

## EDWARD FULLER OF THE *MAYFLOWER*

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

Edward was baptized in the Parish of Redenhall, Norfolkshire, England on 4 September 1575. He married, but his wife's name is unknown. They both died in the first unidentified epidemic at Plymouth leaving their second child as an orphan. Plymouth Colony governor William Bradford's 1651 recollection of this family reads: "Edward Fuller and his wife dyed soon after they came ashore; but their sone Samuell is living, and married, and hath \*4\* children or more."<sup>1</sup> After the deaths of Edward Fuller and his wife, their son Samuel, then about age twelve, was taken into the household of his uncle, Dr. Samuel Edward Fuller and his wife died, according to Bradford, sometime after the Plymouth settlement was established, likely between January 11, 1621 and March but the exact date was not recorded. They were buried in the Coles Hill Burial Ground in Plymouth, possibly in unmarked graves, as were so many who died that winter. They are memorialized on the Pilgrim Memorial Tomb on Coles Hill, as "Edward Fuller and his wife." The Fullers' first son Matthew came to Plymouth Colony almost twenty years after his parents and brother Samuel, arriving before October 26, 1640.

Children of Edward and \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) Fuller:

1. Matthew
2. Samuel

Which child of Pilgrim Edward Fuller  
is your Mayflower ancestor?

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