

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Constant Southworth was brother to THOMAS SOUTHWORTH, and both were sons of the second wife of WILLIAM BRADFORD. Various attempts have been made to extend the pedigree of the brothers beyond their father Edward, but none had yet been successful [NEHGR 17:240; Ancestral Roots 15; Magna Charta Sureties 109].

**COMMENTS:** On 7 June 1648 Constant Southworth was allowed to sell wine in Duxbury [PCR 2:125]. On 1 March 1652/3 Constant Southworth was appointed supervisor of the will and estate of James and Mary Lendall, and the eldest child of that couple also chose him to be her guardian [PCR 3:22]. On 10 June 1662 he deposed regarding the settlement of Satucket bounds [PCR 4:20]. Constant was frequently involved with the ordering of his neighbor's estates and debts, particularly in his capacity as Treasurer for the Colony [PCR 3:21, 149, 7:135-37, 140, 144, 147, 149, 192].

## THOMAS SOUTHWORTH

**ORIGIN:** Unknown

**MIGRATION:** 1628

**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Plymouth

**FREEMAN:** Propounded 7 September 1642 as "Thomas Southwood" [PCR 2:45] and admitted 7 March 1642/3 as "Thomas Southwood" [PCR 2:52] (and appended to Plymouth section of 1639 list of freemen as a result [PCR 8:174]). In Plymouth section of 1658 Plymouth Colony list of freemen (as "Lt. Tho[mas] Southworth") [PCR 8:197].

**EDUCATION:** He wrote a response from the court 9 June 1665 with indifferent spelling [PCR 4:100]. His inventory included "books" valued at £1 4s.

**OFFICES:** Commissioner of United Colonies, 7 June 1659, 6 June 1660, 3 June 1662, 8 June 1664, 7 June 1665, 5 June 1666, 5 June 1667, 3 June 1668, 1 June 1669 [PCR 3:162, 187, 4:14, 37, 60, 90, 122, 147, 180, 5:7, 17]. Assistant, 3 June 1652 (not sworn), 7 June 1653 (not sworn), 3 June 1657, 1 June 1658, 7 June 1659, 6 June 1660, 4 June 1661, 3 June 1662, 1 June 1663, 8 June 1664, 7 June 1665, 5 June 1666, 5 June 1667, 3 June 1668, 1 June 1669 [PCR 3:7, 30, 114, 134, 162, 187, 214, 4:13, 36, 60, 90, 122, 147, 179, 5:17]. Assistant at Kennebeck, 29 March 1655 [PCR 3:75]. Deputy for Plymouth to General Court, 3 June 1652, 6 April 1653, 7 June 1653, 7 March 1653/4 [PCR 3:8:23, 31, 44]. Grand jury, 5 June 1644 [PCR 2:71]. Jury, 5 June 1644, 6 March 1648/9, 29 October 1649, 6 March 1649/50, 6 March 1654/5 [PCR 3:75, 7:37, 45-]



47]. Committee to dispose of lands, 25 October 1649 [PCR 2:145]. Council of War, 2 April 1667 [PCR 3:26, 28, 138, 153, 4:142]. Coroner's jury, 26 July 1652 on the body of Robert Wille, alias Willis, 3 September 1652 on the body of James Glasse [PCR 3:15, 16]. Committee to examine the "writing lately sent out of the Bay," 7 June 1653 [PCR 3:33]. Committee to set differences between the Indians, Yarmouth and Barnstable [PCR 3:117]. Committee to view lands, 6 October 1659, 5 March 1660/1 [PCR 3:174, 209]. Committee to treat with Plymouth raters, 6 December 1659 [PCR 3:179]. Authorized to purchase land of the Indians, 3 October 1665, 30 October 1667 [PCR 4:109, 113, 167].

Plymouth selectman, 18 February 1649/50 [PTR 1:29]. Constable, 7 March 1642/3 [PCR 2:53]. Surveyor of highways, 5 June 1644 [PCR 2:72]. Master of the watch, 22 June 1644 [PTR 1:15, 18].

In Plymouth section of 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:188]. Lieutenant, 7 March 1647/8 [PCR 2:121]. Lieutenant of troops raised for the Dutch war, 3 May 1653 [PCR 3:29]. Captain of the military company of Plymouth, 2 August 1659, 4 June 1661 [PCR 3:169, 214].

*ESTATE*: On 6 October 1636 land was granted to Mr. William Bradford "for Constant & Thomas Southward, the land now in occupation of George Sowle" [PCR 1:45]. On 6 April 1640 "Constant Southwood and Thomas Southwood, his brother ... [were] granted fifty acres apeice of upland ... at the North River, with proportionable meadow ground" [PCR 1:144, 146]. On 28 October 1641 William Bradford deeded to "my son-in-law Thomas Southworth" a dwelling house & garden with seven acres of upland and two acres of meadow [PCR 12:77]. On 17 October 1642 Thomas "Southwood" was granted four acres at North Meadow by Joanes River [PCR 2:49]. On 19 April 1643 he was levied half a peck of corn for the keep of cows [PTR 1:13]. On 26 February 1648 "Constant Sowthworth of Duxbery and Thomas Sowthworth of Plymouth his brother" sold to Francis Godfrey of Duxbury, carpenter, one hundred acres of land at the North River [PCR 12:163]. On 22 February 1650/[1] Lieutenant Thomas Southworth was granted twelve acres of meadow at Winnituxett [PTR 1:206].

On 3 June 1662 he was one of the "sundry ancient freemen of the town of Taunton" allowed to look for land [PCR 4:20]. On 7 June 1665 "a competency of land" was granted to Mr. John Alden, Captain Thomas Southworth and Mr. Constant Southworth" at Namasskett [PCR 4:95].

In his will, dated 18 November 1669 and proved 1 March 1669/70, "Captain Thomas Southworth" bequeathed to "my daughter Elizabeth Howland all my housing and lands both upland and meadow within the township of Plymouth"; to "daughter Elizabeth and unto her husband Joseph Howland" "all my other lands out of the township of Plymouth" to pay debts of the estate; "my rapier and belt to my son-in-law Joseph



Howland"; to Thomas Faunce 40s.; to Deborah Morton 40s.; to "William Churchill" a sheep; "that lot and half of land which is at the Eel River which was exchanged by Mr. Willam Bradford deceased with John Faunce for a lot at Jones River I do yield up all my interest in the said lot & half of land to Thomas Faunce"; "the rest of my estate I leave in the hands of my son Joseph Howland and my daughter his wife & my brother Constant Southworth to be disposed of as they shall see reason for the supply of my wife in her poor condition" [MD 18:185, citing PCPR 3:1].

The undated inventory of the estate of Thomas Southworth was untotaled; no real estate was included, and many debts against the estate were listed [PCPR 3:1-2].

**BIRTH:** About 1617 (based on age at death), son of Edward and Alice (Carpenter) Southworth.

**DEATH:** Plymouth 8 December 1669 in his 53rd year [PCR 8:32].

**MARRIAGE:** Plymouth 1 September 1641 Elizabeth Reynor [PCR 2:23]; she died after 3 June 1679 [PCR 6:14].

**CHILDREN:**

- i ELIZABETH, b. say 1644; m. Plymouth 7 December 1664 Joseph Howland [PCR 8:25], son of JOHN HOWLAND.

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Thomas Southworth was brother to CONSTANT SOUTHWORTH, and both were sons of the second wife of WILLIAM BRADFORD.

**COMMENTS:** On 20 June 1654 "Lieut. Thomas Southworth, now residing at Cushenage [Cushenoc on the Kennebeck]," was entrusted to be the assistant in that part of the jurisdiction of New Plymouth [PCR 3:58]. On 1 May 1660 he informed on his Quaker neighbors [PCR 3:185]. On 3 December 1660, Mr. Thomas Southworth told how Ephraim Hicks of Plymouth died a violent death 12 December 1649 and the night before his death he made a nuncupative will [PCR 3:202].

On 3 June 1679 the court contracted with "Mistress Elizabeth Southworth" to

make provision for the magistrates' table in all respects as formerly, and for the use of bedding and household stuff improved thereabouts, for the full year following, vizt., for four courts, for and in consideration of £42 current silver money of New England, and at the expiration of the year, at the making up of her accounts in this behalf, if she doth not find herself a sufficient gainer, that then the court will consider thereof with some additional satisfaction according to equity and righteousness [PCR 6:14].

This record would seem to apply to the widow of Thomas Southworth, as the provision for the courts would have taken place in Plymouth, and the



widow of Constant Southworth, also Elizabeth, resided in Duxbury.

## RICHARD SPARROW

*ORIGIN:* Unknown

*MIGRATION:* 1632

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Plymouth

*REMOVES:* Eastham by 1653

*OCCUPATION:* Yeoman.

*FREEMAN:* In "1633" Plymouth list of freemen, in close proximity to others admitted on 1 January 1632/3 [PCR 1:4]. In 7 March 1636/7 Plymouth list of freemen [PCR 1:52]. In Plymouth section of 1639 list of freemen, and in Eastham section of 1658 list [PCR 8:174, 202].

*EDUCATION:* He signed his name to an agreement regarding the Kennebec trade, 6 October 1659 [PCR 3:171]. His inventory included "a Bible [and] 2 small books" valued at 10s.

*OFFICES:* Deputy from Eastham to Plymouth General Court, 6 April 1653, 8 June 1655, 3 June 1656 [PCR 3:24, 79, 99]. Grand jury, 4 June 1639, 6 June 1643, 7 June 1653, 7 June 1659 [PCR 1:126, 2:56, 3:32, 162]. Jury, 3 March 1639/40, 1 September 1640, 1 February 1640/1, 1 June 1641, 6 July 1641, 6 September 1641, 7 December 1641, 7 June 1642, 7 November 1643, 3 March 1644/5, 28 October 1645, 7 July 1646, 2 March 1646/7, 7 June 1648, 3 October 1648, 6 March 1648/9, 29 October 1649, 6 March 1649/50, 6 June 1650, 2 October 1650, 4 March 1650/1, 7 June 1651, 4 June 1652, 4 June 1657 [PCR 2:7, 112, 126, 7:16, 18, 20, 22-23, 25, 28, 31, 36, 40-43, 45-47, 49, 52-54, 60, 83]. Petit jury, 1 June 1647, 4 October 1648 of life and death for Alice Bishope [PCR 2:117, 134]. Coroner's jury, 5 June 1638, 1 August 1648 on the body of a child of Allis Bishop [PCR 1:88, 2:132]; committee to survey land, 5 May 1640 [PCR 1:152]; committee on Kennebec trade, 3 October 1659 [PCR 3:170-71].

Plymouth constable, 3 March 1639/40, 2 June 1640, 7 March 1642/3 [PCR 1:141, 155, 2:53]; highway surveyor, 3 March 1639/40, 2 June 1640, 4 June 1645, 1 June 1647, 7 June 1648 [PCR 1:141, 155, 2:84, 116, 124]; tax collector, 4 June 1650 [PCR 2:155].

Eastham surveyor of highways, 1 June 1658 [PCR 3:136].

In Plymouth section of 1643 Plymouth Colony list of men able to bear arms [PCR 8:188].

*ESTATE:* Assessed 9s. in the Plymouth tax lists of 25 March 1633 and 27 March 1634 [PCR 1:11, 28].

On 7 November 1636 granted six acres at Plymouth "to belong to their dwelling houses there, & not to be sold from their houses" [PCR 1:46].