

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Edward Holman

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Birth: Edward Holman was born in England, probably around 1600 (based on his wife's age).

Death: He died after May 3, 1675.

Ship: *Anne* or *Little James*, 1623

Life in England: No information is known about his life in England.

Life in New England: Edward arrived in Plymouth in the summer of 1623 as a single man. He never became a freeman, or served in any civil capacity, although he did volunteer in 1637 to serve in the Pequot War. He was described in the colony records as a seaman and owned at least one boat. Throughout his years in Plymouth, Edward made numerous court appearances for various offences. These included sabbath-breaking, trespass, drunkenness and taking items from a shipwreck unlawfully.

Family: He married Amy (Glass) Willis, widow of Richard, by 1644. There are no recorded children. She was probably dead by January 24, 1648/9, when Edward arranged for his stepson, Richard, to be apprenticed.