

Descendants of Thomas Prior

Generation No. 1

1. THOMAS¹ PRIOR was born Unknown in Watford, Herts, England, and died About Jun 1639 in Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA^{1,2}.

Notes for THOMAS PRIOR:

Per SAVAGE, VOL 3 DICT. FIRST SETTLERS OF New England

PRIOR, THOMAS, Scituate, came in 1634 from London, with Lothrop, died 1639, buried says Lothrop, 22 June; in his will of June in that year names sons Samuel, and Thomas, daughters Elizabeth and Mary, all in Old England and his three sons here, before mentioned.

From Farmer's Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England:
PRIOR, THOMAS, Scituate 1638, died 1639.

From the NEHGS Register, v. 4, p. 36 "Abstracts of the Earliest Wills"
THOMAS PRYOR. (Scituate.)

June 1639. To my two sons in Old England, Samuel and Thomas; to two daughters in Old England, Elizabeth and Mary. To son Joseph. To the pastor of Scituate. To my sons John and Daniel. Mr. Timothy Hatherley to have oversight of this. Witnessed by John Winter, Joseph Tilden, Wm. Crocker, George Kennerich.
Inventory, Sep 28, 1639. Amount £22. 7. 6.

From Pope's The Pioneers of Massachusetts:

PRIOR, PRYOR, Thomas, Scituate, took oath of allegiance 1 February 1638.

He was buried June 22, 1639; will probated September 28, 1639. Son John executor; probably the John who came in the Hopewell in September 1635, age 16 years;) other sons Joseph and Daniel here, and Samuel and Thomas and daughters Elizabeth and Mary in England in England; [Reg. IV, 36.] He was formerly of Watford, co. Herts, maulster; sons John and Daniel sold property there 28 (6) 1640. [L.] Joseph, not yet 20 years old, sued Daniel and his wife Mary 5 Nov. 1644, for his portion of the patrimony.

More About THOMAS PRIOR:

Burial: Jun 22, 1639, Scituate, Plymouth Co., MA³

Will Proved: Sep 28, 1639³

Children of THOMAS PRIOR are:

2. i. THOMAS² PRIOR, b. About 1613; d. Unknown.
- ii. JOHN PRIOR, b. About 1620; d. Unknown.

Notes for JOHN PRIOR:

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PRIOR, JOHN, Scituate brother of Daniel, came from London with him, at the age of 15, removed to Duxbury, and Windsor says, in his old age, married Eleanor Childs.

- iii. DANIEL PRIOR, b. About 1622; d. Unknown.

Notes for DANIEL PRIOR:

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PRIOR, or PRYOR, DANIEL, Duxbury, son of Thomas, came late in 1635, from London, in the Hopewell, Captain Babb, aged 13, had wife Mary, and lived at Scituate.

- iv. JOSEPH PRIOR, b. About 1624; d. Unknown.
- v. ELIZABETH PRIOR, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- vi. MARY PRIOR, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- vii. SAMUEL PRIOR, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. THOMAS² PRIOR (*THOMAS*¹) was born About 1613, and died Unknown.

Child of THOMAS PRIOR is:

3. i. HUMPHREY³ PRIOR, b. About 1642, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT; d. 1719, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.

Generation No. 3

3. HUMPHREY³ PRIOR (*THOMAS*², *THOMAS*¹) was born About 1642 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, and died 1719 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. He married ANN OSBORN Nov 12, 1663 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT^{4,5}, daughter of JOHN OSBORN and ANN OLDAGE. She was born Jan 15, 1647/48 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT⁶, and died Sep 29, 1682.

Notes for HUMPHREY PRIOR:

Per SAVAGE, VOL 3 DICT. FIRST SETTLERS OF New England

PRIOR, HUMPHREY, Windsor, married 12 November 1663, Ann, daughter of John Osborn, had John, born 14 February 1665; and Daniel, 18 December, 1667; and his wife died before her father.

From "A Catalogue of the Names of the First Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut. Hartford, CT"
Prior, Humphrey, 1646.

Children of HUMPHREY PRIOR and ANN OSBORN are:

4. i. JOHN⁴ PRIOR, b. Feb 14, 1664/65, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT; d. Unknown.
5. ii. DANIEL PRIOR, b. Dec 18, 1667; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 4

4. JOHN⁴ PRIOR (*HUMPHREY*³, *THOMAS*², *THOMAS*¹) was born Feb 14, 1664/65 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT^{6,7,8}, and died Unknown. He married (1) MARY GEER Apr 15, 1686 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT^{9,10}, daughter of THOMAS GEER and DEBORAH DAVIS. She was born About 1670 in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰, and died Bef. 1721¹⁰. He married (2) SARAH PEASE Aft. 1721. She was born Unknown, and died Unknown.

Notes for JOHN PRIOR:

Per SAVAGE, VOL 3 DICT. FIRST SETTLERS OF New England

PRIOR, JOHN, Windsor, eldest son of Humphrey, had Ann, born 31 March 1690; Mary, 6 March living with Rev. Ralph Partridge, when the minister made his will, 1655.

More About JOHN PRIOR:

Title (Facts Pg): Yeoman

Children of JOHN PRIOR and MARY GEER are:

6. i. ANN⁵ PRIOR, b. Mar 31, 1690, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT; d. Unknown.
ii. MARY PRIOR, b. Mar 06, 1691/92, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
iii. JOHN PRIOR, b. May 16, 1695, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
iv. DANIEL PRIOR, b. Oct 16, 1697, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
v. SARAH PRIOR, b. Feb 12, 1699/00, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
vi. NATHANIEL PRIOR, b. Sep 01, 1702, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
vii. AZARIAH PRIOR, b. Jan 26, 1704/05, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.
7. viii. EZEKIEL PRIOR, b. Apr 24, 1708, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT; d. Jul 27, 1798.
ix. THANKFUL PRIOR, b. 1712, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁰; d. Unknown.

5. DANIEL⁴ PRIOR (*HUMPHREY*³, *THOMAS*², *THOMAS*¹) was born Dec 18, 1667^{11,12}, and died Unknown. He married SARAH EGGLESTON Feb 09, 1692/93 in Middletown, Middlesex Co., CT¹³. She was born Oct 26, 1670

in Middletown, Middlesex Co., CT, and died Apr 06, 1706 in Middletown, Middlesex Co., CT.

Notes for DANIEL PRIOR:

Per SAVAGE, VOL 3 DICT. FIRST SETTLERS OF New England

PRIOR, DANIEL, Windsor, son of Humphrey, married 9 February 1693, Sarah Eggleston, daughter of Samuel of Middletown, had Sarah, born 4 Mar. 1694.

Child of DANIEL PRIOR and SARAH EGGLESTON is:

- i. SARAH⁵ PRIOR, b. Mar 04, 1693/94¹³; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 5

6. ANN⁵ PRIOR (*JOHN⁴, HUMPHREY³, THOMAS², THOMAS¹*) was born Mar 31, 1690 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT^{13,14}, and died Unknown. She married BENJAMIN JONES, son of BENJAMIN JONES and ELIZABETH WILDES. He was born About 1683 in Gloucester, Essex Co., MA, and died Feb 05, 1754 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT¹⁵.

Children of ANN PRIOR and BENJAMIN JONES are:

- i. IRENA⁶ JONES, b. Mar 30, 1730, Somers, Tolland Co., CT; d. Unknown; m. JACOB WARD, JR., Aug 22, 1746, Somers, Tolland Co., CT¹⁶; b. Sep 22, 1727, Ashford, Windham Co., CT^{16,17}; d. Nov 11, 1803, Somers, Tolland Co., CT¹⁸.
- ii. LUCRETIA JONES, b. Mar 15, 1732/33, Somers, Tolland Co., CT; d. Unknown; m. (1) SGT. PETER WARD, Sep 20, 1750, Somers, Tolland Co., CT; b. Dec 22, 1730, Ashford, Windham Co., CT¹⁹; d. Nov 24, 1762, "Havana Expedition," Havana, Cuba; m. (2) ? PINNEY, Aft. 1762; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for SGT. PETER WARD:

He was a sergeant in the British Colonial Army under Major-General LYMAN. Peter and his brother Giles both died in the "Havana Expedition". His commission was dated October 16, 1762.

7. EZEKIEL⁵ PRIOR (*JOHN⁴, HUMPHREY³, THOMAS², THOMAS¹*) was born Apr 24, 1708 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT²⁰, and died Jul 27, 1798²⁰. He married DEBORAH GEER Aug 24, 1732 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT²⁰, daughter of SHUBAEL GEER and SARAH ABBE. She was born Aug 17, 1707 in Enfield, Hartford Co., CT²⁰, and died Aug 12, 1794²⁰.

Children of EZEKIEL PRIOR and DEBORAH GEER are:

- i. CHLOE⁶ PRIOR, b. Feb 28, 1733/34²⁰; d. Unknown.
- ii. ZACCHEUS PRIOR, b. Mar 13, 1736/37²⁰; d. Jan 19, 1818²⁰; m. ABIGAIL PEASE, Feb 09, 1759²⁰; b. Dec 01, 1739, Enfield, Hartford Co., CT²⁰; d. Dec 18, 1818.

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