

A Genealogical Profile of Moses Simonson/Simmons

Birth: Moses Simonson was born in Holland by 1605.

Death: He died Between June 17, 1689, and September 13, 1691.

Ship: *Fortune*, 1621

Life in Holland: Edward Winslow in *Hypocrasie Unmasked* described Moses Simonson as “ a child of one that was in communion with the Dutch church in Leyden.”

Life in New England: Moses Simonson came over as a single man. He became a freeman of Plymouth after January 1634/5. He moved to Duxbury by 1639. He was a surveyor of highways for both Duxbury and Scituate. In the tax list of 1633 his last name had been altered to Simmons, the form he and his children used.

Family: Moses Simonson married Sarah _____ by 1637 if she was the mother of all his children.

Children of Moses and Sarah Simonson:

- Rebecca was born about 1637. She married John Soule by 1655 and had nine children. She died between 1675 and 1678, probably in Duxbury.
- Moses was born about 1639. He married Patience Barstow by 1664 and had six children. He died before March 18, 1676.
- Mary was born about 1641. She married Joseph Alden by about 1660 and had seven children. She died after March 10, 1696/7.
- John was born about 1644. He married Mercy Pabodie on November 16, 1669, in Duxbury and had nine children. He died before February 9, 1715/6. She died between September 6 and November 8, 1728.
- Sarah was born about 1649. She married James Nash by 1669 and had one daughter.
- Elizabeth was born about 1651. She married Richard Dwelly between 1673 and 1689 as his second wife. There are no recorded children.
- Aaron was born about 1653. He married Mary Woodworth on December 24, 1677, in Scituate and had six children.

For Further Information:

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- 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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