

The 1638 Emigration of the Villagers of Rowley East Yorkshire to Rowley, Massachusetts



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Cover Picture:

Window at St Peters church, Rowley, East Yorkshire commemorating the migration Ezekiel Rogers and Company in 1638.¹



Figure 1: Memorial plate beneath the stained glass window at St Peters, Rowley.²

¹ Images: Photograph. St Peters Church window. 05 April 2015. Rowley, Yorkshire. Stuart Sherman, photographer. Private collection of Anne & Stuart Sherman.

² Images: Photograph. St Peters Church window memorial plate. 05 April 2015. Rowley, Yorkshire. Stuart Sherman, photographer. Private collection of Anne & Stuart Sherman

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Abbreviations

BT's	Bishops Transcripts
CCEd	Clergy of the Church of England database.
ISTG	Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
MA	Massachusetts, Essex County, America

Introduction:

There is a local legend, possibly started by a paper written by the East Yorkshire antiquarian A. N. Cooper in 1909, that Rowley village, East Yorkshire was depopulated when the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers and his parishioners migrated to Massachusetts, America in 1638, and started a new settlement which he called Rowley.³ This is the county's famous migration event.

Because of the early time period, some primary sources are not available. The original parish register pre 1653, for Rowley church has been lost, possibly during the Civil War (1642-51).⁴ Fragments of the Bishops Transcripts exist between 1620-1640, at the Borthwick Institute, York, the East Riding of Yorkshire County Archives, Beverley and the FindMyPast Website.⁵ The earliest register starts in 1653 when the Commonwealth started Civil Registration.⁶ No manorial information is available other than a purchase in 1585.^{7,8,9,10}

Although the Rowley, Massachusetts parish registers were destroyed in a fire in 1651, transcripts of the Rowley Town Clerks BMD records dating from 1639 are on FamilySearch.org.^{11,12}

In addition there is a published contemporary journal of John Winthrop, the Governor of Massachusetts Bay when Ezekiel Rogers arrived, and transcripts of records by Thomas Gage, which contains a wealth of genealogical material relating to the settlers.^{13,14}

This will be the earliest study I have conducted, so its use of different records will inform future research projects that encounter similar issues.

³ Cooper, A. N. (1909) *How Rowley in Yorkshire lost its population in the 17th Century and how Rowley in Massachusetts was founded*. Hull: A Brown & Sons Ltd.

⁴ Annal, David & Collins, Audrey. (2012) *Birth, Marriage & Death Records*. Barnsley: Pen and Sword. p.15-16.

⁵ Genuki. *Rowley parish registers: Dates and current locations etc.*

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/CBW/ERY/Rowley.html> : accessed 20 March 2015

⁶ Annal. *Op. Cit.*

⁷ Sale relating to Little Weighton. 22 July 1585. NORTHEND, John. ref: DDRO/22/1. East Riding Archives, Beverley.

⁸ University of Hull. *Beresford's Lost Villages. Rowley.*

<https://www.dmv.hull.ac.uk/dmvDetail.cfm?dbkey=4916&county=true> : accessed 3 April 2015.

⁹ Genuki. *Rowley parish registers: Dates and current locations etc.*

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/CBW/ERY/Rowley.html> : accessed 20 March 2015.

¹⁰ Heaton, Barrie. *The Parish of Rowley. Our History.* <http://www.littleweighton.org.uk/Our%20History.html> : accessed 31 March 2015.

¹¹ Gage, Thomas. (1840) *The history of Rowley*. Boston: Ferdinand Andrews. p. 14.

¹² Births, Marriage intentions, Marriages, Deaths. America. Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts. 1636-1835. Collection: Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1627-2001. Images.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1961-31524-46634-82?cc=2061550&wc=MX1K-YM9:353349401,353511101,1006133602> : accessed 4 April 2015

¹³ Winthrop, John. (1908) *Winthrop's Journal. History of New England. 1630-1649. Volume 1*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. <https://archive.org/stream/winthropsjourna05hosmgoog#page/n306/mode/2up> : accessed 17 March 2015.

¹⁴ Gage, Thomas. *Op. Cit.*

Rowley, Yorkshire.

Rowley parish is approx. 5.5 miles from Beverley, 6.5 miles from Hull, in East Yorkshire, and 29 miles from York, and covered the hamlets of Hunsley, Little Weighton (Weeton), Riplingham and Risby.^{15,16,17} The parish church of St. Peters and its Rectory are located midway between Little Weighton and Riplingham.¹⁸

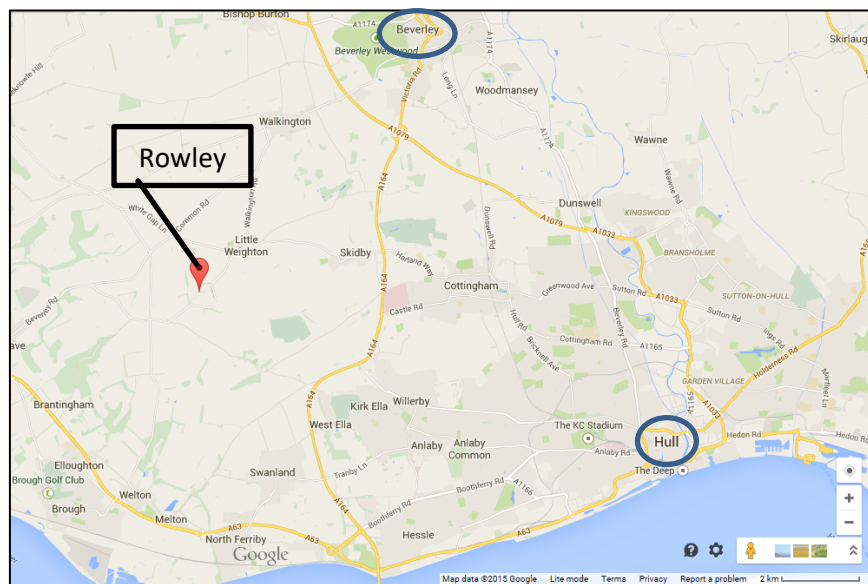


Figure 2: Map showing the location of Rowley in East Yorkshire.¹⁹

¹⁵ Langdale, Thomas. (1822) *A Topographical Dictionary of Yorkshire*.

<https://archive.org/stream/atopographicald01langgoog#page/n207/mode/2up/search/rowley> : accessed 3 April 2015.

¹⁶ Directories. England. (1823) *History, Directory & Gazetteer, of the County of York. Vol. 2. East and North Ridings*. Leeds: Edward Baines. p.358, 363, 382 & 383.

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16445coll4/id/218322/rec/3> : accessed 3 April 2015.

¹⁷ Directories. England. (1892) *History, Topography, and Directory of East Yorkshire*. Preston: T Bulmer & Co. p.702.

¹⁸ Rowley Manor. *Brief History of Rowley Manor*. <http://www.rowleymanor.com/about/history/> : accessed 17 March 2015.

¹⁹ Google Maps. (2015) Rowley, Cottingham, East Yorkshire. <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Rowley> : accessed 17 March 2015.



Figure 3: 1852 Map showing Rowley church in East Yorkshire.²⁰

The church has been contacted over the years by descendants of the emigrants and some of these letters can be found in the Hull History Centre, as a small part of the Hedley Mackay collection donated in 1927.²¹ The earliest, dated 1847, requested information regarding 16 families named as the first settlers of Rowley, MA, for a celebration of the event later that year.²²

Reasons for the migration.

17th Century England was dominated by the Church, and the Sabbath was held by many to be for religious observance only.²³ In 1633 Charles I re-issued King James' the 'Kings Declaration to His Subjects, Concerning Lawfull^[sic] Sports to be Used' (The Book of Sports) which allowed sports such as dancing, piping and animal baiting, to be undertaken on Sundays and Holy Days, and threatened Puritans with exile for banning them and disobeying the Church's laws.^{24,25,26} As

²⁰ Ordnance Survey. (1852) Yorkshire (East Riding). Sheet 225. Scale: 6" to 1 mile. Southampton: Ordnance Survey. <http://maps.nls.uk/view/102344980> : accessed 3 April 2015.

²¹ Mackay, Hedley. (1927). Miscellaneous correspondence. Collection: Rowley in Yorkshire and America. L.9.61.RO. Hull History Centre, Hull, East Yorkshire.

²² Beaman, Milton p. (1847) Letter to Rector of Rowley, Yorkshire. 19 April. Collection: Rowley in Yorkshire and America. L.9.61.RO. Hull History Centre, Hull, East Yorkshire.

²³ Hanft, Sheldon. (1996) 'The book of Sports'. In: Fritze, Ronald H. and Robison, William B. eds. *Historical Dictionary of Stuart England, 1603-1689*. Westport. CT. Greenwood Press. p.50. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 17 March 2015.

²⁴ The History Learning Site. *James and the Church*. http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/james_church.htm : accessed 17 March 2015.

²⁵ Sul, Heasim. (2000) The King's Book of Sports: The Nature of Leisure in Early Modern England. *The International Journal of the History of Sport*. 17 (4) p.167-179.

Puritan power and as fear of the return of Catholicism grew, many Ministers rebelled and were suspended, and many from East Yorkshire migrated to New England including Ezekiel Rogers the minister of Rowley.^{27,28}

The Travellers.

There is disagreement over who actually travelled from Rowley to the Massachusetts, Cooper claims Rogers took 20 families from Rowley, so depopulating the village, but Professor Hazen, suggested that only four families, headed by: William Bellingham, William Jackson, Thomas Nelson and cousins Jerimiah & Ezekiel Northend, had been parishioners of Rowley parish, the others being from other parishes and Counties.²⁹ It is these four families and Ezekiel Rogers this study will look at.^{30,31,32}

Passenger lists for this time have not survived, the list of 60 names, on the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG) website, is taken from "The Early Settlers of Rowley, Massachusetts" by Blodgette and Jewett dated 1933, which states they "probably" came with Ezekiel Rogers, so cannot be seen as reliable.^{33,34}

Rev. Ezekiel Rogers.

The son of a Puritan minister, Ezekiel was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, and later ordained as Priest and appointed Rector of St Peters church, Rowley, both in February 1620/1.^{35,36,37}

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09523360008714153?journalCode=fhsp20> : accessed 17 March 2015.

²⁶ Napier, K.B. (2010) *The Book of Sports, or Declaration of Sports (King James 1st)*

http://www.christiandoctrine.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=700:the-book-of-sports-or-declaration-of-sports-king-james-1st&catid=176:history&Itemid=552 : accessed 17 March 2015.

²⁷ Church Register for Rowley, Yorkshire. p1. PE62/2. East Riding of Yorkshire Archives, Beverley.

²⁸ Hardman Moore, Susan. (2007) *Pilgrims: New World Settlers & the Call of Home*. Yale: Yale University Press. p. 24. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 3 April 2015.

²⁹ Jewett, Amos Everett & Jewett, Emily Mabel. (1946) *Rowley Massachusetts "Mr Ezekiel Rogers Plantation" 1639-1850*. Rowley MA: The Jewett family of America. p.28.

³⁰ Anon. (?) *The Parish of Rowley*. [leaflet]. Rowley Church.

³¹ Cooper, A. N. (1909) *How Rowley in Yorkshire lost its population in the 17th Century and how Rowley in Massachusetts was founded*. Hull: A Brown & Sons Ltd

³² Jewett, Amos Everett & Jewett, Emily Mabel. *Op. Cit.*

³³ *Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild*. John of London.

<http://www.immigrantships.net/v4/1600v4/johnoflondon16380000.html> : accessed 30 March 2015

³⁴ Cochrane, Katherine. (2002) *Boynton*. <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kwc/boynton/> : accessed 30 March 2015.

³⁵ Cambridge University Library. Cambridge Alumni. 1604/5. ROGERS, Ezekiel. Ref: RGRS604E. <http://venn.lib.cam.ac.uk> : accessed 17 March 2015.

³⁶ The Clergy of the Church of England Database. 1621 – 1638. ROGERS, Ezechiel. ID: 99595. <http://db.theclergydatabase.org.uk/jsp/persons/index.jsp> : accessed 17 March 2015.

He was a strict and fiery preacher, and was suspended from his duties for “*refusing to read from that accursed book, that allowed sports on God’s Holy Sabbath*.”^{38,39} It is not certain when he ceased his duties but Winthrop states that Rogers and his companions had “*for a good time, withdrawn themselves from the Church communion in England*” and Rogers gave five reasons why they had chosen to do this.⁴⁰

besides. Yet there are such corruptions, as, since God let them see some light therein, they could not, with safe conscience, join any longer with them. The first is, their national church; second, their hierarchy, wholly antichristian; third, their dead service; fourth, their receiving (nay, compelling) all to partake of the seals; fifth, their abuse of excommunications, wherein they enwrap many a godly minister, by causing him to pronounce their sentence, etc., they not knowing that the fear of the excommunication lies in that. Hereupon they bewailed before the Lord their sinful partaking so long in those corruptions, and entered a covenant together, to walk together in all the ordinances, etc.

Figure 4: The reasons for withdrawing for Communion.
An extract of a statement made by Rogers, taken from Winthrop’s diary dated 2 December 1638.

Rogers states he was “*driven*” into New England because of the suspension, and “*other sad signs of the times*”.⁴¹ He possibly followed his cousin Nathaniel Rogers who, for similar reasons, emigrated to Massachusetts in 1836 and lived in Ipswich, Massachusetts.^{42,43}

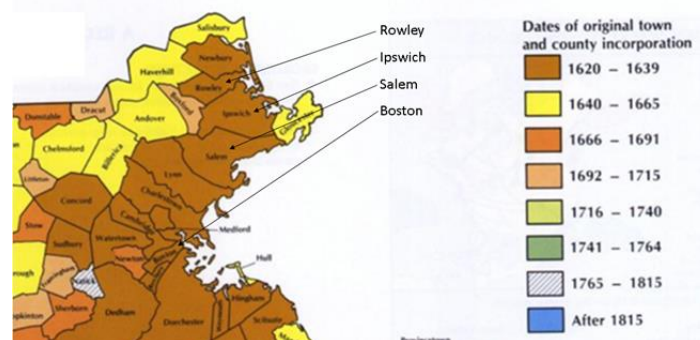


Figure 5: Extract of map showing counties in Massachusetts.⁴⁴

³⁷ Richardson, Thomas David & Greensmith, Lawrence Thackery. (1976) *List of Rectors and Patrons*. St Peters Church, Rowley, Yorkshire.

³⁸ Robinson, Robb. (2008) *Rowley and Ezekiel Rogers, The First North American Printing Press*. p.2. <http://www.hull.ac.uk/mhsc/FarHorizons/Documents/EzekielRogers.pdf> : accessed 17 March 2015.

³⁹ Testamentary records. America. 26 March 1661. ROGERS, Ezekiel. Will transcript. In: Gage. *Op. Cit.* p 60.

⁴⁰ Winthrop, John. (1908) *Winthrop’s Journal. History of New England. 1630-1649. Volume 1*. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons. p.281. <https://archive.org/stream/winthropsjourna05hosmgooq/page/n306/mode/2up> : accessed 17 March 2015.

⁴¹ Testamentary records. America. 26 March 1661. *Op. Cit.*

⁴² Winthrop, John. (1908) *Op. Cit.* p. 200.

⁴³ Cutter, William Richard. (1908) *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts, Volume 1*. Boston MA: Lewis historical Publishing Company. p.354. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 17 March 2015.

⁴⁴ Wilkie, Richard W. and Tager, Jack. (1991) *Historical Atlas of Massachusetts*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press. p.4. http://www.geo.umass.edu/faculty/wilkie/Wilkie/hist_mass_p4.jpg : accessed 10 April 2015.

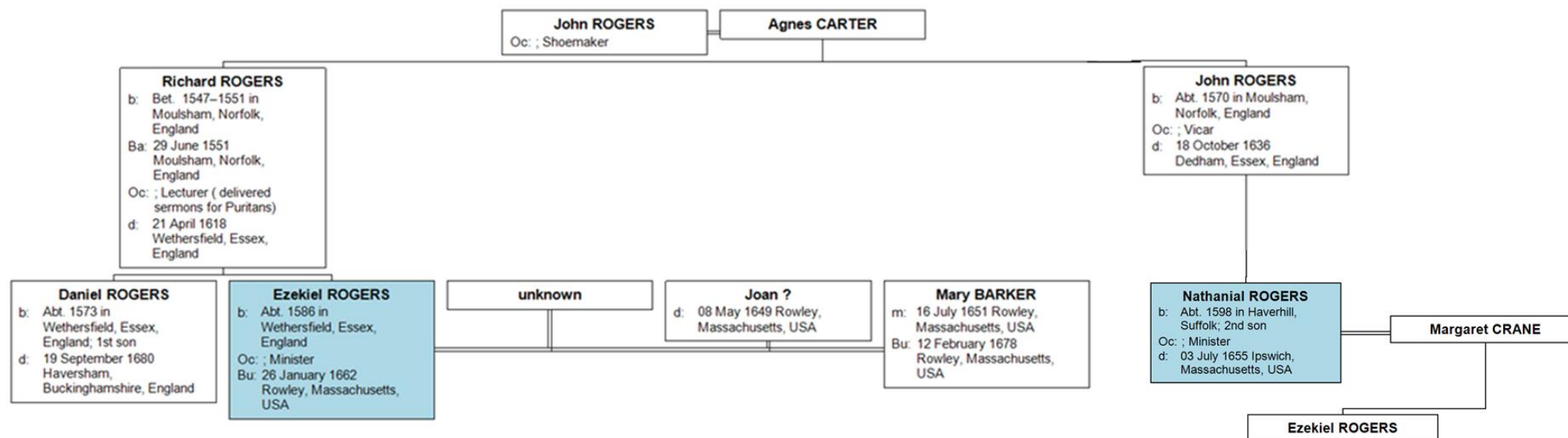


Figure 6: ROGERS family tree showing Ezekiel and his cousin who both migrated to Massachusetts, USA

(For sources on all trees see Appendix 1)

The CCed does not correctly identify Richard's father however the genealogy for Nathaniel does fit with what is known. Ezekiel's first marriage cannot be identified via the parish records and it appears he died without living descendants.⁴⁵

⁴⁵ Testamentary records. America. Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts. 26 March 1661. ROGERS, Ezekiel. Will transcript. In: Gage, Thomas. (1840) The History of Rowley. Boston: Ferdinand Andrews. p.58.

William Bellingham

Other than his 1634 marriage to Elizabeth Winill and her death in 1636 there are no vital records relating to the Bellingham family in Rowley, UK or Massachusetts, however his Will mentions his nephew Samuel Bellingham.^{46,47,48} Winthrop's Journal, shows that a Richard Bellingham became Deputy Governor of Massachusetts in 1639, having migrated to New England in 1634 with several prominent puritans and settled in Boston, MA.^{49,50,51} Morison links Samuel, who graduated from Harvard College's first class in 1642, to his father Richard and uncle William.^{52,53}

William, born in Boston, Lincolnshire, matriculated from Christs' College, Cambridge in 1618, sadly the rest of the information on this site is from secondary sources, and may not be reliable.^{54,55} William's reasons for migrating were probably a mix of religious and family reasons. He does not appear on the ISTG, possibly because he initially stayed with his brother in Boston before moving to Rowley.⁵⁶ (See Fig 3 for map)

Thomas Nelson

Research found no record of Nelson at Rowley, other than the burial of his wife in 1637.⁵⁷ Richardson, states he was from Cottingham, 5 miles away, and married in York but the BT's do not record this marriage.⁵⁸ Their children were baptised in Cottingham and two died there. (See

⁴⁶ Marriage (BT) England, Rowley, Yorkshire. 29 May 1634. BELLINGHAM, William and WINILL, Elizabeth. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 6 April 2015.

⁴⁷ Burials (BT) England, Rowley, Yorkshire. 9 May 1636. BELLINGHAM, Elizabeth. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 6 April 2015.

⁴⁸ Testamentary records. America. 24. 7. 1650. BELLINGHAM, William. Will transcript. <http://essexcountyma.net/Wills/belingw.htm> : accessed 30 March 2015.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*

⁵⁰ Foster, Joseph. ed. (1891) 'Barrowby-Benn', in *Alumni Oxonienses 1500-1714*, pp. 79-105 <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/alumni-oxon/1500-1714/pp79-105> : accessed 8 April 2015.

⁵¹ Watson, Paula & Sgroi, Rosemary. *Op. Cit.*

⁵² Morison, Samuel Eliot. (1935) *The Founding of Harvard College: The tercentennial history of Harvard college and University, 1636-1936*. Harvard: Harvard University Press. p.366. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 8 April 2015.

⁵³ Cambridge University Library. Cambridge Alumni. 1618. BELLINGHAM *Op. Cit.*

⁵⁴ Watson, Paula & Sgroi, Rosemary. *BELLINGHAM, Richard II (c.1592-1672), of Manton and Boston, Lincs.; later of Boston, Mass.* <http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/bellingham-richard-ii-1592-1672> : accessed 8 April 2015.

⁵⁵ Cambridge University Library. Cambridge Alumni. 1618. BELLINGHAM, William. Ref: BLNN618W. <http://venn.lib.cam.ac.uk> : accessed 8 April 2015.

⁵⁶ Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild. *John of London*. <http://www.immigrantships.net/v4/1600v4/johnoflondon16380000.html> : accessed 30 March 2015.

⁵⁷ Burial (BT) England, Rowley, Yorkshire. 27 September 1637. NELSON, Dorothe. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 March 2015.

⁵⁸ Richardson, Douglas. (2011) *Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families, 2nd Edition*. p.275-276. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 30 March 2015.

Appendix 1 for sources). Daughter Katherine may have died in 1639 in Drax, Yorkshire, the possible home of Thomas, but this needs to be confirmed by further research in the area.^{59,60}

Thomas made at least two trips back to England, as interpreted from his 1645 Will and the 1648 schedule annexed to it which also shows a son born since 1645, and a possibility of another child due in 1648.⁶¹ Gage states he died in England in 1648, however the annex to his Will states he was sick and returning to "*Rowlowe in New England*", as his death is not recorded in the available town records, he may have died on route.^{62,63}

⁵⁹ Burials (BT) England, Drax, Yorkshire. 10 November 1639 . NELSON, Catherin. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of burials. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 9 April 2015.

⁶⁰ Richardson. *Op. Cit.*

⁶¹ Testamentary records. America. Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts. 6 August 1648. NELSON, Thomas. annex to Will transcript. In: *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (1984) Suffolk County Wills: Abstracts of the Earliest Wills Upon Record in the County of Suffolk*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company. p.31. <https://books.google.co.uk> : accessed 9 April 2015.

⁶² Gage. *Op. Cit.*

⁶³ Testamentary records. America. Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts. 6 August 1648. NELSON, Thomas. annex to Will transcript. *Op. Cit.*

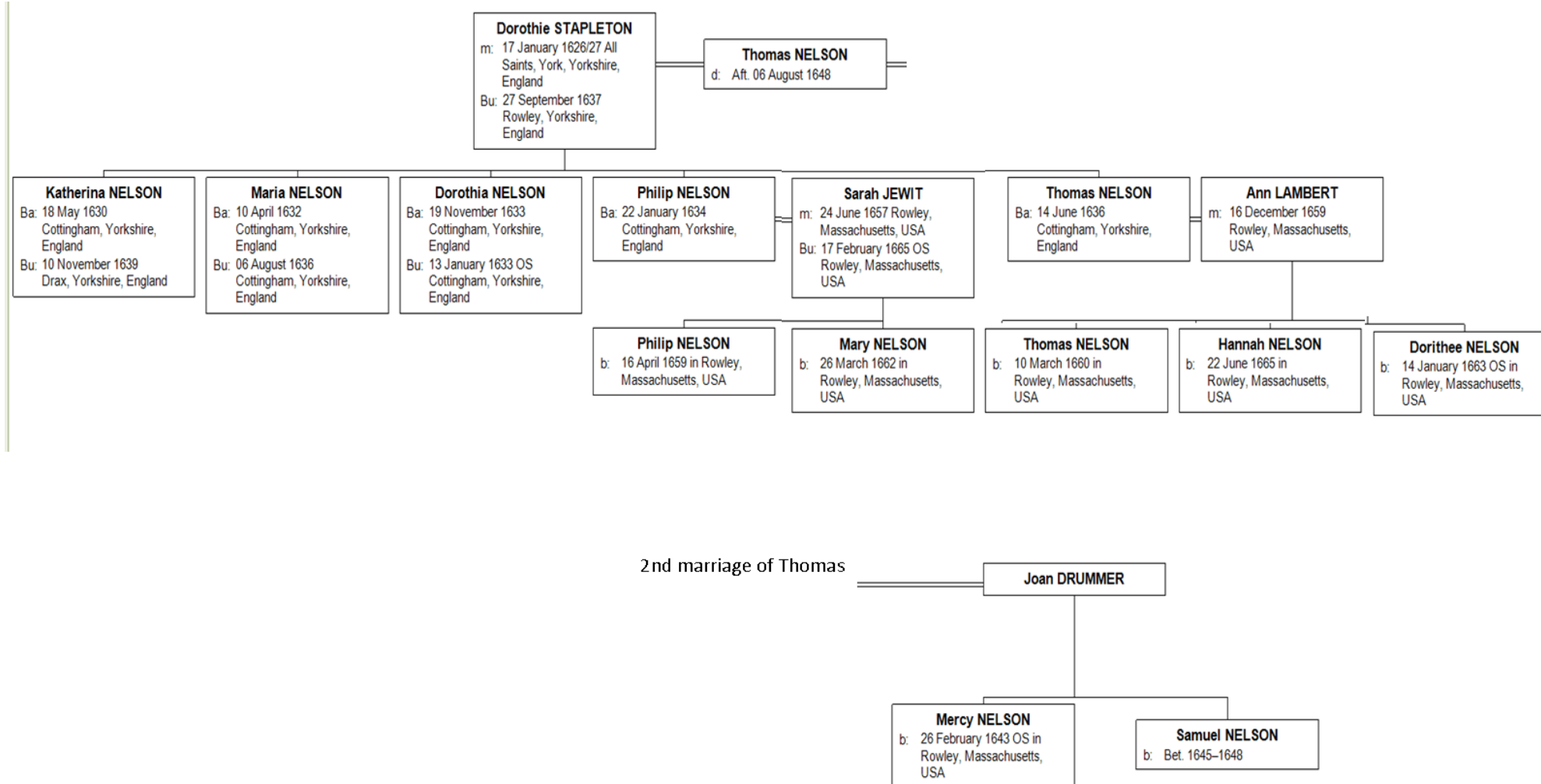


Figure 7: NELSON family tree

NOTE: prior to 1752 the year started on 25 March, therefore dates between January 1 and 25 March are suffix with OS (Old Style) or 1643/44 etc.⁶⁴

⁶⁴ Durie, Bruce. (2013) *Understanding Documents for Genealogy and Local History*. Stroud: The History Press. p.86-87.

The Northend's

Cousins Jerimiah/Jeremy and Ezekiel possibly travelled alone, being about 14 and 17 years old respectively.^{65,66} Jerimiah's father Robert was the youngest son of John of North Bierley, Yorkshire who purchased the Manor of Weeton in 1585 for £186 and bequeathed it to Robert in 1605.^{67,68}

The Rowley, Yorkshire parish register, states that "*Mr Jerimiah Northend dyed Ap: 12 1702. He went with Mr Rogers to america when about 12 years old and staid there about 9 years*" [born about 1626, left about 1647].⁶⁹ This would suggest he was born 2 years after the only baptism for a Jerimiah, and fits with age of 30 given in his marriage banns.^{70,71} Given the lack of evidence for another Jerimiah in Yorkshire, this may be a incorrectly remembered age. Additionally in 1650, Jerimiah is described as "my Servant" by Bellingham so was possibly an indentured servant.^{72,73} Jerimiah returned to England, after 1650, as his banns were read in Rowley, Yorkshire in 1657, where he was described as a Gent of Little Weeton.⁷⁴ His wife was from Lincolnshire, so it is likely they married there.⁷⁵

Ezekiel's father, John the younger of Hunsley Manor, Yorkshire, died in 1625 leaving 44 acres of land in the trust to be sold and shared equally between his 7 children once they reached the age of 21.⁷⁶ Ezekiel stayed in Massachusetts where he died in 1698.⁷⁷

⁶⁵ Baptism (BT) England. Rowley, Yorkshire. 26 September 1624. NORTHEND, Jeremiah. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 March 2015

⁶⁶ Baptism (BT) England. Rowley, Yorkshire. 10 Feb 1621. NORTHEND, Ezekiel. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 6 April 2015.

⁶⁷ Sale relating to Little Weighton. 22 July 1585. NORTHEND, John. ref: DDRO/22/1. East Riding Archives, Beverley.

⁶⁸ Testamentary records. England. 2 April 1605. NORTHEND, John. Will transcript (excerpt).
<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/46177909/person/24000252430/photo/eafc5a1a-1919-4c43-9bf1-932e51fefefe?src=search> : accessed 5 April 2015.

⁶⁹ Parish Register. England. Rowley, Yorkshire. p1. PE62/2. East Riding of Yorkshire Archives, Beverley.

⁷⁰ Baptism (BT) England. Rowley, Yorkshire. 26 September 1624. NORTHEND, Jeremiah. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 March 2015

⁷¹ Banns (PR) England. Rowley, Yorkshire. May 1657. NORTHEND, Jerimiah and GRANERER, Mary. PE/62/2.

⁷² Testamentary records. America. 24. 7. 1650. BELLINGHAM, William. Will transcript.
<http://essexcountyma.net/Wills/belingw.htm> : accessed 30 March 2015.

⁷³ Emmigration.org. *History of English Immigration to America in the 1600's: Indentured Servants*.
<http://www.emmigration.info/english-immigration-to-america.htm> : accessed 8 April 2015.

⁷⁴ Banns *Op. Cit.*

⁷⁵ *Ibid.*

⁷⁶ Testamentary records. England, Yorkshire. 8 October 1625. NORTHEND, John. Will. Ref: DDHB/42/1. East Riding Archives, Beverley

⁷⁷ Death. (CR) America. Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts. 17 September 1698. NORTHEND, Ezekiel. p.258. Collection: Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1627-2001. Images.
<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1961-31524-46004-6?cc=2061550&wc=MX1K-YM9:353349401,353511101,1006133602> : accessed 9 April 2015.

Figure 8: Family Tree of Ezekiel NORTHEND

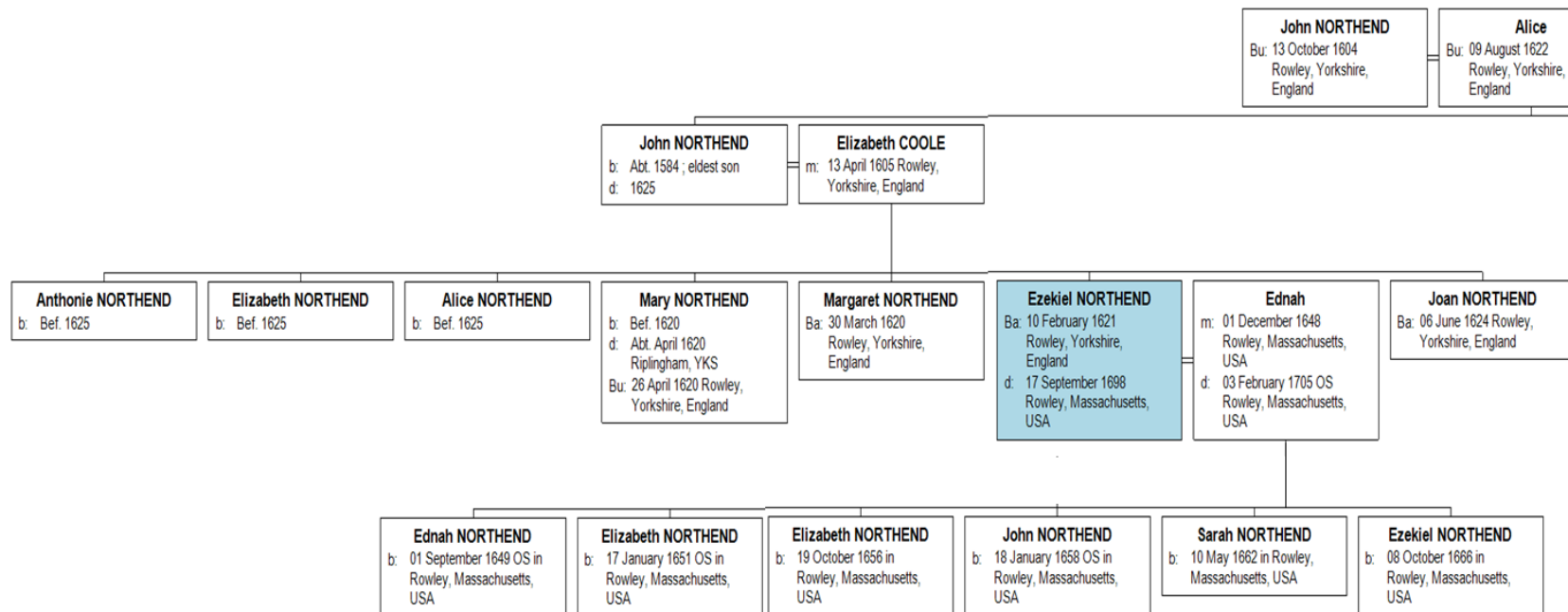
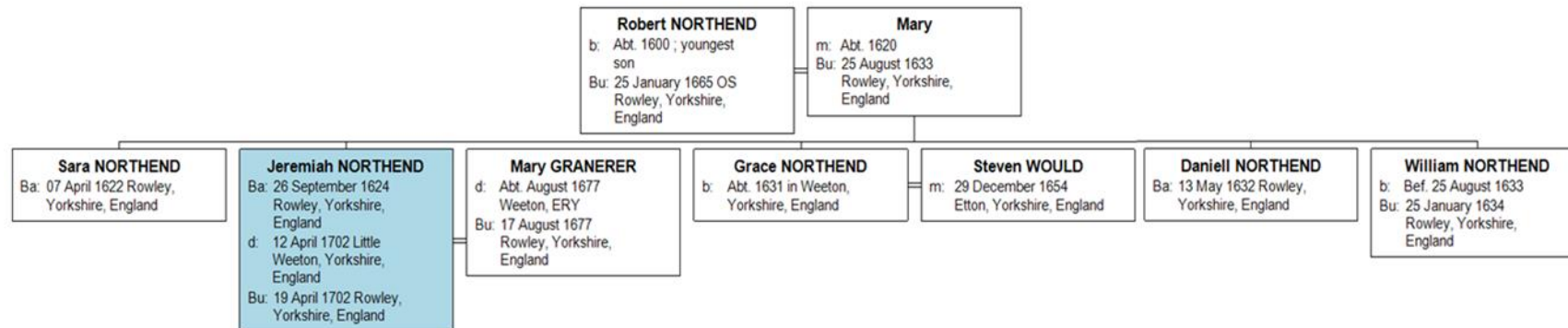


Figure 9: Family tree of Jeremiah NORTHEND (grandson of John & Alice)



William Jackson

Nothing is known about William in England other than his 1636 marriage and the 1637 baptism of his eldest child, Elizabeth, both in Rowley, Yorkshire.^{78,79} His daughter Elizabeth married James How in Ipswich, MA. in 1658, and a partial transcript of a 1710 deed confirms this, along with the marriages of her sisters.^{80,81}

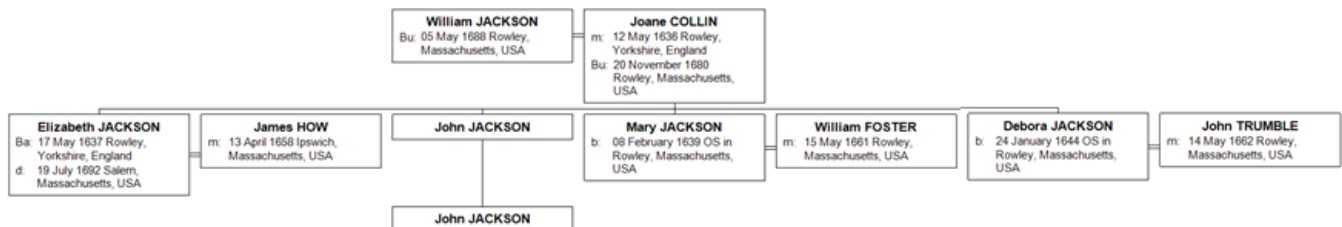


Figure 10: JACKSON family tree

The Journey.

The ISTG states the travellers left Hull aboard the 'John of London', and this matches with details by Harvard College, as its first printing press was also aboard, which would print 'The Freeman's Oath,' a document "that every man over 20 years of age, and six months a householder, had to swear to in order to become a citizen of the Massachusetts Bay Colony."^{82,83} The ship was possibly similar to the 'Mayflower' that took the Pilgrim fathers to America 18 years earlier.⁸⁴ (See Fig: 11)

Before boarding passengers should have obtained the King's license to travel, although not all did, and swear an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown.^{85,86}

⁷⁸ Marriage (BT) England, Rowley, Yorkshire. 12 May 1636. JACKSON, William and COLLIN, Joane. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of marriages. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 6 April 2015.

⁷⁹ Baptism (BT) England., Rowley, Yorkshire. 17 May 1637. JACKSON, Elizabeth. Collection: Yorkshire, bishop's transcripts of baptisms. www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 6 April 2015.

⁸⁰ Marriage. (CR) America, Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts. 13 April 1658. HOW, James & JACKSON, Elizabeth. p.43. Collection: Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1627-2001. Images. <https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1971-31527-46561-43?cc=2061550&wc=MX1F-ZNL:353349401,353659501,353659502> : accessed 10 April 2015.

⁸¹ New England Historic Genealogical Society (1876) *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register. Volume 30.* Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society. p.85. <https://books.google.co.uk> accessed 10 April 2015.

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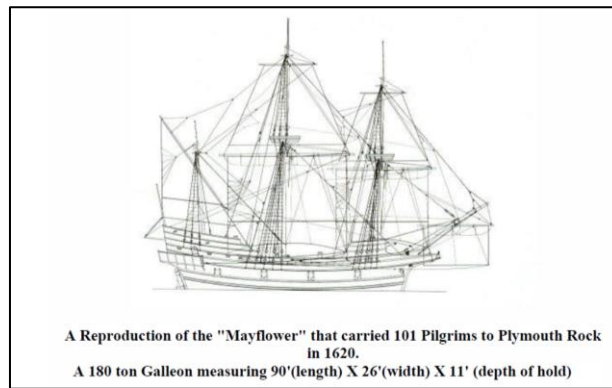


Figure 11: Reproduction of the 'Mayflower'.⁸⁷

The journey generally took about two months and comprised of crowded cabins, discomfort, boredom and disease.^{88,89} Although there are no records of this journey, Winthrop mentions contemporary journeys, including his own in 1630, which demonstrate some of the difficulties they may have experienced.⁹⁰ One ship had been at sea for 18 weeks, whilst on another passengers only had ½ a pint of drink per day for a fortnight.⁹¹

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Figure 12: Map showing the two rivers.⁹⁵

Massachusetts was first settled in 1620 when the Pilgrims on the Mayflower arrived, however in 1629 the Massachusetts Bay Company obtained a Royal charter allowing the company to colonise and trade in New England, between the Merrimack and Charles rivers, with 1,000 Puritans from England settling there in 1630.^{92,93}

Between 1620 and 1640 over 21,000 British subjects settled in Massachusetts.⁹⁴

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Rogers *et.al.* arrived in Boston on 10 December 1638, where they stayed until the following April when they created a plantation between Ipswich and Newbury.⁹⁶ A year later, Ezekiel Rogers was ordained pastor of the planation which he named Rowley in honour of his last parish.⁹⁷



Figure 13: Extract of a map showing the area around Rowley, MA.⁹⁸

Since 1631 Freeman were appointed, allowed to vote and obtain political role, but had to be a member of the church.⁹⁹ (Appendix 2). Ezekiel Rogers and Thomas Jackson were both made Freeman on 23 May 1639, William Bellingham on 12 October 1640, which may give an idea of when he arrived in Rowley.^{100,101} Neither Ezekiel Northend or Thomas Nelson are listed as being Freeman, even though Nelson was said to be the wealthiest settler and had the largest acreage.¹⁰² This possibly shows Northend as still being an employee, although it is not clear why Nelson was not listed.

In 1643 a register of house lots was created, only the Northend's are missing suggesting they lived with someone else.

Names	Street Name	Description
William Jackson	Bradford <u>Streete</u>	one lott containinge an acre and an halfe, bounded on the south side by William Wilde's house lott, part of it lyinge on the west side, and part of it on the east side of the streete.
William Bellingham,	Holmes <u>Streete</u>	one house lott containinge foure acres, bounded on the north side by a peece of common [land], part of it lyinge on the east side of the streete, and part of it on the west side.
Thomas Nelson		one house lott containinge six acres, bounded on the north side by a peece of common [land], part of it lyinge on the east side of the streete, and part of it on the west side.
Ezekiel Rogers	Wethersfield <u>Streete</u> (possibly named after his place of birth)	six acres, bounded on the west side by a small parcell of common [land] part of his lott lyinge on the north side of the streete, and part of it on the south side.

Figure 14: Extract of the list of property belonging to the residents of Rowley.¹⁰³

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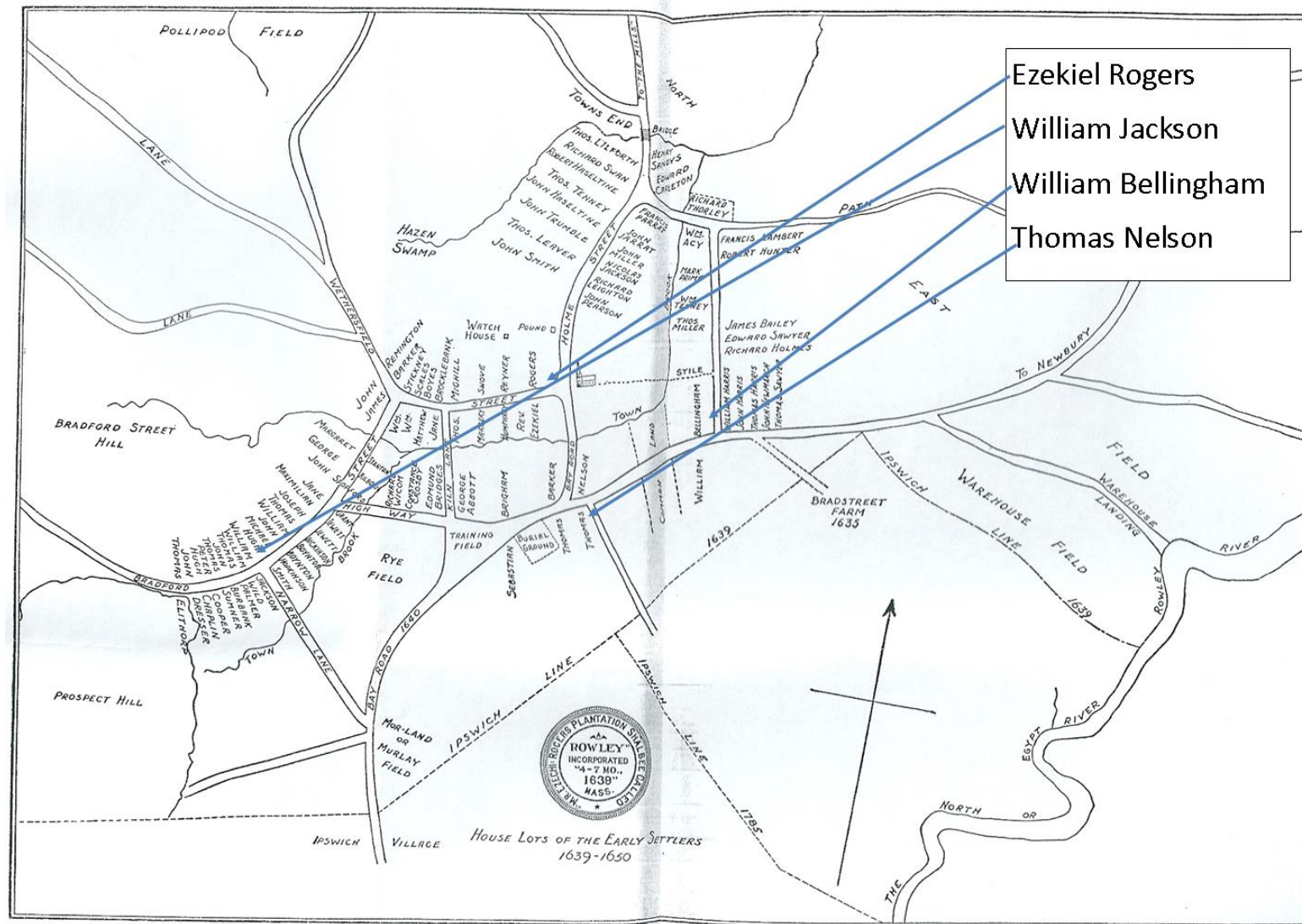


Figure 15: House Lots of the early settlers. 1639-1650.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰⁴ Unknown. (?) Map of Rowley, Massachusetts, 1650. DDX1408/6/15. East Riding Archives, Beverley, Yorkshire

Life was not easy for the settlers, forming partnerships and working together to create a new home and town in a strange land. In 1643 supplies from England had decreased, probably due to the Civil War, so everyone had to make their own provisions, which Rowley did better than other towns.¹⁰⁵

Some suffered misfortunes. In 13 years, Ezekiel Rogers was widowed three times, lost children in childbirth and his home was maliciously destroyed by fire on the night of his 3rd marriage, by a jealous woman.¹⁰⁶ Upon his death in 1662 his estate was valued about £1,535, most of which went to his church, and he bequeathed his books valued about £73 to the Harvard College.^{107,108}

In 1692 the Salem Witch Trials, affected the Rowley settlers, and probably harmed the sense of unity the original settlers had built up.¹⁰⁹ The sons of Thomas Nelson both testified against Margaret Scott of Rowley, who was executed in September.¹¹⁰ Elizabeth Howe, the daughter of William Jackson, was tried and hung in July, and her brother John and his son were indicted in August, and possibly imprisoned for witchcraft.^{111,112,113} In four months, 19 people were executed as witches.¹¹⁴

England was in political and religious turmoil throughout the 17th Century, and will be a reason why these settlers did not return.¹¹⁵ Only Jerimiah Northend returned home permanently, possibly to inherit his father's Manor.

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Conclusion

This was a difficult study, and proved the importance of contemporary writings and transcripts of original documents, without which this would not have been possible. Winthrop's Journal is useful in that it gives a context and a glimpse into the lives of the Massachusetts settlers.^{116,117}

Further research could be undertaken in Rowley, Massachusetts, as the Town Hall and the Historical society holds records that are not available online or in the books mentioned.^{118,119}

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FREEMEN OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

A Freeman of this colony was a member of the body politic and as such entitled to exercise the right of suffrage and to hold office.

As early as 1631, in order to become a freeman, it was required that the applicant produce evidence that he was a member of the Congregational church. But this regulation was modified in 1664. Freemen were admitted by the General Court of the colony.

FREEMAN'S OATH

I, A. B., being by the Almighty's most wise disposition become a member of this body consisting of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Commonalty of the Massachusetts in New England, do freely and sincerely acknowledge that I am justly and lawfully subject to the Government of the same, and do accordingly submit my person and estate to be protected, ordered and governed by the laws and constitutions thereof, and do faithfully promise to be from time to time obedient and conformable thereunto, and to the authority of the said Governor and Assistants, and their successors, and to all such laws, orders, sentences and decrees as shall be lawfully made and published by them or their successors. And I will always endeavor (as in duty I am bound) to advance the peace and welfare of this body or commonwealth, to my utmost skill and ability. And I will, to my best power and means, seek to divert and prevent whatsoever may tend to the ruin or damage thereof, or of any the said Governor, Deputy Governor, or Assistants, or any of them, or their successors, and will give speedy notice to them, or some of them, of any sedition, violence, treachery, or other hurt or evil, which I shall know, hear, or vehemently suspect, to be plotted or intended against the said commonwealth, or the said Government established. And I will not, at any time, suffer or give consent to any counsel or attempt, that shall be offered, given, or attempted, for the impeachment of the said Government, or making any change or alteration of the same, contrary to the laws and ordinances thereof; but shall do my utmost endeavor to discover, oppose and hinder all and every such counsel and attempt. So help me God.

At the General Court held at Boston, May 14, 1634: It was agreed and ordered, that the former oath of freemen shall be revoked, so far as it is dissonant from the oath of freemen hereunder written; and that those that received the former oath shall stand bound no further thereby, to any intent or purpose, than this new oath ties those that now take the same.

FREEMAN'S NEW OATH

I (A. B.,) being by God's providence, an Inhabitant, and Freeman, within the Jurisdiction of this Commonwealth; do freely acknowledge my self to be subject to the Government thereof: And do therefore do here swear by the great and dreadful Name of the Ever-living God, that I will be true and faithful to the same, and will accordingly yield assistance & support thereunto, with my person and estate, as in equity I am bound; and will also truly endeavor to maintain and preserve all the liberties and privileges thereof, submitting my self to the wholesome Lawes & Orders made and established by the same. And further, that I will not plot or practice any evill against it, or consent to any that shall so do; but will timely discover and reveal the same to lawful Authority now here established, for the speedy prevention thereof.

Moreover, I doe solemnly bind my self in the sight of God, that when I shall be called to give my voyce touching any such matter to this State, in which Freemen are to deal, I will give my vote and suffrage as I shall judge in mine own conscience may best conduce and tend to the public weal of the body, So help me God in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This oath was printed at Cambridge by Stephen Daye, in 1639. It is said to have been the first paper printed in New England.

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