Thomas Mayhew was born. He would grow up in a town called Tisbury in Wiltshire, a tiny place between London and Bristol to the west. His father would die when he was 21 and he would become a merchant in the town in which he likely had been apprenticed, Southampton, due south, one of the great seaport towns of England. One of the London merchants who was very active in the colonization of New England was Matthew Cradock, and somehow Mayhew would become acquainted with Cradock and, after having been in business for himself for about 10 years, accept an offer in 1631 to become Cradock’s agent in the colonies.
In England, William Coddington was chosen as an Assistant of the company (Assistant Judge of Court of Colony of Massachusetts Bay) before his embarkation with John Winthrop. He had lived at Boston in County Lincoln, where the record of St. Botolph’s church shows that he and his wife Mary Moseley Coddington, daughter of Richard Moseley of Ouseden, in County Suffolk had Michael Coddington, baptized on March 8, 1627, who died in two weeks, and Samuel Coddington, born on April 17, 1628, buried on August 21, 1629.

The Winthrop fleet that brought “the Great Emigration” of this year comprised 11 vessels:

- Arbella (the flagship)
- Ambrose
- William and Francis
- Talbot
- Hopewell
- Jewel
- Whale
- Charles
- Success
- Mayflower
- Trial

Altogether the fleet brought about 700 colonists — here is an attempt at reconstructing a passenger list.

- DANIEL ABBOTT
- ROBERT ABELL of Hemington, Leicestershire
- WILLIAM AGAR probably of Nazing, Essex
- GEORGE ALCOCK probably of Leicestershire
- Mrs. - - - Alcock
- FRANCIS ALEWORTH
- THOMAS ANDREW
- SAMUEL ARCHER

Cambridge
Boston
Watertown
Roxbury
Salem
THOMAS MAYHEW

GOVERNOR THOMAS MAYHEW

- WILLIAM ASPINWALL of Manchester, Leicestershire
- Mrs. Elizabeth Aspinwall
- Edward Aspinwall
- JOHN AUDLEY of Boston
- JOHN BAKER Charlestown
- Mrs. Charity Baker
- WILLIAM BALSTON of Boston
- Mrs. Elizabeth Balston
- WILLIAM BARSHAM Watertown
- THOMAS BARTLETT Watertown
- GREGORY BAXTER perhaps of Sporle, Norfolk
- WILLIAM BEAMSLEY of Roxbury
- Mrs. Anne Beamsley
- THOMAS BEECHER of Stepney, Middlesex
- Mrs. Christian Beecher
- EDWARD BELCHER of Guilsborough, Northamptonshire
- Mrs. Christian Belcher
- Edward Belcher, Jr.
- EDWARD BENDALL of Southwark, county Surrey
- Mrs. Anne Bendall
- JOHN BENHAM Dorchester
- JOHN BIGGES of Groton, county Suffolk
- Mrs. Mary Bigges
- JOHN BLACK Charlestown
- JOHN BOGGUST probably of Boxted, Essex
- JOHN BOSWELL of London
- ZACCHEUS BOSWORTH of Stowe, IX Churches, county Northants
- GARRET BOURNE Boston
- NATHANIEL BOWMAN Watertown
- Mrs. Anna Bowman
- SIMON BRADSTREET of Cambridge
- Mrs. Anne Bradstreet
- BENJAMIN BRAND probably of Edwardston, county Suffolk
- AUGUSTINE BRATCHER of Charlestown
- BREASE probably of Edwardston, county Suffolk
- WILLIAM BENTON of Hammersmith, county Middlesex
- Isabel Brett
- HENRY BRIGHT of Bury Saint Edmunds, county Suffolk
- ABRAHAM BROWNE of Watertown
- Mrs. Lydia Browne
- JAMES BROWNE of Boston
- RICHARD BROWNE of Watertown
- Mrs. Elizabeth Browne
- George Browne
- Richard Browne, Jr.
- WILLIAM BUCKLAND of Essex
- RICHARD BUGBY perhaps Saint John Hackney, Middlesex
- Mrs. Judith Bugby
- RICHARD BULGAR Boston
- Mrs. Bulgar
- WILLIAM BURNELL Boston
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- JEHU BURR probably of Essex Roxbury and Fairfield, Connecticut
- Mrs. Jehu B. Burr
- Jehu Burr
- ROBERT BURROUGHS
- JOHN CABLE probably of Essex Dorchester and Fairfield
- THOMAS CAKEBREAD of Hatfield Broadoak, Essex Dedham
- Mrs. Sarah Cakebread
- CHARLES CHADWICK Watertown
- Mrs. Elizabeth Chadwick
- Anne Chambers
- WILLIAM CHASE probably of county Essex Roxbury
- Margery Chauner
- WILLIAM CHEESEBROUGH of Boston, Lincolnshire Boston, Rehoboth
- Mrs. Anne Cheesebrough
- Sarah Cheesebrough
- Peter Cheesebrough
- Samuel Cheesebrough
- Nathaniel Cheesebrough
- EPHRAIM CHILD of Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk Watertown
- Mrs. Elizabeth Child
- RICHARD CHURCH perhaps of Polstead, Suffolk Boston
- JOHN CLARKE of county Suffolk Boston
- WILLIAM CLARKE of London Watertown
- Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke
- RICHARD CLOUGH Charlestown
- .... COBBETT
- WILLIAM CODDINGTON of Boston, Lincolnshire Boston and Newport
- Mrs. Mary Coddington
- WILLIAM COLBRON of Brentwood, Essex Boston
- Mrs. Margery Colbron
- ANTHONY COLBY of Boston, Lincolnshire Boston and Salisbury
- Mrs. Susanna Colby
- WILLIAM FROTHINGHAM of Holderness, Yorkshire Charlestown
- Mrs. Anne Frothingham
- JOHN GAGE probably of Polstead, Suffolk Boston
- Mrs. Amy Gage
- WILLIAM GAGER of Suffolk, surgeon Charlestown
- HUGH GARRETT Charlestown
- RICHARD GARRETT probably of Chelmsford, Essex Boston
- Mrs. Garrett
- Hannah Garrett
- .... Garrett
- CHRISTOPHER GIBSON of Wendover, county Bucks Dorchester
- Mrs. Mary Gibson
- Elizabeth Gibson of Saint Andrew the Great, Cambridge Salem
- RALPH GLOVER of London Boston
- JOHN GLOVER of Rainhill, Lancashire Dorchester
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- THOMAS GOLDSITHWAITE Roxbury
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- THOMAS KNOWER of London, clothier Charlestown
- EDWARD LAMB Watertown
- THOMAS LAMB Roxbury
- Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb
- Thomas Lamb, Jr.
- John Lamb
- Samuel Lamb
- ROGER LAMB
- HENRY LAWSON
- WILLIAM LEARNED probably of Bermondsey, Surrey Charlestown
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- JOHN LEGGE Lynn
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- ROBERT LOCKWOOD of Combs, Suffolk Watertown
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- Anna Lynton
- Lydia Lynton
- HENRY LYNN Boston
- Mrs. Sarah Lynn
- JOHN MASTERS Watertown
- Mrs. Jane Masters
- Sarah Masters
- Lydia Masters
- Elizabeth Masters
- Nathaniel Masters
- Abraham Masters
- THOMAS MATSON of London, gunsmith Boston
- Mrs. Amy Matson
- THOMAS MAYHEW of Tisbury, Wilts Watertown, Martha’s Vineyard
- Mrs...... Mayhew
- Thomas Mayhew, Jr.
- (ALEXANDER) MILLER probably the servant of Israel Stoughton
- RICHARD MILLET
- JOHN MILLS of Lavenham, Suffolk Boston
- Mrs. Susan Mills
- Joy Mills
- Mary Mills
- John Mills
- Susanna Mills
- Recompense Mills
- ROGER MOREY of Dorsetshire Salem
- RALPH MORLEY of London Charlestown
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- Mrs. Jane Moulton
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- JOHN PEMBERTON Boston
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- JAMES PENN Boston
- Mrs. Katherine Penn
- WILLIAM PENN of Birmingham, Warwick Charlestown
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- Anne Pettit Salem
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- Samuel Phillips
- Abigail Phillips
- Elizabeth Phillips
- JOHN PHILLIPS Dorchester
- Mrs. Joan Phillips
- JOHN PHILLIPS Plymouth
- JOHN PICKERING probably of Suffolk Cambridge
- Mrs. Esther Pickering
- George Pickering
- John Pickering
- Joan Pickering
- JOHN PICKWORTH
- JOHN PIERCE Dorchester
- Mrs. Parnell Pierce
- Experience Pierce
- Mercy Pierce
- Samuel Pierce
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- Mrs. ANNE POLLARD came from Saffron Walden, Essex, as a girl
- JOHN POND of Groton, Suffolk Boston
- ROBERT POND of Groton, Suffolk Dorchester
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HERE LANDED ROGER CLAP
AND THE DORCHESTER MEN
JUNE 1630

WE WENT UP CHARLES RIVER, UNTIL THE RIVER
GREW NARROW AND SHALLOW, AND THERE WE
LANDED OUR GOODS WITH MUCH LABOR AND TOIL.
THE BANK BEING STEEP, AND NIGHT COMING ON,
WE WERE INFORMED THAT THERE WERE HARD BY
US THREE HUNDRED INDIANS, ONE ENGLISHMAN,
THAT COULD SPEAK THE INDIAN LANGUAGE.
AN OLD PLANTER WENT TO THEM AND ADVISED
THEM NOT TO COME NEAR US IN THE NIGHT, AND
THEY HAARKENED TO HIS COUNSEL AND CAME
NOT. IN THE MORNING, SOME OF THE INDIANS
CAME AND STOOD AT A DISTANCE OFF, LOOKING
AT US, BUT CAME NOT NEAR US. BUT WHEN THEY
HAD BEEN A WHILE IN VIEW, SOME OF THEM
CAME AND HELD OUT A GREAT BASS TOWARDS
US; SO WE SENT A MAN WITH A BISCUIT, AND
CHANGED THE CAKE FOR THE BASS. WE HAD NOT
BEEN THERE MANY DAYS, ALTHOUGH BY OUR
DILIGENCE WE HAD GOT UP A KIND OF SHELTER
TO SAVE OUR GOODS IN, BUT WE HAD ORDER TO
COME AWAY FROM THAT PLACE WHICH WAS ABOUT
WATERTOWN, UNTO A PLACE CALLED MATTAPAN
NOW DORCHESTER, BECAUSE THERE WAS A NECK
OF LAND FIT TO KEEP OUR GALLEY ON.

FROM
ROGER CLAP’S NARRATIVE
Thomas Mayhew accepted an offer from a London merchant who was very active in the colonization of New England, Matthew Cradock, to become Cradock’s agent in the colonies. This was only a decade after the Pilgrims had landed, first at Provincetown and then at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Mayhew was eventually to make his headquarters in Medford MA, where Cradock would have built for Mayhew a “greate stone house.”

However, until about 1646, he would live in Watertown while working for Cradock.
Thomas Mayhew’s 1st wife having died, he remarried with the widow of a Mr. Thomas Paine, Jane Gallion Paine. She moved to New England to join him with her children by Paine, Thomas Paine, Jr. and Jane Paine. Thomas Mayhew already had a son, Thomas Mayhew, Jr., who was then about 15. Later the step-brother and step-sister would marry, Jane Paine becoming the wife of Thomas Mayhew, Jr.

Lord Sterling, a representative of King Charles I, deeded Nantucket Island to Thomas Mayhew and his son Thomas Mayhew, Jr., whose family had first settled on Martha's Vineyard and grazed sheep out on Nantucket.
Until about this point, Thomas Mayhew had been living in Watertown while working for Matthew Cradock. Unfortunately, some of the business affairs Mayhew had established for himself and for Cradock had not proven successful and his English boss had become displeased with him. Nonetheless, Mayhew had been elected Selectman for Watertown, Representative to the General Court, and Magistrate. He had become also a miller and a merchant and bridgebuilder, building in 1641 the first bridge across the Charles River in Boston. Despite all of these activities, Mayhew suffered financial reverses and was looking for new opportunities. At this time Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island were part of the province of Maine, which belonged to Sir Ferdinando Gorges who had received it from the King, Charles I. But title was a little unclear because the King had also given to Lord Stirling the title to Long Island, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket Island. Neither Gorges nor Lord Stirling had much interest in Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard nor were they concerned about the conflict in their titles. And so Mayhew, eager to leave his troubles behind, set out to acquire the title.

He sought title from both of these gentlemen, so that there could be no disputing his own control over the two islands.

These presents doth witness that I, James Forrett, Gentleman, who was sent over into these Parts of America By the honourable the Lord Sterling with a commission for the ordering and Disposing of all the Island that lyeth Between Cape Cod hudsons river and hath better unto confirmed his agency without any consideration, Do hereby Grant unto Thomas Mayhew of Watertown, merchant, and to Thomas Mayhew his son, free Liberty and full power to them and their associates to Plant and inhabit upon Nantuckett and two other small Islands adjacent, and to enjoy the said Islands to them their heirs & assigns forever, provided that the said Thomas Mayhew and Thomas Mayhew his son or either of them or their associates Do Render and Pay yearly unto the honourable the Lord Sterling, his heirs or assigns such an acknowledgement as shall be thought tt [?] by John Winthrop, Esq, the elder or any two magistrates in Massachusetts Bay Being chosen for that end and purpose by the honourable the Lord Sterling or his Deputy and By the said Thomas Mayhew his son or associates: it is agreed that the government that the said Thomas Mayhew and Thomas Mayhew his son and their associates shall set up shall Be such as is now established in the Massachusetts aforesaid, and that the said Thomas Mayhew & Thomas Mayhew his son and their associates shall have as much privilege touching their planting Inhabiting and enjoying of all and evry part of the Premises as By the patent is granted to the Patent of the Massachusetts aforesaid and their associates. In witness hereof I the said James Forrett have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 13th Day of October, 1641.

JAMES FORRETT.
Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Robert . . . . . . . . . .
Nicholas Davison 2
Richard Stileman 3

In a second instrument which he drew up, James Forrett added “Martin’s” Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands, and authorized the grantees to plant upon and inhabit those parts, as follows:

Whereas By virtue of a commission from the Lord Sterling, James
Forrett, Gentleman, hath granted Liberty and full Power unto Thomas Mayhew of Watertown, merchant, and Thomas Mayhew his son, and their associates to Plant the Island of Nantucket according to the article In a deed to that purpose expressed: Now for as much as the said Island hath not Been yett whole surrendered whereby it may appear that Comfortable accomodations for themselves and their associates will be found there, this therefore shall serve to testifye that I, the said James Forrett, by virtue of my said commission, Do hereby grant unto the said Thomas Mayhew and Thomas Mayhew his son and their associates, as much. to plant upon Martins Vinyard and Elizabeth Isles as they have by virtue heretofore of the Deed granted unto them for Nantuckett as therein plainly In all considerations Both on the Right honourable the Lord Sterling’s part and on the said Thomas Mayhew & Thomas Mayhew his son and their associates Doth appear In Witness whereof I, the said James Forrett have hereunto sett my hand the 3rd Day of October, Annoque Domini 1641.

JAMES FORRETT.
Signed and delivered
In Presence of us his
John X Vahane. mark
Garret Church.

However, even this was not entirely satisfactory, since still it ignored Sir Ferdinando Gorges’s claim and so he concluded to “make assurance doubly sure” by securing the rights as well from the Gorges interests; and two days later the following instrument, executed by Richard Vines, authorized the elder Mayhew to “plant and Inhabit upon the Island Capawok alias Martins Vineyard,” as set forth in the following copy:

I, Richard Vines of Saco, Gentleman, Steward General for Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Knight and Lord Proprietor of the Province of Maine and the Islands of Cappawok and Nautican, Do by these presents give full power and authority unto Thomas Mayhew, Gentleman, his agents and associates to plant and Inhabit upon the Islands Capawok alias Martins Vinyard with all privileges and Rights thereunto belonging to enjoy the premises to himself heirs and associates forever, yielding and Paying unto the said Ferdinando Gorges, his heirs and assigns annually, or two Gentlemen Independently By each of them chosen Shall Judge to Be meet by way of acknowledgement.

Given under my hand this 25th Day of October, 1641.
RICHARD VI QES.
Witness: Thomas Payne
Robert Long.”

This sewed up the deal. Being especially prudent, Mayhew also “endeavored to obtain the Indian right of them,” going to the islands and negotiating for permission for he and his group to intrude. Mayhew interested some of his Watertown neighbors to join him and among them, you will recognize the names of Daggett and Pierce, which are big names in present-day Edgartown. They made their first settlement there in what they called the East End where the Chief Sachem was Towanquatuck. Initially, apparently due to the more violent contacts of previous decades, there was little contact between the indigenous red islanders and the new white settlers. Thus the Vineyard was no longer solely the land of the original Alquonquin Wampanoags, but had become home to Thomas Mayhew of Watertown, Massachusetts and before that Tisbury, Wiltshire. And so Thomas had become “Governor” Mayhew, the master of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island, his very own tight little islands. He would appoint a group of assistants to help adjudicate disputes between islanders.
Thomas Mayhew, Jr. converted Hiacoomes of Capawak (Martha’s Vineyard) to Christianity.

The group of assistants to Governor Thomas Mayhew in the governing of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island included Peter Folger, who had moved from Watertown with Mayhew.


THE PLANTATION OF MAINE

Governor Thomas Mayhew of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island, perhaps frustrated with the opinions
AMERICA
Painted to the Life.
THE TRUE HISTORY OF
The Spaniards Proceedings in the Conquests of the INDIANS, and of their Civil Wars among themselves, from COLUMBUS his first Discovery, to these later Times.

AS ALSO,
Of the Original Undertakings of the Advancement of Plantations into those parts;
With a perfect Relation of our English Discoveries, shewing their Beginning, Progress and Continuance, from the Year 1628. to 1658. Declaring the Forms of their Government, Policies, Religions, Maners, Customs, Military Discipline, Wars with the Indians, the Commodities of their Countries, a Description of their Towns and Havens, the Increase of their Trading, with the Names of their Governors and Magistrates.

More especially, an absolute Narrative of the North parts of America, and of the Discoveries and Plantations of our English in Virginia, New-England, and Barbadoes,

Publisht by FERDINANDO GORGES, Esq;
A Work now at last expos'd for the publick good, to stir up the Heroick and Active Spirits of these times, to benefit their Country, and Eternize their Names by such Honorable Attempts.
For the Readers clearer understanding of the Countries, they are lively described in a compleat and exquisite Map.
Ovid. Ars sacra famas quidem non.
of other islanders as to his governing of things, abolished his various assistant positions and declared himself Magistrate. This dismissal, along with his increasing rejection of Puritanism in favor of Baptism (or Anabaptism as it was then called) would lead his former assistant Peter Folger to leave the Vineyard in 1662 and settle in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. From this point forward, Magistrate Mayhew’s undiluted authority would be a source of island tension he would need to quell. The source for Mayhew’s authority, which had originally been Sir Ferdinando Gorges but had then become Stirling, had by this point become the Duke of York, courtesy of Charles II. This royal authority which had heretofore been unasserted over Mayhew now became something of a thorn in Mayhew’s side as the Duke, through his agent in New-York, Colonel Francis Lovelace, interceded in various island affairs. Mayhew would frequently ignore instructions received from the Colonel, or let them lay dormant on his desk before replying many months later.

July 6, Thursday (Old Style): Magistrate Thomas Mayhew had been summoned from Martha’s Vineyard to New-York for a conference at Fort James. He had brought with him as an assistant his 23 year-old grandson, Matthew Mayhew. Mayhew apparently handled the Duke to his advantage, for when he would leave New-York, he would carry with him the extraordinary title of Governor for Life. Despite the new grandeur of his title, the residents of the Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island still would resist Mayhew’s assertion of unconditional authority.

The Dutch re-took control of New-York, and attempted to force Governor for Life Thomas Mayhew to abdicate his control over Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island on the theory that the “source” for his authority no longer existed (the area would revert again to English rule in 1674).
As part of the Treaty of Westminster, the Dutch returned Nieuw-Amsterdam to the English. Edmund Andros, the new English governor over the colonies of New-York and New Jersey, restored Governor for Life Thomas Mayhew’s unconditional authority over Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island. The Governor for Life promptly fined or punished many of his more prominent critics, and many left the islands. Governor Mayhew’s “reign” was not to end until he died on March 25th, 1682. His grandson, Matthew, would have learned the lesson well, and would get himself appointed “Chief Magistrate” — a position in which he would be able to exercise nearly as total an authority as had his grandfather, but without nearly so great a hassle.
March 25, Saturday (New Year’s Day, Old Style): Governor for Life Thomas Mayhew died, and his position of control over Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Island passed to his grandson Matthew Mayhew. The grandson, an astute observer, would forsake titles such as “Governor for Life” and get himself appointed “Chief Magistrate” — a position in which he would be able to exercise nearly as total an authority as had his grandfather without nearly so much of a hassle.
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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”
- Remark by character “Garin Stevens” in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST

Prepared: November 7, 2013
This stuff presumably looks to you as if it were generated by a human. Such is not the case. Instead, upon someone’s request we have pulled it out of the hat of a pirate that has grown out of the shoulder of our pet parrot "Laura" (depicted above). What these chronological lists are: they are research reports compiled by ARRGH algorithms out of a database of data modules which we term the Kouroo Contexture. This is data mining. To respond to such a request for information, we merely push a button.
Commonly, the first output of the program has obvious deficiencies and so we need to go back into the data modules stored in the contexture and do a minor amount of tweaking, and then we need to punch that button again and do a recompile of the chronology — but there is nothing here that remotely resembles the ordinary "writerly" process which you know and love. As the contents of this originating contexture improve, and as the programming improves, and as funding becomes available (to date no funding whatever has been needed in the creation of this facility, the entire operation being run out of pocket change) we expect a diminished need to do such tweaking and recompiling, and we fully expect to achieve a simulation of a generous and untiring robotic research librarian. Onward and upward in this brave new world.

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