

Margesons in Trinity Church, New York City

*Report on a section of Descendants of Thomas Margeson: Our Family History (1970s family history book).
Book pages: pp. 7-9, 11. Topics: Trinity Church; parish records; New York.*

The family's English church ties are documented by a letter of February 24, 1960, to Alva E. Margeson from Helen Rose Cline, Parish Recorder of Trinity Church in the City of New York. Many early records burned in the great fire of 1776. Surviving baptismal records start in 1749, marriages in 1746 and burials in 1777.

Records found for the surname include the baptism of Mary Margeson on April 21, 1782, daughter of Gideon and Mary Margeson. Edmund Ming married Catherine Margeson on August 6, 1768, by the Rev. Samuel Auchmuty. Burial entries include a child of Mr. Margeson, aged two years, in August 1778, and a Mr. Margeson aged 49 in October 1778. The book notes that one Catherine Margeson was a beneficiary of the will of Richard Sackett, whose lands gave Sackets Harbor its name.

The editor also discusses Trinity's history. The congregation was organized in the seventeenth century as part of the Church of England, William Vesey was the first rector and served until his death in 1746, and Washington later worshiped in the rebuilt church. The book wonders whether the Gideon of the Trinity record is the same man as Gideon Margeson of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and mentions Peter Margeson, listed as a prisoner in a published history of New York in the Revolution.

This report is a summary written for Holden's Archive (holdens-archive.org) from the family history book. Names, dates and places follow the book as printed; the book's OCR text contains some unclear figures, so verify key facts against the original.