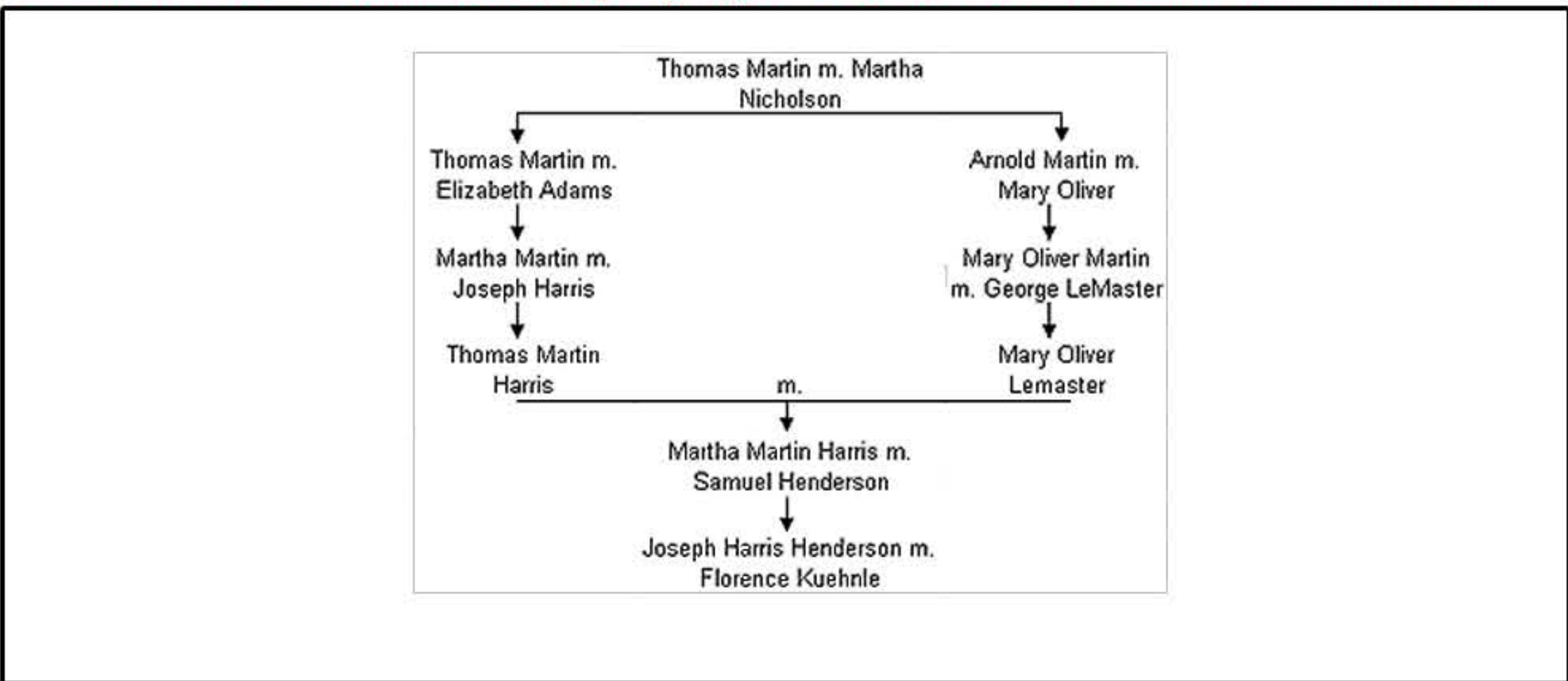


Vital Statistics

Marblehead Births	Marblehead Marriages
Arnold, s. Thomas and Martha, bp. Oct. 27, 1765. CR2	MARTIN
Emma, d. Thomas and Martha, bp. Nov. 1, 1767. CR2	Thomas, and Martha Nicholson, Feb. 17, 1763
Martha, d. Thomas and Martha, bp. July 30, 1769. CR2	Thomas, 3d, and Elizabeth Adams, Jan. 16, 1785.
John, s. Thomas and Martha, bp. May 2, 1773.	Arnold, jr., and Mary Oliver, July 29, 1792.*
Martha, d. Thomas and Martha, bp. Aug. 10, 1777. CR2	John [Capt. CR2], and Sarah Harris, Mar. 7, 1799.*
Martha, d. Thomas and Martha, bp. Mar. 19, 1780.	SPARHAWK
	Benjamin, and Emma Martin, Feb. 3, 1791.*
	Emma, Mrs., John Sparhawk, July 16, 1797.*
Deaths	
Thomas, Capt., old age, Dec. 16, 1828, a. 97 y.	
Martha, w. Capt. Thomas, Jan. 4, 1816, a. 78 y.	
Thomas, jr., Capt., palsy, Oct. 18, 1827, a. 64 y.	
Arnold, Capt., consumption, Aug. 22, 1829, a. 63 y. [a. 63 y. 9 m. 29 d. GR4]	
Mary, wid. [Capt. GR4] Arnold, Mar. 24, 1838, a. 73 y. 4 m. 16 d.	

Thomas Martin and Martha Nicholson were the great grandparents of both the mother and father of Martha Martin Harris



The probate inventory revealed that Thomas Matin's dwelling was on Elm Street. The house below built in 1700 in known as the "Martin House." Could it be the one he and Martha lived in?

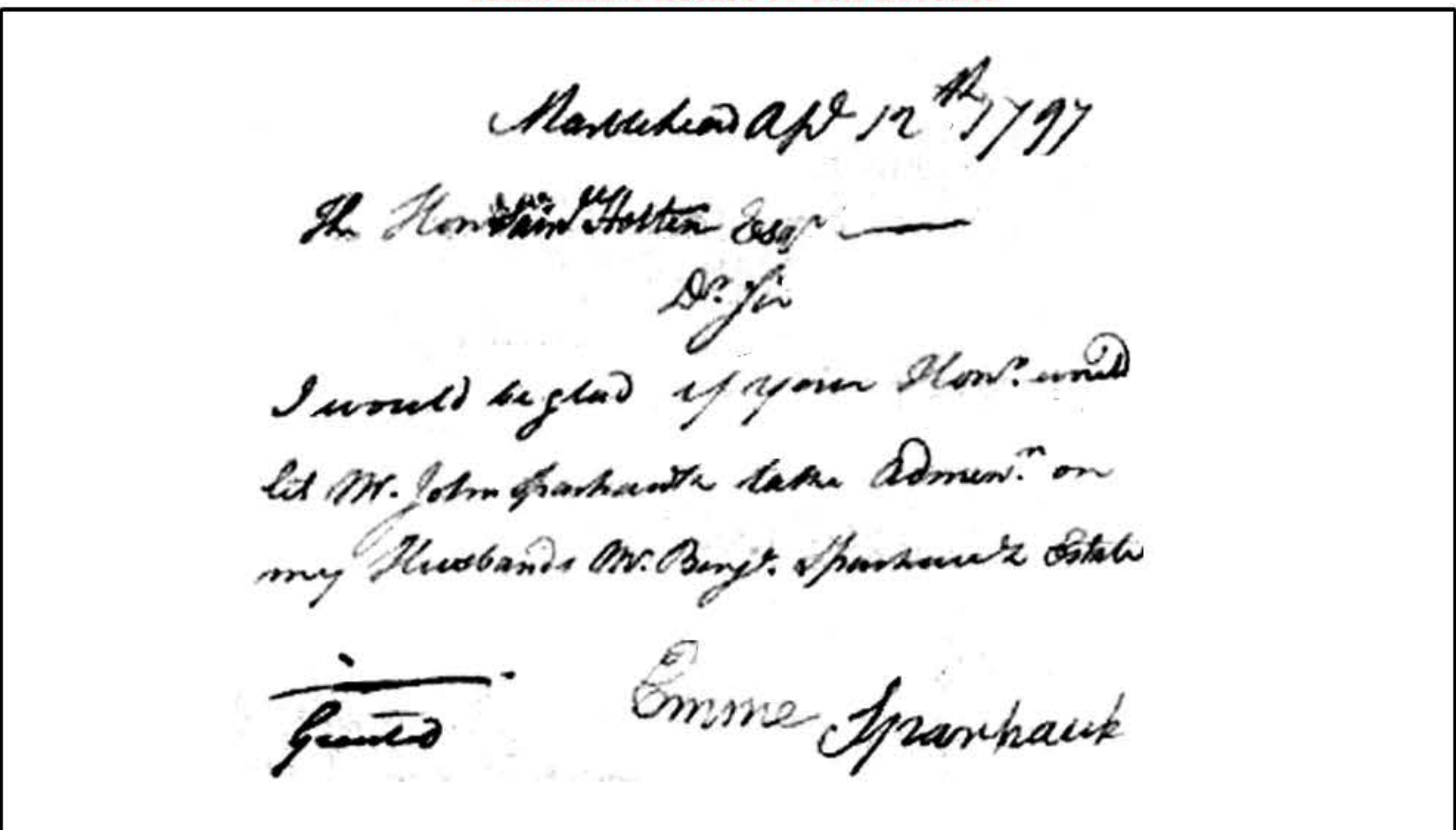


Martin House 100 Elm St MAR.319 1700

Emma Martin married two Sparhawk brothers (consecutively)

GENEALOGY OF THE SPARHAWK FAMILY.	25
82 John Sparhawk, son of Samuel and Joanna (Winchester) Sparhawk, married Mary Bacon, Oct. 29, 1767.	
234 Benjamin, b. Jan. 6, 1769; m. Emma Martin.	
285 John, b. July 24, 1770; m. Mrs. E. M. Sparhawk; d. Apr. 12, 1861.	
236 Samuel, b. Feb. 3, 1773.	
237 Mary Stacey, b. Apr. 26, 1775; — Oct. 5, 1777.	
238 Thomas, b. Feb. 2, 1779.	
234 Benjamin Sparhawk married Emma Martin of Marblehead, Mass.	
489 Thomas.	
490 John.	
235 John Sparhawk married the widow of his brother Benjamin, Mrs. Emma (Martin) Sparhawk.	
491 Mary, b. Nov., 1797; m. A. Martin.	
492 Benjamin, b. April, 1800; d. 1830.	
493 Emma, b. Aug., 1802; m. Col. B. Brown.	
494 Martha, b. Jan., 1805; m. Wm. Bartol.	
495 Samuel, b. Sept., 1809; m. Sarah E. Bartol.	
496 Peter, b. Nov., 1811; m. Marcia A. Bartol.	
497 Joanna, b. Feb., 1816; m. Wm. Bartlett.	

The Request from Emma to Transfer Administration of Her Husband's Estate to His Brother



The Heirs of Thomas's Estate Listed

They	therefore pray, that a committee may be appointed to
divide said real estate among the said heirs agreeably to law.	
Dated at Salem this seventeenth day of February, A.D. 1829.	
Son	Arnold Martin 521
Son	John Martin
Daughter	Emma Sparhawk
Son	Thomas Martin
Children of Thomas Martin, Jr. deceased	Peter A. Martin
520	Mary A. Brown
	Martha Harris 420

James Mugford was a Revolutionary War hero in Marblehead. He was the first husband of Sarah Grist. The widow Sarah Grist Mugford married Arnold Martin, the son of our direct ancestor Knott Martin and his wife Sarah Arnold. Their son Knott took as his second wife Martha Martin, the daughter of Arnold Martin, son of Thomas. The newspaper probably has most of the facts correct. In reality, the Mugfords had been married for six years before he was killed.

OLD HOMES, OLD FAMILIES.

Historic Houses Dear to
Yankeedom.

Hearths That Still Blaze When
Wintry Breezes Blow.

Sturdy Stock That Has Survived
Generations.

Fraught with great historic interest to the people of Marblehead is the large gambrel-roofed house next to the Unitarian church on Mugford st. It was the home of Capt. John Grist, who bought it in 1764.

Here, in 1775, his only daughter Sarah was married to the gallant James Mugford. Her wedded life was short. Almost before the honeymoon was over a press gang prowling about the streets of Marblehead seized the young man and impressed him into the British naval service on board the sloop-of-war Lively, then lying in Marblehead harbor.

The young wife appealed tearfully to the commander of the sloop-of-war telling him of her recent marriage and her agony of mind at being separated from her husband.

Her artlessness and grief touched the heart of the sturdy Briton, and Mugford was released.

But it was an unfortunate impressment for the British. While confined on the sloop-of-war Mugford heard his captors boasting that a "powder ship" was soon to sail for England with ammunition and stores for the British army.

Immediately upon his release he communicated the important intelligence to the proper authorities and requested permission to attempt the capture of the transport. After much importunity his request was granted.

Without delay the intrepid commander collected a crew, and fitting out the Continental schooner Franklin, then lying in ordinary at Beverly, pushed into the bay.

He had not long to wait. On the 17th of May, 1776, the British ship, Hope of 300 tons, 6 guns and 17 men hove in sight. Notwithstanding the fact that a British fleet lay at anchor in Nantasket roads, only a few miles off and in full sight, Mugford at once bore down upon the ship and carried her by boarding.

While the crew of the Franklin were engaged in taking possession of their prize the captain of the Hope ordered his men to cut the topsail halyard ties, with a view to impede the sailing of the ship, and thereby give the boats of the squadron time to come

The prize was taken through Pudding Point gut—a channel then but little known—beyond the range of the guns of the British squadron, and arrived safely in Boston harbor.

This was the most valuable capture that had been made during the war. The cargo consisted of 1000 carbines, with bayonets, several carriages for field pieces, 1700 barrels of powder, and a complete assortment of artillery implements and pioneer tools.

Having seen his prize safely in port, the gallant commander of the Franklin took a supply of ammunition, and on the following Sunday put to sea.

In sailing through Pudding Point gut, the same channel through which the prize was brought up, the vessel grounded.

This being perceived by the officers on board the ships of the British fleet, 14 boats, manned by 200 sailors, fully armed, were sent to capture the unprotected schooner. Mugford, however, was prepared to meet them.

Waiting until they came within range of his guns, he fired, and with such deadly effect that two of the boats were immediately sunk.

The men in the remaining boats now surrounded the schooner and attempted to board. Seizing pikes and cutlasses, and whatever implements they could obtain, the heroic crew of the Franklin fought with desperation in defence of their vessel.

Many of the British were shot as soon as the boats came alongside, while others had their hands and fingers cut off with sabres, as they laid them on the gunwales of the schooner. The brave Mugford, who throughout the conflict had been fighting wherever his presence seemed most needed, encouraging and animating his men by voice and example, was shot through the breast by an officer in one of the boats. With the utmost composure, and with that presence of mind which ever distinguishes heroes, he called to his lieutenant and exclaimed:

"I am a dead man; don't give up the vessel; you will be able to beat them off!"

In a few minutes he expired.

The death of their gallant commander nerved the crew of the Franklin to still greater efforts, and in a short time the men in the boats were repulsed, and gave up the attack.

The engagement lasted half an hour. The British lost 70 men, while the only person killed on board the schooner was its heroic captain.

With the advancing tide the Franklin floated from the soft ground where she had struck and, taking advantage of a fresh breeze that had sprung up, the crew brought her into Marblehead harbor. The news of the capture of the powder ship, and of the death of the captain in the contest with the boat, had preceded the arrival of the schooner, and the wharves and headlands were thronged with people as the victorious seamen sailed up the harbor.

The body of the hero was conveyed to his sorrowing young wife, and laid in state in the house of her father, which forms the subject of this sketch. On the following Wednesday the remains were carried into the "new meeting-house" next door, where Rev. Isaac Story conducted the services.

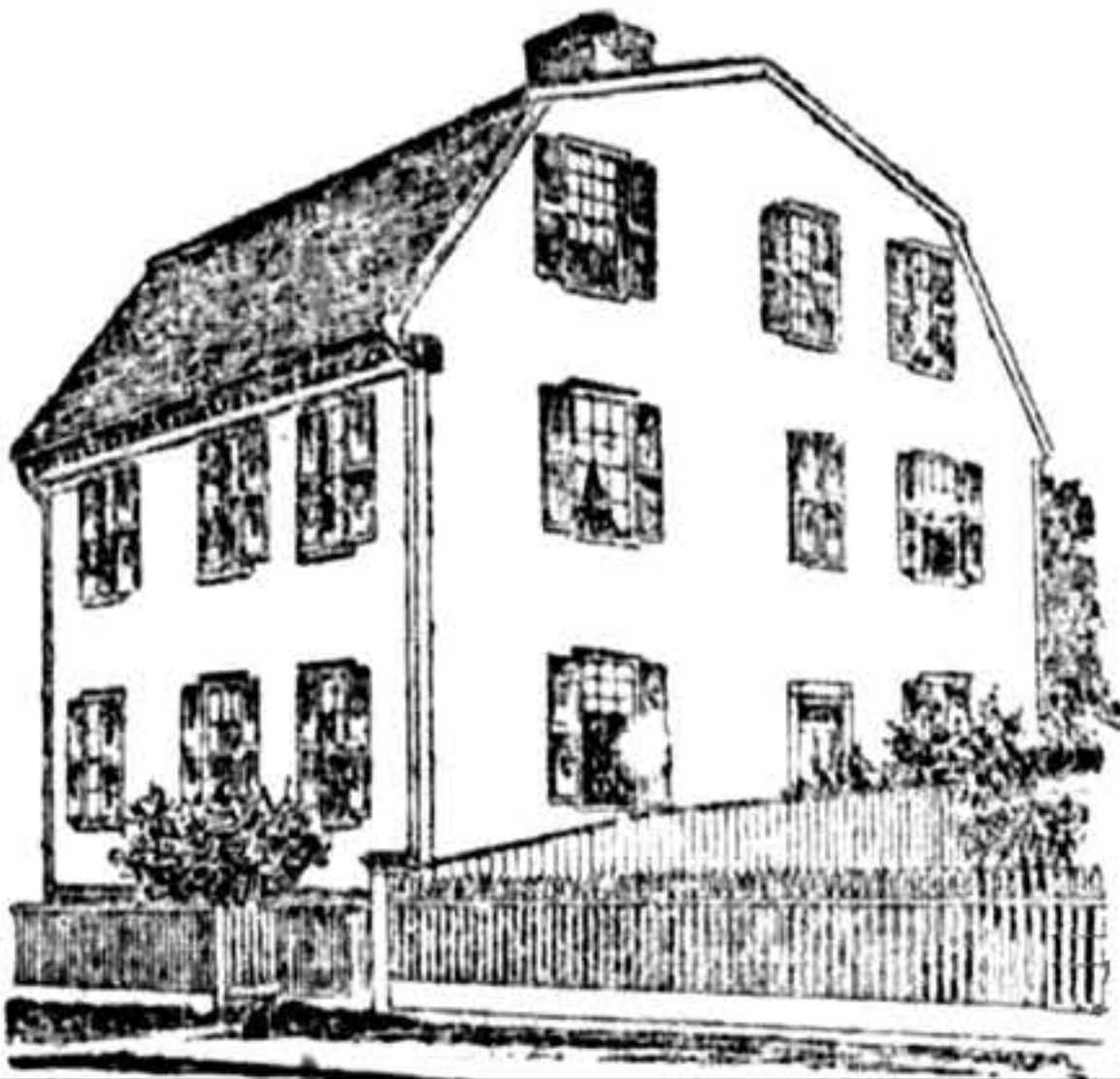
Amid the tolling of bells and the firing of minute guns the body was conveyed to its resting place on the "Old Burying hill," where a volley was fired by the Marblehead regiment, which did escort duty on the occasion.

Mugford was killed on the very day he was 27 years of age. One hundred years after, on the anniversary of his capture of the powder ship, the citizens of Marblehead dedicated a granite monument to record his exploit.

Mugford's widow married Arnold Martin, and their daughter Sarah became the wife of William Stacey. To their son, Capt. William Stacey, came the old house at their death, and his daughter, Sarah L., with her husband, John B. Lindsey, now owns and occupies it, letting a tenement on the lower floor to William H. Orne, who married their daughter.

The house has, therefore, sheltered six generations, including John Grist with his descendants.

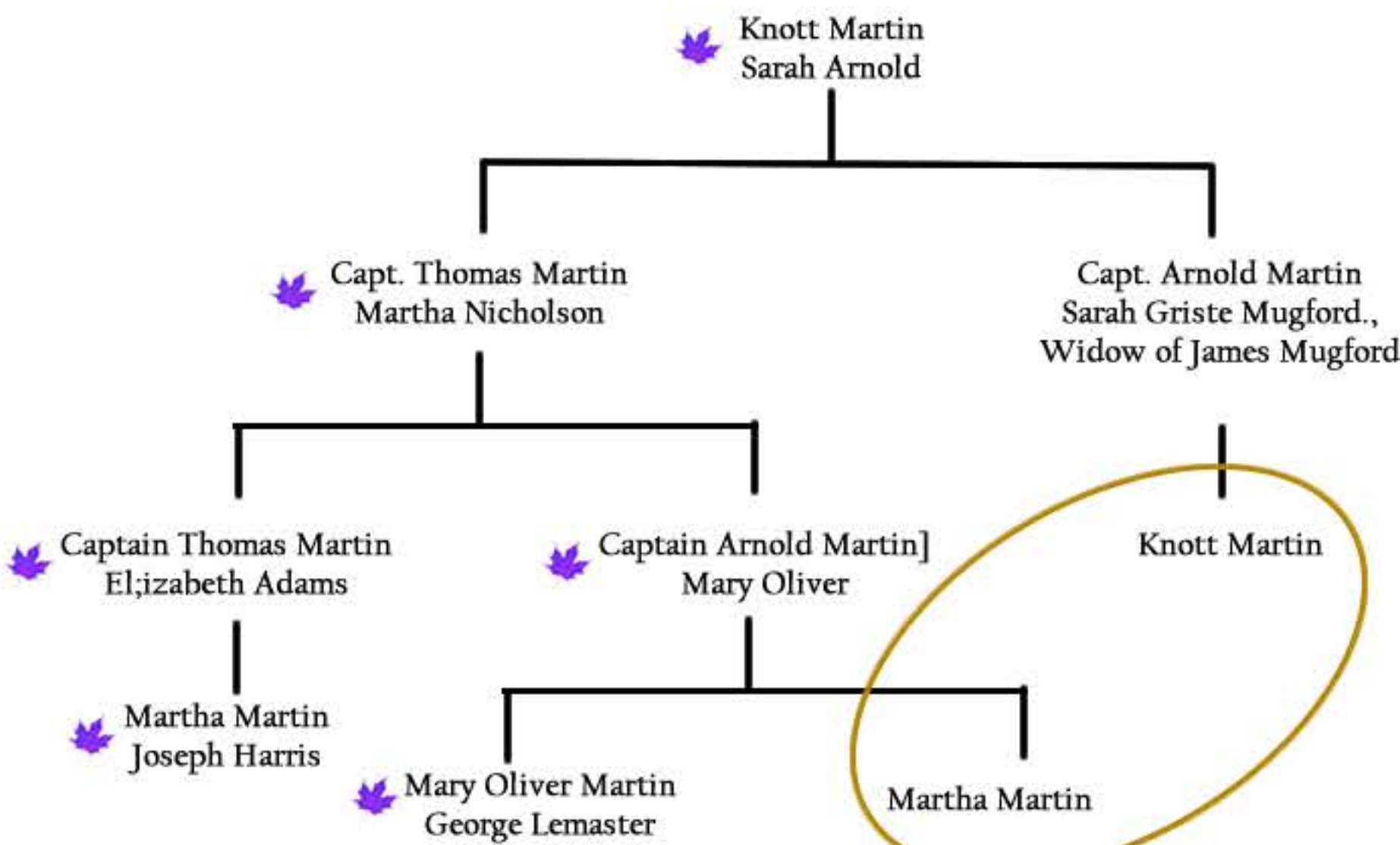
John Grist and his wife died at the same time, March 2, 1794, were of the same age, 66 years, and were buried on the same day in the same grave in St. Michael's church yard.



GRISTE HOUSE, MARBLEHEAD.

up. Mugford sensible of the danger of the situation, threatened the captain and all on board with instant death should the order be executed. His resolute manner terrified them and they refused to obey the commands of their officers.

The purple leaves mark our direct ancestors.



Transcript of the probate administration of Thomas Martin

Transcriptions of the probate papers appear below:

To the Honorable David A. White, Esquire, Judge of Probate for the County of Exxes.

Pursuant to a warrant from your honor, we, the sbuscribers, the committee therein named, having been first sworn, have made the following

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MARTIN

late of Marblehead in said county, coaster, deceased intestate, as shewn to us by the administrator.

Real Estate

Mansion house, land under and adjoining and barn thereon	\$ 610
Lot of marsh land near Ingalls Beach with a small house thereon	\$ 160
One cow right in smallpox pasture, so called	\$ 100
Two do on the great neck	\$ 200
One undivided third part of store, land under and thereto belonging, near to new wharf	\$ 100.
	\$1230

Personal Estate

Mahogany desk and eight day clock, large looking glass	\$ 28.00
2 ditto dining tables - maple 3 foot table, pine table	3.50
Round chair and broken stand, ? flag bottomed chairs, tray and ?	1.48
7 leather bottom chairs, old andirons, shovel and tongue, old table	2.20
3 old woolen quilts, 3 old blankets, green ? curtains	3.00
2 trunks, clothes horse, iron dogs, powder canister and horn	1.79
4 old chairs, short post bed's lead, under bed, old draws	1.75
1 feather and bolster, 1 ditto, 2 pillows, 1 ditto, under bed	18.12
Long frost bedstated, 2 old chairs, old barrel and broken glass	1.37
Mahogany hightop case of draws, 3 pair cotton sheets, 1 pair Russia do	3.00
2 pair cotton pillow cases, 3 linen do, diaper table cloth	.67
2 diaper towels, table cloth and napkin, patchwork quilt	1.71
1 looking glass, 5 leather bottom dining, pine table, broken sashes	4.18
Lot old rudder braces, old with loops, old pump gear and bars	10.20
Old iron and hoops of chair links and dead eyes, boom and gaff ?	8.15
Blocks of different kinds, parcel of old rigging and sundries	8.00
Runner tackle and blocks, 3 pair can hooks, old stay and sundries	5.75
Old pewter dish and plates, 2 large pewter dishes and cookery ware	2.00
Old glass lantern, 2 scale beams, 4 leather fine buckets	2.50
2 brass, 1 iron candlestick, mast caps, brass kettle, copper tea kettle	5.25
Bold iron weights, wheelbarrow, wheel, garden tools	2.50
Large iron kettle, lot of ironware, 2 cabin windows	2.50
Old table and settle, sloop's mainsail and jib, square sail	24.25
Old canvas, 2 barrels rosin, straps and old blocks, mast caps	10.00
Old cannon and swivel, 1 anchor, 1 ditto, 2 old anchors and stocks	39.00
Parcelof old rigging, old canvas, vessel's cross trees	5.50
D?ng fork, old truck wheels, grindstone, broken wheelbarrow	2.45
Parcel vessel's old shrouds, cable and chain plates	20.00
1 silver tablespoon and 3 teaspoons, silver can, family Bible	7.72
10 shares in Marblehead Bank	1000.00
	\$1225.23
Brought forward. Amount of real estate	1230.00
Amount of personal estate	1225.23
TOTAL	\$2455.23

Dated at Marblehead this tenth day of January, A.D. 1829.

John Bartlett, Administrator

Nathan Bowen, John Pedrick, William Goodwin } Committee

Essex, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Salem in and for said county on the third Tuesday in February A.D. 1829. The reverend John Bartlett, administrator, presents the foregoing and makes oath, that it contains a true and perfect inventory of the state of Thomas Martin, county, coaster, deceased, intestate, so far as has come to his hands or knowledge, and that, if anything further shall hereafter appear, he will cause it to be of record herewith in the probate office: -- it is thereupon decreed, that the the same be accepted, allowed and recorded.

(Signed) D. A. White, Judge of Probate

We the subscribers, appointed by the honorable Daniel A. White, esquire, judge, of probate for the county of Essex, to appraise all the real estate of Thomas Martin, late of Marblehead in said county, shoreman, deceased, intestate, and also to divide the same into four equal shares, if it will admit of such division without prejudice to or injuring the whole, having been first sworn and given notice to all parties concerned, have appointed the same as follows, vis.

The mansion house, with the land under and adjoining situate in Elm Street, with the barn and outhouse thereon standing. \$705.00

The one third part of the store with the land under and to the same belonging, situate in State street, bought of Robert Hooper, junior, administrator of Glover's estate. \$140.00

An old house, with the land underground to the same belonging, situate near Ingall's cove, so called, purchased of Robert Hooper junior, administrator as above. \$155.00

A piece of land, situate at the eastern end of John Martin's house in Elm Street, measuring about thirty two feet in front and extending the whole length of said Martin's garden, as the ditch now divides them. \$90.00

Two cows rights, numbered 16 and 1 in no. 2 on the great neck, so called, in said Marblehead. \$180.00

One cow's right in the smallpox pasture, so called, being half of no. 14, bought of Joshue Byrne. \$100.00

TOTAL \$1310.00

And after having appraised the same as aforesaid, we took a careful view of the same, and have divided the premises into four equal prarts or shares, as follows, vis:

No. 1. To number one, we have divided and set off, by meter and bounds, as follows: The front or northerly half of the mansion house, consisting of the front lower room, with all the unfinished entry in the westerly end of said house, excepting seven feet and six inches at the southerly end thereof, set off to number two; the front chamber over said lower room; the two bedrooms over said unfinished entry; the front half of the garret, divided by a line running east and west so as to leave the whole of the chimney in the back half thereof, assigned to number two; the front part of the cellar under said lower room as the same is now divided giving to number 2 the whole use of the arch, as it now is. The piece of land, yard, or way leading to the door at the eastern end of said house, measuring from the northeast corner of said house southerly twenty one feet, being two feet southerly of the door, then easterly on a strait line from said house ten feet, then returning northerly to the wall on the street, until it intersects a line extending from the said northeast corner of the house thirteen feet and six inches, ? the end door, entry, stairway from cellar to garret, and scuttle to be and remain in common for the use of the owners and occupants of the whole house. ? piece of garden land below said common land and wherever the necessary stands, bounded by a line commencing at the corner of the gate leading to the well, and seven feet distant from said barn, and running on a straight line easterly, till it strikes a vein an a stone of the underjoining of said house, and eight feet and six inches from the southwest corner of said house, then running northerly on a line in the direction north the said end of said house thirty eight feet and four inches from said corner of said house to Brimblecomb's land to a rock in the wall twelve feet and two inches easterly from the necessary, then westerly by he back of the necesary to the corner of the fence, then northerly as the fence now stands, to the gate or point first begun at, with the necessary thereon, we also assign to number one. The front or northerly end of the barn divided by a line running easterly and westerly, and measuring sixteen feet from said dividing line to the street, with the land under said front end, we also assign to number one. Reserving to the owners and occupants of number two a privilege of six feet for ingress and egress to and from the pantry or back door round the said southwest corner of said house to the said common land and barn. Said number one to pay number three ten dollars in money to make it equal to the rest.

No. 2. To number two, we have divided and set off, by meter and bounds, the back part of said mansion house, consisting of the back lower room and pantry, the chamber and bedroom over the same, the southerly half of the garret, and the southerly half of the cellar, divided as by number one aforesaid, and seventy feet and six inches of the unfinished entry, measuring from the door leaving from said lower room in the same. All the back or garden land, lying easterly from the piece above, set off to number one, and bounded beginning at the southeasterly corner of said house and running southerly on the piece set off to number one thirty eight feet four inches to Brimblecomb's land to the found mentioned in number one twelve feet two inches from the necessary, then easterly on said Brimblecomb's land, as the fence now runs, to the corner of Brimblecomb's front yard on Mugford Street, then northeasterly on said street, as the wall now runs, sixty feet to the point or corner of Brimblecomb's front garden on Mugford Street, then northwesterly on said street as the wall now runs, sixty feet to the point or corner of the common yard thirteen feet and eight inches from the northeasterly corner of said house. Also, the southerly end of said ? measuring sixteen feet from the dividing line or end set off to number one with the land under the same. Said number two entitled to all the privileges and uses in common to number one and also the right of the six feet privilege mentioned in number one round the southwesterly corner of said house to the common land and barn. Said number two is to pay to number three two dollars and fifty cents and to number four seven dollars and fifty cents to make them equal in value to the rest.

No. 3. To number three, we have set off and divided by notes and bounds, the one third part of the above with the land under and to the same belonging situate in State street, brought of Robert Hooper, junior, administrator. Also, the cows rights in the small pox pasture, being half of ? and also, the piece of land at the easterly end of John Martin's house, bounded , as above, by appraisal. Number three to receive of number two, two dollars and fifty cents and from number one, ten dollars in money to make it equal in value to the rest.

No. 4. To number four we have divided and set off by notes and bounds, the house and land situate near Ingalls cove, so called, bought of Robert Hooper junior, administrator of Glover's estae as noted and bounded by said deed of said Hooper to Thomas Martin. Also the two leases or cows rights number 16 and 1 in No 2 on the great neck, so called, in said Marblehead. Number two to pay number four seven dollars and fifty cents in money to make this number or share equal in value to the others.

Marblehead, March 4, 1829. Signed Ralph H. French, John Pedrick, William Goodwin } Committee.

Essex, ss.at a court of probate holden at Marblehead in and for said county on the second Wednesday in April, AD 1829. The foregoing return being dulty considered, It is therupon decreed, that the same be accepted , allowed and recorded, as an appraisement and division of all the real estate of Thomas Martin, late of Marblehead in said county, coaster, deceased, intestate, and that said real estate be assigned and settled as follows, vis. That all that part of said real estate described in number one in said return be assigned to and settled on the legal representatives of **Thomas Martin, junior, deceased, a son of said intestate, and on their heirs and assigns**; they having paid to John Martin the assignee of Number three in said said return, the sum of ten dollars, toward his distributive share of said real estate; as appears by receipt on file, that all that part of said real estate, described in number two in said return, be assigned to and settled on Emma Sparhawk, a daughter of said intestate, and on her heirs and assigns; she having paid to said John Martin the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, and to **Arnold Martin**, the assignee of number four in said return, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents toward their distributive share of said real estate, as appears by receipts on file; that all that part of said real estate described in number three in said return, be assigned to and settled on said John Martin, a son of said intestate, and on his heirs and assignsn, which with the sum of ten dollars received of the legal representatives of said **Thomas Martin, junior, decased**, and the sum of two dollars and fifty cents received of said Emma Sparkhawks makes his distributive share of said real estate and that all that part of said real estate, described in number four in said return be assigned to and settled on said **Arnold Martin, a son of said intestate**, and on his heirs and assigns, which with the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents received of said Emma Sparhawk, makes his distributive share of said real estate. All to be still helt to pay their rateable parts of what further debts and charges shall hearafter rise against said estate.

Signed D.A. White, judge of Probate.

To the Honorable Daniel A. White, Esquire, Judge of Probate for the County of Essex. John Bartlett, administator, presents the following, first account of administration of the estate of Thomas Martin late of Marblehead, in said county, coaster, deceased intestate. SAID ESTATE IS CREDITED, vis By amount of personal estate, as by inventory, \$1225.23. By gain on the sale made of the personal estate (accepting the bank shares) at the request of the heirs January 9, 1829, \$69.93 for a total of \$1295.16.

Said estate is charged Vis.

Expense of last sickness and funeral charges, Dr. Flagg's bill \$3.00, David Flen to do coffin \$9.00	\$12.00	
Samuel Romans do silver plate	5.00	
Nathaniel Romans do sexton \$5.73, Jospeh Mansfeld do do \$2.00	7.73	24.73
Paid passage to Salem probate court	.50	
Advertising administration	1.50	
John Martin Junior's bill	3.00	
Thomas peach's do} work done at the house preparing for appraisers	1.50	
nathan Bowen's do preparing papers	1.00	
Appraisers do \$5.75. John Gilley advertising and selling effects \$15.25	21.00	28.50
Nathan Bowen's bill \$1.25, taxes paid collector \$33.21	34.66	
Benjamin Sparhawk's bill	38.80	
John Sparkhawk's do	312.00	385.26
Expense allowed for my time and trouble in the course of administration	80.00	
		\$518.49
Brought forward. Amount credit	\$1295.16	
Amount of debit	518.49	
Balance Due Estate	776.67	

Dated at marblehead this sixth day of February A.D. 1829. Signed John Bartlett, Administrator

To the Honorable daniel A. White, Esquire, Judge of Probate for the County of Essex. Respectfully, shew Arnold martin, Emma Sparhawk, John Martin, Thomas Martin, Peter A. Martin, Mary A. Brown, and Martha Harris, That they are the heirs at law of Thomas Martin, late of Marblehead in said county, coaster, deceased, intestate; that the real estate of said deceased remains to be divided among them pursuant to law; and that your petitioners are desirous that the parties may hold their shares thereof in severalty.

They therefore pray, that a committee be appointed to divide said real estate among the said heirs agreeably to law. Dated at Salem this seventeenth day of February A.D. in 1829.

Signed Arnold Martin, John Martin, Emma Sparhawk, Thomas Martin, Peter A. Martin, Mary A. Brown, Martha Harris.

(NOTE: Arnold, John, and Emma were Thomas's three children. Thomas, Peter A., Mary A. Brown, and Martha Harris were his grandchildren, the children of his deceased son Thomas).