

A Genealogical Profile of John Faunce

Birth: John Faunce was born in England about 1608 (based on his estimated date of marriage).

Death: He died in Plymouth on November 29, 1653.

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

Life in England: No information is known about his life in England.

Life in New England: John Faunce came over in 1623 as a single man. He is listed in the 1633 list of freemen of Plymouth. His inventory listed no real estate, but included a loom and equipment.

Family: John Faunce married Patience Morton about 1633. They had eight children, all born in Plymouth. Patience married (2) Thomas Whitney after June 9, 1660. She died in Plymouth on August 16, 1691.

Children of John and Patience Faunce:

- Priscilla was born about 1633. She married Joseph Warren by 1653 and had six children. She died in Plymouth on May 15, 1707.
- Mary was born about 1638. She married William Harlow on July 15, 1658, in Plymouth and had four children. She died October 4, 1664 in Plymouth.
- Patience was born about 1641. She married John Holmes on November 20, 1661, in Plymouth and had six children. She died between 1678 and 1681.
- Sarah was born about 1643. She married (1) Edward Doty on February 26, 1662/3, in Plymouth and had eleven children. She married (2) John Buck on April 26, 1693, in Plymouth and died there on June 27, 1695.
- Thomas was born about 1647. He married Jane Nelson on December 13, 1672, in Plymouth and had seven children. He died on February 27, 1746, and was buried on Burial Hill, Plymouth.
- Elizabeth was born on March 23, 1648/9. She died in Plymouth on March 3, 1649/50.
- Mercy was born on April 10, 1651. She married Nathaniel Holmes on December 29, 1667, in Plymouth and had seven children. She died on February 11, 1732, in Plymouth.
- Joseph was born on May 14, 1653. He married Judith Rickard on January 3, 1677/8, in Plymouth and had nine children. He died in 1724.

For Further Information

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Where do I go from here?

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Once you have learned all you can from family members, you will begin to discover other sources. A wide variety of records can help you learn more about the lives of your ancestors. These include birth, marriage, and death records; immigration and naturalization records; land records; census records; probate records and wills; church and cemetery records; newspapers; passenger lists; military records; and much more.

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

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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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