



### **Resolved White: 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. William White and Susanna his wife and one son called Resolved, and one born a-shipboard called Peregrine, and two servants called William Holbeck and Edward Thompson." William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed. Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 442.

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

### **Resolved 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, for 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. The lands of Resolved White are, presumably, included in those given posthumously to his father William White. They are among those designated as "The Falles of their grounds which came first over in the May Floure, according as thier lotes were cast" and described in this way "these containe .16.akers besids Hobamaks ground which lyeth betwene Jo: Howlands & Hobkinses... this .5. akers lyeth behind the forte to the litle ponde."

### **Resolved White and the 1627 Division of Cattle**

*Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c, Vol. 1 1627-1651* is the oldest record book of the Plymouth settlement. It tells of the 1627 Division of Cattle:

"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."

### **Resolved 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 passed 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 Resolved 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.

### **Resolved White in the Records of Plymouth Colony**

**3 August 1640:** "Resolved White is graunted one hudnred acrees of upland lying upon the southerley part of Mr Wm Vassells land in Scituate, called the West Newland, and a pporcion of meddow to be layd to yt, upon view, wch upland is to range two hundred pole in breadth wth Mr Bassells land, pvided that if, by reason of the bending of the coeve on the west side, it shall entrench upon the lands graunted on the easterly side thereof, that then hee shalbe allowed his pporcion up into the woods on the southerly pte."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 159.

**7 March 1642/3:** "Resolved White is graunted all that marsh and meddow land that lyeth wthin the cove wch is at the west end of the lands of Mr Willm Vassell, called the West New Land, by the North River; that is to say, from a marked tree that is on thother side of the cove, over against the said West Newland, wch tree standeth upon the northermost poynt of the upland there, upwards to the head of the cove, so farr as there is any marsh or meddow, and so on both sides of the creeke wch runneth up the cove, excepting all that marsh & meddow that was formerly graunted to the said Willm Vassell."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 54.

**August 1643:** "The Names of all the Males that are able to beare Armes from sxi. Yeares old to 60 Yeares, w'thin the sev'rall Towneshippes...

Scituate... Mr Willim Vassell, John Bassell, Resolved White, et al."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 8, p. 187-8.

**1644/5:** "Of Scituate that have taken the Oath of Fidelitie...

"At Scituate, Januar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1644. Resolved White [et al]."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 8, p. 182-3.

**25 March 1650:** "To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall com Samuell ffuller of Scittuate in the government of New Plymouth in New England in america sendeth greeting;

"Know yea that I the said Samuell fuller for and in consideracon of a sufficient sum of money in full satisfaction by mee in hand Receved by Peeter Collymore of Scittuate ... goe bargan sell enfeffe and confeirm unto the said Peeter Collymore his heires and assignes forever one dwelling house and a barn and Cowhouse with sixteene acars of upland more or lesse being bounded on the west with the land of mr Willam Barssall on the south with the land of Resolved White on the north..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 1, p. 91-93.

**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 aforesaid 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 Mattapoissett and place adiacent..."

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 premi9ses0."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 4, p. 86.

**3 June 1656:** "Att a General Court holden att Plymouth the third Day of June, 1656...The Grand Enquest. Christopher Wadsworth, Henery Bourne, Henery Wood, Thomas Laythorpe, Samuell Elson, Samuell Hicke, James Walker, Thomas Doged, Gorge Macye, Josias Cooke, Elverton Crow, Will Eldred, Samuell Jackson, Resolved White, Arther Hathaway, John Merritt, absent, Leift Peter Hunt, Willam Buckland, William Allen, absent, John Rouse. sworne." Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 99-100.

**1 June 1658:** "Freeman admitted this Court, and sworne... Resolved White."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 137.

And again "Scittuate... Resolved Whitcte..." (PCR Vol. 8, p. 198.)

**3 June 1662:** "In reference to a petition prefered to the Court by sundry of the freemen, and in reference unto a graunt made to some to looke out accommodations of land, as being the first borne children of this govment, and for the disposing of two severall tracts of land lately purchased, the one by Major Winslow and the other by Captaine Southworth, the Court, having viewed the severall lists of the names of those that desired to bee accommodated therein, have settled it upon 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, Steven Dean, Phillip Delanoy, Mr John Winslow, John Adams, Peter Browne, John Shaw, Anthony Anible, for his daughter, Hannah Burman, Francis Sprague, Gorge Soule, Nathaniell Warren, Samuell Fuller, Junir, of Plymouth, Andrew Ringe, Francis Billington, Moses Simonson, Resolved White, Willam Bassett, Edward Bumpas, Samuell Eede, William Hoskins, Gorge Partrich, William Nelson, by right of his wife."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 18.

**3 March 1662/3:** "Richard Church and John Tompson complained against Capt Thomas Willett, in an action of the case, to the damage of twenty four pounds, for non pforming an agreement, according to covenants, about the meeting house att Plymouth.

"Find for the defendant the cost of the suite..."

"The names of the jury that tried the action betwixt Richard Church and John Tompson,

plaintiffes, and Capt Willett, defendant, are as followeth: - John Bourne, Gorge Soule, James Walker, Barnabas Laythorp, Joseph Beedle, Henery Sampson, Benjamin Nye, Resolved White, Francis Crocker, John Whiston, Stephen Winge, John Wadsworth. sworne." Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 105-108.

**17 March 1662/3:** "To all people to whom these presence shall come Resouled White if Sittuate in the Government of New Plymoth in new England in America planter sendeth greeting Know yee that I the said Resouled White for and in consederation of theerten pounds and ten shillings of curant New England pay to mee in hand payd by Isack Buck of sittuate aforesaid blacksmight with which said sum I the said Resolved Whitte doe Exknowledg my selfe fully satisfied Contented and payd and there of and of every part and parcell there of doe exonerate aquite and discharge the aforesaid Isack Buck hee his heiers executors administrators and assignes for ever per these presence have freely and absolutly bargained and sold in feafed and Confermed and per these presence doe bargaine sell in feafe and Conferme from mee the said Resouled White and my heiers unto him the said Isack Buck hee hi heiers and assigns for ever Two parcelles of marsh meddow leying in Sittuate aforesaid one parte or parcell of Marsh medow which Mr. William Varssall bought or Exchanged formerly with Sammuell fuller and lyeth one the south side of the upland which the said the said William vassall bought & Exchanged with with Samuell fuller aforesaid as it is butted from the said upland on the north by a Right Line towards the suth by the East Ende of pine lland to a creeke there and from a marked tree one the East against the said lland by and as the stakes bound it towards the south to a Creeke and all the marsh betweene the two creeks towards the south to the North River allsoe a nother parcell of Marsh Medow beieng five ackres more or Lesse and is the medow that did belong to the to the southerly halfe or part of beare lland being bounded on the North by one straight Line Crose the midle of the said lland and medow from East to West and soe to the first hering Brook the northerly halfe being the Lands of Peter Collemore and one the south it is bounded by another straight Line that Runneth from East to West along by the south side of the body of the said lland as the stackes now stand till it com nere to the mouth of a cartayne greate Creeke that Issueth forth into the said hering brooke by which Line it is devided from the medow lands that sum times was Mr. William Vassall and now in the posestion of John Cushen and is bounded one the west with the lands of the said Cuhen and Peeter Collimore and with the foresaid hering brooke and creek on the East With all and singular the appurtinancs preveledges and Emmunities there unto beeloning or any wayes appartayning to all or any part of parcelles of the said two parcelles of marsh medow withy all my said Right title or to all or any part or parcell there of To have and to hold the foresaid to parcelles of marsh medow unto him the said Isack Buck hee his heiers and assignes for ever to the proper use and behoufe of him the said Isack Buck hee his heieres and assignes for ever to bee holden according to the manor of East Greenwich in the County of Kente in free and Common sockedg and not in Caputies nor by Knight service per the rents and service there of and there by due and of Right accostumed and waranting the sale and title heare of against all people What soe Ever in by or Thought mee the said Resouled Whitte & by my right title & intrest Clayming any right title or intresse of or in the premises or any part or parcell there of and the said Resolved Whitte doth hereby funder grant and Covenant to and with the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes for ever full And free liberty of Ingrese Egrese and Egrese of passage to and from the said parcell of marsh medow that is first bounded in this deed of sale by and Through all the wayes Leading from the said marsh unto the dwelling house that was Mr. William Vassalls Called Beell house and soe from thence through all ways and pasedges Commonly used and to bee used uot the hey wayes beyond the said Lands and he the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes and Every of them to Carte and Carry all maner of Caredge Ride drive and Leede all manor of Cattell as often as thay or Either of them shall please which Liberty and preveledg was given and granted unto mee Resolved Whitte my heiers and

assignes as apereth by a deed of gift bering date the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1646 And the said Resolved Whitte for him selfe heiers Executors Administrators assignes by these presence doe Covenant to and with the said Isack Buck that the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes to and for there one use shall and may from henceforth and for Ever have after peasably and quietly have hold and Injoy all and singuler the premises heare by sold infeafed granted and given with all the wayes and Easments there unto belonging and suficently save harmles from all incombrance and molestation what soe ever by and from the said Resolved Whitte his heiers and assignes or from all parsons what soe Ever Lawfully Clayming from them and doe by these presence promise that my wiffe Judeth Whitte shall freely surrender up har Intrese in the premeses before a majestrat when it shall bee Requiered and the said Resolved Whitte doth allsoe Covenant and promise and grant that it shall and may bee lawfull for the said Isack Buck Either by him selfe or his Attorney to Record or in Rowle these presence or to case them to bee Recorded & In Rouled in the Records of new Plymoth or in any other place of Records according to the usall maner of Recording Evidences in such cases provided to and for the Trew performance of the premises I the said Resolved Whitte bind mee my heieres Executores Administrators and assignes fermly by these presence in wittnes wheare of I have heare unto set my hand seal this seventent day of march Anno Dom. 1662.

Resouled Whitt

Signed sealed and delivered in the presens of us

James Torry

John Buck

Judith the wife of Resolved Whitte did Exknowledge the sale above mentioned and did Resigne up har wholl right and Intres in the purchas above Exspresed

Beefore mee

Jos: Winslow assist"

Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, *The Seventeenth-Century Town Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, Volume One* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1997), p. 259-261.

**7 February 1664/5:** "The severall lots layed forth and bounded lying and being upon Pockade necke neare unto Namassakett grounds unto several persons afternamed as followeth:

"Impr. The Major Winslow 1 Lot begineth att a white oake tree marked on four sides neare the brooke where the three brookes meet and it Runs up a southwest line and is bounded on the other side with two Redoakes marked...

"Mr Resolved White 15 Lott is att the wadeing place and is bounded with the Path and the beaver dam and lyeth halfe the length of the format lotts"

Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, *Indian deeds: land transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1691* (Boston: NEHGS, 2002), p. 333-4.

**3 June 1668:** "Surveyors of the Highwaies... Marshfeild, Joseph Bedle, Resolved White." Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 180-1.

**29 May 1670:** "An exact List of all the Names of the Freemen of the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth, transcribed by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary to the Court..."

"Marshfeild. Major Josias Winslow, Mr Samuell Arnold, Mr Kanelme Winslow, Mr Josias Winslow, Senir, Mr Thomas Besbech, Captaine Nathaniel Thomas, Leiftenant Peregrine White, John Dingley, Robert Carver, Anthony Snow, John Bourne, Mr Anthony Eames, Ensigne Marke Eames, William Foard, Senir, Mr Resolved White, Timothy Williamson..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 274-5.

**2 July 1675:** "To all Christian people to whome these psents shall Come Josiah Winslow of

Marshfeild in the Colony of New plymouth in New England sendeth greeting In the Lord god everlasting, And further Know yee. That I the said Josiah Winslow being by ye goodnes of God in Competent health, and of sound memory, but sensible of my frailty, and that I am subiect to suddayne Changes. Revooking hereby any other or former will by me at any time made, doe declare and order this to be my last will and Testament...

Item I give unto my Brother Resolved White a suat and Cloak of my wearing apparrell."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 5, p. 82.

Note: Josiah Winslow was Resolved's half brother, the offspring of Susanna White's second marriage to Edward Winslow.

**28 October 1684:** "Humphry Johnson, of Hingham, in the right of himselfe as principall and assigne to Mr Resolved White, of Marshfeild, and Josias Holmes, of Duxburrow, who is an assigne to his father, William Holmes, deceased, the said Johnson, White, and Holmes being proprietors in the commons or undevided lands in the townshipp of Scittuate, as by the records of the said towne in the yeer 1654, with other evidences, may appeer, complaine against the inhabitants of Scittuate, in an action of the case, for that, to the plaintiffes great damage, the said towne doe unjustly detaine from him severall tracts of land graunted by order of the Court of Plymouth the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 1671, which ordered the commones of Scittuate to be devided according to each inhabitants just right; the severall proportions belonging to eich ratable inhabitant of 1647 was an hundred and eighty acars of land, to be devided by an equall alotment; alsoe, severall other graunts of lands graunted October, 1672, and in 1673, all the severall graunts of land by the towne and committee were consented unto by the Court, 1672 & 1673, aforsaid; alsoe, all the severall graunts of land graunted by either Court, towne, or committey, to the ratable inhabitants of 1647, and to all such that come in their rome & stead, was confeirmed by the towne of Scittuate, as appeers by their record, dated the fift of Aprill, 1683, in their 2 and fourth pticulars, all their severall graunts graunted by either Court, towne, or committee; the Court declareth they see noe reason, but doe approve what Scittuate men had psented to the Court for approbation, as appeers by the Court orders June, 1683, and July, 1683; yett, notwithstanding, the severall graunts of land graunted by either Court, towne, or committee, have bine confeirmed by the towne, 1673 and 1683, and consented unto by the Court as aforsaid, the grantes being to the rateable inhabitants of 1647, and such as came in their rome and stead; wherof the plaintife hath a right to claime for three, in that state himselfe as principall, and as assigne to Mr White and Josiah Holmes, aforsaid. Yett the towne doth not sett out their proportions of land graunted as aforsaid, neither to all nor any of the three proprietors, nor yett give the plaintiffe satisfaction, as was engaged and published the 17 day of December, 1671, as may appeer under the hands of three majestrates, by all which neglect of the towne, as aforsaid, the plaintiffe is greatly damnified.

"The jury find for the plaintiffe the right the said plaintiffe sues for in the commons of the towne of Scittuate, and the cost of the sute, which is one pound and seaven shillings in mony.

"The Names of the Jury. Thomas Tupper, Elisha Bourne, Eliezer Churchill, Thomas Cushman, Samuel Arnold, David Thomas, Wrestling Brewster, John Nye, Ensigne William Ford, Gilbert Brookes, Samuell Lucas, John Partrich. sworn."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 284-5.

**3 January 1687/7:** "Att a Towne Meeting held at Sittuate the Third day of January 1687...

"The declaration of the Inhabitation of the Towne of Sittuate Respecting the Confirm ation of the Land procured to be Survaieyed by Humphry Johnson of hingham with in the TownShipp of Sittuate To his Exelencie Sir Edmond Andros knit Capt Generall and Governor in Chife of his majesties Territories and dominions of new England and Counsell Wheras at a Counsell held at Boston the two and Twentyeth of June Last past it was Resolved by said Counsell That Humphry Johnson of hingham hath three Rights of Land in the TownShipe of Sittuate on

behalf of him selfe Resolved whitte and Josiah Holmes and ordred that the same be asartayned to him accordingly and wee the Inhabitance of said Sittuate underStanding that said Johnson have procured a servighor and Laid out one hundred ackers of Land to ech of said Rights at Three severall places That is to say on hundred ackers at the head of Richard Dwelly Lott and neare others of the naighbors up the river we doe declare that said Land is part of a parcell of Land which by the Commity in said Towne was designed Laid out and sett apart for severall yeares agone to Lie for a perpetuall Commons for the use of said Naightberhood and for it to be Taken up will be very Iniuerous to them"

Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, *The Seventeenth-Century Town Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, Volume Three* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1997), p. 215.

### **Resolved White: His Family**

"A note of the psons Recorded since June last [per] me James Torrey Towne Clarke of Scittuate sent to March Court 1654

"Resolved White married to Judith the Daughter of mr Willam Varsall Aprill the 8<sup>th</sup> 1640....

"Beirthes of Children. Willam the son of Resolved white bnorm Aprill the 10<sup>th</sup> 1642. John the son of Resolved White born March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1644. Samuell the son of Resolved White born the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 1646...

"Resolved the son of Resolved White born November 12<sup>th</sup> 1647. Anna the Daughter of Resolved White born June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1649. Elizabeth the Daughter of Resolved White born June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1652. Josiah the son of Resolved White born September the 29 1654."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 17, p. 74-75.