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The names Merrihew/Merihew/Merithew/Merithew are probably all variations of the same family name, and are probably all descendants of Teag Amarahow (Merithew, etc.)

Descendants of one of his son's, Josia (Josiah), commonly used the name Merrihew. Those from another son, Jonathan, tended to use the Name Merrithew or Merithew.



ORIGIN OF THE NAME

GAELIC WORD

Amarahow is quite possibly the Anglicization of "O Murchadha", a name from Ireland. "chadha" is pronounced roughly like "hue"/"hew" or "hoe", just like the end of "Donahue" (Dunnchadha). There is a guttural sound in the proper Irish pronunciation, which probably is why some of Amarahow's children went with "merrithew" instead of "merrihew". Murchadha is more commonly Anglicized as Murphy, Morrow, or Murrough - though Merrihew is actually a lot closer phonetically.

COULD SOME OF THE WORLD'S 'MURPHYS' HAVE BEEN MERRIHEWS?

EARLY PLYMOUTH COLONY

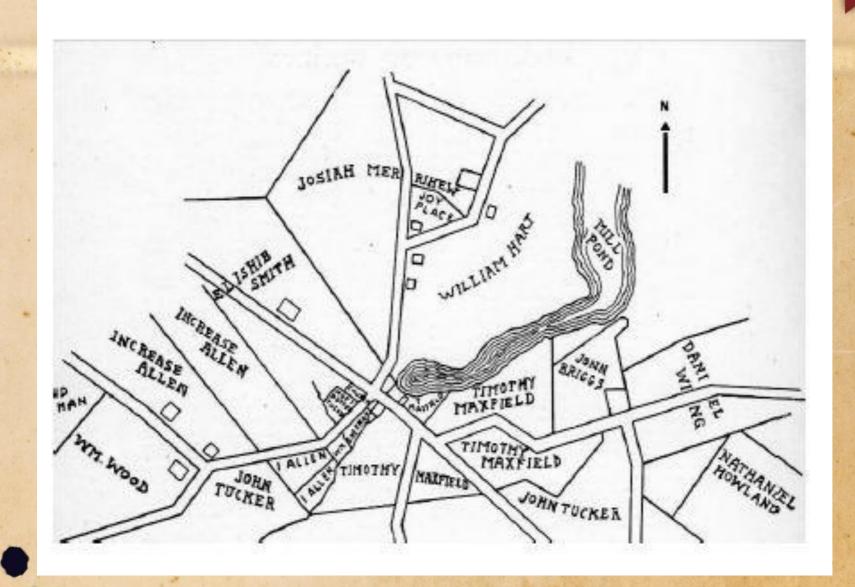
- YARMOUTH, CAPE COD
- TEAGE [TEAGUE] AMARAHOW [MERRIHEW, MERRITHEW, ETC] b. Bet. 1630 -1635
- CAME TO YARMOUTH, MID 1600'S
- HAD EIGHT CHILDREN, UNKNOWN WIFE
- 4 SONS, 4 DAUGHTERS
- SONS: JOHN, SAMUEL, JOSIAH, & JONATHAN
- DAUGHTERS: MARY, SARAH, MERCY, & EXPERYANCE
- SAMUEL, JOSIAH & JONATHAN-IN DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

NOTABLE QUAKER OF SMITH MILLS JOSIAH MERRIHEW

• DARTMOUTH

- 1695 JOSIAH MERRIHEW m HOPE FISH, PORTSMOUTH RI
- 1703 JOSIAH MERRIHEW PURCHASED LAND FROM JOHN FISH IN SMITH MILLS, HAD 100 ACRES ACCORDING TO HENRY WORTH
- 1707 SAMUEL MERIHO, CHOSEN PETIT JURYMAN, DARTMOUTH
- 1720 JOSIAH MERIHOW, CHOSEN PETIT JURYMAN, DARTMOUTH
- (SEE HANDOUTS)

WORTH'S MAP OF SMITH MILLS SHOWING JOSIAH MERRIHEW PROPERTY & QUAKER MEETING HOUSE LOCATION



TIME LINE, SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM DMM MEN'S MINUTES IN RE JOSIAH MERRIHEW

20th 8th 1745- DMM approves meeting of Friends at Josiah Merrihew's house for 4 months

21st 9th 1748- DMM approves meeting be kept at Josiah Merrihew's or Adam Mott's 'for this winter season'

15th 3rd 1749- DMM approves meeting be kept at Josiah Merrihew's or Adam Mott's 'for 6 months longer'

20th 3rd 1751- DMM approves a kept as heretofore at Josiah Merrihew's or thereabouts 'for one year longer'

20th 5th 1754- DMM minute- some Friends think it necessary that a meeting house be built...near Josiah Merrihew's... a com^{ite}...have a right understanding of s^d matter and if they think it proper, to 'continue upon about the place and y^e dimentions of y^e house...

24th 6th 1754- DMM minute- proper to add to the committee appointed to see about . . .meeting house near Josiah Merrihew's (continued next slide)

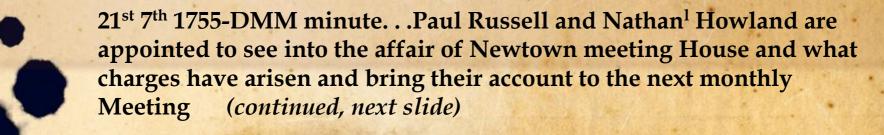
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24th 6th 1754- DMM approves . . . a place at Newtown near to Merrihew and bounded it out in Josiah Merrihew's land, supposed to be about an acre . . . Merrihew doth promise that he will give to Friends

15th 7th 1754- DMM minute...com^{ite} appointed to take the Deed of ye Land to build a meeting House near Josiah Merrihew's have done it..

4th 10th 1754-DMM minute. . .subscibed for the building. . .meeting house at Newtown four hundred & one pound Ten shillings old tenor . . .y^e s^d House will cost 1000 pound In Rhoad Island currency, the house is to be thirty foot square and nine foot [?]

21st 10th 1754-DMM minute. . .appoints Joseph Smith & Barnabas Mosher to take care. . .towards building the meeting at coakset Newtown and go with it as they think proper according to the subscription



TIME LINE, SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM DMM MEN'S MINUTES IN RE JOSIAH MERRIHEW

18th 8th 1755-DMM minute...there is 155 pound 11 shillings due upon account of sd charge of Newtown meeting House and Humphrey Smith is appointed to get in subscriptions for the same and pay out where it is due...

21st 4th 1759-DMM minute...and Luke Hart Joseph Smith William Mosher and Joseph Mosher jun^r are appointed to take the whole oversight of the Burying Ground at Newtown...

NAME VARIANTS

- DIFFICULT NAME, MANY VARIATIONS
- EXAMPLES: AMARAHOW, MERRIHEW, MERIHEW, MERITHEW, MERRITHEW, MERIHOO, MERIHOW, ETC
- PRIMARILY DESCENDANTS OF JOSIAH USED MERRIHEW & THOSE OF JONATHAN USED MERRITHEW

DISAPPEARING FAMILY NAME

'REMOVING' FROM DARTMOUTH MM TO ELSEWHERE

NOT REPRODUCING MANY SONS

FOLLOWING DARTMOUTH CENSUS RECORDS SHOWS FEWER AND FEWER OF THAT NAME AS DECADES ROLLED ALONG

DESCENDANTS OF FEMALE LINES ARE STILL IN TE AREA



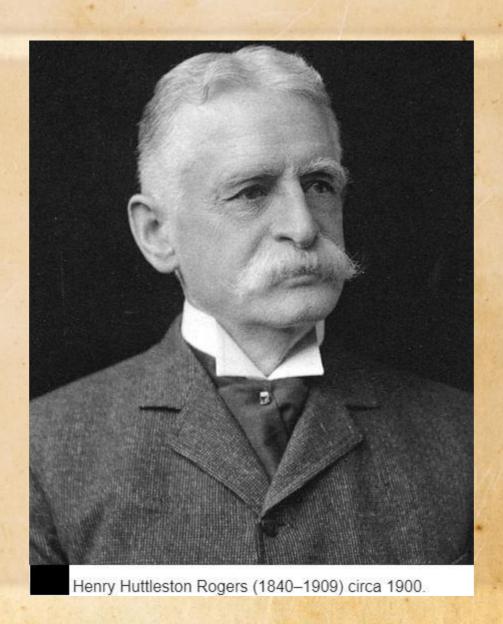
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A SELECTED NOTABLE DESCENDANT -HENRY HUTTLESTON ROGERS

HIS GRANDMOTHER RHODA HUTTLESTON WAS A MERRIHEW

THE LINE: (TEAGUE¹, JOSIAH², JOSEPH³, SAMUEL⁴, RHODA⁶ ELDREDGE, MARY⁷ ROGERS, HENRY⁸ H. ROGERS)

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