

WILLIAM BURR, second son of Colonel John and Deborah (Barlow) Burr, of Fairfield, Connecticut, was born December 9, 1711; and was baptized, in Stratfield Parish (now Bridgeport), February 10, 1711-12.


He lived in Fairfield (Stratfield Parish), and represented the town in the General Assembly at twelve sessions between 1754 and 1759. He died, May 5, 1769, at the age of 57, and is buried in the old Bridgeport cemetery.

He was married, August 4, 1736, to Mary, daughter of Captain Joseph Wakeman, of Fairfield. She died March 19, 1742-43, at the age of 33; her only child died in infancy.

He next married, May 16, 1744, Charity, widow of Joseph Strong, and daughter of John Wells, Jr., of Stratford. By this marriage there were three daughters. Mrs. Burr died October 2, 1769, in her 48th year.

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SHUBAEL CONANT was the eldest child of Josiah and Joanna (Dimmick) Conant, of Windham, Connecticut, grandson of Exercise Conant, and great-grandson of Roger Conant, the predecessor of John Endicott in the government of the plantation which was the forerunner of the Massachusetts Bay Company. He was born in Windham, July 15, 1711, but his father soon after removed to Mansfield in the same county.

He studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the Windham County Association, May 21, 1734. The next year, he was married to Eunice, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Eleazar Williams (Harv. 1708), and began his career as a lawyer in Mansfield. His clerical education was, however, still remembered, and in 1743 he was invited to be-

come the successor of his father-in-law in the Mansfield pulpit, but declined. Meantime, in 1739, he had been appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia, and in 1741 had represented the town in the General Assembly,—an office which he filled in thirty sessions between this date and 1760, being also Speaker of the House at twenty-one sessions, from 1753. In 1760 he was advanced to the Upper House, and held that position till his death; being also from 1766 Judge of the County Court and of the Probate Court for Windham District. He was for several years a deacon in the church in Mansfield, and probably no one of his generation exercised a wider or more healthful influence in the town and county than he.

His first wife died September 10, 1736, in her 25th year, leaving a daughter, who became the wife of the Rev. John Storrs (Y. C. 1756), and the mother of the Rev. Dr. Richard Salter Storrs, of Braintree, Massachusetts.

He next married, April 20, 1738, Ruth, daughter of Caleb Conant, of Windham, by whom he had three sons, who were graduated at this College, in 1756, 1765, and 1776, respectively.

He married for his third wife Sarah, widow of Samuel West, Jr., of Tolland, Connecticut, and daughter of Ichabod Lathrop. She died very soon, on the 21st of July, 1774.

Judge Conant died in Mansfield, September 16, 1775, at the age of 64. The sons above mentioned, as well as three daughters by the same marriage, survived their father. His estate was valued at £1637.

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