

A genealogical profile of Roger Conant

Birth: Roger Conant was baptized in East Budleigh, Devonshire on April 9, 1592, son of Richard and Agnes (Clarke) Conant.

Death: He died in Beverly on November 19, 1679.

Ship: 1624, although possibly earlier [see below]

Life in England: Roger was born in Devonshire, youngest of eight children of Richard and Agnes Conant. He was a salter in London by January 1619/20, and if he served a full seven-year apprenticeship, was in London by 1611, since it is highly unlikely that he would have married while still an apprentice.

Life in New England:

Family: Roger Conant married Sarah Horton at St. Ann Blackfriars, London on November 11, 1618 and had nine or ten children. She was alive in November 1660, but probably died before Marsh 1677/8 as she was not named in her husband's will.

Children of Roger and Sarah Conant:

- Sarah was baptized at St. Lawrence Jewry, London on September 19, 1619, and was buried there October 30, 1620.
- Caleb was baptized at St. Lawrence Jewry, London on May 27, 1622. He died in New England before November 11, 1633, when his uncle, John Conant, became administrator of his estate.
- Sarah was born about 1623. She married John Leach and had ten children.
- Lot was born about 1624. He married Elizabeth Walton and had ten children. After his death she married (2) Andrew Mansfield on January 10, 1681/2, in Lynn.
- Joanna (poss.) Joanna Conant appeared in a court record for February 21, 1648/9. There is no further record.
- Roger was born in Salem about 1628. He married Elizabeth Weston by 1661 and had two children. He died on June 1672.
- Joshua was born about 1630. He married Seeth Gardner by 1657 and had one son. He died in England in 1659.
- Mary was born about 1632. She married (1) John Balch about 1652 and had one daughter. She married (2) William Dodge by 1663 and had five children.
- Elizabeth was born about 1635. She was unmarried in March 1677/8. Nothing further is known.
- Exercise was baptized in Salem on December 24, 1637. He married Sarah _____ by 1668 and had six children. He died

on April 28, 1722.

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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