



Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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The Canadian Pilgrim

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The 37th Annual Compact Meeting and Luncheon

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 37th Annual Compact Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the **Toronto Cricket Club, 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto, ON, M5M 3A3**. As per changes made last year, the format will again be as follows: business meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a social period at noon, buffet lunch that includes roast turkey at 12:45 p.m., and guest speaker at 1:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Jane E. MacNamara. Jane is the author of *Inheritance in Ontario: Wills and other Records for Family Historians* (OGS/Dundurn 2013) and writes about genealogy at www.wherethestorytakesme.ca. A long-time member of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Jane lectures about research methodology, Ontario, and English family history to genealogical and historical groups throughout southern Ontario. She teaches course for the OGS Toronto Branch, most notably hands-on courses at the Archives of Ontario. She leads regular trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and is the organizer of Genealogy Summer Camp, an innovative program that brings out-of-town researchers to Toronto for a week of tutorials and hands-on research. As a trained graphic designer, Jane also creates WordPress-based websites and helps clients with book projects.

Understanding how wills and land grants work often plays a large part in proving our Mayflower descent, as our ancestors migrated from Plymouth across North America. Jane's presentation is entitled *A Land Grant in Upper Canada: Navigating the Red Tape*. As she notes, "Early settlers could obtain their land free of cost, but it wasn't free of paperwork and waiting patiently for the official wheels to turn. Luckily, most of the records of that process survive today. Understanding the hurdles that faced a petitioner can put those fascinating records into context, shed light on just how important land ownership was to our ancestors, and maybe give us a glimpse of their personalities." We look forward to her presentation!

The cost of the luncheon is \$49 per person with cash bar and raffle. Payment can be made by PayPal (see below), or if you prefer, cheque or money order, payable to CSMD or Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Cheques and money orders can be sent to the Treasurer, Maureen McGee, 1060 Ewart Street, Prince George. B. C. V2M 2P2

<http://www.paypal.com/ca/home>

Please confirm your attendance separately by email to George McNeillie governor@csmd.org and advise us of any dietary restrictions at that time.



Governor's Message



One of my many retirement projects has been to finally get around to reading the entire New English Bible that my parents gave me as a twenty-first birthday gift (better late than never!). I have read William Barclay's excellent commentaries on the New Testament several times, but had never thoroughly explored the rich stories of the Old Testament in great detail. As I read, I could not help but be struck by the emphasis that the ancient writers put on genealogies. It becomes even more impressive when one remembers that the Bible was not written down for many centuries but was passed down orally. Obviously, lineage was extremely important to a nomadic society where many offices and duties were hereditary.

Nowadays, there seem to be lineage societies for descendants of every imaginable stripe: *Mayflower* passengers; United Empire Loyalists; Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution; lawyers; Colonial innkeepers – and my personal favourite: Salem Witches! Those of us who claim Mayflower descent are very likely to qualify for membership in other hereditary societies, and these can often provide fascinating insights into the lives of our Mayflower Pilgrims and their descendants. If you're interested in a complete list of hereditary societies, you can find it at www.hereditary.us

I had the pleasure of addressing over 200 members of the Probus Club of Toronto in July, at the kind invitation of CSMD's Librarian, Anne Doty Wright. It gave me a wonderful opportunity to talk a bit about the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, but I also wanted to find a subject that would appeal to a broader audience. I entitled my presentation Kings and Horse Thieves -- because, in my experience, every family has at least one of each: and that makes family history at least as interesting as what you will find on Netflix!

As a distant cousin, John Steele Gordon once noted: "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... 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."

I'm pleased to report that there was a lively question-and-answer period following my talk, with many Probus Club members displaying great interest in (and knowledge of) genealogy and family history. Who knows? Maybe we will even get an application or two!


We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Annual Compact Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Toronto Cricket Club in Toronto. This year's guest speaker is Jane E. MacNamara. Jane is the author of *Inheritance in Ontario: Wills and other Records for Family Historians* (OGS/Dundurn 2013) and blogs about genealogy at www.wherethestorytakesme.ca. We look forward to her insights. Please see Jane's detailed biography and details on her talk elsewhere in this newsletter.

As of this writing, I am pleased to report that our Facebook page has 480 'likes' which enables us to communicate subjects of interest to Mayflower descendants to a broad range of members and interested parties across North America. If you have a subject or link that you feel is appropriate, please send it to my attention.

I am very sorry to report that Robert White, Editor of *Canadian Pilgrim* for many years, will be retiring next year. Robert has done an absolutely wonderful job of producing two highly-readable issues a year (a task that takes great talent and organizational skills), and we will miss his steady editorial hand, keen insights and attention to detail. We will find a time to appropriately acknowledge his long

service, but, in the meantime, please let me know if you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for the editorship.

As always, my sincere thanks to my fellow Board of Assistants members who are all volunteers and who work tirelessly to promote the Society's mandate and to complete its business.

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

Thank you!

With best wishes,

George G. McNeillie, III



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ABOUT YOUR DUES

Did you know that the CSMD pays an assessment for each member to the GSMD? Effective for 2015, the assessment was increased to \$ 15.00 US from \$ 11.00 US for each current member. The Canadian Society has decided to absorb the additional cost rather than increasing dues to cover the increased assessment.

The deadline for 2017 CSMD dues of \$45.00 per member was November 30, 2016. 2018 dues are payable by November 30, 2017. We thank everyone who has renewed their support of our Society. If you 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 or Interac e-transfer payable to treasurer@csmd.org, or by 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 your ongoing support of our Society.

CSMD NEW MEMBER FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)

No fee is payable until after the Canadian historian reviews your proposed lineage and determines that you have a reasonable chance of proving that lineage. A post review fee of \$55.50 CAD is then payable to the CSMD. You are then considered to be an applicant and the historians will work with you to finalize your documentation.

Once the historians are satisfied with your documentation you will be requested to provide a cheque in the amount of \$75.00 US made out to the GSMD which accompanies your application when it is sent to the GSMD Historian General in Plymouth for approval. A member of your immediate family may also join the society by a similar process but the \$ 55.50 post review fee is waived when the line has been previously proven.

Supplemental line fee: \$ 55.50 CAD post review fee and \$75.00 US when your application is sent to the GSMD Historian General in Plymouth for approval.

Membership certificates: \$5.00

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

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 governor@csmd.org

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 2016, this means your 2017 dues have not been paid. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details on how to pay.

HELP WANTED:

RECORDING SECRETARY AND A CAPTAIN

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

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR



After 14 years of service as the editor of your newsletter the *Canadian Pilgrim* it is time for me to stand aside and let a younger person take the reins. I was 60 years of age when I took on this assignment and you can do the math to see where it has taken me. This will be my last issue and in the spring there will be a new and fresher approach to the *Canadian Pilgrim*. I have enjoyed the creative effort of finding something different and hopefully interesting for each issue. I think new blood is healthy for any organization and a fresh approach to this biannual communication with the membership across Canada is timely.

Many thanks for your patience and support.

Robert W. White



"Only kings, presidents, editors, and people with tapeworms have the right to use the editorial 'we'."
- Mark Twain



NEW LOOK FOR THE *MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY*

The *Quarterly* has a new name, a new look and a new editor. The *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* will be delivered to your home mail box four times a year and will be available to view online in the members-only section of the GSMD website. It will be a larger format, consist of up to 24 pages, with full-color pictures and contain Society news and business only. Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson has appointed Secretary General Susan E. Roser the new Editor.

NEW PUBLICATION *MAYFLOWER JOURNAL*

GSMD is publishing a new genealogical journal, *The Mayflower Journal*. This publication will contain 96 pages of black and white text and will be published twice a year, May and October. The *Journal* will be offered by mail to GSMD members at the member subscription rate of \$15.00 and/or a free electronic version will be available for members online. Subscriptions to the general public will be sold at an introductory price of \$25.00 annually. The *Journal* will feature well documented articles on Pilgrim genealogy and history, including occasional issues focused on presentations of a conference or exhibition of special interest to Society members and the general public. For subscription details please visit www.TheMayflowerSociety.org

Canadian Society Elders



Marjorie Ellen (Rawson) McGee by Maureen E. McGee

Marjorie was born on a homestead near Alix, Alberta on November 27, 1914. After an ill-fated move to Vanderhoof, BC in 1918 when the family lived in a tent and tried to grow potatoes which froze in July, her father contracted the Spanish Flu and, on the advice of the doctor, who believed he did not have long to live, moved the family to the Tacoma, Washington area.

Her family remained in the Tacoma area until 1934 when they moved to Vancouver where her father purchased a wharfage business in Coal Harbour near Stanley Park where the Bayshore Inn now stands. Marjorie soon joined the rest of her family and enjoyed days of playing tennis at Stanley Park, attending a young peoples club, roller skating and swimming.

In 1939, Jack and Rachel purchased Adams Lake Lodge near Kamloops leaving Marjorie and her sister to run a boarding house for the RCAF. She also worked doing tailoring and sewing golf bags and tents.

It was on a visit to her parents at Adams Lake that she met Neil McGee. They married in 1947 and had four children. In the early years of their marriage they lived on Vancouver Island and moved to Vernon, BC in 1951.

Marjorie was a stay-at-home mother who sewed all the clothes for the family, baked, canned and focussed most of her attention on her family. She served on the board of the Parent Teachers Association. Entertainment was playing cribbage or whist with family, friends, and neighbours. Her other interests were art and history. Having taken her schooling in the US, she had not learned much Canadian history. She made it a point to learn the history of the local area and narrated the history of the region to her children on car rides and trips. In later years, she was active in the Old Age Pensioners organization.

Marjorie is known for her resourcefulness and creativity. When the mirror got cracked, she painted a flower over the crack. When she was restrained in her wheelchair and staff did not respond to her calls for someone to assist her to the bathroom, she pulled the fire alarm. This got her a lot of attention and brought some firemen to visit. Many of the clothes she sewed for the family were made from clothes given to the family. In the attached photo, she is wearing a dress that she made in her later years from two skirts that she purchased. It is one of her favourite dresses.

Marjorie pursued a life long interest in genealogy. Her research into her Wilcox ancestors led to her discovery of her Mayflower ancestors. At the age of 86, she purchased her first computer and began scanning and e-mailing her genealogical information to her daughter, Maureen. This was an engaging and educational experience for many years.



She is an honorary life member of the Old Age Pensioners Organization and of the Vernon Family History Society. At the age of 102, she is thrilled to become a member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.



**Genealogy and Seniors
Senior Living Blog
Posted – 30 January 2017 By
Kimberley Fowler**

Retirees across America are leaving their families an unconventional legacy — knowledge of their family's ancestral roots. In the age of the internet, ancestry and genealogy research has increased with

additional access to online historical records. Older adults who are retired and have time on their hands are taking advantage, making "genealogy the second most popular



hobby in the U.S., after gardening,” according to *Time*.

The internet and wifi-service are now common amenities offered at most retirement and senior communities, and computer savvy retirees are making good use of the access. It turns out that genealogy websites are now the second most-visited category of websites on the internet, and it's not surprising that the field is so popular amongst seniors. The benefits of adding genealogy to your list of hobbies are pretty convincing:

- Computer use and reading improve cognitive function
- Particularly in the areas of the brain that are associated with:
 - Communication
 - Decision-making
 - Empathy
 - Spatial awareness
 - Vocabulary

Talking about generations past can also connect seniors with forgotten events, people and stories that happened early in the senior's life. This article has some tips on how to help make a discussion about the past positive for a family member with dementia.

Family tree projects and genealogy research are common for students in middle school and high school, and are a great way to prompt conversations with older adults in the family.

Studies show that sharing family history helps younger generations form a sense of identity and self-awareness that builds confidence and creates an improved ability to cope with stress and trauma.

There are benefits for older adults who are building a family tree, or documenting personal histories too. Sharing this information creates a talking point with children and grandchildren and can expand the family support system when connections are made with distant or long-lost relatives.

No matter which way you look at it, the old adage “knowledge is power” is true, especially when it comes to understanding your past. For some families, research into their roots brings surprises like:

1. Filling in gaps of knowledge or understanding about family members that have left emotional rips in a complicated family tapestry.
2. Locating a new branch of a family tree.
3. Meeting new family members.
4. Obtaining important family medical history that was previously unknown.
5. Uncovering a new status that facilitates applications for bursaries, scholarships or visas.

Ultimately, the quest for knowledge and truth is extremely rewarding, which is why genealogy is a fun and rewarding pastime. The truth is, genealogy couldn't have become a billion-

dollar industry if people didn't enjoy it. In the U.S. and across the world, the pursuit of family history has ignited the creation of:

- Books
- For profit websites
- Genetic testing
- TV shows

<http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/1-30-17-genealogy-and-seniors/>



New Members



We Welcome to the Canadian Society



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**Ian William Innes
(John Alden)
Toronto, ON**

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**Linda Mary Watson
(Richard Warren)
Vancouver, BC**

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**Nancy Heather Conn
(John Alden)
Toronto, ON**

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**Anne Louise West Mackenzie
(Richard Warren)
Canning, NS**

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**Deborah Ellen Trask
(?)
Chester Basin, NS**

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**Helen Elaine Senack
(William White)
Ottawa, ON**



Necrology



Marjorie Ruth "Marge" Bulmer – 95, Truro, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at Magnolia Continuing Care, Enfield. Born in Yarmouth, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Beatrice (Weston) Corning.

Marjorie was a genealogist, gardener and active in church and community. She received her education at Colchester Academy and Success Business College. She worked as a secretary at C.E. Sullivan's Service Station, and for six years, she taught adult education courses through the facilities of the Continuing Education Program. She was associated with several organizations and was Past President of Truro and Area Council of Women, Emeritus Life Member of National Council of Women, Friend of the Library, Happy Harmonies singing group, Scottish Society of Colchester County, Little White School House, Historical Society and Fundy Family Researchers.

She wrote and published "*A History of the Bulmer Family 1056-2000*" and during this time, she became a life member of The Mayflower Society.



The Official GSMD Grave Marker is about 4 inches in diameter and is made of solid bronze in bas-relief. The marker comes with directions for mounting for the grave stone manufacturer or retailer. Multiple markers must be ordered individually. Eligibility: GSMD Members Only Insignia Protocol: Marker should be placed on gravestone of the GSMD member. Only one marker is issued per Society membership number. <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/shop/members-only/medals/gsmc-member-grave-marker.html>

"Young folk may die shortly, but the aged cannot live long. The green apple may be plucked off or shaken down by violence, but the ripe will fall of itself..."

John Robinson

Mayflower History



Ships to Plymouth after the *Mayflower* voyage

1621–1634

Passengers of 1621 *Fortune* voyage to Plymouth

Fortune was the second English ship sent out to Plymouth Colony by the Merchant Adventurers investment group, which had also financed the 1620 voyage of the Pilgrim ship *Mayflower*. The *Fortune* was 1/3 the size of the *Mayflower*, displacing 55 tons. The Master was Thomas Barton. She departed London in the fall of 1621 and arrived off Cape Cod on November 9, 1621 and arrived in Plymouth Bay by the end of the month. The ship only stayed at Plymouth about three weeks loading cargo, and departed for England on December 13, 1621. About January 19, 1622, due to a navigation error, *Fortune* was overtaken and seized by a French warship, with those on board being held under guard in France for about a month and with its cargo taken. Fortune finally arrived back in the Thames on February 17, 1622.

The identification of passengers comes largely from the 1623 Division of Land list and its distribution of lots as transcribed by William Bradford. From that list comes the *Fortune* passenger list comprised from the works of authors Charles Banks and Edward Stratton based on their research as well as author Caleb Johnson with his information based directly on the 1623 Division of Land. Author Eugene Stratton also has the list as written by Bradford in the language/spelling of the time. There are children listed here which were most likely not part of the original passenger count of 35. A number of persons listed in 1623 do not appear in the 1627 Division of Cattle list and this may be due to death, removal to an area outside the colony or a return to England.

Although Bradford notes that thirty-five persons were on *Fortune*, only the names of twenty-eight persons are listed as receiving lots in 1623. Eighteen persons are known to have been unmarried, eight married but emigrating without their families, and as far as can be determined, Mrs. Martha Ford and Elizabeth Bassett wife of William Bassett were the only women on the ship. Records indicate that sixteen of the passengers were from the London area and three from Leiden. The origins of ten passengers could not be determined.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passengers_of_1621_Fortune_voyage


Weston's settlers, May, 1622 - June 1622

In 1622 Thomas Weston sent a fishing vessel, the *Sparrow*, to Massachusetts Bay, with a small party of seven men to find the most suitable place for a colony. They were to prepare for the arrival of a large group of single men whom he proposed to send out. Weston was one of the leaders of the London merchant adventurers who sponsored the establishment of



Plymouth Colony, but who was now independently setting up his own. The site eventually chosen was at Wessagusset (modern Weymouth, some thirty miles north of Plymouth). The ship anchored at the Damaris Cove Islands off the coast of Maine, and a group of ten, including some crew from the *Sparrow*, sailed down to Plymouth in a **shallop**, arriving there on May 31, 1622, just as Massasoit's men were demanding that Squanto be handed over to them for execution. They brought letters to the Governor from Weston, but no provisions for which the settlement was in desperate need. Phineas Pratt was one of Weston's settlers, and he and his six companions were given hospitality in Plymouth until the *Charity* and the *Swan* arrived with the main party of Weston's settlers at the end of July or early August 1622.

The two ships, the *Charity* and the *Swan*, temporarily added sixty more "lusty men" to the eighty-odd colonists living in Plymouth village. "The settlers on the *Charity* and the *Swan* were rather rough and unruly men, and they stayed at Plymouth during the summer of 1622 until they left in September to colonize an area somewhat north of Plymouth called Wessagusset (present day Weymouth)."

Thomas Weston's settlement at Weymouth was a failure, and the men had to be rescued by Captain Standish and some of his men. Many of these settlers remained in Plymouth. 

<http://www.histarch.illinois.edu/plymouth/townpop.html>

Passengers of the Anne and Little James 1623

In summer of 1623 about 90 passengers embarked in two small ships sailing from London to Plymouth Colony for the purpose of providing settlers and other colony support. These were the 140 ton supply ship *Anne* and the smaller, new 44 ton pinnace *Little James* which had been outfitted for military service. They were financed by Thomas Weston's investment group, the Merchant Adventurers, also those who financed the *Mayflower* in 1620 and *Fortune* in 1621. After a three-month voyage, the *Anne* arrived in Plymouth, per Bradford, on July 10, 1623 and the *Little James* a week or ten days later. After this voyage the *Anne* was to return to its regular cargo shipping work and the *Little James* was to remain in the colony for fishing, cargo and military service. The *Anne's* Master was William Peirce and the *Little James* had two young men in charge – Master John Bridges, master mariner, and a novice Captain, Emmanuel Altham, a Merchant Adventurer.

Of the 90-odd passengers, there were about 60 men, women and children total in both ships, many being former English Separatist residents of Leiden, Holland, and with about 30 others being part of an independent emigrant group led by John Oldham. This later group had been promised a separate living situation in Plymouth apart from the main settlement.


There are no separate passenger lists for each ship, as those that sailed in these ships were grouped together in records under the *Anne* when the official land division was made in 1623 with assignment of acreage lots by name. But author Charles Banks did identify at least four men, three with families, who were passengers on the *Little James*. These totaled about 14 persons. Banks also states that it is possible the *Little James* had more passengers, but due to size it could not

accommodate many. Additionally, eight wives accompanied their husbands on these two ships, along with twelve children most brought over by their parents but at least two of whom were Patience and Fear Brewster, daughters of William and Mary Brewster, who had arrived on the *Mayflower*.

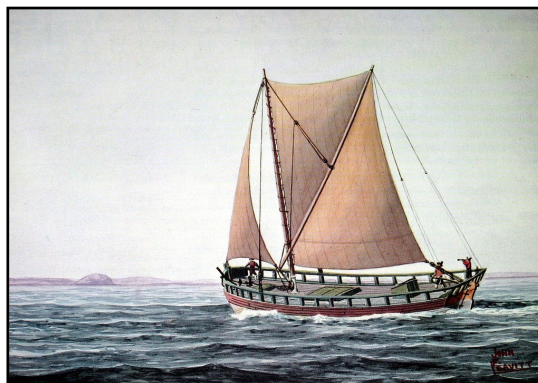
In the contingent on board the *Anne* were about 15 persons associated in some way with *Mayflower* passengers who had come over in 1620. Some joined husbands or future husbands: Hester Cooke, Bridget Fuller, Alice Bradford, Elizabeth Warren and Barbara Standish. Another had been the spouse of a now-deceased Pilgrim – Sarah Priest Cuthbertson. There were other passengers who married *Mayflower* passengers after arrival: Fear Brewster/Isaac Allerton, Mary Becket/George Soule, Christian Penn/Francis Eaton & Francis Billington, Experience Mitchell/Jane Cooke, Nicholas Snow/Constance Hopkins, Sarah Warren/John Cooke, Robert Bartlett/Mary Warren. And there were Mary and Sarah Priest, the daughters of the deceased Pilgrim Degory Priest, who had arrived from Leiden and later married Phineas Pratt and John Coombs respectively.

Bradford states that some of the new settlers were useful persons and became "good members to the body", some being the wives and children of men there already, some since the *Fortune* came over in 1621. But Bradford also related about those unfit for such a hardship settlement: "And some were so bad, as they were faine to be at charge to send them home again next year." And the state of the passengers is relayed in an apologetic letter sent by Robert Cushman, former Leiden agent in London, to Bradford: "... It greeveth me to see so weake a company sent you, and yet had I not been here they had been weaker... Shuch and shuch came without my constente: but the importunitie of their freinds got promise of our Treasurer in my absence."

From these statements it can be learned the reason that so many of the first arrivals disappeared from Plymouth after a few years of experiencing that hardship existence. Many of the emigrants on the *Anne* and *Little James* would eventually be sent back to England as unfit for the task of living and working in a harsh colonial environment.

The division of land between the colonists in 1623 tells us more or less who was in Plymouth in that year, and who were passengers on the *Fortune* (November 1621), the *Anne* and the *Little James* (July 1623). 

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passengers_of_the_Anne_and_Little_James_1623



30 Ton Pinnace



The Arrival of Ships Between 1623 and 1634 Sir Ferdinando Gorges' Settlers on the *Katherine* Sept. 1623

Sir Ferdinando Gorges (1565-1568? – May 24, 1647) was a naval and military commander and governor of the important port of Plymouth in England. His early involvement in English trade with and settlement of North America as well as his efforts in founding the Province of Maine in 1622 earned him the title of the "Father of English Colonization in North America," even though Gorges himself never set foot in the New World.

The number of colonists on the *Katherine* is unclear although 123 is suggested. They were an initial burden on the settlers at Plymouth but most later moved out to Weston's abandoned settlement at Weymouth.

Arrival of the *Charity*, March 1624

Edward Winslow returned in the ship *Charity* from England in March 1624, having been absent six months, bringing a good supply of clothing and other necessities, and what was of more value than any other supply, the first "neat" cattle ever brought to the colony. The exact number of passengers is again unclear but probably only a few.

Arrival of the second *Mayflower*, from Leiden, Aug. 1629

A few Pilgrims, family and friends, who had remained in Leiden, Holland took passage in 1629 on a ship called the *Mayflower* which was not the original ship that came to Plymouth in 1620. This vessel was part of the Higginson fleet of ships bringing newcomers to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Most of these were Puritans who landed in Salem and only approximately 10 to 35 (numbers vary) destined for Plymouth. They left Holland in May and arrived in Plymouth Colony in August.

Arrival of the *Talbot*, circa August, 1629

In a letter to Bradford dated May 25, 1629, James Sherley, one of the London Adventurers, wrote that "we have also sent some servants in the ship called the *Talbot* that went hence lately." Approximately 35 settlers were landed in Plymouth from the *Talbot*.

Arrival of the *Lyon*, from Leiden, May 1630

A second group from Leiden left Holland at the beginning of March 1630, and arrived in Plymouth towards the end of May. Bradford does not give any indication as to the number who arrived on the *Lyon*. Both groups of Leiden settlers were a financial burden to the young colony.

This ship became famous in the history of the early emigration to Massachusetts, and her Master was equally noted for his skillful seamanship and his sympathy with the policy of the Puritan leaders. In 1630, 1631, and 1632 she made four voyages in quick succession under his command with the regularity and safety of a ferry.

Arrival of the *Handmaid*, 29 Oct. 1630

After twelve weeks at sea, the *Handmaid* landed at Plymouth on

29 Oct. 1630 with about 60 passengers. They were the last group from Leiden.

The brethren described these arrivals as the "weakest and poorest", which may account for why none of their names were preserved. This was the last of the Pilgrim ships, although a few more brethren strayed in from time to time. At this point organized efforts to colonize Plymouth came to an end due to lack of funding. Emphasis shifted to the well financed Puritan migration farther up the coast at Massachusetts Bay.

The group included 28 cows, Captain Standish, and "2 gent passingers, who came to plant here, but havinge no testimonies we would not receive them."


Population 1630

It seems unlikely that the population of Plymouth had grown much in the early years after 1630, when the population was about 300 people. The arrivals of the *Lyon* and the *Handmaid*, perhaps increased the numbers to 350 or 400 people.

The 1627-1634 Arrivals

There were various arrivals between 1627 and 1634 but specific details regarding ships and numbers are incomplete. A list was published by Eugene A. Stratton (*Plymouth Colony, Its History & People, 1620-1691*, pp. 433-37) of people who arrived at Plymouth sometime between May 22, 1627, date of the Division of the Cattle, and March 27, 1634, date of the 1634 Tax List. He estimates that there were 164 new settlers during this period.

Population to the end of 1633, prior to the beginning of the Great Migration, 1634-1640

From May 1634 the population of New England rose sharply through the rest of the decade. Robert C. Anderson (*The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*) estimates that only about 15% of the immigrants to New England arrived in the fourteen years from 1620-1633, but the bulk of the new immigrants went elsewhere, not to Plymouth Colony. 

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Colony News



2017 Nova Scotia Mayflower Colony Conference

Friday & Saturday, 22 & 23 September 2017.

United Baptist Church, Middleton, N.S.

111 Commercial Street (enter parking lot behind church on School Street)

Wheelchair accessible

Advance registration \$20 (includes refreshments Friday & Saturday; lunch on Saturday)

Registrations received after 8 September \$25

Exploring Our Remarkable Mayflower Heritage

SCHEDULE

Friday 22 September

6:00-7:00 *Registration*

7:00-8:00 *Meet and Greet*

8:00-8:30 *The Fascinating Family of John & Elinor Billington, a conversation*

Saturday 23 September

9:00-10:00 *Registration*

10:00-10:10 *Welcome* Colony Regent: Bill Curry

10:10-10:55 *Concurrent Sessions*

Big plans for the 400th anniversary in 2020

Report from Regent Bill Curry on the recent Triennial Congress in Plymouth

Proving your Mayflower Ancestry

Workshop with Judi Archibald, N.S. Mayflower Colony Historian

10:55-11:20 *Coffee Break*

11:20-12:00 *My Mayflower Passenger Ancestor* Moderator Gary Archibald

Four participants will share brief stories about their ancestors who were on the Mayflower

12:00-12:45 *Lunch*

12:45-1:00 *Group Photo*

1:00-1:45 *Guest Speakers* Paulette and Dave Whitman

How to Research Locally When Nothing Appears to be Recorded (see Program Information for details)

1:45-2:00 *Coffee Break*

2:00-2:30 *Individual 15 minute sessions with Judi Archibald, Colony Historian. Book in advance.*

2:00-2:30 *Annual General Meeting with Ancestral Roll Call.*

2:30-3:00 *Door prizes and general hilarity to end the Conference with Gary Archibald.*

Safe Journey Home

2017 Nova Scotia Mayflower Colony Conference

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration

Advance registration is strongly encouraged. It allows us to plan more effectively; particularly for food. The advance registration fee is \$20. Registrations received after 8 September are \$25. The reception on Friday, coffee and lunch on Saturday are included in the registration fee. Mailing instructions appear on the attached Registration form. We would like to add the name of your *Mayflower* Passenger Ancestor to your name tag. Those of you who have several choose one. Not sure if you have a passenger ancestor? Choose one you'd like to have.

Information about Membership

Your annual membership is valid from Annual Conference to Annual Conference. **Member** (open to current members of Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants). **Associate Member** (open to anyone). Associate Members are welcome at all meetings but do not have a vote. They are eligible for any office in the Colony except Regent and Vice-Regent. The fee (\$10) is the same for both. Membership is not required to attend the Conference.

Displays

Historical societies, vendors and individuals are invited to set up displays for Friday evening and Saturday in the main meeting room. There is no fee for setting up a display if the person taking responsibility for it is registered for the conference. Displays may be set up for Friday and Saturday or on Saturday only. Colony members who would like to set up a small display about their research and *Mayflower* family are invited to do so. If you are bringing a display please check the appropriate box on the Registration form. That will help us have your table ready.

One-on-One Discussions with Colony Historian

In addition to the workshop with our Historian, Judi Archibald, there will be opportunities to meet with her for a personal fifteen-minute discussion at some time during the Conference to discuss any problems you may be having with your research. Please check the appropriate box on the Registration form if you would like to meet with her. You will be informed at the Conference when it will take place.

Raffle

There will be a raffle of a variety of *Mayflower* related items. Tickets are \$2; three for \$5. If you have a *Mayflower* related item you would like to donate to the Raffle, bring it with you



and give it to Gary Archibald when you register.

Guest Speakers

Local historians, authors and publishers Paulette and Dave Whitman will speak after lunch on Saturday on the topic *How to Research Locally When Nothing Appears to be Recorded*. This will appeal to anyone interested in learning more about their *Mayflower* ancestors or doing historical research. Paulette and Dave are proprietors of *Bailey Chase Books*. Check out their website <www.davewhitman.ca> to learn more about this fascinating couple and their publications. We're happy to report that they will also have a display at the Conference.

Where to Stay

There are three motels located near the conference site.

Middleton Motel & Suites 121 Main Street.

<www.middletonmotel.ca>. Toll free 1-855-825-3433

Fundy Spray Motel 275 Main Street. Tel 902-825-3424

Orchard Queen Motel & RV Park 425 Main Street.

<orchardqueenmotelrvpark.com> Toll free 1-855-825-4801

Where to Eat

Your fee includes refreshments Friday & Saturday and lunch on Saturday. Possible eating places for other meals are:

Big Scoop Family Restaurant 13616 Highway 1, open 8am to 8pm.

Tim Horton's 241 Main Street, open 24 hours.

Subway 33 Commercial Street, open 7am to 11pm

Angies Family Restaurant 71 Main Street, open 11am to 8pm.

MacDonald Museum

Directly across from the Church on School Street is the MacDonald Museum. Open on Friday from 10:30 to 4:30.

Further information

Visit our website www.mayflownovascotia.ca and Facebook Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants.

Questions? Contact our Vice Regent, Cheryl Anderson: cheryl.anderson@ns.sympatico.ca 902-532-0428

Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to share this information. 



Odds and Ends



(L-R) CSMD Librarian Anne Doty Wright invited CSMD Governor George McNeillie to address the Probus Club of Toronto in July.

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