Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Ellen More

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Birth: Ellen More was baptized May 24, 1612, a reputed daughter of Samuel and Katherine (More) More.

Death: She died the winter of 1620/1.

Ship: Mayflower, 1620

Life in England: Ellen 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: Ellen was placed in the care of Edward Winslow, and came to Plymouth Colony with Edward and Elizabeth Winslow, and two servants, George Soule and Elias Story. Ellen, Elizabeth Winslow and Elias Story all died in the winter of 1620/1.