Resolved White: Mayflower passenger

"The names of those which came over first, in the year 1620, and were by the blessing of God the first beginners and in a sort the foundation of all the Plantations and Colonies in New England; and their families ...

"Mr. William White and Susanna his wife and one son called Resolved, and one born a-shipboard called Peregrine, and two servants called William Holbeck and Edward Thompson."


William White, Resolved's father, died in the general sickness of 1620-1621. His mother, Susanna White, married Edward Winslow in the spring of 1621.

Resolved White and the 1623 Division of Land

The 1623 Division of Land marked the end of the Pilgrims' earliest system of land held in common by all. Governor Bradford explains it in this way:

"And so assigned to every family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, for that end, only for present use (but made no division for inheritance) and ranged all boys and youth under some family This had bery good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could use, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better content. The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled wuld have been thought great tyranny and oppression."


Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds &c, Vol I 1627-1651 is the oldest record book of the Plymouth settlement. It begins with the 1623 Division of Land, recorded in the handwriting of Governor William Bradford. The lands of Resolved White are, presumably, included in those given posthumously to his father William White. They are among those designated as "The Falles of their grounds which came first over in the May Floure, according as thier lotes were cast" and described in this way "these containe .16.akers besids Hobamaks ground which lyeth betwene Jo: Howlands & Hobkinses... this .5. akers lyeth behind the forte to the litle pond."
all the psonts of the same company ... & so the lotts fell as followeth, thirteene psonts being pportioned to one lot ...
"To this lot fell the Red Cow wch belongeth to the poore of the Colonye to wch they must keepe her Calfe of this yeare being a Bull for the Companie. Also to this lott Came too she goats."

Resolved White: 1650
"And seeing it hath pleased Him to give me [William Bradford] to see thirty years completed since these beginnings, and that the great works of His providence are to be observed, I have thought it not unworthy my pains to take a view of the decreasings and increasings of these persons and such changes as hath passed over them and theirs in this thirty years ...  "Mr. White and his two servants died soon after their landing. His wife married with Mr. Winslow, as is before noted. His two sons are married and Resolved hath five children, Peregrine two, all living. So their increase are seven."

Resolved White in the Records of Plymouth Colony
3 August 1640: "Resolved White is graunted one hudnred acrees of upland lying upon the southerley part of Mr Wm Vassells land in Scituate, called the West Newland, and a ppocion of meddow to be layd to yt, upon view, wch upland is to range two hundred pole in breadth wth Mr Bassells land, pvided that if, by reason of the bending of the coeve on the west side, it shall entrench upon the lands graunted on the easterly side thereof, that then hee shalbe allowed his ppocion up into the woods on the southerly pte."

7 March 1642/3: "Resolved White is graunted all that marsh and meddow land that lyeth whthin the cove wch is at the west end of the lands of Mr Willm Vassell, called the West New Land, by the North River; that is to say, from a marked tree that is on thother side of the cove, over against the said West Newland, wch tree standeth upon the northernmost poyn of the upland there, upwards to the head of the cove, so far as there is any marsh or meddow, and so on both sides of the creeke wch runneth up the cove, excepting all that marsh & meddow that was formerly graunted to the said Willm Vassell."

August 1643: "The Names of all the Males that are able to beare Armes from sxi. Yeares old to 60 Yeares, whthin the sev'rall Towneshipps… Scituate… Mr Willim Vassell, John Bassell, Resolved White, et al."

1644/5: "Of Scituate that have taken the Oath of Fidelitie… "At Scituate, Januar. 15th, 1644. Resolved White [et al]."

25 March 1650: "To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall com Samuell ffuller of Scituate in the government of New Plymouth in New England in america sendeth greeting;
"Know yea that I the said Samuell fuller for and in consideracon of a sufficient sum of money in full satisfaction by mee in hand Receved by Peeter Collymore of Scittuate … goe bargan sell enfeffe and confeirm unto the said Peeter Collymore his heires and assignes forever one dwelling house and a barn and Cowhouse with sixteene acars of upland more or lesse being bounded on the west with the land of mr William Barssall on the south with the land of Resolved White on the north…"
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 1, p. 91-93.

6 December 1653: "Memorand: That Leiftenant Perigrine White of the towne of marshfeild in the Jurisdiction of new Plymouth in New England in america Doth acknowledge that for and in consideration of the full summe of forty pounds to him in hand payed by capt: Thomas Willett of the Towne of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction aforsaid wherwith hee Doth acknowledge himselfe Satisfyed contented and fully payed; hee hath freely and absolutly barganed allianated and sold enfeofed and confeirmed and by these Doeth bargane sell enfeofe and confeirme unto the said capt: Willett all that his prte and proprietie of land which as Purchaser or old comer; belongeth unto him att Sowamsett Mattapoisett and place adiacent… and alsoe the said Leiftenant White heerby covenanteth that his brother Resolved White shall give his [...] and full consent unto the sale of the aboveaid premi9ses0."
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 4, p. 86.


1 June 1658: "Freeman admitted this Court, and sworne… Resolved White."
And again "Scituate… Resolved Whictce…" (PCR Vol. 8, p. 198.)

3 June 1662: "In reference to a petition prefered to the Court by sundry of the freemen, and in reference unto a graunt made to some to looke out accommodations of land, as being the first borne children of this govment, and for the disposing of two severall tracts of land lately purchased, the one by Major Winslow and the other by Captaine Southworth, the Court, having viewed the several lists of the names of those that desired to bee accommodated therin, have settled it upon those whose names follow:
"Mr Prence, Mr Bradford, Major Winslow, Mr Aldin, William Mullins, Mr Brewster, Mr Howland, Francis Cooke, Leiftenant Fuller, Leiftenant White, William Pontus, Steven Dean, Phillip Delanoy, Mr John Winslow, John Adams, Peter Browne, John Shaw, Anthony Anible, for his daughter, Hannah Burman, Francis Sprague, Gorge Soule, Nathaniell Warren, Samuell Fuller, Junir, of Plymouth, Andrew Ringe, Francis Billington, Moses Simonson, Resolved White, Willam Bassett, Edward Bumpas, Samuell Eedey, William Hoskins, Gorge Partrich, William Nelson, by right of his wife."

3 March 1662/3: "Richard Church and John Tompson complained against Capt Thomas Willett, in an action of the case, to the damage of twenty four pounds, for non pforming an agreement, according to covenants, about the meeting house att Plymouth."
"Find for the defendant the cost of the suite…"
"The names of the jury that tried the action betwixt Richard Church and John Tompson,
plaintiffes, and Capt Willett, defendant, are as followeth: - John Bourne, Gorge Soule, James Walker, Barnabas Laythorp, Josephet Beele, Henery Sampson, Benjamine Nye, Resolved White, Francis Crocker, John Whiston, Stephen Winge, John Wadsworth.  sworne."


17 March 1662/3: "To all people to whom these presence shall come Resouled White if Situate in the Government of New Plymoth in new England in America planter sendeth greeting Know yee that I the said Resouled White for and in consederation of theerten pounds and ten shillings of curant New England pay to mee in hand payd by Isack Buck of situate aforesaid blacksmight with which said sum I the said Resolved Whitte doe Exknowledg my selfe fully satisfied Contented and payd and there of and of every part and parcell there of doe exonerate aque and discharge the aforesaid Isack Buck hee hi heiers executors administrators and assignes for ever per these presence have freely and absolutly bargained and sold infeafed and Confermed and per these presence doe bargain sell infeafe and Conferme from mee the said Resouled White and my heiers unto him the said Isack Buck hee hi heiers and assigns for ever Two parcell of marsh medow lying in Sittuate aforesaid one parte or parcell of Marsh medow which Mr. William Varssall bought or Exchanged formerly with Sammuell fuller and lyeth one the south side of the upland which the said the said William vassall bought & Exchanged with with Samuell ffuller aforesaid as it is butted from the said upland on the north by a Right Line towards the suth by the East Ende of pine lland to a creeke there and from a marked tree one the East against the said Illd by and as the stakes bound it towards the south to a Creeke and all the marsh betweene the two creeks towards the south to the North River allsoe a nother parcell of Marsh Medow being five ackres more or Lesse and is the medow that did belong to the to the southerly halfe or part of beare Illd and medow being bounded on the North by one straight Line Crose the mide of the said Illd and medow from East to West and soe to the first hering Brook the northerly halfe being the Lands of Peter Collemore and one the south it is bounded by another straight Line that Runneth from East to West along by the south side of the body of the said Illd as the stackes now stand till it com nere to the mouth of a cartayne greate Creeke that Issueth forth into the said hering brooke by which Line it is devided from the medow lands that sum times was Mr. William Vassall and now in the posestion of John Cushen and is bounded one the west with the lands of the said Cuhen and Peeter Colllimore and with the foresaid hering brooke and creek on the East With all and singular the appurtinancs preveledges and Emmunities there unto belonging or any wayes appartayning to all or any part or parcells of the said two parcells of marsh medow withy all my said Right title or to all or any part or parcell there of To have and to hold the foresaid to parcells of marsh medow unto him the said Isack Buck hee his heiers and assignes for ever to the proper use and behoufe of him the said Isack Buck hee his heieres and assignes for ever to bee holden according to the manor of East Greenwitch in the County of Kente in free and Common sockedg and not in Caputies nor by Knight service per the rents and service there of and there by due and of Right accostumed and waranting the sale and title heare of against all people What soe Ever in by or Thought mee the said Resouled Whitte & by my right title & intrest Clayming any right title or intresse of or in the premises or any part or parcell there of and the said Resolved Whitte doth hereby furder grant and Covenant to and with the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes for ever full And free liberty of Ingrese Egrese and Egrese of passage to and from the said parcell of marsh medow that is first bounded in this deed of sale by and Through all the wayes Leading from the said marsh unto the dwelling house that was Mr. William Vassalls Called Beell house and soe from thence through all ways and pasedges Commonly used and to bee used uot the hey wayes beyond the said Lands and he the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes and Every of them to Carte and Carry all maner of Caredge Ride drive and Leede all manor of Cattell as often as thay or Either of them shall please which Liberty and preveledg was given and granted unto mee Resouled Whitte my heiers and
assignes as apereth by a deed of gift bering date the 24th of October 1646 And the said Resolved Whitte for him selfe heiers Executors Administrators assignes by these presence doe Covenant to and with the said Isack Buck that the said Isack Buck his heiers and assignes to and for there one use shall and may from henceforth and for Ever have after peasaibly and quietly have hold and Injoy all and singuler the premises heare by sold infeafed granted and given with all the wayes and Easments there unto belonging and suficently save harmles from all incombrance and molestation what soe ever by and from the said Resolved Whitte his heiers and assignes or from all parsons what soe Ever Lawfully Clayming from them and doe by these presence promise that my wiffe Judeth Whitte shall freely surrender up har Intrese in the premeses before a majestrat when it shall bee Requiered and the said Resolved Whitte doth allsoe Covenant and promise and grant that it shall and may bee lawfull for the said Isack Buck Either by him selfe or his Attorney to Record or in Rowle these presence or to case them to bee Recorded & In Rouled in the Records of new Plymoth or in any other place of Records according to the usall maner of Recording Evidences in such cases provided to and for the Trew performance of the premises I the said Resolved Whitte bind mee my heieres Executores Administrators and assignes fermly by these presence in wittnes wheare of I have heare unto set my hand seal this seventent day of march Anno Dom. 1662.

Resouled Whitt
Signed sealed and delivered in the presens of us
James Torry
John Buck
Judith the wife of Resolved Whitte did Exknowledge the sale above mentioned and did Resigne up har wholl right and Intres in the purchas above Exspresed
Beefore mee
Jos: Winslow assist"


7 February 1664/5: "The severall lots layed forth and bounded lying and being upon Pockade necke neare unto Namassakett grounds unto several persons afternamed as followeth:
"Impr. The Major Winslow 1 Lot begineth att a white oake tree marked on four sides neare the brooke where the three brookes meet and it Runs up a southwest line and is bounded on the other side with two Redoakes marked...
"Mr Resolved White 15 Lott is att the wadeing place and is bounded with the Path and the beaver dam and lyeth halfe the length of the formet lotts"


3 June 1668: "Surveyors of the Highwaiies... Marshfeild, Joseph Bedle, Resolved White."


29 May 1670: "An exact List of all the Names of the Freemen of the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth, transcribed by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary to the Court..."Marshfeild. Major Josias Winslow, Mr Samuell Arnold, Mr Kanelme Winslow, Mr Josias Winslow, Senir, Mr Thomas Besbech, Captaine Nathaniel Thomas, Leiftenant Peregrine White, John Dingley, Robert Carver, Anthony Snow, John Bourne, Mr Anthony Eames, Ensigne Marke Eames, William Foard, Senir, Mr Resolved White, Timothy Williamson..."


2 July 1675: "To all Christian people to whome these prsents shall Come Josiah Winslow of
Marshfeild in the Colony of New plymouth in New England sendeth greeting In the Lord god everlasting, And further Know yee. That I the said Josiah Winslow being by ye goodnes of God in Competent health, and of sound memory, but sensible of my fraylety, and that I am subject to suddayne Changes. Revooking hereby any other or former will by me at any time made, doe declare and order this to be my last will and Testament… Item I give unto my Brother Resolved White a suat and Cloak of my wearing aparrell."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 5, p. 82.
Note: Josiah Winslow was Resolved's half brother, the offspring of Susanna White’s second marriage to Edward Winslow.

28 October 1684: "Humphry Johnson, of Hingham, in the right of himselfe as principall and assigne to Mr Resolved White, of Marshfeild, and Josias Holmes, of Duxburrow, who is an assigne to his father, William Holmes, deceased, the said Johnson, White, and Holmes being proprietors in the commons or undevided lands in the townshipp of Scittuate, as by the records of the said towne in the yeer 1654, with other evidences, may appeer, complaine against the inhabitants of Scittuate, in an action of the case, for that, to the plaintiffs great damage, the said towne doe unjustly detaine from him several tracts of land graunted by order of the Court of Plymouth the 16th of June, 1671, which ordered the commones of Scittuate to be devided according to each inhabitants just right; the several proportions belonging to eich rateable inhabitant of 1647 was an hundred and eighty acars of land, to be devided by an equall alotment; alsoe, several other graunts of lands graunted October, 1672, and in 1673, all the several graunts of land by the towne and committee were consented utno by the Court, 1672 & 1673, aforsaid; alsoe, all the several graunts of land graunted by either Court, towne, or commitey, to the rateable inhabitants of 1647, and to all such that come in theire rome & stead, was confeirmed by the towne of Scittuate, as appeers by theire record, dated the fift of Aprill, 1683, in theire 2 and fourth pticulars, all theire several graunts graunted by either Court, towne, or committee; the Court declareth they see noe reason, but doe approve what Scittuate men had prsented to the Court for approbation, as appeers by the Court orders June, 1683, and July, 1683; yett, notwithstanding, the several graunts of land graunted by either Court, towne, or committee, have bine confeirmed by the towne, 1673 and 1683, and consented unto by the Court as aforsaid, the grantes being to the rateable inhabitants of 1647, and such as came in theire rome and stead; wherof the plaintifie hath a right to claime for three, in that state himselfe as principall, and as assigne to Mr White and Josiah Holmes, aforsaid. Yett the towne doth not sett out theire proportions of land graunted as aforsaid, neither to all nor any of the three proprietors, nor yett give the plaintifie satisfaction, as was engaged and published the 17 day of December, 1671, as may appeer under the hands of three majestrates, by all which neglect of the towne, as aforsaid, the plaintifie is greatly damnifyed.
"The jury find for the plaintifie the right the said plaintifie sues for in the commons of the towne of Scittuate, and the cost of the sute, which is one pound and seaven shillings in mony.


3 January 1687/7: "Att a Towne Meeting held at Sittuate the Third day of January 1687… "The declaration of the Inhabitance of the Towne of Sittuate Respecting the Confermation of the Land procured to be Survaieyed by Humphry Johnson of hingham with in the TownShip of Sittuate To his Exelencie Sir Edmond Andros knit Capt Generall and Governor in Chife of his majesties Territories and dominions of new England and Counsell Wheras at a Counsell held at Boston the two and Twentyeth of June Last past it was Resolved by said Counsell That Humphry Johnson of hingham hath three Rights of Land in the TownShipe of Sittuate on
behalfe of him selfe Resolved whitte and Josiah Holmes and ordred that the same be
asartayned to him accordingly and wee the Inhabitance of said Sittuate underStanding that
said Johnson have procured a servighor and Laid out one hundred ackers of Land to ech of
said Rights at Three severall places That is to say on hundred ackers at the head of Richard
Dwelly Lott and neare others of the naighbors up the river we doe declare that said Land is part
of a parcell of Land which by the Commity in said Towne was designed Laid out and sett apart
for severall yeares agone to Lie for a perpetuall Commons for the use of said Naightberhood
and for it to be Taken up will be very Iniueros to them"
Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, The Seventeenth-Century Town Records of Scituate,
215.

Resolved White: His Family
"A note of the psons Recorded since June last [per] me James Torrey Towne Clarke of
Scittuate sent to March Court 1654
"Resolved White marryed to Judith the Daughter of mr Willam Varsall Aprill the 8th 1640.…
"Beirthes of Children. Willam the son of Resolved white born Aprill the 10th 1642. John the
son of Resolved White born March the 11th 1644. Samuell the son of Resolved White born the
13th of March 1646…
"Resolved the son of Resolved White born November 12th 1647. Anna the Daughter of
Resolved White born June the 4th 1649. Elizabeth the Daughter of Resolved White born June
the 4th 1652. Josiah the son of Resolved White born September the 29 1654."
Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 17, p. 74-75.