

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620

John Carver
William Bradford
Edward Winslow
William Brewster
Isaac Allerton
Miles Standish
John Alden
Samuel Fuller
Christopher Martin
William Mullins

William White
Richard Warren
John Howland
Steven Hopkins
Edward Tilly
John Tilly
Francis Cooke
Thomas Rogers
Thomas Tinker
John Ridgdakle

Edward Liester
Edward Fuller
John Turner
Francis Eaton
James Chilton
John Craxton
John Billington
Moses Fletcher
John Goodman
Digery Priest

Thomas Williams
Gilbert Winslow
Edmund Margesson
Peter Brown
Richard Bitteridge
George Soule
Richard Clark
Richard Gardiner
John Allerton
Thomas English

Edward Doten

## THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

The Mayflower Compact, regarded by some historians as marking the beginning of democracy in America, was signed by 41 adult male members of the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower as it lay alongside the present site of Provincetown, Massachusetts, in 1620. Because the Pilgrims' patent from the Virginia Company game them no right to settle so far north,

there was grumbling among some members of the company who said abandonment of the Virginia patent lift their leaders with no authority over them. To prevent disorder, the Mayflower Compact was signed, binding the Pilgrims to form a government and to abide by its laws.