

Family Group Sheet for Robert Buffum

Husband:		Robert Buffum
	Birth:	Abt. 1590 in Yorkshire, England; Buffum
	Death:	06 May 1668 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Marriage:	11 Aug 1630 in South Walsham, Norfolk, England
	Father:	
	Mother:	
Wife:		Tamzen Ward
	Birth:	16 Jan 1604 in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England
	Death:	1688 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Father:	George Ward
	Mother:	Dyonis Burrow
Children:		
1	Name:	Caleb Buffum
M	Birth:	29 Jul 1650 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Death:	24 Nov 1731 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Marriage:	26 Mar 1672 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Spouse:	Hannah Pope
2	Name:	Margaret Buffum
F	Birth:	1633 in Norfolk, England
	Death:	12 Nov 1678 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Spouse:	John Smith
3	Name:	Joshua Buffum
M	Birth:	22 Feb 1635 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
	Spouse:	Dameris Pope
4	Name:	Mary Buffum
F	Birth:	1637 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
5	Name:	Damaris Buffum
M	Birth:	30 Jan 1641 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA
6	Name:	Lydia Buffum
F	Birth:	19 Feb 1645 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts, USA

Notes:

Robert Buffum

Robert Buffum lived in Salem. He was a farmer and trader to some extent. He early joined the Quakers and both he and his wife were fined for non-attendance on regular worship. Robert was buried in the Old Burying Ground now Peabody, and in later years, his remains were removed Harmony Grove Cemetery near the western entrance. A rough stone square of granite, which formed the headstone, was removed at the same time.

Nov 15 1669, his inventory amounted to 270 pounds, 70 shillings with scales. Weights, measures and garden seeds named in the schedule, Widow Tamoson, administratrix. On Nov 25 1668, Mary Neale testified that when her father, Robert Buffum was sick, she tended to him until he died, and heard her mother, Tamosin asked her father several times to make a will: of which he seemed to take little notice till a little before his death when he said that he would have his son Joshua have a double portion, and for the rest of the children, he would make no difference betwixt them, for, he said, that they are yours as well as mine. About the same time other testimony was taken, Gertrude Pope, widow, testified that being at the house of Robert Buffum, while he lay at his death bed, he would have me and Elizabeth Kitchen take notice of what he has said, as to his estate, he would leave to his wife, for she had helped him to get it and the children were hers. Testimony of Elizabeth Kitchen to the same effect. Petition of John Wilson, William

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Beanes and Jeremiah Neale, children and heirs of Robert Buffum humbly showth that 'whereas our father Robert Buffum died intestate and an inventory of his estate was brought in by relict Tomosin and she appointed administratrix, etc, who since that time has disposed of the same according to her fancy or affection led her, or else keepeth the same still in her hands; we your petitioners, being children of the deceased, humbly conceive that as children, we ought to according to the law of God and this jurisdiction each of us to have a share or portion which is our right, and therefore humbly do supplicate this honored Court as fathers of this country to our causes into your pious and Christian consideration and be fathers to us in helping us to that we who are the children may not be deprived of which we humbly conceive according to law of God and this jurisdiction is ours. We subscribe yours in all service to command.