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RESEARCH FINDINGS

A very interesting history of these family members exists at www.winchester.us/communityconnection/sachems.html, the official website of the Town of Winchester, Massachusetts. I have copied the end of this article that summarizes our family ancestry, but I would recommend one browse and read this entire website to get a better understanding of sachems, the Pawtuckets, **Nanepashemet**, his wife, **Squaw Sachem** and so forth.

NANEPASHEMET FAMILY TREE

As compiled from various sources, the family of Winchester's sachems was as follows. It is, of course, possible, that there were other children. Spellings vary. Names given by the English are given in parentheses.

NANEPASHEMET (d. 1619) & the SQUAW SACHEM (d. 1650)

CHILDREN:

I. WONOHAQUAHAM (Sagamore John) (d. Dec. 1633), married and had a son who presumably died shortly after his father.

II. MONTOWAMPATE (Sagamore James) (d. Dec. 1633), married in 1629 Wenuchus, daughter of Passaconaway and sister of Wannalancet. No known children. Some sources say Wenuchus married Wenepoykin. The marriage is the subject of a poem by Whittier, who named the bride Weetamoo and the "Saugus Sachem" Winnepurkit. Thomas Morton's *New English Canaan* may have been a source for Whittier; however, Morton did not give a name to the sachem of Saugus or his wife.

III. YAWATA (Abigail), married Oonsamog and had a son Muminquash (James Rumney Marsh or Quonopohit), b. 1638, married Mary Ponham had two children: (i) Israel and (ii) Joan. Reportedly, Muminquash was assimilated into the Wiser family and known as James Wiser. The name Quannapowitt is memorialized by a lake in Wakefield.

IV. WENEPOYKIN (Sagamore George, George Rumney Marsh) (d. Sep 1684), married Ahawayet (Joan), daughter of Pequanum of Nahant (d. 1633), and had 4 children:

- (1) Manatahqua, who had sons (i) Nonupanohow (David) who married Abigail and (ii) Wuttanoh (Samuel)
- (2) Petagunsk (Cicely) who had a son Tontoquon (John)
- (3) Wattaquattinusk (Sarah)
- (4) Petagoonaquah (Susanna)

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of the *Daily Times Chronicle* in December 1999

(Copied directly from the website)

The descendancy chart on the next page is from my database and one can compare the two family trees for similarities and differences. We believe we are descended from James and Hannah Wiser (generation four), this James was the grandfather of our Benjamin Wiser, Sr.

Thanks for any suggestions in regards to our family newsletter. Please contact me at [wiserr @ dfn.com](mailto:wiserr@dfn.com) or at 6 Baton Rouge, Roswell, NM 88201, or at (505) 623-2534.

Descendants of Nanapashemet (New Moon)

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1. Nanapashemet (New Moon) (b.Ab. 1575-Pawtucket, Lynn, Essex, MA; d. 1619-Pawtucket, Lynn, Essex, MA)

- sp: Squaw Sachem Nanapashemet (b.Ab. 1580-, MA; m. Bef 1600; d. 1667-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 2. John Wonohaquaham (b.Ab. 1600-Pawtucket, Lynn, Essex, MA; d. 1633-near Charlestown, MA)
 - 2. James Montowampate (b. 1609-Pawtucket, Lynn, Essex, MA; d. Dec 1633-Lynn, Salem, Marblehead, MA)
 - sp: Wenuchus Passaconaway (b.Ab. 1610-, MA; m. 1629)
 - 2. Abigail Yawata (b.Ab. 1614-of Quapoag, Worcester, MA; d. Aft 1686-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - sp: John Awassamog (Onsumog) (b.Ab. 1614-of Winnisimmet (Chelsea), Suffolk, MA)
 - 3. James (Muminquash) Quanahpohkit, Rumneymarsh, Wiser (b. 1636-Rumneymarsh (Chelsea), Essex, MA; d. 1712)
 - sp: Mary Ponham (b.Ab. 1648-of Natick, Middlesex, MA; m. Abt 1670; d. 9 Mar 1737/1738-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 4. Israel Rumneymarsh (b. 1675-, MA; d. Feb 1744/1745-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - sp: Esther (b.Ab. 1680-of Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 4. Sarah Quanahpohkit (b. 1679-of Natick, Middlesex, MA; d. Aft 1759)
 - 4. Benjamin Wiser (b.Ab. 1680-of Natick, Middlesex, MA; d. Nov 1737-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 4. James Wiser (b.Ab. 1685-of Natick, Middlesex, MA; d. Jul 1741-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - sp: Hannah (b.Ab. 1685-of Natick, Middlesex, MA; d. 1731/1732-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 3. Anthony Wiser (b.Ab. 1640-of Lancaster, Worcester, MA)
 - 3. Joshua Awassamog (b.Ab. 1641-, MA)
 - 3. Thomas Quanapohit (b.Ab. 1642-, MA)
 - 3. Amos Awassamog (b.Ab. 1643-, MA; d. 26 Jun 1737-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 3. Thomas Awassamug (b.Ab. 1645-, MA)
 - sp: Abigail (b.Ab. 1647-, MA)
 - 4. Thomas Awassamug (b.Ab. 1710-, MA)
 - sp: Deborah Abraham (b.Ab. 1712-of Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 4. Mary Awassamug (b.Ab. 1712-, MA)
 - sp: Ebenezer Ephraim (b.Ab. 1715-, MA; m. 14 May 1739; d. 3 Apr 1746-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 3. John Awassamug (b.Ab. 1647-, MA)
 - sp: UNKNOWN
 - 4. Hannah Awassamug (b.Ab. 1718-, MA; d. 7 Apr 1737-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - sp: John Brooks (b.Ab. 1718-, MA; m. 25 Feb 1738/1739; d. 19 Jul 1745-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - 3. Samuel Awassamug (b.Ab. 1649-, MA)
 - 2. George Wenepoykin (b. 1616-Pawtucket, Lynn, Essex, MA; d. 1684-Natick, Middlesex, MA)
 - sp: Ahawayet Joane Poquanum (b.Ab. 1616-, MA)
 - 3. Manatahqua Wanapanaquin (b.Ab. 1640-Lynn, Essex, MA)
 - sp: UNKNOWN
 - 4. David Nonupanohow (b.Ab. 1676-, MA)
 - sp: Abigail (b.Ab. 1686-, MA)
 - 4. Samuel Wuttanoh (b.Ab. 1678-, MA)
 - 3. Petagunsk Cicely Wanapanaquin (b.Ab. 1642-, MA)
 - sp: UNKNOWN
 - 4. John Tontoquon (b.Ab. 1665-, MA)
 - 3. Wattaquattinusk Sarah Wanapanaquin (b.Ab. 1644-, MA)
 - 3. Petagoonaquah Susanna Wanapanaquin (b.Ab. 1646-, MA)