

Thomas Leighton's GENI Profile

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Birthdate: **May 1604**
Birthplace: **Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland**
Death: **January 22, 1671 (66)**
Dover, Province of New Hampshire
Place of Burial: **Dover, Strafford County, NH, United States**
Immediate Family: **Son of Robert Leighton and Anne Leighton**
Family: Husband of Joanna Clements *SILSBY* (Clements was sur-name of 2nd spouse)
Father of Elizabeth Cromwell; Mary Roberts; Thomas Leighton and Sarah Chesley
Brother of Edward Leighton
Occupation: **pioneer/planter, sawmill, tradersalt fish/barrel staves Barbados freeman**

Historical records matching Thomas Leighton


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Immediate Family

- *SILSBY*
Joanna Clements, wife
- Elizabeth Cromwell, daughter
- Mary Roberts, daughter
- Thomas Leighton, son
- Sarah Chesley, daughter
- Robert Leighton, father
- 
Anne Leighton, mother
- Edward Leighton, brother

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About Thomas Leighton

Came to Dover, New Hampshire in 1633. Signed the Dover Combination 1649. Constable and Selectman. Signed with his mark a petition to the General Court 10 October 1665. Mentioned as a proprietor at Biddeford in 1653. He made a gift of a deed to his son to his son, Thomas, 16 February 1670. His will, dated 21 September 1671, made bequests to his wife, Joanna, his son, Thomas, and his daughters: Mary (wife of Thomas Roberts), Elizabeth (wife of Philip Cromwell), and Sarah (unmarried). His Indian servant, John, was to be set free and provided with five pounds in money on the death of Joanna.

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He went to America in 1633 on the ship James, which sailed from Gravesend. The ship arrived in Salem on 10/10/1633, and Thomas proceeded to the Dover, New Hampshire area along with 29 others, including John Dam/Dame/Damme and William Leverich/Leveridge, a minister.

- **Thomas Layton (or Leighton) came to this country in 1633, landing at Salem, Mass., October 10th, from the ship "James," with about thirty colonists for the plantation at Hilton's Point, having been eight weeks on the voyage from Gravesend, England.** The company was under charge of Capt. Thomas Wiggin, and was sent out by Lords Say and Brooke, George Willys, William Whiting and others, who in the previous year had bought a grant of the Pascataqua plantation (including Northam, or what is now Dover) from the Bristol Company. **They proceeded at once to the settlement at Dover Point. In the record of those who received grants of house lots from Capt. Wiggin, on the high and beautiful lands, a mile up from the Point, appear the names of John Dame, Richard Waldern, Thomas Layton, and Rev. William Leverich, the last mentioned coming as minister of the settlement.**
- **That Thomas Layton was a prominent man in the colony is evidenced by the fact that his name frequently appears in important transactions connected with the affairs of the colonists. He was a member of the "Combination for Government by ye people of Pascataqua," in 1640, with forty-one others entering a protest to the King against the efforts of Capt. Underhill to force a union of the colonists with Massachusetts. In 1648 he was the largest tax payer in the settlement, with one exception. He was selectman in 1647, 1648 and 1658. He received several grants of land, but continued to reside at Dover Neck until his death, January 22, 1672, leaving one son and several daughters. In his will he gave property to his only son and heir, Thomas (second), and**

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to his daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Sarah. His widow, Joanna, married for her second husband, July 16, 1673, Job Clement. She died January 15, 1703. Thomas Leighton, born about 1604 as a deposition shows, died January 20, 1671/2. He was among the first settlers in Dover Neck and signed the Dover Combination of 1640. Was one of the selectmen, in 1647, 1648, and 1657, His will, September 20, 1671, names his wife, Joanna (who married, July 16, 1673, Job Clements and the children named, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah. Joanna died January 15, 1703/4.

Thomas Leighton's Timeline

1604	May 1604	<u>Birth of Thomas Leighton</u> Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland
1634	1634	<u>Birth of Elizabeth Cromwell</u> Plymouth Colony
1636	April 1, 1636	<u>Birth of Mary Roberts</u> Dover, Cocheco Plantation, Massachusetts Bay Colony
1642	1642	<u>Birth of Thomas Leighton</u> Dover, Massachusetts Bay Colony
1648	1648	<u>Birth of Sarah Chesley</u> Dover, Strafford, New Hampshire Colony
1671	January 22, 1671 Age 66	<u>Death of Thomas Leighton</u> Dover, Province of New Hampshire

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