

Regarding Hannah Hazard, wife of Samuel Watson #7

The numbers used here to differentiate between two men named Samuel Watson, father and son, are taken from *The American Family of John Watson of the Narragansett Country, Rhode Island*. The father is Samuel #3, the son is Samuel #7. (*John Watson* is available to view at the FamilySearch website; see [Sources](#), on the last page, for the link.)

Samuel Watson #7 married his wife Hannah in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Hannah's maiden name and the year of this wedding are missing from the original record, likely due to fire damage.

Rhode Island Vital Extracts, 1636-1850 (James N. Arnold)
Volume 5: Washington County: Births, Marriages, Deaths

Name: Samuel Watson
Marriage Date: 14 Mar
Marriage Place: North Kingstown, Rhode Island, USA
Spouse Name: Hannah
Page Number: 49

On page 8 of *The American Family of John Watson*, the entry for Samuel Watson #7 states that he was “b April 1714; m ca 1735 Hannah Hazard.” The citation for this, given in a footnote, is Caroline E. Robinson, *The Hazard Family of Rhode Island* (Providence: 1896) p 60.

On page 18 of *John Watson*, the expanded entry for Samuel Watson #7 attributes the first three of his sons – Robert, Silas, and Nicholas – to his “first wife (unidentified).” Then it lists the rest of Samuel #7's children: “Issue: by HANNAH (as listed in Haz Fam p 16).”

Page 8 of *John Watson* says to consult page 60 of *The Hazard Family*, while page 18 of *John Watson* says to consult page 16. Neither is correct; these pages mention different Hazard women named Hannah. It is page 33 of *The Hazard Family* (shown at right) that remarks upon Hannah Hazard's marriage to Samuel Watson as a second wife. *The Hazard Family* cites no source for this assertion, and offers no date for their marriage. (The only footnote on page 33 refers to Jeremiah Hazard #308 being “impeached for disloyalty.”)

Caroline E. Robinson wrote another book, *The Gardiners of Narragansett; Being a Genealogy of the Descendants of George Gardiner*. In *Gardiners of Narragansett*, Ms. Robinson outlines the Watson family

FOURTH GENERATION		33
CHILDREN		
297.	THOMAS BROWNING, married Feb. 2, 1767, <i>Anne Hoxie</i> .	
298.	JEREMIAH BROWNING.	
299.	HANNAH BROWNING, married, Sept. 7, 1748, <i>Jedediah Frink</i> .	
300.	SARAH BROWNING, married — <i>Stanton</i> .	
301.	JOHN BROWNING.	
302.	EPHRAIM BROWNING.	
303.	MARTHA BROWNING, married — <i>Powers</i> .	
304.	ANN BROWNING, married, Jan. 31, 1754, <i>John Browning</i> .	
305.	MARY BROWNING, married <i>Robert Champlin</i> .	
306.	EUNICE BROWNING, married — <i>Clarke</i> .	
§ 90.	ROBERT HAZARD, 4 (Jeremiah, 3; Robert, 2; Thomas, 1), was born April 1, 1703; he died October 8, 1789; he married Patience, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Northup. She was born June 27, 1705, and died June 26, 1795.	
CHILDREN		
307.	MARY HAZARD, married <i>Jeremiah Hazard</i> . For children see <i>Jeremiah Hazard, No. 283</i> .	
308.	JEREMIAH HAZARD, born 1735; admitted freeman from North Kingstown 1756. In 1779 he was impeached for disloyalty, and with his wife sent away from the town. On his petition to have the charges against him examined, and permission given him to return home, he was allowed to return on his parole.	
309.	EPHRAIM HAZARD, born 1729; died May 28, 1825.	
310.	GIDEON HAZARD, born 1734; died June 15, 1814.	
§ 93.	HANNAH HAZARD, 4 (Jeremiah, 3; Robert, 2; Thomas, 1), was born April 17, 1714. She married, as second wife, Samuel Watson.	
CHILDREN		
311.	SAMUEL WATSON.	
312.	FREEBORN WATSON.	
313.	HAZARD WATSON.	

tree from its earliest point: John Watson – he of the “Narragansett Country” – married George Gardiner’s daughter Dorcas.

§ 7. DORCAS GARDINER, 2 (George, 1), married about 1675, John Watson.¹⁷ He was a tailor by trade. In 1687 he was Constable, in 1688 on the Grand Jury, in 1690 Conservator of the Peace, and in 1690 he was Deputy.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND DORCAS (Gardiner) WATSON

47. JOHN WATSON, was born July 22, 1676, and died Nov. 8, 1772. He married, April 8, 1703, *Hannah Champlin*, a daughter of *Jeffrey*. He married, second, in 1722, *Abigail Eldred*, widow of *Samuel* and daughter of *Stephen Northup*. He married, third, Sept. 28, 1738, *Sarah Mowry*, widow.
48. SAMUEL WATSON, was born in 1686(?), and died Nov. 25, 1779. The record of his birth(?) says he was aged 93. He married *Mercy Helme*, a daughter of *Rouse* and *Mary* (——) *Helme*. He married, second, *Hannah Slocum*, widow of Hon. *Samuel* and a daughter of *Robert* and *Hannah Carr*.
49. WILLIAM WATSON, was born in 1678(?), and married *Mary Slocum*(?).
50. FRANCES WATSON, married *Daniel Brown*, a son of *Jeremiah* and *Mary*. He died in 1726.
51. ANN WATSON, married *Peter Wales*, who was born in 1681, and died in 1732.
52. HERODIAS WATSON, was born in 1688, and married, April 11, 1706, *John Sheldon*, a son of *John*.

The Samuel Watson whose name is highlighted in yellow in the above excerpt from page 7 of *Gardiners of Narragansett* is Samuel #3, father of Samuel #7. Shown below are excerpts from pages 21-22 of *Gardiners of Narragansett*.

§ 48. SAMUEL WATSON,⁴ 3 (Dorcas Gardiner, 2; George, 1), was born in 1686, and died November 25, 1779. He married *Mercy Helme*, a daughter of *Rouse* and *Mary*. In 1713, *Ichabod Potter*, *Samuel Watson* and *Samuel Helme* acknowledged that they had received from their brother-in-law, *Rouse Helme*, their part in their father *Helme*'s estate. He married, second, *Hannah*, widow of Honorable *Samuel Slocum*, daughter of *Edward* and *Hannah* (Stanton) *Carr*, and granddaughter of Governor *Caleb Carr*. She was born October 13, 1691. In her father's will (1711), she is called *Hannah Slocum*. In her mother's will (1752), she is called "Hannah Watson, wife of Samuel Watson," while her son, *John Slocum*, mentions "My Antient and honored mother *Hannah Watson*."

CHILDREN

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL WATSON

226. SAMUEL WATSON, married *Hannah Hazard*,⁴ a daughter, of *Jeremiah*. She was born in April, 1714.
227. BENJAMIN WATSON, was born in 1724, and married, Sept. 28, 1749, *Sarah Westgate*.⁴⁴ He died Feb. 28, 1797, aged 73 years.
228. NICHOLAS WATSON.
229. STEPHEN WATSON, was born in 1726, and married, Sept. 4, 1757, *Abigail Arnold*, a daughter of *Joseph* and *Patience* (Gifford) *Arnold*. He died in 1811 (Feb. 2).
230. ANN WATSON, married, July, 1742, *Robert Reynolds*.
231. DORCAS WATSON, married, Aug. 19, 1736, *Stephen Gardiner*.
232. MARY WATSON, married, Aug. 20, 1741, *Edward Slocum*. He died Oct. 16, 1778.
233. FREELOVE WATSON.
234. CALEB WATSON, was admitted a freeman in 1746, and married —— *Champlin*.
235. MARGARET WATSON.
236. FRANCES WATSON, married *Moses Slocum*, Aug. 21, 1746.

Both Samuel Watson #3 and his son's wife Hannah Hazard receive further mention in the Notes section of this book, precisely because of all the confusion over who married whom. Below are excerpts from pages 216-217.

64 "Samuel Watson."

The two wives of Samuel Watson, son of Dorcas (Gardiner) Watson, given in the text, Mercy Helme and Hannah (Carr) Slocum, differ entirely from those assigned to him in Austin's *Gen. Dict. of R. I.* (p. 217), Abigail Northup and Hannah Hazard. Out of the eleven names of the above Samuel's children also, in the text, viz., Samuel, Benjamin, Nicholas, Stephen, Anne, Dorcas, Mary, Freelove, Caleb, Margaret and Frances, only five are found among the ten children of the same Samuel given in the *Dictionary*, and those are quite different in their order. In view of this radical discrepancy, it seems not unlikely that the author has, inadvertently, assigned the family of Samuel Watson, Jr., to his father. This inadvertence might more readily have occurred from the fact that, while the father was Samuel, 3, in the *Gardiner* line, the son was Samuel, 3, in the *Watson* line. The Kingstown Records, however, do not, unfortunately, furnish data to verify or disprove the solution of the difficulty above suggested. There is a record of the marriage of a Samuel Watson to a Hannah, but her family name and the year are both missing, having, probably, been burned; so that the entry is of little value.

There are also records of the birth of two sons of Samuel Watson, Jr., in 1737, and 1739, their names having been destroyed. This Samuel, Jr., was undoubtedly a son of Samuel, son of Dorcas (Gardiner) Watson.

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65 "Hannah Hazard."

This Hannah Hazard, here given as the wife of Samuel Watson, 4, appears, in Austin's *Gen. Dict. of R. I.* (p. 217), as the second wife of his father, Samuel Watson, 3 (Dorcas Gardiner, 2; George, 1), of whom she seems to have been at least twenty-eight years the junior. There is, as stated in the preceding note, a record in North Kingstown of the birth of two sons (names burned away) of Samuel Watson, Jr., in 1737 and 1739.

Samuel Watson, Jr., being, undoubtedly, the Samuel Watson, 4, of the text, the question as to which of the two Samuels was the husband of Hannah Hazard, a daughter of Jeremiah, appears insusceptible of solution, with the data at hand. It has been understood, however, that the author of this work, in adopting the view in the text, had the support of some document not now available.

We have captured the image of page 217 of *The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*, referenced by Ms. Robinson in her notes on Samuel #3, and present most of it on the next page, below.

{ JOHN, { b. }
m. (1) { d. 1728.
DORCAS GARDINER, { b. }
{ d. }
of George & Herodias (Loug) Gardiner.
m. (2) { b. }
{ REBECCA GARDINER, { d. }
of George & Herodias (Long) Gardiner.
North Kingstown, R. I.
He was a tailor.
It is assumed that his first wife was a sister of his last.
1673, Nov. 7. He and Dorcas were witnesses to deed from George and Tabitha Gardiner to Nicholas Gardiner.
1688, May 14. He took John Straight for an apprentice to serve sixteen years from the first of March last past, to learn his master's trade of tailoring.
1687. Constable.
1687, Sep. 6. Taxed 8s. 8½d.
1688. Grand Jury.
1690. Conservator of the Peace.
1690. Deputy.
1702, Aug. 4. He and wife Rebecca deeded to son John all my farm, 90 acres, orchard, housing, &c.
1705, Nov. 17. He and wife Rebecca signed a deed with her brothers Benoni, Henry, George, William and Nicholas Gardiner.
1707, Jan. 28. He and wife Rebecca sold John Thomas, 30 acres for £30.
1728. Will—proved. Ex. son Samuel. To daughter Frances Brown, £20. To daughter Herodias Sheldon, £15. To sons-in-law John Sheldon and Daniel Brown, equally, a share in cedar swamp in South Kingstown. To son John Watson, —s. To son William Watson, 2s. To granddaughter Ann Wells, a kettle, brass warming pan, &c. To son Samuel, rest of estate.

WATSON. 2d column. I. John, b. 1676, July 22; d. 1772, Nov. 8; m. (1) 1704, Apr. 8, Hannah Champdin, d. 1720, Oct. 31, of Jeffrey; m. (2) 1722, Abigail Eldred, (widow of Samuel), d. 1737, Aug. 22, of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Northup. Children by her, 8. Freeborn, 1722, 9, Mary, 1725, 10, Margaret. He m. (3) 1738, Sarah Money. She d. 1769, Mar. 12. He is said to have been the first child born in Narragansett after the Indian war. II. Samuel, b. 1686; d. 1779, Nov. 24; m. (1) Mercy Helme, of Rouse and Mary. Children, 1. Samuel, 2. Dorcas, 3. Mary, 4. Frances, 5. Freeborn, 6. Ann, 7. Benjamin, 8. Stephen, 9. Nicholas. Erase the ten children previously given him. He m. (2) Hannah Slocum (widow of Samuel), b. 1691, Oct. 13, of Edward and Hannah (Stanton) Carr. Perhaps part of his children were by her. 1713, he gave receipt to his brother-in-law Rouse Helme, for share in father Rouse Helme's estate. Erase 1762, Apr. 2, etc., (two last lines). III. William. Erase wife's name and also first line. 1711, Mar. 14, etc. He m. Mary. Children, 1. William, 2. Simeon, 1726, Feb. 21, 3. Abigail, 1729, June 5, 4. Elizabeth, 1732, June 6, 5. John, 1735, Jan. 20.

I. { JOHN, { b. }
m. { d. }
{ HANNAH, { b. }
{ d. }
of
1708, Apr. 13. He and wife Hannah, for £7, sold Alice Wilson, widow, 1½ acres in the division of land that fell to the Gardiners.
1713. Kings Town. Freeman.
1718-21-22-23-24-25-26. Deputy.
1726, Dec. 6. South Kingstown. He became surety for his sister Frances Brown of Westerly, who took administration on estate of her husband Daniel.
1731, Mar. 20. He was appointed guardian to Desire Brown, daughter of Daniel Brown, deceased.
1731, Aug. 18. He deeded to son John, 40 acres, for love, &c.
1733, Sep. 10. He deeded to son Jeffrey, 30 acres.

South Kingstown, R. I.

1. Hannah, 1704, Mar. 1.
2. Ann, 1709, Mar. 27.
3. John, 1710, Mar. 13.
4. Jeffrey, 1712, Aug. 3.
5. Elisha, 1714, Sep. 14.
6. Dorcas, 1716, Oct. 25.
7. Amey, 1719, Oct. 18.

II. { SAMUEL, { b. }
m. (1) { d. 1762 + }
{ ABIGAIL NORTHUP, { b. }
m. (2) { d. } of Stephen & Mary (Thomas) Northup.
{ HANNAH HAZARD, { b. 1714, Apr. }
{ d. 1801, Dec. 17. } of Jeremiah & Sarah (Smith) Hazard.
1712. Freeman.
1748, Apr. 10. He deeded to son Nicholas, for love, &c., a dwelling house and 40 acres in South Kingstown, where son lives. His wife Hannah signed.
1751, Jun. 2. He deeded to son Benjamin, 20 acres in South Kingstown.
1762, Apr. 29. Will of his son Hazard (proved 1762, Dec. 14), names father and mother (Samuel and Hannah Watson), and brothers and sister, Robert, Silas, Nicholas, Mary, Samuel, Freeborn.

North Kingstown, R. I.

1. Benjamin,
2. Margaret,
3. Freeborn,
4. Robert,
5. Silas,
6. Nicholas,
7. Mary,
8. Samuel,
9. Freeborn,
10. Hazard,

III. { WILLIAM, { b. }
m. { d. 1740 + }
{ MERCY HELME, { b. }
{ d. } of Rouse & Mary () Helme.

Kings Town, Charlestown, R. I.

1. William,

1711, Mar. 14. His wife had a legacy from will of her father Rouse Helme, of a heifer.
1717, Mar. 9. He was sued for £8, debt by John Gibson, and not appearing, judgment was given against him for £4.
1740, Aug. 1. Charlestown. He and William Watson, Jr, gave deposition.

IV. { FRANCES, { b. }
m. { d. 1726 + }
{ DANIEL BROWN, { b. }
{ d. 1726. } of Brown.

1. Elizabeth, 1705, Mar. 13.
2. Mary, 1706, Aug. 3.
3. Benjamin, 1708, Mar. 16.
4. Daniel, 1709, Nov. 15.
5. Elisha, 1711, Jan. 26.
6. Dorcas, 1713, May 22.
7. John, 1714, Feb. 18.
8. Desire, 1723, Jan. 8.

V. { ANN, { b. }
m. { d. }
{ PETER WELLS, { b. 1681. }
{ d. 1732. } of Peter Wells.

1. James, 1706, Sep. 30.
2. Ann, 1708, Oct. 20.
3. Rebecca, 1710, Dec. 30.
4. Peter, 1713, May 4.
5. John, 1716, Apr. 14.
6. Samuel, 1725, Feb. 2.
7. Mary,
8. Dorcas,

VI. { HERODIAS, { b. }
m. 1706, Apr. 11. { d. }
{ JOHN SHELDON, { b. }
{ d. } of John Sheldon.

1. John, 1707, Feb. 10.
2. Dorcas, 1708, Jan. 4.
3. George, 1709, May 23.
4. Samuel, 1714, Jan. 15.
5. William, 1715, Mar. 27.
6. Elizabeth, 1720, Mar. 31.
7. Sarah, 1723, Mar. 26.

WATSON. 2d column. II. Samuel. He may not have had either of the wives given him, for in 1748 the wife of Samuel Watson, of South Kingstown, was Hannah Carr, b. 1691, Oct. 13, of Edward and Hannah (Stanton) Carr.
IV. Frances. Her husband was son of Jeremiah and Mary () Brown. WELLS (PETER).

“It has been understood, however, that the author of this work [John Osborne Austin], in adopting the view in the text, had the support of some document not now available.” (*Gardiners*, p 216) It seems to us that Ms. Robinson is being generous here, after describing the “radical discrepancy” she found in *The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*, which we would expect to be the original 1887 edition.

The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island gives the name of Samuel #3's first wife as Abigail Northup, the daughter of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Northup. This is the error that gave rise to the idea that Hannah Hazard (who married Samuel #3's son) was the second, not the first, wife of a man named Samuel Watson. Abigail Northup did marry a Watson. His name was John, and he was the older brother of Samuel #3.

Shown below is an excerpt from *John Watson*, page 5, with the entry for John Watson #2 that describes his wives. Ironically, it was a second marriage for both John and Abigail. His first wife, Hannah Champlin, died in October 1720. Abigail Northup was the widow of Samuel Eldred when she married John Watson on 22 April 1722.

#2 JOHN² WATSON (John¹) was born in Kingstown 22 July 1676, the son of John and Dorcas (Gardiner) Watson. He was the first child born in Nar-ragansett after the Indian War. He died 18 or 25 November 1772, in the ninety-seventh year of his age, and was buried on the Side Hill Farm in South Kingstown, on the easterly side of Tower Hill. (SK Cem #88)

He married first, 8 April 1703, HANNAH CHAMPLIN, daughter of Jeffrey Champlin. She died 31 October 1720. He married second, 22 April 1722, ABIGAIL (NORTHUP) ELDRED (NK 1:2), widow of Samuel Eldred, and daughter of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Northup. She died 22 August 1737. (NK 7:33) He married third, 28 September 1738, SARAH MOWREY, who died 12 March 1764. (1:81; JWD)⁽⁷⁾

Abigail (Northup) Watson's bio at Findagrave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158370881>):

Abigail was the daughter of Stephen Northup Jr. and his wife Mary of Kingstowne, Rhode Island. She was married first, about 1706, to Samuel Eldred, the son of Thomas Eldred and Susanna Cole of Kingstowne. Following Samuel's death, she m. (2) 22 April 1722 John Watson, Jr., the son of John Watson and Dorcas Gardiner.

Samuel Watson #3 did marry a Northup woman – Abigail's sister Mary. At their father Stephen Northup's Findagrave memorial page (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/112924847/stephen-northup>), here is what is written about Mary:

Mary, b. [circa] 1700, d. 5 Oct 1737 (family Bible), m. Samuel WATSON, a brother to sister Abigail's husband (per Watson genealogy). Mary was named Mary Watson in her father's 1733 will

This brings us back, full circle, to the *John Watson* genealogy:

#3 SAMUEL² WATSON (John¹) was born in 1686, the second son of John¹ and Dorcas (Gardiner) Watson. He died 25 November 1779, age 93 years.

He married first MERCY or MARY HELME, daughter Rouse and Mary (Eldred) Helme, who was daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Miller) Eldred. The marriage date was before 14 March 1711, the date of her

father's will, in which she is named "Mary Watson." (NYGBR⁽¹¹⁾; NK 5:79; SK 1A46:141) The date of her death is undetermined. He married second about 1724, MARY NORTHUP, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Northup. She died 5 October 1737. (Bible Record) She is also called "Mary Watson" in her father's will dated 1737. (NK 7:33) Samuel married third, after 4 April 1741 (the administration date of her first husband's estate) Mrs HANNAH (CARR) SLOCUM, born 13 October 1691, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Stanton) Carr and granddaughter of Gov. Caleb Carr. Her will, proved 13 March 1780 named daughters Dorcas, Mary, Frances, and Ann. (NK 11:55)

The American Family of John Watson of the Narragansett Country, Rhode Island names the wives of Samuel Watson #3 as Mercy Helme (wife #1); Mary Northup (wife #2); and Hannah (Carr) Slocum (wife #3). The source citations for these marriages are embedded directly into the descriptive paragraph spanning pages 7-8.

While *John Watson* seems to have properly determined and ordered the three wives of Samuel Watson #3, it sadly didn't manage to sort out the matter of listing Hannah Hazard as the second wife of son Samuel #7.

At this point we conclude that Hannah Hazard, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Smith) Hazard, most likely was the first and the only wife of Samuel Watson #7. The seven children ascribed to Samuel #7 – Robert, Silas, Nicholas, Mary, Samuel, Freeborn, and Hazard – probably shared the same mother, Hannah (Hazard) Watson.

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