

The Old Colony records have the following:

"On the 26th day of March, 1670, Mistress Alice Bradford, Sen'r, changed this life for a better, having attained to four score years of age or thereabouts. Shee was a godly matron, and much loved while shee lived, and lamented tho' aged when she died, and was honorably interred on the 29th day of the month aforesaid: at New Plimouth."

A few years since Hon. John Howland, who died November 5th, 1854, at the age of ninety-seven years and five days, President of the Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I., and a descendant in the fifth generation from John Howland, the Pilgrim, caused a grave-stone to be erected over the remains of his ancestor, consisting of a large slate-stone, upon which is the following inscription:—

2. *Here ended the Pilgrimage of* | JOHN HOWLAND *and*
ELIZABETH *his* | *wife. She was the dau'r of Gov. Carver* |
They arrived in the Mayflower Dec. 1620; | they had 4 Sons & 6
dau'trs from whom | are descended a numerous posterity |

"1672 Feb'y 23^d JOHN HOWLAND of | Plymouth deceased,
he lived to the age of 80 | yr's. He was the last man that was
left of those | that came over in the Ship called the Mayflo- | wer
that lived in Plymouth."—[Plymouth Records.]

There is a painted sign board at the side of this gravestone containing the following inscription:—

The grave of | JOHN HOWLAND | died | Feb. 25, 1672.

It has been frequently published that Mr. Howland married a daughter of Governor Carver. This we think is a mistake. In Bradford's History we find that John Howland married Elizabeth, the daughter of John Tillie. Mr. Howland was a distinguished man, and devoted to the interests of the Colony, both in relation to its civil and religious institutions. He was Deputy and Assistant for several years. His early residence was on Summer street, but afterwards removed to Rocky Nook, where he died. The remains of his cellar are visible a short distance north of the residence of the late Hezekiah Ripley.

The colonial records say, "He was a godly man and an ancient professor in the ways of Christ, and proved a useful instrument of good in his place." His descendants are quite numerous. The late Reverend John Howland of Carver, Mass., was grandson of Mr. Howland. He was the last man of them that came over in the Mayflower, who settled in Plymouth. On the passage to this country in the Mayflower the weather was tempestuous, and in a severe storm Mr. Howland fell overboard and came near losing his life. The following is a record of the accident in Bradford's own words:—

"And in one of them as they thus lay at hull, in a mighty storne, a lustie yonge man (called John Howland) coming upon some occasion above ye grattings, was, with a sceele of ye shipe throwne into [ye] sea; but it pleased God y^e he caught hould of ye tope-saile halliards, which hunge over board, & rane out at length; yet he held his hould (though he was sundrie fadomes under water) till he was hald up by ye same rope to ye brime of ye water, and then with a boat hooke & other means got into ye shipe againe, & his life saved; and though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after, and became a profitable member both in church and comone wealthe."

3. *Here Lyeth y^e Body | of EDWARD GRAY | Gent Aged*
About | 52 years & Depart^d | this life y^e Last of | June 1681.

Mr. GRAY came to this country with his brother Thomas about 1643. Thomas removed to Tiverton, R. I., and Edward settled in Plymouth. His name frequently