



# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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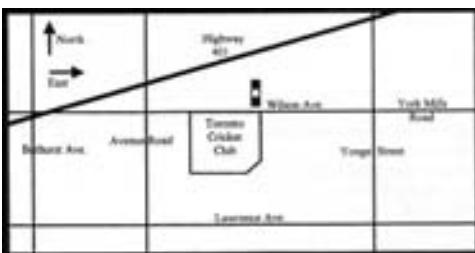
**T**he year 2007 has gone by with incredible speed. It seems like just yesterday that our members enjoyed our Wine Tasting event and Spring Luncheon at the Casablanca Inn in Grimsby, Ontario and in no time at all we will be having our Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon in November.

This has been a productive year for our Canadian Society. Our membership is steadily growing and our Anniversary books have sold well. We still have some remaining copies available, so if you wish to buy one, you may find details about ordering them elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Colonies are to be congratulated on their efforts to come up with new ideas and events to make their meetings interesting. Nova Scotia's two day events are particularly impressive. We appreciate the loyalty of our members who faithfully come out to support the various Society events and activities, but most of all we thank those who donate their time and effort to serve as members on the Board of Assistants. It is through the combined efforts of all of these members that we can help keep our society strong.

The 27th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon will be held on Sat. Nov. 17th at the Toronto Cricket and Skating Club. Our guest speaker will be George McNeillie, whose topic will be, "Skeletons in the Family Closet". The title alone sounds intriguing and I, for one, can't wait to hear his talk and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**A n n u a l   M e e t i n g   &   C o m p a c t   L u n c h e o n**



**T**he Annual Meeting will be held November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Toronto Skating Curling and Cricket Club in Toronto. Time: 12:00 p.m. social hour & cash bar; 1:00 p.m. meeting & luncheon. Price: \$42.00 pp (all inclusive) for a buffet luncheon.

Our guest speaker will be George McNeillie who will give a fascinating talk on "Skeletons in the Family Closet".

We will also hold our annual raffle of Pilgrim related items which were purchased in Plymouth. Tickets will be four for \$10.00. This is one of the few fund raisers we do so please plan to participate and support our society.



**Spring Meeting 2007**

The Spring Meeting and Luncheon was held May 5th in Grimsby, Ontario. Twenty-five members and friends met at the Kittling Ridge Winery where we enjoyed a wine tasting and listened to the history and operation of the winery. We then drove across the highway to Casablanca Inn where we enjoyed a delicious luncheon. This beautiful hotel has a dining room on the eighth floor, with the tables set all along the windows and the view was spectacular.



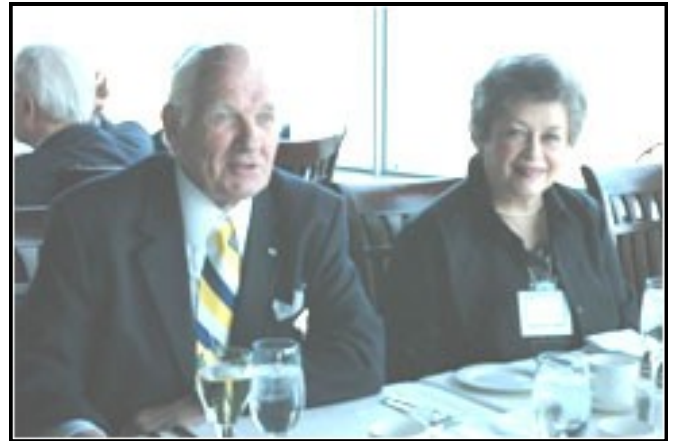
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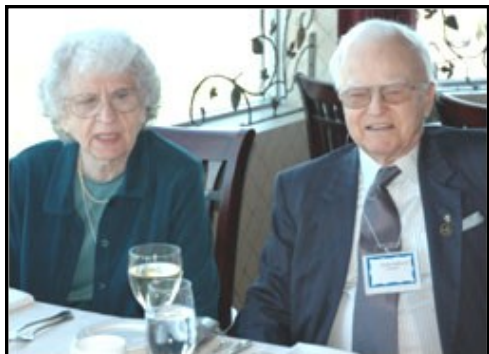
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*Shirley and Bob Langford*



*Lois Stephens and Joyce Cutler*



*Barbara and Arnold Nerthercott*



## Anniversary Book



Last year in celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we published an anniversary book. It is 8 x11, with a beautiful leather-like red hardcover. Accompanying the history of our society and colonies are many pictures of our members taken at society events over the years. The second half of the book contains the expanded membership roster with pictures and biographies of those members who chose to send them.

This will be a treasured keepsake for you and your family and will make an excellent gift for children, grandchildren and other

family members. (Remember - Christmas is just around the corner!)

Send your payment (to CSMD) of \$40 along with \$10 per book for postage and handling to: Joyce A. Cutler, 448 Third Line, Oakville, Ont. L6L 4A5.

## Library Report - Fall 2007

Joyce Cutler – Librarian

We have two new books in our Mayflower Library, which are as follows:

- *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 20 Part 3 Henry Samson through sons Stephen and Caleb*, published in 2006.

- *Mayflower Families In Progress, George Soule* 5<sup>th</sup> edition published in 2006

Please note that our library holdings are now on the website for our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. These may be seen at the following address:

[www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html)

Our library is housed in the Canadiana Room of the North York Central Library in Toronto. This department does not do in depth research, but they will check a limited number of appropriate resources for you.

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## Nominating Committee Report - Fall 2007

The Nominating Committee consisting of Dale Lahey, Chairman, Debbie Clarke and Lynne Webb, propose the following candidates for election to the executive of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

**Treasurer - Harry MacKay**  
**Historian - Susan Roser**  
**Member at Large - Mary Nichols**

## Historian's Note

Susan E. Roser

I recently received word from the Historian General, Ann Lainhart, that at the General Board meeting in Orlando in September, a proposal was made to raise the application fee for new members and supplemental lines. If approved at the Congress in Plymouth in September 2008, the \$45 increase will take effect in January 2009. If approved, it will be necessary for our society to immediately raise its rates substantially to keep up with this increase. Therefore, I would suggest that if you have supplemental lines, or family members who wish to join, that you do so before September 2008 to ensure the paperwork is taken care of and the application is in the Historian General's hands before the end of December 2008.

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mayflower II

Susan E. Roser

On 12 April 1957, the *Mayflower II* made her inaugural voyage across the Atlantic, a gift from England to America. The 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of this ship, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crossing, was celebrated in Plymouth, Mass. this summer when the *Mayflower II* left its safe haven at the dock on 22 July and was towed out to Cape Cod Harbour.

*Mayflower II* is preserved by Plimoth Plantation and the maintenance and restoration work is never ending. Rigs need rebuilding, planks need replacing, sails need re-rigging and wood needs refinishing and painting. The fact that the ship is in such good shape at the age of fifty is a testament to the Plantation's commitment to this historic replica vessel.

Earlier in the week, eight of the original crew members from the 1957 voyage were in town to share stories of that voyage. They would also be on board to once again experience the *Mayflower*



*II* at sea, albeit a shorter trip this time around.

I was in town for the sailing and was excited to find out that the *Captain John* cruise boats were selling tickets to take tourists out to accompany the ship on its trip – I wasn't about to miss this! The weather cooperated nicely, it was a gorgeous warm, sunny day with clear blue skies. The *Mayflower II* was escorted by not only commercial tourist boats, but dozens of private boats of every size – there were even a couple of kayaks and one hardy soul in a rowboat who tried to keep up.

As soon as the ship cleared the inner harbour, the tow line was



dropped and the sails unfurled as cheering broke out among the spectators. What a sight it was when the wind caught hold and the sails bellowed out. It was actually kind of mesmerizing, watching the rise and fall of the ship on the waves, imagining that those on board were our courageous ancestors on a long ago voyage. It was truly a memorable experience.

## New Members

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## Alberta Colony News

The Alberta Colony of Mayflower Descendants is a branch of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. We have 56 members residing in Alberta, as well as several new applicants whose approval is pending.

Our Annual General Meeting and Compact dinner is being held on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The location is the lovely Red Deer Golf and Country Club, in Red Deer, Alberta. The AGM will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by cocktails and cash bar at 5:30, and then dinner at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00 per person.

All interested in attending are most welcome. To reserve, please make a cheque payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants - Alberta Colony, and send it, before October 12, to:

**Arlie Fawcett - Treasurer**  
3428 Underwood PI NW  
Calgary, Alberta

## BC Colony News

The spring meeting of the BC Colony was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2007 at the home of Regent Robert and his wife Mitzi White. The program for the meeting was to watch the new film *Desperate Crossing*.

The usual excellent potluck lunch was served during the intermission in the film. Because of the length of the film it was decided to omit the usual business meeting other than for two or three announcements. The fall AGM will be held on the 18th of November at the home of Robert and Mitzi White—3468 Chesterfield Avenue North Vancouver.


## Nova Scotia Colony News

The spring meeting of the Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants was held Saturday, April 28, 2007 at Keshen Goodman Public Library, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



The Regent, Gordon Wood, read the ancestral roll and requested members in attendance to raise their hand when the name of one of their ancestors was read. At this meeting there were representatives from nineteen *Mayflower* families. The families of William Brewster, John Howland, John Tilley and Richard Warren led the list with six representatives each, followed by the families of Francis Cook and Stephen Hopkins with five each.

Our group will continue to hold meetings throughout different areas of the province in order to attract interest in the Colony. The membership accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the sites of the next three meetings be Annapolis Royal (Fall 2007), Truro (Spring 2008) and Shelburne (Fall 2008).



**Necrology**  
by Susan E. Roser

**G**eorge Byron Crawford passed away, 22 January 2007. George joined our society in 1996 with a very interesting lineage back to William Brewster. The line went through a great-grandmother, Lucy Nash, who was born in Massachusetts and with her husband Charles Crawford, moved from Maine to western New York by ox-cart around 1827. It was a challenging line to prove, therefore we had to get creative in our efforts and prove Lucy's parentage by proving her relationship to a proven sibling. We were excited when it worked and Plymouth accepted it.

George served in the Royal Canadian Engineers in WWII and was a civil engineer for forty-four years, retiring as President of Gore & Storrie Ltd. He and wife Ruth were married for almost sixty-two years and have three children, George, Margaret and Janet, and eight grandchildren. George and Ruth were regulars at our Mayflower meetings and it won't seem the same without him. I will also miss George's phone calls, his engaging smile and his wonderful sense of humour. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.



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## DONATIONS

We wish to thank Dr. Stephen C. White, for his donation to our Society in memory of his brother John (Jack) White and to all our other members, who have made donations. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## MOVING?

With each issue of the *Canadian Pilgrim* several are returned with the notation "Moved – left no forwarding address." If you are moving, please let our secretary, Deborah Clarke, know so we can ensure delivery to you.

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## CANADIAN SOCIETY PIN

Description: Black background with a gold picture and letters. The diameter of the pin is about 7/8 of an inch with a push pin back. Pins will be available at our November Meeting for \$5 or by mail order for \$6.25. Please make cheques payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants (CSMD). Send orders to

**Joyce Cutler**  
**448 Third Line, Oakville, ON, L6L 4A5**

## CANADIAN SOCIETY WEBSITE

Visit our Society's web site for up to date information on meetings. You will also find a listing of our library holdings at the North York Public Library; listing of Pilgrim related Family Societies; listing of research articles under Mayflower head of family; Mayflower DNA news; as well as other information on our society.

Go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html)

## DUES NOTICE

Please remember that your 2007 membership dues of \$40 are required by November 30, 2007. Please make your cheque or money order payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants or CSMD.

Send your payment to:

**Joyce Cutler**  
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The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants depends on your dues and donations to operate, so we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## PAYMENTS TO THE SOCIETY

When sending dues, or any type of payment to the Society, please make sure your cheque is made out to "CSMD" or "Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants". Our bank is a little touchy when it comes to this, so please do your part to make our Treasurer's job a little easier.

## CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

Canadian membership certificates are available at a cost of \$5. Please contact the Canadian Historian if you are interested.

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**Editor's Column**  
**Robert W White**

### The Unhappy Lot of John Billington

**J**ohn Billington is not one of my Mayflower ancestors, proven or otherwise,

but I have always found him to be a most interesting character. He was also not part of the Leyden group and had joined the *Mayflower* at Southampton although it is unclear exactly why. One source suggests that he may have been escaping creditors and this would have been in keeping with his character. He was certainly not one of the Saints and there is every reason to believe that even some the Strangers found John Billington and his family more than a little difficult.

The Billington children were unruly and Francis Billington, the youngest son, was almost responsible for a shipboard explosion which would have destroyed the *Mayflower* and many of her passengers when he foolishly fired his father's blunderbuss in close proximity to an open barrel of gunpowder. In regard to this event Bradford later wrote "... by God's mercy, no harm [was] done." Suffice it to say that the Billingtons were not a welcome addition to the more saintly Pilgrim congregation and as time went on did little to mend their ways. In Bradford's words John Billington was "... a knave and so will live and die."

In a later incident of much less consequence young Francis Billington reported from the top of a tall tree that he had sighted a "great sea." Despite the fact that Francis Billington was not the most reliable of sources sufficient excitement was generated to necessitate further exploration. The sea became two medium sized lakes one of which is today called Billington Sea.

The early days of the colony were not easy as the Pilgrims endeavored to establish a form of government that would ensure that civil authority was clearly defined and not left in the hands of rebellious and fractious Strangers. The mere thought of governance in the hands of a man like John Billington must have terrified even the most courageous of the Saints.

During the first winter Miles Standish was made captain and tasked with the military preparedness of the colony. His authoritarian manner was not well received by a number of the settlers including, not surprisingly, John Billington. Billington was accused of making "opprobrious speeches" and sentenced to have his heels tied to his neck but managed to avoid this punishment by making profuse apologies.

In July of 1621, John Billington, the eldest son, became lost in the woods where he wandered for nearly a week before falling



into the hands of Indians. He was eventually handed off to the Nausets a tribe not on particularly good terms with the Pilgrims. They were willing to return John Billington but not until they had extracted compensation for food supplies the Pilgrims had earlier plundered. Once again no great harm had been done but becoming lost was careless behaviour and the event did little to enhance the reputation of the Billington family.

John Billington Sr. was later implicated in what came to be called the Oldham-Lyford scandal. Lyford was a minister who had been sent out to colony by the Merchant Adventurers but his interpretation of the faith did not endear him to the Pilgrims. Before long certain "blasphemous letters" which were intended to discredit the colony and its inhabitants found their way back to England. The Pilgrims who were determined to defend their manner of worship severely chastised both Lyford and one of his followers, John Oldham. Billington was accused of being party to this cabal but there was insufficient evidence to make a case against him.

John Billington was, however, eventually the author of his own undoing as a result of a long standing quarrel with a member of the Pilgrim congregation. Bradford does not expend many words in his description of these events but William Hubbard the author of *A General History of New England from the Discovery to MDCLXXX (1680)* does offer more detail regarding the nature of the dispute. It seems that the lands belonging to John Billington had been trespassed upon by a young seventeen year old Saint by the name of John Newcomen. The intent of John Newcomen was to hunt deer and, in all probability, the concept of private property did not have a great deal of meaning to him. In pure and simple terms he was poaching and had probably been warned off by John Billington.

Bradford tells us that Billington "way-laid the young man" in the woods and, without warning, brutally shot him dead. William Hubbard's version of this event states that the unfortunate Newcomen attempted to hide in the trees as Billington stalked and eventually shot him in the shoulder. He died some days after of complications from his wound. Another interpretation of this event by Thomas Morton (*The New English Canaan of Thomas Morton*) suggests that there had been provocation and that Billington was "was purfued by a carelesse fellow" that had trespassed on his land. Morton goes on to say that Billington "was beloved of many". That Bradford had no love for John Billington and considered the family "one of the profanest" to inhabit the colony goes without saying. Extenuating circumstances aside Bradford had John Billington arrested and held for trial not long after the death of poor John Newcomen.

At the trial John Billington was found guilty of "willful murder" and, after Bradford had consulted with Governor Winthrop about an appropriate punishment, he was duly hanged in September of 1630.

Billington's plea for mercy, as quoted in William Hubbard's *A General History of New England*, fell upon deaf ears.

"The murderer expected that, either for want of power to execute for capital offences, or for want of people to increase the Plantation, he should have his life spared; but justice otherwise determined, and rewarded him, the first murderer of his neighbor there, with the deserved punishment of death, for a warning to others."

Thus came to an end the unhappy and turbulent life of John Billington.



## Pilgrim Hall is Expanding

Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, is the oldest continuously operating museum in the U.S. Plans have been in the works for some time to build an addition to this 1824 building and the groundbreaking ceremony took place in July. The expansion of this museum is exciting news as approximately 3660 square feet will be added to the existing 7862 square foot building. The new wing will house temporary, changing exhibits.



*Pilgrim Hall*

## Edward Winslow Book

*Pilgrim Edward Winslow, New England's First International Diplomat: A Documentary*



Biography, by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs (Boston: NEHGS, 2004. xxxi + 454 pp., index. Softcover, \$34.95). Information about purchasing this book is available at :

[www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org).

The title of this detailed biography summarizes the extraordinary career of Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow (1595-1655). After holding a series of leadership positions in the New World, he returned permanently to England in 1646 to represent the Confederation of New England in London. He stayed on and became a diplomat and military leader under the Commonwealth, and represented England in 1654 in the negotiations to end the Anglo-Dutch War. The author has wisely given only the most basic information about Winslow's ancestry and wives, all of which is the subject of ongoing research. This book will stand as the definitive biography of Edward Winslow.

-- New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 2006, p. 129



## USS *Mayflower* (1898-1931, later PY-1)

**U**SS *Mayflower*, a 2690-ton yacht, was built for private use at Clyde Bank, Scotland, in 1896. She was acquired by the Navy in preparation for the Spanish-American War, and was commissioned in March 1898. She served off Cuba during that conflict, and participated in an engagement off Havana on 14 May.

Following the war, *Mayflower* served as a headquarters and flag ship in Atlantic and Caribbean waters. In 1904, she was converted to the Presidential yacht, and performed this role until decommissioned in March 1929. She was sold in October 1931, and became a private yacht. During World War II, *Mayflower* was employed as a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

<http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-usn/usnsh-m/py1.htm>

## Could DNA Tests Solve the Mystery Of Miles Standish?

**D**NA testing will not tell the whereabouts on the birthplace of Miles Standish. At best any conclusion derived from the DNA results will give a very general location as to the origin of his paternal or maternal ancestry. So for all intent and purpose one might as well say, Miles Standish was born somewhere on planet Earth, that would be just as accurate as anything concluded from DNA testing.

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## DNA Accepted as *Mayflower* Descent Proof

**T**his could be a landmark decision for lineage societies. The *Mayflower* Society has now accepted DNA evidence as proof of a descent from one of the passengers on that little ship.

John Hawes married a granddaughter of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, Desire Gorham. Therefore, John and Desire Hawes' children were descendants of a *Mayflower* passenger. They had a son John Hawes, who left New England and popped up in North Carolina. Same person? If so, his issue could join the General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants.

Historian General Ann S. Lainhart and Assistant Historian General Alicia Williams recently accepted this line — on the basis of a Hawes DNA study of the Hawes Y chromosome.

Everyone involved in DNA genealogy seems to agree that the various lineage societies would accept DNA evidence sooner or later but this is the first such occurrence I am aware of. The fact that the acceptance came from Ann Lainhart and Alicia Williams further reinforces the acceptance. (Ann Lainhart is one of the nation's top experts on *Mayflower* and other New England genealogy while Alicia Williams is another expert in all the *Mayflower* genealogies with special expertise in the John Alden family.)

Lainhart notes in an article in the June 2006 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly* that the Myles Standish family and the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society are starting Y-line DNA projects. That's the male line, also known as the surname line. For information, visit

male line, also known as the surname line. For information, visit [www.mylesstandish.org](http://www.mylesstandish.org) and [www.edward-doty.org](http://www.edward-doty.org).

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 28, 2007

## *Mayflower* YDNA and mtDNA Project

**W**elcome to the YDNA and mtDNA Project of the Society of *Mayflower* Descendants. The Project includes many surnames, all of which are direct descendants of the men who arrived in Plymouth, MA aboard the ship named the *Mayflower*. The YDNA test results from proven descendants will be matched with YDNA tests from other proposed descendants & may include descendants from the UK. The mtDNA tests must be direct female descendants of one of the daughters of a proven *Mayflower* descendant. It is hoped to identify descendants as well as to establish parentage & place of origin in some instances.

Edward Doty, Edward Fuller, Edward Winslow, Francis Cooke, Francis Eaton, George Soule, Henry Samson, Isaac Allerton, James Chilton, John Alden, John Billington, John Howland, John Tilley, Myles Standish, Richard Warren, Samuel Fuller, Stephen Hopkins, Thomas Rogers, William Bradford, William Brewster, William Mullins, William White.

[www.familytreedna.com/public/mayflower\\_society](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/mayflower_society)

## John Bradford: The Only Child of William and Dorothy Bardford

**J**ohn Bradford was born about 1615 in Leyden, Holland and died Sep. 7, 1679 in Norwich CT. He did not accompany his parents on the *Mayflower* in 1620, but may have lived with William Pontus and Wybra (Hanson) Pontus. Wybra was a cousin of William Bradford on his mother's side. In 1627 John came to Plymouth and found his father's household full. He moved to Duxbury sometime before 1645. He finally settled among the earliest proprietors of Norwich CT in about 1652. He served as Lt. Dep. to the General Court in Norwich CT in that year.

He married Martha Bourne in Marshfield in 1653. She was the daughter of Deacon Thomas Bourne (1581-1664), an immigrant from England who was among the first settlers at Marshfield MA, and his wife, Elizabeth \_\_\_\_?. John Bradford and Martha Bourne had no children. After John Bradford died, Martha married Lt. Thomas Tracy.

## The Jabez Howland House, Sandwich Street, Plymouth MA

**T**he Jabez Howland House is the only existing house in Plymouth where Pilgrims actually lived. John Howland and his wife, Elizabeth Tilley Howland spent their winters here with their son Jabez and his family. After John's death at age 80, and the fire that destroyed their Rocky Nook farm, Elizabeth lived here until 1680 when Jabez sold the house. It was a private residence until 1912 when it was purchased by the Pilgrim John Howland Society. The Society began planning and raising of \$7,500 in 1937 for its restoration to its 1667 appearance. The project was completed and rededication took place on August 30, 1941.





## Ballot for Bylaw Change

**There will be a vote on the bylaw change indicated in the article below at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2007. If you will not be at the Annual Meeting, but wish to vote on this matter, your ballot must be returned to the Board of Assistants before 15 November 2007. Please fill in the ballot on page 10 of this newsletter, clip it from this page and mail it as soon as possible to:**

**Joyce Cutler  
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## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS CONSTITUTION REVISION TO DISCONTINUE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

**T**he Board of Assistants of our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants wishes to make a revision to the Bylaws of our Constitution concerning Life Memberships. At one time the interest on the lump sum fee paid by the member was enough to sustain the cost of the member's dues for the duration of their membership, but this is no longer the case. We have now found that maintaining these Life Memberships are proving very costly to our Society, so we would like to discontinue accepting any new ones. For our members who already have Life Memberships, please note that we plan to honour all existing life memberships.

A vote will be taken at our 27th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon on Nov. 17, 2007, to amend our Constitution, in accordance with Article IV Section 1, which states that, "The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at any duly convened meeting of the Society and mailed in ballots received before the meeting, provided notice of the purposed amendment has been mailed to each member at least 21 days prior to the meeting."

### PROPOSED CHANGES

Members please note, the words that are in bold type will be deleted from our Constitution.

**ARTICLE I Section 3 A member of the Society may become a Life Member upon payment of a fee set by the Board of Assistants.**

ARTICLE VI Section 3. The recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and the Board and mail said minutes to each Board member; shall give due notice of all meetings of the Society and the Board; shall have custody of such records as are not specifically in charge of other officers; shall in general perform all duties usually appertaining to such office, such as keeping track of address changes. He/she shall inform the General Society of the death, resignation or dropping of any member, or of the transfer of any member from another Mayflower Society, **or when any member becomes a Life member**; shall fill out and return all forms submitted to us by the General Society; shall, with the Governor or Deputy Governor, certify all acts and orders of the Society, using the seal where necessary.

ARTICLE X Section 2. The application fee, **life membership fee**, junior fee and annual dues shall be determined by the Board with the annual dues payable in advance for the year beginning 1 January.

ARTICLE X Section 4. Any member whose dues are in arrears for a given year will be dropped by the Treasurer by November 1st of that year. Should a member be dropped, that member may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board and payment of the current year's dues, **or life membership**.



# Ballot for Bylaw Change

(Mail by 15 November 2007)

Please check the appropriate line.

I vote in favour of the proposed bylaw change. \_\_\_\_\_

I vote against the proposed bylaw change. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

CSMD Number \_\_\_\_\_



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