

A genealogical profile of Henry Cobb

Birth: Henry Cobb was born in England about 1607, based on the estimated date of his first marriage.

Death: He died between February 22, 1678/9, and June 3, 1679.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

Life in England: Nothing is known of his life in England.

Life in New England: Henry Cobb first appeared in the Plymouth records in the 1633 list of freemen. He and his wife were among the first members of Rev. John Lothrop's church in Scituate, having moved there before September 1634. When Rev. Lothrop removed to Barnstable, the Cobbs were among the congregation that accompanied him. In 1635 Henry Cobb was made a deacon in the church, and in 1670 he was ordained the ruling elder. Henry Cobb served as a deputy to the Plymouth court for a number of years, as well as on many juries. On June 5, 1644, he was licensed to draw wine at Barnstable, and therefore kept a tavern.

Family: Henry Cobb married (1) Patience Hurst by 1632 and had seven children. She was buried on May 4, 1648, in Barnstable. He married (2) Sarah Hinckley on December 12, 1649, in Barnstable and had eight children. She died before March 2, 1679/80.

Children of Henry and Patience Cobb:

- John was born in Plymouth on June 7, 1632. He married Martha Nelson in Plymouth on April 28, 1658, and had five children. He died in Plymouth on February 21, 1714/5.
- James was born in Plymouth on January 14, 1634. He married Sarah Lewis in Barnstable on December 26, 1663, and had eleven children. She married (2) Jonathan Sparrow on November 23, 1698 as his third wife.
- Mary was born in Scituate on March 24, 1636/7. She married Jonathan Dunham in Plymouth on October 15, 1657, as his second wife and had six children. He died in Edgartown on December 18, 1717.
- Hannah was born in Scituate on October 5, 1639. She married Edward Lewis in Barnstable on May 9, 1661, and had four children.
- Patience was born about March 15, 1641/2, in Barnstable. She married (1) Robert Parker in August 1667 as his second wife and had eight children. He died by March 2, 1684/5. She married (2) William Crocker after June 1, 1685. She died on October 23, 1727.
- Gershom was born in Barnstable in January 1644/5. He died, unmarried, during King Philip's War, and was buried in Swansea on June 24, 1675.
- Eliezer was born in Barnstable about March 30, 1648. He was living on Barnstable in 1703, apparently unmarried.

Children of Henry and Sarah Cobb:

- Mehitable was born in Barnstable on September 1, 1651. She was buried there on March 8, 1651/2.
- Samuel was born in Barnstable on October 12, 1654. He married Elizabeth _____ (possibly Taylor) on December 20, 1680, and had ten children. She died on May 4, 1721. He died on December 27, 1727.
- Sarah was born in Barnstable on January 15, 1658, and was buried ten days later.
- Jonathan was born in Barnstable on April 10, 1660. He married Hope (Chipman) Huckins as her second husband on March 1, 1682/3, and had six children.
- Sarah was born in Barnstable on March 10, 1662/3. She married Samuel Chipman in Barnstable on December 27, 1686, and had ten children.
- Henry was born in Barnstable on September 3, 1665. He married Lois Hallet in Barnstable on April 10, 1690, and had four children. He removed to Stonington, Connecticut, about October 9, 1715.
- Mehitable was born in Barnstable on February 15, 1667. There is no further information. Experience was born in Barnstable on September 11, 1671. There is no further information.

For Further Information:

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Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research by Marcia Melnyk, NEHGS, 1999.

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Unpuzzling Your Past by Emily Croom, Betterway Books, 2003.

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