

## **Isaac Muzzey**

**Abraham** b. 1600, arrived 9-4-1633, d. 1689

With sons John and

**Robert** b. 1602 d. 1644 who married Bridget Bradstreet and had a son

**Benjamin**, born in 1635 and died in 1691, married Alice Dexter and had a son

**Benjamin** born April 16, 1657, in Malden, MA; died March 28, 1735, at Lexington, Married Sarah Longhorne, died Jan. 28, 1710; 55 years old. In 1675, when he was a trooper in King Phillip's war, he lived in Rumney Marsh. He moved to Cambridge sometime before 1681, and in November 1693 bought property in Lexington from Mr. Pelham where his descendants live to this day. He opened the first Public House there, which was later operated by his son John, and later by John's granddaughter and her husband, John Buckman. It is still in existence, known as the Buckman Tavern.

Had a son **Benjamin**, born Feb. 20, 1689; died before 1763, at Lexington. Married 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Patience. Benjamin was a soldier in 1707, captured by Indians and held in captivity. In 1729, he petitioned the General Court for a grant of land of sum of money in consideration of his suffering and losses. He was given a grant of 200 acres near "Wachuset Hill".

They had: Joseph b. 1710; Ester b. 1712; **John** b. 1716; Mary b. 1718; Benjamin b. 1729

**John** Muzzy born 2-12-1716, d. 12-2-1784, married Rebecca Reed b. 11-5-1724 d. 1-24-71 and had son

**Isaac Muzzy** baptized 12-16-44, died April 19, 1775 at age 31

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## **Descendants of Abraham Mussey**

### *Generation No. 1*

1. ABRAHAM<sup>1</sup> MUSSEY was born Abt. 1575 in England.

#### **Notes for ABRAHAM MUSSEY:**

The family originated in France, bearing the name Mussett. Some unknown members of the family removed to England where the spelling of the name was changed from time to time; such as Musset, Mussey, Muzzie, Muzzy, Muzzey and several others but from information obtained from the "College of Heraldry" in London the various spellings were all derived from the original Mussett.

This family is one of the oldest in New England, having settled in this country only thirteen years after the pilgrims landed from the Mayflower in 1620.

In March of 1633, Abraham Mussey took the oath of Allegiance for passage to New England, and sailed on the "Mary and John", arriving in Massachusetts September 4, 1633. Also listed among the passengers were John and Robert who were brothers and most likely the sons of Abraham.

There are no further records of Abraham. John removed to Salisbury in 1640 and died in 1690. It was from these two, Robert and John, his brother, that the families throughout the United States are descended as near as can be determined.

It might be mentioned here that in 1631, the "Mary and John" came from England to Boston and some of her passengers settled in New Towne, now Cambridge, Massachusetts, among those were probably Hester Mussey as the town records of New Towne, under the date of March 29, 1632, in a division of the "Common pales of land" contain the name of Hester Mussey who was assigned nine acres "bordering southerly on the Great Marsh". She was then, it is thought, a widow. She later married William Roscoe and there may possibly be descendents as a result of that marriage, but obviously now bearing the family name.

There are several landmarks in Lexington, Mass., as well as a Muzzey Street and Muzzey

High School. These landmarks bear the names of Amos and Isaac Muzzey and there is a famous tavern that was built by Benjamin Mussey. The "Buckman Tavern" was built in 1692 by Benjamin. His son John ran it for years, then John's granddaughter and her husband, John Buckman were running it at the time of the battle of Lexington. It was to this tavern that Paul Revere came to give the alarm that the Regulars were coming. The tavern was a rendezvous of the Minute Men. It faces the green where the battle was fought.

On Lexington Green stands a monument, erected in 1799 by the inhabitants of Lexington, dedicated to the memory of the eight members of Captain Parker's Company who were killed in the battle. Among the eight names listed appears the name of Isaac Muzzey. Following is the inscription on the Monument:

"Sacred to Liberty and the Right of Mankind, the Freedom and Independence of America, sealed and defended with the blood of her sons"

"This monument is erected by the inhabitants of Lexington under the Patronage and at the expense of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the memory of their fellow citizens, Ensign Robert Munroe and Messrs. Jonas Parker, Samuel Hadley, Jonathan Harrington Jr., Issac Muzzey, Caleb Harrington and John Brown of Lexington and Asahel Porter of Woburn, who fell on this field, the first victims of the sword of British Tyranny and oppression on the morning of the ever memorable Nineteenth of April, Anno Dominae 1775".

"The die was cast".

"The blood of these Martyrs in the cause of God and their country was the cementing of the Union of these, United States, these Colonies and gave the spring the Spirit, Firmness and Resolution to their fellow citizens. They rose as one man to revenge Their brother's blood, and at the point of the sword to assert and defend their Native Rights. They notably dared to be free. The contest was long, bloody and appealing. Righteous Heaven approved the sober appeal. Victory Crowned their arms and the Peace, Liberty and Independence for the United States of America was their glorious reward".  
Built in 1799.

There is also a boulder from Amos Muzzey's farm on the Battle Green. On it is carved the following:

"Line of the Minute Men April 19, 1775. "Don't fire unless fired upon. But if they mean to have a war, let it begin here. Captain Parker".

Another memorial on the Green reads as follows:

Amos Muzzey  
Member of Captain Parkers Company  
April 19, 1775  
Born May 24, 1741 Died December 10, 1822  
Age 82 years  
Presented to the town of Lexington  
April 9, 1883  
by his grandson  
Artemas Bowers Muzzey

The above copied from information collected and compiled by Joanne Muzzy Belsey of Anchorage, Alaska.

The following was found on the internet 12-6-98, and is in the form of a letter written in May of 1855

Ship list of Passengers

S. G. Deeks, Esq. Boston, May 31 st, 1855

Dear Sir: - I communicate to you the following highly interesting documents for the Register, received through Mr. Cleveland of Salem. They will supply a gap, long bewailed, in the early history of Newbury, by giving us the name of the vessel in which her first settlers came to this country, in 1634. The list of passengers by the "Mary and John," comprises many well-known names of residents of Newbury and its

vicinity, and which also are well known to have been borne by the original planters of that ancient settlement. It will be seen by the Order in Council that the emigrants were at first "made stave of, until further order from their Lordships;" who eventually let them go, upon certain conditions, some of which seemed harder to them, perhaps than they would be now considered. I understand the certificate of Mr. Whitehouse, at the end, to include the whole, - the Order in Council, the interesting abstract of the charter of Charles I, and the list of passengers. The name of the master of the "Mary and John," is not very clear in my copy. It might be Smyers or Savyres, -and this latter might be a corrupt way of spelling the French name Savory or Savary. This is rendered less likely, however, by the fact, that this name is found in the list of passengers, spelled in a manner not departing very far from the modern mode. Although a matter of no consequence, the great point being the name of the vessel and her passenger-list, it has seemed to me most likely that Sayres was right, and misunderstood by some copyist, employed upon the documents. specially, I am inclined to this opinion, since there occur evident mistakes in one or two other names; amongst these, Hibbens is converted into Fribbens, the first being the name of one of our "Assistants," and whose widow, as I regret to learn, by a note from one of our most eminent and excellent citizens and antiquarians, "was hanged for having more wit than benignity." Respectfully, your obedient servant, G. L.

At Whitehall on the last day of February 1633. The following ship lay in the Thames River ready to make sail for New England; The Reformation, The True Love, The Elizabeth Bonaventure, The Sea Flower, The Mary and John, The Planter, The Elizabeth and Dorcas, The Hercules, and The Neptune. The Masters of the ships were called before the Board and issued several Particulars that had to be completed before sails could be set. They had to post several Bonds of One Hundred Pounds to make sure that the following articles were executed.

"1. That all & every Person aboard their Ships now bound for New England as aforesaid, that shall blaspheme or profane the Holy name of God be severely punish't."

"2. That they cause the Prayers contained in the Book of Common Prayers established in the Church of England to be said aily at the usual hours for Morning & Evening Prayers & that they cause all Persons aboard their said Ships to be present at the same."

"3. That they do not receive aboard or transport any Person that hath not Certificate from the Officers of the Port where he is to imbarke that he hath taken both the Oathes

of Alleigeance & Supremacy."

"4. That upon their return into this Kingdom they Certify to the Board the names of all such Persons as they shall transport together with their Proceedings in the Execuc'on of the aforesaid Articles - Whereunto the said Master have conformed themselves - It was therefore & for diverse other Reasons best known to their Lord thought fitt that for this time they should be permitted to proceed on their Voyage, and it was whereupon Ordered that Gabriel Marsh Esq., Marshalle of the Admiralty & all other His Majestys Officers to whom their said Warrent was directed should be required upon Sight hereof to discharge all & every the said Ships & Suffer them to depart on their intended Voyage to New England." The King of England, Scotland, and Ireland started his reign in 1624 and issued a charter for "incorporating the Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England in America" in 1628. The Mary and John, under the supervision of Robert Sayres, Master, sailed to New England from Southampton on March 24, 1634, but the arrival was not recorded. The passenger list consisted of:

*bound for Boston*

William Hibbens, Mrs. Anne Hibbens

*bound for Ipswich*

Philip Fowler, Mrs. Mary Fowler, Mary Fowler, Samuel Fowler, Hester Fowler, Joseph Fowler, Thomas Fowler, Richard Jacob, Robert Kingman, William Moody, Mrs. Sarah Moody, Joshua Moody departed, Thomas Newman, Mrs. Newman, John Newman, John Spencer, Henry Short, Richard Kent, Mrs. Jane Kent, Mary Kent, Richard Kent, Nicholas Easton, Mrs. Easton, Christopher Osgood, Mrs. Margery Osgood, Rev. John Woodbridge

*bound for Newbury*

Robert Coker, William Franklin, Richard Littlehale, Henry Lunt, Rev. James Noyes, Mrs. Sarah Noyes, Nicholas Noyes, Rev. Thomas Parker, Henry Travers

*bound for Plymouth*

Thomas Savery, William Savery

*bound for Roxbury: Robert Seaver*

*bound for Salem*

Thomas Avery, William Ballard, Thomas Cole, Mrs. Anna Cole, Matthew Gillett, Joseph Miles, Joseph Pope

*bound for Salisbury*

Stephen Jordan, Daniel Ladd, John Wheeler, Mrs. Anne Wheeler, David Wheeler, Anne Wheeler, Roger Wheeler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Mercy Wheeler

*Destination unknown*

John Barlett, William Clarke, John Godfrey, John Luff, John Marsh, Abraham Mussey, John Mussey, William Newby, Robert Newman, Richard Reynolds, Thomas Sweet, William Tracey, Henry Trask, Adrian Vincent, Thomas West, William White

As an incentive to go to New England, all of the passengers, their heirs, and successors were exempt from tax subsidies and customs for seven years and taxes and impositions on all goods and merchandise for twenty-one years.

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**Children** of ABRAHAM MUSSEY are:

- i. ROBERT<sup>2</sup> MUSSEY, b. Abt. 1604, England; d. Abt. May 1664, Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts; m. BRIDGET BRADSTREET; b. Abt. 1606, Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts.
  2. ii. JOHN MUSSEY, b. Abt. 1606, England; d. December 31, 1689, Salisbury, Mass..
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