

DESCENT FROM EMANUEL DOWNING (1585-1659),
A BARRISTER OF THE INNER TEMPLE WHO PRACTICED
LAW IN DUBLIN, AND AT THE COURT OF WARDS AND
LIVERIES IN LONDON; WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS COMPANY, AND SERVED AS AGENT IN
LONDON FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY; WHO
SAILED TO MASSACHUSETTS ON THE THOMAS AND
FRANCES IN 1638, AND SETTLED IN SALEM; WHO IN 1645
ADVOCATED EXCHANGING CAPTURED AMERICAN
INDIANS FOR AFRICAN SLAVES AND INTRODUCING
SLAVERY INTO NEW ENGLAND; WHO RETURNED
PERMANENTLY TO BRITAIN IN 1654 AND WAS
APPOINTED TO THE POST OF CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
OF STATE IN SCOTLAND; AND WHO DIED IN EDINBURGH

Emanuel Downing (1585-1659), m.1622 Lucy Winthrop (1601-1679); parents of
John Downing (1640-1694), m.1669 Mehitabel Braybrook (1651-1721); parents of
Sarah Downing (1673-1724), m.1692 Thomas Lufkin (1668-1747); parents of
Thomas Lufkin (1695-1747), m.1720 Rachel Riggs (1704-1779); parents of
Nathaniel Lufkin (1728-1810), m.1754 Lydia Storey (1729-1822); parents of
Nathaniel Lufkin (1755-1838), m.1776 Mary Butler (b.1754); parents of
Jacob Butler Lufkin (1778-1848), m.1802 Elizabeth Ludden (1781-1860); parents of
Jacob Butler Lufkin (1807-1871), m.1832 Lydia Brown Baston (1810-1902); parents of
Anna Tileston Lufkin (1848-1929), m.1872 (Benjamin) Franklin Shaw (1842-1918); parents of
Lizzy Allen Shaw (1874-1968), m. Oscar Albertus Soule (1871-1956); parents of
(Walter) Juddson Soule (1902-1983), m.1922 Luella Georgia Wold (1903-1993); parents of
Robert Wesley Soule (1927-2025), m.1947 Madelyn Hafliger (living); parents of
Erik John Soule (living), m.1985 Lori Jean Simonson (living); parents of
Andrew Paul Soule (living), m.2016 Catharine Helen Webber (living); parents of
Carol Margaret Soule (living).

IN 1645 EMANUEL DOWNING WROTE TO HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW GOVERNOR JOHN WINTHROP, AT A TIME WHEN WAR WAS THREATENED WITH THE NARRAGANSETT INDIANS:

“If vpon a Just warre the Lord shall deliuer them into our hands, wee might easily haue men women and children enough to exchange for Moores, which wil be more gaynefull pilladge for vs than wee conceive, for I doe not see how wee can thrive, vntill wee get into a stock of slaves sufficient to doe all our buisines...”



Emanuel Downing House, Salem, Massachusetts
(torn down in 1753)