

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: John Whiston

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Birth: John Whiston was born about 1616, based on his estimated date of marriage.

Death: He died by October 4, 1664.

Ship: *William & Francis*, 1632

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

Life in New England: John Whiston lived a very quiet life in Scituate. He never became a freeman and did not hold public office. In 1641, he and others were brought before the court for removing items from a shipwreck. Whiston confessed to taking “a pair of drawers, a waistcoat & a shirt.”

Family: John Whiston married Susanna Hanford by about 1641 and had six children. She married (2) William Brookes by 1665 but had no recorded children.

Children of John and Susanna Hanford:

- Joseph was born about 1641. He died, unmarried, by October 21, 1666, in Boston.
- Sarah was born about 1643. She married Thomas Nichols on May 25, 1663, in Scituate and had nine children.
- John was born about 1648. He married Abigail Lombard by 1678 and had five children.
- Susanna was born by 1650. She married Thomas Perry on May 2, 1671, in Scituate and had seven children. She died in Rehoboth on May 20, 1715. He died there in 1719.
- Increase was baptized on August 10, 1656, in Scituate. There is no further record.
- Bathsheba was baptized on July 1, 1660, in Scituate. She married Eleazer Dunham about 1682 and had nine children.