

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Stephen Deane

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Birth: Stephen Deane was born in England about 1605 (based upon his estimated date of marriage).

Death: He died in Plymouth between March 10, 1633/4 and October 2, 1634.

Ship: *Fortune*, 1621

Life in England: Nothing is known of his life in England, but he may have trained as a miller there.

Life in New England: Stephen came over as a single man in the summer of 1623. He was a freeman of Plymouth by 1633. In January 1632/3, he received permission to set up a mill to pound corn on the brook near the town. The wording of the court record indicates that he already had a mill elsewhere. His inventory at the time of death listed the mill, a dwelling house and garden, and the house and fens at Fresh Lake (now Billington Sea).

Family: Stephen Deane married Elizabeth Ring by 1630 in Plymouth and had three daughters. She married (2) Josias Cooke in Plymouth on September 16, 1635, and had three children, and possibly more.

Children of Stephen and Elizabeth Deane:

- Elizabeth was born about 1630. She married William Twining in Eastham about 1650 and had seven children. They became Quakers and moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the 1690s. She died there February 12, 1708/9.
- Miriam was born about 1632. She married John Wing as his second wife sometime after January 31, 1692/3, but had no children. She died in Harwich in 1702.
- Susanna was born about 1634. She married (1) Joseph Rogers on April 4, 1660, at Eastham. He died the following January and they had no children. She married (2) Stephen Snow on October 28, 1663, at Eastham and had six children. She died before April 1701.