

A Genealogical Profile of John Winslow

Birth: John Winslow was born on April 16, 1597 in Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Death: He died between March 12, 1673/4, and May 21, 1674, in Boston. Both he and his wife are buried in King's Chapel Burying Ground in Boston.

Ship: *Fortune*, 1621

Life in England: John Winslow grew up in Droitwich, Worcestershire with his parents, Edward and Magdalene (Oliver/Ollyver) Winslow, one stepbrother, four brothers and two sisters. His father was a salt extractor.

Life in New England: Mary Chilton came to Plymouth with her parents on the *Mayflower* in 1620. Her parents died the first winter, and another family most likely raised her. John Winslow came over in 1621. He was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633, and served 1652–1654 as a deputy to the general court. They moved to Boston in 1655 where he was a merchant. Both of them left very detailed wills.

Family: John Winslow married Mary Chilton between 1623 and May 22, 1627, in Plymouth and had ten children. She died between July 31, 1676, and May 1, 1679, in Boston.

Children of John and Mary Winslow:

- John was born about 1628. He married (1) Elizabeth _____ before April 18, 1664, and had four children. He married (2) Judith _____ after August 7, 1670. He died in October 1683 in Boston. She died shortly before December 18, 1714, in Boston.
- Susanna was born about 1630. She married Robert Latham by 1650 and had eight children. She died after November 14, 1685, in East Bridgewater. He died before February 28, 1688/9, in Bridgewater.
- Mary was born about 1632. She married Edward Gray on January 16, 1650/1, in Plymouth and had six children. She died after October 28, 1663, and before November 1665 in Plymouth. He died in June 1681 in Plymouth.
- Edward was born about 1636. He married (1) Sarah Hilton by 1661 and had three children. She died on April 4, 1667, in Boston. He married (2) Elizabeth Hutchinson on February 8, 1668, and had five children. He died on November 19, 1682, in Boston. She died September 16, 1728, in Boston.
- Sarah was born about 1639. She married (1) Myles Standish, Jr. on July 19, 1660, but had no children. He died at sea after March 20, 1661. She married (2) Tobias Payne by 1668 and

had one son. He died in Boston September 12, 1669. She married (3) Richard Middlecott by 1674 and had four children. He died on June 13, 1704, in Boston. She died on April 9, 1726, in Boston.

- Samuel was born about 1641. He married Hannah Briggs by 1675 and had two children. He died on October 14, 1680, in Boston. She died after November 4, 1714, in Boston.
- Isaac was born about 1643. He married Mary Nowell on August 14, 1666, and had two children. He died at Port Royal, Jamaica in August 1670. She died before January 23, 1729, in Charlestown.
- Joseph was born about 1645. He married Sarah Lawrence by 1668 and had four children. He died before August 7, 1679, in Long Island, New York. She died before 1693.
- A child was born by 1651, but there is no further record.
- Benjamin was born on August 12, 1653, in Plymouth. He died between March 12, 1673/4, and July 31, 1676, unmarried.

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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