

Wigglesworth Register Report

Surname variations include Wigglesworth, Wiglesworth and Wiglsworth.

First Generation

1. William¹ WIGGLESWORTH. We currently know nothing more of him or his wife. Based upon Edward's birth date of 1603 and the assumption that he is their first or only child, William and his wife were probably born circa 1580; most likely in Scotton, Lincolnshire, England, but this is yet to be proven. They most likely married before Edward's birth 1603. Again, this is an assumption on my part.

They had the following child:

2 **i.** **Edward**

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3716/3717

Second Generation

Family of William WIGGLESWORTH (1)

2. Edward² WIGGLESWORTH (*William¹*) was born in 1603 in Scotton, Lincolnshire, England^[1] and was baptized there on 3 August 1603 as "Edwardus Wigglesworth", son of "Willi"^[4]. Edward died in New Haven, CT on 1 October 1653; he was 50^[2,3].

Edward moved to Wrawby, Lincolnshire, England where he married and his son, Michael, was baptized. Wrawby is about 13 miles south of the Lincolnshire/Yorkshire border^[5]. Edward, his wife & son migrated to Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA in 1638 and sailed for New Haven in October of that year^[2,7]. He was on the list of planters made between 7 April 1639 and 22 November 1640^[3]. His will is dated 5 May 1653 and mentioned his wife, Hester, son Michael & daughter Abigail^[6].

On 27 October 1629 when Edward was 26, he married **Esther/Hester MIDDLEBROOK**, daughter of **Michael MIDDLEBROOK & Grace [surname not known]**, in Wrawby, Lincolnshire, England^[1,2,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]. The Bishops' Transcripts for Wrawby list the record as: "[] Wigglesworth" to "Ester Middlebrooke".

They had the following children:

3 **i.** **Michael**
4 **ii.** **Abigail**

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1858/1859

Third Generation

Family of Edward WIGGLESWORTH (2) & Esther/Hester MIDDLEBROOK

3. Reverend Michael WIGGLESWORTH (*Edward², William¹*) was born on 18 October 1631 in Wrawby, Lincolnshire, England^[1,2] and was baptized there on 21 October 1631^[11]. Michael died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 10 June 1705; he was 73^[24]. He is buried in Bell Rock Cemetery, Malden, Middlesex co., MA^[24]. Michael graduated from Harvard in 1651^[24] and served as the Minister at Malden, Middlesex co., MA from 1655 until his death^[24]. Michael is a famous colonial clergyman and 17th American poet whose most famous work was the Calvinistic ode "Day Of Doom". Much info exists about him.

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On 18 May 1655 when Michael was 23, he first married **Mary REYNER**, daughter of **Humphrey REYNER & Mary MIDDLEBROOK**, in Rowley, Essex co., MA^[25]. Mary was born before 8 December 1632^[25] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 21 December 1659; she was 27^[24]. They were first cousins...a fact which troubled Michael^[24].

They had one child:

- i. Mercy

Soon after 8 May 1679 when Michael was 47, he second married **Martha MUDGE**, daughter of **Thomas MUDGE & Mary [surname not known]**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[24]. Martha was born circa 1662^[24] and died in Malden, Middlesex co., MA on 4 September 1690; she was 28^[24]. She had been his housekeeper^[24].

They had the following children:

- i. Abigail
- ii. Mary
- iii. Martha
- iv. Esther
- v. Dorothy
- vi. Samuel

On 23 June 1691 when Michael was 59, he third married **Sybil SPARHAWK**, daughter of **Nathaniel SPARHAWK & Patience NEWMAN**, in First Church, Braintree, Norfolk co., MA^[24]. Sybil was born circa 1655 in Dedham, Norfolk co., MA^[24] and died in Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA on 6 August 1708; she was 53^[24]. She is buried in Old Burying Ground, Cambridge, Middlesex co., MA^[24].

They had one child:

- i. Edward

4. Abigail WIGGLESWORTH (*Edward², William¹*) was born in 1640 and was baptized in New Haven, CT on 1 December 1640^[17]. Circa 1660 when Abigail was 20, she first married **Benjamin SWEETSER**, son of **Seth SWEETSER & Bethia COOK**, in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA^[8,18,19,20,21,22]. Wyman gives a wonderful set of reasons proving the identity of Benjamin Sweetser's wife as Abigail Wigglesworth. Now, it is accepted and proven via her father's will.

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

- i. Abigail
- ii. Bethia
- iii. Benjamin
- iv. Seth
- v. Joseph
- vi. **Samuel**
- vii. Wigglesworth

Generation: G7 Grandfather

Person Numbers: 928/929

On 17 November 1719 when Abigail was 79, she second married **Reverend Ellis CALLENDAR**, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[24]. He was born circa 1640^[24] and died in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 18 May 1728; he was 88^[24].

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