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PRIDE

→ JOHN PRIDE

The first of the Prides was John and his wife Edith and their two children, a son John and probably a daughter as there was an Elizabeth Pride who married in Dec. 6, 1663 John Topley in Salem. John Pride arrived sometime in the early 1630's from England. He was a fisherman and was granted lands on Juniper Point and Winter Islands. The Town records of Salem show that he was given on the 20th of the first month (March) 1636 an half acre on Winter Harbor by their house and 5 acres on "Derbie Fort side". Between Dec. 26, 1636 and July 12, 1637 he was granted 20 more acres. On the 30th of the first month 1640, in the division of the marsh and meadow lands, the division was based on the number of persons in the family "#2 - 4 [persons] John Pride 3/4 acre".

We also find John Pride in the court records of Salem. "27th of Xth mo: 1636, "Mr. Babbs plaintiff & John Pride and Wm. Vinson defendants confessed debt 3 florin odd & agreed". "26th of 4 no. 1638, John Leech & Wm. Vincent plaintiffs against John Pride defendant accused of slander ..." On the same day, John Pride was a defendant in case of debt and was ordered to pay 36 shillings and court costs to the plaintiff Anthony Buxton. Again on the 25th of 4th mo. 1639, John Pride was a defendant in case of debt and the court ordered him to pay the plaintiff John Leech 42 shillings 6 d. for damages plus the court costs. On the 24th of the 7th no., 1639, John Pride is the Plaintiff and the defendant Wm. Vinson was ordered to pay John Pride 58 s. 6d. plus 2 shillings for his days work.

On the first of the 5th no. 1640, John Pride was a defendant in a juried trial. The Plaintiff John Holgreue accused John Pride of trespassing by cutting down the fences by the highway. Jury found John guilty of a misdemeanor and ordered him to pay 12 d. in damages and 4 shillings in court costs.

At a General town meeting on the 13th 4th no. [June] 1644, "Ordered that John Pride shall be forbidden to fence in the halfe acre lotts at Winter Neck and John Holgreue dothe promise to acquaint him with this order."

John Pride died in 1647 and the 10th no. [Dec.] 1647, his estate was inventoried and amounted to 88 pounds 16 shillings.

Children of John and Edith Pride:*

- 2. i. John Pride
- 3. ii. Elizabeth Pride; m. Dec. 6, 1663, John Topley of Salem; had 10 children.

* The only proofs found to support that these are their children is that Salem records show he had two children and these are the only Prides living in the area for the time period involved.

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📅 **Date:** 1630-1647

📍 **Place:** Salem, Essex, Massachusetts

📖 **Description:** English American Ancestry ofPride, Root, Pomeroy & Related Relatives; Lilla M. Licht, 1979, NSDAR Library, page 2: John Pride arrived in the early 1630's from England. He was a fisherman and was granted lands on Juniper Point and Winter Islands. Court Records indicate debts, demand for wages and trespass. Died in 1647, will proven Dec 1647. Children listed, but have not been proven except by being the only other Prides in area at the time.