

THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY AND HOMES OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS

WHO CAME TO PLYMOUTH ON THE
"MAYFLOWER" IN 1620, THE "FORTUNE"
IN 1621, AND THE "ANNE" AND
THE "LITTLE JAMES" IN 1623

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JOHN HOWLAND

JOHN HOWLAND, who was born about 1594, came as a servant of John Carver, but as there is no record of his residence in Leyden he is credited to London for the reason that Carver was in England for some considerable time before the sailing of the *Mayflower* and undoubtedly obtained the services of Howland in that city prior to the departure from England. The Howland ancestry is probably of Essex origin. The will of Humphrey Howland, citizen and draper of St. Swithin's, London, in 1646, mentions his brothers, John and Arthur, which are known Christian names of this family in New England, at the date of the will. There was a John Howland taxed at Canfield Parva, Essex, 1623, and the name also occurs earlier at Newport Pagnall in the same county. In London a John Howland was living in the parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, in 1596, and in 1600 another John belonged to the parish of St. Botolph, Billingsgate. Jeffrey Howland was taxed in 1625 in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate. These parishes are all close to or part of the Pilgrim quarter of London.