

# A genealogical profile of Timothy Hatherly

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**Birth:** Timothy Hatherly was baptized at Winkleigh, Devonshire on September 29, 1588, son of Norbert and Ellinor (\_\_\_\_) Hatherly.

**Death:** He died in Scituate on October 24, 1666.

**Ship:** *Anne*, 1623

**Life in England:** Timothy Hatherly was a merchant and felt-maker living in St. Olave's parish, Southwark, Surrey, across the river Thames from London. He was one of the investors in Plymouth Colony and there are many letters in Bradford's history of Plymouth Colony attesting to his work on the colony's behalf.

**Life in New England:** Timothy Hatherly came to Plymouth Colony in the summer of 1623. Soon after his arrival, his house with all of his belongings burned and he returned that winter to England "much impoverished and much discouraged." He traveled back to New England yearly from 1631 to 1633, and settled permanently in Scituate in 1634. Hatherly held many government offices, including Assistant Governor and Commissioner for Plymouth to the United Colonies, as well as serving on numerous committees. Hatherly's sister, Eglin Hanford arrived in Scituate with two daughters. Her son and remaining two daughters also came to New England.

**Family:** Timothy Hatherly married Alice Collard at St. Olave, Southwark on December 26, 1614, and had one son. She died by 1634. He married (2) Susan \_\_\_\_ by January 11, 1634/5, who died by 1641. He married (3) Lydia (Huckstep) Tilden, widow of Nathaniel Tilden, after 1641. She was living in 1670.

## **Children of Timothy and Alice Hatherly:**

- Nathaniel was baptized at St. Olave, Southwark on July 16, 1618. There is no further information.

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## ***For Further Information:***

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Once you have learned all you can from family members, you will begin to discover other sources. A wide variety of records can help you learn more about the lives of your ancestors. These include birth, marriage, and death records; immigration and naturalization records; land records; census records; probate records and wills; church and cemetery records; newspapers; passenger lists; military records; and much more.

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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; [www.mayflower.org](http://www.mayflower.org)

### Plymouth Collection, Plymouth Public Library

Over 1200 items relating to the descendants of the Pilgrims, as well as the many other immigrants who settled in the area.

132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;  
[www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org)

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls, Alpha Books, 1997.

*Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* by Marcia Melnyk, NEHGS, 1999.

*Shaking Your Family Tree: A Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family History* by Ralph J. Crandall, NEHGS, 2001.

*Unpuzzling Your Past* by Emily Croom, Betterway Books, 2003.

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