



Did you know Elizabeth Tilley...

Elizabeth Tilley was orphaned when both of her parents died during the first winter in the New World. Elizabeth then lived in the Carver household until it was broken up by death.

Then she lived with the Howlands. She was different than many of the women in that she could write her own name. She married John Howland who wrote many letters and records of the colony.

Elizabeth's mother was likely Dutch, a Bridget Van De Veldt. John Howland, who she later married, was one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact and was one of the "ten principal men" chosen to select a site for the colony. The Howlands had ten children.

Elizabeth lived more than ninety years, staying her last days with her daughter Lydia Howland Brown in Swanzey in 1687. Among the things mentioned in her will are many religious books, skeins of silk and buttons.

...was a Congregationalist?

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Call To Worship

L: We are keepers of the Way.

C: We come, aware of our place as 21st Century pilgrims.

L: May we bring to this worship hour and to our very lives, a commitment to refashion this world for Christ.

C: May we renew and cherish our life together, as God's free people.

Invocation (in unison)

Let Your holy presence be among us, O Lord, in this year of remembrance, that we, being made aware of the conviction and character of those before us, may enter into our inheritance, standing firm in the convictions for which they ventured to this new world freedom. Let our forebears' dedication to freedom and righteousness be their gift to us this day, and all our tomorrows. Amen

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