

Perkins Register Report

Surname variations include Perkins & Pirkins.

First Generation

1. **Henry¹ PERKINS** was of Hillmorton, Warwickshire, England^[1] and married **Elizabeth SAWBRIDGE**.

They had one child:

2 i. **John (1583-<1654)**

Generation: G11 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 16,308 / 16,309

Second Generation

Family of Henry PERKINS (1) & Elizabeth SAWBRIDGE

2. **John² PERKINS** (*Henry¹*) was born in 1583 in Hillmorton, Warwickshire, England^[2,3] and baptized there on 23 December 1583. John died in Ipswich, Essex co., MA between 28 March 1654, when he wrote his will, and 26 September 1654, when his will was probated; he was 71^[1,3].

In 1959, Walter Goodwin Davis published The Ancestry of Dudley Wildes, 1759-1820, of Topsfield, Massachusetts (pp. 81-90) the Perkins English origins to 1475^[4].

John Perkins migrated to New England in 1631 on the first trip of the *Lyon*^[2]. He first settled in Boston, Suffolk co., MA, where "John Perkins and Judith his wife" were admitted to the Boston church as members #107 and #108 in early 1631^[2,16]. John made Freeman there on 18 May 1631^[2,6].

John soon moved his family to moved to Ipswich, Essex co., MA in 1633^[2], where they were amongst the founders of the town. Robert Anderson notes: "...In the 1 April 1633 list of men authorized by the court to begin the settlement of Ipswich, the eighth name is 'William Perkins'^[8], which must be an error for this John Perkins, inasmuch as William Perkins was at Roxbury at this time and would not move to Essex County for nearly two decades more^[4]..." In 1634, he received a land grant there of 40 acres. The next year, he received 3 acres of upland; ten acres of meadow; an island at More's Point; 10 acres where "he hath built a house"; 6 acres of meadow; 6 acres of upland in another Ipswich land grant. He received a grant of 40 acres at Chebacco [now Ipswich] in 1636 and, finally, was granted 6 acres of plowland in Ipswich in 1639^[2,10]. On 10 December 1644, "John Perkins of Ipswich in America" and Thomas Perkins exchanged land in Ipswich^[2,11].

John fulfilled his duties to the fledgling town of Ipswich. He was appointed Deputy to the General Court for Ipswich on 25 May 1636^[12] and was appointed as a member of the committee to set the bounds of Roxbury and Dorchester on 7 November 1632^[2,13]. In addition, he served on the Essex Grand Jury on 28 [December] 1641, 26 September 1648 and 28 September 1652^[2,14]. John apparently served in the local militia until 26 March 1650, when "John Perkins Sr., being above sixty years old, is freed from ordinary training^[2,15]."

On 3 April 1632 a Court of Assistants ordered "that no person whatsoever shall shoot at fowl upon Pullen Poynte or Noddle's Ileland, but that the said places shall be reserved for John Perkins to take fowl with nets"^[1,7]. I find this curious, since Noddle's Island at that time had been granted to Samuel Maverick.

"John Perkins", John Tuttell, John Crosse, Thomas Howlett and Robert Mottley took inventory on the estate of Sarah Dillingham of Ipswich, Essex co., MA in 1636. It was a well-documented and contested case with many Brahmin ancestors involved...^[9]

Estate of John Perkins, Sr. of Ipswich

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"28th of first mo called March 1654 I John Perkins the Elder of Ipswich being at this tyme sick and weake in body yet through the mercy and goodnes of the Lord retaining my vnderstanding and memory: do thus Dispose of and bequeath my Temporale estate as ffolloweth first I Doe giue and bequeath vnto my Eldest sonn John Perkins a foale of my young mare being new with foale if it please the Lord shee foale it well also I give and bequeath to my sonn Johns two sonnes John and Abraham to each of them one of my yearleing heyfers: also I give and bequeath to my sonn Thomas Perkins one cow and one heyfer also I giue & bequeath to his sonn John Perkins one ewe to be delivered for his vse at the next shearing tyne [time] also I doe give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Sarieant one cow and an heyfer to be to her and her children after her Decease as it may please ye Lord they may increase the proffits or increase to be equelly Devided amongst the satde children also I Doe five to my Daughter mary Bradbery one cow and one heyfer or a young steere to remaine to her & to her children in theyr increase or proffits as it shall please the Lord to bless them and to be equally Devided to the children: also I Doe give and bequeath to my Daughter Lidia Bennitt one cow and one heyfer or steere to be equally Devided to her children in theyr increaseproffits after her Decease: I Doe also give vnto my Grandchilde Thomas Bradbery one ewe to be sett apart for his vse at ye next shearing tyne: also I Doe give and bequeath vnto my sonn Jacob Perkins my Dwelling howse together with all the outhowseing, and all my landes of one kinde and other together with all improvements therevpon to be his in full possession & according to a former covenant, after the decease of my wyfe and nott before and so to remaine to him and to his heires forever: all the rest of my estate of one kinde and other I Doe wholly leave to my Deare wife Judeth Perkins apointing and ordaining my sayde wyfe the sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament Desireing my sayde wife to Dispose of the cattell aboue mentioned according to her discesion as they hsaall prosper steeres or heyfers as also to Dispose of somoe of the increase or some of the increase of the sheep to || the || children of my sonn Thomas and of my three Daughters at the Discesion of my sayde wife and this I Doe ordaine as my Last will and Testament subscribed with mine owne hand this twnty eighth Day of he first month 1654:

his mark

John Y Perkins

Witness: william Bartholmew, Thomas Harris.

Proved in Ipswich court 26:7:1653 by the witnesses.

Inventory taken by William Bartholomew and John Annable:

the dwelling howse and barne wth out howseing, £40 60s.;

Land about the hoswe about eight acres, £12;

more Land unbroaded up about fourteen acres, £21;

a pcell of marsh about six acres at 40s. p acres, £12;

a pcell of vpland and marsh being much broken about xx acres at 20s. p acre, £20;

12 acres of improved Land at 50s. p acres, £24;

one mare with a mare foale, £25;

six milch cowes, £30;

four yearling heyfers & a steere, £11 10s.;

six ewes at 35s. p, £10 10s.;

5 yewe Lambes, £5;

one yearling weather and two weather Lambes, £2;

one young calfe, 15s.;

one cow at the pasture, a sow & 3 piggs, all £8;

one feather bed with besteed & furniture, £4;

one coverlid with other small thinges being Linen most, £2 10s.;

Left in mony at his decease £10;

a cart, plowes, a harow with severall goodes of Lumber as caske, tubbes, cheares, axes, hoes, etc., £5;

severall ketles, pottes & dishes in the kitchen, £2;

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*his wearing aparell, £5;
total, £250 5s.*

[Essex Co. Probate Files, Docket 21,337]^[5]

On 9 October 1608 when John was 25, he married **Judith GATER**, daughter of **Michael GATER**, in Hillmorton, Warwick, England^[1,3,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44]

They had the following children:

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| 3 | i. | John |
| 4 | ii. | Elizabeth |
| 5 | iii. | Mary |
| 6 | iv. | Anne |
| 7 | v. | Thomas |
| 8 | vi. | Jacob |
| 9 | vii. | Lydia |

Generation: G10 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 8154/8155

Third Generation

Family of John PERKINS (2) & Judith GATER

3. Quartermaster John PERKINS (*John², William¹*) was born in 1609 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England and baptized there on 14 September 1609^[1].

Before 1636 when John was 27, he married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**, in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[1,45]. This date is estimated on the fact that their eldest child was born circa 1636. Elizabeth died on 27 September 1684 in Ipswich, Essex co., MA as "Elizabeth, wife to Quartermaster John Perkins"^[1].

4. Elizabeth³ PERKINS (*John², William¹*) was born in 1611 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England^[3] and baptized there on 25 March 1611^[1].

Circa 1636 when Elizabeth was 25, she married **William SARGENT**, in Salisbury, Essex co., MA^[3,46,22,47,34,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58].

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

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| i. | Thomas |
| ii. | Sarah |
| iii. | Mary |
| iv. | Elizabeth1 |
| v. | William |
| vi. | Elizabeth2 |
| vii. | [probably Lydia] |

Generation: G9 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 4076/4077

5. Mary PERKINS (*John², William¹*) was born in 1615 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England and baptized there on 3 September 1615^[1]. Before 1637 when Mary was 22, she married **Thomas BRADBURY**, in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[1]. This date is estimated from the fact that their eldest child was born on 1 April 1637.

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6. **Anne PERKINS** (*John², William¹*) was born in 1617 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England and baptized there on 5 September 1617^[1].

7. **Thomas PERKINS** (*John², William¹*) was born in 1622 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England and baptized there on 28 April 1622^[1]. Before 1644 when Thomas was 22, he married **Phebe GOULD**, daughter of **Zacheus GOULD**^[1]. This date is estimated from the fact that their first child was born circa 1644.

8. **Jacob PERKINS** (*John², William¹*) was born in 1624 in Hillmorton, Warwickshire, England and baptized there on 12 July 1624^[1]. Before 1649 when Jacob was 25, he first married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**^[1]. This date is based upon the fact that their eldest child was born 1 April 1649. After 12 February 1685 when Jacob was 61, he second married **Damaris [surname not known]**^[1].

9. **Lydia PERKINS** (*John², William¹*) was born in 1632 in Boston, Suffolk co., MA and baptized there on 3 June 1632^[1,59]. Circa 1651 when Lydia was 19, she married **Henry BENNETT**^[1].

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