

MAYFLOWER FAMILIES
Through Five Generations

DESCENDANTS OF THE PILGRIMS
WHO LANDED AT PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS,
IN DECEMBER 1620

VOLUME TWENTY-THREE
PART ONE

FAMILY OF
John Howland

The First Four Generations of his Children
Lydia, Hannah, Joseph, Jabez, Ruth, and Isaac

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FIRST GENERATION

1 **JOHN¹ HOWLAND** was born at Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, England, and died at Plymouth 23 February 1672/3 above eighty years. He was the son of Henry and Margaret (____) Howland.

He married at Plymouth before 25 March 1624 **ELIZABETH TILLEY**, who was baptized at Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, 30 August 1607 and died at Swansea 22 December 1687 aged eighty, daughter of John and Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley.

Governor Bradford's account of the voyage of the *Mayflower* mentions several storms "And in one of them, as they lay at holl in a mighty storm, a lusty young man called John Howland, coming upon some occasion above the gratings was, with a seele of the ship, thrown into sea, but it pleased God that he caught hold of the topsail halyards which hung overboard and ran out at length. Yet he held his hold (though he was sundry fathoms under water) till he was hauled up by the same rope to the brim of the water, and then with a boat hook and other means got into the ship again and his life saved. And though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after and became a profitable member both in church and commonwealth."

The fourth marriage in Plymouth Colony was the marriage of Governor Bradford on 14 August 1623. The first 3 marriages were surely Edward Winslow, Francis Eaton, and John Alden; therefore, John Howland married after that date and before the 1623 Division of Land.

In the 1627 Division of Cattle John Howland, wife Elizabeth, and children John and Desire, received shares.

John Howland was elected Plymouth Colony Assistant 1 January 1631/2, 1 January 1733/4, and 1 January 1634/5.

In April 1634 John Howland was in charge of the Plymouth Colony trading post at Kennebec [now in Maine] at the time of the Hocking incident. This is apparently the only known record of John Howland in Maine. It is unlikely that his family ever lived in Maine or that any of his children were born in Maine as had been suggested. (See *MD* 42:15-6)

The will of John Howland Sr. of New Plymouth dated 29 May 1672, proved 6 March 1672/3, names his wife Elizabeth; eldest son John Howland; sons Jabez and Isaac Howland; daughters Desire Gorum, Hope

Chipman, Elizabeth Dickenson, Lydia Brown, Hannah Bosworth, and Ruth Cushman; and grandchild Elizabeth Howland, daughter of son John Howland.

The will of Elizabeth Howland of Swanzey "being seventy nine years of age" dated 17 December 1686, proved 10 January 1687/8, names eldest son John Howland, son Joseph Howland, son Isaac Howland, son-in-law Mr. James Browne, daughter Lidia Browne, daughter Elizabeth Dickenson, daughter Hannah Bosworth, granddaughter Elizabeth Bursley, grandson Nathaniel Howland (son of Joseph), grandson James Browne, grandson Jabez Browne, granddaughter Dorothy Browne, and granddaughter Desire Cushman.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, b. Plymouth:

- i DESIRE² HOWLAND b. 1624 or 1625. She m. JOHN GORHAM. (see HOWLAND Vol. I).
- ii JOHN HOWLAND b. 24 April 1627. He m. Plymouth 26 Oct. 1651 MARY LEE. (see HOWLAND Vol. II).
- iii HOPE HOWLAND b. 30 Aug. 1629.* She m. JOHN CHIPMAN.
- iv ELIZABETH HOWLAND She m. (1) Plymouth 13 Sept. 1649 EPHRAIM HICKS (no children). She m. (2) Plymouth 10 July 1651 JOHN DICKINSON.
- v LYDIA HOWLAND.
- vi HANNAH HOWLAND.
- vii JOSEPH HOWLAND b. ca. 1640.
- viii JABEZ HOWLAND b. ca. 1644 (deposition).
- ix RUTH HOWLAND b. ca. 1646.
- x ISAAC HOWLAND b. ca. 1649.

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*A primary source for the birth date of Hope has not been found.

References: MD 2:70-7(John's will); 3:54-7(Elizabeth's will); 42:15-6(in Maine). PNE&Q 3:68(Jabez deposition). Swansea FR p. 23(m. Hannah), 27(d. Elizabeth). TAG 52:198-208; 60:171-3(Tilley fam.). Sewall Diary (b. son John). Great Migration Begins 2:1020-4. Bristol Co PR 1:13-4(Elizabeth's will). Plymouth Col Recs 1:5, 21, 32(Assistant); 8:8(1st m. Elizabeth), 13(m. John, 2nd m. Elizabeth), 34 (d. John); 12:4(1623 div.), 10(1627 div.). Bradford's Hist (1952) p. 59.

SECOND GENERATION

2. LYDIA² HOWLAND (*John's*) who died after 11 January 1711.

She married about 1654 JAMES BROWN, who was probably born in England about 1623 and died at Swansea 29 September 1710 aged 87, son of John and Dorothy (____) Brown.

James was one of the original members of the Swansea Church, but later helped organize the Baptist Church in Swansea, the first Baptist Church in Massachusetts. He was very active as the records of the Swansea Baptist Church show:

20th of 11th mo 66

Abigail Carpenter widdow proposed for comunion.

It is ordered that in regard she hath been [*illegible*] about 14 years ago by the church in this town that bro: Tanner and bro: kingsley bro Brown and bro Butterworth goe by 2 and 2 to every member of that church to enquire what is objected against her reception.

21 of 12th mo 66

It is ordered that Br Brown and bro: Carpenter desire bro Easterbrooks to appear before us to give an account of his miscarriages...

[2?] 9th of 1d mo

Ordered that a day of thanksgiving bee kept next 3d of th week at bro: Browns for to return praise to our god for preserving our libertyes and vouchsafeing us such other mercies both corporall and spirituall as wee do enjoy.

13 of 2d mo 68

Lydia the wife of bro Brown proposed and was assented to...

18 of 12 mo.

It is further ordered that bro: Brown be chosen deacon and ordained as soon as the church see it conveniently can be done.

2 of 7 mo 69

Ordered that every member shall this Autumne for his or her own self as also all others that have hitherto comunicated with us pay 2-6d in silver or butter at 5d per lb. to bro: Brown toward bread and wine that hath bene already by him bought to the use of the church.

16 x JONATHAN BOSWORTH b. 22 Sept. 1680.

References: *Swansea VR* pp. 3(b. David), 4(b. Elizabeth), 7(b. Hannah), 8(b. 1st Jonathan, John), 9(b. Jabez, Ichabod, 2nd Jonathan), 13(b. Mercy), 23(m.), 26(d. Elizabeth, Jonathan, son). Bristol Co LR 10:707(Jonathan Bosworth); 15:443(David Bosworth). *Great Migration Begins* 1:189. *NEHGR* 139:27, 31, 35, 37, 43.

4. JOSEPH² HOWLAND (John¹) was born at Plymouth about 1640 and died there January 1703/4.

He married at Plymouth 7 December 1664 ELIZABETH SOUTHWORTH who was born at Plymouth and died there March 1717, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Reynor) Southworth. The will of Thomas Southworth dated 18 November 1669, proved 1 March 1669/70, names daughter Elizabeth and her husband Joseph Howland. Elizabeth was his only child and she and her husband received all of his estate and were to take care of "my wife in her poor condition."

Joseph Howland was chosen as a surveyor of highways 3 June 1668, Deputy 5 June 1677 and 5 June 1678, and Selectman 3 June 1684 and 2 June 1685 for the town of Plymouth.

At a Plymouth Colony Court 7 July 1683 "John Dunham, of Barnstable, and Mary, his wife, complaineth against Leift Joseph Howland, of Plymouth, in an action of the case, to the damage of twelue pounds, for non payment of about eight pounds, wages, due to the said Mary, for her two last yeers servuce of the said Joseph Howland, almost six years since, or therabouts, shee being then called Mary Smith. The jury find for the defendant the cost of the suite."

On 19 September 1683 Capt. Joseph Howland (also called Leift.) accompanied the Pastor of the Plymouth Church to the ordination of Mr. Jonathan Russell at the Barnstable Church.

Elizabeth Howland of Swansey, widow, made her will 17 December 1686, proved 10 January 1687/8, naming her son Joseph and his son Nathan.

On 20 April 1690 the elders of the Plymouth Church "called forth Brother Joseph Howland, & charged him with Inordinate walking, by excessive drinking at one particular time as well as often formerly; Bro: Howland manifested some Repentance by confession, & owned his miscarriage at that time & many others; Elders & Bretheren did by divers

solemne speeches labour to bring him to further Repentance, & the conclusive vote of the church, was to accept of this his manifestation, & to waite in hopes of his future Reformation."

On 17 July 1694 Capt. Joseph Howland of Plymouth sold land at Rocky Nooke in Plymouth to John Gray; Joseph and his wife Elizabeth acknowledged 19 September 1694.

On 9 December 1696 Joseph Howland of Plymouth gave his son Thomas Howland ½ acre in Plymouth; Elizabeth made her mark. On 10 December 1696 Thomas sold this ½ acre to Samuel Lucas.

Joseph Howland and his wife Elizabeth were on the list of members of the Plymouth Church 10 March 1703.

The will of Joseph Howland of Plymouth dated 23 December 1703, inventory 31 January 1703/4, sworn 10 March 1703, names wife Elizabeth; son Thomas; land given him by his father-in-law Capt. Thomas Southworth; son James; daughters Lydia Howland, Elizabeth Howland, and Marcy Howland; son Nathaniel. The 23 December 1703 codicil to the will mentions Mary the daughter of his daughter Sarah Howland, deceased.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Southworth) Howland, b. Plymouth:

- 17 i THOMAS³ HOWLAND.
- 18 ii JAMES HOWLAND.
- 19 iii SARAH HOWLAND d. bef. 23 Dec. 1703 (will); unm.
- 20 iv LYDIA HOWLAND b. ca. 1674.
- 21 v ELIZABETH HOWLAND.
- 22 vi MERCY HOWLAND.
- 23 vii NATHANIEL HOWLAND b. ca. 1671 (based on age at d.).
- viii BENJAMIN HOWLAND bp. 29 March 1685; d. 7 Sept. 1689.
- ix JOSEPH HOWLAND d. 8 Sept. 1689.

References: *Plymouth Ch Recs* 1:158, 263(to Barnstable), 192(members), 195(d. Joseph), 217(d. Elizabeth), 256(bp Benjamin), 269(before church). *Plymouth VR* p. 134(d. Benjamin, son Joseph). *MD* 3:54(Elizabeth Howland's will); 6:86-90(Joseph Howland's will); 17:185(m.). *Plymouth Col Recs* 4:181(surveyor); 5:231, 256(Deputy); 6:129, 167(Selectman); 7:260(complaint); 8:35(m). Plymouth Co LR 1:277(to John Gray); 2:76(Joseph to Thomas; Thomas to Samuel Lucas. Plymouth Co PR #10940, 243-5(Joseph Howland). *Plymouth Col PR* 3:1(Thomas Southworth). *MQ* 45:138(Sarah's child); 48:132. *Great Migration Begins* 3:1713. Bristol Co PR 1:13(Elizabeth Howland's will). *Abstracts Bristol Co PR* 1:1.

Children of James and Mary (Lothrop) Howland, b. Plymouth:

- 96 i HANNAH⁴ HOWLAND b. 16 Oct. 1699.
- 97 ii ABIGAIL HOWLAND b. 29 Oct. 1702.
- 98 iii ELIZABETH HOWLAND b. 2 Dec 1704.
- iv THANKFUL HOWLAND b. 25 Sept. 1709.
- 99 v JOHN HOWLAND b. 14 March 1711, bp. 27 May 1711.
- vi JAMES HOWLAND b. 1 Aug. 1713.

References: *MD* 4:111(b. ch.); 14:225(m.). *Plymouth VR* p. 34(b. ch.). *Barnstable Fams* 2:164. *Plymouth Co LR* 15:198; 28:66, 153; 29:108, 172; 30:8, 37, 47(James Howland). *Lo-Lathrop Gen* pp. 51-2. *Barnstable Co PR* 4:407(John Lothrop). *Plymouth Ch Recs* 1:212(bp. John). *Barnstable VR (CD)* 1:386(m.), 427(b. Mary).

19. SARAH³ HOWLAND (*Joseph², John¹*) was born at Plymouth and died there before 23 December 1703.

On 13 December 1691 Sarah Howland was called before the church for the sin of fornication. At the August 1692 court Sarah Howland was fined for fornication. She was again before the Court of Common Pleas in March 1698/9 and was fined for fornication.

The 23 December 1703 codicil to her father's will mentioned Sarah's daughter Mary. The father is unknown.

Child of Sarah Howland, b. Plymouth:

- 100 i MARY⁴ HOWLAND b. ca. 1691 or 1699.

References: *Plymouth Ch Recs* 1:273(called bef. church). *MQ* 45:138-43. *Plymouth Co Ct Recs* 1:221.

20. LYDIA³ HOWLAND (*Joseph², John¹*) was born at Plymouth about 1674 and died after 25 January 1733.

She married at Barnstable October 1694 JOSEPH JENKINS who was born at Barnstable the last of March 1669 and died 13 October 1734 in his 66th year, buried West Barnstable Cemetery, son of John and Mary (Wallen) (Ewer) Jenkins.

Seven and a half acres were laid out to Joseph Jenkins, another 3 acres in a division of town land on 14 January 1691/2, and 45¼ acres in the division of 19 February 1702/3.

On 5 January 1717/8 Joseph Jenkins and his wife Lydia were admitted to the West Parish Church. Joseph, Benjamin, Lydia, Relyance, Prudence, and Hannah children of Joseph and Lydia Jenkins were baptized 6 April 1718.

The will of Joseph Jenkins (no town given) dated 25 January 1733, proved 8 November 1734, names his wife Lydia; daughters Abigail Hinckley, Lidia Crocker, Prudence Baker, and Hannah Jenkins; and sons Joseph and Benjamin.

Children of Joseph and Lydia (Howland) Jenkins, b. Barnstable, last 6 bp. W. Parish Ch. 6 April 1718:

- 101 i ABIGAIL JENKINS⁴ b. last of July 1695.
- ii BATHSHEBA JENKINS b. July 1696; d. bef. 25 Jan. 1733 (not in father's will).
- 102 iii ANN JENKINS b. May 1701.
- 103 iv JOSEPH JENKINS b. 29 Feb. 1703.
- 104 v LYDIA JENKINS b. 30 June 1705.
- 105 vi BENJAMIN JENKINS b. 30 June 1707.
- vii RELIANCE JENKINS b. 6 April 1709; d. bef. 25 Jan. 1733 (not in father's will).
- 106 viii PRUDENCE JENKINS bp. 6 April 1718.
- 107 ix HANNAH JENKINS bp. 6 April 1718.

References: *MD* 6:236(b. Joseph; m.; b. 1st 7 ch.). *Barnstable Co PR* 5:233(Joseph Jenkins). *Barnstable Fams* 2:97-8(bp. last 2 ch.). *TAG* 67:47-53(Wallen). *W. Parish Ch. (CD)*(admitted to Ch. bp. last 6 ch.). *Barnstable TR (CD)* 1:68, 85, 127(land divisions). *Barnstable VR (CD)* 1:424(m., b. ch. 1-7). *W. Barnstable Ccm. (CD)*(d. Joseph).

21. ELIZABETH³ HOWLAND (*Joseph², John¹*) was born at Plymouth and died after 15 February 1723/4.

She married (1) at Barnstable 14 September 1698 ISAAC HAMLIN who was born at Barnstable 20 August 1676 and died before 8 February 1709/10, son of Eleazer and Mehitabel (Jenkins) Hamlin.

wife of William Green, was admitted to full communion 5 September 1725; William was admitted 17 March 1728.

On 3 August 1735 widow Mary Conant was baptized and admitted to the Plymouth Church. On 21 September 1735 Charles and George, children of widow Mary Conant, were baptized.

No Plymouth Co. PR has been found for George Conant.

Children of George and Mary (Howland) Conant, b. Plymouth:

- + i CHARLES CONANT⁵ b. 11 July 1720; m. JOANNA BURSLEY.
- + ii GEORGE CONANT b. 13 Jan. 1722/3; m. (1) SARAH GOODSPEED; (2) SUSANNA CROCKER; (3) ELIZABETH CROCKER; (4) LYDIA FREEMAN.
- iii ELIZABETH CONANT b. 3 June 1726; d.y.

References: *MQ* 45:138-43 (proof of line). *Plymouth VR* pp. 62(b. ch.), 91(1st m.). *MD* 33:165(3rd m.). *Plymouth Ch Recs* 1:436(bp. ch.); 2:523(bp. Mary). Barnstable VR (CD) 2:346(2nd m.). W. Parish Ch. Recs. (CD) 1:35(adm. com.), 104(d. William), 387(his 1st m.); 2:315(bp. ch. by Decem.), 357(his 2nd m.).

101. **ABIGAIL JENKINS**⁴ (*Lydia*³ *Howland*, *Joseph*², *John*¹) was born at Barnstable last of July 1695 and died after 12 March 1745.

She married at Barnstable 2 November 1716 **BENJAMIN HINCKLEY** who was born at Barnstable 18 July 1694, baptized at West Parish Church 30 July 1704 with siblings, and died before 12 March 1745; son of Benjamin and Sarah (Cobb) Hinckley.

In December 1725 Abigail wife of Benjamin Hinckley was baptized in the West Parish Church. In January 1725/6 Edmund, Samuel, Joseph, and Abigail children of Abigail, wife of Benjamin Hinckley, were baptized.

At a town meeting on 27 September 1732, Benjamin Hinckley Jr. was appointed to a committee to study the "deficiency of the High ways." On 31 May 1736 he recorded his ear mark as "a Crop of y^e Right Ear a half penny for side same." He was chosen a constable on 11 March 1741 and an "Informer about Deer" on 2 March 1743.

On 8 January 1745 Edmund Hinckley of Barnstable, yeoman, was made administrator of the estate of Benjamin Hinckley late of Barnstable yeoman.

On 12 March 1745 Abigail Hinckley was appointed guardian of children Timothy, Zacheus, Nathaniel, Bathshua, and Martha.

Children of Benjamin and Abigail (Jenkins) Hinckley, b. Barnstable, 1st 4 bp. W. Parish Ch. in Jan. 1725/6:

- i ABIGAIL HINCKLEY⁵ b. 30 July 1718; m. NATHANIEL FULLER.
- ~~ii EDMOND HINCKLEY b. 30 Jan. 1719/20; m. SARAH HOWLAND.~~
- iii SAMUEL HINCKLEY b. 16 Oct. 1721; m. ALICE HOWLAND.
- iv JOSEPH HINCKLEY b. 23 Oct. 1723; m. MARY DAVIS.
- v BENJAMIN HINCKLEY b. 28 April 1727, bp. 28 May 1727; LYDIA PHINNEY.
- vi SYLVANUS HINCKLEY b. 7 April 1729, bp. May 1729; m. SARAH PHINNEY.
- vii NATHANIEL HINCKLEY bp. 4 April 1731; d.y.
- viii NATHANIEL HINCKLEY b. 7 April 1732, bp. 14 May 1732; m. ELIZABETH CHIPMAN.
- ix MARTHA HINCKLEY b. 24 April 1734, bp. 2 June 1734; m. DANIEL FULLER.
- x BATHSHEBA HINCKLEY b. 14 April 1736, bp. 29 May 1736; m. NATHANIEL RIDER.
- xi TIMOTHY HINCKLEY b. 16 April 1738, bp. 13 May 1738; m. MARY GOODSPEED.
- xii ZACCHEUS HINCKLEY b. 6 Oct. 1740, bp. 23 Nov. 1740.

References: *MD* 6:99(b. Benjamin); 14:227(m.); 32:56-7(b. ch.). *Barnstable Fans* 2:44-5. *NEHGR* 1:133(Jenkins). Barnstable Co PR 6:459(Benjamin Hinckley), 462-7(gdns.). W. Parish Ch. 1:10(bp. mother Abigail, bp. ch.). Barnstable VR (CD) 1:193(b. Benjamin), 2:295(b. ch.). Barnstable TR (CD) 2:47, 85, 97, 296.

102. **ANN JENKINS**⁴ (*Lydia*³ *Howland*, *Joseph*², *John*¹) was born at Barnstable 1701 and died between 4 February 1731/2 and 30 August 1732.

She married Barnstable 19 October 1721 **JOSEPH LOTHROP** who was born at Barnstable 10 November 1698 and died 24 February 1731/2 in his 41st year, buried in West Barnstable Cemetery, son of Samuel and Hannah (Crocker) Lothrop. He married (2) 16 October 1725 Rebecca Palmer with whom he had Rebecca and Joseph (posthumus). Samuel