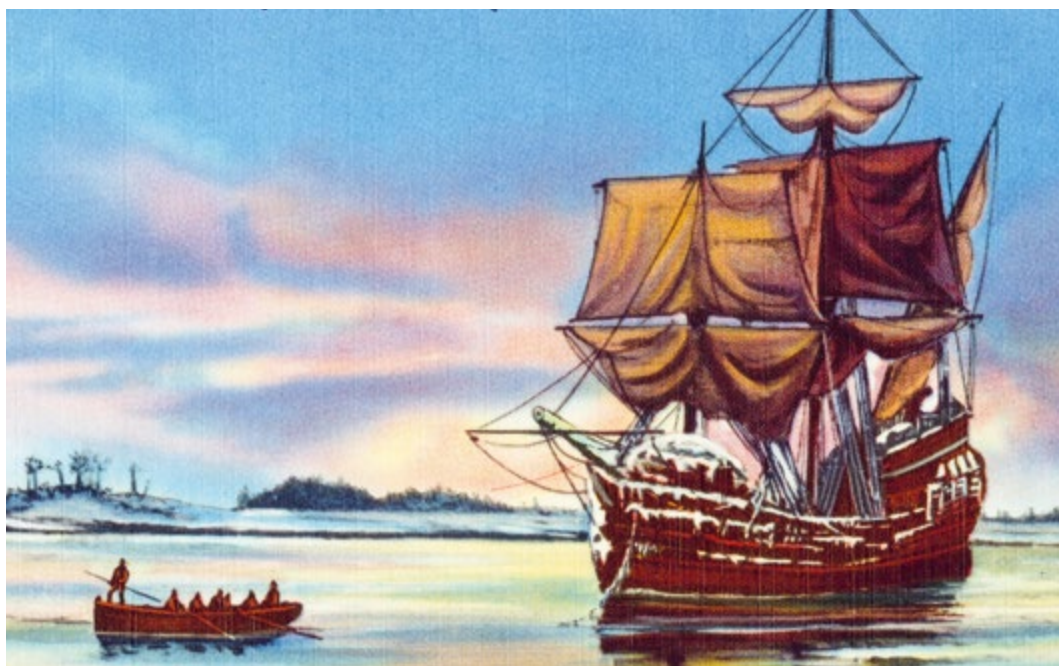


# MYSTERY SHIP ARRIVES

## THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MEAN TO STAY



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**O**NE MORE SHIP has come to our shores, but it is very different this time. Women and children are among the group, and the men have begun to build on the grounds of Patuxet. Runners are reporting their movements to the sachems, who express their concern at this recent occurrence.

Our nations on the coast, as well as those along the river ways, have seen many, many ships come and go over the last 100 years. They have fished in our waters, sought out those who would trade furs and goods with them, and they have wandered about our lands, noting the different kinds of animals, plants, and locations of springs, ponds, and rivers. While we watched and remained aware of the places they traveled, we also realized that they would be returning to their own countries.

Then the day came that their visits were not so seemingly benign, but took a darker turn. This was with the kidnappings of

A RELIGIOUS group with roots in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire in England believed it necessary to separate from the Church of England. Persecuted in England, these Separatists moved to Holland, where they lived for more than a decade—at first in Amsterdam and then in Leiden. They moved to North America in 1620 to start anew, supported, so they believed, by the will of God.

so many of our young men from coastal villages. With the exceptions of Tisquantum and Epenow from Aquinnah, there was never even one report of any who returned home. They were gone forever, leaving their families coldly without their loved ones.

In the past, the ships always left at the end of summer. These people are clearly intent on staying. What changes will be coming now that we must contend with? Our people are still exhausted and fearful as a result of the great sickness. Many have feelings of foreboding about this arrival, and rightly so for a number of reasons.

While ceremonies for the dead have been performed, we of the living do not go back to the places where so many died, but leave it to Earth and time to effect healing. We have placed many new memory holes to aid us in remembering

those of Patuxet and the other villages where everyone was lost in the great dying.

This new group has also not approached nor paid respect to any of our present leaders. They have come into our territory and started building their homes with not the slightest regard for the protocols of entry into our nation. They have not gained permission to come here and live in our land, and yet behave as if their actions should be acceptable to people.

What causes these people to behave in such a manner? Many villages that are left from the great sickness have joined with Massasoit of Pokanoket, and the councils have begun discussions. While still grappling with rebuilding our nation after the great dying, decisions must also be made as to how we treat these intruders into our country.