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Florida, Texas, Maine and Virginia claimed to have held the first day of Thanksgiving, as prayer and thanksgiving celebrations were held between Spanish explorers and English settlers with native groups of peoples long before the Mayflower landed. But unfortunately, these events were not widely known until around the 20th century, and our Thanksgiving traditions were deeply rooted in the events that occurred at the Plymouth Plantation in 1621. So, what happened during that famous first Thanksgiving so many years ago? You may be surprised that it looked very different from the stories you may have heard in your early years of school and (sight) without pumpkin pie! Plymouth or Plimouth? The first Thanksgiving was held for three days somewhere between September and November 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, at the Plimouth Plantation. Fun fact: You'll notice that the city of Plymouth, Massachusetts is spelled differently from the reconstructed museum of Plimouth Plantation. The reason is that the original spelling of Plimouth by Governor Bradford was with an i instead of a y. Joe Raedle After a harsh winter, the pilgrims had a flag harvest due largely to the help of Squanto, a Native American of the Patuxet tribe who spoke English after years of slavery. He showed them how to plant corn and fish on the land that once belonged to his own tribe, which had been tragically decimated by smallpox. Using what they had, along with contributions from the native Wampanoag tribe (Patuxet of Squanto was a group of this tribe), they celebrated with three days full of food, military demonstrations and games. Whether the pilgrims invited the native Wampanoag tribe to their feast was debated, but the Indians probably brought deer and guests to the event. The little we know of these three days comes from this diary of Edward Winslow, a leader in the colony:And God be praised that we had a good raise... Our harvest is being obtained, our governor sent men in birds, that so that we could after a special way rejoice together after we have gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in a day dead so much so much as, with a little help on the side, served the company almost a week. At that time, among other recreations, we exercised our weapons, many of the Indians who came among us, and among the others their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, who for three days we entertained and we wewed, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and granted to our governor, and to the captain and others. And though it is not always as abundant as it was at this time with us, but by God's goodness, we are so far from wanting that we often wish you partakers of our abundance. Edward Winslow, Mourt's Relation: D.B. Heath, ed. Applewood Books. Cambridge, 1986. p 82Quei participated in the first Thanksgiving? As you can gather from Winslow's diary, the guest list for the first Thanksgiving day ended up with more members of the Wampanoag tribe than pilgrims (very different from the many artistic portraits of the event), as the population of 100 settlers had been cut in half by a harsh winter. Unfortunately, 78% of the women died during the first winter, so the event was heavy for the male one as well, with 22 men, 4 married women—including Edward Winslow's wife—and more than 25 children and teenagers. This didn't leave many people qualified to prepare the meal, so we can guess that in addition to the four women, children, servants and single men helped cook the first Thanksgiving for honorable guests like King Massasoit and his 90 men. Boston Globe What was on the menu on the first Thanksgiving? So, what did this rag kitchen team cook during these fateful three days? From the diary entries of Winslow and Governor William Bradford we can see that there were a lot of birds, but whether or not there was a turkey on the first Thanksgiving is unknown. Food historians say it was probably a lot of duck, geese, swan, chicken and pigeon, which they would put on a spit and bake over the fire. We know that Wampanoag brought deer and probable items from its harvest, which included things like nuts, beans, pumpkins and pumpkins. The pilgrims had been shown how to grow corn by the Wampanoag, so there was plenty of corn as well as cornflour for things like porridge. As there was no butter or flour, there were no pies, pies or bread as the settlers were accustomed to, but they used onions and herbs to fill the birds and may even have had garlic and carrots. As this was a three-day affair, it is assumed that they would have picked up the carcasses of the birds they ate and boiled them to make stock in order to make porridge for additional meals during the celebrations. In addition, so close to the sea, they had a plethora of shellfish, oysters, eels, lobster and fish at their disposal and probably served smoked seafood to their guests. Unfortunately, they had not or sweet potato because those had not yet come from South America, and while simple cranberries can be part of the meal, cranberry sauce as we know it wouldn't be a thing for another 50 years. Much of what we know as our modern Thanksgiving meal was taken from many different cultures with small pieces from this original event included. The harvest event in Plymouth was unfortunately only a one-off, and it would not be until 1863 that President Lincoln would declare a national holiday. Despite their differences from today's case, there are still many opinions on how to celebrate Thanksgiving. For some it is a celebration of coming together in a harsh environment, while for others it is a reminder of the harsh history in our nation's past treatment of indigenous peoples. Wherever you land, remember that both settlers and Wampanoag have stories of celebrating harvests throughout time, thanking God, the land, or those who were worshipped for what had grown up and would hopefully sustain them during the winter. Counting the blessings, however small, is something that definitely embodies the spirit of the first Thanksgiving. This content is created and maintained by third parties and imported into this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content in piano.io piano.io

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