from FHL Film 7730347 of original ColchesterCT TR and VR, online at LDS FamilySearch

The latter part of Book 1 of the original Colchester vital records is numbered by folio, not by page. The word "folio" (from the Latin *folium*) in this context means a leaf of a book (the complete physical entity that you turn when you "turn a page" of the book). A leaf/folio thus has a front and a back (or obverse and reverse). The numbering of Book 1 changes from page to folio at 105—both the front and back of that same leaf are numbered 105, the front of the next leaf is numbered 106, and from 106 to the end of the book, the numbers are folio numbers.

Some 18 pages of Book 2 have been completely recopied in a modern hand (probably no earlier than the mid-1800s) though the damaged pages of the original book follow. The original book also includes a variant page# scheme starting between pages 52 and 83, wherein, as with folio numbering, every other page gets a new sequence number. However, in this scheme, which I'll call "spreadsheet numbering", the number is assigned to the left page of a pair of facing pages. As with many early New England vital records, most of the birth records are organized by nuclear family, showing the marriage record of a couple, followed by their children, and perhaps also some death records.

My other source, the Barbour Collection, was compiled from the late 1800s through the early 1900s from the best sources available at the time—mostly the original town books, but also, some items come from church records and gravestone inscriptions. These BC records were originally compiled on index cards, from which typescripts were made, and the NEHGS (and probably others) have put these online at their American Ancestors website. I've used these BC versions only for index purposes in my own abstracting (which are based only on the primary records and which correct several BC items), but since the BC items have been alphabetized by given name within the generic RATHBONE surname, while my abstracts are in chronological order, I've incorporated the two pages of those records at the end of this report to provide the user with this alternate ordering of the records. For yet another take, the original records are organized largely by nuclear family group.

A citation to each record will be found within {curly braces}, and to indicate which side of a folio is meant Ive added a suffix, thus `{1:f108f}` would means the f)ront side of folio 108 of Book 1, while `{1:f108b}` would mean the b)ack side. For the spreadsheet numbered section of Book2 I've adopted an "s" prefix, and suffixes L)left or R)ight, e.g. `2:s79L`. Absent either prefix, the numbers are page numbers.

Although I generally use RATHBONE (in all caps) to mean all phonetic equivalents (as in the title to this report), in the abstracts below I've rendered **all** surnames in all caps to help them stand out, though as usual when referencing particular records, all names are spelled exactly as they appear in the original (or best source primary) records themselves.

In my abstracts of original grouped family records, where the parents are identified first (usually in the form of their marriage record) but not replicated in the list of their children that follows, I've replicated the names of the parents within editorial [square brackets].

Abbreviations: **b**)orn, **m**)arried, **D**)ied   s/o=son of   d/o= d/o

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 1Jan1715       b  "John Rathbun Sone of Jonathan Rathbun and Elizabeth Rathbun his wife" {1:f108f}
30Mar1737       m  John RATHBON & Anna TENNAUT  {1:f108f}
 5Mar1738       b  Amos [RATHBON, s/o John & Anna TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
23Apr1742       b  John [RATHBON, s/o John & Anna TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
11Nov1742       m  Benjamin RATHBUN & Mary COHOON[1]     {1:89}
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 8Nov1744       m  Jonath[a]n RATHBON Jr & Abigail AVERY  {1:f108f}
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29Oct1745       b  Benjamin [RATHBUN, s/o Benjamin & Mary]; d.31Mar1746  {1:89}
 4Dec1745       m  Joshua RATHBON & Sarah TENNAUT  {1:f108f}
17Dec1746       b  Abel [RATHBON, s/o John & Anna TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
 2Jan174[6/]7   b  Benjamin 2d [RATHBUN, s/o Benjamin & Mary]  {1:89}
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                           [an interpreted date of 1746/7 is needed to fit this birth order]
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  Mar1746/7     b  Eleanor [RATHBON, d/o Jonath[a]n Jr & Abigail AVERY]  {1:f108f}
 9Jun1747       b  Elizabeth [RATHBON, d/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
24Jul1748       b  Job [RATHBUN, s/o Benjamin & Mary]  {1:89}
 4Aug1749       b  Tabitha [RATHBON, d/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
24Dec1749       b  Deliverance [RATHBUN, d/o Benjamin & Mary]  {1:89}
 2May1751       b  Simeon [RATHBUN, s/o Benjamin & Mary]  {1:89}
 7May1751       b  Joshua [RATHBON, s/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
23Nov1752       b  Sarah [RATHBON, d/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
12Nov1754       b  Moses [RATHBON, s/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
27Nov1755       D  John in 41st yr of his age [thus born between 28Nov1714-27Nov1715]  {1:f108f}
---------       m  Jonathan RATHBONE Jr & Ann SCOVILL {1:f125f}
 5Dec1755       D  Jonathan RATHBONE Jr, in 29th year   [so born between 6Dec1726-5Dec1727]
29Apr1756       b  Lucy [RATHBON, d/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
12Sep1758       b  Samuel (twin) [RATHBON, s/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
12Sep1758       b  Anna (twin)  [RATHBON, d/o Joshua & Sarah TENNAUT]  {1:f108f}
12Feb1758       m  Amos RATHBON, s/o John & Humility RANDAL {1:f107b}
 9Dec1758       b  John [RATHBON, s/o Amos & Humility]  {1:f107b}
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1 "CAHOON" is a possible, but unlikely, alternate reading. The only vital record I find for CAHOON/COHOON in CT from 1710-1750 besides the one above for Benjamin RATHBUN's 1742 marriage, is for a marriage of Elizabeth of that surname in HebronCT, and I'm pretty sure there were no VRS or other references to this surname in RI in any of the online NEHGS databases either—which may belie the asserted presence of this family in ConventryRI.

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 1Feb1770      m  Tabitha RATHBUN & Samuel HOLMES[2] {2:s60R}
 1Sep1775      m  Anna RATHBUN & John HOLMES[3] {2:82}
25Sep1778      b  Nancy RATHBUN, d/o Simeon RATHBUN & Avis his wife {2:s63R}
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 2Jul1796      b  Demming [RATHBUN, s/o Jonathan & Hannah ADAMS] {2:49}
15Apr1798      b  Hyram RATHBUN, s/o Jonathan & Hannah ADAMS {2:49}
 8Apr1799      b  Erastus [RATHBUN, s/o Abel Jr. & Alice BROWN] {2:132}
30Aug1800      b  William [RATHBUN, s/o Jonathan & Hannah ADAMS] {2:49}
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10Feb1808      m  Hubbard W RATHBUN & Abigail SEXTON {2:133}
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17Apr1838      m  Henry W RATHBONE of Salem & Emily C Benjamin of Colchester {2:195}
 7Nov1839      b  Alban RATHBONE, s/o Alban & Harriet, in Colchester {2:291}
27Jul1841      D  Alban, s/o Alban & Harriet, aged 37 years {2:291}
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[2] Eight children were born to this couple starting with Sally on 19May1770, two months after her parents's marriage.

[3] A complete list of HOLMES children follows, in addition to many death dates and places.

[4] A complete list of WILCOX children follows, in addition to many death dates and places.

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