

Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Webb Adey

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Birth: Webb Adey was born by 1612, as he was an adult in 1633.

Death: He died in Plymouth on March 4, 1651/2.

Ship: Unknown

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

Life in New England: Webb Adey, or Adey Webb as the name was sometimes written, was a colonist of low social and economic status. He first appeared in Plymouth in the March 25, 1633, tax list. He was granted land in the colony, and owned a house — sometimes two. However, he was also presented to the court on a number of occasions for “disorderly living” and was eventually required to become a servant to Thomas Prence, the governor for that year. By March 1, 1641/2, he was apparently living on his own again and back in trouble for “disorderly living” for which he was jailed in June. By the time of his death he owned a small house and garden with very meager furnishings, and twelve acres of land. His estate totalled £7, 7s, 10d, with debts of £2, 6s.

Family: No wife or children are recorded for Webb Adey.