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Re: Judith [VASSALL] WHITE

Posted by: [tania vestal](#)

Date: March 05, 2001 at 21:54:39

In Reply to: [Judith \[VASSALL\] WHITE](#) by Loretta Baughan

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The Vassalls

Some of this information was found on the Internet, with embellishments from the book, Abbey Memorial, second edition 1917, and my line descendants line from the LDS web site.

The Vassalls were an ancient Catholic family of Normandy, which included two cardinals and a marshal of France; But Jean Vassall became a Huguenot and fled to England a few years before the massacre of St. Bartholomew. They were of the Episcopalian faith and supports of the revolution against the authority of King Charles.

Most of the Vassals were loyal to the British crown during the American Revolution. In consequence the entire family was exiled and their estates confiscated. After their return to England in 1776 members of the family distinguished themselves in the British army and navy.

The seven Mansions still standing (in 1917) in Brattle street, Cambridge, Mass. known as "Tory Row," which included the home of Longfellow and "Elmwood" the birthplace of James Russell Lowell, were in 1774 the homes of the Vassall family.

John Vassall

John Vassall was born about in Caen, Normandie, France about 1524. He married at least once, abt 1543, one known son, John, was born to him.

John Vassall, born 1544 in Normandy France married on September 23, 1569 in Ratcliffe, Middlesex, England to Anne Russell. He died in Sept. 13, 1625 at Stepney, Essex, England. Anne died May 5, 1593 in Stepney, England. The records at the parish church of St. Dunstan's states he died "of the plague"

- 1) John Vassall was the builder and owner of the Mayflower that brought the Pilgrims to the shores of Cape Cod.
- 2) John was probably a religious refugee from France, with position and security in England, who fitted out and commanded 2 ships against the Spanish Armada, and was later a member of the Virginia Company. (Dictionary of American Biography, v.19, pg. 230)
- 3) John was an alderman of London, who, in 1588, at his own expense, fitted out and commanded two ships war with which he joined the royal navy to oppose the Spanish Armada... (NEH&GR, Jan 1871, page 39)

4) John describes himself in his will as a mariner, of French extraction. His father John sent him to England during the religious troubles in France from his home in Normandy. He seems to have been recognized as an authority in questions of navigation, as we find him recommended to be examined by the judge of admiralty as to the skill of the pilot in a suit respecting the wreck of a vessel on the Goodwin sands in 1577. In 1588 he fitted out and commanded a vessel of 140 tons to serve against the Spanish Armada.

5) In Harleian MS.168, f.177, his vessel is called the Samuel, while in the state papers in the record office it appears as the Solomon. (Dictionary of National Biography, Vol. XX. Lond; Oxford Univ. press, 1938)

6) He was a member of the Virginia Company, which made the settlement at Jamestown in 1607.

John's spouse Anna Russell, born in Radcliffe, England. Married September 4, 1580 in St. Dunstan's, Stepney
Died 1593

John and Ann's Children were:

Judith, John (died as a infant), Samuel 2nd son, John, *William 4th son, and Ann.

Samuel Vassall

Samuel was probably the largest ship owner of his day and was the first to refuse to pay the tax of tonnage and poundage. As a result, his property was seized and he himself thrown into prison for sixteen years by the Star Chamber Court. In 1641 the Long Parliament voted him over ten thousand pounds damages and **resolved** that he should be further recompensed for his personal suffering, but this was never paid.

Other notes relating to William and family

Jun 1657 (Perogative Court of Canterbury) William VASSALL of Barbados, "who had lands in New England." Probate to the son, John VASSALL. (June 1657). Wa. ("American Wills And Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1610-1857" by Peter Wilson Coldham, 1989) See 1661-2 below. John VASSALL, son of William, later removed to Old Rappa. Co VA as did his sister, Ann, wife of Nicholas WARE.

03 Jan 1661/2 As a merchant of St. Michael's, Barbados, 3 Jan. 1661/2, Nicholas WARE gave bond to John VASSALL of Barbados to secure payment to VASSALL for "four good negroes." (Adventurers of Purse & Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5 by Virginia M. Meyer/John Frederick Dorman, 1987)

Note: In disagreement with the above is the statement from "Hoskins of Virginia and Related Families by Charles Willard Hoskins Warner, 1971, pg 155, that : "On January 3, 1661 a certificate was recorded in Rappahannock Court that Mr. Nicholas WARE, merchant ahad that day signed a power of attorney to Mr. John WEIR, "beloved friend" of Rappahannock County."

Nicholas WARE had m Anna VASSALL, d/o William VASSAL who d in Barbados in 1657, formerly a resident of Massachusetts, but born in England (s/o John & Ann RUSSELL Vassal). Nicholas WARE & his brother in law, John VASSALL, s/o William, both later removed to Old Rappahannock Co. VA where John VASSALL is found in records with William UNDERWOOD, Sr., step-son of Archdale Combs of Old Rappahannock Co. VA. William VASSALL'S father, John, had married (2)

Judith BORROUGHS, d/o Stephen, niece of William, and widow of Thomas SCOTT of Colchester, Co. Essex, EN. Whether Nicholas WARE & John WEIR of Old Rappahannock Co. VA were kin or not, remains unknown. See Also Abraham Combs & Cuthbert SCOTT of MD

Mayflower Families : "The parentage of Judith is clearly shown in a deed of 18 July 1657 in which she, as wife

Resolved White, sells land bequeathed to her as daughter of 'William Vassall heretofore of Scituate, and late of Barbados deceased, by a will dated 13 July 1655.'

More information on the Vassall family can be found in an article in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume 17 page 56, entitled "The Vassalls of New England," by Edward Doubleday Harris.

Related web sites of interest:

The Charter of Massachusetts Bay : 1629

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/states/mass03.htm>

1630, THE WINTHROP FLEET:

Eleven vessels brought 'the Great Emigration' of this year, viz: ARBELLA the flagship AMBROSE, WILLIAM AND FRANCIS, TALBOT, HOPEWELL, JEWEL, WHALE, CHARLES, SUCCESS, MAYFLOWER, TRIAL

The first five ships sailed April 8 from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and arrived at Salem, June 13 and following days. The other half of the fleet sailed in May and arrived in July at various dates. Altogether they brought about seven hundred passengers.

<http://members.aol.com/dcurtin1/gene/winthrop.htm>

I found this while looking up my husband's family. (now Vestal instead of Vassall.) I hope it is helpful to everyone.

I have information on John Vassall, William Vassall, thru some of the current Vestals if anyone is interested. I also have a photo of the home of Elizabeth Mercer (widow of William II) and her children built in 1751. It is the home most Vestals of the United States originated.

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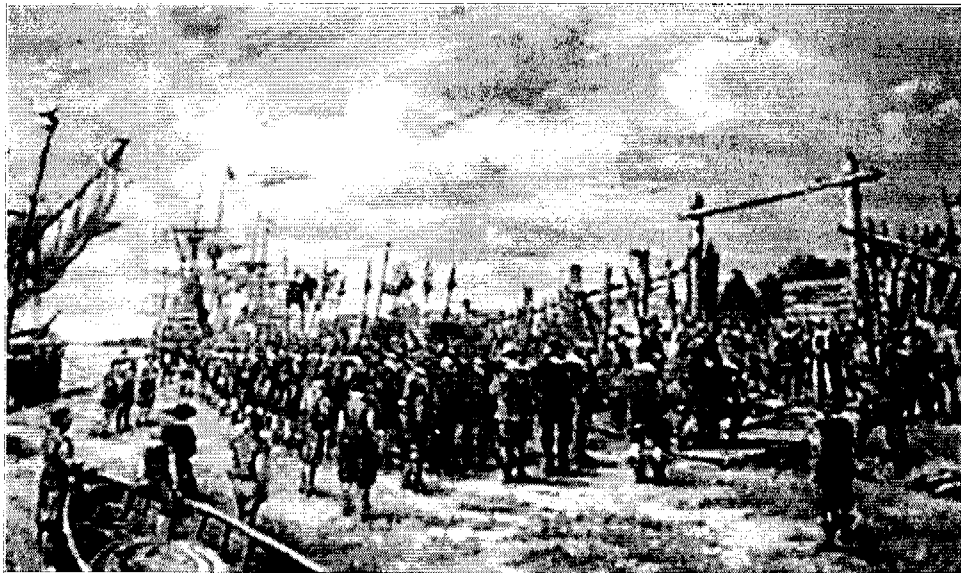
JAMESTOWNE

Jamestowne was named for **King James** who came to the throne in 1603 and granted the first charter in 1606.. The flag of the united England and Scotland was called the *Union Jack*.



The Union Jack (*Bottom left*) contained the cross of St. George for England (*Top Left*) and the cross of St. Andrew for Scotland (*center left*) and probably flew over the fort on Jamestowne.Island

Make no mistake. Jamestowne was not established by the Virginia Company for the purpose of religious freedom. Rather, the Jamestowne Adventure was subscribed to as a business venture. None the less, the members of the Virginia Company believed it was of utmost importance to establish the Protestant Faith in the New World. The Spanish already had explored Chesapeake Bay, which they had named St. Marie's Bay. Evidently, the Spanish had long-range plans. They had taken the brother of the Emperor Powhatan to Spain to be trained as a priest. Since the defeat of the Spanish Armada, 1588, Englishmen ever had to be aware of the Spanish. Fear of Spanish intrusion at Jamestowne Plantation caused the Virginia Company to send the **Rev. Mr. Robert Hunt**, minister of the Church of England, with the colonists who came in the *Godspeed*, the *Discovery*, and the *Susan Constant*. The Rev. Mr. Hunt and the colonists under his pastoral care landed May 13, 1607. Their lot was almost impossible during the early years. Yet, the brave souls who did survive laid the very foundations of our great Nation.



"The Day of Providence", the arrival of Governor Thomas West, Lord De La Warr, at Jamestowne on June 10, 1610.
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On June 7, 1610, the settlers ...boarded the ship, left Jamestown, and started down the James. Next morning,

while still in the river, advance word reached Gates that Lord De La Warr had arrived ... an act of Providence. On June 10, 1610, De La Warr reached "James City" and made his landing. He entered the fort through the South Gate, and, with his colors flying, went on to the church where Reverend Richard Buck delivered an impressive sermon. Then his ensign, Anthony Scott, read his commission, and Gates formally delivered to him his own authority as governor. De La Warr's arrival had given the settlement new life and new hope. *from The First Seventeen Years - Virginia 1607-1724, by Charles E. Hatch, Jr., Charlottesville, 1991.*

Chronology of Jamestowne Period

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Family Finder: Ancestor's First Name Ancestor's Last Name

John Vassal, b. September 7, 1713

1732, graduated Harvard^{370,371}

November 11, 1734 Eliakim Hutchinson, buys 1/3 part of land of John Vassall. (SD 74:209) S. side Milk St. (Thwing database)

July 26, 1736, bought estate at Phipp's farm.

Built two large houses. His home was on east corner of Brattle and Hawthorne streets in Cambridge 1736 - 1741. His 1st home on Phips' farm at the corner of Brattle and Ash Streets was sold to brother Colonel Henry Vassal on December 30, 1741. This house later belonged to Samuel Bathelder Esq. In 1746 he bought the adjoining farm on 6 acres on the N. side of Brattle Street.

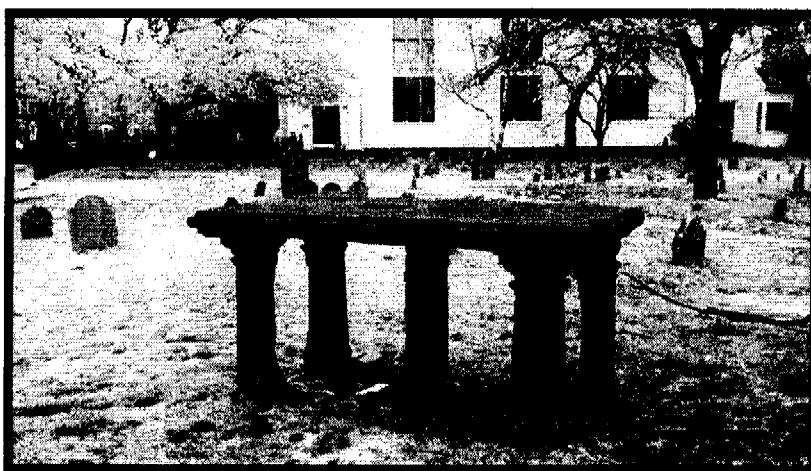
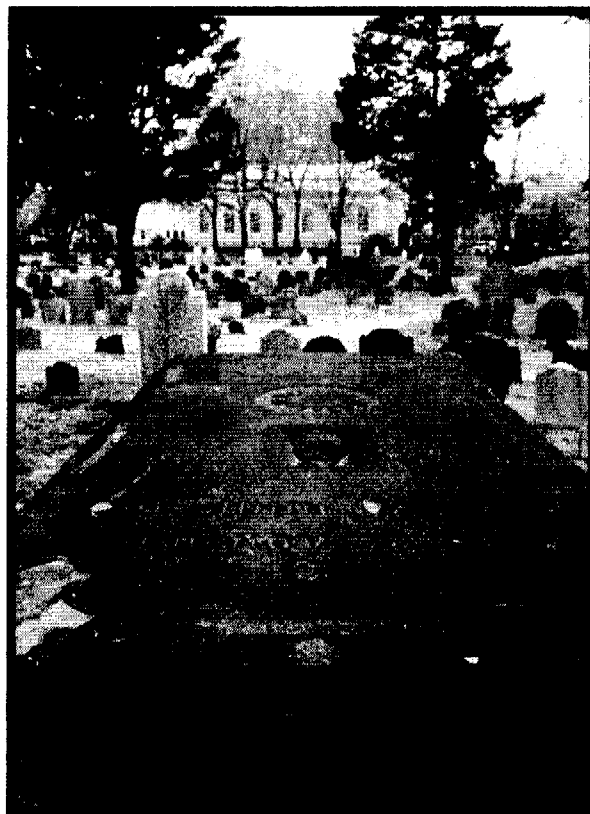
In the churchyard in Cambridge may be seen supported by five pillars upon which, with the name of Colonel John Vassal, are sculpted the words, VAS-SOL, and the emblems, a goblet and the sun. (200 Years Ago, or, A Brief History of Cambridgeport and East Cambridge; History of Cambridge, Massachusetts p. 758)

The monument over it is a massive freestone slab, resting upon five columns. It bears no inscription. only the heraldic emblems of the family--the vase and sun,--and forms one of the most conspicuous features in the cemetery. It passed with the estate into the hands of Andrew Craigie, Esq., and is now owned by his heirs. An examination was made June 24, 1862. Twenty-five interments have been made in the vault, and in almost every case the coffin was found to be entire. Those which, from their position at the farthest end of the vault, were supposed to contain the remains of Colonel Vassall and his first wife were in fine preservation. Besides, this tomb is known to contain the remains of John Foster, died Nov. 1, 1836, ae. fifty-two; Andrew Foster, M. D., died May 17, 1831, ae. fifty; Thomas Foster, M. D., died Feb. 4, 1831. ae. forty-six; James and George Foster, died August and September, 1817; Elizabeth C. Haven, died Feb. 10, 1826; Mrs. Lydia G. Haven, died March 10, 1836, and Andrew Craigie, Esq." (The Foster Genealogy)

At one point was involved in law suits for defamation of character and personal insults against Samuel Whittemore, John Hovey and Samuel Gookin. He lost the suit and was obliged to pay costs. (History of Cambridge, Massachusetts p. 131, 132)

His title may have been derived from the command of a Troop. (History of Cambridge, Massachusetts p. 407)

1752; An inventory of the clothing left by him. Executors of will, Richard, Bill and Joshua Henshaw. (History of Cambridge, Massachusetts p. 675)



Ancestry of John Vassal

The Vassall family has ever been distinguished for enterprise, magnanimity, and noble bearing. If some of this name were not only often, but always, for their king it must be admitted that they made as great sacrifices to loyalty as did their forefathers to liberty." The Vassals were connected by marriage and business dealings with the Olivers and Royalls. All three families had acquired great wealth in the West Indies, and although they lost their great possessions in New England, by the Confiscation Act, yet they were much better situated than their fellow sufferers as they retained their West Indian estates till they, too, became worthless, after the emancipation of the slaves.

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN1 VASSAL was of Caen, Normandy, France. From the ancient house of De Vassall, Barons de Gourdon in Querci Perigord. He was a Huguenot of Normandy, sent into England by his father

because of the troubles in France.

Children of JOHN VASSAL are:

2. i. JOHN2 VASSAL, b. 1544, of Caen, Normandy, France; d. September 13, 1625, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England.
- ii. JUDITH VASSAL, b. 1556.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN2 VASSAL (JOHN1) of Caen, Normandy, France, died September 13, 1625 in Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England. He married (1) ANNE HEWES September 25, 1569 in St. Dunstons, Stepney, Middlesex, England. He married (2) September 04, 1580, ANNE RUSSELL of Ratcliffe, Co Middlesex, buried May 5, 1593. He married (3) JUDITH BOROUGH May 23, 1594 in Ratcliffe, Essex, England, daughter of STEPHEN BOROUGH and JOAN OVERYE of Stepney and of Chatham, County Kent, and widow of THOMAS SCOTT of Colchester, County Essex. A subscriber for two shares of stock in the Virginia Company with an investment of £25.10.0 in 1618. An alderman of London, in 1588 equipped and himself commanded two ships of war against the Spanish Armada. The arms granted to him by queen Elizabeth I in consequence of this service were adopted by his family thereafter in place of those used by his French forebears. A "mariner" according to his will, he was the builder and owner of the ship Mayflower that brought the Pilgrims to the shores of Cape Cod and also equipped and commanded the ships of war Samuel and Little Toby against the Spanish Armada. *(The information about the Mayflower is in dispute, I have lost the source for this information, but it appears there was more than one Mayflower, and the ship John owned may not have been "THE" MAYFLOWER that brought people to America).* He was an alderman of London, and a member of the Virginia Company. (Dictionary of American Biography)

Children of JOHN VASSAL and ANNE RUSSELL are:

- i. JUDITH3 VASSAL, b. March 25, 1582, Ratcliffe, Essex, England; d. 1667; m. JOHN FREEBORNE.
- ii. JOHN VASSAL, b. 1584, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England; d. October 03, 1585, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England. Christened: April 01, 1584, Ratcliffe, Stepney, England
3. iii. SAMUEL VASSAL, b. June 05, 1586, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England; d. 1667, England.
- iv. JOHN VASSAL, b. March 04, 1588/89, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England; d. August 30, 1591.
4. v. WILLIAM VASSAL, b. August 27, 1592, Radcliffe, Essex, England; d. July 13, 1655, Plymouth, Roxbury, Scituate, Marshfield, Massachusetts - or Barbados?.
- vi. ANN VASSAL, b. 1594, Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England. Christened: January 10, 1593/94, Ratcliffe, Stepney, England

Generation No. 3

3. SAMUEL3 VASSAL (JOHN2, JOHN1) was born June 05, 1586 in Ratcliffe, Stepney, Essex, England/, and died 1667 in England/. He married FRANCES CARTWRIGHT Abt. 1623. an alderman of London, represented that city in parliament in 1640, and again in 1641. In the latter he was voted the sum of oe10,445. 12s. 2d. for the damage he had sustained during his patriotic resistance of the arbitrary import of tonnage and poundage, and it was further resolved to consider him for his imprisonment and personal sufferings. He was one of the three hundred members who signed the protestation to support the church of England, and the liberty of Parliament, and was appointed a member of the council during the recess. He subscribed oe1200. against the rebels in Ireland, his name appearing at the head of the list. In 1643, Alderman Vassall took the covenant, and was appointed in 1646, one of the Commissioners for the Kingdom of England, for the conservation

of the peace with Scotland; about the same time he was chosen with Sir Thomas Soane, to give answer to the persons who brought up the city petition, and in 1648, he was appointed with the other members of the house who were citizens, to form a committee. This Samuel Vassall had two twentieths of all the Massachusetts bay, in New England.

A monument to Samuel Vassal stands in Kings Chapel, Boston, MA. Though he never lived on the shores of New England, he owned land there and his ships provided the early struggling colonies with supplies. England attempted to tax these supplies early on, and Samuel was imprisoned for refusing to pay them. Alderman of London and Parliament member 1640 and 1641 - imprisoned for support of the church of England and liberty of the Parliament. Had 2/20s of all Massachusetts Bay.

Child of SAMUEL VASSAL and FRANCES CARTWRIGHT is:

5. i. JOHN4 VASSAL, b. Abt. 1625, Stepney, Middlesex, England; d. July 06, 1688, Jamaica, West Indies.

4. WILLIAM3 VASSAL (JOHN2, JOHN1) Christened: August 27, 1592, Stepney, London, England, and died July 13, 1655 in Plymouth, Roxbury, Scituate, Marshfield, Massachusetts - or Barbados? He married ANNA KING July 29, 1613 in Cold Norton, Essex, England, daughter of GEORGE KING and JEAN LORRAN. William Vassall first came in 1628 on the Arabella (*source for this information has been lost*), as one of the assistants of the Mass. Bay Co. to Salem, Mass. He returned to England with his family along with the Winthrop Fleet in the "Lyon" in 1630. In July 1635, he returned to America on the "Blessing", at the age of 42 with his wife, also age 42, and settled at Roxbury. They moved to Scituate and were admitted to the church around November 28, 1636, and took the oath of allegiance to the Plymouth colony February 1, 1638. He moved to Marshfield, about 1643, where he was a town officer. Went to England in 1646 with a petition to Parliament for the liberty of English subjects. Later removed to Barbadoes due to his disagreements with the residents of Plymouth colony.

Children of WILLIAM VASSAL and ANNA KING are:

i. ANNA4 VASSAL, b. September 06, 1614, Cold Norton, Essex, England; d. September 22, 1614, Cold Norton, Essex, England.

ii. JUDITH VASSAL, b. 1619, Stepney, Middlesex, England; d. April 03, 1670, Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts; m. (1) EDWARD WINSLOW; m. (2) RESOLVED WHITE, November 05, 1640, Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts. (Children of JUDITH VASSAL and RESOLVED WHITE are: i. ANNA WHITE, b. June 04, 1649, Scituate, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; d. May 25, 1714, Concord, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts. ii. ELIZABETH WHITE, b. June 04, 1652, Scituate, Plymouth, MA; d. July 17, 1672, Concord. iii. RESOLVED WHITE, b. November 12, 1647, Scituate, Plymouth, MA. iv. SUSANNA WHITE, b. August 1656, Scituate, Plymouth, MA. v. JOHN WHITE, b. March 11, 1643/44, Scituate, Plymouth, MA; d. Bet. 1684 - 1685. vi. JOSIAH WHITE, b. September 29, 1654, Scituate, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; d. 1710, Boxford, Essex Co., Massachusetts; m. REMEMBER READ, Bef. December 30, 1680; b. Abt. 1657; d. Aft. May 20, 1721, Salem, Essex Co., Massachusetts. vii. SAMUEL WHITE, b. March 13, 1645/46, Scituate, Plymouth, MA; d. Bet. 1720 - 1731; m. REBECCA. viii. WILLIAM WHITE, b. April 1642, Scituate, Plymouth, MA; d. January 24, 1694/95, Marshfield, Plymouth, MA. iii. FRANCES VASSAL, b. 1623 and died 1670, m. JAMES ADAMS, son of JOHN ADAMS, born 1622 in England, and died January 19, 1652/53 at sea. Children: WILLIAM ADAMS, b. May 16, 1647; ANNA ADAMS, b. April 18, 1649; RICHARD ADAMS, b. April 19, 1651; MARY ADAMS, b. January 27, 1652/53; MARGARET ADAMS, b. May 08, 1654, Ipswich, Essex Co., Massachusetts; d. 1737, Enfield, Hartford Co., Connecticut, m. JOHN PEASE; MARTHA ADAMS, b. 1657. iv. MARY VASSAL, b. June 22, 1624, Cold Norton, Essex, England. v. SAMUEL VASSAL, b. June 22, 1624, Cold Norton, Essex, England; d. November 16, 1624, Cold

Norton, Essex, England.

- vi. **ANN VASSAL**, b. 1629, Radcliffe, Essex, England; d. Bef. 1655; m. **NICHOLAS WARE**, VA?
- v. **MARGARET VASSAL**, b. 1633, Ratcliffe, Essex, England; d. April 16, 1656, Barbados, West Indies; m. **JOSHUA HUBBARD**, April 16, 1656, Barbados, West Indies.
- vi. **JOHN VASSAL**, d. aft 1655.

Generation No. 4

5. **JOHN4 VASSAL ESQUIRE** (SAMUEL3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1625 in Stepney, Middlesex, England, and died July 06, 1688 in Jamaica, West Indies. He married ANNA LEWIS Abt. 1670, daughter of JOHN LEWIS ESQUIRE of Genoa. January 07, 1651/52, mentioned in inventory of Henry Sandyes estate³ September 22, 1652, owed debt of Captain Bozone Allen estate. Ann Lewis, the daughter of John Lewis, an English resident of Genoa. John went to Jamaica shortly after it was taken in 1655, purchasing large tracts of land and laid the foundation of the great estate which his posterity enjoyed until the emancipation in 1834.

March 2, 1646/1647; Vpon compl of John Vassall vnto ye Court concerning John Lewis, apprentic to his father for iiij yerres, being ye remaine of vij yerres in wch he was bound to serue George Kenrick, the Curt ordereth, yt ye said John Lewis shall dwell with ye said Mr Vassall, and serue out ye full terme of his said indentures, as also for so long time as he hath absented himselfe wthout leaue from ye service of his said master or former masters in the foresaid seruice of vij yerres, as by indenture appreth. Wheras John Lewis, somtimes seruaut to Mr Varssall, of Scittuate, is departed the goument indebted vnto John saffin and others, and hath left som goods in the hands of Willam Parker, of Taunton, the Court doth order, that the said goods shalbee for the satisfyeing of the debts hee owed to the said John Saffin att his departure.

December 16, 1652; Mark Hands (naylor) buys of John Vassal of Scituate house and land. (SD 1:282) N. side of Fleet St. (Thwing database)

Children of JOHN VASSAL and ANNA LEWIS are:

- i. **JOHN5 VASSAL**, b. Abt. 1670, Cape Fear, North Carolina.
- ii. **SAMUEL VASSAL**, b. 1673, Jamaica, West Indies.
- iii. **LEWIS VASSAL**, b. 1674, Jamaica, West Indies.
- 6. iv. **LEONARD VASSAL**, b. July 10, 1678, Jamaica, West Indies; d. June 20, 1737.
- v. **HENRY VASSAL**, b. Abt. 1685, Jamaica, West Indies.
- vi. **WILLIAM VASSAL**, Jamaica, West Indies; d. August 07, 1720, Jamaica, West Indies. His wife was SARAH. He had son;

FLORENTIUS VASSAL, b. St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, West Indies; m. ANNE BECKFORD. A great-grandson of Samuel, to whose memory he erected the beautiful marble monument in King's Chapel, when he was in Boston in 1766. He was here again in 1775 and in that year went to England. He was born in Jamaica, and lived there the greater part of his life. He died in London in 1778. Of the immense domain fifteen miles wide on both sides of the Kennebec River, extending from the vicinity of Merry Meeting Bay to the southerly line of the town of Norridgwock, he was the owner of one twenty-fourth part. In his will, executed in 1776, he gave to his son Richard and to Richard's daughter, Elizabeth, life estate in these lands, and then devised them in entail to his male children. The bequest proved of little value to either. After the lapse of years the rights of Elizabeth and her son Henry were transferred separately to parties in Boston, to test the title which was claimed by squatters. Three of them were sued in the name of the son. The cases were carried up to the United States Supreme Court, where it was decided that during his mother's life, he could not maintain an action. After her decease, suit against one settler was renewed, but on intimation by the court that

fifty years' possession was sufficient to presume a grant, or title without consideration, another point, namely, whether the right of the plaintiff to recover was barred by the statute of limitation. The defendant paid a small sum for the land he occupied, and each party his own costs. Thus in 1851 terminated litigation, which for a long time was the subject of great interest on the Kennebec, and elsewhere in Maine. This granddaughter Elizabeth was a remarkable woman. Those who knew her speak of her as brilliant and witty, as possessed of queenly grace of manner, as well informed, of wonderful tact, and of excellent sense. Her first husband was Sir Godfrey Webster, Bart. By this marriage she was the mother of Sir Godfrey Vassall Webster, Bart., who died in 1836, of Lieut-Col. Sir Henry Vassall Webster, K. T. S., of the British Army, who died in London in 1847, aged 54, and of Harriet, who married Admiral Sir Fleetwood B. Reynolds, C. B. K. C. H., who died at Florence in 1849, leaving an only child, the wife of the son and heir of the Earl of Oxford. Another son, Charles Richard Fox, whose father was Lord Holland, married Mary Fitzclarence, second daughter of King William IV., and who, in 1845 was a colonel in the army, and aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria. In 1797 Lady Webster married Lord Holland, who took by signmanual the surname of Vassal which, however, was not assumed by his children. As Lady Holland, she was the mother of three children, who died young, of Henry Holland, who became at the death of his father, Lord Holland, of Mary Elizabeth, wife of Lord Lilford, and of Georgianna Anne who died in 1819.

The friendly feelings of Bonaparte towards Lady Holland, especially after the peace of Amiens, is well known, and that in return "for the many acts of kindness, which she had bestowed upon him" he left her a gold snuff box which had been presented to him by Pope Pius VI., containing a card with these words: "L'Empereur to Lady Holland, temoigne de satisfaction et d'estime." She died at London, in 1845, aged 75. Among her bequests were the income of an estate, about oe1500 per annum, to Lord John Russill, for his life, and a legacy of oe100 to Macaulay the historian.

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6. LEONARD5 VASSAL ESQUIRE (JOHN4, SAMUEL3, JOHN2, JOHN1)4 was born July 10, 1678 in Jamaica, West Indies, and died June 20, 1737. He married (1) RUTH GALE Abt. 1700 in Jamaica, West Indies. He married (2) PHOEBE PENHALLOW April 16, 1734 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts, a widow of THOMAS GROSSE, daughter of SAMUEL PENHALLOW of Portsmouth, and she married third, THOMAS GREAVES of Charlestown, and fourth, FRANCIS BORLAND. He emigrated to New England before 1723 and lived in Braintree, then Boston. Braintree (Quincy) home standing called Vassal - Adams Mansion, white clapboard, Georgian colonial with 5 chimneys, 1 brick end painted white, in 1731, residence of John and John Quincy Adams. The home remained in Adams family until 1927.

Leonard removed to Boston previous to 1723. He was early connected with Christ Church. Leonard Vassal bought land of Simeon Stoddard in 1727 and asked leave to erect a timber house in room of an old one he wished to pull down. In 1730 he was instrumental in founding Trinity Church. The original building was built on land which he had purchased of William Speakman, baker, 1728 and in 1730 conveyed it to John Barnes and others for a meeting house. The lot was eighty-six feet on Summer Street and one hundred and sixty-nine on Bishops Lane. He bought it for £450 and sold it for £514.7.2. The first sermon preached in the church built here was on August 15, 1735, by Roger Price, of King's Chapel. The lot covered by the church was bounded by Seven-starr Lane (Summer street), 86 feet and 169 feet on Bishop's Lane (Hawley street), and is nearly opposite the estate which he purchased in 1727 of Simeon Stoddard, and where he resided until his death. December 8, 1737; Phebe Vassall, widow, and Maj. Samuel Sewall, Esq., Ex. of last Will of Leonard Vassall, deed to Thomas Hubbard (merchant) all of a house and land in the South End; in the front by "Seven Star Lane" leading from the High St. down to the water side near the Sign of the Bull, S.E land of Richard Hollingshead, now appertaining to the First Church of Christ, on the rear or S.W. by land of Goodman Plantins but lately in possession of Gyles Dayer, N.W. Samuel Sewall and sd Plantins, deceased. (SD 55:133). S. side of Summer St.

Thomas Hubbard lived there until his death in 1783. He was a prominent citizen in the town, and treasurer of Harvard College 1762-73; a representative 1746-59. After the death of his widow the house came into possession of Frederick Geyer, a loyalist, and it was confiscated, but restored to him in 1791. He lived here until he died in 1800, when it was sold to Samuel P. Gardner. His son George Gardner built the store of C. F. Hovey Co., on the site in 1854. July 1, 1745; Benjamin Bagnall (watchmaker) mortgages to Thomas Graves, Esq., and wife Phebe, as she is the Ex. of last Will of Leonard Vassall and Samuel Sewall, also Ex. of the same brick house and land; fronting E. on Cornhill St., N. Stephen Greenleaf, W. heirs of Obadiah Procter, S. Oxenbridge Thatcher, S. Henry Deering. Cancelled September 17, 1754 (SD 70:181) W. side of Washington St., N. of Court St. (Thwing database)

Leonard had large and valuable estates in Braintree and Jamaica. John and William Vassall, two of Major Leonard's sons, were important men in Boston, and added much to the prosperity of the town.

Children of LEONARD VASSAL and RUTH GALE are:

- i. SAMUEL VASSAL, b. November 05, 1701, Jamaica, West Indies; d. March 01, 1703/04.
- ii. LEWIS VASSAL, b. May 29, 1703, Jamaica, West Indies; d. May 29, 1703, Jamaica, West Indies.
- iii. MARY VASSAL, b. November 12, 1704, Jamaica, West Indies; d. August 11, 1708.
- iv. ANNA VASSAL, b. January 20, 1706/07, Jamaica, West Indies; m. JOSEPH RUSSELL in Barnstable, Massachusetts on January 2, 1728/9. They had a son Leonard, born at Barnstable January 25, 1729/30 who died with his mother on February 5, 1729/30.
- v. BOARDO VASSAL, b. July 09, 1708, Jamaica, West Indies; died young.
- vi. LEWIS VASSAL, b. August 10, 1709, Jamaica, West Indies; d. September 15, 1743, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts; m. DOROTHY MACQUEEN, 1739. (Children of LEWIS VASSAL and DOROTHY MACQUEEN are: i. LEWIS VASSAL, b. September 16, 1741, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts. ii. ANNA VASSAL, b. July 13, 1742, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts. Baptism: August 1742, Christ Church, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts iii. ELIZABETH VASSAL, b. November 07, 1742, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts.)
- vii. VASSAL, b. August 02, 1711, Jamaica, West Indies; d. September 20, 1711, Jamaica, West Indies.
- viii. RUTH VASSAL, b. August 17, 1712, Jamaica, West Indies; d. November 10, 1770, Massachusetts; m. BENJAMIN STEDMAN, June 05, 1734, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts and had i. BENJAMIN STEDMAN, b. July 26, 1742. ii. SARAH STEDMAN, b. Bef. 1742. Baptism: August 15, 1742, Christ Church, Braintree, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts. iii. LEONARD STEDMAN, b. March 25, 1735. iv. MARY STEDMAN, b. Abt. 1745; d. February 26, 1777, Natick, Massachusetts.
7. ix. JOHN VASSAL, b. September 07, 1713, Jamaica, West Indies; d. November 27, 1747, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts.
- x. WILLIAM VASSAL, b. November 23, 1715, Jamaica, West Indies; d. May 8, 1800, Battersea Rise, Surry, England; m. ANN DAVIS and MARGARET HUBBARD. Graduated at Harvard College in 1733. In 1774 he was appointed Mandamus Councillor, but was not sworn. He was also sheriff of Middlesex County. He owned considerable property, and was the possessor of a fine estate near Bristol, R. I. He was prominent among the Loyalists of Boston, and was singled out early as an enemy to the Revolutionary cause. He was proscribed and banished and obliged to flee with his family to England. Mr. Vassall was for many years connected with King's Chapel, Boston, and in 1785 protested by proxy against the change in the Liturgy and the unauthorized ordination of James Freeman. The confiscation of his estate gave rise to a singular suit. As the Federal Constitution was adopted, a State could be sued; and, at Mr. Vassall's instance, proceedings against Massachusetts were commenced in the court of the United States; and Hancock, who was governor, was summoned as defendant in the case; he however declined to appear, and soon after the eleventh amendment to the Constitution put an end to the right of Loyalists to test the validity of the Confiscation Acts of the

Revolution. He was upright, generous, and loving. Church and society lost in him an eager, zealous advocate, an upright Christian, of an honorable and unblemished reputation. Each wife had twins. Nathaniel, the youngest son, a captain in the Royal Navy, died in London in 1832. Children of WILLIAM VASSAL and ANN DAVIS are: i. WILLIAM VASSAL, b. Abt. 1746. Born in Boston in 1753, and graduated at Harvard College in 1771. He was a Loyalist and went to England. He inherited the bulk of his father's property in the West Indies, which descended to his nephew, Rev. William Vassall, rector of Hardington, England, "but so burdened and deteriorated in consequence of emancipation of the slaves that it was not worth anything," and that gentleman declined to administer upon it. He died at the Weston House, near Totness, December 2, 1843. Ann, his widow, died at the same place October 1846, aged seventy-five years. Baptism: March 07, 1745/46 ii. SARAH VASSAL, b. June 17, 1739. Bap. Nov. 1, 1743, m. James Syme of London, Eng., Dec. 29, 1763, d. a widow in England, about 1827. They resided for some time in Boston, but removed to London, where he was for several years settled as a merchant. The bap. of one child is recorded on the records of Trinity church. iii. FANNY VASSAL, died young. iv. FRANCIS VASSAL. v. LUCRETIA FRANCES VASSAL, b. September 24, 1751. Bap. Sept. 28, 1751, married Richard Smith of Boston, April 22, 1772. They resided, for a time at least, in Boston, but it is probable that the Revolution drove them abroad, as July 17, 1781, William Frobisher of Boston, soap-boiler, was admitted agent of his estate as an absentee. vi. HENRY VASSAL. vii. CATHERINE VASSAL. Children of WILLIAM VASSAL and MARGARET HUBBARD are: viii. MARGARET VASSAL. ix. CHARLOTTE VASSAL. x. ANN VASSAL. xi. LEONARD VASSAL. xii. NATHANIEL VASSAL. July 29, 1790; Margaret Vassall, wife of William Vassall, of Great Britain, deeds to Patrick Jeffry, Esq.; quit claims all her right and title in her husband's rights of mansion house and land. (SD 179:247). W. side of Tremont St. (Thwing database)

xi. ELIZABETH VASSAL, b. July 16, 1717, Jamaica, West Indies.

xii. STILLBORN VASSAL, b. July 16, 1717, Jamaica, West Indies; d. July 16, 1717, Jamaica, West Indies.

xiii. SARAH VASSAL, b. January 1718/19, Jamaica, West Indies.

8. xiv. HENRY VASSAL, b. December 25, 1721, Jamaica, West Indies; d. 1769, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts.

xv. MARY VASSAL, b. June 25, 1723. Baptism: July 24, 1723, Kings Chapel, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts

xvi. SUSANNA VASSAL, b. November 20, 1726, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.

xvii. VASSAL, b. October 15, 1729, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts; d. October 15, 1729, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.

Child of LEONARD VASSAL and PHOEBE PENHALLOW is:

xviii. ANNA6 VASSAL, b. April 29, 1735, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. She m. (1) 1749-1750, JOHN BORLAND, son of FRANCIS BORLAND and JANE LINDALL. He was born in 1728. She m. (2) 1784, WILLIAM KNIGHT of Portsmouth. Children of her 1st marriage were; Phoebe b. 1751, m George Spooner; John Lindall b. 1754, HC class of 1772, a Royalist; Francis b. 1756, m. 1783 Hannah Bowers; Jane b. 1757, m. Jonathan Simpson; Leonard Vassal b. 1758, m. 1785 Sarah Lloyd; James b. 1761, d. 1783; William b. 1764; Samuel b. 1765.

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7. JOHN6 VASSAL ESQUIRE (LEONARD5, JOHN4, SAMUEL3, JOHN2, JOHN1)5,6 was born September 07, 1713 in West Indies7,8, and died November 27, 17479,10. He married (1) ELIZABETH PHIPPS11,12 October 10, 1734 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts - Rev. Timothy Cutler D.D.13,14,15,16,17, daughter of SPENCER PHIPPS and ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON. He

married (2) **LUCY BARRON**¹⁸ Aft. 1739, daughter of **JONATHAN BARRON**, who descended from **John**, an alderman of London, who (1588) fitted out and commanded two ships of war to oppose the Spanish Armada. (Foster Genealogy). **LUCY BARRON**: On husband John Vassal's death, she gave his personal property to Spencer Bennet Phipps, guardian of John and Elizabeth Phips' son John. (History of Cambridge, Massachusetts page 237) *See notes at top of page.*

Children of **JOHN VASSAL** and **ELIZABETH PHIPPS** are: see Phipps pages for more information on descendants.

- i. **RUTH**⁷ **VASSAL**, b. July 14, 1737, of Cambridge, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts; d. January 23, 1774, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.
- ii. **JOHN VASSAL**, b. June 12, 1738, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts; d. October 02, 1797, Clifton, England or 9/24?.
- iii. **ELIZABETH VASSAL**²⁴, b. September 12, 1739, Cambridge, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts^{25,26}; d. Abt. 1807, England²⁷; m. **THOMAS OLIVER**²⁸, June 11, 1760²⁹. He was son of **ROBERT OLIVER** and **ANNA BROWN** and was born January 05, 1733/34 and d. November 29, 1815. Lt. Gov. Phips was appointed her guardian Sept. 16, 1747, and Edward Davis, Sept. 11, 1759. Oliver was a quiet, reserved man, but little known in public life, though ever distinguished for his amiable and gentlemanly graces. November 13, 1763; Thomas Oliver, Esq. buys house and land of John Vassall, Esq. (SD 101:35). Salem St. 1765 Thomas Oliver, Esq. as Trustee in behalf of Ruth Davis, wife of Edward Davis, buys brick house and land of sd Ruth's brother, John Vassall. (SD 181:215). S. side of State St. November 19, 1772; Thomas Oliver, of Cambridge, and wife Elizabeth, deed to Mary and Elizabeth Minott, spinsters, house and land; W. Salem St., N. Chirst Church, E. part of a house and land, now or late of John Gooch, S. Andrew Hill. (SD 152:173). E. side of Salem St. between North Bennett and Charter Sts.

Last Royal Lt. Governor. Lived at Elmwood, Cambridge. Moved to Boston 1774, left with the troops, March 1776. (Thwing database) The following baptisms of children are found upon the records of Christ church, Cambridge: Anne, bapt. March 4, 1764; Elizabeth, bapt. Aug. 17, 1766 - m. Joseph Rogers; Penelope, bapt. Oct. 2, 1768. Also; Frances m. Henry Tobin; dau. Harriet; dau. Emily; s. John Cave; dau. Mary m. Charles Partridge.

Child of **JOHN VASSAL** and **LUCY BARRON** is:

- iv. **LUCY**⁷ **VASSAL**, born at Cambridge, Nov. 15, 1747, bap. Dec. 27, 1747, married John Lavicount of Antigua, June 16, 1768. They disappeared from the country at the time of the Revolution. She was the only individual of the name of Vassall, who, to our knowledge, was bap. in New England by other than a minister of the Established Church. Her mother was, we believe, a dissenter.

8. **HENRY**⁶ **VASSAL**(**LEONARD**⁵, **JOHN**⁴, **SAMUEL**³, **JOHN**², **JOHN**¹)³⁴ was of Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts³⁴. December 30, 1741, purchased brother John's home at Phipps Farm.

Child of **HENRY VASSAL** is:

- i. **ELIZABETH**⁷ **VASSAL**³⁵, m. **CHARLES RUSSELL**³⁵, Abt. 1768³⁵. Charles Russell "Physician, Lincoln, had a large estate and a considerable practice and was a justice of the peace and Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court. As a loyalist he always opposed with perseverance the principles and practiced which culminated in the Revolutionary War and consequently he became an object of popular resentment and of indignities and was shot by a musket ball. After the battle of Bunker Hill he attended the wounded without reward. He was unable to return to Lincoln and set sail with his family for Antigua in 1775 and there practised as a physician until his death in June 1780, when he left a widow, Elizabeth, and five young children. (A.O. 13/75)
He was the son of James Russell (1715-98) of Charlestown, Massachusetts, a loyalist. He married in

1768, Elizabeth, only daughter of Colonel Henry Vassall, of Cambridge. His brother James, also a loyalist, married in 1780, Mary, daughter of Richard Lechmere (q.v.) Russell graduated at Harvard College in 1757, and in 1765 received the degree of MD at Marischal College (now the University), Aberdeen. (The Loyalists of Massachusetts Their Memorials, Petitions and Claims - E. Alfred Jones)

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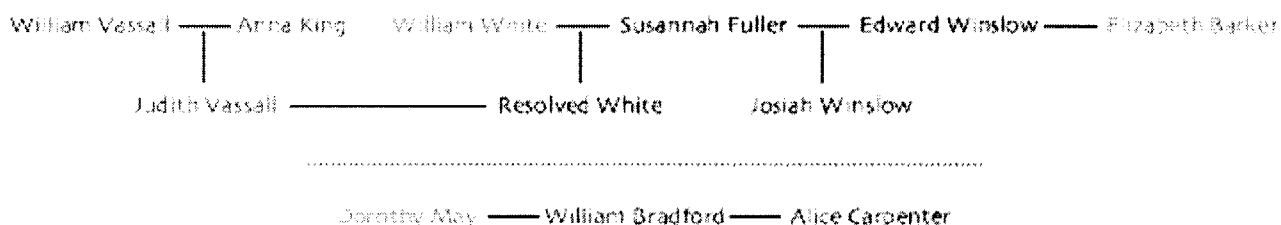
By Cairril Mills

A biographical sketch including mention of Anna King Vassall, Judith Vassall White, Resolved White, William White, Susannah Fuller White Winslow, Edward Winslow, William Bradford, Josiah Winslow and others in Plymouth Colony.

Preface

"A man of pleasant and affable manners, but always in opposition to government, both in Massachusetts and in Plymouth."

KEY PLAYERS IN THE STORY



Names in grey are of the spouses who died during the first six months in Plymouth Colony

This biography concerns Mills ancestor William Vassall, but is best appreciated when one considers his interplay with other Mills ancestors in the tale. There are three sets of ancestors we're concerned with: The White/Winslow family, the Vassall family, and William Bradford (who, admittedly, plays a small role in this particular tale but played a larger one in life).

Susannah and William White came to America with their son Resolved (age 7) upon the Mayflower. We don't know if Susannah and William were part of the Leyden group (see [The Pilgrim Story](#)) or boarded the Mayflower when it stopped in England en route to America. Susannah was pregnant at the time of the crossing.

Also aboard the Mayflower were Edward Winslow and William Bradford, both married. Susannah, Edward, and William Bradford all lost their spouses shortly after the crossing. William's wife Dorothy (not a Mills ancestor; we are descended from William's second wife, Alice Carpenter) was swept overboard during a storm while the ship lay in harbor at Cape Cod on 7 Dec 1620. Susannah's husband William White died during the "killing time," the period of the first few months in Plymouth where about one-third of the Mayflower passengers perished. Edward Winslow's wife Elizabeth died about a month after William White.

Susannah had given birth to Peregrine White while the Mayflower was still at anchor in Provincetown Harbor. With an infant and an active 7-year-old already on her hands, it was important for her to marry again. Likewise, Winslow was expected to marry as quickly as possible. And so Edward and Susannah were the first Pilgrims to be married in Plymouth Colony, with the ceremony performed by William Bradford. Susannah went on to bear five children to Edward, two of which survived childhood and one of which,

Josiah, appears briefly in our tale.

William Vassall, the subject of this biography, did not come to the Colonies until about ten years after the Whites, Winslows, and Bradfords. His daughter Judith eventually married Resolved White, uniting the Winslow and Vassall families. The irony of the story lies in that Vassall, Bradford, and Winslow were initially somewhat similar men: all highly educated, conscientious, and essentially tolerant. But their experiences in the Colonies changed them: Vassall became more radicalized, Bradford slightly more conservative, and Winslow a great deal more conservative. One can only imagine how these family dynamics played out in the lives of Judith and Resolved. Judith appears to have supported the "radical" stances of her father, while Resolved hardly figures in the stories at all.

We will never know all the answers, and my research into the life of William Vassall hardly scratches the surface, but it does give us a tantalizing glimpse of a turbulent time and the many lives caught up in the question of the true meaning of liberty.

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List of the Mayflower Passengers

(note - those with known descendants living today are **highlighted**)

ALDEN, John

Mayflower cooper, Stranger. 7th signer of Compact

b. England, about 1599. Prob. from Harwich, Essex

m. probably 1622/3 to Priscilla Mullins [who also came on the *Mayflower*]

d. Duxbury, MA, 1687

ALLERTON, Isaac

Tailor, merchant, undertaker, Purchaser, Saint. 5th signer of Compact

b. England, ca.1586

m. (1) Leiden, Holland, 4 Nov 1611 Mary Norris [who also came on the *Mayflower*]. d. Plymouth 25 Feb 1620/1. Five children.

m. (2) Plymouth, ca. 1626 Fear Brewster [dau. of Wm. & Mary Brewster of the *Mayflower*], d. Plymouth bef. 12 Dec. 1634. Two children

m. (3) prob. New Haven, CT., bef. 17 Feb. 1644/5 Joanna Swinnerton, living at New Haven, CT 19 May 1684.

d. New Haven, CT bet 1 Feb 1658/9 and 12 Feb 1658/9

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ALLERTON, Mary [Norris]

wife of Isaac Allerton

b. ca. of Newbury, Berkshire, England

d. 25 Feb 1620/1 at Plymouth

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ALLERTON, Bartholomew

son of Isaac and Mary [Norris] Allerton

b. Leiden, Holland, ca. 1612. Returned to England where he married twice

- m. (1) prob. Suffolk, England, Margaret (Maiden name unknown); Three children.
- m. (2) Sarah Fairfax, probably Rumbough, Suffolk, England; One child.
- d. prob. Bramfield Co., Suffolk, England between 15 Oct 1658 and 19 Feb 1658/9

ALLERTON, Remember

- daughter of Isaac and Mary [Norris] Allerton
- b. Leiden, Holland, ca. 1614
- m. before 6 May 1635 Moses Maverick, bapt. Huish, Devon Co., England, 3 Nov 1611; d. Marblehead, MA, 28 Jan 1685/6]; children: seven
- d. between 12 Sep 1652 and 22 Oct 1656

ALLERTON, Mary

- daughter of Isaac and Mary [Norris] Allerton
- bapt. Leiden, Holland, June 1616
- m. Plymouth, MA, ca. 1636 Thomas Cushman who came on the Fortune, bapt. Canterbury, Kent, England, 8 Feb. 1607/8; d. Plymouth 10 or 11 Dec 1691]; Eight children.
- d. Plymouth, MA, 28 Nov 1699. [The last survivor of those who came on the *Mayflower*]

ALLERTON/ALDERTON, John

- hired seaman. 38th signer of Compact
- b. information unknown
- m. Unknown; children: Unknown
- d. Plymouth 1621 before the *Mayflower* returned to England

BILLINGTON, John

- b. perhaps Lincolnshire, England, ca. 1590. Stranger. 26th signer of Compact
- m. England by 1604 Elinor/Ellen (maiden name unknown); Two children [both on *Mayflower*]
- d. Plymouth Sept 1630. (Hanged for murder)

BILLINGTON, Elinor/Ellen

- b. perhaps Lincolnshire, England, ca. 1580. Wife of John Billington
- m. (2) bet. 14 and 21 Sep 1638 Gregory Armstrong, d. Plymouth 5 Nov 1650
- d. aft. 2 Mar 1642/3

BILLINGTON, John

- b. possibly Lincolnshire, England, ca.1604. Son of John and Elinor Billington
- m. Unmarried.

d. bet. 22 May 1627 and Sept 1630

BILLINGTON, Francis

b. possibly Lincolnshire, England, ca. 1606-1609. Son of John and Elinor Billington

m. Plymouth July 1634 Christian (Penn) Eaton; b. England ca. 1607; d. Middleboro 1684

children: nine

d. Middleboro 3 Dec 1684

BRADFORD, William

bapt. Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, 19 Mar 1589/90. Fustian maker. Saint. 2nd signer of Compact

m. (1) Amsterdam, Holland, 10 Dec 1613 Dorothy May [who came on the *Mayflower*]; children: one

m. (2) Plymouth 14 Aug 1623 Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, bapt. Wrington, Somerset, England, 3 Aug 1590; d. Plymouth 26 or 27 Mar 1670; she m. (1) Leiden, Holland, 28 May 1613 Edward Southworth by whom she had sons Constant and Thomas]; children: three

d. Plymouth 9 May 1657

BRADFORD, Dorothy (May)

b. ca. 1597 Wisbech, Cambridge. Wife of William Bradford

d. 7 Dec 1620. Drowned at Cape Cod by falling off ship

BREWSTER, William

born probably Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, circa 1566/7. Saint. Teacher/printer. 4th signer of Compact

m. England before 1593 Mary (maiden name unknown) [who came on the *Mayflower*]

d. Plymouth, Mass. 10 April 1644, about 9 or 10 o'clock that evening.

BREWSTER, Mary

b. probably England circa 1568/9. Wife of William Brewster

d. Plymouth, 17 Apr 1627

BREWSTER, Love

b. Leiden, Holland, 1611. Son of William and Mary Brewster. Freeman, farmer, served in Pequot War, served in Standish's Duxbury Company, juryman, proprietor of Duxbury

m. Duxbury 15 May 1634 Sarah Collier; b. ca. 1616; d. Plymouth 26 Apr 1691

d. Duxbury bef. 31 Jan 1650

BREWSTER, Wrestling

b. Leiden, Holland, 1614. Son of William and Mary Brewster.

m. Died unmarried.

d. 1635.

BRITTERIDGE, Richard

b. information unknown. Stranger. 34th signer of Compact

m. Unknown

d. Plymouth 1620. Died soon after landing

BROWNE, Peter

b. England bef.1600, Great Burstead, Essex. Stranger. 33rd signer of the Compact

m. (1) Plymouth ca. 1624 Martha (maiden name unknown) Ford [who came on the Fortune]; b. prob. England; d. Plymouth bet. 1628 and 1630; Two children

m. (2) Plymouth ca. 1630 Mary (maiden name unknown), d. prob. bef. 27 Oct. 1647; Two children

d. Plymouth bet 25 March 1633 and 28 October 1633

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BUTTEN, William

b. 1598, Austerfield, Yorkshire. Servant to Samuel Fuller

m. Unknown

d. 1620. Died at sea just before arrival at Cape Cod

CARTER, Robert

b. information unknown, London? Servant to William Mullins. Did not sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. Plymouth 1620/21. Died first winter

CARVER, John

b. Doncaster, England, 1565. Merchant. Saint. 1st signer of the Compact

m. information unknown. Katherine (maiden name unknown) [who came on the *Mayflower*]; children: none known

d. Plymouth 1621. Died in Spring

CARVER, Katherine (Leggett) (White)

- b. 1580. wife of John Carver
- d. Plymouth 1621. Died soon after John

CHILTON, James

- b. prob. Canterbury, Kent, England, before 1556. Tailor. Saint. Lived in Leiden. 24th signer of Compact [Oldest passenger on the *Mayflower*]
 - m. England bef. 1587, once thought to be Susanna Furner (dau. of his step-mother) [who came on the *Mayflower*], but recent research has proven this wrong; Ten children
 - d. 18 Dec 1620 aboard the *Mayflower* in Cape Cod Harbor after arrival
- Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Fifteen, JAMES CHILTON 1997

CHILTON, Susanna (maiden name unknown)

- b. information unknown. Wife of James Chilton
 - d. Plymouth shortly after 11 Jan 1620/21, the first winter
- Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Fifteen, JAMES CHILTON 1997

CHILTON, Mary

- bapt. St. Peter's Parish, Sandwich, Kent, England, ca. 1605. Daughter of James and Susanna Chilton
- m. Plymouth bet. July 1623 and 22 May 1627 John Winslow [b. Droitwich Worcestershire, England, 16 Apr 1597; d. Boston bef. 21 May 1674]; children: ten
- d. Boston bef. 1 May 1675

CLARKE, Richard

- b.information unknown, London? Stranger. 36th signer of Compact
- m. Unknown
- d. Plymouth 1621. Died first winter

COOKE, Francis

- b. probably England, aft. August 1582. Woolcomber. Purchaser. Saint. 17th signer of Compact
 - m. Leiden, Holland 4 Jul 1603 Hester Mahieu (not on *Mayflower*) [d. aft. 8 Jun 1666]; Seven children
 - d. Plymouth 7 Apr 1663
- Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Twelve, FRANCIS COOKE by Ralph Van Wood, Jr., 1996

COOKE, John

- bapt. Leiden, Holland, Jan/Mar 1607. Son of Francis and Hester Cooke

m. Plymouth 28 Mar 1634 Sarah Warren dau. of Richard Warren of the *Mayflower*
[b. England; d. aft. 7 Dec 1696]; Five children.

d. Dartmouth 23 Nov 1695

COOPER, Humility

b. 1612, London?. With Edward Tilley. Stranger

m. Unknown

d. information unknown. Returned to England

CRACKSTON, John

b. information unknown, Colchester. Saint. 25th signer of Compact

m. information unknown; children: one known

d. 1621, first winter

CRACKSTON, John, Jr.

b. information unknown. Son of John, Sr.

m. information unknown; children: left heirs

d. 1628. Died of gangrene

DOTY, Edward

b. bef. 1600. prob. England. Servant to Stephen Hopkins. 40th signer of Compact.
[Duel with Edward Leister]

m. (1) information unknown

m. (2) Plymouth 6 Jan 1634/5 Faith Clarke who came on the ship *Francis* with her
father , b. prob. England ca. 1619; bur. Marshfield 21 Dec 1675; Nine children

d. Plymouth, 23 August 1655

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume
Eleven, EDWARD DOTY by Peter B. Hill, 1996

EATON, Francis

b. England. Carpenter/shipwright, Purchaser. Stranger. 23rd signer of Compact

m. (1) England Sarah (maiden name unknown) [who came on the *Mayflower*], b.
England; d. Plymouth early in 1621; One child

m. (2) in Plymouth, a woman known only as Mrs. Carver's maid [d. Plymouth ca.
1624]

m. (3) in Plymouth 1624/5 Christian Penn who came on the *Anne* [d. Middleboro
ca. 1684]; Three children

d. bet. 25 Oct and 8 Nov 1633

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume
Nine, FRANCIS EATON originally by Lee D. vanAntwerp, M.D., C.G., revised by Robert S. Wakefield,
FASG, 1996

EATON, Sarah

b. in England. Wife of Francis Eaton

d. in Plymouth in early 1621, first winter

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EATON, Samuel

b. in England, 1620, Son of Francis Eaton

m. (1) bef. 10 Mar 1646 Elizabeth (maiden name unknown), d. after 5 Oct 1652, but bef. 1661

m. (2) in Plymouth 10 Jan 1660/1 Martha Billington, d. after 9 Jun 1704 prob. CT

d. before 29 October 1684 at Middleboro, Massachusetts

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Nine, FRANCIS EATON originally by Lee D. vanAntwerp, M.D., C.G., revised by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1996

ELLIS/ELY

First name unknown

b. information unknown. Sailor. Hired for one year. Did not sign Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

ENGLISH, Thomas

b. information unknown. Mariner. Hired for one year. 39th signer of Compact

m. Unknown.

d. 1621, first winter

FLETCHER, Moses

b. information unknown. Sandwich, Kent Blacksmith. Saint. 27th signer of Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

FULLER, Edward

baptised in Redenhall, Norfolk County, England, 4 Sep 1575. [brother of Samuel Fuller]. Stranger. 21st signer of Compact.

m. prob. England. His wife's maiden name is unknown; she came on the *Mayflower*; Two children. [Only son Samuel came on the *Mayflower*]

d. shortly after 11 Jan 1620/21

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Four, Second Edition, EDWARD FULLER by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, 1995

FULLER, "Mrs. Edward"

b. information unknown. Wife of Edward Fuller [who came on the *Mayflower*]

d. shortly aft. 11 Jan 1621

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Four, Second Edition, EDWARD FULLER by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, 1995

FULLER, Samuel

b. prob. England ca. 1608 Son of Edward Fuller

m. Scituate 8 Apr 1635 Jane Lothrop, bapt. Edgerton, Kent, England, 29 Sep 1614;

d. bef. her husband, Samuel

d. Barnstable 31 Oct 1683

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FULLER, Samuel

bapt. parish of Redenhall, Harleston, Norfolk. Sayworker, Purchaser, physician [no schooling documented], deacon in Leiden church. 8th signer of the Compact

m. (1) Alice Glascock, d. before 1613

m. (2) Leiden, Holland, 24 Apr 1613 Alice Carpenter, bapt. Wrington, England, 16 Dec 1593; d. Leiden, Holland, 1615

m. (3) Leiden, Holland, 27 May 1617 Bridget Lee [who came on the *Anne*]; d. 1664; Four children

d. Plymouth bet. 9 Aug and 26 Sep 1633

GARDINER, Richard

b. 1600, Harwich, Essex Mariner. Stranger. 37th signer of the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

GOODMAN, John

b. ca. 1595. Linen weaver. Saint. 28th signer of the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

HOLBECK, William

b. information unknown. Servant to William White. Did not sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

HOOKE, John

b. information unknown. Servant to Allerton. Probably too young to sign the Compact

m. Unknown
d. 1621, first winter

HOPKINS, Stephen

bapt. poss. Wortley, parish of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England, 29 Oct 1581 Stranger. Tanner, leathermaker, merchant Adventurer. 14th signer of the Compact

m. (1) Mary (maiden name unknown), bef. 1604, probably in Hampshire, England. NOTE: He did not marry Constance Dudley, a claim disproven by Caleb Johnson's article in July 1998 issue of *The American Genealogist*, 73:161:171

children: three

m. (2) Whitechapel, London, England, 19 Feb 1617/8 Elizabeth Fisher [who came on the *Mayflower*]; children: seven

d. Plymouth bet. 6 Jun and 17 Jul 1644

HOPKINS, Elizabeth (Fisher)

b. information unknown. Wife of Stephen Hopkins

d. Plymouth aft. 4 Feb 1638/9

HOPKINS, Constance

b. 11 May 1606, Hursley, Hampshire, England, daughter of Stephen Hopkins by his first wife

m. prob. Plymouth 22 May 1627, Nicholas Snow who came on the *Ann*, d. Eastham 15 Nov 1676

d. mid-October, 1677, Eastham, MA

HOPKINS, Giles

b. 30 Jan 1607/8, Hursley, Hampshire, England, son of Stephen Hopkins by his first wife

m. information unknown

d. Eastham bet 5 Mar 1688/9 and 16 Apr 1690

HOPKINS, Damaris

b. England, 1618/19

m. prob. died young

d. alive in 1627 but probably the daughter Bradford reported to have "dyed here"

HOPKINS, Oceanus

b. Aboard *Mayflower* bet. 16 Sep and 11 Nov 1620. Son by Elizabeth

m. Unmarried. Died young

d. bef. 22 May 1627 and prob. bef. 1623

HOWLAND, John

b. Fenstanton, England [about 9 mi. north of Cambridge], ca. 1592. A ðhired handö on *Mayflower* who lived with John and Katherine Carver. 13th signer of the Compact

m. Plymouth 1623 Elizabeth Tilley [who came on the *Mayflower*; see **TILLEY**]; children: ten

d. Rocky Nook, Kingston 23 Feb 1672

LANGEMORE, John

b. information unknown, London. Servant to Christopher Martin. Poss. too young to sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1620/21, first winter

LATHAM, William

b. information unknown. Servant to John Carver. A lad too young to sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1645. Returned to England. Later emigrated to the Bahamas.

LEISTER, Edward

b. 1600, London? Servant to Stephen Hopkins. 41st signer of Compact

m. Unknown

d. information unknown. Removed to Virginia

MARGESON, Edward

b. information unknown. Stranger. 32nd signer of the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621, first winter

MARTIN, Christopher

b. 1575, Great Burstead, Essex. Stranger. Governor of *Mayflower*. 9th signer of Compact

m. information unknown, Marie Prower [who came on the *Mayflower*]

d. 1621, first winter

MARTIN, Marie (Prower)

b. information unknown. Wife of Christopher Martin

d. 1620/21, first winter

MINTER, Desire

b. ca. 1605. Dau. of William and Sarah Minter, Separatists of Leiden, Holland.
With John and Katherine Carver

m. Unknown

d. information unknown. Returned to England 1625

MORE, Elinor/Ellen

bapt. Shipton, Shropshire, England, 1612. Orphan put to Edward Winslow

Unmarried

d. 1621, first winter

MORE, Jasper

bapt. Shipton, Shropshire, England, 1613. Orphan put to John Carver

d. 6 Dec 1621. Died first winter

MORE, Richard

bapt. Shipton, Shropshire, England, 1614. Orphan put to William Brewster. Too young to sign the Compact. Mariner, royal descent, gentry

m. (1) Plymouth 1636 Christian Hunt (or Hunter); b. England ca. 1615; d. in Salem 18 March 1676; Seven children

m. (2) in Salem 1676/86 Jane (maiden name unknown) Crumpton [b. ca. 1631; d. in Salem 1686]; No children

d. between 19 March 1693/4 and 20 April 1696, Salem, Massachusetts

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Two, JAMES CHILTON by Robert M. Sherman, 1978

MORE, Mary/Maria

bapt. in Shipton, Shropshire, England, 1616. Orphan.

d. 1621, first winter

MULLINS, William

b. prob. ca. 1572, poss. Dorking, Surrey. Shopkeeper, Adventurers' Company. Stranger

10th signer of the Compact

m. prob. England. Alice (maiden name unknown); At least three children

d. 1620, first winter

MULLINS, Alice

b. information unknown. Wife of William Mullins

d. 1620/21, first winter

MULLINS, Priscilla

b. England 1600-1605. Daughter of William and Alice Mullins
m. Married John Alden prob. ca. 1623 in Plymouth
d. prob. Duxbury after 1650

MULLINS, Joseph

b. England 1614. Son of William and Alice Mullins
d. 1621, first winter

PRIEST, Degory

b. in England ca. 1579. Hatter. Saint. 29th signer of Compact
m. in Leiden, Holland, 4 Nov 1611 Sarah (Allerton) Vincent d. Plymouth bef. 24 Oct 1633; [sister of Isaac Allerton of the <i>Mayflower</i>]; Two children
d. Plymouth 1 Jan 1620/1, first winter

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Eight, DEGORY PRIEST compiled by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend, Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, Margaret Harris Stover, CG; edited by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1994

PROWER, Solomon

b. information unknown. Son of Marie (Prower) Martin. Did not sign Compact
m. Unknown
d. 1620, first winter

RIGDALE, John

b. prob. England. Stranger. 20th signer of the Compact
m. Unknown
d. 1620/21, first winter

RIGDALE, Alice

b. prob. England; wife of John Rigdale
d. Plymouth 1620/21, first winter

ROGERS, Thomas

b. prob. England. Camlet merchant. Saint. 18th signer of the Compact
m. Elsgen (information unknown), b. prob. England; d. Leiden, Holland, aft. 1622; Four children
d. 1620/21, first winter

ROGERS, Joseph

b. England or Holland 1610 or before. Son of Thomas Rogers. Too young to sign

the Compact

m. information unknown. Hannah (Unknown maiden name); Seven children

d. Eastham bet. 2 and 15 Jan 1677/8; bur. Old Cove Burial Ground, Eastham.

SAMSON, Henry

b. Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, 15 Jan 1603/4. Son of James and Martha (Cooper) Samson. Stranger. Nephew of Agnes Tilley, came with Tilley family. Too young to sign Compact. Purchaser, Constable, Planter and freeman

m. Plymouth 6 Feb 1635/6 Ann Plummer [d. aft. 24 Dec 1668]; Nine children

d. Duxbury 24 Dec 1684 in Duxbury, Massachusetts

SOULE, George

b. about 1600, in England; servant under contract to Edward Winslow; 35th signer of the Compact. Purchaser

m. prob. Plymouth bef. 1626 prob. Mary Bucket/Becket; d. Duxbury Dec 1676; Nine children

d. Duxbury bef. 22 Jan 1679

STANDISH, Miles

b. perhaps on The Isle of Man, circa 1584. Captain, professional soldier, treasurer and Deputy Governor. Stranger. 6th signer of the Compact

m. (1) Rose [who came on the *Mayflower*]; no known children

m. (2) Plymouth bet. July 1623 and 24 Mar 1623/4 Barbara (maiden name unknown)[who came on the *Anne*], b. prob. England; d. after 6 Oct 1659 (1673?); Seven children

d. Duxbury 3 Oct 1656

Primary Source: *Mayflower Families* (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Fourteen, MYLES STANDISH by Russell Warner, revised by Robert S. Wakefield, 1997

STANDISH, Rose

First wife of Myles Standish

d. Plymouth 29 Jan 1620/1, first winter

STORY/STERRY, Elias

b. information unknown. Servant to Edward Winslow. Did not sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. Plymouth 1621, first winter

THOMSON/THOMPSON, Edward

b. information unknown. Servant. Did not sign the Compact

m. Unknown

d. Plymouth 1620, shortly after landing

TILLEY, Edward

b. information unknown. Saint. 15th signer of the Compact

m. information unknown

d. Plymouth 1621, first winter

TILLEY, Anne

b. information unknown. Wife of Edward Tilley

d. Plymouth 1621, first winter

TILLEY, John

b. prob. England. Silkworker; 16th signer of the Compact

m. information unknown. Joan (Hurst) Rogers [who came on the *Mayflower*]

d. Plymouth 1621, first winter

TILLEY, Joan (Hurst)

b. information unknown. Wife

d. Plymouth 1621, first winter

TILLEY, Elizabeth

bapt. Henlow, Huntingdonshire, England 30 Aug 1607. Daughter of John and Joan Tilley.

m. Plymouth 25 Mar 1623 John Howland of the *Mayflower*.

d. Swansea 21/31 Dec 1687.

TINKER, Thomas

b. information unknown. Leiden, Holland. Wood sawyer. 19th signer of the Compact.

m. information unknown

d. Plymouth, between Jan 11 and April 10, 1621.

TINKER, Mrs. Thomas

b. information unknown

d. Plymouth, between Jan 11 and April 10, 1621

TINKER, Son

b. information unknown, Leiden, Holland. Son. Probably too young to sign Compact.

m. Too young
d. Plymouth 1621, first winter.

TREVOR, William

b. information unknown, Sailor. Hired to stay one year; did not sign Compact
m. Unknown
d. Died first winter

TURNER, John

b. information unknown
m. information unknown
d. Died between Jan 11 and April 10, 1621

TURNER, Elder son

b. information unknown
d. Died between Jan 11 and April 10, 1621

TURNER, Younger son

b. information unknown
d. Died between Jan 11 and April 10, 1621

UNNAMED FEMALE

b. information unknown, Maid servant to John Carver
m. prob. unmarried
d. Plymouth ca. Dec 1620/1

WARREN, Richard

b. prob. England ca.1580. Merchant. Stranger. 12th signer of Compact
m. April 14, 1610, Great Amwell, Hertford, England, to Elizabeth Walker who came on the *Anne* [b. ca. 1580; d. Plymouth Oct 1673]; children: seven (five daughters came on the *Anne* with Elizabeth)
d. Plymouth 1628.

WHITE, William

b. prob. England. Wealthy Separatist. 11th signer of Compact
m. Susanna (maiden name unknown) [who came on the *Mayflower*]; Two children
d. Plymouth 21 Feb1620/1

Primary Source: Mayflower Families (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Thirteen, WILLIAM WHITE by Robert M. Sherman, FASG, and Ruth W. Sherman, FASG, edited by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1997

WHITE, Susanna

b. probably England. Wife of William White

m.(1) information unknown. William White [of the *Mayflower*]; children: two

m. (2) 12 May 1621, Edward Winslow [of the *Mayflower*] She was the first Colony bride.

d. 1680

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WHITE, Resolved

b. England or Holland ca. 1615. Son of William and Susanna White. Too young to sign Compact

m. (1) Scituate 5 Nov 1640 Judith Vassall [b. England 1619; d. Marshfield; bur. 3 Apr 1675]

m. (2) Salem 5 Oct 1674 Abigail (maiden name unknown) Lord [b. ca. 1606; d. Salem bet. 15 and 27 Jan 1682]

d. prob. living 19 Sep 1687 (1706?)

WHITE, Peregrine

b. before the end of November 1620. Son of William and Susanna White. Born off Cape Cod [now Provincetown] after arrival of the *Mayflower*. "Offically" not considered a *Mayflower* passenger.

m. bef. 6 Mar 1648/9 Sarah Bassett; d. Marshfield 22 Jan 1711; children: seven

d. Marshfield 20 or 22 Jul 1704

WILDER, Roger

b. information unknown. Servant to John Carver. A boy too young to sign the Compact

m. Too young to marry

d. 1621. Died first winter

WILLIAMS, Thomas

b. information unknown, Yarmouth, Norfolkshire. Stranger. 30th signer of the Compact

m. Unknown

d. 1621. Died first winter

WINSLOW, Edward

b. Droitswich, Worcesterchire, England, 18 Oct 1595. Printer. Saint. 3rd signer of the Compact. Undertaker, Governor of Plymouth, author of books; Son of Edward and Magalene (Oliver) Winslow.

m. (1) Leiden, Holland, after 12 May 1618 Elizabeth Barker [who came on the *Mayflower*]; no known children

m. (2) Plymouth 1621 Susanna (maiden name unknown) White (first marriage in Plymouth Colony), widow of William White, d. Plymouth bet. 18 Dec 1654 and 2 Jul 1675; Five children

d. at sea in the West Indies 8 May 1655

Primary Source: *Mayflower Families* (published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), Volume Five, Second Edition EDWARD WINSLOW by Ruth C. McGuyre and Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1991

WINSLOW, Elizabeth (Barker)

b. poss. Chester or Chatham, England, ca. 1597. First wife of Edward Winslow of the *Mayflower*.

d. Plymouth 24 Mar 1620/1, first spring.

WINSLOW, Gilbert

b. Droitswich, Worcestershire, England 1600. Brother to Edward. 31st signer of the Compact

m. Unknown

d. information unknown. Returned to England

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