## DESCENT FROM THE REVEREND JOHN LAWRENCE (BORN ABOUT 1500, DIED AFTER 1572)

"A family of the name of Lawrence were of St. James Park. There was of that family a very worthy man, who had fled for religion in Queen Mary's day, and was privately a teacher of a congregation of such as so fled from their habitation, when they could at any time get together. In his old age he was preacher at Fressingfield, and as he was a man of great estate, so was he of great liberality to the poor, and full of good works."

(Zaccheus Leverland [died 1677], travel journal, 1655)

"...a famous preacher, a reverend grave minister who had been a preacher to those who, fleeing for religion in Q. Marie's day, met together in woods and secret places, as they could. He was a gentleman of a great estate and exceeding liberality to the poor; in the time of Q. Elizabeth he preached at Fressingfield."

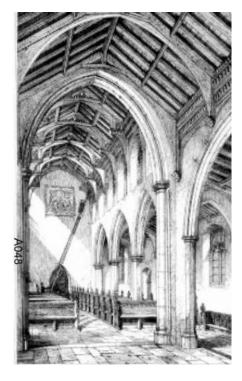
(Thomas Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph [1674-1735])

John Lawrence b 1500 John Lawrence 1525-1611 John Lawrence b 155-Anne Lawrence 1582-1648 Anne Peck 1619-1671 Samuell Mason 1644-1705 Priscilla Mason 1641-1715 Sarah Mason b 1720 Joseph Fitch 1681-1741 Anne Fitch 1675-1715 :....: Judith Fitch 1704-1743 Ann Bradford 1699-1788 Sarah Bradford b 1706 Samuel Wattles 1729-178-Ann Dimmick 1724-1779 Prudence Lathrop b 1748 David Wattles 1755-1842 Wicome Clark 1750-1831 Israel Crocker 1769-1813 Lydia Wattles 1791-1867 Tamesin Clark 1774-1874 James Lathrop Crocker 1801-1874 Nancy Philena Totman 1822-1913 Melissa Ann Sexton 1810-1899 Chauncey Brewer Crocker 1838-1924 Milton A. Wavle 1870-1948 Morgan O. Carpenter 1840-1933 Cora Ella Crocker 1860-1937 Rexa Lorie Wavle 1898-1972 Emron Osborne Carpenter 1868-1950 Mertie Belle Whitney 1889-1964 Donald Milton Webber 1918-1976 Clayton Enoch Carpenter 1888-1972 Robert Whitney Wimble 1933-2023 Laura Lucille Carpenter 1920-1990 Carol Ruth Wimble (living) David Milton Webber 1938-2008 (David) Jay Webber (living)

Cathaine Helen Webber (living)







John Lawrence's illegal Protestant congregation, during the reign of Queen Mary, may have included members of the extended Fiske/Gold/Phillips family. Robert Fiske (1521-1602) was

a wheelwright of Fressingfield, and St. James, South Elmham. [He] Married Mrs. Sibilla Barbor (nee Gold), a widow. Sibilla was in great danger in the time of Queen Mary's religious persecution of 1553-58, as was her sister Isabella Phillips, who was confined in Norwich Castle for her religion and escaped death only by the power of her brothers Paul and Peter Gold, who were men of some influence in the country. ... In an account by Robert's great-grandson, Rev. John Fiske, his grandparents and great-grandparents are described as "eminently zealous in the true religion." Robert fled to Geneva for religion's sake in the days of Queen Mary, but was once more residing at St. James in 1567-8 (mentioned in the lay subsidy) and at the time of his death. ... He was buried at St. James in 1602.