

# A genealogical profile of Walter Harris

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**Birth:** He was born in England probably by 1610, if he was an adult on his arrival.

**Death:** Nothing is known of his date or place of death.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1632

**Life in England:** William Harris appeared on a list of “The names of such men as are to be transported to New England to be resident there upon a plantation ...” taken on March 1, 1631/2. Colonist Edward Winslow was also on that list.

**Life in New England:** Walter Harris had indentured himself as a servant to Mr. John Atwood, of London, under the command of Mr. John Doane of New Plymouth for five years. On April 3, 1633, his time was sold to Henry Howland. There is no further record.

**Family:** There is no evidence that Walter Harris married or had children.

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# A genealogical profile of John Hewes

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**Birth:** John Hewes was born by about 1608, based upon his estimated date of marriage.

**Death:** He died in Scituate between February 6, 1671, the date of his will, and February 22, 1674, when the will was probated.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1632

**Life in England:** John Hewes was called a Welshman in a 1677 deed.

**Life in New England:** John Hewes first appeared in Plymouth in the March 25, 1633, tax list. His name frequently occurred in land transactions, the earliest being on October 10, 1634. He became a freeman of Scituate on December 3, 1639. He served on a 1653 coroner's jury as a surveyor of highways in 1652 and 1653, and as a constable in 1659.

**Family:** John Hewes married Joan \_\_\_\_\_ by late 1632 or early 1633 and had three children. She died after February 6, 1671.

## Children of John and Joan Hewes:

- Abigail was born about 1633. She married (1) William Hatch by 1653 and had at least one child. She married (2) John King in Weymouth on October 14, 1658.
- Mary was born about 1637. She married Jeremiah Hatch in Scituate on December 29, 1657, and had fourteen children.
- John was born about 1653. He married Ruth Sawtell in Watertown on March 9, 1676/7, and had three children. She died in Lexington on January 12, 1720. He died in Lexington on December 15, 1721.

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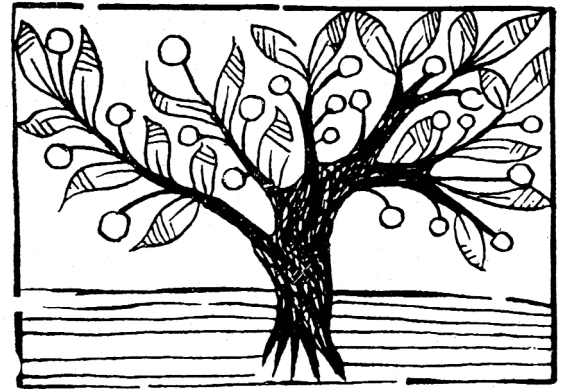
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**Birth:** Richard Hoggins was born about 1609, based on the date of his first marriage.

**Death:** He died at Piscataway after November 20, 1674, and before June 1, 1675.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1632

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England, but he most likely trained as a tailor there.

**Life in New England:** Richard Higgins first appeared in Plymouth records in the 1633 tax list. He moved to Eastham about 1645. He was in Piscataway, New Jersey, by 1670. While in Plymouth Colony, Higgins served on a number of juries and several committees. He was a deputy for Eastham to the Plymouth court and an Eastham selectman in 1666, 1667 and 1668. He was a tailor by occupation, and took Samuel Godbertson in as an apprentice in 1634.

**Family:** Richard Higgins married (1) Lydia Chandler in Plymouth on December 11, 1634, and had two sons. He married (2) Mary (\_\_\_\_) Yates in Eastham in October 1651 and had nine children. She married (3) Isaac Whitehead at Piscataway. She was still living in 1702.

## Children of Richard and Lydia Higgins:

- Jonathan was born in Plymouth in July 1637. He married (1) Elizabeth Rogers at Eastham on January 9, 1660, and had six children. He married (2) Hannah Rogers after July 16, 1679, and had five children. She died after October 18, 1690. He died after May 21, 1711.
- Benjamin was born in June 1640 in Plymouth. He married Lydia Bangs on December 24, 1661, in Eastham and had nine children. He died on March 14, 1691.

## Children of Richard and Mary Higgins:

- Mary was born on September 27, 1652, in Eastham. She married William Looker of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, about 1682 and had ten children. She was still alive in 1682.
- Eliakim was born on October 20, 1654, in Eastham. He married Alice Newbold on May 15, 1684, at Piscataway, New Jersey, and had two children. He died before June 23, 1698.
- Jadhah was born in March 1656/7 in Eastham. He married Mary Newbold on May 12, 1684, and had eleven children. He died before May 10, 1718.
- Zera was born in June 1658 in Eastham. He married Elizabeth Oliver on December 25, 1680, in Piscataway and had two or three children. He died before December 12, 1695.
- Thomas was born in January 1661 in Eastham. He married Elizabeth Hull on July 1690 in Piscataway and had six children. He died before April 18, 1704.
- Lydia was born in July 1664 in Eastham. There is no further record.

- Rebecca was born about 1666. She married Thomas Martin on April 28, 1683, in Piscataway and had ten children. She died before November 1715.

- Ruth was born about 1671. She married (1) Isaac FitzRandolph on April 23, 1692, at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and had two children. She married (2) Stephen Tuttle in 1695 and had four children. She died after 1709/10.

- Sarah was born about 1673. She married Samuel Moore on October 26, 1693, in Woodbridge and had four children. He died in March 1703. She died after 1703.

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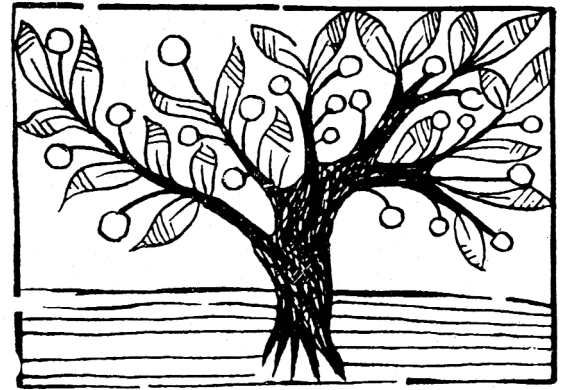
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**Death:** His date and place of death are unknown.

**Ship:** Unknown, before January 1633/4

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

**Life in New England:** There is only one reference to Thomas Higgins in Plymouth Colony court records. In the court held on January 1, 1633/4, "having lived an extravagant life," Thomas Higgins was placed with John Jenny as an apprentice for eight years. At the end of that time, Jenny was to provide him with double apparell [two suits of clothing], 12 bushels of corn and 20 acres of land. Nothing further is known.

**Family:** There is no evidence that Thomas Higgins married or had children.

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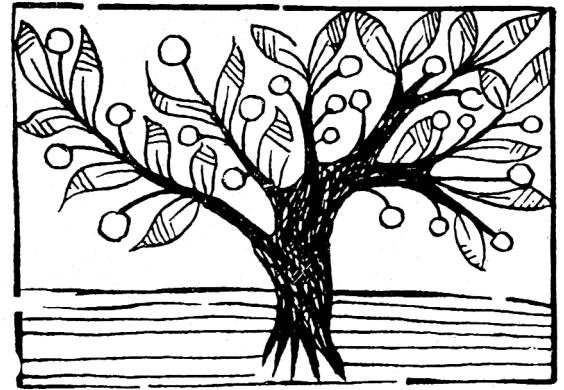
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**Death:** There is no information on his date or place of death.

**Ship:** Unknown, before February 6, 1631/2

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

**Life in New England:** There is one reference to John Hill in Plymouth Colony. In a letter written to Massachusetts Bay Colony's governor, John Winthrop, by Plymouth's governor, William Bradford, on February 6, 1631/2, Bradford named several people who had left Plymouth Colony to live in Massachusetts Bay. Among them was John Hill. Nothing further is known definitely — the commonness of the name so far prevents an identification of which John Hill had come from Plymouth.

**Family:** There is no evidence that John Hill married or had children.

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# A genealogical profile of John Hocking

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**Birth:** Nothing is known of John Hocking's date or place of birth.

**Death:** He died at the Kennebec River in Maine on April 1634.

**Ship:** Unknown, prior to 1634

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

**Life in New England:** John Hocking was early at the settlement of Piscataway, New Hampshire. In April, 1634 he sailed to the Kennebec River where Plymouth Colony had established a trading post. Once there, he sailed past the Plymouth post, planning to intercept Natives coming with furs to trade. The Plymouth men, under the command of John Howland, went in a canoe to cut his anchor cables and force him downriver. In the ensuing altercation, John Hocking shot and killed one of the men in the canoe, and was then shot and killed himself. The Massachusetts Bay Colony's governor and council became involved in the resulting inter-colonial conflict, as did others in England, including the powerful Lord Saye and Sele and Lord Brookes. Eventually, the Plymouth colonists were exonerated. One of John Hocking's defenders in New England was a kinsman, but this man's identity is unknown.

**Family:** There is no evidence that John Hocking married or had children.

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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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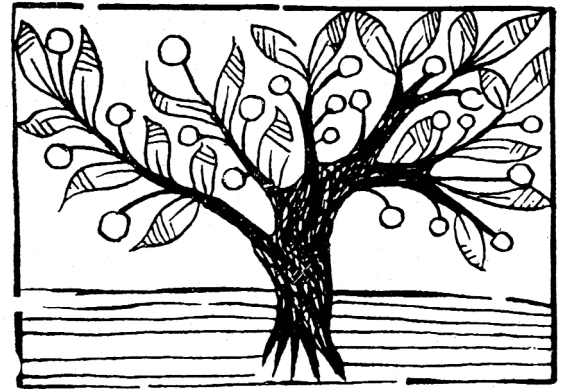
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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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## GENEALOGICAL LIBRARIES IN PLYMOUTH

### General Society of Mayflower Descendants Library

A collection focused principally on the genealogies of the descendants of the *Mayflower* passengers.

4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; [www.mayflower.org](http://www.mayflower.org)

### Plymouth Collection, Plymouth Public Library

Over 1200 items relating to the descendants of the Pilgrims, as well as the many other immigrants who settled in the area.

132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;  
[www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org)

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