

(NOTE: The above division of lands of Thomas -1 Rood who died in 1672 was undoubtedly performed shortly after his death, recorded from the original Book of Grants in the newly surveyed Land Record and thus brought down to today's descendants. It is interesting to note that the name was originally spelled ROOD by the first generations, whereas RUDE appears later in the family history. RRB)

Thomas Roode was executed 18 Oct 1672 Norwich, CT for incest with his daughter, Sarah who bore a son, George. Trumbull Colonial Record II, page 184. He and his daughter, Sarah, pleaded guilty to the charge of incest. He was executed on 18 Oct 1672 and his daughter severely whipped, "that others may heare and feare." The child, George Rood, was raised by Lt. THomas Leffingwell, referred to as uncle, which may mean that Thomas' wife, Sarah, may have been a Leffingwell. No proof has been found.

***The Rood-Rude Record***, Vol II, page 20:

In Part I., Hartford Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut (1913) p. 34 is a transcript of the vital records of Norwich in which we find a fragmentary account of the birth of Thomas and Sarah Rood's children: The names & ages of ye children of THOMAS ROOD:

Sarah Rood was borne in Octob Ano: Dom 1649  
Thomas Rood was borne in march An: 1651  
Micah Rood was borne ffeb An: 1653  
Rachell Rood was borne in ffeb. 1655  
John Rood was borne in Septr 1658  
Joseph Rood was borne in March Ano: 1661  
Benjamin Rood was borne in ffeb. Ano: 1663  
Mary Rood was borne in march 1674 & dyed ye same month and yeare  
Samuel Rood was born in June 1666  
Sarah Roode ye wife of Thomas Roode deceased in March Ano:Dom 1668

**From the notes of contributor Janet Pease:**

Sarah Rood left all property to her "sister" Mary Rood = 11 Aug 1716 (perhaps wife of one of her brothers).

**From the notes of contributor Florence R. Cleaver:**

Thomas Roode is said to have been a resident of Saybrook, Conn., before moving to the area, later known as Nine Mile Square and which, 11 or 12 years later, became Norwich, Conn. His name appeared first in records of the area in 1649. His 1st wife, Sarah, is believed to have been a Waite or Leffingwell, as their children were 1st cousins to the children of Lt. Thomas Leffingwell, ancestor of the governor.

Thomas was on excellent terms with the Indians and his early land acquisitions were from the sachem Squanto. He was held in high regard by them since several of their sacred places were on his property.

Thomas Roode may have been the attorney "Thomas Roode" that appeared in a Boston Court in 1640/41.

***The Rood/Rude Record:***

We know definitely that Thomas-1 Rood was not on the "Mayflower" when she made her historic voyage to Massachusetts in 1620. But one of his grandsons, Jabez-3, son of his son Samuel-2, married Mehitable Standish who descends from Myles Standish of Plymouth Colony, and one of Jabez's son's married Abigail Standish, another descendant of Myles. Hence, there is a double Mayflower lineage in that branch.

(There still is not any documentation as to whether Sarah, wife of Thomas Roode was Sarah Leffingwell or Sarah White. From my research some believe Leffingwell and then some believe White, but as for their documentation on this none is shown. Unless someone has more evidence to support this, she will remain Sarah Leffingwell or White. Mona Rood)