mary Hull, b. Aug. 31, 1696; m. Eben Bronson.
86. Elizabeth Hull, b. Apr. 8, 1698; m. 1723, Nathaniel Merriman.
87. Damaris Hull, b. Feb. 4, 1700; d. 1787; m. 1722, Elnathan Street.
88. Abigail Hull, b. 1702; m. 1719, Ensign E. Merriman.
89. Dr. John Hull, b. Nov. 13, 1704; d. May 22, 1762; m. 1727, Sarah Ives.
90. Samuel Hull, b. 1706; d. 1789; m. 1733, Sarah Hall.
91. Sarah Hull, b. Mar. 30, 1710; m. 1733, Samuel Hall.
92. Benjamin Hull, b. July 6, 1712; m. 1735, Hannah Parmelee.

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CHILDREN

240. Patience Hull, b. 1736.
241. Phebe Hull, b. 1737.
242. Hannah Hull, b. 1739.
243. Benjamin Hull, b. 1741; m. 1763, Esther ——
244. Eliakim Hull, b. 1742.
245. Charles Hull, b. 1744; d. 1819; m. Sarah Atwater.
246. Sybil Hull, b. 1746; d. 1758.
247. Joel Hull, b. 1749; m. Sarah Blank.
*248. Beda Hull, b. 1753; m. 1778, Theophilus Moss.
249. Lois Hull, b. 1757; m. 1775, Asa Blakelee.
250. Asahel Hull, b. 1759.
251. Ephraim Hull, b. 1760.

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