

# THE MOORE FAMILY

Thomas Moore and his parents came from Southwold, Suffolk County in England to the Puritan Colony at Salem, Massachusetts about 1630. Young Thomas married Martha Youngs in Salem and they moved to Southhold on Long Island, New York in about 1651 and it was here their daughter, Elizabeth married Richard Clark. The Clark's daughter, Elizabeth, married John Marsh.

Other sections of this history deal with the Marsh and Clark families, this brief section will deal with the Moore Family up until the time they married into my Clark lineage.

## THOMAS MOORE SENIOR

The earliest firm record that I have concerns a Thomas Moore who would have been born in England sometime around 1585 or so. He was probably in the area of Southwold, Suffolk on the coast northeast of London. It was here that he married. His wife's name was Ann, but her last name is unknown. They had a child baptized there in 1630 and must have left almost immediately afterwards for America.

The family sailed to Salem and in 1631, Thomas Moore was sent by John Mason of Salem to settle in the Province of New Hampshire. It would seem he died there, or possibly returned to Salem to die. He had passed away by July 11, 1636 because at that time there was a record of *'Thomas Moore son of Widow Moore and his wife are received as inhabitants of Salem, Massachusetts.'*

Nothing else is known about Thomas Moore Senior. Ann Moore was a midwife in Salem and the last note of her there was on August 17, 1668 when she sold her house and lot in Salem. By that time her son had moved to Long Island so she had elected to remain in Salem, perhaps with another of her children.

I am only aware of two children, Thomas junior and Mary who married Joseph Grafton in Salem. There was that son baptized in 1630, but I do not know anything about him. Our line descends from the son, Thomas Moore.

## THOMAS MOORE

This second Thomas Moore was born in Southwold, Suffolk, England in about the years 1610 to 1615. He came to Salem with his parents in 1630 or 1631 and there married Martha Youngs, the daughter of the Reverend Christopher Youngs of Southwold, England. There is a brief story on the YOUNGS FAMILY HISTORY following this section.

Thomas and Martha were married about 1635 and were referred to as being married when they were accepted as inhabitants of Salem in 1636. Right after they were married they were allocated *'one fishing lot on the neck'* and in 1636 received a grant of some 20 acres. Thomas Moore was made a Freeman on December 27, 1642 in Salem. He obviously began planning shortly to move to Long Island, as by 1644 he received dismissal papers from the Salem Church. He had a son baptized in Salem in 1650 so he may have gone and returned or simply delayed his move until

about 1651 when many others from Salem moved to Southold, Long Island under the leadership of Martha's brother, the Reverend John Youngs.

At Southold, Thomas worked as a shipwright and house carpenter. He was held in great esteem by his neighbors. On May 26, 1658, he was appointed a Deputy from Southold to the General Court of the New Haven Colony under whose jurisdiction Southold fell. He was also chosen Constable in 1658. He was a magistrate under the later Dutch rule in 1673.

Sometime during the 1670s, Martha died and about 1680 Thomas remarried. His second wife was Katherine Wescott who had been twice widowed, first by the death of Thomas Doxy of New London and then by the death of Daniel Lane also of New London.

Thomas Moore remained in Southold until his death on June 27, 1691. His will was written on June 23rd, and he died four days later. It would appear his second wife was still alive (a three time widow), at that time. The following is what I know of the Children of Thomas Moore, all born by his first wife Martha Youngs Moore.

**THOMAS MOORE** was born August 21, 1639 and was baptized October 21, 1639 at Salem, and died about 1711 at Southold. It is believed his wife was Sarah Mott of Mamaroneck, New York. Deeds mention these children: Thomas, Nathaniel and Samuel. In a 1698 census of Southold there were the widow Sarah Moore, Abigail, Patience, Deborah, Thomas, John, Nathaniel, Martha and Elizabeth Moore.

**MARTHA MOORE** was born in about 1638-1639. She was baptized along with her brother on October 21, 1639. Her second marriage was to Captain John Symons. I have no information on her first marriage, if there was one.

**BENJAMIN MOORE** was born in Salem on June 2, 1640. His wife was Anne and he died in 1691.

**NATHANIEL MOORE** was born in Salem May 3, 1642. He married Sarah Vail.

**HANNAH MOORE** was born October 29, 1644 in Salem. She married Richard Symons.

**ELIZABETH MOORE** was born November 31, 1646 in Salem. She married Richard Clarke of my lineage. Their lives are in the CLARK FAMILY HISTORY.

**JONATHAN MOORE** was born April 3, 1649 and was baptized June 3, 1649.

**MARY MOORE** was born December 15, 1650.

**SARAH MOORE** married Samuel Glover.

**SIMON MOORE.** He may have been a grandson or a son.