

A genealogical profile of John Tilley

Birth: John Tilley was baptized at Henlow, Bedfordshire on December 19, 1571, son of Robert and Elizabeth (____) Tilley.

Death: He died in the winter of 1620/1.

Ship: Mayflower, 1620

Life in England: John Tilley most likely lived in Henlow until he emigrated to Plymouth Colony.

Life in New England: John Tilley, his wife, Joan, and their daughter, Elizabeth, came to Plymouth Colony in 1620. John was a member of the exploring party which eventually arrived at Plymouth harbor. John and Joan Tilley both died during the winter of 1620/1.

Family: John Tilley married Joan (Hurst) Rogers at Henlow on September 20, 1596. She was the widow of Thomas Rogers, whom she married on June 18, 1593.

Children of Joan and Thomas Rogers:

- Joan was baptized on May 26, 1594. There is no further record and she probably died young.

Children of Joan and John Tilley (all baptized in Henlow):

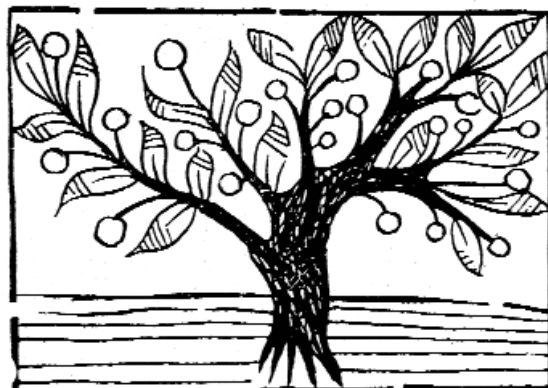
- Rose was baptized on October 23, 1597. There is no further record and she probably died young.
- John was baptized on August 26, 1599. There is no further record and he probably died young.
- Rose was baptized on February 28, 1601/2. There is no further record and she probably died young.
- Robert was baptized on November 25, 1604. There is no further record and he probably died young.
- Elizabeth was baptized on August 30, 1607. She married John Howland in Plymouth Colony about 1624 and had ten children. She died in Swansea on December 22, 1687.

For Further Information:

Robert C. Anderson. *The Great Migration Begins*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995.

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Robert L. Ward. "English Ancestry of Seven *Mayflower* Passengers: Tilley, Sampson, and Cooper." *The American Genealogist* 52(1976): 198–208.



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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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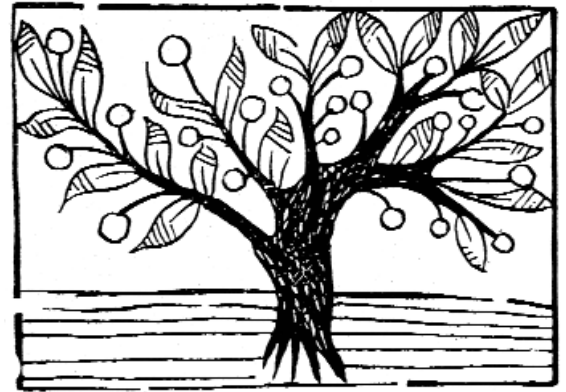
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- www.FamilySearch.org
- www.USGenWeb.org



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132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250;
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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