

William Bradford

Born/Died-

William Bradford was born on March 19, 1590, Austerfield United Kingdom and had died May 9, 1657, in Plymouth Colony

William Bradfords childhood-

Orphaned at a young age, William Bradford was raised by his relatives. Unlike other kids, he had a special illness that prevented him to work. When William had become a teenager, he had been pulled into a Puritan sect called the Separatist. The goal of this group was to discard the England catholic church and make the felling that God was the head of the church and not man. When this news had come to King James, he threatened them to leave the land, so the group had fled to the Netherlands in 1608. Five years later in 1613, William Bradford had married a woman named Dorothy May, The daughter of an English man.

Famous For-

In 1619 William Bradford and other people that were exiled by King James had thought about the idea of emigrating to America. Later next year, the Mayflower had departed from its journey on September 6, 1620. 66 days later, the Mayflower had a first glimpse of land. William Bradford was famous for being one of the first 41 male sailors to sign the Mayflower Compact. He was also famous for the reason most of the colony survived for the first few years of colonization.

Interesting facts-

- William Bradford had written over 150 books including: Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation, The Mayflower Papers, and many more. He stopped writing about 7 years before he died due to a long illness.

Writing Genre-

He wrote like colony and business matters in a "Plain style", like a lot of the people back then. This is an example of his writings in plain style: "caught in the shallop in a storm and eventually finding its way to Clarks Island" (Bradford).

Quote-

"They knew they were pilgrims, and looked not much on those things, but lifted up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country; and quieted their spirits."