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Name variations include: Allerton, Ollerton, Ellerton and Alderton.

First Generation

1. **Edward¹ ALLERTON** was of "St. Dionis Backchurch, London", Middlesex co., England and died in 1590.

On 14 Feb 1579/1580 Edward married **Rose DAVIS**, in England. Rose was "of St. Peter's, Cornhill" and died in 1596.

They had the following children:

2	i.	Isaac
3	ii.	Sarah

Generation: G10 Grandparents (Remember) and G11 Grandparents (Mary)

Person Numbers: 7500/7501 and 15308/15309

Second Generation

Family of Edward ALLERTON (1) & Rose DAVIS

2. **Isaac² ALLERTON** (*Edward¹*) was born circa 1586 in Northeastern England^[1,2,3,4]. Isaac's birthdate is estimated from a deposition given in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 26 September 1639, in which he claimed he was of "New Plimmouth" and was aged about 53 years^[1,5,6]. He died in New Haven, New Haven co., CT between the 1st and the 12th of February 1658/9; he was 72^[1,4]. This time span is explained by the fact that Isaac appeared in court on 1 February 1658/9 and his estate was inventoried on 12 February 1658/9. One certain fact is that he was buried on 12 February 1659, most likely in the Old Burial Ground, New Haven, New Haven co., CT.

While no formal record or written evidence of Isaac's education exists; his high standing in the Pilgrim community and many dealings in business, politics & diplomacy indicate that he must have been quite well educated.

Isaac first migrated to Holland in 1609 and was made a freeman of Leiden, Holland on 7 February 1614. He emigrated to America on the *Mayflower* in 1620^[29]. According to Governor Bradford, Isaac brought his wife, Mary, children Bartholomew, Remember & Mary and a servant named John Hooke with them on the *Mayflower*^[14,15]. His wife, Mary and servant, John Hooke, were amongst those who died during the first winter of 1620-1621.

In September 1621, three small islands in Boston Harbor were named "The Brewsters" in honor of Elder Brewster and the point of land at Nantasket was named "Point Allerton" for Isaac. All these landmarks carry those names today^[32].

After John Carver's death in early 1621, Isaac was chosen to be the assistant to the new Governor, William Bradford. Isaac was re-elected annually to that post for many years^[8,30,31,32]. He was the fifth signer of the Mayflower Compact, written on board the ship in Provincetown Harbor on 11 November 1620. And he was one of nine in the list of 45 men to whom Governor Bradford gave the honorable prefix of "Mister". Only the names of Carver, Bradford, Winslow and Brewster precede his^[32]. Isaac and Captain Miles Standish went to treat with Massasoit on 22 March 1620/1^[32].

He was made a Freeman in Leiden on 7 February 1614. Supposedly, only he, Degory Priest and Governor William Bradford were accorded this honor^[17]. Isaac's freemanship in Plymouth is on two lists. He is on the 1633 Plymouth list of freemen^[24] and also on the Plymouth list of 7 March 1636/7^[25].

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Isaac was possibly admitted to the church at Salem, Essex co., MA on 21 March 1646/7 as "Mr. Alderton". Then again, some maintain that this may be a different man^[33]. Isaac and his wife, Joanna, were assigned pews in New Haven, CT meeting house on 10 March 1646/7^[34].

As previously mentioned, Isaac moved from London to Leiden, Holland in 1609 and then to Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1620. In addition to being one of the surviving first settlers of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts, he was also mentioned as one of the first settlers of Marblehead, Essex co., MA. We also know that he resided in Machias, ME; New Amsterdam, New Netherlands (now New York City); and New Haven, CT^[1]. It is believed that he lived in quite a few other places.

In the 1623 Plymouth land division, "Mr. Isaak Alerton" received 7 acres^[8,9,10]. Isaac, his wife Fear and his children Bartholomew, Remember, Mary and Sarah were the first six people in the second company of the 1627 Plymouth cattle division^[8,11]. On 1 July 1633, he was assigned mowing ground for the year there^[12].

On 6 September 1631, Allerton sailed aboard the *White Angel* for Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[20]. Yet, he was still taxed at Plymouth Colony in 1633 and had the highest assessment at £3 10s. On 6 May 1635, "Mr. Ollerton" gave all his houses, buildings and stages at Marblehead to his son-in-law Moses Maverick. He was in New Haven by 13 October 1646, when he was called "Isaac Allerton of Newhaven, Merchant"

Emigration to New England made Isaac Allerton. He was a tailor when he lived in London, Middlesex, England. However, in America, he became an assistant to Governor William Bradford and the agent and liaison between the Plymouth Colony and the parent company in London. Finally, he became a merchant, a word which scarcely describes Isaac's many business ventures. His trading ventures ranged from nearly every known port from England to New England. He is found in the records of "...virtually every colony on the Atlantic Seaboard and in the Carribean; including ... [but not limited to] ... Newfoundland, New Netherlands, New Sweden, Virginia, Barbados, Curacao and Machias, ME...^[14]" He made a point of making sure that the complete scope of his business ventures remained a bit...fuzzy. This led to his dismissal as the Plymouth Colony agent. He reminds me of my grandfather, Arthur B. Maddison, who -- after losing everything in a Depression-Era bank failure -- made a point to hide assets everywhere. Long after his death, safe-deposit keys were found taped to the underside of shelves, drawers & desks...with no indication of where they belonged. Isaac Allerton's business dealings alone could make for an interesting book, but I imagine that many of his business dealings went to the grave with him. He was the wealthiest of the Pilgrims, as seen by the Plymouth colony tax rolls. He was assessed £3 11s. on 25 March 1633 and £1 16s. on 27 March 1634^[7].

From 1626-1630, Isaac was sent on a series of voyages to England and Leiden to act as an agent in trading and raising money for the Plymouth Colony. In autumn 1626, he was sent to England as an agent for the Colony to get supplies for the Colony and to see if he could "make any reasonable composition with the Adventurers" taking with him a bond dated 2 July 1626 and signed by Gov. Bradford and others to raise money for the Colony. Allerton returned in spring 1627, having raised £200 for the colony, but 1/3 of it had been invested in goods. Later in 1627, he again went to England to confirm and ratify a bargain made with the Adventurers to pay them £1800 for their interest in America. He carried with him some beaver to pay off debts of 1626 and was to also obtain a patent to establish a trading post on the Kennebec River in what is now Maine. The contract for the £1800 was completed and dated 15 November 1626. They were to forfeit 30s. a week for every week the debt was overdue in its payment. By the terms of the contract, the Company sold to the Colony all their stocks, merchandise, lands, chattels, rights & interest for the £1800 agreed upon. The Colony was to make payments of £200 at the Royal Exchange in London every Michaelmas for the next nine years^[18].

Early in 1628, Allerton returned to Plymouth, paid the first £200 to the Adventurers and presenting the patent for the Kennebec trading post. In the autumn of 1628, he was sent again to England in order to enlarge and correct the Kennebec patent and to obtain another one for Plymouth. Also, he was to facilitate the removal of the remainder of the church at Leiden. He returned in early 1629 and reported failure on all counts and so was sent back immediately in August of 1629. This time he obtained the patent on 29 January 1630^[18]. He was back in time to greet the Winthrop fleet to New England on 12 June 1630^[18].

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He made his fifth and final trip to England on the Colony's behalf in 1630, returning on the *White Angel* and old hostilities between Allerton and the Colony bubbled to the surface. He was dismissed as their agent. Apparently, the Colony thought that he had spent too much money to obtain a royal charter. Once the break was made, relations between Allerton and the Colony remained strained for the rest of his days^[19].

Allerton expressed his alienation from the Plymouth Colony by trying to set up a rival trading post to take its business. Thus, he first set up trade at Marble Harbour (now Marblehead, Essex co., MA). Once he was established there, in June 1632, he set up another rival trading company on the Kennebec River in what is now Maine, hiring the *White Angel* to move his goods along the coast. He also attempted to set up a trading company on the Penobscot River but it was quickly razed by French raiders from Canada^[20].

By 1633, he had set up a trading house at Machias, ME "consisting of 5 men and a quantity of merchandise" and was fishing with his fleet of 8 boats at Marble Harbour^[20]. In the same year, he was the highest taxed individual in Plymouth colony.

In 1634, the Machias Trading Post was attacked by French and Indians and looted of its goods. His house there was destroyed by fire the same year. On 1 February 1634, the house at Marblehead in which Allerton and his fishermen stayed was also destroyed by fire. That same year, a pinnacle returning from trading from the French at Port Royal was lost at sea. Finally, "a pestilent fever" killed his second wife, Fear^[20].

Thus, by 1635, he had earned the unfortunate moniker "Unlucky Allerton", when he lost another Bark at Cape Ann on 15 August 1635 as it conveyed the Reverend John Avery & his family from Newbury, Essex co., MA to Marblehead, Essex co., MA as it sailed its regular run between Piscataqua [Portsmouth, NH] and Boston, Suffolk co., MA. Aboard were Avery, his wife and six children; Avery's cousin Anthony Thatcher, his wife and four children. In addition, there were two other passengers and four mariners. Twenty-one people lost their lives, including the ship's master, his wife and six children^[20]. Only Thatcher and his wife were saved^[21]. This was the same storm [now believed to be a vicious hurricane] that destroyed the *Angel Gabriel*.

Soon thereafter, he was given leave to depart Marblehead as he had conveyed everything there to his son-in-law, Moses Maverick^[20]. On 6 May 1635 it was recorded in the Massachusetts Bay Colony Records that Isaac had given all his houses, buildings and stages in Marblehead to Moses Maverick. This was entered in the records as "Mr. Ollerton hath given to Moses Maveracke, his son-in-law, all his houses, buildings, & stages, that he hath at Marble Head, to enjoy to him & his heirs forever"^[13]. It is assumed that his Plymouth Colony, MA properties went to Thomas and Mary (Allerton) Cushman at some time.

Isaac basically disappears from the records from 1636-1642, but reappears from 1643 to his death in 1658 in many records^[22]. After he settled in New Haven, CT, Isaac started trading with the Dutch. On 20 January 1642, he sold his yacht *Hope* to Govert Loockermans of New Amsterdam, New Netherlands^[17]. In 1643, he and Loockermans had a grant in the town of New Amsterdam.

By 27 October 1643, his name is found in the New Haven records. Joanna as his third wife makes her first appearance in Winthrop's Journal of 16 December 1644, where he states that "Mr. Allerton coming from New Haven 'in a ketch, with his wife and other persons, they were taken in a great storm, and cast away at Scituate; but the persons all saved.'^[23]"

On 27 October 1646, he is referred to as "of New Amsterdam, in the Province of New Netherlands, merchant^[23]" when he confirmed to his son-in-law Thomas Cushman of New Plymouth that one John Coombe owed Isaac a debt of one hundred pounds^[26].

In 1651, Bradford reported that "Mr. Allerton his wife died with the first, and his servant John Hooke. His son Bartle is married in England but I know not how many children he hath. His daughter Remember is married at Salem and hath three or four children living. And his daughter Mary is married here and hath four children. Himself married again with the daughter of Mr. Brewster and hath one son living by her, but she is long since dead. And he is married again and hath left this place long ago. So I account his increase to be eight, besides his son's in England"^[14,16].

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Isaac's will was inventoried on 12 February 1658/9 and totalled £118 5s. 2d. This included "the dwelling house, orchard & barn with two acres of meadow," £75. Said will was presented in the New Haven Court on 5 April 1659. His son Isaac produced his father's will on 5 July 1659. Isaac, Jr. was appointed to settle the estate, but relinquished the trust. The undated will was proved on 19 October 1659.

The will of "Isaac Allerton, late of New Haven, deceased," basically consisted of a list of debts owed him. It then ordered "my son Isaac Allerton and my wife, as trustees to receive in my debts, and to pay what I owe, as far as it will go and what is overplus I leave to my wife and my son Isaac, as far as they receive the debts to pay what I owe." Inventory was taken on 12 February 1658/9 and totalled £118 5s. 2d. and included "the dwelling house, orchard & barn with two acres of meadow," £75^[1,27,28].

On 4 November 1611 when Isaac was 25, he first married **Mary NORRIS**, in Stadhuis, Leiden, Holland^[1,4,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52]. Mary was listed as a "single woman from Newbury in England" on her marriage record. We know that she was born in Newbury, Berkshire, England and died on 25 February 1620/1 in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA^[1,4,53]. Like Isaac, Mary was a Puritan and migrated to New England aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620.

They had the following children:

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| 4 | i. | Bartholomew |
| 5 | ii. | Remember |
| 6 | iii. | Mary |
| 7 | iv. | [unknown child] (<i>Stillborn</i>) |
| 8 | v. | [stillborn son] (<i>Stillborn</i>) |

Generation: G9 Grandparents (Remember) and G10 Grandparents (Mary)

Person Numbers: 3750/3751 and 7654/7655

Before 22 May 1627 when Isaac was 41, he second married **Fear BREWSTER**, daughter of **William BREWSTER & Mary [surname not known]**, in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA^[1,4,38,40,42,44,48,49,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66]. Fear died circa the 12th of December 1634 in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA^[1,4,67,68].

They had the following children:

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| 9 | i. | Sarah |
| 10 | ii. | Issac |

Before 1644 when Isaac was 58, he third married **Johanna SWINNERTON**, in New York or Newbury, Essex co., MA^[1,4,38,39,42,44,48,69,70,71,72,73,74]. Johanna died in 1682^[4].

3. Sarah ALLERTON (*Edward*¹) first married **John VINCENT**, second married **Degory PRIEST**, and third married **Godbert GODBERTSON**.

Third Generation

Family of Isaac ALLERTON (2) & Mary NORRIS

4. Bartholomew ALLERTON (*Isaac*², *Edward*¹) was born circa 1613 in Leiden, Holland. Bartholomew died after 1627; he was 14. He returned to England, where he became minister at "Bamfield", Suffolk^[1]. Bartholomew first married **Margaret [surname not known]** and second married **Sarah FAIRFAX**, daughter of **Benjamin FAIRFAX**.

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5. Remember³ ALLERTON (*Isaac², Edward¹*) was born in January 1614 in Leiden, South Holland Province, Holland^[4] and died in Marblehead, Essex co., MA before 22 October 1656; she was 42^[4]. Remember actually died sometime between 12 September 1652, when she baptized her child, and 22 October 1656, when her husband Moses remarried. Remember was also referred to as Sarah in some records.

Sometime before 6 May 1635 when Remember was 21, she married **Moses MAVERICK**, son of **Reverend John MAVERICK & Mary GYE**, in Plymouth, Salem or Marblehead, MA^[13,42,60,61,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89]. On the 6th of May 1636, Moses is first referred to as the son-in-law of Isaac Allerton in the Mass Bay Colony Records.

They had the following children (*surnamed MAVERICK*):

- i. **Rebecca**
- ii. Mary
- iii. Abigail
- iv. Elizabeth 1
- v. Samuel
- vi. Elizabeth 2
- vii. Remember

Generation: G8 Grandmother
Person Numbers: 1874/1875

6. Mary ALLERTON (*Isaac², Edward¹*) was born circa 1616 in Leiden, South Holland Province, Holland and died in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA on 28 November 1699; she was 83^[1,167]. Mary was baptized in Leiden, South Holland Province, Holland in June of 1616.

Mary was the last survivor of those who emigrated on the *Mayflower*. "...[A] late annotation to Bradford's 1651 list noted that 'Mary Cushman the daughter of Mr. Allerton' was still alive in 1690^[168]; she d. Plymouth 28 November 1699^[167], the last of the Mayflower passengers to die^[1]."

Circa 1636 when Mary was 20, she married **Thomas CUSHMAN**, son of **Robert CUSHMAN & Sarah REDER**, in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA^[4,42,44,49,61,169,170,171,172,173,174,175,176,177,178,179,180,181,182,183,184,185,186,187,188].

They had the following children (*surnamed CUSHMAN*):

- i. Thomas
- ii. Mary
- iii. **Sarah**
- iv. Issac
- v. Elkanah
- vi. Fear
- vii. Eleazar
- viii. Lydia

Generation: G9 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 3826/3827

7. [unknown child] ALLERTON (*Isaac², Edward¹*) was stillborn in 1620. It was buried on 5 February 1620 in St. Peter's, Leiden, Holland^[1,197].

8. [stillborn son] ALLERTON (*Isaac², Edward¹*) was born on 22 December 1620 in Provincetown Harbor, MA^[1] and died in Provincetown Harbor, MA on 22 December 1620. Mary & Isaac were still aboard the *Mayflower* when this child was stillborn.

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Family of Isaac ALLERTON (2) & Fear BREWSTER

9. Sarah ALLERTON (*Isaac*², *Edward*¹) was born circa 1627 in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA and died young -- sometime after 22 May 1627 but before 1651.

10. Issac ALLERTON (*Isaac*², *Edward*¹) was born between 22 May 1627 and 1630 in Plymouth, Plymouth co., MA^[1]. He graduated from Harvard in 1650^[1]. Circa 1652 Issac first married Elizabeth [surname not known]^[1]. Circa 1663 he second married Elizabeth WILLOUGHBY, daughter of Captain Thomas WILLOUGHBY, in Virginia^[198].

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