

Wondering what to write about, I thought maybe I would write something about my dad's Aunt Frances. She had an interesting life. I thought I had better check the wonderful album my mom and sister had made about our family. When I found the section about Aunt Frances, there were stories of her and her sister Rosa and their parents, as well as interesting pictures. It didn't look like I could add anything. As I was looking through the book, I noticed a loose paper that wasn't like the home typed things in the album. It was titled "Bangs and Allied Families".

We are descendants of Edward Bangs who sailed on the ship "Anne" to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1623. The Anne brought several family members of the original settlers who had not been able to come on the Mayflower. He was 32. His wife Rebecca and two children accompanied him. They later had several more children whose descendants are scattered all over the states. Their son Jonathan is our ancestor. The three pages I had found are a speech presented to the "Convention of Bangs Descendants" by George Dennis Bangs. The title was "Captain Jonathan Bangs. It was at a meeting in Brewster Mass in 1917. I googled Edward Bangs and found many, many entries and details of his life. Who Knew?

Some years after they landed at Plymouth, Rebecca died and Edward married Lydia Hicks who had also been on the "Anne". She died and he married again. He later had a third wife. All his wives are buried near him in the Plymouth cemetery. He was an active and responsible member of the community. He was selected to lay out 20 acre plots to be used for farming by the residents in the new settlement of Nausett. He is listed as a taxpayer in Plymouth in 1633. His bill was 12 shillings. In 1645 he was selected to supervise the building of a ship. He contributed 1/16 of the cost. It was the first built in the colony.

In 1645 he moved to Eastham. The colony was very organized and people worked together to establish laws and divide responsibilities. He was supervisor of highways for many years. He was also allowed to "draw wine" for the community but instructed "not to sell to the Indians."

He died in Eastham in 1677 at the age of 86. His son, Jonathan was the executor of his will and estate..

Jonathan preferred to be known as Captain Jonathan Bangs. He had served in the military when he was about 18. His father had provided a horse and the equipment. He married Mary Mayo. They had several children. Edward was considered to be quite

wealthy since he had inherited quite a lot of land from his father. The settlers had been awarded acreage depending on the number in their family. The Bangs family was fairly large, Jonathan died in Brewster in 1728 at the age of 88.

Years ago when my mother and sister were working on the family history, they read similar information to what I found today. At the end of one of the family descriptions it was mentioned that a President of the US was an 11th cousin of the Bangs family. My mother, lifelong Democrat, was really disgusted to find that she was related to George Bush.