

THURSTON CLARK

ORIGIN: Ipswich, Suffolk

MIGRATION: 1634 on the *Francis*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Plymouth

REMOVES: Duxbury 1652

OCCUPATION: His inventory would indicate that he was a husbandman [PCPR 2:70-71].

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: On 2 June 1652, Plymouth grand jury presented "Henery Clark and Thurston Clark, Junior, of Namassakeesett, in the liberties of Duxburrow, for not frequenting the public assemblies on the Lord's day"; in the margin is the note that they were "[f]reed with admonition to amend" [PCR 3:10].

EDUCATION: His inventory included "1 Bible and one psalmbook" valued at 3s. 4d.

OFFICES: Duxbury surveyor of highways, 8 June 1655 [PCR 3:79].

ESTATE: On 7 March 1659/60, Plymouth Court ordered for "the satisfaction of Thurston Clarke, concerning his land at the Island Creeke, ... he shall have above the highway his full breadth of thirty acres, and what he falls short of his proportion below the highway, he is to have it along the length of his land above the highway" [PCR 3:183].

The inventory of the estate of "Thurston Clarke late deceased of the town of Duxburrow," taken 10 December 1661, totalled £97 12s. 6d., including no real estate [PCPR 2:2:70-71; MD 17:215]. On 4 March 1661/2, administration was granted to "Faith Clarke, widow, to administer on the estate of Thirston Clarke, deceased" [PCR 4:8].

On 1 June 1663, Plymouth Court ordered "concerning the disposing of the estate of Faith Clarke, widow, deceased, that her daughter, Faith Dotey, widow, shall have a quarter part, or one part of four, of the goods and chattels of the said Faith Clarke, her debts being discharged; and the remainder three parts of four, or three-quarters thereof, shall be equally divided betwixt her two sons, Henery and Thurston Clarke" [PCR 4:39].

On 1 April 1690, Plymouth Court "being given to understand by the selectmen of the town of Duxborough, that two of the inhabitants of their said town, viz: Henry Clarke and Thirsten Clarke, by reason of their age, indiscretion & weakness of understanding, are incapable of making necessary provision for their own support, sustenance, and livelihood, notwithstanding they have an estate in lands sufficient, as is judged, to

supply their necessity during their lives ... the Court do therefore order, that John Dotey, of Plymouth, their nephew," provide for their needs and report once a year to the selectmen in return for which he shall have "full satisfaction made him out of the lands of said impotent persons" [PCR 6:236; see also PCR 6:99].

BIRTH: About 1590 (aged 44 in 1634 [Hotten 279]).

DEATH: Duxbury 6 December 1661. On 8 December 1661, a coroner's jury was impanelled to "view the dead body of Thirston Clarke, Senior, of Duxburrow"; they concluded that

the weather being cold and snowy, he came on that side of Joanes River which is on Duxburrow side, upon his return from Plymouth, endeavoring to come home, and came near home; and by his track in the snow we find that he had wandered to and fro and lost himself, and did so wilder that he came upon a flat nigh the place called the Longe Point upon the said flat, which is now in the possession of Joseph Andrews, and that he was found. Upon search being made by diverse, the first thing that was found was a basket, with diverse small commodities, some distance from him; and after that there was found his cap, with his staff and one mitten, somewhat nigher to his body; and after that his body was found, being covered with some ice upon him. His body was viewed by us, and we find the circumstances hereof, that the ice, with the cold and water, was the cause of his death [PCR 4:12].

In the margin was the additional comment that "he was lost, as we conceive, in the evening, and so he did bewilder himself, the sixth of this instant December, 1661."

MARRIAGE: By about 1617 Faith ____; she died by 1 June 1663 [PCR 4:39].

CHILDREN:

- i FAITH, b. say 1617 (aged 15 in 1634 [Hotten 278], but this conflicts with the baptism of her sister Frances); m. (1) Plymouth 6 January 1634/5 EDWARD DOTY {1620, Plymouth} [PCR 1:32; GMB 1:574]; m. (2) Plymouth 14 March 1666[/7] John Phillips [PCR 4:163-64, 8:31; MD 18:56].
- ii FRANCES, bp. St Margaret, Ipswich, Suffolk, 28 March 1619 [NEHGR 69:253]; bur. there 4 May 1619 [NEHGR 69:253].

- iii MARY, b. 1622 and d. 1622, aged one month [NEHGR 69:253, citing "Ipswich Petty Sessions, Roll 19, no. 2"].
- iv ABIGAIL, bp. St Margaret, Ipswich, 10 April 1625 [NEHGR 69:253]; bur. there 29 January 1636/7 [NEHGR 69:253].
- v THURSTON, bp. St Margaret, Ipswich, 12 August 1627 [NEHGR 69:253]; incompetent, living 1 April 1690 [PCR 6:236]; on 29 October 1695, at a Duxbury town meeting, "the town have agreed with Wrestling Brewster for the feeding of Thurston Clark, a quarter of a year" [DuTR 185]; no further record.
- vi HENRY, b. say 1629; incompetent, living 1 April 1690 [PCR 6:236].

COMMENTS: "Thurston Clearke," aged 44, was on the list of passengers for New England dated "the last of April 1634," sailing from Ipswich on the *Francis* [Hotten 279]. Also on this ship, included among those underage, and grouped under John Pease, was "Fayth Clearke," aged 15 [Hotten 278].

On 4 April 1654, widow Sarah Jeney of Plymouth bequeathed to "my loving friend goodwife Clarke" a lamb [PCPR 1:17].

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1915 Elizabeth French published the English records for this family [NEHGR 69:252-53].

WILLIAM CLARK

On 24 March 1633/4, "William Clarke" was enrolled at Southampton as a passenger for New England on the *Mary & John* [Drake's Founders 70].

COMMENTS: It has not been possible to connect this passenger with any of the men named William Clark who later appear in New England.

AUGUSTINE CLEMENT

ORIGIN: Reading, Berkshire

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *James* of Southampton

FIRST RESIDENCE: Dorchester

REMOVES: Boston 1652, Dorchester by 1668