

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: John Goodman

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Birth: John Goodman was born in England.

Death: There is some question about when John Goodman died. William Bradford in his list of *Mayflower* passengers wrote that he died in the first winter. However, his name appeared in the land division of 1623. It is possible that he had an heir who had some claim on Goodman's share. His name did not appear in the division of cattle held in Plymouth Colony in May 1627, so he was definitely dead at that time.

Ship: *Mayflower*, 1620

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

Life in New England: John Goodman came to Plymouth Colony in 1620. He, along with Peter Brown, became lost in the woods on January 12 1620/1, not returning until the next day.

As a result, his feet were damaged, most likely from frostbite, and he was lame for some time.

Family: There is no information on any family members, except for the listing in the land division, which may indicate a relation in Plymouth Colony.