John King (1600-1670) and wife Mary Blucks (1604-1646) - Immigrants

John King (1600-1670) was a very early immigrant from England to America. He was a seaman and he first traveled to America with Thomas Weston's company in about 1621 or 1622. They arrived at Wessagusset in June 1622. Lack of leadership, fear of Indian attacks, and starvation caused these men to become "scattered up and down the seaboard". By 1623 John King was at a Maine fishing station. This endeavor of Thomas Weston's failed and John King returned to England. John King next was found bound (4 years) to serve John Humphrey who became Deputy Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony in about 1629 and took John King with him to America. Perhaps Mary Blucks was married to John King in England and immigrated to MBC with him. John King is found in a number of records in these early years: in 1631 he witnessed a deed in Plymouth Colony, in 1636 he was at Newton (now Cambridge), in 1637 he traveled by boat from Lynn to Sandwich, in 1638 he appeared at General Court in Boston to give evidence in a murder trial. By 1640 John Humphreys had returned to England. On 02 September 1640 John and Mary (Blucks) King appeared in Boston before Thomas Lechford to "compound their accounts". John King was to be freed by John Humphrey upon arrival in America and he didn't have papers to prove it and he needed to make sure he was legally free. Thomas Lechford recorded all of this in his Note-Book. By October 1640 John King was master of fishing boat Thomas Applegate. John and Mary (Blucks) King were settled at Wessagusset (Weymouth by 1635) and raised their 7 children there. In 1649 they were living in Thomas Jenner's house there. John King received a land grant of "a great lot" at Weymouth 02 February 1652. He is said to have received lots in the first and second land divisions at Weymouth according to a 14 December 1663 list. John King acquired 10 acres next to Joseph Shaw's property on the seashore. This property included King's Cove and King's Grove (the grove of trees in which John King had his house) and this was between King's Cove and Burying Hill. He also acquired land on King Oak Hill and in Ferry Field. John King married second in about 1647 to Dorothy (widow first of Mr. Barker and second of Enoch Hunt) and he married third in 1658 to Abigail Hewes (widow of William Hatch). John King continued as a seaman (traveling throughout New England) and a planter for many years with his home at Weymouth, MA where he had become an extensive landowner. In 1669 he was a Selectman at Weymouth, MA.

Son John King (1628-1691), son of John King (1600-1670), was born in America and probably raised mostly at Weymouth, MA. He became a seaman and planter like his father. He is called "Goodman" in the records. In about 1646 he married Esther Bayley (1630-1701) and they raised 10 children at Weymouth, MA. John King's (1628-1691) 02 December 1686 will was probated 29 April 1691.

Grandson Hezekiah King (1658-1690), son of John King (1628-1691), was born and raised and spent his whole life at Weymouth, MA. In about 1679 Hezekiah King married Mary Shaw (1660-1706) at Weymouth and they settled there are raise 5 children (only 3 names have been found and they are on the FGS).

Great Granddaughter Mary King (1679-1723), daughter of Hezekiah King (1658-1690), married first to a Mr. Allen. She second married Samuel Hodges (1678-1725, widower of first wife
Experince Leonard who died in 1716 and father to their 6 children) in 1717 at Taunton, MA and they settled at Norton, MA and raised 4 children there.

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