

Kitchen Register Report

First Generation

1. **John¹ KITCHEN** was born in 1619 in England^[1] and died in 1676; he was 57^[1]. We know that John was witness to the will of John Pickering of Salem on 30d:5m:1655 - as "John Kitching", along with Edmond Batter, John Horne & Francis Lawes^[2]. He also took inventory along with Jeffrey Massie on the estate of William Golt of Salem on 21 April 1660^[3]. Name variations include: Kitchin, Kitchen, Kitching, Chicken, Kitchens, Kitchings, Kitchins, Kittchen, Kittchens & Kittchins.

The Mary & John Clearinghouse lists him as #358 on their master list as "Kitchen, John (1612-1676) of Salem MA. Possibly from Barrington, Somerset 14:37"^[5]. They list him as a passenger on an unnamed ship that sailed from Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England in March 1635 and arrived in America on 5 May 1635^[6]. Coldham claims that this ship sailed on 20 March 1636 from Weymouth to New England. His source is the Public Record Office in Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, England #1/32/5^[7].

Regardless of year (although I am inclined to go with Coldham), the group of 103 passengers was primarily made up of roughly 20 families and their servants who had been gathered from the parishes of Batcombe and Broadway, Somersetshire, England by the Reverend Joseph Hull. Most of the passengers settled in the plantation at Wessagusset - whose name was officially changed to Weymouth in July 1635. There are two John Kitchens on this trip. One was a servant of Zachary Bicknell and was 23 years old. The other was on the manifest list as "Joseph Chikin" and was a 16-year-old servant of the family of Zacheus Lovell^[8,9]. Once freed, John settled in Salem, Essex co., MA.

"Estate of John Kitchen of Salem.

The last will & Testement of John Kitchen the twentieth day of December in ye year one thousand six hundred Seventy five, being in perfect Memory & understanding I doe bequeth My dwelling house & land belonging to it and about an Acre of Salt Marsh by Castill hill unto my wife dureing her life time & to my Son Robert after her decease Secondly I doe giue & bequeth My Orchard and Ground behind it vnto My son Robert Kitchen: prouided yt ye one halfe of ye produce of both be for my wifes use & to her dispossall dureing her life Thirdly as for ye rest of My estate i fiue to my wife to be for her use dureing her life time & after her decease to be dispossed of to ye rest of my children fouerthly i doe by this My will Make my wife & My Son Robert kitchen exseccetrice and exseccetor."

John Kitchin

Witness: Sam[ue]ll Shattocke, Abraham Cole.

Proved in Salem court 30d:4m:1676 by Samuell Shattock who affirmed and Abraham Cole who made oath.

Inventory of the estate of John Kitchin taken May 30, 1676 by Edward Flint and Richard Croade:

A dwelling house & a Small Barne with the Land upon wch the said howse & barne stands being by

Estimation about a qrtr. of an acre, £160

Orchard & another ps. of Land adjoining to it being in whole about Two acres of Land, £60

about an acre of Salt marsh lyeing in the Sowth field neer Castle hill, £7

one Cow, £3

a mare, £3

In the parlor his Lodfeing roome the goods there:

a Feather bed & Furniture, £11

Trundle bed being likewise a Feather & Furniture, £4

cubbard, Table & Joyne stooles, £2

Small Table & 2 Carpetts, £1, 5s.

Chest, box & a little Forme, 15s.

pr. of cast dog Irons, 10s.

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Case of Bottles, 4s.

7 chaires, 15s.

glass Bottles & small cups & a small pes of silver plate, cushen & cubbard cloth on the Cubbards head, £1 5s.

his wearing Apparrell, £20

3 bibles & some other bookes, £1

In the parlor Chamber:

Feather bed & furniture, £18

Trundle bedsteed, 6s.

3 blanketts, Rugg & Covered, £2 10s.

Cubbard with the Furniture in it, £3

Table & 6 Joyne stooles, £2, 5s.

6 Chaires, 12s.

3 Cushens stuffd, 9s.

chest & a small Trunke, 12s.

a wiccar baskett & looking glass, 6s.

In the porch chamber:

Feather bed, bedsteed & furniture £8

In ye garret:

5 bush of wheate, 4 bush of corne, £1 17s

Tubbs, a wheel & some other Lumber, 6s.

a hammocke, 8s.

In the Kitchin:

In pewter & brass, £10 6s.

a pestell & mortar, 4s.

a still, 8s.

pewter, 4s.

Letten ware, 15s.

earthen Ware, 15s.

3 doz. Trenchards, 3s.

a Jack, Andirons, Fire Shovels, Tongs, 2 spitts & a pr. of Silliards, 2 smoothing Irons, hakes, Fenders & chafing dish with some other small Iron Things, £3 11.

3 Iron potts & a Kettle, £1

w Iron wedges, 2s

2 Little Tubbs & 4 Chaires, 8s.

A meale Trough, 2s.

Bowls & Trayes, 3s.

In the shop:

4 bush malt, 16s

1 1-2 bush wheate, 7s. 6d.

Tubbs & barrels in the cellar, 15s

In Lynnen as Table cloths, napkins towels sheets & pillowbeers, £15

money £40

debts due, £6

saddle & bridle & 2 pillions & pillion cloth, £2

3 payles whereof Two with Iron hoopes & bayles, 4s. 6d.

a Lynning wheel, 3s.

2 Chests, 4 Jarrs & a handsaw, 7s.

A spade & a pr. billowes, 5s.

total £398. 4s.

Allowed 30d:4m:1676 upon oath of Robt. Kitchin.

Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 25, leaves 59, 60^[4].

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Circa 1640 when John was 21, he first married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,10,11,12].

They had one child:

2 i. Elizabeth

After 28 October 1643 when John was 24, he second married **Elizabeth GRAFTON**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,10,13,14,15]. Elizabeth was born in 1625^[1].

They had the following children:

3 i. **Mary**
4 ii. Robert
5 iii. Benjamin
6 iv. John1
7 v. John2
8 vi. Joseph

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1802/1803

Second Generation

Family of John KITCHEN (1) & Elizabeth [surname not known]

2. Elizabeth KITCHEN (*John*¹) was born in 1643 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized as "Kitchin, Eliza[beth]" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 12d:1m:1643^[16].

Family of John KITCHEN (1) & Elizabeth GRAFTON

3. Mary² **KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born in 1648 in Salem, Essex co., MA and died in 1710; she was 62. She was baptized as "Kitchin, Mary" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 23d:2m:1648^[17].

On 20 February 1665 when Mary was 17, she first married **Timothy ROBINSON**, in Salem, Essex co., MA. He was baptized on 28 April 1644.

They had one child (*surnamed ROBINSON*):

i. Timothy

On 3 June 1669 when Mary was 21, she second married **Thomas HANSON**, son of **Thomas HANSON & Mary PAUL**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,18,19,20,21,22]. Thomas' considerable family legacy is outlined in the Hanson pages.

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

i. **Thomas**
ii. John
iii. Nathaniel
iv. Marcy
v. Elizabeth
vi. James
vii. Abigail

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 900/901

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4. **Robert KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born in 1655 in Salem, Essex co., MA and died in Salem, Essex co., MA on 28 October 1712; he was 57. He was baptized as "Kitchin, Rob[er]t" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 15d:2m:1655^[17].

Robert married **Mary BOARDMAN**, daughter of **Major William BOARDMAN & Frances [surname not known]**. She was born as "Bordman, Mary on 9 March 1655/6 in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[27] and died before 17 July 1688; she was 33.

5. **Benjamin KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born on 28d:6m:1660 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[28] and died as "Kitchin, Benjamin" on 15d:7m:1660 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[29].

6. **John1 KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born in 1646 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized as "Kitchin, John" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 12d:___m:1646^[17].

7. **John2 KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born in 1652 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized as "Kitchin, John" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 21d:1m:1652^[17].

8. **Joseph KITCHEN** (*John*¹) was born in 1645 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized as "Kitchin, Joseph" in Salem, Essex co., MA on 20d:2m:1645^[17].

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