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- **ID:** I223
- **Name:** William VASSAL
- **Given Name:** William
- **Surname:** Vassal
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 27 Aug 1592
- **Death:** 1655 in Barbados
- **Change Date:** 4 Jun 2002 at 21:45
- **Note:**

r. Eastwood, Essex Co, London, England

Scituate, Roxbury, Barbados, WV. Came from London, Eng in ship "Lyon" 1630 with Gov. Winthrops Company. Returned to England and came again with his family in 1635 in ship "Blessing" and settled in Scituate when his Estate was known as "Belle Neck." Returned again to Eng then to Barbadoes Jamaica where he died in 1655. Was granted land in Salem 1640. He was exceedingly wealthy of a stirring, roving and perhaps contentuous character. Conspicuous in opposing a miniature in Scituate who refused baptism except by immersion. Was quite liberal in his ecclesiastical views for those times. Gov. Winthrop wrote "Vassall is never at rest but in the fire of contention." The Scituate minister expressed fears that Vassall would assassinate him, which Vassall ridiculed as did the community. His contentions seem to have been for the sight and for a generous liberality-for instance permitting Episcopalians to commune in Congregational churches. A great deal was written by him and about him, the study of which on the whole induces a high respect for him.

John Elliott in his account of the members of his church in Roxbury "Mrs Anna Vassil the wife of Mr William Vassail, her husband, brought five children to this land."

Wm was descended from an old French family. Traced back to the Eleventh century of the house of Dr Vassall Barons de Gourdon in Duercei, Perigard a brach of the Counts of Toulouse.

*Father:* [John VASSAL](#)

*Marriage 1* [Ann KING](#) b: 1593

- *Married:* 1613
- *Change Date:* 4 Jun 2002

### Children

1.  [Judith VASSAL](#) b: 1619

2. [Francis VASSAL](#) b: 1623
3. [John VASSAL](#) b: 1625
4. [Ann VASSAL](#) b: 1629
5. [Margaret VASSAL](#) b: 1633
6. [Mary VASSAL](#) b: 1634