

John Case



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Born: 1616 in Aylesham, ENG

Married: Sarah Spencer

Died: 21 Feb 1703 Simsbury, CT

Parents: James Case & Unknown

John Case was born in Aylesham, England circa 1616 and died 21 Feb 1703 (or 1704 or 1705) in Simsbury, CT. The Case family is one of the ancient and honorable families of New England. They were noted as far back as Oliver Cromwell (1599-1659) and accumulated a fortune furnishing leather for the Army, being tanners and farniers. The records show they came from York, England to Aylesham, England in the year 1200. They held all the land around Aylesham so the town was said to be Cased in and were a clan by themselves. Many of them still reside there. Their land surrounded possessions of Anna Boleyn, who became the second wife of Henry VIII of England, and was beheaded "for treason" in 1536. The Cases were closely related by intermarriage to the Boleyns.

John arrived in New England on the ship "Dorsett" on September 3, 1635 from Gravesend, England, at the age of 19 years. The ship landed around Long Island. He then moved to Dorchester, MA [1]. In 1637 John married Sarah Spencer (1636-1691), daughter of William and Agnes (Tucker) Spencer of Hartford, CT. They next moved to Hartford, then moved to Maspeth Kills, NY (now Newton according to our Genealogy). John and Sarah resided in Windsor CT from 1656 until 1669, when they removed to Simsbury and settled in the area known as "Weatogue" [3].

In 1667 John, with twenty others, received the first grant of land in Simsbury which was at Meadow Plain, Massaco (Simsbury). He lived about one mile south of the Pettibone Tavern, the second house south. He was a shoemaker and harness maker as well as a farmer. He was appointed constable for Massaco by the General Court Oct. 14, 1669, and represented his town at the General Court in 1670 and several times afterwards. He with six sons would go from Weatogue to what now (1900) is West Simsbury and cultivate the land there. Hence it was first called Case's Farms, afterwards Farms Village, then West Simsbury. They carried their guns with them as a protection from the Indians as well as to shoot game which was very plentiful there.

The first of 5 children to John and Sarah were born in Windsor, the last 5 were born in Simsbury:

1. Elizabeth born 1658 in Windsor; died 9 Oct 1718; married (1) Joseph Lewis; married (2) John Tuller
2. Mary born 22 Jun 1660 in Windsor; died 22 Aug 1725; married (1) 1677/9 William Alderman who died 1697; married (2) 30 Mar 1698/9 James Hilliard who died 28 July 1720, age 76
3. John Jr. born 5 Nov 1662 in Windsor; died 22 May 1733; married (1) 12 Sep 1684 Mary Alcott; married (2) 1693 Sarah Holcomb
4. William James born 5 Jun 1665 in Windsor; died 31 Mar 1700 in Simsbury; married Elizabeth Holcomb
5. Samuel born 1667 in Windsor; died Jul 30 1725; married (1) Mary Westover; married (2) Elizabeth Thrall
6. Richard born 27 Apr/Aug 1669 in Simsbury; died 27 Apr 1746; married Amy Reed
7. Bartholomew 1 Oct 1670 in Simsbury; died 25 Oct 1725 in Simsbury; married 7 Dec 1699 in Simsbury Mary Humphrey, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Mills) Humphrey, born 16 Nov 1681 in Simsbury
8. Joseph born 6 Apr 1674 in Simsbury; died 11 Aug 1748; married Anna Eno
9. Sarah born 20 Apr 1676 in Simsbury; died 2 May 1704; married 9 Nov 1699, as his second wife, Joseph Phelps Jr., son of Joseph and Hanna (Newton) Phelps, born 27 Aug 1667; died 20 Jan 1750
10. Abigail born 4 May 1682 in Simsbury; married 1 Sept. 1701 Simsbury Jonah Westover Jr.

Sarah died on 3 Nov 1691 in Simsbury, at the age of 55 [2]. Her headstone in Simsbury Cemetery is said to be the oldest in Simsbury. John married (2) Elizabeth (Moore) Loomis (our genealogy says Louise (Moore) Loomis) (1638-1728), daughter of John Moore and the widow of Nathaniel Loomis of Windsor, CT. Elizabeth died in Windsor 23 July 1728 at the age of 90. She and John had no issue.

John died in 1703 in Meadow Plains or the southern part of Simsbury. His place of burial is unknown but it is supposed to be by the side of his wife Sarah in Simsbury Cemetery, although no stone was erected. He had an estate of 562 pounds, making him a man of wealth at that time. John's will, dated 21 Nov 1700 named his wife Elizabeth, six sons, and four daughters. Samuel Spencer of Hartford (Sarah's brother), and John Case Jr. (John's son) were executors of the estate.

Information from online research

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**John Flower Master bound for ye Bormodos**

**Tricessimo die Septembris 1635**

<b>Emigrator's name &amp; age</b>	
John Redford [or Reeford]	16
Robert Ramsey	15
John Williams	16
Willm Elliston	13
Lubas Wright	16
Humphrey Holt	18
THO: Joyner	16
Wm Harding	30
<i>vxor</i> Sarah Harding	30
Henry Rosse	31
Tymothie Pynder	26
Margaret Pynder	41
Jane Dart	17
Minister GEO: Turk	40
Ezia Vyncent	30
<i>vxor</i> Marthew	30
Minister Daniel Wite	30
Sampson Lort	30
JO: Miller	47
John Johnson	23
Richard Jennings	35
<i>vxor</i> Sarah Jennings	18
Richard Palmer	30
<i>vxor</i> Ellis Palmer	21
THO: Griffin	32
Ann Griffin	35
Robert Ridley	30
Edward Chaplin	20
► Wm Casse	19
Peternell Nowell	46
Christian Wellman	43
Eliz: Aldworth	15

Information found online research of Dorset passenger lists.