

FIRST GENERATION

1. **Hugh Sterling** was born before 1753 in Scotland.¹

Hugh Sterling, undoubtedly a Scottish or Scotch-Irish emigrant to America, appears first at Manchester, New Hampshire, where under date of July 7, 1753, we find his name attached to a petition to the Governors of the Colony. Oct 31, 1765, he received a Royal Grant of land lying in the now town of Conway, Carroll County, and settled there. He had some difficulty in maintaining his title to the property, and July 28, 1781, he addressed a quaint letter to the Proprietors of the Colony, asking for an adjustment of his boundary lines. He finally secured a clear title.

In his letter mentions that he "sente a Leater to my Kensman with my poticion to Capt. John Cochran," from which it would seem that he was related to some man of influence in the affairs of the Colony.

Associated with him in this grant was Archibald Stark. Hugh, or his son of that name, in company with seven others received a grant of 2000 acres of land from the Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, July 4, 1788, and his land together with that of two others, was annexed to the town of Conway, June 14, 1800. (N.H. State Papers)

The name of Sterling, Stirling, or Starling does not appear among the probate records of Carroll county, from which it would appear that the family migrated elsewhere, probably to Pennsylvania. A Hugh Sterling was deputy to Sheriff McCormick of Fayette CO., Penn. in 1776, but, so far as has been established, was not identified with the Hugh of Conway. (Fayette Co. Hist.)

Source: The Sterling Genealogy Vol II, Page 1102-1103.

He was married to Isabel Stark.² Hugh Sterling and Isabel Stark had the following children:

- 2 i. **Archibald Sterling** was born in 1752 in New Hampshire.^{3,4} He served in the military on 17 Jul 1775 in Conway, New Hampshire.⁵
- 3 ii. **Hugh Sterling**⁶ served in the military in 1775 in Capt. James Osgoods Co..⁷ Additional source listed is N.H. State Papers; Army Reg. of the US. He served in the military on 29 Apr 1813 in 3rd Lt. Light Dragoons Regt., Regular Army USA.⁸ Additional source listed is N.H. State Papers; Army Reg. of the US.
- +4 iii. **Jane Sterling** (born in 1755).
- +5 iv. **Isabel Sterling**.
- +6 v. **Margaret Sterling** (born in 1759).
- +7 vi. **Mary Sterling** (born in 1761).
- +8 vii. **John Stark Sterling** (born in 1765).
- +9 viii. **James Sterling** (born in 1767).
- +10 ix. **Martha Sterling** (born in 1761).

SECOND GENERATION

4. **Jane Sterling** (Hugh-1) was born in 1755.⁹

Jane had intention dated 9 Nov 1776, to Joseph Walker, son of Joseph and Mary (Abbott) Walker of Fryeburg, Maine, just across the state line from Conway, and settled in Chatham, N.H.

She was married to Joseph Walker after 9 Nov 1776 in Gorham, Maine.^{10,11}

5. **Isabel Sterling**¹² (Hugh-1) died on 6 Dec 1853.¹³

Isabel may have been a granddaughter of Hugh Sr., but we don't know which one may have been her father. Isabel and Benjamin Osgood had issue, but are not listed here.

Descendants of Hugh Sterling

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She was married to Benjamin Osgood on 17 Mar 1817.¹⁴ **Benjamin Osgood** was born on 27 Sep 1790 in Fryeburg, Maine.¹⁵ He died on 13 Mar 1865.¹⁶

A further source of information on this family is in the Osgood Genealogy.

6. **Margaret Sterling** (Hugh-1) was born in 1759.¹⁷

She was married to William Smith.¹⁸

7. **Mary Sterling** (Hugh-1) was born in 1761.¹⁹

She was married to Colonel John Webster on 5 Sep 1782.²⁰

8. **John Stark Sterling** (Hugh-1) was born in 1765.²¹ He died in 1810.²²

He was married to Ruth Wilson or Kimball.²³

9. **James Sterling**²⁴ (Hugh-1) was born in 1767 in Conway, Carroll, New Hampshire.²⁵ He died in 1841.²⁶

Lived in Conway. Lydia was "published" to Paul Wentworth Jr. at Berwick, N.H. 7 Feb 1778, but the banns for forbid by one Jonathan Hamilton, probably because she was then under age. (Wentworth Genealogy).

Source: The Sterling Genealogy - Vol II Page 1103.

He was married to Lydia Coffin after 1778 in Conway, Carroll, New Hampshire.^{27,28}

10. **Martha Sterling** (Hugh-1) was born in 1761.²⁹ She died on 9 Aug 1826.³⁰

She was married to Nathan Whitaker on 25 Aug 1790.³¹

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