Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Job Cole

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Birth: Job Cole was born in England about 1609, based on the date of his marriage.

Death: He died after 1683 and before December 29, 1698.

Ship: Unknown, by 1633

Life in England: The 1630 will of Zaccheus Cole of St. Olave, Southwark, Surrey named brothers Nathaniel, John and Daniel, and made his brother, Job, executor. This designation may be a clue to Job's place of origin.

Life in New England: Job Cole was in Plymouth by October, 1633. He became a freeman in March 3, 1639/40, at which time he was in Duxbury. He moved to Yarmouth by 1643 and was in Eastham by 1648. He served the colony in several capacities, as constable for Duxbury, deputy to the Plymouth court from Yarmouth, and constable for Nauset [Eastham].

Family: Job Cole married Rebecca Collier in Plymouth on May 15, 1634, and had three children. She died in Eastham on December 29, 1698.

Children of Job and Rebecca Cole:

- Daniel was born about 1650. He married by about 1675 Mercy Fuller and had three children. Identification of these two individuals has been complicated by the existence of another Daniel Cole with a wife named Mercy who also lived in Eastham.
- Rebecca was born in Eastham on August 26, 1654. She married Robert Nickerson and had one son. He died before April 5, 1710. She died after that date.
- Samuel was born by about 1656. He married by about 1680 and had three children.