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Hello all HFA members – News, questions and suggestions have been slow for this issue, so we are going to revisit an issue that appeared over ten years ago. In 1996, Cousin Catherine McCausland wrote a very interesting account of what life would have been like aboard the Ship Lyon, a part of the Winthrop Fleet that brought to America in 1630 our fore-parents Robert and Joanne Cutter/Cutler Hale in 1630.

I have always been curious thought early navigations instruments, and have often thought what our lives would have been if Robert & Joanna had not come to America, how many of us would still be in Canterbury? For example - My Dad enlisted in “World War 1!” for the US. Had we been living in England in the time of “The War to end all Wars” he certainly would have been in the war, but a lot sooner, and for a lot longer. How would your life have been different?

#### The Voyage of 1630

Our earliest Hale ancestors, Robert and Joanna Hale, came to this country as part of Governor Winthrop's "Great Emigration" of 1630. Although we do not have a great number of details regarding the crossing, we do have some facts about the Atlantic voyages of that time, providing interesting food for thought about what the Hales and other ancestors endured.

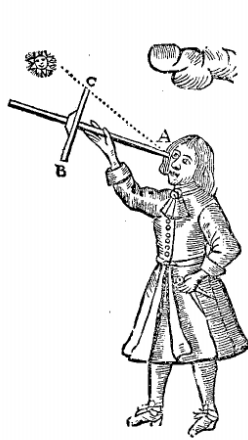
Crossing the Atlantic in 1630 was a long, uncomfortable and risky ordeal. At that time ships had not been built to accommodate passengers, rather they were constructed for trade and freight. When it was apparent that ships needed to be adapted to carry large numbers of people, those that were built for wine trade with the Mediterranean were selected. These vessels were especially well-sealed, caulked and quite dry inside. The Lyon, believed to be the ship that carried the Hales, was probably of this type. From 1630 until 1632, the Lyon made four successful voyages to the colonies, once saving the colonists from scurvy by arriving just in time with lemons and limes from England.

It is believed the Lyon sailed in late March, carrying the Hales and others, and arrived in Massachusetts late in May, a long voyage. The usual length of these crossings varied from 6 to 12 weeks.

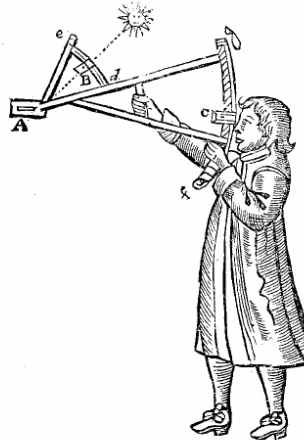
The voyages were planned and organized by verbal communication in these early years, since there was no system of advertising, nor were there even regular sailing

The prospects of religious freedom, adventure and improvement of economic status appealed to many. While Robert Hale was the son of Sir Charles Hale of Canterbury England, Robert, about 20 years of age, may have sought religious freedom or have been drawn to the idea of starting his family in a new land. Of course, one had to be approved for the voyage. For the Hales, the fare would have been several hundred dollars in today's money.

Governor Winthrop, while on his voyage to New England, records in his *Journal*, on April 15, 1630:—"at noon the captain made observation by the cross-staff, and found we were forty-seven degrees thirty-seven minutes north latitude."



SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MARINER USING A CROSS-STAFF  
From Seller's "Practical"



SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MARINER USING DAVIS' QUADRANT  
From Seller's "Practical"

Reverend John White, and the other organizers of the fleet, wanted persons of good moral character, who also could contribute skills to the colony.

Passengers paid fares for themselves and their possessions. Conditions on these small vessels were cramped to say the least, with women and children given accommodations on boards beneath the decks, and men sleeping in hammocks wherever they could be affixed. Carrying adequate food for the trip was always a concern, as was the quality of the food. The diet consisted mainly of dried beef and pork, brown and white flour biscuits, oatmeal, and dries peas cooked into a soup. The lack of fresh vegetables produced scurvy in many, and contributed to many deaths even after arrival, plain water was not safe after long periods, so most people drank beer dally. At times fish were caught to supplement this diet.

Storms were always a threat, and could easily throw a ship off course, lengthening the voyages. During a storm, women and children were not allowed on deck, and were confined to the cramped space below, where comfort and sanitation was difficult. Livestock, kept on the decks, was often lost in fierce storms. The temperature was generally cold throughout the voyage, and it is thought that the only heat was one stove below the deck.

The settlers were a determined group,. They must have entertained each other with stories and such during these long days. We do know there were scheduled prayer meetings and catechism classes for children.

There was surely great relief and anticipation when the Lyon sailed into Charlestown Harbor late in May, 1630. The Hales and other settlers set about planning for shelter. usually lean-to arrangements temporarily, while constructing their sturdier wooden houses. The ships of the fleet continued to arrive through July, and people seriously prepared for the first winter, which proved very cold indeed.

Robert and Joanna lived first in Dorchester, Then in 1632, moved across the river to Charlestown with a group of 35 others - their challenges and opportunities were just beginning.

Catherine McCausland(12) Frances H. Forbes(1 1) Eleanor Hale Jones(10) Mary Agnis Hale(9) David A, Hale Jr.(8) David A. Hale & Laura Hale (1st Cousins)(7) Rev David Hale & Rev Richard Hale brothers of Nathan)(6) Richard Hale (5) Samuel Hale(4) Rev John Hale(3) Robert Hale(2) Sir Charles Hale (1)

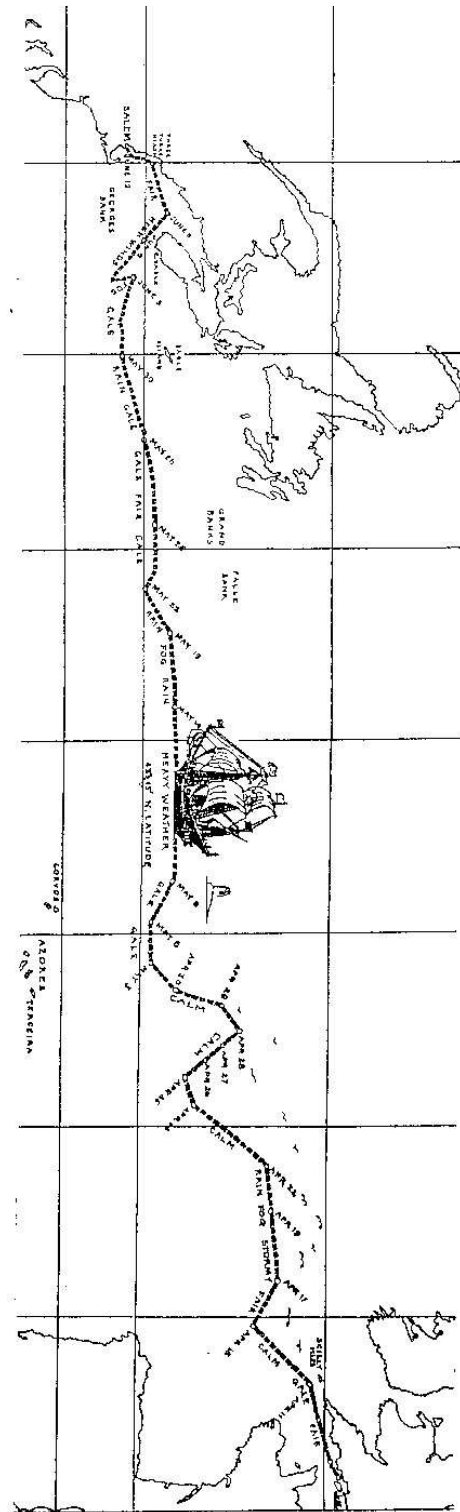
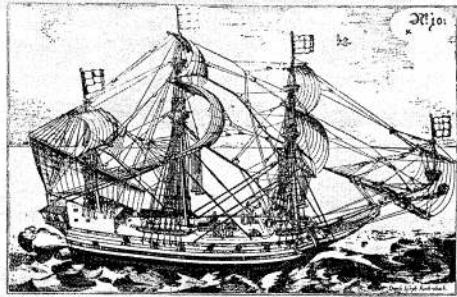
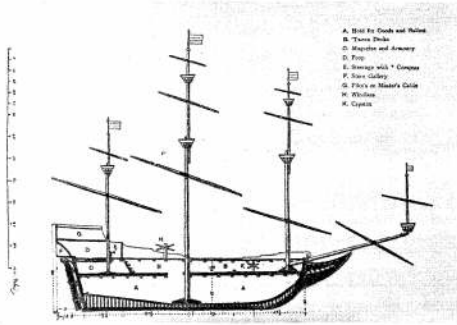


Chart of the Winthrop Fleet Course From England Late March – Early April To Salem Mass Early June 1630



A EUROPEAN SHIP OF 1629



Most of you are aware that Robert Hale, and his wife Joanne (Cutter/Cutler) immigrated to the Mass Bay Colonies with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. We all assume that Robert & Joanna Hale came to the Mass Bay Colonies aboard the Ship Lyon, The book "The Winthrop Fleet of 1630" by Charles Edward Banks published 1930 by The Riverside Press lists the passengers of the Arbella, and Robert & Joanna Hale are not listed on that list. They were, however, included as members of the fleet, The Ship Lyon was part of the fleet, and was a "Sweet Ship" meaning a well made ship, dry and sea worthy, and the type of ship that was used in the early 1600's to carry wine & passengers since passenger ships per se were not available. In late March or early April 700 passengers left England and only 500 arrived in the Mass Bay Colonies in early June 1630.

Over 200 passengers died in the crossing, and another 50 or so did not recover from scurvy and other sicknesses contracted on the trip. Gov. Winthrop wrote to Mrs. Winthrop (She was to follow on a later fleet after he had Established Residence in the Colonies) instructing her as to clothing, food Etc to bring when she traveled on a later sailing .

The Winthrop Fleet navigated by use of a "Cross-Staff" which allowed the Captain to determine the angle of the sun and determine the latitude, longitude was calculated by estimating speed traveled and time elapsed, since it was not possible to determine longitude by instrumentation until the mid 1700 when clocks were available.

We know that Robert & Joanna Hale emigrated from Canterbury, Kent, England, and in 1668, Mrs. John Glover Shaw, and her son John Chipman Shaw visited the tomb of Sir Charles Hale, the father of Robert, buried in Thanington, Canterbury, England and obtained two sprigs of ivy which were carefully brought to Beverly, and planted at Hale House at the Spring Quarterly Meeting on July 14, 1668.

Does anyone have any info regarding a Mr. John Staniford who lived in Salem, Ma, and sometime after 1925, a Miss Staniford Hale had his portrait shipped from Salem to California.

Charts & Maps from History of Charlestown by Frothingham Pub 1845 – The Winthrop Fleet of 1630 by Charles E. Banks Pub by Riverside press 1930

# Poem By Dr. William Hale

William Hale, Born Dover NH 1856 Graduated  
Brown University 1880. And University of New  
York City 1883 with MD  
Practiced Gloucester Massachusetts

## To My River, The Piscataqua

I see thee now my beautiful river,  
I see thee now o wood-loved river,  
A-shining under the setting sun!  
I see thy soft bank's golden brown  
where the sunbeams love to settle down  
And linger one by one

And the song thou singest is love untold,  
And the smile thou givest is bright as gold;  
Thou fillest my grateful soul with peace,  
And the short-lived sweets or a honeyed youth  
Are forgot in the dream of a purer truth,-  
A dream that ne'er shall cease.

And my life shall nobler and purer be  
That its youth and dreams were passed by thee,  
Bathed bright and pure in thy sunlit tide.  
Those dear lost days<sup>1</sup>. they seem hut now  
A beautiful promise, a holy vow,  
As o'er the waves I glide.

On the breast of life's restless river,  
Painting a fair land washed by a river  
Where soon, forever my soul shall rest-  
After a little waking and sleeping,  
After a little smiling and weeping-  
With those I love the best

William(9), Francis(8), Samuel(7),  
Samuel(6), Samuel(5). Samuel(4), Rev  
John(3), Robert(2), Sir Charles(1)

From Joshua Hale

I checked my ancestry.com profile and  
below is the information I have derived  
from world-tree, and other research:

Major Lewis Hale (1785-1832)

Born:Derby New Haven CT

Died:Kingston NY

Bemon Hale (1757-1794) Born:

Derby New Haven CT Died: Same

Abraham Hale (1727-

1812)Lived:CT

William Hale (1687-1759)

Born:Mass Died:CT

Thomas Hale (1651-1728)

Lived: CT

Thomas Hale (1606-1682)

Born: Hertfordshire England, Died:

Mass

Can anyone help me find out more in-  
formation?

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