

Page 1 of 2. Notice: The opening words were interpreted by me as "The Rolation." In actuality, I think it is better interpreted as "The Relation," meaning John is telling, or 'relating' his life experience here. I earlier called this "Affidavit," and notice here I called it "The Resolution." I now prefer calling it The Relation of John The Founder. Paul L. Tripp

On March 28, 1991, I found the following document (a photocopy of the original: the original was not present) in the New Bedford Library, in Massachusetts:

THE RESOLUTION OF JOHN TRIPP (1611-1677)

(February 17, 1670)

"The Rolation (*Resolution*) of John ye said John Tripp concerning (*concerning*) the plases (*places*) of his aboad (*abode.*) First I was born (*per the Horkstow Parish Register, he was christened 8 September 1611*) in Horstow (*Horkstow: in the extreme north of Lincolnshire, east of the north-flowing river Ancholme, about 2 miles south of the Cliff Channel, which leads eastward into ...the English Channel?*) in Lincolne Sheire (*Lincolnshire*) 3 miles from Bartern Hambar (*Barton Upon Humber*) and my father name was John Tripp and my mother name was Isabel Moses (*her name from the Horkstow Parish Register at her marriage, 30 July 1609, is "Elizabeth Moyses"*) before she was marryed (*married*) my father when she was a maid and they had about 12 children (*from the Horkstow Parish Register I found 8 children, John, Robert, 1612, Grace, 1612 [twins], Francis, 1614, Elizabeth, 1616, Dorothee, 1618, Anne, 1621, and Bridgett, 1629. The remaining four may be in the 1630 and onward portion of the Register, which I have not searched*) and much kindred (*Parish Register in Horkstow, in randomly selected years between 1578 and 1616, shows 16% of christenings, marriages and burials were named TRIPP*) we had and when I grew in yeares (*years*) I was put (*c. 1625, age 14*) an apprentice to a sheipt earpendist carpondor (*ship carpenter*) whose name was John Baats (*Bates?*) of Thorsbee (*Thoresby, now named South Thoresby, in southeast Lincolnshire: about 34 miles from Horkstow. 34 miles! John early on learned to live away from home, likely making his immigration at age 25 a natural.*) 3 miles of from Alford in Lincone Shire afore said where I served 7 yiare and sometime after (*estimate 2 years*) wrought with him and after that (*c. 1634, age 23*) I bound myself to one Frances East for 4 pounds a year for 4 years who sould me after I had served him and his asign for about a year and a half hee sould me to Robert Jafra then liveng in Boston (*assume immigration here, at age 25 years, c. 1636*) and Boston Church members persacuting som to the ofending of others my master came to Rhod Island with the said parsacuted people and I with him (*c. 1637, age 26,, because John became a founder of Portsmouth 23 June 1638, per Leonard*) and his wife being sickly and they could not git their maid to com to Rhod Island with them because Boston members cried out against Rhod Island people whom the said members had expeled from them therefore my master was forsed to sel me to Randal Houlding of porth mouth one Rhod Island (*of Portsmouth on Rhode Island*) and I served a ~~xxxx~~ while and after bought out the rest of time of him and after a while I married a wife whose madon name was Mary Paine I being about thirty or twenty eight years old or thereabouts (*c.*