

A Genealogical Profile of John Shaw

Birth: John Shaw was born by 1597 (based on his estimated date of marriage).

Death: He died after January 30, 1663/4, in Plymouth.

Ship: unknown

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

Life in New England: John Shaw first appeared in Plymouth in the 1627 division of cattle as the leader of the sixth lot. His family came over some time later. He was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633. He served on a number of juries and was a highway surveyor twice. John Shaw remained in Plymouth but owned land in several other towns, including Marshfield and Rehoboth.

Family: John Shaw married Alice ____ by 1622 if she was the mother of all his children. She died on March 6, 1654/5, in Plymouth.

Children of John and Alice Shaw:

- John was born about 1622. He apparently died unmarried.
- Abigail was born about 1624. She married Stephen Bryant about 1646 and had six children.
- James was born about 1626. He married Mary Mitchell on December 24, 1652, in Plymouth and had two children. She married (2) John Jenny after December 6, 1684, and was still living as of November 17, 1699.
- Jonathan was born about 1631. He married (1) Phebe Watson on January 22, 1656/7, in Plymouth and had eight children. He married (2) Persis (Dunham) Pratt in August 1683. He died before July 30, 1701.

For Further Information:

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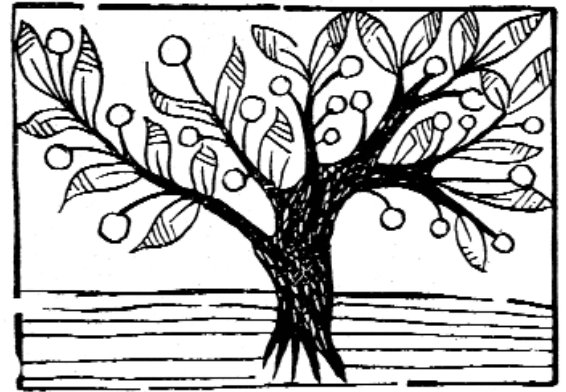
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- www.CyndisList.com
- www.FamilySearch.org
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132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;
www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

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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