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Variants of the 1620 *Mayflower Compact* frequently excluded the names of the forty-one signatories of that accord, yet for those instruments that furnished this list, the spellings were anything but consistent. This variance was also evident in the few references to the appellations of the *Mayflower* participants found in the 1621 *Conference and Agreement Between Plymouth Colony and Massasoit, Wampanoag Sachem*. In particular, Levenshtein edit distance analyses assessed these *Compact* name disparities and the texts of that manifesto, and examined the provenance of its later renditions. A strong correlation between observed pairs of text and signatory list errors was also found.

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