

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Samuel Nash

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Birth: Samuel Nash was born about 1602.

Death: He died after July 6, 1682, and before March 5, 1683/4.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

Life in England: Nothing is known of his life in England, although he probably married and had children there. He was possibly a relation of *Mayflower* passenger, Henry Samson, but this hypothesis remains only a possibility.

Life in New England: Samuel Nash first appeared in Plymouth records in the 1633 list of Plymouth freemen. He was in Duxbury by 1639. He was the sergeant for a military company for Plymouth, Duxbury, and Marshfield on August 23, 1643. He led six Duxbury men against the Narragansett on August 15, 1645, and was promoted to Lieutenant. He also served on the Council of War (1658) and the committee to “draw up a form of commission for military officers.” In his old age he was cared for by his daughter, Martha Clark, and her husband William. Nash’s will named his daughter Martha as executrix, a very uncommon occurrence.

Family: Samuel Nash married _____ by 1625. There is no record of a wife in New England, and she may have died before he emigrated.

Children of Samuel and _____ Nash:

- A daughter was born about 1625. She married Abraham Sampson by 1645 and had three children. She died by about 1655. He married (2) _____ about 1655 and had five children. He probably died shortly before August 25, 1701.
- Martha was born about 1630. She married William Clark of Duxbury by about 1650 but had no children.