



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



Robert W. White, Editor

Governor's Column Spring 2006

Joyce Cutler



Our 25th anniversary year has come and gone, but it has left us with many pleasant memories. It has been a very rewarding experience to have been your Governor for this important milestone year in the history of our society.

Early this year, Susan Roser and I attended the first formal meeting of our new Colony in Nova Scotia

and enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of our members in the Maritimes.

At our Spring Meeting in Burlington, we had the privilege of entertaining Bob Davis, then our Governor General, who was accompanied by his lovely wife Jeanne.

In September, for our 2005 Anniversary Trip we were joined in Plymouth by sixty members and friends from Canada, the United States and Australia. In no time at all we became friends and found that we have many common interests as well as ancestors. We proved that, in a true pioneer spirit, like our ancestors of long ago, we could adapt to poor conditions, so when rain threatened to spoil our plans for an evening walking tour, we took a trolley instead. Actually I suspect some people preferred the trolley.

We had a tree dedication ceremony in the garden of the Mayflower House where we placed a plaque in honour of our founder, Father James S. McGivern. Later this fall, we were saddened to learn that Eugene Fortine, one of the former Governors General, who joined us for this event, has passed away. We extend our condolences to his wife Pat and his family. During his term of office, he paid a visit to our BC Colony and was always very supportive of our Canadian Society.

Our 25th Annual Fall Meeting and Compact Luncheon was the culmination of our Anniversary activities. It ended in a blazing finish to the music of three fiddles and a grand

piano, performed by a talented group called, "The Blazing Fiddles".

This present year, our focus will be to put together our 25th Anniversary book so that many of our memories, not just from 2005, but for the last twenty-five years may be shared with all of our members.

Semi-Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon

Our Board of Assistants has decided not to have a spring meeting for this year only but we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Library Report - Spring 2006

Joyce Cutler – Librarian

We have one new book in our Mayflower Library, which is as follows:

Mayflower Families in Progress, George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants in the fifth and Sixth Generations, First Edition: Part Four; published in 2005.

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

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

CORRECTION

In our fall newsletter I stated that our Canadian Society was honoured with an award for the best newsletter, but since Pennsylvania won the best overall award, which included their newsletter, our award was actually the first runner-up. I apologize for the confusion.

J. Cutler

Editor's note: From my perspective "first runner up" is just fine. I offer many thanks to Susan and others who help with the production of this newsletter.

Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Minutes of the 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon

Held 12 November 2005 at the
Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club

Governor Joyce Cutler welcomed everyone to our twenty-fifth Annual Anniversary Meeting and Compact Luncheon. She extended a special greeting to Robert White, the editor of our newsletter and Regent of the B.C Colony. Unlike last, this year, Joyce said, we have only one Robert White with us today and she then explained that, unfortunately, due to an ongoing family situation, Bob White, our Treasurer, was unable to be here today.

MINUTES: On a motion by Dale Lahey, seconded by Keith Bain, the Minutes of 14 May 2005 were approved.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joyce Cutler. Twenty-five years ago, Father James S. McGivern and twenty-eight Charter members formed the first Mayflower Society outside the United States (1980). In 1981 we held our first Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner in Toronto. Now in 2005 we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Canadian Society. In all, it has been a great year.

In April our Society got a new Colony in Nova Scotia. Susan and I attended their first Annual Meeting, where we received a warm welcome. We now have three Colonies, Alberta, BC and Nova Scotia.

In May Robert Davis - the then Governor General - and his wife Jeanne, attended our Spring Meeting at Burlington Golf & Country Club.

In September at Congress, we won two awards, one for the "Best Newsletter" and we got special mention for our web Site. However, since then we have learned that even though the Plaque we received says "Best Newsletter," what we actually won was *best runner up* in that Pennsylvania won best overall for both Newsletter and Web Site. Joyce now took a moment to thank all three of our editors, present and past, Robert White, Dale Lahey and Susan Roser who she said have consistently produced a newsletter which we can all be proud of. Joyce also paid a special tribute to Susan Roser for the great job she does in maintaining our website.



Captain: Dale Lahey

Our September- Plymouth 2005 trip was a one-time event. 60 members and guests from across Canada, United States and even as far away as Australia attended. Events included a Tree dedication for Father McGivern, a cocktail party, two tours, Plimoth Plantation - Cape Cod Sarcophagus, and then another Banquet. A great time was had by all and what had been distant cousins now became friends.

That brings us to today and the final event of the year, the 25th annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon. We have planned something different in the way of entertainment for you. We have arranged for the Blazing Fiddles to perform for us at the end of our meeting and banquet.

Joyce closed by once again reminding the members that we have planned to publish an Anniversary Book in com-

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memoration of our 25 years as a society. This book will contain the history of our Society, pictures taken over the years, biographies, pictures of current members and a cousins section. If you have not already done so please send your pictures and biographies to Dale Lahey. Time is running out. We want to have the book ready for publishing by early summer 2006 at the latest.



Members in Attendance
12 November 2005

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kins family (6) and the descendants of John Billington (5).

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOV. 12 2005:

Joyce Cutler, Acting Treasurer.

Latest member number 435, that includes 64 life members and 224 regular members giving us a total of 288 members. Of our regular members 10 have paid for 2004.

Bank accounts:

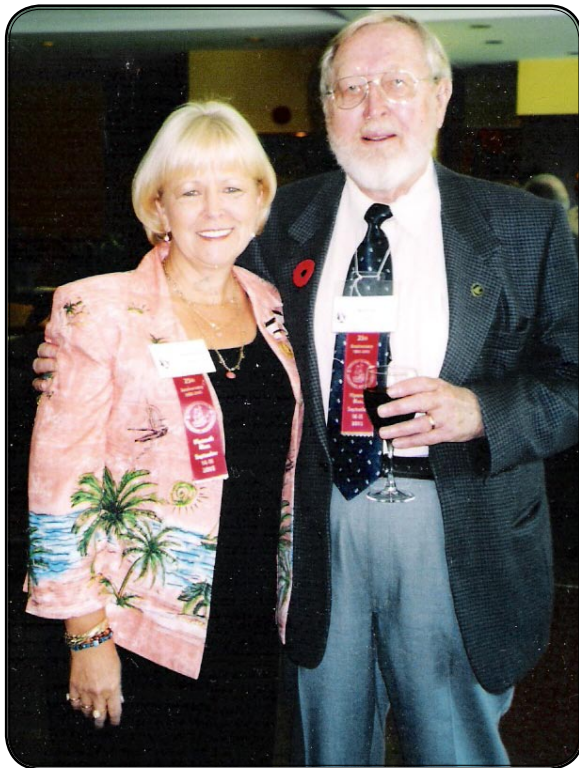
We have

\$9241.80 in our regular account

and \$1553.56 in our US account. Canadian fund Cheques

to be deposited - \$646.20 GIC's 2.9% due 22 Nov. 2006 \$

16,349.01; 2.7% due 11 Mar 2007 \$14867.02.



Susan Roser and Keith Bain

THE MAYFLOW COMPACT: Captain Dale Lahey read the Mayflower Compact.

ANCESTOR'S ROLL CALL: Read by Debbie Clarke. This year there are representatives from 19 Mayflower families present with us today. Once again William Brewster's family leads the list, having the most descendants (7) present. They are followed closely by the Stephen Hop-



Joyce Cutler - Governor

We still need to find someone to take over as Treasurer until Bob White returns.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/HISTORIAN: - Susan Roser. Thank you to the 60 members and friends who supported our celebration in Plymouth by attending and who helped to make it such a success. We have 18 new members this year and due to the back log in Plymouth, I

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don't anticipate having any more papers approved before the end of the year. We have two new applicants with us today and I would like to welcome them - Susan Ruch and David Reed.

NECROLOGY: Arthur Harris died 7 May 2005. Arthur was a life member who served our society as Captain 1988-1989; Historian 1990-1992 and Member at Large and librarian 1993-1994.

Although not a member we also mourn the passing of Dr. Patricia Stanford, chairman of the Junior Membership Committee. Dr. Pat was to be the guest speaker at our closing Banquet in Plymouth but was too ill to attend. We also had the pleasure of hosting her when she visited our

presently looking into a way by which he can just staple the newsletter and send it on its merry way without an envelope. Robert said he enjoyed getting feedback and would like to hear more comments from our members. He also said that a great deal of the credit for the calibre of the newsletter should go to Susan.

BC COLONY: Robert said they have a loyal but dwindling membership. Although there are 27 members on paper many of them never make it to a meetings because of the geographical difficulties of getting there.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Joyce Cutler. The following 25 new books have been added to our Library collection: *Mayflower Families Through 5 Gen. Vol. 20 part 2* Henry



John Heeney, Governor: Joyce Cutler, Ivan Rogers

society in the fall of 1999 and was our guest speaker. Pat died October 22 at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento, California, the same hospital where she had formerly spent 28 years as an operating room nurse.

Lastly if anyone has pictures of previous meetings over the years that we could include in our photo album, please contact me.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR / REGENT OF THE BC COLONY:

Robert White. Robert said he sends over 300 copies of the *Canadian Pilgrim* out to members, libraries and archives. He then commented that while he enjoyed the process of designing the newsletter he couldn't say he exactly relished the task of sticking them in envelopes. Therefore, in hopes of eliminating that process, he is

Samson, Boston, *Marriages 1752 - 1809, Church and Cemetery Records, Families of Ancient New Haven, Family Memorial and Genealogy for Fourteen Families, Freeman Genealogy, Genealogy of the Cushmans Desc... of Robert Cushman, History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater in Plymouth Co. Ma., History of Martha's Vineyard Dukes Co. Ma. (2 volumes), History of Pembroke NH 1730-1895, Middleborough Mass, Vital Records, Mourt's Relation, The Narragansett Historical Register (3 volumes), New York Calendar of Wills. 1626- 1836, Old Records of Duxbury Mass, Plymouth Colony Marriages to 1650, The Plymouth Scrap Book, Records of the Common Lands in the Town of Barnstable, Mass. 1703 - 1795, The Rider Families (2 volumes), and Ye Ancient Buriall Places of New London, Conn. 1899.*

REPORT OF THE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR: Dale Lahey. Once again Dale asked members to send in their biographies and photos to him. He reiterated Joyce's statement that time is running out since our Anniversary book must be ready for publication soon if we are to have it available for purchase by you, our members in the summer or fall of 2006.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Myrna Geldart, Mary Nichols and Susan Roser. Myrna gave the following report of the Nominating Committee. Members up for election:

Captain - Dale Lahey
Recording Secretary - Deborah Clarke
Surgeon - Dr. Ian Anderson
Member at large - Lynne Webb

This report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, seconded and passed unanimously.

The business part of the meeting concluded Joyce asked Keith Bain to start off our luncheon with a toast to the Queen which he did.

Joyce then asked Judith McKay-Kowalski to lead us in saying Grace. The Grace, Judith used was one her father used and appears in the Pilgrims at Prayer, a publication of General Society.

We enjoyed an excellent meal.



We Welcome to the Canadian Society

- #435 – **Anna Catherine Rogers**, 261 Bell St., Arnprior, ON K7S 2R7, Cooke
#436 – **Josephine Towriss Woods**, 27 Drummond St., Perth, ON K7H 1E8, Bradford
#437 – **Sara Victoria Mosher**, 38 Lonsdale Dr., Winnipeg, MB R2Y 0N2, Cooke
#438 – **Edward Wilson Fairbanks**, 2 Elmwood Dr., Amherst, NS B4H 2G6, Howland
#439 – L.A. **Ivan Rogers**, 67 Curzon St., #104, Toronto, ON M4M 3J3, Billington

Family Connections: Anna is the mother of Peter Rogers; Josephine is cousin to Bernice Warden; Edward is the brother of Sandy Fairbanks and Ivan is the brother of Joyce Cutler.



The General Society has lost two of its valued officers.

Dr. Patricia Stanford, Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee passed away in October 2005. The December 2005 issue of the Quarterly contains remembrances of Dr. Pat. This lovely lady visited our society as our guest speaker in 1999 and was a ray of sunshine whenever she walked into a room – which was usually in Pilgrim attire. Dr. Pat was scheduled to be our guest speaker at our closing banquet in Plymouth in September but took ill the week before.

Eugene Fortine, past Governor General passed away in December 2005. Gene and wife Pat attended our society's tree dedication ceremony in Plymouth in September, in fact, many of the wonderful pictures we have were taken by Pat. Our B.C. Colony was fortunate to have the Fortines visit and be their guests at their Annual Meeting in October 2002. We will remember Gene as the Governor General who envisioned an international hereditary society and strove for many of the same changes that our society has long sought.

The Canadian Society mourns the passing of;

#305, Barry Lahey, d. 20 January 2006. Barry joined the society in 1999 through William Brewster. He resided in Calgary, Alberta and was the brother of our Captain, Dale Lahey. Our most sincere condolences to the Lahey family.

Honourary Life Member CONGRATULATIONS!!

At the January meeting of the Board of Assistants, in recognition and appreciation of his twenty-five years of continuous service to our society, longtime member Mel Donald was made an honorary life member of our society. Many thanks, Mel, for your many years of hard work and dedication which has enabled our society to prosper and grow.

Historian's Report Susan Roser

We ended the year 2005 with twenty new members; compared to the past couple of years, the numbers are as follows: 2004 (16), 2003 (22) and 2002 (23). While

these are good increases, my job becomes more difficult when we must drop members due to non-payment of dues. Our gain of twenty members last year fell to a gain of only 10 because we had to drop 10 members. Please help ensure that our society continues to succeed and grow and at the same time, keep the memory of your ancestors alive – please pay your dues on time so that you will not be one of the members whose membership must be terminated. And - if you must stop your membership, please let us know **BEFORE** your dues become delinquent by resigning as a member “in good standing”.

Canadian Society Website Updates

If you have visited our web site lately, you will have noticed some changes! Susan Roser has been busy with many additions to the site. We now have a library list of our holdings in the North York Library in Toronto. If you need to find out what books and research materials are in our collection before you visit the library, you can now do so.

Susan has also begun two projects. The first, is an indexing under Mayflower family of research articles printed in several genealogical journals. This is an ongoing project, the site currently has listings for articles published between 2000-2005; once these are complete, new articles will be added as they come out and as well, she will begin going back from 1999. Check it out and see if there is an article listed for your family.

The second project is a “Mayflower DNA Projects” page which contains links to sites dealing with DNA testing of individuals who are Mayflower descendants. This page is new and currently has only one link – to the Winslow DNA Project – but others will follow.

Updates are regularly made at the site, including the Family Societies page where current, up-to-date information can be found on the various Mayflower and Pilgrim Family Societies.



Donations

We are most grateful to members who choose to donate to our society.

Dues Notice

Please remember that your 2006 membership dues of \$40 were required by November 30, 2005. Send your payment to:

Joyce Cutler, Acting Treasurer
448 Third Line
Oakville, ON
L6L 4A5

Many of our members have not yet paid for this year 2005. If you are one of these, please bring your dues up to date so that your membership is not terminated.

The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants depends on your dues and donations.

Why not pay several years in advance?

Canadian Certificates

A reminder that membership certificates are available for Canadian society members for only \$5.00. They are attractive, suitable for framing and will compliment your General Society certificate. They contain the Canadian Society seal, signature of the Governor and Historian, your name, ancestor, date of joining, membership number and the wording is “Canadian”. Orders may be sent to Historian, Susan Roser and please specify how you would like your name to appear.

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.

Deborah Clarke

38 Dennett Dr. Agincourt ON, M1S 2E7

Phone: 416-293-7215.

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 \$5.00 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, Ontario, L6L 4A5.

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25th Anniversary book

Don't Be Left Out!!

Susan Roser is hard at work writing twenty-five years of our society's history. This is a last plea for pictures – if you have any pictures from society meetings, particularly in the early years, please send copies to her.

Dale Lahey is working on the membership roster portion of the book and this is the last reminder for bios and pictures (head shots) of our members. Many, many of our members have not yet sent theirs in – DON'T BE LEFT OUT! You will be disappointed to find that you are not included in this lasting memorial to our society and members. This limited edition book will be a treasured keepsake to share with your family. Details about purchase will appear in the fall newsletter.

Annual Financial Statement 2005

1.- STARTING BALANCES January 1, 2005	
GIC's, Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$42,207.00
2 - RECEIPTS	
Annual member dues	\$6,490.00
Applications/Supplementals	2,145.00
Interest	441.00
Donations/Memorial Fund	1,326.35
Calendars/Pins	1,049.00
Library return	80.00
Total	\$11,531.35
3 - DISBURSEMENTS	
General Society Dues	\$4,771.96
BC Colony	60.00
AB Colony	108.00
Incorporation Fees	30.00
Audit	535.00
Newsletter	1,245.70
Database	605.66
Library	838.35
Banquets - (loss)	361.00
Stationary, Copies etc.	205.32
Postage	333.74
Total	\$9,094.73
4 - NET CASH GAIN	
\$11,531.35-\$9,094.73 =	\$2,436.62
5 - CLOSING BALANCES	
\$42,207.00+\$2,436.62 =	\$44,643.62
6 - BANK BALANCES - December 31, 2005	
GIC's	\$31,391.16
Bank Accounts	\$13,252.46

Editor's Column

Robert W. White

King Philip's War
1675 - 1676

The welcome given by Indians to the 1620 Pilgrims was genuine but the local native people had no idea of the changes that would be brought into their lives as a result of the arrival of a handful of white settlers. Over fifty-five years tensions

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between the two inhabitants of the land slowly began to mount. However, the fact the native people of the wider area had long standing rivalries among themselves made a united front against the colonists difficult, if not impossible.

Between the years 1620 and 1675 four separate colonies were established in southern New England, Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth and Connecticut. These three colonies were loosely bound together by the New England Confederation organized in 1643. The other colony was Rhode Island which was considered by "orthodox Puritans" to be beyond the pale and inhabited by heretics.

The military organization of the colonies was based on the militia system with most officers being elected to their positions. Ordinary soldiers furnished their own weapons and by 1675 most owned flintlock muskets. The stated purpose of the militia was to protect the colonies against attack. It was, at best, a reluctant force. The natives also now possessed modern weapons and knew how to use them.

The first generation of native leaders who had welcomed the Pilgrims in 1620 were by 1660 gone. The Wampanoag tribe was now led by a son of Massasoit called by the English, Phillip. Fears of war in the spring of 1671 resulted in a one sided agreement whereby the Indians promised to give up their weapons. Not surprisingly, most Indians refused to abide by this treaty. Phillip now found himself under increasing pressure from both his own people and the English, who demanded a tax, surrender to English law and more control over Indian land. To ensure their safety the English colonies also began to enter into arrangements of mutual support although Rhode Island with its large number of Quakers was unable to defend itself or offer much support to the other three colonies.

By 1675 Phillip the leader of the Wampanoag tribe had had enough and led his people into a war to eradicate the English. The first target was the small community of Swansea. Indian planning from the outset was disorganized and their barbarous tactics goaded the English into equally brutal retaliation.

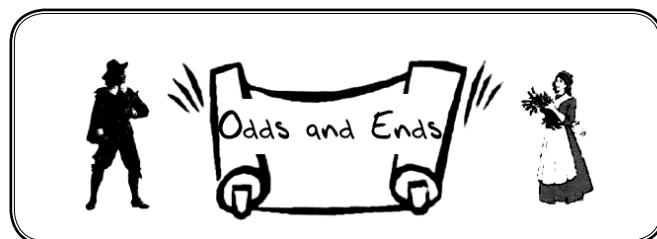
The English were also not well organized and in addition were inexperienced. It was hard to fill military quotas with suitable volunteers. Food and shelter for the troops was not always easily obtained. The war became increasingly costly as young men who became soldiers were no longer available to farm the land. Some Indians who had been converted to Christianity did not, however, join Phillip and his supporters. These "Praying Indians" offered valuable support to the English.

Each side in this conflict suffered large numbers of casualties and considerable destruction of property but by the second year the upper hand was clearly with the English. King Phillip was betrayed by one of his own men

and killed by the English on 12 August 1676. His body was quartered and decapitated. His head was put on display in Aquidneck where it was to remain for the next twenty-five years.

With the death of Phillip the war was soon over. Many of the defeated Indians were sold into slavery with predictable results. Much Indian land was handed over to the English veterans of the conflict. Even the "Praying Indians" who had assisted the English were poorly rewarded for their efforts – reservations and loss of Indian status being their sad lot. The Wampanoags for all practical purposes ceased to be a tribe.

The New England economy was, however, in ruins. Farms had been deserted. The fur trade compromised and even fishing was damaged because of a shortage of manpower.



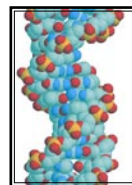
Soule Kindred Reunion

The Soule Kindred are going to have a reunion in Niagara Falls NY June 21st to June 25th, 2006 and would welcome any Canadian descendants. Registration needed by May 21, 2006.

For more information contact:

Rosemary Peters (716) 992-9076
or
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Winslow Family DNA Project



<http://winslowtree.com>

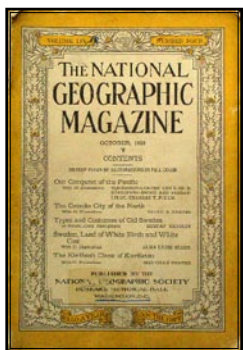
Those descended from the Winslows will be interested in the Winslow Family Y-DNA Project begun by Stephen Winslow in April 2005 to prove or disprove that Joseph Winslow (b. ca 1628), the son of John Winslow (b. 1597) & Mary Chilton, was the father of Timothy Winslow (b. ca 1654) of North Carolina (See MF 15:17). Tests were done on eleven participants of which six were descendants of Kenelm Winslow (b. 1599), one descendant of Kenelm's brother, John Winslow (b. 1597) and four descendants of Timothy Winslow. The results showed that

there was a close enough match between the Kenelm and John Winslow descendants to prove the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) was in the time frame of their father, Edward Winslow Sr. The test results also showed that there were enough differences between the descendants of the two brothers and of Timothy Winslow to indicate that their MRCA was more than forty generations ago, which would rule out any relationship the two brothers have to Timothy.

How Tall were our Pilgrim Ancestors?

According to Carolyn Freeman Travers a Research Manager at Plimoth Plantation the average height for an early 17th century English man was about 5' 6". For 17th century English women, it was about 5' ½". There was little change in this statistic in England during the 17th and 18th centuries. On the other hand American colonists tended to grow taller.

The National Geographic Genographic Project



The National Geographic Society, IBM, geneticist Spencer Wells, and the Waitt Family Foundation have launched the Genographic Project, a five-year effort to understand the human journey—where we came from and how we got to where we live today. This unprecedented effort will map humanity's genetic journey through the ages.

"The greatest history book ever written," Wells says, "is the one hidden in our DNA."

Different populations carry distinct markers. Following them through the generations reveals a genetic tree on which today's many diverse branches may be followed ever backward to their common African root.

Our genes allow us to chart the ancient human migrations from Africa across the continents. Through one path, we can see living evidence of an ancient African trek, through India, to populate even isolated Australia.

But to fully complete the picture we must greatly expand the pool of genetic samples available from around the world. Time is short.

In a shrinking world, mixing populations are scrambling genetic signals. The key to this puzzle is acquiring genetic samples from the world's remaining indigenous peoples whose ethnic and genetic identities are isolated.

But such distinct peoples, languages, and cultures are quickly vanishing into a 21st century global melting pot. That's why the Genographic Project has established ten

research laboratories around the globe. Scientists are visiting Earth's remote regions in a comprehensive effort to complete the planet's genetic atlas.

But we don't just need genetic information from Inuit and San Bushmen—we need yours as well. If you choose to participate and add your data to the global research database, you'll help to delineate our common genetic tree, giving detailed shape to its many twigs and branches.

If you want to learn about your genetic route, go to <https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/index.html>

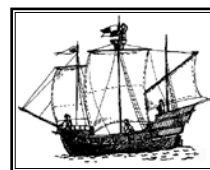
Through that Web site, you can purchase a "participation kit" for \$99. That includes a DVD with an overview of the genographic project hosted by its director, Spencer Wells, along with a map illustrating human migratory history. It also contains a buccal swab kit: You swab the inside of your cheek and send the sample away in transport tubes for analysis. Two months later, you get the results.

You won't get conventional genealogical information as you might expect. Your results won't tell you who's in your family or provide medical information. Rather, you'll get information on your deep ancestral origins and migratory history.



What We Know About The Mayflower?

The Ship:



The Mayflower had been employed transporting goods such as wine, spices, and furs. She had a burthen of 180-tons (could carry 180 tons of goods). The ship was about 113 feet long from the back rail to the end of the bowsprit beak. The keel was about 64 feet and a board width of about 25 feet.

The Crew:

The Master of the Mayflower in 1620 was Christopher Jones. He was also the co-owner. Jones was born about 1570 in Harwich, Essex, England. In 1609, he became the master of the Mayflower, owning a quarter of the ship. On his return from the New World, he did a few more quick trading runs with his ship. He died not long after this and was buried on 5 March 1621/22.

The Master's Mate was John Clarke and he had been to the American coast on a number of prior occasions. He had made several trips to Jamestown, Virginia, as well as to New England.

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The second Master's Mate or pilot, Robert Coppin, had also been to America before and was hired for his knowledge of the coastline

Giles Heale was the surgeon and he died about 1653. There were approximately 25-30 additional crew for whom we have no names.

The Trip:

The Mayflower Left England on September 6, 1620 and arrived at Cape Cod November 9, 1620. The distance from Plymouth England to Plymouth, Massachusetts is about 2,750 miles. The outbound Voyage took 66 days. The return Voyage took one month.

The ship departed England with 102 passengers arrived with same number with 1 dying and one being born.

Fate of the Mayflower:

An inventory of the *Mayflower* was carried out in 1624 at which time the ship was described as being "in ruinis" and was appraised for scrap. The "hull, maste, yarde, boate, winles and capsten" were estimated at £50, with five "ankors" valued at £25. One set of "sailes" more than half worn were said to be worth £15. The remaining gear consisting of "3 Cables, 2 hawsers, the shrowdes and stayes all more then half worne were worth £35." Miscellaneous items included "8 muskitts, 6 bandealers, and 6 pikes 50s, a pitch pott and kettle 13s, 4p and ten shovells 5s."

Pilgrims and Books

The most commonly owned book in early Plymouth Colony (outside of the Bible and Psalm book) was John Dods' *Exposition on the Ten Commandments*, followed by Pastor John Robinson's *Observations Divine and Moral*.

Piece of the Rock

Three pieces of Plymouth Rock have recently been sold on the Internet auction site eBay. It is unclear just how these stony items were authenticated but one brought the seller \$2,175. The other two were sold for \$609 and \$909 respectively. At these prices it is a wonder that much of the original rock still exists.

Pilgrims

William Bradford in his history of Plymouth used the term but his manuscript was lost for many years. It was in the 1840s that the term Pilgrim came into general use. Prior to this they were called "Old Comers" or the "fore-fathers."

Leyden Street in Plymouth



This is a 1920 view of Leyden Street in Plymouth. It shows the site of the first house in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where Miles Standish was chosen Captain, February 27, 1621. The street was originally called First Street and later by names of Great and Broad Streets. It was named Leyden Street in 1823.

Guns to Church



*So once, for fear of Indian beating,
Our grandsires bore their guns to meeting;
Each man equipped on Sunday morn
With psalm book, shot and powder horn,
And looked in form as all must grant,
Like th' ancient true church militant,
Or fierce like modern deep divines,
Who fight with quills like porcupines.*
Coffin's History

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