

**The
Great Migration**

**Immigrants to New England
1634-1635**

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1994 The Chadbourne Family Association published a comprehensive genealogy of the descendants of William Chadbourne, including a section on the English origin. In 1996 George F. Sanborn Jr. published "The English Ancestry of William¹ Chadbourne of Kittery, Maine" [NHGR 10:101-14, 167 (dated 1993 but issued in 1996)], which improved upon this account. Research continues into the ancestry of the wife and mother of William Chadbourne.

ELIZABETH CHAMBERS

On 3 August 1634, "Elizabeth Chambers maid servant to our brother Willyam Baulston," was admitted to Boston church [BChR 1:19].

COMMENTS: No other record pertaining to Elizabeth Chambers has been found. She may have married, died, or returned soon after her admission to the church.

ROBERT CHAMBERS

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *Hopewell*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Marshfield

REMOVES: "Departed the government" by 1655

OFFICES: "Rob[er]te Chambers" appears in the Marshfield section of the 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:196].

ESTATE: On 7 August 1655, Plymouth Court noted that "[w]hereas Robert Chambers, sometimes servant to Mr. Edward Winslow, is departed the government and since deceased, and when he departed he left a small stock of cattle in the hands of Robert Carver, of Marshfield, in partnership with him; and the time of their said partnership being expired, and the increase of the said cattle divided, upon a proposition made to the Court by the said Robert Carver, they have ordered that the said Robert Chambers his part of the said cattle shall be and remain in the hands and custody of the said Robert Carver on the conditions he formerly had them, viz: to halves the increase, that is to say, the breeding cattle, two steer calves remaining undisposed of" [PCR 3:88].

BIRTH: About 1623 (aged 13 in 1635 [Hotten 130]).

DEATH: Before 7 August 1655 [PCR 3:88]. (Noting that EDWARD WINSLOW died in the West Indies on 8 May 1655, it may be that Robert Chambers had accompanied his former master on this voyage, and died at the same time.)

MARRIAGE: None recorded.

CHILDREN: None recorded.

ASSOCIATIONS: JOHN THOMAS was also on the *Hopewell* with Robert Chambers, and the same two names appear adjacent to one another, immediately after that of EDWARD WINSLOW, in the Marshfield section of the 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms.

COMMENTS: On 11 September 1635, "Robert Chambers," aged 13, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *Hopewell* [Hotten 130].

THOMAS CHAMPION

On 12 March 1634/5, "Tho[ma]s Champion of Ashford" presented a certificate of conformity from Edward Hayes, vicar of Ashford, in order to board the *Hercules* of Sandwich for passage to New England [NEHGR 75:220].

COMMENTS: In 1943 and 1946 Herbert F. Seversmith demonstrated that the Thomas Champion who appeared in Hempstead after 1655 was born about 1615, allowing at least the chronological possibility that he could have been this passenger [TAG 20:43-45, 23:32-39, and see also 21:215-17]. However, the lack of any record for Thomas Champion in New England between 1635 and 1655 militates against identifying the passenger of 1635 with the Hempstead resident.

JOHN CHAMPNEY

ORIGIN: Unknown (but see ASSOCIATIONS below)

MIGRATION: 1635

FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge