



**Cunv, Coney, Cural, Curvs, Canevs, Cavies, and Culev .**

**Dugdale tells of a William Burdet "who flourisht in Henry II's time." andoubtedly an ancestor the later families of Burdett. "The said William Burdet, being both a vavout man, made a iour to the Holy Land for subduing of the Infidells in those parts..." He lef Hugh, whose line expire the next generation, and Richard, who died in 1223." The accompaning p show the descent of some male members of the far**

**It is probable that Robert Burdick or Burdett was a descendant of some of ancestor:**

### **ROBERT BURDICK, THE EMI**

**Names of those who may have been his relatives appear very early in Coloni. A WILLIAM BUR aged 25, came to Virginia in the "Susan" in 1615. GEORGE BURDITT or BURIm Yarmou Norfolk, England, where he was by popular election had preached two yeared for a time in Sale Mass. WILLIAM BURDICK was master of the ship "Hopewell" which brought to this country 1635. (Cutter, New Eng. Families, Vol. I, p. 460.) A ROBERT BURDITT, who en related to Rob above, was born in England in 1633, came to New England when a young mand in Malden, Ma There he married, November, 1653, Hannah Winter. The names of his childrar to those of tl Rhode Island familv, being, Hannah, Marv, Joseph, Thomas, Ruth. He died J7. His descendant retained the spelling BURDITT. (Cutter, New Eng. Familie:**

**The first BURDICK of record in America was ROBERT BURDICK, who was liv. R.I., in 1655. F came from England to Newport in 1651. (Abridged Compendium of Amer. Gene. 518, 970.) H was married, Nov. 2, 1655, to Ruth Hubbard, the first white child born at Aw Springfield), Ma Jan 11, 1640. Her father, Samuel Hubbard, came from England to Salem, Ma. (Cutter, New Eng Families, p. 978**

**Robert BERDICK and Tobia Sanders were admitted as Freemen of Newport, M Robert BIRDI (1656), Tobia Sanders, and Joseph Clarke were all living at Newport in 1655. URDICK was admi a Freeman of the Colony of Rhode Island, May 20, 1657. (Rhode Island Record 1663, Vol. I, pp. 303, 356.**

**In the westward expansion of the early New England Colonies three of them to a tract of land cal the Pequot country. In October, 1658, Massachusetts declared a small settleh had been mac there, to be a plantation with the name of Southertown (now Stonington), as it to Suffolk Cour Mass. Special commissioners and a constable were appointed to administer iecs., IV, 353.) Th Rhode Island Assembly, the next month, retaliated by warning all settlerputed area that if they their lands under another colonial government their holdings would be cor.I. Col. Recs., I, 40]**

**"Meantime, the Narragansett settlements (of Rhode Island) bought from thnder the name of t Westerly Purchase, land a part of which lav in Southertown, and began t (Osgood, Americ Colonies in the 17th Century, pp. 367-369.) Among the settlers were Rober Tobias Saunders, a Joseph Clarke, farmers of Newport, and they soon found themselves in thee fight betwee Massachusetts and Rhode Isl:**

**William Chesbrough testified before the General Court of Massachusetts, S61, that about tl middle of September, 1661, he was "occasioned to goe abroad upon his affa understanding tl divers persons, about thirty-six inhabitants of Road Island, were come intds of Southertowne, to claime unto the lands... and to divide and lay out lotts in the same." whe demanded "the reasor**

CLAIMED INTO THE LANDS... AND TO DIVIDE AND PAY OUT TITLES IN THE SAME. WHO DEMANDED THE REASON  
 their intrusion into other men's rights: telling them those lands were wunds of Southertowne :  
 appropriated to several persons." The reply came from the leader, Benedice "said, in way  
 answer many things impertinently, the sum whereof was, that they owned th to be the men th  
 claimed the lands, and said they would keepe possession, and that they wou their title any where  
 in Rhode Island, or in England; and Arnold said that if any should attackton, he would lie in pri  
 seven years before he would try the titles tl

The General Court then issued a Warrant, as f

"WARRANT. To the Constable of Southe

"Whereas. We are informed of sundry rude fellows, that contrary to the rsoveraigne Lord t  
 King, etc., of this Collony, have, in a riotous manner entered upon, and tassion of the lands  
 sundry of our inhabitants in the bounds of your towne. These are to req his Maiesties name  
 apprehend all such persons, and safely convey them before some of the magi this iurisdiction.  
 give an account of such their proceedings; and hereof you are to make a tr under your hand, &  
 not faile. Dated 25. 8 month, 16

"Signed by Jo. Endicott, G

"Ri. Bellingham. Dep. G

"Daniel Gooki

This Warrant was endorsed by the Con:

"According to the trust committed to me, I have arrested three men, viz: Iders, Robert Burd  
 and Joseph Clarke, which last upon extraordinary occasion was, by the Comand constable, set  
 liberty. Dated 1st November, 1

"William Palmer, Consta

It developed later, that at the time of their arrest the Rhode Island men wait to intercept and so  
 the Constable and Deputy, with such as came with them to prison as they reich they had don  
 but they being gone to dinner missed tl

On Nov. 14, 1661, they were brought to trial before Governor Endicott anates at Boston

"Tobias Saunders and ROBERT BURDETT being brought prisoners by virtuerom the Govern  
 and magistrates for a forcible entry and intrusion into the bounds of Soun the Pequot country, u  
 severall men's properties granted to them by the General Court of this i who upon being exami  
 by what authority or order there were there, Tobias Saunders answered, tht of Road Island ga  
 liberty for certayne of their inhabitants to purchase lands of the Indiar these lands were purchas  
 by them... Being asked whether they had understood that warning was giveirt out of those lan  
 and out of the bounds of said towne, Tobias answered, that they looked upon to be their right, a  
 therefore they abode upon them, and confessed he was upon it when the constehended then

"ROBERT BURDETT being examined, acknowledged that he was upon the same lt a small hous  
 there, upon the lott laved out to him; and that he went upon this designe same grounds as a  
 declared by Tobias Saund

"Tobias Saunders and ROBERT BURDETT being told that they must give security of one hundred pounds apiece, to answer what shall be objected against them at the next Court, otherwise to be committed to prison, they refused to find security and were committed to prison."

**"WARRANT FOR COMMITMENT"**

"The Keeper of the prison of Boston. You are hereby required to take into custody the bodies of Tobias Saunders and ROBERT BURDETT of Rhode Island and them safely to keep, and sufficient security, to the value of one hundred pounds apiece, to answer at the next Court, to be holden in Boston in May next, for forcible entry and detaining of possession of land in the Colony of Massachusetts within the bounds of Southertowne in the Pequot country, to the bringing of men's lives into contravention to the peace of our Sovereign Lord, the King."

"John Endicott, Governor  
 "Rich'd Bellingham  
 "Daniel Gookin"

In a letter from the General Court of Massachusetts to Rhode Island is told of the trial in May 1675.

"Dated Boston 10 3rd month, 1675."

"You may hereby take notice, that two of your people namely Tobias Saunderson and ROBERT BURDITT, both long since taken on the place, and secured by us to answer their trespasses, now called them before the Court and find nothing from them to justify their proceedings. This we therefore fined them one hundred pounds for your offence... and they stand committed to prison till your satisfaction."

They were committed to the Boston jail and kept there for two years. Each sought to arrest citizens of the other. The two were at last released on being exchanged for two Massachusetts taken in retaliation by the Rhode Island authorities.

"From this sturdy, conscience-minded ancestor, Robert, sprang all the Burlingame and early Rhode Island ancestry." (R.I. Records, Vol. I, pp. 455, 456)

When Connecticut was granted a new charter, the disputed area of Southertown (today's Tiverton) was given to her, and Massachusetts retired from the race. Later a compromise was arranged between Connecticut and Rhode Island, whereby the latter was awarded the area of where Robert Burdett had built his house, and where he settled on being released by Massachusetts.

*(And that's why Rhode Island has that little bulge in its southern border with Connecticut. - HB)*