

## Cushman Register Report

Name variations include: Cushman, Cuchman, Couchman, Cowchman, Cutchman, Cutchiman, Crocheman, Coachman & Churchman.

### First Generation

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1. **[not known]<sup>1</sup> CUSHMAN.** We know nothing of him or his wife. What we know of their four children comes primarily from their son John Cushman's 1523 will.

They had the following children:

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|---|------|---------------|
| 2 | i.   | <b>Thomas</b> |
| 3 | ii.  | John          |
| 4 | iii. | Johane        |
| 5 | iv.  | Goddeley      |

Generation: G13 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 61,216 / 61,217

### Second Generation

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#### Family of [not known] CUSHMAN (1) & [not known]

2. **Thomas<sup>2</sup> CUSHMAN.** (*not known<sup>1</sup>*) We know nothing of Thomas or his wife save that he was executor of his brother John's will, proved 10 May 1524. Thomas also received the following bequest from John's will: "...*All the residue of my goods, housing, lands, and rents to my brother Thomas Crocheman, he paying my debts and legacies, and if he refuse to do so, my feoffees, Richard More, Robert Kinchman, Richard Baker, and Symon Herkwod are to sell enough of my lands to fulfil my will and pay my debts...*" It would seem that Thomas did his duty well and there was no need for John's feoffees to step in.

They had one child:

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|---|----|---------------|
| 6 | i. | <b>Thomas</b> |
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Generation: G12 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 30,608 / 30,609

3. **John CUSHMAN.** (*not known<sup>1</sup>*) Virtually all the information on this generation of the family comes from John's will.

#### The Will of John Crocheman of Rolvynden [co. Kent], 2 March 1523 [1523/4].

*To be buried in the churchyard of Rolvynden. To the reparation of the church at Rolvynden 6s. 8d. Toward the buying of a cope for said church 5 marks. To an honest priest to sing in said church for one year 10 marks. To the highway between the house of John Asten the elder and the church, 3s. 4d. To Johane Crocheman my sister 13s. 4d. To Ewens widow, Vnkles widow, John Blacke, Elyne Wederley, and to Gabryell 12d. each. To Symon Harkwood all debts due me from him at this date, and to Goddeley Herkwod his wife a barn adjoining the house he dwelleth in, with the ground around it, with reversion at her death to her son John and his issue, and for default of such to her other children or else to my brother Thomas Crocheman and his heirs forever. To each of my feoffees, 12d. each. To Richard Moore 2s. All the residue of my goods, housing, lands, and rents to my brother Thomas Crocheman, he paying my debts and legacies, and if he refuse to do so, my feoffees, Richard More, Robert Kinchman, Richard Baker, and Symon Herkwod are to sell enough of my lands to fulfil my will and pay my debts. Executor: my brother Thomas. Witnesses: Sir Robert Wyse, vicar; Richard Moore, and Elyne Wyderley. Proved 10 May 1524 by Thomas Crocheman, the executor named. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 16, fo. 6)[<sup>1</sup>]*

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**4. Johane CUSHMAN.** (*not known*<sup>1</sup>) Johane is still unmarried at the time she is mentioned in her brother John's will: "To Johane Crocheman my sister 13s. 4d.<sup>[2]</sup>"

**5. Goddeley CUSHMAN** (*not known*<sup>1</sup>) married **Symon HARKWOD**. She and her husband received the following bequest from her brother, John: "...To Symon Harkwood all debts due me from him at this date, and to Goddeley Herkewod his wife a barn adjoining the house he dwelleth in, with the ground around it, with reversion at her death to her son John and his issue, and for default of such to her other children or else to my brother Thomas Crocheman and his heirs forever..." In addition, the will indicates that Simon was one of John's feoffees. As such, he received an additional 12d.

As indicated in this bequest, Goddeley & Simon had a son name **John HARKWOD**.

### Third Generation

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#### Family of Thomas CUSHMAN (2) & [not known]

**6. Thomas<sup>3</sup> CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, not known*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1538 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and was buried on 14 February 1585/6 in Rolvenden, Kent, England<sup>[3]</sup> as "Thomas Cowchman householder buried 14 February".

Thomas was a Husbandman and was called a Householder at the time of his death<sup>[3]</sup>. In a deposition dated 25 September 1578, Thomas Cowchman of the parish of Rolvenden [co. Kent], having lived there twelve years and before that in the parish of Hawkhurst, aged forty years. (Depositions at Canterbury, 1578)<sup>[3]</sup> However, there are no Cushman records at Hawkhurst.

Thomas' will was written on 10 February 1585/6 and was proven on 12 February 1589/90 by his executrix (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, volume 47, folio 276).

#### The Will of Thomas Cushman

*"To be buried in the churchyard on Rolvinden. To the poor men's box of Rolvinden 2s. To my son Rycharde Couchman £10 at the age of one and twenty years. To me younger son Robarte Couchman £10 at the age of one and twenty years.. To my daughter Sylvester Couchman £6 13s. 4d. at the age of twenty years or day of marriage. If any of my said children die under age, reversion to the survivors. To my godchild Thomas Bredman 12d. To my godchildren Thomas Colye, Thomas Gabriell, Marion Hasleman, and Jone Couchman a sheep each. If my wife Ellen shall marry again before my children have received their portions, then her husband shall five security to Robert Gybbon for hte payment of the said portions, and if he will not, then my wife shall pay unto the said Robert Gibbon the said portions, and he shall lay it out for the use and profit of my said children, until they be of age to receive it. Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Ellen. Overseer: Robarte Gibbon. [Signed] Signum Thome Couchman. Witnesses: Robart Gibbon, Leonard Wylson, and Symon Lingen. Proved 12 May 1589 [1589/90] by the executrix." (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 46, fo. 120.)<sup>[3]</sup>*

On 18 July 1568 when Thomas was 30, he married **Elinor HUBBARD**, in Rolvenden, co. Kent, England<sup>[3]</sup>. Their marriage record is in the Archdeacons' Transcripts of the Parish Registers of Rolvenden, co. Kent, 1560-1612: "1568: July The same Day agayn [xviii] was maryid Thomas Cuchiman and Elynour hubbarde maydin."<sup>[3]</sup>

They had the following children:

- |           |      |               |
|-----------|------|---------------|
| <b>7</b>  | i.   | Alys          |
| <b>8</b>  | ii.  | Sylvester     |
| <b>9</b>  | iii. | <b>Robert</b> |
| <b>10</b> | iv.  | Margaret      |
| <b>11</b> | v.   | Henry         |

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Generation: G11 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 15,304 / 15,305

### Fourth Generation

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#### Family of Thomas CUSHMAN (6) & Elinor HUBBARD

**7. Alys CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1572 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and died in Rolvenden, Kent, England in 1574; she was 2. She was buried on 9 May 1574 in Rolvenden, Kent, England as "Alys daughter of Thomas Cutchiman"<sup>[3]</sup>. Alys was baptized in Rolvenden, Kent, England on 20 April 1572 as "Alys daughter of Thomas Cutchman"<sup>[3]</sup>.

**8. Sylvester CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1574 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and was baptized in there on 30 October 1574 as "Sylvester daughter of Thomas Cutchiman"<sup>[3]</sup>. On 7 November 1593 when Sylvester was 19, she married **Stephen EVERENDEN**, in Rolvenden, co. Kent, England<sup>[4]</sup>. Stephen was a Broadweaver<sup>[4]</sup>.

**9. Robert<sup>4</sup> CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1577/8 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and died in England in 1625; he was 48. "(On his return from England early in 1626 Myles Standish 'brought them notice of the death of their ancient friend Mr. Cushman, whom the Lord took away also this year'.)"<sup>[12,13]</sup>

Robert was baptized in Rolvenden, Kent, England on 9 February 1577/8; with his record reading "The ix daye of the same month of february was baptized Robert Cutchman the sone of Thomas Cutchman"<sup>[5,6]</sup>.

Robert changed careers more than the average 17<sup>th</sup> century man.

In 1603, Robert was an indentured servant to the grocer George Masters in Canterbury, co. Kent, England. He remained a grocer as long as he was in England. However, once he moved to Holland, he turned to the more practical (for survival of colony) occupation of woolcomber<sup>[11]</sup> -- as explained in Bradford's History: "...They [the Pilgrims] removed [from Amsterdam] to Leyden, a fair & bewtiful citie, and of a sweete situation, but made more famous by ye universitie wherwith it is adorned, in which of late had been so many learned men. But wanting that traffike by sea which Amsterdam injoyes, it was not so beneficiall for their outward means of living & estats. But being now hear pitchet they fell to such trades & employments as they best could; valewing peace & their spirituall comforte above any other riches whatsoever. And at lenght they came to raise a competente & comfortable living, but with hard hard and continuall labor."<sup>[20]</sup> Thus, he changed careers from grocer to a branch of the clothing trade -- an industry for which Kent was well known.

Thus, he was variously called a Woolcarder or Woolcomber, and was listed as a "wool-carder" on the manifest of the *Fortune*. However, in Leiden, Holland, Robert became the agent of the Leiden Pilgrims in England<sup>[5,6,11]</sup>. He was quickly named agent of the American colony and he remained busy in the affairs of the colony until his death in 1625.

Anderson describes Cushman's educational status well: "Several literate and businesslike letters written by Cushman to John Carver, Edward Southworth, William Bradford and to the Leiden congregation are evidence of a well-educated man<sup>[8]</sup>."

As evidenced by this court appearance, Robert was such an ardent Puritan that he was hauled into court over the issue. On 14 November 1603, "Robert Cushman, servant to George Maisters" was presented by the churchwardens of St. Andrew's Parish "for the like as the common fame goeth [i.e. 'for that he doth say he will not come to his parish church because he cannot be edified and saith he can and will defend it by the word of God']". He refused to do the assigned penance of acknowledging his offense "...in the parish church of St. Andrew, Canterbury on son Sunday in the time of service, according to the schedule [not given], and then to certify the Court afterwards..." (imposed upon him by the ecclesiastical court) and was excommunicated on 12 November 1604. However, on 28 June 1605, he appeared before the court and asked for absolution. Said absolution was granted to him on 7 July 1605 and he was

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again received into the church<sup>[4,9]</sup>.

In 1605, he became a Freeman by apprenticeship (as a "grosser") to George Masters<sup>[4,10]</sup>.

Cushman had planned to make the voyage across the Atlantic in 1620, but when the *Speedwell* had to be abandoned he was one of those who remained behind<sup>[16]</sup>. This original intention of Cushman's and his many other services in behalf of the Pilgrims are undoubtedly the justification for the assignment to Cushman in 1623 of land in Plymouth as if he had been a passenger on the *Mayflower*.

Instead, Robert emigrated from England to America on the *Fortune*, Thomas Barton, master. She left London in August of 1621 and arrived at Cape Cod on 9 November 1621. The ship is believed to have had 35 passengers, but only 32 are known by name. They all came from London or its suburbs and all settled at Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA. Robert brought son Thomas arrived with him. He returned to England on the *Fortune* in December of 1621<sup>[5]</sup>, leaving Thomas in the care of Governor Bradford. He died on this trip.

### FROM THE DUTCH RECORDS AT LEIDEN:<sup>[11]</sup>

Soon after Thomas' baptism in 1607, the Cushman family disappears from the Canterbury records. At this time, it is surmised that Robert and his family joined The Reverend John Robinson's Puritan colony in Leiden, Holland<sup>[20]</sup>.

After Sarah's death in 1616, Robert is listed in the records as follows: "Robert Cushman, woolcomber, from Canterbury in England, widower of Sarah Cushman, dwelling in a little alley of the Nunsgate, accompanied by John Keble his friend, with Mary Shingleton from Sandwich in England, widow of Thomas Shingleton, accompanied by Catherine Carver her friend..."<sup>[11]</sup>

Anderson further explains Cushman's movement through the records: "...Beginning in 1617, and continuing right up until the time of his death, Robert Cushman spent much time in London and vicinity negotiating on behalf of the Leiden congregation and later on behalf also of the settlers in Plymouth. He, John Carver and William Brewster labored constantly in their dealings with a number of London merchants, arranging for the shipping and provisions for the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* in 1620. The details of these negotiations constitute a large portion of the story told by Bradford in his history of these years.

In autumn 1617, Robert & John Carver were chosen by their companions to go to England and negotiate with the Council for Virginia about a patent within the grant of the Virginia Company. His connection with the transfer of a part of the Leyden congregation to Plymouth in New England is known from the writings of Bradford, and the story need not be repeated here.<sup>[20]</sup>

On 12 December 1621, during his brief sojourn at Plymouth, Cushman preached a sermon whose principal intent was to convince the Pilgrims to accept the terms offered by the London merchants, and was therefore more of an economic than a theological nature. This sermon, accompanied by some additional notes by Cushman, was published in London in 1622..."<sup>[11,14,15]</sup>.

In the 1623 Plymouth division of land "Robert Cochman" received one acre as an "honorary" passenger of the *Mayflower*<sup>[13,21]</sup>.

On 2 November 1636 "William Hodgekins & Sara Cushman" were married at Plymouth<sup>[17]</sup>. Some have held that this was another child of Robert Cushman, but this remains only a surmise<sup>[18,19]...</sup>

On 31 July 1606 when Robert was 29, he first married **Sarah REDER**, in St. Alphage, Canterbury, Plymouth, England<sup>[13,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32]</sup>. Their marriage record reads "Robert Cushman vnto Sara Reder dwelling with in Pr'cinct's of Christchurche" [the Cathedral] They were married before Andries Hasperson van Vesanevelt and Jacob Paedts, Sheriggs, this fifth of June 1617". Sarah lived in the precincts of the Cathedral at Canterbury and died in 1616 in Leyden, Holland and was buried on 11 October 1616 in St. Peter's, Leiden, Holland<sup>[13,33,34]</sup>.

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The entries...show that the banns were published three times, on 20 and 27 May, and on 3 June, 1617<sup>[4]</sup>.

They had the following children:

<b>12</b>	<b>i.</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
<b>13</b>	ii.	[unknown child]
<b>14</b>	iii.	[unknown child]

Generation: G10 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 7652/7653

On 5 June 1617 when Robert was 40, he second married **Mary CLARK**, in Leiden, Holland<sup>[13,35,36,23,37,27,38,39]</sup>. She is listed on her marriage record as "Mary Shingelton from Sandwich in England, widow of Thomas Shingelton". Mary died before 1621 in Leiden, Holland<sup>[13]</sup>. Anderson claims that she was "apparently dead" before this time since there is no evidence that she came to Plymouth with her husband and stepson.

**10. Margaret CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1582 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and died in Rolvenden, Kent, England in 1583/4; she was 1. She was buried on 5 February 1583/4 in Rolvenden, Kent, England as "Margaret daughter of Thomas Cushman"<sup>[3]</sup>. Margaret was baptized in Rolvenden, Kent, England on 25 March 1582 as "Margaret daughter of Thomas Cushman"<sup>[3]</sup>.

**11. Henry CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1584 in Rolvenden, Kent, England and died in Rolvenden, Kent, England in 1585; he was 1. He was buried on 11 April 1585 in Rolvenden, Kent, England as "Henry son of Thomas Cowchman"<sup>[3]</sup>. Henry was baptized in Rolvenden, Kent, England on 26 July 1584 as "Henry son of Thomas Cowchman"<sup>[3]</sup>.

## Fifth Generation

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### Family of Robert CUSHMAN (9) & Sarah REDER

**12. Thomas CUSHMAN** (*Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1607/8 in St. Andrew, Canterbury, Kent, England and died in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA on 10 or 11 December 1691, "neere the end of the 84th year of his life"<sup>[20,40]</sup>. Thomas was baptized in St. Andrew, Canterbury, Kent, England on 8 February 1607/8 as "Thomas Cushman sonne of Robart"<sup>[13,41,42]</sup>.

Thomas emigrated along with his father on the *Fortune* in 1621 from England to Plymouth, MA, arriving in November of 1621<sup>[20]</sup>. When Robert sailed for England on business in late December 1621, Thomas was left in the care of Governor William Bradford<sup>[20]</sup>. He remained in Bradford's care after his father's death during this trip.

Thomas was an Elder of the Plymouth church from 6 April 1649 until his death. He was admitted freeman 1 January 1633/4<sup>[13,43]</sup>.

"William Beale & Thomas Cushman" received two acres in partnership in the 1623 Plymouth land division, as passengers on the *Fortune*<sup>[44]</sup>; in the 1627 Plymouth division of cattle, he was listed as the sixth person in the eleventh company<sup>[13,45]</sup>.

Thomas' will was dated 2 October 1690 and sworn 16 March 1691/2. Named in it are his wife, Mary Cushman; his sons Thomas, Issaac, Elkanah and Eleazer Cushman; his daughters Sarah Hoaks and Lidiah Harlow; and three grandchildren in Lin (Lynn, Essex co., MA) who were the children of his deceased daughter, Mary Hutchinson.

Circa 1636 when Thomas was 29, he married **Mary ALLERTON**, daughter of **Isaac ALLERTON & Mary NORRIS**, in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA<sup>[46,47,48,49,50,51,52,31,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,28,61,62,63,64,27,65,66,23]</sup>.

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They had the following children:

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|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>15</b> | i.          | Thomas       |
| <b>16</b> | ii.         | Mary         |
| <b>17</b> | <b>iii.</b> | <b>Sarah</b> |
| <b>18</b> | iv.         | Isaac        |
| <b>19</b> | v.          | Elkanah      |
| <b>20</b> | vi.         | Fear         |
| <b>21</b> | vii.        | Eleazar      |
| <b>22</b> | viii.       | Lydia        |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3826/3827

**13. [unknown child] CUSHMAN** (*Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 11 March 1616 in St. Peter's, Leiden, Holland<sup>[13,34,70]</sup>.

**14. [unknown child] CUSHMAN** (*Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 24 October 1616 in St. Peter's, Leiden, Holland<sup>[13,34,70]</sup>.

### Sixth Generation

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#### Family of Thomas CUSHMAN (12) & Mary ALLERTON

**15. Thomas CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa September 1637 in Plymouth, MA.

**16. Mary CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Plymouth, MA.

**17. Sarah<sup>6</sup> CUSHMAN** (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1639/1641 in Plymouth, MA<sup>[71]</sup> and died after 7 November 1695; she was 56.

On 11 April 1661 when Sarah was 22, she first married **John<sup>2</sup> HAWKES**, son of **Adam HAWKES & Ann BROWN**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[72,23,73,74,75,76,37,77,78,79,80,81,57,82]</sup> as "Haukes, John & Sara Cushman".

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

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|------------|-------------|
| i.         | Susannah    |
| <b>ii.</b> | <b>Adam</b> |
| iii.       | Anna        |
| iv.        | John        |
| v.         | Rebecca     |
| vi.        | Thomas      |
| vii.       | Mercy       |
| viii.      | Ebenezer    |

Generation: G8 Grandmother

Person Numbers: 1812/1813

On 7 November 1695 when Sarah was 56, she second married **Daniel HUTCHINS or HITCHINGS**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[23]</sup>. He was born circa 1632. Daniel's age is based upon a deposition of 19 March 1682/3, where he gave his age at about 50 years.

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18. Reverend Issac CUSHMAN (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 8 Feb 1648/1649 in Plymouth, MA.
19. Deacon Elkanah CUSHMAN (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 1 June 1651 in Plymouth, MA.
20. Fear CUSHMAN (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 20 June 1653 in Plymouth, MA. Fear died before 22 October 1690; she was 37.
21. Eleazar CUSHMAN (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 20 Feb 1656/1657 in Plymouth, MA.
22. Lydia CUSHMAN (*Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3-2</sup>, not known<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1662 in Plymouth, MA.

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