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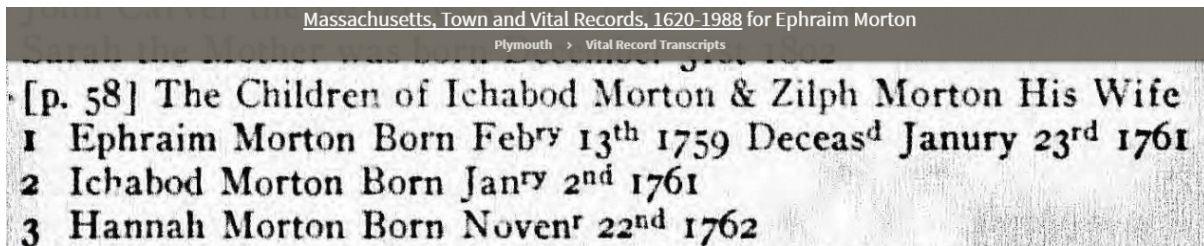
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## Ephraim Morton Information

### ICHABOD MORTON SR.

Ichabod Morton Sr. married his wife Zilpha Thayer on February 11, 1758. The following image is from page 165 of MA Compiled Marriages, 1630-1850, accessible through Ancestry.com. Many, apparently, have not been aware that the Morton's first Ephraim child died in 1761.



Unless otherwise noted, the following page references are to the book "Plymouth Church Records 1620-1859," which is available on Internet Archive and Google Books.

~ Ichabod Morton Sr. was baptized in the First Church of Christ in Plymouth on **April 26, 1730**, as the son of Ephraim Morton Jr. Deceased and Susannah his wife. [240]

~Ichabod Sr. joined First Church as a member on **October 14, 1764**. [472] That full membership allowed him to have his children baptized in the church. And thus, three weeks later, on **November 4, 1764** he had both his son **Ichabod [Jr.]** and **Hannah** baptized there. [455] **It seems likely that if their first child, Ephraim b. 1759, had survived, they would have had him baptized with those younger siblings of his in 1764.**

I think it was common back then after the death of one child, to give the same name to a subsequently born child of that same gender.

~ As stated in First Church records, **Ephraim Morton**, "son to Ichabod Morton & wife," was baptized in First Church on **April 16, 1775**. [461]

Ichabod's children were baptized at First Church as follows:

- ~ son Ichabod Jr. in 1764 [455] Ichabod and Hannah baptized the same day
- ~ daughter Hannah in 1764 [455]
- ~ daughter Sarah in 1766. [455]
- ~ daughter Zilpha in 1768 [457]
- ~ daughter Susanna in 1771 [459]
- ~ daughter Abigail in 1773 [460]
- ~ son **Ephraim** in 1775 [461]

- ~ daughter Mary in 1777 [462]
- ~ son Henry in 1780 [463]

It appears that the above were baptized in their birth order, including Ephraim. And, likely they were baptized soon after their births. In fact, apparently the same was done for Ichabod Sr., who is said to have been born in 1730, as well as baptized in that same year at the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. [240]

Here's what I think likely happened:

- ~ First son Ephraim was born in 1759.
- ~ Second son Ichabod was born on January 2, 1761.
- ~ But then, Ephraim died later that same month, on January 23, 1761, too late for them to name their second son Ephraim in honor of their then deceased first son.
- ~ The next five children of Ichabod and Zilpha were females.
- ~ The next male child they had they named **Ephraim**—their second Ephraim. **He probably was born in 1775, not long before his baptism on April 16 of that year.**

The book "*Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts*," Vol. III, 1912, p. 1182, offers the information below left about the family of Ichabod Sr. and wife Zilpha. Unfortunately though, the compilers of this information apparently did not realize that this couple's **first child Ephraim died in 1761**. No doubt that has contributed substantially to the confusion as to who that couple's second Ephraim child was. Below the following image is a list of the marriages of those children of Ichabod Sr. and Zilpha to the extent found in the records of the First Church.

(V) Ichabod Morton, son of Ephraim (3), born in 1730, married in 1758 Zilpha Thayer, and their children were: Ephraim, born in 1759; Ichabod, born in 1761; Hannah, born in 1762 (married Amasa Clark); Polly (married Joseph Whiting); Zilpha (married Samuel Bartlett); and Susan (married Thomas Sears).

- Ichabod Jr. m: Sarah Churchill 1787 [503]
- Hannah m: [? See paragraph below.]
- Sarah m: Joseph Whiting 1789 [504]
- Zilpha m: Samuel Bartlett 1794 [507]
- Susanna m: Thomas Sears 1797 [509]
- Abigail m: Thomas Clark 1786 [502]
- Ephraim m: Sarah "Sally" Howland 1797 [509]**
- Mary/Polly m: Joseph Whiting 1803 [645]
- Henry [ ? ]

It has been said that Hannah Morton married Amasa Clark, but I have not found such a record at this point.

As the “Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families,” 1899, by William T. Davis noted on page 285, the Morton sisters Sarah and Mary/Polly both married Joseph Whiting, but about 14 years apart.

Alpheus, 1718; Bethiah, 1720; John, 1722; Thomas, 1724. **JOSEPH WHITING**, son of 2d Elisha, m. Sarah Morton, 1789, and had Abigail, 1790, m. Rufus Gibbs; Joseph, 1792, m. Betsey, d. of Ichabod Morton; and Henry, 1794. He m., 2d, Polly Morton, and had Sarah, 1804, m. Joseph Phillips of Duxbury; Eleanor, 1806; James Harvey, 1808; Elisha, 1811; and George.

Ichabod Sr. and Zilpha’s son **Ephraim Morton** became a member of First Church on **May 26, 1793**. That same year, his siblings **Zilpha** [April 14], **Ichabod Jr.** [June 30], and **Mary** [Sept 22], also became members of First Church. [475-476] There was a great revival in Plymouth in that period, which those siblings may all have become involved in.

The “Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families,” 1899, by William T. Davis characterized the families of Ichabod Sr.’s son **Ichabod Jr.** and then his son **Ichabod** this way, on page 189:

Thomas Sears. **ICHABOD**, son of above, m., 1787, Sarah Churchill, and had Sarah, m. Lemuel Stephens; Ichabod, Hannah; Mary, m. Elkanah Bartlett; Abigail; Betsey, m. Joseph Whiting and William Clark; Edwin; Maria, m. William Churchill. **ICHABOD**, son of above, m. Patty, d. of Coomer Weston, and had Abigail, 1821. He m., 2d, Betsey, d. of Gideon Holbrook, and had George E., 1829; Nathaniel, 1831; Ichabod, 1833; Austin, 1834; Howard, 1836.

**Ichabod Jr.** (January 2, 1761 - likely by 1830 ) married **Sarah Churchill** (February 1, 1776 - likely 1830 or later) on November 4, 1787 in the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. [503] Their children are said to have been:

~ **Sarah** (b. 1788 - August 8, 1867) m: **Lemuel Stephens** (1786- May 26, 1870). They are buried in Plymouth’s Oak Grove Cemetery.

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~ **Ichabod** (January 2/February 1790 - May 10, 1861) m: **Patty Weston** (1791-1821) on November 15, 1818 at the First Church of Christ. [652], then **Elizabeth Holbrook** (1795-1875). Ichabod and his wives are buried in Plymouth’s Oak Grove Cemetery.

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~ **Hannah** - [b. abt 1792 - ] Hannah was baptized in the First Church of Christ on May 4, 1794. [482]

~ **Abigail** (b. abt 1796) is buried in the Chiltonville Cemetery. She died March 11, 1817 at 21 years of age and apparently never married.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ma/plymouth/towns/plymouth/cemeteries/chltcong.txt>

~ **Mary** (December 10, 1798 [or 1796?] - November 15, 1848) m: in 1828 **Elkanah Bartlett** (May 1794 - December 8, 1843). They are buried in Plymouth's Vine Hills Cemetery.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=166366736>

~ **Betsey** (b. August 9, 1802 - January 4, 1881) m: June 1824 **Capt. Joseph Whiting Jr.** (January 5, 1792- bef 1831) and William Clark. Joseph apparently was the son of her aunt, Sarah Morton (1766 - August 9, 1806), daughter of Betsey's grandfather, Ichabod Morton Sr.

~ **Edwin** - (30 March 1804 - September 6, 1878) Edwin was baptized at The First Church of Christ on January 15, 1805. [606] He married Betsey Torrey Harlow (23 March 1810 - January 10, 1881) on December 8, 1831.

Death record:

[https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2101/41262\\_b139264-00295/1131792?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108215167/person/110068011065/facts/citation/520261769235/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2101/41262_b139264-00295/1131792?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108215167/person/110068011065/facts/citation/520261769235/edit/record)

Edwin and Betsy were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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~ **Maria** (1806 - October 9, 1841) m: on June 30, 1833 **William Churchill** (1811 - September 8, 1839) in the First Church of Christ. [700]

The "Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families," 1899, by William T. Davis characterized the families of Ichabod Sr.'s son **Ephraim** this way on page 188, though Davis mis-identified Ephraim Jr.'s wife. She was Sally Maynard, whose mother's maiden name was Swift.

min, 1705; Elisha, 1711; Cornelius, 1713; Ebenezer, 1715. **EPHRAIM**, son of 1st Ichabod, m., 1797. Sarah Howland, and had Isaac; Henry; Ephraim, m. Sarah Swift; Sarah m. Perez Peterson; Betsey m. John Gooding; Zilpha, m. Abner Leonard, Hannah; and Eliza. **EZEKIEL**, son of 1st Joseph, m., 1746,

On November 16, 1997 in the First Church of Christ in Plymouth, **Ephraim** married **Sarah "Sally" Howland** (abt 1776 - August 20, 1869). She is said to have been the daughter of Jacob Howland (1754 - ) and Sarah Holmes (1756 - ). Ephraim and Sarah are said to have had the following children:

~ **Sarah Howland** (b. September 27, 1798? - April 24, 1857) m: **Perez Peterson** (August 14, 1796 -December 30, 1852)

They are buried in the Chiltonville Cemetery:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=127583770>

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=127581973>

~ **Henry** (b. 1801 - September 12, 1878) married **Rebecca Whiting** (January 8, 1803 - ) in 1823 in Plymouth. The book "Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts," Vol. III, 1912, p. 1182, gives the following information about Henry.

*"Henry Morton, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Howland), born in 1801, married in 1823 Rebecca Whitney. . . Henry Morton was a manufacturer of sail thimbles in Plymouth for a number of years. He was a Whig and later a Republican. He and his wife wre active and devoted members of the Congregational Church. . . ."*

Death Record:

[https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2101/41262\\_b139264-00295/1131792?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108215167/person/110068011065/facts/citation/520261769235/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2101/41262_b139264-00295/1131792?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108215167/person/110068011065/facts/citation/520261769235/edit/record)

~ **Isaac** (May 28, 1803 - July 28, 1869) m: **Betsey Everson** (May 13, 1803 - September 13, 1888)

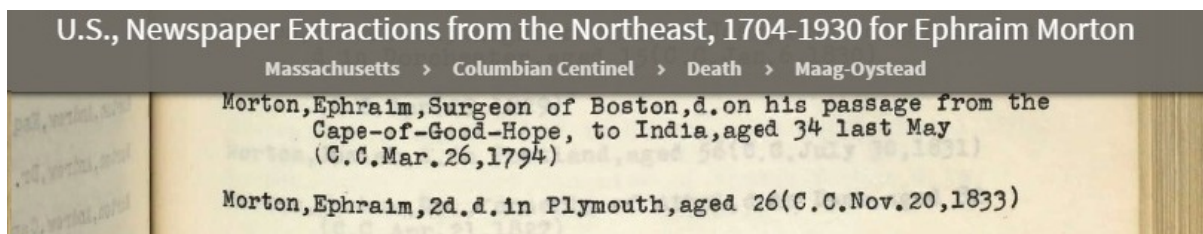
Their marriage was in First Church October 8, 1826. [697]

They are buried in the Chiltonville Cemetery.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=91867239>

~ **Ephraim Jr./2nd** (b. abt 1807 - November 1833) m: Sally A. Maynard on April 15, 1829 in Plymouth.



~ **Zilpha B.** (b. abt 1807? - December 3, 1877) m: **Abner Leonard** (b. 1807 Middleborough - 1890)

They are buried in Plymouth's Oak Grove Cemetery:

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<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=133802814>



~ **Hannah** [?]

~ **Betsey** (b. September 16, 1811 - June 3, 1889 Worcester, MA) m: **Capt. John Gooding** (Jan 5, 1808- July 2, 1885).

Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records											
Worcester > Births,											
741	1	Jennie C French	F	M	33	6	23	Bright's disease			Housewife
742	3	Betsey H Gooding	F	M	77	8	18	Cardiac Failure			Housewife
743	5	Abraham Dighton	M	M	55	2	6	Cancer of stomach	Valley Falls		Housekeeper

ds, 1620-1988 for Betsey H Gooding

Marriages and Death

74 Jacques Av.	Oxford	Salmon Shaw Hales	Susan A. Putnam Sutton	Cape	G. Kildreth
720 Main	Plymouth	Opiniam Morton Plymouth	Sally Howland Plymouth	Plymouth	

Betsey and John Gooding are buried in Plymouth's Oak Grove Cemetery:

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<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=134214691>

~ **Eliza** (b. abt 1814 - 1850 or later)

## Censuses and Time Line

### 1790 Plymouth, MA Census

**1790 Ichabod Morton** 1M(under 16); 1M(16 and over), 5 Females

**1790 Ichabod Morton Jr.** 1M(under 16), 1M(16 and over), 2 Females

**1790 No Ephraim Morton**

### 1800 Plymouth, MA Census

**1800 No Ichabod Morton**

There are Ichabod and Ichabod Jr. households in Halifax, Plymouth, MA in this census.

Ichabod's household there has 1 oldest male (45and+). Ichabod Jr.'s household there has 1 oldest male (26-44).

**1800 No Ephraim Morton** listed in Plymouth or even in Plymouth County.

**1801 Ephraim Morton** was one of 53 members of the First Church of Christ in Plymouth who sought to be dismissed from First Church in order to gather a new church in Plymouth, the Third Church of Christ. Those individuals, representing almost half of First Church's members at that time, were dismissed and 52 of them, including **Ephraim**, gathered Third Church on October 1, 1801.

The individuals who left First Church did so over the theology of First Church's newly called minister in 1800. He was not a strict Calvinist as was First Church's former minister who had served it from 1760 until his death in 1799. In 1870, the Third Church of Christ was renamed The Church of the Pilgrimage. Today, the First Church, now called First Parish in Plymouth, and The Church of the Pilgrimage are a stone's throw apart from each other on the flanks of Plymouth's Burial Hill. To the right is an image of a published representation of First Church's ledger records with the names of those members who were dismissed then—including **Ephraim's** name.

MEMBERS DISMISSED TO THE THIRD CHURCH, 1801	
MARTHA BARTLETT	JOHN BISHOP
BATHSHEBA LOTHROP	BENJ <sup>A</sup> WARREN
MARY CHURCHILL	SYLV <sup>B</sup> BARTLETT
ELIZABETH CHURCHILL Ju.	DAVID DIMAN
ABIGAL HOLMES Ju.	JESSE HARLOW Jun
SUSANNA SWIFT	JESSE BARTLETT
JANE SWIFT	LOT HARLOW
REBECCA SEARS	ZETH HARLOW Jun
CLOE HOLMES	JOSEPH W. NELSON
ELIZ <sup>TH</sup> CHURCHILL Sen.	SOLOMON CHURCHILL
MARY FAUNCE	NAT <sup>H</sup> HARLOW
LOWIS BRADFORD	EPHRAIM MORTON
PATIENCE DIMAN	ELIJAH DONHAM
PHEBE HOLMES	JOHN COBB
ELIZ <sup>TH</sup> SAVORY	JOHN BARTLETT
ELIZ <sup>A</sup> DIMON	AMAZIAH CHURCHILL
REMEMBER BRAMHALL	SAM <sup>L</sup> RIDER
HANNAH COBB	NATHAN WHITING
JOANNA KEMPTON	males
SARAH BARTLETT	
MARY BACON	
ELIZ <sup>TH</sup> BRADFORD	
ELIZ <sup>TH</sup> FAUNCE	
WID. ELIZ <sup>TH</sup> CHURCHILL	
MARY SPOONER	
POLLY DARLING	
DEBORAH HOLMES	
HANNAH HALL	
SARAH CHURCHILL	
MERCY ROBBINS	
REBECCA REED	
EUNICE DONHAM	
ELIZA. DOTEN	
SARAH SMITH	
LYDIA SMITH	
Females	

The former image is taken from page 547 of "Plymouth Church Records: 1620-1859," 1920, which is available on Internet Archive and Google Books.

### **1810 Plymouth, MA Census**

**1810 Ephraim Morton Jr. (1766-1784)** - 3M(under 10), **1M(26-44)**, 1F(under 10), 1F(10-15), 1F(26-44)

**I think this likely was Ichabod Morton Sr.'s son Ephraim, born about 1775, thus about age 35 in 1810.**

**1810 Ichabod Morton (Before 1765)** - 1M(45and+), 1F(45and+), **1M(45and+)**.

**This likely was Ichabod Morton Sr.'s son Ichabod Jr., born in January 1861, thus age 49 in 1810.**

**1810 Ichabod Morton Jr. (1785-1794)** 1M(under 10), **1M(16-25)**, 2F(under 10), 2F(10-15), 1F(16-26), 1F(26-44) 010122110

**This likely was Ichabod Morton Jr. and Sarah Churchill's son, born in 1790, thus age 20 in 1810.**

The book "Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts," Vol. III, 1912, p. 1182, gives the following information about Ichabod Sr.'s son **Ephraim**:

*"Ephraim Morton was a shipbuilder of Plymouth, where he owned and conducted a shipyard, and during the war of 1812 was compelled to burn two vessels then on the docks in course of construction, to save them from being confiscated by the British."*

The "Ship Registers of the District of Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1789-1908," 1939, Parts I and II, by the Survey of Federal Archives (U.S.); National Archives Project, gives the following information about **Ephraim**, on pages 27, 36, 97, 194.

→ I will note, it is possible that more than one Ephraim Morton is referred to in the following descriptions.

CONSTELLATION, brig, of Plymouth. Registered Feb. 16, 1807 - permanent. Built at Plymouth in 1806. 162 49/95 tons; length 77 ft., breadth 22 ft., depth 11 ft. Master: Finney Leach. Owners: Ephraim Morton, Lemuel Leach Jr., Finney Leach, Plymouth. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. John Coleman, Master Carpenter. Benjamin Crandon, Surveyor.



MERINO, ship, of Plymouth. Registered Feb. 12, 1813 - permanent. Built at Plymouth in 1812. 259 42/95 tons; length 92 ft. 6 in., breadth 25 ft. 3 in., depth 12 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Master: Thomas J. Cotton. Owners: William Stephens, Plymouth. Two decks, three masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. Ephraim Morton, Master Carpenter. Benjamin Crandon, Surveyor. Sold out of district.

PILGRIM, schooner, of Plymouth. Registered (30) Dec. 29, 1802 - permanent. Built at Plymouth in 1802. 84 39/95 tons; length 67 ft., breadth 18 ft. 9 in., depth 7 ft. 8 in. Master: Nathaniel Clarke. Owners: Barnabas Hedge Jr., Levi Whetton, James Spooner, Nathaniel Clarke, Ephraim Morton. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no head. Previously enrolled (28) at Plymouth in 1802. (Vol. 2, p. 269)

There are many references to Morton males, and particularly to Ichabod Morton, in the above ship register: <https://archive.org/details/shipregistersofply00surv>

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The records of the First Church of Christ in Plymouth indicate that **Ephraim Morton aged 58 years died on February 7, 1813**. [660] That Ephraim would have been born about 1755.

→ I do not know who that Ephraim was.

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The Chiltonville Cemetery in Plymouth has a gravestone which says the following:

**In memory of EPHRAIM MORTON Who died  
March 1815 In the 54 year Of his age.**

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ma/plymouth/towns/plymouth/cemeteries/chltcong.txt>

That Ephraim would have been born about 1761.

→ I do not know who that Ephraim was.

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The records of the Third Church of Christ in Plymouth say that **Ephraim Morton**, one of the founders of that church in 1801, was dismissed from it in **1818** to join the Fourth Church of Christ in Plymouth, which is known today as the Chiltonville Congregational Church.

Schooner, of Plymouth. Re-registered Aug. 31, 1810 - permanent. 98 34/95 tons; length 65 ft., breadth 18 ft. 6 in., depth 9 ft. 4 in. Master: Josiah Robbins. Owners: Josiah Robbins, Ichabod Morton Jr., Ephraim Morton Jr., Plymouth. Previously registered at Boston Sept. 12, 1809 - temporary.

*A List of Members of the Third Cong. Church, from its organization.*

Date of Admission	Names	Age	Bap.	Rec'd from	Dismissed to	Date of Dismissal	Excom.	Life of Ch.	Dis.
1801.									
Oct. 1.	John Bishop (Dea.)			1st. Ch. Plym.					✕
" "	Benj. Warren			" " "					✕
" "	Silo. Bartlett			" " "	Seceded to Baptists.	1816.			✕
" "	David Diman			" " "					
" "	Jesse Harlow Jr.			" " "					✕
" "	Jesse Bartlett			" " "					✕
" "	Lot Harlow (Dea.)			" " "					
" "	Seth Harlow Jr.			" " "	2d. Cong. Ch. S. Boston	1829.			
" "	Joseph W. Nelson			" " "					✕
" "	Sol. Churchill (Dea.)			" " "	4th. Ch. Plym.	1829.			
" "	Nath. Harlow			" " "	2d. Ch. Rochester	1824.			
" "	Eph. Morton			" " "	4th. Ch. Plym.	1818.			✕

The image on the next page is from Third Church's second ledger and was likely written about 1831/1832. It seems to indicate the **Ephraim Morton** was not alive at that point— see the mark in the far right column which appears to record those “Deceased.”

→ I do believe the above **Ephraim Morton** was the son of Ichabod and Zilpha Morton Sr.

**Ephraim** was baptized at First Church in 1775. He became a member there during a great revival in 1793. And, he married Sarah “Sally” Howland there in 1797. He appears to have been the **only** member at First Church in that period with that name. And, at the times of his baptism and joining First Church as a member, he was explicitly recorded in First Church records as the son of Ichabod Morton.

#### ANOTHER EPHRAIM MORTON

There was another, younger **Ephraim** Morton (b. abt 1782 - 1854) in this period in Plymouth. He is said to have been a son of Osborn Morton (February 7, 1751 - ) and his wife Patience Cobb (1759 - ), who were married on October 18, 1781 at the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. [500] Osborn's parents were Ephraim Morton (1722-1758) and Sarah \_\_\_\_.



There is no indication that Osborn Morton or his son **Ephraim** (b. abt 1782) were members of the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. However, Osborn's son **Ephraim** married Dorcas Brown in that church on May 11, 1803. [645]

Dorcas is said to have died on June 11, 1838. Her gravestone is on Burial Hill.  
<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=92288601>

This **Ephraim** subsequently married Betsey (Rickard) Bagnell (1796 - June 17, 1874) on October 26, 1845 in the First Church. [704] It was a second marriage for both of them. Betsey's parents are said to have been Samuel Rickard (March 30, 1764 - October 18, 1837) and Priscilla Holmes (1765 - October 4, 1828) who are said to have married on December 7, 1786 in Plympton, MA. Betsey's first marriage was to Joseph Bagnall on November 5, 1820 in the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. [653]

### **1820 Plymouth, MA Census** [Enumeration Date - August 20, 1820]

**1820 Ephraim Morton (1776-1794)** - 1M(under 10), 1M(10-15), 1M(16-18), 1M(16-25), 1M(26-44), 3F(under 10), 1F(10-15), 1F(16-25), 1F(26-44)

**Could this be Ephraim, the son of Ichabod Morton Sr, just on the edge of being age 44/45? I think it is possible, if not likely. I am reminded that this listing of his age depended on the person, knowledgeable or not, who spoke to the census taker when the census taker came by.**

**1820 Ephraim Morton Jr. (1776-1794)** 1M(26-44), F(10-15), 1F(26-44)

**This Ephraim seems too old to be Ephraim's son. I suspect this actually was Osborn's son Ephraim who was born about 1782 and married Dorcas Brown in 1803.**

**1820 Ichabod Morton (Before 1775)** 1M(16-18), 1M(16-25), 1M(45and+), 1F(10-15), 1F(16-25), 1F(45and+)

**This seems to be Ichabod Sr.'s son Ichabod.**

**1820 Ichabod Morton Jr. (1776-1794)** - 1M(under 10), 1M(26-44), 1F(26-44)

**This appears to be Ichabod Jr.'s son Ichabod.**

**According to the unpublished records of the Third Church of Christ, on February 13, 1825, Ichabod Morton and Sally Morton came from Plymouth's First Church of Christ to join the Third Church of Christ. In 1830, Sally was dismissed from Third Church to join the Fifth Church of Christ in Plymouth. I suspect that at that point her husband, likely Ichabod Jr., had died. And he does not seem to appear in the 1830 Plymouth Census.**

### **1830 Plymouth, MA Census**

**1830 Ephraim Morton (1781-1790)** - 1M(40-49), 1F(40-49), 1F(60-69)

**Presumably, Ephraim had likely died by this time. And, again, this Ephraim seems to be too old to be Ephraim's son. Also, an older female [mother or mother-in-law?] seems to be living in his household. I suspect this actually was Osborn's son Ephraim who was born about 1782 and married Dorcas Brown in 1803.**

**1830 Ichabod Morton (1781-1790)** - 1M(under5), 1M(15-19), **1M(40-49)**, 1F(5-9), 1F(10-14), 1F(30-39)

**This appears to be Ichabod Jr.'s son Ichabod.**

I will note that **Ichabod Morton** served as a Deacon of the First Church of Christ in Plymouth. People may not realize that the book "Plymouth Church Records: 1620-1859" has two different indexes.

Index 1: Church Transactions

Index II: Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages, Members.

Index I on page 748 shows numerous references to **Deacon Ichabod Morton**, including the following.

- ~ requests a dismissal 1822
- ~ deacon 1832
- ~ resigns as deacon 1841
- ~ dismissed 1842

### **1840 Plymouth, MA Census**

**1840 Ephraim Morton (1781-1790)** 1M(40-49), **1M(50-59)**, 1F(20-29)

**Ephraim's son Ephraim had died by this time. Again, I suspect this actually was Osborn's son Ephraim who was born about 1782. At this point in time, that Ephraim was a widower. Wife Dorcas had died in 1838. Ephraim did not marry his second wife, Betsey, until 1845.**

**1840 Ichabod Morton (1781-1790)** 1M(under 5), 3M(5-9), 1M(10-14), **1M(50-59)**, 1F(10-14), 1F(15-19), 1F(40-49)

**This appears to be Ichabod Jr.'s son Ichabod.**

### **1850 Plymouth, MA Census**

**1850 Ephraim Morton** - 68 (abt 1782) Painter, Betsy 54, Theophalus Rickard 60 Laborer.

Living the same dwelling but different family: Sylvanus Rogers 78 Seaman and Polly Rogers 76

**This appears to Osborn's son Ephraim who was born about 1782 and married Betsey (Rickard) Bagnell in 1845.**

**1850 Henry Morton** - 50 Blacksmith, Rebecca 49, Henry 19 Machinist, Almira T. Morton 23, Ephraim S. Morton, 213, Lucy F. Morton 10.

**This appears to be Henry (b. 1801) who was the son of Ephraim. Henry married Rebecca Whiting in 1823.**

**1850 Sally Morton** - 71, Elisa B. 36.

**This appears to be Ephraim's widow Sarah "Sally" Howland with their daughter Eliza.**

**1850 Ichabod Morton** - 60 Merchant, Betsy 50, Ichabod 17, George 20 Seaman, Nathl 19,

Austin 15, Howard 13, Hannah Thompson 11, Loisa Davis 30, James Ryen 35, William Ryen 30.  
**This appears to be Ichabod Jr.'s son Ichabod, born in 1790, and whose second wife was Elizabeth Holbrook.**

### 1860 Plymouth, MA Census

#### **1860 NO Ephraim**

**Osborn Morton's son Ephraim is said to have died in 1854. His second wife, Betsey, is said to have died in 1874.**

**1860 Henry Morton** - 67 Thimble Maker, Nancy 51, Lucy 20 Dressmaker, Abbay A. 6, Sarah 85.

**Though his age was not reported correctly, this appears to be Henry (b. 1801) who was the son of Ephraim. His widowed mother Sarah appears to be in his household.**

**1860 Ichabod Morton** - 71 Merchant, Betsey 65. George E. 30 Painter. Austin 25 Farm Labor, Howard 24 Gardner, Abigail Diaz 38 Music Teacher, Alberto M. Diaz 13, Manuel A. Diaz 10.

**This appears to be Ichabod Jr.'s son Ichabod, born in 1790, and whose second wife was Elizabeth Holbrook.**

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