

James Register Report

Surname variations include James & Jeames.

First Generation

1. Edmund¹ JAMES died before 15 April 1673^[1], when he is listed as “deceased” on his son Benjamin’s birth record. Based upon his marriage date -- and assuming it is Edmund’s first marriage -- he was probably born circa 1644/1649.

At first blush, it would seem likely that he was the son of **Edmund JAMES & Reana [surname not known]**, who married in Watertown, Middlesex co., MA by 1640, according to Torrey. However, there was also a **William JAMES & Elizabeth [surname not known]**, who were married by 27 September 1636 in Salem, Essex co., MA. Given Edmund’s North Shore residences, William seems a likely father. But, I have as yet been unable to find birth records of their children, so this claim is *sheer speculation* and without solid proof.

Edmund is not the child of **Erasmus JAMES & Jane [surname not known]**, who were married in Marblehead, Essex co., MA by 1640. According to Erasmus’ estate settlement, the couple only had one son, Erasmus, and one daughter, Hester, at the time of the settlement on 26 June 1660^[2]. However, there is some connection with the Erasmus James family, since Edmund’s son, Benjamin, named his first son Erasmus.

Given that Edmund left a “gune, sword and some other smal thinges” -- as opposed to the “foulin peis” [fowling piece] also listed in his estate inventory -- he probably served in the local militia. This would imply Freemanship; which, in turn, would imply Church Membership.

Estate of Edmond James (of Newbury?)

Administration on the estate of Edmond James, intestate, granted Jan. 23, 1673 to John Pickard and Thomas Kimball, by Mr. Samuell Symonds and Major Genrll. Denison, and they were ordered to bring in an inventory to the next Ipswich Court. [Ipswich Quarterly Court Records, vol., 5, page 190.]

Inventory of the estate of Edmund James taken Jan. 8, 1672:

a mare, £4;
10 swine, £5;
1 cow, £3;
Calf, 10s.;
gune, sword and some other smal thinges, £1, 2s.;
sadel, 8s.;
sickel, hamer and pincers, 4s.;
1 sitle, 3s.;
1 chest and box, 6s.;
other smal things, 5s.;
1 foulin peis, £2 15s.;
bead and beadin, £1, 10s.;
aparel, £1;
in meat, £1;
corn, £3;
on bil, 15s.;
total, £23, 18s.

Debts due from the estate:
to thomas Kimball, £1, 12s. 6d.;
goodman sumerbe, £1;
John nights, £1, 6s.;
Dockter benit, 13s.;
Phillip Foulter, £1 8s.;
total £8 17s. 6d.

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Attested in Ipswich court Mar 25, 1673 by Thomas Kimball, one of the administrators; John Pickard the other administrator dissenting and so further order to be taken the estate remains in the widow's hands. [Essex County Probate Files, Docket 14,739]^[3]

On 23 June 1669 Edmund married **Mary MICHELL/MITCHELL**, in Bradford, Essex co., MA^[4,5].

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Edmund |
| 3 | ii. | Benjamin |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1932/1933

Second Generation

Family of Edmund JAMES (1) & Mary MITCHELL/MITCHELL

2. Edmund JAMES (*Edmund¹*) was born on 11 February 1670 in Newbury, Essex co., MA^[1].

3. Captain Benjamin² JAMES (*Edmund¹*) was born posthumously on 15 April 1673 in Newbury, Essex co., MA^[1], with his birth listed as "James, Benjamin, s. Edmund, deceased". He died sometime after the birth of his youngest child in 1710.

Given his title, Benjamin must have served in the militia. This implies Freemanship; which, in turn, implies Church Membership. See the notes below about Marblehead Church membership with his second wife Deliverance. Chances are, he met his first wife via militia service with her father, Eleazer.

On 10 April 1690 when Benjamin was 16, he first married **Sarah LINDSEY**, daughter of **Coronet Eleazer LINDSEY & Sara ALLEY**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[4,6,7].

They had one child:

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| 4 | i. | Sarah |
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Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 966/967

On 24 November 1692 when Benjamin was 19, he second married **Deliverance GALE**, in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[4,10,11,12].

Deliverance, but not Benjamin, was a member of the Marblehead Church on 11 March 1693/4, when their son Erasmus was baptized, since he was recorded as "s. Deliverance". Benjamin joined sometime between the baptism of their son Richard on 3 January 1702/3 as "s. Deliverance" and the baptism of their daughter Johanna on 18 February 1704/5 as "d. Benj[amin] and Deliverance"^[13].

They had the following children:

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| 5 | i. | Erasmus |
| 6 | ii. | Benjamin |
| 7 | iii. | Deliverance |
| 8 | iv. | Tabitha |
| 9 | v. | Richard |
| 10 | vi. | Johanna |
| 11 | vii. | Ambrose |

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Third Generation

Family of Captain Benjamin JAMES (2) & Sarah LINDSEY

4. Sarah³ JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born between her parents' marriage on 10 April 1690 and her father's second marriage on 24 November 1692. She died on 8 February 1727 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[14,15].

In 1762 her name comes up in legal proceedings: "these children, viz.: David Newhall of Boston, mariner, and Mary Newhall of Boston, singlewoman, children and heirs of Mary Newhall, deceased, convey a lot in Marblehead assigned to Sarah Burchsted in the division of the estate of her father, Capt. Benjamin James, deceased^[16]. These children were her grandchildren by her daughter Mary.

In 1713 Sarah married **Dr. Henry BURCHSTED**, son of **Dr. John Henry BURCHSTED & Mary RAND**, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA^[17,18]. An intention of marriage was also filed on 12 September 1713 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Henry Burchstead of Lynn & Sarah James of Lynn". Their official marriage record reads: "Bursted, Henry, and Mrs. Sarah Jeames". Henry second married **Anna BREAM** on 20 May 1728.

It is interesting that all his children - even though he had with Anna - were officially recorded as children of "Henry and Sarah" in the Lynn, Essex co., MA vital records. Only by sorting them via date of birth can one determine whether they were children of Sarah James Burchsted or Anna Bream Burchsted.

They had the following children:

- i. John Henery¹
- ii. **Mary**
- iii. Henry
- iv. Ebenezer
- v. Sarah

Generation: G6 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 482/483

Family of Captain Benjamin JAMES (3) & Deliverance GALE

5. Erasmus JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1693/4 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 11 March 1693/4 as "s. Deliverance"^[13].

6. Benjamin JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1695 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 26 May 1695 as "s. Deliverance"^[13]. Benjamin died in Marblehead, Essex co., MA after 3 January 1749. Benjamin married **Hannah [surname not known]** who died on 3 January 1749 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[21].

7. Deliverance JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born on 2 March 1698 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA (as estimated from her death information) and died in Marblehead, Essex co., MA on 2 July 1699; she was 1^[21].

8. Tabitha JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1700 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 22 December 1700 as "d. Deliverance"^[13].

9. Richard JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1702/3 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 3 January 1702/3 as "s. Deliverance"^[13].

10. Johanna JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1704/5 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 18 February 1704/5 as "d. of Benj[amin] and Deliverance"^[13]. On 4 January 1729/30 when Johanna was 25, she married **Amos DENNIS, JR.**, in Marblehead, Essex co., MA. Her name is listed as "Hannah" on their marriage record.

11. Captain Ambrose JAMES (*Benjamin², Edmund¹*) was born in 1710 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA and was baptized there on 16 July 1710 as "s. Benj[amin]"^[13]. Ambrose died in Marblehead, Essex co., MA on 1 November 1747; "a. 37y. 4m. 11d."^[21]. On 19 December 1733 when Ambrose was 23, he married **Mary TREVETT**, in

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Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[22].

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