

# Britain's Pilgrims

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**T**HE DESCENDANTS of the original hardy band of Pilgrims who stepped ashore at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, bear some of the most illustrious names in America. While most people think of the descendants of the Pilgrims as people who are among the staunchest of Americans, a number of them over the years have made the trip in reverse and found their way back to the same place they started from. There are today thriving in England quite a few heirs of Pilgrim fame. Although conscious of their heritage, it means very little to them as British subjects, and some of them probably think the Colonists would have been better off to stay with England.

However, through the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the English branch of the Pilgrims has maintained some contact with the American chapter. These pictures, taken in various parts of England, show some of the Britons whose ancestors sailed with John Alden and Miles Standish to the New World. None of them, however, when interviewed, planned to hold the traditional Thanksgiving feast come Thursday.



Journalist and farmer, Charles Fitch-Morthen of South Devon, England, is a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster, through his mother, a Bostonian.

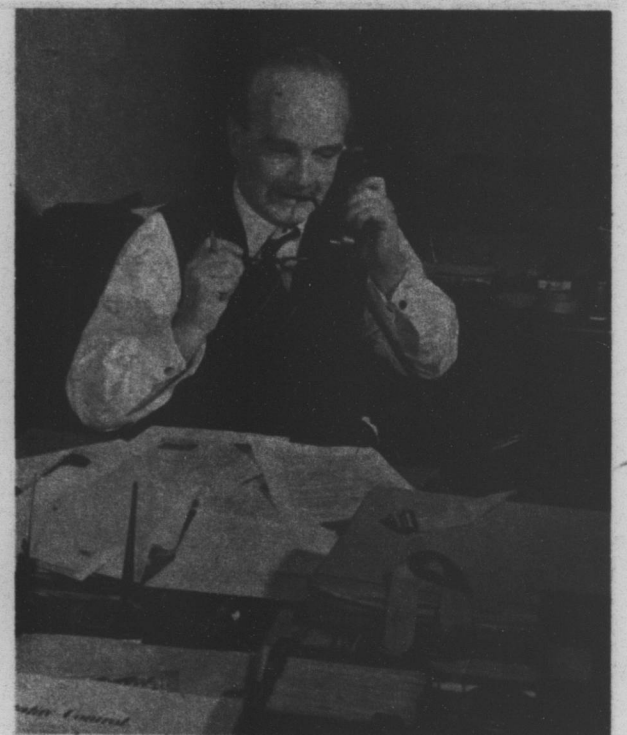
Mrs. Margerie Bradford Lacey lives in Bedford, England, but her father's grandmother was a descendant of William Bradford, first governor of the Pilgrim Colony.



Barbara Milner, 16, of Devonport is a direct descendant of the storied Miles Standish on her mother's side. She works in Plymouth, England.



Mary Helen Collins of Aldbury, a Brewster descendant through her mother, Lady Florence Palmer, poses with her son Douglas and the dog.



Lt. Comdr. Douglas Kenelm Winslow (R.N., Ret.) of Kew Surrey is a descendant of Mayflower Chiltons. He is an editor of trade publications.

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