

*A History of the*  
**Clafin-Richards**  
**House Residents**  
*From 1660 to 1922*

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Mary F. Richards was the last private resident at the Claflin-Richards house.  
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## Claflin-Richards House Residents

The name of the house comes from the first private owner, Robert Mac-Claflin, and the last private owner, Mrs. Mary Ann Richards.

Over its three-hundred and seventy-five years of existence, the Claflin-Richards house has had many owners and residents.

They include: a leather tanner, yeomen (*farmers*), a pastor, cordwainers, blacksmiths, soldier, gentleman, teacher, hog-reeves and widows.

Eighteen children were born in the house.

Many Wenham children were schooled there.

Many well-known people visited the Claflin-Richards house, including:

Daniel Webster, who "came in for a treat of cake."<sup>13</sup>

Louis Kossuth, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Hungarian patriot, stopped to drink the excellent water from the well.<sup>13</sup>

In 1686, Englishman John Dunton traveled to Wenham, "An Inland Town, well stord with Men and Cattle," and "paid a Visit to Mr. Geery (*Gerrish*)," and wrote in his book, "A Voyage Round the World," about meeting with Rev. Gerrish and how well he was treated and fed.

Very likely many other notables, whose names have not been recorded, have visited the house.

### **Robert MacClaflin, Leather Tanner**

Robert MacClaflin (*also spelled Mackclothlan, Mackclafflin*) was accepted as a Wenham townsman on Nov. 4, 1661. The selectmen granted him "a percill of lande, be it more or less lying betwin Mr. Fiskes farme & Richard Kimballs joining to Mr. Fiskes medow provided it exceed not two acres." <sup>15</sup> Records do not indicate if there was a house on the "percill."

Prior to his coming to Wenham, MacClaflin is believed to have lived in Saugus, where he worked at the Saugus Iron Works, as an indentured laborer. This followed his having been a Scottish prisoner captured, by Oliver Cromwell forces, during the English Civil War. <sup>1</sup> Many captured Scots were deported to New England.

Three years after acquiring the Wenham property, on Oct. 14, 1664, Robert MacClaflin married Joanna Warner, who likely was the daughter of John Warner, of Ipswich. <sup>13, 22</sup>

The MacClaflin home, on the first floor, had a family room, with a large fire-place for cooking as well as heating. On the second floor, there was a bed-chamber and above this there was an attic.

The MacClaflin's had nine children, four of whom were born in the house (*Robert, Joanna, Elizabeth, and Priscilla*). (See table on pg. 15.)

MacClaflin was a tanner, also called a fellmonger. The nearby pond and brook were essential to his work. To take the hair or fur off the animal skin, the hide was soaked, pounded and then stretched over a frame and scraped. Next, it was soaked in a lime solution. Then, it was washed, to stop the chemical reaction. Finally, the hide was hung out to dry. All this took months to complete.

On Jan. 6, 1672/3, the town of Wenham traded for MacClaflin's property. "Walter Fairfield & Richard Hutton are chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make a Bargaine, in Behalfe of the towne, with Robert Mackeclafflin, about his howse & land & to laye him out of the towne Comon in Consideration of it or elc upon other terms according to their discession." <sup>16</sup>

On Jul. 29, 1673, Wenham granted MacClaflin\* "fifteen Akres of upland & swamp lyeing in the neck be it more or less" in exchange for "his howse & three akres of land Joyneing thereunto: with Hortyard and fences thereunto." <sup>17</sup>

Joanna died May 3, 1738, at the age of 96, and Robert died Sep. 19, 1690; he was 51. Both deaths happened in Wenham.

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\* By 1713, the MacClaflin name was changed to Claflin. Daniel Claflin, a tanner, was the last of the family to live in Wenham. Ref. 1

### **Rev. Joseph Gerrish, Pastor**

The town acquired the MacClaflin house and property as a parsonage for the minister, Rev. Robert Gerrish. "For the incouragement of Mr. Gerrish to settle amongst us," the town voted him the use of the minister's house and land, in addition to a supply of wood, and his salary, paid through the years in money, butter, pork, grain, oats, and Indian corn."<sup>18</sup>

Previously, the town voted to build a minister's house, but later the town voted to make an addition to Robert MacClaflin's house: "build a howse of 18 foot square and 13 foot stud to be added to Robert's howse."<sup>2,4</sup>

The two and a half story addition to the eastern end of the MacClaflin house was completed after August, 1674. Also, a barn with loft was built east of the house. The Gerrishes moved into the parsonage in 1688.<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Joseph Gerrish succeeded Antipas Newman as the third minister of the Wenham Church. He was ordained on Jan. 13, 1674/5.\*<sup>1</sup>

In 1673, he married Anna Waldron, the daughter of Richard Waldron. They had six children, of which four, Elizabeth (1673), Joseph (1676), Paul (1680), and Samuel (1685), were born at the Claflin house.<sup>29</sup>

Born in Newbury, MA, Mar. 23, 1650, Rev. Gerrish was the first American-born minister of the church. He preached at 1<sup>st</sup> meetinghouse that was just off of what now is Main Street, on what is now the Wenham golf course.

As the years passed, the MacClaflin house needed almost constant repairs, which Rev. Gerrish did, at his own expense. However, in January 1682/3, he asked the town to reimburse him for repairs on the "*old, old house*," which they did by giving him twelve acres of land, rather than money. There was a lot of land, but not a lot of money.

Rev. Gerrish later asked to buy the house, but the town refused to sell it. Later, however, at the town meeting of Mar. 4, 1689, the property was given to Rev. Gerrish, along with the five acres of land on which it stood.<sup>1</sup>

The Gerrishes lived at the parsonage from 1674 until sometime after 1688, when they moved to the former Geare property, which Rev. Gerrish had purchased, in 1676. The second house, in which he lived until his death, was on the lot, at one time, known as "the tavern lot" and later as "the car barn lot."<sup>1</sup>

### **Capt. Thomas Fiske, Jr., Soldier/Farmer**

On May 26, 1693, Capt. Thomas Fiske acquired, from Rev. Gerrish, the 5-acre property, including the house.<sup>12</sup> Fiske owned the property through 1717/18, and may have continued living in it until about 1720/21. He also had a farm in West Wenham, where he spent the last years of his life.<sup>1</sup> He died Feb. 5, 1723,<sup>12</sup> he was 73.

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\* Up to 1752, a Julian calendar, not today's Gregorian calendar, was used. By the Julian calendar, the New Year began on March 25. Thus, the "12th month" was March.

On Jun. 14, 1676, Thomas Fiske, Jr., a "gentleman" and "yeoman," married Rebekah Perkins. They had no children.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Fiske, Jr. was the leading military man in the early settlement of the town. He was chosen "clerk of ye band to ye company 28: 9: 1654."<sup>3</sup> For nearly thirty years, he was Wenham's representative to the Great and General Court. He served the town as a selectman, moderator, juryman, town clerk and treasurer.<sup>19</sup> He was licensed to sell liquor in June, 1693, and the license was renewed in 1695 and 1696: he sold the liquor at the tavern on the lot that is now at the corner of Main and Arbor streets.

In 1692, Thomas Fiske, Jr. was one of the Wenham men, who were jurors that convicted many of those condemned and executed for witchcraft. Thomas Fisk, Sr., was the foreman. In 1697, Fiske and other jurors, but not all, admitted that they were "sadly deluded and mistaken."<sup>6</sup>

Nineteen persons had been hanged and one man pressed to death because they would not admit to being witches. Ironically, those admitting to witchcraft were let go.<sup>6</sup>

On Sep. 9, 1700, the town appointed Capt. Thomas Fiske, Jr. Wenham's first schoolmaster. He was "to keep a scoole in the towne for the yeare Ensuing for the learning of children and Youth to Read & right."<sup>20</sup> At first, the school was probably at Capt. Fiske's house. He was also the schoolmaster in 1701 and 1702.<sup>21</sup>

Thomas Fiske, Jr. was a prominent member of the committee that purchased Wenham's land from the local Indians. After Wenham had been settled more than 60 years, a claim to the land was made by several Indians.

Following the committee's report, a tax was imposed to cover the cost (£4, 16s) of purchasing the Indian title of the land, within the town. The Indians received £3, 10s, with the rest going to expenses.<sup>19</sup>

### **Jonathan Kimball**

Jonathan Kimball acquired the Claflin property from Thomas Fiske, Jr.

Kimball, born (1686) in Wenham, was the son of Samuel and Mary Witt Kimball. In 1700, he lived and worked in Boston. About 1718, he and his wife, Hannah Hopkins, returned to Wenham with his family. They had six children, but only one, Abigail (1726) was born at Claflin house.<sup>22</sup>

During his occupancy, he added a one and one-half story ell, on the north side and "modernized" the house to simple Georgian lines. The overhanging second story was "furred" out to establish straight side walls. The diamond-paned casements were replaced with longer, small square-paned windows.<sup>6</sup>

Kimball was a cordwainer (*his shop was in the ell, on the north side of the house*), deacon of the First Church, town clerk, treasurer and participated in other town government offices. Like his father, he was involved with real estate, owning several other properties in Wenham.<sup>12</sup>

Kimball also was the captain of Wenham's "trainband," in charge of training the town's militia. Local militias were established by the Massachusetts General Court on Mar. 22, 1630/31. The law required all adult males, except pastors and magistrates, to possess arms. Towns were to supply the arms to residents. A month later, the General Court "ordered, that every captains shall traine his companie on Saterdag in everie weeke." <sup>24</sup>

Capt. Kimball trained the Wenham militia on the common (*now the town hall property*), next to his house. The training field for the trainband was deeded to the town in 1680 by Thomas Smith. <sup>14</sup>

In 1748, Jonathan Kimball was very involved in building the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting-house. His involvement is not surprising since he was a member of the church that met at the meetinghouse and he lived across the road from the building site, on what now is the Civil War Monument Park.

In 1756, Jonathan Kimball was the moderator for town meetings. <sup>23</sup>

Jonathan Kimball died 1758, intestate. On Jan. 29, 1762/3, his son, Jonathan Kimball, conveyed 6 acres of land, including the house, to his son, Isaac Kimball, <sup>12</sup> who was 22 at the time.

Following the death of her husband, Hannah, who was 66, may have remained for a short time at the Claflin house and, later, went to live with her son Jonathan. She died Oct. 29, 1766.

### **Isaac Kimball**

Shortly before acquiring the MacClaflin house from his father, Isaac Kimball married Abigail Raymond, of Beverly, on Nov. 9, 1762.

They had 4 children. Isaac (1765) and Abigail (1763) were born while the Kimballs lived at the Claflin house. Lydia (1778) and Paul (1778) were born at another house in Wenham.

Like his father, Isaac Kimball was a cordwainer and worked out of the shop his father had added to the house.

The family likely moved from the Claflin house, in 1773. They had lived there for about 37 years.

In 1775, Isaac Kimball was a private in the Massachusetts militia, under Colonel Samuel Brewer's 12<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regt., which saw action at the Bunker Hill, Valcour Island, Saratoga and Monmouth.

Kimball died on Aug. 1, 1815 in Wilton, NH. He was buried in Waterford, ME. His wife, Abigail, died in 1814.

### **Daniel Herrick**

On Dec. 21, 1773, Daniel Herrick acquired the Claflin property, which consisted of the house, a barn, other buildings, and about 7 acres. <sup>12</sup>



Herrick did not move to the Claflin house. He continued living across the road. He bought the property because his blacksmith was located on a knoll at the north side of the Claflin lot.<sup>1</sup>

### John Friend, Jr.

On the same day Herrick acquired the Claflin house and property, Dec. 21, 1773, he leased it to John Friend, Jr.

Friend had married widow Mrs. Hannah Wells, of Ipswich, on Dec. 11, 1766. She was his second wife. He first married widow Mrs. Sarah Wallace, of Ipswich. She died May 4, 1766, following the birth of a son, Benjamin, on Apr. 26, 1766. She was 22.<sup>22</sup>

John and Hannah Friend had 8 children, 5 of whom were born at the Wenham house: Isaac (1768), Sarah (1769), Israel (1771), Nathaniel (1774), Martha (1776), Simeon (1780), Samuel (1782), and Daniel (1786).<sup>22</sup>

Though he had a large family, on Mar. 31, 1775, Friend, at the age of 57, joined, as a private, Capt. Billy Porter's company of Wenham Minutemen that were part of Col. John Baker's Regiment. Two weeks later, on Apr. 19, Porter's company marched to Lexington to confront British troops.<sup>4</sup>

Friend was not away from his family very long. Porter's company was in service for only 5 days.<sup>4</sup>

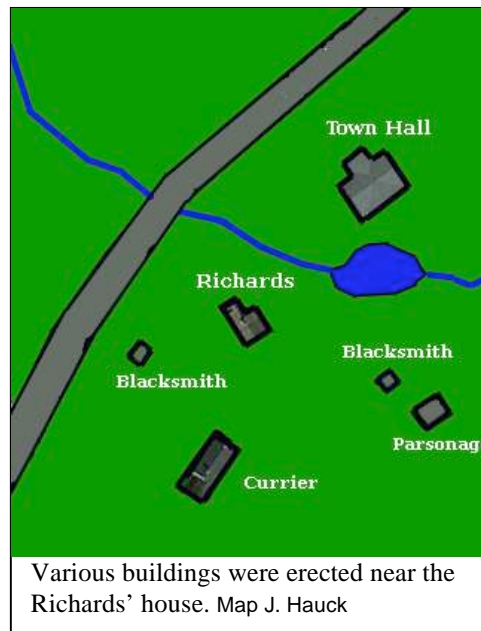
On Oct. 30, 1777, John Friend, Jr. became a church deacon. His father had been a deacon, beginning in 1718.<sup>2</sup>

John, Jr. also was the town treasurer for many years.

On Feb. 25, 1785, Dea. John Friend died; he was 67. His wife, Hannah lived to be 84; she died on Jan. 22, 1829.<sup>22</sup>

The 1790 Wenham census showed that there were 4 adults over 16 years old and 3 children under 16 living at the Claflin house.<sup>25</sup> It was a common practice in the 1700s and 1800s for home-owners to rent rooms to people working in the town.

There is no record of the conveyance of the Claflin house and property back to Daniel Herrick, which occurred before Dea. John Friend died.<sup>1</sup> There also is no record of where his wife and children moved, or of who lived at the house from 1785 to 1796.



### **Uzziel Dodge, Blacksmith**

On Apr. 11, 1796, Uzziel Dodge purchased the Herrick property.<sup>12</sup> He was the son of John and Mehitible Dodge.

Dodge was a blacksmith. He bought the property, which had Herrick's blacksmith shop on the knoll at the north side of the Claflin lot.

A year later, on Mar. 25, 1797, Uzziel married Polly Dodge. (*They had a remote ancestor.*) She was the daughter of Capt. Israel Andrews Dodge.

Uzziel and Polly had one child, Samuel, who was born at the Claflin house, on Feb. 23, 1800.<sup>22</sup> He was the last of 18 children to be born at the Claflin house (*See table on p. 15.*)

Uzziel Dodge was very involved in Wenham's government. He served hog reeve, pound keeper, constable, hayward, surveyor of highways, collector of taxes, corder of wood, overseer of the poor, and was on committees concerning the care and use of the meetinghouse. He was the town's second post-master between 1812 and 1818.<sup>1</sup>

In 1815, he may have rented part of the Claflin house to Elizabeth Shaw of Beverly. She taught a private school in one of the rooms, and also held a Sabbath school there, the first in town.<sup>1</sup>

Dodge continued working as a blacksmith, until he died on Aug. 29, 1827; he was 52.

For a short time following Dodge's death, Franklin Hadley used the blacksmith shop as a wheelwright shop.<sup>6</sup>

### **Polly Dodge, Widow**

In his will, Uzziel Dodge gave, to his son Dr. Samuel Dodge, about 8 acres and the house. A clause in the will stipulated that, "To Mother Polly Dodge, the use, during her life, of all real estate of Father Uzziel. All real estate of my father, I give, after the decease of said Mother, to my son, Samuel Augustus Dodge."<sup>9</sup>

Polly Dodge continued to live in the house until her death, in 1835.<sup>1</sup>

### **Dr. Samuel Dodge, Town Doctor**

After Polly Dodge died, her son, Dr. Samuel A. Dodge, took control of his father's house and the property. However, Dr. Dodge and his family did not move to the house. They continued living at 168 Main St., which Samuel inherited from his father, Uzziel.

Dr. Samuel Dodge married Rebecca Dodge, Apr. 30, 1826. They had 2 children: Samuel Augustine (*b. 1833*) and Mary Adeline (*b. 1833*).<sup>22</sup>

He died Oct. 30, 1833, at age 33. All real estate, after the death of his wife, Rebecca, was to go to his son, Samuel A. Dodge.<sup>12</sup>



Just a year after Dr. Dodge died, on Aug. 17, 1834, Rebecca died. She was 35, and her son, Samuel Augustine, was 2.

### **Capt. Edmund Kimball**

On Mar. 30, 1836, the Rebecca Dodge estate was sold to Edmund Kimball, of Marblehead, "about 5 acres and 10 poles with a Dwelling House (*Claffin-Richards House*), Barn and other buildings thereon standing," for \$483.57 This land was bounded on the east by Henry Perkins, who, also purchased of Rebecca about 9 acres and 65 poles, on the same day of Edmund's purchase. Henry Perkins paid \$543.21 for this parcel, Apr. 2, 1836.<sup>12</sup>

Later that year, 1836, Edmund Kimball, purchased the land and shop of Uzziel Dodge, purchased by Henry Perkins. Thus, once again the two lots were held by one owner, Edmund Kimball.<sup>9, 12</sup>

Capt. Edmund Kimball (1786-1879) owned, who several other properties in Wenham, did not live in the house.<sup>1</sup>

The house may have been vacant for several years following the death of Rebecca Dodge.

### **Mary Ann Richards**

In 1840, Jabez Richards offered to buy the Claffin property and house from Edmund Kimball. At the time, he may have been working at the former Uzziel Dodge blacksmith shop.

Likely wanting to have his own shop, Jabez Richards saw the former Uzziel Dodge shop as an ideal location. It was in the center of the town and there was a nearby brook and pond: water was essential to a blacksmith. Be-



Mary Richards Horton  
Photo courtesy Wenham Museum

fore completing the purchase of the Claffin property and house, Jabez Richards died in March 1840.

Jabez Richards, a Wenham resident, served as the hog reeve and a hayward, and, in 1835, as a member of a committee to build the fire engine house.<sup>1</sup> He was born in 1805, in Ipswich.

He married Mary Ann Cunningham Dwinell (c. 1806-1868), of Boxford, on Aug. 30, 1827. They had six children: Alfred Putnam (1829-32), Frederick (1832-32), James Russell, (1828-1904); Mary Ann (1834-1916); Elizabeth Willet (1837-1928); and John Cushing (1839-1908).<sup>22</sup>



Claflin-Richards House, 1891. To the right is the Bradbury blacksmith shop and behind is the Currier house. Photo courtesy Wenham Museum

The sale of the Kimball property continued. On Mar. 5, 1841, Edmund Kimball, of Marblehead, sold to Mary Ann Richards "about 5 acres and 10 poles, with house barn and other buildings – thereon," for \$600.<sup>12</sup>

Mary Ann Richards and her family moved to the Claflin house. Not needing the ell that was a cordwainer's shop, Richards had it removed and replaced by a one-story shed or leanto.<sup>1</sup>

Mary Ann Richards sold the blacksmith shop to Daniel Bradbury. He moved the building from the knoll out to a lot he had purchased, c1850, on Main Street. Bradbury moved to Boston in 1885.<sup>6</sup> Unoccupied for many years after 1885, and in a state of decay, the old blacksmith shop was torn down, on Apr. 27, 1896.<sup>1</sup>

On May 10, 1849, Mary Ann Richards sold the former blacksmith property to the Parish Committee of the Congregational Society of Wenham (*First Church in Wenham*). The church erected a parsonage on the site. The first minister to live there was Dr. Jeremiah Taylor.<sup>11</sup>

According to the 1850 census, living with Mary A. Richards were her children (Mary, 16; Alfred, 14; Elizabeth, 12; and John, 11), as well as Thomas Doyle (21, shoemaker), Thomas Mackaway (19) and Charles Shattuck (15), who would serve in the Civil War and be a leader in erecting the Civil War monument, in 1878.



A dozen families lived in the Claflin-Richards house between 1661 and 1920.  
Photo J. Hauck, 2011

Each of the Richards children, with the exception of John C., moved from the house when they married.

Her daughter Elizabeth W. married Thayer Horton, of Pomeroy, OH, in 1858. Elizabeth Horton was the originator and owner of the International Doll Collection, a traveling exhibit to generate funds for children's charities. In 1922, she gave the collection to the WVIS, which passed it on to its Historical Committee. About 800 dolls were salvaged, as the core of the present collection of dolls belonging to the Wenham Historical Association and Museum.<sup>1</sup>

John C. Richards married Mary F. Bowen Stevens, of Danvers, on Nov. 19, 1874. At 35, it was his first marriage and the second for Stevens, then 29. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Borwn.<sup>32</sup>

Mary Ann Richards died in 1868. She had lived at the Claflin-Richards house for over 47 years, more than any other person.

### **John Cushing Richards**

John Cushing Richards inherited the Claflin house from his mother. He and his wife, Mary, were the last of the Richards family to own and occupy the house. They had no children.<sup>1</sup>

In 1896, John C. Richards was appointed Keeper of Lockup and Tramps, next door in the town hall. He held this position through 1905.<sup>30</sup> His duties were to care for the travelers and tramps, which included feeding and locking them up at night, and in the morning, overseeing their work requirement to cut wood, before leaving.<sup>30</sup>

John C. Richards, a shoemaker working in Beverly, died in 1908. His wife, Mary, briefly continued living at the house. At the time of her death, 1920, she was boarding at the home of Ralph Putnam, in Danvers.<sup>27</sup>

### **Wenham Village Improvement Society**

In 1914, some members of the Wenham Village Improvement Society, led by Adeline P. Cole, considered buying the Richards house, and turning it into a museum.<sup>10</sup> Apparently, Mary F. Richards, at the time, was looking to sell the large house, she being the only resident.

On Nov. 2, 1921, the Historic Committee chairman, Adeline Cole, "invited" the WVIS to buy the then vacant Richards house, and turn it into a museum. The "invitation" was accepted and, on Nov. 29, the WVIS voted to make the purchase. At the next annual meeting, the Historical Committee was officially established to "maintain the antiquarian atmosphere of the house."<sup>10, 13</sup>

Mary F. Richards's niece, Abigail Bowen, inherited the property and sold it to the WVIS.<sup>1</sup>

### **Wenham Museum**

In 1952, the WVIS Historical Committee became the Wenham Historical Association and Museum, Inc., separate from the WVIS.

In 1953, the WVIS deeded the property, consisting of six-tenths of an acre and the Richards house, to the Wenham Historical Association and Museum, Inc.

### **Who Did Not Live at the Claflin-Richards House**

According to some historic documents, several more people lived at the Claflin-Richards House. However, I believe these are incorrect.

In 1744, the next pastor, Rev. Joseph Swain and his wife for the former Elizabeth Hartshorne, of the Wenham church, according to Rupert B. Lillie, lived across Country Road, opposite the fourth meeting house.<sup>31</sup>

However, this was not the Claflin house. Their home was on a lot next to the Claflin property. It was owned by John Friend, Sr., a deacon of the First Church. He rented the property to Rev. Swain.<sup>13</sup>

Another error with regard to pastors said to have lived in the Claflin house is in "The Bible and Anvil." The author, Louis Dodge, wrote that "Rev. Adoniram Judson was living in the old Claflin house"<sup>9</sup> Rev. Judson was pastor of the First Church in Wenham from Dec. 26, 1792 to Oct. 22, 1799.



However, Rupert Lillie wrote that on Aug. 3, 1795, Rev. Adoniram Judson purchased, from Benjamin Friend, the house and barn, on one acre, south of the Claflin property. This is the property that Rev. Joseph Swain formerly rented of the Friend family. On Apr. 28, 1800, Rev. Judson sold the property and house to Thomas Saunders, merchant of Salem for \$1,000.<sup>26</sup>

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### Claflin-Richards House Residents and Owners

Year	Resident	Owner	Comments
1661	MacClaflin family	Robert MacClaflin	A tanner
1673	Vacant	Town of Wenham	To be parsonage
1674	Rev. Gerrish family	Town of Wenham	Parsonage
1689	Rev. Gerrish family	Rev. Joseph Gerrish	Gift from town in 1689 Parsonage
1693	Capt. Fiske, Jr. family	Capt. Thomas Fiske, Jr.	Bought from Gerrish Taught school at CRH.
1720	Capt. Kimball, Sr. family	Capt. Jonathan Kimball, Sr.	Bought from Fiske. Lived at CRH for 37 yrs.
1758	Vacant	Jonathan Kimball, Jr.	Inherited from father
1763	Isaac Kimball family	Isaac Kimball	Inherited from farther. Fought at Bunker Hill.
1773	John Friend family	Daniel Herrick	Bought from Kimball Did not live at CRH.
1796	Uzziel Dodge family	Uzziel Dodge	Purchased from Herrick. Blacksmith
1827	Polly Dodge	Dr. Samuel Dodge	Inherited from father Mother continued living there
1833	Rebecca Dodge	Rebecca Dodge	Inherited from Samuel her husband.
1836	Capt. Kimball, family	Capt. Edmund Kimball	Bought from Dodge estate.
1841	Richards family	Mary Ann Richards	Bought from Edmund Kimball
1868	John C, Richards family	John C, Richards	Inherited from mother.
1908	Mary F. Richards	Mary F. Richards	Inherited from husband
1920	Vacant	Abigail Bowen	Inherited from Mary Richards
1922	Wenham Museum	WVIS	Bought from Bowen
1953	Wenham Museum and Historical Society	Wenham Museum and Historical Society	Gift from WVIS

### Children Born at the Claflin-Richards House

Name	Date	Parents
Robert MacClaflin	166?	Robert and Joanna MacClaflin
Joanna MacClaflin	Aug. 12, 1665	Robert and Joanna MacClaflin
Elizabeth MacClaflin	May 18, 1670	Robert and Joanna MacClaflin
Priscilla MacClaflin	Aug. 22, 1672	Robert and Joanna MacClaflin
Paul Gerrish	1680	Rev. Joseph and Anna Gerrish
Elizabeth Gerrish	Dec. 18, 1673	Rev. Joseph and Anna Gerrish
Joseph Gerrish	Apr. 25, 1676	Rev. Joseph and Anna Gerrish
Samuel Gerrish	Sep., 1685	Rev. Joseph and Anna Gerrish
Abigail Kimball	Apr. 14, 1726	Jonathan and Hannah Kimball
Isaac Kimball	Jun. 17, 1765	Isaac and Abigail Kimball
Abigail Kimball	Jun. 27, 1763	Isaac and Abigail Kimball
Isaac Kimball	Jun. 17, 1765	Isaac and Abigail Kimball
David Kimball	Aug. 17, 1769	Isaac and Abigail Kimball
Nathaniel Friend	Sep. 6, 1774	John and Hannah Friend, Jr.
Martha Friend	Sep. 26, 1776	John and Hannah Friend, Jr.
Simeon Friend	May 7, 1780	John and Hannah Friend, Jr.
Samuel Friend	Mar. 26, 1782	John and Hannah Friend, Jr.
Samuel Dodge	Feb. 23, 1800	Uzziel and Polly Dodge



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