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THOMAS WHITE*ORIGIN:* Unknown.*MIGRATION:* 1635 (based on admission to freemanship on 3 March 1635/6 [MBCR 1:371]).*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Weymouth.*OCCUPATION:* Carpenter [NEHGR 53:393, citing a deed of 1678 to Samuel White, apparently unrecorded].*CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:* Admission to Weymouth church prior to 3 March 1635/6 implied by freemanship.*FREEMAN:* 3 March 1635/6 (second in a sequence of three Weymouth men) [MBCR 1:371]. Oath of allegiance at Weymouth, 1678 [SCC 974].*EDUCATION:* Signed a deposition [SPR 1:333]. Signed his will. His inventory included “books” valued at £1 2s. 6d. [SPR 12:316].*OFFICEHOLDING:* Deputy for Weymouth to Massachusetts Bay General Court, 18 April 1637, 2 November 1637, 6 May 1657, 11 May 1670 [MBCR 1:192, 205, 3:422, 4:1:286, 4:2:448]. Massachusetts Bay assessor, 15 November 1637 [MBCR 1:209].

Suffolk grand jury (as “Thom[as] White Senior”), 30 July 1672 [SCC 127]. Coroner’s jury, 1 November 1675 [Kempton Anc 1:498, citing MA Arch 39:457].

His inventory included “1 musket” valued at 20s. [SPR 12:316].

ESTATE: In 1636 “Thomas White” was granted a great lot of 21 acres at Weymouth [Weymouth Hist 1:199].

In the Weymouth land inventory of about 1643, “Thomas White” held five parcels: “fourteen acres in the Westernneck first given to himself”; “one acre of salt marsh which was first given to William Reade”; “one acre of salt marsh by Burying Island first given to Mr. Newman”; “twenty and one acres amongst the great lots first given to himself”; and “one acre ... which said land was allowed him of consideration of land laid out for the country highway” [Weymouth Hist 1:193].

In his will, dated 5 July 1679 and proved 28 August 1679, “Thomas White Senior” bequeathed to “my son Joseph White all my wearing apparel”; to “my son Samuel’s wife Mary my great Bible”; to “my granddaughter Lidya White my brass kettle”; to “my grandchild Hannah Baxter my brass pot”; to “my grandchild Mary White my pewter platter”; to “all my now grandchildren five shillings in money each of them and all of them as they shall come of age”; to “my son Ebenezer White five pounds in money toward the education of my grandchild Ebenezer White provided that my son Ebenezer brings him up to learning fit for the

ministry”; to “our reverend Pastor Mr. Samuel Torrey twenty shillings in money”; “that twenty acres remaining in the upper division of Weymouth Town Commons equally betwixt my son Samuel and Ebenezer”; “all my money and moveables of what quantity and quality soever it shall be apprizd as money and my five children Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Ebenezer and my daughter Hannah, shall have equal alike portions”; “in case Elder Edward Bate shall be living when I decease, I give him ten shillings in money”; “my son Samuel White to be sole executor”; “my friend Thomas Dun to be my overseer” [SPR 6:288].

The inventory of the estate of “Thomas White late of Weymouth now deceased,” taken 26 August 1679, totalled £176 17s., of which £5 was real estate: “20 acres of land,” £5 [SPR 12:316].

Samuel White, son of Thomas White, died without surviving issue and, in his will of 2 December 1698, included bequests to his close relatives: “Mary my beloved wife” (land, moveables and “four negro servants, Frank, Ziporah, Charles & Margaret”); “Samuel White, my cousin, son to my eldest brother Joseph White”; “my cousin Ebenezer White, my brother Ebenezer White’s son”; “Thomas White, my brother Thomas White’s son”; “John White, my brother Joseph White’s son”; “Ebenezer White, my brother Joseph’s son”; “Experience White, daughter unto my brother Joseph White”; “Hannah, daughter unto my brother Joseph White”; “my brother Joseph White and my brother Thomas White and my brother Ebenezer White and my sister Hannah Baxter and my cousin Joseph White, son to my brother Joseph White, and Mary White, daughter to my brother Thomas White, & Hannah Dyer, daughter unto my sister Hannah Baxter”; “Thomas White & Samuel White and Ann Traske, children of my brother Joseph White”; “Samuel White and Joseph White & Ebenezer White, sons of my brother Thomas White”; “Mr. Ebenezer White and Thomas White and Samuel White and Joseph White and Benjamin White & Hannah White & Abigail White and Experience White and Elizabeth White, children of my brother Ebenezer White”; “Mr. Joseph Baxter and John Baxter and Samuel Baxter, sons of my sister Hannah Baxter”; “Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, my wife’s sister’s son”; “my beloved wife Mary White to be sole executrix”; “my brother Ebenezer White and my brother Joseph Dyar to be overseers”; “Lidia Cook and Mary Hill, daughters unto my brother Joseph White” [SPR 14:81-82].

BIRTH: About 1599 (deposed on 21 October 1659 “aged about sixty years” [SPR 1:333]).

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DEATH: Between 5 July 1679 (date of will) and 26 August 1679 (date of inventory).

MARRIAGE: By about 1635 _____. She was living as late as about 1649, when her youngest child was born, but was not named in her husband's will in 1679.

CHILDREN:

- i JOSEPH WHITE, b. say 1635; m. Weymouth 19 September 1660 Lydia Rogers, daughter of JOHN ROGERS {1638, Weymouth} [Kempton Anc 1:399-404]. (In 1998 Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn published additional information on John White, son of Joseph [NEHGR 152:184-85].)
- ii HANNAH WHITE, b. say 1639; m. Braintree 24 November 1659 John Baxter [BrVR 717], son of GREGORY BAXTER {1631, Roxbury} [GMB 1:137-39].
- iii SAMUEL WHITE, b. about 1642 (d. Weymouth 19 August 1699, "aged 57"); m. by an unknown date Mary Dyer, daughter of THOMAS DYER {1641, Weymouth} [Weymouth Hist 3:209-10].
- iv THOMAS WHITE, b. say 1645; m. by about 1670 Mary _____ [Kempton Anc 1:505-6]. (In 1993 Janet Ireland Delorey and Dean Crawford Smith argued that "the evidence seems to favor the conclusion that Macuth Pratt's 'daughter White' was the wife of Thomas² White" [TAG 68:29-31], but in 1996 Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn were less certain of this identification [Kempton Anc 1:498-500, 505-6].)
- v EBENEZER WHITE, b. about 1649 (d. Weymouth 24 July or August 1703, "in 55th year"); m. by 1671 Hannah Phillips (eldest known child b. 17 February 167[1/2] [NEHGR 53:394]), daughter of NICHOLAS PHILLIPS {1636, Dedham} (in his will of 2 June 1671, "Nicholas Phillips of Weymoth" included a bequest to "my six younger children ... Joshua Phillips, Benjamin Phillips, Alice Shaw, Experienced King, Hannah White & Abigaile Phillips" [SPR 7:248; Weymouth Hist 4:464-65]).

ASSOCIATIONS: In 1996 Dean Crawford Smith and Melinde Lutz Sanborn discussed the evidence relevant to the English origin of Thomas White (without reaching any conclusion) [Kempton Anc 1:493-96].