

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Christopher Wadsworth

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Birth: Christopher Wadsworth was born about 1609, based on the estimated date of his marriage.

Death: He died after July 31, 1677, the date of his will, and before October 27, 1680.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

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

Life in New England: Christopher Wadsworth settled first in Plymouth, and appeared on both the tax list and list of freemen in 1633. He was appointed constable for the Duxbury area on January 1, 1633/4, before the town was named, and Duxbury constable in 1637 and 1638. He served on numerous juries and committees and was deputy for Duxbury to the Plymouth General court several years between 1640 and 1667. He was also a selectman for the town between 1666 and 1671.

Family: Christopher Wadsworth married Grace _____ by about 1634 and had four children. She died between January 13, 1687/8, the date of her will, and June 13, 1688, when the will was probated.

Children of Christopher and Grace Wadsworth:

- Joseph was born about 1634. He married Mary _____ at an unknown date and had six children.
- Samuel was born about 1636. He married Abigail Lindall about 1660 and had seven children. He died in April 1676 at Sudbury during King Philip's War.
- John was born about 1638. He married Abigail Andrews on July 25, 1667, in Duxbury and had five children. He died in Duxbury on May 15, 1700. She died in November 1723 in Duxbury.
- Mary was born about 1640. She married Henry Andrews about 1659 as his second wife and had five children.