

RICHARD MORE OF THE *MAYFLOWER*

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

In England, and prior to the *Mayflower's* departure, Richard's parents, Samuel and Katherine More, had had a bitter divorce. Samuel More did not believe the children were his offspring and sent all four of them to the New World on the *Mayflower* in the care of others. Richard traveled with his sister Elinor, born in 1612, who was sent under the care of Edward Winslow; his brother Jasper, born in 1613, who was cared for by John Carver; and his sister Mary, born in 1616, who was assigned to William Brewster. Richard, born in 1614 and baptized in Shipton, Shropshire, England on 13 November 1614, was also assigned to Brewster. Of the four More children, Richard was the only one to have survived that first winter.

He married Christian (Hunter) on 20 October 1636 at Plymouth. Christian was born in 1615 and died in 1675. He married secondly to Jane Crumpton by 1678. She died on 5/8 October 1686.

Richard thrived in the New World and went on to live a very full life. He became a well-known sea captain of the ship *Friendship* in Salem. And as such, he helped deliver supplies to various colonies which were vital to their survival, travelled over Atlantic and West Indies trade routes and fought in various early naval sea battles. In his fifty years as a mariner, Richard never lost a vessel, nor had any sailor brought charges against him. He applied for a permit and set up his own fishing stand. Since drinking water was scarce, Richard dug a well on common ground for himself and others to use. He later became a tavern keeper. Richard More died Between 19 March 1693/94 and 20 April 1696 and is buried in Salem.

Children of Richard and Christian (Hunter) More:

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| 1. Samuel | 5. Richard |
| 2. Thomas | 6. Susanna |
| 3. Caleb | 7. Christian |
| 4. Joshua | |

Which child of Pilgrim Richard More is your *Mayflower* ancestor?

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