

Holden Register Report

Surname variations include: Holden, Holdin, Holding and Houlding.

First Generation

1. **[not known]¹ HOLDEN**. We currently know nothing of him or his wife, save their children.

Children:

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| 2 | i. | Richard |
| 3 | ii. | Justinian |

Generation: G9 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 3932/3933

Second Generation

Family of [not known] HOLDEN (1)

2. **Richard² HOLDEN** (*not known¹*) was born circa 1609 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England^[1]. He was aged 25 at time of his migration in 1634. Richard died in Groton, Middlesex co., MA on 1 March 1696; he was 87, "aged, infirm and a widower"^[1].

Richard migrated to New England aboard the *Francis*, Mr. John Cutting, master, which embarked on 30 April 1634 and landed in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[1,3]. He first settled in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[3] and later removed to Groton, Middlesex co., MA^[2]. He must have owned land in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA, as he earned an entry in Wyman^[2].

Wyman has the following information on Richard Holden's estate: "Deed to chn. Justinian, John, Steeven [2nd of the name, m. Hannah Lawrence, Stephen, 1st of the name, b. 1642, was killed in Groton by felling a tree, 1658]; Martha w. of Thomas Boyden; Sarah, s. of Gershom Swan; Elizabeth; Samuel; [Mary] w. of Thomas Williams; 20 acres in Woburn left by Stephen Gosdick; 1663-4; rec. 1679..."^[2] Note that Wyman has confused Stephen with John in describing which child died in the "felling [of] a tree". There is no second Stephen Holden.

Before 1642 when Richard was 33, he married **Martha FOSDICK**, daughter of **Stephen FOSDICK & Anna HARRE**, either in Watertown or Woburn, Middlesex co., MA^[4,5,6,7,8,9].

They had the following children:

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| 4 | i. | Justinian |
| 5 | ii. | John |
| 6 | iii. | Stephen |
| 7 | iv. | Martha |
| 8 | v. | Mary |
| 9 | vi. | Sarah |
| 10 | vii. | Samuel |
| 11 | viii. | Elizabeth |
| 12 | ix. | Thomas |

Generation: G8 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 1966/1967

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3. **Justinian HOLDEN** (*not known*¹) was born circa 1611 in England^[1]. He was aged 23 at the time of his migration in 1634. Justinian came from Ipswich, England to America aboard the *Elizabeth* in April of 1634^[1].

Third Generation

Family of Richard HOLDEN (2) & Martha FOSDICK

4. **Justinian HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) was of Groton, Middlesex co., MA in 1680^[1]. Justinian married **Mariah** [surname not known].

5. **John HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) died in 1658 in Groton, Middlesex co., MA; killed as he was felling a tree^[2].

6. **Stephen HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) was born on 19 July 1642 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[1] and lived in Groton, Middlesex co., MA^[1].

7. **Martha HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) was born on 15 January 1645/6 in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA^[1] and married **Thomas BOYDEN**.

8. **Mary HOLDEN**. (*Richard*², *not known*¹) According to Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA Selectman records, she was sick at T. Wheeler's of Charlestown on 13 October 1674 and died at Woburn, Middlesex co., MA; but lived in Groton, Middlesex co., MA^[11].

On 11 August 1666 Mary married **Thomas WILLIAMS**, in Groton, Middlesex co., MA^[4,12,13,14,15,16,17]. The date "July 11" is given on a duplicate record.

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

- i. Thomas
- ii. John
- iii. Mary
- iv. **Hannah**
- v. Stephen

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 982/983

9. **Sarah HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) married **Gershom SWAN**.

10. **Samuel HOLDEN** (*Richard*², *not known*¹) was of Groton, Middlesex co., MA in 1682^[1] and married **Anna** [surname not known].

11. **Elizabeth HOLDEN**. (*Richard*², *not known*¹) We currently know nothing more.

12. **Thomas HOLDEN**. (*Richard*², *not known*¹) We currently know nothing more.

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