

Grinnell and Allied Families.

LINES OF DESCENT FROM GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD, JOHN ALDEN, WILLIAM MULLINS
(MOLINES), JOHN TILLEY AND JOHN HOWLAND OF THE MAYFLOWER.

THE ancestry of the Grinnell family among the early settlers of America presents a remarkable combination of men who were well known in their day.

The Mayflower ancestry, beginning with the line of Governor Bradford, includes five signers of the Mayflower compact, together with their own and allied families, who were among the "Blessed Company"; six colonial governors, also deputy governors, magistrates, assistants, judges, lawyers, clergymen, military leaders, etc.

Matthew Grinnell, the ancestor, is first found at Newport, R. I., where he was admitted freeman in 1638. He was probably one of the numerous Huguenot refugees who fled from France to Holland after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Of the children named in the will of Matthew are Matthew, Thomas and *Daniel*. His wife's name was Rose, her surname does not appear in the records.

Daniel Grinnell, son of Matthew and Rose Grinnell, was born in 1636. He married Mary Wodell, born 1640, daughter of William and Mary Wodell. They lived at Portsmouth and Little Compton, R. I. They had issue, *Daniel* (2), Richard and Jonathan.

Daniel Grinnell (2), son of Daniel (1), and Mary Wodell Grinnell, was born at Little Compton about 1665. He married Lydia Pabodie, daughter of William Pabodie, son of William Pabodie, the ancestor.

WILLIAM PABODIE, the ancestor, was born in England, 1619, and was an early settler of the Plymouth Colony. The Plymouth records state that he was "a man much employed in public affairs, and of much respectability." While not himself a Pilgrim he had the honor of marrying the daughter of a Pilgrim, Elizabeth Alden, born 1622 or 3, the *first white woman born in New England*. They were married Dec. 26, 1644. He with others, purchased in 1659, from the Seaconet tribe of Indians a large tract of land known by the name of Seaconet Point, now Little Compton, R. I. Until 1745 this was a part of Massachusetts. William Pabodie was one of the "twenty-nine persons who appeared at Plymouth, July 22, 1673 and proved their respective shares on the grant of land at Seaconet." He moved with his family to their new home in 1684.

John Alden, the Pilgrim, the father of Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie, was the seventh and youngest signer of the Mayflower Compact. He was born in 1599, and had only just realized his majority when he put his name to the important document. His "powers of persuasion" were evidently appreciated by his friend Captain Miles Standish, and it was no fault of his that while acting as "proxy" in the courtship of the beautiful Priscilla Mullens or Molines he became the principal, and she thus became the mother of the first white child born in Plymouth Colony. Her father was William Molines, or as appears among the signers, William Mullins.