



# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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## Toronto Area

### SPRING MEETING & LUNCHEON

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Cost: \$32.00

### Halton Region Museum

5181 Kelso Rd. (at Tremaine Rd.)

Milton, Ont.

TIME: 12:00 p.m., hot chicken dinner/lunch.

PROGRAM: Tour of the museum

Please send in your reservation and payment by April 18th to Treasurer, Harry MacKay, 191 Dunbarton Court, Ottawa, ON K1K 4L7.

We will be meeting in the beautiful "Hearth Room" in the historic Alexander Barn, which features beautiful old wood floors, original stone and brick on walls and fireplace and a panoramic view of the escarpment. Check out the website for details at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca). For those of you who regularly attend our meetings, we look forward to seeing you again. For those who have not yet come out - what are you waiting for?? We'd love to get to know you! See **page 9** for driving directions.

## G o v e r n o r ' s   C o l u m n - J o y c e   C u t l e r



**N**ow that the long cold winter has passed I am sure that we are all looking forward to warm weather and spring activities. This year for your enjoyment, on Saturday, April 25th our society has arranged a spring luncheon and a tour of the Halton Region Museum in Milton. Our sit-down meal will be served in the Hearth Room located on the first floor of the building, after which we will be taken on a tour of the museum.

Looking ahead to the year 2010, we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants and we are very pleased that our new Governor General, Judy Swan, has kindly accepted our invitation to come to Canada to help us celebrate this event. Since Judy is a dual member with our Cana-



dian Society, we are especially excited about her visit. There will be more information about this event at a later date.

Meanwhile I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Spring Luncheon in April.

### Judith Swan – Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants



Judith Swan was born on Martha's Vineyard, the younger of two children of Marvin and Ruth (Cleveland) Haddock and at a young age moved to Arizona. She was employed by the State of California for twenty years and held an Administrative Services Manager position in the College of Education Department at the California State University in Long Beach. She has served on many task forces and search committees there, and

was appointed to the President's Commission on the Status of Women in 1995. Judy holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in business. In the area of community service, she served for several years on the Community Services Commission for Huntington Beach, including the position of Vice-Chair. Judy belongs to many lineage and patriotic societies and is an officer in many of them. The Mayflower Society was the first Society she joined and was the real beginning of her interest in family history research. Judy took out dual membership with the Canadian Society in 2002.

### CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MINUTES OF THE 28th ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT LUNCHEON, HELD 15 NOV. 2008 AT THE TORONTO CRICKET, CURLING AND SKATING CLUB



Governor Joyce Cutler opened the meeting by welcoming both guests and members to our twenty-eight Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon. She said she was pleased to have such a large turnout. Joyce next took the opportunity to acquaint the membership with our new Treasurer, Harry MacKay. She also introduced our guest speaker Alan McKenzie. On a sad note Joyce

announced that one of our most loyal members, Fred Abraham had died the night before (Nov. 14, 2008). He will be missed at our gatherings, she said.

**MINUTES.** On a motion by Lynne Webb, seconded by Dale Lahey, the minutes of 17 Nov. 2007 were approved.

**THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT.** Captain (Dale Lahey) read the Mayflower Compact.

**ANCESTOR'S ROLL CALL.** Read by Debbie Clarke.

This year there are representatives from 22 Mayflower families present with us today. This number includes descendants from

Joan Hurst Tilly, Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins and Mary Norris Allerton. For the first time since Debbie has been doing the Ancestor's Roll Call we have a representative of the Edward Doty family present. Stephen Hopkins family led the list at 9. They were closely followed by the descendants of William Brewster at 8.

**NECROLOGY.** Myrna Geldart. There were three deaths this year in our Society. Ronald Addeman Baker, George Walter Gilbert and Frederick Russell Abraham.

**GOVERNOR'S REPORT.** Joyce Cutler. 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. We are already making plans as to how to celebrate this momentous occasion and would welcome any ideas or suggestions from our membership as to what they would like us to do.

We already have a partial plan in place for the Spring Luncheon. It will take place Saturday, 1 May 2010. Judy Swan our new Governor General has agreed to attend. Judy is a member of our Canadian Society as well as a member of the California Society. Please make a note of this date on your calendars.

A closer event is the Spring Luncheon of this coming year. We have tentatively planned to hold it on the 25th of April 2009. Arrangements have been made to have our Luncheon in the Hearth Room of the newly renovated Alexander Barn at the Halton Region Museum in Milton. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the Halton Region Museum. Look for more details in your Spring Newsletter.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.** Joyce Cutler. The following books will become available at our library in the New Year: Degory Priest - the Silver Book - Mayflower Families - Vol. 8, 2nd edition; and George Soule- the Pink Book- Mayflower Families in Progress - Part 5.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/HISTORIAN.** - Susan Roser. Susan welcomed three new members who were approved this year - Teri Aboud, Margaret Dougherty and Connie Bryce, Also welcomed were two applicants Stephanie Thornton (niece of former Governor Keith Bain) and George McNeillie. We have had 22 new members approved so far this year and will likely end the year at 24.

The entire shipment of the June issue of The Mayflower Quarterly to Canadian members vanished. Governor General Judy Swan (who is a dual member with Canada) has decided that they will be re-mailed to members. (Cost almost \$4,000 to reprint and mail.) Judy wrote, "It's important to take care of our members and the Mayflower Quarterly is an important part of membership". This is very welcome news for us since the policy in the past has been to re-mail them only to those who request it.

Susan then took a few moments to express her appreciation to Governor, Joyce Cutler and thanked her for her help and company on their research trips throughout New England the past few years, doing research for her new series of books. She then read the acknowledgment to Joyce that appeared in her latest book. She went on to say:

"Our society has benefited from Joyce's dedication and hard work. She takes on jobs when there is no one else to do it such as the Treasurer's job when she was already Governor and Librarian. She keeps things running smoothly and I envy her organizational skills which must be the teacher in her. What is also remarkable about Joyce, is that she has passed on her pride in her heritage to her grandchildren, to the point where her granddaughters have be-



come familiar faces at our meetings. I wouldn't be surprised if one day, Andrea and Ashley also became active in the society and served on the board probably even as Governor. Our future lies with our young people and we need to do what we can to encourage them to take pride in their heritage and keep the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors alive after we are gone. Andrea and Ashley represent the future of our society.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### MEMBERSHIP:

##### Ceased To Be A Member In 2008

- 2 Deceased
- 5 Resigned
- 11 Deleted for Arrears (9-of-11 "No Address")

302 as of Jan08  
304 as of Jan09 "Estimate" (as of 13Nov08)

#### LIBRARY:

Added four books to library in 2008  
Balance in Library Fund = \$3,122.62 [13Nov08]

#### FINANCES:

Transactions –  
Income: \$11,934.70. CDN & \$595.00 US\$  
Expense: \$ 8,628.36 CND & \$ 58.34 US\$  
NET: \$ 3,306.34 CDN & \$536.66

#### Bank Balance

\$26,444.45 CDN & \$3,086.22 US\$



*Members in Attendance at the Fall Annual General Meeting*

18 "OUT" [13Nov08]

#### Dues-Paying Members for 2008

213 Paid (89%)  
27 NOT Paid (11%)  
240 Dues-Paying Members  
63 Life Members  
303 TOTAL MEMBERS [13NOV08]  
205 "OUT" (63 Deceased)  
508 MEMBERS 1980-2008

#### Dues-Paying Members for 2009

92 Paid (38%)  
148 NOT Paid (62%)  
240 Dues-Paying Members/13Nov08

#### Applicants Who Have Paid Fee

21 Not-Yet-A-Member (12 in 2007 & 2008)

#### Growth in Membership

280 as of Jan06  
292 as of Jan07

#### GICs

\$16,588.02 & \$15,067.17 = \$31,655.19 CDN (13Nov08)

#### Consolidated Balance

\$58,099.64 CND & \$3,086.22 US\$

#### REPORT OF THE EDITOR / REGENT OF THE BC COLONY.

Robert White. Robert is away on Holiday. We are considering the possibility of sending our newsletter out by Email in order to save money and make things simpler. Our present method requires us to stuff, address and put stamps on the envelopes during our Board meetings. Although this can be done, it is not very satisfactory.

#### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. Lynne Webb

Applications Report for November 2008. 13 inquiries since June.

#### June

1. Michael Wyka or Wywka (uses both) BC
2. Jeff Chipman



**July**

- 3.- Pat Tijl
- 4. - Tim Larose BC
- 5.- Catherine Fryer BC
- 6.- Chris Hynes prov. not given.
- 7. -Michelle Smith
- 8. -Jane Gardner- Calgary

**August**

- 9.- Susan M. Trask
- 10.-Grant Menzies BC

**September**

- 11.- R. Sentell
- 12.- supplemental -Myrna Geldart, ON

**November**

- 13.- David Hill.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Myrna Geldart ( chairman), Elizabeth Larrabee, and Harry MacKay. Myrna gave the following report of the Nominating Committee: Members up for election:

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

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

The business part of the meeting concluded Joyce asked Bob White to lead us in saying Grace. Joyce then asked Keith Bain to start off our luncheon with a toast to the Queen, which he did.

We enjoyed an excellent meal. At the conclusion of our meal we held a Raffle.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Lynne introduced Alan McKenzie, our guest speaker. According to Lynne, Alan has a very interesting biography. Born in England, immigrated to Canada 1975 and retired in 1996 as Senior Vice President & Secretary, Barclays Bank of Canada, after 40 years in banking. He is also a former Managing director, Cosmopolitan Properties and Securities Ltd, Hong Kong and Past President of the Scottish Studies Foundation here in Canada. Alan is also director and treasurer of the Mississauga Players, having acted in over 40 plays in three countries and directed seven plays.

Information dear to the Genealogist's heart, he has four children and eleven grandchildren. He is Treasure and Founder of the Clan MacKenzie Society, Canada - founded in 1986. He was appointed Lieutenant for Life to the Clan Mackenzie Chief, the Re. Hon. the Earl of Cromartie and he raised over \$100,000 for renovations to the Chief's castle in Scotland.

He took up DNA for the Clan Mackenzie to help members trace their genealogical roots back to Scotland. Let's hear what he has to say on this very popular and very current subject of DNA. The substance of Alan's speech "Using DNA to find Relatives" can be found at the following web site.

<http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/dna.pdf>

Elizabeth Larrabee thanked Alan McKenzie for his very informa-

tive talk. The meeting closed with a few brief words from Joyce and the singing of the *Mayflower Song*.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2008			
		\$CDN	\$US
1. STARTING BALANCES	/ 01 January 2008		
a. GIC (2)		\$31,655.19	
b. Bank Account		23,112.89	\$ 2,634.56
Total.		\$54,768.08	\$ 2,634.56
2. RECEIPTS			
Annual Member dues		\$10,458.63	\$ 410.00
Applications / Supplementals		1,850.00	60.00
Interest [3-of-4 payments/1-to-purchase]		866.64	
Donations		450.00	
Books (2), Pins etc.		102.50	
Bank adjustments		5.15	
Spring & Fall Luncheon (loss)	(	155.24)	
Transfer from other bank account			330.00
Total Receipts		\$13,577.68	\$ 800.00
3. DISBURSEMENTS			
General Society dues		\$ 4,611.50	
AB Colony		110.00	
BC Colony		68.00	
NS Colony		56.00	
Incorporation Fee		30.00	
Bank Fees		19.90	
Transfer to other bank account		330.00	
Transfer to GIC (2 Life Membership contributions)		1,280.00	
Newsletter		1,158.63	
Database		198.45	
Library		120.00	143.34
Office expense / copies etc.		168.23	
Postage		443.08	
Gifts		0.00	
Refund		60.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 8,653.69	\$ 143.34
NET CASH GAIN		\$ 4,923.99	\$ 656.66
NET GIC GAIN		\$ 1,605.44	
CLOSING BALANCES / 31 December 2008			
GIC (2)		\$ 33,260.63	0.00
Bank		28,036.88	\$ 3,291.22
TOTAL:		\$ 61,297.51	\$ 3,291.22

**Library Report**

Our New England research collection housed at the North York Public Library continues to grow with the following additions. Money to purchase the books comes from our Library Fund, set up after former Deputy Governor Marshall Dean left our society a sizable bequest for this purpose in 2000. If you have any New England or maritime research books collecting dust, why not consider donating them to our library?

*Barker Family of Plymouth Colony and County*, by Barker Newhall (no date).

*Beverly, Mass., The Genealogical History of The Abbott Street Cemetery*, by William C. Carlson, 1998

*Boston, Mass., Gravestone Inscriptions And Records Of Tomb Burials In The Granary Burying Ground, 1918*

*Bridgewater, History Of The Early Settlement Of...Including An Extensive Family Register*, by Nahum Mitchell, 1840

*Cobb, Early Descendants of Henry Cobb of Barnstable, Mass.*, by Susan E. Roser, 2008

*Coventry, Conn., Births, Marriages, baptisms And Deaths From The Records Of The Town And Churches, 1711-1844*, by Susan W. Dimock, 1897

*Delano, The Genealogy History and Alliances Of The American House of Delano 1621-1899*, by Joel A. Delano



*Georgetown, Maine, Vital Records of...To The Year 1892*, Mary P. Hill 1939

*Hannah's of the St. Croix, 1784-1984*, by Rebecca P. Nichol (1984), (gift of author)

*Hardwick, Mass., History of...With a Genealogical Register*, by Lucius R. Paige, 1883

*Howland, A Brief Genealogical And Biographical History Of Arthur, Henry, And John Howland And Their Descendants of the United States And Canada*, by Franklyn Howland, 1885

*Howland, John of the Mayflower, The First Five Generations, Vol. 3*, (through daughter Hope Howland), by Elizabeth P. White, 2008

*Howland, John of the Mayflower, The First Five Generations, Vol. 4*, (through daughter Elizabeth Howland), by Elizabeth P. White, 2008

*Loyalists Of Massachusetts And The Other Side Of The American Revolution*, by James H. Stark, 1910

*Manchester, Mass., Genealogical History of the 1661 Burial Ground*, by William C. Carlson, 2003

*Mayflower Source Records*, by Gary B. Roberts, 1986

*Nova Scotia, Deaths, Burials And Probate of Nova Scotians, 1749-1799, From Primary Sources, 2 vols.*, by Allan E. Marble, 1990 (donated by Susan Roser)

*One Hundred And Sixty Allied Families*, by John O. Austin, 1893

*Rhode Island, The Genealogical Dictionary of RI Comprising Three Generations Of Settlers Who Came before 1690*, by John O. Austin, 1887

*Salem, Mass. Charter Street Cemetery Burial Records, Genealogical And Historical*, by William C. Carlson (no date)

*Salisbury, Conn., Historical Rellctions Relating to...*, vol. 1, 1913

*Stonington, Conn., History of the First Congregational Church, 1674-1874*, by Richard A. Wheeler, 1875

*Stonington, History of...From Its First Settlement In 1649 To 1900, With A Genealogical Register of Stonington Families*, by Richard A. Wheeler, 1900

*Watertown, Mass, Genealogies Of The Families And Descendants Of The Early Settlers Of Watertown*, by Henry Bond, 1860

*Wellesley, Mass., Epitaphs From Graveyards In Wellesley (Formerly West Needham), North Natick, And Saint Mary's Churchyard in Newton Lower Falls, Mass., With Genealogical and Biographical Notes*, by George K. Clarke, 1900

*Westcott, Stukely, History and Genealogy Of The Ancestors And Some Descendants of...* by Roscoe L. Whitman, 1932

*Weymouth, Mass., History of...Genealogy of Weymouth Families, vol 3 of 4*, by George W. Chamberlain, 1923

#### June 08 Quarterly

**A** big THANK YOU to new Historian General, Judy Swan for re-mailing the June 2008 *Mayflower Quarterly* to Canadian members. Apparently the entire shipment to Canada was lost....and still remains missing. Judy wasted no time in authorizing the reprinting and re-mailing of over 300 copies (at a considerable expense to the GSMD) to Canadian members. Judy said: "It's important to take care of our members and the *Mayflower Quarterly* is an important part of membership." Our sentiments exactly!



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#### DONATIONS

We are most grateful to members who choose to make donations to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.





**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

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**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 2009 membership dues of \$45 **were** required by November 30, 2008. Please make your cheque or money order payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants or CSMD.

Send your payment to:

**Harry MacKay,**  
**191 Dunbarton Court, Ottawa, ON K1K 4L7**

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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**REVISED BY-LAWS**

A copy of the society by-laws which were revised at our Annual Meeting in November will be available to members at our web site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html>. For those without internet access who would like a copy, please contact Governor Joyce Cutler who will mail a copy to you. As it will cost several hundred dollars to copy and mail the by-laws to our membership, it is hoped that the majority of our members take advantage of access through our website. [www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html)

**MEMBERS BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES**

Many of our members, old and new, have not sent their biographies and pictures for inclusion in our membership database. If you have not sent yours, please email them to our Database Administrator, Dale Lahey ([lahey@albedo.net](mailto:lahey@albedo.net)), or mail them (see elsewhere for mailing address). The bio should be short, a couple of paragraphs and can include family, hobbies, career, education, etc., and the picture should be a head and shoulder's shot. We made use of our membership database for our 25th anniversary book and will no doubt use it again in the future, possibly in the newsletter. Don't be left out.

**2010 - 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The year 2010 is fast approaching; this is the year of our society's 30th Anniversary. What can we do to celebrate? Our 25th Anniversary in Plymouth in 2005 was a huge success. We had members attend from all across Canada, the US and Australia and we all had a great time. Should we do it again? Please send me your thoughts and ideas, and let me know if you would consider attending. Susan Roser at [roser@iprimus.ca](mailto:roser@iprimus.ca)

**SUPPORTING OUR SOCIETY**

Our society and our colonies are run by volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and energy to ensure that business runs smoothly. If you are able to volunteer some time, please let us know, it would be greatly appreciated. For those who are unable to volunteer, you can still show your support by attending society meetings. We need the support of our members if we are to continue to grow.

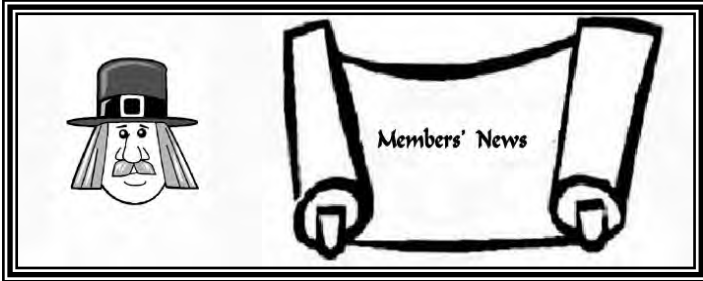
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Governor Joyce Cutler has appointed Myrna Geldart (Chairman), Harry MacKay and Elizabeth Larrabee as members of the Nominating Committee. The Board positions up for election this fall are: Recording Secretary, Captain, Surgeon and Member-at-large.



**25th ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

A reminder that we only have about 20 anniversary books left; once they are gone - they are gone. If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact our Governor, Joyce Cutler for details.

**Inauguration Visit to Washington DC**

The following is an account from member Teri About who attended the Canadian Embassy's "Tailgate Party" in Washington, DC, for the inauguration of the new American President.

Well that was quite a day!

Mark and I flew in and out of Washington yesterday (January 20) for the inauguration, which in itself was a miracle with 2 million people descending on DC all at once. The logistics worked out perfectly.

We arrived at the Canadian Embassy courtyard just in time to see Obama get sworn in on the jumbotron TV that they had set up. I'm pretty sure the ground vibrated with the applause when Obama finished! It was pretty special.

There was security absolutely EVERYWHERE. On rooftops and 3 bodies deep on some of the streets. I sometimes thought there was more security than there were spectators! Subways were packed to the point of claustrophobia but everyone was really friendly and just



**Teri About and "Friends" in Washington DC**

really friendly and just happy to be a part of this amazing day.

I can honestly say Mark and I froze our butts off!! Who knew it was going to be that cold...I should have worn my fur coat against the wishes of my husband! The embassy had a great set up on the outside, second floor patio, with warming towers and lots of great food and drink. They had GREAT chowder and chili, sausages and hotdogs with beer, wine and a special crown royal 'obama' drink that many were raving about. And to top off the day a Canadian favourite...beaver tails. And no, I did not see anyone famous..but they could have been there all wrapped up in there winter gear and I would not have recognized them.

**Canadian Society Authors**

Congratulations to members who have had articles published!

George Nye of Red Deer, Alberta had an article in *The Mayflower Quarterly*, June 2008, "Preserved Fish Deuel, a descendant of George Soule of the Mayflower".

Fay Carlson of Camrose, Alberta had an article in *Relatively Speaking*, vol. 36, #2, the journal of the Alberta Genealogical Society, entitled "My Mayflower Search".

Susan is also to be congratulated on the nice review of her book in the September 200 *Mayflower Quarterly*.



## New Members

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## New Members

### Deputy Governor's Message The Society Needs Your Help!!!

**W**e have been fortunate to have some wonderfully dedicated individuals who keep our society and our colonies operating. We have depended on some of these volunteers for many years and they are now at that stage in their lives where they must step down and pass the torch on to others – but to whom?

If there is no one to take their place, what will become of our society? We are facing the closure of our BC Colony because our members have not stepped forward in answer to our pleas for help. Will the Alberta Colony be next? Or our Society? Serving on an executive board does not have to be a time consuming or onerous job and there are various positions available.

We are a fairly young society, next year we will celebrate our 30th anniversary. We are proud of our many accomplishments. We have had colonies formed in three of our provinces. We have had a steady increase in membership. We have continually published a newsletter since 1980. We have built a strong New England research library housed in a Toronto library. We have planted a tree and dedicated a memorial stone in the gardens of the Mayflower House in Plymouth. Our most important accomplishment is that our very existence honours the memory of our Mayflower ancestors and their descendants who came to Canada.

If we are to continue to move forward we need the active support of our members – NOW. If you have been thinking of volunteering your time and have questions, please contact me, or contact a member of your colony executive and ask how you can help.

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### In Recognition of Joan Stace-Smith



**I**n previous issues of this newsletter we began a series of columns honouring the elders of the Canadian Society of Mayflower descendants. In this issue we dedicate this space to **Joan Stace-Smith** who has been a loyal and active member of our Society.

Joan has been a dedicated contributor to the BC Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants since 1988. Aside from her very willing acceptance and long service in the positions of Vice Regent, Treasurer and Secretary of the BC Colony Joan and her husband Dick have generously hosted a great many of our meetings at their home in Vancouver. We are featuring Joan in this issue by reprinting her biography:

Biography: Joan was born, educated, married and raised her family in Vancouver, British Columbia. She obtained Her B.S.W. degree at UBC and worked in the child welfare field. She married Richard Stace-Smith, a Research Scientist with Agriculture Canada and together they raised four children, two boys and two girls, all who are now married and who live in British Columbia. They now have seven grandchildren.

Joan's Mayflower connection is through her Mother, Glenna (McManus) Taylor who became a Mayflower member in 1969 (Member #31907, Mayflower ancestor Doty). She emigrated from Iowa to Canada as a small child following the death of her mother. She joined the California State Society (CA member 2717) through a cousin as there was no Canadian Society at that time.

Joan has been a member of the British Columbia Colony of the Canadian Society since July 1998. She has served as Vice Regent, Treasurer and is currently Secretary. She attended the 36th General Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts in September 2002 as one of the Canadian delegates.



**F**red Abraham passed away 14 November 2008. The society extends its most sincere condolences to his wife Betty, children Lois and Murray, and brother Wilson and their families.







### The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony: 1620

**Y**ou can find hundreds of Web sites devoted to the topics of Pilgrims, Plymouth Colony, and the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620. I cannot say that I have seen all of these sites, but of those that I have seen, I must say that I am most impressed by Duane A. Cline's "The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony: 1620."

Cline's pages are an educator's tool: he describes the events leading up to the 1620 voyage of the *Mayflower*, provides information about the ships (there were two ships although the *Speedwell* had to turn back early in its voyage), storms at sea, animals on board, arrival in the new lands, the Mayflower Compact, meetings with the Indians, the rocky merging of the two cultures, the first winter when about half the settlers died, the first Thanksgiving, the starvation of 1622, and much more. Best of all for genealogists, Cline gives a detailed list of all the known passengers on board the *Mayflower* and brief biographies of each.

The information on "The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony: 1620" is divided into lesson plans. This agenda is good for learning and is excellent for any teacher who is planning to present this information in a classroom. Because of the wealth of information available, nearly 100 links (and sub-links) point to various bits of information on this Web site and to other sites as well. In addition, there are nearly 90 images/pictures, mostly original artwork from Duane Cline.

Duane A. Cline is well qualified in this topic. He received his M.A. degree in Speech and Theater from Northwestern University. Over the years, he has written, designed, and directed a great many theatrical productions and historical pageants in his capacity as a university professor, head of theater department, and founding director of a regional art center. In addition, he has written two books: *Navigation in the Age of Discovery: an Introduction*, and *Centennial History: General Society of Mayflower Descendants*. He has twice been invited to serve as a Guest Curator at Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

When he learned that both he and his wife, Carolyn, were descendants of Mayflower passengers, he became affiliated with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Through the years, he has served that organization in many capacities on both state and national levels. Most notably, he is a Former Assistant Governor General of the national Society and has served a number of years at its Education Chair.

Over the years, thousands of families have been told that "our ancestors came over on the *Mayflower*." Indeed, if all the people who were reported to be on board had actually been there, the *Mayflower* would have been the size of the *Queen Mary*!

The names of each *Mayflower* passenger have been found and documented. You can view a detailed list of all the *Mayflower* passengers, along with a very brief bio of each, at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/mayfpas.htm>.

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### Ellinor Billington Interview



**E**llinor Billington sailed on the *Mayflower* in 1620 with her husband John and their sons, John and Francis. Her husband was hanged in 1638 for the murder of John Newcomen. He had been in trouble with the Plymouth authorities before, particularly for supporting a revolt against Governor Bradford. Their son John died before his father, but Francis lived a long life and is said to have had eight children. Ellinor remarried, to Gregory Armstrong, in 1638.

### What was day-to-day life like on Plymouth Plantation in the 1620s?

Well, upon our first arrival it were quite difficult. My family, God were with us. We were the only family that were not afflicted with any great troubles. None of my family were greatly sickened. But all other families did lose of some relatives during the time. So the first few months were quite difficult. The menfolk were getting off of the ship and going down and cutting of the trees in order to build some housing for us. We lived upon the vessel for some three or four months after we arrived before we could even live within any kind of a dwelling at all. And that one dwelling that were built the first, the first time, turned into such that we were all taken of the sick folk in there. And those of us that were of goodly health were taking care of the sick folk. But after spring-time and the turn of the year, we found we were feeling somewhat better, and we buried of our dead, and praised God that there were as many of us alive as there were dead. For other colonies had not come to that, the Lord had not seen to shine upon them as he did with us. So we were able to bring ourselves about and come and start to plant of our corn. One of them Indians, Squanto was his name, he did even show the menfolk when to plant the corn and how to plant it with fish in the hills. And it was somewhat greatly affected we were by the, by the welcoming and the goodness of them folk. And then we just kept to ourselves to some sturdy work and managed after the first year to feel that we were on a path to, to a goodly place here in this new world.

**History.com** <http://www.history.com/>

### Spring Meeting and Luncheon Directions

**F**rom Hwy 401, take Hwy 25 south; turn right on Steels Ave; right of Tremaine Rd; left on Kelso Rd; follow thru the park gates to the end where you will see the barn. For additional directions or enquiries: 1-8666-442-5866 or [www.region.halton.on.ca/museum](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/museum)

### Alberta Colony Report

**T**he Alberta Colony held a gathering at the Red Deer Golf and Country Club, on October 25, 2008. We had a lovely evening of fellowship and delicious food, but the highlight was a great guest speaker, Jean Crozier. She was selected because of her work in researching her ancestors, and her recent publication of that work, the book "No Corner Boys Here".



## Nova Scotia Colony Report

The Nova Scotia Colony held their two day, 2008 fall meeting at the seaport town of Shelburne, September 19 & 20. The group had been invited to spend their first day doing Mayflower research at the Shelburne County Archives with assistance of archive staff.

The business meeting convened Friday evening, September 19 at Trinity United Church Hall. The Regent thanked our Historian, Eleanor Robertson Smith, for her work in organizing, planning the program and making arrangements for our AGM as part of Shelburne's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the landing of the Loyalists.

The nominating committee, Wilfred Allan and Shirley Ruggles-Sullivan, submitted the following report for officers who were accepted by the membership: Regent: Gordon Wood, Deputy Regent: Sandy Fairbanks, Co-Secretaries: Penny Henneberry & Ken Winter, Treasurer: Gary Archibald, Historian: Eleanor Robertson Smith, Elder: Dorothy Allan and Member At Large: Ed Morrissey. The group applauded David Allen for his service as our first Secretary. Eleanor presented members in attendance with a copy of the book, *King's Bounty*, compliments of the Shelburne County Genealogical Society. The evening concluded with members & guests attending a lovely reception at the stately historic home of James and Eleanor Smith.

Saturday morning, our early rising members gathered at 8:45 am for a graveyard tour of Loyalist gravestones. We later assembled at the Shelburne County Archives for presentations and tasty homemade treats. Early afternoon we attended a fascinating visual presentation at Osprey Arts Centre by world-renowned photographer Sherman Hines. The subject of Mr. Hines' presentation was several historic buildings he has restored including his circa 1699 Acadian stone residence.

Our meeting coincided with Shelburne's Whirligig & Weathervane Festival so our members had the opportunity to stroll the waterfront and enjoy the many folk art creations.

I am sorry to report the Dec. 25, 2008 death of Marian Worthen. Marian was a charter member of our Nova Scotia Colony and The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. Marian's writings, including a fine biography of her father, and the stories she shared with many of us are a legacy that will live on.

Our spring meeting is scheduled for 25 April at Queens County Museum, Liverpool. Liverpool was settled in 1759 by New England Planters and is a joy to visit any time of the year.

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## BC Colony Report

As a group we are fading away and without new blood we will, for all practical purposes, cease to exist if only because of our inability to reconstitute our Executive.

We are caught on the horns of three problems:

1. Demographics – Our core group, most of whom were represented at our fall meeting, is, with all due respect, ageing and are understandably not going to assume positions on the Executive. Those currently serving on the Executive have carried on for some years but they cannot be replaced.
2. Geography – British Columbia is a large province and new members to the Canadian Society do not always come from the local area. The motivation to attend a meeting decreases as a factor of the distance to be travelled. In fairness, we do have some members who come a considerable distance but this is not the norm.
3. Social Change – Canadian society has changed a great deal since this colony was established. While growing numbers of retirees have taken up genealogy as a hobby and some have found *Mayflower* roots most if not all accomplished this task without the support of the *BC Colony*. The Internet has in large part replaced the support group as the primary aid to research.

At our last meeting we agreed to contact all of the BC Membership by letter with the hope that we might discover a few who would be willing to assist the *BC Colony*. Additional to this Susan Roser volunteered her services to contact all of the new members in BC that she had assisted in the completion of their lineage applications. Sadly, neither approach elicited much interest.

Where now? We agreed at the last meeting to have our fall meeting in October of 2008. The result was a great turnout from our usual loyal and dependable group as well as a wonderful lunch. We thank them for coming and for their support. We further agreed that we would not hold a spring meeting but rather a final meeting in the fall of 2009. The AGM in the fall of 2009 is the point at which the current Executive will stand down and unless there is some turn over we will, in an orderly fashion, dissolve the BC Colony.

A date for the fall meeting in 2009 will be communicated to the membership by letter.

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