

John Evans (1630 - 1689)

Capt. John Evans

Born May 1630 in Wales

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of Elinor (Unknown) Sweeting — married about 1663 in Strafford County, Province of New Hampshire

DESCENDANTS

Father of Eleanor (Evans) Ricker, Thomas (Evans) Evans and Edward Evans

Died 28 Jun 1689 at age 59 in Dover, Strafford, Province of New Hampshire

Biography

He was born in May 1630 Wales.

By 1660 John and his brother Robert Evans had migrated to Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire. [1]

On 10 Feb 1659/60 Robert was "received as an inhabitant".

By 1665 John Evans had married Elinor (of uncertain maiden surname) and their children included [2] ...

1. ~~Edward Evans, b: bef.1665; m: Dorcas Buzzell or Bussy~~ *28 Jun 1667 SON of Robert EVANS (Bro. of John sr)*
2. Eleanor Evans, b: bef.1665, m: George Ricker
3. Thomas Evans, b: c1665; d: 24 Jan 1717/8 Salisbury, MA; m: 30 Sep 1686 Salisbury, MA to Hannah Browne
4. Joan Evans, b: aft.1665
5. John Evans, b: aft.1665; d. 1692
6. Joseph Evans, b: c1665

From Mr. Waldron he received two acres of land in Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire, where he built his home by 1673. [3]

In 1674 he served on the Jury.

In 1676 he served on the Grand Jury.

He was an expert surveyor and on 29 Sep 1679 the court ordered John Evans to survey a disputed boundary, to which he signed an official statement 07 Oct 1679. [4]

From 1686 he served as town clerk for many years. [5]

Philip Benmore called him kinsman.

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In 1689 Indians captured the Walderne Garrison and "killed 23 persons, principal of which ... Mr. Leigh, Mr. Evans, Richard Otis, etc." ¹⁶¹

John Evans was killed by indians on 27 Jun 1689 at Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire.

His widow Elinor Evans is supposed to have remarried on 02 July 1694 in Boston Massachusetts to John Sweeting. He was possibly the same John Sweeten who married Frances Child on 08 Aug 1700.

In 1701 Richard Scammon or Seamon deeded to Joseph Roberts, Sr., 26 acres "which land or living was formerly the dwelling place of Mr. John Evans, deceased."

Sources

1. ↑ "John Evans" posting on ancestry.com
 2. ↑ Notebook of John Evans included a list of his children and were among the papers which were passed down through his son, Thomas' descendants
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 4. ↑ York Deeds v3 fol#55
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