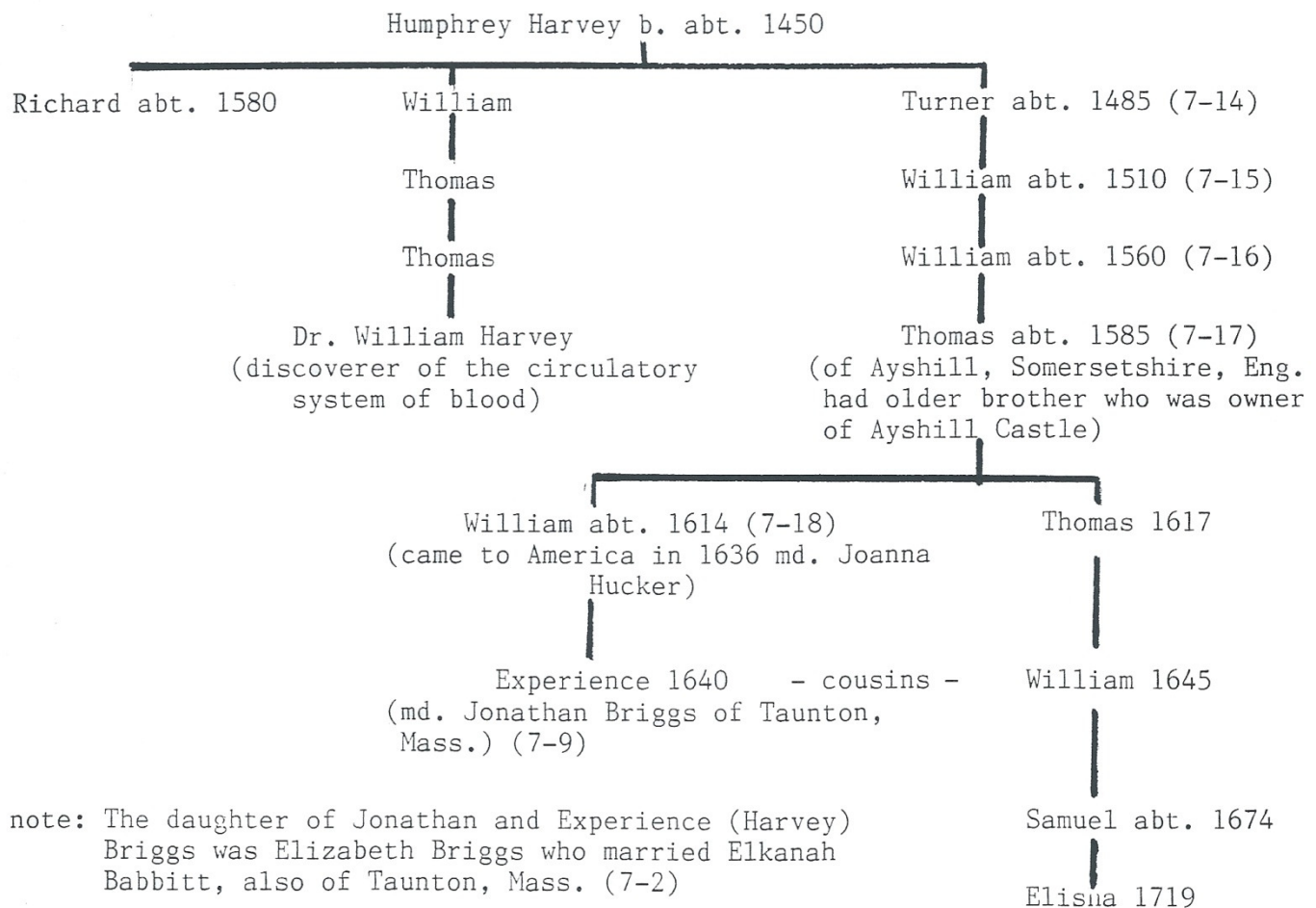


HUMPHREY HARVEY (abt. 1450-1526)

In 1899, Oscar Jewell Harvey published "The Harvey Book" giving the genealogy of certain branches of the American families of Harvey and some of their colaterals. The book traces a line from Haumphry Harvey (abt. 1450) through five generations from father to son to William Harvey, the immigrant ancestor of many American families. Experience Harvey, who married Jonathan Briggs (7-9) was the 5th great grandchild of Humphrey Harvey, the subject of this sketch.

In 1914, the Rev. J. William Knappenberger, A.M. of Connecticut, wrote his study of "The Descendants of Elisha Harvey from 1719 to 1914". His introductory chapter reviews the early ancestry of the Harveys, as did the above author, to William Harvey, the immigrant, but his branch of study followed a son of William, the immigrant, who was Samuel, born in 1674, to Samuel's son Elisha, born in 1719. The records in Knappenberger's book compiles lines of the descendants of Elisha to 1914.

A considerable amount of what is written here on the Harvey genealogy from Humphrey Harvey (abt. 1450) to William Harvey (abt. 1614), the immigrant ancestor of this study, is taken from the above two sources of information. A brief quote from Oscar Jewel Harvey makes Humphrey appear in his rightful place at the start of this genealogical line of ancestors: "Richard Harvey of Brockley, described as son and heir of Humphrey Harvey was the oldest child of the latter whose youngest son was Turner Harvey . . ." ¹



Brockley is a small parish in Somersetshire, England, (map1 #29) nine miles southwest of the city of Bristol. Humphrey Harvey must have been a man of great possessions since Richard, his heir, came into an inheritance of "one-third of the manor of Brockley". This inheritance is described thus:

" . . .5 messuages, 1 cottage, 1 windmill, 1 dove house, 5 gardens, 23 acres of arable, 15 of meadow, 88 acres of wood, and ten pence rent, together with the advowson of the church - which premises were certified to be holden of the King as of his barony of Wignore by knight's service." ²

We derive a Harvey lineage from Humphrey Harvey through his youngest son, Turner Harvey (7-14) and then the direct line from Turner extends from father to son to our immigrant ancestor, William Harvey, (7-18) whose daughter married into the Briggs line as shown on the chart.

" . . .The name Harvey has been indiscriminately and variously spelled Hervey, Harvye, Harvie, in England, Ireland and America but since about 1800 the form has been, with few exceptions, Harvey. . .

"If there is any meaning hidden away in the name-word Harvey, or if there is any significance attached to its application to the first individuals who bore it, diligent investigation by the writer has failed to discover the facts. There is no doubt that the word is Norman . . ." ³

" . . .and at the beginning of the 16th century, William Harvey, son of Humphrey Harvey, and brother of Turner Harvey, (our ancestor) was settled at Falkstone in Kent. It is quite probable that Humphrey Harvey was originally of Kent, but this cannot now be determined." ⁴





WILLIAM HARVEY M. D.
(1578-1657)

"The name Harvey is known all over the world from the fact that Dr. William Harvey of England discovered the circulation of the blood. (Dr. Harvey was a great great grandson of Humphrey Harvey, above.) This one fact, if there were no other, gives the name a prominence, which cannot be taken from it. Every one that bears the Harvey name, or shares the Harvey blood may take a just pride in it.

"But he was not the only ancestor that brought credit and honor to the Harvey name and served to raise it into prominence. One bearing that name came to England with William, the Conqueror, and rendered him a distinct service, which he not only recognized but rewarded. On Feb. 4, 1550, William Harvey, son of Humphrey Harvey, was appointed by Edward VI, Norry King-of-Arms, and while holding this office he paid seven official visits to Germany. On June 7, 1557, he was sent by Queen Mary to France to declare war.

"Then there was Turner Harvey, another son of Humphrey, a friend of King Henry VIII . . ." 5

It was Humphrey's third great grandson who removed to America in 1636 and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts, becoming one of the early founders of that town. (7-18)

1. #46 p. 16 
2. #48 pp. 7, 8 
3. #46, pp. 12, 13
4. #48, p. 9
5. ibid p. 5