



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Column by Joyce Cutler



I am proud to be a member of the Mayflower Society and like most of you, it took a lot of time and research to prove my Pilgrim lineage. I still find it amazing that I can actually name my ancestors back to the year sixteen twenty. Although I can only find one Mayflower ancestor, I know that many of our members can trace their lines back to several *Mayflower* passengers. What an accomplishment!

Each of our members, or else someone in their family, has worked very hard to prove their Mayflower ancestry in order to become a member of the Mayflower Society, so for this reason I find it quite unfortunate when a membership lapses merely because the member has forgotten to pay their dues. In most cases it is likely an oversight for one reason or another. We all live in this busy world where time just seems to fly by. Some of us may have been away travelling on exotic holidays, while others have just plain forgot.

To make it easier for our members to keep track of their membership, we have put the year for which their dues are paid on the label along with their mailing address which appears on our newsletter, *The Canadian Pilgrim*.

We know how much all of you value your membership and hope that this plan meets with your approval and will be of help for you.

National Geographic's Genographic Project

Since its launch in 2005, National Geographic's Genographic Project has worked with indigenous communities and the general public, using advanced DNA analysis to help answer fundamental questions about where humans originated and how we came to populate the Earth. Now, cutting-edge technology is enabling the project to shine a powerful new light on our collective past. By participating in the next phase of this real-time scientific project, you will be able to learn more about yourself than you ever thought possible. You will also help support the Genographic Legacy Fund, which works to conserve and revitalize indigenous cultures around the world.

The Genographic Project is a multiyear research initiative led by National Geographic Explor-



er-in-Residence Dr. Spencer Wells. Dr. Wells and a team of renowned international scientists are using cutting-edge genetic and computational technologies to analyze historical patterns in DNA from participants around the world to better understand our human genetic roots. The three components of the project are:

- To gather and analyze research data in collaboration with indigenous and traditional peoples around the world
- To invite the general public to join this real-time scientific project and to learn about their own deep ancestry by purchasing a Genographic Project Participation Kit, Geno 2.0
- To use a portion of the proceeds from Geno 2.0 kit sales to further research and the Genographic Legacy Fund, which in turn supports community-led indigenous conservation and revitalization projects
- The Genographic Project is anonymous, nonmedical, and nonprofit, and all results are placed in the public domain following scientific peer publication. For details see: <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/>

31th ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT LUNCHEON, 27 OCT 2012 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN BURLINGTON ONTARIO



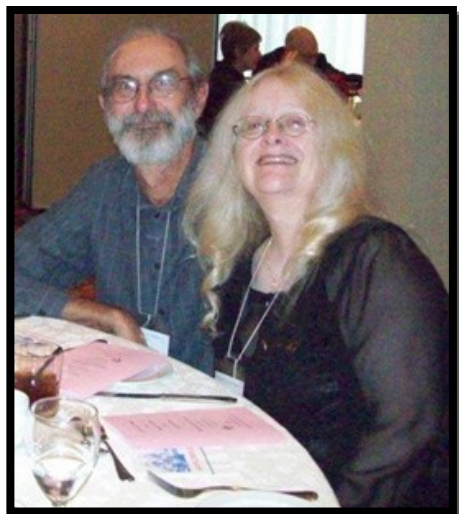
Governor Joyce Cutler and her granddaughter, Ashley Cormier, our newest member

Secretary Deborah Clarke, Captain George McNeillie



Members Ethel Brough and Ellen Smith





**Member Connie Bryce
and husband Doug**

**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE 31th ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT
LUNCHEON, 27 OCT 2012, AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN
BURLINGTON ONTARIO**

A Meet-and-Greet got the day's activities off to a good start. We had a very good turn-out.

Governor Joyce Cutler welcomed guests and members to the thirty second Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon. She extended a special greeting to the Mayflower members who live in Canada and who belong to the Myles Standish Colony in Naples, Florida and to the UEL members who are with us today.

On a motion by Bill Goss seconded by Connie Bryce the Minutes of our last meeting which were published in our Newsletter (volume 32 Number 1) were approved unanimously.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT was read by George McNeillie.

ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL. Read by Debbie Clarke. Debbie continued to include the names of all the men, women and children who left descendants. We had representatives from 30 *Mayflower* families present with us today. The descendants of Billington family were in first place, having 9 members present when all were counted. The family of William Brewster came second with seven members present.

NECROLOGY. Bob White. Bob paid tribute to the following members: Dale Lahey our Captain died 22 September 2011. Michael Haskins died in 2010; Vernon Vickery died 30 Aug 2011.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR. Joyce Cutler. Myrna Geldart is unable to continue to serve as Librarian and Member at Large due to family health concerns. Brent Rutherford has agreed to take over the position of librarian. GSMD Historic Sites Committee is offering a tour of Pilgrim sites in England and in Holland May 18-31, 2013. Information on this tour is in the leaflet which can be found on each table. There is a website given. Members will be able to learn more about this trip in the *Mayflower Quarterly*



Canadian Society Elder Bob White and wife Marjorie

DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S REPORT. Susan Roser. This is a very special day, because today our Board of Assistants will welcome three new members. I would like to thank Margaret, Gary and Donna, who will be elected today, for supporting our society by becoming actively involved

as a board member. I also thank Brent Rutherford who today will step down from his Corresponding Secretary role to take on a member-at-large position and fill our vacant position as the society's Librarian.

Over the winter the board will be working on long overdue amendments to our bylaws. Among other things we need to





Elaine Eigel (applicant) and Member Lois Stephens and son

allow for electronic voting by our members and we need to restructure the board itself and remove the maximum number allowed so that we are not limited. And, we will be adding Co-Historians to the list of officers.

You will also notice order forms on the tables for the brick walkway project at the *Mayflower* House in Plymouth. Bricks are \$150 each. Not only is this an opportunity to support the upkeep of the house and gardens, it is also a chance to honour your ancestor and have your name inscribed on the same grounds our ancestors walked.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT. Susan Roser. I am very pleased to announce that

Donna Denison has agreed to be a Co-Historian. Since our bylaws do not yet allow for Co-Historians, she will be elected today as a Member-at-large so that she is officially a member of the board. When we amend our bylaws next year, she will be elected Co-Historian. Donna joins my "little team" which includes two Assistants. This past year, Judi Archibald in Nova Scotia has been doing the same type of work with applicants in the Maritimes that Donna will be doing. Connie Bryce, as you know, has been my Assistant for a few years now and her help in cleaning up and re-typing worksheets which are sent to me has been indispensable. I am still looking for a Co-Historian, hopefully in western Canada to assist with applicants in that part of the country. Once I find someone, then I will indeed have my "dream team." And I should add, with this much appreciated and needed help; I feel it will no longer be necessary to step down as Historian.

As you have read in the fall newsletter, we are clearing out and downsizing our members' and past members' files. Since there is a copy of all documentation in members' files in Plymouth, it is not necessary for us to keep an additional copy. I have already disposed of approximately 200 files, keeping only the approved lineage papers from each. The majority of these files had no documentation with them while others were either shredded or returned, according to the wishes of our members. The plan is to keep only the approved lineage papers. (For those here today I have brought your files, so please see me before you leave.)

And – this is a special day as well because we have a new member to welcome into our society. Ashley Cormier, Joyce's granddaughter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Debbie Clarke. Over the past year The Board of Assistants has passed the following three motions;

On 29 Sept 2012 it was decided that our society will donate \$250 to the GSMD Leiden Research Committee to help fund the Pilgrim research by Jeremy Bangs.

On 29 April 2012 it was decided that our Society will offer a \$100 hotel stipend to out-of-town board members who reside more than 100 km away, when they attend board meeting, and that the DGG and the AG each will be reimbursed up to the sum of \$300 to defray their travel expenses to the General Board and Congress.

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON REPORT. George McNeillie. George attended a successful family reunion last May. He thought it would be fun for us to do something similar someday. Just before Thanksgiving he sent a piece on the Pilgrims Thanksgiving to various news media with no result. He will now repurpose it and turn it into an article and try again.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Not present. The Treasurer's report can be found in the last Issue of the *Canadian Pilgrim*. Vol. 32 No. 2

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Deborah Clarke, Chairperson, George McNeillie and Brent Rutherford submit the following slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting in Toronto On., Oct 27 2013.



Governor - Joyce Cutler

Deputy Governor - Susan Roser

Elder - Bob White

Counsellor - Sandy Fairbanks QC

Member at Large - Margaret Dougherty.

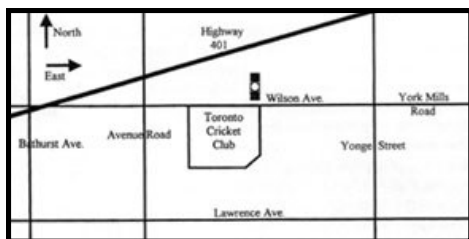
Since the Newsletter went out three more people have been nominated to the Board of Assistants. Following the bylaws of our Constitution, Article V section 2, which states any member of the Society may be nominated for any office to be filled, by five members of the Society, Susan Roser, Joyce Cutler, George McNeillie, Deborah Clarke, and Carole Cormier have nominated the following people for the positions of members at large:

Gary Bennett and Donna Denison. Brent Rutherford. Brent will be stepping down as Corresponding Secretary.

Debbie moved that report of the nominating committee be accepted. The report of the Nominating Committee passed unanimously on a motion by Keith Bain seconded by Bob White.

The business part of the meeting now 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. We enjoyed an excellent meal. At the conclusion of our meal a raffle was held followed by Joyce Cutler's introduction of our guest speaker Matthew Wilkinson. After leading us in the *Mayflower* Song, Joyce said she hoped to see us all next year and closed the meeting.

There will be no Spring Meeting. The Fall General Meeting will be held at **THE TORONTO CRICKET, CURLING AND SKATING CLUB** on the 27 of October 2013.



The Pilgrims: a simple people, inspired by an ardent faith in God, a dauntless courage in danger, a boundless resourcefulness in the face of difficulties, an impregnable fortitude in adversity: thus they have in some measure become the spiritual ancestors of all Americans.

Samuel Eliot Morison



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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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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 Joyce Cutler. Send them to joyce.cutler@sympatico.ca. 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.

LIBRARY REPORT

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 re-

sources for you.

Phone (416) 393-7241 or email: itellisearch@tpl.Toronto.on.ca

Donations of genealogical books are most welcome. Contact Brent Rutherford at brentr@yorku.ca.

DUES NOTICE

Please remember that your 2014 membership dues of \$45 will be required by **November 30, 2013**. 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:

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You may wish to pay \$90 to cover 2014 and 2015.

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

WE'RE UPDATING OUR MEMBER RECORDS

One of our goals this year is to increase and improve communication with our valued members. While we have personal email addresses and phone numbers for some of our members, we don't have this information for all. Please take a moment to either confirm or provide this information to Margaret Dougherty at medougherty@gmail.com or 612-80 Mill Street, Toronto ON M5A 4T3 or 416-703-3324.

GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2013

The Louisiana Society is hosting the meeting of the General Board of Assistants on September 14th, 2013, at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70140. Although only two delegates from each society attend, the Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General, the events and tours are open to all society members. And, if you are really interested, members may attend the General Board meeting as silent observers. If you think you may be interested in joining in the fun, please visit the General Society's website for the schedule of events and the registration form at www.themayflowersociety.com

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



New Members

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**Gerald Edward
William Curry
South Ohio, NS**

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**Jared Michael MacPhail
Edmonton AB**

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**Sharron Gail King
Vancouver, BC**

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**Margaret Frances Wilson
Guelph, ON**

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**Michael Hatheway King
Mono, ON**

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**John Henry Blenis
Upham, NB**

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**Howard Snow
London, ON**

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**Hazel Evelyn Trask
Yarmouth, NS**

New Members

Member Recognition

In this issue we introduce some of our life members. The pictures and information comes from our Membership Database. If you have not sent us your bio and picture, please do so and you may see yourself in an upcoming issue!



Miriam Wheeler's parents were pioneers from Kansas to Saskatchewan in 1910. As a missionary, she lived in France for 36 years. Miriam joined the society in 1985

Richard Warren-Nathaniel Warren-Mercy
Warren-Jonathan Delano-Jonathan Delano-
Jonathan Delano-Talatha Delano...



Leon Warmski of Ontario was an Archivist with the Archives of Ontario, now retired. He and his mother were both charter members of the Canadian Society. He has served our Society as Member-at-large (1988-1991) and Governor (1991-1994).

George Soule-John Soule-Rebecca Soule-
Benjamin Weston-Hannah Weston-Joel Dean-
Silvester Dean-Alfred Dean-Mary Dean...



Margaret Brodylo of Alberta was a driving force in the formation of our Alberta Society of Mayflower Descendants. Her children Ellen, John, Leslie and Reid are also life member.

William White-Resolved White-Elizabeth
White-Obadiah Wheeler-Josiah Wheeler-
Josiah Wheeler-Resolved Wheeler...



Dr. Stephen White of San Francisco was born in Ontario. A veteran of the RCAF during WWII, Stephen enjoys reading and travelling. He joined the society in 1983.

Thomas Rogers-Joseph Rogers-Elizabeth Rogers-
Elisha Higgins-Elisha Higgins- Abigail Higgins-
James Giffin...

Member Recognition



Mayflower II Update

Plimoth Plantation announced today that *Mayflower II* is undergoing extensive repairs at dry dock at the Fairhaven Shipyard in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. The work begun earlier this winter recently revealed that repairs to the ship's frame could not be deferred, and is estimated to be finished in May. Once completed, the ship will return to her familiar berth on the Plymouth waterfront.

Maintenance and restoration are essential facts of life for the 56 year-old wooden sailing ship. The ship was towed to dry dock in December for routine Coast Guard inspection and repairs to her planking. These, along with the subsequently discovered work on the ship's frame, are necessary to keep the ship seaworthy and to meet Coast Guard regulations. This work was originally planned for a later phase of the ship's overall restoration plan. The pressing need to complete the repairs to the frame and planking before the ship returns to Plymouth for the 2013 season accelerates the Museum's need to raise additional near-term funding to help support *Mayflower II*.

Ongoing maintenance of *Mayflower II* is part of Plimoth Plantation's major infrastructure revitalization. The working goal for funding the seven-year restoration project is approximately \$2 million. Fundraising for this multi-year project was launched last summer with a gala event that raised \$120,000 to support the first phase of repairs. The unanticipated timing of the current extensive work creates a need for significantly more funding during 2013. A dedicated Web page has been set up, providing updates on the restoration effort and information on how to offer support—the "Save Our Ship" page is www.plimoth.org/SOS.

"*Mayflower II* is a Massachusetts landmark that is an anchor in the town and region's robust tourism economy," said Ellie Donovan, Executive Director of Plimoth Plantation, "everyone wants her back home on the Plymouth waterfront as soon as possible and successful fundraising will ensure that these vital repairs are completed."

In the meantime, visitors will still have an opportunity to learn about *Mayflower II* through an expanded dockside exhibit and special maritime programs and activities for people of all ages. Plimoth Plantation's other exhibits—the Wampanoag Homesite, 17th-Century English Village, Craft Center and the newest exhibit, the Plimoth Grist Mill—will all open on March 16th.

The iconic ship is a full-scale reproduction of the *Mayflower* that sailed to Plymouth in 1620. Like other Plimoth Plantation exhibits, the ship offers hundreds of thousands of visi-

tors a trip back in time. "*Mayflower II* was built with keen attention to authenticity and detail, from the solid oak timbers and tarred hemp rigging, to the wood and horn lanterns, and hand-colored maps," said Peter Arenstam, the ship's captain and manager of Plimoth Plantation's Maritime Artisans program. Arenstam and a crew of other maritime artisans at the Museum help to maintain the ship while on the waterfront and at dry dock.

Mayflower II's history is impressive in its own right. In 1951, Plimoth Plantation commissioned plans for the ship from the naval architect William Baker of MIT. Thanks to Englishman Warwick Charlton, the ship was built in England, under Baker's guidance, then-captained by Alan Villiers—sailed by its 34-member crew to America in 1957.

Kevin McLaughlin, co-owner of Fairhaven Shipyard noted that working on *Mayflower II* has given his crew a great appreciation for the ship and its role in history. "We feel honored to have this ship here and to do our part in keeping her strong. The repairs that we've identified are typical for a ship that is more than five decades old. We have a well-ordered repair regimen and a talented work crew. We are very positive about the progress we're making to ready *Mayflower II* for her return to Plymouth."

"With the ship's nationally-recognized stature and her place in history, Plimoth Plantation is committed to ensuring that the historic vessel is 'shipshape' for 2020—the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' voyage," said Donovan, "This Museum realizes the importance of preserving this national treasure for generations to come."

To contribute to the restoration and preservation of *Mayflower II*, please make an online donation today. <http://support.plimoth.org/site/R i=xF_b866vMYa8SmnatEHOOQ>

Thank you for your continued support.

Scotland's Answer to the Mayflower By Noel Young - Report Boston

The *Mayflower* gathered all the glory, as it deposited England's Pilgrims at Plymouth in modern Massachusetts. But the Scots were in on the act, too. This story, published in the Daily Mail, was the first to reveal the name of the ship, The *Planter*, that took these intrepid Scots sailing from Kirkcudbright in South-West Scotland to America two years later.

The first-ever transatlantic voyage from mainland Scotland to



America, aimed at emulating England's *Mayflower*, was undertaken by a ship from the same port as the *Mayflower*; it has been revealed in two little-known documents sold at auction in New York. And no one in Scotland knew a thing about the sale. The documents, a letter signed by King James VI and a contract for the actual voyage, were described by one Scots expert as "of national significance." They were sold to an American dealer for £41,000 who said of the lack of competition for the documents, "They have been something of a well-kept secret."

It was known that a ship had sailed from Kirkcudbright in 1622 - two years after the original Pilgrims sailed from England in the *Mayflower*. However, the name of the ship carrying the would-be Scots colonists, the identity of its captain and its port of origin were unknown. The contract, auctioned by Sotheby's in New York, reveals for the first time that the vessel carrying Scottish hopes was "the good shippe called the *Planter* of London." The *Planter* came from Rotherhithe on the Thames, the same port as the *Mayflower*. It is likely to have been a similar size to the *Mayflower*, to be able to withstand a transatlantic voyage.

And there is possibly an even closer link with the *Mayflower*: the captain, Thomas Hopkins, may have been related to a six-strong Hopkins family aboard the *Mayflower* itself. "These documents are important for Scotland's history", said Dr. David Devereux, Curator of the Stewartry Museum, in Kirkcudbright and an expert in the area's history.

The contract, signed by Sir William Alexander, Scotland's First Secretary of State, and two partners, stipulates that Captain Hopkins and his crew protect the passengers and cargo "without any fraud negligence or deceit." The accompanying letter from King James VI, then London-based as James I of England, is complete with his royal seal. It is addressed to his Treasurer in Scotland the Earl of Mar and instructs him to give Sir William "forthwith" a backdated pension to help pay for the voyage.

Dr. David Brown, head of the Private Records Branch, at the National Archives of Scotland, confirmed there was no bid to buy the documents detailing the attempt to start a Scottish empire. He said, "Although we do monitor document sales, we were unaware of the sale in New York. Much of our efforts during the past year have been concentrated on acquiring the Dalhousie collection. Consequently, we would have had no funds available for purchasing this item." The *Planter* documents were signed in England, and according to Dr. Brown, that would have been another reason for not buying them. Eric Graham, the Edinburgh-based author and maritime histo-

rian, said, "That doesn't surprise me. If it had been William Wallace's signature or a scrap of cloth from Mary Queen of Scots, they would have been falling over themselves. But items like this from outside Scotland they can't seem to cope with. They are very inward-looking."

Dr. Devereux said the expedition was described in a 1922 book, *Scottish Colonial Schemes 1620-86*, but author George Insh did not know the name of the ship and the skipper. "Although the voyage could have been seen as Scotland's *Mayflower*, it was never known if there was any actual connection," said Dr. Devereux. "Now with the name, The *Planter*, the home port, the same as the *Mayflower* and the possibility that the skipper had relatives on the *Mayflower* two years earlier, it is clear that this really was Scotland's attempt to repeat the exercise and set up a colony." The *Planter's* voyage was the brainchild of Sir William, a poet who was also tutor of King James's sons. The grateful king had been given him a huge land grant in the eastern part of America, including Nova Scotia. His dream was to create a New Scotland, there, just as England had created a "New England" and France had founded a "New France."

Also named for the first time in the contract are Sir William's two partners: John Mason, governor of Newfoundland and later founder of New Hampshire, and Sir Robert MacLellan, of Kirkcudbright (hence the decision to sail from Kirkcudbright). Sir Robert, later Lord Kirkcudbright, was something of an expert on colonising: he had been successfully involved in the Scots plantation of Ulster.

Until the voyage of The *Planter*, Scots had made money abroad only by going to fight for foreign armies - and "swarms" of them did that, according to Sir William. Colonising was much better, he said. "By this means you enlarge this monarchy without blood and make a conquest without wronging others," he wrote in a pamphlet encouraging colonisation. But things began to go badly wrong as soon as Captain Hopkins and The *Planter* arrived in Kirkcudbright. For a start, the friends Sir William expected to find there to help him were out of the country. One of those Kirkcudbright-based colonial enthusiasts was the daredevil Young Lochinvar, Sir Robert Gordon. He later founded the town of New Galloway, and was keen to set up a New Galloway in Nova Scotia. Another blow was that the price of food had trebled in Scotland since Alexander's last visit, making it very expensive to provision the ship.

But the biggest problem was that the local Scots were very reluctant to sign up for this great journey into the unknown.



Particularly hard to persuade were tradesmen or artisans. As Sir William put it later, "They were loth to embark for so remote a part." In fact, some of them didn't even believe Sir William's transatlantic province existed. Eventually, according to Dr. Devereux, only a minister, a blacksmith and an unknown number of farm labourers signed up, compared with the 102 who went on the *Mayflower*.

Late in leaving, the Scots were held up by unfavourable winds at the Isle of Man for a further month. Finally they set off into the Atlantic, by then whipped with late-summer storms. They finally reached Cape Breton, just off their chosen landing point in Sir William's New Scotland, Nova Scotia. But storms again drove them back and the *Planter* finally landed the exhausted Scots would-be colonists at St John's in Newfoundland. "They even passed by the Bay of Placentia where they might have landed and that would have been on my land," Sir William complained later.

The *Planter* was sent back to Britain and the colonists decided to winter in Newfoundland. A year later when a relief ship arrived, according to Dr. Devereux, the minister and the blacksmith had died and many of the farm labourers had joined the local fishing fleet. Only ten made the onward journey to Nova Scotia to scout out a site for a possible colony but all dreams of a Scottish settlement there crashed some years later when James's successor, King Charles, did a deal with the French and handed all the land back to them.

Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants Report

The Colony met October 12 & 13, 2012 in the Annapolis Valley town of Middleton. Discounted accommodations had been negotiated and those arriving Friday enjoyed a lovely evening reception at the home of Bonnie & Albert Johnson. Attendees were treated to an endless supply of delicious treats prepared by Judi Archibald and Bonnie Johnson; baseball fans kept an eye on a World Series ball game.

The Saturday meeting was held at Macdonald Museum. Time was allotted to allow members to enjoy the artifacts and dis-

plays. At the business meeting, it was decided that in the future we would meet once a year in the fall.

The nominating committee presented the following list of officers:

Regent - Gordon Wood one more year, then Bill Curry the following year

Bill Curry - Vice Regent until he takes over as Regent

Secretary - Penny Henneberry

Treasurer - Gary Archibald

Historian - Judi Archibald

Elder - Dorothy Allan

Member at Large - Ed Morrissey

Captain - George Snow

Our Historian was allotted a budget to purchase research material of her choice.

After a lovely lunch prepared by Bonnie & Judi, we were treated to a presentation on the history of Middleton by the former mayor, Sylvester Atkinson.

Like the *Mayflower* passengers, the Elder of the Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants, Dorothy (Coggins) Allan, knows how to persevere. This past Saint Patrick's Day she celebrated her 100th birthday at a family reunion near her home in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Before the event she received a bouquet of flowers from the Canadian Society. She says this recognition meant much to her as she takes pride in her Society membership and is passionate about her *Mayflower* ancestry. Dorothy plans to continue to fulfill her responsibility as Elder by keeping in touch with Colony members, sending sympathy and get well cards, and serving as Elder at Colony meetings.

Plan to attend our Fall meeting October 4 and 5th at a National Historic Site, The Barrington Meeting House; It was built when the 50 Cape Cod families who founded the Barrington Township came together to build a community meeting place in 1765. We welcome all Mayflower enthusiasts to attend.

J. Gordon Wood,,
Regent

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