

A genealogical profile of Samuel Eddy

Birth: Samuel Eddy was baptized at Cranbrook, Kent on May 15, 1608.

Death: He died in Swansea on November 12, 1688.

Ship: [possibly] Handmaid, 1630 [see below]

Life in England: Samuel Eddy was the son of William and Mary (Fosten) Eddy. He was a tailor in New England and may have learned the trade while in England.

Life in New England: Samuel Eddy's brother, John, is known to have come to New England aboard the Handmaid in 1630. As Samuel is known to have been in Plymouth in 1630, it is concluded that he accompanied his brother. He was admitted a freeman of Plymouth on January 1, 1633/4. His work as a tailor included making clothes for soldiers fighting in King Philip's War. Samuel and Elizabeth placed three of their children with other couples to be raised, giving as the reason "having many children and by reason of many wants lying upon them, so as they are not able to bring them up as they desire." There are only five children known; hardly "many" by seventeenth-century standards, so the Eddys may have had other, unrecorded, children.

Family: Samuel Eddy married Elizabeth _____ by 1637. She died in Swansea on May 24, 1689. She may have been the sister of Thomas Savory of Plymouth. His widow, Ann, referred to land received from "our brother-in-law Samuel Eddy" in a March 22, 1677, deed to her sons, Anthony and Aaron.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth Eddy:

- John was born in Pymouth on December 25, 1637. He married Hepzibah Doggett by 1659 and had nine children. He died May 27, 1715. She died on May 3, 1726.
- Zachariah was born about 1639. He married (1) Alice Paddock in Plymouth on May 7, 1663, and had eight children. He married (2) Abigail (_____) Smith after 1692. He died on September 4, 1718. She died on September 13, 1720.
- Caleb was born about 1643. He married Elizabeth Bullock in Swansea on December 6, 1671, and had eight children. He died on March 23, 1712/3.
- Obadiah was born about 1645. He married Bennet Ellis by 1669 and had twelve children. She died between January 21, 1702, and 1727. He died in 1727.
- Hannah was born in Plymouth on June 23, 1647. Nothing further is known of her.

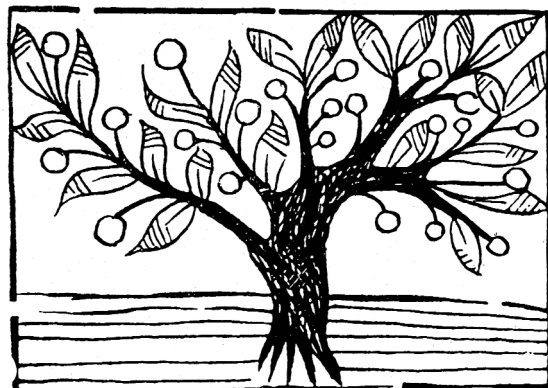
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Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research by Marcia Melnyk, NEHGS, 1999.

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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