

TOBIAS CHANDLER (1551-1618)
 JOAN MUMFORD (-1618)

Very little seems preserved on the life happenings of Tobias and Joan (Mumford) Chandler. He was the first born of John and Joan Chandler and he, too, like his father John (7-29), grandfather Thomas (7-28), and great-grandfather Thomas (7-28), was born in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire England, where he lived and died. His birth, as recorded in the sources below, was in 1551.

On a chart submitted to the Connecticut Society of Genealogists in 1970 he is said to have married Joan Mumford Sept. 21, 1574 at Bishop's Stortford, where they remained to bear their eleven children. They both died in 1618, prior to the time that their daughter, Margaret, and her 2nd husband, William Denison, left England to settle in Roxbury, Mass. (see 7-24).¹

The DAR record states: "Tobias Chandler, b. 1551, buried Oct. 24, 1618, Bishop's Stortford; md. Sept. 21, 1574, Joan Mumford who was buried June 29, 1618. The children of Tobias and Joan are listed.

1. Tobias Chandler, bp. Sept. 2, 1575
2. Margaret Chandler, bp. Oct 13, 1577; md. (1) Henry Monck (who died in 1602) and (2) William Denison, Nov. 7, 1603 (see 7-24).
3. John Chandler, bp. Oct. 4, 1579; md. Sept. 18, 1615, Jane Miller
4. George Chandler, bp. Nov. 1, 158 and died May 23, 1628
5. Thomas Chandler, bp. Dec. 17, 1583; buried Mar. 11, 1606-7
6. Joane Chandler, bp. Apr. 10, 1586 dy.
7. Joane Chandler, bp. Mar. 23, 1587-8, dy.
8. Francis Chandler, bp. Apr. 12, 1590, dy.
9. Joane Chandler, bp. June 11, 1592
10. Robert Chandler, bp. Mar. 30, 1594, buried June 10, 1638
11. Grace Chandler, bp. Sept. 10, 1598."²

George Denison, 1963, in his brief statements about Tobias Chandler, gives the death date of Tobias as 1618, the same year as that given by the DAR for Joan, his wife.³

Bishop's Stortford was a well established old town of England, situated not far to the north of London. It was the home of many wealthy persons who were soon to feel the pinch of an English economy that wavered. Though Tobias and Joan did not live to see the traumatic expulsion of many from their area who migrated to New England as a result of Puritan arrests, the established Church of England was already meeting with doctrinal opposition from many of England's subjects as well as from some of the clergy at this early date. It was a transitional period of spiritual awakening - men were in a quest for truth.

1. #2 Vol I chart (2s-197)
2. #71 pp. 2-3
3. #53 Introductory chapter p. xxii