

CAPTAIN MYLES STANDISH OF THE *MAYFLOWER*

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

Myles was born about 1593. He married Rose (----). He married a second time to Barbara (----) by 1624.

Myles was known as Captain Shrimp as he was a short man. He had red hair and his face turned red when he lost his temper, which was often. He did not join the Plymouth church, yet he held the responsible position of military leadership, served many years as an Assistant and five years as Colony treasurer. He was also known as the best linguist in the colony with the Indians.

A razor and sword that were owned by Captain Myles Standish are on display at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. A 14 foot statue of him tops the 116 foot tower on Captain's Hill in Duxbury on land once owned by him. He died in his home in Duxbury 3 October 1656 at age 72. He was buried in Duxbury, Massachusetts' Old Burying Ground, now known as the Myles Standish Cemetery.

Children of Myles and Barbara (----) Standish:

1. Charles
2. Alexander
3. John
4. Miles
5. Lora
6. Josias

**Which child of Pilgrim Myles Standish
is your Mayflower ancestor?**

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