

# Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: James Cole

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**Birth:** James Coles was born about 1600 based on the date of his marriage.

**Death:** He died after October 1678.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1633

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

**Life in New England:** James Cole's name first appears in the Plymouth records in the 1633 list of freemen. He served on a number of juries, as a constable for Plymouth and as a surveyor of highways. He apparently followed several trades, being described in the court records as a sailor (1638) shoemaker (1661) and innkeeper (many references). James Cole appeared many times in Plymouth records for either being drunk or allowing others to become drunk in his house.

**Family:** James Cole married Mary Tibbes in Barnstaple, Devonshire on May 1, 1625, and had four children. She died after March 7, 1659/60.

## Children of James and Mary Cole:

- James was baptized in Barnstaple on February 11, 1626/7. He married (1) Mary Tilson on December 23, 1652, and had seven children. He married (2) Esther \_\_\_\_\_ by September 1698. He married (3) Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ in 1700 or later. He died on October 4, 1709.
- Hugh was baptized on June 29, 1628, in Barnstaple. He married Mary Foxwell in Plymouth on January 8, 1654/5, and had twelve children. He died in 1699. John was born about 1630. He may be the man whose inventory was taken at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, on December 15, 1676. If so, he had a wife named Mary.
- Mary was born about 1632. She married (1) John Almy by 1668 and (2) John Pococke by June 28, 1677. She had no known children.