

History of Isaac Ward

Isaac was born 7 March 1707, Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts. He was the son of Obadiah Ward and Joanna Mixer.

Isaac married Sybil Moore, daughter of Nathaniel Moore and Grace Rice, in 1734. They resided for a time in Petersham, Massachusetts, where their eleven children were born.

Isaac and Sybil moved to Amherst, Massachusetts, where Sybil passed away, 1774 or 1775. Isaac then moved to Leverett, Massachusetts. He died 1776 on the day that the news reached there of the surrender of General Burgoyne and his army. So electrified were the people by the welcome intelligence, that all ran to communicate the news. Isaac Ward was at the point of death when a neighbor came in and told him of the surrender. He roused a little and asked, "Can I depend upon it?" "Yes," said the neighbor. "It is very well," he replied, and those were his last words.

History of Mary Ward

Mary Ward was born September 1750, in Sudbury, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Isaac Ward and Sybil Moore. Mary married 1774, to John Woodbury, son of Jeremiah Woodbury and Sebellia Jerusha Tucker. Soon after their marriage they probably moved to Leverett, Massachusetts. They were blessed with ten children.

John died 18 March 1821, in Leverett, Massachusetts.

Mary died 18 February 1829, in Leverett, Massachusetts.

History of Obadiah Ward

Obadiah Ward was born 19 April 1663 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. He was the son of Richard Ward and Mary Moore. When he was almost three years old his father was drowned in the Sudbury river. His mother and grandfather were appointed his guardians so he probably spent some of his childhood days in the home of his grandfather, William Ward.

He was married on 20 December 1693 in Sudbury to Joanna (Mixer) Harrington, widow of Joseph Harrington. She was the daughter of Isaac Mixer and Mary Coolidge.

They were blessed with nine children.

Obadiah moved to Worcester some time after 1712, but retained his interest in Sudbury, purchasing in 1716 from his brother-in-law, John Maynard, and his wife Lydia, all the latter's interest in her father's estate in Sudbury and elsewhere. He erected a sawmill on his farm in Worcester where the "Red Mills" were afterwards located and where still stands the building formerly occupied by the Crompton Loom Works. His will bears the date of his death, and apparently was made in haste. Of his children, only the oldest two are named. He left them legacies, and gave the residue of his estate to his wife, Joanna, to be disposed of among his other children at her discretion. She and her son Isaac were residing in Framingham, Massachusetts, in 1725, at which time she remained a widow.

Obadiah died 17 December 1717, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

History of Richard Ward

Richard Ward was born in England about 1635. Richard's mother died about 1637 or 1638 in England. His father married Elizabeth and then brought the family to America.

Richard was only about three years old when we find the family in Sudbury, Massachusetts. His father was listed as one of the first settlers there in 1638 or 1639.

He lived in Sudbury with his family until 1657 when they became the first settlers of Marlborough, Massachusetts. Richard was allowed a house-lot which included 18 acres of land.

His father became the first Deacon of Marlborough. This tells us he was a very religious man and taught his children to obey God's Commandments.

Richard lived in Marlborough until he married Mary Moore of Sudbury, daughter of John Moore and Elizabeth Whale, 8 September 1661. He then moved to Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts where their two children were born.

On 31 March 1666 Richard Ward was drowned in the Sudbury River. Richard's widow Mary and his father William Ward were appointed guardians of the children during their younger years.

Mary married second Deacon Daniel Stone of Sudbury 22 November 1667 and bore him eight children. Mary died 10 June 1703.