

Thomas Prence

Thomas Prence was born circa 1600 in Lechlade, Gloucestershire, England to Thomas and Elizabeth Prence. He immigrated to Plymouth Colony aboard the *Fortune* in 1621 as a single man. In 1624, Thomas married Patience Brewster, daughter of William and Mary Brewster of the *Mayflower*. After William Bradford died in 1657, Thomas became Governor of Plymouth Colony. Most notably in his governorship, Prence presided over the court during Plymouth’s first witchcraft trial. He held the important post until his death in 1673. Governor Thomas Prence had a total of four marriages and ten children in his lifetime. He died 29 May 1673 in Plymouth Colony and rests at Burial Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Thomas Prence

b. circa 1600
prob. Lechlade, England
d. 29 May 1673
Plymouth Colony

m.

Patience Brewster

b. circa 1600
Plymouth Colony
d. prob. 22 May 1627
Plymouth Colony

John Freeman

b. about 28 September 1631
Plymouth Colony
d. 28 October 1719
Eastham, Massachusetts

m.

Mercy Prence

b. about 28 September 1631
Plymouth Colony
d. 28 October 1719
Eastham, Massachusetts

Thomas Freeman

b. September 1653
Eastham, Plymouth Colony
d. 9 February 1715/16
Eastham, Massachusetts

m.

Rebecca Sparrow

b. 30 October 1655
Eastham, Plymouth Colony
d. 7 February 1740
Harwich, Massachusetts

Thomas Freeman

b. 11 October 1676
Eastham, Massachusetts
d. 22 March 1716/17
Harwich, Massachusetts

m.

Mary Smith

b. 24 May 1685
Unknown
d. prob. 16 September 1742
Unknown

Thomas Freeman

b. 13 September 1708
Eastham, Massachusetts
d. 19 January 1766
Harwich, Massachusetts

m.

Dorothy Cole

b. 15 May 1712
Eastham, Massachusetts
d. about 1782
Unknown

Timothy Freeman

b. 4 May 1747
Eastham, Massachusetts
d. 11 September 1828
Orrington, Maine

m.

Zerviah Nickerson

b. Unknown
Unknown
d. 17 December 1788
Orrington, Maine

Benjamin Downs

b. circa 1782
prob. Frankfort, Maine
d. about 1838
Unknown

m.

Eunice Freeman

b. 12 December 1781
Eastham, Massachusetts
d. 25 January 1863
Brooklyn, New York

Andrew Jackson Downs

b. about 1820
New York
d. 19 August 1871
Brooklyn, New York

m.

Charlotte Alger

b. circa 1819
New Jersey
d. 1 April 1904
Brooklyn, New York

Peter Relyea

b. circa 1835
Albany, New York
d. 29 September 1875
Brooklyn, New York

m.

Sarah Adelaide Downs

b. April 1842
New York
d. 25 March 1930
Brooklyn, New York

Fred Peter Relyea

b. 1 November 1870
Brooklyn, New York
d. 2 February 1967
Hempstead, New York

m.

Margaret Jane McBride

b. 8 April 1873
Belfast, Northern Ireland
d. 21 November 1966
Hempstead, New York

Raleigh W. Adams

b. 21 October 1900
Albany, New York
d. 30 March 1988
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

m.

Martha Relyea

b. 24 November 1900
Brooklyn, New York
d. 24 May 1984
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

John Martin Adams

b. 14 September 1926
Baltimore, Maryland
d. 15 May 2020
Washington, D.C.

m.

Martha Washington

b. 23 August 1922
Washington, D.C.
d. 5 February 2009
Boston, Massachusetts

John Quincy Adams

b. 22 November 1963
Boston, Massachusetts
General Society of Colonial Wars Member
#8675309



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