

## Edward Dillingham

Good men and women of Sandwich. I am Edward Dillingham. I too remained in Sandwich for the rest of my life after arriving here in 1637. I was born in 1595 in the village of Cotesbach, England, in Leicestershire, not far from the home village of Mr. Almy.

I left England for the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1632, sailing on the ship, *William and Francis*. Among those who sailed with me on that fine ship were members of the Wing family, also of Sandwich note. After settling some accounts with Richard Saltonstall in 1636, I joined the other nine men who removed from Saugus to Sandwich. In 1640 I served with several of my neighbors on the committee charged with reallocation the town's

meadowlands. On the whole, I have led a quiet life in Sandwich. I am pleased to say that I have managed to avoid controversy. I have served this town quietly, once as Deputy, and three times as Assessor.

My first home was just east of the upper mill pond. My wife, Ursula, and I had seven children. Unfortunately only four of them survived to make the trip to the Bay Colony with us. Two of our children married children of Goody Wing. One son married a daughter of Henry Feake, and another a daughter of Edmund Perry. With these good marriages, I hope that my legacy will remain in Sandwich for many years to come.