

A genealogical profile of Roger Chandler

Birth: Roger Chandler was born in England about 1590.

Death: He died between May 5, 1646, and October 3, 1665.

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

Life in England: Roger Chandler described himself as “from Colchester [Essex] at his marriage, so this may be a clue to his English origin.

Life in Holland: He was a say weaver in Leiden. In 1622, he, his wife and two children were living in the Sevenhuysen area on Leiden. He probably left Leiden in 1629 or 1630, when many of the congregation emigrated to Plymouth Colony.

Life in New England: Roger Chandler first appeared in the Plymouth records in the 1633 list of freemen. He does not appear to have served in any official capacity in Plymouth Colony.

Family: Roger Chandler married Isabel Chilton in Leiden on July 15, 1615, and had four children. No death record for Isabel has been found, but as no provision was made for her after Roger’s death, she may have predeceased him.

Children of Roger and Isabel Chandler:

- Samuel was born in Leiden before October 15, 1622. There is no further record.
- Sarah was born in Leiden before October 15, 1622. She married Solomon Leonard/Leonardson about 1640 and had six children. He died in Bridgewater before May 1, 1671. She died in Bridgewater before October 27, 1675.
- Martha was born probably in the late 1620s. She married John Bundy by 1649 and had six children. She died in Taunton on May 1, 1674. He died in Taunton in 1681.
- Mary was born probably in the late 1620s. She married Edmund Bruff by 1653 and had one son. She is likely the “Mary wife of Edmund Burfe” who died in Boston on August 15, 1658.

For Further Information:

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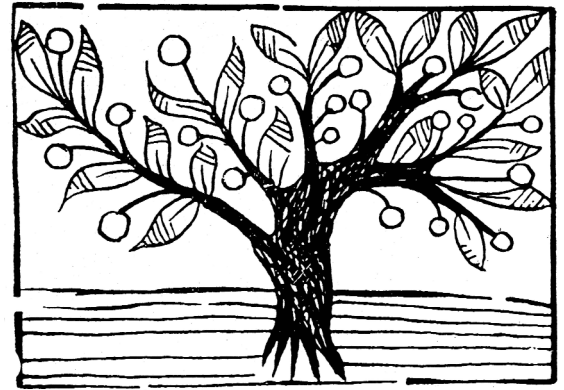
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132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;
www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

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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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