

A genealogical profile of Humphrey Turner

Birth: Humphrey Turner was born about 1593, based on his date of marriage.

Death: He died After November 1, 1672, and before May 29, 1673.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

Life in England: Humphrey Turner was from southeastern Essex, in the area of Terling and Little Baddow. He was a tanner in New England, and probably learned the trade there. Life in New England: Humphrey Turner first appeared in Plymouth records in March 25, 1633, tax list. He was also on the list of freemen that year. He received a lot of land in Scituate on October 14, 1633, and by September 1634 had built a house there. He served on a number of juries, was the deputy for Scituate to the Plymouth General Court on numerous occasions between 1640 and 1653, and was Scituate constable for three years. Unusually for New England, Humphrey Turner had two adult sons, by the same wife, of the same Christian name.

Family: Humphrey Turner married Lydia Gaymer on October 24, 1618, in Sandon, Essex and had eight children. She died between July 23, 1669, and February 28, 1669/70.

Children of Humphrey and Lydia Turner:

- John was baptized in Terling, Essex on March 24, 1621. He married Mary Brewster on November 10 or 12, 1645, and had thirteen children. He died in Scituate between March 4, 1695, and May 20, 1698. She died after March 23, 1697/8.
- John [called young John] was born by about 1624. He married Ann James and had eight children.
- Thomas was born about 1627. He married Sarah Hiland on January 6, 1651/2, in Scituate and had nine children.
- Lydia was baptized on February 17, 1629/30, in Little Baddow, Essex. She married James Doughty on August 15, 1649, in Scituate and had nine children.
- Mary was baptized on January 25, 1634/5, in Scituate. She married William Parker on November 13, 1651, as his second wife in Scituate and had six children.
- Joseph was baptized on January 1, 1636/7, in Scituate. He died after 1681, unmarried.
- Nathaniel was baptized on March 10, 1638/9, in Scituate. He married (1) Mehitable Rigby on March 29, 1664/5 [sic], and had five children. He married (2) Abigail (Eames?) Stockbridge by 1691 and had one son. She died in March 1709/10 in Scituate. He died on January 31, 1715/6, in Scituate.

- Daniel was born about 1641. He married Hannah Randall on June 20, 1665 or 1666, in Scituate and had eight children.

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