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“A Treasure of a Map: Puritans, Pirates and the William Hack Map”
By Stephen O’Neill, Associate Director/Curator, Pilgrim Hall Museum
August 22nd at 10:00 am
Pilgrim Hall Museum
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On Wednesday, August 22nd at 10 am Stephen O’Neill, Associate Director/Curator will be giving a talk at Pilgrim Hall Museum on “Puritans, Pirates and the William Hack Map.”

Pilgrim Hall Museum owns a unique map, “Description of New England,” hand-drawn on vellum by William Hack (ca.1656-1708 or 1709) in London around 1695. Hack was a leading English cartographer during the1680s and 1690s. Like the “Description of New England,” many of the maps he made were hand-drawn, presentation copies prepared for high-ranking officials in the British Empire, including King Charles II. Hack did not conduct surveys himself, but copied other sources, notably Spanish charts captured by Buccaneers and brought back to England (where their piracies were overlooked). The “Description of New England” is a rare example of Hack’s magnificent work from a time when maps had political and economic power.

Please join us at Pilgrim Hall Museum for this fascinating lecture generously sponsored by Rockland Trust.