

Mayflower Reading List

Written by passengers on the *Mayflower*

Bradford, W., & Johnson, C. H. (2006). *Of Plymouth Plantation: Along with the full text of the Pilgrims' journals for their first year at Plymouth*. Philadelphia: Xlibris. Also contains a copy of *Mourt's Relation*, the 1623 division of land, and the 1627 division of cattle. This work represents a collection of all the primary documentation of the early Plymouth Colony. ISBN: 1-4257-0576-6.

Bradford, William. (2012) *Governor William Bradford's Letter Book* reprinted from the Mayflower Descendant. Reprint of work originally published in 1906. Forgotten Books, London

Wisecup, Kelly, ed. (2014). *Good News From New England by Edward Winslow. A scholarly Edition*. Winslow's 1624 work recounts the experiences of the colonists with the aim of recruiting more to make the journey to Plymouth. ISBN: 978-1-62534-083-2

Written by associates of passengers on the *Mayflower*

James, Sydney, ed., (1963). *Three Visitors to Early Plymouth*. Applewood Books, Bedford, MA. A collection of letters written to persons back in England or Holland by individuals passing through Plymouth for various reasons between 1622 and 1628. ISBN 1-55709-463-2.

Morton, Nathaniel (1669). *The New England's Memorial*. Applewood Books, Bedford, MA. A history of the Plymouth Colony written by William Bradford's nephew. Until Bradford's Journal was found in 1856, this was considered the most accurate history of the colony. ISBN: 978-1-4290-1852-4.

Pratt, Phineas. (1667). *Declaration of the Affairs of the English People that First Inhabited New England*. Manuscript of the 1662 court testimony by Phineas Pratt. Pratt arrived in Plymouth in 1622. Available on the internet.

Recommended General Reading

Allan, Sue (2016). *William Brewster. The Making of a Pilgrim*. domtom Publishing Ltd, West Sussex, UK. A study of the early life of William Brewster at Scrooby. Sue Allan was Historian at Scrooby Manor. ISBN: 978-1-906070-54-0

Caldwell, Bill (1981). *Islands of Maine, Where American Really Began, 2nd ed*. Gannett Books, Portland, ME. America began in Maine, and this fascinating, fact-filled story, set in the islands off the coast of Maine, tell the story of those early years of fishing boats from Europe, of the Natives, and then the settlers. ISBN #0-930096-17-7

Deetz, James and Deetz Patricia Scott (2000). *The Times of their Lives. Life, Love, and Death in the Plymouth Colony*. Anchor Books, New York. This book gives us a unique perspective of life in the Plymouth colony through court transcripts, wills, probate records, firsthand accounts, and archaeological finds. Written by an archaeologist and cultural historian. ISBN 978-0-385-72153-0.

Johnson, C. H. (2006). *The Mayflower and Her Passengers*. Xlibris, Philadelphia, PA. Biographies of all the Mayflower passengers. Also contains the 1623 division of land, and the 1627 division of cattle. ISBN: 1-59926-399-8.

Johnson, C. H. (2007). *Here shall I die ashore: Stephen Hopkins: Bermuda castaway, Jamestown survivor, and Mayflower Pilgrim*. Xlibris, Philadelphia. Covers Hopkins' involvement with Jamestown as well as Plymouth colony. ISBN: 978-1-4257-9633-4

Philbrick, N. (2006). *Mayflower: A story of courage, community, and war*. Penguin Books, New York. This book is a must read for all Mayflower Descendants. This is the version for adult readers. There is another version for young adults. ISBN: 978-0-14-311197-9

Prince, Thomas. (2012). *A Chronological History of New-England in the Form of Annals*. Reprint of work originally published in 1736. Forgotten Books, London. New England's early history, written chronologically close to the period. This is a document source, not a theoretical work. Most readers will probably find it a bit on the dry side.

Quinn, David Beers. (1974). *England and the Discovery of America 1481 – 1620*. Alfred A Knopf, New York. From the Bristol voyages of the fifteenth century to the Pilgrim settlement at Plymouth: the exploration, exploitation, trail-and-error colonization of North America by the English. ISBN 0-394-46673-X.

Silverman, David J., (2019). *This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving*. Bloomsbury Publishing, New York, NY. The story of alliances forged in a complex tribal world and a rethinking of the national origin myth of Thanksgiving. ISBN 9781632869265.