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Thomas Woodford

BIRTH 1614
England
DEATH 6 Mar 1667 (aged 52–53)
Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, USA
BURIAL Unknown
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Born by 1614, based on date of freemanship. Migrated to Massachusetts Bay in 1632 on the "William & Francis." First settled in Roxbury, then moved to Hartford in 1636, & Northampton in 1656. Died in Northampton, 6 March 1666/7. Married by about 1636 MARY BLOTT, baptized at Harrold, Bedfordshire, 24 December 1609, daughter of Robert Blott. She died before 27 May 1662 (date of father's will).

Source: Anderson's Great Migration Study Project

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In Reply to: Mary Woodford Sheldon, Engl. to CT 1639 by Dot Drake of 388


Here's my research, mostly on the Internet, for your question:

Mary Blott, mother of Mary Woodford, was born in 1609 at Harold, Bedfordshire, England. She came to America in with her parents. The Roxbury MA church records show "Mary Blott, a maid servant, came in 1632, and married Steward Woodford of this church...she lived in Christian sort." She married Thomas Woodford on March 4, 1635. The couple had four daughters, Mary, Hannah, Thankful, and Sarah, and two sons, Nehemiah and Joseph. She died at age 51, predeceasing her father, in Northampton or Boston MA on January 10, 1660; her will was proved May 27, 1662.



*Thomas Woodford, father of Mary Woodford, was born about 1612 in Roxbury, Lincoln, England. He arrived in America on June 5, 1632, from London March 9 aboard the "William and Francis." The next record of him is at Roxbury, MA, where the Reverend John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," wrote in the church records (language updated): "Thomas Woodford, a manservant, came to New England in 1632 and joined the church about half a year later; he afterwards married Mary Blott, and moved to CT, joining the church in Hartford." Thomas became a freeman of the MA Bay Colony March 4, 1634/45. He is mentioned in the Compact of Settlers of 1636 at Springfield, CT. He received six acres of land at Hartford, CT, in 1639, and was hired by the city to maintain fences and to impound loose animals. In 1640 he was also a gravedigger. He owned several parcels of land around Hartford. In 1654 the Woodfords moved to Northampton, MA, along with their daughter Mary and son-in-law Isaac Sheldon, where he was elected one of the Townsmen in 1657. The Northampton church was organized June 18, 1661, and Thomas was the third signer of the formal document. He wrote his will April 26, 1665, naming Isaac Sheldon executor. In early 1666 he asked to be excused from court duty because of age and weakness. He died in Northampton, aged 65, on March 6, 1667. His estate was valued at 197 pounds.

Family Members

Spouse

 Mary Blott Woodford
1609–1660 (m. (marriage)
1636)

Children

 Mary Woodford Sheldon
1636–1684
 Hannah Woodford Allen
1642–1719

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