

The Nelson Family

First Generation

1. Thomas¹Nelson was born in Rowley, Yorkshire, England. Thomas died 1648 in England.

He married Joan Dummer. Joan was the daughter of Thomas Dummer.

Thomas Nelson and Joan Dummer had the following children:

- 2 i. Philip²Nelson was born in England 1636. Philip graduated Harvard University in 1654.
- *3 ii. Thomas Nelson was born 1638.
- 4 iii. Mercy Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts 1643. She married John Stark.
- 5 iv. Samuel Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts 1646.
- 6 v. Mary Nelson was born 1648.

Second Generation

3. Thomas²Nelson (Thomas¹) was born in England 1638. Thomas died April 4, 1712 in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts, at 73 years of age.

He married three times. He married Ann Lambert. Ann was the daughter of Francis Lambert. Ann died January 2, 1678 in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts. He married Mary Lunt May 13, 1680. He married Phillippa Platts April 9, 1690. Phillippa died October 9, 1709.

Thomas Nelson and Ann Lambert had the following children:

- 7 i. Thomas³Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts March 10, 1661. He married Hannah 1690.
- 8 ii. Dorothy Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts February 14, 1662.
- 9 iii. Hannah Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts June 22, 1665. She married Joseph Dickenson November 3, 1714.
- 10 iv. Jonathan Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts November 20, 1667. Jonathan died 1690 at 22 years of age.
- 11 v. Elizabeth Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts February 25, 1669. Elizabeth died December 31, 1669 at less than one year of age.
- *12 vi. Gershom Nelson was born July 11, 1672.
- 13 vii. Francis Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts February 19, 1675.

Thomas Nelson and Mary Lunt had the following child:

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- 14 viii. Ephraim Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts March 23, 1681. Ephraim died May 28, 1688 at 7 years of age.

Third Generation

12. Gershom³Nelson (Thomas², Thomas¹) was born July 11, 1672. Gershom died September 14, 1727 in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts, at 55 years of age.

He married Abigail Ellithorpe in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 16, 1700. Abigail was born about 1679. Abigail died December 25, 1765 at 86 years of age.

Gershom Nelson and Abigail Ellithorpe had the following children:

- 15 i. Nathaniel⁴Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts April 22, 1701. Nathaniel died January 6, 1783 at 81 years of age. He married twice. He married Deborah Chapin April 15, 1725. Deborah was born July 14, 1704. Deborah was the daughter of Captain Seth Chapin and Bethiah Thurston. Deborah died July 21, 1777 at 73 years of age. He married Sarah Thayer June 3, 1779.
- 16 ii. Ann Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts September 4, 1703. She married James Godman November 19, 1731.
- 17 iii. Sarah Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts February 27, 1707. She married Moses Gage January 13, 1731.
- 18 iv. Mary Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts April 16, 1713. She married Joseph Chapin February 5, 1729.
- 19 v. Hannah Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts October 14, 1714. Hannah died July 3, 1755 at 40 years of age. She married William Legg.
- *20 vi. Nehemiah Nelson was born October 4, 1716.
- 21 vii. Abigail Nelson was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts May 20, 1720. Abigail died August 29, 1736 at 16 years of age.

Fourth Generation

20. Nehemiah⁴Nelson (Gershom³, Thomas², Thomas¹) was born in Rowley, Essex, Massachusetts October 4, 1716. At the age of 12, Nehemiah was placed under the guardianship of Elder John Jones (*see The Jones Family*) until of age. Nehemiah died 1782 in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, at 65 years of age.

He married Hannah Sheffield October 29, 1742. Hannah was born February 28, 1723. Hannah was the daughter of Lt. William Sheffield and Mary. She married Thomas Rawson 1785. Hannah died February 8, 1803 in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, at 79 years of age.

Nehemiah Nelson and Hannah Sheffield had the following children:

- 22 i. Ruth⁵Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts November 10, 1743. She was christened in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, April

- 24, 1748. Ruth died August 16, 1825 in Providence, Providence, Rhode Island, at 81 years of age. She married Joseph Jones Jr. in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, December 28, 1763. Joseph was born in Mendon, Worcester, Massachusetts September 29, 1737. Joseph was the son of Joseph Jones and Mary Whitney. Joseph died August 22, 1799 in Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, at 61 years of age. His body was interred in Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, St. Philip's Church Yard.
- 23 ii. Elizabeth Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts March 30, 1746. She married Nathaniel Rawson.
- 24 iii. Nathaniel Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts. He was christened in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, September 6, 1751.
- 25 iv. Hannah Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts. She was christened in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, September 14, 1755.
- 26 v. Nehemiah Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts. He was christened in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, August 27, 1758. He married Rhoda Wheelock February 17, 1781.
- 27 vi. Paul Nelson was born in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts. He was christened in Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 27, 1760.

Please see The Jones Family for additional information and details.

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C

Chapin

Captain Seth (Nelson) 2
Deborah (Nelson) 2
Joseph (Nelson) 2

D

Dickenson

Joseph (Nelson) 1

Dummer

Joan (Nelson) 1
Thomas (Nelson) 1

E

Ellithorpe

Abigail (Nelson) 2

G

Gage

Moses (Nelson) 2

Godman

James (Nelson) 2

J

Jones

Elder John (Nelson) 2
Joseph (Nelson) 3
Joseph, Jr. (Nelson) 3

L

Lambert

Ann (Nelson) 1
Francis (Nelson) 1

Legg

William (Nelson) 2

Lunt

Mary (Nelson) 1

N

Nelson

Abigail (Nelson) 2
Ann (Nelson) 2
Dorothy (Nelson) 1
Elizabeth (Nelson) 1, (Nelson) 3
Ephraim (Nelson) 2
Francis (Nelson) 1

Gershom (Nelson) 1, (Nelson) 2

Hannah (Nelson) 1, (Nelson) 2, (Nelson) 3

Jonathan (Nelson) 1

Mary (Nelson) 1, (Nelson) 2

Mercy (Nelson) 1

Nathaniel (Nelson) 2, (Nelson) 3

Nehemiah (Nelson) 2, (Nelson) 3

Paul (Nelson) 3

Philip (Nelson) 1

Ruth (Nelson) 2

Samuel (Nelson) 1

Sarah (Nelson) 2

Thomas (Nelson) 1

P

Platts

Phillipa (Nelson) 1

R

Rawson

Nathaniel (Nelson) 3

Thomas (Nelson) 2

S

Sheffield

Hannah (Nelson) 2

Lt. William (Nelson) 2

Stark

John (Nelson) 1

T

Thayer

Sarah (Nelson) 2

Thurston

Bethiah (Nelson) 2

W

Wheelock

Rhoda (Nelson) 3

Whitney

Mary (Nelson) 3