



# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



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**G o v e r n o r ' s C o l u m n - J o y c e C u t l e r**



On December 29th, our 25th Anniversary Books were delivered to my house and shortly after the New Year all of the pre-ordered books were mailed out. We are impressed with the way our book looks, from the bright red leather-like hard cover with its silver lettering, to the general layout of the contents. I want to thank Susan Roser, our historian, who has done a great job of compiling information from the past twenty-five years to write the history of our society. Also, I wish to thank Dale Lahey for all of his work on the database, the Board of Assistants for all of their help and everyone who contributed material or helped in the publishing of our book.

Our members have sent us many complimentary testimonials expressing their pleasure and delight after reading our book. A couple of members have been able to discover supplemental lines and new found cousins from the lineages in the Membership Roster and the Cousins list. Another member stated that it was nice to be able to put faces to the names they have read about in the Canadian Pilgrim.

We are very happy with the overall success of the book and our sales have been brisk. One hundred and seventy-five books were ordered and now, in the first part of March, there are less than forty copies left.

Now, on to new business. This year we are trying something different for our Spring Luncheon which is scheduled for the 5th of May. We are going to enjoy a wine tasting experience at the Kittling Ridge Winery in Grimsby followed by a meeting and luncheon at the Casablanca Inn a short distance away. We will enjoy our lunch in the restaurant located on the eighth floor of the Inn, while looking out on Lake Ontario. There is more information about this event elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**S p r i n g S e m i - A n n u a l M e e t i n g**

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Spring Luncheon and Wine Tasting  
5th May 2007

11:00am  
Kittling Ridge  
Wine Tasting

Directions: QEW to Niagara, exit at Casablanca Rd. exchange, Grimsby, turn south and then left at South

Service Rd. to number 297, free parking off Roberts Rd.

1:00pm  
Casablanca Winery Inn  
8th Floor Restaurant  
Overlooking Lake Ontario  
Luncheon

Directions: South Service to Casablanca Rd. turn right proceed over QEW to Wind-

ward Dr. and turn left to Casablanca Inn. Parking is free.

Cost \$40.00  
Plated Menu  
Mixed Greens with House Vinaigrette  
Breast of Chicken Supreme with Sorrell Sauce  
Served with Oven Roast Potato and Fresh Vegetable

Dessert  
Coffee or Tea

Please send your cheque or money order by April 26th  
made payable to CSMD and mail to Joyce Cutler  
448 Third Line, Oakville ON L6L 4A5



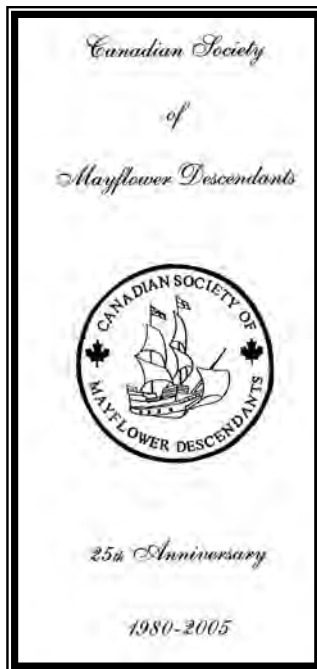
### Anniversary Book

We are thrilled to announce that our 25th Anniversary Book was published just after Christmas! Those who sent their pre-orders have already received their copies and the response has been excellent. We had orders for 127 books and have had 175 printed, therefore we have approximately 45 books left to sell. Don't miss out on owning a copy, order yours now. Once these are sold, we will not be doing a re-print.

The book is 8x11, red hardcover, silver stamping, 200 pp. and is priced at \$50 which includes postage and handling in Canada. It is packed with pictures of Society events over the years and has an expanded membership roster, including pictures and bios of mem-

bers who sent them to us.

Payment (made out to CSMD), can be sent to Joyce A. Cutler, 448 Third Line, Oakville, ON L6L 4A5.



this keepsake." – Alan Wright

"I just got home after a long day and in the mail was the 25th Anniversary Book. What a beautiful publication, everything very professional and the red is so striking!! Congratulations to you and everyone involved!"

– Sara Mosher

Read what some of our members are saying about the book:

"What a wonderful job!! It is so interesting and full of information and photos. It is fun to look through and recognize folks! The biographies are very interesting. What a diverse bunch of cousins we are! I just wanted to send my congratulations to all involved in the preparation of

## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNI-VERSARY ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT LUNCHEON, HELD 18 NOV. 2006 AT THE TORONTO CRICKET, CURLING AND SKATING CLUB

Governor Joyce Cutler began the proceedings by welcoming us to the Twenty-Sixth Annual Anniversary Meeting and Compact Luncheon. She extended special greetings to Robert White, editor of our newsletter and also Regent of the B.C. Colony; and his wife, Mitzi; Bob White, our Treasurer, and his wife, Marjory, who are back again after being out of the country; and to our new member, Bill Goss and his wife, Thelma who are joining us for the first time.

MINUTES. On a motion by Bill Goss, seconded by Myrna Geldart, the Minutes of the Compact meeting of 12 Nov. 2005 were approved.

### GOVERNOR'S REPORT Joyce Cutler

The main focus this past year for our Society has been to finalize our 25th Anniversary Book. As you might suspect, we ran into a few problems and these setbacks have delayed our publication. Very soon we expect to have it ready to send to the publisher. We have had a good response from our members and a number of them have already sent in their order for our book.

The Board of Assistants Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado, this past September and Judy Swan, the Treasurer General, represented our Canadian Society. She lives in California, but is a member of our Society in Canada. We thank her for representing us.

### UPDATES FROM OUR COLONIES Joyce Cutler

The Alberta colony had their meeting on Oct. 28, 2006 in Calgary AB. Thirty-three members and guests were in attendance. A motion was carried to accept the nominated executive as proposed. (See page 3. of the Fall 2006 Canadian Pilgrim) It was decided to move the Annual Fall meeting in 2007 to Red Deer, to try and interest the general public in our Mayflower Society.

The Nova Scotia Colony had a two day meeting. Information on this event can be found on page 2, in the Fall 2006 Canadian Pilgrim.

**THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT.** The Captain (Dale Lahey) read the Mayflower Compact.

### NECROLOGY Dale Lahey

We have a belated death to report, as we did not hear about it until August 2006, for William Archibold, who died in August 2005. Also Arnold Steenburg, who died in May 2006, and Barry Lloyd Lahey, my brother, who died in January 2006; he was proud of his Mayflower ancestry.

### ANCESTOR ROLL CALL Debbie Clarke.

This year there were representatives from 19 Mayflower families with us. Once again William Brewster's family led the list,

having the most descendants (11) present. They were followed closely by the Stephen Hopkins and the John Billington families both tied at six.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOV. 12, 2005**

**Joyce Cutler, Acting Treasurer.**

Latest member number 459, that includes 65 life members and 232 regular members giving us a total of 297 members. Dues not paid for 2005 - 9. These members will be dropped at the end of 2006. Bank accounts as of Nov. 14, 2006. We have \$17,278.53 in our regular account and \$2,052.75 in our US account.

Permanent Fund. GIC's \$14867.02. due 11 Mar 2007 @2.7% \$ 16,349.01 renewed 2 years redeemable @3.85% on Nov. 22, 2006. Library Fund \$4654.95 is included in the Canadian Account.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**Joyce Cutler**

Our collection is housed in the Canadiana section of the North York Central Library— 5120 Yonge St. Toronto, ON. M2N 5N9 Phone: 416-395-5535. Wheelchair Accessible

Thanks to the efforts of Susan Roser, the Historian and Deputy Governor of our Society a copy of our Library Catalogue can be found on our web site.

We have added the following two books to our library: Silver Book - vol. 4, third edition - 2006, Edward Fuller, and the Descendants of Deacon and Ann Bass, compiled by Clarissa Taylor, completed by Emma Bell Walton, 1940.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/HISTORIAN. Susan Roser.**

We have added 23 new members so far this year, two of whom are here with us today. Bill Goss and Shirley Langford, sister of our member Judith. Shirley is entering the final stages of being approved. As you recall Plymouth tightened the requirements for proof of descent in 1981. As a result relatives of members who were approved prior to that date are now required to provide additional documentation before they can join the Mayflower Society.

Susan said she was pleased to see Allyn Dean here with us, today.

She concluded her report by announcing that those members fortunate enough to get the History Channel will be able to watch a programme on the Mayflower called "Desperate Crossing" this Sunday night at 8:00 pm.

**REPORT OF THE EDITOR / REGENT OF THE BC COLONY Robert White**

Robert said he was pleased to be here representing the BC Colony. He said that while we don't have a lot of new membership what we do have are all very loyal.

Robert next apologized for the mistakes in the last Canadian Pilgrim. He said he had been on a very tight schedule and as a

result things were missed. He said that in regard to the programme "Desperate Crossing" he and his wife had had a serendipitous meeting in Scrooby with Malcolm Dolby, one of the people behind the programme. By sheer happenstance, while they were standing on the street wondering how to get to the Manor House, a bus pulled up beside them and they chose Malcolm Dolby, out of the two people who got off, to ask directions from. Robert said Malcolm not only gave them the directions they asked for, he took them on a grand tour of the Manor House.

**REPORT OF THE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dale Lahey**

Our Board database is now completed, with the addition of a prospect section, which allows us to move prospects to full membership as their applications are approved. Our efforts during the last year have gone to gathering biographies and pictures of members for inclusion in the database, and the 2005 Anniversary Booklet, due for publication shortly. We have had a very gratifying response from our membership, and this project is now also nearly completed.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee of Dale Lahey, Chair, Mary Nichols, and Debbie Clarke propose the following Candidates for election to the CSMD.

**Board of Assistants**

- Governor: Joyce Cutler
- Deputy Governor: Susan Roser
- Elder: The Reverend Mel Donald
- Member at Large: Myrna Geldart
- Member at Large: Elizabeth Larrabee
- Councilor: Sandy Fairbanks

Moved by Dale Lahey that the motion be accepted; seconded by Lois Abraham. Carried.

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Larrabee as our new member of the Board.



The business part of the meeting concluded Joyce asked Keith Bain to start off our luncheon with a toast to the Queen which he did. Joyce then asked Rev. Mel Donald to say Grace. and we all sat down to an excellent repast.

At the conclusion of our meal we held the Raffle. After the prizes were awarded, Susan presented a slide show of the historic sites in Plymouth We saw slides of the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock, the Church on the site of the Pilgrims first church, the sites where the houses of the pilgrims originally were, Coles Hill, the first Burial Ground, the monument of Massasoit, the statue of William Bradford, Plymouth Plantation and many, many more. The show was both enjoyable and informative as Susan gave a brief history of each slide she showed us. At the end of the slide show Myrna presented Susan with a skeleton clock.

Joyce then led us in singing the Mayflower Song and with that the meeting was adjourned

Deborah Clarke  
Recording Secretary

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006****STARTING BALANCES January 1, 2006**

GIC's	\$ 31,391.16
Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	13,252.46

Total	\$ 44,643.62
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**2 - RECEIPTS**

Annual member dues	\$ 9,445.00
Applications/Supplementals	2,065.00
Interest	636.97
Donations	45.00
Calendars/Pins etc.	32.45
Annual Meeting (gain)	22.97

Total	\$12,247.39
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**3 - DISBURSEMENTS**

General Society Dues	\$ 4,718.13
AB Colony	110.00
BC Colony	68.00
NS Colony	60.00
Incorporation Fee	30.00
Bank Fees	27.08
Newsletter	1,308.97
Database	202.23
Library	429.07
Anniversary Book	114.73
Office expense /copies etc.	363.71
Postage	316.96

Total	\$ 7,748.88
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4 - NET CASH GAIN	\$ 12,247.39 - \$ 7,748.88 =	\$4,498.51
NET GIC GAIN	\$31,648.20 - \$31,391.16 =	257.04

Total	\$4,755.55
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**5 - CLOSING BALANCES**

\$44,643.62 + \$4,755.55 = \$49,399.17

**6 - BANK BALANCES - December 31, 2006**

GICs \$31,648.20  
Bank Accounts 17,750.97

Total	\$49,399.17
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*Edition, Edward Fuller*, published in 2006.

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](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html)

Our library is housed in the Canadiana Room of 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,  
email: - [intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca](mailto:intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca)

## Alberta Colony of Mayflower Descendants

Annual meeting on 28 October, 2006 at Willow Park Golf and Country Club, Calgary, Alberta.

Members present were: Al Collins, Gwen Gogolinski, Ann Murphy, Arlie Fawcett, Terry Smith, Phillip Thorpe, Gary Mann, Sharon Olsen, Ruth Day, Sam Ayleworth, George Nye, Bernice Warden and Fay Carlson.

Meeting was called to order by Gwen Gogolinski at 6 P.M. The minutes of the meeting held in Strathmore, Alberta on 23 of April, 2006 were read by Fay. Moved by Terry Smith and seconded by Al Collins that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Gwen asked for a motion to accept the executive as was arranged at the meeting in April. Terry Smith made that motion, seconded by Sharon Olsen. Carried. Sam Ayleworth and George Nye have agreed to consider a position on the executive in the future. Ann Murphy indicated that she would like someone else to take her position as Vice Regent, but no one was willing, so the Board members will remain as:

Gwen Gogolinski - Regent	Ann Murphy - Vice Regent
Phillip Thorpe - Past Regent	Fay Carlson - Secretary
Arlie Fawcett - Treasurer	Margaret Brodylo - Captain
Gary Mann - Historian	Terry Smith - Elder
Al Collins - Chaplain	

Treasurer's report by Arlie Fawcett showed a bank balance of just under \$2000. Fay gave Arlie cash of \$100 and checks totaling \$1500 for the total of \$1650 to cover 33 meals. One of the meals was paid for, but they did not attend. That was Margaret Brodylo. There will be a small profit after tonight's meal has been paid for by Arlie.

A discussion was held concerning how to increase our members. Fay suggested that the annual fall dinner be moved to Red Deer to try to interest more of the general public in the Mayflower Society. A motion was made by Ruth Day, seconded by Bernice Warden that the 2007 annual supper be held in Red Deer. The motion was carried. It was decided that the Executive meeting in April could also be held in Red Deer.

Gary told the members that if anyone wants to know more about how to start researching your Mayflower lines that he can put them in touch with our Canadian society to receive help. He had three Newsletters returned to him and we have no way of finding out where these people now live.

Fay moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by George Nye. The motion was carried and the meeting ended by 6:30 P. M.

## LIBRARY REPORT - Spring 2007

### Joyce Cutler - Librarian

We have one new book in our Mayflower Library, which is as follows:

*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 4 Third*

The supper began at 7 P.M. with a welcome by Regent Gwen Gogolinski and introduction of the board members. Present were 13 members and 19 guests. The Mayflower compact was read by Phillip Thorpe. Grace by Chaplain Al Collins from the booklet, "Pilgrims at Prayer", published by The General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The meal consisted of organic green salad, turkey with pear dressing, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Gwen began the ancestral roll call, asking those at each table to rise and name their Mayflower ancestor. Those represented were Alden, Billington, Brown, Bradford,

Brewster, Cooke, Hopkins, Howland, Warren and White.



*Carol MacDonnell, Arlie Fawcett and Rudy Rocque*

Terry Smith read a tribute to his mother Marion MacIsaac, who had passed away one month earlier. Marion had been a member of the first Alberta Colony since 1984. Fay Carlson gave a presentation on her trips to the two Plymouths in 2006. She also had some photos and booklets from her trips, on display in the lobby. Arlie Fawcett then told the members of her most lasting impressions of Plymouth, that of First Encounters beach. The supper concluded by 9:30 P.M.

Recorded by Fay Carlson, Secretary of Alberta Colony of Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.



*Phil and Barb Thorpe*



*Jean and Jim Reast*

**Editor's Column**  
**Robert W. White**

This past November on our return from travel in South Africa my wife and I spent a very pleasant weekend with friends in Coventry, England. Our hosts asked if there was anything in particular that we would like to see. I had no idea of the precise location but immediately indicated that a visit to Scrooby the home of my Mayflower ancestor, William Brewster, would be a great way to spend the day. We set off in good time on a Sunday morning for what the local tourist office described as *Pilgrim Country*.

Our first stop was Babworth where we visited All Saints Church where Richard Clyfton was parson between 1586 and 1605. Clyfton was a nonconformist and a friend of William Brewster and William Bradford. He was eventually deprived of his living by the Chancery Court. The church was closed but we wandered the grounds for a few minutes before driving into Retford where we had lunch and visited the museum. I was delighted to discover a life size manikin of William Brewster in the stairwell of the museum where I was happy to pose for a picture.

A short drive north along A638, the Mayflower Trail, brought us to Scrooby where we found St. Wilfrid's Church without difficulty. Brewster would have attended this church before he became a nonconformist and was in fact fined for non attendance when he began to hold meetings in his own home – the Manor House. This church was also closed and aside from a sign and a memorial plaque to the Pilgrim Fathers on the grounds there was little to see. I was most anxious to locate the manor house but it was not evident from the instructions we had been given just where it might be found.

After a moment or two of dithering I saw two people alight from a bus – a man and a woman – who I assumed to be husband and wife. I selected the man as my best option for local information and the woman, obviously not his wife, disappeared around the corner. The man behaved as if he had spent his morning awaiting our arrival and asked for a moment to deposit his groceries. He soon reappeared and took us in hand.

Good luck certainly smiled on me that afternoon. The gentleman's name was Malcolm Dolby and not only did he know exactly where the manor house was located he knew just about anything anyone would ever want to know about Scrooby, Brewster and, in particular, the

manor house. He turned out that he was an archeologist and a retired museum curator. He informed me that he was the only English fellow of the Pilgrim Society of Massachusetts and that the following week he was to appear on TV to be interviewed on the subject of the Mayflower voyage.



Robert White and William Brewster

difficult to find as long as one knew where to look. It is, however, a private dwelling and it is impossible to read the metal plaques on the wall unless one is standing in the middle of the garden. Thanks to Mr. Dolby we stood in that garden and had a very detailed description of the house and the surrounding property. He pointed out to us many interesting features including ponds for raising fish and the gate house. The

moral of this story is that when a man and a woman step off a bus always ask the man for instructions.

The manor house was not



The Manor House, Scrooby

**We welcome to the Canadian Society**

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### DUES NOTICE

Please remember that your 2007 membership dues of \$40 were required by November 30, 2006. Please make your cheque or money order payable to Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants or CSMD.

Send your payment to:

Joyce Cutler, Acting Treasurer  
448 Third Line  
Oakville, ON L6L 4A5

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

### 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.

### DONATIONS

We are most grateful to members who choose to donate to our society.

### MOVING?

With each issue of the Canadian Pilgrim several are returned with the notation "Moved – left no forwarding address." If you are moving, please let our secretary, Deborah Clarke, know so we can ensure delivery to you.

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38 Dennett Dr. Agincourt ON, M1S 2E7  
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### CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

Canadian membership certificates are available at a cost of \$5.00. Please contact the Canadian Historian, Susan Roser, if you are interested.

### 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 \$5.00 or by mail order for \$6.25. Please make cheques payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants (CSMD). Send orders to Joyce Cutler 448 Third Line, Oakville, Ontario, L6L

### NEW TREASURER NEEDED

Joyce Cutler has been doing "triple" duty the past couple of years, as Governor, Librarian and Acting Treasurer for Bob White who was elected Treasurer in the fall of 2004. This fall the office of Treasurer is up for election and unfortunately, due to family obligations, Bob is not yet ready to take back the reins. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer for this very important job, for a three year term, beginning in January 2008. If

you are a member with bookkeeping experience, in the Southern Ontario area, who would like to take a more active role in the Society, please contact Joyce as soon as possible ([joyce.cutler@sympatico.ca](mailto:joyce.cutler@sympatico.ca)). We look forward to having Bob back with us on the Board in the not too distant future.

**27th Annual Meeting  
and  
Compact Luncheon  
17 November, 2007**

**Location:  
The Toronto Cricket,  
Skating and Curling Club  
on Wilson St in Toronto  
Entertainment:**

**Robert Torr will entertain us  
with Broadway Show Tunes.  
He has performed with Smile  
Theatre for quite some time  
and puts on a great show.**



## Necrology



### NECROLOGY by Susan E. Roser

On 19 November 2006 we lost member John (Jack) Howard White of Deep River, Ontario. Jack joined our Society in 1983, #77, and was a descendant of Thomas Rogers. I had the good fortune to talk with Jack a couple of weeks before his death. He was having trouble coming up with a biography for our anniversary book, so I helped him with it during a lengthy phone call. It wasn't that he didn't have anything to say, but that he didn't think any of it was important or interesting enough to appear in print. Everyone's life is important, I told him, and the pieces that tell your particular story are unique. As you will read in the membership roster of our Anniversary book, Jack was a Stationary Engineer First Class who worked for Atomic Energy of Canada. His favorite pastimes were genealogy and gardening, and he enjoyed pottery, making beautiful lamps and vases. Jack leaves behind second wife Grace, three children, one step-son, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We offer our sincere condolences to Jack's family, including his daughter Diane Clairoux, who is also a member of our Society.

### General Society Website Change

The General Society's web site address is no longer [www.mayflower.org](http://www.mayflower.org) - but is [www.themayflowersociety.com](http://www.themayflowersociety.com)



*The Abraham family, descendants of Thomas Rogers, in October 2005 at Pilgrims Point above the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth, England. From left (back row): Murray, his sister Lois, his daughter Hilary. From left (front row): Murray's daughter Jocelyn, son Rowan and daughter Ilyse.*

*Photo by Marilyn Abraham.*

### Nova Scotia Colony Report

The highlight of 2006 for the Nova Scotia Colony was the fall conference and annual meeting held in Yarmouth on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time that the Colony has held a two day event and it was a huge success. The conference began on Friday evening with a tour, conducted by Wilfred Allan, of Town Point Cemetery, Chebogue, followed by the Annual Meeting, by candlelight, in the Old Congregational Church in Chebogue, with sixty-two in attendance. Prior to the business meeting, Gwen Trask and Stephen Sollows presented information on the background and history of the Old Congregational Church.

The main item of new business for the Colony was a discussion on a proposal to incorporate the Colony under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. Following discussion, it was decided to delay the decision on incorporation until all members had the opportunity to study the draft of the new proposed Colony By-laws and the issue of incorporation.



The following were elected officers of the Colony :

- Gordon Wood Regent
- David Allen Secretary
- Gary Archibald Treasurer
- Sandy Fairbanks Vice-Regent & Captain
- Eleanor Smith Historian
- Dorothy Allan Elder
- Ed Morrissey Member-at-Large

Saturday's events began with a tour of the Yarmouth County

Museum and Archives which was followed by a visit by "Francis Cook" from the Plimoth Plantation. We were privileged to have as our guest, Mike Weber who plays the part of Francis Cook at Plimoth Plantation attend our conference.



Francis Cook and members of the Cook family at the Nova Scotia Fall Conference

"Francis" spoke of his experiences and those of his fellow Mayflower passengers before and after reaching the New World in 1620. He also answered numerous questions from attendees about his life in Plimoth.

We were very fortunate to have Cook's Diary of Chebogue provide a grant to the Colony which enabled us to bring Mike Weber to Yarmouth for this event.

The Executive of the Colony met on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Halifax, to plan for the semi-annual meeting which will be held in Halifax on April 28, 2007, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Keshen Goodman Public Library, 330 Lacewood



**Francis Cook Society**

The Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society was formed in 2003, to perpetuate the memory of Francis Cooke, as he had many descendants. These include Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Bush, Orson Welles and Richard Gere.

<http://www.franciscookesociety.org/>

**The PIERCE PATENT**



When the Pilgrims left England in 1620, they had been given a patent allowing them to settle in Virginia. They did not have permission to settle in Plymouth. Caleb Johnson describes the Mayflower Compact as a "quick fix" until they received authority from England to continue living in that location. To this end the Merchant Adventurers who had financed the expedition went to the Council of New England to obtain a new patent. John Pierce, a member of the Merchant Adventurers, was able to secure for the Pilgrims in 1621 the right to establish a government and to live in New England. This document came to be called the Pierce Patent and it is the oldest existing state document in New England.

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Francis Cook speaks to members of the Nova Scotia Colony

**SPARROW-HAWK**

In 1626, this small vessel brought 25 passengers and their possessions from Europe to America. Bound for Virginia, they landed at Cape Cod in distress after the hardships of a stormy voyage of six weeks. The details of the shipwreck can be found in Bradford's Of Plimouth Plantation. Guided to Plymouth by Cape Cod natives, two survivors told their sad story to Governor Bradford, who immediately sent a shallop to rescue the passengers and crew. The Pilgrims provided food and shelter for the castaways for nine months, at which time two barks heading for Virginia gave them transport.

The Sparrow-Hawk is the only surviving remains of a 17th century trans-Atlantic vessel. These original timbers exemplify the small, sturdy ships vital to the colonization of America. Their size is evidence of the courage of those who undertook the journey to the new World. The Sparrow-Hawk, about 36 tons and 40 feet in length, was typical of 17th century vessels. The Mayflower, 180 tons was one of the largest. The Fortue which came in 1621 was only 50 tons.

After being wrecked in 1626, the Sparrow-Hawk was buried in sand and mud in a part of Orleans later known as "Old Ship Harbor". The timbers were visible from time to time until 1862, when they were uncovered in a great storm. The ancient hull was removed and reassembled. After exhibitions in many cities, it was presented to the Pilgrim Society in 1889 and has been on view in Pilgrim Hall since then.

Orange County Mayflower Colony  
<http://ocmayflower.org/pilgrim.htm>



## LOCUSTS — May 1633 "...a constant yelling noise as made the woods ring of them..."



"And the spring before, especially all the month of May, there was such a quantity of a great sort of flies like for bigness to wasps or bumblebees, which came out of holes in the ground and replenished all the woods, and ate the green things, and made such a constant yelling noise as made all the woods ring

of them, and ready to deaf the hearers. They have not by the English been heard or seen before, or since." (Morison Edition, Chapter XXIV, p. 260

Natural Disasters Hit New Plymouth  
by Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., SMDPA

[http://www.sail1620.org/discover\\_feature\\_natural\\_disasters\\_hit\\_new\\_plymouth.shtml](http://www.sail1620.org/discover_feature_natural_disasters_hit_new_plymouth.shtml)

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean..."

William Bradford

## False and Faked Mayflower Genealogy

Over the past two centuries, many people have--either deliberately or because of poor research have published accounts of Mayflower ancestry that are completely false.

Caleb Johnson has collected the most commonly known false and faked Mayflower lines and has created a web page listing them. If you "have Mayflower ancestry," you might want to check the list at <http://members.aol.com/calebj/hoaxes.html>

Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2005/11/](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2005/11/)

## The English Language of the Pilgrims

Very few of the Plymouth colonists, with the exception of William Brewster, had any significant formal education. The writing of William Bradford and Thomas Cushman did, however, demonstrate a superb command of the English language. The others were all literate and no doubt spoke the language of the day forcefully and effectively. It is safe to assume that their command of the English language was probably derived from their reading and knowledge of



## Thatched Roofing

The houses of the Pilgrims had thatched roofs consisting of thick straw or sometimes rushes piled high, with virtually no wood underneath. This thatching provided an excellent place for animals to get warm. A menagerie of dogs, cats as well as other more nasty creatures such as mice, rats and a wide variety of bugs took shelter in the roof. A serious rain storm rendered the thatch slippery with the result that the residents fell down into the dwelling below. It has been suggested that the expression "raining cats and dogs" may have come from this problem. A more serious consequence would be the arrival of bugs and droppings on the bedding. Over time a solution to this problem was solved by providing beds with four large posts covered by sheet. The canopied bed, in addition, to being stylish was, therefore, very practical.

*Thatched Roofing on a Pilgrim Dwelling at Plymouth*

## The Standish Rapier

The Standish Rapier (sword) was made in Solingen, Germany circa 1600-1620. Myles Standish obtained this sword while he was serving as a mercenary in the Low Countries. Deep concave grooves, unsharpened edges and a pronounced point reinforce the flat ovoid blade. The blade is rigid, intended for thrusting. It bears the makers name. The cup is decorative, embellished with foliage and bearded faces like those found on bottles and jugs made in the Rhine Valley. The length of the weapon is significant. 35 3/16 inches. Six

## Physician to the Pilgrims

Bradford tells us that Dr. Samuel Fuller served as surgeon and physician to the Pilgrims. Fuller was reputed to be a well educated man but we do not know if he had a medical degree. He brought with him on the Mayflower an apprentice by the name of William Butten but, sadly, he died two days before the end of the voyage. Over time Fuller earned a commendable reputation and was frequently called on to tend the Puritans who later settled in Boston and Salem. It has been suggested that William Brewster could have received an education in the medical arts as a part of his studies at Cambridge. He may have passed on this knowledge to both Samuel Fuller and Edward Winslow. Winslow is remembered for his ministrations to Massasoit when he fell ill and was near death.

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