



Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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The first object in our Canadian Constitution reads , "To perpetuate the memory of the Pilgrims..." and it is up to us as members to help fulfill this objective.

One way to keep alive the memory of our Pilgrim Ancestors is to get together with other Mayflower descendants on a social level. The members in most of the State Mayflower Societies live close enough to each other to be able to take part in their Society's various events, but In our Canadian Society we cover such a huge area that it is difficult to get together. Of course all members and their guests are always welcome at our meetings and whenever possible we encourage them to attend these gatherings. Our Maritime members are fortunate because they are able to attend their Colony events. It is also important to encourage family members, especially children and grandchildren, to take part in these activities.

To help keep our membership current we are putting on the newsletter labels the year for which their dues are paid. This way, by checking the labels, our members will know when their membership fees are due. Please note that this will not apply to our members with life membership.

We hope this plan meets with your approval, because the support of our members is needed for the healthy future of our society.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MINUTES OF THE 31th ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT LUNCHEON, 22 OCT 2011 AT THE TORONTO CRICKET, CURLING AND SKATING CLUB

A Meet-and-Greet got the day's activities off to a good start. We had a fairly good turn-out. Those attending were as follows: Bob White, Marjorie White, Debbie Clarke, William Goss, Thelma Goss, Elizabeth Larrabee, Brendan Larrabee, Connie Bryce, Douglas Bryce, Keith Bain, Helen Bain, Joyce Cutler, Carole Cormier, Andrea Cormier, Ashley Cormier, Gary Bagley, Lynne Webb, Arden Bagley, Chris Armstrong, Marion Tait, Cyndee Case, Susan Roser, Myrna Geldart, Judith Mackay Kowalski, Bruce MacKay, Yvonne Mackay, Shirley Langford, Robert Langford, Kurt Kowalski, Ann Wright, Ann's sister, George McNeillie, Brent Rutherford, Arnold Nethercott, Barbara Nethercott.



Governor Joyce Cutler welcomed guests and members to the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon. She congratulated Susan Roser on her election as Secretary General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Everyone was very pleased and gave Susan a round of applause. Joyce introduced our Speaker Karen Raittenen-Desario. Karen is filling in for Jennifer D'Attolico. Jennifer was forced to withdraw at the last minute for personal reasons. Joyce said that there is a picture of the dedication of the brick our Canadian Society donated for the Walkway in the garden of the Mayflower House in Plymouth. In it Governor General (2007-2011) and Canadian member, Judy Swan can be seen cutting the ribbon.

The Minutes of our last meeting which were published in our Newsletter (volume 30, #1) were approved unanimously.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT was read by George McNeillie. George has been nominated for the position of Captain.

ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL Read by Debbie Clarke. This year Debbie included the names of all the men, women and children who left descendants. We had representatives from 31 Mayflower families present with us today. The descendants of William Brewster were in first place, having 6 members present. The families of John Billington, Henry Sampson, Elinor Billington, and Mary Allerton followed close behind each having four members present.

NECROLOGY Bob White. The names of our deceased members were not available at this time. Bob paid trib-

ute to all those we had lost over the past year

GOVERNOR`S REPORT Joyce Cutler. Joyce explained that we had changed the date of our Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon to October 22 from November for two reasons. October 22 falls before the end of

Daylight Savings, thus making it easier for people to get home before nightfall; and we felt the earlier date would mean less chance of bad weather. Joyce now asked if we thought the change of date was a good idea. The general consensus was good and on a motion by Keith Bain, seconded by Bob White it was decided unanimously that we would continue to hold our Annual Meeting and Compact Banquet in the month of October.



Bob & Shirley Langford, Judith & Kurt Kowalski at the 31st Annual Meeting and compact Luncheon.

Joyce announced that she has decided that she will give up her position of Governor in the fall of 2012.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/HISTORIAN
Susan Roser

As you have heard, Susan said she was elected Secretary General at Congress in September. Susan said she was very honoured to have been nominated, and very surprised to win the election against the nominee from the floor. She has already been busy conducting business with the Executive and learning the ropes, and there is much to learn.

The Canadian Society was well represented at Congress by a delegation of 6. Susan said she would again like to thank our delegates for attending: our Treasurer Lynne Webb, George Nye of Alberta, Gordon Wood of Nova Scotia and Sandy Fairbanks of Nova Scotia. Marion and Cyndee were also in Plymouth and joined us for the closing banquet. The next Triennial Congress is in September 2014. In addition to the two days of



business meetings the Society plans many activities, including a church service at Plimoth Plantation; an opportunity to dress in Pilgrim costume and join the Pilgrim Progress thru town to the church where opening ceremonies are

held; a garden reception at the Mayflower House; meetings of the various family societies and a banquet. In addition to all this, several day tours to historic areas are also offered. If you think you might like to join us as a delegate in 2014, please let Susan know. While in Plymouth they attended the brick laying ceremony in the gardens of the Mayflower Society House. She would encourage you to donate the \$150 for a brick inscribed with your name and ancestor. It is quite something to see your name and know it will grace a walkway on grounds where our ancestors walked.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Susan was elected Historian in 1993 and has enjoyed the work immensely these past 18 years. But, she thinks the time has come to pass the job on to another. When her term expires next fall, Susan would like to step down as Historian. However, she would consider staying on as Co-Historian if we could find someone to take on half the workload. We will begin advertising in the spring newsletter, however if anyone here thinks they may be interested and would like more information, please contact her.

Susan said she would like to thank her Assistant, Connie Bryce who helps her with applicants' worksheets. The Historian General's office requires the information on applications to be formatted in a specific concise way, using certain abbreviations in a consistent man-

ner. What she receives from applicants, however, is sometimes anything but. Susan emails the worksheet to Connie and she performs the time consuming job of transforming the data into the proper format. This is a

big help to her as it frees up her time to work with applicants.

We had a new member with us, Anne Wright. Susan called Anne up to the podium, presented her with her membership certificate and welcomed her into the Society.

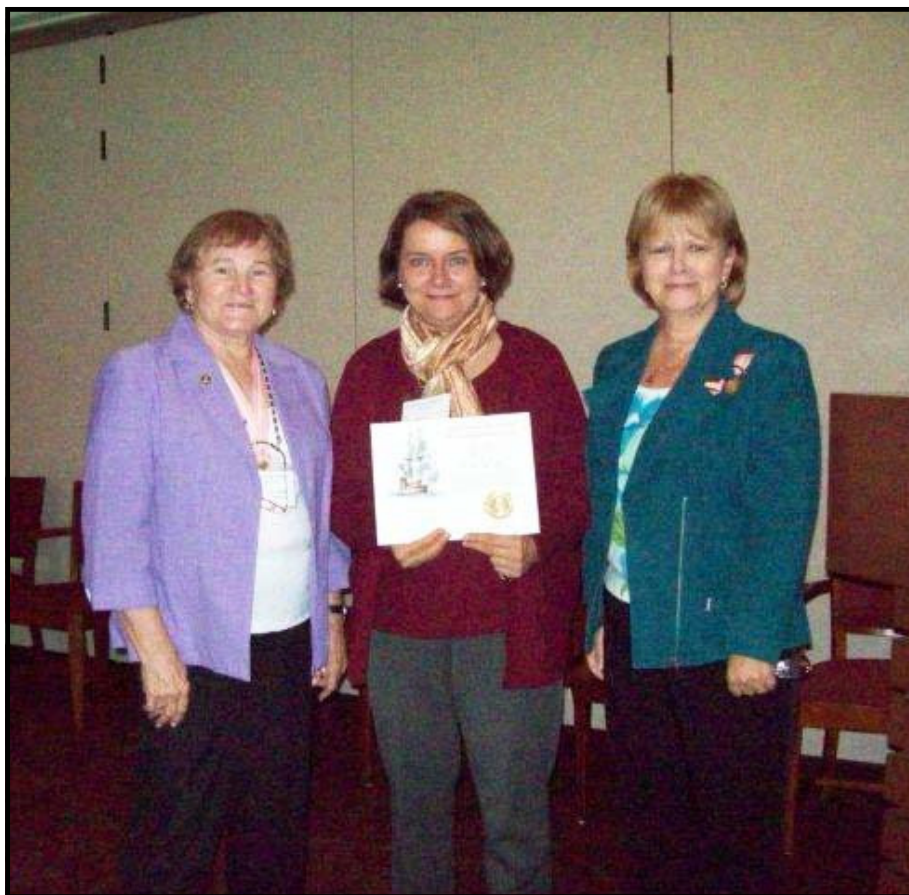
SECRETARY'S REPORT Debbie Clarke. No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a total of 264 members; 114 of whom are regular members; and 60 are life members. Of the regular members, 64 have already paid their dues for 2012. \$40,000 worth of GIC's purchased in 2008 have now matured. Last

year they earned 8% interest. Lynne explained that she has invested our money in the following manner. Since there is no way we can possibly ever hope to get 8% interest again, Lynne decided to put \$10,000 in a 5 year GIC tied to the market. This new type of GIC has the potential to give us 20% interest, depending on what the market does. If the market goes up we will make money. However, if in the worst case scenario the market goes down, we are guaranteed that we will not lose any of our principle. Lynne put another \$10,000 in a 5 year GIC tied to utilities under the same type of arrangement.

LIBRARIAN REPORT Myrna Geldart. Myrna thanked Joyce for introducing her to the staff at the North York Public Library where our collection is held. She reminded us that the Librarians will do a limited search for people. Myrna then indicated a table where some Old Quarterlies were piled and invited people to take



Centre: New member Anne Wright receiving her certificate from Governor Joyce Cutler and Historian Susan Roser.



any one of them they wanted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE Susan Roser (chairman), Mary Nichols and Elizabeth Larra-bee.

Rec. Secretary- Debbie Clarke; Correspondence Secretary- Brent Rutherford. (Brent has volunteered to assume the duties of membership chair. He will also send letters to nudge the memories of people who have contacted us but who have not proceeded any farther.); Surgeon-Dr. George Nye; Captain- George McNeillie; and Elder- Bob White.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The above report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, and passed unanimously on a motion by Susan Roser seconded by Connie Bryce.

The business part of the meeting now concluded, Joyce asked Bob White to lead us in saying Grace.

Joyce then asked Keith Bain to start off our luncheon with a toast to the Queen. At the conclusion of our meal we held a Raffle.

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

REPORT : How I discovered my Mayflower Ancestry by George G. McNeillie, III

Many people who have not been bitten by the genealogy bug think of it as being largely an exercise in snobbery, an attempt to gain prestige from the accomplishments of others. That was certainly, at least to some extent, true in the nineteenth century, the Golden Age of the nouveau riche. But today precious little prestige flows from one's ancestors, however exalted, rich, or powerful they may have been."

"That is not to say, however, that finding an ancestor of great prominence is not fun. It certainly is. But it's a bit like golf. While no one plays the game to hit a hole in one, any golfer who happens to do so is going to talk about it quite a lot. And in genealogy, a triple bogey is

the same as a hole in one, in the sense that a great scoundrel is quite as good as a great hero."

John Steele Gordon (10th cousin of the author) <http://www.johnsteelegordon.com/genealogy.html>

Five years ago, I wrote a piece on genealogy for The Globe and Mail that outlined how I became interested in researching my family tree:

"We are the vehicles in which our ancestors ride,' my father used to intone sententiously at the dinner table, after spotting some trait in his children that had been a hallmark of earlier generations.

"I had largely dismissed the maxim, until my own children arrived on the scene and began (eerily) to display characteristics of various aunts, uncles and grandparents. This might have driven the scientifically minded into a study of genetics. However, lacking the science gene, I chose instead to re-search my family tree."

"Courtesy of a great-grandfather and an uncle who had laboriously catalogued my father's side of the family, I began casually sifting through family history when I was a teenager, but I didn't really get bitten by the genealogy bug until (if you'll pardon the pun) relatively recently."

Like most Baby Boomers I had grown up with the history and myths of Plymouth Rock and the Pilgrim Fathers (and let's not forget the Pilgrim Mothers – who have their own monument!). I thought the Pilgrims were somehow more of an 'American' tradition. And, I had absolutely no idea that I was actually descended from four Mayflower passengers (and was related to four others) – and the discovery was made quite by accident.

In 2007, I was meandering down the maternal family line of my paternal great-grandmother, Julia Raymond, on Ancestry.com and I followed it back to John and Joan Tilley, their daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Howland. Ancestry.com does not guarantee the validity of the research on their site, but the work



The arms granted to George McNeillie by the Canadian Heraldic Authority in 2011.



other people had done before me in 'connecting the dots' was immensely helpful to my research.

I found, to my surprise and delight, that there was a Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, and I set about to make my application. I had just successfully completed an application to register one of my ancestors as a United Empire Loyalist, so I felt confident as a researcher.

One of the first people I met was Susan Roser, now the Deputy Governor/Historian of CSMD and Secretary General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Susan, as we all know, is a prolific and distinguished *Mayflower* chronicler. Based on my *Globe* article, she kindly invited me to make a presentation to the CSMD's Annual Meeting in November 2007. The topic I chose was entitled 'Kings and Horse Thieves' – since many of us have both in our family trees.

Susan also encouraged me to attend subsequent CSMD meetings and provided invaluable assistance and suggestions as I researched my Mayflower ancestors. I finally received my certificate for John Tilley on December 20, 2010 – three years after I had embarked upon my research! I chose Tilley (who along with his wife, brother Edward and sister-in-law Ann died that first winter in Plymouth), rather than his more famous son-in-law John Howland, because I wanted to commemorate his courage and sacrifice.

Around the same time, I had been petitioning for a grant of a coat of arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority, an office of the Governor-General of Canada. Heraldry had been an interest of mine since boyhood, and I learned that, while some members of my family had their own personal arms, I was not entitled to bear any of them. Thanks to my discovery of Mayflower ancestors, I was able to incorporate my Pilgrim heritage into the design of my arms.

The crest is described as in heraldic terminology as follows: "Issuant from a Loyalist civil coronet Or [gold], a dexter cubit arm vested Sable [black] cuffed Argent [white], the hand proper holding a mullet Argent [white star]; And for a Motto: TO BE A PILGRIM." [The motto was taken from John Bunyan's hymn 'He Who Would Valiant Be' from his book *A Pilgrim's Progress*].

Although I have since learned that it was more likely that the Puritans (from whom I am also descended) not the Pilgrims, wore black clothes, I believe I have still managed to find a unique way to commemorate my *Mayflower* heritage!



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

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CANADIAN SOCIETY PIN

Description: Black background with a gold picture and letters. The diameter of the pin is about 7/8 of an inch with a push pin back. Pins will be available at our November Meeting for \$5 or by mail order for \$6.25. Please make cheques payable to the *Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants* (CSMD). Send orders to:

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CANADIAN SOCIETY WEBSITE

Visit our Society's web site for up to date information on meetings. You will also find a listing of our library holdings at the North York Public Library; listing of Pilgrim related Family Societies; listing of research articles under *Mayflower* head of family; *Mayflower* DNA news; as well as other information on our society.

Go to: www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html

PAYMENTS TO THE SOCIETY

When sending dues, or any type of payment to the Society, please make sure your cheque is made out to "CSMD" or "Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants". Our bank is a little touchy when it comes to this, so please do your part to make our Treasurer's job a little easier.

CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

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

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MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES

Many of our members, old and new, have not sent their biographies and pictures for inclusion in our membership database. If you have not sent yours, please email them to our Database Administrator, Brent Rutherford. Send them to csmd.correspond@gmail.com. The bio should be short, a couple of paragraphs and can include family, hobbies, career, education, etc., and the picture should be a head and shoulder's shot.

LIBRARY REPORT

Myrna Geldart – Librarian

Please note that our library holdings are now on the website for our *Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants*. These may be seen at the following address:

www.rootsweb.com/~canms/Canada.HTML

Our library is housed in the Canadiana Room at the North York Central Library in Toronto. This department does not do in-depth research, but they will check a limited number of appropriate resources for you.

Phone (416) 393-7241 or

email:- itellisearch@tpl.Toronto.on.ca

DUES NOTICE

Please remember that your 2013 membership dues of **\$45** will be required by **November 30, 2012**. Please make your cheque or money order payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants or CSMD. A receipt will be sent to all who provide their email address.

Send your payment to:

Ms. Lynne Webb
2927 Highfield Crescent
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You may wish to pay \$90 to cover 2013 and 2014.

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

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WANTED

HISTORIAN



HISTORIAN

Historian Susan Roser has been doing the job for 19 years and it is time to pass it on to another. She cannot continue past this year. It is vital that we find someone soon so that Susan can teach the new Historian the ropes. The candidate should have genealogy experience, be computer literate and be able to house three, four drawer filing cabinets filled with members' files. Please contact Susan at: rosers@sympatico.ca for information.



New Members

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Marilyn Anne Wright
Toronto, ON

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Betty Jean McDowell
Wetaskiwin, AB

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Beverly Jean Muendel-Atherstone
Lethbridge, AB

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Glen Ian Brough
Dunnville, ON

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David Evans Cann
Stafford, VA

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William Emerson Curry
Port Maitland, NS

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Sharon Leslie Samantha Marston
Didsbury, AB

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Wayne Lynn Ruggles
Toppenish, WA

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Dorothy Grace Cameron
Wood's Harbour, NS

New Members



Joan Magee of Windsor, Ontario is a retired reference librarian who has authored nine books on Canadian immigration history. Joan became interested in her family history at the age of seven when her mother made her a Pilgrim costume for Hallowe'en and told her she was

entitled to wear it because her ancestors came on the Mayflower!

Lineage: Myles Standish-Alexander Standish-Mercy Standish-David Samson-Elizabeth Samson-David Pineo....



Margaret Stead of Dorval, Quebec is a retired nurse who also served in the RCAF in Germany. Active in genealogical societies, she was a founding member of the Quebec Family History Society, the first English-speaking genealogy group in Quebec as well as the Heritage

Branch, Montreal, of the UEL. Her nine lines of descent include:

Lineage: Myles Standish-Alexander Standish-Ebenezer Standish-Moses Standish-Rachel Standish-Jeremiah Sampson...



Keith Gooderich of Lake Forest, Illinois and Florida, is a graduate of Yale University and retired chairman and CEO of Moore Corporation. Keith enjoys traveling the world with wife Sarah and collecting and restoring antique British sports cars.

Lineage: Francis Cooke-Jane Cooke-Elizabeth Mitchell-Samuel Washburn-Hannah Washburn- Zephaniah Keith...



When Ann Murphy of Calgary, Alberta is not volunteering in the community she and husband Jim enjoy world travel. They have already visited Europe, Africa, Turkey, Hong Kong, Thailand, China, Fiji, New Zealand, India and Mexico – to name a few. Ann also enjoys skiing and hiking.

Lineage: Richard Warren-Anna Warren-Ephraim Little-Mercy Little-Ephraim Otis-Rachel Otis...



Bernard Mullen of Maberly, Ontario is a retired teacher, beginning in Nova Scotia at the age of sixteen and having taught school in New Brunswick, the Northwest Territories, Sarawak, Malaysia and Tanzania. He and his wife enjoy



travelling and spend summers in the Maritimes and winters in Florida.

Lineage: John Billington-Francis Billington-Mary Billington-Israel Sabin-Jeremiah Sabin-Jeremiah Sabin...



New Board Members

Bob White, George McNeillie and Brent Rutherford

BOARD HAPPENINGS

At our Annual Meeting in October, we elected three new members to the Canadian Society Board.

Brent Rutherford joins the Board as our Corresponding Secretary and will also be taking over the work with the member database as our Database Administrator.

Bob White, our past Treasurer, returns as our Elder. We are very happy to have Bob back and look forward to once again working with him.

George McNeillie is our new Captain and has also been appointed as our Public Relations Chair. He has many exciting ideas which he shares elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are sorry to receive the resignation of member-at-large **Elizabeth Larrabee**. Elizabeth has been a valued member of our board and we will miss her insight and her wisdom.

Historian **Susan Roser** will retire as Historian when her present term is up this fall. We are looking for a replacement.

Public Relations Report

**By George G. McNeillie, III, Captain,
Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants,
Chair, Publicity**

I was very pleased to be elected Captain of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants at the Society's Annual General Meeting on October 22, 2011. One of my duties as Captain will be to help develop a public relations program for CSMD. Having spent the majority of my career in the PR field, this is familiar territory for me, and my task will be to work with the Board – and with interested members in our branches -- to help raise the profile of our organization.

Our objectives are:

- To heighten awareness for – and interest in— the CSMD;
- To educate Canadians about the important role the Pilgrims played in our own history; and
- To lay the groundwork for planned 400th Anniversary Celebrations of the Pilgrim Landings in 2020

Our PR activities will be aimed at helping to grow our membership by educating Canadians about the importance of the *Mayflower* to our modern concepts of religious tolerance and democratic expression, and to show them how they can research their *Mayflower* ancestors. While we will be discussing these matters in more detail at our upcoming Board meeting in April, I wanted to briefly share with you some of the ideas we are considering:

- Establishing a social media presence for the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants – specifically a Facebook fan page and a Twitter site. In our digital age, social media has become a primary means for organizations to communicate with members and those who may be interested in joining. Social media can help open up our communications to thousands of people.
- Investigating an application for a grant of arms and a badge from the Canadian Heraldic Authority (an office of the Governor-General of Canada). Arms are considered to be honours from the Crown, and as such they not only confer dignity upon an individual or organization but they could also provide CSMD with a unique identifier that could be used on all its materials.
- Issuing a news release in advance of Canadian Thanksgiving to help Canadians understand the



relationship between the Pilgrims and our own fall celebration.

Our parent body, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, has established a contest (open to all Mayflower societies) for the best PR campaign – so we will hope to get moving quickly! We will develop these ideas further in consultation with the Board and report back after our April meeting. In the meantime, if you are interested in helping to promote the CSMD, please let us know. I can be reached at

ggm3rd@sympatico.ca



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

Michael Haskins who died in 2010

Vernon Vickery who died in 2011

Dale Lahey who died in 2011

Dale Lahey (1933-2011)



We are saddened to report the passing in September 2011 of our Captain, Dale Lahey of Guelph, Ontario. We featured Dale as our Society Elder in the September 2011 newsletter, not knowing that his death had occurred. Dale was a member of our Board for fourteen years and for seven years was the Editor of our newsletter. He developed our membership database and served as Database Administrator. Last year we reported that he had his first book published and was working on his second. Dale served our society well and he will be sorely missed.



Abbie H. Thompson of Victoria, BC joined the Canadian Society in 1980 as a Charter member and was a dual member with the California Society.

She has served as BC Colony Regent (2000-2002), Vice-Regent (2000) and Librarian (1997-1998).

Abbie was born in North Scituate, Mass., just up the road from Plymouth. She served in the US Navy Women's Reserve and was stationed in Atlanta, Georgia in 1945-46 as an Aerographer's Mate 3rd class.

After her stint in the Navy, Abbie attended the University of Toronto and met and married her husband, Ken Thompson. Ken's teaching profession took them all over Ontario, but they retired to British Columbia. Genealogy runs in the family, Abbie's mother was a keen genealogist who pursued her line as well as Abbie's father's line. Through her father, Abbie is descended from Stephen Hopkins.



TITANIC SURVIVOR DIES

New York Times

Sunday 3 January 1954

Mrs. Lilly Potter, 98, Was 'Grand Old Lady' of Red Cross Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2---**Mrs. Lilly A. Wilson Potter, a descendant of the Mayflower Pilgrims** who was known as the "Grand Old Lady" of the Red Cross, died yesterday at her home. Her age was 98. She was a survivor of the Titanic disaster in 1912.

2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's maiden voyage. Cobh, then Queenstown, was the Titanic's last port of call. 123 passengers boarded the magnificent vessel in a bid to journey to the new world. For the last century the world has been intrigued with the story of the largest passenger liner at the time and the vessel that many thought was unsinkable.



Nova Scotia Colony Report

The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants held their 2011 fall meeting Sept 30th & Oct 1st in Yarmouth County. The Friday evening gathering, at the Central Chebogue Baptist Church Hall, started with a business meeting. This was followed by programs on local history by Judi Archibald and Wilfred Allan. Our Elder, Dorothy Allan, presented Don Cook his General Society Membership Certificate. Members & guests were invited to attend a reception at the nearby lovely heritage home of Don & Marlene Cook. Regent Gordon Wood thanked Marlene and Judi Archibald for the food preparation.

Saturday morning, the meeting reconvened at the Yarmouth County Museum & Archives. Members & guests were treated to a visit by Vicki Oman of Plimoth Plantation. Vicki, dressed in au-



Nova Scotia Colony Fall Meeting



Nova Scotia Colony's newest member Don Cook, being presented his certificate by our 98 year old Elder, Dorothy Allan.

thentic period attire, portrayed the role of Mayflower Passenger Hester Cook and discussed 1620's life in Plymouth, New England. Lunch was prepared & served by Judi Archibald, Bonnie Johnson and Marlene Wood. In the afternoon Vicki returned and spoke of her role at Plimoth Plantation. There is no doubt that everyone went away singing the praises of Vicki and her presentations. Her knowledge and enthusiasm set a standard which will be difficult to repeat.

Thanks to the organizational skills of Gary Archibald and our major sponsor Cook's Dairy; this was a very successful gathering with over 50 members & guests in attendance.

Gordon Wood, Regent

Nova Scotia Colony Website

This can be found at <http://www.tightlines.ca/> and is worth a look.

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