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John Quincy Adams b. 22 November 1963 Boston, Massachusetts

John Martin Adams b. 14 September 1926 Baltimore, Maryland m. 28 June 1958 Washington, D.C. d. 15 May 2020 Washington, D.C.

Martha Washington b. 23 August 1922 Washington, D.C. d. 5 February 2009 Boston, Massachusetts

Martha Relyea b. 24 November 1900 Brooklyn, New York d. 24 May 1984 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

> Raleigh W. Adams

b. 21 October 1900 Albany, New York m. 31 December 1923 Brooklyn, New York d. 30 March 1988 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

**Fred Peter** Relyea b. 1 November 1870 Brooklyn, New York m. 8 June 1895 Brooklyn, New York d. 2 February 1967 Hempstead, New York

Margaret Jane McBride b. 8 April 1873 Belfast, Northern Ireland d. 21 November 1966 Hempstead, New York

Sarah Adelaide Downs b. April 1842 New York d. 25 March 1930 Brooklyn, New York

Peter Relyea b. circa 1835 Albany, New York m. Unknown Unknown d. 29 September 1875 Brooklyn, New York **Andrew Jackson** Downs b. about 1820 New York m. Unknown Unknown d. 19 August 1871 Brooklyn, New York

Charlotte Alger b. circa 1819 New Jersey d. 1 April 1904 Brooklyn, New York

John Quincy Adams General Society of Colonial Wars Member #8675309

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Thomas Prence was born circa 1600 in Lechlade, Gloucestershire, England to Thomas and Elizabeth Prence. He immigrated to Plymouth Colony aboard the Fortune in 1621 as a single man. In the 1623 division of land, Prence is named as "holder of one akre of land" in the Colony. In 1624, Thomas married Patience Brewster, daughter of William and Mary Brewster of the Mayflower. After William Bradford died in 1657, Thomas became Governor of Plymouth Colony. Most notably in his governorship, Prence presided over the court during Plymouth's first witchcraft trial. He also held the Council of War in 1667 which was to prepare for possible battle with the Dutch and the French. Prence was known to be fair and humane in his politics and dealings with the Colony. He held the important post until his death in 1673. Governor Thomas Prence had a total of four marriages and ten children in his lifetime. In his will dated 13 March 1672/73, he leaves his personal estate in excess of £400 and some eleven tracts of land, with at least two of the holding 100 acres each. He died 29 May 1673 in Plymouth Colony and rests at Burial Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

# b. 12 December 1781 Eastham, Massachusetts d. 25 January 1863 Brooklyn, New York

Eunice

Freeman

d. about 1838

Unknown

Benjamin Downs b. circa 1782 prob. Frankfort, Maine m. 31 December 1802 Orrington, Maine

Timothy Freeman b. 13 September 1708 b. 4 May 1747 Eastham, Massachusetts Eastham, Massachusetts m. 21 October 1768 Harwich, Massachusetts d. 19 January 1766 d. 11 September 1828 Harwich, Massachusetts Orrington, Maine

Zerviah

Nickerson

b. Unknown

Unknown

Orrington, Maine

d. 17 December 1788

Dorothy Cole b. 15 May 1712 Eastham, Massachusetts d. about 1782 Unknown

Thomas

Freeman

m. 6 August 1730

Unknown

Thomas Freeman b. 11 October 1676 Eastham, Plymouth Colony m. 17 October 1707 Eastham, Massachusetts d. 22 March 1716/17 Harwich, Massachusetts

Mary Smith b. 24 May 1685 Unknown d. prob. 16 September 1742 Unknown

Thomas Freeman b. September 1653

Eastham, Plymouth Colony m. 31 December 1673 Eastham, Plymouth Colony d. 9 February 1715/16 Eastham, Massachusetts

> Rebecca Sparrow

b. 30 October 1655 Eastham, Plymouth Colony d. 7 February 1740 Harwich, Massachusetts

### Mercy Prence

b. about 28 September 1631 Plymouth Colony d. 28 October 1719 Eastham, Massachusetts

John Freeman b. circa 1622 England m. 13 February 1649 Eastham, Plymouth Colony d. 28 October 1719 Eastham, Massachusetts

Thomas Prence

b. circa 1600 prob. Lechlade, England m. 5 August 1624 Plymouth Colony d. 29 May 1673 Plymouth Colony

Patience Brewster b. circa 1600 Plymouth Colony d. prob. 22 May 1627 Plymouth Colony



