

# A genealogical profile of John Smalley

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**Birth:** John Smalley was born about 1613, based on his date of marriage.

**Death:** He died on July 30, 1692, in Piscataway, New Jersey.

**Ship:** *William & Francis*, 1632

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

**Life in New England:** John Smalley first appeared in Plymouth records when he was granted land on February 5, 1637/8. He was a tailor, and in August 1639 agreed to assume the apprenticeship of Samuel Godbertson from Richard Higgins, another tailor. He became a freeman of Plymouth on March 1, 1641/2, but moved to Eastham by 1645. In Eastham, he served as constable in 1647 and as a surveyor of highways in June 1649. He, his wife and some of their children moved to Piscataway, New Jersey, by 1670. He was a magistrate there in 1673.

**Family:** John Smalley married Ann Walden on November 29 and had four children. She died on January 29, 1693/4.

## Children of John and Ann Smalley:

- Hannah was born on June 14, 1641, in Plymouth. She married John Bangs on January 23, 1660/1, in Eastham but no children are recorded. He died between January 27, 1702/3, and May 17, 1708.
- John was born on September 8, 1644. He married Lydia Marten on October 18, 1676, in Piscataway and had ten children. He died between September 13, 1731, and May 25, 1733.
- Isaac was born on December 11, 1647, in Eastham. He married (1) Esther Wood on February 20, 1683/4, in Piscataway and had eight children. He married (2) Mary White on March 18, 1702/3, in Piscataway and had six children. He died between December 4, 1724, and February 11, 1724/5.
- Mary was also born on December 11, 1647, in Eastham. She married John Snow on September 19, 1667, in Eastham and had nine children. He died in Eastham before April 4, 1692. She died December 7, 1699.

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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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- [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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