

Marsh Register Report

First Generation

1. John¹ MARSH was born circa 1599 in England. This birth year is estimated from his given age of 34 when he took the Freeman Oath in 1634. John died on 16 November 1674; he was 75^[1]. John came over on the *Mary & John*, Robert Saters, master, sailing from Southampton, England on 24 March 1633/4^[5]. He settled in Salem, Essex co., MA, where he received 20 acres in Salem on 2d:11m(January):1636/7 and was made Freeman on 4 March 1633 (now 34 years of age). John took the Oath of Fidelity before he set sail from England. John was not just a church member at Salem, but was appointed by Governor Endicott to organize the first Puritan church in America at Salem on 30 July 1629. Name variations include: Marsh, March, Marche & Mash.

John's will was dated 28 March 1672, and probated 26 November 1674. It reads as follows:

"The Estate of John Marsh of Salem.

The last will and testament of John Marsh That I John Marsh of Salem. though. weake in body yet of perfect memory and vnderstandinge, doe thus dispose of my outward estate. Imprimis I giue vnto Susanna my wife my dwellinge house with the orchard and all the land therevnto belonginge for the teame of her natural life and at her decease to be disposed by her to which of my children, she shal think fit Item I giue vnto my wife all my mouable goods only to pay out of the same such legacyes as I shal dispose of to some of my children. Item. I giue vnto Zachary my Son. a part of my farme (viz) to haue on the south. end 25 poole downeward the whole breadth of my farme Item I giue vnto my two sons Samuel and jacob the remaynder of my farme to be equally devided betweene them: of which Diuision my son Samuel is to haue the choyce Item I giue unto my son Ezekiel fiue pounds to be payd by my Executors at the end of the tearme of thre yeares after my decease Item I giue vnto my son Benjamin ten pounds to be payd by my executors when he shall attayne the age of on & twenty yeares Item I giue vnto my Daughter Bethiah: thre pounds to be payd vnto her by my executors at the end of thre yeares after my decease. Item. mywil is that incase eyther of my Sons Samuel or Jacob should depart this life vnmaryed or childles then the land that I haue giuen them shal be devided betweene the survivor and my son Zachary and in case they bothe depart as is aboue sayd. the whole farme to fal to my Son Zachary Item. I appoynt my wife Susanna executrix of this my last wil and testament & Samuel my son to be ioyned with her Adiutor and my Louinge ffreinds Anthony Buxton & Nathaniel Felton ouerseers. Dated 28th of march. 1674

John Marsh [Seal]

Witness: Nathaniel Felton, Anthomy Buxton.

Proved in Salem court 26d:9m:1674 by the witnesses.^[2]

"Inventory taken Nov. 23, 1674:

*his dwelling house and orchard wth the land therevnto belonginge, £60;
50 acres of Vacant land, £40;
2 Cowes & 2 heifers, £10;
a horse £1 15s.;
10 sheepe & lambes, £4;
a fetherbed & boulster, 2 pillows, 3 sheets, 2 blankets & an old coverlet, £5;
An old bed 3 blankets & an old Rug, £2;
2 chests & an old table, 16s.;
1 kettle, 1 iron pot and a skillet, £1 5s.;
2 old platters & a tanker, 5s.;
old bookes, 9s.' 2 wheels & 2 payre of cards, 10s.;
a musket and sword, £1;
2 hakes, 2 iron wedges, a fryinge pan, 6s.;
shoemakers tooles and a tow Combe, 10s.;
In wool, 34 lb. £1 5s. 6d.;
A churne, 2 payles, wooden dishes & other vtensels, 15s.;
His wearinge Apparel, £3, __s.;
In mony, 13s.;
total, £135 4s. 6d.
Debter to Captayne George Corwine, £2 3-4d.; to Samll. Smal, £1, 5s.;*

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Total £3 5s. 1-4 d.

Attested 26d:9m:1674 by the executrix"^[3,4]

By 1635-1637 when John was 36, he first married in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]. We know nothing of this woman, who is the matriarch of this particular Marsh line. Unfortunately, I had done considerable research on Susanna SKELTON's family before discovering the existence of this first wife and mother of Zachary. If anyone needs research on the SKELTONs, please contact me and I shall pass it along.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Zachary |
| 3 | ii. | John |
| 4 | iii. | Ruth |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1968/1969

By 1646 when John was 47, he second married **Susanna SKELTON**, daughter of **Reverend Samuel SKELTON & Susanna TRAVIS**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,16]. Susanna was born in 1625 in Tattershall, Lincolnshire, England. Susanna was baptized in Tattershall, Lincolnshire, England on 3 April 1625^[16,17,18].

In her will of 3 November 1685 "Susannah, the relict of Thomas Rix late of Salem deceased, and formerly the relict of John Marsh deceased of Salem," bequeathed land given to her "by the last will and testament of the said John Marsh my first husband"^[16,19].

They had the following children:

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| 5 | i. | Elizabeth |
| 6 | ii. | Ezekiell |
| 7 | iii. | Bethiah |
| 8 | iv. | Samuell |
| 9 | v. | Susana |
| 10 | vi. | Mary |
| 11 | vii. | Jacob |
| 12 | viii. | Benjamin |

Second Generation

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

2. Zachary² MARSH (*John¹*) was born in 1637^[1] and died in 1693; he was 56. Zachary was baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 30d:2m:1637^[20]. Zachary was "the first Marsh born in the New World" and was also referred to as "Zachariah". He was a farmer and inherited half of his father's farm in 1672. The part of Salem in which he lived first became part of Danvers, and is now part of Peabody, Essex co., MA. As "Zachariah Marsh and mary his wife", he and Mary signed a petition supporting John & Elizabeth [Bassett] Proctor during the latter's persecution during the Salem Witch Hysteria. A rather brave act, given the times. Ironically, their son, Ebenezer, married into the Booth family, whose daughters Alice and Elizabeth were amongst the Salem accusers.

In 15d:6m(August):1664 when Zachary was 27, he married **Mary SILSBEE**, daughter of **Henry SILSBEE & Dorothy [surname not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30].

They had the following children:

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| 13 | i. | John |
| 14 | ii. | Mary |
| 15 | iii. | Zachariah |
| 16 | iv. | Elizabeth |
| 17 | v. | Jonathan |
| 18 | vi. | Ebenezer |
| 19 | vii. | Ezekiel |
| 20 | viii. | Abigail |
| 21 | ix. | Benjamin |

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Generation: G7 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 984/985

3. **John MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1639 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 19d:3m:1639^[20].

4. **Ruth MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1641 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 5d:3m:1641^[20].

Family of John MARSH (1) & Susanna SKELTON

5. **Elizabeth MARSH** (*John*¹) was born on 8d:5m:1646 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[31].

6. **Ezekiell MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1648 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 29d:8m:1648^[20].

7. **Bethiah MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1650 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 1d:7m:1650^[32].

8. **Samuell MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1652 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 2d:8m:1652^[20]. As "Samuel Marsh and Prescilla his wife", he and his spouse also signed the petition supporting John & Elizabeth [Bassett] Proctor during the Salem Witch Hysteria.

9. **Susana MARSH** (*John*¹) was born on 22d:3m:1654 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[33].

10. **Mary MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1656 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA in 14d:7m:1656^[34].

11. **Jacob MARSH** (*John*¹) was born in 1658 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 6d:6m:1658^[33].

12. **Benjamin MARSH** (*John*¹) was born circa 1661 in Salem, Essex co., MA.

Third Generation

Family of Zachary MARSH (2) & Mary SILSBEE

13. **John MARSH** (*Zachary*², *John*¹) was born on 26 September 1665 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[33].

14. **Mary MARSH** (*Zachary*², *John*¹) was born on 8 December 1666 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[33]. At the age of 12, Mary was baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 5 October 1679^[20]. Either she had a late baptism or there was a second daughter named Mary. Mary married **Ebenezer CUTLER**.

15. **Zachariah MARSH** (*Zachary*², *John*¹) was born in [between 1667 and 1672] in Salem, Essex co., MA^[33].

16. **Elizabeth MARSH** (*Zachary*², *John*¹) was born in 1670 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 10 July 1670^[35].

17. **Jonathan MARSH** (*Zachary*², *John*¹) was born on 14 April 1672 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[33]. Jonathan married **Mary VERRY**.

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18. Ebenezer³ MARSH Sr. (*Zachary², John¹*) was born on 28 May 1674 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,31]. Actually, he was born in Salem Village, now Danvers, Essex co., MA and died in Danvers, Essex co., MA on 19 July 1722; he was 48^[1].

On 25 November 1699/1700 when Ebenezer was 25, he married **Alice BOOTH**, daughter of **George BOOTH & Alice TEMPLE**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,29,36,37,38,39,40,41,42]. The Salem Court Records state the year as 1699. Their marriage record read: "Booth, Alice and Eben[eze]r Mash".

Alice and her sister-in-law Elizabeth (George's widow) testified against Giles Corey during the 1692 Witch Hunts:

"Elizabeth Booth and Alice Booth v. Giles Corey

The deposition of Eliz: booth the wife of George booth & Allies Booth who testifie and say that on the 12'th of this Isant Sept'r at the widow Shaffin's house in Salem their appeared to us a grate number of wicthes as neare as we could rell about fifty thirteen of which we knew:who did Receive the sacriment in our right amongst whictt we most grievously afflect and torment us: and we beleve in our hearts that Giles Cory is a wizzard and that he has often affleted us and sevroll others by acts of wicthcraft.

Elizabeth Booth's mark.

Alice Booth's mark,

(Reverse) Boothese Giles Corey.^[44,45]

They had the following children:

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| 22 | i. | Ebenezer |
| 23 | ii. | Lydia |
| 24 | iii. | Benjamin |

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 492/493

19. Ezekiel MARSH (*Zachary², John¹*) was born in 1676 in Salem, Essex co., MA.

20. Abigail MARSH (*Zachary², John¹*) was born in 1683 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 5 August 1683^[46].

21. Benjamin MARSH (*Zachary², John¹*) was born in 1687 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 20 November 1687^[46].

Fourth Generation

Family of Ebenezer MARSH Sr. (18) & Alice BOOTH

22. Ebenezer⁴ MARSH Jr. (*Ebenezer³, Zachary², John¹*) was born on 22 October 1700 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[47]. His birth record is under the name "Mash". He died in Danvers, Essex co., MA on 3 November 1784; aged 84^[48].

On 13 September 1725 when Ebenezer was 24, he married **Deliverance FRENCH**, daughter of **Humphrey FRENCH & Abigail [surname not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[49].

They had the following children:

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|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 25 | i. | Katherine |
| 26 | ii. | Humphrey |
| 27 | iii. | Ebenezer |
| 28 | iv. | Caleb |

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 246/247

23. Lydia MARSH (*Ebenezer³, Zachary², John¹*) was born on 2 April 1702 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[47] and is listed under "Mash" in the vital records.

24. Benjamin MARSH (*Ebenezer³, Zachary², John¹*) was born on 10 October 1704 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[47] and is listed under "Mash" in the vital records.

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Family of Ebenezer MARSH Jr. (22) & Deliverance FRENCH

25. Katherine⁵ MARSH (*Ebenezer⁴⁻³, Zachary², John¹*) was born in March 1738, as estimated from her death information, and died in Danvers, Essex Co., MA on 19 December 1831; she was 93y. 9m.^[51]. Her death record reads: "Dunckley, Catherine w. Hezekiah". She is buried along with her husband the Marsh Private Burial Ground on Jacob's Farm Plot, off Lowell Street, West Peabody, Essex co., MA.

On 6 December 1757 when Katherine was 19, she married **Hezekiah DUNKLEE**, son of **Hezekiah DUNKLEE & Damaris² WILSON**, in Danvers, Essex co., MA. An intention was also filed^[52].

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

- i. Hezekiah
- ii. Ezekiel
- iii. Sally**
- iv. Ebenezer
- v. Deliverance
- vi. John
- vii. Seth
- viii. Betty/Betsey
- ix. Hannah
- x. Alice

Generation: G4 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 122/123

26. Humphrey MARSH. (*Ebenezer⁴⁻³, Zachary², John¹*) We know nothing more of him.

27. Ebenezer MARSH. (*Ebenezer⁴⁻³, Zachary², John¹*) We know nothing more of him.

28. Caleb MARSH (*Ebenezer⁴⁻³, Zachary², John¹*) was born on 27 July 1736.

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