



### Giles Hopkins: Mayflower passenger

"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. Stephen Hopkins and Elizabeth his wife, and two children called Giles and Constanta, a daughter, both by a former wife. And two more by this wife called Damaris and Oceanus; the last was born at sea. and two servants called Edward Doty and Edward Lester."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.  
Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 441-3.

### GILES HOPKINS & THE 1627 DIVISION OF CATTLE

*Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c., Vol. I 1627-1651* tells of the 1627 division of cattle:

"At a publicque court held the 22th of May it was concluded by the whole Companie, that the cattell wch were the Companies, to wit, the Cowes and 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 seauenth lott fell to Stephen Hopkins & his company Joyned to him (2) his wife Elizabeth Hopkins (3) Gyles Hopkins (4) Caleb Hopkins (5) Debora Hopkins (6) Nickolas Snow (7) Constance Snow (8) William Pallmer (9) ffrances Pallmer (10) Willm Pallmer Jnor (11) John Billington Senor (12) Hellen Billington (13) ffrancis Billington. To this lott fell A black weining Calfe to wch was aded the Calfe of this yeare to come of the black Cow, wch pueing a bull they were to keepe it vngelt 5 yeares for common vse & after to make there best of it. Nothing belonging of thes too, for ye copanye of ye first stock: but only half ye Increase. To this lott ther fell two shee goats: which goats they posses on the like terms which others doe their cattell."

### GILES HOPKINS & THE PLYMOUTH RECORDS

**7 June 1637:** "It is also enacted by the Court, that there shalbe thirty psonts 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 with them... "the names of the Souldiers that willingly offer themselues to goe vpon the sd Service, with Mr Prince & the Leiftent.

"Voluntaries. Thomas Clarke, Georg Soule, Richard Church, Samuell Jenney ... John Jenkins, Jacob Cooke, Giles Hopkins, John Phillips, Thomas Goarton."  
*Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 60-61.*

**5 March 1638:** "Mr Nicholas Sympkins, Heugh Tilly, and Giles Hopkins were deposed to the last will and testament of Peter Werden, thelder, of Yarmouth, deceased."  
*Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 117.*

**1642:** "Bradford Govr: A Deed Appointed to bee Recorded Novo Die Maij Ann: 1642  
"Witnesseth these presents that I Gyles hopkines of the Towne of yarmouth in the Collonie of New Plymouth planter have barganed and sold and by these presents Doe bargain and sell unto andrew hallet Junir: of the same towne planter ten acres of upland bee it more or lesse lying and being in west field between the lands of Nicolas Simpkin on the northeast side and the lands of Robert Dennis on the southwest side with two acres of meddow therunto Adjoyning att the nortwest end bee it more or lesse for and in consideration of two acres of upland and four acres of meddow bee itt more or lesse lying and being in the prime field in a furlong there called by the Name of Jack Daw furlong late in the tenure and possession of yelverton Crow of yarmouth aforsaid and two steer calves to mee in hand paied att the sealling of these presents and eighteen bushells of good and marchantable Indian Corne to bee paied, ten bushells therof att in or upon the last Day of November now next ensewing the Day of the Date heerof and the other eight bushells att in and upon the last Day of November thence next enswing to have and to hold the said ten acres of upland and two acres of meddow with their Appurtenances profits and pquisites unto him the said Andrew hallet his heires Exequitors and assignes forever In Witness wherof I have heer to these presents sett my hand and Seale Dated the Day and year first above written; the signe and seale of Gyles Hopkines [seal]  
"Signed Sealed and Delivered in the prsence of anthony Thacher Elijah thacher"  
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 10, p. 140.

**7 March 1642:** "Constables for eich towne, & Surveyrs of the Wayes ... Yarmouth, Emanuell White, const, Willm Lumpkin, grand jur, Gyles Hopkins, Andrew Hellot, Jun, surveyrs..."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 53.

**3 May 1642:** "Whereas Mr Gray hath by Mr Paddy comenced a suite against Walter Devell for xiiij bushells of corne oweing by him to Mr Hedg, of Yarmouth, and ix bushells of corne oweing by him to Gyles Hopkins, of the same, the Court doth order, that the said Walter Deuell shall forthwth pay fiue bushells of corne either to Mr Paddy at Plym, or to Mr Gray at the stage, and wthin xxjtie dayes now next ensuing deliu the remaynder of the said xxij bushells either to the said Mr Paddy or Mr Gray, and pay the damage & charges of sending it to Yarmouth, or els execucon is graunted."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 29-30.

**20 August 1644:** "The sixt of June 1644 I Stephen Hopkins of Plymouth in New England being weake yet in good and pfect memory blessed be God yet considering the fraile estate of all men I do ordaine and make this to be my last will and testament in manner and forme following and first I do committ my body to the earth from whence it was taken, and my soule to the Lord who gave it, my body to be buried as neare as convenyently may be to my wyfe Deceased And first my will is that out of my whole estate my funerall expences be discharged secondly that out of the remayneing part of my said estate that all my lawful Debts be payd thirdly I do bequeath by this my will to my sonn Giles Hopkins my great Bull wch is now in the hands of mris Warren Also I do give to Stephen Hopkins my sonn Giles his sonne twenty shillings in mrs Warrens hands for the hire of the said Bull Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Constance Snow the wyfe of Nicholas Snow my mare also I give unto my daughter Deborah Hopkins the brodhorned black cowe and her calf and half the Cowe called Motley Alsoe I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Damaris Hopkins the Cowe called Damaris heiffer and the white faced calf and half the cowe called Mottley And I give to my daughter

Ruth the Cowe called Red Cole and her calfe and a Bull at Yarmouth wch is in the keepeing of Giles Hopkins wch is an yeare and advantage old and half the curld Cowe Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the Cowe called Smykins and her calf and thother half of the Curld Cowe with Ruth and an yearelinge heiffer wth out a taylor in the keepeing of Gules Hopkins at Yarmouth...  
“Thus trusting in the Lord my will shalbe truly prformed according to the true meaneing of the same I committ the whole Disposeing hereof to the Lord that hee may direct you herein June 6th 1644  
“By me Steven Hopkins  
“Witnesses hereof Myles Standish, William Bradford.”  
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 2, p. 12-14.

**28 October 1644:** “Memorand. That Caleb Hopkins, sonn and heire vnto Mr Steephen Hopkins of Plymouth, deceased hath freely and absolutely giuen graunted enfeoffed and confirmed vnto Gyles Hopkins of Yarmouth Planter one hundred acres of those lands taken up for the Purchasors of Satuckquett wch said lands do acruer vnto the said Steephen as a Purchasor To haue and to hold the said hundred acres of lands with all and singuler thapprtencs therevnto belonging vnto the said Gyles Hopkins his heires and Assignes foreuer to the onely pper vse and behoofe of him the said Giles Hopkins his heires and Assignes foreuer.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, p. 104.

**4 June 1650:** “Survayors for the Hiewayes ... Nauset, Edward Banges, Gyels Hopkins.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 155.

**3 October 1654:** “Gyles Hopkins complained against Mr Willam Leuerich, in an action of defamacion, to the damage of fifty pound.  
“The jury find for the plaintife twenty pounds, and the charges of the Court, which comes to -

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It, to the jury,	06:	06
It, to the clarke,	3:	00
It, to the marshall	00:	06
It, to the cunstable of Sandwich	00:	06

“Judgment was graunted by the Court vnto the plaintife, according to the verdict.”  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 71-72.

**13 February 1659:** “The 13<sup>th</sup> of february 1659  
“Memorand: That Andrew Ringe of the Towne of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth in New England in America: Planter Doth acknowledge that for and in Consideration of a valluable sume to him alreddy payed by William Clarke of the Towne of Duxburrow in the Jurisdiction aforsaid planter; hee hath freely and absolutely with the Consent of Deborah his wife bargained allianated and sould enfeofed and Confeirmed; and Doth by these presents bargain sell enfeofe and Confeirme unto the said Willam Clarke a Certaine pcell of mersh meddow lying and being att the end of the salt house beach next Greens harbour being bounded with two Creekes; on each side one; the said meddow lying betwixt a pcell of mersh which was sometimes the mersh of mistris Jenings on the one side; and apcell of meddow now in the possession of Gorge Soule on the other side; Containing by

estimation three acres or thereabouts be it more or lesse which was sometimes the marsh meadow of Gyles Hopkins and by him sold to Thomas Clarke and by him sold to Andrew Ringe and by him now sold to William Clarke abovesaid..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 14, p. 142-143.

**3 June 1662:** "Surveyors of the Highwaies. Plymouth, Joseph Warren, Thomas Lettice, Francis Combe ... Eastham, Gyles Hopkins, Thomas Paine."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 15.

**5 June 1666:** "The Court haue graunted vnto Gyles Hopkins, the widdow Mayo, of Eastham, and Jonathan Sparrow a certain psell of land neare Eastham, being a smale necke of land called Sampsons Necke, and the wast land lying between the head of the fresh water pond and the westerly bounds of the widdowe Mayoes land, and soe downe to the coue."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 129.

**5 March 1667:** "Wee, whose names are vnderwritten, being impanneled vpon a jury, this first day of January, 1667, to serch and inquire, according to that measure of wisdome and discretion God hath giuen vs, concerning a child about fiue or six yeares old, which was kept by John Smalley, Senir, of Eastham, being found dead in the woods, about six or seauen miles from the house of John Smalley abouesaid, wee doe all judge, that it cam by his death by straying away, lost its right path to gitt home againe, and was killed by the cold.

"Benjamin Higgens, William Sutton, Samuel Doten, Elias White, Edmond Foard, Benjamin Spiller, Robert Wixam, Gyles Hopkins, Gorge Crispe, William Twining, Richard Knowles, John Younge."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 177.

**5 June 1667:** "In reference vnto the graunt of land graunted vnto Gyles Hopkins, Jonathan Sparrow, and the widdow Mayo, the Court haue ordered Leiftenant Freeman either to purchase it or hier it for them as occation shall require, as hee shall see meet."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 152.

**5 June 1671:** "Surveyors of the Highwaies. Plymouth, Joseph Warren, Daniell Dunham, Jhn Dotey ... East, Nicholas Snow, Gyles Hopkins..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 57-58.

**21 August 1672:** "To all Christian people to whom these presents writing shall come Pompmo Sachem and Simon his son Indians of Potonumacott in the Collonie of New Plymouth in New England sends Greeting;

Know yee that the said Pompmo Sachem and Simon his son for and in Consideration of the sume of fifteen pounds, to them in hand payed by Gyles Hopkins Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Mayo; The Receipt wherof the said Pompmo sachem; and Symone his son doe heerby acknowlidg, and therof doth Clearly acquitt and discharge the said Gyles Hopkins Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Mayo, their heires and assignes for ever hath given Graunted bargained and sold unto the said Gyles Hopkins Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Mayo their heires and assignes; all our persell of Land lying and being between two rivers or coves Caled by the Name of Weesquamscutt; founding between the two said rivers or coves Round as the salt water goeth, att the head by a marked Red oake tree by Pottanumaquott river; and soe Runing Northwest to a Red oake tree marked by the

pondsyde by a Necke of Swamp; soe Runing North westerly over a pond and thorough a swamp; unto two trees Marked upon a Range between the said Swamp and the head of Sisekecansett salt water Pond, Together with all and singulare its appurtenances; To have and to hold, all and singulare the before Granted and sold Premise, Together with their appurtenances unto them the said Gyles Hopkins Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Mayo their heires and assignes for ever; and the said Pompmo Sachem and Symon his son att the time of the deliveryheer of, doe declare that they are the Right and lawfull owners of the afore bargained premises, and that they the Said Pompmo Sachem and Symon his son shall and will against any person or persons whatsoever warrant and for ever defend them the said Gyles Hopkins Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Mayo their heires and assignes for ever In Witnes wheerof they have heerunto sett their hands and seales the twentyfirst day of august one Thousand six hundred seaventy and two;

The marke of Pompmo Sachem and a seale

The mark of Symon and a seale

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us John ffreeman John Juder; august the twenty first 1672 appeered before mee, Pompmo Sachem and Symon his son; and owned the above written to be their acte and deed

John ffreeman Assistant."

From Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs' *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1291*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002., p. 443-444.

**22 October 1686:** "Will of Robert Wixam of Eastham ... to son Barnabas Wixam the rest of the thirty acres above the highway, all meadow and marsh in Great Namaskaket by the beach, and meadow at Rock Harbor between Daniel Cole and Gyles Hopkins..."  
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 2, p. 177.

### **GILES HOPKINS: HIS MARRIAGE**

9 October 1639: "Gyles Hopkins & Katherne Wheldon married the ixth Octobr, 1639."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 134.

### **GILES HOPKINS: HIS CHILDREN**

Gyles and Catherine Whelden Hopkins had 10 children: Mary, born 1640; Steven, born 1642; John, born 1643 (died 3 months old) ; Abigail, born 1644; Deborah, born 1648; Caleb, born 1650; Ruth, born 1653; Joshua, born 1657; William, born 1660; and Elizabeth, born 1664.

*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, Vol. 6

(Plymouth, MA: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1992), p. 11.

### **GILES HOPKINS IN 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 passed over them and theirs in this thirty years..."

"Mr. [Stephen] Hopkins and his wife are both now dead, but they lived above twenty years in this place and had one son and four daughters born here. Their son became a seaman and died at Barbadoes, one daughter died here and two are married; one of them hath two children, and one is

yet to marry. So their increase which still survive are five. But his son Giles is married and hath four children.”

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed. Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 445.

### **GILES HOPKINS: HIS DEATH**

Giles Hopkins died between 5 March 1688/89, the date of a codicil to his will, and 16 April 1690, the date on which his will was admitted to probate.