

MARY
THIRD CHILD OF THOMAS
(Book Entry, No Update)
(See UPDATE entries for Mary)

GENERATION TWO

1.3. **Mary BINGHAM** (Thomas)

Born: Jul 1672 Norwich CT®2: 1: 8

Mar: 17 Feb 1692 **John BACKUS** (William BACKUS Jr., Lt., Elizabeth PRATT) Norwich CT®2: 1: 47; Born: 1661/2; Died: 27 Mar 1744 Windham CT®12: 61

Died: 19 Feb 1747 Windham CT®12: 61

Mary Bingham and John Backus were married in Norwich just before her father, Thomas, and family moved to Windham. Mary was almost twenty and John was thirty. He was an older brother of Hannah Backus who had married Mary's oldest brother, Thomas. John's father was Lt. William Backus Jr. and his grandfather was William Backus Sr., the second husband of Mary's grandmother Ann Fenton Bingham. Mary and John also moved to Windham in 1693 when her father did. Shortly before his marriage to Mary, John received a 1,000 acre right in Windham from his father, Lt. William Backus Jr. This included lot No.14 along the road northwest to Willimantic where he built his home. Thus, John was one of the first twenty-two accepted inhabitants of Windham.

Mary and John Backus's female children married quite well. The oldest, Mary, married Joshua Ripley Jr. who for a time was proprietor of the iron works in Willimantic. The second daughter, Lydia, married Col. Thomas Dyer, the 1st of Windham, and became the mother of Col. Eliphalet Dyer. Both Dyers were prominent in Connecticut politics and the Susquehanna Company. After Lydia died, Col. Thomas Dyer married, third, Lydia's first cousin, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel. Third daughter, Abigail, married Elijah Hurlbut; fourth daughter, Jerusha, married Daniel Stoughton; and fifth daughter, Zerviah, married Hezekiah Lord of Preston.®12: 61

Mary Backus died in 1747, age seventy-five, three years after her husband John who was eighty-two when he died.

Backus children born Windham CT

1. Mary 8 Nov 1692

2. Lydia 15 Jan 1695

3. John 20 May 1697; Died 20 May 1697

4. John 17 Aug 1698

5. Abigail 3 Jul 1701

6. Jerusha 29 Sept 1704

7. Zerviah 10 Aug 1709

8. Nathaniel 10 June 1712; Died 15 Aug 1720®12: 61