

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Edward Winslow

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Birth: Edward Winslow was baptized on October 20, 1595, in Droiwich, Worcestershire.

Death: He died on May 8, 1655, at sea near Hispaniola in the West Indies.

Ship: *Mayflower*, 1620

Life in England: Edward Winslow grew up in Droitwich, Worcestershire with his parents, Edward and Magdalene (Oliver/Ollyver) Winslow, one stepbrother, four brothers and two sisters. His father was a salt extractor. He was apprenticed to a printer in London in 1613.

Life in Holland: Edward Winslow traveled to Holland about 1617. He was a printer in Leiden, most likely working with William Brewster near St. Peter's Church.

Life in New England: Edward Winslow served Plymouth Colony as governor, assistant governor and as the colony's agent in England. He wrote three important pamphlets, including *Good Newes from New England*, and co-wrote *Mourt's Relation*. He moved to Marshfield by 1643, and returned to England in 1646. He is the only Plymouth colonist with an extant portrait, which can be seen at Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Family: William White married Susanna _____ by about 1614 and had at least two children. He died in Plymouth on February 21, 1620/1. Edward Winslow married Elizabeth Barker after May 12, 1618, in Leiden. She died on March 24, 1620/1, in Plymouth. Edward Winslow married Susanna White on May 12, 1621, in Plymouth and had five children. She died between 1654 and 1675.

Children of William and Susanna White:

- Resolved was born about 1615. He married (1) Judith Vassell on April 4, 1640, in Scituate and had eight children. She died shortly before April 3, 1670. He married (2) Abigail (_____) Lord on October 5, 1674, in Salem. She died in June 1682 in Salem. He died after September 19, 1687.
- Peregrine was born aboard the Mayflower at the end of November 1620. He married Sarah Bassett by March 6, 1648/9, and had seven children. He died on July 20, 1704, in Marshfield. She died on January 22, 1711, in Marshfield.

Children of Edward and Susanna Winslow:

- A child was born and died in 1622 or 1623. • Edward was born about 1624. He was alive on May 22, 1627, but there is no further record.
- John was born about 1626. He was alive on May 22, 1627, but there is no further record.
- Josiah was born after May 22, 1627. He married Penelope Pelham by 1658 and had four children. He died in Marshfield on December 18, 1680. She died in Marshfield on December 7, 1703.
- Elizabeth was born about 1631. She married (1) Robert Brooks by about 1656 and had one son. She married (2) George Curwin on September 22, 1669, in Salem and had two daughters. He died in Salem on January 3, 1684/5. She died before April 23, 1698.