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James Ratcliff

Born **1645** in **Chapel Hill, Rossendale, Lancashire, England** ?

Son of [Richard Ratcliff of Chapel](#) and [Alice \(Rawsthorne\) Radcliffe](#) ANCESTORS ↗

Brother of [Agnes Ratcliff](#), [Isabelle \(Radcliffe\) Haworth](#), [William Ratcliff](#), [John Ratcliff](#), [Alice Ratcliff](#), [Elizabeth Ratcliff](#), [John Ratcliff](#), [Richard Radcliffe](#) and [Susan Ratcliff](#)

Husband of [Mary \(Rawsthorne\) Ratcliff](#) — married 5 Mar 1674 in Holden, Lancashire, England ?

Father of [Edward Radcliffe](#), [Rachel \(Radcliffe\) Hayhurst](#) and [Rebecca \(Radcliffe\) Hall](#) DESCENDANTS ↘

Died **29 Mar 1690** at about age 45 in **Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, British America** ?

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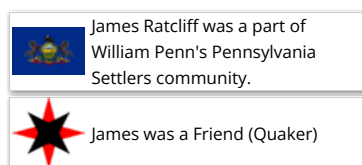
Biography

James Radcliffe. ^[1]^[2]

Born 1645 Chapel Hill, Rossendale, Lancashire, England. ^[3]

Died 29 Mar 1690 Wrightstown, Bucks, Pennsylvania. ^[4]

Event: Arrival 1684 Pennsylvania^[2]



DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships.

Paternal line [Y-chromosome DNA](#) test-takers:

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Original GEDCOM Information

- Born ABT 1645; SDATE 1 JUL 1645; Place: Rossendale, Lancashire, England
- Died Date: 1690; SDATE 1 JUL 1690; Place: Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

James married 1673/4, 1m, 5d at Holden, Lancashire to Mary Rawsthorne, daughter of Richard and Mary Rawsthorne.

^[3] James was an early Quaker minister and suffered much persecution in Lancashire and was frequently thrown in prison. His father Richard, James, and sister Isabella were apprehended at a Quaker meeting at Haslingden, 1660, 12m, 6d when he was only 15 and all were put in prison overnight. At one point he was charged with preaching Quaker meetings in his home when he had not even attended; he was committed to prison, fined £20, and 12 head of cattle and 1 horse were taken from his barn.

17 Apr 1685, James deeded a small tract of ground called "Chapel Hill" to the Society of Friends - this was probably the same tract his father had given him

but no legal title had been made. In 1988 this cemetery was still owned by the Society of Friends. The deed is in the Court Rolls of the Manor of Accrington. The Marsden Monthly Meeting Minutes Book of Lancashire Record house has the following records:

James Ratcliff fined £40, 16 May 1675 for preaching

James Ratcliff was distrained as security for fine of a cow worth £4, but it sold for £2, 10s, he having little else. 16 Sep 1675

James Ratcliff distrained of his best oats, 6sh 6p for nonpayment of tithes, 11 Sep 1680

James Ratcliff fined £20 for preaching, 4 Nov 1683

James Ratcliff distrained of 12 cattle and one horse worth £39, 11 Nov 1683.

James Ratcliff distrained of his best oats, 16sh for non payment of tithe, 30 Aug 1684

James Ratcliff declares his intent of removing himself and family to America, 21 May 1685.

The ship "Rebecca of Liverpool" commanded by James Skinner, arrived at Philadelphia, 1685, 8m 31d. Passengers included James Ratcliff, Mary his wife, and their children Richard, Edward, Rebecca and Rachel. James Hayworth, probably his nephew, and two others came as servants of James and Mary.

<http://www.tsdar.org/chapters/BrazosValley/ships.htm>

Individual Ships of Penn's Fleet and their passengers

The Rebecca

8th month, 31, 1685, James Skinner, master

Thomas Bates

Richard and Margaret Cureton and children: William and Jane

Edmund and Isabel Cutler and children: Elizabeth, Thomas and William,

John Cutler

Ann Dugdale

Robert Hewit

James Heyworth

James Holgate

Mathew Holdgate and daughter Mary

John Jennings

John and Ann Lathum and children: John, Aron, Moses and Ann

Richard Mather

James Molenex

James Myriall

Cornelius Netherwood

James, Mary, Richard, Edward, Rebecca and Rachell Ratcliffe

Hester Rothwell

James Rothwell

James Scoles

John Scoles

William Wardle

Elizabeth Wingreene

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/chester/immig/ships1685.txt>

Early Chester County Arrivals (1685): Chester County, PA Contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Sandra Ferguson.

the "Rebecca" of Liverpool, James Skinner comander, Arived at Philadelphia the 13th of the 8 mo, 1685 passengers; John cutler, Edmond Cutler, Isabell Cutler, Elizabeth Cutler, Thomas Cutler, Wm Cuttler, freemen, from Bulland, in Yorkshire. Richard Mather, Cornelius Netherwood, James Myriall, Wm. Wardle, James Molenex, Eliz. Wingreene, servants to John Cutler. Thomas Bates, a freeman. James Ratclife, Rachell Ratclife, Richard Ratclife, Edward Ratclife, Rebecca Ratclife, Rachell Ratclife, free persons from Monesbury in Lancashire. James Heyworth, Robert Hewit, James Rothwell, servants to the said Ratclife. Richard Cureton and Margaret, his wife, William Cureton, his sone, Jane his daughter, free persons. James Holgate, Ann Dugdale, servants to the Curetons, Mathew Holgate and Mary his daughter, free persons. John Lathum, ann his wife, John Jennings, his wife's son, John Lathum his son, Arron his sone, Moses his sone, Ann his daughter, free persons. James Scoles, John Scoles,. Hester Rothwell, free persons.

James & Mary transferred their membership in the Society of Friends from Musbury MM in Lancashire to Middletown MM, Bucks Co PA. 1685, 4m 16d.

James and Mary purchased 200 acres of land at Wrightstown, Bucks Co PA 1689, 12m 10d from James Harrison and Phineas Pemberton, DB 1, p.334

Their children are recorded in the Middleton MM Register:

Richard Ratcliff, b. Musbury, Lancashire, Eng. 1675, 4m 8d. Married Martha

Staple, 1709, 1m 31d

Edward Ratcliff, b. Musbury, 1678,8m,14d, died Bucks Co, 1714, 8m 27d.

Married at Falls Meeting House, Bucks Co, 1703, 6m 18d, Poebe Baker daughter of Henry and Margaret (Hardman) Baker.

Rachel Ratcliff, b. Musbury, 1682, 2m, 16d, died Bucks Co. 1715, 2m 4d. Married William Hayhurst, Middletown MM, 1702, 10m 17d.

Rebecca Ratcliff, b. Musbury, 1684/5, 11m, 11d, died 1714, 8m 11d. She married John Hall, Bristol PA on 1708, 4m 23d. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly.


Sources

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