EARLY FROSTS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA

1000 - 1700

There were many English families who carried the Frost surname when they came to America as immigrants in the 1600's. Serious genealogists always hope to be able to trace their own branch back to their correct predecessors in England. Unfortunately, that has not been easy. Since this compiler, not only did not know where in England their branch of the Frost family was from, she also did not know which Frost family in this country she belonged to. For that reason a search through all early American Frosts was necessary. In addition an extensive search of very early English Frosts was also studied in the hope that more knowledge might bring forth the answers needed for all the different American Frost families.

Here is the result of this search of persons carrying the surname FROST in early English records:

ca 1095        Lefstan Frost, Suffolk, Eng.[1]

1135          Henry Frost, a wealthy Burgess of Cambridge, Suffolk, England, was granted land for the Hospital of St. John which, in time, became St. John's University, Cambridge.[2]

Sources:
1. Crowe, From the Foundation to Gilbert Scott, St. John's College, Cambridge, pp. 1-7
3. Professional research by Griffiths of Birmingham,

1066          Earlier records suggested there was a Frost whose name was Alwyn or Aluuin Frost listed in the Domesday Books in 1066. This has been determined to be an error. The final conclusion is that there are no mentions of persons named Frost in any of the Domesday Books.

1195          Gilbert Frost, Warwickshire - Pipe Rolls(?) What are pipe rolls?

1199          William Forst, Assize Rolls, Staffordshire (do I have them?)

1200 ?        Galfriedo and Robert Frost lived Aslakeby near Kirkby, Norfolk (Were they the sons of Henry of Cambridge, England)

1200 ?        Walter Frost of Trekengham, Norfolk

12 March 1274-5 Ralph Frost of Baggrave in Hungerton – witness (Hastings I)

1360          Walter Frost, son of William. Walter was first Bailiff, 1363, then Mayor of Hull, in 1372.
1360 Thomas Frost, brother of Walter of Hull,

1391 William, Lord Mayor of York is he (brother of above Walter and Thomas?)

1421 Thomas Frost, son of Mayor Walter Frost. Thomas was of Beverley. Featherstone pedigree says he was bur. at St. Mary's, Hull (see Ashmolian ms, 831, folio 52r).

1425 Thomas of Beverley bur. at St. Mary's Beverley

1476 Thomas of Beverley, son of Thomas and Katherine (Kelk or Wooley?)

1477 Walter of Beverley, son of Thomas and Alice

1496 Thomas and Elizabeth, son of Walter 1477 d. 15 Jun 1519.

John Frost, of Rudstone, son of Thomas and Elizabeth.

Sources: York Probate Registry etc Archdeacon of Winchester 1502-1511

3 July 1490 Robert Frost, admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIII, Wells)

16 Feb 1500 Robert Frost in - Chancellor to Prince Arthur, son of Henry VII -- re John Rauden grant to lands to hold for his will. (Rawden in Guiseley, Hastings 1)

16 Feb 1500 William Frost of Rauden in Guiseley -brother of John and Robert

16 Mar 1502 John Frost (In D. 1344) the Chamber and the Wardens of Exbridge present John Frost to the Free Chapel on Exbridge (Exeter)

1509 William Frost, Sheriff under King Henry VII or VIII

13 Nov 1505 Mayster Froste, mentioned in letter from William Cousyn, of Welles; mentions Lord Winchester (Wells)

16 Apr 1507 Mr. Frost sent to Mr. John Fitz-James the elder, or his son, re the commaundemment of Mr. Froste. . . directed to the sherywe [sherrif](welles)

2 Mar 1512 Robert Frost, Clerk, re William Ayshe, chaplain of the chapel of St. George the Martyr etc., Exbridge (Exeter).

16 Dec 1521 William Frost Mayor 16 Dec 1521, mentioned in note stating "my lady Crugg schal have suche brede at Crystmas and Ester as maistress ffrost hath [widow of
William Frost, Mayor 1498-1504] (Exeter)

Maister Frost, is signed William Frost, also (Wells) (Is he the sheriff?, is he a brother of Thomas the Chancellor?)

29 Mar 1603 Captain Frost, 29 March 1603, in a Letter from Henry, Lord Cobham, to Sir Robert Cecil. "I send a letter brought me from Captain Frost, who had order to take up certain shipping at Rye, . . ." The enclosure, William Frost to Lord Cobham, re shipping of men at the port of Rye. . . ' (Sausbury [Salisbury?] Holograph. 1 p. (99, 59.) It is interesting that John Trelawny is mentioned on the same page does this suggest they were shipping men to America?

10 Oct 1609 Frost mentioned in letter from Lyonell Wake to William Trumbull also mentions Brussels and Sir Griffin Markham's letter (Downshire II)

10 Feb 1609 Mr. Froste, 10 Feb 1609, mentioned in letter from William Trumbull to Sir Thomas Edmondes. Frost was the bearer of the letter. He was called Alferez meaning Sheriff. Details about illnesses suggesting return to England.

5 Aug 1603 Frost, in letter from Sir William Browne to Lord Sydney, Flushing, mentions plague which Captain Butler and Captain Frost are dead of' it (Delisle III)


2 May 1614 Frost, London, letter from Robert, Vicount Lisle to William Trumbull. re Blount and the accusation that Frost made of him had taken such force. (Downshire IV)

1616 - 1635 George Frost, one of the first Frosts to come to America is found at Winter Harbor (Maine). Children William, John, Rebecca.

1626 Rev John Frost, Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk, married Sarah Winthrop, daughter of William Winthrop, elder brother of Governor ???

1635 Elder Edmund Frost came to Cambridge, Mass., as a member of Rev. Thomas Shepard's company of immigrants. Wife Thomasine and son John b, ca 1632

1635 Nicholas Frost of Tiverton, Devon with wife Bertha Cadwalla and son John arrived in Kittery, in America

8 Nov 1651 Walter Frost, clerk swore to council concerning murder by Whitford (Pepys Mss)

1655 John Frost, died in Southold, Long Island, N.Y. in the home of John
Concklyne/Conklin the elder, and deposed to by John Concklyne the younger.

1655  John and William, believed to be son or nephew of John of Southold, L.I., moved to Cromwell Bay, L. I. (now ??)

1662  Nicholas Frost the Apprentice to Thomas Orchard arrived in America.

13 Sep 1686  100 acres at Arrowsic Island, granted to Thomas Frost.

4 Sep 1690  Frost, re Kings orders about Swedes ships. "Master of the Packet boat to be forbid to carry any passengers to or from Holland without a pass. Goes on to ment. examining Frost about his cipher.and to do with him what the law will permit (?) Mentions Genoa ship arrested at Dartmouth etc.

1698-99  Giles Frost paid for turning the organ and mending the bellows. (Wells).

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