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Nicholas Frost first appears in America in 1632; how long he had been in America at that time it is impossible to ascertain. He was probably born between the years 1592 and 1598 as he states in depositions that he was sixty years of age in June 1658 and seventy in April 1662. No reliable records, other than depositions, have been found concerning his family, and even the name of his wife is unknown. He was a mason by profession although most of the large property which passed to his heirs was granted to him for the active part he took in the government and life of the settlement at Kittery. Before his arrival in Kittery he had been in America two years at least. On October 3, 1632, he appeared in the Boston court for compromising the English by misusing the natives at Damariscove. He was banished from the province. Around 1634 or 1635, he was given land in Kittery (now Eliot, Maine) by Thomas Wannerton, as we learn from the following record:

"Philip Swadden aged seauenty years or yr abouts, testifyeth & sayth, that about thyrty eight or thyrty nine yeares since, lieuing then at pichataqua do pisitiuely know, yt Mr. Thomas Wannerton gaue to Nicholas Frost a Prcell of Land vp in Piscataqua River, now known by the name of Kittery which pcell of Land was bounded, on the East with a little Coue Joyneing to the Fort Poynt, on the South West on the River, on the North West Northerly, with a great stumpe called the Mantilltree stumpe; which is about the Middle of the Lane, wch Joynes to ye Land which Major Nicho: Shapleigh now possesseth, & soe running into ye woods, so fare backe as the sayd Wannertons Land went, which tract of Land Mr. Thomas

Wannerton gaue to the sayd Nicholas Frost to come to bee his Neighbor/ & further sayth not/

Taken vpon oath August 27: 1673:
before Edw: Tyng Assitat

A true Copy transcribed out of the originall this 5th of July: 77:

p Edw: Richworth Recor:"

(*York Deeds*, Book 3, Folio 13. Note: In *York Deeds*, Book 2, Folio 1, will be found the depositions made by Nicholas Frost stating his age)

The house of Nicholas Frost was located at the upper end of the lane that ran down to the ferry across the Piscataqua River. This property of Nicholas passed to his son-in-law, William Leighton. The spot is marked today by a tablet commemorating the signing of the separation of Maine from Massachusetts at the Everett Tavern which probably stood on the exact site of the home of Nicholas Frost. The property is on the River Road in Eliot, Maine, and is today owned by Lanier Camp.

The River Road in Eliot dates from the time of Nicholas Frost as Stackpole points out in his history of Kittery:

"John White in 1679 testified that forty-two years before, or about 1637, 'Mr. Alexander Shapleigh and Mr. James Treworgy did agree with the neighbors dwelling at and about Sturgeon Creek that there should be alwayes a high way from Nicholas ffrosts house down to Sturgeon Creek and Soe along to the Ceaders And the Said high way hath bin held ever Since without Interruption'." (Stackpole, Rev. Everett S. *Old Kittery and Her Families*, pp. 168-9, Lewiston Journal Company, Lewiston, 1903).

When Nicholas Frost first settled in Kittery in 1634 he was at the time father of two children. Whether he had brought his wife and children with him we do not know. His position in the colony, however, became more secure after 1643 when the decree of banishment against him was removed upon his second petition. This was a formal acceptance of what must

have been evidently established by custom since in 1640 he had been appointed Constable by the General Court in a meeting held at Saco.

But little can be learned of the character of Nicholas Frost since records of his time are scarce. Charles Thornton Libby says of him: "An efficient and aggressive man he laid the foundation of this family's fortune." (Libby, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*, v. II, p. 247.) An interesting instance of his generosity is found in the depositions of Thomas Beard and John Whit sworn October 14, 1645:

" . . . to call John Heard to come to him into the marsh, and ther was Nicholas Frost & John Whit, John Marten & myselfe, and sayd to these men, come what should wee have difference about marsh, wee will devid it and live like neighbors, then he said to Nicholas Frost from this bancke home to the Burch tree shall be yours. Nicholas Frost sayd I will not have so much, I will come but to this bush . . . " (*Maine Province and Court Records*, vol. I, pp. 94-5)

In 1649 Nicholas Frost leased his new house in Kittery. This may have been the house which tradition says he had erected in 1640. The terms of lease are:

"Articles of agrement betwixt Nicholas Frost of the one part and Jeremy Sheires on the other part the 30th of march, 1649.

Memorandum that I, Nicholas Frost, doeth covenant, let and set unto Jeremy Sheires his new Howse and ground at Kittery with all the appurtenances there unto belonging for the full tearme & end of seaven yeares to be compleat & ended: and also the sayd Nicholas doeth covenant with the sayd Jeremy that hee will build him a suffitient backe of a Chimney with stone & a suffitient latted chimney upward, with an oven in it.

For and in consideration that the sayd Jeremy is for to bring all the stufe in place & a man to attend him, and the sayd Jeremy or his assignes to leave unto the sayd Nicholas Frost his Heires or assignes the sayd howse and ground Tennanttable at the end and tearme above sayd & the sayd Jeremy is for to

take in all the ground backward so fare as the postes make mention.

And also the sayd Nicholas is for to let the sayd Jeremy have so many boards as doeth come to thirty three shillings fore pence.

In Witness where of we have hereunto sett our hands and seales the daye and yeare above written enterchangably.

This is a trew coppy of the originall taken per me.
Basill Parker Re:cor.

(Maine Province and Court Records, I, 130)

Most of the property of Nicholas Frost was acquired during the 1650's. This was also the most active period of his life in local government. He was a member of the jury in 1647, 1659, and 1662. Nicholas Frost was selectman of Kittery in 1648, 1652-3, and 1661. He was a commissioner on the Kittery-York boundary in 1653, and on the Kittery-Dover boundary in 1654.

Charles Thornton Libby has compiled a list of early documents which include Nicholas Frost's name:

(1) Inhabitants who did and those who did not attend Saco court 25 June 1640 (Me. Prov. and Court Rec., i, 42)

(2) Submission to Massachusetts, Nov. 1652 (Stackpole, Kittery, pp. 143-4)

(3) Petition against Richard Leader, Dec. 1652 (Documentary History, iv, 45, and Massachusetts Archives iii, 208)

(4) Petition to the Lord Protector, 1657 (Documentary History, iv, 140)

(5) Petition from Maine for Massachusetts to use force, not merely declarative acts to protect the inhabitants against a pretended power of Esq. Gorges' Commissioners (Fall of 1662) (Massachusetts Archives, 3:269, and Maine Province and Court Records, i, 199)

(6) Land Grants in Kittery and to Whom Laid Out. Abridged from a ledger account made for the Proprietors in 1764. Original, Maine Historical Society, Portland.

1651. Nicholas Frost, stated Long Marsh with upland.

1651. To Anthony Emery and Nicholas Frost, 200, stated S. side of Sturgeon Creek.

1651. To Nicholas Frost and Anthony Emery, 200

1652. To Nicholas Frost, 200; stated at Sturgeon Creek.

1652. To Nicholas Frost, 100; stated at Thompson's Point.

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Nicholas Frost died in or before 1663 as on that date the question of the disposition of his property arose. Full inventory was presented to the court by his son Charles:

An Inventory of the goods lands Cattle and chattles with their appurtenances given per Nicholas Frost late of Kittery deceased unto his children as by his deed of gyft beareing Date the 12th day of September 1650: appeareth, apprized the Twenty fourth day of September 1663:

Imps his weareing apparell	15:06:00
A homestall of dwelling house, barne & other out houses, oachards, Corne fields, Meddow & pastures Adjoyneing, Contayneing in all three hundred Acers more or lesse att	205:00:00
A former grant of Land of three hundred Acers from the proprietors agent Joyneing to his home land vid 3 t Mr. Roger Gard	18:00:00
The long Marsh by estimation Tenn Acers & the grantts of Land belonging to itt, three hundred Acers more or lesse	60:00:00
Two Acers & an halfe of sault Marsh in Yorke bounds	05:00:00
The house & Land att Kittery Joyneing to William Leightons by estimation 30 Acers	20:00:00
A grant of one hundred Acers of Land on the South side of Sturgeon Cricke	10:00:00
One hodget of wheate, one Hodget of Mault	03:00:00

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7 Acers & ½ sowed with Inglish Grayne	15:00:00
Pease & Oates at Kittery	01:15:00
Indean Corne & fruits on the ground	06:00:00
Hay at home & abroad	16:00:00
6 Oxen att	44:00:00
7 Cows att	32:00:00
6 Calves att	06:00:00
Horses & Mayres in the Woods	
one ould Mayre att	10:00:00
One Mayre & Cowlt at	18:00:00
one Mayre Cowlt at 2 yeares ½ ould	10:00:00
1 Horse 2 yeares ½ ould	06:00:00
	491:11:00
Cattle In The Woods	
One Cow, 1 Heffer, one Calfe	09:00:00
3 Heffers, 3 stears, 1 bull	18:00:00
one steare, 1 bull 3 yeares ½ ould	10:00:00
an old Oxe att	08:00:00
11 ould swine att	12:00:00
2 sows att	02:05:00
Three shoatts & 3 piggs	02:00:00
Two ould Cartts, one peyre Wheels, 1 slead, Cop Irons & roape att	02:00:00
Three plows & ould Hodgeds	01:00:00
3 yoakes, 3 chayns, 1 wheelbarrow	01:10:00
1 Tymber Chayne, 1 harrow, & lumber	02:01:00
2 kettles, 5 Wedges, 1 ould Hatchett & five axes all att	01:07:00
3 Hows, 2 spades, one shovell	00:11:00
1 Iron Crow, 5 forke tynes, ould rakes	00:14:00
1 Dunforke, 1 Cross cutt saw, 1 Mattacke, 2 playnes att	00:10:06
	77:18:06
In the Kitchen	
one muskett, 1 fowling piece & rest	02:00:00

2 Iron potts, 1 iron Kettle, 2 pott hookes, all att	01:06:00
3 brasse kettles, skelett & 1 bayson att	03:15:00
Two Andirons, one Trammell, & one peyre of Tonges	00:10:00
one frying pann, 1 gradiron, 1 spitt, 1 fleshforke	00:08:00
3 Tynn pudding panns, 11 wooden trayes, 1 Laddle, 1 scimmer, one Lampe, all att	00:09:00
1 wooden mortar & pestell, 3 payles	00:05:00
1 Curry Come, 12 Trenchers & Lumber Working Towles	00:08:00
1 Mortissing axe, 2 adzes	00:07:06
2 Maysons Hammers att	00:07:06
4 Augers, 3 Chissells, 2 Gowgers & one square all att	00:08:00
	10:04:00
2 files one Wrest, 1 Hammer, 1 shave & 1 fore playne all att	00:03:00
In the inner chamber	
1 bedsteade, 1 feather bedd & bowlster, 2 pillows, one blankett, 1 peyr of sheetes, 1 Rugg & 1 coverlidd	09:11:00
one Trundle bed steade & feather bedd, 1 feather bowlster & pillow	05:00:00
1 peyre of sheetes, 1 blankett & Rugg	01:00:00
1 Chest, 1 ould blankett and 4 yds of blanketting	01:11:00
Two blanketts & Thread	00:14:00
A remnant of Canvice	00:01:00
1 Chest, 2 ould Chests	00:13:00
1 peyre of Compasses, 1 peyre of shooes, 1 Hammer	00:07:06
1 Table, 1 furme, 1 Chayne	00:05:00
5 pewter dishes and 10 small pieces of pewter all att	00:15:00
9 pewter spoones, 3 Ceamy spoones & 1 Chamberpott	00:06:00
1 Tinn drippine pann, 1 brish & one Runlett all att	00:03:00
Prickers, Compasses & Lumber	00:07:00
Two peyres of sheets	01:15:00

2 bowlster Cases, 1 peyre of sheets	00:15:00
2 peyre of Dimitty sheets	02:00:00
4 pillow beares att	00:04:00
12 Napkines, 1 Table Cloath	00:05:00
1 Warmeing pann att	00:03:06
	26:03:00

In the upper Chamber

2 Corne sives, 3 meale sives	00:06:00
8 sackes att 40s, 1 bedsteade, 1 Canvice bedd, 1 feather bowlster, 1 odd blankett, 1 ould Rugg 20s	03:00:00
2 saws 16s, 5 syths, 3 sneadds and Tackeling att 15	01:11:00
8 reape hookes, 4 Howpes att	00:11:00
3 bushs of wheate Meale & 1 bushell of Indean Meale att	00:13:00
1 winnowing sheete, 1 pecke, 1 saddle ould one with a bridle att	00:13:00
3 Tubbs & some Lumber att	00:05:00
3 pecks of sault & some hopps	01:00:00
	08:11:00

In the Cellar

One Chyrne, 2 Keelers	00:08:00
A Milke Ceene & Keeler	00:04:00
2 beare barrells & some soope	00:08:00
7 yds ½ of Coarse Cayrsey	01:00:00
3 blanketts, 1 pillow Case	01:00:00
	03:00:00

In the Darie

30 pounds of butter att	00:15:00
17 Cheeses att	01:05:00
4 Cheese falts & covers & 30 Trayes att	01:18:00
5 earthern panns, 6 earthern potts	00:05:06
4 small earthern vessells	00:01:06
1 peyre of scales 6 lb in Weightte	00:03:00

Tallow, Candles, & sugar	00:05:00
One Cheese presse att	00:08:00
In Silver	14:13:07
	36:14:07
Debts due to the Estate per book or bill	11:02:00
The Estaté is Dr to severall persons in the Whole	24:11:06

Per Edw: Rishworth
Roger Playsteade
John Wincoll Apprizers

Charles Frost doth Attest upon oath before this Court that this Inventory above written is a true Account of those particular goods, Lands & Chattles left by his father Nic: Frost lately deceased which hee the sayd Charles gave unto the apprizers.

Taken this 3d of October 63:

Per Edw: Rishworth Associate

(*Me. Province and Ct. Records*, ii: 380-3)

Charles Frost presented to the Court a deed of gift, dated September 1650, made by Nicholas Frost, which he thought would stand in the place of a will, but the court refused to accept it and after granting letters of administration to Charles ordered him to dispose of the estate according to law:

"That the Elldust sun Charles Frost shall have a double portion, & Thyrty five pounds over & above for his care formerly & trouble at present, whereof the homestall with all the appurtenances belonging to it, as apprized In the Inventory Amounting to Two hundred & five pounds, & 30 li more out of the rest of the estate as apprized, with 24:11:06 to bee allowed him for the payment of the debts.

For the residue of the estate. It is to bee equally divided amongst the other foare Children, every one to have their due proportion as neare as may bee for quantity according to the quality of the estate as it is apprized & this yeare to have their peoportions of hay for wintering their Cattle if neede require.

And that William Leighton shall have lyberty to Cutt 3

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loads of Hay against the next Winter out of Sturgeon Cricke Marsh which was formerly his father in laws if hee have Occasion to make usse of the same, hee being att the Charge to get itt, or to allow for the getting of itt.

That John Frost shall have disposed unto him the Long Marsh with that 300 Acers of Land belonging to itt, & lying in Yorke bounds, 2 Acers & ½ of sault Marsh all apprized at 65 li, & the rest to bee made up out of the other part of the estate, which in the whoole for his part Ammounts unto 105:12:7d.

That William Leighton shall have disposed unto him In the behalfe of Katherine Leighton his wifes part, being 105:12:7d out of the estate according to proportion.

That Elizabeth Frost att 18 yeares of age or when shee Marrieth is to have her part delivered unto her out of the estate according to due proportion Ammounting to 105:12:7d.

That Nicholas Frost att Twenthy one yeares of age is to have his part delivered unto him being 105:12:7d according to proportion In a house & Land att Kittery comeing to Twenty pounds & the rest to bee made up to him out of the other part of the estate, who in the meane time may chuse his Gargean if he see Cause." (*Maine Province and Court Records*, II, 384)

The estate was satisfactorily divided Mar. 5, 1663.

Children:

***1 Maj. Charles,** b 1631-3; m Mary Bolles.

2 Catherine, b 1633/4; m (1) 1656, William Leighton, 4 children (2) Maj. Joseph Hammond, 4 children; d Aug. 15, 1715, aged 82.

***3 Capt. John,** m (1) Mehitable Buttolph, (2) Maria Davis.

4 Elizabeth, b 1645/6; m May 14, 1667, William Gowen; living in 1744, aged 87 or 88 years. 8 children.

5 Nicholas, b fall of 1647; d unm at Limerick, Ireland, Aug. 1673, a mariner or merchant. One letter from him is extant (York Deeds, II, Folio 150). On July 8, 1674, a full inventory of his estate (Maine Province and Court Records, II, 295-7) was presented in court, and the estate satisfactorily divided. (idem, p. 304)

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MAJOR CHARLES FROST, b 1631-3 (c. 52 in 1683); as a youth he became involved in a court case as the result of

shooting Warwick Heard. This incident (occurring Mar. 24, 1646) was described by him:

"Charles Frost sayeth that he being about his father's door, looking into the marsh, saw three geese light in the marsh, as he thought, by a little puddle of water; and he taking a piece ran down into the marsh to get a shot at them; and he coming there, crept along on his belly. Warwick Heard seeing the same three geese light, and being crept into the bush and long grass before him, he not knowing him to be there, and it being after sunset, Warwick Heard being upon his knees ready to give fire, and the wind blowing the skirts of his jacket abroad, Charles Frost lifting up his head, as he was creeping, thought it to be a goose picking herself, presently gave fire and so shot him." The Coroner's Jury which was composed of John Spencer, Thomas Spencer, James Bowker, Edward Smale, Abraham Conley, Thomas Jones, John Meridaugh, Thomas Doustan, and Thomas Beard, returned a verdict of not guilty; this verdict was confirmed by the higher court.

In the following year, 1647, Charles Frost was enrolled as a soldier in the protection of the frontier from Indian raids. On December 16, 1652, he was granted 100 acres of land at Thompson's Point, one-half of which he sold twelve years later to the Oliver brothers. In 1653 he was chosen by the court one of the committee for building the meeting house. In 1660 he was granted 100 acres of land at Stony Brook, which property is still held in the family. It was located in Kittery (now Eliot) and lay next to the York boundary. This estate is now known as Frost Garrisons although in the oldest records it was referred to as the Stony Brook Farm. Charles Frost lived in the Frost Garrison erected by his father on land now owned by a descendant, Moses Newbury Paul, Jr., in Eliot, Maine. It stood in the field across Goodwin Road in Eliot from the house now owned by Mr. Charles Frosst of Montreal. In 1756 the garrison house was vacated by the family who moved into a house on whose site is now Mr. Charles Frosst's house. By 1657, Charles Frost was lieutenant and grand juror. After that time he was active in all military matters connected with the

province except when it was under the Royal Commissioners. He was executor for his father's estate in 1663 under bonds of £1000. When Maine again became a part of Massachusetts Charles Frost was commissioned captain under date of July 6, 1668, and a magistrate authorized to preside at the Associates Courts. During King Philip's War he had charge of the garrison at Sturgeon Creek, that section of Kittery which is now Eliot. At this time he wrote to Maj. Richard Waldron at Dover for permission to garrison his own house. Major Waldron's reply was:

"Capt. Frost and Sergent Neall.

Gentlemen: I thought to have met you Here at major Shapley's but enderstanding the guns were herd about Stargeon Creek, it is well for you tooke your march as you did—my desire and order is that you garrison your owne house with ten men, and doe your beste now the snow is upon the grond, which will be advantage upon ther tracks. Your letter I resved about garrisoning your house. We have a party of men upon your Side commanded by goodman banmore; and John Wingut and Joseph Fild are going out this night; and in case you want men, goe to the garrison above and especially samon faul, and take men for any expedition; and all the commanders of the garrisons are hereby required to Atend your order Herein and this shall be your suficiant warrent.

dated this 8 nomber, 1675, about 3 o'clock.

Your Servant Richard Waldron

Sergent major.

I intend god willing to be at nachwanack to morrow moining, thefor would dasier to her from you. R. W."

The death of King Philip in 1676 ended the war and in September of 1676 occurred the sham battle at Dover. Waldron and Frost had invited there a large number of Indians for a peaceful conference including a friendly sham battle. During the battle the Indians were surrounded and taken prisoners. Most of them were sold into slavery and shipped to the Barbadoes. This act the Indians never forgave and for it Waldron

HON. JOHN FROST

(Hon. George Frost Estate)

and Frost paid with their lives. A more complete account of this incident is given in Drake's *Border Wars of New England.*

In 1682 President Danforth appointed Frost Councillor for six years; he was a Judge of the Common Pleas Court from 1692 until his death. King William's War commenced in the summer of 1688, and Frost was made Sergeant-Major for Maine in command of all the troops of that district. In April 1689 the Indians captured Dover, N. H., killing 23 persons and taking 29 captive. Waldron was killed only after awful torture, and the destruction of his home followed. Captain Frost's commission given by President Danforth in August 1689 reads:

"The President of the Province of Mayne in New England. To Major Charles Frost

Whereas you are appointed Sergt. Major of the military fforces in the Province. These are in their Majesties name to authorize and require you to take into your care and conduct the said military forces, and diligently to intend that service as Sergent Major, by Governing and exercising the military forces of said Province as the Law directeth. Commanding the Militia of said Province that they observe and obey all such orders as from time to time you shall receive from the president or other superior authority.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the 23d day of August in the year 1689, Annoque R.R. et Regina Willielmi et Mariae Angelica primo.

Thomas Danforth, President."

Despite Major Frost's military genius in defending this scattered frontier, 450 persons had been killed and 250 taken prisoners from the region east of the Piscataqua by the end of the war. Wells and Piscataqua were the only settlements left standing in the Province of Maine. Most of the more remote settlements had disbanded and the people moved away but many of them had been burned to the ground by the Indians. Major Frost continued his military service until 1693 when he was chosen a member of the council of the governor of Massachusetts, and even then he guarded the forts and garrisons

about Kittery between Council sessions; during this time he still remained in charge of scouts in the section. He had taken an interest in the civil affairs as well as the military for a number of years, having been Representative in 1660, 1661, 1669, 1674, 1678, Town Clerk after 1669, and many times Selectman of Kittery.

On Sunday, July 4, 1697, Major Frost and his wife and two sons, with John Heard and his wife and Dennis Downing, were returning from Church at Quamhegan (Berwick) by horseback when a party of Indians concealed behind a large rock with bushes stuck into the ground before it fired on the party, killing Major Frost and Dennis Downing and mortally wounding Mrs. Heard. John Heard attempted to put her back on the horse but she begged him to ride for his life and save the others in the family. Returning with reenforcements, the men brought home the bodies and buried Major Frost on his farm. That night the Indians disinterred the body of Major Frost and suspended it from a stake atop a nearby hill which now bears the name of Frost Hill. Around this stake the Indians performed a dance. The shouts of the braves were heard at the garrison and the men came out and repulsed the Indians, recovering the body which they reburied. This time the large doorstep was placed over Major Frost's grave and the Indians fearing that it was a trap never molested it afterwards. In later years the family had a Welshman come from Portsmouth and carve the inscription on the stone as well as the fleur-de-lis in the corners:

HERE lyeth Interred ye body
of mj Charles Frost aged
65 years Decd July ye 4th
1697

A funeral sermon preached on the death of Major Charles Frost by the Rev. Jeremiah Wise of Quamphegan was published. Major Frost's blood is said to have been the last English blood shed in New England in King William's War; the Treaty of Ryswick closing the war was signed on Sept. 11, 1697.

In 1897 the Eliot Historical Society held memorial exercises commemorating the death of Major Frost and inserted in Ambush Rock a tablet which reads:

Ambush Rock
Major Charles Frost
Mrs. John Heard, Dennis Downing
killed by the Indians on this spot
July 4, 1697
Marked by Citizens
of Eliot
July 4, 1897

A folio published at the time contributes a great deal of valuable information on the family, including speeches made by various members of the family, some early records, and the *Hero of Great Hill,* the story of Major Frost's death, a poem by Dr. William Hale of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Major Frost's will, dated Jan. 7, 1690/1 names his wife Mary Bolles. She was given an innholder's license in 1698, the year following her husband's death. She survived him by seven years but nothing further has been discovered about her other than the date of her death. Major Frost had married before 1664 Mary Bolles (b Aug. 7, 1641; d Nov. 11, 1704), daughter of Joseph and Mary Bolles of Wells, Maine. At the time of this marriage the Frost-Bolles coat-of-arms, now in the possession of Nicholas Frost, Esq., of Laconia, N. H., was painted. It is on parchment and hung in the first garrison house of the Frost family. The ring which belonged to her father, Joseph Bolles of Wells, and has on it the Bolles crest came into the possession of the family at this time. It is now owned by Mrs. Mary Pepperrell Frost Sawyer of Durham, New Hampshire. TheThe Bolles arms displays three boars' heads in gold cups because the family came from Swyneshead, England. For further information on the immediate family of Mary Bolles Frost see Libby's *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire.* Her father's home was located opposite the marker of the Storer Garrison House in Wells, Maine, and slightly north of this spot. Her brother moved to New London Con-

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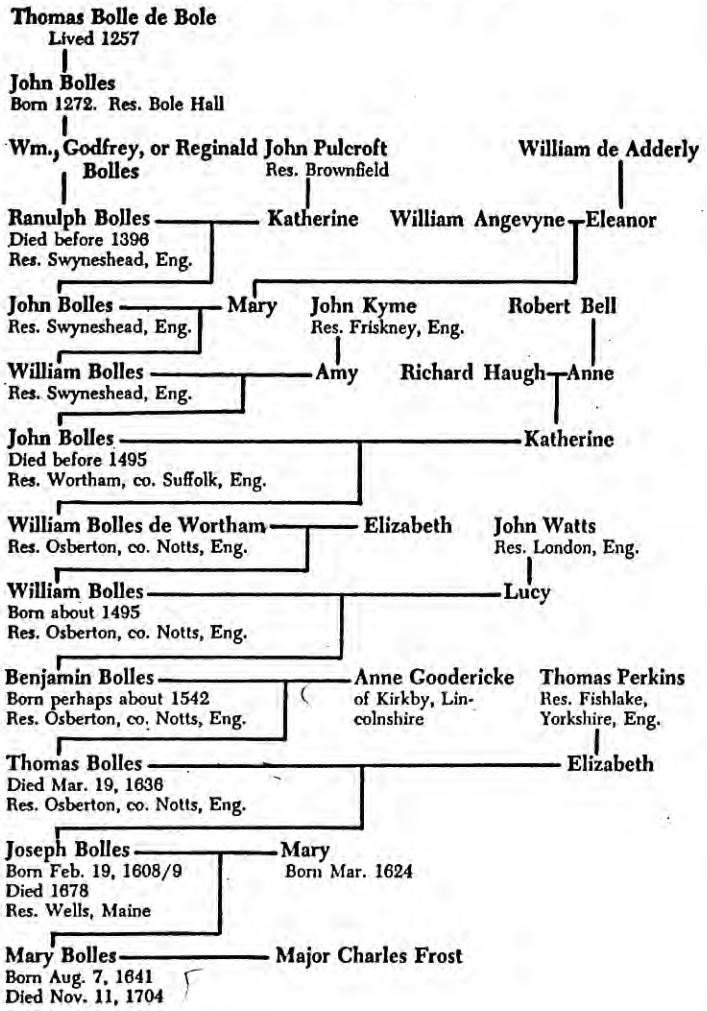
(For further information on this see: Quinby, H. C. *New England Family History*, vol. II, pp. 255, 261)



necticut, where he lived at Bolleswood, an estate presented recently to Connecticut College by a descendant, Anna Hempstead Branch. For further information on the land and property of Major Charles Frost see the MS copy of *Early Grants of Land in the Eastern Section of Eliot* in the William Fogg Library in Eliot, Maine.

Children:

6 Mary, d young.

7 Sarah, b 1666; m (1) 1687, John Shipway, Jr., 1 child, (2) Hon. William Radford, 1 child; d May 16, 1695.

8 Abigail, m (1) by 1690, Joshua Fryer, no children, (2) int. Dec. 30, 1714, William Moody; d 1721-3.

9 Mehitable, m Jan. 5, 1697/8, Thomas Peirce. 2 children.

10 Lydia, b 1673/4; m (1) 1692, Benjamin Peirce, (2) May 13, 1716, John Greenleaf, no children; d May 15, 1752, aged 78.

11 Mary, m Dec. 12, 1694, Capt. John Hill; d 1753. 6 children.

***12 Maj. Charles,** b Apr. 17, 1678; m (1) Sarah Wainwright, (2) Mrs. Jane Elliott Pepperell.

***13 Hon. John,** b Mar. 1, 1681/2; m Mary Pepperrell.

14 Elizabeth, b 1682; d May 21, 1696, aged 14.

15 Nicholas, d bef. Jan. 25, 1699/1700.

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CAPT. JOHN FROST, m (1) June 1, 1668, Mehitable Buttolph (b Oct. 26, 1651; d Dec. 15, 1678), daughter of Thomas and Anna Buttolph of Boston, Mass., (2) Aug. 24, 1680, Maria Davis (b Dec. 3, 1656; d Feb. 15, 1748/9) daughter of Hon. William and Huldah (Symmes) Davis of Boston, Mass. He was a very prosperous ship master and ship owner of Boston, Mass., and died Nov. 16, 1687, and was buried Nov. 17, 1687 at St. Peter's Parish, Isle of Thanet, co. Kent by Nicholas White, Vicar. His family Bible is now in the possession of Mr. Martin Frost of Frost Garrisons in Eliot, Maine, a descendant of his brother, Maj. Charles Frost.

Children:

16 John, b Jan. 9, 1669; d Aug. 9, 1670.

17 Mehitable, b July 15, 1671; m Aug. 3, 1689, Thomas Lincoln. 9 chidren.

18 Elizabeth, b July 12, 1677; m Dec. 13, 1705, Thomas Short.

19 John, b May 16, 1681; d Jan. 12, 1684/5.

20 Charles, b Dec. 26, 1683; res. Boston. Of 1707 Charles Frost had his right to the Frost-Davis arms registered in the Gore Roll of Arms. Will Aug. 6, 1705-Dec. 3, 1722. Died unm.

21 Mary, b Jan. 22, 1684/5; will 1748/9. Died unm.

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MAJOR CHARLES FROST, b Apr. 17, 1678; m (1) Feb. 7, 1698/9 Sarah Wainwright (b July 17, 1682; d June 14, 1714) daughter of Capt. Simon and Sarah (Gilbert) Wainwright of Haverhill, Mass., (2) Nov. 25, 1714, Mrs. Jane Elliott Pepperrell (b Feb. 13, 1684/5; d 1781) daughter of Hon. Robert and Sarah (Fryer) Elliott of New Castle, N. H., (for whom the town of Eliot—formerly spelled Elliot—Maine was named) and widow of Andrew Pepperrell, Esq., of Kittery Point, Maine, brother of Sir William Pepperrell and of Mary Pepperrell who married his brother, Hon. John Frost. Charles Frost was with his father when the latter was killed by the Indians, in 1697, but escaped. He was Grand Juror and Lieutenant, in 1699. He was commissioned Major under William Tailer, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, Jan. 13, 1715, the commission now being owned by a descendant, Mr. Charles Edward Frosst of Montreal, Canada. He was Representative to General Court, 1718. He was made Justice of the Peace, Apr. 24, 1719, Register of Deeds, Apr. 3, 1722, Judge of Common Pleas, 1715, and was Councillor from 1719 till his death. He was also a Deacon in the Church. He lived in the old Frost Garrison in Kittery (now Eliot), and died Dec. 17, 1724.

Children:

22 **Sarah,** b Nov. 6, 1699; m Nov. 20, 1718, Charles Peirce. 7 children.

*23 **Charles,** b May 21, 1701; m Sarah Pepperell.

24 **Mary,** b Sept. 18, 1702; m Nov. 20, 1727, Rev. Ward Clark; d July 27, 1735. 3 children.

25 **Elizabeth,** b Dec. 21, 1703; m May 15, 1725, Daniel Peirce; d Dec. 2, 1729. 2 children.

*26 **John,** b Feb. 9, 1704; m Mrs. Tabitha Came Nowell.

*27 **Hon. Simon,** b Mar. 8, 1705; m Mrs. Mercy Sewall Harmon.

28 **Abigail,** b Nov. 10, 1707; m Feb. 8, 1733, Thomas Peirce. 3 children.

29 **Mehitable,** b Dec. 23, 1709; d Mar. 20, 1710.

30 **Nicholas,** b May 21, 1714; d May 22, 1714.

31 **Jane,** b Mar. 2, 1715/6; d May 17, 1716/7.

32 **Eliot,** b June 29, 1718; m Nov. 24, 1750, Miriam Frost (b Oct. 8, 1722; d June 3, 1807) daughter of Hon. John and Mary (Pepperrell) Frost of New Castle, N. H.; d Jan. 8, 1745. She m (2) Oct. 2, 1747, Alexander Raitt of Eliot, Maine. Eliot Frost built a home on Goodwin Road in Eliot, now owned by one of his wife's descendants, Miss Annie Edna Raitt. No children.

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HON. JOHN FROST, b Mar. 1, 1681/2; m Sept. 4, 1702, by Joseph Hammond, Esq., to Mary Pepperrell (b Sept. 4, 1686; d Apr. 18, 1766), daughter of Col. William and Margery (Bray) Pepperrell of Kittery Point, Maine, and sister of Sir William Pepperrell of Kittery Point. He was with his father when the latter was killed by the Indians in 1697. He became a merchant in New Castle, N. H., and had a large business there with the West Indies. He also owned the ferry running between Portsmouth and New Castle, N. H. In 1709, he was appointed commander of the British frigate "Edward." July 4, 1717, while in command of the ship "Binetta Pinck" he was captured by the pirate ship "Le Grand," on a voyage from the Barbados to Boston. In 1724, he was commissioned Justice of the Superior Court to succeed Thomas Packer and remained Justice till his death. He was a member of the Provincial Council of the Governor of New Hampshire. He lived in New Castle, N. H. He inherited Stony Brook Farm in Kittery (now Eliot) from his father, and built a home there which was later replaced by Frost Garrisons. Portraits of Hon. John Frost and his wife are in the possession of the Misses Frost of Dover, N. H., and their sister, Mrs. Sawyer. He died Feb. 25, 1732, and his widow married (2) Aug. 12, 1745, the Rev. Benjamin Colman of Boston, Mass., and (3) Oct. 6, 1748, the Rev. Benjamin Prescott of Danvers, Mass.

Children:

34 **Margery,** b Feb. 1, 1703/4; d Sept. 9, 1704.

*35 **William,** b Aug. 20, 1705; m Elizabeth Prescott.

*36 **Col. John,** b May 12, 1709; m Sarah Gerrish.

*37 **Charles,** b Aug. 27, 1710; m (1) Sarah ——, (2) Joanna Jackson.

38 **Mary,** b Aug. 19, 1711; d June 12, 1714.

39 **Sarah,** b July 1, 1713; m (1) Dec. 20, 1732, Rev. John Blunt, 6 children, (2) Hon. John Hill, no children; d May 13, 1772.

40 **Mary,** b Feb. 26, 1714/5; d Mar. 15, 1716/7.

41 **Andrew Pepperrell,** b Apr. 12, 1716; d Mar. 15, 1795, unm.

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*42 **Joseph,** b Sept. 29, 1717; m Margaret Colton.
43 **Abigail,** b May 26, 1719; d Jan. 30, 1742, unm.
*44 **Hon. George,** b Apr. 26, 1720; m (1) Mrs. Mary Richards, (2) Mrs. Margaret Weeks Smith.
45 **Samuel,** b Aug. 19, 1721; d Aug. 7, 1722.
46 **Miriam,** b Oct. 8, 1722; m (1) Apr. 17, 1742, Eliot Frost, no children, (2) Oct. 2, 1747, Alexander Raitt, 7 children; d June 3, 1807.
47 **Benjamin,** b May 15, 1725; d Aug. 14, 1726.
48 **Jane,** b May 15, 1725; m Capt. Andrew Watkins. 2 children.
49 **Mary,** b July 2, 1726; d Apr. 20, 1728.
50 **Dorothy,** b Aug. 2, 1727; m int. Mar. 17, 1749/50, Capt. Benjamin Clifford; d Oct. 1798. No children.

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CHARLES FROST, b May 21, 1701; m Sept. 28, 1723, Sarah Pepperrell (b Dec. 4, 1708; d Jan. 24, 1797), daughter of Andrew and Jane (Elliott) Pepperrell of Kittery Point, Maine, and niece of Sir William Pepperrell. On Feb. 18, 1724, he was made Register of Wills. He lived in the old Frost Garrison in Eliot, Maine. He died Apr. 10, 1751.

Children:

51 **Jane,** b July 17, 1724; m June 24, 1749, Daniel Raynes.
*52 **Maj. Charles,** b Jan. 17, 1725; m Sarah Raynes.
53 **Margery,** b Jan. 15, 1727; m Nathaniel Staples. 4 children.
54 **Sarah,** b June 18, 1730; m Oct. 9, 1750, Capt. Dennis Fernald; d Aug. 20, 1804. 9 children.
55 **Mary,** b Oct. 10, 1735; m Sept. 14, 1752, Ebenezer Deering; d Apr. 9, 1791. 5 children.
56 **Pepperrell,** b June 1, 1737; died on the Thursday following.
57 **Pepperrell,** b Apr. 10, 1738; ensign; d in the army Oct. 8, 1760, unm.
58 **Miriam,** b May 9, 1743; m Oct. 11, 1770, Joseph Ayers.
*59 **Lieut. Simon,** b June 21, 1745; m Eunice Furbish.
60 **Abigail,** b Sept. 10, 1746; m Daniel Ferguson. 8 children.

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JOHN FROST, b Feb. 9, 1704/5; m Mar. 26, 1747, Mrs. Tabitha Came Nowell (b Apr. 14, 1707; prob. d Nov. 4, 1759) daughter of Samuel and Patience (Bragdon) Came of York, Maine, and widow of John Nowell of York.

Children:

61 **Elizabeth,** b Jan. 21, 1748; m pub. Dec. 13, 1766, Maj. Jonathan Nowell; d Dec. 1829. 9 children.
*62 **John,** b Oct. 21, 1749; m Elizabeth Frost.

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HON. SIMON FROST, b Mar. 8, 1706; m Feb. 20, 1750, Mrs. Mercy Sewall Harmon (b May 20, 1718; d May 16, 1817) daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Storer) Sewall of York, Maine, and widow of Joseph Harmon of York. He graduated B. A., Harvard College, 1729, and was Representative to the General Court, 1747-49; appointed Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas Aug. 12, 1749, and reappointed May 23, 1760. He built a home on the present Goodwin Road in Eliot, Maine. His home is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Anderson. He died May 3, 1766.

Children:

63 **Sarah,** b May 21, 1751; m May 19, 1769, Rev. Alpheus Spring; d Apr. 19, 1791. 3 children.
64 **Lydia,** b June 20, 1753.
65 **Mary,** b May 1, 1755; m Dec. 30, 1779, Henry Sherburn; d Apr. 19, 1791.
*66 **Simon,** b Aug. 7, 1757; m Jane Emery.
67 **Hannah,** b May 4, 1760; m Nov. 24, 1785, William Stacy.

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WILLIAM FROST, b Aug. 20, 1705; m Nov. 24, 1750, in Salem, Mass., Elizabeth Prescott (b Sept. 15, 1721; d Mar. 22, 1759), daughter of the Rev. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Higginson) Prescott of Danvers, Mass. Her father, the Rev. Benjamin Prescott, later married his mother, Mary Pepperrell Frost, widow of Hon. John Frost of New Castle, N. H. He was a merchant in New Castle, N. H., engaged in trade with the West Indies. He died Sept. 17, 1778.

Children:

68 **Mary,** b Aug. 16, 1751; m Maj. Samuel Eppes; d Feb. 9, 1829.
*69 **Benjamin,** b Jan. 21, 1753; m Mercy G. Prescott.
*70 **Lieut. William,** b Nov. 15, 1754; m Sarah Holt.
71 **Joseph,** b Oct. 29, 1757; d Oct. 29, 1757.
*72 **Capt. John,** b Oct. 21, 1758; m Lucy Low.

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COL. JOHN FROST, b May 12, 1709; m Oct. 31, 1734, Sarah Gerrish (b Mar. 25, 1714/5; d Mar. 31, 1798, in Rochester, Ulster County, N. Y.), daughter of Col. Timothy and Sarah

(Elliott) Gerrish of Gerrish's Island, Kittery Point, a tract of 2000 acres presented to her mother by her father, Hon. Robert Elliott, as a wedding dowry. The town of Eliot, Maine (formerly spelled Elliot), was named after her grandfather, Hon. Robert Elliott of New Castle, N. H. On Sept. 8, 1730, Col. John Frost purchased Stony Brook Farm in Kittery (now Eliot) from his father for £1000 and lived there. He built a home there in 1732, a small garrison in 1734, and a large garrison in 1738. This was the second house to be erected there on property which the family had held since 1660. He fought in the French and Indian Wars and died in 1768. His will was dated Mar. 11, 1768–July 11, 1768.

Children:

73 Mary, b Oct. 5, 1735; m Oct. 3, 1764, Francis Eppes; d 1809. 5 children.
***74 Gen. John,** b Aug. 15, 1738; m Mary Nowell.
75 Sarah, b Oct. 5, 1740; m May 19, 1763, Richard Cutts, Jr.; d July 8, 1814. 8 children.
***76 Timothy,** b Oct. 4, 1742; m Hannah Nowell.
77 Abigail, b Oct. 1, 1744; m Oct. 15, 1765, Maj. Samuel Leighton; d Nov. 30, 1829. 9 children.
***78 Lieut. William,** b May 26, 1747; m Elizabeth Randall.
79 Jane Pepperrell, b Sept. 10, 1749; m Nov. 21, 1771, Col. John Nowell; d Jan. 4, 1829. 3 children.
80 Elizabeth, b Feb. 1, 1752; m Sept. 6, 1771, John Frost; d Apr. 7, 1839. 8 children.
81 Nathaniel, b June 2, 1755; m Mar. 13, 1785, Abigail Ferguson. He died at sea. No children.
***82 Capt. George P.,** b Jan. 1, 1758; m (1) Elizabeth Gorsline, (2) Agnes Green.

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CHARLES FROST, b Aug. 27, 1710; m (1) Sarah ———, (2) pub. Sept. 17, 1738, Joanna Jackson (b June 14, 1716; d Jan. 7, 1796), daughter of Dr. George and Joanna (Pepperrell) Jackson of Kittery Point, Maine, and niece of Sir William Pepperrell of Kittery Point. He came to Westbrook as a clerk in the employ of Col. Thomas Westbrook and soon became manager of the large landed interests of Westbrook and Waldo. At Stroudwater (now Portland), he built a two-story gambel roof house called Frost's Garrison, to which a third story was added by Dexter Brewer. His widow kept the house as an inn after his death. It was burned Jan. 30, 1882, but a picture of it may be found in Quinby's *New England Family History,* vol. I.

"The gem of the house was the hall, which was fine and spacious, being composed on one side of panelling from floor to ceiling of the broad finishing boards so lavishly used in those early days. A heavy door of the same style opened in summer on a charming landscape of green fields, graceful elms and the tidal Fore River. A wide staircase with alternate twisted and fluted balusters with square landings, led to the floor above. The larger part of the walls above and below were of plaster ornamented in after years with restful landscapes by the deft fingers of Charles Codman, one of Portland's most gifted artists." (Mrs. J. E. Quinby, *Portland Press Herald,* Sept. 7, 1895.)

He received power of attorney to act for Westbrook. He was a member of the Court of Sessions, Justice of the Peace, Selectman for two years, and Representative to the General Court in 1755. On June 10, 1746, an Indian was fired on three times from his garrison. For further interesting details on this branch of the family see the *Deering News,* Jan. 18-Mar. 28, 1896. He died Jan. 4, 1756.

Children:

83 Joanna, b Sept. 23, 1739; d Oct. 6, 1739.
84 Abigail, b Aug. 26, 1744; m Oct. 20, 1781, Daniel Eppes; d Mar. 10, 1826. 1 child.
85 Charles, b Nov. 5, 1746; d Jan. 8, 1747.
86 Lieut. William, b Aug. 20, 1748; served as 2nd Lieutenant in Capt. Wild's Co., 18th Reg't., Col. Phinney's Co., in 1776. He was made parish clerk, Mar. 16, 1776, and remained so for five years. He died Jan. 23, 1791, unm.
87 Jane, b Aug. 15, 1750; d June 23, 1792, unm.
***88 Andrew P.,** b July 6, 1752; m Eleanor Slemmons.
***89 Charles,** b July 6, 1752; m Abigail Frost.

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JOSEPH FROST, b Sept. 29, 1717; m Oct. 20, 1744, Margaret Colton (b Apr. 19, 1724; d July 5, 1813), daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Bliss) Colton of Springeld, Mass. He was a very prosperous merchant in New Castle, N. H., engaged in trade with the West Indies. He died Sept. 14, 1768, and his widow married (2) in 1792 Judge Ichabod Rollins of Som-