

### History of Elizabeth West

Elizabeth was born 26 September 1663 in Beverly, Essex, Massachusetts. She was the oldest in a family of nine children, therefore she had a great responsibility helping her mother with all the work of pioneer life. This gave her good training for the raising of her own 10 children.

What greater blessing can come to anyone than to have many brothers and sisters and then become a mother of a large family and know they are truly yours as you were the one who brought them into the world.

Elizabeth's husband was Joseph Woodbury, they, and their ancestors were all very religious people. The Lord had been good to help them and they were grateful for his help. They brought their children up to live a good life and do the things God would want them to do.

Elizabeth married Joseph, son of Nicholas Woodbury and Ann Paulsgrave, 19 December 1687.

Elizabeth West died 27 October 1714, in Manchester, Essex, Massachusetts.

### History of John West

John West was born in England about 1624. In the "Planters of Common Wealth", by C. E. Banks, it gives John West, 11 years old, settled in Ipswich and that he came on the Ship "The Abigail" of London, Richard Hackwell, master. John was one of the listed passengers for New England from June 4 until July 24 and sailed from Plymouth, England, as her last port of departure, about 1 August 1635, with two hundred and twenty persons aboard and many cattle. She arrived at Boston, Massachusetts about 8 October 1635, infected with small pox.

In the "History of Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts" by J. B. Felt, John West is listed as one of the first settlers of Ipswich.

According to other references John West was one of the Dennisons subscribers in Ipswich Massachusetts in 1648. He sold his house and land to John Woodman and moved to Beverly. He was admitted to the church in 1648, in Salem as there was no church in Beverly at this time.

John married Mary and they had four children. Their children were probably born in Ipswich.

John West was called a yeoman. He was representative of Beverly in general court in 1677.

John's estate was granted to Thomas West at inventory taken 13 November 1683.

### History of Captain Thomas West

Captain Thomas West was born in 1642, probably in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts to John West and Mary. His father sold their home in Ipswich and moved to Beverly when he was a small boy.

Thomas no doubt, worked hard along with his father as it was no easy job to put land under cultivation with so little equipment to work with in those pioneer days. But he probably enjoyed going hunting and fishing with his father.

Thomas married Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of John Jackson and Katherine, on 12 December 1661 in Beverly. It was there that their nine children were born.

Thomas West was surely a leader among men to receive the title of Captain.

He became a freeman 11 May 1670, in Beverly.

He died in Beverly on 8 March 1723 at age 81 years.