



Our Preston Ancestors

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Preston Context

Roger Preston arrived on the Elizabeth on April 8, 1635 from London England at the age of 21. This family suffered from the Salem Witch Hunt. The line of our ancestors exited when Elizabeth Preston married Jabez Mosher.

1. Roger Preston b. 1614 in Hadlow, Kent, England, Martha Blessing Towne abt 1643, d. 20 Jan 1664/65 in Lynn, Essex, Massachusetts, m. Martha by 1643

1. Roger Preston 1614 – 1666 Martha Holt
<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-541>

Roger Preston born about 1614 arrived on the Elizabeth on April 8, 1635 from London England at the age of 21. He was listed as a tanner. With a certificate from St Alphage Cripplegate, London.

His first residence was Ipswich, Massachusetts. He subsequent moved to Salem in 1659. He was an Innkeeper on November 27, 1660 . He died intestate about January 20, 1665/66, at Salem but his death was recorded at Lynn. His estate was unable to pay all his debts.

Their children included

i. Thomas Preston, b. about 1643 m. Rebecca Nurse¹ 15 Apr 1669 d. 1697 Salem, He mother Rebecca Towne Nurse was hung July 10 1692 for witchcraft.

ii. John Preston b. 1644 1651 in Ipswich, Essex County, MA d. 10 Jul. 1738 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, USA, Sarah Gary 02 Nov 1687

iii. Mary Preston b. Abt. 1647 at Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America d. 1684 at Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States, m. John Ingersoll 08 Oct 1670 at Salem, Essex, Massachusetts,

iv. Elizabeth Preston b. Abt. 1649 at Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, d. 26 May 1687 at Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States, m. William Henfield 12 Jul 1671 at Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, United States

2. v. Samuel Preston b. Abt. 1651 in Ipswich, Essex County, MA, m. (1) Susannah Gutterson 27 May 1672 in Andover, Essex, (2) Mary (Rowlandson) Blodgett daughter of Thomas Rowlandson and widow of Jonathan Blodgett, d. 10 Jul 1738 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts

vi. Jacob Preston b. Abt. 1657 d. Abt. 1679 Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America

vii. John Preston b. abt 1659, m Sarah (Geary) Holt, widow of John Holt at Salem, 02 Nov 1687 d. 10 Jul 1738 Andover, Massachusetts

viii. Levi Preston b. 16 Jul 1662 Salem, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 17 Jan 1751/52 in Fairfield Township, Cumberland, New Jersey, British Colonial America

m. Abigail Brooks Swansea, Bristol, Massachusetts, 16 Oct 1695



2. Samuel Preston 1651 - 1738 Susannah Gutterson 1654 - 1710

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-532>

Samuel Preston, son of Roger Preston and Martha was born Abt. 1651 in Ipswich, Essex County, MA.

He married Susannah Gutterson 27 May 1672 in Andover, Essex, Colony of Massachusetts, British Colonial America.

Their children ,

i. Elizabeth Preston b. 14 Feb 1672 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 1711 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, John Holt in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America

ii. Samuel Preston Jr b. 16 Mar 1673 in Andover,

¹ Her mother Rebecca Towne Nurse (February 21, 1621 – July 19, 1692) and Aunts Mary Towne Eastery and Sarah Towne Clyce were all charged with witchcraft. Rebecca and Mary were hung on July 19 1692 Rebecca was fully exonerated less than twenty years later (See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem_witch_trials, <https://www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/salem-witch-trials>, <https://www.pem.org/blog/learning-from-1692>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca_Nurse

- iii. Susannah Preston b. 30 Mar 1677 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America , d. 20 Feb 1740/41 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, James Holt in 24 May 1705 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, United States
- iv. Mary Preston b. 05 Jan 1678 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, m. Lt. Benjamin Russell 16 Jan 1706, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 18 Nov 1753 Ashford, Windham, Connecticut, British America
- 3. v. Jacob Preston b. 24 Feb 1680/81 Andover, Essex County Massachusetts Bay Colony, d. aft 1742 Ashford, Windham, Connecticut, m. Sarah Wilson June 17, 1702 in Andover, Essex County Massachusetts Bay Colony,
 - vi. John Preston b. 1 May 1685 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 09 Mar 1714 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America
 - vii. Joseph Preston b. 26 Jun 1687 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. 09 Mar 1714 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America
 - viii. Ruth Preston b. 07 Feb 1688/89 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, d. m. Hugh Tyler 07 Jun 1710 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America
 - ix. Lydia Preston b. 08 Oct 1690 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America, m. Daniel Holten 22 Jan 1715 at Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay, British Colonial America
 - x. Priscilla Preston b. 19 Mar 1695/96 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, USA, m. (1) John Van Lear Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, USA, (2) George Holt Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, d. 29 Jan 1716 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, USA

He subsequently married Mary Rowlandson Blodgett, daughter of Thomas Rowlandson and widow of John Blodgett on September 24, 1713.

Samuel was a carpenter and sometimes referred to as a yeoman because of the land he owned³. He was admitted to the church in Andover in 1711.

Samuel Preston gave evidence in a trial involving Martha Carrier:

(Testimony of Samuel Preston v. Martha Carrier) [+ August 3, 1692]

Samuel Preston aged about 41: years Saith that about 2 yeares since I had some difference w'th Martha Carrier w'ch also had hapened sever'll times before and soon after I lost a Cow in a strange manner being Cast upon her back w'th her heels up in firm ground when she was very Lusty it being in June & within abo't month after this the s'd Martha & I had some difference again at which Time she told me I had lost a Cow lately & it Would not or should not be long before I should loose Another w'ch accordingly came to pass. for I had a Cow that was well kept w'th English Hay & I could not p'rceive that she aild any thing & yet she pined & quickley lay downe as if she was asleep & dyed Jurat in Curia ²

The decion of the court was subsequent reversed ³

Samuel died on July 10, 1738, at about age 87 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts. He is probably buried there

3. Jacob Preston 1680/81 - 1742 Sarah Wilson 1702 -

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-538>

² <https://salem.lib.virginia.edu/n24.html>

³ See <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-532> for sources

Jacob Preston, son of Samuel Preston and Susannah Gutterson, was born 24 Feb 1680/81 in Andover, Essex County Massachusetts Bay Colony, He died aft 1742 Ashford, Windham, Connecticut. He married Sarah Wilson, daughter of Joseph Wilson and Sarah Lord, June 17, 1702, at Andover.

Jacob Preston was a blacksmith, and was so styled in deeds, both before and after his removal from Andover. Jacob Preston, Sen. probably moved to Ashford when his son John settled there in 1740 or a little later, for on June 13, 1742, "Mr. Jacob Preston received into our holy communion in full being recommended by a letter from the Rev. Mr. Mosely by the consent of the brethren of Windham village where he was in full communion (Ashford Church Records) .

The last record of him in Andover, is that of his admission to full communion in the church in the south precinct, Aug. 31, 1718. There were many transfers of land from Jacob Preston, Sen. to his sons, and other conveyances by them and in which all of them are mentioned except Benjamin. His last sale of land there was Sept. 27, 1714, when "Jacob Preston, blacksmith," sold all right to his common and undivided land, to John Ames of Boxford.

Some time between 1718 and 1723, Jacob Preston with his family, removed to Windham, Conn., and settled in that part of the town called Windham Village which in 1786 was set off as the town of Hampton. The first mention of him there is Oct. 29, 1723, when Robert and Rebecca (Preston) Holt of Windham, sold Jacob Preston of Windham, blacksmith, upland and swamp in Windham. Jacob Preston joined the church in Windham in 1723, and his son Benjamin owned the covenant Dec. 23, 1724.

Sarah Preston (probably wife of Jacob) was received in full communion Sept. 22, 1723. She was born at Andover on December 31, 1678 and died after 1716. When Sarah was fourteen, she was imprisoned for witchcraft along with her mother.

They had the following children,

4. i David Preston Abt. 1703 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, United States d. Bef. Oct 1755, m. Elizabeth Martin
- ii. Benjamin Preston b. 20 Apr 1705 in Andover, Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, United States, d. 26 Apr 1784 in Willington, Tolland, Connecticut, United States, m. Deborah Holt 25 May 1727 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut.
- iii. Jacob Preston b. 21 Sep 1707 in Andover, Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, d. 14 Apr 1765 in Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut, United States, m. Sarah Foster 21 Sep 1730
- iv. William Preston b. 01 Oct 1710 in Andover, Essex, Colony of Massachusetts, British Colonial America d. 20 Aug 1778, m. Lois Simons Windham, Windham, Colony of Connecticut, British Colonial America
- v. Joseph Preston b. Sep 1712 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts Bay Colony, British Colonial America d. Mar 1791
- vi. John Preston b. 19 Jan 1716 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, United States, d. 04 Jan 1776 in Ashford, Windham, Connecticut, United States, m. Mary Ford 09 Dec 1736 in Hampton, Windham County, Connecticut

4. David Preston Abt. 1703 - Bef. Oct 1755 Elizabeth Martin 1707 - d. 1755

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-2517>

David Preston was born abt. 1703 in Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, United States. He died bef. Oct 1755. He married Elizabeth Martin, 02 Aug 1726. She was born 17 Jul 1707 Windham, Windham, Connecticut and died in 1755, Dover, Dutchess, New York, United States.

They had the following children,

- i Ebenezer Preston b. 28 May 1727 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States d. 12 Aug 1809, m. Hannah Smith 04 Oct 1749 in Brooklyn, Windham, Connecticut, United States
- ii. Sarah Preston b. 05 Sep 1728 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States, d. 1790 in Pawling, Dutchess, New York, United States, m. Joshua Agard 11 Nov 1748 in Mansfield City, Tolland, Connecticut, United States
- iii. David Preston b. 20 Jun 1731 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States, d. 1779 in Rutland, Rutland, Vermont, United States, m. Sibble Sybil
5. iv. Elizabeth Preston b. 30 Oct 1733 Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States, d. 1766 at Cambridge, Washington, New York, USA, m. Jabez Mosher 1755, New York, USA
- v. Anne Preston b. 22 Sep 1736 Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States, d. 25 Jun 1737 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States
- vi. Martin Preston b. 21 Sep 1740 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States, d. 24 Feb 1813 in Dover, Dutchess, New York, United States, m. Rebecca Judd 01 Jan 1761 at Kent, Litchfield, Connecticut, United States.

5. Elizabeth Preston 1733 - 1766 Jabez Mosher 1731 - 1810

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Preston-2862>

Elizabeth Preston was born 30 Oct 1733 in Windham, Windham, Connecticut, United States. She died in 1766 at Cambridge, Washington, New York. She married Jabez Mosher in 1755 New York. Jabez Mosher, son of Nicholas Mosher and Rebecca Wilcox was born 02 Sep 1731 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. He died , 1810 Cambridge, Washington, New York, United States,

They had the following children

- i John Mosher
- ii. Hugh Mosher b, bet 1751-53
6. iii. Hezekiah Mosher b. 18 Oct 1756 in Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess Co, NY d. Aug 1821 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada, m. Rachel Harriet Hodges , daughter of Timothy Hodge and Meribah, 16 Mar 1775 at Cambridge, Washington, New York, US
- iv. Jabez Mosher b. 16 Mar 1759 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess New York d. 1810, m. (1)Abigail Deaker (b. 17 Mar 1765 in Hopkintown Rhode Island), m 4 Mar 1834 (2) Maria Belay (b. abt 1785)
- v. Mercy Mosher b. abt 1760
- vi. David Mosher b. 26 Apr 1761 in Beekman, Dutchess, New York, United States
- vii. Elisha Mosher about 1765 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess, New York, d. Nov. 1837 in Flint
- viii. Margaret Mosher b. Apr 1765, d. 31 Oct 1841 in Nunda, Livingston, New York, m. William Gould Deake 1781 (b. 6 Mar 1761 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, d. 1 Aug 1843 in Nunda, Livingston, New York)

Jabez left his home in Quaker Hill in 1766 to Cambridge (later set off as White Creek). There he held several town offices on the Albany Committee for Correspondence⁴

Appendices

Abbreviations:

⁴ www.susaningraham.net/jabez-and-elizabeth

Abt about AKA also known as b born Bef. Before Bp baptism
bur buried d. died m. married

Calendar Old Style-New Style, Julian & Georgian⁵

The old calendar used up to about 1752 in Protestant countries was the Julian Calendar based on 365.25 days. In 1752 Great Britain and empire switched to the Julian Calendar and since the actual year is 365.2422 days long the switch over caused a 11 day out of synch problem. To solve this problem, it was proclaimed that September 2 would be followed by September 14. As well the old style calendar the calendar year began on Lady Day 25th of March i.e. the year ran from 25 March to 24 March. Hence January 24, 1712 old style would be January 24, 1713 new style. The correct way to describe a date in the “overlap” period from January 1 to March 24 is to state the Old/New Style as 1712 /1713 which means

“January 24, 1712 old style is what we call January 24, 1713”

Also, since the calendar began in March the months if numbered are as follows

March 1, April 2, May 3, June 4, July 5, August 6 , September 7, October 8, November 9, December 10,
January 11, February 12

List of Freeman⁶

The status of freeman was primarily of political importance, for it gave one the right to vote for colony officers. In some colonies, though, freeman was tied to church membership, and so the meaning was somewhat different. Massachusetts Bay and New Haven, the most Puritan of the Puritan colonies, made church membership a prerequisite for foremanship, while the rest of the New England colonies did not.

List of freemen may be used for a number of purposes beyond proving biographical information about an immigrant. Like tax lists later, a list of freeman provides basic information about the presence or absence of a person on a given date. And, as noted above, freemanship in Massachusetts Bay and New Haven supplies information about church membership, from which we can learn not just whether this individual was a church member at a given time; we can also reconstruct some of the history of churches whose records have been lost by studying the lists over a period of years.

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9th great grandfather

	Roger Preston b: 1614 Hadlow, Kent, England d: 20 Jan 1664/65 Lynn, Essex, Massachusetts
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8th great grandfather

	Samuel Preston b: Abt 1651 Ipswich, Essex County, MA d: 10 Jul 1738 Andover, Essex, Massachusetts
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7th great grandfather

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5th great grandmother

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4th great grandfather

	Hezekiah Mosher b: 18 Oct 1756 Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess d: Aug 1821 Augusta, Ontario, Canada
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3rd great grandmother

	Sophia Mosher b: 18 Apr 1799 Augusta Twp, 1654301, Ontario, d: 18 May 1880 Augusta Twp., Leeds & Grenville
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2nd great grandfather

	Robert Nicholson Spicer b: 11 Aug 1832 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Cana d: 26 Nov 1904 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ont
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Great grandmother

	Abigail Almeda Spicer b: 13 Sep 1860 Prescott, Ontario, Canada d: 10 Jul 1940 Merrickville, Ontario, Canada
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Maternal grandfather

	Edward Elbert Atkinson b: 26 Feb 1887 Merrickville, Merrickville-Wolford, d: 14 Jan 1957 Vancouver, British Columbia
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Mother

	Grace Elizabeth Atkinson b: 11 Dec 1916 Waskada, Manitoba, Canada d: 04 Jun 2008 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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Self

	James Clifford Retson b: 28 Jul 1948 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S d:
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