

History of Elizabeth Whale

Elizabeth Whale born about 1613 at Checkney, Essex, England.

She left the English parish Canfield (Magna) Essex, England, or Colchester, Essex, England, with her parents Philemon Whale and Elizabeth. They probably arrived in America about 1636.

Elizabeth married John Moore. They had eight children.

She died 14 December 1690 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. John died on 6 January 1674 at Sudbury, Massachusetts.

History of Philemon Whale 1564

Philemon Whale was born in England about 1564 and was married to Agnes about 1588. Their seven children were born in Checkney, Essex, England.

Philemon Whale's brother John Whale of Colchester, England, will dated 21 March 1608. The will was proved 4 May 1609 by the testator's brother Philemon Whale of Checkney, Essex, England.

This will of John Whales mentioned, among other beneficiaries: his brother Philemon and that man's children Jonas, Henry and Philemon, a minor who was to have 11 pounds at the age of 21 or on the day he was married.

The will of Philemon Whale was dated 4 April 1618 and proved 19 May 1620.

History of Philemon Whale

Philemon Whale was the son of Philemon Whale and Agnes who was christened 27 March 1599 at Checkney, Essex, England. He married first Elizabeth about 1612 in England. They had at least one child.

This family was among the Puritan families who came to New England to find a place where they could worship God as they saw fit.

We know not the exact year they arrived, but we find them in Sudbury buying land in 1643. Philemon is also listed in "History of Sudbury" as one of those who came to Sudbury soon after it began.

Philemon was a weaver as well as a farmer. He became a freeman on 10 May 1648.

His wife, Elizabeth, died 20 April 1674 in Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts.

He was married on 7 November 1649 to Sarah the widow of Thomas Cakebread. Sarah's husband, Thomas, erected the first mill at Sudbury, for which the town granted him land. Thomas died 4 January 1643. Sarah died 28 December 1656.

On 9 November 1657 Philemon Whale married Elizabeth Griffin, probably a daughter of Hugh Griffin, one of the first settlers of Sudbury who held the office of first clerk in Sudbury.

Elizabeth died 8 November 1688.

Philemon Whale owned land in various parts of the town, but his early home is supposed to have not been far from the head of

the millpond (Wayland). He afterwards built a house in the neighborhood of the "Rice Spring". A culvert or bridge at the head of the millpond is still called Whale's Bridge.

Philemon Whale died 22 February 1675. His will was dated 19 January 1675, probated 4 February 1676.