

Philip Chesley (abt. 1606 - aft. 1685)

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Born **about 1606** in **England**?

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Elizabeth (Leighton) Chesley** — married before 1642 in Dover, Strafford, New Hampshire?

Husband of **Joanna (Thomas) Chesley** — married 1667 [location unknown]

DESCENDANTS

Father of Esther Chesley, Thomas Chesley, Philip Chesley, Hannah (Chesley) Ash and Mary (Chesley) Foy

Died **after 30 Apr 1685** in **Oyster River, Durham, Strafford, New Hampshire**? [uncertain]

Biography

Philip Chesley was born about 1606-8.^[1] Philip probably emigrated to New England from England before 1642; he was well established in Dover, New Hampshire in 1642.^[2] He may have been from Wellford, Gloucester, England, or possibly Dover, England, but no sources showing birth location have been located yet.

Philip removed to Oyster River about 1650, where he built a house and lived the rest of his life. Philip and his wife, Elizabeth, signed a deed in August, 1661. He, alone, sold half his property to his son, Thomas in 1663. In 1664, he deeded the rest of his land to his son, Philip. On July 7, 1673, Philip and his current wife, Joan, deeded his son Philip an additional 60 acres.^[2]

Philip had married his second wife, Joan _____, by 1667, when she testified about an event at "our house".^[2] She was evidently related to James and Elizabeth Thomas.^[1]

Philip had three wives: Elizabeth, who was living in 1661; Joan (or Joanne); and his wife "Sarah", whom he mentioned in his will.^[2] Joan and Philip were both living April 30, 1685.^[1]

Philip Chesley had five known children:^[2]

- Thomas, b 1644, m Elizabeth Thomas
- Philip, b 1646, m Sarah _____

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- Hannah, m Thomas Ash
- Mary, m Ralph Hall, May 28, 1701 (2) John Foy
- **Esther, m John Hall, August 9, 1705**

The first two children were with wife, Elizabeth; the ^{two} ~~three~~ girls were the daughters of Joan/Joanne.^[1] Possibly, Hannah was the daughter of Elizabeth according to two sources.^{[2][3]} Philip Chesley married first, Elizabeth _____ by 1642 in Dover, New Hampshire. Torrey says that the **marriage to Joanna took place by 1673, in Dover.** ^[4] Records for a third marriage to Sarah, have not been found.

Philip Chesley died after 1685.^[4]

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