

A Genealogical Profile of Thomas Clark

Birth: Thomas Clark was born about 1599 in England.

Death: He died on March 24, 1696/7, in Plymouth.

Ship: *Anne* or *Little James*, 1623

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

Life in New England: Thomas Clark came over as a single man in 1623. He was a freeman of the colony by 1633. He served on a number of juries and committees, and was also chosen as constable for Eel River in Plymouth and surveyor of highways. He lived in Boston by 1660, although he returned to Plymouth by 1673. Although he had no formal legal training, Thomas Clark acted as a lawyer on numerous occasions, both for himself and others. His gravestone on Burial Hill is one of the few dating from the 17th century.

Family: Thomas Clark married (1) Susanna Ring before 1631 in Plymouth and had six children. She died sometime after 1646. He married (2) Alice (Hallett) Nichols after January 20, 1664/5, in Boston. She died by July 25, 1671.

Children of Thomas and Susanna Clark:

- William was born about 1634. He married (1) Sarah Wolcott on March 1, 1659/60, and had two children. Sarah and a baby were killed in 1676 during King Philip's War. He married (2) Hannah Griswold on March 7, 1677/8, in Saybrook, Connecticut and four children. He married (3) Abiah Wilder on August 3, 1692, in Plymouth and had one child. He died before March 28, 1720.
- James was born about 1636. He married Abigail Lothrop on October 7, 1657, in Plymouth and had seven children. He died in Plymouth before October 4, 1731, when his will was probated..
- Susanna was born about 1638. She married Barnabas Lothrop in 1658 and had nine children. She died on September 28, 1697.
- John was born about 1640. He married Sarah _____ by 1668 and had eight children. He died in Lyme, Connecticut in March 1719.
- Nathaniel was born about 1642. He married Dorothy (Lettice) Grey about 1685 in Plymouth. He died in Plymouth on January 31, 1717/8.
- Andrew was born about 1646. He married Mehitable Scotto by 1672 in Boston and had six children. He died in Harwich in 1706.

For Further Information:

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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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