



Francis Matthews

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| BIRTH | 1598 Devon, England |
| DEATH | 19 Dec 1648 (aged 49–50) Strafford County, New Hampshire, USA |
| BURIAL | Unknown |
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NOTE: Oyster River, where Francis Matthews lived and died, is located in what is now Durham, Strafford, New Hampshire. It was originally Oyster River Plantation and settled in 1635 near Oyster River Falls, on the Piscataqua River. Durham was not named until 1767, and the whole area earlier was called Dover which was officially titled in 1642.

Sources: *Landmarks in Ancient Dover, New Hampshire*, Mary Pickering Thompson (Durham, 1892), pp. 115, 141, 144-146.

Mathew's Creek, otherwise Mathes's. This creek was called the Great Creek in 1644, when Francis Mathews had a grant of marsh and upland on its northwest side. It is mentioned in 1653, when John Bickford and Thomas Footman had a grant of a neck of land on the southwest side of "Mrs. Mathew's creek from the flowing of the tide..." This is Mrs. Tamsen or Thomasine Mathews, widow fo Francis Mathews


Francis Matthews died before 19 Dec 1648, but estate Administration was not granted to son Benjamin until 10 July 1704. His widow, Thomasine, also gave land on Johnson's Creek to her grandson, Will Brooking, daughter of Hannah Drew.

Johnson's Creek - is the first inlet from Oyster river above Bunkers creek, in Durham. It rises from the freshwater brook above the Hooper land in the Back River District, Dover. "Apr 2, 1711, Nicholas Follett of Portsmouth, heir and successor of Wm. Follett, late of Dover, deceased, conveyed to James Bunker 20 acres of land... lying upon the neck of land between Johnson's creek and Jonas Bine, his creek"


Walter Matthews' will mentions his deceased father, Francis Matthews and the land that Francis lived on at Oyster River near the little bay. Walter also mentions his sister, Martha Browne and her Son, Thomas Snell, but not Martha's spouse's name.


Family Members

Spouse

 Thomasine *Channon* Matthews
1598–1690

Children

 Elizabeth *Matthews* Follett
1628–1710

 Martha *Mathews* Snell
1631–1678

 Katherine *Matthews* Durgin
1653–1705

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