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John Winthrop (12 January 1587/88 – 26 March 1649) was an English Puritan lawyer and one of the heads of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Winthrop documented his religious life, keeping a journal beginning 1605 in which he described his experiences. He also makes a brief appearance in Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter in the chapter entitled The Minister's Vigil.