

## **A Genealogical Profile of Richard Higgins**

**Birth:** Richard Higgins was born about 1609, based on the date of his first marriage.

**Death:** He died at Piscataway after November 20, 1674, and before June 1, 1675.

**Ship:** unknown, 1632

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England, but he most likely trained as a tailor there.

**Life in New England:** Richard Higgins first appeared in Plymouth records in the 1633 tax list. He moved to Eastham about 1645. He was in Piscataway, New Jersey by 1670. While in Plymouth Colony, Higgins served on a number of juries and several committees. He was a deputy for Eastham to the Plymouth court and an Eastham selectman in 1666, 1667 and 1668. He was a tailor by occupation, and took Samuel Godbertson in as an apprentice in 1634.

**Family:** Richard Higgins married (1) Lydia Chandler in Plymouth on December 11, 1634 and had two sons. He married (2) Mary (\_\_\_\_) Yates in Eastham in October 1651 and had nine children. She married (3) Isaac Whitehead at Piscataway. She was still living in 1702.

### **Children of Richard and Lydia Higgins:**

Jonathan was born in Plymouth in July 1637. He married (1) Elizabeth Rogers at Eastham on January 9, 1660 and had six children. He married (2) Hannah Rogers after July 16, 1679 and had five children. She died after October 18, 1690. He died after May 21, 1711.

Benjamin was born in June 1640 in Plymouth. He married Lydia Bangs on December 24, 1661 in Eastham and had nine children. He died on March 14, 1691.

### **Children of Richard and Mary Higgins:**

Mary was born on September 27, 1652 in Eastham. She married William Looker of Elizabethtown, New Jersey about 1682 and had ten children. She was still alive in 1682.

Eliakim was born on October 20, 1654 in Eastham. He married Alice Newbold on May 15, 1684 at Piscataway, New Jersey and had two children. He died before June 23, 1698.

Jadiah was born in March 1656/7 in Eastham. He married Mary Newbold on May 12, 1684 and had eleven children. He died before May 10, 1718.

Zera was born in June 1658 in Eastham. He married Elizabeth Oliver on December 25, 1680 in Piscataway and had two or three children. He died before December 12, 1695.

Thomas was born in January 1661 in Eastham. He married Elizabeth Hull on July 1690 in Piscataway and had six children. He died before April 18, 1704.

Lydia was born in July 1664 in Eastham. There is no further record.

Rebecca was born about 1666. She married Thomas Martin on April 28, 1683 in Piscataway and had ten children. She died before November 1715.

Ruth was born about 1671. She married (1) Isaac FitzRandolph on April 23, 1692 at Woodbridge, New Jersey and had two children. She married (2) Stephen Tuttle in 1695 and had four children. She died after 1709/10.

Sarah was born about 1673. She married Samuel Moore on October 26, 1693 in Woodbridge and had four children. He died in March 1703. She died after 1703.

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