

A Brief History of The Pilgrim William White Family

For more than a hundred years no one knew the origins of William and Susanna White. Thanks to the work of Caleb Johnson, Susan Allen, and Simon Neal. We now know that William was born in Wisbech and was the son of Edward and Thomasine (Cross)(May) White. He was the uncle of William Bradford's first wife Dorothy May. Susanna was the daughter of Richard and Mary (Pettinger) Jackson. Her father leased part of the Scrooby Manor and fled with Bradford to Amsterdam in 1608 to avoid arrest for Brownism. William and Susanna met in Amsterdam and married there. They were members of Henry Ainsworth's congregation and were the only members to join the Mayflower group from Leiden. For more information please see Caleb Johnson's MayflowerHistory.com. The full research will be found in the 2017 The American Genealogist in the second, third and fourth issues.