

<< William SUTTON m. Demeris BISHOP [daughter of Richard BISHOP and Alice MARTIN (daughter of Christopher MARTIN -- possibly came over on the Mayflower)]. >>

Charline,

Sadly the Mayflower Society does not recognise Alice Martin as the daughter of Christopher Martin. Martin was a fairly common name for early settlers of the Plymouth Colony, as yet I have found nothing that shows her parentage or states where Alice was born, but it was probably either in England or MA.

Here is an interesting article on the Murder trial of Alice Martin [she was hung for stabbing to death her daughter Martha Clark in 1648] in the book "PLYMOUTH COLONY and its PEOPLE " by Stratton.

Today this crime would probably be attributed to Post Partum depression. If you ever come across what happened to her other daughter Abigail Clark b1642 I would appreciate the information.

Seasons greetings,

Wendy Schmutz

1. ALICE MARTIN was born c. 1620 in ENGLAND/MA?, and died c. 04 Oct 1648 in SCITUATE, PLYMOUTH CO, MA1. She married (1) GEORGE CLARK 22 Jan 1639 in PLYMOUTH CO, MA2. She married (2) RICHARD BISHOP 05 Dec 1644 in SCITUATE, PLYMOUTH CO, MA3.

Notes for ALICE MARTIN:

ALICE (MARTIN) CLARK BISHOP WAS HUNG FOR THE MURDER OF HER INFANT DAUGHTER MARTHA CLARK, CHILD OF HER FIRST HUSBAND GEORGE CLARK B1620 M1639 D 1644. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE MURDER WAS WRITTEN ABOUT IN THE BOOK 'PLYMOUTH COLONY AND ITS PEOPLE 1620 -1691' by E.A. STRATTON.

"IN JULY 1648 A CORONERS JURY REPORTED, THAT COMING INTO THE HOUSE OF THE SAID RICHARD BISHOPE, WE SAW AT THE FOOT OF A LADDER WHICH LEADETH INTO AN UPPER CHAMBER, MUCH BLOOD, AND GOING UP ALL OF US INTO THE CHAMBER, WEE FOUND A WOMAN CHILD, OF ABOUT FOURE YEARES OF AGE, LYING IN HER SHIFTE UPON HER LEFT CHEEKE, WITH HER THROAT CUT WITH DIVERS GASHES CROSE WAVES, THE WIND PIPE CUT AND STUKE INTO THE THROAT DOWNWARD, AND A BLOODY KNIFE LYING BY THE SIDE OF THE CHILD, AND WHICH KNIFE ALL OF US JUDGE, AND THE SAID ALLIS HATH CONFESSED TO FIVE OF US AT ONE TIME, THAT SHEE MURDERED THE CHILD WITH THE SAID KNIFE, RACHEL RAMSDEN TESTIFIED THAT WHEN SHE WENT TO RICHARD BISHOP'S HOUSE ON AN ERRAND, THE WIFE OF THE SAID RICHARD BISHOPE REQUESTED HER TO GOE FETCH HER SOME BUTTERMILKE AT GOODWIFE WINSLOWS, AND GAVE HER A KETLE FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND SHEE WENT, SHE SAW THE CHILD LYING ABED ASLEEPE..., BUT WHEN SHEE CAME SHEE FOUND (ALICE BISHOP) SAD AND DUMPISH, SHEE ASKED HER WHAT BLOOD WAS THAT SHEE SAW AT THE LADDERS FOOT, SHEE POINTED UNTO THE CHAMBER, AND BID HER LOOKE, BUT SHEE PERSEIVED SHEE HAD KILLED HER CHILD, AND BEING AFRAID, SHEE REFUSED, AND RAN AND TOULD HER FATHER AND MOTHER. MOREOVER, SHEE SAITH THE REASON THAT MOVED HER TO THINK SHEE HAD KILLED HER CHILD WAS THAT WHEN SHEE SAW THE BLOOD SHEE LOOKED ON THE BEDD, AND THE CHILD WAS NOT THERE. THE CHILD WAS ALICE (MARTIN) (CLARK) BISHOP'S DAUGHTER, MARTHA CLARKE, BY ALICE'S FIRST HUSBAND, GEORGE CLARK. ON 1 AUGUST 1648 ALICE BISHOP CONFESSED SHE HAD MURDERED HER DAUGHTER AND SAID SHE WAS SORRY FOR IT. AND ON 4 OCTOBER 1648 SHE WAS SENTENCED TO BE HANGED, WHICH ACCORDINGLY WAS EXECUTED."

SOURCE:

1. NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700 by C. ALMON
2. RECORDS OF THE COLONY OF NEW PLYMOUTH, MA
3. PLYMOUTH COLONY, ITS HISTORY AND ITS PEOPLE. 1620-91 by E.A. STRATTON
4. DICTIONARY OF NEW ENGLAND
5. PIONEERS OF MA.
6. FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF EARLY AMERICAN FAMILIES.
7. FIRST SETTLERS OF PISCATAWAY AND WOODBRIDGE [NJ] by MONNETTE, PG 792.

More About RICHARD BISHOP:

MILITARY REC:: BEF 1628 -

OCCUPATION:: SOLDIER

ARRIVED USA:: 1628, "ABIGAIL" with GOVERNOR ENDICOTT TO MA

Children of ALICE MARTIN and GEORGE CLARK are:

i. ABIGAIL CLARK, b. c. 1642.

ii. MARTHA CLARK, b. c. 1644, SCITUATE, PLYMOUTH CO, MA; d. Aug 1648, SCITUATE, PLYMOUTH CO, MA.

Child of ALICE MARTIN and RICHARD BISHOP is:

2. iii. DAMARIS BISHOP, b. 1646, PLYMOUTH CO, MA; d. 26 Feb 1682,

PISCATAWAY, MIDDLESEX CO, NJ. Married WILLIAM SUTTON 11 Jul 1666 in EASTHAM, BARNSTABLE CO, MA.

