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The Pilgrim Monument stands 252 feet tall and is located in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Did you know we have a connection with a Howland descendant during the building of this monument? Please see this story on page 8.



In front of the monument is a bas-relief commemorating the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

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From the President - Ashley Smith

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this *Quarterly* finds you well and that 2021 has at least initially been kinder than 2020 was. It is remarkable to think where we were a year ago and all that we've been through, together. We are currently thinking through our plans for the Annual Meeting this year and whether or not we will go forward with an in-person program or if we will once again be virtual. A final decision will be made in the coming months and will be posted in the next *Quarterly* and on the website.

Additional information can be found in this *Quarterly* about the important and exciting question of whether or not the Society should change its name to include Elizabeth Tilley. So far, we have held two ZOOM events allowing members to express their thoughts and opinions with their cousins. The conversations have been open and positive thus far. Thank you to everyone who has participated. We plan to hold at least one more virtual meeting to discuss this important topic. Through April, we will also keep the discussion boards open on the website. You can also email us with your thoughts and suggestions. It is critical that if this initiative moves forward that everyone vote. If you aren't sure if your membership or contact information is up to date, please reach out.

Looking forward to updating you all in the next *Quarterly*!

Best,
Ashley

Editors Note:
Please see page 17 for directions on how to access the discussion board.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting information subject to change

The 124th Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 11th. In the best interest of the membership, we will be canceling the tour portion of the 2021 schedule of events. Instead, assuming it is safe for us to meet in person we will be hosting the annual meeting outdoors either at Howland House or at Plimoth Patuxet (previously known as Plimoth Plantation). The meeting will be followed by a socially distanced boxed lunch. The Board continues to monitor local and national health guidance and will make a decision in the coming months whether to move forward with an in-person meeting or hold the meeting virtually again.

Scholarship Opportunity

The deadline for the 2021 Scholarship is June 30, 2021.
Please contact Rebecca Adams Kaeberle at: Rebecca.amy.adams@gmail.com

Trip to England

Our trip has been postponed to July 8-17, 2022. For more information, please contact Rowena Drinkhouse at: Rowena@mayflower400tours.com or 800-303-5535. For details on the itinerary please see the website: www.Mayflower400Tours.com

Certificates

Member certificates are available upon request. Please contact Ashley Smith for information.

Your dues notice is enclosed in this issue of the Quarterly.

Reminder: You must be a member in good standing to vote on the proposed name change.
Please see page 4-5 for more information.

From the Editor -Gail Ann Adams

I am keeping my fingers crossed in the hope we can meet in person. If we cannot, I am thankful for technology that allows us to see each other and re-connect.

We have had productive meetings as we consider adding Elizabeth Tilley to our Society name. We ran stories in the December 2020 Quarterly and in this issue, for some background into her family and our connection to Henlow and the Tilley family. We hope you enjoy this history.

Spring is in the air! As our world greens up with grass, trees and spring flowers, I pray for a new spring in our lives... and a more normal life. Don't forget to stop and smell the flowers... and offer a prayer of thanks to our great and awesome God.

Society Considers Name Change to Include Elizabeth Tilley: Update

Dear Members & Friends,

The board thanks you for your thoughtful comments and participation thus far regarding the proposal to add Elizabeth Tilley's name to the name of the Society. Coinciding with the release of the December Quarterly a number of questions on the discussion board went live in the member section of the website. We also held [2] virtual meetings to allow the opportunity for live discussion and questions. These opportunities for engagement have been incredibly informative. We plan to keep the discussion boards open and hold at least one more virtual event before mid-April when the board will prepare to make a decision on how to move forward.

At the Spring Board Meeting this coming May, based on the feedback received and in the best interest of the Society, the board will vote on whether to bring this initiative to the full membership for a vote. Below you will find some additional clarity around the anticipated voting procedures and who will be eligible to vote. You will also find below an updated process timeline with some additional details since the June Quarterly will be published after a decision by the board has been made.

Voting Procedures

If the board decides to move a vote to the membership, the following voting procedures will go into effect:

- Based on Massachusetts State Law, a 2/3 vote by the membership will be required. This means that based on all eligible members, 2/3 must vote in the affirmative in order for the initiative to pass. An example of how this breaks down is as follows:
    - 1,000 eligible members.
    - 2/3 would be 667 members.
    - Therefore, 667 members would have to vote in the affirmative for the motion to pass.
- It is critical that whether you are supportive or not of this initiative you vote. This is the only way to ensure that every voice is heard on this important topic.
- In order to ensure that every member can be reached, a mail-in ballot will be sent to every eligible member. Electronic voting will not be available. Ballots will include a postage paid envelope to allow for easy submission.

Voting Eligibility (Based on the PJHS 2018 By-laws)

The following members are eligible for a mail-in ballot:

- Life members over the age of 21
- Annual members
- Marriage and parentage members

The following members are not eligible for a mail-in ballot:

- Friends
- Junior members
- Life members under the age of 21

Process Overview:

- **Winter 2020/21 –**
  - Opportunities for engagement among the membership including discussion boards and video conferencing opportunities.
  - We welcome suggestions and discussions of other possible names for our society that recognize Elizabeth Tilley (EX: The Pilgrims John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley Society).

- **Spring 2021 –**
  - Discussion boards and video conference opportunities will conclude in mid-April.
  - The board will make an official motion on whether or not to move forward with a vote by the membership in May. This motion will include the official name to be voted on.

- **Summer 2021 –**
  - If there is support to move forward, ballots will be sent out to all members eligible to vote.
  - Regardless of the outcome, an update will be included in the June Quarterly.

- **Annual Meeting 2021 –**
  - The outcome of voting will be announced.
  - If the motion passes, the board will file the required paperwork to move forward with implementation.

Jabez Howland House Letters
By Peter Arenstam, Executive Director, PJHS

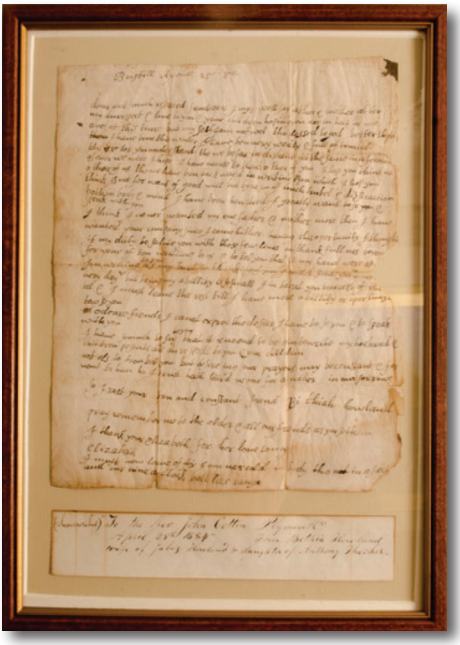
A year ago we were uncertain how the 400th anniversary year commemorating the arrival of Mayflower was going proceed with the emerging coronavirus. Last March was the beginning of what has turned out to be an ongoing challenge for all parts of our society. Like everyone, the Pilgrim John Howland Society has had to adapt, find new ways of doing old business, focus on core activities while imagining fresh opportunities to fulfill our mission of telling the story of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley to as wide an audience as we can.

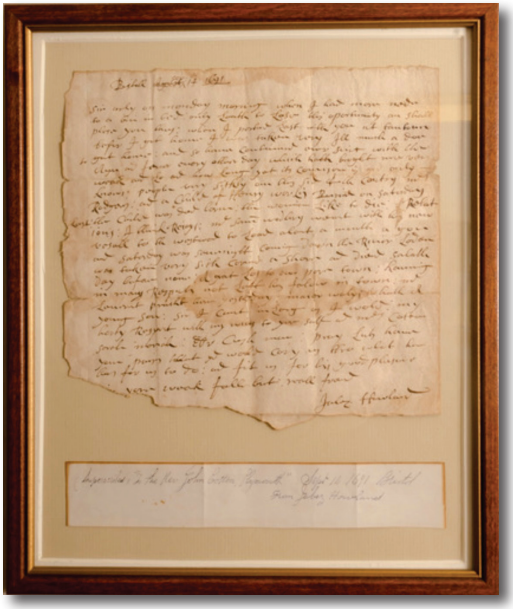
Staying connected as a Society has never been easy with Howland descendants living all over the country and around the world. With the internet, email, and now Zoom meetings, it is far easier than it was for Jabez and Bethia Howland who moved west from the Plymouth Colony to Bristol, (Now Rhode Island) in 1680.

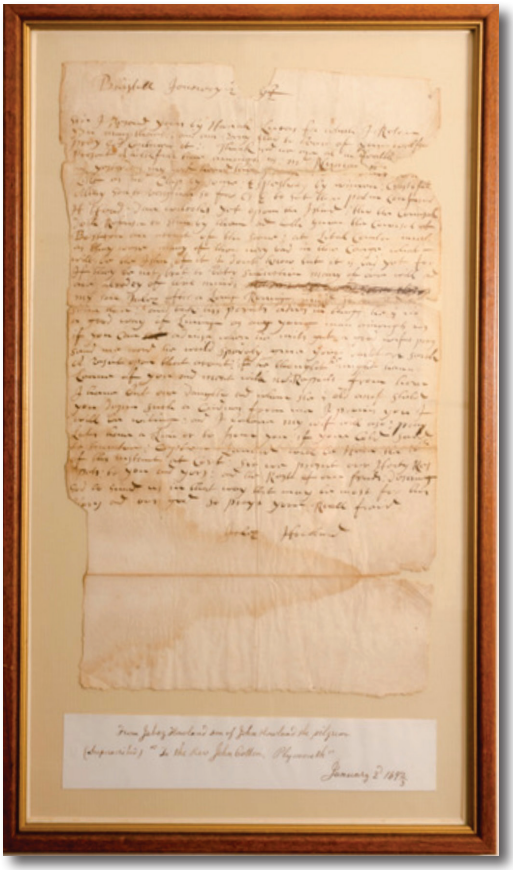
One of the prized possessions on display at the Jabez Howland house are three letters written by Jabez and one written by Bethia to their Plymouth Colony minister, John Cotton. The letters are filled with expressions of longing for being separated by distance (Bristol was at least a two-day journey from Plymouth at that time) and a sadness that they had not been better at keeping up their correspondence.

The letters span the years 1684 -1693. We don't know if the earliest letter we own, written by Bethia, was the first correspondence the couple had with their minister but in that letter, she mentions how thankful Reverend Cotton had often written to them. Indeed, Bethia states she would have written every day save for her "small" ability in writing.







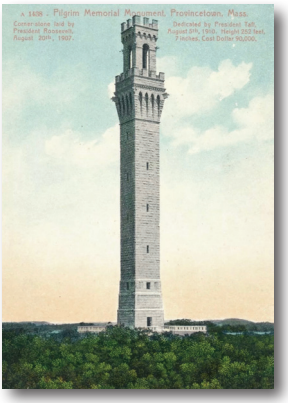


By 1687 Reverend Cotton's correspondence had stopped for some period of time as Jabez writes next that he fears that he had done something to cause the lack of communication.

The four Howland letters include accounts of local christenings, deaths in their small community, sicknesses and hope for the marriage of their son Jabez. In the letter dated January 2nd 1693 Jabez goes so far as to suggest their son, who he points out, is making a good living, might like to call on the Cotton's daughter, Sarah. Jabez adds, perhaps to entice Cotton to agree to the meeting, that they have a daughter who, when old enough to marry, could be introduced to one of the Cotton sons. Illustrating the difficulty of communication, Jabez closes his letter saying Cotton could send a reply via a Captain Larnard who will be in a nearby town (Taunton) soon and Jabez could get Cotton's reply from him.

It is a marvel any of these letters, written in the hand of both Jabez and Bethia, have survived. The gracious gift, given to the Society by Katharine Carver Gurney of Providence Rhode Island in 1963, are proudly on display in the Jabez Howland House in Plymouth. They remind us that the shadowy figures of our mutual past were indeed real people with real hopes, cares and concerns. These letters also remind us that if it were not for the generosity of our membership, we may not have that direct link to our ancestors, and we could not communicate the Howland story as colorfully as we do today.

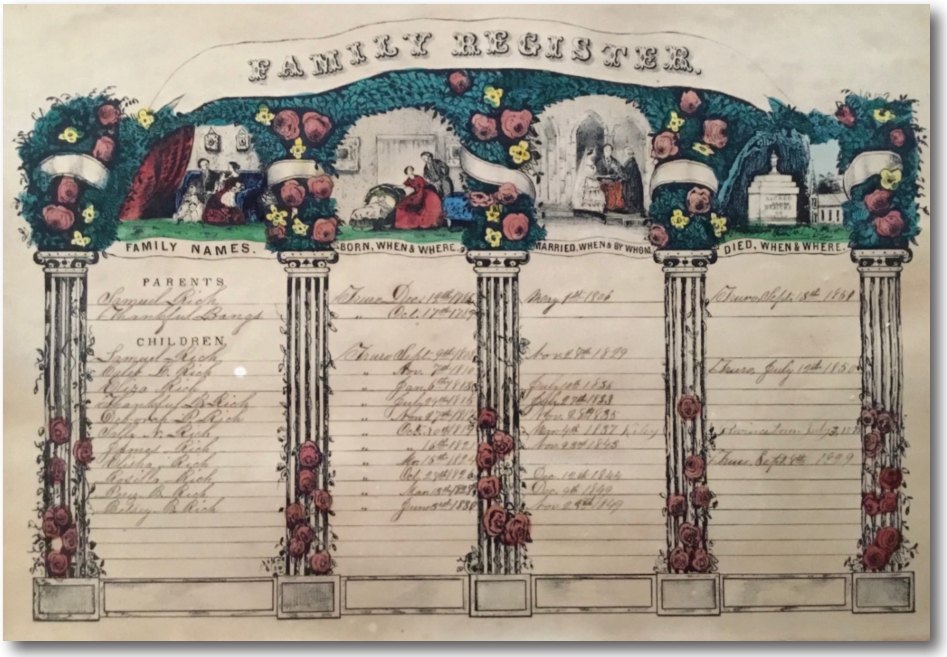
Has this Howland been lost in Howland history?
By Lois Rich (McCurdy) Nelson



Rosilla Rich Bangs is a Howland descendant most of us probably never heard of, but we should have. She was born in 1826, the ninth of 11 children born to Thankful Bangs and Samuel Rich of Truro. She married her first cousin Solomon Bangs, Jr. and lived in Provincetown. She was the sister of my great, great grandfather Perez Bangs Rich.

The Rich family has an association of which I am a member (Richard Rich was one of the first settlers of Dover Point, NH and his family relocated to Cape Cod in the 1600s). My mother always told me that supposedly some one of the Rich grandfathers married a *Mayflower* descendant, but she had no idea from which Pilgrim family and the records we had did not show any obvious names. It is only in the last few years that I have researched my *Mayflower* lineage and found I am a Howland, Tilley & Warren descendant through Thankful Bangs Rich.

I have the "Family Register" for Thankful and Samuel's family hanging in my home, so Rosilla is a name I have known since childhood, but only as a name of a distant aunt. This fall I learned her sad and unique story. The Rich Family Association has a publication called ***"Kinfolk"*** and the Fall 2020 edition had an article entitled ***"A Rich to Remember – Rosilla Rich Bangs"*** by their editor Elizabeth Beyus. From this article I learned a piece of my family history I had never heard; a sad piece of history that links Rosilla (and thus the Howland name) to the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown, Massachusetts.



This is the Family Register of the Samuel Rich and Thankful Bangs family, which hangs on the wall of Lois' home.

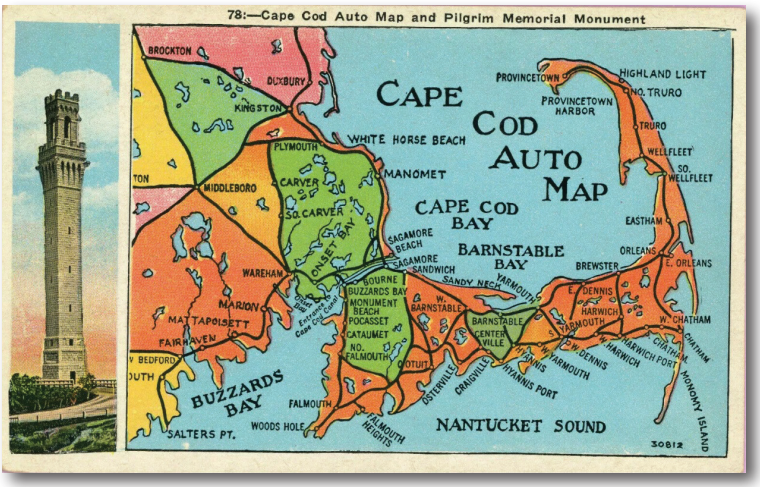
The monument is familiar to anyone who ever visited Provincetown or did any research on the *Mayflowers'* landfall in Provincetown. It is a huge granite structure on High Pole Hill completed in 1910. It was an engineering feat that required a temporary rail line to haul the granite blocks from the docks to the building site. In August of 1908, during a thunderstorm, one of the rail cars was hit by lightning, broke loose and raced down the track, through the barrier meant to prevent accidents and struck and killed an 85-year old pedestrian on the Bradford Street sidewalk, who was frozen in place watching this spectacle. The pedestrian was Rosilla Bangs. She was the only fatality due to the construction of the monument.

Having read the article in **"Kinfolk"**, which was of course focused on the Rich line, I Googled "Rosilla Rich" and "Pilgrim Monument" to see what was there. Both topics give you pictures, newspaper articles and history on Rosilla and the Rich and Bangs families but nothing on her *Mayflower* connection. I am sure of this connection because my Howland line to both our Howland Society and the Mayflower Society go through Thankful Bangs, Rosilla's mother. With the current focus on all things "Mayflower" and Pilgrims, I find it ironic that the monument site never mentions that this one fatality is a direct descendant of John Howland; John, Joan and Elizabeth Tilley; Richard Warren, and was the niece of Edward and Ann Tilley, all *Mayflower* Passengers and four of them signers of the Mayflower Compact. The articles do however note that the Bangs family is descended from Captain Edward Bangs who arrived in Plymouth on the ship "Anne." This only proves what a genealogist acquaintance of mine once told me: "Following surnames back is interesting, but following the wives' families is frequently surprising."



In a thunderstorm in August 1908, a rail car was struck by lightening, broke loose and killed Rosilla Rich Bangs.

The line of descent from John and Elizabeth is: Hope Howland and John Chipman; John Chipman and Mary Skiffe (Richard Warren descendant); Deborah Chipman and Seth Bangs; Solomon Bangs and Experience Berry; Perez Bangs and Thankful Lombard; Thankful Bangs and Samuel Rich; Rosilla and 10 other siblings.



Ancestry of Elizabeth Tilley

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Elizabeth TILLEY
b. (bap) 30 Aug 1607
p.b. Henlow, Bedfordshire, England
m. ca 1623
d. 21 Feb 1687/8
p.d. Swansea, Massachusetts

2 John TILLEY (Father of No. 1)
b. 15 Dec 1571
p.b. Henlow
m. 20 Sept 1596
d. 1621
p.d Plymouth, Massachusetts

4 Robert TILLEY (Father of No. 2)
b. May 1540
p.b. Henlow
m. 1570
d. (bur) 21 Feb 1612/3
p.d Henlow

8 William TYLLE (Father of No. 4)
b. ca 1515
p.b. Henlow
m.
d. (bur) 21 Jan 1578/9
p.d Henlow

9 Agnes (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d. (bur) 7 Jun 1582
p.d Henlow

5 Elizabeth (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d. 27 Mar 1614
p.d. Henlow

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

3 Joan HURST (widow of Thomas ROGERS) (Mother of No. 1)
b. 13 Mar 1567/8
p.b. Henlow
d. 1621
p.d. Plymouth, Massachusetts

6 William HURST (Father of No. 3)
b. ca 1530
p.b.
m.
d. by 1571
p.d
will dtd 3 Jun 1570

12 Henrye HURST (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 Agnes (Mother of No. 6)
will dtd 30 May 1569
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 Rose (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d. 23 Jul 1601
p.d. Henlow

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

John HOWLAND (Spouse of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 William TYLLE
b. ca 1515
p.b. Henlow, Bedfordshire, England
m.
d. (bur) 21 Jan 1578/9
p.d. Henlow

2 Thomas TILLY (Father of No. 1)
b. ca 1490
p.b. Henlow
m.
d. Will dtd 21 Aug 1556
p:d Will proved 6 Oct 1556

4 Henry TILLY (Father of No. 2)
b. ca 1465
p.b. Henlow
m.
d. will dtd 1 Sept 1520
p.d will proved 4 Dec 1520

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

5 Johan (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d. (still living 1520)
p.d.

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

3 Margaret (Mother of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d. (still living 1556)
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Agnes (Spouse of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Editor's Note: *As we consider adding Elizabeth Tilley's name to our Society, we are sharing stories about her and her ancestral home, Henlow, Bedford, England. In the December 2020 Quarterly, we featured St. Mary the Virgin Church, where Elizabeth was baptized in 1607. Parts of this story were in the June 2006 Quarterly, giving information about the village of Henlow and the Tilley's in England.*





Henlow and the Tilley's

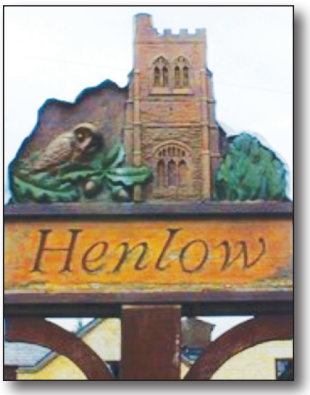
By Gail Ann Adams

Henlow is a lovely village located about 40 miles north of London and about 10 miles southeast of Bedford. In 1086 the Domesday Book records the village as "Haneslau" but by 1282 it had become Haenne Hlaw which means "Fowl's Hill" in Anglo-Saxon or "hill frequented by wild birds" in old English. By the 14th century it had become Henlowe. In Robert Tilley's 1617 apprentice contract it is spelled Henloe. Eventually the final e was dropped.

The Village of Henlow

In 2011 the population of Henlow was: village, 2,253 and parish 3,815.

Near the village of Henlow is RAF Henlow. After the end of World War II, RAF Henlow had many functions, including: home to four aircraft squadrons, ground-training specializing in electronics and the Directorate of Engineering Interoperability (DEI). Currently the base houses the Joint Arms Control Implementation Group (JACIG).



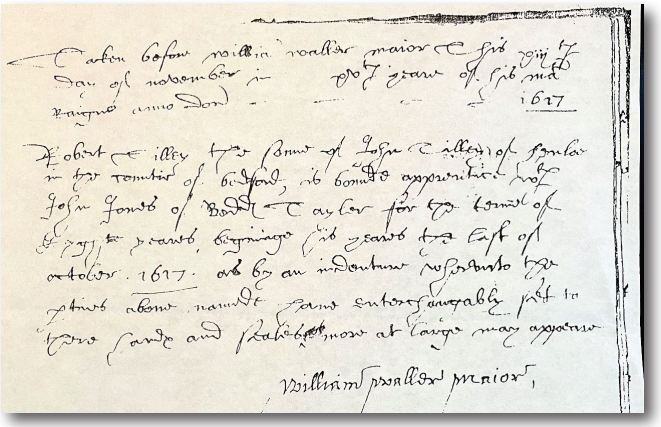
Did you know?
Mayflower passenger Richard Warren's wife, Elizabeth Walker, was baptized in September 1583 at Baldock, Hertfordshire. Baldock is about six miles from Henlow.

The Tilleys of Henlow

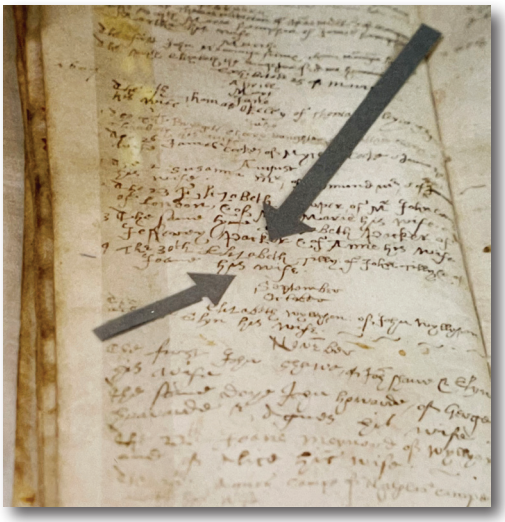
Elizabeth had siblings that stayed in England when the *Mayflower* sailed in 1620. For Rose and John, we have no further records. Her brother Robert, had been apprenticed in 1617. The apprenticeship did not end until 1625, preventing him from sailing with his family.
The apprentice contract of Robert Tilley, as written in 1617:

Taken before William Waller maior this xiiith day of november in the xvth yeare of his maj raigne anno Dom 1617

Robert Tilley the sonne of John Tilley of henloe in the countie of bedford, is bounde apprentice with John Jones of Bedford Tayler for the terme of eyghte yeares, begininge his yeares the last of octobber 1617 as by an indenture whereunto the pties above namede have enterchangably set to there hande and seales more at large may appeare.
William Waller maior

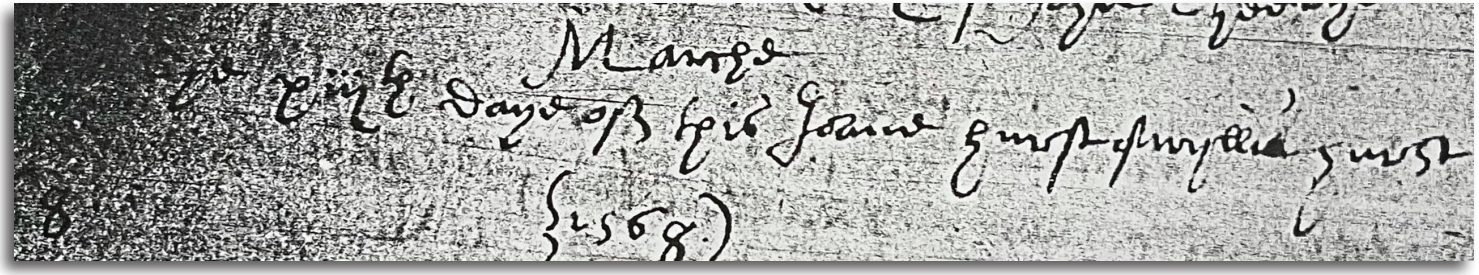


This is a copy of the original apprentice contract for Elizabeth Tilley's brother Robert, from November 13, 1617.

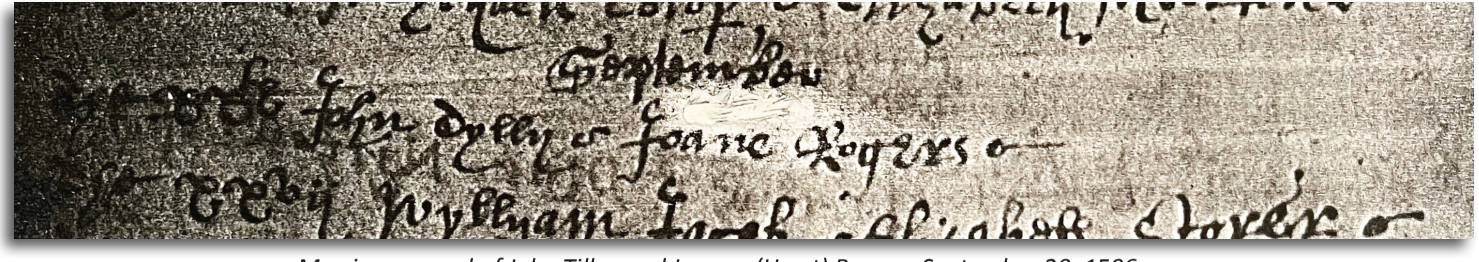


This is the original August 30, 1607 baptism entry for Elizabeth Tilley in Henlow. This photo of the records book was taken by your editor, Gail Ann Adams, on the 1999 Howland trip to Holland, Scotland and England. The trip was arranged by Robert Huber, former editor of the Howland Quarterly.

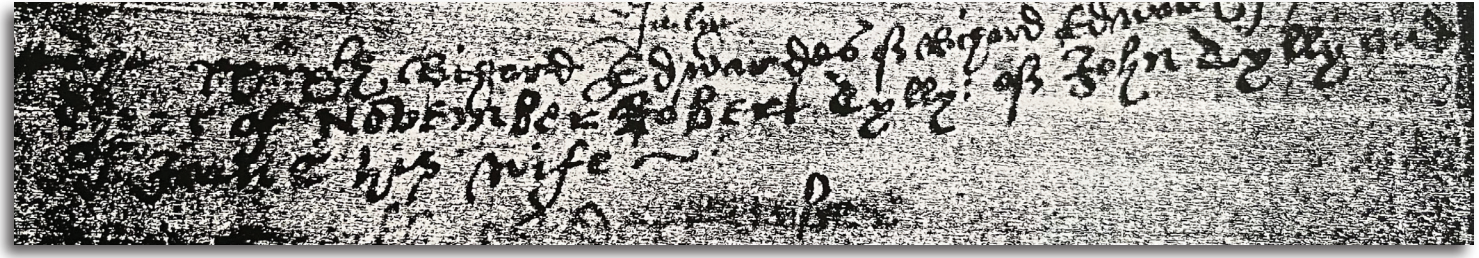
Please see page 14 for more Tilley records.



Baptism of "Joanne Hurst of William Hurst" 13 March 1567



Marriage record of John Tilley and Joanne (Hurst) Rogers, September 20, 1596



Baptism of Elizabeth Tilley's brother Robert, 25 Nov. 1604. He was apprenticed so he could not come on the Mayflower. He stayed in England.

Changes to Membership (announced in 2020)

Dues Notice is Enclosed

At the May 31, 2020 Board Meeting, a vote was taken to increase the membership fees and change the timing of the application fee. The changes are as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2021, we will conclude our 2020 membership drive and the application fee waiver. All categories will again be charged a $25 application fee. Applications need to be received prior to January 1st in order to take advantage of the current promotion waiving the application fee.

A friendly reminder that Junior applicants will also be required to pay the application fee starting in 2021 but do not pay dues until they turn 21 years old, at which time they are converted to an Annual Member. There is no age requirement to make someone a Life Member.

2. Effective January 1, 2021, we will be requesting that the application fee of $25 be paid upfront, rather than at the end of the application process. The membership dues amount will still be due at the end of the process once the application has been approved.

3. Effective July 1, 2021, PJHS will be changing its membership dues amounts. The Society has not changed its dues structure in over 10 years! The amounts chosen considered what other Societies charge while also taking into account individual finances, to the extent possible. These changes are necessary to continue to provide our quality publication, The *Howland Quarterly*, and maintenance of our beloved assets: The Jabez Howland House, The Rocky Nook Homestead, and The Shallop *Elizabeth Tilley*.

The new dues amounts are as follows:

Type of Membership	Previous Amount	New Amount
Life (one-time payment)	$300	$400
Annual	$25	$35
Friends	$25	$35
Juniors	Application Fee Only	Application Fee Only
Marriage & Parentage	$25	$35

Name Change – Our Society name has changed before!

Did you know that our Society's name was changed once before? At founding, our name was: "Society of the Descendants of Pilgrim John Howland of the Ship Mayflower." In 1925, the Society changed the name to "The Pilgrim John Howland Society Inc."

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it Known *that whereas*

Society of the Descendants of Pilgrim John Howland of the Ship Mayflower,

a corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, has complied with the provisions of section eleven of chapter one hundred and eighty of the General Laws, as appears from the petition authorizing said corporation to change its name and adopt the name of

The Pilgrim John Howland Society Incorporated,

signed and sworn to by the President and Secretary

of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and filed in this office, and said officers of the corporation having given public notice of such change of name by publication two times in the Old Colony Memorial, *a newspaper published in the* Town *of* Plymouth, *and County of* Plymouth *in said Commonwealth:*

Now, Therefore, I, FREDERIC W. COOK, *Secretary of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify, that the name which said corporation shall bear is*

The Pilgrim John Howland Society Incorporated,

which shall hereafter be its legal name.

Witness *my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this* thirtieth *day of* September *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* twenty-five.

Frederic W. Cook.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Howland H. Boynton.

Deputy Secretary.

Society Holds Zoom Meetings to Consider a Name Change

At press time, we have had two of our three Zoom meetings to discuss the pros and cons of adding the name Elizabeth Tilley to our Society name. They were held January 28 and February 13. The first meeting had 46 registered and 26 registered for the second meeting.

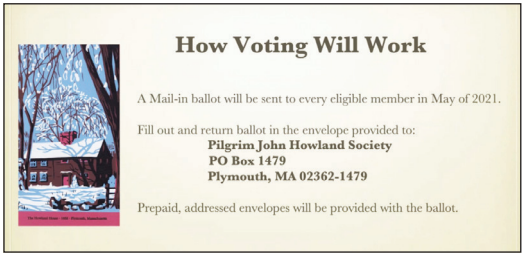
The meetings have been very productive with many good ideas and recommendations. The Board is grateful to have our members participate. There is still time to participate in the discussion board.

How do I access the discussion board regarding the potential name change?

1) Go to the society's website: pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org.
2) Access the member's page from navigation menu at the top of the home page, using the username and password provided when you joined the society.
(If you cannot access member's page contact webmaster@pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org for a new welcome letter and access information)
3) On the lefthand side of the member's page look down the list for the third link, "Member forum."
4) Click on the "Member forum" link and look for the discussion labeled (Not sure what it will actually be called) "Name Change Discussion."
5) You can click on "subscribe" to any of the discussions to make sure you get a notice via email when new comments are made to the ongoing discussion.



Peter Arenstam, Executive Director, coordinated the meetings.





New Members

Registrar Jean Albert reports we have 35 new members this quarter. They descend from seven of the 10 Howland children, with Hannah in the lead with 13, followed by Hope with six. Our new members live in 17 different states as well as Canada. Massachusetts leads with six, followed by a tie between Virginia and Georgia with five each, and Florida with four. Welcome!

3937 Hope
Erwin Anthony St Louis II
Naples, FL

3938 Hope
Michelle Alexandra St Louis
Naples, FL

3939 Hope
Anthony Brennan St Louis
Naples, FL

3940 John
Paul C. Rogers
St. Libory, NE

3941 John
Ardelle Marie Shaff Ohman
Austin, MN

3942 Desire
Frederick Wendell Rogers
Rochester, NY

3943 Hannah
Dawn Deseree McCracken Saleen
Wellington, NV

3944 Lydia
James Thomas Hamill
Bealeton, VA

3945 Lydia
Lea Jean Hamill
Bealeton, VA

3946 Lydia
Aaron James Hamill
Bealeton, VA

3947 Hope
Judith Carol Guilliland Knapp
Greeley, CO

3948 Desire
Josie Lynne Souza
Somerset, MA

3949 Desire
Cynthia Ann Meiners
St. Louis, MO

3950 Hope
River Julia Marian Miller
Celina, OH

3951 Hope
Candis McDuff
Pascagoula, MS

3952 Hannah
Janis Ann Williams Socop
Holyoke, MA

3953 Hannah
Alina Williams Socop
Holyoke, MA

3954 Hannah
Klara Williams Socop
Holyoke, MA

3955 Hannah
Kathleen Jane Williams
Wilmington, MA

3956 Hannah
Nicole Jane Clancy
Wilmington, MA

3957 Elizabeth
Sean Michael Patchin
Verona, WI

3958 Ruth
Suzanne French Keesler
Manakin-Sabot, VA

3959 Hannah
Christina Robnet Atkins
Tucker, GA

3960 Hannah
Quentin Alexander Atkins
Tucker, GA

3961 Hannah
Molly Katherine Edgar
Rome, GA

3962 Hannah
Nicholas Jack Loftin
Suwanee, GA

3963 Hannah
Mitchell Quentin Loftin
Suwanee, GA

3964 Desire
James Robert Buckner
Marietta, PA

3965 Elizabeth
Finn Manning Foday Peterson
Frisco, TX

3966 Hannah
Steven Michael Nelson
Iron River, MI

3967 Hannah
Siena Catherine Nelson
Iron River, MI

MARRIAGE & PARENTAGE

MM-156
Suzan Hamill
Bealeton, VA

FRIENDS

F-58
Kyle Adler
Dana Point, CA

F-59
Neldon Hatch
Cardston, Canada

F-60
Jerry P. Chappell
Jacksonville, FL

Happy Birthday
Joan Hurst (Rogers) Tilley
March 13, 1567/8

Did you know?
The Tilley ancestral home, Henlow, is located in Bedfordshire. John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrim's Progress," had a connection to Bedford. After the British Civil War of the 1640's John Bunyan returned to the area as a tinker in Elstow and Bedford, joining the Bedford Independent Church meeting at St. John's in the 1650's. After the Restoration in 1660 he was imprisoned for illegal preaching and held in the county "Goal" (jail) for 12 years until 1672. Here, he probably began composing "The Pilgrim's Progress." Elstow is 13 miles from Henlow.

100 Years, 500 Descendants

By Gail Adams

In a little over 100 years John and Elizabeth Howland's descendants numbered over 500. There may be more as many times when a baby or child died very young, there may be no record. Other grown children may have moved west or to parts unknown and therefore got lost over the centuries. Of the **known** children:

John and Elizabeth had:

…..at least 10 children
…..at least 84 grandchildren
…..at least 485 great-grandchildren

Daughters Desire and Hope had the most grandchildren: 99 for Desire and 87 for Hope. Ruth has the fewest with 15 known grandchildren, followed by Jabez with at least 23 grandchildren.
Poor Jabez – of his 11 known children, five died young.

From the records we do have, John and Elizabeth's 10 children had:

Desire: 11 children	Hannah: 10 children
John Jr.: 10 children	Joseph: 9 children
Hope: 10 children	Jabez: 11 children
Elizabeth: 9 children	Ruth: 3 children
Lydia: 3 children	Isaac: 8 children



More than 200 years later, the Howland's are still prolific. This is the family of Willard and Estella Howland. Their nine sons were born between 1876-1895.

The back of this card says: The largest Bus, Hack, Baggage and Transfer Company in the world, St. Louis and Ann Arbor R.R. Est. 1879. The whole family are proprietors and members of the firm. It then lists the names and birthdate/place of each member of the family.