

History of Ann Palgrave

Ann was born in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, on 29 October 1626. She was the daughter of Richard Palgrave and Joan Harris.

When Ann was about 3 1/2 years old her father passed away leaving a broken hearted wife and daughter.

Ann's mother married Rev. John Young about 1631. He already had two boys, Thomas 4 years old and John 6.

Her mother and stepfather had three more children, Rachel, Mary and Joseph.

In 1637 they all left for New England on the "Mary Anne" arriving in Salem, Massachusetts where Ann's mother died.

Her will was probated in 1639.

Ann's stepfather, Rev. John Young married Mary Warren Gardner. He was founder of Southold Long Island in 1640 and he became the first pastor there which he retained until his death in 1672.

Here is an account given in the "Genealogical Sketches of the Woodbury Family by Charles Levi Woodbury (pg 158):

"Witnesses, recorded in the 'Notarial Records, Salem,' testify that Ann Palgrave was brought over from Great Britain by her stepfather, Rev. John Young. She was about eleven years old when she came to America. She died at Beverly, 10 June 1701, aged seventy-five, from which she must have been born in 1626. Her mother, Joan Harris Palgrave was a widow who married the Rev. John Young for a second husband.

In 1640, one John Thorn of Beverly made a nuncupative will in presence of Elizabeth Harwood, Margaret Jackson and Elizabeth

Eticks by which he gave all his estate to Ann Palgrave, except his best hat to John Jackson and something to James Thomas. It was probated 1646, and the inventory returned by Jeffrey Massey, George Emory and John Herbert.

The original papers are in the office of the Register of Deeds, Salem. The Thorn, Jackson and Herbert families removed to Southold, Long Island, where Rev. Mr Young, with his wife, had settled in 1640, he was the first minister, and retained the pastorate till death in 1672."

Ann Palgrave married Nicholas Woodbury, son of William Woodbury and Elizabeth Patch about 1651.

They were blessed with eight children.

Ann Palgrave inherited lands in Great Yarmouth from her father Richard Palgrave. She conveyed in a deed the whole property to four of her children, Joseph, Isaac, and her daughter Joanna, wife of Samuel Plummer, and Abigail, wife of Richard Ober, 8 March 1700.

Before Ann's husband Nicholas Woodbury passed away they owned several farms in New England, so were able to leave lands to all their children.

Nicholas Woodbury died 16 May 1686. Ann died 10 June 1701. Both died in Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts.

History of John Palgrave

John was christened 20 may 1563, at Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Norfolk, England. He was the son of Thomas Palgrave and Christian Sayer. John married Amy about 1589. They were blessed with eight darling children all born or christian at Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Norfolk, England.

John was buried at Ranworth, England on 15 September 1618, and Amy was buried a Ranworth, England on 11 March 1603-4.

History of Richard Palgrave

Richard Palgrave was christened 29 January 1598, at Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Norfolk, England. He was the son of John Palgrave and Amy. Richard Palgrave and his brother Jeremy were apparently the earliest members of the family to settle at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England. Jeremy was a mariner there.

It states in the records that in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, 24 January 1625, Richard Palgrave, Y.S. was married by special license to Joan Harris. In the list of birth is that of Ann Palgrave, 29 October 1626, daughter of Richard and Joan.

Joan Harris was the daughter of Henry Harris and Johan Austin. Joan was christened about 1603 in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England.

History of Thomas Palgrave

Thomas was born about 1526 at Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, Norfolk, England, and was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Palgrave. He married Christian Sayer 3 July 1558. Christian was born about 1537. She was the daughter of Thomas Sayer a considerable landed proprietor, and Elizabeth Christian Baylye.

Thomas and Christian were blessed with 13 children. They were a religious family as they had their children christened in the church in Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, Norfolk, England.

There are two adjoining parishes named Pulham in Norfolk, Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, called Pulham Market, and Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Called Pulham Mary.

In 1681, Thomas Sayer and William Palgrave, descendants, were returned as lords of the manor. In the church of St. Mary Magdalene are several monuments to the Palgraves, the oldest of which is a gravestone with a shield of arms sculptured on the stone in memory of Thomas Palgrave, who died 1638.

Thomas Palgrave's will was dated 21 January 1595. He was buried 17 February 1595. Christian was buried 3 October 1607. Both were buried at Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, Norfolk, England.