

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Jasper More

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Birth: Jasper More was baptized August 8, 1613, a reputed son of Samuel and Katherine (More) More.

Death: He died the winter of 1620/1.

Ship: *Mayflower*, 1620

Life in England: Jasper was one of four children, two sons and two daughters, born to Katherine More. In 1616, Katherine's husband accused his wife of long-term adultery with Jacob Blakeway, maintaining that some, if not all, of the children were actually Blakeway's. After a separation and lengthy divorce proceedings, the four children were brought to London. There they were placed under the care of John Carver and Robert Cushman, who transported them to what would become Plymouth Colony.

Life in New England: Jasper was placed in the care of John Carver, and came to Plymouth Colony with John and Catherine Carver; another child in their care, Desire Minter; a boy, William Latham; an unnamed maidservant; and two manservants, John Howland and Roger Wilder. Jasper and Roger Wilder died in the winter of 1620/1; the Carvers died in the summer.