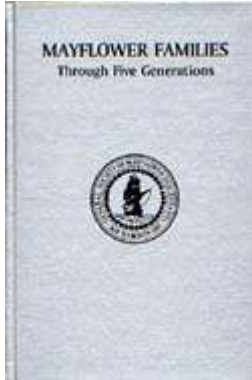


James Chilton

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Birth: About 1556, probably Canterbury, Kent, England, son of Lyonell Chilton.	<div data-bbox="797 443 1047 821">  </div> <div data-bbox="1047 443 1349 842"> <p><u>Mayflower Families: James Chilton and Richard More for Five Generations</u>, contains the best, most thorough and completely researched genealogy on James Chilton. It covers every descendant of his for the first five generations, to the birth of the sixth generation. It's packed full of well documented genealogical research.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="797 842 1307 936"> <p>Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. <u>ORDER NOW!</u></p> </div>	
Marriage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Chilton, about 1585 or 1586. 		
Death: 8 December 1620, onboard the <i>Mayflower</i> in anchored off Provincetown Harbor.		
Children: Isabella, Jane, Mary (died young), Joel (died young), Elizabeth, James (died young), Ingle, Christian, James, and Mary.		

Biographical Summary

James Chilton

James Chilton was born about 1556, probably at Canterbury, Kent, England, the son of Lyonell Chilton and his second wife (whose name has not been found). James married about 1585 or 1586, and had his first child baptized at St. Paul's, Canterbury, Kent, England on 15 January 1586/7. The name of his wife is not found in any records. The long-published claim that she was Susanna Furner was disposed of by Michael Paulick's research published in 1999.

James Chilton and wife had seven children born in Canterbury, Kent, before moving about 1600 to Sandwich, Kent, where he had his last three children baptized. In 1609, his wife (unfortunately called simply "___ Chilton wife of James Chilton," was charged by the Archdeaconry Court with attending the secret burial of a child (they opposed the "popish" burial ceremonies of the Church of England). It was presumably not long before the family left for Holland. In 1619, James Chilton (aged 63) and his oldest daughter Isabella were caught in the middle of an anti-Arminian riot in Leiden, and he was hit in the head with a stone, requiring the services of the town surgeon Jacob Hey.

James, his wife, and his youngest daughter Mary came on the *Mayflower* in 1620.

James, at the age of 64, was the oldest person to have made the *Mayflower's* voyage. James died on 8 December 1620 onboard the *Mayflower*, which was then anchored off Provincetown Harbor--one of six passengers to die in the month of December. His wife also died sometime the first winter, but daughter Mary survived.

Additional Resources

Published Research

- John G. Hunt, "Origins of the Chiltons of the Mayflower," *The American Genealogist*, 38:244-245. Contains information on the Chiltons English origins; however the article also contains references to Susanna Furner as a possible wife to James Chilton, which is now known to be incorrect.
- Michael Paulick, "The 1609-1610 Excommunications of Mayflower Pilgrims Mrs. Chilton and Moses Fletcher," *New England Historic and Genealogical Register* 153 (October 1999):408-412.