A genealogical profile of _____ Ford

**Birth:** He was born about 1592, based on his estimated date of marriage.

**Death:** He died in Plymouth Colony between November 11, 1621, and late 1623.

**Ship:** *Fortune*, 1621

**Life in England:** Nothing is known of his life in England.

**Life in New England:** Ford arrived in Plymouth Colony in the fall of 1621 with his wife, son and daughter. The *Fortune* arrived on November 9, and his wife, Martha, gave birth to a son that night. Ford died before the land division of 1623.

**Family:** Ford married Martha ____ by about 1617 and had at least three children. After his death, she married Peter Brown and had two children. She died by 1630, and Brown married (2) Mary ____.

**Children of ____ and Martha Ford:**

- John was born about 1617. He died or left Plymouth Colony between January 5, 1640/1, and 1643.
- Martha was born about 1619. She married William Nelson in Plymouth on October 29, 1640, and had four children. She died in Plymouth on December 20, 1683.
- A son was born in Plymouth Colony on November 9, 1621, and died soon after.

**For Further Information:**


Where do I go from here?

Researching your family’s history can be a fun, rewarding, and occasionally frustrating project. Start with what you know by collecting information on your immediate family. Then, trace back through parents, grandparents, and beyond. This is a great opportunity to speak to relatives, gather family stories, arrange and identify old family photographs, and document family possessions that have been passed down from earlier generations.

Once you have learned all you can from family members, you will begin to discover other sources. A wide variety of records can help you learn more about the lives of your ancestors. These include birth, marriage, and death records; immigration and naturalization records; land records; census records; probate records and wills; church and cemetery records; newspapers; passenger lists; military records; and much more.

When you use information from any source — an original record, a printed book, or a website — always be careful to document it. If you use a book, you should cite the author or compiler, the full title, publication information and pages used. Also be sure to record the author’s sources for the information. If the author’s sources aren’t provided, you will have to try to find the original source. Many genealogical works contain faulty information, and the Internet also contains many inaccuracies. In order for your work to be accepted — by lineage societies and other genealogists — it must be properly documented.

Important Genealogical Resources

New England Historic Genealogical Society
Founded in 1845, NEHGS is the country’s oldest and largest genealogical society. The library contains over 200,000 books, plus significant manuscript and microfilm collections, and a circulating library by mail. NEHGS members receive two periodicals, the Register and New England Ancestors, and can access valuable genealogical data online.

NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116; 888-296-3447; www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

Plimoth Plantation: Bringing Your History To Life
As a non-profit, educational organization our mission is: to offer the public powerful experiences of history, built upon thorough research of the Wampanoag and Pilgrim communities. We offer multiple learning opportunities to provide a deeper understanding of the relationship of historical events to modern America. Members have access to our Research Library.

Plimoth Plantation, 137 Warren Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02632; 508-746-1622; www.plimoth.org

Recommended Websites

- www.PlymouthAncestors.org
- www.CyndisList.com
- www.FamilySearch.org
- www.USGenWeb.org

Genealogical Libraries in Plymouth

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Library
A collection focused principally on the genealogies of the descendants of the Mayflower passengers.
4 Winslow St., Plymouth; 508-746-3188; www.mayflower.org

Plymouth Collection, Plymouth Public Library
Over 1200 items relating to the descendants of the Pilgrims, as well as the many other immigrants who settled in the area.
132 South St., Plymouth; 508-830-4250; www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

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