

Research Report for the Family of Edward Bobet/Babbitt  
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Immigration records and passenger lists were thoroughly searched with the goal of finding possible information of the origin and birthplace of Edward Bobet/Babbitt<sup>1</sup> who died 1675 in Taunton, Massachusetts. The following records contain information about persons named Bobet, Bobett, Bobbitt, and Babbitt. However, at this point in time, no relationship to Edward has been established to these persons.

1. P. William Filby with Mary K. Meyer, editors, *Passenger and Immigration Index*, first edition (Detroit: Book Tower, 1981).

Volume 1 A-G 1981      Joane Babbett of Bristol arrived in Virginia in 1663; p.114

Supplements 1982-2011:

1982                      Nil

1983                      Erasmus Bobet, no arrival date, Boston, Massachusetts; p. 110  
Edward Bobett, 1738, Plymouth, Massachusetts; p. 110

1984                      James Bobbitt, 1706, Virginia; p. 107  
James Bobbitt, 1701, Virginia; p. 48

[Source: Nell Marion Nugent, abstractor, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 3 1695-1732 (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1979).

1985-1988              Nil

1989                      Richard Babbitt, 1850; Utah.

1990                      Nil

1991                      Unknown Bobet to America 1607-1657; Bobet v Babbitt

[Source: Meredith B. Colket, Jr., *Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657* (Cleveland: General Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, 1975), 32.

1992-1994              Nil

1995                      Wm Bobett, 1674, Virginia; p. 146

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<sup>1</sup>For the remainder of this report, Edward Babbitt/Bobet will be stated as simply, Edward. In addition, any references to him will be denoted by an asterisk (\*) and his name typed in bold.

[Source: Nell Marion Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, vol. 2 1666-1695*, indexed by Claudia B. Grundman (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1977).

1996 Nil

1997 Ann Bobett, 1679, Virginia; p. 352

[Source: *Bristol Registers of Servants sent to Foreign Plantations 1654-1686* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988).

1998-2000 Nil

2001-2002 Many Babbitts arrived in 1820 and 1861 in Ontario, Canada

2003 Jane and Sarah Babbit, 1832, New York

2004-2005 Nil

2006 Thomas and John Babbitt, 1845, New York

2007-2010 Nil

2011 \***Edward Babbitt**, 1643, Massachusetts; p. 9

[Source: Frank R. Holmes, compiler, *Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families 1620-1700* (New York: 1923, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., 1964)

The search of immigration records resulted in no new information about the birthplace of Edward. Next, existing records of Taunton, Massachusetts were searched to glean any possible new information about the origin of Edward.

1. Records of the Town of Taunton, Massachusetts 1642-1816, FHL microfilm #0,899,106 [this film contained no information about Edward.]
2. Proprietor's Records 1639-1800 of Taunton, Massachusetts; Allotments, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, FHL microfilm #0,899,104

Heires of \***Edward Bobit, the Elder** and their age [no page #]

Edward Bobit the son of Edward Bobit borne the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1655

Sara Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1657

S[ ] Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1660

Damaras Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1663

Elkana Bobit the son of Edward Bobit borne the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1665

Dorkas Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1666

Esther Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1669

Ruth Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1671  
Deliverance Bobit the daughter of Edward Bobit borne the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1673  
Dorkas Bobit dyed the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1674

In addition to the heires of Edward that were mentioned, the children of Edward's son, Elkanah were listed as well. Also in this record, were several entries regarding the allotment of land to Edward Bobbet, Jr. and his brother Elkanah Bobbot in January 1696/7, 4 December 1706, and 1719. There was no information found in this record concerning the birthplace of Edward.

Printed genealogies of the Babbitt/Bobet surname were viewed for possible new information about the birthplace of Edward.

1. *Allmey, Babbit, Bobit, Tarne Genealogical Data 1550-1856* by Margaret Burns, FHL microfilm #1,307,561, item 4.

[The information found in this film was the same as was found in *The Babbitt Family History 1643-1900* by William Bradford Browne (Taunton, 1912).

2. *Rhoades & Allied Families Babbitt* by Nina Goss.

[Contained information about the North Purchase in Taunton, Massachusetts; the history came from *The Babbitt Family History* by Browne].

3. *Brothers Five - The Babbitts of Arizona*, FHL microfilm #2,055,583 item 12.

[The book stated that \***Edward Bobet** arrived in Plymouth Colony in 1639 at age 12 and settled there probably with his stepparents]. Although this book represents a conflict in the date of Edward's arrival to Boston (1643), it is possible that Edward came with stepparents or some relation; however, this has yet to be substantiated.

4. *Genealogies in the Library of Congress a Bibliography*, edited by Marion J. Kaminkow, vol. II K-Z #16775 TAPPAN. *Abraham Tappan, (Toppan, Tappen), Edward Babbitt (Bobet), William Makepeace, John Tisdale, John Dunham, Thomas Rogers, James M. Irish, Joseph Bennett*. From genealogies and personal notes of Mildred Tappen. Compiled by Lois Wilson Cronbaugh. 1959 FHL microfilm #1,033,961 item 6.

[The information about Edward came directly from *The Babbitt Family History 1643-1900* by Browne. Although intermarriage between Edward's descendants and the Crossman and Makepeace families was stated, no new information about Edward was presented in this history].

5. *A Record of Richard Drury & Allied Families*, HBLL Microfiche CS

[The Babbitts in this history settled in Rochester, New York and later moved westward. They were not connected to Edward's family in Taunton, Massachusetts].

Many early Puritans that immigrated to New England came from Hingham, Norfolk; Boston, Lincolnshire; and Taunton and Bridgewater in Somerset, England. These parishes were accordingly searched:

1. Norwich Diocese, Hingham Parish Registers 1600-1666; Baptisms, Marriages, Burials; FHL microfilm #1,526,135 item 16. [Nil]

2. *The Parish Registers of Boston in the County of Lincoln, Vol II 1599-1638*, copied by Besant, Vicar of Sibsey and edited by C.W. Foster (Horncastle: Lincoln Record Society by Morton & Sons, Ltd, 1915) [Nil]

3. Bishops' Transcripts 1605-1812, St. Mary, Taunton, Somerset, England; Baptisms, Marriages, Burials; FHL microfilm #1,471,104

Marriage - 22 January 1607 Thomas Markes and Sara Bobbett  
[No entries for Edward]

4. Bishops' Transcripts 1606-1812, St. James, Taunton, Somerset, England; Baptisms, Marriages, Burials; FHL microfilm #1,471,053 Item 31

[Search from 1606-1739; Nil]

5. Parish Registers 1558-1653, St. Mary, Bridgwater, Somerset, England; Baptisms, FHL microfilm #1,526,377 Item 9

John Eddy	Christened	3 August 1591
Agnes Bobbett	Christened	28 August 1599 (no parents listed)
Alexander Bobbett	Christened	29 August [ ]
Joan Bobet	Christened	14 Sept 1606 (Parents, William & Jo[es])
Bobbit	Christened	Anno 1627

There are several other church records available for search for Taunton and Bridgwater. With the number of Bobbett/Bobet/Bobbit persons found in these two parishes, it is recommended that the other church records should be viewed.

Lastly, a few parishes in Gloucester, England were searched for any trace of Edward's birthplace:

1. Computer Printout of Saint Augustine the Less, Bristol, Gloucester, England; Marriages 1577-1673; FHL microfilm #0,883,958 Item 8

George Bobbatt to Margaret Jaye      2 November 1617

2. Computer Printout of St. Nicholas, Gloucester, England, Batch C 36111-2; Christenings 1558-1812; FHL microfilm # 0,883,869 Item 15

[Nil]

3. Computer Printout of Holy Trinity, Gloucester, England, Batch M 4499-7; Marriages 1613-1640; FHL microfilm #0,883,783

[Nil]

4. Bishops' Transcripts Thornbury, Gloucester, England; Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1578-1812; FHL microfilm #0,427,790

[Nil]

5. *Marriages at Thornbury, 1550-1812 in Gloucestershire Parish Registers, Marriages.* – Vol. 15 (London: Phillimore, 1898-1912).

[Nil]