

The Soup Guy

Edward Winslow

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Edward Winslow is my very cool fourteenth great grandpa. He was born four hundred and twenty-seven years before now in October of 1595. He was born in England and he and Gilbert, his brother, signed the Mayflower Compact. There were 41 people who signed the Mayflower compact. Edward is the only person on the Mayflower that has a self portrait painted of him, and a bronze statue of him in his hometown in England. The statue shows his first step on land in America. After the first winter in America Edwards' wife named Elizabeth died.

They settled in a place called Plymouth and settled on the land of the Wampanoag tribe. Edward was able to make friends with the people and their leader, Massasoit. His friendship with Massasoit helped them to learn how to survive in a new world. Chief Massasoit got sick and Edward shared his chicken soup with him, and helped him feel better. He wrote in his journal that he was part of the first Thanksgiving feast that lasted three days in December. Chief Massosoit brought ninety men to the feast and four deer they gave to the Governor of Plymouth to share.

He traveled a lot between America and England and was the Governor in Plymouth three times and he fought to defend the land from the English. He helped communicate between the people in the Plymouth settlement and the English. He was a politician and has written a book, in England his family was known for the salt pit they owned. Edward was asked to be the Governor of Jamaica to settle more land for the English in 1655. He died from yellow fever on the ship at sea on May 8th 1655 during the trip to Jamaica.

I had fun learning about my fourteenth great grandpa. I especially liked the part about the chicken soup. Our family will now make chicken soup at our Thanksgiving feast every year.