



Peregrine White: his birth on the Mayflower

"The names of those which came over first, in the year 1620, and were by the blessing of God the first beginners and in a sort the foundation of all the Plantations and Colonies in New England; and their families..."

"Mr. William White and Susanna his wife and one son called Resolved, and one born a-shipboard called Peregrine ..."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed. Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 442.

"...it pleased God that Mistriss White was brought a bed of a son, which was called Peregrine." *Mourt's Relation*, ed. Jordan D. Fiore (Plymouth, Mass.: Plymouth Rock Foundation, 1985), p. 26-27.

"Before the End of November Susanna Wife of William White was delivered of a Son, who is called Peregrine being the first Born since their arrival and I conclude the first of the European Extract in New England."

Thomas Prince, *New England Chronology*, 1736.

William White, Peregrine's father, died in the general sickness of 1620-1621. His mother, Susanna White, married Edward Winslow in the spring of 1621.

Peregrine White and the 1623 Division of Land

The 1623 Division of Land marked the end of the Pilgrims' earliest 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, or 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. Peregrine White is not mentioned by name but his father, William White, who had died early in 1621 is mentioned. The inference is that land is being given to the surviving family of William White. The land is described as "The Falles of their grounds which came first over in the May Floure, according as their lotes were cast ... William White 5 ... this .5 akers lyeth behind the forte to the litle ponde."

Peregrine White and the 1627 Division of Cattle

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"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 third lot fell to Capt Standish & his companie Joyned to him (2) his wife Barbara Standish (3) Charles Standish (4) Allexander Standish (5) John Standish (6) Edward Winslow (7) Susanna Winslow (8) Edward Winslow (9) John Winslow (10) Resolued White (11) Perigrine White (12) Abraham Peirce (13) Thomas Clarke

"To this lot fell the Red Cow wch belongeth to the poore of the Colonye to wch they must keepe her Calfe of this yeare being a Bull for the Companie. Also to this lott Came too she goats."

Peregrine White: 1650

"And seeing it hath pleased Him to give me [William Bradford] to see thirty years completed since these beginnings, and that the great works of His providence are to be observed, I have thought it not unworthy my pains to take a view of the decreasings and increasings of these persons and such changes as hath pssed over them and theirs in this thirty years...

"Mr. White and his two servants died soon after their landing. His wife married with Mr. Winslow, as is before noted. His two sons are married and Resolued hath five children, Peregrine two, all living. So their increase are seven.:

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed. Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 443-7.

Peregrine White in the Records of Plymouth Colony

7 June 1637: "It is concluded and enacted by the court, that the colony of New Plymouth shall send forth ayd to assist them of Massachusetts Bay and Conectacutt in their warrs against the Pequin Indians, in reveng of the innocent blood of the English wch the sd Pequins have barbarously shed, and refuse to giue satisfaccon for.

"It is also enacted by the Court, that there shalbe thirty psons sent for land service, and as many others as shalbe sufficient to mannage the barque.

"Leiftennant William Holmes is elected to goe leader of the said company.

"Mr Thomas Prence is also elected by lott to be for the counsell of warr, and to goe forth wth them...

"The Names of the Souldiers that willingly offer themselues to goe vpon the sd Service, wth Mr Prince & the Leiftent. Voluntaries ... Perregrine White, [et al]...

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 1, p. 61.

27 September 1642: "Mr Edward winslow, Mr Tymothy Hatherley, and Captaine Miles Standish are deputed and authorized by the Genall Court, this day, to treate and conclude wth such comissioners as the Gounor & Court of Massachusetts shall appoynt for that purpose, vpon such heads & pposicons as the Lord shall direct them for our combineing together mutually in a defensiuie and offensiuie wrar for our psent defence against the intended surprisall of the natiues...

"It is also agreed & concluded, that Captaine Miles Standish shall goe captaine to lead those forces that shalbe sent forth; and that Mr Thoms Prence shall go wth him, to be his counsell

and advise in the warrs, &c; and that Willm Palmer shalbe leiftenant, and Peregrine White the auicient bearrer."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 46-7.

27 September 1642: "Memorand That Mr Edward Winslow came into the publik Court and did acknowledg That he hath absolutly & freely giuen graunted enfeoffed and confirmed vnto Peregrine White his sonn in law all & singuler those his lands lying at the Eele riuer wth all and singuler thapprtences therevnto belonging and all his right title and interest of & into the same To haue and to hold all and singuler the said lands wth their apprtences vnto the said peregrine white his heires and assignes for euer to the onely pper use and behoofe of him the said Peregreene White his heires and Assignes for euer."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 12, p. 86.

6 March 1648-9: "Wee psent Peregrin White, and Sara, his wife, both of Marshfeild, for fornication before marriage or contract. Cleared by paying the fine."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 138.

29 October 1649: "Presentments by the Grand Inquest.

"Wee psent William Halloway and Peregrin White, both of Marshfeild, for fighting. Cleared, with admonission to take heed for the future."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 147.

5 June 1651: "Freemen admited this Court, and sworne...

"ppounded to take vp their Freedom .. Leiuetenant Perigrin White, [et al]...

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 166-7.

5 June 1651: "The Survayors for the Hiewaies...

"Marshfeild, Anthony Snow, Perigrin White."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 168.

3 June 1652: "The Cunstables of the seuerall Townes ... Marshfeild, Anthony Snow, Leiftenant Perigrin White."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 8.

6 April 1653: "Memorand: that Leift White bee warned to appeere att the June Court, to answare for his neglect in not conuaying notice of danger."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 26.

7 June 1653: "In answare vnto two petitions prefered vnto the Court, the one by Mr Joseph Tilden and Steuen Tilden, and the other by Leiftenant Peregrine white, the Court haue ordered that Mr Hatherley, as soon as conveniently hee can, that hee impanel a jury to lay out a way for the said Joseph and Steuen Tilden, vnto the island commonly called Hatches Iland, and vnto the iland called Coopers Iland; and alsoe a way between Leifte White and Mr Hinksman, and alsoe seuerall wayes from anighbour to naighbour alonge by the sides of the North and South Riuer; the said wayes to bee layed out with as much conveniency and as little piudice as may bee."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 34.

9 June 1653: "Leiftenant white, for neglecting to giue speedy notice of danger when order sent vnto him by a maiestrate to that purpose, and for not conuaying speedily a letter directed from the comissioners, videlecete, Mr Bradford and Mr Brown, the said Leiftenant white is fined

fifteen shillings."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 37.

16 September 1653: [Edward Winslow had agreed to take on Nathaniell Covell as an indentured servant in April of 1653]: "These are to signify that Mr Edward Winslow by a letter sent to mee bearing Date the 2cond of May 1653 gave mee power in his name to assigne over the pty within Names (Nathaniell Covell) to Mr Perigrine White his sonneinlaw to serve him according to this Indenture and the full time therof the which I have now Donne this 16th of September 1653 they both appeering before mee at this time;

By mee William Bradford Governor

"Alsoe the said Mr Perigrine White Doth heerby bind himselfe his heires exequitors and assignes to pforme the Covenants within specified to this his servant mencioned in this Indenture and Discharge Mr Edward Winslow of the same and for that end hath heerunto put his hand;

Perigrine White"

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 9, p. 163-4.

6 December 1653: "Memorand; That Leiftenant Perigrine White of the towne of marshfeild in the Jurisdiction of new Plymouth in New England in america Doth acknowledge that for and in consideration of the full summe of forty pounds to him in hand payed by capt: Thomas Willett of the Towne of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction aforsaid wherwith hee Doth acknowledge himselfe Satisfyed contented and fully payed; hee hath freely and absolutly barganed allianated and sold enfeofed and confeirmed and by these Doeth bargane sell enfeofe and confeirme unto the said capt: Willett all that his prte and proprietie of land which as Purchaser or old comer; belongeth unto him att Sowamsett Mattapoisett and places adiacent both upland and meddow with all and singulare the appurtenances privilidges and emunities belonging unto the same; as alsoe the said Leiftenant White is to Defray all charges ariseing by the Indian purchase of the siad prmises; To have and to hold his said prte portion and proprietie of land both upland and meddow which as purchaser or old comer belongeth unto him att Sowamsett Mattapoisett and places adiacent with all and singulare the appurtenances privilidges and emunities belonging therunto or to any prte or prcell therof unto the said captaine Thomas Willett his heires and assignes forever; The said prmises with all and singulare the appurtenances therunto belonging to appertaine unto the onely proper use and behoofe of him the said capt: Willett his heires and assignes for ever; and alsoe the said Leiftenant White heerby covenanteth that his brother Resolved white shall give his [-----] and full consent unto the sale of the abovesaid premises

"This sale was acknowledged before capt: Standish assistant; the Day and yeare above written."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 4, p. 86.

5 June 1655: "Thomas Clarke, of Plymouth, haueing been psented to the Court holden att Plymouth, the sixt of March, 1654, for extortion, hee put this psentment vpon trauerse, and the jury found him not guilty of this psentment.

"The Names of the Jury. Mr. Josias winslow, Senr, Joshua Pratt, Gorge Lewis, Anthony Snow, Leift Perigrine White, [et al] ..."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 73.

8 June 1655: "The milletary officers, settled according to the request of the seuerall townes, are as followeth:

"For Marshfeild, Mr Josias Winslow, Junir, for captaine; for leiftenant, Mr Peregrine White; for ensigne, Marke Eames."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 80.

15 June 1656: "A Deed appointed to bee Recorded

"Know all men by these presents that I Willam Bassett senir of Duxburrow now living Att Bridgwater for Divers Reasons and Considerations Doe freely Surrender and give up all my proper and whole Interest in my landes lying being and Scittuatt upon the south River with all the Emunities and privilidges belonging therunto both uplands and meddow lands unto my two sonnes there living viz Perigrine White and Nathaniell Bassett; I say I give all my proper Right & enterest unto them and to their heires for ever with full power to establish their right and enterest according to court order under the present govrment after the usual order of confeirmacon of lands; provided that both the aforesaid pties bee fully agreed upon the Devision of the lands which was to bee measured and ordered by mr Garrett of Scittuate whoe was appointed Survayor of the same; In Witnesse wherof I have sett toe my hand my owne proper Act and Deed June the 16th Anno: Dom: 1656

William Bassett;

Witness heerof, William Britt

"William Bassett senir: of Bridgwater Desired mee Richard Garrett to Survay his lott of upland and marsh att marshfeild by the south river and to make a Devision of the said upland and marsh unto his two sons viz Mr perigrine white and nathaniell Bassett which accordingly I have Done;

"According to the Record wee began to measure att mr Starrs line by the marsh and from thence Did Run a west southwest line of 220 Rods for the length of the lott att a marked tree ; and from thence wee Did Run a line north northwest 119 Rodds att a stake for the corner in the plaine and from thence wee Did Run a line east northeast 94 Rodds to the old Marked tree att the north side of Daniell Coles lland which by meanes of the Swamp and mersh coveing up into the upland the lott is Narrow att one end and Broad att the other and Mr Whites two fiftes of upland is bounded att Mr Whites south Range Runing from the point of marsh 106 Rodds 12 feet in Mr Starrs south Range att a marked tree and from thence it Runs 60 Rodds north northwest to a marked tree neare to Nathaniell Bassetts Barne ; out of which share of upland the said Mr White hath graunted to the said Nathaniell to have A triangle of upland by his Barne bounded from the corner of Mr Whites said lott to Run twenty three Rodds to a marked tree in the range ... And the said Mr White and Nathaniell Bassett Doe likewise agree that convenient waies shalbee allowed to each other all which said prmises wee Doe both of us Cordially and Really Agree unto Witnesse our hands this 17th of Aprill 1656..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 10, p. 25-27.

2 October 1658: "You [Josias Winslow] shall on all occations bee redy to advise with such as the councill of warr shall appoint to bee of your councill; and they haue for the psent chosen these heerafter nominated, viz: Capt. Tho Willet, Leifte Tho Southworth, Ensigne William Bradford ... Leift Peregrine White, [et al] ... and doe allow that these, or any six or more of them, with yourselfe shall acte as a councill."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 153.

3 October 1659: "Wheras by a former order of Court the seuerall townes in this jurisdiction were required to send in for each towne a man vnto this Court, and to invest them with full power in their behalfe, to treat and conclude about letting of the trad att Kennebecke, - accordingly they did send those whose names are vnderwritten ...

"For Marshfeild, Leiftenant White..."

[The terms of the trade agreement, signed by the representatives, follow.]

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 170-171.

6 June 1660: "The Grand Enquest ... Leift Peregrine White, [et al] ...

5 March 1660-1: "Wee, whose names are vnderwritten, being impannelled on a jury to enquire how Jeremiah Burroughs, of the towne of Marshfeild, came by her death, wee find, that hee, coming in a smale cannoo to fech some goods hee had in John Bournes boate, and reaching with his hand to lay hold of the boate, reached short, and soe fell into the water, wherby hee came by his death; and soe wee say all.

"Josias Winslow, Peregrine White, John Bradford, Joseph Bedle, Willam Foard, Anthony Snow, Thomas Tilden, John Caruer, Elisha Besbey, Gorge Russell, Timothy Williamson.

"Memorandum: that some course bee thought on and ordered about smale and naughty cannoos, and in speciall about this cannoo in the which Jeremiah Burrowes went nto the boate in which hee came by his death."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 3, p. 188, 208-9.

3 June 1662: "The names of the deputies of the seuerall townes of this jurisdiction whoe serued att this Court are as followeth: - ... Leift Perrigrine White, [et al] ...

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 14.

3 June 1662: "In reference to a petition prefered to the Court by sundry of the freemen, and in reference vnto a graunt made to some to looke out accomodations of land, as being the first borne children of this voument, and for the disposing of two seuerall tracts of land lately purchased, the one by Major Winslow and the other by Captaine Southworth, the Court, haueing viewed the seuerall lists of the names of those that desired to bee accomodated therin, haue settled it vpon those whose names follow: -

"Mr Prence, Mr Bradford, Major Winslow, Mr Aldin, William Mullins, Mr Brewster, Mr Howland, Francis Cooke, Leiftenant Fuller, Leiftenant White, William Pontus, [et al] ..."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 18-19.

10 June 1662: "The major, Capt Southworth, and Capt Bradford are appointed by the Court to draw vp a forme of comission for milletary officers, viz, captaines, leiftenants, and ensignes, which shalbee in a reddines to bee viewed by the councell of warr att the next generall training; and if by them, or any seauen of them, approued, then to bee established. Aded vnto those abouemensioned for advise and councell, leiftenant torrey, Leiftenant White, Leiftenant nash, and Cornett Studson...

"A deputie of euery towne in the goument was appointed to take the account of the Treasurer, viz, of those tht were now att the Court. Their names are as followeth: - John Morton, Nathaniell Bacon, Willam paybody, leiftenant Peregrine White, [et al]...

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 21.

23 October 1662: "A Deed appointed to bee Recorded

"To all people to whome these prsents shall Come Peregrine White of Marshfeild in the Govrment of Plymouth in New England in America ; gent: sendeth greet &c

"Know yea that I the said Peregrine White for and in Consideration of the sume of thirty and five pounds sterling to bee payed by Mannasses Kempton of Plymouth aforsaid Plantor wherwith the said Peregrine White Doth acknowledge himselfe fully satisfied and paid; hath freely and absolutely bargained and sold graunted enfeofe and Confeirme unto the said Mannasses Kempton his heires and assignes for ever ; all those his uplands and meddowes lying att the Eelriver in Plymouth Township aforsaid lately assigned and Confeirmed unto the said Peregrine by Mr Edward Winslow in the public Court held att Plymouth the twenty eight of September Anno Dom: 1642 ; and all his Right title and Interest of and into the said prmises ; and every pte and pcell therof ; with all and singulare the appurtenances therunto belonging ; to have and to hold ; all the said uplands and meddowes with all and singulare the

appurtenances therunto belonging ; every pte and pcell therof unto the said Mannasses Kempton his heires and assignes forever ; unto the onely proper use and behoofe of him the said Mannasses Kempton his heires and assignes for ever ; To bee holden of our Sovr: Lord the Kinge ; as of his mannor of East Greenwich in the Countey of Kent in the Realme of England in free and Comon Scocage ; and not in Capite nor by Knights service ; by the rents and services Due and of right accustomed ; and with warrantice against all people whatsoever from by or under him or by his right or title claiming any right title or Interest of and into the said prmises or any pte or pcell therof ; and the said Peregrine white Doth alsoe Covenant promise and graunt by these presents that it shall and may bee lawfull; to and for the said Mannasses kempton ; either by himselfe or his Attorney to record or enrowle these presents or Cause them to bee recorded and enrowled ; in his Maties Court att Plymouth before the Govr: for the time being according to the usuall mannor & order of enrowing evidences in such Case provided ; in Witnes wherof the said Peregrine White hath heerunto sett his hand and seale the twenty third day of October in the nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovr: Lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &C Anno Dom 1643

Peregrine White and a [seale]

Sealed and Delivered in the prsence of us

Nathaniel Souther, Willam Collyare, Myles Standish, Resolved White."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 18, p. 33-34.

7 February 1664 [lands granted by Plymouth Colony Court]: "The severall lots layed forth and bounded lying and being upon Pochade necke neare unto Namassekett graunted unto severall psons afternamed as as followeth;

"Leiftenant Perigrine White, 4 Lot is bounded with a white oke and a red oake tree marked..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 34, p. 81.

1 March 1663-64: "Wheras Samuell Allin, of Barnstable, hath comenced suite against mee, John Barnes, of Plymouth, in an action of defamation, to the damage of an hundred pounds, for reporting att seuerall places that one of Willam Newlands daughters was with child, and that shee layed it to three men ... for the which I am hartily sorry for, and heerby desire to giue due satisfaction, and alsoe promise to take all due courses wherby the said Allins credit may bee repaired again, and that it shalbee lawfull heerby to cause it to be published whersoever the said allin pleaseth. And this to bee recorded. witnes my hand.

"Witnes. Peregrine White, Willam Clarke."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 114.

4 October 1664: "Mr. Joseph Tilden haueing complained to this Court that Edward Bumpas, Junir, is indebted vnto him in the sume of eight pounds and odd mony, as will appeer by bill vnder his hand, and a considerable pte of the debt lyeth vnder attachment in Goodman Holmes his hand, this Court doth esire that Anthony Snow, Leiftenant White, Joseph Bedle, and Thomas Doged, whoe haue bine by the towne of Marshfeild impowered to acte for the said Bumpas, or some of them, with the said Edward, to treat and issue with mr Tilden in reference to his debt, that soe any further suites may bee preuented; and the men aboue named, or such of them as shall acte in it, haue power to see such goods as are yett vnder attachment released for payment of the debt, and it shalbee the constables discharged."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 75.

3 October 1665: "In reference vnto the request of the Kinges comissioners, in the behalfe of Leiftenant Peregrine White, desireing that the Court would accommodate him with a portion of land, in respect that hee was the first of the English that was borne in these ptes, and in

answare vnto his owne petition prefered to this Court respecting the pmisses, -
"The Court haue graunted vnto him two hundred acres of land lying and being att the path
that goes from Bridgewater to the Bay, adjoining to the Bay line."
Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 110.

6 February 1665-6: "Leift Perigrine White, Ensigne Marke Eames, Anthony Snow, John Bourne, and Willam Foard, Senir, are approued by the Court to bee the select men of the towne of Marshfeild."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 113.

Peregrine White also served as Marshfield selectman in 1668 (PCT 4:182) and 1672 (PCR 5:92)

9 February 1665-66: "Know all men that it may Concern by these presents That I Josias Wampatucke allies Chikatabacke have and doe for and in Consideration of satisfaction in hand Received; give graunt and sell unto Leiftenant Peregrine White of Marshfeild to him and his heires for ever two hundred acres of land lying or being neare Bridgewater between two smale Rivers named Ackamacostatant and Manamishchawoeg neare the Massachusetts bounds wher is a stump with an heape of stones about it; the said branches or rivers being the bounds lying as in the margant with all and singulare the timbers meddows lying and being by the Rivers branges of both sides; enageing heerby to defend him from all Claimes either of Indian or english wherunto I bind my selfe and heires for ever I the said Chikatabacke being the Right and proper and true heire to those lands and in Case the said Leift: White upon view like any other place between Bridgewater and the Bay bounds yett ungraunted; then to take it else where; witnesse myhand the day and yeare above written.

Josiah [I O] his marke

Testa Amos [W:] the Indian his marke."

From Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs' *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1291*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002., p. 351.

16 September 1667: "The land agreed upon which the Court gave libertie to Leiftenant Peregrine White to Purchase of Josias Wampatucke allies Chickatabucke lyeth as followeth (viz) beginning att a Certaine stake wher is a heap of stones: in the path from Bridgewater to Brantrey and is the line betwixt the Massachusetts and Plymouth bounds; from thence in the bound line to the head of a brooke Called by the Indians Manamackapegg; from thence Cercular as the brooke runeth untill it meets with another stream Called by the Indians Skumpatastacant; and then Crosing a stream Runing neare North and south steching three hundred and twenty Rodd Eastward and then upon a due square to the Massachusetts bound line; be it more or lesse according to the Indian deed witnes our hands

Josiah [I Q] Chickabuck

his marke

September 16th 1667"

From Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs' *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1291*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002., p. 381-381.

29 October 1667: "These are to informe this honored Court and jury, and all other psons whom it doth or may concerne, that wheras I, John Williams, Junir, hath charged Thomas Summers for wronging and abusing me, by inticing my wife from mee, and for vnlawfull dalliance with her ... wee, John Williams and Thomas Summers, doe oblige our selues vnto each other in the forfeiture of fiue hundred pounds by any suite of law, not to trouble or vex each other in or about these matters afor said, nor nothings tending nor relateing thervnto; and alsoe wee doe further oblige our selues, each to other, in the forfeiture of fiue hundred pounds

starling, to stand to the award of Peregrine White and Robert Marshall, as to the said Summers imprisonment, charges, cost of Courts in or about the premises, in this collonie, and alsoe to pay according to time and specy; and if that the said Marshall and White doe not agree, then wee impower them to choose a third man, and if that they cannot agree, then the Court to choose the third man ...

"The Award of Leiftenant Peregrine White and Mr Robert Marshall, concerning the Suite comenced by John Williams against Thomas Summers, last before mentioned.

"Wheras John Williams, Junir, and Thomas Summers did vountarily and freely bind and engage themselues, in the penalty and assumsett of fiue hundred pounds, to stand to the award of Peregrine White and Robert Marshall, as to the said Summers his imprisonment, charges, cost of Court relateing to an action comenced by the said Williams against the said Summers, att the Court held att Plymouth, October, 1667, the said Peregrine white and Robert Marshall not agreeing in their determination in reference to the premises, nor yett agreeing about the choise of a third pson, - therefore, according to the aforesaid agreement, the honored Court for the jurisdiction of N. Plymouth did choose and appoint Gorge Watson, of Plymouth, aforesaid, to be the third pson to agree with the aforesaid Peregrine white and Robert Marshall, or either of them ... our award and finall determination to the premises is as followeth, viz, -- That the said thomas Summers shall pay, or cause to be payed, vnto the said John Williams, or his assignes, thirty shillings, att or before the second day of January next ensueing the date heerof, to be payed in currant cuntry pay, att prise current. And the said John Williams shall pay, or cause to be payed, vnto the said Thomas Summers, or his order, the sume of forty and three pounds twelue shillings and six pence, the one half to be payed att or before the second day of January next ensueing the date heerof, in wheat, barley, and porke, to be deliuered att Scittuate, att prise current; and the other halfe to bee payed in current cuntry pay..."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 138-140.

5 March 1667-8: "Thomas Summers complained against Ensigne John Williams, in an action of the case, to the damage of fiue hundred pounds, for that the said Williams hath not pformed an award giuen against him by Leiftenant Peregrine White, Mr Robert Marshall, and Gorge Watson, whernvnto hee stands bound to the vallue aboue mensioned, bearing date Nouember the first, 1667.

"The jury find for the plaintiffe the forfeiture of the bond of fiue hundred pounds."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 142.

2 March 1668-9: "Leiftenant Peregrine White, of Marshfeild, complaineth against Benjamine Higgens, of Eastham, in an action of the case, to the damage of sixteen pounds, for not paying a debt due to him, the said White, or his assignes, for a boate bought of him, the said White, the said debt being due, and to be payed the fifteenth of November last past.

"The prties agreed, and the action withdrawne."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 153.

29 May 1670: "An exact List of all the Names of the Freemen of the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth..."

"Marshfeild .. Leiftenant Peregrine White."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 5, p. 274, 277.

1672 [Peregrine White was a witness to the will of Ralph Chapman Senior of Marshfield made 28 November 1671 and exhibited to the court on 4 June 1672. The will was not signed by Chapman and so depositions were taken as to the circumstances]: "The Deposition of Ephraim Little aged 22 years of therabouts ... being att the house of William Norkott after the will was

made ; they Desired mee to sett my hand to the will: then the Scribe Desired that I would Read it which accordingly I Did; and after that Mr White had Read it; hee asked Ralph Chapman whether this was according to his mind; and hee said it is; and further this Deponant saith that I Judge hee was I his pfect sences ... and further I testify that they asked whoe shall keep the Will: Mr White said lett Ephraim Little ; but I made some words; and Ralph Chapman said lett my son William Take it and Give to to Edward Wanton..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 19, p. 132-134.

5 June 1672: " Leift Peregrine White and William Nelson, Senir, were appointed by the Court to lay out or deuide certaine meddowes belonging to pachague Necke, and the inlargement of upland on Bridgwater syde of the riuer; and the ptenors of Pachauge Necke aforsaid engaged to defray the charge therof."

records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 5, p. 94.

4 March 1672-3: "Leiftenant Perrigrine White, Mr John Bourne, and Ensigne Marke Eames, as celectmen of the town of Marshfeild, and in the said townes behalfe, doe complaine against John Farrow and Willam Sprague, Senir, both of Hingham, in an action of the case, to the damage of an hundred pounds, for that the said Farrow and sprague did this day conduct or bringe one Hannah Bumpas, a distracted pson, whose last settled residence hath bin att Hingham, in the collonie of the Massachusetts, for the space of one yeare or more, and is therby, according to an article between the confederate collonies, properly theires to maintaine, into the collonie of New Plymouth and towne of Marshfeild, and their leaueing her, to their great charge and damage, and to the hazard of the psons soe brought and left by them. The jury find for the plaintiffes, that the defendants brought Hannah Bumpas into the towne of Marshfeild, that was then an inhabitant of the towne of Hingham, fiue pounds damage, and the cost of the suite."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 175.

29 October 1673: "This Court, haueing considered the information giuen concerning the Duch their actings att New Yorke and places adjacent, doe judge it a duty incombent on vs to take care in the best way wee can for the preseruacion of his maties interest and our owne in these collonies; but duely considering all cercomstances attending that affire, do not as yett see satisfactory grounds to attempt a warr vpon them ...

"These above written conclusions were made and concluded on the 15th of Septem, 1673, att the Court of Majestrates and Deputies held att Plym aforsaid, before Josias Winslow, Esq. Gou, John Aldin, Willam Bradford, Thomas Hinckley, John Freeman, Nathaniel Bacon, Constant Southworth, and James Browne, Assistants.

"The Names of the Deputies that serued att this Court ... Leift White, [et al]..."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 5, p. 134-5.

4 March 1673-4: "According to a graunt of the Court bearing date June, 1662, and by a Court order bearing date 1671, Leiftenant Peregrine White and John Nelson layed out one thousand acres of land, lying and bearing neare the Old Indian Way att Teticutt Riuer, about a mile westerly, where Namassakett Riuer runs into Teticutt, and soe runs easterly, marked and numbered by the riuer syde, ten lotts, of one hundred acres in a lott, running halfe a mile in length southerley, and one hundred lotts in breadth, as may appear by a draught therof, viz: - "To Leiftenant Perrigrine White, one hundred acres."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 5, p. 140-1.

4 March 1673-4: "Isacke Little, and Ephraim Little, both of Marshfeild, complained against Leift Peregrine white, John Dingley, and Willam Ford, Junir, all of Marshfeild aforsaid, in an action of

the case, to the damage of thirty pound, for that the said Peregrine White, John Dingley, and Willam Foard, being assembled together since the twenty first day of December last past, did wrongfully enter into and vpon the land of the said Isacke and ephraim Little, viz, a certaine pcell of land formerly graunted vnto John Waterman, and purchased by him of Thomas Little, deceased, father to the said Isacke and Ephraim Little, lying betwixt the land of John Phillipps and Joseph Roes and diuers others, as may appeer vpon record, and marked ciuers trees, vpon pretence of laying out land to the said John Phillipps and Joseph Roes.

"Withdrawne."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 189.

2 July 1675 [the will of Josiah Winslow, son of Edward Winslow and half-brother of Peregrine White]: "Item I give to my Brother Peregrine white my spanish rapier & buffe belt with silver Claspes."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 5, p. 82.

12 December 1675 [regarding the will of Faith Clark Doty Phillipps]: "Mr Perrigrine white Did before the Court make oath, that what was above written was Declared by the abovewritten ffaith Phillipps Deceased, before her Death, unto him in Reference unto the Despose of her estate as beforewritten."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 3, p. 90.

5 March 1677-8: "In reference vnto the verdict of the jury in the case betwen John Barker, plaintiffe, and Capt John Willams, defendand, in an action of accompt as gaurdian in soccage, which is as followeth, viz, The jury find for the plaintiffe..."

"Receipt appointed to be recorded in reference to the foregoing Suit.

"...The receipt of thirty shillings excepted was for the land hiered by mee, willam Hinksman, of John Sprague, and by him taken of Perrigrine White, which White hiered of anna Barker. Thirty shillings taken out, there remains 24 li 15 s, William Hinksmans rents for 9 yeer.

Willam Hincksman.

"Receiued of Gorge Vaughan, in and by the appointment of Mr Perregrine whitem the sume of fiue pounds and ten shillings, which is for rent due to Anne Barker. I say by mee receiued this 26th of March, 1662.

John Williams.

"May the 4th 1660. Received by mee, John Williams, of Scittuate, Junir, the sume of four pounds and seauenteen shillings, vpon the accompt of rent of Perregrine white, of Marshfeild, I say, receiued the sume of four pounds and seauenteen shyillings. Witnes my hand the day and yeer aboue written.

John Williams.

"Wheras ther is mension made in this receipt of ten pounds remaining in William Hincksmans hand, in reference to building, fenceing, &c, wee testify that it is to be vnderstood that the ten pounds there mensioned was discoumpted and payed by the said Hincksman, in the house, orchyard, and housing, and fences, that hee left on the land, and was so agreed on by the said Hincksman and his landlord, John Williams, and ought more fully to haue bine expressed in this receipt. Nouember the 15, 1667.

Josiah Winslow, Perregrine White.

"April the 9th, Receiued by mee, Dolar Daus, of Concord, by order of Abraham Blush, of Barnstable, the full sume of fiue pounds and fiue shillings, of Peregrine White, of Marshfeild, in a cow and calfe. I say receiued by mee the day and yeer aboue written, for the which John Willam, of Scittuate, the said Blushes agent, is to giue the said White and Bassett a discharge. Dolar Davis."

Records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 7, p. 210-211.

9 May 1692: [Peregrine White was a witness to the inventory of John Phillips of Marshfield] Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 34, p. 37.

1693: [Peregrine White was a witness to the will of William Norcutt, Sr., of Marshfield, Mass., the will was written on 26 December 1692]: "Mr. Peregrine white and Mercy white two of ye witnesses here named made oath before william Bradford Esq judge october 18th 1693 that they were present and saw and heard ye abovesd willm Norcut sign seal and declare ye above written to be his last will..."

Peregrine White's signature is also on the inventory of William Norcutt Senior's estate dated 22 September 1693.

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 11, p. 1.

17 January 1695/6: Peregrine White and John Foster witnessed a bond given by John Doggett of Marshfield to Samuel Sherman, also of Marshfield.

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 11, p. 2.

1698: [Records of the First Church in Marshfield, Mass.]: "Capt Peregrine White the first born Child of New England born November 1620 was admitted into this Church May 22 1698 In the 78th Year of his age."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 11, p. 38.

Peregrine White: His Death

[From the Vital Records of Marshfield, Mass.]: "Capt Perigrine White deceas July ye 20: 1704." Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 8, p. 177.

[The death of Peregrine White was noted in the Boston News-Letter for Monday 31 July 1704:] "Marshfield, July 22, Capt. Peregrine White of this Town, Aged Eighty three years, and Eight Months; died the 20th Instant. He was vigorous and of a comly Aspect to the last; Was the Son of Mr William White and susanna his Wife; born on board the Mayflower, Capt. Jones Commander, in Cape Cod Harbour, November 1620. was the First Englishman born in New-England. Altho' he was in the former part of his Life extravagant ; yet was much Reform'd in his last years ; and died hopefully."

[The death of Peregrine White's oldest daughter Sarah White Young was noted in the Boston Weekly News-Letter for Friday 29 August 1755 with reference to Peregrine:]

"Saturday August 9th died at Scituate, in the 92d Year of her Age, Mrs. Sarah Young, the virtuous Widow of Mr. Thomas Young, and eldest Daughter of That Mr. Peregrine White of Marshfield, who was the First Born English Child in New-England: Being Son of William and Susannah White, born on board the Ship in Cape-Cod Harbour, in the latter Part of Nov. 1620, in which Governor Carver and the Rest of our Plimouth Planters came to New-England, before the Ship left said Harbour and set sail for said Plimouth. Said Peregrine White liv'd in great Health and Vigour to the 84th Year of his Age, when a Fever carried Him off on July 22, 1704, as our News-Letter soon after inform'd the Publick: And this his Eldest Daughter was Born at Marshfield in Oct. 1663, enjoy'd her Senses and Health in good measure, till towards her End, and left four Sons surviving. Two observable Instances of the Long Lives of the very first and second Race of Children born in this happy Country."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 24, p. 128-129.