



# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

Robert W. White, Editor



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## Governor's Column by George McNeillie



We held our Annual Compact meeting on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Oakham House at Ryerson University. Instead of our usual luncheon, this time we opted for afternoon tea, since we already had our major event for the year in May, hosting GSMD Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle and his wife Kate to a reception and dinner. Our business meeting was followed by a delightful presentation by Janice Nickerson of Upper Canada Genealogy who spoke on How to share your family's history with your family without having to write "the book".


This year is a landmark for the CSMD as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary. The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants received its charter from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on September 13, 1980. Of the CSMD's 29 charter members in 1980, five continue as active Society members: Sharon Cadieux of Kingston ON; Lynn Pierce-Hanlon and Vance Pierce of Holland Landing ON; Abbie Thompson of Victoria BC; and Leon Warmksi of Oakville ON. While there are no plans to observe this milestone formally, we are looking forward to our 40th in 2020 – which coincides with the 400th anniversary of the arrival of our Pilgrim forebears. We will have more details on this important event in the coming months -- and would also welcome your suggestions.

This year we will be looking into ways to involve our members across the country in CSMD activities and events. This has been a challenge since our founding -- given the size of our country and the costs of travel. Again, we invite your suggestions: some ideas for discussion could include funding events at the local level; asking members to represent the Society at genealogical conferences in their respective communities; establishing local scholarships for Mayflower-related research, etc.

Special thanks to your Board of Assistants who are all volunteers and who work tirelessly to keep the Society ticking. We still have positions open on the Board and would love to hear from you if you are interested

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of David Rutherford, son of CSMD Board of Assistants member Brent Rutherford, on December 25, 2014. Our sincerest condolences to Brent and his family.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Annual Compact Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Toronto Cricket Club in Toronto.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them to me at [governor@csmd.org](mailto:governor@csmd.org) or c/o 47 St. Clair Ave. West – Apt. 903, Toronto, ON M4V 3A5. 



## Supplemental Lines to our Mayflower Ancestors

Margaret Dougherty, Deputy Governor &amp; Digital Administrator

Since our Society was established in 1980, many members have documented their lineage to other Mayflower passengers through the years. Below are the approved supplemental lines of our current members. Congratulations to Mary Birch of Pensacola FL who has **eight** proven supplemental lines in addition to her primary ancestor, Myles Standish, followed by Gary Bennett, of Cobourg ON, who has **five** proven supplemental lines in addition to his primary ancestor, William Brewster.



| Member                 | Ancestor | Approved Supplementals  |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Sam Aylesworth</b>  | Cooke    | James Chilton   |
| <b>Gary Bennett</b>    | Brewster | Henry Samson<br>Myles Standish<br>John Alden<br>Richard Mullins<br>Richard Warren   |
| <b>Jack Berryman</b>   | Cooke    | Richard Warren  |
| <b>Mary Birch</b>      | Standish | John Alden<br>William Mullins<br>Henry Samson<br>Stephen Hopkins<br>Richard Warren<br>John Howland<br>John Tilley<br>Joan Hurst |
| <b>Connie Bryce</b>    | Hopkins  | William Brewster<br>Thomas Rogers   |
| <b>David Cann</b>      | Brewster | Richard More  |
| <b>Linda Charron</b>   | Alden    | William Brewster<br>John Mullins  |
| <b>Renee Charron</b>   | Alden    | William Brewster<br>John Mullins  |
| <b>Jason Charron</b>   | Alden    | William Brewster<br>John Mullins  |
| <b>Ruth Day</b>        | Warren   | Peter Brown   |
| <b>Sandy Fairbanks</b> | Howland  | Francis Cooke<br>Richard Warren   |
| <b>Catherine Fryer</b> | Cooke    | James Chilton   |
| <b>Kenneth Hopkins</b> | Rogers   | William Mullins<br>John Alden   |
| <b>Bonnie House</b>    | Rogers   | Stephen Hopkins   |
| <b>Ardis Kamra</b>     | Alden    | Myles Standish<br>Henry Samson<br>William Brewster  |
| <b>Scott Kenney</b>    | Brewster | Stephen Hopkins   |
| <b>Gary Mann</b>       | Howland  | John Alden  |

| Member                        | Ancestor | Approved Supplementals   |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
|                               |          | Henry Samson<br>Myles Standish<br>Isaac Allerton                     |
| <b>Nancy McLary</b>           | Warren   | Peter Brown  |
| <b>Bev Muendel-Atherstone</b> | Howland  | William Brewster   |
| <b>John Noble</b>             | Hopkins  | William Brewster<br>Thomas Rogers                                    |
| <b>George Nye</b>             | Howland  | Thomas Rogers  |
| <b>Linda O'Rourke</b>         | Brewster | Francis Cooke<br>John Howland<br>James Chilton                       |
| <b>Martha Olmsted</b>         | Warren   | William Brewster<br>John Alden<br>Francis Cooke                      |
| <b>David Pinkney</b>          | Hopkins  | John Howland<br>John Tilley<br>James Chilton<br>William Brewster     |
| <b>Peter Rogers</b>           | Cooke    | Richard Warren   |
| <b>Judith Swan</b>            | Howland  | John Tilley<br>William Brewster<br>Richard Warren<br>William Mullins |
| <b>Marion Tait</b>            | Brown    | John Alden   |
| <b>Ken Watkis</b>             | Standish | William Brewster   |
| <b>Bob White</b>              | Alden    | Richard Warren<br>Isaac Allerton                                     |
| <b>Fred White</b>             | Bradford | William Brewster<br>Richard Warren                                   |
| <b>Robert White</b>           | Brewster | John Howland   |
| <b>Gordon Wood</b>            | Brewster | Francis Cooke  |
| <b>Alan Wright</b>            | Brewster | Stephen Hopkins<br>John Howland<br>John Tilley                       |


## Mayflower Descendants

By Jim Faber, Family Tree Magazine, 9/28/2009

A quarter of Americans believe that they are descendants of the 26 Englishmen who came over on the Mayflower.

Did your ancestors come over on the Mayflower? A quarter of Americans believe that they are descendants of the 26 Englishmen who came over on the Mayflower, survived a harsh winter and celebrated the first Thanksgiving at Massachusetts' Plymouth Colony in 1621, according to a Scripps-Howard News Service/Ohio University poll.



But fewer than half of those who think they're descendants of the original Pilgrims can possibly be right. According to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the best estimates indicate that more than 35 million people worldwide can count at least one of those 26 Pilgrims as an ancestor. That's a huge number of descendants. But consider that one-quarter of the US population would be roughly 70 million people, twice the total number of actual Mayflower descendants worldwide. 

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COMPACT MEETING  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER  
DESCENDANTS  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014, AT 3 P.M.  
OAKHAM HOUSE, 63 GOULD ST, TORONTO**



**Call to Order /Mayflower Compact**

A quorum being present in person and via Skype, Governor G. McNeillie called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Deputy Governor M. Dougherty read the Mayflower Compact.

**Descendants Roll Call:** Co-Historian D. Denison conducted the roll call. There was a four-way tie among the Billington, Brewster, Howland and Tilley lines, each having five descendants present.

**Necrology & Grace:** Elder B. White read out the names of Society members deceased since the 2013 compact meeting and led Grace.

**Approval of Minutes of the 2013 Annual Compact Meeting**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2013 annual compact meeting, published in the Spring 2014 issue of Canadian Pilgrim and on the Society's website, be approved.

Moved by D. Denison, seconded by M. Gregory  
Carried

**Reports of Officers:** The reports of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Historian, Captain, Publicity Chair and Digital Administrator were published on our website for members to read prior to the compact meeting.

**Motion:** To receive the reports submitted by the Governor, Deputy Governor, Historian, Captain, Publicity Chair and Digital Administrator.

Moved by M. Dougherty, seconded by A. Johnson  
Carried

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's reports were published on our website for members to read prior to the compact meeting.

**Motion:** To accept the Statement of Canadian Dollar Income and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2013; the statement of US Dollar Income and Expenditures for the year ended December

31, 2013; and the Statement of Investments as at December 31, 2013, recognizing that these have not been prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Moved by A. Johnson, seconded by B. Goss  
Carried

**Motion:** To waive appointment of a public accountant for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and for other fiscal periods that may end in 2015, and that unaudited financial statements be prepared by the Treasurer.

Moved by M. Dougherty, seconded by M. Gregory  
Carried

**Motion:** To change the fiscal year-end from December 31 to June 30, effective June 30, 2015

Moved by M. Dougherty, seconded by G. McNeillie  
Carried

**Motion:** That the Society maintain financial investments to respond to opportunities to fulfill the purpose of the corporation, and to honour commitments and contingencies. The amount and type of investments will be reviewed by the Board of Assistants annually.

Moved by B. White, Seconded by A. Johnson  
Carried

**Election to Board of Assistants**

**Motion:** To elect the Editor of *The Canadian Pilgrim* to the Board of Assistants for a three-year term.


Moved by J. Cutler, seconded by R. Lewsey  
Carried

G. McNeillie acknowledged and thanked R. White for his many years of service in this role. Electing Mr. White to the Board of Assistants formalizes his position in this important role.

**Guest Speaker:** Professional genealogist Janice Nickerson gave a presentation about ways to present the results of genealogy research to our families "beyond the book".

A list of resources mentioned was emailed to all current members following the meeting.

**New Members:** G. McNeillie welcomed our two newest Society members, Ron Lewsey and Nicola MacIntyre, and presented them their member certificates.

**Adjournment:** Following the singing of the Mayflower Song led by past Governor J. Cutler, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m. 

**The Pilgrim Sabbath services were held twice on Sunday; in addition, sermons were often given on Thursdays, and as occasion demanded, Days of Thanksgiving or Days of Fasting and Humiliation were proclaimed. These latter were movable weekday holidays called in response to God's Providence.**



## BEYOND THE BOOK

## "HOW TO SHARE YOUR RESEARCH WITH YOUR FAMILY"

Janice Nickerson

[www.UpperCanadaGenealogy.com](http://www.UpperCanadaGenealogy.com)

Most genealogists spend years, even decades, researching their family's history and then despair of ever writing "the book" that will showcase all their discoveries for their family. This lecture demonstrates, with show and tell examples, a handful of creative ways to give your family the gift of genealogy without the slog of writing a 500-page to me.

The following websites provide tools to help you design and produce the family history products discussed in this lecture.



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| <b>Slide Shows</b><br><a href="http://PassageExpress.com">PassageExpress.com</a><br><a href="http://PhotoDex.com">PhotoDex.com</a><br><a href="http://LegacyFamilyTree.com">LegacyFamilyTree.com</a><br><a href="http://SmileBox.com">SmileBox.com</a>   | <b>Jigsaw Puzzles</b><br><a href="http://CreateJigsawPuzzles.com">CreateJigsawPuzzles.com</a><br><a href="http://Puzzle-My-Picture.com">Puzzle-My-Picture.com</a><br><a href="http://PrinterStudio.com">PrinterStudio.com</a><br><a href="http://JigsawPuzzle.com">JigsawPuzzle.com</a><br><a href="http://StavePuzzles.com">StavePuzzles.com</a>  |
| <b>Infographics</b><br><a href="http://VennGage.com">VennGage.com</a><br><a href="http://TableauSoftware.com">TableauSoftware.com</a><br><a href="http://PiktoChart.com">PiktoChart.com</a><br><a href="http://www.easel.ly/">www.easel.ly/</a>  | <b>Timelines</b><br><a href="http://TimeToast.com">TimeToast.com</a><br><a href="http://TreeLines.com">TreeLines.com</a><br><a href="http://ASinglePixle.com">ASinglePixle.com</a> (choose "timeflyer")<br><a href="http://Legacyfamilytree.com">Legacyfamilytree.com</a> (choose "add-ons", then "Gene Lines")  |
| <b>Maps</b><br><a href="http://ZeeMaps.com">ZeeMaps.com</a><br><a href="http://NationalGeographic.com">NationalGeographic.com</a> (choose "education", then "mapping" and 1-page maps)<br><a href="http://AncestralAtlas.com">AncestralAtlas.com</a><br><a href="http://Legacyfamilytree.com">Legacyfamilytree.com</a> (choose "add-ons", then "Map My Family Tree")<br><a href="http://SyniumSoftware.com/macfamilytree/">SyniumSoftware.com/macfamilytree/</a><br><a href="http://http://goldbug.com/animap/">http://goldbug.com/animap/</a><br><a href="http://Rootsmagic.com/family-atlas/">Rootsmagic.com/family-atlas/</a> | <b>Playing Cards</b><br><a href="http://BicycleCards.com">BicycleCards.com</a><br><a href="http://MakePlayingCards.com">MakePlayingCards.com</a><br><a href="http://PrinterStudio.com">PrinterStudio.com</a><br><b>Games</b><br><a href="http://TheGameCrafter.com">TheGameCrafter.com</a><br><a href="http://SuperiorPod.com">SuperiorPod.com</a><br><b>Calendars</b><br><a href="http://FamilyHistoryProducts.com">FamilyHistoryProducts.com</a><br><a href="http://PrintedOwl.com">PrintedOwl.com</a><br><a href="http://Blurb.com">Blurb.com</a> |

# The Business Page



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## Did You know?

Members of the CSMD Board of Assistants live in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia. We conduct Society business at meetings in person or by Skype/FaceTime and stay in touch by phone, email, Skype and FaceTime. Together, your Board of Assistants are descended from 13 Mayflower passengers.

## NEW GENEALOGY RESEARCH RELEASED BY THE GSMD

A new silver book for anyone researching their descent from Elder William Brewster is available from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Volume 24 of the silver books series is The Descendants of Elder William Brewster Part 1, Generations 1 through 4. The GSMD has also revised volume 3: George Soule, of the Mayflower Families in Progress (MFIP) pink booklets. Both can be ordered online or by phone for \$60 US and \$20 US respectively, plus shipping.

See [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org), email [sales@themayflowersociety.org](mailto:sales@themayflowersociety.org), or call 508-746-5058.

An updated Stephen Hopkins silver book is expected to be available this summer.



**STAY IN TOUCH**

If you are moving please let us know so we can ensure ongoing mail delivery to you. Do we have your email address and phone number?

[administrator@csmc.org](mailto:administrator@csmc.org)

**MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES**

Do we have your biography or is the biography that we have of you outdated? If you'd like to be included in future Member Spotlight features, please email your bio and a recent head and shoulders photo to [administrator@csmc.org](mailto:administrator@csmc.org)

**LIBRARY REPORT**

Please note that our library holdings are listed on our website at [csmc.org](http://csmc.org) (click on Library Catalogue). Our library is housed in the Canadiana Room at the Toronto Public Library's North York Central branch. Library staff don't do in-depth research, but they will check a limited number of appropriate resources for you. Phone 416-393-7241 or email [intellisearch@torontopubliclibrary.ca](mailto:intellisearch@torontopubliclibrary.ca). Donations of genealogical books are most welcome. Contact Brent Rutherford at [librarian@csmc.org](mailto:librarian@csmc.org)

**ABOUT YOUR DUES**

Did you know that the CSMD pays a proscribed assessment for each member to the GSMD? Starting in 2016, the assessment is \$15 per member, an increase of \$4 from assessments levied in recent years. The assessment comes from each member's dues. The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants depends on membership dues and other donations to operate.

The deadline for 2015 CSMD dues of \$45 per member was November 30, 2014. We thank everyone who has renewed their support of our Society. If haven't heard from us (several reminders have gone out), this means you're paid up. If you received this newsletter by regular mail, your mailing label will tell you the status of your dues. Dues can be paid by PayPal, cheque or money order payable to CSMD. The latter should be mailed to the Treasurer, Maureen McGee, at 1060 Ewert St, Prince George BC V2M 2P2.

We appreciate everyone's ongoing support of our Society.

**CSMD FEES (NON REFUNDABLE)**

Application fees: \$20 (CAD) after lineage review, \$75 (US) when your application is sent to the GSMD Historian General in Plymouth for approval. Family member application fee: \$70 (US).

Supplemental line fee (per line): \$20 (CAD) after lineage review, \$75 (US) when your application is sent to the GSMD Historian General in Plymouth for approval.

Membership certificates: \$5

CSMD lapel pin: \$5 at meetings

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Like us on Facebook: Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS NOW ON MAILING LABELS**

As a convenience for members who still receive their CSMD information by regular mail, you'll notice that your mailing label now includes your Canadian and General Society identification numbers, together with information on the status of your paid dues. You need your General Society membership number when you register for members' only access to the General Society website and to sign up for the General Society email newsletter, both of which we strongly encourage, if you use email.

Note: If you received your newsletter by mail and the envelope has a mailing label reading Paid 2014, this means your 2015 dues have not been paid. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details on how to pay.

**HELP WANTED: RECORDING SECRETARY AND CAPTAIN**

The CSMD needs your help. Our Board of Assistants needs a **recording secretary**, **captain** and an **editor**. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

**Our Bylaw describes the duties of recording secretary as follows:**

"The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Board and mail or email 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 Members, 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."

**Our Bylaw describes the duties of captain as follows:**

"The Captain shall be responsible for the proper care and preservation of the flags and see that they are properly displayed at all meetings and other occasions requiring them; shall act as Marshall at parades and on occasions of ceremony."

The Board of Assistants meets twice a year in Toronto and stays in touch in between by email as required. If you live outside the Greater Toronto/Hamilton Area, we use Skype or Facetime at our Board meetings, enabling some of our Board members to attend remotely. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Gary Bennett, Chair, Nominating Committee, at [corrsecretary@csmc.org](mailto:corrsecretary@csmc.org)



## DONATIONS

Thank you to Diane Clairoux, member #266, of New Brunswick, for her donation to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants in memory of her father, the late John White, member #77. We are grateful to all members who donate to the CSMD.

## GO GREEN: EMAIL REMINDER

The CSMD now uses email exclusively wherever possible to communicate with members, applicants and prospective members. This includes distribution of the *Canadian Pilgrim* newsletter. Regular mail is used only for those members who do not use email, or by request to [administrator@csmd.org](mailto:administrator@csmd.org)

## SIGN UP FOR THE GSMD EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants launched an email newsletter last Fall to stay in touch with members. You'll get alerts about when the next issue of The Mayflower Quarterly is available online, and other general news updates. Sign up at : <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/> with your General Society membership number.

Forgot your General Society membership number?

Ask : [administrator@csmd.org](mailto:administrator@csmd.org)

Please see pages 110 and 111 of the September 2014 *Mayflower Quarterly* for important information about its print and production schedule. Don't miss out on receiving *Mayflower Quarterly* news.

### UPCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

#### 2015 CSMD ANNUAL COMPACT MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 17, Toronto Cricket Club, Toronto

Social hour: noon; luncheon and meeting: 1-3 p.m.

Details to follow.

#### GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING

Sept 10-13

2015 Mystic CT

#### 41st TRIENNIAL GENERAL CONGRESS, GSMD

Sept. 2017, Plymouth MA

2015 NOVA SCOTIA COLONY ANNUAL MEETING: YARMOUTH,  
DATE TBA.

## GENEALOGY CONFERENCES IN CANADA

The *Quebec Family History Society* is hosting **Roots 2015**, an English language international family history conference in Montreal, June 19, 20 and 21. Early bird registration before May 1st is \$135 if you're not a member of that society. More details:

<http://www.qfhs.ca/cpage.php?pt=174>

Canada's first **National Genealogy Conference** will be held July 17, 18 and 19 at Pier 21 in Halifax. Registration is \$210. More details:

<http://www.visiontravel.ca/heidiwilker>


Many provincial genealogy associations also have conferences scheduled.

## We Are 35!

This year, we celebrate 35 years since we were established as the first (and still the only) Mayflower Society outside of the United States. We have members from every Canadian province, the United States, Australia and the UK.

The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants received its charter from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on September 13, 1980. Below are the Charter members:

Of the Charter members in 1980, five are still active Society members: Sharon Cadieux of Kingston ON; Lynn Pierce-Hanlon and Vance Pierce of Holland Landing ON; Abbie Thompson of Victoria BC; and Leon Warski of Oakville ON. Thank you each of you for sticking with us from the very beginning. We treasure all our members' support, but especially yours.

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| #1 Rev. James McGivern SJ | #16 Vance Pierce  |
| #2 Col. Harry Pierce      | #17 John Bryant   |
| #3 Lynn Hanlon-Pierce     | #18 Margaret Blackley   |
| #4 Rev. Mel Donald        | #19 Mary Munn   |
| #5 Nathaniel Brewster     | #20 Rose Young  |
| #6 Ruth Walsh             | #21 Barbara Allen   |
| #7 Margaret Owen          | #22 Raymond Hadden  |
| #8 Bessie Owen            | #23 May Schultz   |
| #9 Keith Bain             | #24 Roy Spooner   |
| #10 George Bain           | #25 Abbie Thompson  |
| #11 Sharon Cadieux        | #26 Clyde Soule   |
| #12 Madeline Warren       | #27 Francis Barnes  |
| #13 Marian Worthen        | # 28 Winston Prince   |
| #14 Beatrice Warski       | #29 Dora Kreiss   |
| #15 Leon Warski           |  |

On [CSMD.org](http://csmd.org): Agendas, reports and minutes

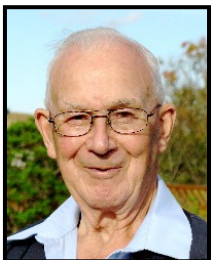
Check our website under the Board of Assistants and Annual Compact Meetings links for agendas, reports and minutes of recent meetings.



## Members' News



### Harold Coggins #268



Joined: 1997

Lineage: Isaac Allerton-Mary Allerton-Elkanah Cushman-Elkanah Cushman-Hannah Cushman-Hannah Waterman-James Trask-Freeman Trask-Johanna Trask-George Doty-Susie Doty-Harold Coggins

Nova Scotia born and bred, Harold worked a good part of his life on the sea, beginning with his father's deep sea fishing boat and then on schooners carrying lumber to American ports. As a member of the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve in World War 2, he served on 11 ships. After engineering stints on coastal patrol boats off Nova Scotia, on a locally-owned cargo ship sailing to South America, and a sea-going tugboat, Harold spent 30 years as watch chief engineer on the CN Marine vessel *Abegweit*, at the time, the world's largest ice-breaking ship and passenger ferry.

### Joyce Fingland #381



Joined: 2003

Lineage: Richard Warren-Mary Warren-Mary Bartlett-Hannah Morey-Sarah Bumpas-George White-Nathaniel White-George White-Adeline White-William Myers-Ruth Myers-Joyce Fingland

Joyce was born in Calgary to Ruth Irene Myers (an early CSMD member) and Ralph McCleery Ferguson. Her hobbies include gardening and genealogy. Joyce loves the puzzle of finding and piecing together the histories of her ancestors and those of her husband. She is currently chair of the Ontario Genealogical Society Kingston Branch and editor of the Ontario Genealogical Society's annual report and electronic newsletter, *eNewsleaf*.

### Kerri Rohi-Kamra #290



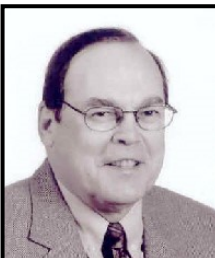
Joined: 1998

Lineage: John Alden-Sarah Alden-Mercy Standish-David Samson-Elizabeth Samson-David Pineo-Gibbs Pineo-Jonathan Pineo-Elizabeth Pineo-Maude Moore-Jessie Castor-Ardis D. Stewart-Kerri Rohi-Kamra

Kerri grew up in St. Albert, Alberta, far from the New World home of her *Mayflower* ancestors. After many years in Toronto, she settled on a farm with her husband, in Caledon, Ontario.

Unexpectedly, she found herself living among the homesteads and towns settled by her great-great ancestors, some of whom were Mayflower descendants. Kerri practices law in Toronto. In her spare time, she nourishes her hobbies, which include world travel and dinosaur hunting in the Alberta Badlands and elsewhere. Thanks to her mother's efforts, she is able to trace her Mayflower roots to John Alden, Miles Standish and Henry Sampson.


### George R. Nye DDS #243



Joined: 1996

Lineage: John Howland-John Howland-Hannah Howland-Lydia Crocker-Hannah Bodfish-Benjamin Nye-Nathan Nye-Apollo Nye-George Nye-George Nye-George Nye-Ralph Nye-George Nye

Thomas Rogers-Joseph Rogers-Mary Rogers-Ebenezer Phinney-Samuel Phinney-Susannah Phinney-Nathan Nye-Apollo Nye-George Nye-George Nye-George Nye-Ralph Nye-George Nye

George holds the position of Surgeon on our Board of Assistants. In the Canadian Forces, he served in Cyprus, Germany and Ontario. Major Nye retired in 1984 and established an outpatient surgical facility in Red Deer, Alberta. He is the former Head of Dentistry at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. He is a co-author of "The Origins of Benjamin1 Nye: Examining the Sources", published by the Nye Family of America Association. 

## New Members



### We welcome to the Canadian Society

**592**  
**Douglas Ian DeWitt**  
**(Samson)**  
**Red Deer, AB**

**595**  
**David Michael Bulgar**  
**(Alden)**  
**Cornwall, PE**

**593**  
**Molly P Montgomery**  
**(Standish)**  
**Toronto, ON**

**596**  
**Robert Baines**  
**(Brewster)**  
**Lethbridge, AB**

**594**  
**Carol MacDormand**  
**(Chilton)**  
**Moncton, NB**

**597**  
**David Service**  
**(Tilley)**  
**Alliston, ON**



## Necrology



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

Grace Olive Taylor—(#245 Brewster)  
Toronto—2015


## Odds and Ends



### Scrooby Pilgrim Heritage Centre

The Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association is in the process of creating exciting plans to develop a 'Mayflower Pilgrim Heritage Centre' in Scrooby. Known as the spiritual home of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims, this is the area where Elder William Brewster was born and brought up.

Many *Mayflower* descendants who make a pilgrimage to Scrooby are disappointed upon arriving that there are not any dedicated facilities to view. This project will address that and it can be seen that this center would provide a place where every year thousands of schoolchildren and tourists would be able to find a hospitable, informative and inspiring, meeting place.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please visit the association's website: <http://www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org> 

### The Pilgrims are Us

By Malcolm Gaskill

The Wall Street Journal, Nov. 26, 2014

In the fall of 1621, 50 English men and women and 90 Native Americans gathered at New Plymouth in Massachusetts. The colonists had arrived a year earlier on a leaky wine ship, the *Mayflower*, and built a hillside settlement overlooking the ocean, little more than a few wooden huts in a stockade. The first winter had been terrible: Half their number had perished from malnutrition and disease. They had struggled to farm the land, were




poorly supplied from England and relied on their Indian hosts for expertise and food.

But in the end, they did it. According to Edward Winslow, who had buried his wife that March, "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labor." The Pilgrims, as they would later be known, celebrated for three days—an event immortalized in American history as the first Thanksgiving.

The story has been heavily mythologized, and the numerous depictions of it that have come down to us are mostly patriotic romances, full of errors about the dress, technology and general atmosphere of the day. What we most tend to

overlook in the Thanksgiving tale, however, is the wider context of settlement. English colonists—350,000 of them in the 17th century—were a diverse lot, and more English than you might imagine. Having left the Old World for the New, they clung to their old identities and tried to preserve them. In this, they failed, and yet from that failure, a new national character was born—the primary traits of which are still visible in Americans today...

... Here we might return to Plymouth in 1621 and to the true story of the first Thanksgiving, which is richer and more edifying than the familiar holiday version. When the Pilgrim William Bradford said, "They began now to gather in the small harvest they had...being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty," he was bearing witness to the fact that, in their first crucial year, they had barely survived.

The Pilgrims were not typical settlers in the new land, but they still exemplify the extraordinary imagination and belief, fortitude and courage, shown by colonists across early America—qualities shared today by all manner of Americans [and Canadians], regardless of their ancestry. 

**Mary Allerton Cushman was three years old when she began the voyage aboard the *Mayflower*; when she died at 83, she was the last surviving passenger who had made the historic trip.**



## Mayflower Medals



**Membership Medal**

winter. In 1918, it became the Massachusetts state flower.

The Membership medal has a straight gold top bar engraved with the member's state and usually one or more curved ancestor bars, then the Mayflower Society emblem. There is a Miniature Member Medal that can be worn when you are representing the Society at various occasions. This miniature may be worn beside miniature emblems of other societies. The Member Medal has a square top bar that is affixed to a ribbon above the member medal and is worn over the heart. Only ancestor bars should be affixed to the GSMD Member medal.



The curved Ancestor Bar pins onto the GSMD Member Medal ribbon. Names of compact signers, wives, and children who sailed on the Mayflower are engraved on this bar. GSMD Member medal displays ancestor bars only. This is worn by GSMD members only at society functions. There is a junior member medal which may be worn up to the age of 25 years



State officer medals come with a straight gold top bar engraved with the officer's state on the top the same as the member's ribbon. Next is the curved state officer bars listing state offices held. If the officer is also a colony officer, the state offices held comes first, followed by a colony name bar, then the colony offices held. The State Governor usually wears a neck medallion. Eligibility: State and Colony Officers.

The National GSMD Medal has a square top bar affixed to a ribbon above the GSMD medal. It should be worn over the heart alongside the State Officer Medal and Member Medal. Only national office and

There are several medals offered to Mayflower Descendants. The pink and white ribbons are referred to as medals as each ribbon has the emblem medal as the last pin on the bottom of the ribbon. Why is the ribbon for GSMD insignia pink and white? The *Epigaea repens*, known as the Mayflower, ground laurel or trailing arbutus, has a flower with five petals that is pink or white in color. It is sometimes referred to as Plymouth Mayflower and is said to be the first flower to cheer the hearts of the Pilgrims after the rigors of their first New England



**State Governor Neck Medallion**

committee bars should be displayed on the ribbon. Eligibility: National Officers including Deputy Governors General, Assistants General and those appointed to National GSMD Committees.

The Past State Governor medal comes with two straight bars, top being Past Governor bar followed by the state bar. This is worn instead of a state officer's ribbon. GSMD state officer ribbons come with a straight gold top bar engraved GSMD and a curved bar following stating the office held.

All of these ribbons are to be worn by members only and only at Mayflower Society meetings (except miniature as mentioned). The officer ribbon with the highest office held should be on the left as viewed by another person. In the middle would be the state officer medal and to the right, the membership ribbon. Whether wearing one, two, or three official medals, all should be in a straight row and balanced over the heart.

Curved bars are not interchangeable between ribbons and should not be worn with the miniature or junior medal. The last is an unofficial ribbon with other Mayflower pins (i.e. the new 2020 pin) that may be worn on your right side.

Both ladies and gentlemen may wear the society Rosette, Recognition Pin, charms etc., ties, and scarves. All of these items may be worn in public or at a meeting. All of the medals, jewelry, and other membership items may be purchased on the GSMD website on the Shop page.

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/shop13/members-only/medals?limitstart=0>



### Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Lapel Pin



Description: black background with gold image and lettering, 7/8" with a push pin back.

Lapel pins are available at meetings for \$5 or by mail for \$10. Please send cheques or money orders


payable to CSMD to our Treasurer, Maureen McGee, 1060 Ewert St, Prince George BC V2M 2P2.



## Ancestors by the Numbers


Here's a breakdown of the primary proven ancestors of our current members as of March 2015. The primary ancestor is that under which a member's application was approved. Brewster is by far the ancestor through whom the most CSMD members first joined, with 35 members descended, followed by Hopkins with 25, and Warren with 24.

|                   |           |                 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| <b>Alden</b>      | <b>22</b> | <b>Howland</b>  | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Allerton</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>Rogers</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Bradford</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>Samson</b>   | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>Billington</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>Soule</b>    | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Brewster</b>   | <b>35</b> | <b>Standish</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Chilton</b>    | <b>3</b>  | <b>Tilley</b>   | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Cooke</b>      | <b>17</b> | <b>Warren</b>   | <b>24</b> |
| <b>Doty</b>       | <b>5</b>  | <b>White</b>    | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Fuller</b>     | <b>1</b>  | <b>Winslow</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Hopkins</b>    | <b>25</b> |                 |           |

We have no current members who initially joined through six Mayflower families: Browne, Eaton, Fletcher, More, Mullins and Priest (although some members do have approved supplemental lines through some of these). 

## Mayflower Passengers with the Most Descendants

John and Priscilla Alden probably have the largest number of descendants of any Mayflower passenger, but with stiff competition from Richard Warren and John Howland. They are ancestors to Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Vice President Dan Quayle.

John Alden's House built in 1653 still stands, and tours are given by the Alden Kindred of America. 

I discipline churchgoers with godly lessons and sharp words if they do not change their ways. My goal is to open their hearts so that they seek forgiveness.

William Brewster

## Colony News



### Nova Scotia Colony

The Nova Scotia Colony launched a website at:

<http://www.mayflowernovascotia.ca/>

last Fall and is also on Facebook as The *Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants*. Be sure to 'like' their Facebook page.

The Colony's 2014-2016 Executive, elected at its November 2014 annual meeting is:

**Regent: Bill Curry**

**Vice-Regent: Cheryl Anderson**

**Past Regent: Gordon Wood**

**Secretary: Wilfred Allan**

**Treasurer: Gary Archibald**

**Elder: Gerry Curry**

**Historian: Judi Archibald**

**Captain: George Snow**

**Member-at-Large: Ed Morrissey**


**Webmaster: Bill Curry**

**Membership/Promotions: Gerry Curry**



### Alberta Colony

Members of the Executive of the Alberta Colony met on September 11, 2014 and agreed with regret to suspend the Colony because of a lack of interest among members in continuing to operate. We appreciate the commitment of Colony Regent Terry Smith and his team over the past several years to sustain the Colony.

Alberta joins British Columbia as inactive colonies. If anyone is interested in reviving either colony, please contact us. 

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