

JACKMAN-WILLETT FAMILIES BY BARB ROGERS

James Jackman was a first settler of Newbury. It is believed that he came from Exeter, England with his wife Joanna. James died 30 December 1694 in Newbury as recorded in Newbury vitals. He was 83 years old. No will is found for James. Joanna does not have a recorded death date.

Their six children born in Newbury and births recorded in Newbury are:

Mary	1644
Sara	DOB 18 January 1647
Hester	DOB 12 September 1651
James	DOB 22 June 1655
Joannah	DOB 14 June 1657
Richard	DOB 6 February 1659

The younger son, Richard, married 26 June 1682, Elizabeth Plumer, daughter of Samuel² and Mary (Bitfield) Plumer, Francis¹. Samuel Plummer before his death in 1702 was in charge of the ferry over the Parker. On March 9th 1703 the town "voted to let the ferry over the river Parker for four years at four pounds a year to corporal Richard Jackman, who is to carry all the court officers, going and returning from court, all town officers, when employed by the town, and all rams, belonging to the town, ferry free."

Richard and Elizabeth children's births, all recorded in Newbury vitals are:

Joannah	30 April 1683
Richard	17 August 1684
James	5 September 1686
Elizabeth	12 May 1689
Joseph	17 April 1698

Elizabeth married Joseph Willett on the 15 May 1706 in Newbury. Joseph was born 11 May 1674, the son of Francis and Martha (Silver) Willet.

Joseph	8 May 1707
John	13 October 1709
Benjamin	2 February 1712
Nathaniel	15 September 1715
Elizabeth	19 September 1718
Daniel	8 May 1721
Mary	9 November 1724
Mary	7 August 1726

Joseph's will was written on the 10th day of December 1729. It was filed on the 9th April 1730. Joseph was only 55 at the time of his death. In his will, Joseph

John Willett died in 1739 at only thirty years of age. There is no record of a marriage for John.

The Jackman-Willett house is so named because of Elizabeth Jackman and Joseph Willett.

Reference Sources:

Vital Records of Newbury, Mass, Volume 1, Births
Vital Records of Newbury, Mass, Volume 2, Marriages and Deaths
Mary Adams Rolfe Papers, The Family of James Jackman

¹ A Sketch of the History of Newbury, Newburyport and West Newbury, Page 169