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Rachel Halliday Winchester (d/o Josiah Hill Winchester = Hannah Winslow) married William Quigley Snow, s/o William & Margaret (**Quigley**) Snow. William Quigley Snow is a *sixth* generation descendant of Nicholas Snow who arrived in America on the ship *Anne* or the *Little James* in 1623. These two ships brought about 90 settlers to the Plymouth colony along with many of the wives and children that had been left behind in Leyden when the *Mayflower* departed in 1620. There are no separate passenger lists for each ship, as those that sailed in these ships were apparently grouped together in records under the *Anne*. There have been varied discussions on why Nicholas Snow's name is not listed among all the passengers. <sup>[1]</sup> His English origins are still unknown although it has been suggested that he could possibly be Nicholas, son of Nicholas Snow, baptized at St. Leonard's Shoreditch, London, on 25 January 1599/1600 but this has never been conclusively proved.

Nicholas Snow married Constance Hopkins, d/o of Stephen Hopkins, one of the 41 signers of *The Compact* and who had made the *Mayflower* voyage in 1620 with his daughter Constance. The date of his marriage does not appear in the early Plymouth records, but it has been speculated by Mayflower historians that it was shortly before the year 1627. It is because of this marriage that descendants of Rachel Halliday Winchester can claim Mayflower descent from Stephen Hopkins. <sup>[2]</sup> There were 102 passengers that embarked on the *Mayflower*, leaving Plymouth, England on 06 September 1620. They sighted land on 09 November 1620 but landfall was not made until 11 November 1620. They arrived at Cape Cod on 19 November 1620 but could not find a suitable place to plant their settlement until the nineteenth of December. They chose a site with a protected harbor and high grounds, suitable for defense, and christened their plantation New Plymouth, after their last port of call in England. <sup>[3]</sup>

Calnek says that Nicholas Snow was "*a man of mark among the Pilgrim Fathers*". He carried the title "Honourable" (Hon.), which denotes a man of considerable prominence and importance. About 1644 Nicholas Snow, with Gov. Thomas Prentice and others, moved from Plymouth to Nauset (later named Eastham in 1651), on Cape Cod. He was one of the first seven who settled there. He served as deputy, surveyor of highways, constable, and town clerk. He died on 15 November 1676 according to the records of the town. His LWT refers to his surviving wife as "Constant". The reference in the will to his "*son Thomas Paine*" is actually his son-in-law who was married to his eldest daughter Mary. It was Mary's granddaughter, Elizabeth Paine (d/o of her son, John) who eventually marries Jabez Snow, a great grandson of Nicholas Snow. Elizabeth Paine was a second cousin of her husband, Jabez Snow.

William Quigley Snow's *great grandfather*, (Deacon) Jabez Snow (known as the 3rd), was married to Elizabeth Paine of Eastham, Barnstable Co., Mass. Because of this marriage children and descendants of Rachel Halliday Winchester and her husband William Quigley Snow can *also* claim Mayflower descent from the Elder William Brewster (see charts after this section) below). In the lineal descent down to Capt. Jabez Snow there are *four* consecutive generations with a son named Jabez, who married a wife named Elizabeth. Capt. Jabez Snow (the 4th) was one of the earliest pre-Loyalist settlers to Nova Scotia, commonly referred to as "Planters", who first settled in the Granville area of Nova Scotia. Calnek says that he was a Captain in a colonial company in the French war. <sup>[4]</sup>

Rachel Halliday Winchester then is a *seventh* generation descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower* by the marriage of his daughter Constance to Nicholas Snow. There is another connection, through marriage, back to Stephen Hopkins. Rachel's husband's *great grandfather* (Deacon) Jabez Snow, 3rd was married to Elizabeth Paine, whose grandfather Thomas Paine was married to Mary Snow, *eldest* d/o Nicholas Snow & Constance Hopkins.

*Rachel Halliday Winchester = William Quigley Snow*



Rachel Halliday Winchester's ancestral line can also be traced back to the Elder William Brewster of the *Mayflower*, whom Crowell referred to as "*The Father of the Pilgrim Fathers*". Deacon Jabez Snow, 3rd (ante) was married to Elizabeth Paine whose mother Bennet Freeman was the *granddaughter* of Patience Brewster, eldest daughter of Elder William Brewster.

In summary the children and descendants of Rachel Halliday Winchester and her husband, William Quigley Snow can claim Mayflower descent from *both* (1) the Elder William Brewster and (2) Stephen Hopkins.

### Stephen Hopkins #1

Gen 1: Stephen Hopkins = (1) Mary (—)  
 Gen 2: Constance Hopkins = (Hon.) Nicholas Snow  
 Gen 3: Jabez Snow (1st) = Elisabeth (—) <sup>[1]</sup>  
 Gen 4: Jabez Snow (2nd) = Elizabeth Treat  
 Gen 5: (Deacon) Jabez Snow (3rd) = Elizabeth Paine <sup>[2]</sup>  
 Gen 6: (Capt.) Jabez Snow (4th) = Elizabeth Doane <sup>[3]</sup>  
 Gen 7: William Snow = Margaret Quigley  
 Gen 8: **William Quigley Snow = Rachel H Winchester**  
 Gen 9: 8 children

### Stephen Hopkins #2

Gen 1: Stephen Hopkins = (1) Mary (—)  
 Gen 2: Constance Hopkins = (Hon.) Nicholas Snow  
 Gen 3: Mary Snow = Thomas Paine  
 Gen 4: (Deacon) John Paine = Bennet Freeman  
 Gen 5: Elizabeth Paine <sup>[2]</sup> = (Deacon) Jabez Snow (3rd)  
 Gen 6: (Capt.) Jabez Snow (4th) = Elizabeth Doane  
 Gen 7: William Snow = Margaret Quigley  
 Gen 8: William Quigley Snow = Rachel Winchester  
 Gen 9: 8 children

<sup>1</sup> (1) *possibly* Elizabeth Smith-Smyth (d/o Ralph Smith and Elizabeth Hobart) > not proven (2) m. (2) William **Merrick** (3) William Merrick's *first* wife = Abigail **Hopkins** (d/o Giles Hopkins, *granddaughter* of Stephen Hopkins).


<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth was *second cousin* to her husband.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth = (1) descendant of John Doane, one of the founding settlers of Eastham, Mass. (previously Nauset) in 1644.

### Elder William Brewster

Gen 1: (Elder) William Brewster = \_\_\_\_\_ (—)  
 Gen 2: Patience Brewster = (Gov.) Thomas Prence <sup>[1]</sup>  
 Gen 3: Mercy Prence = John Freeman  
 Gen 4: Bennet Freeman = (Deacon) John Paine  
 Gen 5: Elizabeth Paine = (Deacon) Jabez Snow (3rd)  
 Gen 6: (Capt.) Jabez Snow (4th) = Elizabeth Doane  
 Gen 7: William Snow = Margaret Quigley  
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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Prence = (1) arrived at Plymouth on the *Fortune* in 1621 (2) served as Governor of Plymouth Colony for most of his life (3) m. (2) Mary **Collier** (*sister* to Sarah Collier = m. (1) Love Brewster (2) Richard Parkes, Sr. of Cambridge).

 See Chapter **SEVENTEEN** for the story of the *Mayflower* and a brief genealogical account and history of the Snow family showing descendants from Nicholas Snow, who m. Constance Hopkins (d/o Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower*). Contained here is a brief biographical sketch on Stephen Hopkins and Francis Cooke and other interesting allied families.

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