

## Sawyer Register Report

It appears from Newbury, Essex co., MA vital records that a trio of Sawyer siblings came to the area in the late 1630s-early 1640s -- Mary, John & William. This is pure gut speculation on my part and needs confirmation. This particular family line is descended from William. **Mary SAWYER** is outlined in her own page on the web and under the listing of her husband **William MITCHELL** in the **Mitchell Register Report**. Until I can find conclusive evidence that they are related, I shall keep them separate.

Surname variations include: Sawer, Sawey, Sawier, Sawyear, Sawyer, Sawyr, Sayer & Saywer.

### First Generation

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**1. William<sup>1</sup> SAWYER** was probably born circa 1620-1625, as based upon the birthdate of his eldest child on 24 August 1645. We currently know nothing of his migration or death.

Circa 1643 William married a woman named Ruth in Newbury, Essex co., MA or Durham, Strafford co., NH<sup>[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]</sup>. Her surname list in Torrey is: BENFORD, BEDFIELD, BEDFORD and PERLEY. When all is said and done, according to another source, she may also possibly be the daughter of Francis PLUMMER. Robert Anderson, however, in his sketch of Francis Plummer in [The Great Migration Begins...\[III:1485\]](#), further explains this. Apparently, "John Plummer suggests on circumstantial grounds that Ruth, wife of William Sawyer of Newbury, was a daughter of Francis. However, the settlement of the estate of the immigrant indicates that he was survived by only three children - two sons and a daughter - who are already accounted for (Samuel, Joseph and Mary). The evidence gathered by Plummer indicates some connection between Francis Plummer and Ruth (\_\_\_\_\_) Sawyer, but this connection was probably more distant than father and daughter..." As such, Ruth's parentage remains a mystery.

They had the following children:

<b>2</b>	i.	John
<b>3</b>	ii.	<b>Samuell</b>
<b>4</b>	iii.	Ruth
<b>5</b>	iv.	Mary1
<b>6</b>	v.	Sara
<b>7</b>	vi.	Hanna1
<b>8</b>	vii.	William
<b>9</b>	viii.	Frances1
<b>10</b>	ix.	Mary2
<b>11</b>	x.	Stephen
<b>12</b>	xi.	Hannah2
<b>13</b>	xii.	Francis2

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 4068/4069

### Second Generation

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#### Family of William SAWYER (1) & Ruth [surname still a matter of debate]

**2. John SAWYER** (*William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 24 August 1645 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[10]</sup>.

**3. Lieutenant Samuell<sup>2</sup> SAWYER** (*William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 22 November 1646 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[11]</sup> and died there on 11 February 1718; he was 71 years, 2 months and 20 days old<sup>[12]</sup>. His title indicates service in the militia and popularity enough to have been elected Lieutenant of his company.

On 13 March 1670/1 when Samuell was 23, he married **Mary EMERY**, daughter of **John EMERY Jr. & Mary [SURNAME NOT KNOWN]**, in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[13]</sup>.

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They had the following children:

14	i.	<b>Sarah [Mary]</b>
15	ii.	Samuell
16	iii.	John
17	iv.	Hannah
18	v.	Josiah
19	vi.	Joshua
20	vii.	[unnamed daughter]
21	viii.	Benjamin
22	ix.	[unnamed child]

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2034/2035

4. **Ruth SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 September 1648 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[11]</sup>.

5. **Mary1 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 7 February 1649 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[15]</sup> and died there on 24 June 1659; she was 10<sup>[12]</sup>.

6. **Sara SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 November 1651 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[16]</sup>.

7. **Hanna1 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 February 1653 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[17]</sup> and died there on 25 January 1659; she was 5<sup>[18]</sup>. In the Court Record of her birth, she is listed as a "d. William" and the date of her birth is recorded as 20 January 1659.

8. **William SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 1 February 1655/6 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[16]</sup>.

9. **Frances1 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 March 1658 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[19]</sup> and died there on 7 February 1659<sup>[18]</sup>.

10. **Mary2 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 29 July 1660 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[15]</sup>.

11. **Stephen SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 25 April 1663 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[16]</sup>. There is a second entry for him, with the same date, under "Sawyer, Steven, s. Will[iam]". Stephen died in Newbury, Essex co., MA on 8 June 1753; he was 91<sup>[20]</sup>.

12. **Hannah2 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 January 1664 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[17]</sup> and died there on 28 August 1683; she was 19<sup>[18]</sup>.

13. **Francis2 SAWYER** (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 3 November 1670 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[17]</sup>.

### Third Generation

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#### Family of Lieutenant Samuell SAWYER (3) & Mary EMERY

14. **Sarah [Mary]<sup>3</sup> SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 20 January 1671 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[15]</sup> as "Sawyer, Mary, d. Samuell [Jan. 20, 1671. S. dup.]. She died in Newbury, Essex co., MA on 21 January 1744/5; she was 73<sup>[21]</sup>. Note that her gravestone says she was 83, but the age 73 age fits the vital records for her.

On 29 June 1702 when Sarah [Mary] was 31, she married **Edward2 WOODMAN**, son of **Edward WOODMAN Jr. & Mary GOODRIDG**, in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[22]</sup>. She is called Sarah at the time of her marriage.

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

- i. Elizabeth
- ii. John
- iii. Samuel
- iv. Joseph
- v. Daniel
- vi. **Edward**
- vii. [unnamed child]

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1016/1017

**15. Samuel SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 5 June 1674 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[16]</sup>. The date is given as June 8th on the Court Record. Samuel died in Newbury, Essex co., MA on 21 April 1723; he was 49<sup>[12]</sup>. A duplicate record says April 20th.

**16. John SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 15 March 1675/6 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[10]</sup>.

**17. Hannah SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 12 January 1678 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[17]</sup>.

**18. Josiah SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 20 January 1680 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[15]</sup> and died in Newbury, Essex co., MA on 4 April 1756; he was 76<sup>[12]</sup>.

**19. Joshua SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 23 February 1682 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[15]</sup>.

**20. [unnamed daughter] SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 7 March 1684/5 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[24]</sup> and died in Newbury, Essex co., MA on 26 March 1685; she was 1<sup>[20]</sup>.

**21. Benjamin SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 27 October 1686 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[25]</sup>.

**22. [unnamed child] SAWYER** (*Samuell<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 15 November 1693 in Newbury, Essex co., MA<sup>[24]</sup> and died that same day<sup>[20]</sup>.

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