

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Thomas Brian

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Birth: Nothing is known of Thomas Brian's date or place of birth.

Death: Nothing is known of his date or place of death.

Ship: Unknown, possibly 1630

Life in England: Nothing is known of his life in England.

Life in New England: Thomas Brian was the servant of Samuel Eddy, who arrived in New England in 1630. On January 10, 1632/3, Brian was brought before the Plymouth Court for running away from his master. He was found guilty and whipped, afterwards being returned to his master. There is no further mention of him in Plymouth records. In 1642, Isaac Allerton's servant, a Thomas Briant, was released from prison, where he had been for two months for some unrecorded offence. The similarity of names has led to speculation that they were the same man, although the lapse of time between records makes this identification doubtful.

Family: There is no evidence that Thomas Brian married or had children.