

FRIEND HOROD LONG HICKS GARDINER PORTER



Apparently it was approximately as hard to keep it in your pants, in colonial New England, as it is now. -It seems to have been especially hard to keep it in your pants when you were around the swiving Friend Horod, whom some persons had been terming "The Quaker Whore."

"Horod or Horrid Long, of Newport, was a woman of many names, and the history of her life is as horrid as the name she bore."



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"*Horred Gardner* is the next, who being the Mother of many Children, and an Inhabitant of *Newport* in *Rhode-Island*, came with her Babe sucking at her Breast, from whence to *Weymouth* (a town in your Colony) where having finished what she had to do, and her Testimony from the Lord, unto which the Witness of God answered in the People, she was hurried by the baser sort to *Boston*, where your Governour, *John Endicot*, who after he had entertained her with much abusive Language, and the * Girl that came with her, to help bear her Child, he committed them both to Prison, and Ordered them to be whipp'd with Ten Lashes a-piece, which was cruelly laid on their Naked Bodies, with a three-fold-knotted-Whip of Cords, and then were continued for the space of Fourteen Days longer in Prison, from their Friends, who could not Visit them. The Woman came a very fore Journey, and (according to Man) above Sixty Miles, between *Rhode-Island* and *Boston* ; and being kept up, after your Cruel Usage of their Bodies, might have died ; but you had no Consideration of this, or of them, tho' the Mother had of you, who after the Savage, Inhumane and Bloody Execution of her, of your Cruelty aforesaid, kneeled down, and Prayed -*The Lord to forgive you*- which so reached upon a Woman that stood by, and wrought upon her, that she gave *Glory to God*, and said, - *That surely she could not have done that thing, if it had not been by the Spirit of the Lord.*—"

1605

October 12, Saturday (Old Style): [John Hicks](#) was baptized in England, son of Robert Hicks and his 1st wife Elizabeth Morgan Hicks.

1621

In this year or the following one, [Horod](#) (Herodias or Horodia) Long was born in America. At some point the father of the family would die, and little Horod would be sent back to London "with considerable estate." There she would be taken in by [John Hicks](#) — who while she was only 13 or 14 would marry her privately in the underchapel of St. Paul's Cathedral, called St. Faith's church.



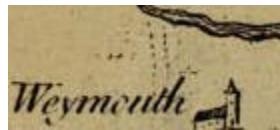
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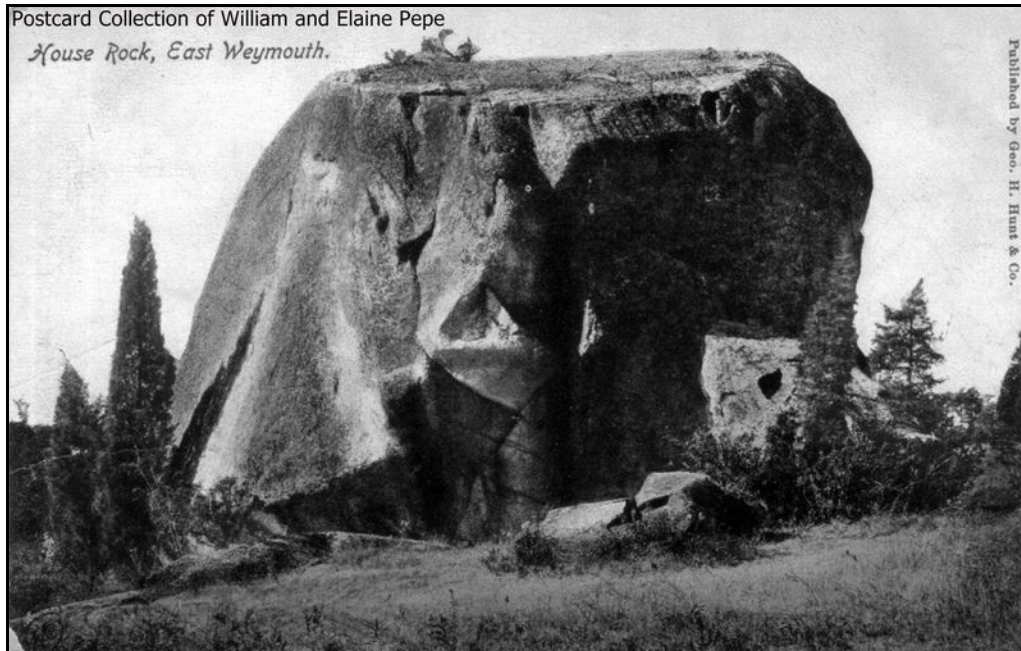
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1637

March 14, Tuesday (1636, Old Style): In London, [John Hicks](#) and Herodias “[Horod](#)” Long were married in the underchapel of St. Paul’s Cathedral, called St. Faith’s church. They would emigrate to Weymouth (*Wessaguscus* or *Wessagusset*, renamed after the English town), a dozen miles southeast of [Boston](#), while the bride was still “between 13 and 14 years of age.”



The husband would be granted land and they would settle in the vicinity of House Rock, otherwise known as the Weymouth Sphinx (largest glacial erratic in Massachusetts, deposited *circa* 10,000 BCE).





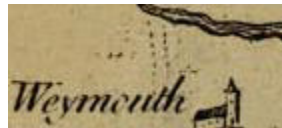
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1638

A daughter Hannah was born to [John Hicks](#) and his young wife [Horod](#) in Weymouth. (Hannah Hicks would marry with William Haviland of Flushing in 1653 and would die in 1712.)



1639

March 20, Tuesday (1638, Old Style): [John Hicks](#) and his young wife [Horod](#) relocated from Weymouth near Boston to [Newport, Rhode Island](#), where John had been admitted as an inhabitant. These marital partners would soon split up due to a “difference.”

1640

[John Hicks](#) was made a freeman of [Newport, Rhode Island](#). A son Thomas was born to John Hicks and [Horod](#) Long Hicks. (Thomas Hicks would live to be just over 100 years of age, dying at Little Neck on Long Island in 1740.)

1642

March: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [John Hicks](#) served on the Petit Jury.



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1643

March: In [Rhode Island](#), [John Hicks](#) was brought into court and bound for £10. “to keep the peace for beating his wife, Harwood [*sic*] Hicks....” [Horod](#) would declare to the court that “there happened a difference between ... John Hickes & myself, & he went away to the Dutch [in Flushing on Paumanok Long Island], carrying with him most of my estate, which had been sent to me by my mother....” He took their children, Hannah Hicks and Thomas Hicks, and possibly a 3d child, with him (this was a father’s unchallengeable and unquestionable right under existing law). Although the court ordered that his estranged wife should have the considerable property given her by her mother, the husband would never return it:

[T]hat he was a man of mean mind & disposition is evident, not only for the treatment of [Horod] in Rhode Island, but his slanderous letter ... after he ran away.... In the matter of property it is of record that he attempted to appropriate to his own use the estate of his third wife, much as he did Horod’s, but was thwarted by the quick action of her children by a former marriage....

Horod would become a [Quaker](#). Destitute, she would turn to [George Gardiner](#), who had been Constable in [Newport](#) for 1638-1642, was Ensign in 1644, and would be Commissioner in 1662, “for my maintenance.” Horod would share a bed with George for 18 to 20 years and the couple would produce a number of children, Benoni, Henry, George, William, Nicholas, Dorcas, Rebecca, Samuel, and Joseph (at that time in that place, common law marriage was neither illegal nor unusual).

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Before June 1, Thursday (Old Style): In Flushing on *Paumanok* Long Island, [John Hicks](#) petitioned for divorce from his estranged wife [Horod](#) Long Hicks on grounds of a lack of marital faithfulness: “.....but if there be any way to bee used to untie the Knott, which was at first by man tyed, that so the World may be satisfied, I am willing thereunto, for the Knott of affection on her part have been untied long since, & her whoredome have freed my conscience....”



June 1, Thursday (Old Style): In Flushing on *Paumanok* Long Island, Governor Peter Stuyvesant for the court of New Amsterdam granted to [John Hicks](#) a divorce from his estranged wife [Horod](#) Long Hicks on the basis of false testimony (his vast exaggeration of the length of time since separation):

“...We the councillors of New Netherland having seen & read the request of John Hicks, sheriff on Long Island, in which he remonstrates & presents that his wife Hardwood Longh [*sic*] has

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ran away from him about 9 years ago with someone else with whom she has been married & by him 5 or 6 children...."



December 3, Sunday (Old Style): [John Hicks](#) was appointed to the Grand Jury at the General Court.



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1645

October 10, Friday (Old Style): (Another source says October 19th.) New York governor Willem Kieft issues letters of patent to English immigrants Thomas Applegate, Lawrence Dutch, Thomas Farrington, Robert Field, Robert Firmin or Forman, [John Hicks](#), John Lawrence, William Lawrence, John Marsten or Marston, Thomas Saul (Soule), Henry Sawtell, Thomas Stiles, William Thorne, John Townsend, William Widgeon, and Michael Willard, for the Paumanok Long Island settlement of Flushing. The Oakland Gardens area of what is now the borough of Queens in New-York City would be settled by Flushing patentee John Hicks (attempting to evade his marital problems in [Rhode Island](#)).

1647

[John Hicks](#) was an adjuster of Indian claims.

1653

In this year or the following one, Hannah Hicks, daughter of [John Hicks](#) and [Horod Long Hicks](#), got married with William Haviland of Flushing on Paumanok Long Island.

November 26, Saturday (Old Style): [John Hicks](#) was a delegate from Newtown to a meeting called by the Governor in New Amsterdam.

1655

[John Hicks](#) remarried with Florence Carman, widow of John Carman, who died shortly after this wedding. He then remarried with Rachel Starr, widow of Thomas Starr.



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1657

October: Perceiving that their laws and punishments were inadequate to deter Quakers, the Massachusetts Bay Colony declared that in the future all [Quaker](#) women were to be whipped, and one ear would be severed from each male Quaker upon each attempt to re-enter the colony. If any citizen should attempt to harbor a Quaker, a fine should be assessed at the rate of “forty shillings for every hour’s concealment.”

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October 23, Friday (Old Style): In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [John Porter](#) and Horodia or Herodius ([Horod](#)) Long Hicks were ordered to answer to the Court of Trials “for they are suspected to Cohabit, and soe to live in a way of incontinency....”





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1658

May 11, Tuesday (Old Style): Friend [Horod](#) Long Hicks, “the mother of many children, with a babe sucking at her breast,” accompanied by Friend Mary Stanton, who helped carry the child, walked from [Newport](#) to Weymouth to protest religious persecution as a [Quaker](#), and as a result, was carried to Boston before Governor John Endecott, who sentenced each of the women to be whipped, ten lashes with a three-fold knotted whip, and then held in prison for 14 days.

After the savage, inhumane & bloody execution upon her,
[she] kneeled down & prayed the Lord to forgive....



John Endecott
Governor

1664

Early in the year, [Friend Horod](#) Long Hicks left her common-law husband [George Gardiner](#) and went to live in Pettaquamscot. She petitioned the commissioners of [Rhode Island](#) for the return of the property she had brought into the relationship, and also for George’s continuing support of her and his needy daughter Rebecca (this was not a petition for divorce, but for separate maintenance).



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1665

May: Solomon Eccles, or Eagle (1618-1683), a London composer who had converted to [Quakerism](#), was arrested in Southwark and confined at “The Clink” on the South Bank of the Thames River, for having run naked through Bartholomew and Smithfield as a religious warning in respect to the plague. (Friend Solomon would be held for only two or three months. In 1667 Pepys would witness him moving through the nation’s principal “steeple-house,” Westminster Hall, attired only in a loincloth.)

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

The General Assembly of [Rhode Island](#) sat at [Newport](#) to enact a militia law requiring frequent trainings, providing pay for service, requiring individual ownership of ammunition, and establishing the maintenance of town magazines:

1. That all householders inhabiting this Colony take an engagement of allegiance, and the administration of justice be in his Majesty's name.
2. That all men of competent estates and of civil conversation, who acknowledge and are obedient to the civil magistrate, though of differing judgments, may be admitted to be freemen, and have liberty to choose and to be chosen officers both civil and [military].
3. That all men and women of orthodox opinion, competent knowledge and civil [lives], who acknowledge and are obedient to the civil magistrate, and are not scandalous, may be admitted to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and their children to baptism, if they desire it; either by admitting them into the congregations already gathered, or permitting them to gather themselves into such congregations where they may enjoy the benefits of the sacraments, and that difference in opinion may not break the bands of peace and charity.
4. That all laws and expressions in laws derogatory to his Majesty, if any such have been made in these late troublesome times, may be repealed, altered, and taken off.
5. That this Colony be put in such a posture of defense, that if there should be any invasion upon this Island or elsewhere in this Colony (which God forbid), you [may in] some measure be in readiness to defend yourselves; or if need be, to relieve your [neighbors] according to the power given you by the King in your Charter, and to us in this commission and instruction.

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May 3, Wednesday (Old Style): The General Assembly of [Rhode Island](#) sat as the King's Commissioners in [Newport](#) to hear about the failed common-law marriage of [George Gardiner](#) and [Friend](#) Horodia or Herodius (Horod) Long Hicks. George Gardiner testified that "he cannot say that never hee went on purpose before any magistrate to declare themselves, or take such other means ... to declare themselves man & wife." Friend Robert Stanton of Newport testified, however, that "he knew noe other marridge, but onlye one night being at his house, both of them did say before him & his wife that they did take the other as man & wife" — thus establishing the two witnesses needed for the legal recognition of a common law marriage. George Gardiner and Horod Long Hicks had produced the children Benoni,¹ Henry,² George,³ William,⁴ Nicholas,⁵ Dorcas,⁶ Rebecca,⁷ Samuel, and Joseph. [Horod](#) pled necessity, telling the court that after she had been deserted by Hicks, her estate having been carried away by him, "I was put to great hardship, and straight ... and I being brought up not to labour, and young, knew not what to do to have something to live, having no friend, in which straight I was drawne by George Gardiner to consent to him so fare as I did, for mayntenance...." When the Assembly asked if she would return to George and live with him as "a wife should do," she allowed that she would not.

May 5, Friday (Old Style): Mistress Margaret Porter, the wife of the wealthy older man [John Porter](#), a "poor ancient matron," petitioned the [Rhode Island](#) General Assembly, sitting at [Newport](#), to force her husband to support her, "he having apparently gone over to Pettyquamscut, leaving her without means of support and dependant children...." (Interestingly, not only John Porter but also [Friend Horod](#) Long Hicks had gone over to Pettyquamscut.)

This court had found itself unable to persuade [George Gardiner](#) and Horodia or Herodius (Horod) Long Hicks that they should continue to share their common-law marriage. Despite the fact "that she had lived all this time in that abominable lust of fornication, contrary to the general apprehension of her neighbors, she having had by the aforesaid Gardiner, many children ... so that horrible sin of uncleannes in which they had lived for 18 years, under cover of pretended marridge ... shamefully expressed to the publicke view,..." it therefore accepted [Horod](#)'s declaration that her conscience compelled her to refuse to acknowledge George Gardiner to be her husband, severely censured the two people for the "extreme sinfulness of their conduct," fine them £20 each, and enjoined "that the aforesaid Gardiner and Horod are hereby straightly required that henceforth they presume not to so lead so scandalous a life, lest they feel the extremist penalty that either is or shall be provided in such cases." Soon the Assembly would create a new marriage law requiring formal marriage but allowing that existing common-law marriages should be regarded as good, firm, and authentic — so that none should

1. There had been a previous birth, not described on the record. Benoni Gardiner was born before 1645 and died about 1731. He married someone named Mary.

2. Henry Gardiner was born in about 1645 and died on April 26, 1744. He married 1st a wife named Joan and 2d with Abigail Richmond Remington, the widow of John Remington, and a daughter of Edward and Abigail (Davis) Richmond.

3. We do not know when George Gardiner was born, but he died during 1724. On February 13, 1670 he got married with Tabitha Tefft, a daughter of John and Mary Barker Tefft.

4. William Gardiner was born in about 1651 and died in 1711. He married someone named Elizabeth.

5. Nicholas Gardiner was born in 1654 and died in 1712. He married someone named Hannah.

6. Dorcas Gardiner was born in about 1656 and got married in about 1675 with John Watson.

7. We do not know when Rebecca Gardiner was born, but she was presumably the infant "still at the breast" that Horod carried to Boston in 1658. She got married with John Watson, as his 2d wife after his marriage with her sister Dorcas, and John died in 1728.



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take advantage of the new law of marriage to abandon husband or wife, and so that children should not be reputed illegitimate. George and Horod would continue in good standing in their respective communities, with George remarrying with Lydia Hallow, daughter of Robert Hallow, and going on to serve several times as a Grand Juror in Newport, and with Horod remarrying with yet a 3rd husband, [John Porter](#), “a very well-to-do inhabitant of [Portsmouth](#)” (he being one of the purchasers of Pettaquamscutt), an older man and married, who would divorce his wife Margaret Porter in order to marry Horod, and would provide each of Horod’s sons with a farm of several hundred acres, and perhaps (the record is not complete) provide also for her daughters.

Soon after this separation, [George Gardiner](#) married Lydia Ballou, widow of Robert Ballou. The couple would produce 5 children.

1666

[John Hicks](#) was a Justice of the Peace for Hempstead. He would hold that office until his death.

Thomas Hicks of Flushing, son of [John Hicks](#) and [Horod](#) Long Hicks, obtained a patent from Governor Nicholls for 4,000 acres on Madnan’s Neck.

1668

Sometime between October 1668 and January of the year 1671 (1670, Old Style): [John Porter](#) and Horodia or Herodius ([Horod](#)) Long Hicks got married (perhaps after the death of “poor anciente matron” Margaret Porter).

1672

April 29, Monday (Old Style): [John Hicks](#) made his will.

June 14, Friday (Old Style): The will of [John Hicks](#) was proved on this date at Jamaica, New York. (His widow Rachel Starr Hicks survived him.)



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1712

Hannah Hicks Haviland, daughter of [John Hicks](#) and [Horod](#) Long Hicks, died.

1742

January 28, Thursday (1741, Old Style): Thomas Hicks of Flushing, son of [John Hicks](#) and [Horod](#) Long Hicks, died shortly before this date at the age of nearly 100 years.



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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, upon someone's request we have pulled it out of the hat of a pirate that has grown out of the shoulder of our pet parrot "Laura" (depicted above). What these chronological lists are: they are research reports compiled by ARRGH algorithms out of a database of data 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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