

Daniel Newton



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Born: 21 Dec 1655 Sudbury, Middlesex, MA

Married: Susanna Morse

Died: 29 Nov 1739 Southborough, Middlesex, MA

Parents: Richard Newton & Ann Loker

Information that follows is from the book, "Newton Genealogy" by Elmira Lenonard, 1915, pg 53-55

9. DANIEL NEWTON², SR. (Richard¹), son of Richard and Anne (Loker) Newton from England to Sudbury and later of Marlborough, Mass., was born at Sudbury, December 21, 1655, and died at Southborough, Mass., November 29, 1739.

He married at Marlborough, December 30, 1679, Susanna Morse, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Shattuck) Morse* of Groton and Watertown, Mass. She was born at Groton, January 11, 1662-3, and died at Southborough, May 13, 1729. She was his only wife, and the mother of eleven children.

Daniel Newton, Sr., lived in Marlborough, Mass. All of his children were born there.

In the deeds given below he calls himself "husbandman" and "yeoman," which are words then used for farmer. In one deed he mentions "my interest in the Grist Mill at Stony Brook."

In all these deeds he signs with his "mark & seal."

Daniel Newton, Sr., as a very young child, removed with his parents from Sudbury to Marlborough, and continued to reside in the same place the rest of his life, although the name of his part of the town became Southborough.

His father gave him his portion: he married and settled, and his children were all born, except one, during the lifetime of Richard Newton, who, in his will, adds no more to said portion except the legally required two shillings.

* For ancestry of Joseph Morse, see note to John Newton.²

I do not find that he received from the town grants of land, more than the mention of "Land laid out to Daniel Newton for allowance for an Highway." I suppose they had taken some of his land for a road, and gave some other in lieu of it. However, he did have grants from the township, as the annexed papers show.

In the controversy over the settlement of Rev. John Emerson, 1702, he voted as opposed to it.

Taxes under Andros, 1688, his rate was for "person and estate" £00-03-06.

In the assignment of the families to their respective forts in the Indian troubles, ending 1713, his name does not appear, while three of his son's families are assigned to John Newton's Garrison. Perhaps one of them lived in the same house with him.

December 16, 1698, he bought of his brother Joseph ten acres of land.

February 18, 1706, he gave to his son Daniel, Jr., ten acres of the land that had come to him from his father and grandfather.

December 9, 1714, he gave to his son Benjamin, "upland, meadowland and swamp-land."

February 26, 1721-2, he joins with John Newton, his nephew, in giving twenty acres to his son Abraham, who had married Rachel, daughter of John Newton.

October 17, 1722, he signed two deeds, transferring to his sons Samuel Newton and Nathaniel Newton all of his personal estate for a sum of money, and all of his real estate for money and bonds. In this last deed he mentions "All grants from the township of Marlborough to me."

Thus it will be seen why there is no will of Daniel Newton, Sr., on record. Having disposed of his estate in 1722, he lived seventeen years afterward—long enough to use up the money received in exchange. And probably died in the family of either his son Samuel or Nathaniel.

Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 20, page 2:

I, Daniell Newton Senr of Marlborough, in Middlesex County, husbandman, in *Consideration* of a fatherly love for my son, Daniell Newton, of the same town, husbandman, *do give* unto said Daniell Newton,

10 Acres bounded East by land of Izaac Newton, (etc.), being a part of the third division of Upland granted to my father, Richard Newton, by the proprietors of Marlborough, and all appurtenances thereto belonging,
to have and to hold.

Witnesses:

Tamien Rouse
Joshua Hemenway

"The mark of Daniell Newton and Seall"

Feb. 18, 1706,

Acknowledged, Dec. 28, 1706

Received, Cambridge, March 11, 1717.

warrantee deed

Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 22, page 143:

I, Daniel Newton Senr of Marlborough, in Massachusetts Bay, yeoman, in *Consideration* of a fatherly affection for my son, Benja Newton of the same town, yeoman, *do give* unto said Benja Newton

a certain tract of Upland Meadow land and Swampland bounded, (etc.) and all Commodities belonging thereto,
to have and to hold.

Witnesses:

John Woods
Eliza Taylor's mark
James Taylor

"Daniel Newton with mark & Seal"

Dec. 9, 1714.

Acknowledged, Middlesex, Dec. 29, 1715.

Received, Cambridge, Nov. 28, 1722.

warrantee deed

Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 23, page 242:

We, Daniel Newton Senr and John Newton Secundus both of Marlborough, in Massachusetts Bay, husbandmen, in *Consideration* of a fatherly affection for our children,

CHILDREN OF RICHARD NEWTON

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Abraham Newton and Rachel, his wife, do give unto said Abraham and Rachel Newton 20 A. of Swamp and Upland in Marlborough, bounded, (etc.)

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. of which, laid out upon the right of Nath^l Johnson, I, Daniel Newton, settle upon Abraham Newton, my son, and the rest of which, I, John Newton, settle upon my daughter, Rachel, *to have and to hold.*

Witnesses:

Obadiah Walker
Hezekiah Bird his mark X
Samuel Lyscom

"Daniel Newton his mark @ & Seal"

"John Newton his mark — & Seal"

Feb. 26, 1721-2.

*Acknowledged, Middlesex, Apr. 10, 1724.
Received, Cambridge, Apr. 21, 1724.*

warrantee deed

Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 22, page 142:

I, Daniel Newton Senr of Marlborough, in Massachusetts Bay, yeoman, in *Consideration* of a valuable sum of money, *do give* unto my sons Samuel and Nathaniel Newton of Marlborough, yeomen,

all my interest in the Grist Mill at Stony Brook,

my personal estate viz: neat cattle, horses, sheep and swine, all my tools for husbandry and all my utensils for housekeeping

to have and to hold,

Witnesses:

James Newton
Joshua Hemenway

"Dan^l Newton's mark & Seal"

Oct. 17, 1722.

Acknowledged, Middlesex, Nov. 23, 1722.

Received, Cambridge, Nov. 28, 1722.

warrantee deed

Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 22, page 143:

I, Daniel Newton Senr of Marlborough, in Massachusetts Bay, yeoman, in *Consideration* of a valuable sum of money and bonds for my subsistence *do give* unto my sons Nath^l and Sam^l Newton all lands I am now possessed of

also, all grants from the township of Marlborough to me,

and all appurtenances pertaining thereto

to have and to hold.

Witnesses:

James Newton
Joshua Hemenway

"Daniel Newton with mark & Seal"

Oct. 17, 1722

Acknowledged, Middlesex, Nov. 23, 1722

Received, Cambridge, Nov. 28, 1722.

warrantee deed

CHILDREN.

153. (i). DANIEL², b. May 29, 1681; m. Sarah ———
154. (ii). BENJAMIN³, b. March 31, 1683; m. Abigail Knapp.
155. (iii). SUSANNA³, b. Feb. 14, 1684; m. at Marlborough, June 3, 1707, ——— Leonard.
156. (iv). ISAAC³, b. March 12, 1686-7; m. Sarah Belknap.
157. (v). EPHRAIM³, b. Feb. 12, 1689; m. Christian Ripley.
158. (vi). ABRAHAM³, b. March 2, 1691; m. Rachel Newton.
159. (vii). MARY³, b. July 26, 1693; d. Aug. 12, 1711.
160. (viii). SAMUEL³, b. Aug. 10, 1695; m. Mary Tozer.
161. (ix). NATHANIEL³, b. Sept. 4, 1697; m. Abigail Tozer.
162. x. LYDIA³, b. Aug. 24, 1699; d. about the beginning of 1733; m. in Marlborough, Aug. 12, 1719, Samuel Morse, Jr., son of Samuel and Grace (——) Morse of Watertown and Marlborough, Mass., born at Watertown, Jan. 20, 1695-6, and died it is said at Rutland, Dec. 27, 1755 (the records there do not show it). He married (2), about 1733, Esther Baker. They lived in Marlborough, where the children were born, and in Framingham. His children by Lydia were:
163. 1. *Hannah⁴ Morse*, b. May 20, 1720; m. in Marlborough, June 28, 1744. Benjamin Lee of Rutland and Barre; resided in Barre, where she had four children, and died Jan. 8, 1750. He m. (2), June 27, 1750, Esther Baker, and other children and died May 4, 1796.
164. 2. *Lydia⁴ Morse*, b. Jan. 22, 1721-22.
165. 3. *Zerriah⁴ Morse*, b. May 20, 1723; m. in Southborough David Johnson of that place, where they continued to reside and where he died April 9, 1756. Five children.
166. 4. *Ruth⁴ Morse*, b. ———; m. Thomas Holder of Rutland.

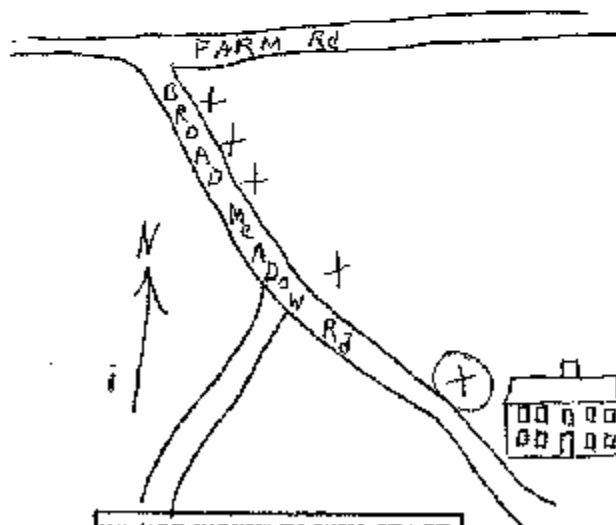
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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 Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
 in relation to nearest cross streets and
 other buildings. Indicate north.



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1. Town Marlborough

Address Broadmeadow Road

Name William Newton Homeshead

Present use Residence

Present owner Mr. Eugene O'Connell

3. Description: 2 1/2 story Center Chimney

Date 4th qtr 17th Century 1680

Source Pub. Local Histories

Style Colonial (Early)

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wood Shlapboard

Outbuildings (describe) 2 Large Barns

Other features this certainly developed in 2 stages, one room plan than 2 room Plan. Original frame of lead casement window still in place inside. Construction exposed inside. At last this has Wood Shingles.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 60 acres

Approximate distance of building from street

Cannot be seen from any road

6. Recorded by Ernest Ginnetti

Organization Marl. Hist. Comm.

Date Feb. 24, 1974

7. Original owner (if known) Daniel Newton
 Original use Farm
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>XXX</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An old homestead seems like a book which if one could but read would be found containing stories replete with romance and history. Here the wonderful door stone is nine feet long and five and a half feet wide makes a fitting preface to this interesting old time mansion with its enormous chimney, wainscoated rooms, and timbers and beams so sound and strong they seem good for another century at least. It was in 1640 that Richard Newton came from England to settle in Sudbury Mass. He was made freeman in 1645 and was one of the early petitioners for Marlborough. His son Daniel was born in 1655, and when the latter was about 25 years of age he married Susanna Morse and built this house. They named their first son Daniel, and he took part in the French and Indian war. The great grandson of Richard named William whom the neighbors called "Old King Newton" because he was so resolute and fearless, married Elizabeth Wright of Framingham, whose children William and Lucy continued living on the old farm after the old Folks had gone to their long home, each preferring a single life to the separation of each other. The Newtons had ability and were considered most capable farmers. Besides the farm they had a tannery, blacksmith shop and a cider mill. Martin Dammun born right on the borders of this farm was brought up on the farm and bought it in 1822, living there until his death in 1867, and the place has been in the hands of the Dammuns ever since. The original farm comprised 135 acres, and was considered good land. Tradition tells us: One day the Indians who had smoked the pipe of peace with Daniel Robert Hayden (a neighbor) accidentally shot a favorite colt, and as a restitution gave Hayden a deed to this pretty farm.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Homestead names taken from Oct. 24, 1803 map of Marlborough by Silas Holman Surveyor. Which includes the town of Hudson.
 Histories taken from Historical Reminiscences of Marlborough by Ella Bigelow 1910.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

Marlborough Newton/Dadmun House

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

The Daniel Newton (1655-1739) referred to in the passage from Ella Bigelow on the 1974 inventory form married Susanna Morse (b. 1663) in about 1680. She was the daughter of Joseph Morse, one of the four men from Watertown who together bought 350 acres of the former farm of Dr. John Alcock(e) in 1695. It is likely, then, that, given that at least the land on which the farmstead stood was part of the former Alcock farm (later known simply as "the Farm"), it was given or sold to Susanna and David by her father shortly after that purchase. This marriage may have been one of the first of the many that took place between members of the Newton and Morse families over the next several generations.

The attribution to the first Daniel Newton is based on family tradition, and is likely to be true, although a date of 1680 is probably too early. Architectural evidence shows that the earliest part of the Newton House indeed predates 1725. Thus it could certainly have been built by this Daniel Newton, or possibly by his son, Daniel Newton, Jr., who was born in 1681. It is likely that the house passed to either Daniel, Jr.'s eldest son, Daniel Newton III (b. 1705) who served in the French and Indian War in the 1750's, or his third, William (b. 1711). William Newton married Elizabeth Wright of Framingham in 1737, which would have been a likely time for the expansion of the house to its full center-chimney form, the replacement of the early casement windows with sash, etc.

The first owner of whom there is any certainty, however, is William and Elizabeth's son, William Newton, Jr. (1745-1821), whose name appears on the map of 1803. Known locally as "Uncle Billy", he never married, but lived here with one of his sisters, Lucy, until he died. (She died two decades later, in 1842). This William Newton, it is believed, was a blacksmith and tanner, as well as a farmer, as his forebears may have been, as well.

William and Lucy adopted the next owner of the farm, Martin Dadmun, when he was a boy. Evidently the son of Revolutionary soldier Elijah Dadmun, he was born in 1793 on the farm to the east, at the Framingham border, in the little house that eventually became the north ell. It is also that either of the two ells might have been added around the time of his marriage. After William Newton died, Martin Dadmun bought and lived in one half of the house and "Miss Lucy", who lived to be 91, occupied the other. He eventually acquired the entire farm, which grew over the years from 135 acres to over 218. Martin Dadmun, himself an industrious farmer, and his wife Persis had a large family that was full of hard-working boys who hired out to the surrounding farmers. One of the boys, William Dadmun, was one of the earlier prosperous shoe-manufacturers of the West Village. (See Form 147, 47 Pleasant Street).

Martin Dadmun died in 1867. The map of 1875 shows the house under the ownership of "E. Dadmun". This may mean that the farm was owned for several years by Martin and Persis' son, Elijah Dadmun, who died in 1876 at the age of 52. It may have been at that time that the property went to his sister Sarah and her husband, Henry H. Nourse, who lived here for many years in the latter part of the nineteenth century. (Both Ella and James Bigelow, however, say that another sister, Lucy N. Dadmun inherited it together with Henry Nourse.) Sarah Dadmun Nourse apparently outlived both her husband and sister, however, and left the farm to her two daughters, Harriet Nourse Dudley and Helen Nourse Jackson, neither of whom lived in Marlborough. (cont.)

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Additional information by Anne Forbes, consultant to Marlborough Historical Commission,
6/15/95:

ASSESSOR'S #97-2, 98-2 11.3 acres

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION.

Although much of the charm of this house comes from work done in a 1930 restoration, this is still one of the most intact farmsteads in Marlborough. Like many venerable farmhouses, the building consists of many parts of different construction dates, from the First Period through the Federal era. The original, possibly pre-1700 Newton House is evidently the east half of the main block, which attained its large, one-room-deep, 5 x 2-bay 2 1/2-story, side-gabled, center-chimney configuration by about 1740. As a result of the work done in 1930, the former 2-over-2-sash windows of the main house were replaced with the present 6-over-9-sash. Also at that time the center entry, which had a sidelighted nineteenth-century door with horizontal, projecting lintel, was taken out and the entire entry from the Bachellor House on Cordis Street in Wakefield was inserted. This entry is a mid-eighteenth-century Georgian type, with a door with four raised field panels and a builder's-guide type of classical surround, with triangular pediment and fluted Doric pilasters. On the interior, the main house has a considerable amount of vertical feather-edged and beaded sheathing on both walls and doors. The east first-story room, believed to be the earliest part of the building, possibly dating to the late seventeenth century, has a summer beam with beveled chamfer with tapered stops. Still in place in its front wall is the original frame and opening of a small casement window.

Abutting and overlapping the main house at the southwest front corner is a long 1 1/2-story ell with its own center facade entry. According to family tradition, when it was built (between 1816 and 1821), "Uncle Billy" Newton insisted that it be built at a slight angle to the main house. This section has the typical "high-shouldered" proportions of the early nineteenth century. It has 6-over-6- and 9-over-6-sash windows in flat surrounds, (and one small casement window over the entry), a 4-paneled door with applied moldings, and a sillboard at the bottom of the wall. The small room at the west end of the addition is known as the "milk and cheese room".

Abutting the rear of the main house is a one-story north ell, apparently the Elijah Dadmun House, moved from a location nearby sometime between 1816 and 1830. This is a small 1 1/2-story house that predates 1800, and may have been constructed as early as the first quarter of the eighteenth century. (See below.) In its rear section is a rare, very wide door with six raised-field panels (3-over-3), which came from the Maynard/Peters House at 1 Boston Post Road (see Form #77,) and was apparently installed during the 1930 restorations. On the interior, a mantel from Miss Pierce's family home (Bancroft House) in Dana, Mass, which was inundated when the Quabbin Reservoir was created, was installed in what is now the dining room.

The entire house is clapboarded, and has a wood-shingle roof. It maintains its rural, agricultural character on a reduced scale, through its meadows, pastures, pond, vegetable garden and assortment of modern, wood-frame outbuildings.

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In 1930, Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Jackson sold the farm to the person responsible for the major restoration work described above, Miss Catherine Pierce. She was a professor at Radcliffe College, and also never lived here permanently, using the property, which she called "Spring Hill Farm", as a country house for many years, and spending weekends and vacations on its restoration. She sold the property in 1952.

Equally as significant as the Newton House is the independent history of the north ell, which was originally a house that stood a short distance to the east, near the "Great Spring" which still feeds the pond and brook which flow past the house. Recent research has shown that in all likelihood this was the house of Martin Dadmun's father, Elijah Dadmun, which is shown on the map of 1803 at its old location at the Framingham border. Sometime between 1816 and 1830 it was moved down to become the north ell of the Newton House. When it was built is not known, but it may also date to sometime prior to 1725.



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[X] Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, a completed National Register Criteria Statement form is attached.*