

# Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island - Earle

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**I. RALPH,** b. d. 1678.  
**JOAN,** b. d. 1680 +

Portsmouth, R. I.

1638. He and others, were admitted inhabitants of Aquinack, having submitted themselves to the government, that is or shall be established.

1639, Apr. 30. He and twenty-eight others signed declaration of allegiance. "We, whose names are underwritten, do acknowledge ourselves the legal subjects of his Majesty, King Charles, and in his name, do hereby bind ourselves into a civil body politick, unto his laws according to matter of justice."

1640, Jan. 7. It was ordered that he and his co-partner, Mr. Wilbur, shall serve the town with good sufficient stuff, viz: well sawn boards at 8s. the hundred, and half inch boards at 7s., to be delivered at the pit by the water-side.

1640, Mar. 31. He sold William Baulstous, certain land.

1647. He was chosen to keep an inn, to sell beer and wine, and to entertain strangers.

1649. Treasurer.

1649. Overseer of the Poor.

1651, Jan. 16. He, with three others, was chosen to apportion a tax.  
 He was again elected Treasurer, this year.

1651, May 21. He deeded Nicholas Hart, of Portsmouth, and Joan, his wife, 8 acres and more or less, for valuable consideration.

1652, Jun. 24. He sold William Arnold, of Providence, land formerly owned by Francis Weston's wife, Margaret, near Pawtuxet Falls.

1654, Apr. 11. He and another, were chosen to oversee the work of the prison, &c.

1655. Freeman.

1655, May 8. Jurymen.

1656, May 25. He was appointed by the Court of Commissioners, to keep a house of entertainment. A convenient sign was to be set out at the most conspicuous place, to give notice to strangers.

1656, Dec. 18. He sold William Outman, 30 acres.

1667, Aug. 10. He joined a troop of horse (afterwards becoming Captain).

At about this time he commenced suit against Richard Lord and James Richards, of Hartford, possessors of land there, claiming that he had purchased the land of Underhill, in 1633, for £30.

1669, Apr. 28. Grand Jury.

1671, Jun. 7. He was appointed with others, to sit as a Special Court, to try two Indians, now imprisoned upon criminal charge.

1678, Nov. 19. Will - recorded 1678, Jan. 14.

*See American Genealogist,  
 v. 19, p. 165.*

**I. RALPH,** b. Portsmouth, R. I., Dartmouth, Mass. d. 1718.  
**JOAN,** b. d. 1680 (-) of Francis & Lydia ( ) Sprague.  
**DORCAS SPRAGUE,** b. d.

1638, May 11. Portsmouth, R. I. Freeman.

1639, Oct. 26. Francis Sprague, of Duxbury, conveyed to his "son-in-law, Ralph Earle, of Rhode Island," etc., ¼ share of land at Coakoset and Acushens. At about this time Ralph moved to his new lands, and henceforth was of Dartmouth.

1639, Jun. 18. Dartmouth, Mass. He deeded son Ralph, for love, &c., half of westernmost island called Elizabeth Island, to be his after my decease.

1639, Oct. 20. He deeded son William, 100 acres in Dartmouth.

1639, Jun. 10. He and wife Dorcas, deeded youngest son Joseph, for love, &c., 200 acres in Dartmouth, and salt marsh, had of father Sprague.

1639, Jul. 24. He deeded son William, for love, &c., ¼ of the island, called by the Indians Pocatunk, being the westernmost island.

1717, Jan. 6. Administration to son John Earle.

**II. WILLIAM,** b. Portsmouth, R. I., Dartmouth, Mass. Portsmouth, R. I. m. (1) d. 1715, Jan. 15.  
**MARY WALKER,** b. of John & Katharine ( ) Walker. m. (2) d.  
**PRUDENCE,** b. d. 1718, Jan. 18. of

1654, Apr. 2. He and wife Mary, sold James Banda, their interest in 14 acres, that came by right of late widow Walker; the land having come by marriage of Mary Walker (daughter of widow), to William Earle.

1658, May 11. Freeman. RALPH, 2d column. b. 1681.  
 Jurymen.

1658, May 1. He and William Cory, were given 1 acre on Briggs' Hill, and ¼ acre near the town pond, to have so long as they maintained a windmill for the town's use. Three years later an exchange was made (between town and Earle and Cory), of 3 acres near the mill for 3 acres elsewhere. (In 1684, the site was called Windmill Hill.)

1657, Dec. 5. His ear mark for cattle was recorded.

1670. Dartmouth, Mass. He probably removed there about this time and staid for a number of years, his interest there being large. He owned 3,900 acres, from his claim in the original division.

1680. Portsmouth. Taxed £6, with his mother.

1684, Jun. 26. He deeded son Ralph, and Mary, his wife, of Dartmouth, for love, &c., ¼ a share of land in Freetown, east side of Taunton River.

1691, May 6. The Assembly met at his house, being removed from Newport, on account of the distemper.

1692, Oct. 8. He deeded son Thomas, of Dartmouth, ¼ share of land there.

1693-1704-1706. Deputy.

1718, Nov. 18. Will - proved 1718, Feb. 8. Ex. son John. Overseers, James Tallman, of Portsmouth, and Benjamin Durfee, of Tiverton. To son William, a brass milkpan, and like gift to sons Thomas, Ralph and John, and daughters Mary Jordan, Mary Hix and Prudence Durfee, and to the last a negro girl "Kate," also. To son John, all rest of estate, real and personal, he paying legacies, as follows: To grandson Caleb Earle, 40 acres or £40, at 21. To granddaughter Joan Earle, daughter of Caleb, £10, at 30 years of age. Son John to allow wife comfortable and sufficient maintenance.

The daughter Mary Hix, mentioned in will, was widow of his son Caleb, she having married Joseph Hix, for her second husband.


**III. MARY,** b. d. 1718, Mar. 28.  
**WILLIAM CORY,** b. d. 1693. of Cory.  
**JOSEPH TIMBERLAKE,** b. d. of Henry & Mary ( ) Timberlake.

1. John,  
 2. William,  
 3. Thomas,  
 4. Ralph,  
 5. Caleb,  
 6. John,  
 7. Prudence,  
 8. Mary,  
 9. William,  
 10. Thomas,  
 11. Sarah,

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 Transcription: Ralph Earle, d. 1678 & Joan, d. 1680+ II. William, d. 15 Jan 1715, m.1 Mary Walker, m.2 Prudence. By first wife: Mary, William, Thomas, Ralph, Caleb.