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45. MARY<sup>4</sup> CHRISTOPHERS (Hon. Capt. Christopher,<sup>5</sup> Hon. Richard,<sup>2</sup> Hon. Christopher<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 25, 1714; bap. Aug. 29, 1714, at New London, Conn.; d. April 3, 1736, in her 22nd year, at Middletown, Conn., and was buried there in Riverside Cemetery, gravestone. She m. Nov. 19, 1729, at New London, Conn., to Hon. Col. Jabez Hamlin (as his first wife), b. July 28, 1709, at Middletown, Conn.; he lived at Middletown, Conn. Yale College Class of 1728. Colonel in the Militia; the leading civilian in Middletown, and first Mayor there from 1784 till his death; Judge of Probate, 1752-1789; Judge of Hartford County Court, 1754, for 30 years; Council of Safety in Revolutionary War; Deputy, Connecticut General Assembly, 1731-1773; Speaker of the Assembly; Governor's Council, 1758-1766 and 1773-1785; Deacon in the Congregational Church, 1754 till his death. He d. at Middletown, April 25, 1791, in his 82nd year, and was there buried in Riverside Cemetery. He was a son of Hon. John Hamlin and his wife Mary Collins (who was a daughter of Nathaniel Collins, Harvard College, Class of 1660, and first minister of Middletown, Conn.), of Middletown, Conn.

Children: 5 (Hamlin), 2 sons and 3 daughters, all b. in Middletown, Conn.

- +161 i. Sarah,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 3, 1730; d. March 15, 1799; m. Jan. 16, 1752, to General Comfort Sage, of Middletown, Conn.
- 162 ii. John,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1731; d. Aug. 28, 1736; not m.
- 163 iii. Christopher,<sup>5</sup> b. April 25, 1733; d. Aug. 5, 1768; m. July 4, 1764, at Glastonbury, Conn., to Abigail Talcott (dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Mosely) Talcott, of Glastonbury, Conn.), b. Aug. 21, 1738; d. Sept. 24, 1804, by whom he had no issue. She m. (2) June 14, 1770, at Middletown, Conn., to Capt. Timothy Starr (as his 2nd wife, whose first wife was Eunice Parsons, who d. April 1, 1769), b. Dec. 24, 1730, at Middletown; d. Jan. 3, 1802, at Middletown, by whom she had 1 (Starr) son, Christopher Hamlin Starr, *who was not in Christophers line.*
- 164 iv. Mary,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 21, 1734; d. Sept. 17, 1736.
- 165 v. Esther,<sup>5</sup> b. March 22 (or 23), 1736; d. Jan. 13, 1812; m. (1) Oct. 13, 1756, to Capt. Jonathan Arnold, a mariner, b. —; d. —, by whom she had no issue. She m. (2) March 17, 1776, at Middletown, Conn., to George Phillips, b. —; d. before March 24, 1788, when she was called a widow in her father's will, and by whom she had no issue.

In the Riverside Cemetery, at Middletown, there stands a stone thus inscribed: "Here lies interred the body of Mary, the virtuous consort of Jabez Hamlin, Esq., and daughter of Christopher Christophers, Esq., of New London, who fell asleep April ye 3rd, 1736, in the 22nd year of her age."

The family legend runs that Mary<sup>4</sup> Christophers sailed from New London to New Haven, to attend the Yale commencement exercises, and that Jabez Hamlin, then a senior at Yale, saw her approach the landing on ship board through a telescope, and then and there selected her, she being dressed in blue, as his partner for the commencement ball, his desire was accomplished and the friendship ripened into love and she became his wife until death claimed her in 1736.

Hon. Col. Jabez Hamlin m. (2) Dec. 6, 1736, at Middletown, Conn., to Margaret Phillips (dau. of Capt. George Phillips, by his wife Hope Stowe, of Middletown), b. Aug. 31, 1713; d. Sept. 6, 1748, by whom he had 2 (Hamlin) children, viz.: *not in Christophers line.*

1. John, b. Sept. 5, 1737; d. Dec. 15, 1750; not m.
2. George, b. Feb. 16, 1739-40; d. Sept. 16 (or 22), 1760; not m.; will dated June 2, 1760.

Hon. Col. Jabez Hamlin m. (3) April 5, 1749, at Middletown, Conn., to Abigail Chauncey (dau. of Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey, Yale College, 1702, by his wife Sarah Judson, of Durham, Conn.), b. Oct. 2 (or 23), 1717, at Durham, Conn.; d. Nov. 3, 1768, at Middletown, Conn., and was there buried, gravestone.

Children: 3 (Hamlin), 1 son and 2 daughters, *not in Christophers line.*

3. Jabez, b. Dec. 11, 1752; d. Sept. 20, 1776.
4. Margaret, b. June 22, 1755 (or 1756); d. —; m. Sept. 11, 1795, Samuel Canfield.
5. Abigail, b. March 4, 1758; d. Sept. 10, 1759.

Hon. Col. Jabez Hamlin m. (4) April 2, 1771, at —, to Mrs. Susannah (Newton) Whittlesey (dau. of Rev. Roger and Mary (Hooker) Newton, of Milford, Conn., and widow of Rev. Samuel Whittlesey, Yale College 1729, of Milford, Conn.), b. July 14, 1716, at Milford, Conn.; d. May (or April) 9, 1803, at Middletown, Conn., and was there buried, gravestone.

Children: None.

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46. CHRISTOPHER<sup>4</sup> CHRISTOPHERS (Hon. Capt. Christopher,<sup>3</sup> Hon. Richard,<sup>2</sup> Hon. Christopher<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 10, 1717; bap. Oct. 13,