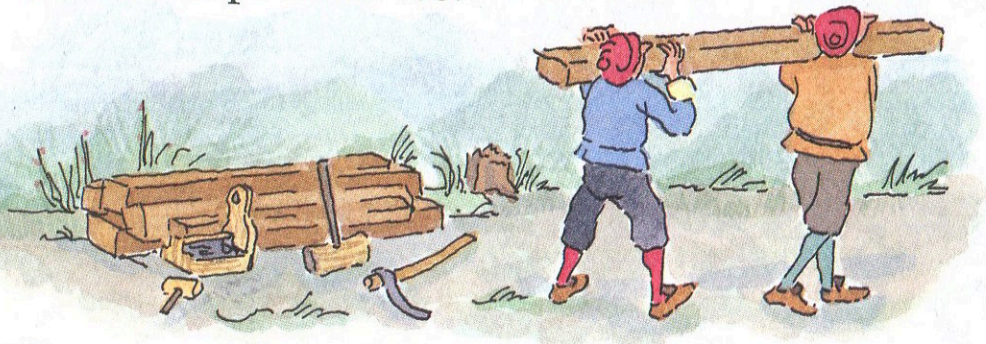


What was the first building in Plymouth?

The first house the Pilgrims built was the Common House. At first it was used as a storehouse for tools and as a shelter for the men who were working. Later that year it was used as a church and even a hospital. Guns were kept there too.



The men and the boys began to chop down trees. They sawed pine logs to make planks. They split cedar trees to make clapboards for the Common House.

Most of the men went back to the *Mayflower* to sleep. A few stayed on shore to watch over the tools.

Many days the weather was so bad the men could not work. Because of the bad weather it took the Pilgrims twenty-six days to build the Common House.