



# Pilgrim Hall Museum

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## CONSTANCE HOPKINS & NICHOLAS SNOW

Constance Hopkins was a *Mayflower* passenger. She journeyed with her father and stepmother, Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, her brother Giles, her half-sister Damaris and her half-brother Oceanus who was born during the voyage.

Sometime before 1627, Constance Hopkins married Nicholas Snow. Nicholas Snow had arrived in Plymouth on the *Anne* in 1623.

The inventory of Nicholas' estate, taken at the time of his death, includes carpenter's tools. This may have been his trade. His inventory also included books, so he was probably literate. Nicholas held various minor positions in Plymouth, such as highway surveyor.

The Snows moved from Plymouth to Nauset, on Cape Cod in the 1640s. On the Cape, Nicholas served as surveyor, constable and selectman.

Constance and Nicholas had 12 children. Nicholas died in November of 1676, Constance a year later in October of 1677. Before his death, Nicholas Snow wrote a will. Click [HERE](#) for that will as well as for the inventory of his estate at the time of his death.

The Pilgrim Society displays one artifact that is attributed to Constance Hopkins. It is a beaver hat, made in England, c.1615-1640. Steeple crowned hats, usually with a decorative band, were popular for both men and women in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Beaver fur, imported into England from the colonies, was processed into felt to make hats. Click [HERE](#) to see the Constance Hopkins beaver hat.

### How do we know about Constance Hopkins and Nicholas Snow?

From the written records of the 17th century.

For a look at the 17th century records that pertain to Constance Hopkins and Nicholas Snow, click [HERE](#).

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