

A three-masted sailing ship, likely a replica of the Mayflower, is shown at sea during sunset. The ship has three masts with complex rigging and sails. A red cross flag is visible on the top of the mainmast. The ship is moving through dark blue water with whitecaps. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, some illuminated by the setting sun, creating a warm, golden light. The overall scene is historical and evocative.

Genealogy Off the Shelves

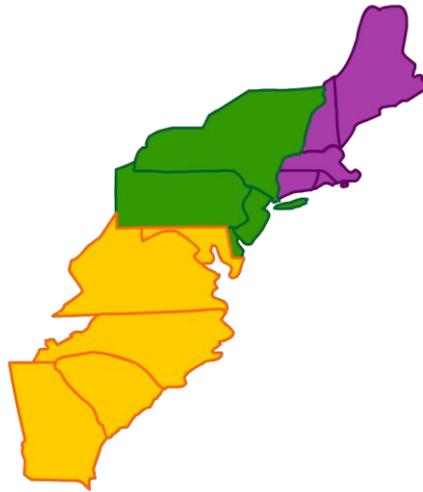
ARE YOU A MAYFLOWER DESCENDENT

Pre-Colonial Immigration

My ancestor was in the colonies in the 17th century, I *MUST* be descended from a Mayflower Pilgrim!



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Myth of the First Colony

Pirates, traders, explorers, private companies

Fort Caroline and the Huguenots

Newfoundland – 1583

Roanoke, Jamestown

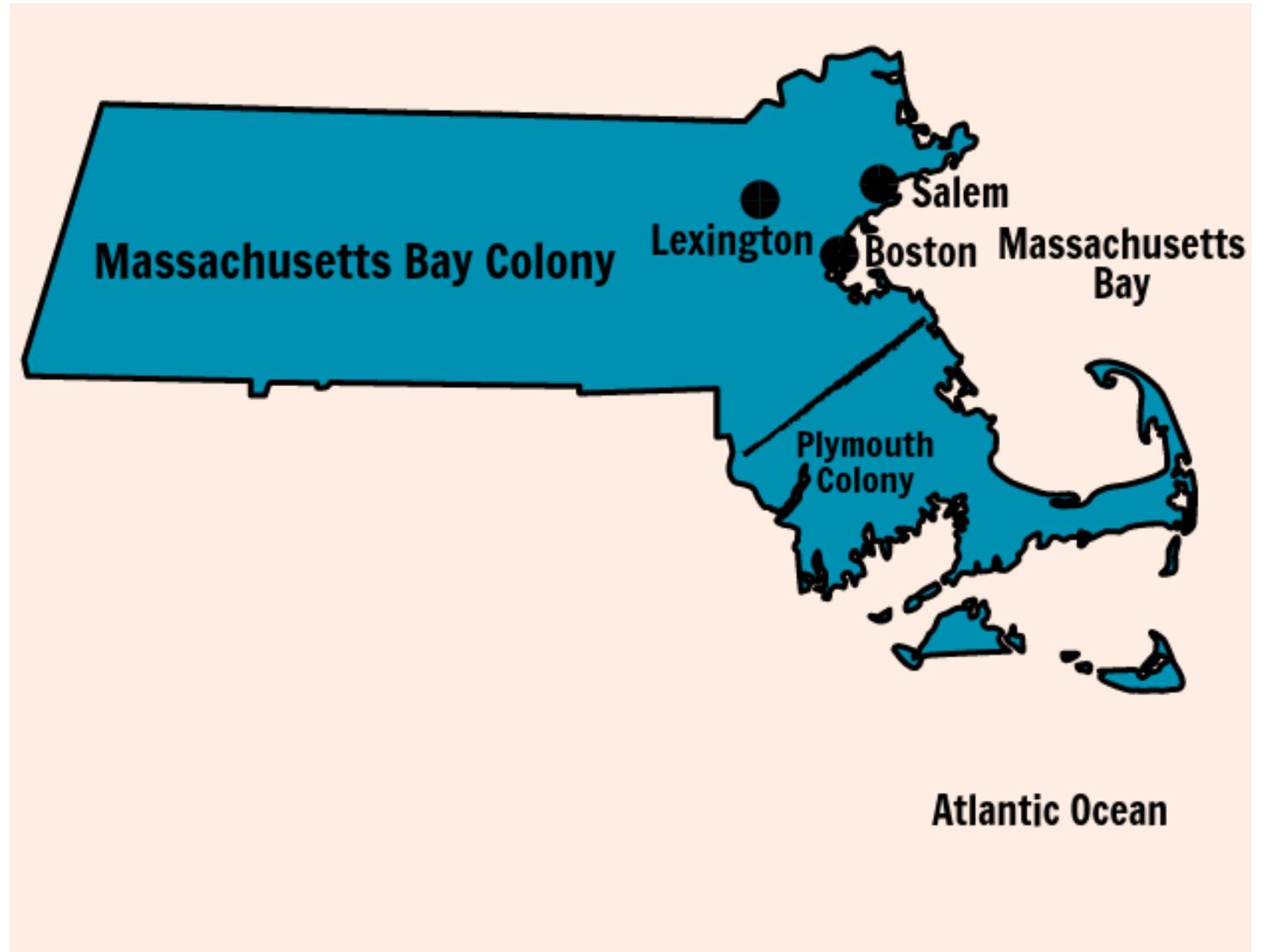


3 Areas of Immigration

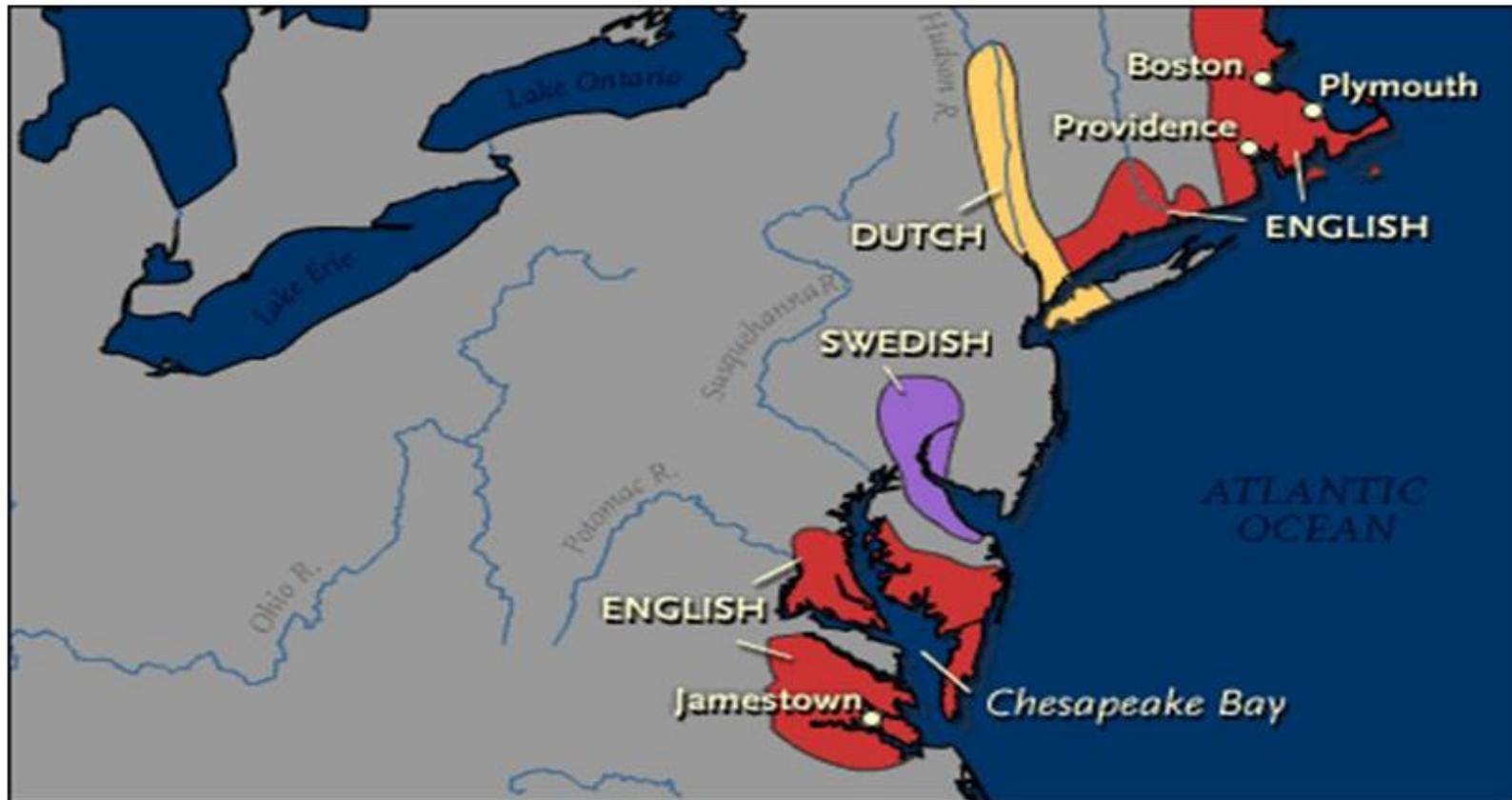
Jamestown – 1607, 61 of 500 settlers survived, English aristocrats/explorers, 1610 Polish and Dutch, 1619 Africans brought

Massachusetts, Rhode Island - 1620 Mayflower pilgrims separatists flee church of England to Plymouth and Cape Cod, 1628-1640 (great migration) 20,000 immigrants mostly Puritans to the Massachusetts Bay area

New Amsterdam – 1624 Dutch, Huguenots, 1654 Jews, 1674 English take over



17th Century East Coast





Seek religious freedom during the reign of King James I.

10 years in Amsterdam, Leiden

Fearing their children were losing their English heritage and religious beliefs, then in August 1620 the group sailed for Southampton, England, where other English colonists who hoped to make a new life in America met them.

Speedwell and Mayflower

102 only 51 survived, four being women

35 million descendants



The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England, in September 1620 with approximately 130 people on board: 102 passengers, the rest crew. Of the passengers, five died before ever coming ashore in America, and 45 more failed to survive their first New England winter. Of the surviving passengers, only 37 are known to have descendants. Could one of them be a distant relative of yours? By reviewing the Mayflower passenger list, descendants can often get their first clue.

All the known Mayflower descendants alive today can trace their lineage to one or more of 22 male passengers.

Male Passengers

John Alden

Isaac Allerton

John Billington

William Bradford

William Brewster

Peter Browne

James Chilton

Francis Cooke

Edward Doty

Francis Eaton

Edward Fuller

Samuel Fuller

Stephen Hopkins

John Howland

Degory Priest

Thomas Rogers

Henry Samson

George Soule

Myles Standish

Richard Warren

William White

Edward Winslow

How many *Mayflower* descendants are there? Most estimates place the number of descendants alive today at around 35 million. By way of comparison, the combined population of the six New England states is just shy of 15 million. The population of the entire United States is a bit more than 327 million.

John Alden, William Brewster, Richard Warren, John Billington and his son Francis. Mary and Isaac Allerton, Degory Priest, Francis & John Cooke, John Howland



Peter Browne, George Soule, Myles Standish, Samuel Fuller, Samuel & Francis Eaton, Frances Cooke, Giles & Stephen Hopkins Elizabeth Tilley

President John Adams & John Quincy Adams

President Zachary Taylor

President Ulysses S. Grant

President James A. Garfield

Alec Baldwin Actor

President George Bush & wife Barbara

Clint Eastwood Actor & Director

President F.D. Roosevelt

Bing Crosby Actor, Singer

Sarah Palin Governor of Alaska

Ralph Waldo Emerson Famous Poet

Vice President Dan Quayle

Dick Van Dyke Actor

Orson Welles Actor & Director

Noah Webster of Webster's Dictionary

George Eastman Inventor in the photography field, one founder of Eastman-Kodak

Richard Gere Actor

Alan B. Shepard Jr. 1st American into Space 5th man to walk on the moon

Marilyn Monroe Actress and model

Joseph Smith founder and leader of the Mormons

Anna Mary Robertson, Grandma Moses (Folk artist)

Christopher Reeve Actor

Humphrey Bogart Actor

George McClellan Commander of Union forces, Civil War

William Cullen Bryant Famous poet

President George W. Bush

Kim

Kevin

Chris

Lillian Russel, Stage & Film Actress

Christopher Lloyd Actor "Back to the Future"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Famous

Where to begin

We'll start with the obvious: If you share a surname with any of the *Mayflower 22*, focus on that line of your family tree and see if you can work backward toward a connection. However, the vast majority of descendants do not share a name with anyone on the list, since only a direct paternal line would have perpetuated the name. If you don't have a direct name connection, start with a line that you suspect has deep New England roots, and see how far you can take it.

Ancestry

The basics

Stories, histories, memories – (stuff is transcribed by computer so may be errors)

Mayflower Silver Books

Top-Down approach

Silver Books are published based on individual passengers of the mayflower and their lineages. So far MCPL has up to volume 25. This database will involve 31 volumes of the “Silver Books” comprising about 11,800 relevant pages.

7,750 fifth generation descendants, along with their spouses and children. The actual record count will not be known until the indexing is completed

150,000 birth, marriage, death, and deed records in total are estimated

The project is focused on providing a full family index of all the fifth-generation descendants of the Pilgrims who came on the *Mayflower* in 1620.



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FAMILIES OF THE PILGRIMS

STEPHEN HOPKINS



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MAYFLOWER FAMILIES
Through Five Generations



VOLUME SIX
THIRD EDITION

STEPHEN HOPKINS

117. REBECCA^s BRADFORD (*John^{s-1}, William^{s-1}*), b. Plymouth 14 Dec. 1710; d. bet. 6 Aug. 1770 (swore to inv.) and 7 Jan. 1771.

She m. int. Kingston 18 Oct. 1729 **JOHN BREWSTER**, b. probably Duxbury ca. 1697; d. Kingston bet. 20 Sept. 1769 (ack. deed) and 1 Jan. 1770, son of Wrestling and Mary (_____) Brewster, a descendant of Pilgrim William Brewster.

John Brewster of Kingston, innholder, was granted a license to sell liquor six times from 1739 to 1752. The court records show that he served the town of Kingston as a selectman from 1757 through 1764.

At the March 1757 term of the Plymouth County Court of Common Pleas, Samuel Foster of Kingston, gentleman, brought suit against Wrestling Brewster of Kingston, yeoman, for speaking and writing "false Scandalous and Opprobrious and Lying Words." Samuel said that on 1 Sept. 1756 Wrestling publicly said "Samuel Foster ... has Stolen Hay from John Brewster (meaning John Brewster of said Kingston Innholder) in August Last."

On 5 July 1763 John Brewster of Kingston, innholder, sold to Isaac Brewster of Kingston, blacksmith, half an acre in Kingston and 1½ acres in Duxbury; John's wife Rebecca also signed the deed.

On 30 Aug. 1768 John Brewster of Kingston, yeoman, sold to Gershom Cobb of Kingston, housewright, a house lot adjoining land that was formerly set off to William Bradford's widow [see #29] now Elizabeth Bradford's thirds. John acknowledged this deed on 20 Sept. 1769.

The will of John Brewster of Kingston, innholder, dated 24 June 1766, proved 1 Jan. 1770, names wife Rebecca executrix; daughter Rebecca Samson deceased and her children Elisha and Rebecca Samson; daughter Abigail Brewster, wife of Lemuel Brewster; and daughter Sarah Brewster.

On 7 Jan. 1771 Robert Bradford was appointed administrator of the estate of John Brewster of Kingston, left incomplete by the death of widow Rebecca.

On 15 Jan. 1773 Robert Bradford of Kingston, gentleman, administrator of the estate of John Brewster, sold to John Adams of Plymouth, cloathier, one-sixth share in a woodlot from the estate of William Bradford deceased, and the second share in a cedar swamp.

Children of John and Rebecca (Bradford) Brewster, b. Kingston:

- i JOHN BREWSTER^s, b. 7 Oct. 1730; d. 23 July 1748 ae 17y 9m 16d
- ii REBECCA BREWSTER, b. 25 March 1733
- iii ABIGAIL BREWSTER, b. 17 Dec. 1736
- iv SARAH BREWSTER, b. 15 Sept. 1745; d. 25 Sept. 1747 ae 2y 14d
- v SARAH BREWSTER, bp. 28 Oct. 1750

Each book begins with what is known about the early life, family, and origin of the pilgrim. The rest of the book is divided into generations one through five.

The 5th generation in about 1700's

If you have six generations of ancestors, then you can look up the 6th in the Silver Books Index and work your way back.

Don't assume your Revolutionary Veterans only have one Mayflower Ancestor!

American Ancestor

<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/>

Extra Tips to Link the Gap

Loyalist Families – Migrations, Relocations, Special Records

Mariner Records – Whaling Museum 1809-1927

DNA – Ancestry being the best option

Scooby, Nottinghamshire and Leiden

Wampanoag and King Phillip's War

Relative Finder partnered with FamilySearch





Thank You