



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Column by Joyce Cutler



Our historian, Susan Roser has been nominated for the position of Secretary General on the Board of Assistants for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. It is certainly an honour for Susan and our Canadian Society for her to be nominated for this job. The election will take place this coming September at Congress and if she is elected I think that it would help give us a closer relationship with the General Society. We all wish her the

best of luck.

This year the Board of Assistants has decided to have only the Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon in November, which will take place as usual at the Cricket Club in Toronto. Our 30th Anniversary Meeting was held last November in Burlington and we were thoroughly entertained by Robert Torr and Ryan Kelly. They specially prepared a great programme with Irving Berlin and Broadway songs just for our 30th Anniversary meeting.

The Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon as well as the Annual General Meetings for the colonies are a very important part of our *Mayflower* Society's activities. It is an opportunity for our members to get together with other members and discuss their genealogies, the latest sources for *Mayflower* information or new books coming out, all this while they are enjoying a good meal and some sort of entertainment. We appreciate the support of those who have attended these functions in the past and hope that our members will continue to make these meetings a success.

Minutes of the '30th Annual Meeting and Compact Lunch of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants' November 13, 2010 - The Hilton Garden Inn - Burlington, Ontario.

A meet-and-greet got the day's activities off to a good start. Those attending were:

Joyce Cutler, Kathleen Merckel, Andrea Cormier, Ashley Cormier, Carole Cormier, Susan Roser, Dale Lahey, Elizabeth and Brendan Larrabee, Keith and Helen Bain, Martha Olmstead and Elizabeth Kelly, Marion Smith Tait and Cyndee Case, Lynne Webb and Gary Bagley, Bill and Thelma Goss, Connie and Doug Bryce, Myrna Geldart, Arnold and Barbara Nethercott.

Governor Joyce Cutler opened our meeting with greetings to all members and guests. She reminded us that 30 years ago, James McGivern established our Society and now, our latest membership number issued is 543. The minutes of the previous meeting, that had been published in the most recent newsletter, volume 29 #1 of the *Canadian Pilgrim*, were accepted. Motion to accept - Bill Goss. Seconded - Connie Bryce.



Elizabeth Larrabee read the *Mayflower* Compact.

Lynne Webb conducted the Ancestral Roll Call. The Billington and Cooke families tied with the most descendants present. The descendants of John Cooke, a child on the *Mayflower*, were counted for the first time.

Necrology:

Myrna Geldart gave the names of members who died during the year. We showed our respect with a moment of silence. Our late members thus honoured were: Barbara Clarke, the mother of our secretary, Debbie and her brother, Doug, Harland Archibald of Nova Scotia, Gregory Beifer of Nepean, Kate Berscht of Caledonia, past Historian and Captain, William Melvin Brown, former Regent of the BC Colony, of Langley, BC, Allyn Dean, past Treasurer and Member at Large of Toronto

The following reports were presented:

1) Governor - Joyce Cutler

We have purchased a brick commemorating our society, to be placed in a walk to be constructed in the *Mayflower* House grounds, at a cost of \$250, US.

2) Deputy Governor/Historian - Susan Roser

Historian's Report:

We have 18 new members so far and will likely end the year with about 20.

We have a new MF book which has just been released - a Howland book vol. 23, part 2, giving the 5th and 6th generations up to the birth of the 7th for daughters Hannah and Lydia of John Howland. We are still waiting for MF books on George Soule and William Brewster - the only two *Mayflower* families for whom we have no five-generation book.

Deputy Governor's Report:

The Triennial Congress is coming up in Plymouth in September 2011. It occurred to me that everyone might not know that you can experience the excitement of Congress and not be required to attend the 2 days of business meetings as a delegate. You must still register and pay the registration fee which enables you to sign up for the tours and the final banquet. If they have the room, they often have extra seating at the back of the room for "silent observers" for those interested in listening in on all or part of the meetings. If anyone plans to do this, let me know so that we know you are in Plymouth. We usually try to get together for dinner with our Canadian members. There are usually 500-600 *Mayflower* people in Plymouth for Congress, so particularly when you go on the tours, it's a chance

to get to know fellow members from all over North America.

3) Treasurer - Lynne Webb - The Treasurer's report was read by her husband, Gary Bagley, since Lynne was acting secretary for the meeting and busy taking minutes.

Bank balance - Canadian account - as of Oct. 31, 2010 \$27,106.22

Bank balance - American account - as of Oct. 31, 2010 \$4776.01

4) - Database - Dale Lahey

Read by Joyce. Dale reminds everyone to please send in their picture and biography as soon as possible if they have not yet done so.

5) - The Nominating Committee

Chair - Myrna Geldart Members - Deborah Clarke and Elizabeth Larrabee. We thank them for finding the following slate of nominees who were elected:

Historian - Susan Roser

Treasurer - Lynne Webb

Member at large - Mary Nichols

The slate was moved by Bill Goss, Seconded by Dale Lahey.

Following Grace given by Arnold Nethercott and the Toast given by Keith Bain, an excellent buffet was served and enjoyed by all. The Hilton serving staff was very efficient and friendly.

We ended our meeting with Muthe Rob Torr musical group, introduced by Susan Roser, that sang Irving Berlin and Broadway songs. The pair of singers were talented and the songs were set in funny skits. We thank Joyce for finding them and ending a very pleasant Compact meeting on a high note! Joyce gave her closing remarks and wished us all a safe journey home.

Lynne Webb

Nov. 13, 2010

In Memoriam

Harry Lillis Crosby died 7 October 1977 at Madrid, Spain aged 73 or 74. A descendant of Pilgrim William Brewster, "Bing" had been a Life member of the Massachusetts Society since 1954. Although he apparently never visited Plymouth, the beloved singer did write a letter in 1970, published in *The Old Colony Memorial*, in which he said "We are justly proud of our Pilgrims." He is survived by his wife Kathryn and seven children.

The Mayflower Quarterly 43 [Nov. 1977]: 104.



Descendants of the *Mayflower's* passengers may be legion, but proving the lineage is no easy task.

By Christine Legere, Boston Globe Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — What do John Adams, Marilyn Monroe, and Dan Quayle have in common? A bloodline flowing back to *Mayflower* passenger John Alden.

That young English barrel maker, according to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, dared to vie with Myles Standish for the affection of young Priscilla Mullins. Alden prevailed, and the couple married and had 10 children.

Alden was among the 100 or so European men, women, and children who boarded the *Mayflower* bound for America in September 1620, but after the first winter only about 50 remained to face the New World. From that modest number came estimated millions who could claim a direct lineage to the *Mayflower* voyagers. Yet very few of those have assembled the irrefutable proof to join the official ranks of Pilgrim descendants.

The *General Society of Mayflower Descendants*, an organization whose mission is to "honor the memory of those who made that perilous voyage," was chartered in Boston in 1897 and now had 52 chapters nationwide. Only those with Pilgrim blood ties are admitted as members. About 82,268 descendants have been documented in the 113 years since the society was established.

All chapters are overseen by the Plymouth chapter, headquartered on the grounds of the grand Mayflower Society House built by Edward Winslow in the 18th century and located a mere stone's throw from Plymouth Rock and the *Mayflower* replica.

This weekend, governors and lieutenant governors from each chapter of the society are gathering in California for the annual meeting of the organization's so-called board of assistants.

"This is the meeting where we deal with the nitty-gritty business of the society, and among that business will be how many new members we've had in the last year," said the society's historian general, Paul Bumpus, of Plymouth. "We generally have as many as 2,000 to 2,500 yearly" nationwide.



All those seeking membership into the society must first have their documentation approved by Bumpus. Currently, there are 28,000 documented, dues-paying Mayflower descendants, according to Bonnie Conant, who maintains the membership database.

Conant said the number of applications has soared since last February, when NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" started backtracking through the bloodlines of celebrities like Susan Sarandon and Matthew Broderick. Watchers of the television program became interested in tracking their ancestry, and many hoped for a link to the Pilgrims.

"We were deluged with people asking for preliminary reviews," Conant said. "People pay \$20 to see if they have any legitimate claim." She said the society scans its records, and if something surfaces, it's up to the applicant to provide documentation for a final review.

"When you join the society, you pick a [*Mayflower*] passenger to join through," Bumpus said, of the application process. Ancestry can be traced through sources such as birth, marriage, and death certificates, along with probate and land records, and census information.

"All applications for membership end up on my desk," he said. "And not everybody who applies gains membership. You might try to prove your link circumstantially, and I may not agree with it. Sometimes I have to say, 'This isn't sufficiently proved.'"

Shows like "Who Do You Think You Are?" tend to make such genealogical searches look deceptively easy. "They use the census to prove things on the show,"



Bumpus said. But such proof would not be enough to support a claim to Pilgrim heritage. "The census is only useful as corroborative proof."

According to society librarian Carolyn Freeman Travers, the long paper trail may ultimately end in disappointment. "Membership can be really difficult, if not impossible," she said.

Society member Caleb Johnson, a historian, developed a website called mayflowerhistory.com that may prove

Said Bumpus, "A large number want that certificate to put up on the wall."

There are other perks. Members receive the *Mayflower Quarterly*, a small magazine that discusses issues and events both nationally and in the state societies, free use of the society's genealogical library in Plymouth, and invitations to annual meetings. Members may also attend the very popular national Congress, held every three years at the Mayflower Society House.



Mayflower Society House—Plymouth Massachusetts

useful for some. On the website Johnson offers a sampling of famous Pilgrim descendants — including presidents, authors, and celebrities such as Monroe and Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner — as well as primary sources for genealogical searches.

So why do people go to the trouble of proving their *Mayflower* heritage?

"Sometimes they are just curious about what a great aunt may have told them," Travers said. "But it may also be because people feel disconnected from their families. Maybe a parent has died."

The best perk for members may be that their family's documentation, once submitted to confirm the *Mayflower* link, is kept safely tucked away in a fireproof vault on the society's property, so that generations of future descendants can quickly establish membership to the group.

When such information was pulled recently for one applicant, a photo of her great-grandparents was among the documentation in the vault. "It can be very emotional," Bumpus said. "That woman had never seen the picture before. She cried."



For some *Mayflower* descendants, the trip to the Mayflower Society House is a pilgrimage. "We've had people sail into the harbor," Bumpus said. "One couple sailed up the coast from the Carolinas. The whole idea of sailing into Plymouth Harbor was big for them."

Up until last January, *Mayflower* descendants tracked their ties solely to the Mayflower's male passengers. Bumpus changed that so lineage can now be claimed through the Mayflower's women and children, too. The main impact is on how many passengers can be claimed as forebears, since Pilgrims and their descendants intermarried, often creating complex family trees. Bumpus, for example, has 35 *Mayflower* passengers in his lineage.

While the expansion of passengers was well-received, a few questioned the inclusion of Peregrine White, who was born on the *Mayflower* in November 1620, when the vessel was moored in Provincetown harbor.

"Some argued he hadn't made the journey across the ocean," said Bumpus, who disagrees, saying White had simply made the journey in the womb.

(Published in The Boston Globe Sept. 12, 2010)

New Pilgrim Book by Jeremy Bangs

Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners –Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, published and distributed by *The General Society of Mayflower Descendants*, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 2009. 928 pages, illustrated, maps. Hard cover \$55.00 plus \$14.00 shipping and handling.

This book was extensively reviewed by Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr. in the Fall 2010 issue of *The Shallop*. In his review he states:

Who were the Pilgrims who came to New England on the 1620 voyage of the ship Mayflower? Whether you think of them as a famous part of America's colonial history or you approach them through your own family history, you will discover new and unexpected chapters in their story in the book published by the General Society last year by Dr. Jeremy Bangs.

This is [Jeremy Bangs] sixth volume about the Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony and represents more than thirty years of research in English, American, and Dutch archives. Other records studied include archives of other Leiden and Amsterdam church congregations, and all 24 volumes of the Plymouth Colony Records, 12 of which are unpublished.



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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

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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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), 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 data-

base 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 _ SPRING 2011

Myrna Geldart – Librarian

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

The following book has recently been added to our collection

Silver Book Volume 23 Part 2 John Howland - the Fifth Generation of his children Lydia and Hannah.

DUES NOTICE

Please remember that your 2012 membership dues of **\$45** will be required by **November 30, 2011**. 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.

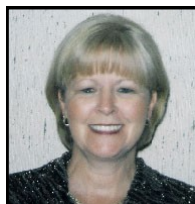
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You may wish to pay \$90 to cover 2012 and 2013.

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

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News Flash!

Congratulations are extended to our very own Susan Roser for her nomination to the position of Secretary General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Only once before has a Canadian served

on the GSMD Executive Committee and that was when Mel Donald was Elder General. The elections for new executive members will take place in September.

Susan more than deserves this recognition given her tireless efforts on behalf of the Canadian Society as well as her contributions to *Mayflower* scholarship through the many books she has written and published.



New Members

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David Curry Ross
Surrey, BC

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David Andrew Curry
Toronto, ON

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Nancy Lynn Curry
Vancouver, BC

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Linda Kathleen Anne Charron
Windsor ON

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Renee Linda Charron
Windsor ON

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Jason Mark David Charron
Windsor ON

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Jeanette Grace Kulak
Stony Plain AB

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Gail Irene Anne Rehman
Edmonton AB

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Dougal John McDonald
Calgary AB

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Wendy Marlene McNally
Calgary AB

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George Gardiner McNeillie III
Toronto ON

New Members

NEW MAYFLOWER BOOK !

Mayflower Passenger References (from contemporary records & scholarly journals)

by Susan E. Roser



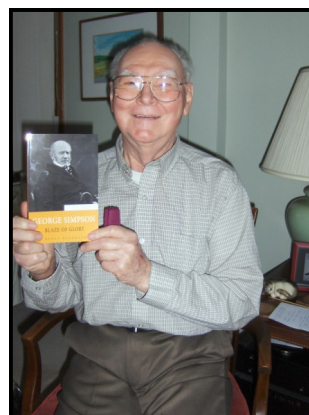
This new *Mayflower* book will be in print in May. Contemporary records and sources were used to provide documented references to the known facts about the passengers. Scholarly journals were searched to provide up to date information. Approximately 550 pp., hardcover, index, many pictures of Pilgrim memorials, bibliography. Contact Susan in May about pricing and availability.

www.rosers@sympatico.ca

New Book - Congratulations

Dale T. Lahey, Captain in the Canadian Society, has recently published:

George Simpson: Blaze of Glory.



Born in Scotland and trained as a sugar broker in London, England, Sir George Simpson (1792-1860) was unexpectedly appointed in 1820 as governor

of Rupert's Land and the Indian territories, an area encompassing all of Canada from Hudson Bay to the Pacific Ocean. By his friendliness of manner, strict discipline, and vigorous and constant travel, he brought peace and prosperity to the vast empire under his control.

Simpson's explorations opened Canada from Labrador to British Columbia and from Yukon to Nunavut. He was knighted in 1841, then travelled around the world, predicting the fall of California to the United States, saving the Hawaiians from colonial occupation, and describing the mysteries of remotest Siberia. Praised as the governor who "combined the widest range of authority and the longest tenure of power ever enjoyed by one man in North America," he stands with Sir John A. Macdonald as one of the greatest Makers of Canada.

For more details relating to this publication go to http://www.dundurn.com/books/george_simpson



What's in a Name?

Remember Charley Grace Huter



Canadian Society Member Paul Robins has very proudly announced the birth and name of his great granddaughter, Remember Huter. Paul and his wife Ruth have 33 descendants that include 17 Great Grandchildren. Remember Charley Grace Huter is number 16. The name "Remember" occurs no less

than 4 times in Paul's family history as follows: Remember Allerton, Remember Maverick, Remember Tuttle and now Remember Huter.

The following quote from an email to Paul from his granddaughter, Sarah Huter, underscores the importance of genealogical research to this family.

"Please know how grateful we are that you did all the work to find such a stunningly unique and beautiful name for us to give our little girl. Others might not find it as fascinating as we do but to heck with them. I do hope this little piece puts some life back into the "story" of dates and names. Also know that because of your work, I know my family's history and while not everyone will take the time to read your research, I want our family to know it is something to be incredibly proud of."

Paul's Granddaughter prepared the following article which we are delighted to include in this issue of the *Canadian Pilgrim*.

Remember Allerton – 1614/15 - 1652

Remember was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Allerton. She was born in Leiden Holland around 1614 or 1615...an exact birth date is unknown.

Her parents were part of a core group of English Separatists that didn't believe in the Church of England. Instead, they had their own set of beliefs. The Pilgrims were Calvinist Protestants. They followed the teachings of John Calvin on how to worship God.

King Henry the 8th had decided to separate from Rome and the Catholic Church when the Pope wouldn't allow him to divorce his wife. Following him King James undertook the "re-writing" of the Bible. King James is often referred to as the nemesis of the Pilgrims whose primary reasons for leaving England involved the right to religious freedom, to practice and worship their own set of beliefs.

When King James denied the Pilgrim's request to form their own church they decided to move to Holland where religious freedom was practiced and where they would be allowed to worship God as they saw fit. They fled England for Holland in 1608. By 1609 they had left their first settlement in Amsterdam and moved to Leiden. Many of the *Mayflower* children were born there including Remember, her younger sister Mary and their older brother Bartholomew.

Leiden was a crowded city of small brick houses and canals in 1609. It was also home to one of Europe's best Universities in what at the time was one of Europe's most tolerant and wealthiest countries.

Many Pilgrims worked in the textile industry and Isaac was no exception. He was a tailor by trade. Concern for their children's future was the main reason behind the Pilgrims departure from Leiden. They were worried about the disintegration of their community, standards and beliefs caused by their youth's interaction with the secular world of Leiden. The younger Pilgrims and children were slowly adopting Dutch traditions, so the Puritans decided in order to completely obtain religious freedom, they needed two things: the ability to speak English and a new place they could colonize with their own people. The solution was to travel to the New World.

When the Allertons sailed away from Holland, Isaac and Mary left behind the grave of an infant born and buried in Leiden in February 1620 and Mary was expecting once again.

The *Mayflower* set out for the new world on September 16 1620 with 49 men, 18 women and 35 youth. Remember would have been no more than 6 years of age. They arrived in Plymouth on December 21st 1620. The Pilgrims spent that first winter aboard the ship and by January 1621 many *Mayflower* passengers had begun to sicken and die. In fact by then there were only 51 survivors just 22 men, 4 women and 26 youth.

Remember and her siblings along with her father survived. Her mother did not. Mary Norris Allerton gave birth to a stillborn baby aboard the *Mayflower* on December 22 1620. She never recovered her health and died 2 months later.

Remember married Moses Maverick of Marblehead in 1635, she would have been 20 or 21 years old. Remember and Moses had 7 children. It seems likely that Remember died in childbirth. Her last child, a girl, was also given the name Remember. She was born in 1652.

Many aboard the *Mayflower* had what would be considered today to be an eccentric name. In addition to Re-



member there were girls named Humility, Constance, Damaris and Desire. Eccentric names were not limited to girls only, on the ship there were boys named Oceanus and also Resolved, Wrestling, Peregrine and Love.

In 1623 two more vessels arrived in Plymouth, the *Anne* and the *Little James* and aboard one was a woman of 18 named Fear Brewster. She married Isaac Allerton in 1627 and Fear became Remember's step-mother!!

Remember Tuttle, the great granddaughter of Remember Allerton was next in line to be given this unique name. She lived from 1702-1735.

Remember Charley Grace Huter is the 4th woman in our family's colourful vagabond history to carry this beautiful name. She was born on December 20th 2010, almost 390 years after the *Mayflower* landed in Plymouth.

Mayflower Society Garden Walkway Project

The December *Mayflower Quarterly*, pp 396-7 provides information on this exciting new fund-raising project. For a donation of \$150, members may have an engraved brick placed in the walkway in the gardens at the Society house in Plymouth.

**SUSAN E. ROSER
IN MEMORY OF
THE ALLERTON FAMILY**

This is a wonderful way for members not only to honour their ancestors, but to leave their own mark in Plymouth, the land of our ancestors. I ordered bricks for my father and myself, mine reads "Susan E. Roser, In Memory of the Allerton Family," using three lines of text. Buy a brick for yourself or a family member – children, grandchildren – and have your name (and theirs) immortalized on the grounds of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth. The first phase is planned for September 2011, so please have your orders in by April 30, 2011. Order forms can be downloaded from www.TheMayflowerSociety.com



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

Gregory Biefer who died 12 Sept 2010
Barbara Clarke who died 10 Nov 2010

Venison as Served by the Pilgrims

Here's venison the way the Pilgrims likely served it, from Gervase Markham's *English Housewife* (1630).

"If you will roast any venison, after you have washed it, and cleansed all the blood from it, you shall stick it with cloves all over on the outside; and if it be lean you shall lard it either with mutton lard, or pork lard, but mutton is the best: then spit it and roast it by a soaking fire, then take vinegar, bread crumbs, and some of the gravy which comes from the venison, and boil them well in a dish; then season it with sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt, and serve the venison forth upon the sauce when it is roasted enough."

Nova Scotia Colony Report

The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants held their 2010 Annual Meeting October 2 in the picturesque seaside community of Mahone Bay at the Mahone Bay Centre. Officers were elected as follows: Regent, Gordon Wood; Vice-Regent, Sandy Fairbanks, until after our 2011 fall meeting when Sandy will take the position of Regent; Treasurer, Gary Archibald; Secretary, Penny Henneberry; Elder, Dorothy Allan; Captain, Sandy Fairbanks; Member-at-Large, Ed Morrissey. Judi Archibald was elected Historian and is busy assisting Mayflower descendants document their lines.

The program, "Managing Digital Photos", was presented by David Allen. David demonstrated the process to scan slides & film to digital images, labelling, editing and archiving the images.

A discussion was held on the issue of shrinking attendance at our meetings. It was determined that we had lost contact with some members, possibly due to changes in email addresses. Gary Archibald volun-



teered to produce a newsletter and distribute it by regular mail; this has been effective in renewing contact and payment of membership dues.

A lovely chilli & soup was provided by Joyce Allen, sandwiches & sweets were prepared by Judi Archibald & Marlene Wood.

Members & guests posed for a photo before venturing out to attend activities associated with Mahone Bay's Scarecrow Festival.

Our spring meeting is scheduled for May 28 in Halifax with Terry Punch as guest speaker.

Plans are already on the table for the Nova Scotia Colony's Meeting in Yarmouth on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. On Friday evening, plans are to have a special program on early land grants, a visit from a 1760's woman settler and a land surveyor, our AGM and a reception. Saturday, we have invited "Hester Cooke" from Plimoth Plantation to come and share her experiences with us. Yarmouth is celebrating its 250th Anniversary this year so come and enjoy the atmosphere.

Gordon Wood, Regent



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