



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

Spring Dinner ,
May 3, 2014



Don't miss this exciting event as we welcome special guest
Bruce McGunnigle,
Governor General of the General Society of
Mayflower Descendants.

Saturday, May 3, 2014
6:00 p.m. – reception; 7:00 p.m. dinner

The Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club
141 Wilson Avenue
Toronto, ON

RSVP – Margaret Dougherty deputygovernor@csmd.org
612-80 Mill St, Toronto ON M5A 4T3
416-703-3324

Tickets \$46 each can be purchased by April 10th on Paypal or by cheque or money order payable to CSMD or Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. Send cheques or money orders to Maureen McGee, Treasurer, 1060 Ewert St, Prince George BC V2M 2P2.

Raffle
Cash bar



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Bruce C. MacGunnigle

Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle is our 32nd Governor General. He has been a member of the General Society for over 40 years, joining the Rhode Island Society at the age of 24. He is a descendant of Elder William Brewster, James Chilton, Francis Cooke, Edward Fuller, Stephen Hopkins, Thomas Rogers and Richard Warren.

Bruce is a past governor of the Rhode Island Society. He

has served the General Society as Congress Planning Chairman at four General Congresses and has been elected as Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee, Captain General, Assistant Governor General and now Governor General. Bruce is also the author of *Mayflower Families, Volume 4 – Edward Fuller*.

We are delighted to welcome him to the annual spring meeting of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Governor's Column

by George McNeillie

Thank you for the confidence you expressed in me by electing me as your Governor last fall! I look forward to serving the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants and hope to meet and chat with many of you over my term in office.

I would like to express my thanks to my predecessor, Joyce Cutler, who served as our Governor for 10 years. I am also gratified that Susan Roser has agreed to remain as our Historian, sharing these very important duties with our newly-elected Co-Historian, Donna Denison. My profound thanks to Susan, who, in addition to being Historian and a published author, somehow managed to find time to serve first as Governor and then Deputy Governor for 12 years -- ensuring that the business of the Society ran smoothly (a monumental task for which we are extremely grateful).

Huge thanks also to Debbie Clarke, who recently stepped down as our Recording Secretary. Debbie served in this important and demanding role for an astonishing 30 years. It is our hope that we can express our formal thanks to Debbie at our next meeting – the details of which are below.



Our gratitude goes to Lynne Webb who recently retired as Treasurer. A warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Maureen McGee, who has already set up an online PayPal service that will make it even easier for many members to renew their annual dues. A vote of thanks also to the other members of our Board of Assistants: Gary Bennett, Corresponding Secretary; Terry Smith, Alberta Regent; Bill Curry, Nova Scotia Regent; Robert V. White, Elder; Dr. George R. Nye, Surgeon; Alexander 'Sandy' Fairbanks, Counsellor; Brent Rutherford, Librarian; and Robert W. White, Editor Canadian Pilgrim. All members of the Board of Assistants are volunteers and donate many hours of service to our organization – and we are very grateful for their help.

I would also like to thank our newly-elected Deputy Governor, Margaret Dougherty, who, in her other capacity as Database Administrator, has provided us with a wonderful new website and Facebook page. Access our new website at csmd.org; our Facebook site at

<https://www.facebook.com/canadiansocietyofmayflowerdescendants?ref=hl>

and our Twitter feed [@CanMayflower](https://twitter.com/CanMayflower). As we reach out to encourage new members and work to stay in touch with existing ones, social media will become an increasingly important means of communication.

We have the great honour of hosting Bruce C. MacGunnigle, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and his wife Kate at a special reception and dinner of the Canadian Society to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the beautiful Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club. Bruce will update us on events and happenings in Plymouth as well as answer your questions. The evening will also feature entertainment by the Blazing Fiddles. We hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for what is sure to be an exciting and memorable event (please see the ad in this issue for further details). We have been able to hold the price to a very reasonable \$46 per person – hard to beat for a fun evening of food and entertainment! Please RSVP early.

Your Board of Assistants is dedicated to growing the membership in our Society and we welcome your input. If you have any questions, please send them to me at governor@csmd.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

George G. McNeillie, III

Governor

Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



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MINUTES OF THE 33th ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT LUNCHEON, HELD 19 OCTOBER 2013 AT THE TORONTO CRICKET AND SKATING CLUB.

Note: These minutes have been edited for the newsletter in order to conserve space.

On a motion by Cyndee Case seconded by Connie Bryce, the minutes of our last meeting which were published in our newsletter (volume 32 Number 1) were approved unanimously with one correction. There was a typo in the heading. It should read the 32nd meeting of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Mayflower Compact was read by Captain George McNeillie and the Ancestral Roll Call by Recording Secretary Debbie Clarke. The descendants of Billington, Alden, and Mullins were tied in first place with six members present. The Necrology was read by Elder Bob White and he asked for a moment of silence for four members who have passed away, viz: Bradley J. Baker, Alma D. Paul, Alfred Perry and Former Governor Keith Bain.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT, Joyce Cutler

I would like to welcome Bill Curry, as our new Regent for the Nova Scotia Colony. Bill has sent an email extending an invitation for the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants to hold our 34th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon in Nova Scotia, to help them celebrate their tenth anniversary in 2014. I have put a couple of sheets on your tables with this invitation. If you recall, we are having our Governor General, Bruce MacGunnigle for a Spring Meeting on May 3, 2014. We would like your feedback on this suggestion, so if you would let George or any other board member know what you think about this idea we would greatly appreciate it. The General Society 2020 Committee is holding a competition to create a Logo to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Sailing of the Mayflower, the Landing in Plymouth and the establishing of Plymouth Colony. The deadline for this contest is April 15, 2014.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, Debbie Clarke.

The following are the Actions of the Board of Assistants which were approved as new policies at the meeting held August 24, 2013 at the North York Public Library.

Policy #4 Insignia is the property of the Canadian Society and must be returned once an officer retires from his or her office.

Policy #5 All officers Reports by Board members must be emailed to the Recording Secretary before each Board Meeting.

Policy. #7 The Secretary must notify the Elder and the Editor of deaths of members so the Elder can send a sympathy Card to the family and the Editor can publish the information in our newsletter.

Policy #8 The Librarian must up-date the web site when new material is added to our Library.

Policy #9 Starting in January 2014, the CSMD will use email exclusively wherever possible to communicate with its membership, applicants and prospective applicants, including distributing the Canadian Pilgrim

newsletter and that by the December 2014, regular mail will be used only for those members who do not use email or by request and will not be as an add on to what is sent by email.

Policy #10 The Treasurer will set up a CSMD PayPal account as an option for members, and applicants to pay dues, fees and annual meeting and compact luncheon and other costs securely online, rather than by cheque and that a PayPal link be added to the CSMD website to facilitate such payments.

Policy #11 In addition to the fall newsletter announcement, current members with email will be reminded annually on November 1st of the deadline to renew their CSMD membership for the following year and that regular mail is used to remind those members who do not use email.

Policy #12 the web address of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants must be included in all business Correspondence sent by the Board of Assistants to create greater awareness of our organization.

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON REPORT. George McNeillie. III

We are working on three projects:

An application to the Canadian heraldic Authority for a grant of arms and badge; development of a Facebook page; and the launch of a Twitter site.

I have submitted an application on behalf of the Society to the Canadian Heraldic Authority and hope to have more to report by our spring meeting.

Our very talented IT director Margaret Dougherty has kindly offered to assist in developing our social media sites and has already launched our Twitter site @CanMayflower and this will be followed by the launch of our Facebook site next week. Many thanks are due to her for her outstanding initiative!

In terms of publicity, I am currently working on an article for the Globe and Mail on how I got involved in the search for my Mayflower ancestors and hope to have it published in time for American Thanksgiving. It is my hope that it will spur further interest in the Society and generate new members.

We hope to use the occasion of the visit of the Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants next May to generate some publicity and we will be striking a committee to develop a strategy.

DIGITAL ADMINISTRATOR – Margaret Dougherty

Our new CSMD website, csmd.org went live in August. We hope that everyone here has had a chance to visit the site and that you find the information there helpful and informative. Recent content additions on the website are the names of the members of the Executives of the Alberta and Nova Scotia Colonies. Click the colonies link on the website to find that information.

Still to come on the website is a members' only portal that will



house current issues of the Canadian Pilgrim newsletter and have other members only news and information. You will access this portal using your CSMD membership number. More news about that is to come.

Our membership database tells us that the CSMD has 252 current members and of those, we have email addresses for 138 members. Those of you whose email address we have will have noted that we're using email more now to reach out to you. This includes distributing electronic copies of the Canadian Pilgrim in advance of the print edition. We hope that using email as much as possible will help enhance communication between the Board of Assistants and you.

If you haven't yet given me your email address, please see me before you leave today so that we can make sure you get all of our electronic member communications.

In other digital news, the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants now has a Twitter account. If you're on Twitter, follow us at @CanMayflower. Coming very soon is a Facebook page. These additional communication tools we hope will help to create greater awareness of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants and in turn lead to new members joining us.

LIBRARY – Brent Rutherford

There are 300 books and journals in our library. We also have a complete collection of the Silver books as well as the Mayflower families in Progress books. The Library can be found on the 6th floor of the North York Central Library. An index of our books is available upon request. I hope in time to add the information on our collection to the Toronto library search data base so that it will be more easily available. Our historian Susan Roser is working on the Silver Book project.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Gary W. Bennett (Chairperson), Brent Rutherford Debbie Clarke

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce these nominees for the following positions on the Board of Assistants of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants:

Governor – George McNeillie

Deputy Governor – Margaret Dougherty

Historian – Susan E. Roser

Co-Historian – Donna Denison

Corresponding Secretary – Gary Bennett

Treasurer – Maureen McGee

The position of Member at Large has not been filled.

If anyone is interested or knows of someone's interest, please notify us as soon as possible.

The above officers were elected on a motion by William Goss seconded by Debbie Clarke.

PASSING OF AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE II Section 1. The Board of Assistants (Corporate Board of Directors), hereinafter referred to as the *Board*, shall consist of the Officers of the Society and others who shall be known as Assistants or Members-at-Large, not to exceed twenty in total.

ARTICLE II Section 2. The Officers of the Society shall be: Governor, Deputy Governor, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Co-Historians, Elder, Captain, Surgeon and Counsellor. Former Governors who are members in good standing of this Society are ex-officio members of the Board.

Member Murray Gregory inquired if the bylaws as they presently stand allow for the use of Skype at our Board meetings. Margaret explained that a draft of revised bylaws which allow for the use of Skype was approved at our last board meeting and that it will be voted on by our members as soon as possible. 11 members sent in their Ballots expressing their approval of these amendments to our bylaws. On a motion by Margaret Dougherty seconded by Murray Gregory the two bylaw amendments were passed unanimously.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

Joyce turned over the Governor's Medallion to George McNeillie III and presented insignia to Recording Secretary Debbie Clarke and Deputy Governor Margaret Dougherty. Elder Bob White lead us in saying Grace and Captain George McNeillie gave the toast to the Queen.

Joyce Cutler introduced our guest speaker Richard Collins, the president at the Mississauga South Historical Society who gave a talk about Lighthouses around the Great Lakes.

George McNeillie thanked Richard for his most interesting speech.



Deborah Clarke and Joyce Cutler—Fall 2013



He then paid tribute to our outgoing Governor, Joyce saying she has been the heart and soul of our society for the past ten years. He then led us in a round of applause to honour Joyce for her years of service to our society.

**General Congress, Plymouth, Mass.,
Sept. 6-10, 2014**

The General Congress of the General Society will be held in Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 6-10 where elections of new officers will take place. Our Historian Susan Roser has been nominated to serve a second term as Secretary General.

Counsellor Sandy Fairbanks of Nova Scotia will be attending as the Acting DGG (Deputy Governor General), and Former Governor Joyce Cutler will attend as AG (Assistant General). In addition, based on our membership numbers, our society is allowed five delegates to attend the business meetings on Sept. 8 and 9. Surgeon George Nye of Alberta will be attending as a delegate and will be elected AG at the meeting. Nova Scotia Regent Bill Curry and Brent Rutherford will also attend as delegates. This leaves two positions open which we would like to fill so that we have a full Canadian delegation.

In addition to the two day meetings, there are many events planned, including day tours, family society meetings, committee meetings and banquets. It is a very exciting time in Plymouth with delegates coming in from all over North America. If you would like to attend as a delegate or would like more information, please contact Susan Roser, DGG, historian@csmd.org.

Recording Secretary Position

After 30 years of dedicated service to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Deborah Clarke has decided to step down from her role of recording secretary. We are so grateful to Deborah for her many years of devoted service. We now seek a member to fill her role on our Board of Assistants. Our bylaws describe the duties of recording secretary as follows:

"The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Board and mail said minutes to each Board member; shall give due notice of all meetings of the Society and the Board; shall have custody of such records as are not specifically in charge of other officers; shall in general perform all duties usually appertaining to such office, such as keeping track of address changes. He/she shall inform the General Society of the death, resignation or dropping of any member, or of the transfer of any member from another Mayflower Society; shall fill out and return all forms submitted to us by the General Society; shall, with the Governor or Deputy Governor, certify all acts and orders of the Society, using the seal where necessary."

We seek someone who is well-organized, computer literate, comfortable with technology and experienced in taking meeting minutes. The Board of Assistants meets twice a year in Toronto. If you live outside the GTA, we have the ability to Skype at our Board meetings. If you are interested in this position, please contact Gary Bennett, Chair of the Nominating Committee at

corrsecretary@csmd.org



BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Governor: George McNeillie III: governor@csmd.org

Deputy Governor: Margaret Dougherty:
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Alberta Regent: Terry Smith: tlvksmith@aol.com

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Treasurer: Maureen McGee: treasurer@csmd.org

Corresponding Secretary: Gary Bennett:
corrsecretary@csmd.org

Historian: Susan E. Roser: historian@csmd.org

Co-Historian: Donna Denison: cohistorian@csmd.org

Captain: George G. McNeillie III: captain@csmd.org

Elder: Robert V. White: elder@csmd.org

Counsellor: Alexander D. "Sandy" Fairbanks:
counsellor@csmd.org

Surgeon: Dr. George R. Nye: surgeon@csmd.org

Digital Administrator: Margaret Dougherty:
administrator@csmd.org

Librarian: Brent Rutherford: librarian@csmd.org

Editor, Canadian Pilgrim: Robert W. White:
editor@csmd.org



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 know so we can ensure delivery to you.

Margaret Dougherty
Phone: 416-703-3324
administrator@csmd.org

CANADIAN SOCIETY PIN

Description: Black background with a gold image and lettering. The diameter of the pin is about 7/8 of an inch with a push pin back. Pins are available by mail for \$6.25. Please send cheques or money orders payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants (CSMD) to:

Joyce Cutler
448 Third Line,
Oakville ON, L6L 4A5
Phone: 905-827-5304

CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

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

Susan Roser
4137 Tremaine Rd.
Milton ON, L9T 2Y1

MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES

We're always looking for members' biographies and pictures to include in our membership database. Please email this information to administrator@csmd.org. 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 shoulders 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: <http://www.csmd.org>. 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

Donations of genealogical books are most welcome. Contact Brent Rutherford at librarian@csmd.org

MEMBERS' DOCUMENTATION - LAST CALL BY APRIL 15th

We've mentioned in the newsletter the last couple of years that we are trying to clear out some of the paperwork in our files. We stopped asking for duplicate photo-copies of documentation for the historian's files with member #500, therefore for members with an earlier membership number, we will be disposing of all these extra

copies as of April 15th. Since there is a photo-copy of all documentation in the files at the office in Plymouth, it is not necessary for us to keep a copy. If you have not yet responded to let us know if you would like the contents of your file, please do so now. Contact Historian Susan Roser historian@csmd.org

Follow us on Twitter @CanMayflower

Like us on Facebook: Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

Member Dues

If you haven't yet renewed your membership with us for 2014, you can still renew by PayPal, cheque or money order. Cheques and money orders (made payable to either CSMD or Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants) can be sent to our Treasurer, Maureen McGee, at 1060 Ewert Street, Prince George BC V2M 2P2. You can reach Maureen at treasurer@csmd.org or at 250-562-4876. See our PayPal link at csmd.org under Membership Dues, Fees. The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants depends on your dues and donations to operate. We appreciate your support.

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The CSMD is moving towards using email as our primary communications channel to ensure our members receive timely information and reminders. While we have personal email addresses and phone numbers for about two-thirds of our current members, we're still missing some of this information. If you haven't yet provided us your email address and/or phone number, please contact the database administrator at administrator@csmd.org or 416-703-3324. Rest assured, members who do not use email will continue to receive all CSMD information by regular mail.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we're now on Twitter and Facebook. These channels, in addition to our website at www.csmd.org are used together with email to keep everyone interested in the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants informed.

SUSAN ROSER'S NOMINATION

Also – some society news – Susan Roser has been nominated by the GSMD Nominating Committee as the nominee for Secretary General for a second term. Congratulations to Susan for her continued hard work and showing a Canadian presence on the Board of the General Society.



New Members

565
Kenneth Watkis
Victoria, BC

566
Ashley Cormier
Oakville, ON

573
Christopher Snow
London, ON

574
Megan Snow
London, ON

575
Nicholas Snow
London, ON

581
Sharon Wood
Toronto, ON

582
Karen Eigl
Mississauga, ON

583
Ruth Kirk
Ottawa, ON

584
Rosemary Billings
Ottawa, ON

585
Herbert Trask
Yarmouth NS

New Members



Necrology



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

Barbara Allen - 2007

Bradley Baker - 2010

Arthur Baker - 2012

John Winslow - 2013

Norma Joyce O'Brien - 2013

George Keith Bain - 2013



In Memoriam: Former Governor, G. Keith Bain

When Keith heard that the Canadian Society had been formed in 1980, he and his father George, who had joined the Michigan Mayflower Society in 1972, immediately joined as charter, life members. Keith was elected Captain in 1983 and at our Annual Meeting

in 1988, he was elected as our fourth Governor.

In 1986, Keith began the process to have our society incorporated as a non-profit and by 1989 he succeeded when we received our Letters Patent from Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

In his professional life, Keith was a city planner with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs for thirty years. As director of the Policy Development Branch, he was responsible for formulating proposals for such important legislation as the Niagara Escarpment Act, the Ontario Heritage Act as well as major revisions of the Planning Act.

Keith and Helen would often spend summer vacations in Nova Scotia so that he could work on his family history. He was delighted to discover Mayflower lines back to Brewster, Chilton, Cooke, Hopkins and Howland.

Keith passed away in Hamilton, Ontario on October 9, 2013. We will miss seeing Keith and Helen at our meetings, which they attended faithfully for over 30 years.

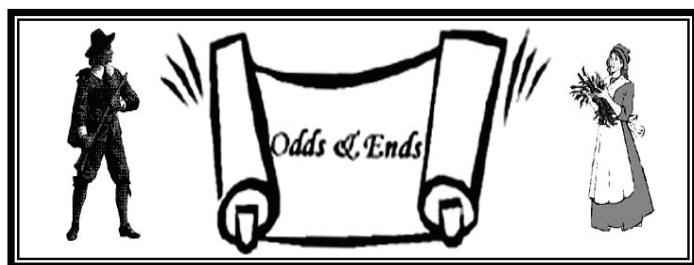




Marion Tait

Marion Tait, UE, DAR was born, raised and still resides in Dunnville, Ontario. In 1951 she married Mitch Tait, a New Zealander and WWII vet, who swept her away to Orua Bay, New Zealand for a year. Marion is a genealogy enthusiast who is constantly on the search for new ancestors; she is currently trying

to prove a Cooke and Soule connection for her ancestor Perry Gifford. So far, she has at least sixteen Loyalist ancestors – eight were Butler's Rangers and three were New Jersey Volunteers. About twenty years ago she discovered she had five Mayflower ancestors and two Patriot ancestors who were Minutemen during the Revolution. Marion joined the Mayflower Society in 1995 through her line to Peter Brown. She is also a member of the Col. John Butler Branch (past VP and currently Director) and the Grand River Branch of the UELAC, Katharine Pratt Horton Buffalo Chapter of the DAR and the Alden Kindred of America. Marion and her niece Cyndee are faithful supporters of our society, never missing a membership meeting.



Robbins Roots

Contributed by Chris Robbins



The Robbins family who have lived in Yarmouth town and county in Nova Scotia for over 250 years are descended from two brothers, James and Benjamin, who came from Plympton, Mass. in 1762 as New England Planters. These brothers were descended from Nicholas Robbins, who came to Massachusetts in

1635 with his family, part of the Great Migration. The origins of pioneer Nicholas in the Old World were not known to family historians, however, in an article in the October 2013 *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Chris Robbins of Fredericton, NB was

able to trace the origins of Nicholas back to Dover, Kent County, England. The Robbins family in Dover were mariners by trade, back at least to the 1500s; many Robbins descendants in Yarmouth, NS were mariners in the 1800s.

A version of the Register article has been posted on the Nicholas Robbins Family web site along with images of some of the documents found.

http://www.nicholasrobbinsfamily.org/#!_2013/fall-2013

Note: The article on the Nicholas Robbins Family web site was posted with permission from the editor of the *NEHG Register*. It was slightly altered, with the Robbins family audience in mind.



General Society of Mayflower Descendants Launches 2020 Logo Contest

The year 2020 will mark 400 years since the Mayflower sailed for and arrived in New England. The GSMD 2020 Committee has launched a contest to create a logo to mark this important anniversary. The letter announcing the competition reads as follows:

"Your State Society and members are invited to join a competition organized by the GSMD 2020 Committee to create a national logo for the GSMD celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, the landing in Plymouth and the establishment of the Pilgrim colony."

Incorporate your ideas for both the celebration of this event and perhaps the future marketing image of GSMD into a design that you believe would be an appropriate symbol. You may organize your effort in any manner you see fit.

In order to insure that good ideas are not excluded, there will be no limit to the number of entries a state or its members may submit. All entries for the contest should be received by the Chair of the 2020 Committee Logo Contest before April 15, 2014. An independent jury of marketing professionals will review each entry and recommend a base group to the committee. Five of those entries will be published in the June Issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly* and those who wish to vote may do so. The winner will be announced at the triennial meeting of the General Congress in September 2014.

All entries will become the property of the GSMD unless the applicant is notified otherwise. More than one logo may be chosen for use by GSMD for special marketing applications for the 2020 celebration. If chosen as the winner, your submittal will be trademarked as a national GSMD logo. Prizes will be awarded to the top three logos selected. You will not be entitled to any other compensation.

The winning logo will serve as the identification and basis for all GSMD marketing for this event. You will receive recognition in both the *Mayflower Quarterly* and at certain select GSMD events. More information will be in the December *Mayflower Quarterly*.



Contact: Harry P Folger 3rd, Chair, GSMD 2020 Committee, 346 Marshallville Road, Woodbine NJ 08270-9723, hfolger@comcast.net
609-628-2251.



More than 80 Million Professional and Amateur Genealogists around the World! Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, September 26, 2013

Family History An article in the *Voice of America* web site says that market research firm Global Industry Analysts says there are more than 80 million professional and amateur genealogists around the world. No wonder there is so much interest these days!

Reporter Mike Richman goes on to describe the recent agreement between FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com to put about 1 billion historical records online. He also interviewed two people with a lot of experience in the growth of genealogy: Paul Nauta of **Fami-lySearch** and some guy named Dick Eastman who writes a genealogy e-newsletter at <http://www.eogn.com>

You can read the full article at <http://goo.gl/voaBFY>

On a personal note, I think the reporter, Mike Richman, now has caught the genealogy bug. When he called the first time, he said he only knew his ancestry back to his grandparents. I gave him a few suggestions and pointed him to a few web sites. He later emailed back and asked follow-up questions so I dug a bit deeper and have given him a whole bunch of other places to look. Yes, now we have 80 million and one genealogists!

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, established in 1897, is the national organization of descendants of the passengers of the ship *Mayflower* that arrived in Plymouth, New England, in 1620 (note, there was no second voyage). Of the 102 passengers on board, there are twenty-six heads of families who have descendants (listed on the Society's website below) that are

<http://www.themayflowersociety.com/>

recognized for membership in the Mayflower Society. The head of family represents his spouse and children who also came on the ship. For example, you may join the Society under the head of family, William Mullins, who also represents his wife Alice, son Joseph, and daughter Priscilla Mullins (who married passenger John Alden); or you may join under John Alden, who also represents his wife Priscilla Mullins. An individual with more than one Mayflower head of family may file supplemental lineages after the initial application is completed.

Old Colony Memorial, Plymouth, 1 May 1884: Robins have been seen at Marshfield with white spots on their heads and wings. They had probably grown gray headed waiting for decent Spring weather.

World Names

By Brent Rutherford

I do not have a sense of whether or not you tried the web site I mentioned at the most recent Board meeting. In case not, or your notes were sketchy, here is how:

- 1) Go to this web site:
<http://gbnames.publicprofiler.org/>
- 2) Left click on the large blue circle with the text "Search for a Name"
- 3) On the next page, chose the year and type the name
- 4) Then left click "find"...

...and you should soon see a map of Great Britain with a London insert with the frequency of the name you provided located on the map.

You could try a *Mayflower* passenger, say Mullins. My name (Rutherford) is fairly localized, but have a look at Carhart for a really localized name. (Or Roser!)

Might the Mayflower Not Have Sailed

This might have happened by accident, but the story of the *Mayflower* is filled with fortunate accidents. "Might the Mayflower not have sailed?" Theodore K. Rabb asks. The answer is a decided yes. What if one remarkable and influential member of the English gentry had not intervened on behalf of the Pilgrims – as their leader, William Bradford, called them? What if they had actually landed at their original destination, the recently established Virginia Colony, whose boundaries reached as far north as the regions around the Hudson River? But when, after a voyage of fifty-four days, the *Mayflower* sighted land on November 9, 1620, the Pilgrims learned that storms had carried them off course and that they were beyond Virginia and the governmental authority that their original contract would have obliged them to honor. What if they had turned south? They didn't.

What Ifs? Of American History, Edited by Robert Cowley



"I'm sorry, but this beach is for residents only."



Nova Scotia Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Nova Scotia Colony is hard at work planning for our annual fall meeting – and this year is going to be special.

It's the Colony's 10th anniversary meeting which we will hold this year in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, so are looking forward to a big party and some very special events. We are hoping to have a special visitor from Plymouth with us as an interpreter. We did this a few years ago to huge success, and we'll have more details to follow, as we get closer to the actual date.

As well, the Colony will put on a Cemetery Tour of the Town Point Burying Ground in Chebogue, NS.



The tour will feature two interpreters, Wilfred Allan and Judi Archibald, who will play the parts of two residents of the cemetery and tour people around giving interesting tidbits of history about the folks buried in the cemetery. Judi's character, Abigail Robbins, is a Mayflower Descendant, as are more than half of the hundreds of souls buried there.

The Colony invites all to be a part of our big party – you may visit us online at:

tightlines.ca or you may contact us by e-mail at: wcurry@billcurry.ca

Bill Curry – Nova Scotia Colony Regent

Alberta Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

We would like you all to know the Alberta Colony is still kicking. The Executive met on December 15th 2013 in Calgary. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. The group will try for a general meeting on or about October 18, 2014 in Calgary. (Details to follow ASAP)
2. Change in the Executive positions: Ann Murphy has now taken over as treasurer and Arlie Fawcett moves to secretary until elections can be held.
3. The Executive needs your help in finding a guest speaker for the Fall Supper. Anyone knowing someone of interest please contact anyone on the executive committee.
4. All positions on the executive committee are open for election. Please contact us if you know of anyone interested in running for: Regent, Vice Regent, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Elder.

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Elder - Al Collins - Calgary (no email address)

The executive understands that everyone's life is very busy and technology offers many options. The group only meets once a year giving us a chance to socialize and to hear what others have discovered in their family searches. We hope to hear from anyone in the Alberta Colony regarding the above matters or any other concerns you may have. This may be the last chance to save the group. If we do not hear a response from the membership, I'm sorry to say, the Alberta Colony will have to be placed in limbo for the future!

Terry Smith — Alberta Colony Regent

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