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Howland-Tilley 400th Anniversary Tour

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Join Ashley Smith, President of the Pilgrim John Howland Society, and a group of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley descendants as they walk in the steps of their Mayflower Pilgrim ancestors in the United Kingdom. Ashley Smith has deep Howland roots and grew up closely connected to her Howland heritage and cousins. Hailing from New York City she is eager to accompany you on this once in a lifetime family heritage tour.

Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Friday, July 10, 2020: Flight to London

We will depart from the USA for our overnight flight to London. Mayflower 400 Tours can arrange for flights, or participants are welcome to book their own when it is a guaranteed departure. Group flights can be arranged for groups of 10+ traveling together. Pre-tour nights can also be arranged in London. (IF)

Day 2: Saturday, July 11, 2020: Arrival in London, Cambridge

On arrival in London, we will meet our tour director, board our bus, and travel to central London. We will pick up early arrivals and have a bus-orientation tour of the city. We will dine in the Mayflower Pub in London, which was well-known to the crew of the *Mayflower*. We will see the original 1620 mooring point of the *Mayflower* and anyone with a personal connection to one of the passengers can sign the Descendant's Visitor Book. We will continue on to Cambridge, where we will be based for two nights. William Brewster entered the Peterhouse College at Cambridge University at age 14, but left the following year to work for William Davison. We will dine in our hotel. (B/L/D)



Day 3: Sunday, July 12, 2020: Fenstanton, Henlow, Cambridge

Today's day trip will focus on the John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley connections. We will begin at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Fenstanton. This is where John Howland's parents are buried and we will see the plaques, as well as the Howland Bell, which was presented to the church by the Pilgrim John Howland Society in 1981. We'll have a special lunch with church members in the village. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Henlow. Elizabeth Tilley was born in this village and there is a plaque commemorating her baptism and her parents' wedding in St. Mary the Virgin's Church. We will have tea and cake with church members before returning to Cambridge. The evening will be at leisure. (B/L)

Day 4: Monday, July 13, 2020: Boston, Lincoln

After breakfast we will drive to Boston, a port town on the East coast. In 1607, a group of pilgrims walked 60 miles from Scrooby to Boston to meet a ship to take them to Holland. They were betrayed and instead of a new life, they were arrested and taken to the Guildhall. We will see the cells where they were held, as well as the Pilgrim Fathers' memorial at Scotia Creek. St. Botolph's Church, known as "Boston Stump," is one of England's largest parish churches. Rev. John Cotton urged members of his congregation to join the Massachusetts Bay Company, and he helped found the city of Boston in the 1630s. The Puritan Path leading to the church is in his honor. We will dine in our hotel in Lincoln. (B/D)



Day 5: Tuesday, July 14, 2020: Babworth, Scrooby, Gainsborough, Retford, Lincoln

This morning expert guide Sue Allan will take us on a tour of local sites that would have been very familiar to the Pilgrim Fathers. We will start at Babworth church where William Brewster and William Bradford came together under Richard Clyfton's leadership. We will view Scrooby Manor, Brewster's home in Scrooby, as well as the village church. In Austerfield, we will see the font where Bradford was baptized and learn about his childhood. After a delicious pub lunch, we will continue on to

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Gainsborough, from where the Pilgrims set out on their final and successful escape attempt. We will tour the medieval Old Hall, home of a local puritan. To end the day, we will visit the newly opening Mayflower exhibit in the Bassetlaw museum in Retford before returning to Lincoln. The evening will be at leisure. **(B/L)**



Day 6: Wednesday, July 15, 2020: Stratford-upon-Avon

One of the best ways of learning more about the Pilgrims' lives in England is to visit Stratford-upon-Avon, as Shakespeare (1564-1616) was their contemporary and spoke in a similar manner. In fact, Stephen Hopkins, one of the Mayflower passengers, was part of the 1609 Bermuda shipwreck that is said to have inspired *The Tempest*. We will tour Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Trinity Church. The rest of the day will be at leisure. Tickets can be arranged for a Shakespeare Play (additional charge). **(B)**



Day 7: Thursday, July 16, 2020: Plymouth

After breakfast we will drive to Plymouth, where we will have a traditional fish and chips lunch, followed by a tour of the newly-opened Box Museum. One of its first exhibitions will be 'Mayflower 400: Legend and Legacy' – a major show that explores the myths and uncovers new meanings connected to the Mayflower's epic journey in 1620. Created in partnership with the Wampanoag Native American Advisory Committee, and with the help of other museums, libraries and archives across the UK, US and the Netherlands, it will present an epic journey of survival and imagination. **(B/L)**

Day 8: Friday, July 17, 2020: Plymouth

This morning we will have a walking tour with a specialist guide, including the Mayflower steps, the cobbled streets of the Barbican, Sutton Harbor, and the Mayflower Museum. The afternoon will be at leisure. We will meet up again mid-afternoon to take a relaxing harbor cruise, ending in the Royal William Yard, where we will dine in one of the many restaurants. **(B/D)**



Day 9: Saturday, July 18, 2020: Dartmouth, Southampton, Winchester

After breakfast we will travel to nearby Dartmouth, which is where the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* had to dock for repairs. We will see the picturesque Bayard's Cove Harbor, Tudor Bayard's Cove Fort, St. Saviour's Church, Smith Street and other areas around the waterfront. We will continue on to Southampton and join our local expert guide who will take us on a guided walk describing Southampton as it would have been in 1620. We will hear about the provisioning of the *Speedwell* and *Mayflower* and see their departure point. This is now commemorated with a Pilgrim Fathers' Memorial, which was unveiled in 1913. We will tour the Tudor House and Garden, which existed at the time of the Pilgrims' departure. Our farewell meal will be at a local restaurant. **(B/D)**



Day 10: Sunday, July 19, 2020: Departure

After breakfast, we will travel to Heathrow, either as a group, or by separate transfers. Post-tour travel options are available. **(B/IF)**

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