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Governor's Column-Joyce Cutler



This year, 2010, marks the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. Thirty years have passed since a small group of Canadian Mayflower members led by Father James McGivern joined together and decided to form the first Mayflower Society outside of the United States. Our society has not only survived, but we have grown in number and today we have just recently welcomed member number 536 to our group.



Our success can be attributed to the hard work of our Board of Assistants down through the years, the loyalty of our members who support us and the many who faithfully attend our two yearly functions.

This past spring we were honoured to have our Governor General, Judy Swan, attend our Spring Luncheon to launch our 30th Anniversary. She gave a very interesting talk on the hardships of the women pilgrims who came on the Mayflower. Judy's visit was especially appropriate because she is a dual member of our Canadian Society as well as a member in her home state of California.

This fall we are having our 30th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington, Ontario. For our guest entertainment, we have arranged to have Robert Torr and Donna Garner, who will entertain us with the songs of Irving Berlin, Broadway hits and other old favourites. We are very fortunate to have these two talented young singers, who have worked with Smile Theatre, come to sing for us.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our fall meeting to celebrate with us our 30th Anniversary.

Passing of Board Members

 \mathbf{I} t is with deep regret that we announce the passing of two of our past board members.

ALLYN DEAN

Allyn served as our Society Treasurer for fourteen years, from 1990 to 2004 and afterwards as memberat-large. He was a vital member of the board whose intelligence, humour and wisdom were very much respected and appreciated. Allyn joined the Society in 1985 through George Soule and later had a line approved thru William Brewster. He was very interested in genealogy and often talked of his favourite, most interesting ancestor who was a Canadian doctor serving the northern army during the American Civil War. Our most sincere condolences go out to Allyn's family, including his brother Noble and sister Elizabeth, both members, and his neice Heather Cook.

KATE BERSCHT

Kate served our Society as Historian from 1986-1989 and Captain from 1989-1992. Many times she also attended the Triennial Congress in Plymouth as a delegate, representing our Society. Kate joined the Society in 1985 and was descended from James Chilton and John Alden. She is survived by daughters Ann, Elizabeth, Jane and Barbara, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Governor General Attends Spring Meeting

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e were extremely pleased to welcome to our spring meeting on May 1st, Judith Swan, Governor General of the GSMD. When it came to deciding where to take her sightseeing, the choice was easy. Judy had previously mentioned that she had never been to Niagara Falls and would love to see it, therefore Joyce and Susan picked her up Friday morning and they drove to the Falls. A morning of sightseeing and shopping was followed by lunch at a restaurant right at the crest of the falls. After lunch it was off to Niagaraon-the-Lake for an afternoon of browsing the shops of this pretty little town. Friday evening was spent with other board members at Susan's home, for a casual evening with the Governor General. We held our spring meeting on Saturday with the GG as our special guest of honour and speaker; her topic was "Women of the Mayflower". After the meeting Treasurer Lynne Webb and her husband Gary took Judy back to Ottawa for a few days sightseeing in our nation's capital. Judy's next engagement was at a Mayflower meeting in New Hampshire, so Lynne and Gary drove her down. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with Judy and were sorry to see her leave.



Joyce Cutler, Judy Swan, Susan Roser



Myrna Geldart, Marion Tait, Lynne Webb, Debbie Clarke, Cyndee Case



Brendan & Elizabeth Larrabee, Judy Swann



Elaine Nye, Judy Swan, George Nye



Marion Tait, Mary Nichols, Judy Swan



Canadian Society Governor Joyce Cutler and Governor General Judy Swan



Susan Roser, Judy Swan and Joyce Cutler at Niagara Falls



American Debt, Bailouts, Anxiety As Old As Pilgrims

Reprinted from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, March 5, 2009 by Glenn Alan Cheney

et us bow our heads and remember: America was founded on crushing debt, failed bailouts and the worst kind of stimulus.

The Pilgrims came to America on a business venture. A few — a minority — came looking for religious freedom, but all of them were in it for the money. It was a selves, with a day off for God. It was understood (they thought) that they could keep the houses they'd build and live in. The Adventurers rewrote the contract. This version, which the Planters never signed, seemed to require six days of labor, with one day off for God. And the houses went to the venture, to be liquidated and divvied up along with everything else, every stone of every wall, each sprig of parsley in each garden.

The Mayflower arrived at Plymouth a little short on supplies but heavily laden with debt. Not trillions of anything, but a debt no less. The 102 passengers owed

joint venture under the nebulous auspices of The Virginia Company. Investors (not the company) put up most of the cash. The contract called that party the-Adventurers, and indeed their investment was going on a little adventure. Their investment bought shares in a business that would end up at a no-man's-land called Plymouth. In return, they were to receive, seven years thence, a share of



everything they had — and would have - over the next seven years, roughly the situation of today's average mortgagee. Their stimulus: cold, hunger, fear and debt. The cold, hungry, indebted (and arguably illegal) immigrants got to work. They built shacks to live in, planted gardens out back. They kicked themselves for forgetting to bring fishhooks. Half of them died that first quarter.

Andrea Cormier, Ashley Cormier, Joyce, Judy Swan, Kathleen Merckel, Carly Merckel, Carole Cormier

the profits derived from sales of fish, timber, furs and houses.

The other party: some settlers — or call them workers — who would turn sweat into equity. The contract called them —Planters, and indeed they would plant not only crops but bodies and souls in the rocky soil of New England. Each Planter's labor was worth a share in the venture. They owed the venture seven years. At the end of it, they'd receive their shares of the profit.

During the seven years, the Planters were to send products to the Adventurers, and the Adventurers would send supplies to the Planters. The contract was less understandable than the darkest of derivatives. It would never hold up in court. Actually, there were two contracts, neither signed by both parties. One the Planters signed. It seemed to require them to work four days a week for the venture and two for themCome spring, the survivors sent the Mayflower back with nothing in its hold but rocks, ballast where there should have been assets. The Adventurers then sent a ship, but as a bailout, it failed. It carried no supplies, just more people. It also brought a nasty note from the Adventurers. And the new immigrants brought questions: Are we expected to take on your debt? Do we have equity in this venture? What's for dinner? Where do we sleep?

It was a fiscal mess. The debt got too big and complex to pay off, the dividends impossible to calculate. No supplies arrived. In time, a few of the Planters made a side deal to satisfy the Adventurers. People moved on. So did history. And here we are, still dealing with weird agreements and crazy debts in the shadow of hunger, cold and fear.

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General Board of Assistants Meeting

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San Diego, California, 11 September 2010

A pproximately 160 delegates and friends attended the board meeting with state societies represented by their DGG and AG. Canada was represented by our Governor, Joyce Cutler as AG and Susan Roser as DGG.

Highlights:

1. The Mayflower Garden Walkway - Watch your September MQ for details of this exciting society fundraiser. Members and friends may donate \$150 for an inscribed brick to be placed in the walkway. Societies who donate \$250 will have their brick placed in the octogon around the sundial. Our cheque has already been sent so we will be included!

2. The Mayflower Quarterly jubilee book will be ready next year. Alice Teal and Harry Folger are hard at work and tell us the book size has increased to about 400 pages.

3. Out of print Mayflower Families (MF) books will not be reprinted until the 6th generations have been researched, which will be included.

4. The Captain General is preparing a handbook for state societies detailing proper flag etiquette.

The General Congress will be held in Plymouth in September 2011 and Joyce and I look forward to representing the Canadian society once again. We will also be looking for delegates to attend the business meeting with us, so if you are interested, please let us know as we are allowed only a limited number.

Submitted by Susan E. Roser, DGG

Mayflower Roots in Nova Scotia

N ova Scotia's provincial flower is the trailing arbutus, more commonly known as the mayflower. A member of the heath family, its botanical name is Epigaea repens, and it's related to such popular plants as blueberries and cranberries, rhododendrons and azaleas Bog rosemary (Andromeda), and wintergreen (Gaultheria), not to mention of course heaths and heathers (Erica & Calluna). Ericaceous plants like acid soil, which is commonly found throughout much of Atlantic Canada, and certainly in Nova Scotia. Mayflower is a subshrub, creeping along the ground in woodlands, (both conifer and hardwood), with woody stems and leathery, hairy leaves. Apparently it ranges as far west as Saskatchewan, and as far south as Florida, although it is sparse in many regions and listed as endangered





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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

DUES NOTICE



Please remember that your 2011 membership dues of \$45 will be required by November 30, 2010. If you have not paid please make your cheque or money order payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants or CSMD. A receipt will be sent to all who provide

their email address.

Send your payment to:

Ms. Lynne Webb 2927 Highfield Crescent Ottawa, Ontario K2B 6G4 to pay \$90 to cover 2011 and 20

You may wish to pay \$90 to cover 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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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 (<u>lahey@albedo.net</u>), 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.

LIBRARY REPORT _ FALL 2010

Myrna Geldart - Librarian

We have two new books in our library.

Lovell's Gazetteer of British North America 1873, P.A. Crossby, editor and Truro Cemeteries, Richard E. Haskell, editor.

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

Our library is housed in the Canadiana Room at 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.

Phone (416) 393-7241 or

email:- itellisearch@tpl.Toronto.on.ca

Nominating Committee Report

Myrna Geldart (Chair), Deborah Clarke and Elizabeth Larrabee submit the following slate of nominees for election at our Annual Meeting:

Historian: Susan E. Roser Treasurer: Lynne A. Webb Member-at-large: Mary Nichols

o, before us gleam her camp-fires! We ourselves must — Pilgrims be,

Launch our *Mayflower*, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea,

Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key.

James Russell Lowell (1819-1891)

New Members

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New Members

New Books—Congratulations!

McLane Family

George Nye of Red Deer, Alberta has recently published a book, *The McLane Family of Nova Scotia: The Descendants of Joseph*² *McLane and Esther (Hamilton) McLane of Onslow, Nova Scotia*. For more information, contact George at <u>geoRnye001@shaw.ca</u>

Daniel Cole Family

Susan E. Roser has published volume 2 of her "Friends of the Pilgrims Series", entitled *Early Descendants of Daniel Cole of Eastham, Massachusetts*. Volume 1 on Henry Cobb of Barnstable, Mass. was published in 2008. Upcoming volumes include: volume 3, James Cole of Plymouth, Mass. and volume 4, Samuel Ryder of Yarmouth, Mass. For more information, visit www.friendsofthepilgrims.com

New Members



30th ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS... AND THE FUTURE (Part II) by Susan E. Roser, Deputy Governor

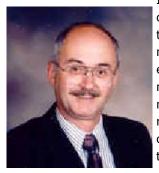


Terrv Smith tvlksmith@aol.com

he future of our Society can be summed up in two words - members and colonies.

Attracting new members can be challenging. As Historian, I am thrilled when I receive an email such as one I recently received from member Rand Wallace in Alberta, with the title "6 new applicants". They were all relatives of a member

whom Rand recently helped with the documentation and paperwork. The greatest gift our members can give to our Society is to encourage family members not only to join and keep their membership in good standing, but to actively participate, which brings us to colonies.



Gordon Wood jgwood@eastlink.ca

In a national Society such as ours, it is virtually impossible to hold membership meetings nationwide. The General Society cannot hold membership meetings either; it holds annual board meetings with representatives from each state/ chapter attending, paying for the expenses of the executive members.

In the GSMD, it is the formation of state societies which

allow members to get together and actively participate, and within many state societies are colonies, making it easier still. Since the Canadian Society operates in the same way as a state society, our colonies are provincial, and it is our colonies which enable our members to actively participate.



Robert White

Our members in the west led the way. In 1986, Margaret Brodylo and Philip Thorpe were among those who were instrumental in founding the Alberta Colony and giving it a good sound footing. In 1995, George Lydiard and George Baldwin provided leadership for the formation of the British Columbia rwhite42@hotmail.com Colony. In 2005, David Allen, Ed Morrisey and Gordon Wood

led the way with our enthusiastic members in Nova Scotia for the Nova Scotia Colony.

For those who live in these three provinces, our colonies are there waiting for you and they would welcome your support and attendance at meetings. Please contact Robert White of B.C., Terry Smith of Alberta or Gordon Wood of Nova Scotia.

If you reside in a province that does not yet have a colony, we ask for your help to promote and advertise the Society in your province. Write about your Mayflower search and membership, and submit it for publication in a local paper, or a genealogical journal in your area, as Fay Carlson of Alberta did. When you are finished with your Canadian Pilgrim newsletter, or your Mayflower Quarterly, donate them to your local library. Request Society brochures from us and deposit them in libraries in your province.

We need only fifteen provincial members to form a colony. It is only when we have a colony in each and every province and territory that the Canadian Society will truly become a lasting memorial to our Pilgrim ancestors. Which province will be next?

Historian's Report by Susan Roser

t's not always easy to prove a lineage back to the ▲ Mayflower, after all, we're talking about documenting ten to thirteen generations; however some lineages are much harder to prove than others. But as the following two examples show, even when the going gets tough, never give up!

New member Carol Harding's great-great-grandfather, Daniel Hamilton (1823-1903) of Nova Scotia was particularly difficult to prove parentage for. Neither a birth, marriage or death record could be located and his family bible gave his birth date, but not parents. Neither could a probate or will be found for his father which would name heirs and he was married long before census records could prove useful. It was beginning to look pretty bleak, but Carol was tenacious and continued digging. She was rewarded, finding an 1874 deed of Daniel's father's heirs in which Daniel was named.

Member Alice Walchuk, an Alden descendant, found another Mayflower line to William Brewster and submitted a supplemental paper. Little did she know how difficult it would be to prove this line. The challenging generation was James Forsyth, born at Middletown, CT in 1738. The birth record was there, his parents were named, however how could we prove that this was the

same James Forsyth who later shows up at Niagara Falls, ON? Alice and her husband Bruce are experienced genealogists and they left no stone unturned as they proceeded to uncover every piece of evidence they could find. They researched not only James Forsyth, but his brothers and sisters and succeeded in pulling together all available information to prove that James of CT ended up in Niagara Falls.

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The Canadian Society extends its most sincere condolences to the families of the following:

Harland Archibald, died 16 August 2010

Kate Berscht, died 22 Mar 2010

William Melvin Brown, died March 15, 2010

Allyn Dean, died June 19 2010

Anna Rogers, died 9 Mar 2010





Joyce Cutler

In this issue celebrating our 30th anniversary we thought it fitting to feature our Governor, Joyce Cutler. Joyce has been a member of our Society for fourteen years – thirteen of those serving on our board.

Many of our members may not know that it was Joyce who designed our Canadian Society lapel pin as well as our bookplates.

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Joyce was born in Eaton, one of the Eastern Townships in Quebec, the oldest of four children. Her parents were Herman Rogers and Luva Howse. During World War II, the family moved to the Niagara District and then Niagara Falls, where she grew up with her two brothers, Vernol and Ivan and her sister Gail. She attended Lakeshore Teachers College and York University in Toronto and spent her teaching career working in Mississauga. She began with the elementary grades, but then decided to teach high school, where her last teaching years were spent as art teacher and Department Head of Fine Arts. She is now retired and enjoys working on genealogy and other hobbies. Joyce has five children, John, Michael, Daniel, Carole and Kathleen all by her first husband John Heeney, plus a total of eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She now lives in Oakville and was married to the late Murray Cutler, co-publisher of Old Autos Newspaper. In 1996 Joyce became a member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants and joined the Board of Assistants in 1997. Joyce has served the Society as Librarian (1998-), Deputy Governor (2001-2003) and Governor (2003-)



BC Colony Report

I t is with deep regret that we report the passing on March 15, 2010 of a former regent and long serving treasurer, Bill Brown, of the BC Colony. Bill passed away March 15, 2010. Bill was born in Fort Macleod Alberta and it was through his paternal grand-

mother (Margaret Agnes Nicholls) that he traced his lineage to Francis Cook. Bill is survived by his wife Arlene, their four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. Bill was, by profession, a firefighter and spent the last twenty-eight years at the Vancouver International Airport in this capacity. Following retirement he was active in several organizations including the British Columbia Colony of Mayflower Descendants. Bill's contributions and loyalty to the BC Colony over the years both as Regent and Treasurer were enormously appreciated. As the Colony began to experience difficult years in terms of declining membership Bill and his wife Arlene never missed a meeting in spite of Bill's declining health. He will be missed.

Nova Scotia Colony News J.G. Wood, Regent

The Nova Scotia Colony held their 2010 spring meeting 19 June at Acadia University, Wolfville, NS. The New England Planters Studies Conference was being held at the same site.

Our executive met prior to the general meeting.

Lunch was catered by the university. We set up a table to promote our Colony and the Mayflower Society; we received a considerable amount of interest among those attending the Planters Conference. Thanks to Judi Archibald, Shirlev Morrisey and Marlene Wood who volunteered to sit at the table during our meeting. Several indicated that they



Gordon Wood, Marlene Wood, Shirley Morrisey, Judi Archibald , Gary Archibald

were working on Mayflower lines.

Alberta Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

The 2010 Executive of the Alberta Colony of

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Alberta Mayflower Colony 2010 Annual General Meeting and Compact Lunch

Please plan to attend the 2010 Annual General Meet-

ing and Compact Lunch to be held on

Saturday, October 23, 2010

At the Red Deer Golf and Country Club

> 4500 Fountain Drive

Red Deer, Alberta (403) 340 4461

The Annual General Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., cocktails at a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m. (noon). This year's menu will be a traditional Thanksgiv-

ing dinner including Butternut Squash Soup en Croute, Traditional Turkey Dinner and Pumpkin Pie.

The cost is \$50.00 per person. To reserve, please make your cheque payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants – Alberta Colony and send it to:

Arlie Fawcett, 3428 Underwood Place N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2N 4G7:

before October 12, 2010

Arlie can also be reached at (403) 282-2443 or at arlief@shaw.ca.

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