

# Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: John Allerton

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**Birth:** John Allerton was probably born prior to 1588.

**Death:** He died during the first winter in Plymouth Colony.

**Ship:** *Mayflower*, 1620

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England although he was probably a kinsman of Mayflower passenger Isaac Allerton.

**Life in Holland:** A “Jan Alaerton” living in Pieterskerkhof, the area around the church, had a child buried in the Pieterskerk in Leiden on May 21, 1616. He has been tentatively identified as the man of the same name aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620.

**Life in New England:** John Allerton was a colonist but, in William Bradford’s words, “was to go back (being a seaman) for the help of others left behind.” He died before April 5, 1621, when the *Mayflower* left New England.

**Family:** If John Allerton was identical with the man in Leiden, then he was married before May 1616, when a child of his was buried in Leiden. If so, the wife’s name is unknown, as well as any other children.