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America During the Seventeenth Century (New Haven 1938), cited above as Hooke Gen].

In 1931 Charles Edward Banks published a brief account of William Hooke, marred by the author's usual strong anti-Puritan animus [York Hist 1:92-94].

WILLIAM HOOPER

ORIGIN: Unknown.

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *James* (on 13 July 1635, "W[illia]m Hooper," aged 18, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *James* [Hotten 107]).

FIRST RESIDENCE: Unknown.

COMMENTS: Savage and Pope both claimed that this immigrant was the man of the same name who appeared at Reading a decade later [Savage 2:460; Pope 239]. There is no record for this man in New England in the intervening ten years, and there is no record for the Reading man which would allow us to estimate his age with any accuracy. For these reasons, we do not make the identification, and do not connect the passenger list entry of 1635 with any New England record.

Lest the argument be made that William Hooper is a relatively rare name, and that this increases the likelihood that the 1635 passenger was the Reading inhabitant, we observe that another man of the name, a generation younger, but apparently unconnected to the Reading man, appeared at Beverly in the 1670s. On 6 November 1677, "William Huper, aged about thirty years," deposed in a case involving Beverly families [EQC 6:349], and, on 3 December 1677, "William Hooper, fisherman," was in a list of those at Beverly who took the oath of fidelity [EQC 6:401]. William and Elizabeth Hooper had three children baptized at Beverly on 15 December 1678 and a fourth on 19 September 1680. William Hooper, "son of Francis and Julian of Coker, England, ... suddenly falling overboard at sea," died about November 8, 1679 [BevVR 2:476], and administration was granted to his widow [EPR 3:354-55; EQC 7:359; ILR 4:320].

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