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THOMAS UFFORD

ORIGIN: Nazeing, Essex

MIGRATION: 1632 on *Lyon*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Roxbury

REMOVES: Springfield 1636, Wethersfield by 1640, Milford by 1644

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admitted to Roxbury church as member #39 [[RChR](#) 75]; admitted to Milford church 11 February 1645 [Milford VR Barbour 168, citing Milford Old Long Book 98].

FREEMAN: 4 March 1632/3 (as "Thomas Uffott") [[MBCR](#) 1:367].

EDUCATION: Signed Springfield agreement of 14-16 May 1636 by mark [[NEHGR](#) 13:297].

OFFICES: Connecticut Colony jury, 9 November 1643, September 1644 [[RPCC](#) 24, 29; [CCCC](#) 1:95, 110].

ESTATE: In the Springfield agreement of 14-16 May 1636, **Thomas Ufford** was assigned a houselot between Thomas Woodford and Henry Smith [[NEHGR](#) 13:296].

On 24 April 1641 **Thomas Ufford** held a house, barn and four acres in Wethersfield [[Wethersfield Hist](#) 2:719].

On 20 August 1660 the heirs of "Thomas Uffit of Stanford" reached an agreement on his estate; these heirs were his widow, his sons Thomas Uffit (of Stratford) and John Uffit and his son-in-law Roger Terrill [[TAG](#) 10:111, citing [StTR](#) 1:52]. In this agreement the widow of **Thomas Ufford** is also referred to as "widow Theale," and the agreement was signed by Joseph Theale and William Ratliff, her son and son-in-law by her first husband [[FOOF](#) 1:601-02].

On 6 December 1660 an inventory of the estate of Thomas Uffit Sr., deceased, was presented, "so much of it as remained within the bounds of Milford and Stratford, amounting to £289 12s. 7d." attested upon oath by Thomas Uffit Jr. & John Uffitt, that this is a true inventory [[NHCR](#) 2:418].

BIRTH: By about 1596 based on estimated date of marriage.

DEATH: Milford before 6 December 1660 (date of inventory).

MARRIAGE: (1) By about 1621 Isabel ____; "____ Offitt the wife of Thomas Offitt" admitted to Roxbury church as member #40, immediately after her husband [[RChR](#) 75] (with the given name Isabel a late editorial insertion, not part of the original record); admitted to Milford church January 1645 [Milford VR Barbour 168, citing Milford Old Long Book 98]; d. by 1659.

(2) By 1659 at Stamford Elizabeth (____) Theale, widow of Nicholas; she died at Stamford on 27 December 1660 [[TAG](#) 10:118, citing [StTR](#) 1:98].

CHILDREN:

i ABIGAIL, born say 1621; m. by 3 November 1644 Roger Terrill of Milford (named in brother Thomas's will [[Fairfield PR](#) 3:167]) [[TAG](#) 25:37].

ii THOMAS, bp. Nazeing, Essex, 7 September 1623; m. by 1650 Frances Kilbourne, bp. 4 September 1621, daughter of Thomas and Frances (Moody) Kilbourne [[Hale, House](#) 653-55; [Fairfield PR](#) 3:109]; all records for Thomas of Stratford are for the son and not the father. In his will of 17 May 1683 he bequeathed to cousin Samuel, son of brother John of Milford; to wife Frances; to children of brother John Uffott; to Israel Chancy; and to children of brother Roger Terrill [[Fairfield PR](#) 3:98].

iii JOHN, bp. Nazeing, Essex, 11 June 1626; m. (1) by 1654 Hannah Hawley; divorced soon [[NHCR](#) 2:209-12; [FOOF](#) 1:264]; m. (2) 1657 Martha Nettleton [[NHCR](#) 2:201-02], daughter of Samuel Nettleton [[FOOF](#) 1:432].

COMMENTS: **Thomas Ufford** does not appear in Springfield records after 1636; in particular, he is not in the 13 January 1638/9 list of those contributing to the maintenance of Rev. George Moxon, or in the 24 December 1640 distribution of the second division of planting ground [[Springfield Hist](#) 161, 167]. Since **Thomas Ufford** did not join Milford church until 1645, he may well have had another residence in the early 1640s, and on this basis we include the Wethersfield land record as his, rather than his son's.

Banks gives as the English origin of **Thomas Ufford** the parish of Newbourn in Suffolk, based on the ship money list of 1636 [[Topo Dict](#) 158]. **Thomas Ufford** probably moved into Nazeing, Essex, sometime in the early 1620s, since we find there only the baptisms of his two sons, and not his marriage or the baptism of his daughter, but Newbourn seems implausibly distant. *BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE*: **Thomas Ufford** is best treated by Donald Lines Jacobus in two different places [[FOOF](#) 1:623-25; [Parke-Gildersleeve](#) 119].

Reference Tag IDs

[CCCR](#) = *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, 1636-1776, 15 volumes (Hartford 1850-1890)

[Fairfield PR](#) = Fairfield County, Connecticut, Probate Records

[FOOF](#) = Donald Lines Jacobus, comp. and ed., *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 3 volumes (Fairfield, Connecticut, 1930=semi rpt. Baltimore 1976, 1991)

[Hale, House](#) = Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *Hale, House and Related Families, Mainly of the Connecticut River Valley* (Hartford 1952=semi rpt. Baltimore 1978)

[MBCR](#) = *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*, 1628-1686, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., 5 volumes in 6 (Boston 1853-1854)

[NEHGR](#) = *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Volume 1 through present (1847)

[NHCR](#) = *Records of the Colony and Plantation of New Haven*, 1638-1649, 1653-1664, 2 volumes, Charles J. Hoadly, ed. (Hartford 1857-1858)

[Parke-Gildersleeve](#) = Nathan Grier Parke II, *The Ancestry of Rev. Nathan Grier*

[RChR](#) = *Roxbury Land and Church Records*, Sixth Report of the Boston Record Commissioners (Boston 1884), pp. 74-191

[RPCC](#) = *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut*, 1639-1663, Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Volume 22 (Hartford 1928=semi rpt. Bowie, Maryland, 1987)

[Springfield Hist](#) = Henry M. Burt, *The First Century of the History of Springfield. The Official Records from 1636 to 1736*, 2 volumes (Springfield 1898)

[StTR](#) = Stamford, Connecticut, Town Records

[TAG](#) = *The American Genealogist*, Volume 9 to present (1932)

[Topo Dict](#) = Charles Edward Banks, *Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England, 1620-1650*, Elijah Ellsworth Brownell, ed. (Philadelphia 1937=semi rpt. Baltimore 1957)

[Wethersfield Hist](#) = Henry Reed Stiles, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield*, 2 vols. (New York 1904=semi rpt. Somersworth, New Hampshire, 1987)