

**PHILIP SHERMAN**

*ORIGIN:* Unknown

*MIGRATION:* 1633

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Roxbury

*MOVES:* Portsmouth 1638

*CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:* "Phillip Sherman. He came into the land in the year 1623 [sic], a single man, & after married Sarah Odding, the daughter o[f] the wife of John Porter by a former husband. This man was of a melancholy temper, he lived honestly & comfortably among us several years, upon a just calling went for England & returned again with a blessing: but after his father-in-law John Porter was so carried away with these opinions of familism & schism he followed them & removed with them to the Iland, he behaved himself sinfully in these matters (as may appear in the story) & was cast out of the church" [RChR 78-79].

*FREEMAN:* 14 May 1634 [MBCR 1:368]. 16 March 1640/1 [RICR 1:111].

*EDUCATION:* Sufficient to be General Recorder of Rhode Island. His inventory included "four old Bibles & other small books" valued at £1.

*OFFICES:* General Recorder, 16 May 1648, 22 May 1649, 23 May 1650 [RICR 1:209, 217, 230, 236]. On 4 November 1651 colony records were demanded of Philip Sherman "late recorder of this colony" [RICR 236].

Attended Portsmouth town meeting, 13 May 1638, 20 May 1638, 20 August 1638, 5 November 1638, 2 January 1638/9 [RICR 1:53, 54, 58, 61, 63]. Selectman, 30 April 1639 [RICR 1:71]. Committee to build fences, 20 May 1638 [RICR 1:54]. Surveyor, 1640 [RICR 1:102]. Town clerk, 1649-1656 [PoTR 42, 45, 49, 50, 57, 60, 62, 67, 71]. Town Council, 1649, 1650, 1653, 1654, 1656, 1657, 1670-1673 [PoTR 42, 45, 61, 62, 71, 76, 152, 161, 169, 176]. Portsmouth commissioner to Rhode Island General Court, 21 May 1656 [PoTR 70; RICR 1:337]. Committee to audit treasurer's accounts, 21 May 1661 [RICR 1:442]. Portsmouth deputy to Rhode Island General Court, 3 May 1665, 25 October 1665 [PoTR 130; RICR 2:96, 130].

*ESTATE:* On 10 February 1639/40 he was granted 200 acres at Portsmouth [RICR 1:73].

On 28 August 1650 Samuel Gorton of Warwick sold to Philip Sherman of Portsmouth seven acres in Portsmouth [PoTR 304-05].

On 3 October 1677 Philip Sherman Senior of Portsmouth deeded to "Pelegg Sherman my son" fourteen acres in Portsmouth [PoLE 1:148]. On 15 April 1678 Philip Sherman Senior of Portsmouth deeded to "Benjamin Chase my son-in-law and my daughter Philip his wife" four acres and a half in Portsmouth [PoLE 1:150].

In his will, dated 31 July 1681 and proved 22 March 1686/7, "Philip Shearman, yeoman, aged seventy-one years, of the Town of Portsmouth," bequeathed to "Sarah my loving wife the use and her dwelling in the first room at the west end of my now dwelling..."; "my son Samuel my sole executor" and to provide "my loving wife with food and raiment and all necessaries whatsoever during her natural life and at her decease decently to bury her"; to "Sarah my wife ten good ewe sheep"; to "Eber my eldest son that which I have already given him, ten acres of land in the bounds of Portsmouth ... at a place called Briggs swamp ... and all my horse flesh in the Narragansett country excepting one mare, the second best, such excepted mare, I give to Thomas Mumford and Peleg Mumford my grandchildren"; to "my son Peleg five ewe sheep"; to "my son Edmund a quarter share of meadow and a sixteenth part of a share of upland lying in Ponagansett within the township of Dartmouth ... also my whole right in the purchase of Squamscutt now called Westery"; to "my son Samson after the decease of my said wife his half of the breadth of my farm which I now dwell upon ... my son Samson and my son Samuel to have equal privileges in the aerable land of the aforesaid farm during the natural life of Sarah my wife"; to "my son Samuel all the remaining part of my aforesaid farm with my now dwelling house and all the other buildings ... and to have two parts of the grass and the hay during the natural life of Sarah my wife"; to "my son Samson ... one white faced mare with her foal and all those four Indians which we jointly bought"; to "my son John my bay mare"; to "my son Benjamin all the remaining part of my land at Briggs' Swamp whereupon the said Benjamin's house now stands"; to "my daughter Sarah ten ewe sheep"; to "my daughter Mary ten ewe sheep"; to "my daughter Hannah £5 of New England silver money for the proper use of herself and children"; to "my daughter Hannah five ewe sheep"; to "my daughter Philip ten ewe sheep"; "I give Benjamin Clarke to my son Edmund until he comes of age of one & twenty years, the said Edmund finding the said Benjamin with sufficient food and clothing during the term aforesaid" [Roy V. Sherman, *Some Descendants of Philip Sherman The First Secretary of Rhode Island*, hereafter Sherman Anc, citing PoLE 2:260-61].

The inventory of the estate of Philip Sherman, dated 19 March 1686/7, totalled £100, with no real estate included [Portsmouth Scrapbook 17].

**BIRTH:** Baptized Dedham, Essex, 5 February 1610/1, son of Samuel Sherman [Sherman Gen 95].

**DEATH:** Portsmouth before 19 March 1686/7 (date of inventory).

**MARRIAGE:** Roxbury about 1633 Sarah Odding, daughter of Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) (Odding) Porter [RChR 78-79].

**CHILDREN:**

- i EBER, b. say 1634; m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_. (She has been called Mary Wilcox, daughter of Edward [Transatlantic Shermans 114; Philip Sherman 28], but there is no room for her in the family of Edward Wilcox [NEHGR 147:190-91].)
- ii SARAH, b. say 1636; m. by about 1656 Thomas Mumford [Austin 136].
- iii PELEG, b. say 1637; m. Portsmouth 26 July 1657 Elizabeth Lawton, daughter of Thomas Lawton [RIVR 4:Portsmouth:37].
- iv EDMUND, b. 1641; m. by 1674 Dorcas Hicks, daughter of Samuel Hicks and granddaughter of ROBERT HICKS [Harriet Woodbury Hodge, *Hicks (Hix) Families of Rehoboth and Swansea, Massachusetts* (Winnetka, Illinois, 1976), p. 59].
- v SAMSON, b. 1642; m. Portsmouth 4 March 1674/5 Isabel Tripp, daughter of John Tripp [RIVR 4:Portsmouth:37; TG 4:62].
- vi JOHN, b. 1644; by about 1674 Sarah Spooner, daughter of William Spooner (in his will of 8 March 1683[4] William Spooner made a bequest to "my daughter Sarah Sherman" [PCPR 4:2:71]).
- vii MARY, b. 1645; living on 31 July 1681 (father's will). (Austin says she married Samuel Wilbore, son of Shadrach, but this Samuel was born in 1663 [Austin 228], so this identification seems highly unlikely.)
- viii HANNAH, b. 1647; m. by about 1678 William Chase, son of William Chase [NEHGR 87:51-52; Austin 178-79].
- ix SAMUEL, b. 1648; m. Portsmouth 23 February 1680/1 Martha Tripp [RIVR 4:Portsmouth:37; TG 4:62].
- x BENJAMIN, b. 1650; m. Portsmouth 3 December 1674 Hannah Mowry, daughter of ROGER MOWRY [Austin 179].
- xi PHILIP, b. 1652; m. by about 1674 Benjamin Chase, son of WILLIAM CHASE [PoLE 1:150; Austin 178-79; NEHGR 87:51].

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Thomas Townsend Sherman has elaborated the large Sherman family of Dedham, Essex, and vicinity [*Sherman Genealogy* (New York 1920)], cited above as Sherman Gen]. Philip Sherman was followed to New England by his brother Samuel Sherman of Boston, his first cousin John Sherman of Watertown, and his first cousins once-removed Edmund Sherman and Richard Sherman.

**COMMENTS:** One of the Wheelwright supporters ordered disarmed [MBCR 1:212]. He signed the Portsmouth Covenant 7 March 1637/8 [RICR 52].

Accounts of this family in secondary sources, beginning with Austin, supply incomplete dates of birth for all the children, including a son William and an earlier daughter Mary [Austin 178-79]. None of these dates is found in any contemporary records, and so all these dates and the two additional children are omitted in the arrangement given above. If there is any basis for these data, it would probably be a surviving family record, but no mention of such a document is made.

## WILLIAM SHERMAN

*ORIGIN:* Unknown

*MIGRATION:* 1632

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Plymouth

*MOVES:* Duxbury by 1638, Marshfield by 1644

*OCCUPATION:* Yeoman.

*FREEMAN:* In list of those in Duxbury who took the oath of fidelity in 1639 [PCR 8:182].

*EDUCATION:* Signed his deeds by mark.

*OFFICES:* Duxbury highway surveyor, 5 June 1644 [PCR 2:72]. Marshfield highway surveyor, 7 June 1652 [PCR 3:9]. Grand jury, 3 June 1657 [PCR 3:115].

In Duxbury section of 1643 Plymouth list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:189]. (Toward the end of the Marshfield section of this same list is an entry for "[blank] Sherman," who may be this same William who moved to Marshfield in 1643 or 1644 [PCR 8:196].)

*ESTATE:* Assessed 9s. in the Plymouth tax list of 25 March 1633 [PCR 1:11]; but absent from the list of 27 March 1634.

On 17 November 1637 James Davis of Plymouth, sailor, sold to William Sherman of Plymouth "all that his lot of lands lying near the lands granted to Mr. John Weekes containing by estimation five acres" [PCR 12:24].

On 5 February 1637/8 granted "a garden place on Ducksborrow side, & five acres of lands at Pouder Poynt, if it can be there had" [PCR 1:76]. At court of 1 April 1639 William Sherman requested land [PCR 1:120]. On 6 April 1640 William Sherman "is granted a meadstead about the Stony Brooke, in Duxborrow, and the said Will[ia]m & John Washborne to have such accommodations of land as may be spared in the place where they desire" [PCR 1:145]. On 1 June 1640, along with six other men, granted four acres in Duxbury [PCR 1:153]. On 2 November 1640 granted "twenty acres, his houselot to be part thereof,... northward from Duxborrow Mill, towards Greens Harbour" [PCR 1:165].