

## History of Henry Loker Sr. and Elizabeth French

Henry Loker, son of Robert Loker and Lucy Riddlesdale was christen in the church at Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, England on 7 February 1577. He married about 1605 to Elizabeth French the daughter of Robert French and Alice Wylton.

They had at least four children born in Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, England.

Henry Loker made out his will 22 February 1630. This will was probated 15 April 1631. His wife Elizabeth with son Henry was executor of his will. The place of death was not given but was probably in Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, England.

The widow Elizabeth Loker brought her family to New England sometimes between 1631 and 1638.

She had great courage to sell her property and face the dangers that prevailed in bringing her family to New England.

She must have heard of the great number who died either on the ship or after they landed. But being a Puritan she came along with the other Puritans who came to worship God according to the Puritan belief.

We know not what ship they came on or what year they arrived. We do know they were among the first settlers of Sudbury which was settled in 1638 and incorporated in 1639.

### History of Henry Loker Jr.

Henry Jr. was born about 1610 at Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, England. He was the son of Henry Loker Sr. and Elizabeth French.

When he was about 21 years old, his father passed away leaving his mother with at least 4 children. The will was probated 15 April 1631. He and his mother were executors of the will.

His mother taught her children to live a good life so they could be with their father in the hereafter.

Henry, now being the oldest man in the family had to set a good example before his brother and sisters.

He probably helped his mother a great deal on the ship. They came with the Puritans so they could worship God as they saw fit.

They were among the first settlers of Sudbury.

It would be a lot of hard work to even help build a house on the lots allotted them and put their land under cultivation for two boys their age.

They probably built the house on John's lot first as it was more in the town area and Henry did not marry until 24 January 1647. The family probably all lived together until that time.

Henry Loker was probably one of the owners of the common planting field beside his private property.

Henry Loker was a proprietor at Sudbury 1639. He became a freeman on 10 May 1643.

He married Hannah Brewer on 24 January 1647 in Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts. We have only found one child but there may have been more.

Henry and his family not only endured the hardships of pioneer

life but they also suffered much from the Philip's War. They could not work in the fields for fear of being killed by the Indians.

Henry was listed among those who suffered great loss from the war.

In 1678 Henry Loker deeded his whole estate (for love) to his son and daughter, Jacob and Elizabeth Moore.

Henry Loker died 14 October 1688 in Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts. His wife Hannah Brewer died 14 February 1679 in Sudbury.