

A Genealogical Profile of Ralph Wallen

Birth: Ralph Wallen was born by about 1595 (based on his estimated date of marriage).

Death: He died before August 1643.

Ship: *Anne* or *Little James*, 1623

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

Life in New England: Ralph and Joyce Wallen came to Plymouth in 1623. He was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633, but did not hold any public office. He owned several parcels of land in Plymouth, including a house and garden plot at Hob's Hole and land along Eel River called "Wallen's Well." After his death, his widow Joyce remained in Plymouth until 1644/5. She was living in Barnstable by 1651–2.

Family: Ralph Wallen married Joyce _____ by 1623. After his death, she married (2) Thomas Lumbard as his third wife. She died after September 1683, probably in Barnstable.

Children of Ralph and Joyce Wallen:

- Mary was born about 1628. She married (1) John Ewer about 1648, but there were no recorded children. He died before June 29, 1642. She married (2) John Jenkins on February 2, 1652/3, in Barnstable and had seven children. He died between September 25, 1683, and October 26, 1685, in Barnstable. She was still living on October 28, 1685.
- Thomas was born by about 1630. He was still living in Barnstable in 1650 (the last mention of his name in the Plymouth Colony records) and may have died or left the colony by 1660.

For Further Information:

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www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

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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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