

History of Nathaniel Adams

Nathaniel Adams was born about 1641 in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts. He married on 30 June 1668, in Ipswich, to Mary or Mercy Dickinson, daughter of Thomas Dickinson and Janet.

Nathaniel and Mercy were blessed with seven children born in Ipswich.

Nathaniel was a Puritan. He lived a good life. He was made a freeman in 27 May 1674. He was a farmer.

He died 11 April 1715 in Ipswich. Loving hands soothed his ending years and when the lamp of life went out self-extinguished, they laid him to rest and treasured in their hearts the kindly memories of his virtues and sacrifices.

His wife Mercy died 12 December 1735 in Ipswich.

History of Rebecca Adams

Rebecca was born 29 Feb 1736, at Marlborough, Massachusetts. She married on 9 May 1752 to Abidiah Bartlett the son of Thomas and Mary Bartlett.

Rebecca and Abidiah were blessed with eleven children which were born in Brookfield, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Rebecca died 16 September 1807, at Spencer, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Abidiah died 19 November 1779, at Brookfield, Worcester, Massachusetts.

History of Thomas Adams

Thomas Adams, son of Randall Adams, was born 1558 in Norwood, Wem, Shropshire, England. One reference says he and his wife and parents were from Anglo-Saxon origins and were respectable industrious people. Although he leaned toward the Puritans, he upheld fine religious principles.

Thomas married in 1581, Margaret Erpe daughter of John Erpe. They were living in Wem, Shropshire, England where their five children were born.

Thomas was buried 23 August 1607, in Wem, Shropshire, England.

History of Thomas Adams

Thomas was born 14 June 1672 in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts.
His mother Mary or Mercy Dickinson was born 1646.

Thomas was married to Bethia Blanchard about 1693. Their nine children were born in Ipswich.

Thomas died on 24 October 1729.

Bethia died on 12 January 1742.

History of William Adams

Let us first tell you what it tells up about William Adams in American No. 4 Vol XXII Page 432: "William Adams, son of Thomas Adams and Margaret Erpe, born England 3 February 1594. Died Ipswich, Massachusetts 4 January 1659. He came to America about 1628, among the original immigrants to the Massachusetts Colony and settled first at Cambridge, but in 1642 removed to Ipswich, where he took up a large tract of land on the Ipswich river, where Hamilton, Massachusetts now is. The farm which he cultivated remained in the family, being handed down through will or inheritance for over two hundred and fifty years. He had 4 sons and perhaps other children."

William was born in Wen, Shropshire, England. He was a staunch Puritan, an aggressive leader and a magnificent person.

William Adams and his wife were married about 1619. They were parents of ten children.

In "pioneers of Massachusetts" by Pope, page eleven, it gives the following:

"William Adams came in the 'Elizabeth and Ann' in May 1635, settled at Cambridge; planter, proprietor 1636, from 22 May 1638. Removed to Ipswich. He was a member of a grand jury in 1642. He made an exchange of land about 1651, as his son Lieutenant John testified 29 March 1692, being about 60 years old; mentioning his brother William and the latter's children, William, Simon and John."

William was born 27 May 1650. He was ordained a minister at Dedham in 1673. He settled in Cambridge where he joined the church. He was a proprietor here in 1636 and became a freeman in 1639. He was one of the first settlers of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was selectman in 1646.