

## -- BUNCE --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolution of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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### Bunce, Fleet

Fleet Bunce m.

**Elizabeth**

*--children of Fleet Bunce & Elizabeth*

• **Phoebe B. Bunce**, d. 17 June 1832 aged 18 yrs 3 mos.; buried Old Northport Cem., Suffolk Co., NY

--Sources: Information online Nov 2008, Rootsweb Suffolk Co., List, re: OLd Northport Cemetery, Suffolk Co., NY, from David Roberts <[droberts@olg.com](mailto:droberts@olg.com)>

### Bunce, Jacob

Jacob Bunce m.

**Deborah**

In his will, he wrote: ...April 20, 1741. I, Jacob Bunce, of the town of Huntington, in Suffolk County, carpenter. I leave to my wife, Deborah, my whole estate to sell, to pay debts and funeral charges, and to bring up my children, "if it please God to spare their lives." I leave to my two oldest sons Joshua and Jacob, all my lands and buildings that my executors do not sell, when they are of age. "I leave to my youngest son, now an infant, whom I order to be named Lemuel, £20, when of age." I make my wife, and my friend and brother, Zophar Platt, executors. Witnesses, John Smith, Prudence Wood, Ephraim Killam. Proved, May 15, 1741.

*--children of Jacob Bunce & Deborah*

• **Joshua Bunce**

• **Jacob Bunce**

• **Lemuel Bunce**

--Sources: Pelletereau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol III 1730-1744, p. 331 (will of Jacob Bunce)

**Bunce, Jesse**

Jesse Bunce

d. before 9 Nov 1776

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Jesse Bunce, of Huntington, in Suffolk County, being very sick, February 12, 1776. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of all my lands and tenements for her to improve, so long as she remains my widow. But she is not to plow more than three acres yearly, of planting ground. After her death I leave all the remainder of my estate to my nephew, Joseph Bunce, second son of my late brother, Thomas Bunce, To him and his heirs and assigns. If my wife marries, her interest is to cease, and my nephew, Joseph Bunce, is to pay her £100, for which she is to quit the place. I leave to my wife Sarah a negro man, two cows, and 1/2 of the sheep, and my Large Bible, and all the furniture she brought with her, and all farm tackling and all my grain of every kind, on the ground and in the barn, and 1/2 the hogs, and all meat, the weavers and shoemakers book debts and John Bunce's book debts. I leave to Edmond Bunce, son of my brother Thomas, and to William Rogers, son of Josiah Rogers, and Thomas Bunce, son of my brother, John Bunce, and Augustine Arthur, son of Reuben Arthur, to each £5, and all the rest of my personal estate. I make Melanthon Bryan and Henry Sneden, executors." Witnesses, Isaac Bunce, Joseph Higbee, John Stratton. Proved, November 9, 1776.

--Sources: Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol IX 1777-1783, p. 21 (will of Jesse Bunce)

m.

**Sarah****Bunce, John**

John Bunce

son of Thomas Bunce &amp;

Sarah

b. about 1650

d. about 1734

m.

**Mary Barnard**

dau. of

b.

d.

John Bunce inherited the house, barn and homestead in Hartford, CT. He was admitted to the South Church in 1686 with his wife, Mary. He was townsmen or selectman in 1701-11-15. The inventory of his estate amounted to over £538. His will was dated 16 July 1730.

--*children of John Bunce & Mary Barnard:*

- **John Bunce**, b. about 1690 Hartford, CT; d. 1743; m. **Abigail Sanford**
- **James Bunce**
- **Daughter Bunce**
- **Daughter Bunce**
- **Daughter Bunce**

--Sources: Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1911, Vol. I, p. 535

**Bunce, John**

John Bunce

m.

son of John Bunce &amp;

**Abigail Sanford**

dau. of

Mary Barnard

b. about 1690 Hartford, CT

b.

d. 1743

d.

--*children of John Bunce & Abigail Sanford:*

- **John Bunce**, b. about 1718; m. **Ann Bunce**, dau. of Joseph Bunce of Hartford
- **Jacob Bunce**
- **Isaac Bunce**, b. about 1727. Samuel Flagg of Hartford was his guardian.
- **Lucretia Bunce**, b. about 1730
- **Jared Bunce**, b. about 1731
- **Abigail Bunce**, b. about 1733

--Sources: Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1911, Vol. I, p. 535

**Bunce, John**

John Bunce

m.

son of John Bunce &amp;

**Ann Bunce**

dau. of Joseph Bunce &amp;

Abigail Sanford

b. about 1718

b.

d.

d. 1750

--*children of John Bunce & Ann Bunce:*

- **John Bunce**, b. 1750; m. **Susannah Kilbourne**, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Kilbourne & Abigail Jones

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**Bunce, Thomas**

Thomas Bunce

m.

b. 1612 England

**Sarah**

b.

d. before Aug 1683

d. Jan 1693/94

Thomas Bunce, the immigrant, was born in England of English or Scotch ancestry.

Thomas Bunce was a proprietor of the colony at Hartford, Conn., in 1639, "by courtesie of the town. His home-lot in 1639-40 was near the site of the present Capitol building. He served in the Pequot War and was granted sixty acres for good service in 1671 and fifty more in 1672. He was chosen chimney-viewer in 1646; was constable in 1648; juror in 1649; townsman in 1653, 1661, 1665; was rate and list maker in 1669; again chimney-viewer in 1670; list-maker in 1671, 1672, 1673; freed from training etc., September, 1672, being then sixty years of age. He and his wife Sarah were original members of the South Church February 12, 1670.

He appointed his "beloved brethren, Ensign Nathaniel Standly and Steven Hosmore overseers". Inventory, filed July and August, 1683, showed estate of £1024. He named in his will his wife, Sarah, "Cousin Elizabeth White" and "sister Katherine Clark". His widow died January, 1693-1694.

--children of Thomas Bunce

- **John Bunce**, b. about 1650; d. before 1734; m. **Mary Barnard**. He was of Hartford; received from his father the house, barn and home-lot which he purchased of Thomas Gridley, besides other property; he was admitted to the South Church in 1686 with his wife, Mary; was townsman in 1701, 1711, 1715.
- **Elizabeth Bunce**, m. **Jacob White** of Hatfield.
- **Thomas Bunce**, m. **Susannah Bull**, dau. of Capt. Thomas Bull. He was admitted to the South Church with his wife in 1677; townsman in 1679, 1680, 1684, 1689, 1693, 1698, 1703; he owned a large estate in land in Hartford, on Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, etc. His will was dated April 25, 1709; probated April 25, 1712.
- **Sarah Bunce**, d. 20 June 1676; m. (1) **John White, Jr.** of Hatfield; m. (2) about 1668, **Nicholas Worthington** of Hatfield.
- **Mary Bunce**, b. 17 Sep 1645; m. (1) **Thomas Meakins**, of Hatfield, who was killed by the Indians October 19, 1675. Mary Bunce m. (2) **John Downing**, of Hatfield.

--Sources: Mackoy, Harry Brent. A Study in Heredity and Environment (A historical and genealogical sketch of the ancestors of Joseph Henry Assel). Cincinnati: The A. H. Pugh Printing Co., n.d., p. 57; Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1911, Vol. I, p. 535

**Bunce, Thomas**

Thomas Bunce

m.

-?-d.

d. before 22 April 1741

In his will, he wrote: ...May 8, 1738. I, Thomas Bunce, of Huntington, in Suffolk County. I leave to my son Thomas, all that certain lot of land which I bought of Jeremiah Adams, situate at Crab meadows; Also 20 acres near the west side of Crab meadow neck; Also a certain lot of salt meadow lying on the east side of Crab meadow gut or inlet, and another lot of meadow lying on the west side of said gut, or inlet, joining to the lot of Thomas Fleet; Also a hundred and a half a hundred right of Commonage in Crab meadow Purchase. I leave to my son Edward £10, besides the £10 he has already received. I leave to my son Jacob £20. To my son Matthew £20. To my son Isaac £20. To my son George £20. I leave to my son Nathaniel all the rest of my lands and meadows, both cleared and uncleared, with all my rights in Huntington. And he is to pay to his brothers, and his sister Deborah, £100. If he does not do so, then my executors are to sell the 28 acres of land called the Vineyard. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Higbie, a cow. The rest of my movables to my daughters Susanah, Hannah, and Deborah. "And in consideration that my daughter Deborah is very small in stature, and not likely to be able to do laborious work, she shall have a room in my dwelling house while she remains single, and if she should come to want, my son Nathaniel shall maintain her." I make Alexander Bryan and Timothy Scudder executors. Witnesses, John Woolsey, Jeremiah Wheeler, Epenetus Platt. Proved, April 22, 1741.

--children of Thomas Bunce &

- **Edward Bunce**
- **Jacob Bunce**
- **Matthew Bunce**
- **Isaac Bunce**
- **George Bunce**
- **Nathaniel Bunce**
- **Deborah Bunce**
- **Sarah Bunce**, m. -?- **Higbie**
- **Susannah Bunce**
- **Hannah Bunce**

--Sources: Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol III 1730-1744, p. 326 (will of Thomas Bunce)

**Bunce, Thomas**

Thomas Bunce

m.

**Ruth Arthur**

son of Thomas Bunce &

dau. of

Ruth

d. before 12 Sep 1760

In his will, he wrote: ...May 30, 1760, I, Thomas Bunce, of Huntington, Suffolk County, being now sick. I leave to my wife Ruth a riding horse and 2 cows and the use of 1/3 of all my lands and meadows lying in Crab Meadow Neck, Also her choice of the rooms in my house, and an equal share of my movables with my daughters. I leave to my grand son, Selah Bunce, my house and homestead at Cow Harbor, and all my land at Long Hill which was improved by my son Thomas, with a certain piece of Salt meadow on the east side of Crab Meadow Point, and a £100 right in the Eastern Purchase, and 1/2

of a £100 right in the Old Purchase, And he shall pay to my two grand sons, Joseph and Edmund Bunce, and to my grand daughters, Hannah and Ann Bunce, £27 among them when of age. I leave to my son, Jesse Bunce, £100. I leave to my son John the house and homestead where I now live at Crab Meadow Neck, and a piece of Plain land which I bought of John Smith, and one and a half £100 right in the Eastern Purchase, and 3/4 of a £100 right in the Old Purchase, with 7 acres due on the same, Also a horse and a pair of steers and all farming utensils. I leave to my daughters Sarah and Mary all the rest of my movable estate. [Mentions son-in-law Josiah Rogers.] I make my son Jesse executor. Witnesses, Augustus Bryan, Sarah Bryan, Samuel Allen, Physician. Proved, September 12, 1760.

--*children of Thomas Bunce & Ruth Arthur:*

- **Thomas Bunce**, b. 1720; d. 1757; m. 1744 **Elizabeth Wood**
- **Jesse Bunce**, d. 25 April 1776 Huntington, Suffolk Co., NY; m. 25 Nov 1760, **Sarah Higbee**
- **John Bunce**, b. 8 Aug 1725; d. 1798; m. 23 Jan 1753 First Presbyterian Ch, Huntington, NY, **Phebe Smith**. She was buried 20 May 1814.
- **Ruth Bunce**, b. 1728 Huntington, Suffolk Co., NY; bp. 26 May 1728; d. 31 Oct 1755; m. 15 Jan 1754 Huntington, Suffolk Co., NY, **Josiah Rogers**
- **Mary Bunce**, bp. 6 Sep 1730; d. 30 March 1761; buried Old Northport Cem., Suffolk Co., NY; m. 7 Nov 1759, **Jonathan Wicks**

- **Sarah Bunce**, bp. 21 Jan 1732/33; m. before 1738. -?- **Higbee**

--Sources: Pelletreau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol V 1754-1760, p. 422 (will of Thomas Bunce); William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol XVI, Corrections Vol I, p. 233 (correction to will of Thomas Bunce); Information posted online at Ancestry.com Jan 7 2000 by Nicholas C. Cook <ncook38139@aol.com>

**Bunce, Zebediah**

Zebediah Bunce  
son of  
b. 1723  
d. 13 June 1789  
buried Old Northport Cem., Suffolk Co., NY

m. 1747/48  
Huntington, L.I., NY

**Abigail Rusco**  
dau. of (prob) Nathaniel Rusco &  
Betsy  
b. 1727

d. 23 May 1773 in 46th yr  
buried Old Northport Cemetery, Suffolk Co., NY

--Sources: Information online July 2002, Suffolk Co. List, from charlotte 1 jersey <c.jersey@juno.com>; Information online Nov 2008, Rootsweb Suffolk Co., List, re: Old Northport Cemetery, Suffolk Co., NY, from David Roberts <d roberts@olg.com>

**Bunce, Zebulon**

Zebulon Bunce

m.

**Mary Smith**

**Unplaced Bunce Women:**

**Elizabeth Bunce** ("Betsey"), b. 29 June 1777; d. 30 July 1832; m. 12 Oct 1795 (Bible record) or 4 Oct 1796 Second Ch. of Christ, Hartford, CT, **Stephen Strong**, son of Col. John Strong & Mercy Newell