

A Genealogical Profile of Nicholas Snow

Birth: Nicholas has been identified as Nicholas, son of Nicholas Snow, baptized at St. Leonard's Shoreditch, London, on January 25, 1599/1600. This identification is not certain.

Death: He died in Eastham on November 15, 1676.

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

Life in England: There is no information about his life in England, except for the above baptismal record.

Life in New England: Nicholas Snow came to Plymouth as a single man. He was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633. In 1645, or shortly after, he moved to Nauset (Eastham). There he served as deputy, surveyor of highways, constable and selectman. His inventory contained many cooper and carpenter tools.

Family: He married Constance Hopkins in Plymouth by May 22, 1627, and had twelve children. She died in Eastham mid-October 1677. Note: Bradford referred to her as Constanta, and early Plymouth records gave her name as Constance, and she is called Constant in the Eastham records.

Children of Nicholas and Constance Snow:

- Mark was born in Plymouth on May 9, 1628. He married (1) Ann Cooke in Eastham on January 18, 1654, and had one child. She died in July 1656. He married (2) Jane Prence in Eastham on January 9, 1660, and had eight children. He died in Eastham between November 23, 1694, and January 9, 1694/5.
- Mary was born about 1630 She married Thomas Paine before April 1651 and had ten children. She died in Eastham on April 28, 1704.
- Sarah was born about 1632. She married William Walker in Eastham on February 25, 1654/5, and had six children. She died after March 8, 1697.
- Joseph was born about 1634. He married Mary _____ about 1670 and had eleven children. He died in Eastham on January 3, 1722/3.
- Stephen was born about 1636. He married (1) Susanna (Deane) Rogers in Eastham on October 28, 1663, and had six children. He married (2) Mary (Cottle) Bigford on April 9, 1701. He died in Eastham, December 17, 1705.
- John was born about 1638. He married Mary Smalley in Eastham on September 19, 1667, and had nine children. He died in Eastham before April 4, 1692.

- Elizabeth was born about 1640. She married Thomas Rogers in Eastham on December 13, 1665 and had seven children. She died in Eastham on June 16, 1678.
- Jabez was born about 1642. He married Elizabeth _____ before September 6, 1670, and had nine children. He died in Eastham on December 27, 1690.
- Ruth was born about 1644. She married John Cole in Eastham on December 10, 1666, and had seven children. She died in Eastham on January 27, 1716/7.

Note: According to William Bradford's list of Mayflower passengers and their "decreasings and increasings," written in 1651, Constance (Hopkins) Snow had twelve children. If Bradford's 1651 list is correct, the Snows had three more children in addition to those listed here, but nothing is known of them.

For Further Information:

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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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