

THE YOUNGS FAMILY

The Youngs (earlier spelled Yonges) family represented a long line of Church Vicars and Ministers in Southwold and Reydon, Suffolk, England. The children of the Reverend Christopher Youngs, led by his son Reverend John Youngs, sailed for Salem in 1637. John's sister, Martha Youngs married Thomas Moore in Salem and they all went in 1650 to establish a Puritan colony at Southold on Long Island. Here the daughter of Thomas Moore and Martha Youngs, Elizabeth, married Richard Clark on my line. I had numerous ancestors in this early sailing and farming community on the Eastern tip of Long Island.

REV. CHRISTOPHER YOUNGS SENIOR

Christopher Youngs Senior was probably born about 1575, although some feel he was born much earlier. He was born in Suffolk County near Ashburton on the southeastern coast of England. Some feel he was a son of Christopher Younge who was Vicar of Ashburton and Ermington. He attended Cambridge University in 1593 and graduated with a BA in 1596 and a MA in 1599. He was married to his wife Margaret by about 1597 as John, his first child, was born in 1598. In 1600, he was ordained into the Church of England.

The Church at Reydon, some two miles from Southwold in Suffolk on the eastern coast of England, dates back to before the Domesday Book in 1086. The Southwold church goes back to 1202 and the church that remains there today was built in 1460. On January 14, 1611/12, Christopher Younge was made Vicar and minister of the combined church or 'living' as it was called. He served there at St. Margarets until 1626. He died on June 14, 1626 and is buried at St. Margaret's cemetery. His will was proven on July 5, 1626. Margaret died there on October 27, 1630 and here will was proven on January 8, 1631.

Reverend Youngs and his wife Margaret had six children who were mentioned in both of their wills. They were John, Christopher Joseph, Martha, Margaret and Mary. There was another daughter, Elizabeth, who died in about 1620. The following is what I know of these children:

REVEREND JOHN YOUNGS was born in Southwold, England in 1598. He was married three times, all in England. First to Joan Herrington in Southwold in 1622, second to Joan Harris the widow of Richard Palgrave in the early 1630s and third to Mary Warren daughter of Thomas Warren and the widow of a Mr. Gardner. John and all the other Youngs except Margaret and Christopher sailed for Salem in 1637 on the ship *MARY ANNE*. He received a grant for land in Salem on August 14, 1637. He led a group of people from Salem to Southold in the 1640s and was the minister of the First Church of Christ in that new locale. He remained in Southold the rest of his life. He died there February 24, 1672. Children by Joan Herrington were **John and Thomas**; by Joan Harris was **Mary**; by Mary Warren was **Christopher and Benjamin**. He had two other children, **Joseph and Rachel**, but it is not certain though which marriage.

CHRISTOPHER YOUNGS was probably the next eldest. He went to Salem a year ahead of the rest of the family. He married Priscilla Elvin. He moved to Wenham, Massachusetts where he died in 1647, a widower. His children were: **Sarah, Mary, Christopher**.

JOSEPH YOUNGS was a sea captain sailing between England and Salem. His wife was Margaret Warren, the sister of John Youngs' wife. They were married February 5, 1632. He moved to Southold in 1649. He remained a ship's master until his death in 1658. Their children were **Joseph, John and Christopher**.

MARTHA YOUNGS was baptized July 1, 1613 in Southwold, England. She married Thomas Moore in Salem in 1635. This is my line and their lives are detailed in the MOORE FAMILY HISTORY preceding this section.

ELIZABETH YOUNGS was drowned in a boating accident around 1620 off the coast of Southwold, England.

MARGARET & MARY YOUNGS were the other daughters and I know nothing about them.