

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: George Watson

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Birth: George Watson was born about 1602, based on his recorded age at death.

Death: He died on January 31, 1688/9, in Plymouth.

Ship: Unknown, 1631

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

Life in New England: George Watson is first found in the Penobscot region of Maine, involved in the trading post. He testified about Edward Ashley's activities on July 19, 1631. He was described as a mariner, or seaman, in a number of records and owned, or partly-owned, a "barque" in 1653. His inventory included the third part of a boat. His name was included in the 1633 list of freemen, but it is unclear when he was admitted. He served on many juries and on several committees. He was a Plymouth constable in 1660, 1666, and 1672 and was a selectman in 1666 and 1667.

Family: George Watson married Phoebe Hicks by about 1636 in Plymouth and had seven children. She died on May 22, 1663, in Plymouth

Children of George and Phoebe Watson:

- John was born about 1636. He was living in 1660 but there is no further record.
- Phoebe was born about 1638. She married Jonathan Shaw on January 22, 1656/7, in Plymouth and had eight children. He married (2) Persis (Dunham) Pratt in August 1683. He died before July 30, 1701.
- Mary was born about 1642. She married Thomas Leonard on August 21, 1662, in Plymouth and had ten children.
- Samuel (twin) was born on January 18, 1648/9, in Plymouth. He died on August 20, 1649. Elizabeth (twin) was born on January 18, 1648/9, in Plymouth. She married Joseph Williams on November 28, 1667, in Plymouth and had eight children.
- Jonathan was born on March 9, 1652. There is no further record.
- Elkanah was born on February 25, 1656, in Plymouth. He married Mercy (possibly) Hedge, and had five children.