

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Richard Sparrow

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Birth: Richard Sparrow was born about 1604, based on his estimated date of marriage.

Death: He died on January 8, 1660/1, in Eastham.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

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

Life in New England: Richard Sparrow first appeared in Plymouth records on the March 25, 1633, tax list. He was also included in the list of freemen for that year. He and his family moved to Eastham by 1653. Sparrow served on 35 juries between 1640 and 1659. He was a Plymouth constable three years and a surveyor of highways for both Plymouth and Eastham. He was a tax collector in 1650. In an interesting 1650 court case, Richard Sparrow was presented by the court for concealing the theft by Thomas Shreve of corn from his barn, “uppon an ingagement so to doe unlesse called before authoritie.”

Family: Richard Sparrow married Pandora _____ by about 1629 and had one son. She died after March 27, 1661.

Children of Richard and Pandora Sparrow:

- Jonathan was born about 1629. He married (1) Rebecca Bangs on October 26, 1654, in Eastham and had six children. He married (2) Hannah (Prence) Mayo by 1671 and had three children. He married (3) Sarah (Lewis) Cobb on November 23, 1698, in Barnstable but had no children.