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*The Great Migration***ZACHARY BICKNELL**

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1635

FIRST RESIDENCE: Weymouth

ESTATE: On 9 March 1636/7, "William Reade, having bought the house & 20 acres of land at Weymouth, unfenced, for £7 13s. 4d., which was Zachary Bicknel's (after Bicknel's death) of Rich[a]rd Rocket & his wife, is to have the same sale confirmed by the child when he cometh to age, or else the child to allow all such costs as the Court shall think meet" [MBCR 1:189].

In the Weymouth land inventory of about 1643, Robert Martin held "ten acres in the East Field first given to Zakry Bicknell" [Weymouth Hist 1:198].

"Zach[ar]y Bicknell" appears in the 2 February 1651/2 list of "great lots named in the old town book and formerly granted to be laid out on the east side of Fresh Pond" (as Bicknell had been long dead by this date, this was a confirmation to his heirs of an earlier grant [Weymouth Hist 1:199]).

BIRTH: About 1590 (aged 45 in 1635 [Hotten 284]).

DEATH: Before 9 March 1636/7 [MBCR 1:189].

MARRIAGE: By about 1624 Agnes _____, who was born about 1608 (aged 27 in 1635 [Hotten 284]). She married (2) by 9 March 1636/7 Richard Rocket [MBCR 1:189] and died at Braintree 9 July 1643 [NEHGR 3:247].

CHILD:

- i JOHN, b. about 1624 (aged 11 in 1635 [Hotten 284]); m. (1) by about 1654 Mary _____ (eldest child d. Weymouth 4 August 1737 "in his 84th year" [Weymouth Hist 3:79]); m. (2) Weymouth 2 December 1658 Mary Porter.

COMMENTS: "Zachary Bickewell [sic]," aged 45, "Agnis Bickwell his wife," aged 27, "Jno. Bickwell, his son," aged 11, and "Jno. Kitchin his servant," aged 23, sailed to New England in 1635 on the unnamed ship from Weymouth, Dorsetshire [Hotten 284].

Various secondary sources make claims about this family which are not supported by the evidence. First, the place of origin is sometimes given as Barrington, Somerset, but this is based merely on the appearance of

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the name "Zacary Bicknell" in a muster roll of 1569, and should be considered no more than a clue [Weymouth Hist 3:78]. Second, the maiden surname of the wife of the immigrant is sometimes given as Lovell, but no evidence for this is seen. Third, the first wife of John Bicknell, son of the immigrant, is sometimes said to be a daughter of Abraham Shaw, but again, no evidence for this is seen.

JOSEPH BIDDLE

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1635

FIRST RESIDENCE: Plymouth

REMOVES: Duxbury by 1639, Marshfield by 1643

OCCUPATION: Carpenter [MD 2:95-96, citing PCLR 2:1:47].

FREEMAN: Oath of fidelity at Duxbury, 1639 [PCR 8:182].

EDUCATION: Signed his will by mark. His inventory included "books" valued at £1 10s.

OFFICES: Duxbury highway surveyor, 2 March 1640/1 [PCR 2:9]. Plymouth grand jury, 2 June 1646 [PCR 2:102]. Marshfield tax collector, 1 June 1647, 7 June 1648 [PCR 2:116, 125]. Marshfield constable, 4 June 1650 [PCR 2:153]. Marshfield highway surveyor, 7 June 1652, 3 June 1668, 1 June 1669, 5 June 1672 [PCR 3:9, 4:181, 5:19, 93]. Coroner's jury, 3 May 1653, 31 January 1654/5, 14 February 1654/5, 7 February 1660/1 [PCR 3:28, 70-72, 208]. Petit jury, 3 March 1662/3, 1 March 1663/4 [PCR 4:50, 7:108].

On 7 June 1637, "Joseph Biddle" volunteered to serve in the Pequot War [PCR 1:61]. In Marshfield section of 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:196].

ESTATE: On 4 July 1635, Isaac Robinson acknowledged that he had sold to "Joseph Bidle half a lot of ground lying above the island creek, which the said Isaac bought of Edmond Chanler, and he of John Barnes" [PCR 1:34]. On 20 March 1636/7, Joseph Biddle was assigned hayground for one cow [PCR 1:56]. On 2 November 1640, "Joseph Biddle" was granted "thirty acres, with some meadow to it" [PCR 1:165].

On 4 May 1653, "whereas in the year 1640 or thereabouts there was a parcel of land lying at the North River near Scituate, granted by the court unto Experience Michell and John Paybody deceased, videlicet fifty acres to the said Experience Michell and thirty acres unto the said John

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