

160 iii. Margaret Bayldon, born 1608.

144. Richard²² Bayldon (Francis²¹, George²⁰ Baildon, Robert¹⁹, John¹⁸, Walter¹⁷, Robert¹⁶, Nicholas¹⁵, Nicholas¹⁴ de Baildon, William¹³, John¹², Adam¹¹, Henry¹⁰, William⁹, William⁸, Simon⁷, Hugh⁶, Richard Fitz⁵ Essulf, Essulf⁴, Ulf³, Gamel², Osmund¹) was born May 26, 1591 in Kippax, Yorkshire, England, and died Aug 22, 1655 in Weathersfield, CT. He married Margaret Ackerdon Dec 09, 1622 in Heptonstall, County of York, England. She was born Abt. 1600 in London, England ?.

Notes for Richard Bayldon:

Richard is the first immigrant to America.

Richard was born on May 26, 1591 in Kippax Parish, Yorkshire, England.

It is generally accepted that Richard was the son of Sir Francis and Margaret (Goodrick) Baildon or Bayldon. If so he was born in Kippax, Yorkshire, England, and baptized 26 May 1591. However, there is on record a statement with his signature affixed thereto, dated 26 Mar 1613, that he was nineteen. This would mean the year of his birth was 1594. There is no birth record noted in Edith Horsfall's "The Parish Registers of Heptonstall", but there is a marriage given for a Richard Beldon and Margaret Ackrenden, 9 Dec 1622. Apparently Richard's wife died before he emigrated with his sons.

So, we can assume that on Dec 9, 1622, he married Margaret Ackrendon at Heptonstall, England. To this union three sons and four daughters were born. There is some question as to William being a son or a relative. For a lack of verification we shall list William as a son. It is also apparent that his wife Margaret and four daughters did not immigrate to the colonies with him. We shall assume he either planned to send for them later after settling in or they died before he immigrated with his sons.

The following records were found covering the period when Richard lived in England;

"Year 1613, Mar 26.- Richard, son of Francis, took an oath of allegiance to King James 1st, and served in the campaign of Breda, Holland, under Sir George Blundell at age 19 years."

"Year 1616, Feb 16.- At Woolwich, Co. Kent, Richard Bayldon assaulted John Brent on the kings Highway and took thirty shilling in silver. Again on Feb 19, at Woldham, Co. Kent he assaulted Thomas Parker and took forty-nine shilling in silver."

"Year 1616, May 31.- Richard Baldon of London gentleman, was indicted for two highway robberies. Richard was pardoned for being young and having influential family and friends."

There is a record of marriage on December 9, 1622 for a Richard Bayldon and a Margaret Ackrenden in Hoptonstall, Yorkshire, England. Apparently Richard's wife died before he emigrated with his sons. Also it is assumed all his daughters either married or died and did not emigrate with the family.

In 1626 and 1627, Richard was listed with his brothers in court records for the many actions towards Sir Francis's will and inherence . After 1627, nothing could be found in the records in England. One old ship's log lists a passenger, Richard Boldon, a merchant of Bayldon's Moor, and his three sons, in 1635, traveling to Providence, R.I. on the ship "Pide-Cowe".