

# A genealogical profile of John Doane

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**Birth:** Johan Doane was born in England about 1590.

**Death:** He died in Eastham on February 21, 1685/6.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1630

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

**Life in New England:** John Doane came to Plymouth in 1630. He moved to Eastham in 1645. He was a deacon of the Plymouth church in the early 1630s. On January 2, 1633/4, he requested permission to step down from the office of Governor's assistant "being formerly chosen to the office of deacon in the church." However, he did continue to be very active in the colonial government, serving on numerous committees and as deputy to the Court for Eastham. John Doane commonly identified himself as "husbandman" or "yeoman," in the records, but in a 1681 deed of land to his daughter, Abigail, he called himself a tailor.

**Family:** John Doane married (1) Ann \_\_\_\_\_ by 1625 and had five children. He married (2) Lydia \_\_\_\_\_ by April 1, 1659. She died between May 18, 1678, and December 23, 1681.

## Children of John and (probably) Ann Doane:

- Lydia was born about 1625. She married Samuel Hicks in Plymouth on September 11, 1645, and had two children. He died by June 1677.
- Abigail was born about 1631. She married Samuel Lothrop in the early 1690s but had no children. He died about 1700. She died in Norwich, Connecticut on January 23, 1734/5.
- John was born about 1635. He married (1) Hannah Bangs in Eastham on April 30 and had six children. He married (2) Rebecca Pette on January 14, 1684/5. He died on March 15, 1707/8.
- Daniel was born about 1637. He married (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by 1669 and had nine children. He married (2) Hepsibah (Cole) Crispe after July 28, 1682, and had one daughter. He died in Eastham on December 20, 1712.
- Ephraim was born about 1642. He married (1) Mercy Knowles at Eastham on February 5, 1667/8, and had eight children. He married (2) Mary (Smalley) Snow as her second husband after April 1692 but had no children. He died in Eastham in 1700.

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## For Further Information:

Robert C. Anderson. *The Great Migration Begins*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995.

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Once you have learned all you can from family members, you will begin to discover other sources. A wide variety of records can help you learn more about the lives of your ancestors. These include birth, marriage, and death records; immigration and naturalization records; land records; census records; probate records and wills; church and cemetery records; newspapers; passenger lists; military records; and much more.

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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; [www.mayflower.org](http://www.mayflower.org)

### Plymouth Collection, Plymouth Public Library

Over 1200 items relating to the descendants of the Pilgrims, as well as the many other immigrants who settled in the area.

132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;  
[www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org)

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls, Alpha Books, 1997.

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

*Shaking Your Family Tree: A Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family History* by Ralph J. Crandall, NEHGS, 2001.

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

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