

Plymouth and Slavery



Sir John Hawkins Square

John Hawkins was born in Plymouth in 1532.

Hawkins became MP for Plymouth



He was the cousin to Sir Francis Drake.

Between 1560 and 1570 Hawkins made numerous voyages trading slaves.

He was a commander during the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

He was awarded a knighthood.

Merchant's House

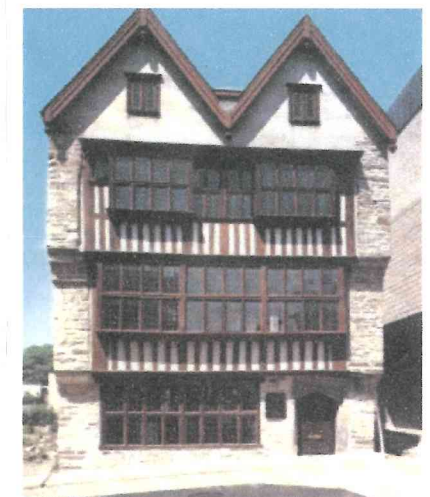
William Parker, an Elizabethan adventurer, sea captain and merchant lived here.

Lived in the house 1608 to 1609.

Parker traded goods made as a direct result of the slave trade, including tobacco, sugar, cotton, coffee and tea.

He was also mayor of Plymouth from 1601-1602.

Master of the Mary Rose in the fleet against the Armada in 1588.



Elizabethan House

The first recorded occupant of the Elizabethan House at 32 New Street was a man called William Hele

In 1584, Mayor John Sperkes approved the development of a new street on The Barbican to accommodate the men whose work was based around the harbour.

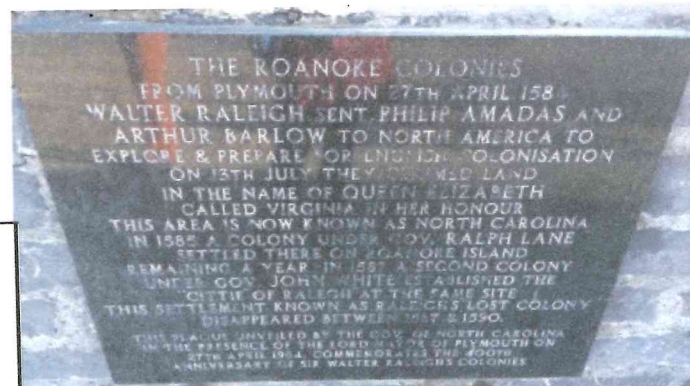


The doors at the bottom enable delivery and removal of heavy barrels of goods, food and drink.

The Mayflower Steps

This point is where the 'Pilgrim Fathers' sailed aboard their ship 'The Mayflower' in 1620

Here, a stone can be found to commemorate the journey.



On Plymouth's seafront.

From here, they sailed to the 'new world'.



Elizabethan Gardens

The Elizabethan Garden was an oasis of calm amongst the hustle and bustle of the expanding Plymouth.

Initially, no children or poor were allowed in- only rich sea captains and merchants gained entry

Here they would talk, read (only the rich could do this), write poetry stitch and sew, paint and sculpture, listen to live music or even play instruments.



Elphinstone Emigration Depot

Between the 17th and 19th century, people were held here before they were loaded onto ships as slaves.

When slavery was abolished, Elphinstone gained a different function: a Government Emigration Depot.

The Depot at Elphinstone housed the poor. It also held criminals or prisoners awaiting deportation.

