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Potential Discovery of the Mayflower Captain's Door Revealed in Extraordinary Documentary Project: "The Door to America"

Historic maritime artefact believed to be connected to the Mayflower discovered in an English countryside barn

London, October 2026 — An extraordinary potential discovery is set to be explored in a new documentary currently in production: a historic wooden door believed to be the **Captain's Door from the Mayflower**, the famous ship that carried the Pilgrims across the Atlantic in 1620.

The remarkable artefact was overlooked for many years at the Jordans Farm, in the English countryside, owned for centuries by the Quakers. The documentary follows the door with the forensic identification process of the timbers, identifying this exceptionally rare surviving physical connection to one of the most significant vessels in early American history.

New tests carried out on the timbers by Swansea Universities (UK), confirms via Dendrochronology analysis that the oak tree that made the door was felled around **1613**, fitting in with later refits of the ship.

The documentary will follow the investigation into the identification of the remaining timbers belonging to the Mayflower and the lost captain's door, its remarkable journey through history, and the search to establish whether the object really is connected to the Mayflower. The story will also explore an even more extraordinary possibility: whether the final resting place of the historic ship itself can be traced to the English countryside.

A Ship That Changed History

The **Mayflower** was an English merchant ship that sailed from Plymouth, England, in September 1620 carrying approximately 102 passengers and a crew of around 30. After a difficult Atlantic crossing, the ship reached what is now Massachusetts in November 1620.

The passengers established Plymouth Colony, and the Mayflower subsequently became an enduring symbol of the early European settlement of New England and a foundational part of the history of the United States.

Despite the ship's enormous historical importance, its fate after its return to England has remained the subject of considerable interest and speculation.

An Extraordinary Investigation

The documentary will tell the story from the moment the potentially historic door was identified, following researchers, historians, maritime experts and investigators as they attempt to uncover the truth behind the object.

Scientific and historical examination will form an important part of the investigation, with the production seeking to establish the door's age, provenance, construction and direct connection to the Mayflower.

At the centre of the story is a tantalising question: **Could a symbolic part of the Mayflower have been hiding in plain sight on the Quakers Estate for centuries?**

And if the evidence supports the historical provenance of the origins of the barn, could the location also provide clues to the history of the door and its final resting place?

The production team is currently documenting the investigation and gathering historical evidence, expert testimony and material relating to the door and the Mayflower's final years. The production team includes Simon Mirren, best known for his work on **Criminal Minds**, who has used his forensic expertise to help uncover this lost historical artifact.

Interview Availability & Media Interviews

Members of the documentary team are available for interview regarding the potential discovery, the investigation, the history of the Mayflower and the production of the documentary.

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Interview opportunities may include:

- William Lorimer, Senior General Valuer, Christies Auction House, London
- Simon Mirren, documentary producer/director & producer/writer of Criminal Minds
- Paul Knapfield, Legal owner of the Mayflower Barn and Door

About the Documentary

"Door to America" is a documentary currently in production following the extraordinary investigation into a wooden door believed to be connected to the Mayflower and the search for the historic ship's final resting place.

Combining historical research, expert analysis, scientific investigation and on-location discovery, the film will examine one of the most intriguing potential maritime discoveries in recent years.

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