

On 4 November 1645, “Mr. John Cogswell” sued “Mr. Jeames Noyce”; the cause for the lawsuit and the outcome were not stated [EQC 1:87]. On 24 September 1650, “Mr. Jeames Noyce” sued “John Tillison for killing a mare; verdict for plaintiff, £27 and the colt” [EQC 1:199].

The dates of birth for Thomas Noyes and John Noyes as given in the published Newbury vital records are less than ten months apart. Examination of a microfilm copy of the original first volume of Newbury town records shows that these are the dates entered at the time of the births. However, there are some discrepancies. Many pages of this volume are worn, and not easy to read. The entry dated 10 August 1648 seems to have originally had some other given name, with Thomas overwritten contemporaneously in the same or a similar hand. The entry dated 4 June 1649 originally had Thomas as the given name, with John written above Thomas in the same hand. These two entries certainly pertain to the sons Thomas and John, but it is not certain which name should be connected with which date.

Note also that there is a gap of nearly five years after the birth of Moses with no other child recorded for James Noyes. On the other hand, the gap between the entry dated 4 June 1649 and the next child, Rebecca, born on 1 April 1651, is close to the standard two years. This suggests that the child recorded as born on 10 August 1648 might actually have been born a year or two earlier.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: Cotton Mather published a biographical sketch of this immigrant, composed by his nephew Nicholas Noyes [Magnalia 483-86]. In 1904 Col. Henry E. Noyes and Miss Harriete E. Noyes compiled a genealogy of this family [*Genealogical Record of Some of the Noyes Descendants of James, Nicholas and Peter Noyes*, Volume II, “Descendants of James and Peter Noyes” (Boston 1904)]. In 1907 Charles Phelps Noyes published a comprehensive treatment of this family [Noyes-Gilman 9-16]. In 1995 Dean Crawford Smith and Paul C. Reed presented four generations of the agnate ancestry of James Noyes [NEHGR 149:105-21].

NICHOLAS NOYES

ORIGIN: Cholderton, Wiltshire [Magnalia 484; NEHGR 149:116-21].

MIGRATION: 1634 on the *Mary & John* (on 24 March 1633/4, “Nicholas Noyce” was enrolled at Southampton as a passenger for New England on the *Mary & John* [Drake’s Founders 70]).

FIRST RESIDENCE: Ipswich.

REMOVES: Newbury 1635.

RETURN TRIPS: Returned to England, probably in 1638, and came again to New England in 1639 on the *Jonathan* [EQC 1:268; NEHGR 32:407-11].

OCCUPATION: Yeoman [ILR 4:186, 5:421].

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Newbury church prior to 17 May 1637 implied by freemanship. In the 1671 Newbury church dispute between Rev. Thomas Parker and Edward Woodman, Nicholas Noyes sided with Parker [EQC 4:350-67].

FREEMAN: 17 May 1637 (as “Nicolas Noise,” third in a sequence of eight Newbury men) [MBCR 1:373].

EDUCATION: Signed his deeds and his will. His inventory included “wearing apparel, plate, money & books” valued at £40 [EPR 307:236].

OFFICES: Deputy for Newbury to Massachusetts Bay General Court, 19 December 1660, 28 May 1679, 19 May 1680, 4 January 1680/1 [MBCR 4:1:449, 5:210, 266, 302].

Massachusetts Bay committee to enquire about the petitioners in support of Lt. Robert Pike, 3 May 1654 [MBCR 3:345, 4:1:194]. Committee to settle the bounds between Salisbury and Hampton, 6 May 1657 [MBCR 3:432, 4:1:292].

Ipswich and Salisbury grand jury, 29 September 1646, 24 April 1649 [EQC 1:103, 164]. Petit jury, 28 September 1647, 26 September 1648, 25 March 1651 [EQC 1:124, 146, 210].

Newbury clerk of the market, 30 September 1651 [EQC 1:233]. Selectman, 28 January 1660, 15 June 1681 [EQC 4:139, 8:148]. Committee to “manage the business” of building a schoolhouse at Newbury, 29 November 1652 [EQC 2:70].

Newbury commissioner to end small causes, 1652, 28 March 1654, 25 March 1656, 31 March 1657, 30 March 1658, 29 March 1659, 25 March 1662, 28 June 1664, 27 March 1666, 1668, 30 March 1669, 16 March 1669/70, 31 March 1674, 27 March 1677, 29 November 1681, 1683 [EQC 1:262, 336, 420, 2:11, 69, 151, 371, 3:172, 355, 4:12, 13, 119, 225, 5:290, 6:249, 8:232, 9:167].

On 30 September 1679, “Nicolas Noyes” was one of ten Newbury men who “were discharged from ordinary training, each paying one bushel of Indian corn yearly” [EQC 7:263-64].

ESTATE: On 19 March 1648[9?], “John Spenser of Newbery” sold to “Nicholas Noice of Nubery ... thirty acres of land lying in Newbury at the west end of his farm on the other side of the street called by the name

of Merrimack Street" [ILR 1:95]. On 16 April 1651, "Nicholas Noyes of Newbury ..., yeoman," sold to "George Little of the same town and county, tailor, all that parcel of land, containing sixteen acres ... in Newbury"; acknowledged 11 April 1664 by "Nicholas Noyes ... and Mary Noyse his wife" [ILR 4:186-87]. On 4 January 1653[4?], "Henry Shorte of Newbury ..., yeoman, & Sarah my wife" sold to "Nicholas Noyes of the aforesaid town & county, yeoman also, all that parcel of land formerly purchased of Nicholas Holt, containing forty acres ... in Newbury" [ILR 5:421].

On 26 April 1655, "Nicholas Noyes of Newbury ... & Mary my wife" sold to "John Allen of the abovesaid town & county all that parcel of land which was lately William Mitchell's, which the said William Mitchell purchased of Jno. Knight Senior & John Knight Junior and of John Davis, except the garden plot & the house & that which the house standeth upon & is for the yard, the which land & house being mortgaged unto Anthony Somerby lately by William Mitchell in his lifetime & since his death his wife not being in a capacity to redeem, the said Nicholas Noyes, with the consent of the widow of the said William Mitchell, deceased, have redeemed it the said house & land, and now also with the consent of the said Mary, the relict of the said William Mitchell deceased, & with the consent also of the abovenamed Anthony Somerby to whom the said land and house was mortgaged, he the said Anthony Somerby yielding hereby up all his right & title and interest in the said house & land"; signed by Nicholas Noyes, Mary Noyes, Mary Savory and Anthony Somerby [ILR 1:195-96].

On 13 October 1659, "John Woolcott of Newbury ..., carpenter, and Mary my wife" sold to "Nicolas Noyes of the said town and county all that six acres of upland and marsh ... lately purchased of Benjamin Swett, granted by the town to Thomas Brown" [ILR 2:69]. On 14 March 1660[1?], "John Bond of Newbury ... & Esther my wife" sold to "Nicholas Noyes of the abovesaid town & county all that parcel of meadow and upland containing by estimation about nineteen acres" [ILR 2:26].

On 1 April 1673, "Nicholas Noyes and Mary my wife" for a payment of four pounds a year deeded to "our son Cutting Noyse all the right that we have in that farm lying and being on the east side of the way going to Merimak [illegible] was formerly Stephen Dummer's ... likewise I Nicholas Noyes do reserve four acres of meadow ... which is in exchange for Cutting Noyes to have four acres of salt marsh in Holt's Neck, likewise it is agreed upon by Nicholas Noyes and Mary his wife that if the four pounds a year be not paid according to agreement, that

then five acres of the plowland and ten acres of the meadow on the south side of the farm the said Nicholas Noyes or Mary his wife may rent out" [ELR 33:8-9].

On 6 April 1682, "Henry Jaquish of Newbury ..., carpenter, ... with the consent of Anne my wife" sold to "Nicholas Noyes of the abovesaid town ..., yeoman, ... a parcel of salt marsh lying and being in the Great Marshes in Newbury containing by estimation four acres" [ELR 14:217].

On 5 July 1692, "Nicholas Noyes Senior of Newbury" sold to "Ensign Joseph Knight of Newbury aforesaid all my right, title & interest in a piece of arable land containing three acres ... in the township of Newbury aforesaid in a common field there known by the name of the Common Great Field" [ELR 22:146].

On 9 April 1696, "Nicholas Noyes of Newbury" sold to "Samuel Smith of Haverhill ... a certain messuage or tenement lying in Haverhill aforesaid containing about twelve acres of land ... also three acres of meadow lying in said Haverhill ... commonly known by the name of Duck Meadow" [ELR 25:103-4].

On 19 April 1698, "Nicholas Noyes Senior of Newbury" deeded to "my loving and dutiful grandson Nicholas Noyes of Newbury aforesaid, the eldest son of my eldest son John Noyes late of Newbury deceased, ... about eighteen acres of upland lying in the township of Newbury ... by name of Deacon Noyes His Neck adjoining unto a parcel of upland which I formerly gave to my son John Noyes deceased ..., also I give to my said grandson Nicholas Noyes Junior eight acres of meadow ... lying in said neck adjoining unto the meadow which I gave to my said son John Noyes aforesaid and was inventoried as his estate" [ELR 15:41-42].

In his will, dated 4 July 1700 and proved 29 December 1701, "Nicholas Noyes of Newbery" bequeathed to "the children of my son John Noyes (late of Newbery deceased) ... that meadow & upland which they now possess in my neck of land (excepting only twenty acres of upland next to Henry Short's mills which I do reserve to be otherwise disposed of for fifty pounds which he oweth me) ... and further what upland & meadow is contained in this my gift more than was inventoried in my said son John his inventory I do give to my grandson Nicholas Noyes the son of my said son John Noyes over & above his portion, I do also reserve to myself all those points of upland which run into the said meadow and are now on my side of the dividing fence between myself and my said son's children's land"; to "my son Mr. Nicholas Noyes of Salem ... five shillings in money besides what I have formerly done for him which is in full of his portion"; to "my son Cutting Noyes ... five shillings in money besides what I have done formerly for

him ... in full of his portion”; to “my son Timothy Noyes ... all that housing and land that he now possesseth, also one acre of plowland out of the land that I myself now possess ..., also about two acres of plowland and swamp ..., also all that my long point of meadow or salt marsh in my neck of land ..., also the one-half of that marsh which I formerly bought of Henry Jaques lying in the great marshes in Newbery, also the one-half of that twenty acres of upland in my neck before reserved in this my will, also one-quarter part of all my divisions of land already laid out in the upper woods in Newbery to me, as also one-quarter part of all my rights in the undivided lands of Newbery ..., also ... all my wearing apparel, I also confirm to him all that piece of meadow which he bought of Peter Cheny lying on the south side of the Mill River in Newbery”; to “the children of my son Thomas Noyes deceased ... ten pounds ... to be paid to the children when they come of age or sooner as my executor shall see cause”; to “my daughter Mary the wife of John French of Salisbury besides what I have formerly given her I give her fifteen pounds ... which is in full of her portion”; to “my daughter Hannah the wife of John Attkinson Senior of Newbery ... five shillings money besides what I have formerly [given] to her ... which is in full of her portion”; to “my daughter Sarah the wife of Matthew Pettengall of Newbery besides what I have formerly given her I do now give her fifteen pounds ... which is in full of her portion”; to “my daughter Rachel the wife of James Jackman of Newbery ... fifteen pounds besides what I formerly gave her ... which is in full of her portion”; to “my daughter Abigall Noyes” moveables and “the parlor during her natural life as also cellar room for her conveniency (the house room here mentioned she shall not have it if she marry”; “my son James Noyes” to be executor and residuary legatee and to pay “four pounds in money to his brother Mr. Nicholas Noyes of Salem on the account of Major Thomas Noyes of Newbery Esq.”; “whereas I have ... conferred certain lands on the children of my son John Noyes it is to be understood that Mary the widow of my said son John shall enjoy her thirds of said housing & lands during her natural life” [EPR 307:233-35].

The inventory of the “estate of Mr. Nicholas Noyes late of Newbery who deceased November 23rd 1701,” taken 4 December 1701, totalled £1531 4s., of which £1160 was real estate: “36 acres of land with houses, outhouses, gardens & orchard thereupon,” £500; “eighty acres of meadow & sixty acres of upland,” £500; “the outlands namely a freehold lot of about 30 acres and a rate lot of about seventy acres,” £140; and “rights in the commons & undivided lands of Newbery,” £20 [EQC 307:236].

BIRTH: About 1616 (deposed 27 November 1671 “aged about fifty-five years” [EQC 4:433]; deposed 24 December 1674 “aged about sixty” [ILR 4:187]; deposed 31 March 1679 “aged sixty-three years” [EQC 7:165]), son of the Rev. William Noyes of Cholderton, Wiltshire [NEHGR 149:116-21].

DEATH: Newbury 23 November 1701.

MARRIAGE: By 1641 Mary Cutting, daughter of JOHN CUTTING {1636, Watertown} [Abel Lunt Anc 81-87].

CHILDREN:

- i MARY NOYES, b. Newbury 15 October 1641; m. Salisbury 23 March 1659[/60?] John French.
- ii HANNAH NOYES, b. Newbury 31 October 1643; m. (1) Newbury 14 May 1663 Peter Cheney [EQC 3:151-52]; m. (2) Newbury 3 June 1700 John Atkinson.
- iii JOHN NOYES, b. Newbury 20 January 1645; m. Newbury 23 November 1668 Mary Poore.
- iv NICHOLAS NOYES, b. Newbury 22 December 1647; Harvard College 1667 [Sibley 2:239-46]; “never married” [Sibley 2:242-43].
- v CUTTING NOYES, b. Newbury 23 September 1649; m. Newbury 25 February 1673[/4] Elizabeth Knight [EQC 4:260], daughter of John Knight [Phoebe Tilton Anc 237].
- vi SARAH NOYES, b. Newbury 13 September 1651; d. there 21 February 1652[/3?].
- vii SARAH NOYES, b. Newbury 22 August 1653; m. Newbury 13 April 1674 Matthew Pettingill, son of RICHARD PETTINGILL {1640, Salem} [Abel Lunt Anc 51-54].
- viii TIMOTHY NOYES, b. Newbury 23 June 1655; m. Newbury 13 January 1680[/1?] Mary Knight, daughter of John Knight [Phoebe Tilton Anc 237].
- ix JAMES NOYES, b. Newbury 16 May 1657; m. Newbury 31 March 1684 Hannah Knight, daughter of John Knight [Phoebe Tilton Anc 237].
- x ABIGAIL NOYES, b. Newbury 11 April 1659; unmarried in 1700; m. Newbury 8 May 1707 Simon French. (On 10 April 1718, “Simon French and Abigail his wife both of Salisbury” sold to “our brothers Cutting Noyes & James Noyes in equal degrees all our right, title and interest in the estate of our late brother the Reverend Mr. Nicholas Noyes late of Salem ... deceased” [ELR 33:221-22].)

- xi RACHEL NOYES, b. Newbury 20 March 1660/1; m. by 1687 James Jackman (eldest known child b. Newbury 25 May 1687). (Savage stated that this couple had a child born on 20 April 1683 [Savage 2:526], but that child actually belonged to Richard, brother of James.)
- xii THOMAS NOYES, b. Newbury 20 June 1663; m. Newbury 16 November 1686 Sarah Knight, daughter of John Knight [Phoebe Tilton Anc 237].
- xiii REBECCA NOYES, b. Newbury 18 May 1665; d. there 1 December 1683.

ASSOCIATIONS: Nicholas Noyes was brother of JAMES NOYES {1634, Ipswich} [Magnalia 483-88; Abel Lunt Anc 71-74; NEHGR 149:105-21]. The two brothers were first cousins of THOMAS PARKER {1634, Ipswich} [Abel Lunt Anc 72; NEHGR 149:116] and fourth cousins of PETER NOYES {1638, Sudbury} [NEHGR 152:259-85].

COMMENTS: In his contribution to Mather's *Magnalia* on the life of James Noyes, Nicholas Noyes, son of this immigrant, recounted the circumstances of his father's migration:

In the same ship [in 1634] came Mr. Thomas Parker, Mr. James Noyes, and a younger brother of his, Mr. Nicholas Noyes, who was then a single man; between which there was more than ordinary endearment of affection, which was never shaken or broken but by death.... And his brother that came over with him a single man, is through the mercy of God yet living; and hath of children, grand-children, and great-grand-children, above an hundred [Magnalia 484-85].

On 17 October 1646, the "assignment of Jeames Godfry by Mr. Jo[hn] Spencer" to "Nicolas Noyce of Newbery" was confirmed [EQC 1:141]. On 27 September 1653, the "wife of Nicolas Noice, presented for wearing a silk hood, was discharged, her husband being worth two hundred pounds" [EQC 1:303].

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RICHARD NUNN

ORIGIN: Unknown.

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *Increase* (on 16 April 1635, "Richard Nunn," aged 19, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *Increase* [Hotten 66]).

FIRST RESIDENCE: Unknown.

COMMENTS: No records for this passenger have been found in New England.

FRANCIS NUTBROWNE

ORIGIN: Unknown.

MIGRATION: 1635 on the *Defence* (on 18 July 1635, "Francis Nutbrowne," aged 16, was enrolled at London as a passenger for New England on the *Defence* [Hotten 106]).

FIRST RESIDENCE: Unknown.

COMMENTS: No records for this passenger have been found in New England.