



### Arrival in Plymouth

Robert Bartlett was a passenger on the *Anne*, which arrived in Plymouth in 1623. "About fourteen days after came in this ship, called the Anne, whereof Mr. William Peirce was master; and about a week or ten days after came in the pinnace which, in foul weather, they lost at sea, a fine, new vessel of about 44 tun, which the Company had built to stay in the country. They brought about 60 persons for the General, some of them being very useful persons and became good members to the body; and some were the wives and children of such as were here already. And some were so bad as they were fain to be at charge to send them home again the next year."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 127.

We know that Robert Bartlett was a passenger on the *Anne* because it is so reported in the 1623 Division of Land. Robert's future wife, Mary Warren (daughter of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren) also travelled to Plymouth with her mother Elizabeth Warren and her four sisters on the *Anne*.

### Robert Bartlett & the 1623 Division of Land

The 1623 Division of Land marked the end of the Pilgrims' earlier system of land held in common by all. Governor Bradford explains it in this way: "And so assigned to every family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, for that end, only for present use (but made no division for inheritance) and ranged all boys and youth under some family. This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could use, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better content. The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991) p. 120

*Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c Vol. I 1627-1651* is the oldest record book of the Plymouth settlement. It begins with the 1623 Division of Land, recorded in the handwriting of Governor William Bradford. The lands of Robert Bartlett were among those designated as "The fales of their grounds which came over in the shipe called the Anne according as their were cast. 1623..." and are described in this way " These following lye on the other side of the towne towards the eele-river...South side... Robt Bartlet one acre."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 12, p. 5-6.

## Robert Bartlett & Mary Warren and the 1627 Division of Cattle

*Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c, Vol. I 1627-1651* also tells of the 1627 Division of Cattle:

"At a publique court held the 22th of May it was concluded by the whole Companie, that the cattell wch were the Companies, to wit, the Cowes & the Goates should be equally devided to all the psonts of the same company ... & so the lotts fell as followeth, thirteene psonts being pportioned to one lot ... "

"The tenth lot fell to ffrancis Eaton & those Joyned wth him his (2) wife Christian Eaton, (3) Samuell Eaton, (4) Rahell Eaton, (5) Stephen Tracie, (6) Triphosa Tracie, (7) Sarah Tracie, (8) Rebecka Tracie, (9) ralph Wallen, (10) Joyce Wallen, (11) Sarah Morton, ~~(12) Edward Fludd,~~ (12) Robert ~~Hilton~~ Bartlet, (13) Tho: Prence. To this lott ffell an heyfer of the last yeare called the white belyd heyfer & two shee goats."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 12, p. 11-12.

Robert Bartlett's future wife Mary Warren is also listed in the 1627 Division of Cattle:

"The ninth lot fell to Richard Warren & his companie Joyned with (2) him his wife Elizabeth Warren (3) Nathaniell Warren (4) Joseph Warren (5) Mary Warren (6) Anna Warren (7) Sara Warren (8) Elizabeth Warren (9) Abigall Warren (10) John Billington (11) George Sowle (12) Mary Sowle (13) Zakariah Sowle. To this lott fell one of the 4 black heyfers that came in the Jacob caled the smooth horned Heyfer and two shee goats."

## Robert Bartlett & Mary Warren and the Records of Plymouth Colony

**1633:** "The Names of the Freemen of the Incorporacon of Plymoth in New England, An: 1633. Edward Wynslow, Govr. Capt Myles Standish, William Bradford, John Howland, John Alden, John Done, Stephen Hopkins... Robt Bartlett."

*Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 3-4.*

Robert Bartlett ("Robte Bartlet") was also listed in the 7 March 1636-7 List of Freemen (PCR I:52), the 1643 List of males from 16-60 who are able to bear arms (PCR 8:189), the 1658 List (PCR 7:197 and PCR 8:197) and the 1670 list (PCR 5:274).

**25 March 1633:** "According to an order in Court held the 2d of January, in the seaventh yeare of the raigne of o'r soveraigne lord, Charles, by the grace of God King of Engl., Scotl., France, & Irel., defendor of the faith, &c, the psons heer under menconed were rated for publike use by the Gov'r, Mr. Will Bradford, Capt Myles Standish, Joh: Alden, Joh: Howland, John Done, Stephen Hopkins, Will Gilson, Sam Fuller, Senior, John Genny, Godbert Godbertson, & Jonathan Brewster, to be brought in by each pson as they are heere under written, rated in corne at xi's p bushell, at or before the last of November next ensuing ... Robert Bartlet ... 00 [pounds]: 09 [shillings]: 00 [pence]."

*Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 9-10.*

On 26 March 1634, Robert Bartlett was also one of the "raters" and was personally "rated" at the same amount as in 1633. (PCR I:26-27).

**1 July 1633:** "Orders about mowing of Grasse for the pr'nt Yeare, 1633... That Mrs Warren & Robt Bartlet mow where they did last yeare, & the marsh adjoining, as high as Slowly Howse."

*Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 14-15.*

**13 March 1635/36:** "The 28 of May, 1635, Thomas Litle came before ye Gove'r and acknowledged that he had given unto Robart Bartlet a parcell of land at ye end of his lott, beyond ye Eele River, of 6 pole in length, & 4 pole in breadth, to build a house on, for him and his heirs for ever, to

possess & quietly to enjoy, without any molestation, claime, or trouble from ye said Thomas Litle, (his brother in law,) or any of his heirs or assignes for ever.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. I, p. 34.

**5 July 1635:** “Richard Stinnings put himselfe aprentice to Robart Bartlet for nine years, his time to begine ye 1 of Desember, ano 1635, as appears by a covenant drawne in writing, showed unto us, under both their hands & seals; at ye end of which time he is to have of his said mr 2 suits of apparell & 3(li) in money, or other marchandable comodity.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 35

**1636:** [Note - A law was passed by the Colony Court, November 15, 1636, ‘That every mans marke of his Cattle be brought to the towne book where he lives and that no man give the same but shall alter any other brought by him and put his owne upon them.’]  
“Bartlet a peece cut out of the right eare before and out of the left eare behind.”  
Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p.1.

**7 March 1636/37:** “It is agreed upon, by the consent of the whole Court, that Elizabeth Warren, widdow, the relict of Mr Richard Warren, deceased, shalbe entred, and stand, and bee purchaser instead of her said husband, as well because that (hee dying before he had pformed the said bargaine) the said Elizabeth pformed the same after his decease, as also for the establishing of the lotts of lands given form’ly by her unto her sonnes in law, Richard Church, Robert Bartlett, and Thomas Little, in marriage wth their wives, her daughters.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 54.

**20 March 1636/37:** “To Richard Church, Robte Bartlet, & Thomas Little, hey ground where they had the last yeare, and to take further supply where they can fynd yt, in places not graunted to others, and Robte Bartlet to have the swampe or pitt at the head of Mr Bradfords ground.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 56.

**7 February 1637:** “Memorand the seaventh Day of ffebruary 1637 That Mrs Elizabeth Warren of the Eele River Widdow for and in consideracion of a Marriage already solemnized betwixt John Cooke the yeonger of the Rockey Noocke and Sarah her daughter doth acknowledge that shee hath given graunted enfeoffed and confirmed unto the said John Cooke one lot of land lying at the Eele River containeing eighteene acres or thereabouts and lying on the North side of Robert Bartletts lott formly also given the said Robert in Marriage wth Mary another of the sd Mrs Warrens daughters, wch said lott is to begin at the heigh way and so to goe in lenth & breadth wth the said Roberts lott together wth a heigh way from the said lott to the water side if it be demaunded or requested To have and to hold the said Lott of land wth all & singuler the apprtences thereunto belonging unto the said John Cooke his heires and Assignes for ever to the onely pper use and behoofe of the said John Cooke his heires & Assignes for ever.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, p. 27.

**2 May 1637:** “It was ordered by this Court, that a jury should be empanelled to set foreth the heigh wayes about Plymouth, Ducksborrow, and the Eele River, wch was accordinge summoned, and upon the ninth day of May next after they appeared before the Govnor, and tooke their oathes to lay forth such heigh wayes about the townes of Plymouth, Ducksborrow, & the Eele River equally & justly, without respect of psons, and according as they shalbe directed by informacion of others, & as God should direct them in their discretion for the genall good of the colony, and wth as little pjudice to any mans pticuler as may be, and to marke the treeys upon the said way, and so it to remayne a way forever.  
The Names of the Jury. John Done, William Palmer, Love Brewster, Experience Michell, Phillip

Delanoy, Thomas Cushman, Francis Cooke, Richard Burne, John Jenkyne, Moyses Symons, Robte Bartlett, Richard Higgens...

To the Eele River, from Plymouth ... to the wch neighbourhood we allow a way from mr Hopkins house downe to a p- that leads to the fishing poynt; from whence wee allow a way to Robert Bartletts, leaving his house east, and so alonge, leaveing Thomas Little's east, & mris Warrens west, and so to Richard Churches, leaveing his house on the west side; so to a place of common ground, which is still to be left betweene."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 58-60.

**11 November 1637:** "Memorand that whereas John Cooke hath a lott of land at the Eele River lying next to Robert Bartlet containeing by estimacion eighteene acres or thereabouts given him by Mrs elizabeth Warren in marriage wth his wyfe and Robte Bartlett hath a lott of land of like quantitie lying on Duxborrow side betwixt the lotts of Thomas Morton and Jonathan Brewster Now this writing of Record witnesseth that the said John Cooke & Robert Bartlett have exchanged the said lotts wth eich other so that the said John Cooke shall have & hold the lott of land lying on Duxborrow side to him and his heires forever & to their owne pper use and behoofe forevr And the said Robte Bartlett shall have & hold the said lott of land lying at the Eele River to him and his heires to ever & to their onely pper use and behoofe for ever"

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, p. 28.

**4 December 1637:** "The pcell of land containeing about 60 acres, lying at the Eele River, in a place there called the Whoop Place, formerly graunted to Thomas Clarke, is now confirmed to him and his heires forever, and is to be layd forth so as it may be least pjudiciall to Thomas Little, Robte bartlett, Mris Warrn, & the neighbourhood there."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 70.

**4 August 1638:** "Memorand The fourth day of August 1638 That John Barnes doth acknowledg That for & in consideracion of the sum of vj [li] x [s] sterl to him in hand payd and twenty bushells of merchantable Indian Corne to be payd him in March next by Robte Bartlet hath assigned all his right & title in the terme of yeares wch he hath in the service in Thomas Shreive (wch is three yeares from the first day of this instant August) as by his Indenture beareing date the fourth of May Anno Regn Reg& Caroli nunc Angl&c xiiij(to) it doth most playnely appeare. the sd Robte also paying the sd Thom Shreive iij (li) vj(s) viij(d) p ann for the terme of the said three yeares. And the said Thom Shreive doth further covenant wth the said Robte Bartlet to serve the said Robte one yeare more after the said three yeares are expired for five pounds sterl."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, p. 32

**3 December 1638:** "Edward Shaw is hyred wth Robte Bartlett for a yeare from the first of December, 1638, for sight pounds tenn shillings sterl., to be paid in money."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 104.

**3 December 1639:** "John Atwood complaynes agst Robte Bartlet, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam of xj(li) xiiij(s) ix(d) sterl. The jury found for the plttiff three pounds three shillings six pence debt, fourty shillings dam, & the charges of the suite, sch came to vj)li) j(s) vj(d). Judgnt & execucion graunted.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 14.

**5 May 1640:** "Richard Church, Robte Bartlett, Thomas Little, & Mrs Elizabeth Warren are graunted enlargements at the heads of their lotts to the foote of the Pyne Hills, leaveing a way betwixt them and the Pyne Hills, for cattell & carts to passe by."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 152.

**2 June 1640:** "The Ele River people is to build a bridge there, & 50 (s) repayd to Rich. Church & Robt Bartlet."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 156.

**30 November 1640:** The name of "Robte Bartlet" is found on a list (with 5 others) of unspecified purpose, among a number of grants of meadow land.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 167.

**6 June 1643:** "John Gilbert, Junr, complns agst Mr Francis Doughty, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam xx [s]. [--] bushells of corne attached by the constable of Taunton; the deffent made no answeare. The Court awards the corne to the pltiff, onely Thomas Gilbert promiseth to make it good if the debt be no proved.

The Jurys Names. James Hurst, Manasseth kempton, Edward Banges, Josuah Pratt, Giles Rickett, Nicholas Snow, Robte Bartlett, Robte Finney, Samuell Hicks, John Smaley, James Cole, Daniell Cole, sworne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 35.

Robert Bartlett also served on a jury on 7 June 1648, when it was noted that he served on the jury "a part of the time, & being nessesitated to depart, John Thomson was putin his rome." (PCR 2:126).

**August 1643:** "The Names of all the Males that are able to beare Armes from xvj Yeares old to 60 Yeares, wthin the sevrall Towneshipp. Plymouth... Robte Bartlett."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 8, p. 187-189.

**29 August 1643:** "Concerning the differences betwixt Mr Willm Thomas & Wm Newland, for the 4 [li] 10 [s] he undertooke to pay for the towne of Marshfeild to Richard Church and Robte Bartlett, it is ordered, by consent of both parties, that a cow of Mr Willm Thomas, now in the hands of Christopher Waddesworth, of Duxborrow, shalbe prized by John Winslow and another man, chosen by the sd Christopher, and be deliveed unto Thomas Shillingsworth; and the said Thomas to give a note under his hand to the said Mr Thomas to pay him so much more as the said cove comes to, at or before March next; and so all differences betwixt the said Mr Thomas, Willm Newland, and Thomas Shillingsworth, to be fynally decided and ended.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 60.

**5 June 1644:** At the Genrall Court of our Sovraigne Lord the Kinge, holden at Plymouth aforesaid, the fift Day of June, in the xxth Yeare of his said Maties Raigne, of England, &c...

The Grand Inquest: Willm Newland, John Finney, Thom Southworth, Richard Higgens, Robte Bartlett, Constant Southworth, Willm Merick, John Tisdale, sworne..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 71.

Robert Bartlett also served on a "Grand Enquest" on 2 June 1646 (PCR 2:102), 7 June 1652 (PCR 3:9), 8 June 1655 (PCR 3:78).

**5 June 1644:** "It is ordered by the Court, that Manasseth Kempton, Edward Banges, & Robte Bartlett, or any two of them, shall price the two oxen of Willm Powells, recoved by due course of law by Thomas Clarke and Clement Campion, John Barnes beinge Campions attorney, and the surplusage of the oxe wch Thom Clarke recoved to be payd to Campions use, wth thother oxe, as they are prised."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 73.

**22 June 1644:** "At a Townes meeting the xxii June 1644

"In case of alarume in tyme of warr or danger these divisions of the towneship are to be observed and these companys to reparaire together..."

"At the Eele River: Thomas Little, Thom Williams, John Smith, Robt ffinney, Manasseh Kempton, Joseph Warren, Richard Church, Robt Bartlet, and the rest."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 17-18.

**4 June 1645:** "Surveyors of the Heighwayes. Plymouth... Francis Cooke, Mr Leigh, Robte Bartlett, and Richard Sparrow"

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 84.

**28 October 1645:** "Roger Cooke and Willm Lathame compns agst John Barker, and Ann, his wfe, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam of xx [li], for the said Anns burneing of their house accedentially; but the jury could not give in a verdict, and the matter was ended, and the said John was content to give the plntiffs xx [s] towards their losses.

The Juries Names: James Hurst, Richard Sparrow, Josuah Pratt, Robte Bartlett, John Finney, Thom Cushman, sworne..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 41.

**10 December 1646:** "At a towne meeting the 10 of Desem 1646 It was agreed that whosoever coms not to ye towne meeting being therunto warned at ye time appoynted shall forfeite to ye towns use for every shuch defalte 12d except he shall have a sufficent and lawfull excuse... [those being called to town meeting are then listed] Robert Bartlett"

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 20-22.

**17 May 1649:** "At a meeting of the Townemen of new Plymouth holden at the meeting house the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1649 the Comites chosen weer..."

Grand Jury: Robert Bartlet, John ffenney, Jacob Cook, Andrew Rings."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 28.

**9 April 1649:** "Bee it knowne unto all men by these presents yt I Richard Church have sould unto Robert Bartlet all the Right and title yt I the sd Richard Church hath in house and houseing and land with all the meadow ground with the addition yt hee had of goodman Kemton at the Eel River and hee is to leave a Cubbert and bime and all the shelves and benches yt are in the house and all the ladders yt are about the house and the sd Richard Church doth bind himselfe his heaires and asynes to Ensure all ye the sd Richard Church hath sould to Robert Bartlet yt no man shall not truble him for it but the said Richard Church is to take his Corn of from the ground and to thresh it in the barn in fourteen days and hee is to leave the plancks yt are in the barne.

"And the said Robert Bartlet is to give unto the sd Richard Church for his house and land the full Sum of twenty five pound in maner and form folowing a Rid oxe yt they Call his name Mouse for eight pound and ten shi. and six pound to bee payed at Mr paddies in Commodities and the Resedew to bee paid the next yeare foloing in the last of September either in Catell or in Corn or in Marchants pay if in Cattell they must be prised if in Corn it must be at the prise Currant if in Marchants pay hee must take it as hee Receveth it; and the marchants pay is to bee paid in linnen and woollen and shoos and stockens heere at plymouth if they be there to bee had if not hee is to take it in the other pay."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, p. 165-166.

**6 March 1650:** "Edward Doty complayneth against John Shaw, Junir, in an action of the case, to the dammage of tenn pound. The jury find for the plaintife thirty five shillings dammage & the charges of the Court, & the deffendant to make good the iron worke unto the plaintife. The jureys names are these:

Mr. John Winslow, James Hurst, Joshua Pract, Leiuettendant Tho Southworth, John Finney, Edward Tillson, Tho Whitney, Robert Bartlet, Gyles Rickards, Richard Sparrow, Richard Wright, Andrew Ringe, sworne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 47.

**January 1651:** "1 January 1651 William Harlow and Benjamin Bartlet have killed two wolves for which the towne is indebted to them.

"febreuary 1651 Robert Bartlet also killed a wolfe the same month 1651.

"Robert Bartlet hath sence killed another wooff month 1651."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 32.

On a page with no date given, which is preceded by Town dealings of 1651 and followed by Town dealings of 1636, it is reported that teams were formed for cutting wood. Robert Bartlett headed up one team and "for Robert Bartlets Teams" were "William Harlow, Richard ffoster, Joseph Green, Gyles Rickard."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 33.

**March 1651:** The Names of those that have Interest and proprieties in the Townes land att Punckateesett over against Road Island...

Robert Bartlett"

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 36-37.

**5 October 1652:** "Whereas a petition was prefered by Robert Bartlet unto the Court holden att Plymouth the 7th of October, 1652, therein requesting that wheras sundry speeches have pased from som who pretend themselves to bee the sole and right heires unto the lands on which the said Robert Barlet now liveth, at the Eelriver, in the townshipp of Plymouth, which hee, the said Robert, had bestowed on him by his mother in law, Mis Elizabeth Warren, in marriage with her daughter; by which said speeches and passages the said Robert hath ben dishartened in his proceeding either in buiding, fencing, &c; the Court having taken the pmises into serius consideracon, and having seched what the Court hath upon record extant, and what could bee manifested upon memory by those that then were cheife and had speciall hand in carying on and menageing the former affaires of the country, and doe therby find that Mis Elizabeth Warren, who gave the said lands unto the said Robert and others in like condicon, had power soe to doe, as being by an order of Court bearing date March the 7th, 1637, and other actes of Court before, envested into the state and condicon of a purchaser, as in the said order is expressed ; the said Court doth by these presents, therefore, further ratify and confeirme the aforesaid actes of Court wherby the said Elizabeth Warren is declared to have right to despose of the aforsaid lands, approveing and allowing of the abovesaid gift of land unto the said Robert Barlet and others in like condicon with him, to bee called ..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 19.

**30 January 1653:** "Memorand: That Samuell hickes of Plymouth in New England planter Doth acknowldge that for and in consideration of the summe of eighteene pounds for which hee hath received a bill of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth aforsaid cooper hee hath freely and absolutly bargained allianated and sould enfeofed and confeirmed and pr these prsent Doth bargaine sell enfeofe and confeirm unto the said Robert Bartlett a certaine tract of land lying on the southside of the towne of Plymouth aforsaid conteining eleven acres bee it more or less being bounded on the one side by the gardenplots of John Barnes &c and the land of Gorge Watson; and on the southside by the land of Mis ffuller; the neather end abutting on the bay and soe extending it selfe in the length therof up towards the common hieway; To have and to hold the said eleeven acres of upland bee it more or lesse with all and singular[e] the fences and all other appurtenances

priviledges and emunities; in upon or any way belonging unto the said tract of land or any pte or pcell therof unto the said Robert Bartlett his heires and assignes for ever; with warrantice against all psons and people whatsoever that from by or under him or any before him that shall or may challenge any title or enterest of and in the prmises or any pte or pcell therof heerby covenanting to Defend the title and proprietie therof unto the said Robert Bartlet hee his heires and assignes for ever; The said prmises with all and singulare the appurtenances priviledges and emunities therunto belonging to appertaine unto the onely proper use & behoof of him the said Robert Bartlett his heires and assignes for ever; provided that the said Robert is not to enter on the full possession of the said land untell the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1654; And from that time as abovsaid to belonge unto the said Robert Bartlet his heires and assignes for ever”  
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 5, p. 94-95.

**4 October 1653:** “Robert Eldred complaineth against Edward Sturgis, in an action of the case, to the dammage of five pounds, for unjust molestacion. The defendat appeered not, but sent a writing, desiring the action might bee refered, that soe further evedence might bee prsented to the Court then att present could bee for the clearing of the case; notwithstanding, wheras it did appeer unto the Court that the defendat was lawfully summoned, the Court awarded to the plaintife charges for himselve, the witnesses, clarke, marshall, and soe furth.  
“The charges came to, in the whole, ... 01 [li]: 05 [s]: 00 [d].  
“The Juryes Names that heard and tryed athe abovesaid Actions. John Cooke, Juner, Christopher Waddsworth, Mr John Starr, Robert Bartlet, Edward Tilson, Thomas Whitnes, Thomas Clarke...”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 67.

**7 March 1653-4:** “Mr Joseph Tilden, Samuella House, William Holmes, John Whetstone, and James Doughty doe complaine of debts due and unapied to each of them, from Henery Sergiant, Arthur Hart, and Abraham Townsend, and have by order attached the goods of the said pties, and did desire justice in the prmises. The jury found as followeth, videlect: upon the demaund of a debt, by Mr Joseph Tilden, of ten shillings, they found it due to him from them...  
“the Juries Names. Christopher Waddsworth, Willam paybody, Robert Bartlett, Phillip Delanoy, Mr John Starr, Ephraim Morton, Henery Sampson, Willam Hoskins, Gorge partrich, henery Wood, Steven Bryant, Andrew ringe., sworne.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 70.

**3 October 1654:** “John Barnes complained against Robert Barket, in an action of the case, to the dammage of fifteen pounds, for non paiment of a debt of thirteen pounds four shillings and eight pence.  
“This next above action was heard, but the pties agreed before the jury went out of the Court. Soe the charges were paid, and it was issued betwixt themselves.  
“The Juries Names. John Dunham, Senir, Joseph Andrews, Christopher Wadsworth, Gabriell Fallowell, Thomas Whitney, John Willis, John Finney, Robert finney, Robert Bartlett, Thomas Lettice, Andrew Ringe, Edmond Tilson. sworne.  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 72.

**5 June 1655:** “Robert Bartlett complaineth against Thomas Pope, in an action of trespass on the case, to the dammage of thirty shillings, for killing of a sow with pigg, belonging to the said Robert Bartlett.  
“The jury find for the plaintife eighteen shillings dammage, and the cost of the suite.”Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 73.

**1 June 1658:** “Leifftenant Southworth, John Dunham, Senir, Robert Finney, John Barnes, and Thomas Pope are requested and apointed by the Court to sett the range betwixt Nathanneell

Warren and Robert Bartlett on the lands they now live on, and they to begin the range where it was at the first as near as may be; and where any land is impaired by the sea, that not to hinder the range; and what these find, or any three of them agree on, to stand.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 142.

**3 May 1659:** “Georg Barlow complained against Willam Newland, in an action of defamacion, to the damage of fifty pounds, in charging the said Gorge, and that in the fact of the Court, that hee had broke up his house in the night, and that hee had lost many things out of his house.  
“The jury find for the plaintife five shillings damage, and the cost of the suite.  
“The Juryes Names. Mr. Josias Winslow, Senir, John Dunham, Senir, Christopher Wadsworth, Rob Finney, Tho Doghead, Rob Bartlett, Tho Whitney, Gorg Partrich, Tho Pope, Jacob Cooke, John Rogers, Benjamine Bartlett. sworne.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 93.

**27 June 1659:** “Know all men by these presents that I Robert Bartlett of Plymouth Cooper Doe acknowledge that my selfe my heires exequitors adminnistrators and Assignes are heerby bound unto the Govr: and Court of New Plymouth to pay and to make good unto Benjamine ffoster son of Richard ffoster the sume of eight pounds to bee payed in Current Countrey pay att prise Current; when hee the said Benjamine ffoster shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares on condition the said Robert Bartlett is to have the use and Improvement of all the lands belonging to the said Richard in the township of Plymouth aforesaid for the full tearme of ten yeares; beginning att the date heerof provided that the said Robert Bartlett is not to Destroy any of the timber on the said lands or any prte therof Neither hee nor his heires exequitors or assignes; and that the said Robert Bartlett is not heerby engaged to make good the houseing on the said lands; but may Improve the said timber or wood for fiering or other Nessesary uses for the fenceing of the said lands;

“ffurthermore Mary the wife of the said Richard ffoster Deceased Doth heerby engage to bring up the said Benjamine ffoster hee being att the Day of the Date heerof of the age of foure yeares or therabouts; and is to pay and Discharge all Debts and Demaunds Due and owing to any prson or prsons from the estate of the said Richard ffoster the above mencioned prticulars shee the said Mary ffoster Doth heerby engage to prforme both for herselfe her heires and exequitors and that neither shee nor any from by or under her is to Demand any thinge for the bringing up of him the said Benjamine ffoster; and on these Conditions is to enjoy the estate of the said Richard ffoster In witness heerof the said Robert Bartlett and Mary foster have heerunto sett their hands the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1659

“In the prsence of humphrey Johnson, Nathaneel Morton;  
“the marke of (Rob) Roert Bartlett, The marke of Mary ffoster”  
Mayflower Descendant, Volume 12, p. 14.

**1660** re the Purchasers of Dartmouth: "Att a generall meeting of the Purchasers att Plymouth the seaventh of march 1652 It was ordered and fully agreed unto and Concluded by the whole that all that Tract and tracts of lands lying from the Purchassers bounds on the west side of Acougheasse to a river called Accusshaneck and three miles to the Aastwards of the same; with all llands meddows woods waters rivers creekes and all appurtenances therunto belonging should bee given to those whose names are heerunder written Containing thirty four shares and was then given allotted Assigned and sett over to them by the whole to have and to hold to them and their heires and Assignes for ever; to Devide and Dispose of the same as they should see good; and they are to Satisfy the Indians for the Purchase therof and to beare all other Due Charges that shall any way arise about the same According to their severall proportions ... Robert Bartlett [et al.]  
"Wheras these Purchasers whoe by agreement of the whole had their proportions of Purchase land falling unto them in the places above mencioned whoe by agreement had their severall

names entered into a list (together with some other old Comers) under the hand of the honored Gov'r: late Deceased they Did Desire that the list of their Names might be recorded; but the above written original list of Names and the agreement Could not be found in some years; soe that it was Judged lost These purchasers notwithstanding still Desiring that what was their right might be recorded; wherupon order was given by the aforesaid Gov'r that it might be Done ... "The names of those whoe by order of the Purchasers mett att Plymouth the seaventh Day of march 1652 whoe by Joynt consent and agreement of the said purchasers are to have their partes shares or proportions att the place or places commonly called and knowne by the names of Acushena alias acquessent which entereth in att the western end of Neckatay and to Coaksett alias acoakius and places adjacent... The said Tract or tract[s] of Land soe bounded as abovesaid which is purchased of the Indians which were the right propriators therof; as appeers by a Deed under their hands with all the marshes meddows rivers waters woods Timbers; and all other profitts priviledges emunities comodities and appurtenances belonging to the said Tract or Tracts above expressed or any parte or prcell therof to belonge unto the parties whose names are underwritten (whoe are in number thirty four whole partes or shares and noe more) to them and their heires and assignes for ever ... Robert Bartlett one whole share." Mayflower Descendants, Vol. 4, p. 165-188.

**20 February 1660:** "ffifty Acres of land is graunted unto Robert Bartlett lying between the sea and the fferne swamp between Eelriver and Mannomett ponds with all and singulare the apurtenances to him and his heires for ever" Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 43.

**1 May 1660:** Att this Court, Robert Bartlett appeered, being summoned to answare for speakeing contemptuously of the ordinance of singing of psalmes, and was convict of the fact, and did inpart acknowldg his evill therin, promising that hee would be warned of soe doing for the future, expressing these words - that hee hoped it should be a warning to him; on which the Court sharply admonished hm, and required him that unto such as hee had soe opprobiously spoken of the said ordinance hee should acknowldge hs falt, which hee engaged to doe as hee should be minded of them, and soe hee was discharged." Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 185-186.

**24 May 1660:** "fforty Acres of land is graunted unto three Indians namly to Acconootus Wanna and Wampocke lying at Shifting Cove to be layed forth and bounded with all other conditions and cercomstances to be ordered about it by George Watson Robert Bartlett Nathaneell Warren and William Cooke; and if there shalbee occation to put in another Indian with them that then they shall each ten acres" Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 41.

**4 June 1661:** "Surveyor of the Highwayes. "Plymouth... Robert Bartlett, Andrew Ringe, John Dunham, Junir." Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 215.

**20 February 1662:** "The bounds of the land graunted to Robert Bartlett is as followeth viz: fifty acres of upland lying along by the ferne swamp between the Eelriver and Manomett ponds being bounded on the North norwest end with a Rid oake under the foot of the pyne hills by a little swamp and soe Ranging North northeast fifty pole in breadth towards the sea and soe Runing along by the seaside eight score pole to a little swampe peece of ground comonly called the grounutt place and soe Running from the grounutt place west southwest to a pyne tree standing on the southwest side of a ferney swamp" Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 55.

**26 January 1663:** "A quarter of a mile in elngth was by the Towne alowed and Confeirmed unto each of the naighbours that have land on the [--] of the Eeleriver viz; Nathaniel Warren Robert Bartlett Joseph Warren and ephraim Morton and the Rest this to goe from the heads of their lotts towards the pyne hils a quarter of a mile in length and of equall breadth to the lotts of land they are now possessed of; the said addition with all and singulare the appurtenances to have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever; Nathaniel Warren hath libertie from the Towne and is deputed in their behalfe to purchase a certaine pcell of land

Nathaniel Warren and Joseph Warren are appointed by the Towne to goe with the Measurers of land att some convenient time to settle a difference about lands betwixt Robert Bartlett and and hugh Cole"

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 59.

**February 1663:** "Ten acres of land is graunted unto Robert Bartlett lying adjoining to his meddow that Thomas Butler mowed..."

In case it soe fall out that there is more meddow in the place where Robert Bartlett hath meddow above expressed that then the towne have graunted that which Remaines unto Joseph Bartlett soe it exceed not six acres"

Records of the Town of PLymouth, Vol. 1, p. 62.

**21 February 1663:** "Wheras a certaine pcell of meddow hath bin for sometime challenged by Robert Bartlett lying neare unto the bounds of Plymouth towards Sandwich it being graunted him by the court which yett notwithstanding hee could not prove by the Record and that since it doth apeer to bee within the liberties of our towne The Towne have graunted unto the said Robert Bartlett eight acres of the said meddow to him and heires for ever..."

"In case it soe fall out that there is more meddow in the place where Robert Bartlett hath meddow above expressed that then the towne have graunted that which Remaines unto Joseph Bartlett soe it exceed not six acres"

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 61-62.

**22 March 1663:** "The severall lotes on Punctaesett Necke are as followeth..."

James Cole seni.; Robert Bartlett - Lot 24 - Lott lyeth on the north side of the 23 lott; and att the west end is bounded with a walnutt stake and a walnutt bush and extends from the water side up to the highway in the middle of the necke"

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 62-67.

**July 1667:** "a peece of swamp is graunted unto Robert Bartlett to make meddow of lying adjoining to his meddow att the Eelriver."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 89.

**14 July 1673:** "Know all men by these presents that I Robert Bartlett, of the Towne of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction of Plymouth in New England, in America wine Cooper; That for divers Good Causes and Considerations, mee therunto moveing, have out of my owne motion and out of that love Good will, and fatherly affection, which I have and doe beare unto my son Joseph Bartlett; have absolutely Given Graunted alliened enfeofed and Confeirmed; and by these presents doe Give Graunt allien enfeof and Confeirm from mee the said Robert Bartlett and my heires; To him my siad son Joseph Bartlett hee his heires and assignes for ever; all that my farme Messeuage teniment and seate, which I Now live in and am possessed off, in the Township of Plymouth aforsaid; scittuate and being att a place or river Comonly calld the Eelriver: biz: all that my house and land ther; being bounded with the lands of Nathanel: Warren deceased; now in the tenor and occupaiton of Mistris Sarah warren widdow; on the Northerly syde and with the Land of Richard

foster now in the tenor and occupation of Jonathan Morey on the southerly side, Containing two lotts or shares of land being in breadth forty pole; between the forenamed boundaries abuting on the Eelriver aforsaid and extendeth it selfe, for its length up towards the Pyne hills, To a place ordinarily Called and knowne by the Name of the Little Pyne hills; as alsoe foure acres more or lesse, of marsh meddow appertaining therunto lying and being att the Eelriver aforsaid; by the Riversyde against the land of Nathaniel: Warren, before mensioned; Together with a peece of ffresh or upland meddow, being two acres (be it more or lesse) lying and being att or neare Mannometts ponds, in the Township of Plymouth aforsaid; neare unto the place wher hee the said my son Joseph Bartlett, now dweleth; which was somtimes the meddow of Richard; Church lying adjoyning to a brooke Called; The beaver dam brooke, between the said brooke, and the maine brooke, extending it selfe, for the length of it up the said brooke; To have and to hold all that mysaid house and land, with the foure acres more or lesse of Marsh Meddow, and the two acres more or lesse of upland meddow; with all and singulare the appurtenances therunto belonging unto the said my son Joseph Bartlett; To him and his heires and assignes for ever; The said prmises viz: all that my said ffarme with my house theron, with the said four acres of marsh meddow, with the two acres (more or lesse) of upland or ffresh meddow, with all and singular the houses outhouses and ffences in and upon the said farme seatt or teniment with all and singulare the woods waters profitts and priviledges emunities and emoluments, belonging therunto or to the said two prsells of Meddow forenamed; and all and singulare my Right title or Interest off and Into the same, to belong and appertaine unto the onely proper use and behoof of him my said son Joseph Bartlett; To him and his heires and assignes for ever, ffree and cleare and Clearly acquitted, off and from all other and former Gifts Graunts bargaines sales Ingagments Incomberances or Inanglements whatsoever; and to be holder off our Sovr Lord the Kinge as off his manor of East Greenwich in the Countey of Kent in the realme of England, in free and comon soccage, and not in capite, nor by Knights service, nor by the rents and services therof, and therby due and of Right accustomed, with warrantice against all prsons that by my Right or title, might claime any Right or title off or into the said prmises or any prte or prsell therof, alwaies provided; and that by these presents it be Clearly understood that the said my son Joseph Bartlett shall not enter upon the possession of the said my house land and meddowes, untill the decease of both mee and my wife, Mary Bartlett, or upon any prte or prsell therof, nor any for him; but att the decease of both mee and my said wife; hee his heires or assignes, is to have hold use occupy Inheritt and Injoy the same with all and singulare the appurtenances priviledges and emunities belonging therunto without any lawfull suite deniall Interruption or eviction or disturbance whatsoever lawfully claiming from by or under mee the said Robert Bartlett; or by my meanes acte privity Consent or procurement; and I the said Robert Bartlett doe heerby Give and Graunt libertie unto the said my son Joseph Bartlett, either by him selfe or his Attorney to Record and Inrole these presents, or to Cause them to be recorded or Inroled in his Ma'ties court of Plymouth aforsaid, or in any other place or court of Records according to such Case made and provided; In witnes wherof I the said Robert Bartlett have heerunto subscribed my hand and affixed my seale this fourteenth of July 1673 one Thousand six hundred seaventy and three;

Signed sealed and delivered in the prsence of William Clarke, Nathaniel: Morton;

Robert Bartlett R his marke and a (seale)

This deed of Gift was acknowldid by Robert Bartlett senir this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1673 before mee”  
Constance Southworth Assistant

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 3, p. 112-113.

**4 March 1673/4:** “Mary Bartlett the wife of Robert Bartlett Came into this Court and owned that shee hath received full satisfaction for whatsoever shee might Claime as Due from the estate of Mistris Elizabeth Warren Deceased; and John Cooke in the behalfe of all her sister testified the same before the Court ; and the Court Doth heerby settle the remainder of the said estate on Joseph Warren to bee by him Injoyed without further mollestation or disturbance from any of them”

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 5, p. 139.

**6 March 1676-7:** "Letters of administration is granted by the Court unto Mary Bartlett & Joseph Bartlett to administer on the estate of Robert Bartlett, deceased." | Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 220.

**Robert Bartlett made his last will and testament on 19 September 1676.**

**6 March 1676-7:** "Letters of administration is granted by the Court unto Mary Bartlett & Joseph Bartlett to administer on the estate of Robert Bartlett, deceased." Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 220.

**13 February 1677/1678:** "To all people to whom these presents shall Come, Mary Bartlett widdow, and Late wife unto Robert Bartlett deceased, of the Towne of New Plymouth, in the Collonie of New Plymouth, in New England england in America sendeth Greet &c:  
Know yee that I the said Mary Bartlett, for and in Consideration of one bond of three hundred Pounds Sterling bearing date with these presents, made signed sealed and delivered, unto me by my son Joseph Bartlett, of the aforesaid Towne of new Plymouth; for the true and full performance of severall obligations, therein expressed, and mentioned unto mee; and my order and Assignes; wherwith I doe acknowledge my selfe to be fully satisfied Contented and payed; have freely and absolutely bargained and sold allianated enfeofed and Confeimed; and by the presents I doe bargaine Allianate sell Enfeoffe and Confeirm from mee the said Mary Bartlett and my heires; unto the said Joseph Bartlett hee his heires and assignes for ever; all that my Right title and Interest that I have; or may claime, for or dureing the time of my Naturall Life, in any sort of houseing lands or meddows; which was Given or served to mee or for my use; by the aforesaid Robert Bartlett my husband; in his deed of Gift unto the aforesaid Joseph Bartlett Alsoe I have Bargained and sold as aforesaid all that my fifty acres of upland be it more or lesse, that I have lying and being, nearer a place Comonly Called the salt Marsh, abuting upon the sea; between the Eelriver and Mannomet Ponds, within the aforesaid Towne of New Plymouth; and fifty acres of upland be it more or lesse; lying and being between the lands of Ephraim Morton Junir; and those lands that were James Barnabey deceased lying att the Eelriver; and all that my one prsell of meddow; be it more or Lesse; lying and being upon the said Eelriver; next unto the meddow of the said Ephraim Morton; and I doe also Bargaine; and sell as aforesaid, unto the aforesaid Joseph Bartlett, all that my prsonall estate; lett it be in what specue soever; That was Given unto mee by me aforesaid deceased husband Robert Bartlett; by his Last Will and Testament; which appeers by Inventory Recorded; That I Now have or shall have at the time of my decease; To be the proper estate of the said Joseph Bartlett; with all and singulare the appurtenances; and priviledges belonging unto each of the aforesaid prmises or prsells of Land; and all my Right title and Interest of and into each of the aforesaid prmises; and every prt or prsell therof: To have and to hold; all that my aforesaid Right title and Interest, of and Into any houseing Lands & meddowes Given or reserved to mee as aforesaid by my deceased husband Robert Bartlett; and all that my fifty acres of upland; be it more or lesse; lying att the aforesaid salt Marsh abuting upon the sea; and all that my fifty acres of upland be it more or lesse That lyeth between the lands of Ephraim Morton Jur and James Barnabey deceased; and all that my one prsell of Meddow (be it more or Lesse) that lyeth upon the aforesaid Eelriver next Ephraim Mortons meddow; and all my aforesaid prsonall estate Given unto mee by my aforesaid Robert Bartlett as it is before expressed; with all and singulare the appurtenances, and priviledges unto each of the said prmises, belonging; and all my Right title and Interest of and Into every of the said prmises and every prte and prsell therof; unto the said Joseph Bartlett; his heires and assignes for ever; free and Cleare and Clearly acquitted and discharged; of all former bargaines sales Gifts Leases; Mortgages Charges and Intanglements whatsoever; to be holden as of our Sovr Lord the Kinge; as of his Manor of East Greenwich in the Countey of Kent within the

Realme of England in free and Comon soccage; and not in Capite nor by Knights service by the rents and services therof and therby due, and of Right; accustomed; to the onely proper use and behoofe of him the said Joseph bartlett, his heires and assignes for ever; and with warrantice against all people whatsoever; for ever by these presents from by or under mee; the said Mary Bartlett; my heires executors and Adminnestrators; and every of them; Claiming any right title or Interest; of and Into the said prmises with their appurtenances; or any prte or prsell therof; and I the said Mary Bartlett doe by these presents authorise; The said Joseph Bartlett either by himselfe or his Attorney; to Record and Inrole these presents or cause them to be recorded or Enroled, before the Govr of New Plymouth; or some one of his Assistants; for the time being according to the usuall manor of Recording and enrolling of deeds and evidences, in his said Ma'ties Court of New Plymouth aforsaid In Witnes wherof, I the aforsaid Mary Bartlett have heerunto sett my hand and seale; This thirteenth day of ffebruary one Thousand six hundred seaventy and seaven.

Signed sealed and delivered

in the prsence of John Cotton senir, William Crow, John Cotton Junir

Mary Bartlett her ----- Marke and a seale

This deed of sale was acknowlided by Mary Bartlett widdow; the thirteenth day of ffebruary 1677

Before mee

Constant Southworth Assistant

Some time in the year 1683, Benjamin and Joseph Bartlett confirmed a gift of land made by Robert and Mary Bartlett to their grandson William Harlow Jr.; that document referred to the "deceased our dear Parents, Robert and Mary Bartlett."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 3, p. 116.