“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION, THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY
William Hall was born in London. He would marry with Mary Thomas (1619-1680), have a son Benjamin Hall (1650-1729), and die during 1675 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Do I have your attention? Good.
8th Day, 8th Month: The name of William Hall was on a list of 59 persons admitted as inhabitants of an island on the coast of Rhode Island called Aqueedunk.

Nobody could guess what would happen next.
William Hall, an inhabitant of Newport, Rhode Island, joined with several others to found the town of Portsmouth. William was spelling his name Haule.

A house was constructed for Friend Nicholas Easton, eventually facing Farewell Street, the first dwelling constructed in Newport, Rhode Island. This dwelling would burn in 1641 and be replaced, and upon the death of Nicholas Easton in 1676, it and the property on which it stood would be bequeathed to the Newport Friends. This piece of land eventually would be used in 1699 for the Great Meetinghouse of the Friends.

At Portsmouth, Samuell Gorton joined Mistress Anne Hutchinson in ousting William Coddington. Upon Coddington’s return to power Gorton would himself get turned out.

In this year the Gortons had their daughter whom they named Mahershalalhashbaz.¹

The most wonderful name and one which was the least likely to have been selected from all the names appearing in the Bible was that of Mahershalalhashbaz, and there were, previous to 1680, two persons in the Colony bearing this name, one a daughter of Samuel Gorton of Warwick, whose peculiarities brought on him no end of troubles, while the other was a son of Mary Dyer, she who was hung for the crime of being a Quaker, on the grounds now comprising the beautiful Public Garden and Common in Boston.

¹ Cf. Isaiah 8:1-3, where the longest name in the Bible usually appears as “Maher-shalal-hash-baz.” In Hebrew this meant “To speed to the spoil, he hasteneth the prey.”
27th Day (Monday, 2d Day), 5th Month: A parcel of land in Portsmouth, Rhode Island was granted by the town to William Hall.
William Hall and Mary Thomas Hall’s son Benjamin Hall was born.

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT
William Hall became a commissioner to the Rhode Island General Court from Portsmouth.

6th day of 7th month: William Hall sold, to Richard Sisson of Portsmouth, 1/300th of Canonocut Island and 1-300th of Dutch Island, Rhode Island.
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Ousamequin Yellow Feather (the Massasoit) died early in the year, and his eldest son Wamsutta received the name Allexander (sic) Pokanokett (sic) from the whites of the Plymouth colony. His younger brother Metacom was designated Phillip (sic) by the whites of the Plymouth colony. (The implication of this joke naming system was “See, here’s a colored man with bad attitude: he acts with dignity and poise and obviously supposes he’s going to conquer the world, or dominate us or something, like the famous historical white man Alexander the Great — but he’s not nothing but a woods savage and he isn’t ever going to get any respect from us.”)
William Hall was for one last time commissioner to the general Court of Rhode Island from Portsmouth in 1663.
William Hall was Deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assembly of Rhode Island.

Samuell Gorton was re-elected as a Deputy Governor.

The new “Generall Sargent” was James Rogers and the new “Generall Solissitor” was William Dyre (sic).
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William Hall was for one last time Deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assembly of Rhode Island. He was appointed on a committee for the purpose of “treating with the Indians about drunkenness, and to seriously council them, and agree of Some way to prevent extreme excess of Indian drunkenness.” Five headmen were named with whom the committee should treat, among whom was Metacom of Mount Hope, called King Phillip.

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT
William Hall died in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY

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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”
- Remark by character “Garin Stevens” in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST
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This stuff presumably looks to you as if it were generated by a human. Such is not the case. Instead, someone has requested that we pull it out of the hat of a pirate who has grown out of the shoulder of our pet parrot “Laura” (as above). What these chronological lists are: they are research reports compiled by ARRGH algorithms out of a database of modules which we term the Kouroo Contexture (this is data mining). To respond to such a request for information we merely push a button.
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