

A genealogical profile of Edmund Chandler

Birth: He was born in England, probably by 1587.

Death: He died in Duxbury between May 3, 1662, the date of his will, and June 2, 1662, the date of his inventory.

Ship: Unknown, probably 1629 or 1630 [see below]

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

Life in Holland: Edmund Chandler has been identified as the man of that name in Leiden by 1613. In that year he became a citizen. He held three known occupations in Leiden, say weaver, draper and [tobacco] pipe maker. He buried a child at the Pieterskerk in 1619, at which time he lived on the Nieuwestadt. He probably left Leiden in 1629 or 1630, when many of the congregation emigrated to Plymouth Colony.

Life in New England: The first mention of Edmund Chandler in the colony's records was in the recording of his name in the 1633 list of freemen. He lived in Duxbury, where he served on various committees and as constable in 1636 and 1637. Chandler's name appeared in a number of land deals. At his death, he owned property in Duxbury, Bridgewater and Dartmouth. In his will, he gave three of his daughters "three thousand and five hundred [weight?] of sugar which belongs to me in Barbadoes." As one of his sons sailed for Barbadoes, where he died, Edmund Chandler might have had investments there as well. He may have been the brother of Roger Chandler, another colonist who had lived in Leiden.

Family: Edmund Chandler had at least one wife and probably two, as there is a significant gap between his third and fourth children. Neither of the wives are known by name. He made no mention of a wife in his will and was probably a widower.

Children of Edmund and _____ Chandler:

- Samuel was born about 1612. He married by 1673, but the wife's name is unknown. There were no recorded children. He died in Duxbury in 1683.
- [Probably] Lydia was born about 1614. She married Richard Higgins in Plymouth on December 11, 1634, and had two sons. She died before 1651.
- A child was buried in Pieterskerk on March 26, 1619.

Children of Edmund and _____ Chandler [birth order uncertain]:

- John was born about 1632. He sailed for Barbadoes in 1653 and apparently died there. There is no evidence for a wife or children.
- Sarah was born about 1638. She was named in her father's 1662 will, but there is no further information.
- Anna was born about 1640. She was named in her father's 1662 will, but there is no further information.
- Mary was born about 1642. She was named in her father's 1662 will, but there is no further information.

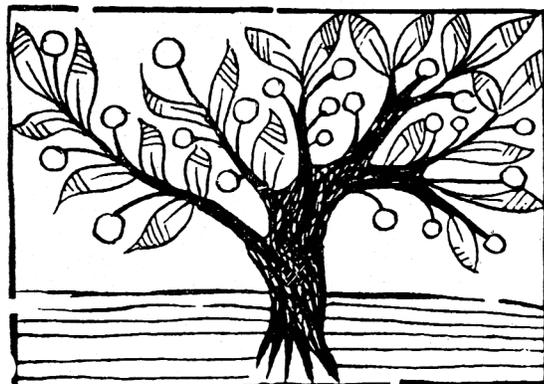
- Benjamin was born about 1644. He married Elizabeth Buck by 1672 and had at least two children.
- Joseph was born about 1646. He married Mercy _____ by 1673 and had six children. He died in 1721.
- Ruth was born about 1648. She was named in her father's 1662 will, but there is no further information.

For Further Information:

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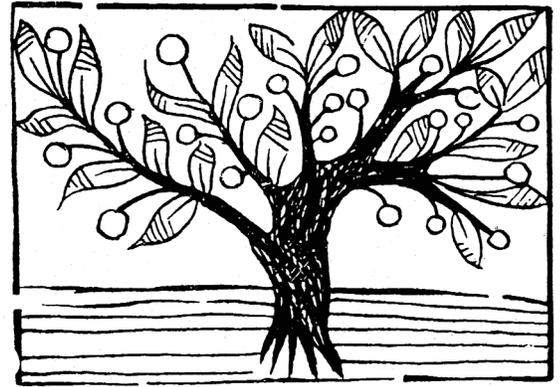
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The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls, Alpha Books, 1997.

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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