



The Lothrop Bible A Bishop's Bible Printed by Robert Barker, London England, in 1605

The Lothrop Bible was brought to America aboard the "Griffin" in 1634 by the Reverend John Lothrop, who became one of Barnstable's first ministers and a famous preacher.

During the voyage, while at evening devotions, the Reverend Lothrop spilled hot candle wax on the open book which burned through several pages, causing holes about the size of a shilling.

Before landing, he carefully repaired most of the damaged paper and filled in the missing text from memory. A few of the holes in the pages remain.

The Bible was passed to the Reverend Lothrop's son Samuel, who took it to Norwich, Connecticut about 1664.

After a series of owners, all of whom were Lothrop descendants, the Bible became the property of Grace Lothrop Luling of Roehampton, England, who presented it to the Sturgis Library in September 1957.

It is fitting that the Bible has come to rest in the very room in which the Reverend Lothrop conducted his religious meetings and in the house which was built for him circa 1644.

Owner's of the Lothrop/Lathrop/Lothrop Bible

- Reverend John Lothrop, one of the founders of Barnstable, Massachusetts, circa 1639
- Samuel Lothrop, who took the Bible to Norwich, CT, circa 1664
- Samuel Lothrop, 2nd
- Nathaniel Lathrop
- Azaria Lathrop
- Deacon Charles Lathrop
- Rev. Daniel Lathrop of New Haven, CT
- Harriet Winslow Lathrop
- Grace Lathrop Luling
- Sturgis Library, 1957 –