

"Paul Wentworth — there came to Boston, Mass. from one of the West India Islands (the name of which has not been handed down) a gentleman named Paul Wentworth bringing letters to Samuel <sup>4 (87)</sup> Wentworth of Boston, Mass. (this would be Francis' father) and to Mary Hunking <sup>4 (88)</sup> Wentworth of Portsmouth (this would be John's father) both brothers of the then Governor Benning <sup>4 (89)</sup> Wentworth and both leading Merchants in New England. He was a well-educated gentleman; but when he came <sup>to America</sup> or how long he tarried there are no means of knowing. All that an extensive examination of the public records of N. H. shows of him is, that he was taxed for a pew in the Church at Portsmouth 1757. For John (singh of N. S.) called him "My Kinsman" but it is not known that he had relatives any where. He was not a descendant of Elder William <sup>1</sup> and it was certain he had none in America. He remained in New England a short time first but went to Surinam and married a rich widow who soon died without children and left him heir to all her large property mine

After her death there is evidence he was in New Hampshire - Halland and England. In London he was engaged in the formation of Companies for the improvement and sale of lands in New Hampshire. A survey of New Hampshire 1773-4 is contained in a large map

engraved in London 1784 at expense of Paul Wentworth Esq. A copy of this map can be seen at the Athenaeum, Portsmouth, N. H.

Paul Wentworth's plantation at Surinam and where he died was called "Klein hofe", and was some distance up the river from Paramaribo. He must have spent considerable time in New Hampshire.

July 17, 1769 Gov John <sup>5 (371)</sup> writes Paul "I desire to make you Counsellor, and will do so upon first vacancy. In same letter hints his own father Mark Hunking Jr - will resign in (Paul's) Jan. Oct 27 - 1769 - wrote him again -

Early in 1770 writes Secy of State - "By the death of Theodore Atkinson there is a vacancy in His Majesty's Council and he recommends Paul Jr. About 1790 Paul became involved in some political difficulties and fell under suspicion of the Government. He disposed of all his properties and returned to Surinam. One night in Surinam he heard a horse tramping in his garden, and he arose and in

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had to drive him out, caught a violent cold and died in a few days. December 1793. He had adopted a young man, named Nathaniel Montroth, to whom he left his Estate. The young man who was in England converted all the property into money and sailed for Surinam. The ship foundered, one boy saved, who claimed the crew rose up and murdered Nathaniel M- for his money. By the sudden death and hasty settlement of Paul M- estate - for John<sup>5</sup> (371) M- of Nova Scotia became embarrassed financially, as they were engaged in many joint speculations, and so incurred many joint liabilities, and he had trusted & everything to Paul. Their intimacy will best appear by the following:

For John (371) in a letter from Halifax, N.S. 24 Feb, 1784 and directed to Paul Mont/ or his attorney at Surinam, says:

Herewith I enclose to you a bill of lading for nineteen negro slaves.

He then praises them highly mentioning good conduct and qualifications of some of them by name. All 19 had then christened by Mr. Breynon, Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax Feb 11 - 1784. He continues; "I wish them employed solely upon the Estate of my dearest friend and relative, Paul Montroth."

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I would rather have liberated them than sent them to any estate, where I was not assured of their being treated with care and humanity. About three months ago I wrote Mr H- to London that I had purchased their negroes, and should ship them in March for his estate at Surinam. He has undoubtedly wrote <sup>to</sup> you on the subject; but as it may be possible that passage may prevent your letters arriving before this reaches you, I think it necessary to inform you that Mr. Paul W- is my near relation and most intimate, dearest and Confidential friend; that on my return to England in 1778 (when the late American War rendered it necessary for me to remove from the Province of New Hampshire of which I had been Governor from the year 1766) Mr Paul W- and myself were but one family, and lived together until August last, when my public duty as Surgeon-General of all the British dominions in America rendered it expedient for me again to visit this Country; and that with every other interest I have, my only son is happily Confided to his unexampled affection and friendship.

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