

History of John Ffiske

John Ffiske was born at St James, South Elmham. He married Anne daughter of Robert Lawter. He died in 1633. She died on her voyage to New England. The family arrived in New England 1637.

History of Robert Ffyske

Robert Ffyske was born in Stadhaugh about 1525. He was married to Mrs Sibilla (Gold) Barber. For some time he was of the parish of St. James, South Elmham. Sibilla the wife of Robert, was in great danger in the time of the religious persecution, 1553-1558; as was her sister Isabella Gold, who was confined in the Castle of Norwich, and escaped death only by the power of her brothers, who were men of great influence in the county. Robert fled for religion's sake, in the days of Queen Mary, to Geneva, but returned later, and died at St. James. His will is dated 10 April 1590, and proved 28 July 1600. Robert Ffyske had by Sibilla Gold, his wife four sons and one daughter. Most of his children progeny in whole or in part, settled in New England.

History of Simon Ffyske

Simon Ffyske was born in Laxfield. His will is dated 25 January 1505. He gave legacies to his children who were all young, and a bequest to his brother, Master John Ffyske, ten marks, to sing for his soul one year. He died in 1505.

History of Simon Ffyske

Simon Ffyske was born in Laxfield. He married Elizabeth. She died in Halesworth in June 1558. He resided in Laxfield and made his will on 10 July 1536. It was proved 13 July 1538. He desired to be buried at the chancel end of the church of All Saints in Laxfield, near his father and near his sons Robert and William and his wife. He died in June 1538.

History of Symond Ffyshe (Fiske)

Symond Ffyshe was the grandson of Daniel, who was Lord of the Manor of Stadhaugh, Parish of Laxfield, Suffolk, England, lived in the reigns of Henry IV, V, and VI and Edward IV (1399 -1464). He married Susannah Smyth. She died and he married as his second wife Katherine. Symond Ffyshe, of Laxfield, will was dated 22 December 1463 and proved at Norwich, 26 February 1463/4. He bequeathed his soul to God, the Virgin Mary and all the Saints in Heaven. He bequeathed to each of his sons William, Jeffery, John and Edmund, 20 pounds. He mentions his daughter Margaret Dowsing and he appointed his wife Katherine, his son John and Nicholas Noloth executors. He died in February 1464.

History of William Ffyske

William Ffyske was born in Stadhaugh, Suffolk, England. He married Joan Lynne of Norfolk. He lived during the reigns of Henry VI, Edward IV and V Richard III and Henry VII. He died before his wife, about 1504. Joan Ffyske made her will 15 July 1504, which was proved 28 February 1505. Her will mentions her sons John, Augustine and Simon and daughters Margery and Margaret. She appointed Sir John Ffyske, son of John Ffyske and her son executors.

History of William Ffiske 1566

William Ffiske was born in Laxfield in 1566. He married Anne daughter of Walter Anstye, of Tibenham Long Row, Norfolk, England. She died and he married second Alice. They had two sons and five daughters. William is described as of St. James in South Elmham, and it is said of him that he fled with his father for religion's sake.

An old record says: "William Fyske has livery of the manor and advowson of Hekingham, in county Norfolk, lately belonging to Robert Fyske, his father." His will is dated 25 November 1616, and was proved 17 May 1620. He was of Ditchingham, Norfolk. The will mentions now wife Alice. He died 17 May 1620. He resided in St. James, South Elmham, Suffolk and Ditchingham, Norfolk.

History of Honorable William Ffiske

William Ffiske was born in England about 1613. He married in Salem in 1643 to Bridget Matchet. After his death she married second, on 3 November 1661, to Thomas Rix, of Salem, surgeon. William, the son of John Sr and brother John Jr, who emigrated, is probably the William Fiske, who, in 1642, was admitted a freeman. William died in New England in 1654.

We have the following from Mr Savage's book about William Ffiske: "He married Bridget Matchet, of Pulham, by whom he had William, Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin and Martha, all born in New England, where their father died in 1654. William Ffiske was of Salem in 1637, in which year he arrived from England and was brother of Rev. John, with whom he came over. He had a grant of land that year and was made freeman 18 May 1642, and a member of the Salem Church 2 July 1641. Soon after he remove to Wenham, where he was the first town clerk or clerk of the writs, from 1643 to 1650. In the Colonial Record is a settlement of rights between William and his brother John, by which it seems he was under twenty-four years of age in September 1638. Endicott, Hathorne, and two others of the men of Salem made the terms of agreement. He was elected representative to the General Court of the Commonwealth in 1647 and continued in that office until the year 1652, being annually re-elected. He enjoyed to a large extent the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. He died quite suddenly in 1654, having served his townsmen in all the offices in the town. He died intestate, probably his death was caused by some disease.

In 1643, according to the Wenham town records, William Ffiske received liberty from the General Court to keep an ordinary (public house), and in 1646 was licensed "to sell wine and strong water;" which privileges were a few years later transferred to Phineas Ffiske. One of the appraisers of his property was Phinehas Ffiske, and one of the items was a "sign with the sign post."