

Benjamin Brand

Marriage and Birth Records, Westerly, RI

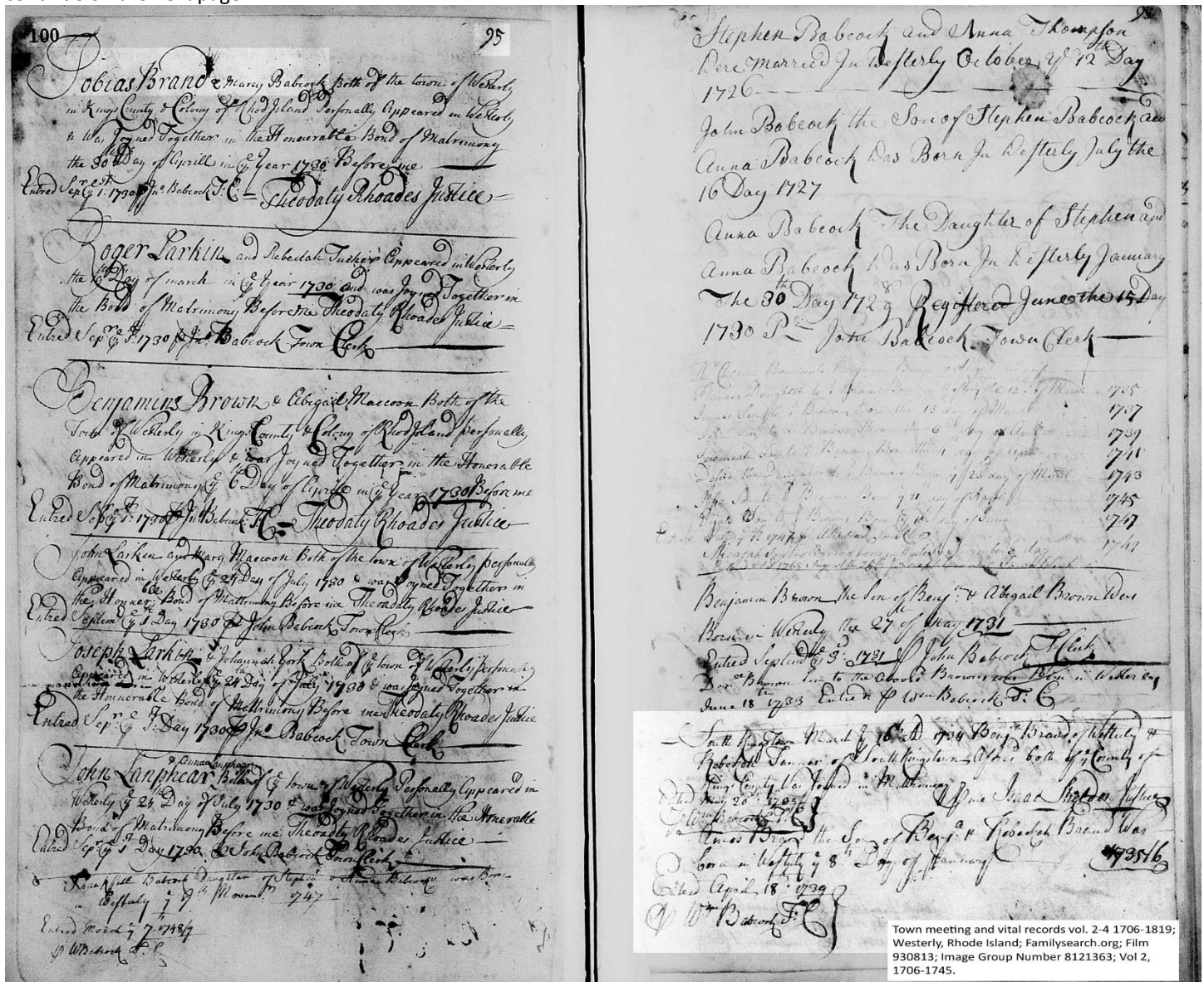
Errors in the book [Vital record of Rhode Island 1636-1850](#), by James N. Arnold, have led to much misinformation for Benjamin Brand. FamilySearch's records mirror what is in Arnold's book. It appears FamilySearch used the book to create their [Rhode Island Births and Christenings, 1600-1914](#) records. The images on said birth records only redirect you to unindexed Film #930813 found in [Town meeting and vital records vol. 2-4 1706-1819](#), Westerly, Rhode Island. One must find the actual record themselves. In other words, it does not appear FamilySearch reviewed the primary records when creating the Rhode Island Births and Christenings, 1600-1914 collection.

Primary records reveal that Benjamin Brand and Rebecca, his wife, had a son named Amos. Furthermore, Benjamin Brand and Lucy, his wife, had three children: Rebecca, Benjamin, and David. There is no record of the alleged daughter, a twin, named Lucy.

Primary records: [Town meeting and vital records vol. 2-4 1706-1819](#); Westerly, Rhode Island; Familysearch.org; Film 930813; Image Group Number 8121363; Vol 2, 1706-1745.

Benjamin Brand married Rebecca Tanner in 1734

Their marriage and children's birth information are recorded in the same entry. Amos is the only child named. This entry does not continue on the next page.

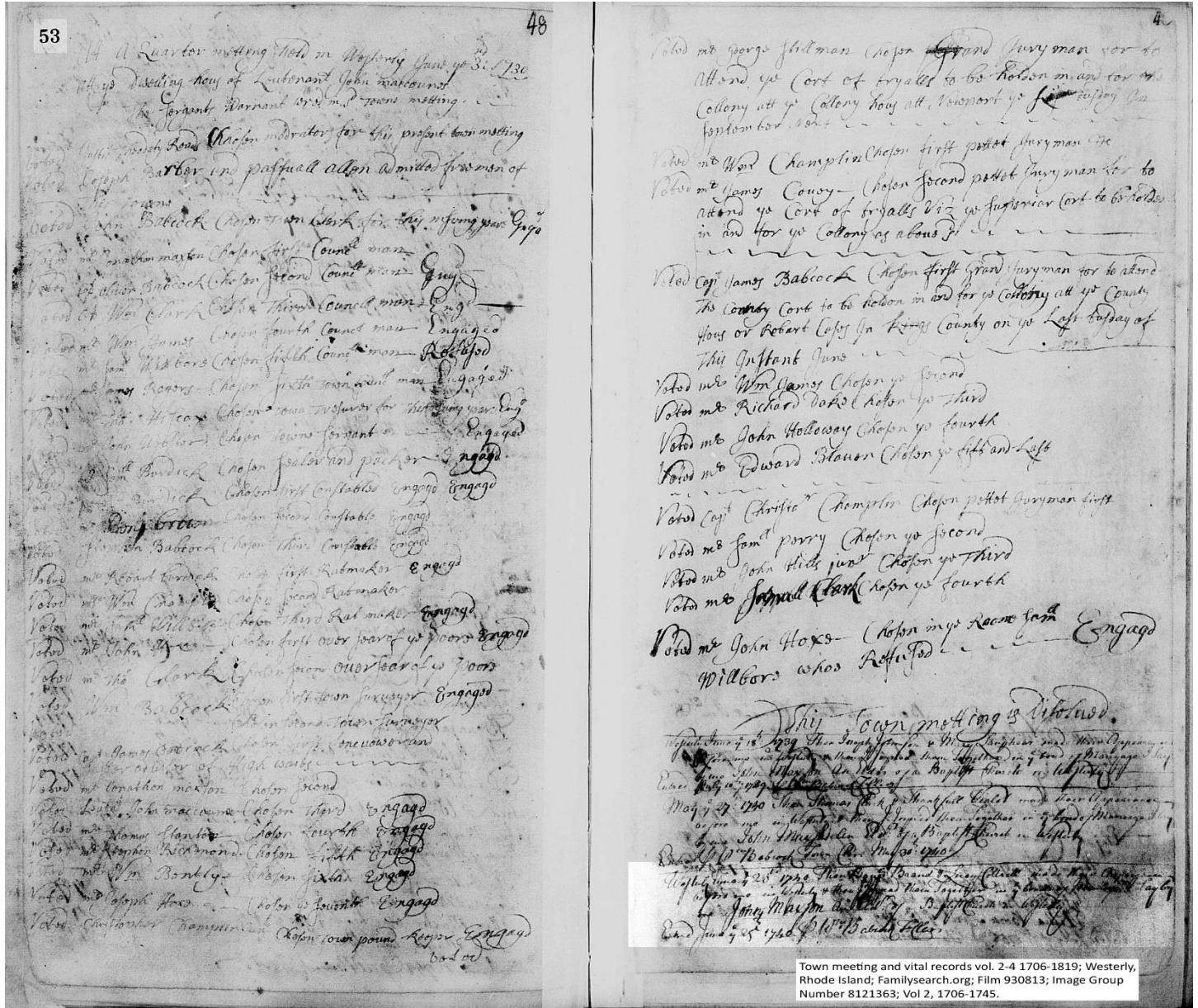


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Benjamin Brand married Lucy Cottrell in 1740

Their marriage is recorded as follows. A later entry names their children.



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Children of Benjamin Brand and Lucy, his wife

"The Births of the Children Born to Benjamin Brand & Lucy his wife are as followeth viz
 Rebeckah their daughter born in Westerly June 21st 1741
 Benjamin their son born in Westerly October 2nd 1742
 David their son born in Westerly January 11 1744/5
 Entered Aug 28th 1752
 by Silas Greenman, Town Clerk"

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 By ye Town Meeting and ye so many come and so many
 so as was forth with on that that is ye back
 and ye so many to be built it up from place
 where the former pound was
 This Town meeting is Dispute

At a Quarter Meeting Held in Westerly the first
 Day of Septemb 1731 at the Dwelling house of
 Gen John Maccombs
 The Lords Warrant God
 Wm Roberts Chiefe Clerk for this present Day
 Esq^r Steadly Kithode Chiefe Moderator for this Meeting
 Voted Gen Joseph Stanton Chiefe Justice to sit in Gen
 Assembly at Warwick the Last Wed Day in October
 Next
 Voted Wm Champion Chiefe Second Deputy to sit in Gen
 Assembly as afores
 Voted George Roberts Chiefe Town Overseer in the room
 of Jonathan Mason who refused
 Voted Cap^t Wm Cook Wm Thompson Jonathan Mayson and
 Wm Thomas Stanton as Chiefe Viewers of Hemp flax
 Whales Oyl & Bone & Codfish for the present year
 for this ensuing year
 Voted Esq^r Wm Cook Chiefe Town Overseer in the room
 of George Roberts who refused
 Voted That the Sealer & Packer Wm Saye & David shall keep
 all Cakes that are well packed with the Letter W
 which is the Seal of the Town for the Sealer

Voted That the Petition which Cap^t Isaac Thompson presented
 to this present Meeting bearing date the first Day of
 Septemb 1731 be accepted and allowed
 Concerning the Exchange of Drift way to be ordered to be
 Entered on Record
 Voted That if Cap^t James Babcock Jonathan Mayson Wm
 Champion Joseph Pendleton James Blawson Thomas
 Cook Wm Pendleton Roger Dorton Sam^l Clark or
 Elisha Palmer them or either of them shall at his
 or their own proper Cost & Charge build a pound
 in Westerly by the Country Meas^{rs} above sd Dorton for
 the Drift way of Westerly Creatures that it shall be
 allowed and approved as a Town pound
 So Long as He or they shall keep the Same in Good
 Repair
 Voted That Roger Dorton shall be the Keeper of above
 sd pound
 for this ensuing year
 This Town Meeting Dispute

The Births of the Children Born to Benjamin Brand & Lucy
 his Wife are as followeth viz
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Misinformation in book titled *Vital record of Rhode Island: 1636-1850*

Numerous errors are found for Brands in *Vital record of Rhode Island : 1636-1850 : first series : births, marriages and deaths : a family register for the people* by Arnold, James N. (James Newell), 1844-1927. Note that I only reconciled original records in Vol 1-2 against Arnold's book. I did not check the accuracy of original records in Vol 3 verses Arnold's book.

WESTERLY—MARRIAGES.

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	4-167	BLIVEN	William P., of Major William, of Westerly, and Amey Taylor, of Nathan, of Charlestown; m. at Charlestown by Lemuel Bliven, Justice, April 5, 1801.
	4-122	"	Daniel, of Samuel, and Ruth Barber, of Joseph; m. by Joseph Pendleton, Justice, Jan. 28, 1802.
	4-54	"	William, 2d, and Nancy Babcock; m. by Elder Jesse Babcock, Jan. 16, 1803.
	4-199	"	Fanny, and Samuel Saunders, Jan. 1, 1804.
	4-212	"	Amey, and Greene Allen, Feb. 12, 1804.
	4-244	"	Thankful, and Joseph Gavitt, Nov. 29, 1809.
	5-56	"	Betsey, and Silas W. Edwards, Nov. 22, 1827.
	5-7	"	Erastus, and Phebe C. States; m. by George D. Cross, Justice, Nov. 5, 1829.
	5-52	"	Emma Ann, and Charles W. Austin, April 25, 1844.
	5-37	"	Nancy, and Willard B. Tefft, June 26, 1846.
	5-108	"	Abby Jane, and Evan C. Burdick, July 15, 1850.
	4-16	BLY	Abigail, and Clarke Stillman, March 17, 1779.
	5-61	BOSS	Mary A., and George S. Barber, March 13, 1842.
	5-93	BRACKETT	Lucy E., and John A. Taylor, March 21, 1849.
	4-13	BRADFORD	Alexander, of Alexander (dec.), of Stonington, and Lois Pendleton, of Capt. Benjamin, of Westerly; m. by Joseph Crandall, Justice, July 14, 1785.
	5-28	"	Alexander, of Stonington, and Eunice Crandall, of Westerly; m. by Elder Daniel Coon, Dec. 20, 1840.
	5-31	"	Col. Charles, and Fanny Fowler; m. by Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Sept. 30, 1846.
	5-100	"	Charles H., of Lewis, of Worcester, Mass., and Martha Taylor, of Isaac R., of Stonington; m. by Rev. John Taylor, Aug. 27, 1849.
	4-104	BRAGDON	Joseph, of Sullivan, Hancock, Co., Mass., and Content Davis, of James, of Westerly; m. by Joseph Clarke, Justice, Nov. 10, 1793.
	3-55	BRAMAN	Freelove, and Thomas Brand, Oct. 28, 1734.
	4-223	BRAMBLEY	Perry, and Dorcas Pendleton; m. by Samuel Bliven, Justice, March 4, 1807.
p110 (stamped) aka p105 (written)	2-105	BRAND	Isabel, and Peleg Rogers, Aug. 25, 1726.
p100 (stamped) aka p95 (written)	2-95	"	Tobias, and Mercy Babcock; m. by Theodoty Rhodes, Justice, April 30, 1730.
Vol 2, p68 (stamped) aka p63 (written)	2-85	X	"
p100 (stamped) aka p95 (written)	2-95	"	Rebecca, and Caleb Church, Sept. 16, 1731.
			Benjamin, of Westerly, and Rebecca Tanner, of South Kingstown; m. at South Kingstown, by Isaac Sheldon, Justice, March 16, 1734. Their child is listed on this page. It only lists Amos Brand.
	2-71	"	James, and Rachel Hall; m. by Elder John Maxson, March 11, 1735-6.
	2-72	"	Elizabeth, and Amos Babcock, Dec. 20, 1738.
p72 aka p77	2-72	"	James, and Rachel Hall; m. by Elder John Maxson, Aug. 10, 1737.
Vol 2, p18 (stamped) aka p15 (written)	2-72	X	"
			Thomas, and Judeth Bailey; m. by Elder John Maxson, May 17, 1739.
Vol 2, p18 (stamped) aka p15 (written)	2-118	X	"
Vol 2, p53 (stamped) aka p48 (written)	2-72	X	"
			Mercy and Henry Wells, July 30, 1739.
			Benjamin, and Lucy Cottrell; m. by Elder John Maxson, June 25, 1740. Their children are listed on p56 (stamped) aka p51 (written); Rebecca, Benjamin, and David.
p42 aka p47	2-42	"	James, and Grace Viley; m. by Elder John Maxson, Feb. 22, 1741.
Vol 2, p68 (stamped) aka p63 (written)	2-37	X	"
	3-55	"	Mary, and Benjamin Broomer, May 8, 1743.
			Thomas, and Freelove Braman; m. by Samuel Perry, Justice, Oct. 28, 1734.
	3-5	"	Robert, and Prudence Lanphere; m. by Joseph Crandall, Justice, Nov. 14, 1751.
	3-34	"	Judeth, and Moses Warren, Dec. 27, 1753.
	3-37	"	Isabel, and Nelson Millard, March 31, 1754.
	3-99	"	Hannah, and Joseph Crumb, March 17, 1765.
	3-132	"	Thomas, of Samuel and Nancy Brown, of George, dec.; m. by Oliver Crary, Justice, Nov. 28, 1773.

X = Citation error in Arnold's book abstract. Primary records found in Town meeting and vital records vol. 2-4 1706-1819; Westerly, Rhode Island; Familysearch.org; Film 930813; Image Group Number 8121363; Vol 2, 1706-1745.

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Additional errors in [Vital record of Rhode Island: 1636-1850](#) involving Benjamin Brand and Rebecca's marriage.

Page 8 – Citation error, this marriage record is in Vol 2 (1706-1745), not in Vol 1 (1661-1706/7).

1-77	BRAND Benjamin, of Westerly, and Rebecca Tanner, of South Kingstown; by Isaac Sheldon, Justice, March 16, 1734.
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Page 32 - Citation error and possible conflation error. This suggests Rebecca's last name was either Sweet or Tanner.

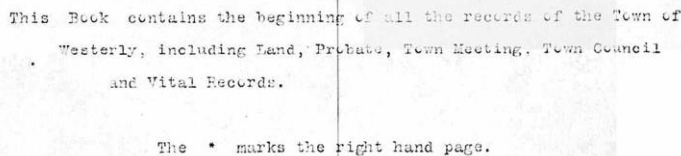
1-71,73	SWEET Thomas, and Tabitha Bentley, by Rouse Helme, Assistant, April 11, 1728.
1-91	" Lydia, and Ebenezer Tefft, Nov. 6, 1746.
1-84	" Harriet, of Job and Thomas Austin, Oct. 27, 1791.
1-—	" Gideon, and Silence Williams, by Samuel Helme, Justice, Nov. 30, 1794.
2-28	" Mrs. Hannah B., and John V. Northrup, Oct. 27, 1844.
1-77	" Rebecca, of S. K., and Benjamin Brand, of Westerly, March 16, 1734.
1-72,73	TANNER Francis, and Mary Tosk, by Rouse Helme, Assistant, Feb. 26, 1728.
1-77	" Rebecca, and Benjamin Brand, March 16, 1734.

Index: Early records for surname Brand

Use the following indexes for more accurate information, especially when attempting to find primary records.

Index for primary records. Two access points to the same index:

- FamilySearch; [Indexes of town, land, probate, and vital records, 1661-1745; Westerly, Rhode Island](#); Film 1901837 Item 1; Image Group Number 7650161
- Ancestry.com; [Rhode Island, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1582-1932; Washington Co, Index of Town, Land, Probate, and Vital Records, 1661-1745](#); Book #2, 1706-1745. Images 36-61



This Book contains the beginning of all the records of the Town of Westerly, including Land, Probate, Town Meeting, Town Council and Vital Records.

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Index: Town Records, Land Evidence; Book No 1, 1661-1706/7

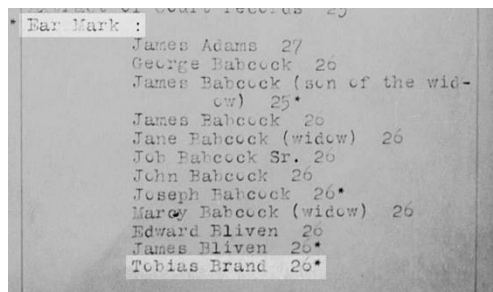
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For details see:

[Thomas Brand III at WikiTree](#)
[Tobias Brand at WikiTree](#)



Bar Mark :

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George Babcock 26
James Babcock (son of the widow) 25*
James Babcock 26
Jane Babcock (widow) 26
Job Babcock Sr. 26
John Babcock 26
Joseph Babcock 26*
Mary Babcock (widow) 26
Edward Bliven 26
James Bliven 26*
Tobias Brand 26*

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Index: Town Meeting Records, Births, Marriages and Deaths and Indentures; Book No. 2, 1706-1745
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Many of these are cross-referenced in the other categories provided.

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For details see:

[Thomas Brand III at WikiTree](#)

[Tobias Brand at WikiTree](#)

[Benjamin Brand at WikiTree](#)

[Job Babcock at WikiTree](#)

and their children's profiles

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	53*
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Babcock	77*
Isabel Brand & Peleg Rogers	
	110*
James Brand & Grace	47*
James Brand & Rachel Hall	76*
James Brand & Rachel Hall	77*
Mary Brand & Benjamin Broomer	
	66
Marcy Brand & Henry Wells	16*
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	70*
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	16*
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	100
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Westerly, RI records on FamilySearch currently require an in-person visit to a FamilySearch Center or Affiliate Library. An attempt to provide an abstract of all these records has been made. They can be found on WikiTree, on the respective profiles of said Brands.