

RESEARCH REPORT for WARREN CULPEPPER

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By Diane Rapaport

Research Objectives and Information Provided by You

You authorized up to 20 hours of research to find historical records about people named Culpepper, Culpeper, Colepeper (and similar spelling variants) in colonial New England, with particular emphasis on the 1600s. We agreed that I would begin with a search of collections at the Massachusetts Archives, including the "Massachusetts Archives Collection", "Suffolk Files" and "Suffolk Deeds." You also indicated that you were interested in any Massachusetts baptisms, deeds, marriages, wills, probate, etc. mentioning Culpeppers that might turn up in the research. The primary focus of my research, however, was to be the issues set forth in items 2-5 in your Request for Proposal (which I am copying below for reference):

2. Immigration, Shipping and Merchant Records. What evidence can you find for a Culpeper presence in 17th century New England in so far as extant records of immigration, shipping and commerce? All that we have at this point is from Peter Coldham's *Complete Book of Immigrants*:

10 May 1664 - 30 June 1664, Shippers by the Defence, Mr. John Webber, bound from London for New England: Benjamin Hewling, John Newell, Humphrey Hodges, Thomas Parris, James Fassett, John Fullerton, Sir William Peake, Robert Davies, Robert Knight, John Winder, . Henry Culpeper, John Culpeper

If you can find details on this voyage beyond what is detailed above, that would also be welcomed. While we believe Henry was probably the son of John, and John is "the Merchant" we have never known for sure the identity and relationship of the Henry and John Culpepers on this voyage. But the more important issue here is getting documentation of any and all other New England shipping activities involving Culpepers.

3. Two Ships Named *Culpeper*, and Two Ships named *Thomas and John*.

One of these ships, the *Thomas and John*, was based in Lynn, Massachusetts in the 1670s. While there are records of a *Thomas and John* during 1627-1650 which was owned by Thomas Culpeper and his brother John Culpeper the Merchant, and which sailed between England and Virginia, it is not clear whether or not the 1670s ship is the same as the one of 1627-1650. Nor is it clear that the 1670s ship was owned by the Culpepers. What can you tell us about the *Thomas and John* of the 1670s that might prove or disprove a connection with the Culpepers or with the ship of that name during 1627-1650? What evidence can you find of any of these ships sailing in or out of New England in the 1600s? What we currently know can be seen in our ship records at: <http://gen.culpepper.com/historical/ships.htm>

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4. Roxbury, Mass. What evidence can you find of Culpepers in Roxbury, Massachusetts in the 17th century? We know of at least one person, Joshua Lamb, allied with the Culpepers in both the Albemarle Settlement in Carolina and in co. Kent, England, who had a presence in Roxbury. Even if you find no Culpepers engaged in trade from Roxbury, we would be interested in any Roxbury names involved in trade in the Albemarle prior to 1700.

5. James Colepeper, Loyalist from Boston, born say 1745. Can you find any other evidence of this man or his family in New England beyond what we have at <http://gen.culpepper.com/ss/p48654.htm> ?

Summary of Research Results

Warren, I am pleased to report that I found many records at the Massachusetts Archives showing a Culpeper presence in 17th-century New England—including shipping, trading and political activities, as well as a personal connection with the Lamb family of Roxbury, Massachusetts. While I did not yet find evidence of permanent Culpeper settlement in New England, or Culpeper births, marriages or deaths in the region, I was focusing only on a limited collection of records in the hours available for this research. Thus, the records that I found may be the “tip of the iceberg,” and I expect that further evidence of New England Culpepers may be available in additional records at the Massachusetts Archives and in other repositories. See my “Recommendations,” below, about other research that you may wish to consider.

Full details about my research are set forth below, in the “Research Notes” section of this report, and I am emailing 38 manuscript pages as JPG files, scanned from microfilm reviewed at the Massachusetts Archives. Although I abstracted the records found, I did not take time to transcribe all documents fully. In some cases, the microfilm was of poor quality, resulting in JPG images that are difficult to read. (Most of the original documents, however, are in storage at the Massachusetts Archives, and I could make arrangements to review and photograph them with my digital camera, if you would be interested in having me obtain better copies—for your reference or for easier transcription.)

Here are highlights of what I found (and did not find):

Shipping, Trading and Political Activities

Although I found no records so far about any of the ships you were interested in (the *Defence*, the *Culpeper* or the *Thomas and John*), or evidence of trade in the Albemarle with anyone from Roxbury prior to 1700, I did locate records about Culpepers on other (or unnamed) ships, and having business and political dealings with New Englanders from the 1660s to 1680s. For example:

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- Account records and letters dated 1661 and 1662 (which appeared in Suffolk County, Massachusetts court files in a 1671 dispute about sugar shipments from Barbados) mentioned Thomas Culpeper and Mr. Culpeper (probably Thomas). It was not clear, from these documents, where Thomas Culpeper lived, but he appeared to be involved in trade with New England men (John Winslow, John Stoughton, etc.). Other documents in the file referred to transactions involving Virginia and London, as well as Barbados. See “Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files, #1090, and copies of records, **Suffolk Files v11#1090p1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v11#1090p10.jpg**.
- Another Boston lawsuit—Ford and Gibbs v. Wood—centered on a trade dispute in 1662 and 1663 involving John Culpepper, who was described in court records as a merchant and part-owner of the ketch *William*. Traders John Ford and Robert Gibbs sued Captain Edward Wood of the *William*, for refusing to deliver their goods from the *William* to the barque *Francis*, and complaining that John Culpepper had “abused” Gibbs’ servant when he tried to take possession of the goods. Captain Wood’s defense was that he had received a letter from Boston in September 1662, purportedly from Ford and another man, instructing him to give the goods to “their friend” John Culpepper, who was traveling on the *William*, and then to follow Culpepper’s orders about the disposition of the goods. Wood also produced written instructions signed by Culpepper at Manhattan in May 1663, to sail from Manhattan to Boston and deliver the goods to a man named John Freake. Wood emphasized repeatedly that he was obliged to follow Culpepper’s orders “in all things.” See “Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files, #571 and #26763, and copies of records, **Suffolk Files v4#571p9a.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v4#571p9b.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v4#571p14a.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v4#571p14b.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v4#571p14c.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v212#26763p1.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v212#26763p2.jpg**. These court records did not indicate John Culpepper’s place of residence, although other records, discussed below, suggest that he was living at Roxbury, Massachusetts by at least the late 1670s.
- A court case in 1680, involving forfeiture of a bond that a Virginia man, William Thompson, entered into with a New England mariner, Samuel Pelson, included papers signed at Green Spring, Virginia, by “Thomas Lord Culpeper Baron of Thorsway his Maj^{ties} Liet and Governo^r General of Virginia.” See “Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files, #1909, and copies of records, **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5a.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5b.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5c.jpg**.
- On 30 Sep 1680, the Massachusetts General Court ordered the ship of Nicholas Page, the *Edward and Anna*, to delay sailing (probably out of Boston Harbor) so that it could accompany the ship of “Lord” Culpepper. See “Research Notes” below re: Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 39 (Judicial, 1638-1683), p. 666, and copy of record, **MA Ar Coll v39p666.jpg**.

- A letter from Whitehall (England), 22 Oct 1681 (or 1682) from William “Blathwaytes” asked the recipient to deliver enclosed documents to “my Lord Culpepper.” The context suggested that Culpepper was then in Massachusetts or New England. See “Research Notes” below re: Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 106 (Political, 1638-1700), p. 246, and copy of record, **MA Ar Coll v106p246.jpg**. Further documents in that volume indicate that Lord Culpepper was Thomas Culpepper, and that he had been negotiating with the King or royal authorities on behalf of Massachusetts, probably during 1682, when the King was threatening to revoke the Massachusetts charter. See Vol. 106, pp. 260, 370-371a, and copies of records, **MA Ar Coll v106p260.jpg**, **MA Ar Coll v106p370.jpg**, **MA Ar Coll v106p371.jpg** and **MA Ar Coll v106p371a.jpg**.
- An account of the Massachusetts colony, indexed with the date 22 Mar 1682/3, indicates that “Captain Richards’ company” was reimbursed for expenses of Lord Culpepper in 1681. See “Research Notes” below re: Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 100 (Pecuniary, 1629-1694), p. 304, and copy of record, **MA Ar Coll v100p304.jpg**.
- Another account in court records, written by a Massachusetts judge sometime in the 1600s (probably between the 1660s and 1690s), includes the name Mr. Culpeper in a list of goods (probably tobacco) aboard the ketch *Recovery* bound for Liverpool, England. See “Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files #1221, and copy of record, **Suffolk Files v13#1221p42.jpg**.

Roxbury, Massachusetts Connections

I also located records suggesting a close personal relationship between John Culpepper and the Lamb family of Roxbury, Massachusetts:

- In 1677, John Culpepper witnessed a document signed by Thomas and Mary Swan, acknowledging that they had received their portion of the estate of Mary’s deceased father, Thomas Lamb of Roxbury, from the estate of Mary’s stepfather, Thomas Hawley. See “Research Notes” below re: Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 16 (Estates, 1671-1697), and copies of records, **MA Ar Coll v16p63.jpg** and **MA Ar Coll v16p63a.jpg**. Related court records found in the Suffolk Files at the Massachusetts Archives include a copy of the 1677 document, and indicate that Thomas Lamb’s widow, Dorothy, married Thomas Hawley. See “Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files #3762, and copies of records, **Suffolk Files v42#3762p1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v42#3762p3.jpg**.
- John Culpepper and Joshua Lamb witnessed a Roxbury land deed in 1680, which divided Roxbury property between John Alcock of Boston and Samuel Ruggles Jr. of Roxbury. Several years later, in 1698, at the Suffolk County Superior Court of Common Pleas, there was testimony from another witness, John Gore, that he saw “John Culpeper then of Roxbury” sign the document. In other testimony, Mary Swan, the daughter of Thomas Lamb of Roxbury, stated that she was knew John Culpeper “very well” and was “well acquainted” with his handwriting. See

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“Research Notes” below re: Suffolk Files #3733a and #4531, and copies of records, **Suffolk Files v41#3733ap1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v41#3733ap3.jpg**.

Recommendations

I believe that more records undoubtedly exist about Culpepers in New England, and I would be happy to continue the search. Here are some of my recommendations:

- Although I reviewed many early records at the Massachusetts Archives, there are still more to consider researching. For example, I did not have time to check the indexes of all volumes in the Massachusetts Archives Collection (see my “Research Notes,” below), particularly the volumes covering the 1700s. Other records at the Massachusetts Archives, which I did not yet review, include records of the Massachusetts General Court (which was both the legislature and the highest court of appeals in the 17th-century), the Massachusetts Court of Assistants, and county courts including Essex County (where the town of Lynn is located).
- Other repositories, such as the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, have manuscript collections that should be searched for papers about early New England Culpepers.
- The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston, one of the leading genealogical research centers in the U.S., has not only manuscript from colonial New England but also extensive microfilm collections of original records (land, probate, town, court, tax, etc.), published collections and computer databases (with the most complete sources of New England vital records available). In particular, I would suggest focusing on records related to early Roxbury, where we know that John Culpepper lived or had connections, and Lynn, where you believe ships belonging to the Culpeppers were based.
- Early New England shipping and trading activities, and other matters involving colonial New England residents, may also be found in transcribed and published 17th and 18th-century records from England (some of which I have in CD-ROM format in my own library, and also available online and in various repositories), such as the *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series [America and West Indies]* and *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series*, etc.

I have other ideas, but these are some priorities that you might wish to consider, and I would be happy to discuss continuing the research. In any case, I have enjoyed working with you on this very interesting project.

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Research Notes

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES COLLECTION

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Massachusetts Archives Collection

Card Catalog Index

Note: Only about 1/3 of the 328 volumes in this collection have been indexed in the card catalog. Other volumes must be reviewed individually; most have indexes or table of contents. After checking the catalog index, I reviewed the microfilm for the volumes cited, as indicated below.

Culpepper, etc.

Culpeper, Lord

24 Aug 1680

At Boston; mentioned in Gov. Hutchinson's manuscript history of Mass., v. 2 v. 28, folio 54, p. 354 – *Microfilm not legible – need to review original manuscript or published history, which I did. See "Miscellaneous" section of these notes, below.*

Note: Vol. 28 is "Hutchinson's Ms. History," 1691-1750, which is the manuscript of Vol. 2 of his History of Massachusetts)

Culpepper, Lord

30 Sep 1680

The Edward and Anna, Nicholas Page's ship, ordered to delay sailing in order to accompany ship of,..

v. 39: 666 – *I reviewed microfilm of Vol. 39, p. 666. These appear to be file papers from two different matters considered by the court (probably the Massachusetts General Court, which had both legislative and judicial functions). The order about accompanying Lord Culpepper's ship is the one at the bottom of the page. (See copy, MA Ar Coll v39p666.jpg, copied from the microfilm.)*

Note: Vol. 39 is titled "Judicial," 1638-1683

Culpeper, Ld.

22 Mar 1682/3

An item paid to Capt. Richards' company for the expenses of, mentioned in the account of the Massachusetts colony for the year 1681.

v. 100: 304 – *I reviewed microfilm of Vol. 100, p. 304. The reference to "Ld. Culpepr" appears about halfway down the page, although it is not clear whether the date indicated by the indexers is correct, as other entries, apparently for March and April 1691, appear below. (See copy, MA Ar Coll v100p304.jpg, copied from the microfilm.)*

Note: Vol. 100 is titled "Pecuniary," 1629-1694

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Culpepper, John

3 Jul 1677

Witness, to acknowledgment signed by Thomas and Mary Swan, stating that they had received their portion of the estate of Thomas Hawley.

v. 16: 63-63a – *I reviewed microfilm of Vol. 16, pp. 63-63a. John Culpepper's name as witness appears on p. 63a. This document indicates that Mary Swan's maiden name was Mary Lamb; she was the daughter of Thomas Lamb of Roxbury, deceased. Mary Swan and her husband Thomas Swan signed this document in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Perhaps Thomas Lamb was a relative of Joshua Lamb? (See copy, MA Ar Coll v16p63.jpg and MA Ar Coll v16p63a.jpg, , copied from the microfilm.)*

Note: Vol. 16 is titled "Estates," 1671-1697

Ships named Thomas & John in 1600s-early 1700s

Many entries (most in the 1700s) for ships named "John" or "Thomas," which did not appear to be relevant, but no entries for a ship "Thomas and John."

Ships named Defence or Defense

No entries found.

Albemarle

Albemarle Co., N.C.

1739

Goods in controversy in Haynes-Smallidge case were to be delivered in,

v. 41: 438, 441

Note: Vol. 41 is titled "Judicial," 1725-1742

I did not take time to review the above citation since you were interested in the trade in the Albemarle prior to 1700.

Massachusetts Archives Supplementary Catalog Card Index

This additional card index at the MA Archives covers additional volumes of the Massachusetts Archives Collection not included in the Massachusetts Archives Collection Card Catalog Index (above). Volumes of the MA Archives Collection indexed in this Supplementary Catalog include:

Vol. 49-50 – Legislature

Vol. 51 – Letters

Vol. 67-80 – Military

Vol. 91-99; 268-269 – Muster Rolls

Vol. 164 – Rev. Council Papers

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I searched these but found no entries for Albemarle, Culpepper (etc.), or ships "Defence" and "Thomas & John."

Massachusetts Archives Collection

Finding Aid (typescript, unpublished, at MA Archives)

I reviewed list of 328 volumes of collection for volumes not included in the card index, which would need to be searched individually by index or table of contents in volumes. The following volumes appear possibly relevant, and I reviewed the indexes in some of the volumes, as indicated below:

Vol. 57 – Letter Books, 1638-1779 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships "Defence" or "Thomas & John" found in index.*

Vol. 58 – Literacy, 1645-1774 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships "Defence" or "Thomas & John" found in index.*

Vol. 59 – Manufactures, 1639-1733 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships "Defence" or "Thomas & John" found in index.*

Vol. 62 – Maritime, 1694-1706 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants) or Albemarle found in index.*

Vol. 63 – Maritime, 1706-1740 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants) or Albemarle found in index.*

Vol. 64 – Maritime, 1740-1753 (contents)

Vol. 65 – Maritime, 1753-1759 (contents)

Vol. 66 – Maritime, 1759-1775 (contents)

Vol. 81 – Minutes of Council, 1689-1732 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships "Defence" or "Thomas & John" found in index.*

Vol. 86 – Minutes of Council, 1770-1776 (contents)

Vol. 87 – Miscellaneous, 1657-1774 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships "Defence" or "Thomas & John" found in index.*

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Vol. 88 – Miscellaneous, 1648-1775 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 89 – Military Accounts, 1741-1760 (contents)

Vol. 90 – Military Accounts, 1756-1759 (contents)

Vol. 101 – Pecuniary, 1694-1740 (contents)

Vol. 102 – Pecuniary, 1740-1752 (contents)

Vol. 103 – Pecuniary, 1752-1760 (contents)

Vol. 104 – Pecuniary, 1760-1775 (contents)

Vol. 105 – Petitions, 1643-1775 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 106 – Political, 1638-1700 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm, and found several possibly relevant entries in index. I searched for those pages and copied the documents:*

Lord Thomas Culpepper:

p. 246 – Letter from “Whitehall the 22 October 1681 (*or 1682?*)” from “William Blathwaytes.” Identity of the recipient not clear, but Blathwaytes indicates that the recipient probably was on a ship “halfe. . . way to Boston” at the time of the writing. Blathwaytes states, in the first line, that “I have Received yo^r Two letters, wth y^e enclosed to my Lord Culpepper. . . .” At the end of the letter, Blathwaytes states: Pray deliver y^e Inclosed,” suggesting that he enclosed a letter to Lord Culpepper for the recipient to deliver; thus Lord Culpepper probably was then in Massachusetts or New England. (See copy, **MA Ar Coll v106p246.jpg**, *copied from the microfilm.*)

p. 260 – Letter dated May 29 16_2 (*probably 1682, but one of numbers is smudged*), addressed “To the R^t Honora^{ble} Thomas Lord Culpepper” (*see bottom left of document*). Not clear who wrote the letter, as it is signed simply “Yo^r Lordshipps Humble Servants,” but references to “our Agents Mr Joseph Dudley & Capt John Richard” suggest that the letter writer was from Massachusetts. Culpepper evidently had been negotiating with “his majesty” to their advantage; the letter refers to “yor noble indeavours for us,” etc. *I did not yet take time to transcribe the entire letter, but I can do this if you wish. This was the time period when the King wanted to set up a different governmental*

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*structure in Massachusetts, and the New England authorities were trying to avoid revocation of the colony's charter (which finally occurred in 1684). (See copy, **MA Ar Coll v106p260.jpg**, copied from the microfilm.)*

pp. 370-371a – This appears to be part of a petition to the King from Massachusetts, probably about the charter controversy around 1682 or 1683. *I did not take time to transcribe the entire document, and it undoubtedly would be easier to do so if I made arrangements with the Massachusetts Archives to review the original (which I can do if you wish).* The first and second lines on p. 371 indicate that something was done or delivered “by ye hand of yr noble Lord Culpepper.” (See copy, **MA Ar Coll v106p370.jpg**, **MA Ar Coll v106p371.jpg** and **MA Ar Coll v106p371a.jpg**, copied from the microfilm.)

Duke of Albemarle

p. 268 – Document titled: “Att a Court at Whitehall. Sep^t 20. 1682.” The list of attendees, which included “Duke of Albemarle,” apparently were members of the Committee for Trade & Foreign Plantations. This states that agents from Massachusetts Bay in New England were “lately arived,” and that “his Ma^{tie} was pleased to declare his pleasure that he would cause a Quo Warranto to be brought ag^t the s^d Governour & Company [of Massachusetts] for the abuses of their charter.” *As indicated above, Massachusetts was trying to maintain their charter, which finally was revoked by the King in 1684.* (See copy, **MA Ar Coll v106p268.jpg**, copied from the microfilm.)

Vol. 107 – Revolution, 1689 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 108 – Speeches and Messages, 1702-1754 (contents, index)

Vol. 109 – Speeches and Messages, 1755-1760 (contents)

Vol. 110 – Speeches and Messages, 1760-1774 (contents)

Vol. 111 – Taverns, 1643-1774 (contents)

Vol. 119 – Trade, 1645-1754 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 120 – Trade, 1754-1774 (contents, index) *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants) or Albemarle found in index.*

Vol. 121 – Traveling, 1655-1774 (contents) – *Reviewed microfilm. No table of contents or index found.*

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Vol. 122 – Treasury, 1692-1713 (contents, index) – *This and following Treasury volumes contain accounts of MA treasurers and receivers general.*

Vol. 123 – Treasury, 1707-1734 (contents, index)

Vol. 124 – Treasury, 1735-1757 (contents, index)

Vol. 125 – Treasury, 1759-1770 (contents, index)

Vol. 126 – Usurpation, 1686 (contents, index) – *This and following Usurpation volumes contain records of Governor and Council after revocation of colony charter and prior to arrival of Sir Edmond Andros. – Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 127 – Usurpation, 1687 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 128 – Usurpation, 1688 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 129 – Usurpation, 1688-1689 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 136 – Miscellaneous, 1715-1761 (contents)

Vol. 137 – Reports, 1774-1783 (contents)

Vol. 138-146

Note: Various volumes re: Revolutionary period. I did not take time to record details. No index (except to divorces in vol. 140), only table of contents in each volume.

Vol. 148 – Board of War Minutes, 1776-1777 (index)

Vol. 149 – Board of War Minutes, 1777-1778 (index)

Vol. 150 – Board of War Minutes, 1778-1781 (index)

Vol. 151 – Board of War Minutes, 1776-1780 (contents, index)

Vol. 153 – Board of War Letters, 1777-1780 (contents)

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Vol. 154 – Revolution Royalists, 1775-1779 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. in index.*

Vol. 155 – Revolution Royalists, 1778-1784 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. in index.*

Vol. 156-160, 165-188, 197-198, 203, 206-239

Note: Various volumes re: Revolutionary period. I did not take time to record details. No index, only table of contents in each volume.

Vol. 204-205 – Revolution Letters, 1781-1783 (contents, index)

Vol. 240-242 – Hutchinson Papers (index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 246-251 – Accounts 1738 – 1759 (index)

Vol. 273 – Bonds, Deeds, Wills, 1673-1742 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. in index.*

Vol. 279 – Council Papers, 1732-1799 (contents)

Vol. 280 – Absentees, 1776-1780 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. in index.*

Vol. 281 – Estates of Absentees, 1781-1791 (index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. in index.*

Vol. 282 – Judicial, 1671-1799 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 283-286 – Legislative, 1660-1799 (contents)

Vol. 288 – Letters, 1761-1785 (contents, index)

Vol. 291 – Maritime, 1697-1769 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries found for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. or Albemarle in index.*

Vol. 292 – Maritime, 1775-1795 (contents)

Vol. 293 – Military, 1740-1777 (contents)

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Vol. 294 – Military, 1778-1798 (contents)

Vol. 295 – Miscellaneous, 1700-1799 (contents)

Vol. 303 – Petitions, 1659-1786 (contents, index) – *Reviewed microfilm. No entries for Culpepper (and spelling variants), Albemarle, or ships “Defence” or “Thomas & John” found in index.*

Vol. 320 – Treasury, 1753-1797 (contents)

Vol. 321 – Treasury, 1770-1797 (contents)

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See index entries re: Albemarle below.

Albemarle, Brigantine Good Hope, of, 1208

Per Calendar Index:

1208 – Account of charges upon the Brigantine Good Hope of Albemarle, now in York, Aug 1673 (*abstract in index mentions 2 names, but not Culpepper, although not clear whether more names are on original document, which I did not have time to review*)

Albemarle, County of, in the province of Carolina, Robert Risko in, 1673, 1245

Per Calendar Index:

1245 – Miller & Risko (Breach of covenant) (*lengthy abstract of 23 papers*) – mentions that Risko/Risko is master of brigantine *Good Hope* of Albemarle. *Many names mentioned in abstract, but not Culpepper, so I did not take time to review file.*

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Search for Colepepper or Collpepper, etc. – No entries

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(microfilm – MA Archives)**

Search for entries re: ship “Defence” or “Defense” – None found

*See index entries re: Culpepper, etc. below. I followed up by checking the numbered entries in **Suffolk Files, Calendar Index** (also on microfilm – MA Archives), which provided more index detail. Then I reviewed the relevant papers on microfilm, as indicated below. Better images probably could be obtained by arranging with the judicial archivist to view and photograph the original documents, if you wish.*

#571

Culpepper, ____ Mr., mentd; (Reasons of Appeal by Gibbs 1663) (Ford &c & Hood), 571
Culpepper, John, Mr., mentd; (Certificate 1663) (Ford &c & Wood), 571
Culpepper, John, Mr., order by (dated Manhatans 1663) (Ford &c & Wood), 571
Culpepper, Jo., Mr., orders of, order to Capt. Edw. Wood to attend (1662) (Ford &c & Wood), 571

Per Calendar Index:

571 – Ford &c & Wood (Withholding goods & debt) – 39 papers (Culpepper mentioned on papers 9 and 14) – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 4, #571, and copied a few papers from the file:*

pp. 9a, 9b (See copies, **Suffolk Files v4#571p9a.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v4#571p9b.jpg**.) – Two-page document dated 27 Aug 1663 by Robert Gibbs, titled “Reasons of Appeal in a Case Depending between John Ford and Robert Gibbs against Edward Wood.” “Mr. Culpepper” is mentioned several times:

Paragraph 1: Gibbs states that the goods in dispute belonged to him and to John Ford, and not to Mr. Freake and Ford. The goods were delivered to Mr. Culpepper. Captain Wood “suffered the said Culpepper. . . to abuse the servant of the said Gibbs aboard [the ship], when he demanded his masters goods.” Gibbs argues that it was not “reasonable to have his Goods detained & his servant abused.”

Paragraph 3: Mr. Culpepper mentioned again, *although some of the words are difficult to transcribe from the microfilm copy; consider reviewing original.*

Paragraph 4: Captain Wood argued that he “had an order from m^r Freake and m^r Ford to follow the order of m^r Culpepper. . . .”

Paragraph 5: Gibbs explains that the tobacco and hides belonging to him and John Ford were on the “bark” *Francis*, and then put aboard the ketch *William* “to

remayne sometime there and were to be taken out againe, which . . . Wood refused to let be don[e]” and instead “delivered them to an other without any order” [to Culpepper].

pp. 14a, 14b and 14c (See copies, **Suffolk Files v4#571p14a.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v4#571p14b.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v4#571p14c.jpg**.)

p. 14a is a copy of some papers from the court file, including:

A letter dated 15 Sep 1662 at Boston from John Ford and John Freake to Capt Edw Wood, telling him to sail for James River in Virginia and to deliver their goods to “our freind m^r Jo: Culpepper who goes wth you in the Catch [ketch] delivering him what Goods of ours in the ketch and . . . Confirming yourself to his order as to the dispatch of our voyage home for New England.”

And a letter dated 26 May 1663 at Manhattan from John Culpepper to Capt. Edw Wood, telling him to sail as soon as possible from Manhattan to Boston and to deliver goods from the ketch *William* to John Freake. *Difficult to transcribe all of the words from the microfilm copy.*

p. 14b is a copy of the summons to Edward Wood to answer Ford’s and Gibbs’ complaint. States that Wood refused to deliver parcel of goods belonging to the cargo of the barque *Francis*, which were temporarily on the ketch *William* while work was done to the *Francis*. Wood refused, twice, to deliver the goods to Gibbs’ servant, Hatton Atkins, even when Atkins brought an order from Ford.

Also on p. 14b, and 14c, are copies of the letters on p. 14a.

#1090

Culpepper, ____ Mr., mentd; Letter from Hands to Winslow 1662, 1090

Culpeper, Tho., mentd; Account 1661 (Guardns J. Hands & Clarke), 1090

Per Calendar Index:

1090 – Peter Brackett & Thomas Brattle, guardians to John Hands (executor of Mark Hands, his father) & Capt. Thomas Clarke. Action of the Case for withholding goods – 8 papers (*however, microfilm actually was 10 pages – 9 papers plus title page*). – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 11, #1090, and copied the file.* (See copies, **Suffolk Files v11#1090p1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v11#1090p10.jpg**.)

Comments:

I did not take time to transcribe file. The microfilm is of poor quality, but probably the originals would be more readable.

p. 1 – Title page, indicating that file is re: “Guardians of Hands & Clarke.” Note states: “See also No. 162099.”

p. 2 – Document states at top: “Att a County Court held at Boston ... 1671.” *Appears to refer to case involving sugar shipments from Barbados.*

p. 3 – Inventory of John Stoughton’s estate in 1661, *apparently one of file papers in this case.*

pp. 4-5 – “Reasons of Appeal” filed by Thomas Brattle and Peter Brackett 5 Mar 1671

p. 6 – Copy of document signed by John Stoughton, 1661, in Barbados; copy of document signed by Marke Hands, 1662, Barbados. The latter states “If Mr. Winslow does not receive 2 [*abbrev. for measurement*] of Sug^r of M^r Culpeper I shall send you....”

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p. 7 – Copy of an account dated 1661, titled “Barbadoes; Marke Hands is Debtor unto Severall...” In second column “Tho: Culpeper” is mentioned twice.

pp. 8-9 – Copy of Apr 1662 letter to Capt. Thomas Clarke from someone in Barbados, about John Stoughton estate and issues re: trade involving Barbados, Virginia, London, etc.

p. 10 – Deposition of John Winslow.

#1221

Culpeper, ____ Mr., mentd; (Invoice of Ketch Recovery) (Bonner &c & Lawton), 1221

Per Calendar Index:

1221 – Bonner &c & Lawton (As to voyage &c of Ketch Recovery) – 93 papers

Culpeper on paper #42 – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 13, #1221, and copied paper #42, an account list.* (See copy, **Suffolk Files v13#1221p42.jpg**.)

This account list is undated, but clearly from sometime in the 1600s, since it was copied by Thomas Danforth, who was a Massachusetts judge from the 1660s to 1690s. The account lists names and goods (mostly tobacco) “aboard the Ketch Recovery Jn^o. Bonner mast^r bound for Liverpoole.” The name “Mr Culpeper” appears about half-way down the list.

#1909

Culpeper, Thomas, Lord, Baron of Thorsway &c. Govr. Genl. Of Virginia, certificate by, 15 May 1680 (Thompson &c & Pelton, 1909)

Per Calendar Index:

1909 – Thompson &c & Pelton (Forfeiture of a bond) – 16 papers

Culpeper on paper #5. Much about Virginia on other papers. *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 22, #1909, and copied relevant pages.* (See copies, **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5a.jpg**, **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5b.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v22#1909p5c.jpg**.)

pp. 5a – 5c

Copy by a Massachusetts court clerk, Addington, of the power of attorney of William Thompson of Surrey County, Virginia, gentleman, giving his sons Samuel and John power of attorney concerning a 1,000 pound bond with Samuel Pelton, mariner of New England. Below that is a copy of a court order “Att a Gen^l Court held at James Citty the 5th of October 1678,” stating that William Thompson entered into a 1,000 pound bond with Samuel Pelton, master of the ketch *Blessing* of New England; that Pelton departed the colony without giving an account or paying customs fees; and that Thompson was ordered to pay 1,000 pounds and costs per the bond. “Thomas Lord Culpeper Baron of Thorsway his Maj^{ties} Liet and Governo^r General of Virginia” certified, at Green Spring in Virginia, 14 May 1680, that William Thompson appeared before him and acknowledged the power of attorney, etc., and Culpeper affirmed that he reviewed the court order, etc.

#3733a

Culpeper, John, mentd; (dep. By J. Gore as to indenture John Alcock and Saml Ruggles Jr. (copy), 3733a

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Per Calendar Index:

3733a – Copy of Indenture between John Alcock and Samll Ruggles as to land in Roxbury – 2 papers, plus title sheet. – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 41, #3733a, and copied the file.* (See copies, **Suffolk Files v41#3733ap1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v41#3733ap3.jpg**.)

p. 1 – Title sheet: “Alcock and Ruggles (indenture as to land in Roxbury) 23 Oct 1680. Sworn in Court 7 Oct 1698.”

p. 2 – Indenture (deed), describing division of Roxbury property, 23 Oct 1680, between John Alcock of Boston and Samuel Ruggles Jr. of Roxbury.

p. 3 – John Gore, Joshua Lamb and John Culpeper were listed as witnesses to the signing of the document in 1680. Later, in the Superior Court of Common Pleas, Oct 1698, John Gore testified “that he saw John Alcock sign Seall and deliver this Instrument, as his act & deed,” and John Gore “and John Culpeper then of Roxbury sett to their hand, as Witnesses.” *The rest of the testimony seems to refer to another document witnessed by Jose Wise and John Culpeper; see Suffolk Files #3762, below.* Thomas Swan and Mary Swan testified that they knew both John Culpeper and Jose Wise “very well and were well acquainted with their hand writing.” *Note: As indicated in the Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 16, pp. 63-63a, above, Mary Swan was the daughter of Thomas Lamb of Roxbury.*

#3762

Culpeper, John, &c, witnesses, acquittance Thos. Swan &c to Thos. Hawley (copy), 3762
Per Calendar Index:

3762 – Hawley & Lamb (As to estates of &c) – 22 papers – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 42, #3762, and copied a few pages of the file that mentioned John Culpeper.* (See copies, **Suffolk Files v42#3762p1.jpg** through **Suffolk Files v42#3762p3.jpg**.)

p. 1 – Title page, which states: “Hawley & Lamb. Oct. 1698. (See also No. 162016) (See also Nos. 3993, 4502, 4515 & 162475).”

p. 2 – Refers to 26 May 1698 petition of Thomas Hawley and his wife Dorothy (previously the wife of “Lamb of Roxbury,” *probably Thomas Lamb*), at General Court (in Boston).

p. 3 – Copy of 1677 document signed Thomas Swan and Mary Swan (daughter of Thomas Lamb of Roxbury, deceased), discharging Thomas Hawley’s estate of further claims; witnessed by Jose Wise and John Culpeper.

#4531

Culpeper, John, of Roxbury, deposition 1698, &c, witnesses (copy), (Indenture, Alcocke and Ruggles), 4531

Per Calendar Index:

4531 – Copy of Indenture between John Alcock and Samuel Ruggles as to land in Roxbury – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 47, #4531, but it is just another copy of the first page of the Alcock/Ruggles land deed found in #3733a, above.*

#26763

Culpepper, __ Mr., mentd; (Wood & Gibbs), 26763

Culpepper, Jo., Mr., mentd. (Wood & Gibbs), 26763

*Per Calendar Index: No additional information – I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 212, #26763, and copied a few pages of the file that mentioned Culpepper. These pages are difficult to read from the microfilm copy, but they appear to be more papers from the Gibbs and Ford v. Wood lawsuit, #571 above. (See copies, **Suffolk Files v212#26763p1.jpg** and **Suffolk Files v212#26763p2.jpg**.)*

Edward Wood's answer to the Reasons of Appeal of Robert Gibbs. He emphasized repeatedly (*note how he wrote "CONFORME" and "CONFORMING" in very large script*) that he was obliged to conform to the order of Mr. Culpepper "in all things." He pointed out that Mr. Culpepper "was no stranger but the Merchant & also a part owner." Wood also referred to Culpepper as his "supervisor" (*although perhaps he intended the word "superior"*).

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 (microfilm – MA Archives)

John & Thomas (ship), mentioned (Simmons & Burrington, 1694), 2946

Per Calendar Index:

2946 – Simmons & Burrington – action of the case as to money due for wages (2 papers), 1 paper, deposition of Thomas Burrington, mentions voyage from Boston to Barbados and ship "John & Thomas" – *I reviewed microfilm, Suffolk Files, Vol. 34, #2946. Deposition of Thomas Burrington, who was master of ship Rebecca & Elizabeth, was returning from Barbados to Boston when met with ship John & Thomas, Thomas Carter, master, which caused Burrington's ship to sink.*

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Supreme Judicial Court
Suffolk Files
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1629-1700 (Sup-W)
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Search for ship "Thomas & John" – no entries found

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1629-1729 (A-Hy)
(microfilm – MA Archives)

Search for:

Albemarle – only entry was re: ship by that name

Colepepper/Culpepper – no entries found

Ship “Defence” – no entries found

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1629-1729 (I-Zs)
(microfilm – MA Archives)

Search for entries re: ship “John & Thomas” or “Thomas & John” – none found

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Supreme Judicial Court
Suffolk Files
Index to Suffolk Files
1730-1799 (A-El)
(microfilm – MA Archives)

Search for Colepepper/Culpepper etc. entries – None found

Suffolk County
Supreme Judicial Court
Suffolk Files
Misc. Index to Court Files
1629-1795 (A-Sea)
(microfilm – MA Archives)

Search for Albemarle, Colepepper/Culpepper, ships “Defence” or “John & Thomas” – no entries found

Supreme Judicial Court
Suffolk Files
Misc. Index to Court Files
1629-1795 (Sec-Zw)
(microfilm – MA Archives)

Search for ship “Thomas & John” – no entries found

SUFFOLK DEEDS

Massachusetts Archives, Boston MA

Suffolk Register of Deeds**Record Books****Grantee Index**

1639-1799 (Ca-Gy), v. 3-6

GSU #0580662

(microfilm)

No entries for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. found.

Suffolk Register of Deeds**Record Books****Grantor Index**

1639-1799 (Ca-Dy), v. 5-7

GSU #0579923

(microfilm)

No entries for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. found.

NOTE: Although there were no grantors/grantees named Culpepper in the Suffolk County deed indexes, I also began searching the published deed books (available as scanned PDF copies from various sources, including my own personal library) for possible mention of the name as a witness or in some capacity other than grantor/grantee. I had time only to search the first two published volumes:

Suffolk Deeds

Vol. 1, 1624-1653 (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1880) - *No entries for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. found.*

Vol. 2, 1653-1656 (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1883) - *No entries for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. found.*

MISCELLANEOUS**Middlesex County Court Folio Collection****Card Index**

(MA Archives)

No entries for Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. found.

Massachusetts**Superior Court of Judicature, 1692-1695****Special Courts, 1686-1687**

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Superior Court of Judicature, 1686-1700

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One reel of transcribed records with above titles. No Culpepper etc. in index.

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Salem MA

Index to Court Papers

Volumes 1-57 (1636-1694)

Papers A-D

(typescript volume at MA Archives)

No entries for Albemarle, Colepepper/Culpepper, etc. or ship “Defence”

Essex County Court House

Salem MA

Index to Court Papers

Volumes 1-57 (1636-1694)

Papers R-T

(handwritten volume at MA Archives)

No entries for ship “Thomas & John”

Miscellaneous Published Sources

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War (Boston:

Wright & Potter, 1896-1908).

No Culpepper names found.

Thomas Hutchinson, ***The History of the Province of Massachusetts Bay from the Charter of King William and Queen Mary, in 1691, Until the Year 1750, Vol. 2*** (Boston: 1828). Available at Internet Archive,

<http://www.archive.org/details/historyofprovinc02hutc>.

The index to the Massachusetts Archives Collection, Vol. 28, “Hutchinson’s Ms. History,” 1691-1750 (the manuscript of Vol. 2), cited a reference to Lord Culpepper at Boston in 1680, but the microfilm was not legible. Thus, I searched the published volume 2, and found in the index:

Culpeper, Lord, at Boston, 332. – *However, there was no mention of Culpeper at that page, which appeared to relate to the years 1727 and 1728. The book starts in the year 1692.*

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