

Descendants of John Doggett

Generation No. 1

1. John⁵ Doggett (William⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹) was born Abt. 1600 in England, and died Aft. May 13, 1673 in Plmouth, MA. He married **(1) Bathsheba Fay**. She died Unknown. He married **(2) Hepzebah Brotherton** Abt. 1625 in England. She was born 1604 in Suffolk, England, and died Bef. 1667.

Notes for John Doggett:
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William Doggett – One or two?

Since first coming across the Doggett Lappage pedigree shown in Suffolk Manorial Families, I have become increasingly concerned over the apparent existence of two sons of John Doggett named William.

After revisiting the original documentation and examination of the evidence shown by others I have found (or not, as you like!) the following:

a.. Within the relevant period, there appears to be only one baptism/christening recorded for a William Doggett, son of John Doggett. viz. 4th May 1545 at Bures St Mary.

a.. There appears to be only one burial recorded for a William Doggett viz. 10th October 1610 in Boxford, within the relevant period and, although the Lavenham registers start in 1558, there is no known burial for a second William Doggett; there or anywhere else.

a.. There is no known will or probate documentation for a second William Doggett.

a.. John Doggett makes frequent mention of his children in his will (Suffolk Record Office W1/27/97 and R2/32/154 of 1564/5). The wording in each case is as follows (taken from my own transcription of the probate copy – my notes in italics):

William Doggett the younger my son (note: it does not say "my youngest son")

William my son

John my son

John my son

John my son

William my son

Said two sons William and John (note: the only two sons mentioned up to now)

William Doggett my eldest son (note: the only William known to have been baptized by John (1545) appears to be his eldest son)

William my eldest son

Anne my daughter

Anne my daughter

My sons John and William the younger (note: still no mention of a third son. Why not, if three existed, in particular as William of Lavenham talks about the property left to him by John?)

The said William my youngest son (note: "said" means he is definitely referring to one of the sons already mentioned in his will and therefore "my youngest son" should have been written as something like "the younger my son" because only two sons have been mentioned. So, as in so many wills of the period – a mistake, not proof of another son.)

(My daughter Ardelye) *

My said three children John Doggett William Doggett the younger and Anne Doggett my daughter (note: here he confirms yet again that he has two sons)

(* daughter Ardelye is the subject of further research I am doing at present.)

a.. There is no evidence (viz. a baptism register entry), supporting son William's age at death as stated in the inscription on his monument. Who confirmed his age and how? His parents were dead (John 1564/5 and his wife before him) and the only register showing the baptism of a son William to John Doggett indicates a birth date not after May 1545. Additionally, there is no indication as to when the tombstone was actually installed and this may, in fact, have been some considerable time after his demise.

It is not until very recently that the majority of people have really known how old they are. As an example, I will quote the case of my own great grandfather, Thomas Turner of Wellington in Shropshire England. He was literate, but in each census return I have found (1841, 1851, 1871, 1881, 1891), his stated age was always inconsistent with his birth date and is never the same in terms of the generated error. Even on his death certificate, his own family noted his age incorrectly with respect to his recorded birth date! That was in the 19th/20th century, so why should things have been any different in the 16th/17th century in this respect?

a.. The William Doggett of Lavenham who sold lands in 1567 which his father John had given him is quite probably the William mentioned in that will. If he was born in 1545, he was old enough to sell them and why not, if he needed to? Where was William Doggett "the younger" – if he is truly a different person – at that time? There is no record to be found of a second William.

a.. There is no reason why any or all of the properties mentioned by William of Lavenham should tie up with the lands stated in John's will as being left to William or anyone else. Hereditary and long held lands would pass by right to the eldest son and no mention would necessarily be made in a father's will concerning them. Generally speaking, early wills only mention those pieces of land recently purchased, as no settlement or previous arrangement had been made about them at the time of the owner's demise¹.

a.. John Doggett's frequent mention of William as "the younger" (whom he also mentions as being his eldest son) only means that there is another William Doggett in the area at the time. He was probably closely related to John and William "the younger" and the sobriquet would have been used to ensure that the correct one was identified. This, per se, does not define or specify that the two Williams were siblings. We know from the record that there were several other related Doggetts in the area at the time – they are actually quoted in the English antecedents document on the Doggett web site.

a.. In his paper " Same-name Children – Alive or Dead"² Dr. Peter Razzell, an expert on the genealogy of the late and post medieval period, challenged the suggestion that there were ever any proven cases of two live children in the same family having identical Christian names. He asked for any evidence which he had not yet seen which might refute his arguments to be sent to him. I forwarded the case of the two Williams for examination and his conclusion³ was that there was no direct evidence whatsoever to substantiate the claim of there being two Williams, both the sons of John Doggett. There could still, of course, be two William Doggetts.

Conclusion

John Doggett had two sons, William and John, and use of the sobriquet "the younger" was only made to differentiate between his son William and another, non-sibling, relative who was older than that William and alive in 1564/5.

John McLinden (15 generations down the Lappage line!)

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References:

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2.. Same-name Children – Alive or Dead. Dr Peter Razzell. J. Soc. Gen. June 1998 pp 59,60

3.. My reply to the paper in (2) above and Dr Razzell's response. J. Soc. Gen. September 1998 p. 95

As a matter of further interest, at the time of writing the best structure I can suggest from my research for John Doggett's family is as follows:

John Doggett b. unknown; d. 1564/65

+ Martha Ashfield b. unknown; d. 1549; m. bef. 1545

William Doggett b. 1545; d.1610

+ Avis Lappage b. 1568; d.1652; m. 1591

Dau Doggett b. bef. 1549; d. aft. 1564/65

+ Mr Ardelye b. unknown; d. aft. 1564/65; m. bef. 1564/65

2nd wife of John Doggett above

+ Margaret ? b. unknown; d. 1562; m. aft. 1549

John Doggett b. 1550/51; d.1619

+ Dorothy ? b. unknown; d.1605/06; m. unknown

+ Others?

Dau Doggett b. 1551/52; d. bef. 1564/65 (name in the register cannot be read)

Ann Doggett b. 1553/54 d. unknown

+ Mr Kent b. unknown; d. unknown; m. unknown

I think there is a very distinct possibility that John Doggett jnr. (1550/51 – 1619) may have married more than once, but this is still very much under investigation.

Children of John Doggett and Hepzebah Brotherton are:

- + 2 i. John⁶ Doggett, born 1626 in England; died September 09, 1701 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.
- 3 ii. Thomas Doggett, born Abt. 1630 in Watertown, MA; died Aft. April 13, 1691 in Edgartown, Dukes, MA. He married Hannah Mayhew 1657; born June 15, 1635 in Medford, Middlesex, MA; died 1722 in Edgartown, Dukes, MA.
- 4 iii. Elizabeth Doggett, born June 15, 1635 in Watertown, MA; died Aft. November 1711. She married Jeremiah Whitten; born 1627 in England; died 1711 in Tisbury, MA.
- 5 iv. Hepziah Doggett, born Bet. 1642 - 1643 in Watertown, MA; died Bet. 1712 - 1714. She married John Eddy 1658; died Unknown.
- 6 v. Joseph Doggett, born 1647 in Watertown, MA; died Bef. August 1717. He married Alice Sesseton; died Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. John⁶ Doggett (John⁵, William⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹) was born 1626 in England, and died September 09, 1701 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA. He married **Anne Sutton** September 23, 1651 in Rehoboth, MA, daughter of John Sutton and Juliana. She died Unknown.

More About John Doggett:

Residence: Rehoboth, MA

Children of John Doggett and Anne Sutton are:

- 7 i. Anna⁷ Daggett, born August 1653; died Unknown.
- 8 ii. John Daggett, born January 09, 1653/54; died Unknown.
- 9 iii. Joseph Daggett, born November 1657 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died January 19, 1726/27 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.
- + 10 iv. Nathaniel Doggett Daggett, born August 1661 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died 1708 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.
- 11 v. Elizabeth Daggett, born October 23, 1666; died Unknown.

Generation No. 3

10. Nathaniel Doggett⁷ Daggett (John⁶ Doggett, John⁵, William⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹) was born August 1661 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA, and died 1708 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA. He married **Rebecca Miller** June 24, 1686 in Rehoboth, Bristol CO, MA, daughter of John Miller, Millard. She was born November 1661, and died April 09, 1711 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.

Children of Nathaniel Daggett and Rebecca Miller are:

- 12 i. Nathaniel⁸ Daggett, born August 11, 1688 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died August 22, 1688.
- 13 ii. Rebecca Daggett, born October 08, 1689; died Unknown. She married George Woods April 30, 1710; died Unknown.
- 14 iii. Elizabeth Daggett, born November 14, 1691 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died February 11, 1691/92 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.
- 15 iv. Jemima Daggett, born December 12, 1692; died Unknown.
- 16 v. Nathaniel Daggett, born April 03, 1695 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died Bet. 1783 - 1785 in Attleboro, MA.
- 17 vi. John Daggett, born March 16, 1698/99 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died July 09, 1738 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA.
- 18 vii. Abigail Daggett, born March 19, 1701/02 in Rehoboth, Bristol Co,MA; died Unknown.
- + 19 viii. Amos Daggett, born January 18, 1702/03 in Rehoboth, MA; died 1771 in Swansea, MA.

Generation No. 4

19. Amos⁸ Daggett (Nathaniel Doggett⁷, John⁶ Doggett, John⁵, William⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹) was born January 18, 1702/03 in Rehoboth, MA, and died 1771 in Swansea, MA. He married **Mary Sisson** July 03, 1733. She died Unknown.

Notes for Amos Daggett:
[Bea Daggett family.FTW]

Youngest of 8 children.

Children of Amos Daggett and Mary Sisson are:

- 20 i. Mary⁹ Daggett, born April 02, 1734; died Unknown.
- 21 ii. Elizabeth Daggett, born April 24, 1740; died Unknown.
- 22 iii. Job Daggett, born March 02, 1745/46 in Swansea, MA; died Unknown. He married Phoebe Sisson June 11, 1778 in Swansea, MA; died Unknown.

Notes for Job Daggett:
[Bea Daggett family.FTW]

Youngest of 4 children

More About Job Daggett:
Census: 1790, Attleboro, Bristol Co, Mass