

## THE ANGLO -AMERICAN ISHAM ANCESTRY ASSOCIATION

**THE HENRY AND JOHN SAGA**

**In the late 1600's to have two Ishams on the east coast of America  
it would seem almost inconceivable that they were not related.**

**FACTS**

**as have been accepted in 2012**

The great grandson of Sir Euseby Isham, 1552-1626,  
grandson of William and Mary Isham and the  
only son of Capt. Henry Isham and Katherine (Banks/Royall)

**Henry Isham Jnr.** b. 16??; d. 1678 - year not known;

- sailed for England from Virginia in 16?? - year and ship not known  
to collect a legacy - from whom and how much not known;
- sailed from England on voyage to Virginia? in 1678 - ship not known;
- it is alleged that he died on board from typhoid, without issue.

**John Isham** b. 1654; d. 1713 - parents not known;

- arrived at Barnstable in c.1670 - ship not known nor whether  
John came from England or Virginia, or even elsewhere;
- m. in 1687 Jane Parker, of Barnstable, and had 9 children.

**SUPPOSITIONS**

**as have been proposed in 2012**

**Theory No. 1** - Henry Jnr. died at sea from typhoid in 1678, his legacy being lost with him.  
- John arrived in Barnstable from England or Virginia - reason unknown.

**Theory No. 2** - Henry Jnr. did not die at sea but arrived at Barnstable with his legacy;  
- he changed his name to John so as not to be confused with his father,  
all of which may well have been in the full knowledge of his parents.

**Theory No. 3** - as No. 2 above, except that Henry Jnr. changed his name to John so as  
to break away from his parents as he intended to make his own life,  
with his legacy as capital, without his family knowing.

**Clearly, there is tremendous scope for research to clarify  
the actual circumstances of this intriguing**

**"Henry and John Saga".**

It has been suggested that only a DNA test is likely to resolve this matter.