

EDWARD DOTY OF THE *MAYFLOWER*

Among those on board the ship *Mayflower* when it finally arrived in New England in November, 1620 was Pilgrim Edward Doty.

Edward was from London, England, birth unknown. He had a first wife but she has not been identified. They had no children.

Edward was hired as a servant to Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins but later, he owned his own land. He didn't know how to write so he signed his land deeds by a "mark". He was one of the 10 men who explored the area searching for a suitable location to settle and experienced the settlers' first Indian attack.

Edward was one of the *Mayflower* passengers that has left an extensive record of his personality. He was a belligerent young man – always ready to pick a fight or start an argument. In 1621, he fought a duel, the first one in Plymouth Colony, against another servant, Edward Leister, with swords and daggers. Both were sentenced to have their heads and feet tied together for 24 hours without meat or drink, but they were released in only 1 hour due to their injuries, their masters' requests, and their promises to behave. Edward was frequently in the Plymouth Court over the next 20 years both as a defendant and as a plaintiff in both civil and criminal cases. He was often accused of trespassing, slandering, fighting, being in debt, and breaking the peace.

He married a second wife named Fayth (Faith) Clark on 6 January 1635. Edward died 23 August 1665. Fayth then married John Philips of Marshfield and died December 21, 1975.

Children of Edward and Fayth (Clark) Doty:

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| 1. Edward | 6. Elizabeth |
| 2. John | 7. Isaac |
| 3. Thomas | 8. Joseph |
| 4. Samuel | 9. Mary |
| 5. Desire | |

Which child of Pilgrim Edward Doty
is your Mayflower ancestor?

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