

Family Group Sheet for John Besbeech

Husband: John Besbeech

Birth: Bef. 1563 in England
Marriage: 31 Oct 1586 in Biddenden, Kent, England; All Saints Parish
Death: 24 Feb 1610 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Burial: 26 Feb 1610 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Father:
Mother:

Wife: Dorothy AUSTEN

Birth: Abt 1564 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Death: Dec 1619 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Burial: 01 Jan 1620 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Father: Henry Austen
Mother: Anne
Other Spouses: Thomas FOSTER

Children:

1 Name: Thomas BISBEE
M Birth: 03 Mar 1589/90 in Biddenden, Kent, England; All Saints Parish
Marriage: 14 Jan 1618/19 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Death: 09 Mar 1673/74 in Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA
Spouse: Anna BASEDEN

2 Name: John Besbeech
M Birth: 08 Oct 1587 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Marriage: 27 Nov 1615 in Biddenden, Kent, England
Spouse: Elizabeth Taylour

3 Name: Sarah Besbeech
M Birth: 13 Aug 1592 in Biddenden, Kent, England

Notes:

John Besbeech

In "Churches of Kent" by Francis Grayling, 1913, there is a description of All Saints Church in Biddenden which is as follows:

"The tower an elegant specimen of the Kent type. Plan regular and the chancel longer than the aisles. The pillars and arches are of the 13th Century; the eastern nave arches have been tampered with; 14th Century windows. The chancel pillars and arches are of the 15th Century. Has a tower dated 1541 and a monument to Sir Thomas Mayne, 1566; the pulpit is of the 17th Century; registers began in 1538."

Thomas BISBEE

Thomas Bisbee lived a few years in Frittenden, County Kent, England, where two of his daughters were born and where his wife died. Later, he lived in Hedcorn and Sandwich before leaving England to settle in New England. In the spring of 1635, he sailed on the ship Hercules, Master John Witherley, having obtained, on 6 March 1634 and 13 March 1634 the necessary "certificate of conformity to the orders and discipline of the church" from Thomas Harman, Vicar of Hedcorn, and from Thomas Warren, Vicar of Sandwich. He brought with him his children and several servants (one account lists 6 servants by name).

The passengers on the Hercules landed at the harbor at Scituate, MA, where Thomas aided in the settlement of the town which was incorporated in 1636. Thomas was made a freeman in 1637 and became one of the deacons of the First Church in Scituate, MA, this church having been formed with John Lothrop as minister in 1634. In 1638, Thomas purchased a house in Duxbury, MA, and moved there. From Duxbury, he was elected a representative to the General Court in 1643. He next appears as a petitioner to the General Court from the town of Marshfield, MA. At some point in time, he sold his land in Duxbury, and

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moved to Sudbury, MA, where his daughter, Mary Browne, lived. On 25 November 1672, he made his will directing that he be buried at the east end of the churchyard in Sudbury, MA, and bequeathed his land and houses in Hedron and Frittenden, England, to his daughter, Mary Browne.