

"I was born in Sallcom in Devonshire, in the year of our Lord 1609. My father was a man fearing God, and in good esteem among God's faithful servants; his outward estate was not great, I think not above Eighty pounds per annum. We were 5 brethren (of which I was the youngest) and two sisters. God was graciously pleased to breath by his Holy Spirit (I hope) in all our hearts, if in mine, which I am not altogether without hopes of. Some of us brethren lived at home, I did desire my dear father (my dear mother being dead) that I might live abroad, which he consented to. So I first went for trial to live with a worthy gentleman, Mr. William Southrot, who lived about three miles from the city of Exon [Exeter]. He was careful to keep a godly family. There being but a very mean preacher in that place, we went every Lords-Day into the city where were many famous preachers of the Word of God. I then took such a liking to the Rev. Mr. John Warham that I did desire to live near him, so I removed (with my father's consent) into the city and lived with one Mr. Mossiour, as famous a family for religion as ever I knew. He kept seven or eight men and divers maid servants, and he had a conference upon a question propounded once a week in his own family, with him I covenanted ['the church that is in their house?']. I never so much as heard of New England, until I heard of many godly persons that were going there, and that Mr. Warham was to go also. My master asked me whether I would go? I told him if I were not engaged to him I would willingly go. He answered me, that should be no hinderance, I might go for him \* or myself which I would. I then wrote to my father who lived about 12 miles off, to entreat his leave to go to New England, who was so much displeased at first that he wrote me no answer, but told my brethren that I should not go. Having no answer I went and made my request to him, and God so inclined his heart that he never said me nay,—for now God sent the Rev. Mr. Maverick, who lived 40 miles off, a man I never saw before. He having heard of me, came to my fathers house, and my father agreed that I should be with him, and come under his care, which I did accordingly."

It is said that "three counties (Devon, Dorset, and Somersetshire) were sifted for so godly a company" as came out with Mr. Warham and Mr. Maverick to Dorchester, Mass., thence to Windsor, Conn. Farther on Clapp's Memoirs tell us:

"I gave you a hint towards the beginning, that I came out of Plymouth in

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\*Some servants who appear with the first settlers in New England, had their outfit, passage, and support here for a given time, paid by some master who either remained in England or came here with the servant. When the time of service had expired the servant might become an inhabitant and own houses and lands himself.