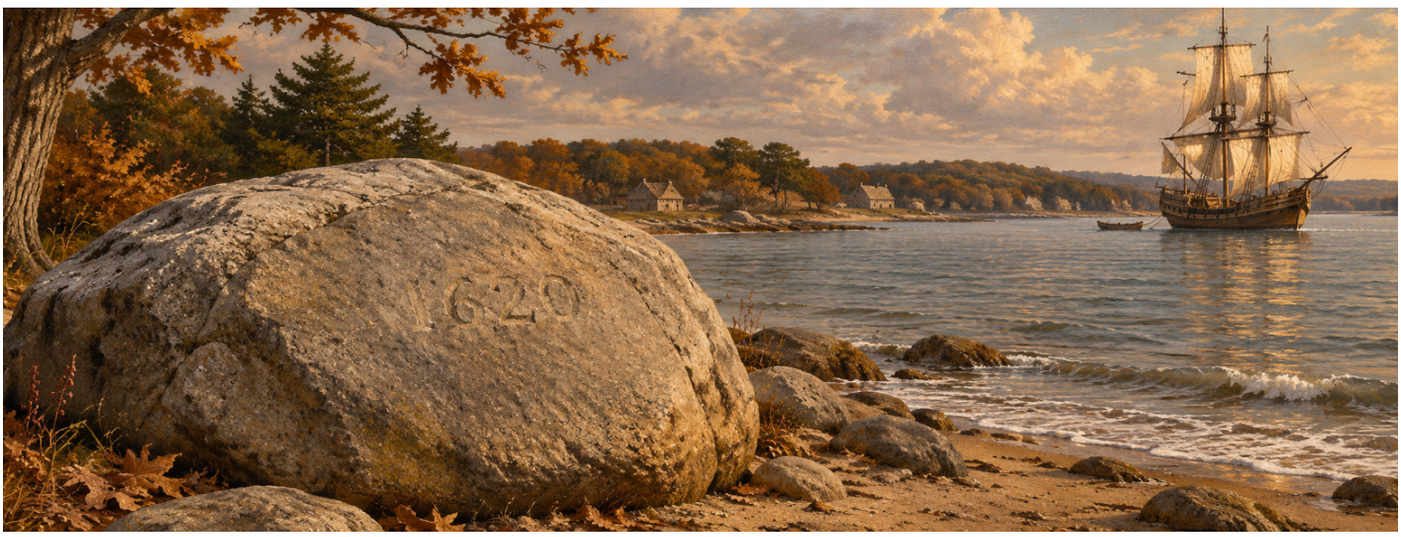
THE IRS CALLS IT PLYMOUTH ~~ROCK~~

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For generations, the story went that the Pilgrims stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock in 1620. The town put a portico over the granite boulder, and visitors came from all over to see it.

Centuries later, in this fictional account, the IRS assigned an appraiser to evaluate Plymouth Rock.

The appraiser performed a desk review.

The appraiser read two accounts of the Pilgrims' landing. Neither mentioned a rock. He reviewed three comparable stretches of waterfront. None had a boulder with a date carved into it. A photograph showed a large granite object under a portico, but the appraiser could not independently verify its existence from a desk.

The appraiser's conclusion: **There was no rock.**

The town asked if he'd like to come see it.
"Thank you," he replied. "The report has already been signed."

The IRS accepted the finding and assessed a penalty against the town for claiming it had a rock.

The town was advised to update its signage.

Welcome to Plymouth.

At Vestal Analytics, when an IRS appraisal rules out quarry development, we start analyzing the record and the facts. In this satire, we did just that, and the sign still reads **"Welcome to Plymouth Rock."**

You can learn a lot from a desk. You can also spend all day at one and miss a ten-ton rock.

Happy Thanksgiving from Vestal Analytics.