

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Moses SimonsonSimmons

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Birth: Moses Simonson was born in Holland by 1605.

Death: He died Between June 17, 1689, and September 13, 1691.

Ship: *Fortune*, 1621

Life in Holland: Edward Winslow in *Hypocrasie Unmasked* described Moses Simonson as “a child of one that was in communion with the Dutch church in Leyden.”

Life in New England: Moses Simonson came over as a single man. He became a freeman of Plymouth after January 1634/5. He moved to Duxbury by 1639. He was a surveyor of highways for both Duxbury and Scituate. In the tax list of 1633 his last name had been altered to Simmons, the form he and his children used.

Family: Moses Simonson married Sarah _____ by 1637 if she was the mother of all his children.

Children of Moses and Sarah Simonson:

- Rebecca was born about 1637. She married John Soule by 1655 and had nine children. She died between 1675 and 1678, probably in Duxbury.
- Moses was born about 1639. He married Patience Barstow by 1664 and had six children. He died before March 18, 1676.
- Mary was born about 1641. She married Joseph Alden by about 1660 and had seven children. She died after March 10, 1696/7.
- John was born about 1644. He married Mercy Pabodie on November 16, 1669, in Duxbury and had nine children. He died before February 9, 1715/6. She died between September 6 and November 8, 1728.
- Sarah was born about 1649. She married James Nash by 1669 and had one daughter.
- Elizabeth was born about 1651. She married Richard Dwelly between 1673 and 1689 as his second wife. There are no recorded children.
- Aaron was born about 1653. He married Mary Woodworth on December 24, 1677, in Scituate and had six children.