

The Longfellows  
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Among the many families who once lived in Nottingham were the Longfellows, Ensign William Longfellow was a member of the ill-fated Phipps expedition of 1690 which failed in it's attempt to capture Quebec. Ensign Longfellow's ship ran aground and sank off Anti Costa Island and the Ensign and others lost their lives. His widow Ann, was left with six small children to care for and but for the fact that her father, Henry Sewall was well to do the Longfellows would have been badly off indeed. One year and six months after recieving the news of her husband's death the Widow Longfellow married Hm. Henry Short of Newbury, Mass., and by him had six more children. It was often and truthfully said of her that she was the only woman in the colonies who was the mother of six Longfellows and six Short fellows. A grandson, Jonathan, apparently settled in Nottingham in or about 1742, and was responsible for the building of a garrison house near Deerfield Paraf~~e~~e. It is through the three who remained in Nottingham - Jacob, Mary (Batchelder), and Sarah (Cilley) Longfellow that all the descendants in Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood can claim descent.