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Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633, Volumes I-III

Introduction

For the user of this set of volumes to understand what is being presented, we must define carefully the scope of the Great Migration Study Project. Who were the participants in the Great Migration? What information is being collected on these people?

Criteria for Inclusion in The Great Migration Begins

The first phase of the Great Migration Study Project attempts to identify and describe all those Europeans who settled in New England prior to the end of 1633. The date was chosen because of the steep increase in migration beginning in 1634 and continuing for the rest of that decade (see Robert Charles Anderson, "A Note on the Pace of the Great Migration," The New England Quarterly 59 [1986]:406-07). As a rough estimate, about 15 percent of the immigrants to New England arrived in the fourteen years from 1620 to 1633, with the remaining 85 percent coming over in half as many years, from 1634 to 1640.

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SIMON HUNTINGTON

ORIGIN: Norwich, Norfolk

MIGRATION: 1633

FIRST RESIDENCE: Roxbury

BIRTH: By about 1598 based on date of marriage.

DEATH: 1633 at sea.

MARRIAGE: St. Andrew's, Norwich, Norfolk, 11 May 1623 Margaret Barrett. She was admitted to Roxbury church as member #83: "Margret **Huntington** widow; she came in the year 1633. Her husband died by the way of small pox; she brought children with her" [[RChR](#) 79]. She married (2) shortly after December 1634 THOMAS STOUGHTON of Dorchester (and later Windsor) [[NEHGR](#) 14:104].

CHILDREN:

i CHRISTOPHER, bp. St. Andrew's, Norwich, 25 July 1624; m. Windsor 7 October 1652 Ruth Rockwell (recorded in Norwich [[NoVR](#) 37]), daughter of WILLIAM ROCKWELL .

ii THOMAS, b. say 1626; m. by 1660 Hannah Crane, daughter of Jasper Crane (in his will of 1 October 1678 Jasper Crane of Newark made a bequest to "daughter Hannah, wife of Thomas **Huntington**" and made "son-in-law Thomas **Huntington**" one of the executors [[NJArch](#) 21:45, 23:115]).

iii ANN, b. say 1627; alive in 1649 [[Hale, House](#) 648]; no further record.

iv SIMON, bp. St. Simon & Jude, Norwich, 6 July 1629; m. Saybrook October 1653 Sarah Clark (recorded in Norwich, but the bride and groom were both resident in Saybrook at this date [[NoVR](#) 5]).

v HENRY, bp. St. Andrew's, Norwich, 16 December 1631; bur. there 8 June 1632.

COMMENTS: At the 1629 Bishop's Visitation of the Diocese of Norwich, Simon **Huntington** of the parish of St. Simon & Jude, Norwich, was presented "for that he doth not use to stand up at the Creed, nor bow at the name of Jesus" [Norwich and Norfolk Record Office, Norwich Diocesan Archives, VIS 6/1]. These were typical Puritan infractions.

Margaret Barrett was daughter of Christopher Barrett, mayor of Norwich in 1634. In 1649 her brother Peter Barrett wrote to her son Christopher regarding a legacy due to "yourself [Christopher], Symon, Thomas and Ann" from their grandfather. In 1671 another of her brothers, Thomas Barrett, spoke of his sister "Margaret who married to one Symond **Huntington** who carried her to New England & had several children by her; but we can give no account of her or them, yet think that she & several of her children are living there" [[Hale, House](#) 648, citing Joseph James Muskett, *Suffolk Manorial Families*, 3 vols. (Exeter 1900-1914), 2:153-60]. (This information and much more, including the known Barrett pedigree and a dismissal of the proposed **Huntington** English pedigree, were published by Jacobus in 1952, the best account available of the immigrant family, lacking only the Norwich parish register entries [[Hale, House](#) 647-51].) In December 1634 James Cudworth wrote to his stepfather Dr. John Stoughton to report that "my uncles [Thomas and Israel Stoughton] ... are both in good health, and my uncle Thomas is to be married shortly, to a widow that has good means and has five children" [[NEHGR](#) 14:104].

Was there a fifth child who made the voyage in 1633, or was Cudworth somehow counting the deceased

Henry, or was he simply wrong about the number of children the widow would bring with her at marriage? The latter seems the most likely solution, since, barring multiple births, there hardly seems room for another child born between 1623 and 1633, unless perhaps Margaret was pregnant in 1633 and bore a child after arrival in New England. The chronology is already squeezed, since Christopher must be the eldest child, and placing two children in the five year gap between Christopher and Simon does not allow the usual two year span between surviving children. Whatever the solution, we know from the 1649 letter of Margaret's brother that only four children were alive in that year.

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