

# A genealogical profile of Samuel Nash

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**Birth:** Samuel Nash was born about 1602.

**Death:** He died after July 6, 1682, and before March 5, 1683/4.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1632

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England, although he probably married and had children there. He was possibly a relation of *Mayflower* passenger, Henry Samson, but this hypothesis remains only a possibility.

**Life in New England:** Samuel Nash first appeared in Plymouth records in the 1633 list of Plymouth freemen. He was in Duxbury by 1639. He was the sergeant for a military company for Plymouth, Duxbury, and Marshfield on August 23, 1643. He led six Duxbury men against the Narragansett on August 15, 1645, and was promoted to Lieutenant. He also served on the Council of War (1658) and the committee to “draw up a form of commission for military officers.” In his old age he was cared for by his daughter, Martha Clark, and her husband William. Nash’s will named his daughter Martha as executrix, a very uncommon occurrence.

**Family:** Samuel Nash married \_\_\_\_\_ by 1625. There is no record of a wife in New England, and she may have died before he emigrated.

## Children of Samuel and \_\_\_\_\_ Nash:

- A daughter was born about 1625. She married Abraham Sampson by 1645 and had three children. She died by about 1655. He married (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about 1655 and had five children. He probably died shortly before August 25, 1701.
- Martha was born about 1630. She married William Clark of Duxbury by about 1650 but had no children.

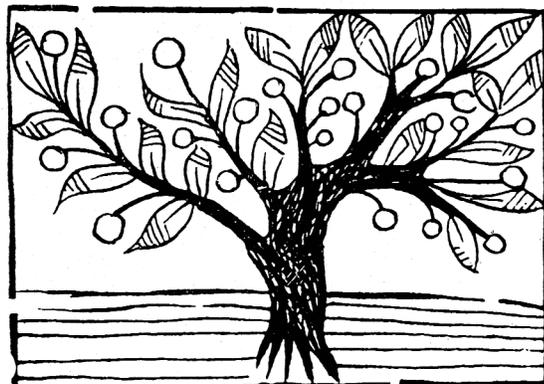
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## For Further Information:

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# Where do I go from here?

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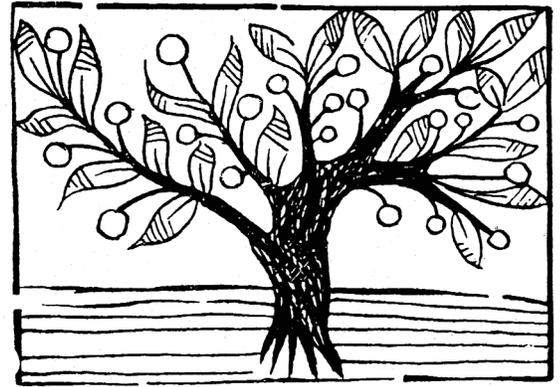
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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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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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