

Bill Register Report

First Generation

1. **John¹ BILL, Sr.** died in 10m(December):1638 in Boston, Suffolk co., MA. Some sources claim that this death record is a misspelled entry for "James Bill". See the discussion under John Bill, Jr.'s [#5] entry below. However, Richard Tuttle became responsible for Dorothy Tuttle Bill's affairs after her husband John's death -- via a writ of 21 January 1638/9, 1 month after his death. This writ proves to me that the death record is not only correctly spelled, but indicates the death of *this* John Bill. Based on the date of the birth of his oldest son, John was probably born circa 1590-1595.

While a John Bill is listed as emigrating aboard the *Hopewell*, Mr. William Bundocke, master, in 1635, he is on the manifest as 13 years of age and so is not *this* John Bill. Instead, it is believed to be his son John, Jr.^[1] The *Hopewell* voyage mentioned here also carried the Farrington family and embarked from London to New England at the same time as the *Planter*, which carried the Tuttle clan to America.

John is possibly of Ringstead, Northamptonshire, England. The Mary Bill who traveled with Dorothy Tuttle's brother William aboard the *Planter* is believed to be John Sr.'s daughter and surmised to be from this area^[2,3].

Circa 1615 John married **Dorothy TUTTLE**, daughter of [not known] TUTTLE & Isabel [surname not known], in England^[4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12].

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | James |
| 3 | ii. | Thomas |
| 4 | iii. | Phillip |
| 5 | iv. | John |
| 6 | v. | Mary |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3780/3781

Second Generation

Family of John BILL (1) & Dorothy TUTTLE

2. **James² BILL, Sr.** (*John¹*) was born in 1615 in England and died in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 1 February 1687/8; he was 72^[15]. He is buried in Copp's Hill Burial Ground in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

James came to America with his parents sometime before 1635, when he was aged 20. James & his wife Mary are listed as being of "Pulling Point" (also known as "Pullen Point" & "Pudden Point") in Boston Harbor. His estate there was in the southwesterly part of Pullen Point^[16]. On 27 April 1685, their three sons James, Jr. Jonathan & Joseph together bought the Parker-Cheever Farm in Rumney Marsh for £300. The Cheevers became tenants on the farm the next year and bought the farm from the three brothers on 22 October 1689 for £357. It had 120 acres^[17].

Circa 1645 when James was 30, he married **Mary [surname not known]**, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[4,7,8,18,19]. Mary was born in 1613 in England and died in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 9 August 1688; she was 75. She, too, is buried in Copp's Hill Burial Ground in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.

They had the following children:

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| 7 | i. | James, Jr. |
| 8 | ii. | Mary |
| 9 | iii. | Sarah |
| 10 | iv. | Hannah |
| 11 | v. | Jonathon |
| 12 | vi. | Joseph |
| 13 | vii. | Joshua |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1890/1891

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3. **Thomas BILL** (*John*¹) was born circa 1618 in England.

4. **Phillip BILL** (*John*¹) was born circa 1620 in England.

5. **John BILL, Jr.** (*John*¹) was born circa 1622 in England. According to Robert Anderson: "He is not found in any New England record. (Savage thinks this may be the John Bill who died in Boston in December of 1638, but John L. Cobb and Vada Tuttle Larson (aided by William H. Schoeffler) think it more likely that this record is for James Bill who died at that time.)...^[3,20]" He may possibly be the "John Bill" who sailed aboard the *Hopewell*, Mr. William Bundocke, sailing from London to New England in 1635. The John Bill on this manifest was listed as being 13 years old, so he would have been the right age to have been *this* John Bill. In addition, the will of "John Tuttle of Rumney Marsh", Suffolk co., MA was in the handwriting of The Reverend Thomas Cheever (who was married to John's niece, Sarah)^[40]. Since this could not possibly be his father John, Sr., it is likely that the will mentioned belonged to this John Bill. However, as seen by the previous discussion, much debate abounds about this member of the Bill family.

6. **Mary BILL** (*John*¹) was born circa 1624. Robert Anderson notes that the "Marie Bill" of the *Planter* is "...not found on any New England record, but as she was in the family of William Tuttle in the passenger list, and as the Tuttlés and Bills were related and from the same part of England, Mary Bill is likely a member of the Bill family of Ringstead, Northamptonshire...^[2,3]"

The specific listing for her migration is widely accepted to be the "Marie Bill", aged 11, who is listed on manifest for the *Planter*, Nicholas Travice, master, bound from London to New England. The ship embarked 22 March - 11 April 1635. Most of the other passengers are from Stepney and St. Albans, Hertfordshire parishes^[22,23]. Many of the Stepney emigrants settled in Lynn, Essex co., MA area.

Third Generation

Family of James BILL Sr. (2) & Mary [surname not known]

7. **James BILL, Jr.** (*James*², *John*¹) was born on 23 November 1651.

8. **Mary BILL** (*James*², *John*¹) became the second wife of **Lieutenant & Captain John SMITH**, son of **Francis SMITH & Alice [surname not known]** on 6 January 1662/3 in Reading, Middlesex co., MA or Boston, Suffolk co., MA. John & his parents are dealt with in detail in the Smith Register Report. In family genealogies, this Mary Bill is often confused with her aunt, who was born circa 1624 and came over on the *Planter* in 1635. Be careful!

9. **Sarah**³ **BILL** (*James*², *John*¹) was born in 1658^[4] and died in Rumney Marsh, [now Chelsea], Suffolk co., MA on 30 January 1704/5; she was 46^[4,15,24].

Circa 1681 when Sarah was 23, she married **The Reverend Thomas CHEEVER**, son of **Headmaster Ezekiel CHEEVER & Ellen LATHROP**, in Boston, Suffolk co. or Lexington, Middlesex co., MA^[4,8,10,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33].

They had the following children (*surnamed CHEEVER*):

- i. **Thomas**
- ii. Sarah
- iii. Joshua
- iv. Abigail1
- v. Abigail2
- vi. Ezekiel
- vii. Nathan

Generation: G7 Grandparents

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10. Hannah BILL (*James², John¹*) was born circa 1647.
11. Jonathon BILL (*James², John¹*) was born circa 1654.
12. Joseph BILL (*James², John¹*) was born circa 1660.
13. Joshua BILL (*James², John¹*) was born after 1660.

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