

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Edward Tilley

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Birth: Edward Tilley was baptized at Henlow, Bedfordshire on May 27, 1588, son of Robert and Elizabeth (____) Tilley.

Death: He died in Plymouth Colony in the winter of 1620/1.

Ship: *Mayflower*, 1620

Life in England: Edward Tilley most likely lived in Henlow until he emigrated to the Netherlands sometime after his marriage.

Life in Holland: Edward Tilley worked as a weaver in Leiden.

Life in New England: Edward Tilley, his wife, Agnes, and two relatives, Humilty Cooper and Henry Samson, came to Plymouth Colony in 1620. Edward was a member of several exploring parties, during one of which, he “had like to have sounded [swooned] with cold.” The Tilleys both died during the winter of 1620/1 although both children survived.

Family: Edward Tilley and Agnes Cooper were married on June 20, 1614, in Henlow, Bedfordshire. There are no recorded children.