

PILGRIM SOCIETY & PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM



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Special Display at Pilgrim Hall Museum, "Early Books on Plymouth Colony"

Pilgrim Hall Museum is pleased to offer a special display of rare books, Friday September 5 through Tuesday September 9. The program is organized in honor of the 40th Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants which will take place that week. Mayflower Society members from across the country and beyond will visit Plymouth.

September 5-9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pilgrim Hall Museum will feature, "Early Books on Plymouth Colony," a small exhibit consisting of rare, original, first editions of books written about Plymouth Colony during the 17th century. Several of these volumes belonged to the first settlers of Plymouth.

Among the books on display will be *Mourt's Relation* published in London, 1622, and written by *Mayflower* passengers William Bradford and Edward Winslow, documenting the first year of the colony; Edward Winslow's *Hypocrasie Unmasked* published in London in 1646 as a defense of Plymouth Colony against the banished Samuel Gorton's accusations; Barnstable minister Rev. Thomas Walley's *Balm in Gilead*, an election-day sermon preached to the Plymouth General Court in 1669; and Nathaniel Morton's *New Englands Memoriall*, published in Cambridge, 1669, as the first history of the New England colonies.

This opportunity to see rare, 17th century local histories owned by Plymouth settlers will last for five days only. Those with questions regarding the display should phone Associate Director/Curator Stephen O'Neill at 508-746-1620 x. 5 or e-mail <u>curator@pilgrimhallmuseum.org</u>.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

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Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and the month of January.

Admission: Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7.00 and AAA members \$6.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Pilgrim Society members and Plymouth residents are admitted free.