

ISAAC ALLERTON OF THE *MAYFLOWER*

Among those on board the ship *Mayflower* when it finally arrived in New England in November 1620 was Isaac Allerton.

Isaac was born about 1586. He married Mary Norris November 4, 1611 while living in Leyden, Holland. Mary died during the first winter in Plymouth on 25 February 1620/1. Of Isaac Allerton and his first wife, William Bradford recorded: "Mr. Allerton's wife died with the first...." In fact, Mary was among the nearly half of the *Mayflower's* passengers who perished that first winter. Indeed, Mary was one of the "first" to perish in the New World.

Following Mary's death, Allerton married Fear Brewster, the daughter of William and Mary Brewster. Fear died before 12 December 1634. He then married Joanna Swinnerton.

Isaac was chosen Assistant Governor (to Governor William Bradford) in 1621 and held that position for several years. In 1625, Governor Bradford appointed Isaac as the agent to London for Plymouth Colony. Allerton was accused of abuse regarding colony expenditures, censured by the colony government, and eventually ousted. Isaac started a fishing fleet in Salem, Massachusetts, later moving to New Amsterdam in New York. Isaac Allerton died in New Haven, now Connecticut, where he was called a merchant, in February, 1659.

Children of Isaac and Mary (Norris) Allerton:

1. Bartholomew
2. Remember
3. Mary
4. Child (died in Leiden in 1620)
5. Son (died at birth in Plymouth Harbor)

Children of Isaac and Fear (Brewster) Allerton:

1. Sarah
2. Isaac

Which child of Pilgrim Isaac Allerton
is your *Mayflower* ancestor?

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