

George Hull

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Born: 27 Aug 1590 Somerset, England

Married: 17 Aug 1614 Thamzen Mitchell

Died: 1659 Windsor, CT

Parents: Thomas Hull & Joan Peson

George Hull—Born about 1590, possibly Crewkerne, Somerset, England. He died, 1655. He married (1) Thamzen (Thomasene) Michell, 17 Aug 1614, Crewkerne, Somerset, dau of Robert Michell of Stockland, Dorset. She died Before 1655. He married (2) Sarah _____, widow of David Phippen. She died Aug 1659.

George Hull was the son of Thomas Hull and Joan Peson of Crewkerne. His father-in-law was a well-to-do yeoman of Stockland, six miles from Crewkerne. His older brother, William Hull, graduated from St. Mary's Hall, Oxford and was the vicar of Colyton, Devon and died in 1627. Jonathan Gillett of the "Mary & John" returned to England and married Mary Dolbiar in Colyton in 1634. George's youngest brother, Joseph, also graduated from St. Mary's and was a minister in the Church of England.

George Hull came on the "Mary & John" in 1630 alone, leaving behind his wife with six children, ages 3 to 11. She was pregnant when he left and she had a son, Joshua, who was baptised, 5 Nov 1630 in Crewkerne. His wife came over, with her children, sometime after 1630. George first settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts where he was one of the first selectman. He also represented the town in the first general court in Massachusetts in 1634. In 1636 he moved to Windsor, Connecticut, where he was a surveyor and Indian trader. In 1638, the general court granted him and Humphrey Pinney a monopoly of the beaver trade on the Connecticut River. Pinney later became his son-in-law. George was a personal friend and political adherent of Roger Ludlow and followed him to Fairfield, Connecticut, where he was selected as his assistant in 1651, 1653 & 1654. He was a public spirited, active and intelligent man and he helped establish both the Massachusetts and Connecticut commonwealths.

MARY AND JOHN, Thomas Chubb, Master. She sailed from Plymouth, England, March 20, with one hundred and forty passengers from the counties of Somerset, Dorset, and Devon under the patronage of the Reverend John White. She arrived at Nantasket May 30, and all the passengers settled at Mattapan which was renamed Dorchester.² There is no list of the emigrants, but the following persons are believed to have come in this ship according to evidences from contemporary authorities. All settled at Dorchester, Massachusetts.³

GEORGE HULL

of Crewkerne, Somerset

Mrs. Thomasine Hull
 Josias Hull
 † Mary Hull
 Martha Hull
 Elizabeth Hull
 Naomi Hull
 Cornelius Hull

WILLIAM LOVELL

Mrs. Wyborough Lovell

ROGER LUDLOW

of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire

Mrs. Ludlow
 Jonathan Ludlow
 Joseph Ludlow
 Roger Ludlow, Jr.
 Anne Ludlow
 Mary Ludlow
 Sarah Ludlow

Rev. JOHN MAVERICK

of Beaworthy, Devon

Mrs. Mary Maverick
 Elias Maverick
 Moses Maverick
 Antipas Maverick
 Abigail Maverick
 Mary Maverick
 Margaret Maverick

JOHN MORE

† (later married Mary Hull)

GEORGE PHELPS

NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700

HEWES, Arthur & 2/wf Sarah [ANGIER], w Sampson; b 20 Jan 1693/4; Saco, ME/Portsmouth, NH
HEWES/HUGHES, Arthur & Ruth BOLTON/BOULTON (1667-); 15 Aug 1698; Boston
HEWES, George & Mary [ALLEN] (1644-); b 1672; Salisbury
HEWES, George (-?1712, Sudbury) & Lydia (KIBBY) BENNETT (1637-), w George; 3 Jul 1679; Lancaster/Concord
HUGHES, James & Elizabeth ?; b 1670, b 1680; Gloucester/Boston
HEWS, James & Bethiah SWETMAN; 12 Dec 1692; Cambridge
HUGHES/HUES, Robert, Stow & Mary [CRANE], Stow; b 1688(89?), 21 Sep 1688; Stow/Marlboro
HUGHS, John & Mary HOBART (-1674); 9 Dec 1664; Hingham
HUGHES/HEWES?, John & Deliverance PALLARD; 15 Sep 1698; Boston
HUGHES, William (see HEWES) & Elizabeth [GRAFTON?] (1667-); b 1699, 25 Nov 1689?, 1684; Boston
HUGHS, William & Mary [SMITH]; b 1699(1700?); Boston
HUGHES, Samuel (-1693) & Mary DOWD; 26 Apr 1666; Guilford, CT
HUGHES, Lewis, Lyme, CT, & Sarah HUNGERFORD (1654?, 1659?-); Haddam, CT?/Lyme, CT
HUGHES/HUSE, Nicholas (-1692) (see HUSE) & Abigail THOMPSON CURTIS (1646-1731), wid; ca 1692, aft 1681; Guilford, CT
HUSE, Lewis & Martha HAZARD (1630?-), wid; b 22 Mar 1691, ca 1690; Portsmouth, RI
HUGHS, Robert & Elizabeth BUXTON; 6 Jan 1655; Stamford, CT
HEWES/HUGHES, Richard & 1/wf Anne ?; b 1637; Dorchester/Guilford, CT
HUGHES/HUES, Richard (-1658) & 2/wf Mary ?, m/2 William STONE; b 1651; Guilford, CT
HUGHS, Humphrey & Martha ?; b 1669; Southampton/Bridgehampton, LI
HUKE, Richard & Hannah [BEARDSLEY?]; b 1686
HULING, Alexander (1665-1725) & Elizabeth WIGHTMAN (1664-1756); b 1695?; Newport/N. Kingstown, RI
HULING, Josiah & Arny ?; b 1674+; New Shoreham, RI
HULLING, Josiah/Jesse? & Mary [DOLOVER]; 22 Jan, 11 Jan 1675; New Shoreham, RI
HULING, James (1635-1687) & Margaret ? (1632-1707); b 1658; Newport
HULING, John (1658±-1708+) & Sarah ? (1668-1708); Newport
HULING, Walter (-1710±) & Martha ? (-1718+); b 1701?; Newport, RI
HULL, Andrew (1606-1640) & Catherine/Katharine [COOK?] (1612-), m/2 Richard BEACH 1641?; b 1635; New Haven
HULL, Benjamin & Mary [FERNESIDE] (1646-); ca 1664; ?Portsmouth, NH/Portland, ME
HULL, Benjamin (1639-) & Rachel [YORK]; b 1668; Oyster River, NH/Piscataway, NJ
HULL, Benjamin (1672-1741) & Elizabeth ANDREWS (1674-1731); 14 Dec 1693, 14 Sep 1693; Stratford, CT/Wallingford, CT
HULL, Cornelius (1626, 1628-1695) & Rebecca JONES (?1633-), ?m/2 Joseph THRALE; 19 Nov 1652; Fairfield, CT
HULL, Cornelius (1654-1740) & Sarah [SANFORD] (1656-1744+, 1753?); ca 1685?; Fairfield, CT
HULL, Dodivah (-1682) & Mary [SEWARD] (1658-), m/2 Samuel BLAGDON by 1688; York, ME/Portsmouth, NH
HULL, Edward & Eleanor NEWMAN; 20 Jan 1652/3; Boston
HULL, George (1590?-) & [Tamsen/Thomasine? MITCHELL] "of Stocklande"; in Eng, 27 Aug 1614, 17 Aug 1614, 27 Sep 1614; Dorchester/Windsor, CT/Fairfield, CT
HULL, George (-1659?) & 2/wf Sarah (?) [PHIPPEN] (-1659), w David; ?ca 31 Oct 1650, ca Jun 1654, 1654; Stratford, CT
HULL, George & Elizabeth WELLMAN (-1740, ae 80); 20 Aug 1674; Beverley/Salem
HULL, Hopewell & Mary Martin in NJ; Durham, NH
HULL, Isaac (-1706) & ?; b 1655
HULL, Isaac (-1708, Wenham) & Sarah (COCK) SOLART (1654/5-1739, in 84th y), w John; 1 Sep 1675, in Eng; Salem/Beverly
HULL, Jeremiah & Hannah BALDWIN (1642-); 6 May 1658; New Haven/Milford, CT
HULL, Jeremiah & Mehitabel [SMEAD] (1668-1704), m/2 Godfrey NIMS 1692; 1688; Deerfield
HULL, John (1624-1683) & Judith QUINCY (1626-1695); 11 May 1647; ?Boston
HULL, John (-1670) & Margaret [CUTHERIDGE] (-1683); ca 1650?, aft 3 Apr 1647; Watertown/Newbury
HULL, John (1644-1728) & Abigail KELSEY; 3 Dec 1668; Killingworth, CT
HULL, John & 2/wf Mary JONES; 19 Oct 1671, 1672?; ?Stratford

The Great Migration Begins has the following entry on George Hull.

- * ORIGIN: Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England
- * MIGRATION: 1632 [Note: Others (see below) say that he came in 1630 leaving his children and pregnant wife behind.]
- * FIRST RESIDENCE: Dorchester, Massachusetts Bay Colony
- * REMOVES: Windsor 1636, Fairfield 1647
- * CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Dorchester church prior to 4 March 1632/3 implied by freemanship.
- * FREEMAN: 4 March 1632/3 [MBCR 1:367].
- * EDUCATION: Signed his will.
- * OFFICES: Dorchester selectman, 8 October 1633, 2 November 1635, 27 June 1636, 5 July 1636 [DTR 3, 13, 16, 17]; assessor, 3 November 1633, 2 June 1634 [DTR 4, 7].
Deputy to Massachusetts Bay General Court for Dorchester, 14 May 1634, 25 May 1636 [MBCR 1:116, 174].
Deputy to Connecticut Court for Windsor, May 1637, November 1637, March 1638, April 1638, August 1639, September 1639, January 1639/40, April 1640, February 1640/1, April 1641, September 1641, November 1641, April 1642, August 1642, March 1643, April 1643, September 1643, April 1644, September 1644, September 1645, December 1645, April 1646 [CT Civil List 28-29]. Deputy for Fairfield, May 1649, May 1650, May 1651, October 1655, May 1656 [CT Civil List 28-29].
Magistrate at Fairfield, 29 October 1653 [CCCR 1:249]. Assistant magistrate, 6 October 1651, 18 May 1654 [CCCR 1:226, 257; CT Civil List 29]. Beaver trader, authorized 5 April 1638 [CCCR 1:18]. Assistant commissary general, 18 September 1649 [CCCR 1:198].
ESTATE: Ordered to build sixty feet of fence, rated for three cows (as "Mr. Hull"), 3 April 1633 [DTR 1]; granted two acres of meadow, 18 February 1635/6 [DTR 15]; granted meadow "that lies before his door where he now dwells," 27 June 1636 [DTR 17]; received Lot #35, four acres, in the meadow beyond Naponset (and perhaps also Lot #55, six acres) [DTR 321].
In the Windsor land inventory on 16 November 1640 George Hull held seven parcels: homelot of seven acres and a half; sixteen acres in the Great Meade; over the Great River twenty-seven rods in length and three miles in breadth; over the Great River four acres and a quarter of meadow; fifteen acres of upland; ten acres and a half of upland; and five acres in the Great Meade [WiLR 1:13].
On 22 November 1653 Daniel Frost sold to George Hull seven acres in the Old Field at Fairfield [Fairfield LR 1:44]. On 24 November 1653 Charles Tainter sold to George Hull six parcels of land: two acres and a fraction in Sasqua Neck; four acres and a half at Uncaway River; seven acres and eight rods in the Great Meadow; three acres and a quarter in the Old Field; thirteen acres and a half in the New Field; and thirteen acres and a fraction "at the planting field at Uncaway Neck" [Fairfield LR 1:44]. On the same day Robert Woolly sold to George Hull one acre in the Old Field and the town granted to George Hull a homelot of six acres and a half [Fairfield LR 1:45].
On 24 November 1653 George Hull sold to Richard Osborne two acres in the Old Field [Fairfield LR 1:46]. On 21 May 1658 "Mr. George Hull" sold to Moses Hoyt two acres in Sasqua Neck [Fairfield LR 1:116] and to Austin Samfeild two acres in Sasqua Neck [Fairfield LR 1:117]. On 26 May 1658 "Mr. George Hull" sold to "Josua Jennings" two acres at Sasco Hill [Fairfield LR 1:114].
On 29 November 1653 "Georg[e] Hull hath given unto his son Cornelius Hull upon his marriage" several parcels of land [Fairfield LR 1:48].
In his will, date lost (fire damage) and proved 20 October 1659, George Hull bequeathed to "my loving wife" one-third of the estate; to "my son Josyas Hull another third part of my estate"; to "son Cornelius Hull one little featherbed which is at Boston" and "forty shillings to be paid out of the last third of my estate"; to "my cousin Jane Pinkny" twenty shillings; "my son Josyas Hull and Sarah my loving wife" to be executors; residue to "my four daughters equally to be divided that is to Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, Naomy" [Fairfield PR 1:56].

The "invoice of the estate of Georg[e] Hull late deceased in Fairfield" was taken 25 August 1659 and totalled £58 14s. 4d., with no real estate included [Fairfield PR 1:56-58].

In her will, dated 1659 (day and month lost to fire damage) and proved 20 October 1659, "Sarah [Hull ...] wife unto George Hull late deceased" bequeathed "my house at Boston equally to be divided betwixt all my children"; to "my son Gamaleell" a cupboard; to "my son Georg[e] Phippin" furniture in house at Boston; to "my daughter Rebecca Vickers and my daughter Sarah Yow" moveables; to "my cousin Jane Pinkny" 30s.; residue to "my four sons (to wit) Benjamin Phippin, Joseph, Gamaleell and Georg[e] Phippin"; "my cousin Phillip Pinkny" to be overseer [Fairfield PR 1:61].

The inventory of "the estate of Sarah Hull late deceased in Fairfield" was taken 25 August 1659 and was untotaled; no real estate was included [Fairfield PR 1:61-62].

* BIRTH: By about 1589 (based on date of first marriage), son of Thomas and Joan (Pyssing) Hull [Evans Festschrift 44, 49-50; Dawes-Gates 2:453].

* DEATH: Fairfield after 26 May 1658 [Fairfield LR 1:45] and before 25 August 1659 (date of inventory).

* MARRIAGE: (1) Crewkerne, Somerset, 27 August 1614 Thomasine Mitchell [Ackley-Bosworth 78]; she died before 1654. (2) After 11 July 1654 Sarah (_____) Phippen, widow of David Phippen of Boston [TAG 17:5]; she died at Fairfield shortly before 25 August 1659.

* CHILDREN (first six baptized Crewkerne [TAG 20:supplement 18; Ackley-Bosworth 78]):

1. JOSIAS, bp. 10 November 1616; m. Windsor 20 May 1641 Elizabeth Loomis [Grant 46].
2. **MARY, bp. 27 July 1618; m. Dorchester by about 1637 HUMPHREY PINNEY [Grant 58].**
3. MARTHA, bp. 29 October 1620; named in father's will in 1659; no further record.
4. ELIZABETH, bp. 16 October 1625; m. Windsor 4 December 1646 Samuel Gaylord [Grant 42], son of WILLIAM GAYLORD .
5. CORNELIUS, bp. 13 April 1628; m. about November 1653 Rebecca Jones, daughter of Rev. John Jones (George Hull deeded land to his son Cornelius on 29 November 1653 "upon his marriage" [Fairfield LR 1:48]; in his will of 17 January 1664/5 John Jones made a bequest to his daughter Rebecca Hull [FOOF 1:344]). (In some sources the date of this marriage is given as 19 November 1652, but there is no record of the event in Fairfield vital records; the date would seem to be a misreading and a misuse of the gift of land from father to son on 29 November 1653, which must have been very close to the date of marriage.)
6. JOSHUA, bp. 5 November 1630; no further record.
7. NAOMI, b. say 1632; named in father's will in 1659; no further record.

* ASSOCIATIONS: George Hull was elder brother of Reverend Joseph Hull who arrived in New England in 1635 [Evans Festschrift 44-51, which summarizes earlier work by the author (John Insley Coddington) and others on the Hull family, and presents new evidence on the ancestry of Joan Pyssing, mother of George and Joseph].

In his will George Hull mentioned cousin Jane Pinkney, and his second wife named cousins Jane and Philip Pinkney in her will. In his account of Philip Pinkney, Jacobus supposes that "[h]e and his wife were perhaps drawn to Fairfield by the marriage of their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Phippen, to George Hull" [FOOF 1:482], but the exact nature of the relationship is not known.

* COMMENTS: George Hull has been included in some lists of passengers on the Mary & John, but his son Joshua was baptized in Crewkerne on 5 November 1630 and the first record of him in New England is his admission as freeman of Massachusetts Bay on 4 March 1632/3, which makes an arrival date of 1632 far more likely.

George was a "surveyor, Indian trader, magistrate, statesman and founder of a prominent branch of the Hull family in America". (Weygant). Apparently he descended from an educated family as his brothers, Joseph and William both graduated from St. Mary's Hall at Oxford and were ministers of the Church of England. Further evidence of his background is gleaned from the fact that his wife was the daughter of a "well-to-do yeoman of Stockland" (Ibid) in Dorsetshire.

George sailed for the American colonies from Plymouth 30 Mar 1629 / 30 on the Mary and John; his youngest son, Joshua was baptised at Crewkerne 7 months after this date, indicating that Thomasene and the young family were left in England while George became part of the "Great Migration". He shared the voyage with friends including George and John Ludlow and future son-in-law Humphrie Pinney. He was a short time in Boston and went on to help settle the town of Dorchester where he was on the first board of selectmen and was made a freeman 4 Mar 1632/3 and was the town's first representative to the General Court.

In 1636 he moved to Windsor Connecticut where he surveyed both Windsor and Wethersfield. In exchange for this service, he received his choice of homelots in Windsor where he again represented his town in the General Court. It was here in 1638 that he and Pinney, through the graces of the General Court, received a monopoly on the beaver trade on the Connecticut River.

In 1638 he followed his friend George Ludlow, now governor of Connecticut, to Fairfield where he became the General Court designated assistant to the governor. In 1651, '53, '54 he was appointed by the governor as associate magistrate for the towns by the seaside.

He was apparently well connected on the political scene of the blossoming colonies; Cotton Mather mentions him as does Connecticut state historian Trumbull who groups him "with those whose names are worthy of perpetuation". Stiles, too says that he was "a citizen of worth and distinction."

Last Will and Testament of George Hull

I George Hull, being feeble in body, yet of good and perfect mind do now ordain this my last Will and Testament as followeth.

Imprimus - I give and bequeath unto my loving wife the third part of my estate, yf shee relinquish the twenty pounds which I promised her yf I died before her.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Josias Hull another third part of my estate.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius Hull, one little feather bed now in Boston.

Item - I give and bequeath also unto Corelius Hull forty shillings to be paid out of the third of my estate.

Item - I give unto my cousin Jane Pinkney twenty shillings

Item - I doe by these presents ordayne, constitute and make my son Josias Hull and Sarah, my loving wife, the executors of this my last Will and Testament.

George Hull (seal) In presence of Alexander Knowles and Philip Pinckney

Item - The rest of my estate, my debts and funeral expenses being payd, I give to my four daughters, equally divided, that is to Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, Naomy

George Hull (seal) In presence of Alexander Knowles and Philip Pinckney

It is unknown whether Sarah agreed to swap her prenuptual guarantee of 20 pounds for a third of George's estate, as she died a few days after he did and their inventories were filed together on August 25, 1659.

Inventory of Hull estates (George and Sarah)

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Imprimus - His apparell 5 4 -

Item - His purs and Wampumpary and a seall in the purs, Seall Misterken - 1- 6

Item - In trading cloth 9 yards 3 12 -

Item - Brown Holland 15 yards and a quarter 3 1 -

Item - In Assenburg cloth 7 yards and three quarters - 15 6

Item - In remnants of Holland - 3 -

Item - 2 yards and a half of blue lining - 1- -

Item - In white Holland 4 yards and quarter - 19 -

Item - In white sope 37 pounds 1 14 8

Item - 7 Glasses 1 - -

Item - 1 Skellet 6 - -

Item - 1 New Holland sheet 1 - -

Item - One drapper table cloth	-	7	-
Item - one pillow case and one napkin	-	2	-
Item - one new sheet	-	14	-
Item - one old coarse sheet	-	4	-
Item - one yard of blue lining	-	4	-
Item - 2 ancors, one out	-	4	-
Item - 2 payls	-	2	-
Item - one old muskett	-	8	-
Item - one old lamp or mer feane	-	1	-
Item - one pair of Stilliards	-	12	-
Item - one Cheesepres	-	3	-
Item - 2 tubbs	-	3	-
Item - Pincers hammer gunlett sissors	-	3	-
Item - one axe	-	1	-
Item - one tubb and meat in it	-	3	-
Item - two iron wedges, one out	-	2	-
Item - one pair of billows	-	1	3
Item - one lamp	-	1	6
Item - One brass hooke	-	2	-
Item - One box and pepper in it	-	1	-
Item - 36 cheeses	1	6	-
Item - In butter 2- pounds	-	1-	-
Item - In Wheat	-	14	-
Item - In a pair of tow Combs and a riddle	-	6	-
Item - One old hogshead and one barrell and a half a bushel of Indian Corn	-		8
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Item - In hay 2	1-	-	
Item - 2 Cowes and one heifer	9	-	-
Item - One year old heifer	1	1-	-
Item - 3 Calves one out	1	1-	-
Item - In grass and Wheat	-	15	-
Item - One horse	9	-	-
Item - One grind stone and ye winch	-	4	-
Item - one sowe and 4 pigs	1	18	-
Item - one trunke	-	5	-
Item - One yard of blue lining	-	4	-
Item - 2 yards and half of brown Holland	-	1-	-
Item - 2 Cheese flats	-	2	-
Item - One bedstead and Cord	-	15	-
Item - 2 {illegible}	4	1	-
Item - 6 napkins	-	8	-

Taken by us, William Hill, Alexander Knowles, Anthony Wilson; The second day of November, 1659. This inventory was attested by Cornelius Hull to be true inventory of his Father Hull his Estate to the best of his knowledge. Before me, Nathan Gold Sarah's will of 12 Aug 1659 divided her estate to her Phipin children and to her cousin Hane Pinkney.

Sources: The Hull Family in America, Col Weygant; History of Middlesex County, Connecticut, with biographical sketches of its prominent men, Beers, J.B. & Co. - 1884; Some Notes on the Wellman and Bump families of Barry County Michigan, Harthy, Charles O. - 1992; Ancient Windsor - Stiles; Pioneers of Massachusetts, Pope, Charles Henry - 1900.

Descendants of George Hull

I. GEORGE HULL, 1590-1659, surveyor, Indian trader, magistrate, statesman and founder of a prominent branch of the Hull family in America, the son of Thomas and Joane Peson Hull, of Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England. On August 17, 1614, as shown by the original parish records of the ancient church at Crewkerne village, he was married to Thamzen (Thomasene) Michell, daughter of Robert Michell, a well-to-do yeoman of Stockland, in the adjoining shire of Dorset. Stockland is about six miles distant from the village of Crewkerne, at or near which the ancestral home of the Hulls was situated, and it was probably included within the bounds of Crewkerne parish. The parish records of Winsham, Somersetshire, an adjoining parish to Crewkerne, contained the following entry.

1574

Baptizati, Novembris 6^{to} die, Gulielmus Hull,
filius Thomas Hull, Joannes Higinus, Vicarius
Winsamiae.

Crewkerne is three miles north of its hamlet, Clapton, and is in western Somerset, the river Ax dividing the parish from Dorsetshire at the northwestern extremity of that county. The parish comprises an area of 6,183 acres.

It is a very ancient town known in the Saxon time as Cruserne, a name composed of the words "Cruse," a cross, and "Carne," a cottage. There is no doubt that this name was applied in the early ages of Christianity when churches were rare and hermitages or cells the usual place of religious association.

The part played by Crewkerne in the civil wars between the King and Parliament in the 17th century, if not conspicuous as that of many other places, was neither unexciting nor devoid of danger. The town was frequently occupied by troops of the contending parties, and Hinton St. George, in the immediate vicinity of Crewkerne, was the quarters of Lord Poulett, who greatly distinguished himself in the King's cause and early held an important command in the Royal Army.

The great ornament of Crewkerne is undoubtedly its beautiful church, which is slightly elevated above the body of the town on its western edge. It is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and a fair or wake is still held near the anniversary of that saint, viz.: on September 4th, the anniversary itself being on August 24th.

The church is built in the style for which Somerset is celebrated, that of perpendicular or latest form of Gothic, while upon the whole it may be considered as belonging to the local style of the district. It is by no means wanting in peculiarities of its own. It was probably erected on the site of a more ancient structure during the latter half of the 15th century. Crewkerne church is a large cruciform building, with a central tower. There are aisles to the nave, but the choir has no regular aisles. There is, however, a remarkable arrangement of the chapel between the tower and the north transept. The total length of the church is 122 feet, and the width of the transept 102 feet. The west front is pronounced one of the finest belonging to any parish church in England.

William and Joseph Hull, the oldest and youngest of the brothers of George Hull, were graduates of St. Mary's Hall, Oxford, and ministers of the Church of England. William, who was vicar of Colyton in Devonshire, died childless in 1627, leaving a will, in which he names his brothers George, John, and Joseph, also Marie (Mary), daughter of his brother George, and Johanna, daughter of his brother Joseph.

George Hull was about forty years of age when he left England, and so far as is known, land surveying was not only his profession but his principal avocation while he remained there.

On March 30th, 1629-30, he sailed from Plymouth, England, with a noted company of adventurers which included Ludlow, Mason, Underhill, Southcote, Maverick and Warham, all of whom became men of marked prominence in either the civil, military or ecclesiastical affairs of New England. The record of baptism of his son Joshua at Crewkerne, seven and a half months after his departure suggests the probability that he sailed unaccompanied by his family and at a late date after he had "spied out the land," he either returned for or was joined by them.

No record of place or date of death of Thomasene Michell Hull has been discovered, but that she died previous to 1655 is shown by the recorded fact that about that date George Hull was married to Sarah, widow of David Phipin, Esq., of Boston.

As previously stated George Hull came to New England in 1629-30. After spending a short time in Boston, he with other colonists settled the town of Dorchester, the records of which show that he was a prominent member of its first board of selectmen, and its representative in the first general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony held May 14, 1634.

In 1636 he moved to Windsor, Conn., of which and the adjoining town of Wethersfield, he made official surveys, receiving in compensation for his service, awards of choice town lots. The records of Windsor contain divers records showing that he was one of the "first comers" and prominent grantees of that town, which he was chosen to represent in the general court of Connecticut. Hurd, in his history of Fairfield, says:—

"George Hull was the personal friend and political adherent of Governor Roger Ludlow. He came from England in the same ship, with him and his brother John and Humphrie Pinney, who afterwards married his daughter, Marie (Mary) at Dorchester, moved with him to Windsor, Connecticut, and jointly with him obtained from the general court of 1638, a monopoly of the beaver trade on the Connecticut river. When Ludlow moved to Fairfield, George Hull soon followed him, and was selected by the general court as his assistant; and in 1651, 1653, and 1654 he was appointed by the governor as associate magistrate for the towns by the seaside. . . . He was public spirited, active and intelligent, and as a legislator and magistrate was instrumental in establishing two of the enlightened commonwealths of New England—Massachusetts and Connecticut. Cotten Mather distinguishes him with a place in his great book, and places his brother Joseph in his *First Classis* or *List of First Good Men*. Mr. Trumbull, the historian of Connecticut, groups him with those whose names are worthy of perpetuation, and Mr. Stiles, in his history of Windsor tells us that he was a citizen of worth and distinction."

George Hull is also listed as one of the founders of Windsor, Ct on the Founders Monument.

