

## **Never Give Up On Your Extended Family: Network With Them Instead & Brand-New Excitement Awaits!** (reads better at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Expand Family History.pdf>)

For an extended period of time, I have suggesting that you extend your family history pursuits to other family history websites such as **Ancestry**, **MyHeritage** and **FindMyPast** and other popular ones by uploading your present GEDCOM family history account to the new website. With my primary family history roots being extensively in Eastern Europe (Poland, Slovenia, Ukraine and Czech Republic, my research expectations have literary been focused on those roots exclusively. To my greatest surprise ever in doing family history for 50+ years, my niece is an avid family history buff who specializes in Ancestry. I recently brain-stormed with her and she has been finding original families on Ancestry.com by connecting our extended family roots in America far going far beyond my imagination to my newly imported FamilySearch.org account with thousands of new names added. Resulting that my family history lineage now goes back to the Mayflower and beyond to at least 1191 on several family lines plus there are many American military veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil war on both the Union and Confederate sides, World War 1 and 2 with Purple Heart awards to relatives buried in the Netherlands and Tunisia, the Korean and Vietnams Wars all related to me. The clientele on Ancestry is different so that is possible to expand my family history endeavors to other appropriate family history websites. What makes my Ancestry account so valuable now is that there is a wealth supporting documents, certificates, stories and photos to bring these ancestors almost back to life to me. See the History of Francis Cooke, 1577-1663 documentation below.



Here's an example of an 1620 Mayflower ancestor, Frances Cooke born in 1577 – 1663, which is an incredible finding when considering that his life was 400+ years ago and there are many generations that I can now continue researching earlier as well to 1191 which is quite different from my Eastern European ancestors where progress can be very slow and at times, discouraging when original church records are missing. Now my newly found American genealogy is almost like being related to royalty which is much easier to trace but learning how to research England will certainly be a brand-new welcomed challenge to me. Any suggestions from any of you with UK heritage for a newbie?

### **History of Francis Cooke, 1577-1663**

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corded in the Blyth records. Many of the ancient Cookes belonging to his family were noted persons. The Cookes carried arms in the Holy wars, for Walter Cook went to the Holy Land in 1191, and Richard Cook went the same year. William Henry Cooke was Recorder of Oxford, Judge of County Courts, a Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire, and wrote three volumes of Collections toward the History and Antiquities of County Hereford in continuance of Duncomb's History. Sir Anthony Cooke, a learned man, was tutor of King Edward VI, in 1543. In 1612 a Cooke was Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer; in 1635 Sir Richard Cooke was Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the Cabinet of Charles I; in 1462 a Cooke was Lord Mayor of London. Sir Thomas Cook, of Worcestershire, founded Worcester College at Oxford, and Sir Thomas Cook of Middlesex was governor of the East India Company. The history of Essex, England gives Cookes without end, many of them men of position by birth and marriage, the women marrying well, many of them being prominent, and many of them being very lovely. Edward Cooke, raised by Sir Edward Coke, (Cooke) was Knight Lord Chief Justice of England of his Majesty's Most Honored Privy Counsel. Francis Cooke's father was Attorney at Westminster, Eng., and d. May 26, 1583. There is but little doubt but what all of the above Cookes, Cooks, Coks and Cokes, as they are variously spelled belonged to the same original stock, as well as all the Cooks that emigrated to America during its early settlement. Mrs. H. R. Cooke seems to think that all the Cookes and Cooks that came to America belonged to the same family. Tradition says that the Capt. James Cook, the greatest navigator that ever lived was related to Francis Cooke of the Mayflower, or rather belonged to the same stock. The Parish of Blyth where Francis Cooke was born adjoined the Parish of Austerfield where Bradford and Brewster lived. He was a Puritan, and a member of Rev. John Robinson's church. In 1608, in company with the other Puritans he emigrated to Amsterdam, Holland where after a short stay they removed to Leyden. Here Pastor Robinson lived in a large house, which was used as a church, and was built by William Jessop, as were the smaller ones in Bell Lane. It was to this church that Hester, a French Walloon, born in the south of Belgium came to worship. In 1609 she and Francis were married. She was one of the most noted cooks by nature, as well as by name. Francis was always glad when the Sabbath services were over so that he could get home to enjoy Hester's tempting dinner, and when her bell rang for meals he never stopped a moment to talk with anyone, or finish a job, but hastened to satisfy his appetite with the rich viands she had cooked for his special benefit. One of her recipes was "To fry cucumbers for mutton sauce you must brown some butter in a pan and cut the cucumbers in thin slices, drain them from the 'water, then fling them into the pan, and when they are fried brown, put in a little pepper and salt, a bit of onion and gravy, and let them stew together, and squeeze in some lemon; shake them well and put under your mutton". Her recipe for making a "Poloc" was, "Take a pint of rice, boil it in as much water as will cover it; when your rice is half boiled, put in your fowl, with a small onion, a blade or two of mace, some whole pepper and some salt; when 'tis enough put the fowl in the dish and pour the rice over it." These two dishes were special favorites of Francis Cooke's and he never lingered a moment when he knew that Hester had prepared either one of them for him.

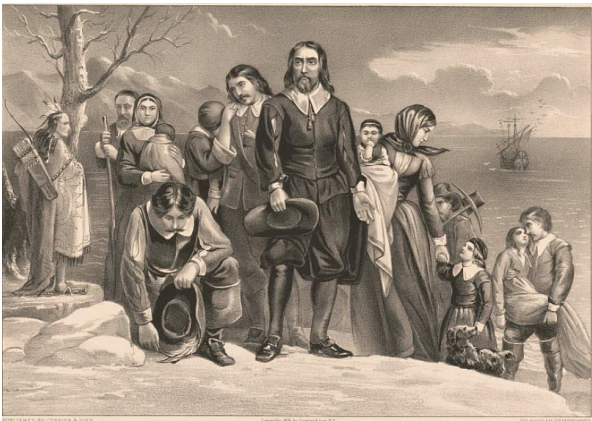
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As much as I prefer to research my direct family lines, to expand my entire extended family scope has really opened my mind and heart that we are all related to Adam & Eve and finding missing ancestors can be very pleasant in

opening up new windows of excitement which helps break down the frustration of hitting stone walls in my Eastern European genealogy. And at the same time, my niece is doing this all on her own so that I am not alone in my early pioneer research pursuits. The magic of this situation is that she is related to all those related to me. So we are now a dynamic tag team after 50+ years of doing basically by myself with able assistance from my wife, children and now grandchildren as well in pursuit of our brand-new EXTENDED FAMILY!

In the name of god Amen. Whose names are underwritten,  
the loyal subjects of our dread sovereigns Lord King James  
by the grace of god, of great britaine, france, & Ireland King,  
defendor of the faith, &c  
Having undertaken, for the glorie of god, and advancement  
of the christian, and honour of our king & country, a voyage to  
plant the first colonic in the Northern parts of Virginia: Do  
by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of god, and  
one of another, covenant & combine our selves together into a  
civill body politick; for the better ordering, & preservation & fur-  
therance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte,  
constitute, and frame such just & equal lawes, ordinances,  
acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought  
most meete & convenient for the generall good of the Colonie: unto  
which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness  
whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape  
Codd the 11. of November in the year of the raigne of our sovereigns  
Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth,  
and of Scotland the fiftie fourth, An: Dom: 1620.





**THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS AT PLYMOUTH, MASS. DEC. 22<sup>ND</sup> 1620.**  
The MAYFLOWER, 147 1/2 ft. built in Holland Sept. 6<sup>TH</sup> 1620, and after a hazardous passage of sixty three days anchored within Cape Cod. In her cabin the first Republican Government in America was solemnly inaugurated. That vessel thus became truly the "Cradle of Liberty" rocked on the blue waves of the Ocean.



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