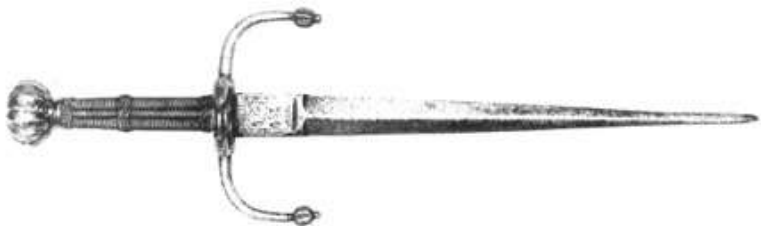


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*The cutting swords of  
Governor Carver, Elder  
Brewster and John  
Thompson.*

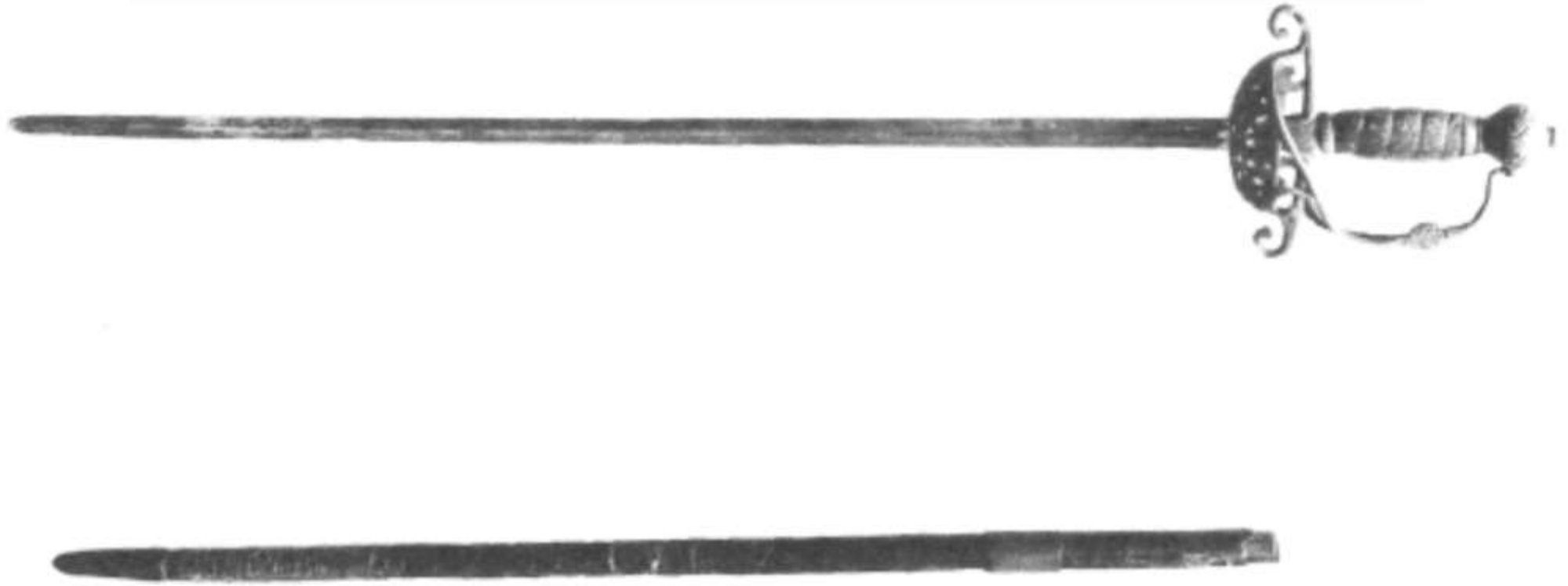
*Quillon or left-hand dagger.*



*Halberd from the cellar of the  
John Alden house.  
The haft is modern.*



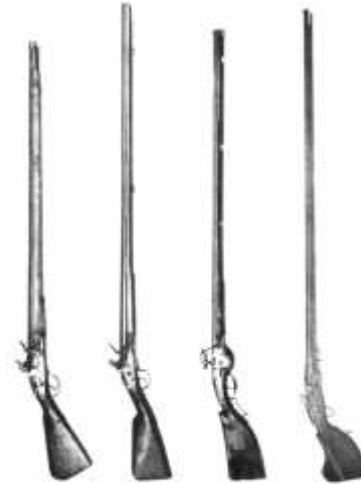
*Pike.*



*Capt. Miles Standish's rapier and scabbard.*



*Three matchlock muskets.  
From left to right: An Italian  
musket, 1580-1610 believed  
to have been used at  
Plymouth before 1637 when  
it was sold to a nearby  
garrison house; German  
musket, 1600-1630; German  
musket, 1640-1670.*



*A flint musket with the so-  
called dog lock, about 1637;  
a later flintlock musket,  
about 1690; a wheel lock  
musket, 1620-1650; the long  
fowler which belonged to  
John Thompson.*



*John Thompson's "dog lock" pistol.*

The most common type of firearm that came to America on the *Mayflower* was the musket. This was a smooth-bored weapon, usually slightly more than five feet long with a caliber ranging between .69 and .80. The majority of those that the original settlers brought with them were matchlocks. They were fired by pressing the lighted end of a slow match made of a loosely woven rope soaked in nitre into the powder in the priming pan. This was effected by fastening a length of the match to a forked holder known as the serpentine on the outside of the lock which corresponded to the hammer on a modern gun. Pressure on the trigger caused the serpentine to swing in an arc toward the priming pan, thus bringing the match into contact with the powder.

Although the mechanism was simple, the loading of a matchlock was a long and complicated procedure. After having fired his musket, the first task of the soldier was to remove his match (which according to

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*Soldier blowing on his  
match to make the coal glow  
well before firing.  
From De Gheyn.*



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Staff  
1620-1630



Sword  
1620-1630



Native Ceramic Cup  
1620-1630



Native Wooden Barrel  
1620-1630



  
**IT CAME ON THE  
MAYFLOWER?**

*"Bring good news of clothes and building with you. Bring more than a sword.  
Bring paper and food, as for your weapons, with silver pieces for your dogs."  
(Chief Wotan)*

*M*ore items brought on the *Mayflower* were granted.  
The Pilgrims probably relied on the advice of  
"Thomas Lee" owner of a native village in Virginia. These lists  
gave the names of clothing, tools, household implements, and food  
that such visitors would need to survive in a new land. However,  
such as the "broadish gun," a musket, or the sword and trowel.  
A sturdy chair, like the *Thomas* chair, would be a practical source  
of energy.  
*Mayflower* passengers had little space for goods personal possessions.  
They had to make hard choices. The Pilgrims, White wrote,  
the *Thomas* chair, the *Thomas* chair, the *Thomas* chair.  
How are many the way for, but highly priced, goods bringing  
the name of the *Mayflower*.  
What would you have brought?



Small metal object



Small metal object

Native Ceramic Cup  
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