A biographical and genealogical sketch of the immigrant Robert Reynolds of Boston, Massachusetts, was published in 2009 by Robert Charles Anderson as part of the Great Migration Study Project. Anderson showed that Robert Reynolds immigrated to New England by 1634, had a wife named Mary, and had at least five children that were probably all born in England: Ruth (born say 1623), Tabitha (born say 1625), Nathaniel (born about 1627), Sarah (born say 1629), and Mary (born say 1631). The English origin of this immigrant has remained unknown.

As the given name of Robert's daughter Tabitha is uncommon, a search was undertaken in English records for her baptism. A baptismal record was found for her and for her known siblings Nathaniel and Sarah in the parish of Isleworth, Middlesex, along with two siblings that died young as follows:

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>November 1621</td>
<td>Baptism</td>
<td>Robert Ray[nol]s &amp; Mary [his wyfe had their daughter] Tab[it]ha baptized</td>
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<td>3 August 1623</td>
<td>Baptism</td>
<td>Robert Raynols &amp; Ma[ry] his wife had there daught Mary b[aptized]</td>
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<td>10 April 1625</td>
<td>Baptism</td>
<td>Robert Rainols &amp; Mary his wyfe had there sone Nathaniell bap[tized]</td>
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<td>17 December 1626</td>
<td>Baptism</td>
<td>[Sara d. Robert &amp; Mary Raynols]</td>
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<td>30 May 1627</td>
<td>Burial</td>
<td>[Mary d. Robert Raynols]</td>
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<td>21 September 1630</td>
<td>Baptism</td>
<td>Robert Raynols &amp; Mary his wyfe had ther sone Phillip bap[tized]</td>
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<td>28 November 1633</td>
<td>Burial</td>
<td>Phillip of Robert Raynols[3]</td>
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The immigrant's marriage and the baptism of his daughter Ruth were not found in Isleworth. A search of parish registers in the same area has located these two records in the parish of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey (about 5 miles south of Isleworth), as follows:


3 All Saints, Isleworth, Middlesex, parish register, 1566–1655 [FHL DGS 8041035]. This register is in poor condition and the black and white photographs are of low quality so that some of the entries are either totally or partially illegible. Those parts of the entries that were difficult to read from these digital images were supplemented with the data abstracted from the original register by the West Middlesex Family History Society (www.west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk) and are enclosed in brackets. The DGS image numbers of the readable entries are: 77 (Tabitha), 80 (Mary's baptism), 82 (Nathaniel), 93 (Phillip's baptism), and 99 (Phillip's burial).
**Genealogical Summary**

**Robert Reynolds** was born say 1592 (assuming age 25 at marriage). He married in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, 9 November 1617, **Mary Curver**. Robert removed to Isleworth, Middlesex, by 1621, where he resided until at least 1633. He immigrated to New England by 1634 and was admitted a member of the Boston, Massachusetts, church on 10 August of that year. Robert died in Boston on 27 April 1659 and his widow died there on 18 January 1663/4. The will of “Robert Reynolds now Living in Boston” dated 20 April 1658 and proved 27 July 1659 gave to “my wife . . . my sonne Nathaniell . . . my fower daughters Children, that is to say . . . my daughter Ruth Whitney & to her Eldest Sonne . . . my Daughter Tabitha Abdy & her sonne Mathew Abdy, & if he should dye to her two daughters . . . my daughter Sarah Mason & her sonne Robert Mason & if he dye to her daughter Sarah . . . and . . . my daughter Mary Sanger & her sonne Nathaniell.” He named his wife the executrix of his will.

Children of Robert and Mary (Curver) Reynolds (ii–v, vii baptized in Isleworth):


2. **Tabitha Reynolds**, bp. [torn] Nov. 1621, d. Boston, [blank] 1661; m. by 1648, **Matthew Abdy**, b. about 1620, d. after 5 April 1682. Her husband m. (2) Boston 24 May 1662, Alice Cox.

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4. Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, parish register, 1610–1621 (Surrey History Centre, P33/1/6) [Surrey, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1813, online at Ancestry.com, images 94 (marriage) and 122 (baptism)].


iii. Mary Reynolds, bp. 3 Aug. 1623; bur. Isleworth, 30 May 1627.

iv. Nathaniel Reynolds, bp. 10 April 1625, d. Bristol, R.I., 10 July 1708;[11] m.

v. Sarah Reynolds, bp. 17 Dec. 1626, living 14 Aug. 1682 (grantor in deed);[16] m. by about 1655, Robert Mason, d. between 11 Nov. 1678 (took oath of allegiance)[17] and 26 Jan. 1679(80) (his inventory).[18]

vi. Mary Reynolds (again) b. say 1628, living 12 Feb. 1710/1 (order by Watertown selectmen for her support);[19] m. by 1650, Richard Sanger, d. Watertown 20 Aug. 1691.[20]


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