

## JOSEPH GOODRIDGE FAMILY HISTORY

Joseph Goodridge was the father of Philip and the son of William. He was born in Watertown, Massachusetts on 20 September 1639.

In the Middlesex County Deeds 1:172 there is a record which begins as follows: This indenture made eight day of May 1645 between Samuel Thatcher of Watertowne in New England, husbandman, and Marget Guteredge widow of this same place, for her sonne Joseph Gutteredge," and continues to provide for the maintenance of Joseph and his employment by Samuel Thatcher as an apprentice until the first of October 1661 "& so to be free at the age of two and twenty years" and stipulates that Joseph should not contract matrimony during this time and that "when his time come out, the said Samuel Thatcher or his wife is to give unto the said Joseph three convenient suites with one good coate and one cow calfe."

The Samuel Thatcher to whom he was made an apprentice was the same man who with Thomas Hastings appraised his father's estate. He was a merchant and taught Joseph the three Rs.

Shortly after leaving the service of Mr. Thatcher Joseph went to Newbury where his mother, who had married Captain John Hull, his sister and two brothers had settled. There he married 28 August 1664 Martha Mooers, born 12 December 1643, daughter of Edmund and Ann Mooers. In 1688 Joseph was taxed for 33 acres of land, a house, 2 horses, 14 cattle and 16 sheep. He died 29 May 1716 age 77 years. His widow survived him.

Joseph Goodridge made his will 16 Apr 1716 and it was proved 4 June 1716. In its preamble he committed his soul to God that gave it and his body "to dust whence it originally was taken with hope of a glorious resurrection by the power of Jesus Christ my Redeemer." He disposed of his property "which God hath pleased to make me the owner of" in the following manner:

To wife Martha all household goods and a comfortable maintenance by their son Joseph.

To son John the river lot by the Merrimac River and the privilege of living in my now dwelling house, also clothing, one good cow, one black mare and her colt.

To son Philip four pounds after the decease of his mother.

To son Edmund 40 shillings similarly.

To son Joseph the dwelling house, woodlot, upland, the farm implements and tools, he to care for his mother and be sole executor.

To daughter Abigail 20 shillings after the decease of her mother and to daughter Margaret 40 shillings similarly. Essex County Probate Records, 311:397,398

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JOSEPH GOODRIDGE  
By Merton Goodrich

Joseph Goodridge, son of William Goodridge and Margaret Butterfield, married 28 Aug 1664, Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts

Martha Mooers was born 12 Dec 1643, Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, daughter of Edmund and Ann Mooers.

CHILDREN:

Hannah, born 27 July 1665 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 29 Jan. 1695

John, born 13 Sep. 1667 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 9 Mar. 1756

Philip, born 23 Nov. 1669 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 16 Jan. 1729

Edmund, born 14 June 1672 Newbury, Essex, Mass.

Abigail, born 17 Sep 1675 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 14 Oct. 1723

Martha, born 2 Feb. 1680 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 1 Feb. 1706

Margaret, born 11 Oct. 1683 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died  
31 Mar. 1771

Joseph, born 21 Oct. 1688 Newbury, Essex, Mass., died 9 Mar. 1756