

A genealogical profile of Thomas Savory

Birth: Thomas Savory was born by 1617, assuming he was at least sixteen in 1633.

Death: He died between April 6, 1674, the date of his will, and January 28, 1675/6, when his inventory was taken.

Ship: Unknown, 1633

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

Life in New England: Thomas Savory first appeared in Plymouth records working at the Kennebec trading post. He was one of the men involved in the confrontation between the Plymouth colonists and those of Piscataway [New Hampshire] which resulted in the death of John Hocking in April 1634. In Plymouth, he was appointed to the position of undermarshal in 1652, was dismissed from the post in June 1670 as “having been found several times unfaithful,” but was reinstated in July. Savory’s name did not appear in the tax lists of 1633 and 1634. He placed several of his children with other families at young ages. His estate at his death, real estate included, was approximately £20, so he may have been a poor farmer throughout his life. He was probably related to Anthony Savory, perhaps a brother. His widow, Ann, called Samuel Eedy “our brother in law,” but the precise relationship is unknown.

Family: Thomas Savory married Ann / Annis _____ by about 1645 and eight children. She died after March 22, 1677.

Children of Thomas and Ann Savory:

- Benjamin was born about March 1645. He was still living on March 2, 1657, but there is no further record.
- Thomas was born about March 1648. He died on March 26, 1676, in Pawtucket during King Philip’s War.
- Moses was born on January 22, 1649/50, in Plymouth. He died on June 9, 1650, in Plymouth.
- Samuel was born on June 4, 1651, in Plymouth. He married _____ by 1678 and had five children. He died after July 20, 1716.
- Jonathan was born on March 4, 1652/3. There is no further record.
- Mara was born on April 7, 1654. There is no further record.
- Anthony was born about 1656. He was still living on March 22, 1677, but there is no further record.
- Aaron was born by about 1658. He was still living on March 22, 1677. There is no further record unless he was the same Aaron Savory whose will was proved in Bristol County in 1717.

For Further Information:

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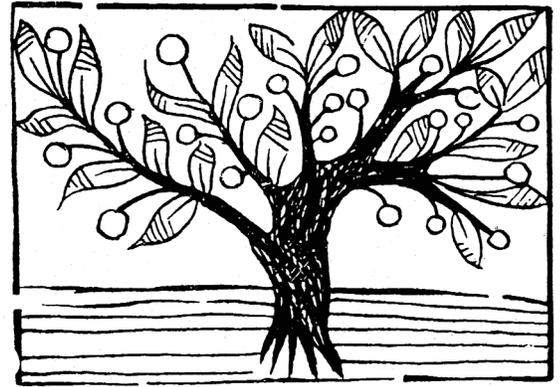
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- www.CyndisList.com
- www.FamilySearch.org
- www.USGenWeb.org



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132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;
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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