

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Walter Woodworth

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Birth: Walter Woodworth was born about 1612, based on his inclusion in the 1633 tax list.

Death: He died between November 26, 1685, the date of his will, and February 25, 1685/6, when his inventory was taken.

Ship: Unknown, 1633

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

Life in New England: Walter Woodworth first appeared in Plymouth records on the tax list of 1633/4. He moved to Scituate by 1643. There he held several offices including surveyor of highways (1645, 1646, 1656) and arbiter (1645, 1662/3, 1665). He was included in the June 1662 list of servants and ancient freemen eligible for land, and received one share of land at Saconnet [Little Compton, Rhode Island].

Family: Walter Woodworth married _____ by 1641 and had ten children. She died about 1664.

Children of Walter and _____ Woodworth:

- Thomas was born about 1641. He married Deborah Damon on February 8, 1666/7, in Scituate.
- Sarah was born about 1643. She was apparently married by November 26, 1685, but nothing further is known.
- Joseph was born about 1645. He married Sarah Stockbridge on January 6, 1669/70, in Scituate and had eight children. He died between December 3, 1712, and June 13, 1718. She died sometime after December 3, 1712.
- Elizabeth was born about 1648. She had an illegitimate child by Robert Stetson Junior by July 22, 1676. She was apparently married by November 26, 1685, but nothing further is known.
- Mary was born on March 10, 1650/1, in Scituate. She married Aaron Simmons/Simonson on December 24, 1677, and had six children.
- Benjamin was born about 1656. He married (1) Deborah _____ by about 1680 and had at least two daughters. He married (2) Hannah _____ by 1691.
- Isaac was born about 1658. He married Lydia Stanlake at an unknown date.
- Martha was born about 1660. She married Zachary Damon in June 1679 in Scituate and had six children.
- Mehitabel was born on August 15, 1662, in Scituate. She was unmarried on November 26, 1685.
- Abigail was born about 1664. She was unmarried on November 26, 1685.