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### Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633, Volumes I-III

#### Introduction

For the user of this set of volumes to understand what is being presented, we must define carefully the scope of the Great Migration Study Project. Who were the participants in the Great Migration? What information is being collected on these people?

#### Criteria for Inclusion in The Great Migration Begins

The first phase of the Great Migration Study Project attempts to identify and describe all those Europeans who settled in New England prior to the end of 1633. The date was chosen because of the steep increase in migration beginning in 1634 and continuing for the rest of that decade (see Robert Charles Anderson, "A Note on the Pace of the Great Migration," *The New England Quarterly* 59 [1986]:406-07). As a rough estimate, about 15 percent of the immigrants to New England arrived in the fourteen years from 1620 to 1633, with the remaining 85 percent coming over in half as many years, from 1634 to 1640.

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### TURNER

*ORIGIN:* Leiden, Holland

*MIGRATION:* 1620 on *Mayflower*

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Plymouth

*BIRTH:* By about 1590 based on estimated ages of children.

*DEATH:* Plymouth 1620-1 in the first sickness [ [Bradford](#) 446].

*MARRIAGE:* By about 1615 \_\_\_\_\_. She did not come over.

*CHILDREN:*

i Son, b. say 1615; d. Plymouth 1620-1 [ [Bradford](#) 446].

ii Son, b. say 1617; d. Plymouth 1620-1 [ [Bradford](#) 446].

iii (probably) ELIZABETH, b. say 1619; m. and living in Salem in 1650 (see *COMMENTS* below).

*COMMENTS:* Robert Cushman sent his letters to those intending to sail on the *Mayflower* by way of John **Turner** [ [Bradford](#) 365-66].

Bradford describes the *Mayflower* passengers, including "John **Turner**, and two sons; he had a daughter came some years after to Salem, where she is now living" [ [Bradford](#) 443]. In 1651 Bradford reported that "John **Turner** and his two sons all died in the first sickness. But he hath a daughter still living at Salem, well married, and approved of" [ [Bradford](#) 446].

Robert S. Wakefield in "Mayflower Passengers **Turner** and Rogers: Probable Identification of Additional Children" ( [TAG](#) 52:110-13) presents evidence indicating that the daughter of John **Turner** who came to New England after 1620 (probably in 1629 or 1630) was "Lysbet **Turner**" who appears in the 1622 Poll Tax list for Leiden. Wakefield argues convincingly that she was the Elizabeth **Turner** who witnessed a deed in Salem on 8 October 1635, and joined the church there on 28 December 1637. These dates would indicate that she was born no later than 1621; if this is in fact her date of birth, then she would have been born after her father sailed for New England, and posthumously; she could also have been born a few years earlier. In order to complete this identification, a search should be undertaken for a Salem man with wife named Elizabeth, the marriage taking place between 1637 and 1650, and probably closer to the earlier date.

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