



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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31st Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon

Date - Saturday, October 22, 2011

**Place - Toronto Skating Curling and Cricket Club
(see map on page 7)**

141 Wilson Ave., Toronto, Ontario

Time - 11:30 am Social Hour and Cash Bar

12:30 pm Meeting and Luncheon

2:15 pm Speaker Jennifer D`Attolico

Topic - Leisure in the 1800`s

Cost - Buffet Luncheon \$42.00 per person

Note - Please make your reservations by Oct.17, 2011

Send Cheque or Money Order payable to CSMD to treasurer - Lynne Webb,

**2927 Highfield Cr.,
Ottawa, ON K2B 6G4**

Directions - Highway 401 east or west to Avenue Road South. Turn left (east) on Wilson Ave. to the Cricket Club, which is number 141 on the right hand side.

** Please note that Susan Roser's new book, **Mayflower Passenger References** will be available for sale at the meeting. Save the cost of shipping. (See page 5 for details.)*

Governor's Column by Joyce Cutler



Congratulations are in order for our historian, Susan Roser, who has been elected for the position of Secretary General on the General Board of Assistants for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. We know that she will do a great job in this position and wish her all the best.

This fall we have moved ahead the date for our Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon to October 22, 11:30am to 3:30pm at the Toronto Cricket Club. We have done this in order to give our members an extra hour more of daylight for travelling home from the event. Also, since this date is three weeks earlier than usual, there is a little less chance of stormy weather.

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Pictures From the 30th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon— 30 November 2010



Barbara and Arnold Nethercott



Cnydee Case, Lynne Webb and Marion Tait





Myrna Geldart



Susan Roser and Keith Bain



Brendan and Elizabeth Larrabee





The Mayflower Dogs

In *Mourt's Relation*, (1622) Edward Winslow has left a record of at least two dogs who participated in the settling of Plymouth Colony. He tells us a mastiff and a spaniel were involved in the first explorations of discovery on Cape Cod and the activities of homebuilding during the first winter ashore. Although there may have been other pets aboard Mayflower during her historic voyage, they are not mentioned.



Old English Mastiff

The breed of dog properly described as the 'Old English Mastiff' is a giant short-haired dog with a heavy head and short muzzle. It had been bred in England for over two thousand years as a watchdog. The mastiffs were referred to as 'bandogs' or 'tiedogs, meaning they were tied up during the day, but loose at night.' They were also used as hunting dogs by the nobility. They were powerful, agile and courageous dogs. These were large dogs which stand from 27 to 30 inches high at the shoulders. The color of the dogs runs from apricot to silver fawn and fawn brindle.

The Spaniel breeds have been valued by the hunters because of their inherent desire to hunt. This quality allows the dog to search the ground ahead of the hunter at a fast, snappy pace. However, the dogs must be trained to be under control at all times. Ordinarily trustworthy and adaptable, the spaniel has always

been popular because of its love of home and family.



English Springer Spaniel

The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-size sporting dog with a moderately long coat and glossy feathering on its legs, ears, chest and brisket. It has pendulous ears and a gentle expression. This is a member of the ancient family of spaniels. The dog is friendly, eager to please, quick to learn and willing to obey.

This English Springer Spaniel is a black and white dog which stands between 19 and 20 inches at the shoulders.

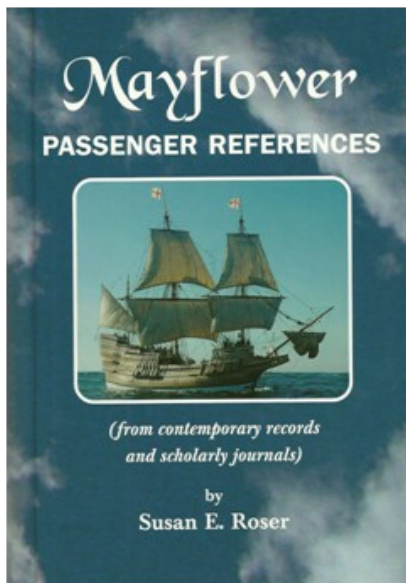
The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony 1620. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mosmd/pilgdogs.htm>

Mayflower Passenger References (from contemporary records & scholarly journals) by Susan E. Roser

This new reference book contains references to every passenger found in early New England contemporary records and sources. The author has gone back to the original 17th century sources to compile what was actually known and written about each passenger at the time they lived.

Early accounts will be found by contemporaries such as Altham, Aspinwall, Bradford, de Rasieres, Hubbard, Lechford, Mather, Morton, Mourt, Pory, Prince, Purchas, Sewall, Smith, Winslow and Winthrop. Have you ever wondered where a particular fact





originated? If you don't find it here, then it may not be a "fact" after all.

Full bibliography, index; hardcover, over 90 pictures, xviii + 525pp.; \$50 plus \$15 P&H in Canada (\$18 in US); Paypal, cheque or money order payable to the author.

Contact rosers@sympatico.ca or visit www.mayflower-passengers.com for more info. (Watch for the review in the September



Bing Crosby Revisited

I enjoyed reading the March 15, 2011 edition of the Canadian Pilgrim and was especially pleased to see the In Memoriam for Bing Crosby. I had my photo taken with him on the ferry between Vancouver Island the Mainland in 1951. He had been fishing at Campbell River and we were moving to Alberta. We didn't make it to Alberta but settled in Vernon, BC. Little did we know that our ancestors had sailed together on a much longer voyage over 300 years earlier. That is Bing, me and my sister, Glenna in the



attached photo taken by Bill Morrow. Bing was pointing at an imaginary sea gull to get us to look in the same direction.

Maureen McGee, Prince George, BC

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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

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 -Fall 2012

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

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.

Send your payment to:

Ms. Lynne Webb
2927 Highfield Crescent
Ottawa, Ontario
K2B 6G4

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.

hathaway-2000@comnet.ca

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee: Susan Roser, Chairman, Elizabeth Larrabee and Mary Nichols, submit the following slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting in Toronto, ON, October 22nd, 2011:

Captain: **George M. McNeillie**

Corresponding Secretary: **Brent Rutherford**

Elder: **Robert V. White**

Recording Secretary: **Deborah M. Clarke**

Surgeon: **Dr. George Nye**



New Members

537
David Ross Curry
Surrey BC

548
Donald Alton Cook
Arcadia NS

549
Barbara Ellen Smith
Burlington ON

550
Ethel Margery Brough
Burlington ON

New Members



Recognizing Our Members

Our members are an interesting bunch and this new feature will allow us to get to know each other. If we have a photo and info on you in our membership database, you just may find yourself featured here in the next issue. If we do not have them then we cannot include you, so please send them to us.



Sharon Cadieux of Ontario has long been active in the Ontario Genealogical Society and the UEL, as well as other societies. She also enjoys antiques and gardening.

Lineage: John Howland-Desire Howland-Mercy Gorham-Thankful Denison-Anna Stanton-Anna Chesebrough.....



Gary Archibald of Nova Scotia is a retired teacher & principal. He is very active within his community, serving on boards of libraries and historical societies.

Lineage: Thomas Rogers-Joseph Rogers-Elizabeth Rogers-Elisha Higgins-Jonathan Higgins-Joshua Higgins.....



Ken Hopkins of Quebec is a retired software project manager. He enjoys golf and boating and travelling with his wife, particularly spending winters in Florida.

Lineage: Thomas Rogers-John Rogers-Elizabeth Rogers-Mary Richmond-Bezaleel Loring-Bezaleel Loring....



Dr. Alan Wright, a Professor of chemistry in Connecticut, has Maritime roots through his father. Alan and his wife enjoy summers in Greece.

Lineage: William Brewster-Patience Brewster-Mercy Prentice-Nathaniel Freeman-Lydia Freeman-Simeon Freeman...



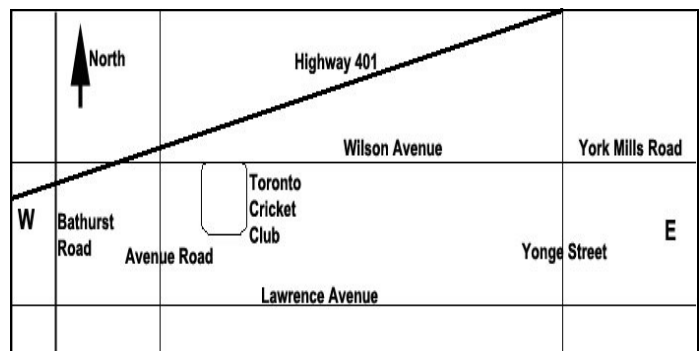
Rob Wilkinson, a toolmaker in England, enjoys a variety of hobbies including numismatics (look it up!), digital photograph manipulation, philately and family history.

Lineage: Thomas Rogers-Joseph Rogers-James Rogers-James Rogers-James Rogers-Prince Rogers...

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For our entertainment, we have been very fortunate to get Jennifer D'Attolico from Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto, who will give a presentation on the topic, "Leisure in the 1800's". We look forward to hearing about this rather unusual topic, which I am sure will be very informative and interesting.

This promises to be a great day with not only a good speaker, but good food and a chance to meet with our fellow Mayflower descendants, so I look forward to seeing many of you at this event.





Dale T. Lahey



In this issue we salute the Captain of our Society, Dale T. Lahey of Guelph, Ont. Dale has served on the Society board for 14 years and among his many accomplishments is the design and implementation of our membership database. This wonderful resource allows the board to easily compile and

keep track of members' data. Dale will be retiring when his term expires this year and we would like to extend to him our deep appreciation for his many years of generous time and dedication to our Society.

Dale was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and grew up in Athabasca, Alberta. He served 1955-1960 in the Royal Canadian Air Force, 442 Squadron, 123 Rescue Flight, Sea Island, British Columbia. He attended the University of British Columbia, Honours B.A. 1962, Teaching Certificate 1962, M.A. 1963. He spent his career in Ontario secondary teaching. Now retired, he devotes his time to family history and genealogy, and has published genealogies of his Lahey, Ryder, Corey and Simpson lines. Early this year he published "George Simpson: Blaze of Glory" and he is now working on another book.

Dale has been a member of the Board of Assistants since 1997 and has served as Editor of the newsletter *Canadian Pilgrim* (1998-2003), Captain (2000-2011), and Database Administrator (2004-2011). Dale is descended from Mayflower passengers William Brewster (two lines), Stephen Hopkins and William White.

Thanksgiving Traditions

Canadian vs. American Thanksgiving Toronto Sun, October 05, 2010

It's an annual feast held the second Monday of October, but the calendar isn't the only thing that distinguishes our Thanksgiving from that celebrated south of

the border. Unlike the American tradition of remembering and paying tribute to Pilgrims, Canadians give thanks for a successful harvest. It's a tradition that dates back to ancient European festivities that celebrated the bounty of the harvest and enough food to survive the winter.

English explorer Martin Frobisher is widely credited with hosting the first Canadian Thanksgiving. It was held in what is now Newfoundland during his expedition's attempts to find the Northwest Passage to the Orient in 1578 and marked their safe arrival to the New World. That means our first Thanksgiving was celebrated 43 years before the English colonists arrived in Plymouth, Mass. in 1620. French settlers arriving in Canada with explorer Samuel de Champlain also held huge feasts of thanks.

During the American Revolution, Americans loyal to England moved to Canada and brought along Thanksgiving customs and practices. But recipes handed down from previous generations can differ on either side of the 49th parallel. Take pumpkin pie, for example: Canadians enjoy a spicy pie infused with nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and ginger, while Americans typically complete their feast with one that's custardy and sweet.

Over the years, many dates were used to mark fall's bounty. Since Parliament issued a proclamation in 1957, Thanksgiving Day in Canada has always been held on the second Monday in October and remains a time to give thanks for food, friends, families and everything good in our lives. Americans celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November, when they indulge not only in food, but also in watching football and shopping.

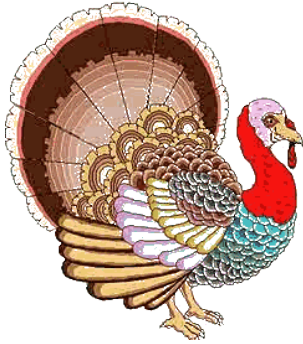
Pumpkin Pie

There is a great tradition of serving Pumpkin Pie on Thanksgiving Day in both the United States and Canada. It all began when the European settlers first came to the New World and were introduced to the pumpkin by the American Indians. As soon as the settlers realized the pumpkin's versatility they began using it in both sweet and savoury dishes. The English settlers first made a pumpkin pie by substituting fresh pumpkin for the thick pulp of other boiled and spiced fruits that were called for in their sweet pie recipes. Today the pumpkin pie has evolved into an open-faced single crust pie shell that is filled with a smooth custard-like filling made with pumpkin puree, eggs, cream or milk, sugar, and spices (mixture usually consisting of cinnamon, ginger, allspice, and cloves). It is considered a "soft" pie because it is made with an unbaked



crust and uncooked filling that is baked until the crust has browned and the filling has set. After letting the pie cool to room temperature, it is usually served with a dollop of softly whipped cream

<http://www.joyofbaking.com/pumpkinpie.html#ixzz1WRKTOLri>



The Turkey Tradition

Benjamin Franklin remarked that "the turkey is a much more respectable Bird and withal a true original Native of North America." He was in favour of making the turkey that national bird of the United States instead of the Bald Eagle. Though there

is no real evidence that turkey was served at the Pilgrim's first thanksgiving, but through ages it became an indispensable part of the Thanksgiving tradition. The tradition of turkey is rooted in the *History Of Plymouth Plantation*, written by William Bradford some 22 years after the actual celebration.

The turkey has brown features with buff-coloured feathers on the tips of the wing and on the tail. The male turkey is called a 'tom'. It is bigger and brighter with more colourful plumage. Also it has a long wattle (a fleshy, wrinkled, brightly coloured fold of skin hanging from the neck or throat) at the base of its bill and additional wattles on the neck, as well as a prominent tuft of bristles resembling a beard projecting downward from its chest. The female is called a 'hen' and is generally smaller and drab in color. The wild turkey is native to northern Mexico and the eastern United States. Later it was domesticated in Mexico, and was brought into Europe early in the 16th century. Since that time, turkeys have been extensively raised because of the excellent quality of their meat and eggs. Some of the common breeds of turkey in the United States are the Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, and Bourbon Red.

In his letter sent to England Edward Winslow, another Pilgrim, describes how the governor sent "four men out fowling" and they returned with turkeys, ducks and geese. Unfortunately the Bradford document was lost after being taken away by the British during the War of Independence. Later it was rediscovered in 1854. And since then turkey turned out to be a popular symbol of the Thanksgiving Day. And today of all the Thanksgiving symbols it has become the most well known.



REPORT OF THE 39TH GENERAL CONGRESS PLYMOUTH, MASS, SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13, 2011

The Canadian delegation included Lynne Webb (and Gary) of Ontario, George Nye (and Elaine) of Alberta, and Gordon Wood and Sandy Fairbanks (and Nancy) of Nova Scotia, giving us a delegation of six.

1. The entire slate of nominees as published in the Mayflower Quarterly were elected, after several nominations from the floor. The new Governor General is Bruce C. MacGunnigle from Rhode Island.
2. Susan Roser won the election for Secretary General against nominee from the floor, Barbara Carpenter the current Secretary General.
3. All state societies were represented at this Congress with the exception of Montana and West Virginia, with a total of voting 317 delegates. The number of those registered was over 600.
4. Because of time constraints, the majority of the 36 proposed amendments were tabled and will have to be re-submitted by the state societies. The amendments which did pass were the reorganization of the constitution and by-laws and the necessity for an applicant to provide the signatures of two members to vouch for him. The proposal to have former Governors General included as members of the Executive Committee was defeated.
5. Check out the society website, it has been totally revamped www.themayflowersociety.com
6. Noted researchers Caleb Johnson and Jeremy Bangs gave seminars on their ongoing research on some of the women of the Mayflower - however they had no definitive findings to report. Jeremy was also the guest speaker at the closing banquet.

Thank you to our delegates for attending this Congress and providing their input We were also happy to see members Marion Tait and Cyndee Case in town who joined us at the closing banquet. A special thank you to George Nye who gave my nomination speech and made me sound so good!

Submitted by Susan E. Roser, DGG and Joyce A. Cutler, AG



Alberta Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

2011 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Date : August 23rd, 2011

Location: Residence of Regent, Terry Smith

Executive present: Terry Smith, Regent
Phillip Thorpe, Past Regent
Ann Murphy, Vice Regent

Due to Illness Arlie Fawcett Treasurer was unable to attend

Al Collins Captain/Chaplain unable to attend

Secretary Vacant

Historian Sharon Olsen would like to step down

There not being enough people to form a quorum, we could only hold a general discussion amongst the three members in attendance. It was decided that we would ask the general membership to let us know what they would like the Alberta Colony to do about going forward.

Would you, the members, like to carry on with the luncheon idea or go back to a dinner for the fall Compact and AGM? In order to hold such an event we require a degree of commitment from the membership, not only in respect to attendance at the function but also to being prepared to come forward and fill vacant positions on the board.

We would like to receive any comments about the cancelled Luncheon last year in Red Deer due to poor attendance. This in particular because we would like to know if we should continue to hold a function in concert with our AGM.

Until then I'm sorry to say that the Alberta Colony will have to be placed in Limbo until we hear from you!

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Arlie Fawcett at arlief@shaw.ca

or contact Joyce Cutler at the Canadian Society
joyce.cutler@sympatico.ca



Fay Carlson of Alberta is a busy lady!

She is in her fourth year as president of the Camrose Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society and says she is grateful to have a good executive working with her. "One of our projects has been to record all births, marriages and deaths that were reported in the local paper, "The Camrose Canadian," then to print an indexed book of the early years, 1908-1929. We gave some books away and have sold some. The next book will cover some of the years from 1930 and up, the end date to be decided."

She is on the planning committee for Camrose Founder's Days. This is a yearly event where they honour some of those pioneers who contributed to the success of Camrose and who lived here 100 years ago. This photo of Fay in period costume was taken before the downtown promenade.

Nova Scotia Colony Report

The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants held their spring meeting 28 May in Halifax at the Keshen Goodman Library.

The Regent thanked Gary Achibald for producing and circulating a colony newsletter and those who contributed material to be included in the *Colony Chronicles*.

Members were brought up to date on the plans for our two day fall meeting in Yarmouth where we expect a visit by Hester Cook from Plimoth Plantation.

A very well received program on early settlers of Nova Scotia was presented by renowned genealogist and author, Dr. Terry Punch.

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