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WOMEN ON THE MAYFLOWER

Instead of looking at one Pilgrim or a place associated with the Pilgrims, in this issue we will talk about those women and some of the girls who came on the 1620 *Mayflower*. They were some of the first women to come with men who came over to found English colonies: The Jamestown women came after their husbands. Although they could not sign what is known as the “Mayflower Compact” and could hold no office, these women were there through thick and thin.

You probably know the name(s) of your *Mayflower* Pilgrim male ancestor(s). Do you know the name of his wife from whom you also descend? If so, did she come on the *Mayflower* or on a later ship, perhaps the *Fortune* or the *Anne*?

Governor William Bradford included a list of the 1620 *Mayflower* passengers in his history *Of Plymouth Plantation* and this is the main source for many of the husbands and their wives. In some instances he doesn't name the wife, only referring to her as “wife.” When he does name them, he doesn't give their maiden name.

Fifty years ago our General Society of Mayflower Descendants authorized a Five Generations Project with the goal of publishing documentation (proof) from primary sources (church records, family bibles, etc.) for any claims that were made about the Pilgrims and their descendants down through five generations. This meant trying to discover the parents of the Pilgrim men, the complete maiden names of their wives and parents whether they came on the *Mayflower* or not, and the towns where they were born or baptized and their



descendants down to where deaths would have occurred in the late 1800s.

Of the 26 male passengers who are known to have had descendants 21 now have hard cover Five Generation volumes published devoted to their families. Of the remaining five two are included in the volumes dedicated to the husbands of their daughters who were also passengers: John Tilley and his wife Joan Hurst (the widow Rogers) in the Howland volumes and William Mullins and wife Alice in the Alden volumes. Two families (George Soule and William Brewster) are currently in soft cover volumes and waiting publication in hard cover. Passenger Moses Fletcher had descendants but there are so few it is unlikely a volume covering his descendants will ever be published. Four women passengers who were not daughters of other passengers, and whose maiden names are known, are included in the books of their husbands. One, Dorothy May who married William Bradford, had only one known child who, although he married, left no known descendants.

Of the 26 male passengers with known descendants, they had the following wives, not all of whom bore children that survived. Names in italics came on the 1620 *Mayflower* and those with + had children: John Alden – *Priscilla Mullins*+ (daughter of passenger William Mullins); Isaac Allerton – 1. *Mary Norris*+, 2. Fear Brewster+, 3. widow Swinnerton (?); John Billington – *Elinor/Ellen*+ ...; William Bradford – 1. *Dorothy May*+, 2. Alice Carpenter+ (the widow Southworth); William Brewster – *Mary*+ ...; Peter Brown – 1. *Martha*+ ... (the widow Ford), 2. *Mary*+ ...; James Chilton – *undiscovered*+; Francis Cooke – *Hester Mahieu*+; Edward Doty – 1. *undiscovered*, 2. *undiscovered*+; Francis Eaton – 1. *Sarah*+ ..., 2. *Dorothy*+ ..., 3. *Christian Penn*+; Moses Fletcher – 1. *Mary Evans*+, 2. *Sarah*+ ... (the widow Denby); Edward Fuller – *undiscovered*+; Samuel Fuller – 1. *Alice Glascock*, 2. *Agnes/Anna Carpenter*, 3. *Bridget Lee*+; Stephen Hopkins – 1. *Mary*+ ..., 2. *Elizabeth Fisher*+; John Howland – *Elizabeth Tilley*+; Richard More – 1. *Christian Hunter*+, 2. *Jane*+ ... (the widow Crumpton); William Mullins – *Alice*+ ...; Degory Priest – *Sara Allerton*+ (the widow Vincent); Thomas Rogers – *Alice Cosford*+; Henry Samson – *Anne Plummer*+; George Soule – *Mary Bucket*+; Myles Standish – 1. *Rose*+ ..., 2. *Barbara*+ ...; John Tilley – *Joan Hurst*+ (the widow Rogers); Richard Warren – *Elizabeth*

Walker+; William White – *Susanna*+ ...; Edward Winslow – 1. *Elizabeth Barker*, 2. *Susannah*+ ... (the widow White).

You now know the thirteen names of fifteen women and young girls who came on the *Mayflower* and married Pilgrims. One, Susanna, wife of William White, following the death of her husband and the wife of Edward Winslow, married Winslow. There were other females who were also on the *Mayflower* and who later married in the Colony.

Where do we find out more about these “Women of the Mayflower”? Some information may be found in the Pilgrim husband’s family *Five Generation* or *Mayflower Families in Progress* works published by the General Society but you will be lucky to find more than a few sentences at the most. The Mayflower Society’s Governor General, Judith Swan, has created a special committee to study their lives, origins and ancestry. Early records often fail to mention a mother such as in the record of birth or baptism of a child. For instance, photo copies of the Henlow, Bedfordshire, England parish records showing the baptism of Pilgrim Henry Sampson only list his father James, although the baptisms of eight siblings do list both father James and mother Martha, but for a ninth it does not. The baptism of his mother, Martha Cooper, is recorded and only her father Edmund is listed. The will of Henry’s father James, whose occupation is given as yeoman, lists the children living at the time it was written on 29 Jan 1638/9 and proved 16 Feb 1638/9 and it also mentions Henry’s mother by name. Her death date is uncertain because no Martha Sampson is found although there is a “widow Sampson” who died on 17 Aug 1654. It should be mentioned that dates of birth were not normally recorded and the baptism in the Church of England (the only church recognized) could normally be expected to take place the first Sunday after birth.

These days it is hard to understand that women in the 17th century were considered possessions. Unless they had a run in with the law, either church or civil, it is unlikely that they would appear in records.

Did you ever wonder where your great-great grandparents lived and what they did for a living? Do you even know their names? If not, check your lineage paper and then search for them in the online Federal Census from 1850 on. In that year, for the first time, all members of a family were listed by name, age and occupation. You might be surprised to find that they had more children than just your great grandparent. Perhaps your great-great grandmother was widowed and supporting the family with the help of one or more of her children. You can then follow your line down through the generations with each 10 year census (except for 1890 that was destroyed in a fire) through 1930! Enter your ancestor in one of the online search engines and you may be surprised what you will find, perhaps an obituary that can be a great source of information about female members of your line. But

don’t stop here. On your lineage paper application are the names of your direct line of descent. Without each individual you would not be you. The closer you get to yourself in that list, the more you are apt to discover information about these key people in your life, both men and women.

In the late 1800s many family genealogies were published.



You might find one or more that will help you know more about your ancestors. Search for them by family name online and then see if your library has them or can get copies through inter-library loan. They may contain stories of their scientific discoveries, military service, government service, artistic endeavors and just plain day to day lives. Once again, without them and their struggles

and sacrifices, you wouldn’t be here! Then why not write an article about one of your ancestors, either Pilgrim or otherwise, try and find or create some images to accompany it and send it to the editor of this newsletter for consideration. You might wish to become a genealogist (it means one who loves family). You get to solve mysteries every day without the risk of being a detective. Above all, have fun!

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FIVE GENERATION BOOK LOCATIONS

The General Society’s *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* books are sold online at <http://www.themayflowersociety.com/book.htm>. For a list of the seventeen libraries within Pennsylvania where our state society maintains complete collections of these books see <http://www.sail1620.org/proving-your-lineage.html>.

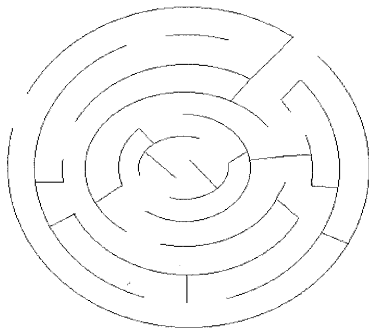
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WHICH ITEMS ARE ASSOCIATED IN THE TWO COLUMNS? DRAW CONNECTING LINES.

- A. 4 a. Dorothy May’s husband.
- B. 13 b. Stephen Hopkins’ wife.
- C. 26 c. # married *Mayflower* women with known maiden names.
- D. 31 d. The *Mayflower* arrives!
- E. 102 e. # of male Pilgrims with known descendants.
- F. 1620 f. Elizabeth Hurst Tilley’s son-in-law.
- G. 2048 g. # of Pilgrim wives.
- H. Elizabeth Fisher h. Mary Norris’ husband.
- I. Isaac Allerton i # of passengers on the 1620 *Mayflower*.
- J. John Howland j. John Alden’s in-laws.
- K. Mullins k. # of women & young girls on *Mayflower* who married Pilgrims.
- L. William Bradford l. # poss. 11th great grandmothers.

ANSWERS: A = c, B = k, C = e, D = g, E = i, F = d, G = l, H = b, I = h, J = f, K = a, L = j

**A ROUND ABOUT A MAZE WE GO!
Find the ins and outs!**



HOW MANY WORDS OF 3 OR MORE LETTERS IN LENGTH can be spelled using non-repeating letters of the word “MAYFLOWER?” A few of the words are used more often in England, Scotland and Australia than in the U.S. For the complete list type in “Mayflower” at: www.wordplays.com/cgi-bin/jum

ANSWER: Unused letters from the 16 x 20 Wordsearch: “If I am not worth wooing, I surely am not worth winning.” from “The Courtship of Miles Standish” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Women On The MAYFLOWER 16 X 20 Wordsearch

H I F B I A M T G B R E W S T E R N O T
 T W O E R R O S E T H U T T S L E E D H
 U E W D E S C E N D A N T S I I H T O O
 O E O F I N A I E F E D N G R N C I T N
 M C I O E N B R R R I I D O R O T H Y O
 Y I S R E O R P A E N S C M O R E W H S
 L L R D L T A P T H W C H S N I L L U M
 P A L S I G D R I U O O I E N R F M R A
 W A E H Z N F I O L R V L O R I A Y S S
 H E A I A I O S N T B E T F F R K U T M
 E A N R B L R C O I S R O T Y U S P R W
 N T G E E L D I E L E E N D N A L W O H
 L O O R T I T L H L T D C N N H M L G H
 O N E W H B U L L E S T A N D I S H E I
 W I N S L O W A N Y N O A B A R K E R R
 E M A N S N E M O W J I C O O K E N S G

A WOMEN ON THE MAYFLOWER 16 X 20 WORD-SEARCH The following words are found in this issue. The unused letters spell a line ‘attributed’ to one of the *Mayflower* women by her descendant. **The words:** ALDEN, ALICE, ALLERTON, BARKER, BEDFORDSHIRE, BILLINGTON, BRADFORD, BREWSTER, BROWN, CHILTON, COOKE, DESCENDANTS, DOROTHY, DOTY, EATON, ELINOR, ELIZABETH, FISHER, FLETCHER, FULLER, GENERATION, GRANDPARENTS, HENLOW, HOPKINS, HOWLAND, HURST, JOAN, MARY, MAY/MAYFLOWER, MORE, MULLINS, NAME, NORRIS, PLYMOUTH, PRIEST, PRISCILLA, ROGERS, ROSE, SAMSON, SARAH, SOULE, STANDISH, SUSANNA, UNDISCOVERED, WARREN, WHITE, WINSLOW, WOMEN.

ANSWER TO NUMBER OF WORDS IN “MAYFLOWER”: 236

DIFFICULTY LEVEL :

The Sudoku puzzle uses nine non-repeating letters instead of numbers.

	N	R	J			U	S
		J	H	U		N	A
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	H	N	R				O
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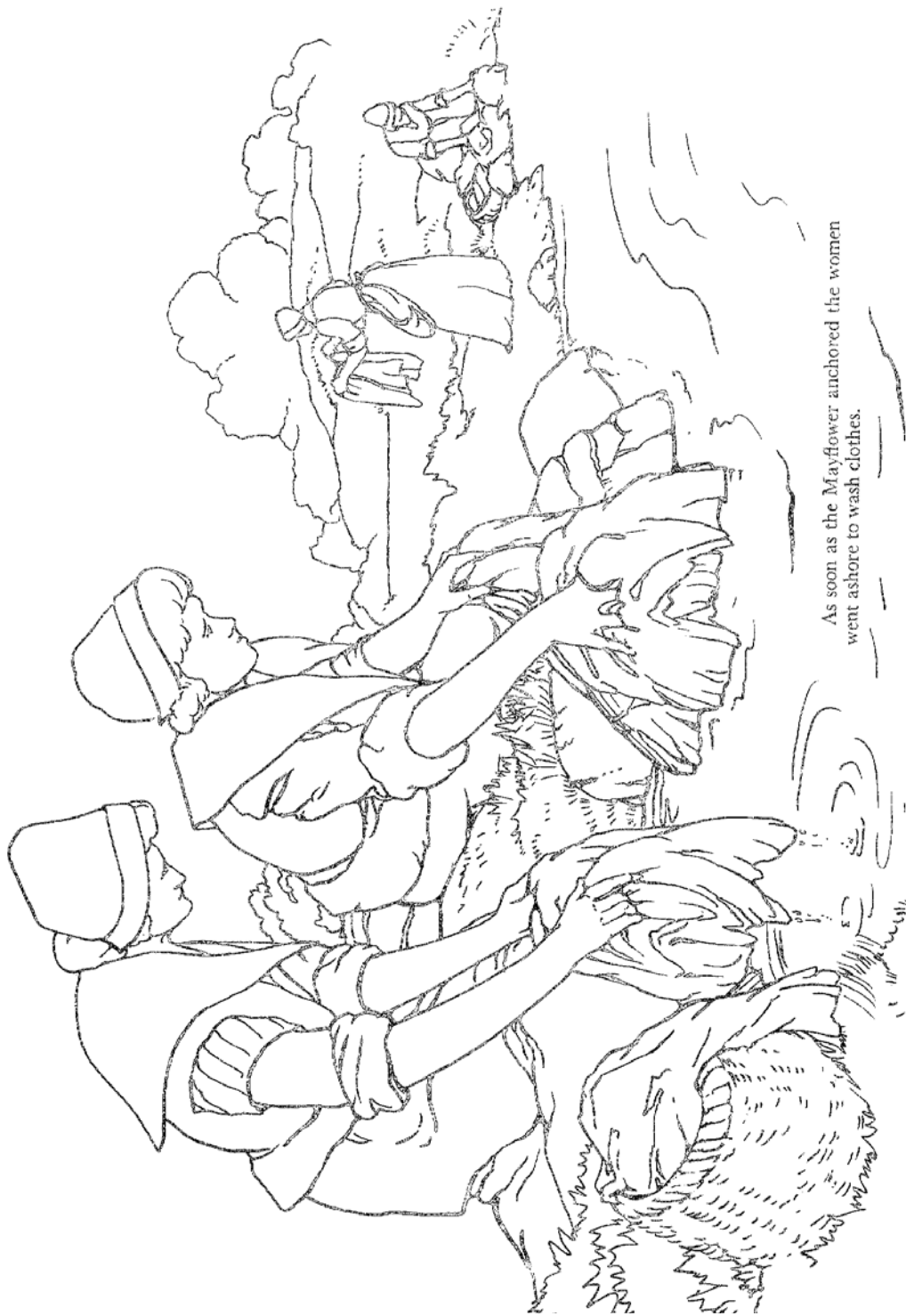
Sudoku Answer

H	N	S	V	I	U	O	P	R
V	O	U	S	J	R	N	H	T
T	R	J	R	H	N	O	S	U
N	J	V	O	S	I	U	R	H
T	S	R	U	H	N	V	O	J
U	H	O	J	R	V	A	T	S
J	R	J	N	V	S	H	U	O
O	V	N	R	U	R	H	J	S
S	H	U	T	O	J	A	R	V

MAYFLOWER SUDOKU

This one honors one of four Women of the Mayflower

A PAGE TO COLOR
Some Women of the Mayflower
ADD SOME CLOUDS, SEA GULLS OR PERHAPS A RAINBOW IF YOU WISH.



As soon as the Mayflower anchored the women went ashore to wash clothes.