

# A genealogical profile of Mary Ring

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**Birth:** Mary Ring was born about 1589, based on her estimated date of marriage.

**Death:** She died in Plymouth in July 1631.

**Ship:** Unknown, 1629 or 1630

**Life in England:** Mary Ring has been tentatively identified as the Marie Durante of Ufford, Suffolk who married Wylliam Ringe of Petistree, Suffolk in 1601, but this identification has remained unproved.

**Life in Holland:** William and Mary Ring were in Leiden by May 16, 1614. William Ring, a say weaver, became a citizen of Leiden on June 7, 1619. William Ring and perhaps the rest of his family were aboard the *Speedwell* which accompanied the *Mayflower* in 1620, but abandoned the voyage when the *Speedwell* proved unseaworthy. He died in Leiden between 1620 and 1629.

**Life in New England:** Widow Mary Ring came to Plymouth with her children in 1629 or 1630. She died in the epidemic of infectious fever of 1633. Her will and inventory provide modern researchers with a wonderful list of textiles available at the time.

**Family:** William Ring married Mary (possibly) Durant by 1609. If the Ufford attribution is correct; they married on May 21, 1601, in Ufford. They had three children.

## Children of William and Mary Ring:

- Elizabeth was born by 1609. She married (1) Stephen Deane by about 1630 and had three children. She married (2) Josias Cooke on September 16, 1635, and had three children. He died in Eastham on October 17, 1673. She died in Eastham on May 3, 1687.
- Susanna was born about 1611. She married Thomas Clark by July 1631 and had six children. She died between 1644 and January 20, 1664/5. He married (2) Alice (Hallett) Nichols shortly after January 20, 1664/5. She died by July 25, 1671. He died on March 24, 1696/7.
- Andrew was born about 1618. He married (1) Deborah Hopkins on April 23, 1646, in Plymouth and had six children. He married (2) Lettice (\_\_\_\_) Morton about 1674.

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## For Further Information:

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# Where do I go from here?

**Researching your family's history** can be a fun, rewarding, and occasionally frustrating project. Start with what you know by collecting information on your immediate family. Then, trace back through parents, grandparents, and beyond. This is a great opportunity to speak to relatives, gather family stories, arrange and identify old family photographs, and document family possessions that have been passed down from earlier generations.

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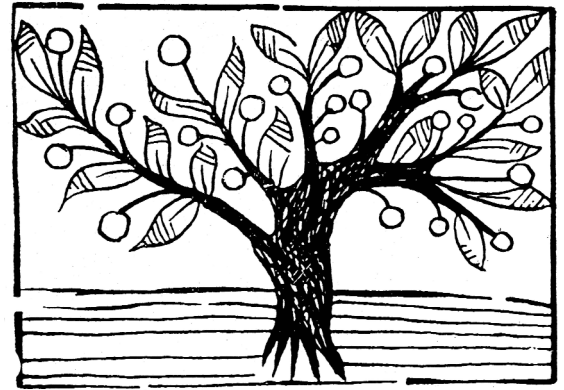
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- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com)
- [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)
- [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org)



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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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