

USER GUIDE

Abbreviations

Text uses standard postal abbreviations; day before the month; first three letters of the month; Co. for county or mid place in town, county, state sequence.

Bio sketches

Bio sketches are included for as many individuals as research and space permitted. Check UPDATES for more information. Sketches for descendants of Erastus Bingham and Lucinda Gates are in their own book (see ®429).

Children

Name, birth dates and places are cited with the parent's entry. If a child died age 16 and under, the name has a strikeout.

Dates

Dates between January and March 25, before 1752, may be entered with two years, such as 3 Feb 1712/13 or reentered with only one year, for example 3 Feb 1713.

Females Born Bingham

The spouses and children of females born Bingham are included. When they take a different surname, they and their children become members of that family. They should be included in that family history.

Locations/Governing Jurisdiction

Names of colonies, post offices, towns, counties, territories, states, geographic features, etc. are given as they were called at the time. The current name may be different.

Numbering System

Each descendant of Thomas Bingham of Connecticut is identified by a series of numbers separated by decimal points. The position of the number in the series is the generation. The first number, itself, stands for the birth order in the immediate family (except for Thomas who is the foundation person). The small letter next to a number stands for the number of the spouse.

Here is a twelfth generation entry in Samuel's line as an example:

1.9a.3.7a.1.3.2.3.1.1.1.1.

Note the number of numbers is twelve for the twelfth generation. This person is a descendant of the 9th child of Thomas and the 9th child's 1st spouse; thru the third born child; thru the 7th born child and first spouse; thru the first born child; thru the third born child, etc., etc., etc.

Sources

The character ® stands for references, also called sources. Each source is numbered. Over 2,000 sources are cited in the lineal descents and UPDATES. Some sources may be cited more than once and some sources may have more than one format. This happened because research began before sources were digitized and placed on the Internet. All sources should include their location when used. If a source for a fact is not cited, a record has not been found and the data comes from personal information included in Theodore Alfred Bingham, *The Bingham Family in the United States*, 3 Vols. 1927-1930. Download the complete list of sources by clicking on the SOURCE box.

Spelling

Individual and place names use the spelling at the time. Many parents were intentionally creative in naming and spelling.

Typographical and Factual Errors

We know both exist. We know of numbering errors, also. UPDATES correct many of the errors. Self-correct errors that you find.