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Richard [Combs](#) formerly [Coombs](#)

Born **about 1650** in **Hempstead, Queens, New York Colony** ?

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of [Elizabeth \(Hubbs\) Combs](#) — married 1670 in Hempstead, New York ?

Father of [Thomas Combs Sr.](#), [Elizabeth \(Combs\) Kissam](#), [John Combs](#), [DESCENDANTS](#) ?
[Robert Combs](#), [Richard Coombs](#) and [Mercey Combs](#)

Died **before 1698** before about age 48 in **Hempstead, Queens, New York Colony** ?

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Biography

Richard Combs owned 26 acres of land in Hempstead October 6, 1685. Most of the people in Hempstead at that time arrived in 1644 with the Reverend Richard Denton who arrived in New England in 1630. ^[1] Richard appeared in court at Hempstead July 3, 1669. He appeared on the 1683 tax list of Hempstead. ^[2]

Research notes

- Richard does not appear on the 1698 Census of Hempstead, however his wife Elizabeth and children John, Robert, and Mercey do appear. Richard most likely had passed away prior to 1698. The census listed the head of household first for each family, so Elizabeth was the head.
- His wife's name was Elizabeth, however there is no solid source of her surname. Alleged marriage to Elizabeth Godwyn/Godwin/Hubbs/Hubbard is without adequate source. In the Hempstead census of 1698, there are Hubbs families living near Richard's widow Elizabeth and her children John, Robert, and Mercey.
- He had previously been shown as a son of [Francis Coombs](#), but lacking reliable sources. He is not listed in the *Mayflower Families through Five Generations* for Degory Priest published in 2008. If more recent scholarly proof can be provided, his parents can be revisited. [Madison-125](#) 20:31, 29 April 2021 (UTC)
- Possible grandparents John Coombs and Sarah Priest may have had more than two children. There is an eleven year gap with no known children before Sarah returned to England in 1646.

DNA

No known carriers of Richard's DNA have taken a [DNA test](#).

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Research

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- Possible parent John Combs (b abt 1633) may have had children before his marriage to Elizabeth Barlow (He married at age 29).
- Possible parent Francis Combs (b abt 1635) may have had a previous marriage/ children before his 1673 marriage to widow Deborah Morton (he married at age 39).
- It may require a known Richard Combs direct descendent, who is willing to take a Y DNA test. This may lead to a Y DNA match with another Combs, and find the father of Richard.

Sources

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 - Edward Doubleday Harris, The Hempstead Census of 1698, from Long Island Source Records Form The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Henry B. Hoff, Genealogical Publishing Co. Baltimore, Maryland, 1987, page 311.

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[Michael Schroeder](#)

It's clear from the following document that Richard's wife was Elizabeth. An argument is provided that the mother of their son Richard was an Elizabeth Hubbs: <http://www.combs-families.org/combs/ms/ms-gdac.txt>. Alternative pages on WikiTree do have Elizabeth as John's sister and daughter of the immigrant patriarch Robert Hubbs (b. 1624). However, per his page on this site, Robert was known to have had six children, and none were named Elizabeth. There appear to have been other Hubbs in Newport, Rhode Island (where the Hubbs family landed), so the surname "Hubbs" could be possible but does not seem likely.

See additional comments on Elizabeth's page.

[posted](#) Jun 08, 2023 by [Michael Schroeder](#)

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Thank you for bringing this up. In my correspondence with Combs researcher Clarence Ike (deceased), he had no surname for Richard's wife Elizabeth. The attached profile of Elizabeth Godwyn/Godwin/Hubbs/Hubbard profile (Hubbs-288) seems to not be credibly sourced. I will add a research note on that profile.

[posted](#) Jun 10, 2023 by [Diane Matthews](#)

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I believe that the Mayflower Society no longer considers Richard a descendent of John Combs. However, he may be, but the evidence is lost. The best way to solve this is to find a Richard Combs direct descendent, who is willing to take a Y DNA test. This may lead to a Y DNA match with another Combs.

[posted](#) May 04, 2021 by [Diane Matthews](#)

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**[Bobbie \(Madison\) Hall](#)**

That is correct, and if that testing can prove his relationship to [Francis Coombs](#), and therefore to [Sarah](#) and [Degory Priest](#), that information can be raised with the GSMD. Wouldn't that be an amazing piece of DNA work?

[posted](#) May 06, 2021 by [Bobbie \(Madison\) Hall](#)

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**[Cynthia \(Hicks\) Curtis](#)**

Genealogists at Geni.com are saying he is not the son of Francis

[posted](#) Apr 29, 2021 by [Cynthia \(Hicks\) Curtis](#)

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**[Bobbie \(Madison\) Hall](#)**

He isn't listed in the Mayflower Families "silver book" for Degory Priest printed in 2008. If there isn't more recently published, peer-reviewed material, he should be detached from the parents as unproven and not accepted by the Mayflower Society.

[posted](#) Apr 29, 2021 by [Bobbie \(Madison\) Hall](#)

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**[Cynthia \(Hicks\) Curtis](#)**

Makes me sad but if he is disproved, I understand the need to disconnect. Degory Priest would be my 12th great grandfather if this Richard is a son of Francis.

[posted](#) Apr 29, 2021 by [Cynthia \(Hicks\) Curtis](#)

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