

Quotations posted for the talk "Family Life in the Archives"  
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"as he shall have no rent to pay, so he must build his house before he have it, and peradventure may with more ease pay for this fuell here, then cut and fetch it home, if he have not cattell to draw it there; though there is no scarcitie, but rather too great plentie."

"fountains should streame forth Wine, or Beare, or the woods and rivers be like Butchers shops, or Fishmongers stalles"

Edward Winslow, *Good Newes from New-England* (1624), 65, 66.

"a merciful and loving man when he dies, though he leave his children small and desolate, yet every one is mercifully stirred up for the Fathers sake to shew compassion, but the unkindness, currishness, and self-love of a Father, is through God's just judgment recompenced upon the children with neglect and cruelty."

Robert Cushman, *A Sermon Preached at Plimmoth in New-England December 9. 1621. In an assemblie of his Majesties faithfull Subjects, there inhabiting* (1622), 15.

"an ancient mother grown old and forsaken of her children, though not in the affections yet in regard of their bodily presence and personal helpfulness; her ancient members being most of them worn away by death, and these of later times being like children transplanted into other families, and she like a widow left only to trust in God."

William Bradford, "Of Plimoth Plantation," from his entry for 1644.

"One thing was very greivous unto us at this place: There was an old woman, whom we judged to be no lesse then an hundred yeerres old, which came to see us because she never saw English, yet could not behold us without breaking forth into great passion, weeping and crying excessively. We demanding the reason of it, they told us, she had three sons, who when master Hunt was in these parts went aboard his Ship to trade with him, and he carried them Captives into Spaine (for Tisquantum at that time was carried away also) by which meanes shee was deprived of the comfort of her children in her old age, We told them we were sorry that an English man should give them offence, that Hunt was a bad man, and that all the English that heard of it condemned him for the same: but for us we would not offer them any such injury, though it would gaine us all the skins in the Countrey. So we gave her some small trifles, which somewhat appeased her."

*A Relation or Journall* (1622), 50.

"Fathers providing for their Family and Posteritie"

William Alexander, *An Encouragement to Colonies* (1624), 37.

"If a man have a wife and many small children, not to come there, except for every three loyterers, he have one worker; which if he have, he may make a shift to live, and not starve."

Christopher Levett, *A Voyage into New England Begun in 1623. and ended in 1624* (1624), 37.