





further side of Wading River (Portsmouth).  
**1654, Jul. 21.** He had a grant of a tract of land from the Dutch government of New York, now in Westchester County, N. Y. This was called Cornell's Neck, and there was litigation concerning it in 1666, his daughter Sarah Bridges claiming it from the will of her father, said Thomas Cornell.

**1653, Aug. 2.** He was on a jury in case of Thomas Bradley, who bound "that by extremity of heat the said Thomas was overcome, and so perished by himself in the wilderness."

**1654.** Commissioner.  
**1653.** Freeman.

**1657, Dec. 10.** Rebecca Cornell was granted 10 acres, in ten of 10 acres granted her husband.

**1659, Aug. 15.** Rebecca Cornell deeded to her son and daughter Kent viz: Thomas Kent, above 10 acres.

**1661, Apr. 30.** Rebecca Cornell, widow and executrix of Thomas Cornell, sold Richard Hart for £20, two parcels of land containing 8 acres with house, fruit trees, &c.

**1653, Oct. 25.** She deeded land to son Joshua Cornell, at Dartmouth.

**1653, Jul. 27.** She deeded to eldest son Thomas Cornell, all her housing, orchard, land and fencing in Portsmouth.

**1669.** She deeded land to son Samuel, of Dartmouth.

**1673, Feb. 8.** The Friends' records state "Rebecca Cornell, widow, was killed strangely, at Portsmouth, in her own dwelling house, was twice viewed by the Coroner's Inquest, digged up and buried again by her husband's grave in their own land."

Her son Thomas was charged with her murder, but although the jury's verdict in regard to this affair was that "he did murder his mother Rebecca, or was aiding or abetting thereto," yet the evidence in the case would seem to have been in no way conclusive. There was much evidence taken. The son said in his own defense that having discoursed with his mother about an hour and a half he went into the next room and stand three-quarters of an hour. His wife then sent his son Edward to his grandmother to know whether she would have some milke boiled for her supper. The child saw some fire on the door and came back and fetched the candle. Then Henry Straight, myself and the rest followed in a huddle. Henry Straight saw when he supposed was an Indian, drunk and burnt on the floor, but when Thomas Cornell perceived by the light of the candle who it was, he cried "Oh Lord it is my mother." Her clothes and body were much burned, and the jury found a wound on uppermost part of stomach.

John Briggs testified as to an apparition of a woman that appeared at his bedside in a dream, and he cried out "in the name of God what art thou?" the apparition answered "I am your sister Cornell" and three said "see how I was burnt with fire."

John Russell, of Dartmouth, testified that George Soule told him (since the decease of Rebecca Cornell), that once coming to the house of Rebecca, in Portsmouth, she told him that in the spring she intended to go and dwell with her son Samuel, but she feared she would be made away with before that. Thomas, Stephen, Edward and John Cornell (sons of Thomas), gave testimony as to their grandmother's death, saying their father was last of her trouble, but it came to her mind "resist the Devil and he will flee from you" and then she said, she was well satisfied. (By one account Thomas Cornell is given two additional children, viz: William\* and Anna).

**1673, Jul. 1.** A writing was presented to the Court in Plymouth colony by William Earle, of Dartmouth, which was by some turned the will of Thomas Cornell of Rhode Island, late deceased, in which is mentioned the disposal of some estate in our colony. The court deferred accepting it for the present and appointed William Earle and John Cornell, brother of deceased, to take care of the estate that it be not squandered.

**1675, Oct. 29.** The court ordered that such part of estate as deceased left in Plymouth colony, should be divided as follows: To widow and three children he had by her one-half. To four eldest children of said Cornell, the other half which they were to have in trust, being sons. The right of widow Sarah, for life, in the lands, was to be paid her out of the personal, if she required it.

Inventory, £77, 19s. 6d., of real and personal estate in Dartmouth, viz: 8 oxen, 4 geldings, 2 two years, 3 colts, 4 heifers, 4 steers, 3 yearlings, house and land £10, gun, pair of old wheels, scythe, pair of handlooms, &c.

**1679, Jan. 4.** Differences having arisen between Thomas Cornell, eldest son of Thomas Cornell, deceased, and David Lake of Narragansett (now in New Plymouth), now husband to Sarah, late widow to Thomas Cornell, of Portsmouth, concerning right of dower belonging to said Sarah, in estate of late husband, and more especially in farm said Thomas Cornell possesseth, the said differences being in a friendly manner compromised, a full discharge is now given by said Lake, except for a bill of £20.

<b>II.</b>	SARAH,	1 b.		
	m. (1) BIRK, Sep. 1.	1 d.		
	THOMAS WILLETT,	1 d.	of	Willet.
	m. (2) 1657, Nov. 3.	1 b.		
	CHARLES BRIDGES,	1 d.	of	Bridges.

<b>III.</b>	REBECCA,	1 b.		
	m. 1647, Dec. 19.	1 d.		
	GEORGE WOOLSEY,	1 b.	of	Woolsey.
		1 d.		

<b>IV.</b>	—	1 b.		
	m.	1 d.		
	THOMAS KENT,	1 b.	of	Kent.
		1 d.		

<b>V.</b>	RICHARD,	1 b.		Flushing, Rockaway, N. Y.
	m.	1 d. 1694.		
	ELIZABETH,	1 b.	of	
		1 d. 1694 +		

**1666.** He was in Flushing as early as this date, but subsequently received a grant at Rockaway. He held the office of Justice of the Peace, at Flushing.

**1672, Jun. 21.** He, of Cow Bay, N. Y., gave a receipt to Gershom Wodell, of Portsmouth, R. I., for all demands.

**1675, Apr. 10.** He was appointed by his sisters Sarah Bridges and Rebecca Woolsey, attorney to recover legacies specified by will of deceased mother.

**1673, Apr. 29.** He transferred his power of attorney to his brother-in-law William Earle, and brother John Cornell.

**1693, Nov. 7.** Will—proved 1694, Oct. 30. Exs. wife Elizabeth, and sons William and Richard Overseers, friends, Colonel Thomas Willett, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hicks and Captain Daniel Whitehead. To children of John Washburne, deceased, all debts owed them. To son William, certain land at Rockaway after death of wife Elizabeth, and son William also to have dwelling house, orchard, tillage, garden &c., but Eliz. death to retain those while widow. To son Thomas, certain land. To son Jacob, land. To daughter Elizabeth Lawrence, 10 acres. To daughter Mary Cornell, £100, one-third at eighteen or marriage and two-thirds yearly succeeding. To wife use of all land at Rockaway except what is given William, the whole command of all my negroes, stock, and utensils of husbandry, except six cows and calves, and a plow share given William, and twelve two year heifers I give to my twelve grandchildren at age; that is to say to the children of my son Richard, my son Washburne, and my son John Lawrence. To daughter Sarah Arnold, two cows. To son William, at death of wife, negroes James and Diana. The lands in Cow Neck and Crab Meadow to be sold to value and divided to all my children. To five sons undivided lands in Hemisield. To sons Richard, Thomas, Jacob and John, liberty to put horses on heather. To sons Thomas and William, liberty to put swing on beach. To children of deceased John Washburne and Captain Charles Lodwick, money in house.

<b>VI.</b>	JOHN,	1 b.		Dartmouth, Mass., Hempstead, N. Y.
	m.	1 d.		
	MARY RUSSELL,	1 d. 1645.	of John & Dorothy ( )	Russell.

**1673, Jul. 4.** Dartmouth. He was one of those appointed by the court to take care of so much of his brother Thomas's estate as was in Dartmouth.

**1678.** Hempstead. In this year the government of New York sent a vessel eastward to rescue such settlers driven off by the Indian war as chose to come to New York and make settlement. In the autumn of this year John Cornell, wife, and five small children, came to the west side of Cow Neck, as shown by records of Hempstead, "having been driven from the east by the Indians." He undertook to build a house, but the Hempstead proprietors considered him an intruder on their rights, and appointed a committee to go and tear his house down. The matter was brought before the court by John Cornell, his brother Richard, "being one of the bench." When it became known that John Cornell held a patent from the governor he was not further molested, and the rioters were fined. His descendants still live on the property.

**1689, May 10.** Justice of the Peace.

He and his wife were buried on his farm at Sand Point, part of which is still used for a family burial ground. It is assumed that his wife, who was known to have been Mary Russell, could have been none other than the daughter of John and Dorothy Russell (though the will of John Russell mentions only sons).

<b>VII.</b>	JOSUA,	1 b.		Dartmouth, Mass.
	m.	1 d.		

<b>VIII.</b>	ELIZABETH	1 b.		
	m. 1661, Jul. 9.	1 d. 1708 +		
	CHRISTOPHER ALMY,	1 b. 1652		
		1 d. 1713, Jan. 30.	of William & Audry ( )	Aly.

<b>IX.</b>	SAMUEL,	1 b.		Dartmouth, Mass.
	m.	1 d.		
	DEBORAH,	1 b.		
		1 d.	nf	

1. William, 1644.  
 2. Thomas, 1645.

1. Sarah,

1. William,  
 2. Richard,  
 3. Thomas,  
 4. Jacob,  
 5. John,  
 6. Daughter,  
 7. Elizabeth,  
 8. Sarah,  
 9. Daughter,  
 10. Mary,

1. Richard,  
 2. Joshua,  
 3. Mary,  
 4. John,  
 5. Caleb,  
 6. Rebecca,

1. Sarah, 1662, Apr. 17.  
 2. Elizabeth, 1663, Sep. 29.  
 3. William, 1665, Oct. 27.  
 4. Ann, 1667, Nov. 29.  
 5. Christopher, 1669, Dec. 26.  
 6. Rebecca, 1671, Jan. 26.  
 7. John, 1673, Apr.  
 8. John, 1675, Oct. 10.  
 9. Child, 1676.

1. Stephen,