

Probable Indian Scholars, Late 17th-century Massachusetts*

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The following Native men, who signed their full signature and, in some cases, composed entire documents in English, are candidates for the unnamed Native scholars and partial names mentioned in the New England Company correspondence and other mid-to-late seventeenth-century documents.

Name	Date / Document	Source
William Ahaton	1675 / full letter in Ahaton's hand	MAC, 30:176, 229; HColl, 184
Simon Betogkom	1676 / full letter in Betogkom's hand	MAC, 30:191
Thomas Dublett	1681-1684 / full letter (copy)	MAC, 30:280, 287, 301; "A copy of a letter from the Indians," Cotton Family Papers, MHS
Capt. Tom	1684	MAC, 30:287, 301
Job Kattenet	1668	MAC, 30:146
John Magos	1681-1685	MAC, 30:287, 305
Job Nesahaton	1666	MAC, 30:134
Sam Numphow	1676 / full letter in Numphow's hand	MAC, 30:182, 191; see also HColl, 186
James Rumneymarsh (Quannapohit)	1676-1686	MAC, 30:229, 280
James Speen	1685	MAC, 30:305; HColl, 192
Thomas Waban	1682-1685	MAC, 30:280, 305

Sources:

- HColl* Daniel Gookin, *Historical Collections of the Indians in New England*. MHSC, 1st ser., 1:141–227.
MAC Massachusetts Archives Collection, Massachusetts State Archives, Columbia Point, Massachusetts.
MHS Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.
PCR David Pulsifer, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth* (New York: AMS Press, 1968).

*See also Marks and Signatures of Native People of the Northeast, 17th Century, in John Wompas Digital Archive