

# A genealogical profile of Robert Barker

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**Birth:** Robert Barker was born about 1616.

**Death:** He died between February 18, 1689, the date of his will, and March 14, 1691/2, when his lands were divided.

**Ship:** Unknown

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England.

**Life in New England:** The first mention of Robert Barker in the Plymouth Colony records is a complaint by him about his master, carpenter John Thorp, reported to the Court on January 20, 1632/3. Seven months later, his master having died, his apprenticeship was given to William Palmer, who was to teach him the trade of nailer. There is no evidence that Barker practiced either trade as an adult. He was a ferryman in Marshfield in 1645 and an innkeeper there from 1646. He moved to Duxbury in 1653. He served on a number of juries and was a surveyor of highways in Marshfield in 1645 and in Duxbury several times between 1654 and 1679.

**Family:** He married Luce/Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ by 1642 if she was the mother of all his children. She was still living on March 7, 1681/2.

## Children of Robert and Lucy Barker:

- Isaac was born about 1642. He married Judith Prence in Plymouth on December 28, 1665, and had ten children. He died in Duxbury on February 14, 1688/9.
- Francis was born about 1646. He married Mary Lincoln in Duxbury on January 5, 1674, and had five children. He died after 1713/4.
- Rebecca Barker was born about 1650. She married (1) Josiah Snow around 1669 and had ten children. She married (2) John Sawyer on November 23, 1694. She died in Marshfield on April 28, 1711.
- Robert was born about 1651. He married (1) Alice Snow by 1682 and had eight children. She died after September 5, 1697. He married (2) Phebe (Cook) (Arnold) Marsh after October 9, 1705. He died September 25, 1729.
- Abigail was born about 1657. She married Joseph Rogers by 1677 and had nine children. He died before July 16, 1716. She died before June 10, 1718.

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## For Further Information:

Robert C. Anderson. *The Great Migration Begins*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995.

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**Researching your family's history** can be a fun, rewarding, and occasionally frustrating project. Start with what you know by collecting information on your immediate family. Then, trace back through parents, grandparents, and beyond. This is a great opportunity to speak to relatives, gather family stories, arrange and identify old family photographs, and document family possessions that have been passed down from earlier generations.

Once you have learned all you can from family members, you will begin to discover other sources. A wide variety of records can help you learn more about the lives of your ancestors. These include birth, marriage, and death records; immigration and naturalization records; land records; census records; probate records and wills; church and cemetery records; newspapers; passenger lists; military records; and much more.

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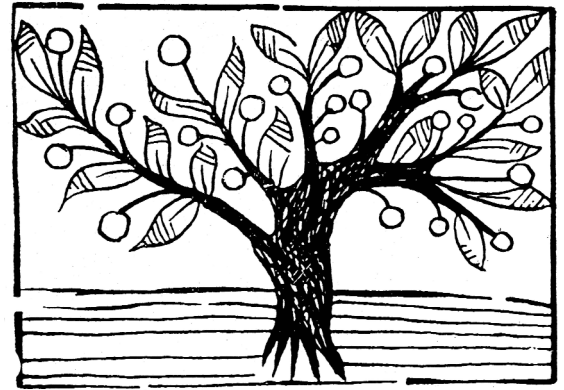
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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; [www.mayflower.org](http://www.mayflower.org)

### Plymouth Collection, Plymouth Public Library

Over 1200 items relating to the descendants of the Pilgrims, as well as the many other immigrants who settled in the area.

132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;  
[www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org)

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls, Alpha Books, 1997.

*Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* by Marcia Melnyk, NEHGS, 1999.

*Shaking Your Family Tree: A Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family History* by Ralph J. Crandall, NEHGS, 2001.

*Unpuzzling Your Past* by Emily Croom, Betterway Books, 2003.

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