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PHILLIP<sup>2</sup> BABB, son of Thomas and Mary of Limehouse.  
born ca. 1604. Dead by 1642?. He married Mary, born ca. 1610.

Testimony by Mary Babbe, wife of Phillipp Babbe of the parish of Stepney, marriner, shows her aged 35 on 23 October, 1645. She describes the circumstances of John Plumbley's mother, Alice Carter, who for many years invested in Adventure overseas, particularly in sugar. Mary verifies the shipwreck after 1638 when the ship Jane and Judith, went to Lisborne, Portugall or other ports beyond the seas, in which Alice Carter lost greatly, though Plumbley returned safely on another ship to London. Alice Carter became bonded to Robert Burley in the process. Mary signed her testimony with the initial "B".

Since Mary and Phillip are alive at the time of her testimony, the Mary Babb, widow, who married Alexander Leake, a laborer from Wappingwall 9 July 1642 must be another Mary. Perhaps it is Mary, Phillip's mother, for whom there is no record of death or marriage after her husband Thomas died in 1620.<sup>16</sup>

Phillip's occupation is shown as mariner at the births of each of his children and at the death of son Philip. At that time, mariner Philip and wife Mary lived in Foxes Lane. It is curious that the deaths of both John and Philip occurred at times when huge numbers of deaths recorded in the parish register were noted "plague"; neither John's nor Philip's were, however.

Children:

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| I.   | John   | c. 27 Aug 1630, bur. 4 Sep 1630    | Limehouse               |
| II.  | Philip | c. 6 Apr 1634,<br>bur. 15 Nov 1640 | Limehouse<br>Foxes Lane |
| III. | Mary   | c. 21 Mar 1637 (sp. Bab)           | Ratcliffe               |

Sources:

- (1) Stepney St. Dunstan Parish Registers
- (2) Filby, PW, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index
- (3) Morrison, J.H., PCC Wills, Sentences and Probate Acts 1661-70
- (4) PRO, Chancery Lane, C24/692, #32

<sup>16</sup> In 1654, a Mary Leake in Virginia witnessed a land transaction. Virginia Company records at NEHGS show Capt Leake, planter and Wm Felgate, adventurer in Virginia at this time. Besse's Quaker Sufferings, 1650 - 1689 list a Mary Leake, p. 609 (1753 ed., v.2).

The Great Card Index at the Society Of Genealogists, London, has an entry for Mary Leake, widdo, buried Otterton, Devon, May 14, 1651. It's source of information is not given.