

THOMAS DUTTON (1621 or 26-1687)

SUSANNAH PALMER (abt. 1626-1684)

Thomas Dutton was born about 1621 in Frodsham, Cheshire, England, (map 1 #7) and after immigrating to New England, resided in Woburn, Massachusetts, before 1658. He married Susan or Susannah Palmer, who was born in England, but died in New England, Aug. 27, 1684, at Billerica Mass. ¹ (map #2)

W. R. Cutter, in 1915, gave the following information on Thomas and his wife:

"Thomas Dutton son of John Dutton, was born in England in 1621. He is the ancestor of most of the New England Duttons. He lived in Reading and Woburn, Massachusetts, and in 1669, moved to Billerica, where he was accepted as an inhabitant (the right to vote) November 22, 1669. He settled on the south side of Fox Brook by an old and abandoned road to the West Plain. He died at Billerica, January 22, 1687. His wife, Susannah, died Aug. or May 27, 1684, aged fifty-eight years. (This determines his age at death as 76 and Susannah's birth as 1626) He married (second) November 10, 1684, Ruth Hooper, probably widow of William Hooper. Children by first wife:

1. Thomas Dutton, b. Sept. 1648
 2. Mary Dutton, b. Sept. 14, 1651
 3. Susannah Dutton, b. Feb. 27, 1653/4
 4. John Dutton, b. Mar. 28, 1656/7
- (These were probably born in Reading, Mass.)

The next five children were born in Woburn, Mass.

5. Elizabeth Dutton, b. Jan. 28, 1658/9
6. Joseph Dutton, b. Jan. 25, 1661
7. Sarah Dutton, b. March 5, 1662
8. James Dutton, b. Aug. 22, 1665
9. Benjamin Dutton, b. Feb. 19, 1667" ²

Thomas and Susannah moved to Billerica the following year after Benjamin's birth and fifteen years later, Susannah died, (abt. 1684) leaving this large family. The youngest was 17 years of age, so most of her children had reached adulthood.

Thomas died only three years after his second marriage, January 22, 1687, and was buried, as was his first wife, in Billerica, Mass.

The town of Billerica is north and west of Boston some twenty miles.

1. #2, Vol. 4, Chart (49-452)
2. #21, p.593