

John Ross, of Ipswich, Mass.

John Ross, Senior, of Ipswich, Mass. was a Scotchman, doubtless one of the three Johns listed as passengers on the ship "John & Sarah" which came into Boston Harbor in the winter of 1651. Very little can be found concerning him, though some scattered references to him appear from time to time in the records of Ipswich. We know that he lived in that town for a considerable number of years, though what became of him cannot be determined. Whether he died in Ipswich or moved away we do not know. He is mentioned as being a tenant of one Wardwell, and in 1665 received a share in the Plum Island Division of lots, on the right of said Wardwell. His name appears on a list of those who took the Oath of Allegiance before Major Dennison, at Ipswich, Dec. 11, 1678.

Alexander Brabant or Brabender, one of the Scotch workmen at the Iron Works at Lynn, died in the year 1678. He apparently had no relatives of family, for he gave away to his friends (before his death) certain articles of wearing apparel, and in the settlement of his estate, John Ross of Ipswich is mentioned as having received a shirt from him, the said Brabender. In the records of the Salem Court, John Ross' name appears as witness or deponent in one or two cases, though it is difficult to determine the identity, for he and John Rose and John Russ are all named in these cases.

John Ross was married at Ipswich, Jan. 1, 1662/3 to Mary Haggett, a daughter of Henry Haggett of Wenham. Henry Haggett was of Salem in 1642, but later lived in Wenham, where he died Jan. 24, 1677 age 83 years (?). Doubtless he was the same person as that Henry "Hangert" age 40, who arrived in April 1638, as a passenger on the ship "Confidence" from Southampton, England. On the ship's list he was rated as servant of one John Ludwell.

Henry Haggett, at his death, left a widow and probably six children. His son Henry lived in Wenham, and his son Moses settled in Andover, where large numbers of Haggetts have lived. Mary, the eldest daughter, married John Ross of Ipswich. Deliverance, another daughter, married Alexander Thompson, at Ipswich, Sept. 19, 1662, one of those Scotchmen whose name appears on the "John & Sarah" list. Finally, Hannah, a third daughter of Henry Haggett, married Phillip Welch, a fellow servant of Killecross Ross, on the farm of Samuel Simonds of Ipswich. Phillip Welch was an Irish lad who had been stolen from his home in Ireland, brought to America, and sold to Simonds in 1654. Abigail Haggett, said to have been another daughter, was married in 1668 to Thomas Spofford.

The Church Records of Wenham, Mass. give this information, Mary Ross, Senior, was admitted to full communion in the Wenham Church, Oct. 20, 1706. She was then "above 60 years." Daniel Ross, an adult, "Owned the Government" and was baptised, Aug, 19, 1705, and Joseph Ross "grown son of John Ross" "Owned the Covenant" and was baptised Feb. 8, 1707/8, all in the Wenham Church.

Mary Ross died in Windham, Connecticut, Nov. 5th 1725, aged "about 79 yrs." She was then, born about 1646.

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Children of John and Mary (Haggett) Ross, were:

1. John Ross, Jr. (j1 3) born at Ipswich, April 9, 1664; the estate of John Ross was offered for probate, in the Ipswich Court, at the term of March 31, 1691. There is an element of doubt, whether this refers to John Senior, or to John Jr. Neither of them were heard of after this date.
2. Mary Ross, (j1 4) born at Ipswich, April 16, 1666; was married at Ipswich, June 24, 1686, to Samuel Southwick of Salem Village (Danvers). She was alluded to in the settlement of her brother's estate, in 1702, as Mary Southwick.
3. Sarah Ross, (j1 5) born at Ipswich, Feb. 16, 1667; baptised at First Church in Beverly, Dec. 15, 1695; was married at Beverly, by John Hawthorn, Assistant, June 3, 1685, to William Hoar. They had four children, all baptised in the First Church in Beverly, on Feb. 2, 1695/6:
 1. Sarah Hoar, born --
 2. Mary Hoar, born --
 3. Abigail Hoar, born --
 4. Rebecca Hoar, born --
4. *Hannah Ross, (j1 6) born at Ipswich, Feb. 1, 1669; married --- Rust, probably between Feb. 23, and Nov. 13, 1704. See No. 6 beyond:
5. Abigail Ross, (j1 7) born at Ipswich, Oct. 14, 1672. When a "grown maid" she was baptised in the First Church in Beverly April 6, 1712. She died in Beverly in 1749, "age about 79 years." (77 yrs would have been the correct age)
6. Susannah Ross, (j1 8) born at Ipswich, Dec. 14, 1673; was married about 1704; to ----"Ebens". This name may have been "Evans" or perhaps "Eborn" or "Aborn" both names being found in Essex County, though, to date no further record of this person has been found.
On Feb. 23, 1703/4 Letters of Administration were granted to Joseph Ross, on the estate of his brother, Jonathan Ross, who died in March 1702. Two of Jonathan's sisters then named, were Hannah Ross and Susannah Ross. On Nov. 13, 1704 in a bond given by Joseph Ross, to secure the payment, to them, of their share of the deceased's estate, Hannah is called: Hannah Rust alias Ross, and Susannah is called Susannah Ebens, alias Ross, which would indicate that they married between the above dates. Rust was a familiar name in Ipswich, but no record can be found concerning this Hannah Rust, nor her sister Susannah Ebens.
7. William Ross, (j1 9) born at Ipswich, Jan. 20, 1676; it is thought that he died before 1702. In the probate proceedings on the estate of his younger brother, Jonathan, in 1704, no mention is made of John and William as being among the "surviving brothers" of the deceased.
8. Daniel Ross, (j1 10) born at Ipswich, Jan. 8, 1678; was three times married; first to Mary Farr, second to Margaret Hovey and third to Judith Warner. (See later)

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9. Jonathan Ross, (j1 11) born at Ipswich, Dec. 1, 1680.
He was impressed on a man-of-war, of the Queen's Naval Service, and died on board the Ship "Centurian" at Gloucester, March 12, 1702/3. On Feb. 23, 1704, his estate was offered for probate, and in course of time was distributed among his "Two surviving brothers and six sisters." These two brothers named were Daniel and Joseph; the sisters were: Mary Southwick, Sarah Hoar, Hannah, Abigail, Susannah and Elizabeth Ross. (For further details of the settlement of this estate see Essex Co. Probates, vol. 2 of this book)
10. Joshua Ross, (j1 12) Twin; born at Ipswich, March 13, 1682; died before 1703.
11. Benjamin Ross, (j1 13) Twin of Joshua; died before 1703.
12. Elizabeth Ross, (j1 14) born at (Ipswich ---- birth not recorded) In 1703, was mentioned as one of the sisters of Jonathan Ross. She was married at Windham, Conn. Nov. 11, 1714, to Samuel Kilburn.
13. Joseph Ross (j1 15) born at (Ipswich --- birth not recorded) He was married at Windham, Conn. Sept. 16, 1716, to Sarah Utley. (See later)