

# Flood Register Report

## First Generation

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1. **Joseph<sup>1</sup> FLOOD/FLOYD** was born ca. 1590 in Stepney, Middlesex, England<sup>[1,2]</sup>. Joseph died sometime after 4 August 1646; he was 56<sup>[3]</sup>.

Between 4 May and 10 July 1635, Joseph "Fludd" and his family emigrated from London, England to New England aboard the *Abigail*, Mr. Richard [or Robert] Hackwell, Master. Joseph was 45, his wife Jane 35, Elizabeth 9, Obediah 4 and Joseph 1/2 years of age<sup>[4,10]</sup>. Joseph's occupation is listed as "Baker" upon the *Abigail's* manifest<sup>[1,2,4]</sup>. This ship carried a full 184 emigrants to the New World, many of whom figure in my family tree. Many full families made this trip. It must have been quite a voyage<sup>[10]</sup>.

Joseph was of Chreechurch, London, England at the time of his marriage<sup>[11]</sup>. He and his family first settled in Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA and removed to Lynn, Essex co., MA in 1638<sup>[1,6]</sup>. While in Dorchester, Joseph and Jane were members of the Dorchester Church; their son Eleazer was baptized there on 3 March 1638/9. However, they do not appear on the list of those admitted to the church<sup>[7]</sup>. Eleazer's record of baptism further reads, "who since his baptism was dismissed with his parents Joseph Flood and his wife to the church at Lynne"<sup>[5,8]</sup>. Soon after Eleazer's baptism, the Floods moved to Lynn, Essex co., MA and were dismissed to the church there<sup>[1]</sup>.

The Floods were rigorous Quakers and suffered great persecution for adhering to their faith. They were called to the Quarterly Court session in Salem "...[o]n 3 July 1646, 'Mr. Joseph Flood was fined for lying when he was dealt with by the church about his opinions'..."<sup>[9]</sup> The very next case heard that day was that of their daughter, Elizabeth Coates, "...who was admonished 'for saying publicly and disturbing those who sat near when Mr. Cobbet was preaching (on Infant Baptism) on a Sabbath that Christ was circumcized on the eighth day and that then he was not baptized'..."<sup>[6]</sup>

Finally, "...[o]n 3 July 1646, 'Mr. Joseph Flood was fined for lying when he was dealt with by the church about his opinions'<sup>[9]</sup>. On 4 August 1646, 'Mr. Jos[eph] Floyd [was] fined for lying. He and his wife were admonished for withdrawing from the ordinance of Infant Baptism<sup>[1,3,6]</sup>."

Anderson, et. al. state that Joseph and family left New England after the spate of Quarterly Court appearances in 1646<sup>[5]</sup>. However, Broderick contends that "...[o]n the 15 Dec. 1658 Thomas Coates of Lynn conveyed to Robert Rand of that town, land in Lynn 'which was lately of Joseph Flud'. Thus it appears that Thomas Coates and Obadiah Flood were co-heirs of Joseph Flood. No will is recorded..." thus intimating Joseph's death occurred sometime between his last court appearance in 1646 and this land transaction in 1658<sup>[6]</sup>.

Anderson, et. al. mention many real estate transactions involving Joseph Flood. "On 18 January 1635/6. it is 'ordered that Edmond Munnins, Joseph Flood, Thomas Joanes shall have each of them 8 acres on Sqantum Neck as an addition to their great lots on Roxbury bounds bought of William Hulbert, John Haydon and George Phillips'<sup>[12]</sup> On 18 February 1635/6, 'Jos[eph] Flood' was granted three acres in the second marsh at Dorchester<sup>[12]</sup>. On 2 January 1637/8, 'Jos[eph] Flood' was one of six men who 'shall have confirmed to them the ground joining to their home lots to the other pale'<sup>[13]</sup>, and, on the same day, he was granted two acres 'towards Fox Point'<sup>[14]</sup>. On 18 March 1637/8, he was granted three acres thirty-five rods in the neck and three acres two roods and ten rods in the cow pasture<sup>[15]</sup>. (On 8 March 1663/4, reference was made to 'Mr. Jones's and Flood's rights' in 'the land yet undivided, commonly called New Grant'<sup>[16]</sup>.)

In the Lynn land distribution of 1638, 'Mr. Flood' received 'upland and meadow, 60 acres and ten<sup>[17]</sup>...' This indicates that Flood was a substantial contributor to the settlement.

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On 2 October 1621, when Joseph was 31, he married **Jane WEST**<sup>[11]</sup>, in Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, England<sup>[11,18,19,20,21,22]</sup>. Jane was of Abington at the time of her marriage<sup>[11]</sup>.

They had the following children:

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| <b>2</b> | <b>i.</b> | <b>Elizabeth2 (ca1626-)</b> |
| <b>3</b> | ii.       | Obediah (ca1631->1646)      |
| <b>4</b> | iii.      | Joseph1                     |
|          | iv.       | Abel                        |
| <b>5</b> | v.        | Elizabeth1                  |
| <b>6</b> | vi.       | Persis                      |
| <b>7</b> | vii.      | John                        |
| <b>8</b> | viii.     | Phebe                       |
| <b>9</b> | ix.       | Caleb                       |
|          | x.        | Joseph2                     |
|          | xi.       | Eleazer                     |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2194/2195

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## Second Generation

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**2. Elizabeth2 FLOOD/FLOYD** (*John*<sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1626 in England.

Anderson, et. al. assert that nothing more is known of Elizabeth after her emigration with her family<sup>[23]</sup>. Broderick postulates that, while Thomas' "...wife is never mentioned by her Christian name in any of the records..."<sup>[6]</sup>, the facts that: (1) Elizabeth Coates was as Ardent a Quaker and brought before the Essex Quarterly Court on the same day as Joseph and Jane Flood for that faith<sup>[6,9]</sup>; (2) Thomas and Elizabeth named their first two children "...Jane and Elizabeth, perhaps after their maternal grandmother and mother, respectively..."<sup>[24]</sup>; (3) that Thomas Coates appears to have been either an heir or executor (in addition to Odediah Flood) of Joseph Flood's estate<sup>[6]</sup>; and (4) Torrey<sup>[25]</sup> cites that Thomas' wife possibly had the last name of Flood; all point to Elizabeth Flood being the wife of Thomas Coates.

As mentioned above, the Floods were ardent Quakers even in the face of the Puritan bias against that faith. In fact, in the May 1646 Quarterly Court Session at Salem, Elizabeth herself was admonished "for saying publicly and disturbing those who sat near when Mr. Cobbet was preaching (on Infant Baptism) on a Sabath that Christ was circumcized on the eighth day and that then he was not baptized."<sup>[6]</sup>

She emigrated from England to America with her parents and brothers aboard the "Abigail" on 29 June 1635. The ship's manifest lists her at æ 9<sup>[2,4,6,26]</sup>. Elizabeth was "of Dorchester/Lynn" on her marriage record.

By 1646, when Elizabeth2 was 20, she married Thomas COATES<sup>[27,28]</sup>, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[25,29,30,19]</sup>.

They had the following children (*surname COATES*):

- i. Jane (ca1653-)
- ii. Elizabeth (ca1655-)
- iii. James (ca1657-)
- iv. John (ca1659-1729)**
- v. Thomas (ca1661-1709)

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1096/1097

**3. Obediah FLOOD/FLOYD**<sup>[11]</sup> was born ca. 1631. Obediah died after 3 July 1646; he was 15<sup>[9]</sup>. Obediah was still alive by 3 July 1646, when (as "Obadya Flood") he was a witness when Edward Ingolls was presented for a Sabbath violation<sup>[9,11]</sup>.

**4. Joseph1 FLOOD/FLOYD**<sup>[5]</sup>. Joseph was buried on 13 July 1633 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England.

**5. Elizabeth1 FLOOD/FLOYD**. Buried on 12 August 1624 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England<sup>[11]</sup>.

**6. Persis COATES**. Buried on 5 January 1627/8 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England<sup>[11]</sup>.

**7. John COATES**. Buried on 4 January 1627/8 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England<sup>[11]</sup>.

**8. Phebe FLOOD/FLOYD**. Buried on 2 February 1629/30 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England<sup>[11]</sup>.

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9. **Caleb FLOOD/FLOYD.** Buried on 9 September 1634 in St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, England<sup>[5]</sup>.

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