
 "Thomas Butts the Emigrant."

According to an account given in an English record of passengers who left England to settle in this country previous to 1700, Thomas Butts, the head of the Rhode Island family, departed from his home in Norfolk, to join the colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts, May 18th, 1630.

The first known of Thomas Butts in this country appears in the Plymouth County records, 1632. November 16, he bought 4 acres of Richard Hart. There are also recorded in his name the following transfers of land; 1636, October 1, he bought of Richard Bulger, 2 acres in Portsmouth, for a cow and ten shillings in wampum: 1638, November 20, he deeded William Earle 7 acres: 1638, November 20, he bought of Ralph Earle, of Dartmouth, a quarter of a purchase share of meadow, and an eighth share of upland, etc. 1682, October 13, he was sent by the court of Plymouth, to give reason of his continuance at Punkateeset, (Dartmouth) without first obtaining so to do from the Plymouth Government: 1685, October 27, he was granted a division of land in Dartmouth, purchased from Woosamequin and Wamsutta: 1696, March 13, he sold to Edward Gray, of Tiverton, land in Little Compton for 70 pounds: 1702, December 28, Probate Records, Little Compton, Will of Thomas Butts entered. 1703, February 2, proved : wife, Elizabeth, Overseers friends, Aaron, Davis, Jr., and Joseph Wilbur.

*Wife of Thomas Butts was Elizabeth Lake - dau.
 of Henry Lake of Dorchester.*