Unveiling the Moulton Family Saga: From England to the Heart of Salem in the 17th Century

Step back in time to the dawn of the 17th century, when a family from the serene countryside of England embarked on a daring journey across the Atlantic. The Moulton family, driven by a thirst for religious freedom and a yearning for a new beginning, set sail towards the unknown shores of Salem, Massachusetts.

The Roots of the Moulton Family

The Moultons traced their lineage back to the rolling hills and quaint villages of Warwickshire, England. Robert Moulton, the patriarch of the family, hailed from the village of Burton Dassett. As a staunch Puritan, he found himself at odds with the established Church of England, which stifled his religious beliefs.



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Inspired by the promise of religious tolerance in the New World, Robert Moulton decided to embark on a perilous voyage to the American colonies. In 1626, he gathered his family and boarded a ship bound for Salem. Along with him were his wife, Elizabeth, and their five children: Robert Jr., Thomas, William, Mary, and Elizabeth.

A New Home in Salem

Arriving in Salem in 1626, the Moultons found themselves amidst a thriving community of Puritans. They quickly integrated into this close-knit society, which shared their religious beliefs and aspirations. Robert Moulton became a respected member of the Salem church and community, serving as a deacon and later as a representative to the General Court.

The Moultons settled into their new home on Salem Neck, a picturesque peninsula that extended into Salem Harbor. They established a farm and raised livestock, becoming part of the agricultural fabric of the colony. Over time, the Moulton family expanded, with subsequent generations playing prominent roles in Salem's history.

The Moulton Family Legacy

The Moulton family left an enduring legacy in Salem and the surrounding region. Their descendants went on to serve in the colonial militia, participate in local government, and establish successful businesses. They played a vital role in shaping the cultural and economic landscape of Essex County.

Among the most notable descendants of Robert Moulton was John Moulton Jr., who served as a captain in the Massachusetts militia during the American Revolutionary War. He led his company at the Battle of Bunker Hill and later went on to become a state senator and judge. His son, Joseph Moulton, also served in the militia and later became a captain in the United States Navy.

The Moulton Family Ancestors Book

The fascinating story of the Moulton family is meticulously documented in the book "Moulton Family Ancestors: Immigrants to Salem 1626 1629." This comprehensive genealogical work traces the lineage of the Moulton family from their origins in England to their descendants throughout the United States.

Written by renowned genealogist and historian Anne Moulton, the book is a treasure trove of information for anyone interested in tracing their family history or exploring the rich history of Salem. It includes detailed descriptions of the Moulton family's arrival in Salem, their settlement on Salem Neck, and their subsequent contributions to the community.

The Moulton family's journey from England to Salem is a captivating tale of faith, courage, and perseverance. Their story is inextricably intertwined with the history of Salem and the founding of the United States. The book "Moulton Family Ancestors: Immigrants to Salem 1626 1629" provides a unique and comprehensive account of this pioneering family's legacy.

Whether you are a descendant of the Moulton family or simply curious about the history of Salem, this book is a must-read. It offers an engaging and informative account of a family that played a significant role in shaping the fabric of American history.

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