

A genealogical profile of John Brown

Birth: John Brown was baptized in Dorking, Surrey on June 29, 1600.

Death: He died before June 5, 1684, when his will was probated.

Ship: Unknown, 1632

Life in England: John Brown has been tentatively identified as John, son of William Brown, baptized in Dorking, Surrey on June 29, 1600.

Life in New England: John Brown was the brother of *Mayflower* passenger, Peter Brown. For several years before her marriage, he was the guardian of his brother's daughter, Priscilla. He was a weaver in Duxbury, and may have learned the trade in England. He has often been confused with another John Brown who arrived in the colony about 1635.

Family: John Brown married Phebe Harding on March 26, 1634. She was still alive at the writing of his will on April 15, 1672.

Child of John and Phoebe Brown:

- Remember was born about 1648 in Duxbury. She married Josiah Wormald about 1668 and had at least six, and possibly eight, children. He died in Duxbury after 1685.

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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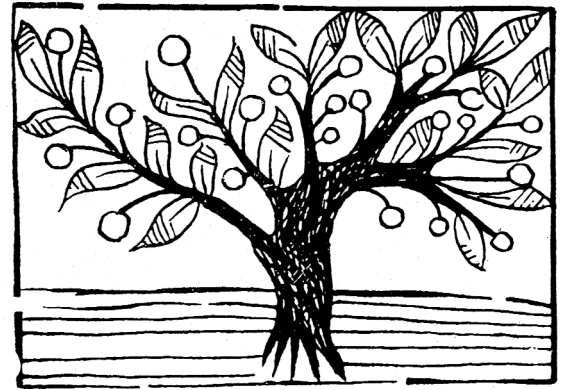
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- www.CyndisList.com
- www.FamilySearch.org
- www.USGenWeb.org



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4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; 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

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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