

## FORD FAMILY

**NICHOLAS** b.15Jul1570 Powerstock Parish,West Milton,England m.14Oct1588 **JELYON LONGE** (01Oct1562-1620) at Symandbury,Dorset,England d.01Sep1621 Symandbury,Dorset,England (New research indicates that Thomas' parents may have been John Ford III & Joan Beck m.03Feb1583 Piddlehinton,Dorset,Eng and nephew of Thomas Ford, merchant of Dorchester who died 20Jan1610/1 leaving a will that reads in part; "Thomas, son of my brother, John Forde")

1 **THOMAS** b.1587 Bridport,Dorset,England m.(1) 13Dec1610 **JOAN WAYE** (bur.10May1615) at

Powerstock,Dorset,England (2) 19Jun1616 Elizabeth Chard (d.18Apr1643) at Bridport,Dorset,England

(3) 07Nov1644 Ann (Steel-?) (d.05May1675, w/o Thomas Scott) d.28Nov1676 Northampton,Hampshire,Ma.

In 1623 Thomas Ford and his family were living in Dorchester, Dorset,England and were members of Holy Trinity Church, whose rector was Rev. John White. John White has been called the "Founder of Massachusetts" Rev. John White wrote to Gov. John Endicott, 'to appoint places of habitation for sixty families out of Dorsetshire which were to arrive the following spring.' A meeting was held on 15 Oct. 1629, "at the Deputyes House". Twenty five members of the council which financed the planters were there and "MR. FORDE, wth divers others of the genalitie."

This meeting was arranged so that the finance company would benefit for seven years by the shipping of furs. The government of the colony was to be placed into the hands of Gov. John Winthrop. In New England. Thomas Ford and his family came on the MARY AND JOHN, 1630. The passage costs were 5 pounds per adult, 10 pounds per horse, 3 pounds per ton of freight. Thomas requested admission as a freeman 19 Oct. 1630 and took the oath 18 May 1631 in Dorchester, Massachusetts. To become a freeman at that time you had to be a member of the Church.

03Apr1633 - "It is agreed that a doble rayle with morteses in the posts, of 10 foote distance one from the other, shall be set up on the marish.....by the owners of the Cowes vnder named, p'portionally. 20 foote to everye cowe." Thomas Forde owed two cows.

The last record of Thomas Ford in Dorchester, Massachusetts was 5 Jul. 1636.

1637 - Thomas was one of four men who purchased a large tract from Sachem Tehano, which now includes Windsor Locks, the northern third of Windsor and the southern part of Suffield.

1637 - Granted fifty acres - Simsbury, Connecticut.

Feb. 1639/40 - George Hull, "moved the court in behalf of Thomas Ford of Windsor, that in regard the workmen are much taken up and employed in making a bridge and meetinghouse with them, and his work hindered of impaling in the ground which was granted him by the court for a hog-park, that there may be granted him a year longer time for the fencing it in; which was upon the reasons aforesaid, condescended to."

1644 - Thomas removed to Hartford, Connecticut. He ran an "Ordinary", as an accomodation for strangers passing through. It was located in the Scott house located on the southwest corner of State and Front Streets.

Diary of John Winthrop, Jr. - "reached the Inn of Thomas Ford at Hartford", 17 Nov. 1645. The Inn was sold to Thomas Cadwell in 1652.

1656 - Thomsa bought the homelot of William Hosford.

1658/59 - Thomas bought th Arthur Williams house and lot.

1667 Thomas helped settle the estate of Nicholas Denslow.

1669 - Thomas helped settle the estate of Elizabeth Denslow's.

1670 Apr. - Thomas Inventoried the estate of Rev. John Warham.

Thomas removed to Northampton, Massachusetts bef. 1672 where he spent the rest of his life.

(by 1st wife)

A. **MARY** bp.18Aug1612 Bridport,England m.1637 **AARON COOK** (bp.20Mar1613-1690)

(see COOK Family for children)

(by 2nd wife)

B. **JOANA** bp.08Jun1617 Bridport,Dorset,England m.06Nov1633 Roger Clapp (06Apr1609-02Feb1691) at Windsor, Hartford,Ct. d.1695

a. Samuel Clapp b.11Oct1634 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m.18Nov1658 Hannah Leeds (d.08Oct1708, d/o Richard Leeds) at Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.16Oct1708 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. (10 children)

b. William Clapp b.05Jul1635 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.22Sep1638 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma.

c. Elizabeth Clapp b.22Jun1636 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m. Joseph Holmes (s/o George Holmes) d.25Dec1711 Boston,Ma. (8 children)

d. Experience Clapp b.23Aug1640 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.01Nov1640 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma.

e. Waitstill Clapp b.22Oct1641 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.09Aug1643 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma.

f. Preserved Clapp b.23Nov1643 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m.04Jun1668 Sarah Newberry (14Jun1650-03Oct1716) at Windsor,Hartford,Ct. d.20Sep1720 Northampton,Hampshire,Ma. (8 children)

g. Experience Clapp b.Dec1645 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.y. Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma.

h. Hopestill Clapp b.06Nov1647 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m.18Apr1672 Susanna Swift (1652-02Mar1732) at Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.02Sep1719 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. (9 children)

i. Wait Clapp b.17Mar1690 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m. Jonathon Simpson d.03May1717 Boston,Ma. (2 children)

j. Thanks Clapp b.Jul1651 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. d.y.

k. Desire Clapp b.17Oct1652 Dorchester,Suffolk,Ma. m.(1) Sarah Pond (d.04Jan1715) (2) 27Dec1716

- Deborah Smith d.Dec1717 Boston, Ma. (10 children)
- l. Thomas Clapp b.Apr1655 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma. d.1670 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma.
  - m. Unite Clapp b.13Oct1656 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma. d.20Mar1664 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma.
  - n. Supply Clapp b.30Oct1660 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma. d.05Mar1686 Dorchester, Suffolk, Ma.
- C. **ABIGAIL** b.08Oct1619 Bridport, Dorset, England m.1635 **JOHN STRONG** (the elder) (1605-13Apr1699)  
d.06Jul1688 Northampton, Hampshire, Ma. (see STRONG Family for children)
- D. THOMAS bp.21Sep1623 Dorchester, Dorset, England bur.06Oct1623 Dorchester, Dorset, England
- E. HEPZIBAH bp.15May1625 Dorchester, Dorset, England m.(1) 1640 Josiah Lyman (1617-1662, s/o Richard & Sarah (Osborn) Lyman) at Windsor, Hartford, Ct. (2) 07Oct1664 John Marsh (d.1688) at Windsor, Hartford, Ct. d.11Apr1683  
(by 1st husband)
- a. Hepzibah Lyman b.1644 Windsor, Hartford, Ct. m.06Nov1662 Josiah Dewey (b.1641, s/o Thomas & Frances (Clark) Dewey) d.04Jun1732 Lebanon, Litchfield, Ct. (11 children)
  - b. Sarah Lyman b. Windsor, Hartford, Ct. m.28Nov1666 John Marsh (1643-1727, s/o John & Ann (Webster) Marsh) d.by1707 (11 children)
  - c. Richard Lyman b.1647 Windsor, Hartford, Ct. m.26May1675 Elizabeth Coles (d/o John & Hannah Coles) d.04Nov1708 Lebanon, Litchfield, Ct. (9 children)
  - d. Thomas Lyman b.1649 Windsor, Hartford, Ct. m.1678 Ruth Holton (d/o William Holton) d.15Jul1725 Durham, Ct. (6 children)
  - e. Eliza Lyman m.20Aug1672 Joshua Pomeroy (1646-1689, s/o Eltweed & Margaret (Rockett) Pomeroy) d.by1677 (2 children)
  - f. John Lyman b.1655 Windsor, Hartford, Ct. m. Abigail (-) d.13Oct1727 Northampton, Hampshire, Ma. (7 children)
  - g. Joanna Lyman b.1658 Northampton, Hampshire, Ma.
  - h. Hannah Lyman b.1660 m.20Jun1677 Joseph Pomeroy (1652-1734/9, s/o Eltweed & Margaret (Rockett) Pomeroy) d.11Oct1736 (12 children)  
(by 2nd husband)
  - i. Lydia Marsh b.09Oct1667 m.08Dec1692 David Loomis (11Jan1667/8-09Jan1751/2) d.after1751  
(by 3rd wife)
- F. ANNE m.(1) 12Mar1676 Thomas Newberry (01Sep1657-30Apr1688) at Windsor, Hartford, Ct.  
(2) 16Jan1689 Joseph Leonard at Windsor, Hartford, Ct. d.06Jan1690 Windsor, Hartford, Ct.

Sources

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