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A FRESH LOOK AT THE PARENTAGE OF MAYFLOWER PASSENGER JOAN (HURST) (ROGERS) TILLEY

With Her Mother's Identity and Family of Origin

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Since this journal's 1976 publication of Robert Leigh Ward's article that identified, using F. G. Emmison's published *Bedfordshire Parish Registers*, the English ancestry of several *Mayflower* passengers, it has been widely accepted that one of them, Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley, widow of Thomas Rogers and wife of John Tilley, was the daughter of William and Rose (—) Hurst of Henlow, Bedfordshire. This conclusion has been accepted despite a potentially conflicting paragraph appended to the Ward piece's Hurst section and the expansion upon that passage in 1998 by Carl Boyer, who made explicit what Ward had barely hinted: The matter of Joan Hurst's parentage was not fully resolved. The present article settles this largely unnoticed issue and provides additional information about Hurst's parents and maternal relatives.

Letting a list of Henlow parish records speak for him, Ward did not supply a rationale for constructing the Hurst family of Henlow with William and Rose Hurst as Joan Tilley's parents, nor has anyone since.³ He concluded his account of the Henlow Hursts by labeling as "still unknown" their relationship to a contemporary William Hurst of the neighboring parish of Langford, who also had a daughter Joan.⁴ Boyer took this as his point of departure and observed that statements in

¹ Robert Leigh Ward, "English Ancestry of Seven Mayflower Passengers: Tilley, Sampson and Cooper," TAG 52(1976):198–208, at 204; see also Caleb H. Johnson, "The Manorial Records of Henlow Grey: New Information on the Tilleys, Coopers, and Hursts," *The Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):125–34, at 128.

² Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205; Carl Boyer 3rd, Ancestral Lines: 206 Families in England, Wales, the Netherlands, Germany, New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, 3rd ed. (Santa Clarita, Calif., 1998), 328–30 (hereafter cited as Boyer, Ancestral Lines).

³ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205.

the two Williams' respective will transcriptions⁵ and the failure to find another adult William Hurst in the Henlow vicinity appeared to indicate that the name-sake son of William Hurst of Langford was the godson of William Hurst of Henlow.⁶ Boyer further offered that the former man's date of marriage (below) was sufficiently close to the latter's (presumably estimated from his children's vital-event data) as to suggest that the two were cousins.

Boyer noted the marriage in the parish of Arlesey (bordering on Henlow and Langford) on 9 February 1567[/8] of William Hurst and Jone Hemmynge, "daughter of Richard Hemmynge" [sic: Edmund Hemynges]. The will of Willyam Hurst of Langford, dated and proved in 1589, identifies both his wife and eldest daughter as Joane and his eldest son as William; the first to sign as a witness was Willyam Hemminge, probably the widow's brother. This Hurst family's proximity to Henlow and apparent kinship with the Hursts there led Boyer to repeat another researcher's statement (in a 1988 letter) that the available evidence did not permit a conclusion as to which Joan Hurst had married Thomas Rogers. The question has lingered since: Was it perhaps the Langford couple's daughter Joan, rather than William and Rose Hurst's daughter of that name, who married first Rogers and then John Tilley?

Precluding the possibility of a direct answer is that extant Langford parish records and bishops' transcripts do not begin until 1602 and 1603, respectively. But comparing the registered copy of the will of William Hurste of Henlow with the Boyer volume's transcription of it reveals four significant errors in the latter. ¹⁰ The second of these (as ordered below) bears upon the question above. First, in introducing the transcription, Boyer gives the will's probate date as 20 January 1571/2

⁵ Apparently forwarded to Boyer by a correspondent in 1988, the transcriptions had been made by a third party earlier that year at the Bedford Record Office.

⁶ Boyer, Ancestral Lines, 328.

⁷ Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 328; Arlesey, Bedford, Parish Register, 1538–1693 ("awoman [sic] child of Edmund Hemynges called Jone was baptized the 4 of Marche 1542[/3]") [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #826,449].

⁸ Registered wills, Archdeaconry of Bedford [22:73], Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service, ABP/R22/73 [photocopy]; Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 329–30 [transcription]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205 (abstract). Boyer asserts that, since Joan Hurst and Thomas Rogers did not marry until 1593, widow Joan (Hemmynge) Hurst of Langford constitutes a third possibility as Rogers's wife. This is highly unlikely: While Rogers's baptismal date is unknown, John Tilley was baptized on 12 or 19 Dec. 1571, almost four years after the Hurst–Hemmynge marriage (TAG 52[1976]:203 says 19 Dec., but in the original record (Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]), the second digit could just as easily, if not more so, be a 2 as a 9).

⁹ Arlesey parish register, 1538–1693, "A man Child of Edmund Hemynge Called William Was baptized the 17th daye of June 1540" [FHL film #826,449].

¹⁰ Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC] 27 Holney, The National Archives [TNA] PROB 11/53 (digital copy <www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline>; downloaded Dec. 2009).

(presumably as provided by the transcriber). The original, Latin wording of the record's probate section, however, expresses the date as *vltimo Die mens[i]s Junii Anno Domini mill[es]imo Quingentesimo Septuagesimo primo*: the last day of June 1571. Since the will was written on 3 June 1570, the corrected probate date reduces from about nineteen and a half months to thirteen the period within which the Henlow man's death can be estimated to have occurred.¹¹

Second, testator Hurst's godson was not William Hurst (as transcribed) but William Huls. While this does not resolve outright the issue of Joan Tilley's parentage, it does nullify Boyer's inference of a close connection between the Langford and Henlow Hurst families. This, in turn, weakens the possibility that the Henlow Hursts might have facilitated an acquaintance between the Langford Hursts and the Tilleys, a longtime Henlow family.

Third and fourth, the names of the will's first two witnesses, transcribed as John [Marthe?] and Arth[ure?] Corkett, are actually written as John Marshe and Arthure Cockett. Marshe, a yeoman of Chipping Barnet (about twenty-five miles south of Henlow) in Hertfordshire, and Cockett, a gentleman of the neighboring parish of South Mimms, Middlesex, were among the original governors of the Barnet grammar school, beginning in 1573; Cockett married Elizabeth, daughter of — Marsh of [Chipping] Barnet. Henlow manorial records dated in 1587 indicate that Henry Hurst "the elder" (probably William's father or brother) had in 1585 surrendered copyhold lands to the use of Arthur Cockett and John Marshe. It is therefore significant that among the earliest Barnet marriage records is that, dated 15 June 1560, of William Hurst and Rose Marshe. It

On 13 June, 7 Edw. VI [1553], "John Marshe senior and Joan his wife and John Marshe junior" of Chipping Barnet purchased two messuages there with

¹¹ Ward had dated Hurst's death as "before 1571" ("English Ancestry," TAG 52[1976]:204).

¹² Will of John Marshe, yeoman, PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117, witnessed by Arthur Cockett's son Owen [digital copy]; Frederick Charles Cass, South Mimms (Westminster [London], 1877), 35 (hereafter cited as Cass, South Mimms); Cass, "Queen Elizabeth's School at Chipping Barnet, A.D. 1573–1665," Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society 5(1881):1–91, at 26, 48, 65; Johnson, "Manorial Records," Mayflower Quarterly 76(2010):130; W. P. W. Phillimore, ed., The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569..., Harleian Soc. Pubs. 27(London, 1888):39 (hereafter cited as Phillimore, Visitation of Worcestershire). Chipping Barnet is now part of Greater London, and South Mimms is in Hertfordshire.

¹³ Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):129–30, 133; Johnson, "Re: Henlow Grey Manorial Records," e-mail to the author, 10 Feb. 2011, with translations from the original Latin, citing Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service, L26/698.

¹⁴ [Chipping] Barnet, Hertford, Parish Register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2 (negative), more legible than #991,347, item 11 (positive); baptisms begin 1603, burials 1592]; Marriages (1538–1922), Hertfordshire Names Online <www.hertsdirect.org/ufs/ufsmain?formid =HALS INDEXES> (accessed Jan. 2011; first name-search attempt often fails).

garden and orchard.¹⁵ And there on 3 November 1561, Joan Marshe married Roger Marshe (relationship to John Marshes unknown).¹⁶ Their grantor deed of lands at East Barnet, dated 28 February 1561/2, describes Joan as the wife of Roger Marshe and executrix of the will of John Marshe of Chipping Barnet.¹⁷

John Marshe's will was dated 2 December, 1 Eliz. [1558], and proved on 15 February 1558[/9] upon the oath of *Johanne Rel[i]c[t]e et executrics*. The will first states his surname as *Marche* and is therefore catalogued under that spelling; *Marshe*, however, predominates in the document thereafter. It mentions wife Jone (executrix); children *John* Marche (under 24), *Rose* Marshe, Margarett Marshe, *Elizabeth* [*surname omitted*], and Jone Marshe (all unmarried) [emphases added]; brothers William Marshe, Richard Marshe/Marche (overseer), and Allyn [*surname omitted*]; "ev[er]y one of my servannts dwellinge w[i]t[h] me at the daye of my deathe"; brother Richard's children John, Robert, Margarett, and Jane; Agnes Norrys, daughter to Valentyne Norrys; Christopher Browke; John Shadle; witnesses were Valentyne Norrys, Richard Marche, William Rolfe, Christopher Browke, and others unnamed.

While Marshe's will fails to state his occupation or social position, his bequests (and multiple servants) indicate a man of substance. He bestowed houses and lands in the parish of Hendon (nearby, in Middlesex); the house in which his brother William then dwelt; "pett feldes" [i.e., peat fields]; a parcel of land and appurtenances called Myllys Crofte; and "my house that I dwell in w[i]t[h] the landes therto belonginge and all my Freholde lands and houses w[ith]in the lordship of Barnett." Specified monetary legacies totaled over £90, and bequests of other personal estate included ten cows (total); a "salte of silver and gilte w[i]t[h] the cov[er]inge belonging to ytt"; a "greate brasse panne whiche my father gave me"; twelve silver spoons, of which "six of my beste . . . [have] maydes heads gilted in the endes"; a silver goblet; a mazer; two coats (with the implication of others); a jacket "bounde about" with lace; two gowns; a camlet [goat's hair and silk] jacket; and a satin doublet. From the will's reference to "all maner of

¹⁵ Frederick Charles Cass, *East Barnet* (Westminster, 1885), 22: *duo mesuagia cum gardino pomario &c.*

¹⁶ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online.

¹⁷ Artificial Collection of Title Deeds and Estate Papers . . . of Several Hertfordshire Manors . . . , Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, DE/Z120/43591 (abstract https://www.national.org/

¹⁸ PCC 38 Well[e]s, TNA PROB 11/42A [digital copy].

¹⁹ The Oxford English Dictionary [OED] describes a mazer as a "bowl, drinking-cup, or goblet without a foot, . . . often richly carved or ornamented and mounted with silver and gold or other metal."

The will of John Tilley's paternal grandmother, Agnes Tille [sic], discloses an important link between the Tilleys and Hursts of Henlow. Written and proved in mid-1582, the will names yeoman John Rushe to supervise its execution.²⁷ Rushe, who had married widow Rose Hurst at Henlow on 4 February 1571[/2],²⁸ was simultaneously stepfather of Rose's daughter Joan Hurst and "trustie freind" of a woman whose grandson would marry Joan (Hurst) Rogers.

Caleb Johnson recently discovered Henlow Grey manorial records indicating a "close association" between Henry Hurst of Henlow, whom Johnson deemed William Hurst's probable father, and William Tilley, John Tilley's grandfather.²⁹ The two men served together as jurors at several manorial court sessions beginning in 1547 and continuing through the 1550s. Johnson did not mention the Hursts of Langford and simply repeated Ward's assertion that Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley was the daughter of William and Rose Hurst. That this is now virtually certain assures that Johnson's findings and the new data presented herein concerning Joan Tilley's family history are valid contributions to *Mayflower* genealogy.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY: MARSHE

JOHN^B MARSHE, a prosperous yeoman and brewer of Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire, died a resident of that parish between 2 December 1558 (will) and 15 February 1558[/9] (probate). His widow and the mother of his children was JOAN—, whom he married in the mid-1530s.³⁰ She married next, in Chipping Barnet on 3 November 1561, Roger Marshe.

Arch. Soc. Trans., 5:48, 65; PCC 38 Well[e]s, TNA PROB 11/42A [digital copy]). It has been said that the reference to "Elizabeth nowe my wife" in the will of Robert Tilley (John Tilley's father) suggests that she was not the mother of his children (Johnson, "Manorial Records," Mayflower Quarterly 76(2010):126; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):201 [will transcr.]). The word now, however, was not meant to indicate that a man had been married previously but "to limit the inheritance rights of any future wife in case the 'now wife' should die and he should remarry" (Val D. Greenwood, The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 3rd ed. [Baltimore, 2000], 39).

²⁷ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):200–201.

²⁸ Henlow Parish Registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

²⁹ Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):128–31; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):200, 201, 202–3.

³⁰ "Feet of Fines for Hertfordshire: Tudor Period," *The Herts Genealogist and Antiquary* 1(1895):310, "1561. Mich[aelmas] Term. 3 and 4 Eliz. . . . Joan Marshe widow and John Marshe son of said Joan: Valentine Norrys and Joan his wife; Lands at Chepynge Barnett."

Brwenge vessels withall the kilderkyns [i.e., casks] and all other ymplements belonging to the brewhouse," it is apparent that Marshe was a brewer.²⁰

The woman identified in the will of William Hurst of Henlow as "Rose my wief" was unquestionably the aforementioned Rose Marshe, 21 daughter of John Marshe of Chipping Barnet, probably with his widow, Joan. 22 The will's witnesses John Marshe and Arthur Cockett were Rose's respective brother and brother-in-law (her sister Elizabeth's husband). 23 This information, however, is irrelevant to the ancestry of *Mayflower* passenger Joan Tilley without confirmation that William and Rose Hurst were indeed her parents, as Ward presented them.

Evidence that the Langford and Henlow Hursts were on intimate terms having proved false, all that remains to recommend the Langford couple as Joan Tilley's parents are a daughter's name, compatible chronology, and rough proximity. The evidence favoring the Henlow Hursts, by contrast, is comparable as to name and chronology; superior with respect to proximity (Joan Hurst and Thomas Rogers married at Henlow, as did widow Joan Rogers and John Tilley); and extends well beyond these categories. Though seemingly equivocal at first, onomastic evidence points to the Henlow couple as Joan Tilley's parents. John and Joan Tilley gave their first two daughters (baptized in 1597 and 1601/2, respectively) the same name as that of William Hurst's wife, Rose.²⁴ But this was also the name of one of John Tilley's sisters (baptized in 1574, living in 1612).²⁵ These two facts are not of equal weight, however. That the name *Rose* heads the Tilley daughters' birth order is far more likely to have been in honor of an immediate family member (the girls' maternal grandmother) than a collateral relative (particularly one younger than their father and still living, as was the girls' paternal aunt).²⁶

²⁰ In John Marshe's deed of Barnet lands to Edward Taylor, Esq., dated 22 Dec., 1 Eliz. [1558], the grantor is described as "Brewer of [Ch]ipping Barnet" (Percy M. Thornton, *Harrow School and its Surroundings* [London, 1885], 398–99).

²¹ Many online family trees and database submissions give Rose's maiden name as *Marshe*, along with the marriage date presented here. Most, however, mistakenly put the marriage at Henlow, and all lack corroboration.

²² Augmenting the evidence above is that William Hurst of Henlow had a son John and a daughter Joan (Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204).

²³ Among the witnesses of the will of John Tilley's great-great-grandfather Henry Tilly [*sic*], dated in 1520, was William March (Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):199); the significance of this is undetermined.

²⁴ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):198, 203. The only known records of the two Rose Tilleys are of their respective baptisms.

²⁵ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):198, 201–2, 203.

²⁶ Similarly, the Tilleys' naming their only other daughter *Elizabeth* (eventual *Mayflower* passenger and wife of John Howland) was more likely in recognition of John Tilley's mother than of Rose (Marshe) Hurst's sister Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Cockett (see Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):201, 203; Cass, "Queen Elizabeth's School," *London and Middlesex*

Children of John^B Marshe (as named in his will), all probably with wife Joan (—):

- i JOHN^A MARSHE, b. after 1534 (under 24 on 2 Dec. 1558), d. Chipping Barnet, between 8 June 1610 (will) and 11 Feb. 1610[/1] (probate);³¹ m. Hitchin (six miles south of Henlow), Herts., 17 April 1570, KATHERIN(E) ANDREW.³²
- ii ROSE MARSHE, b. say 1538 or later (last recorded child bp. 1582), bur. Henlow, Beds., 23 July 1601;³³ m. (1) Chipping Barnet, 15 June 1560, WILLIAM HURST [see below]; m. (2) Henlow, 4 Feb. 1671[/2], JOHN RUSHE.
- iii MARGARET MARSHE, m. Chipping Barnet, 27 Oct. 1565, EDWARD CRAWLEY. 34
- iv ELIZABETH MARSHE, bur. South Mimms, Middx., 12 Jan. 1604[/5?];³⁵ m. probably Chipping Barnet, ca. 1559, ARTHUR COCKETT, gent., son of Anthony Cockett (*Edward, Esq.*) and his wife, Margaret Hopton (*Sir Arthur Hopton, Knt.*).³⁶ Elizabeth was unmarried on 2 Dec. 1558; while her sisters' marriages (except Rose's 2nd) are recorded in the Barnet parish register, which begins in 1560, Elizabeth's is not.
- V JOAN MARSHE. It was probably she (rather than her mother) who married in Chipping Barnet, 24 June 1576, MICHAEL UNDERWOOD.³⁷ The unnamed wife of Michael Underwood was bur. 8 May 1600.³⁸

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY: HURST

WILLIAM^A HURST was born, say, in the mid-1530s and died a resident of the parish of Henlow, Bedfordshire, between 3 June 1570 (will) and 30 June 1571 (probate). His father was probably Henry^B Hurst, a landed yeoman who first appears in the manorial records of Henlow Grey in 1535.³⁹ William's mother was perhaps Agnes, who (as Agnes Hurst) was buried at Henlow on 17 November 1569.⁴⁰ William married in the parish of Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire, on 15 June 1560, ROSE

³¹ PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117.

³² PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117, wife Katherine; Hitchin parish register, 1562–1665 [FHL film #991,383, item 7]; *Marriages* (1538–1922), Hertfordshire Names Online.

³³ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204. Nicholas, son of John Rushe, was bp. Henlow, 12 Nov. 1582; Robert Rushe, perhaps an unrecorded son of John's, married and died there in 1609.

³⁴ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online.

³⁵ Cass, *South Mimms*, 35, 113; Cass, "Queen Elizabeth's School," *Transactions*, 5:48. South Mimms burial records have not been published; if they are available on film, it is only at London Metropolitan Archives, which holds the original parish registers.

³⁶ Phillimore, *Visitation of Worcestershire*, 39; Cass, *South Mimms*, 35, 113; Cass, "Queen Elizabeth's School," *Transactions*, 5:48.

³⁷ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 3 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online. The first bequest in the will of William Hurst of Henlow is of £5 to Agnes Underwood (PCC 27 Holney, TNA, PROB 11/53 [digital copy]; Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 328).

³⁸ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 20 [FHL film #993,728, item 2].

³⁹ Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(1976):128–29.

⁴⁰ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

MARSHE, daughter of John Marshe with probably Joan —, his only known wife. Rose also had several children with John Rushe, her second husband.⁴¹

Children of William^A and Rose (Marshe) Hurst; all precisely dated vital events occurred at Henlow: 42

- i HENRY HURST, bp. 10 June 1561, bur. 26 July 1608; unmarried.
- ii JOHN HURST, bp. 8 May 1563, bur. 31 Oct. 1565. 43
- iii AGNES HURST, bp. 17 Aug. 1565; m. 26 Jan. 1588[/9], WILLIAM ALBONE.
- iv Joan¹ Hurst, bp. 13 March 1567[/8], d. Plymouth, Mass., late 1620 or early 1621;⁴⁴ m. (1) 18 June 1593, Thomas Rogers; m. (2) 20 Sept. 1596, John¹ TILLEY.

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85:3, 7 [January 2011; pub. November 2011]: Thanks to a tip from TAG reader Hal Bradley, the author has determined that Arthur Cockett, gentleman, and Elizabeth Marshe married at St. Michael Bassishaw, London, on 25 August 1569 (Arthur William Hughes-Clarke, transcr., ed., *The Registers of St. Mary Magdalen, Milk Street, 1558–1666, and St. Michael Bassishaw, London, 1538–1625*, Publications of the Harleian Society, Registers, vol. 72 [London, 1942], 113, online at https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2118405).

⁴¹ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴² Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴³ Using Emmison's transcription of the Henlow parish register, Ward listed John (bur. 31 Oct. 1565) as the Henlow Hursts' first child and Joan (bp. 8 May 1563, d. soon) as their third, the first of two daughters so named ("English Ancestry," TAG 52[1976]:204). The name in the original 1563 record of bp., however, is not *Joan* but *John* (Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]). Immediately above this entry is the baptismal record of Joane, daughter of Richard [Hemminge].

⁴⁴ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony*, 1620–1633 (Boston, 2004), 462.

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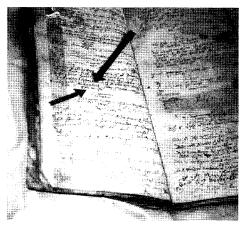
It is my privilege to join the Pilgrim John Howland Society on its Board of Directors. I have been a volunteer on the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* for the past few years and hope to use my experiences working for museums and non-profits to help the society continue the important work of preserving and presenting the story of the Howland family.

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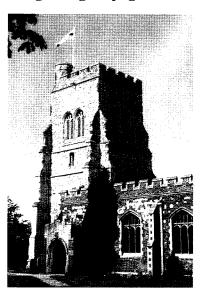


career working to improve the state of and access to material culture with such organizations as the Alden Kindred of America, Inc., The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and currently at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

We are grateful to share Eugene Zubrinsky's research on our Tilley ancestors in the article beginning on page 11.



Above: The August 30, 1607 baptismal record for Elizabeth Tilley at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Henlow (pictured at right). Photos by Gail Adams and Jackie Painter.



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