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The Canadian Pilgrim

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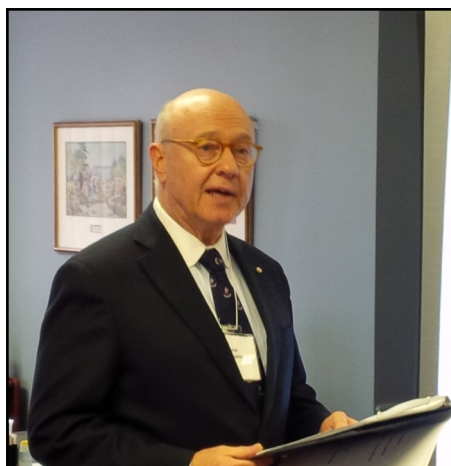
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Governor's Column



George McNeillie speaks to the UEL Association of Canada.

Pilgrim heritage. Last fall the Library informed us that they were consolidating their collections and moving them to the Toronto Public Library at 789 Yonge Street. They wished to consult with us



Susanna de Groot presents "Dead and Buried."

Our Annual Compact meeting was held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Toronto Cricket Club. The business meeting was followed by a presentation by professional genealogist and lecturer Susanna de Groot entitled *Dead and Buried* that provided insights into how we can gain a more complete and accurate account of our ancestors' lives when we review all available death records. Sue also kindly brought some leave-behind material with lists of the resources she discussed and URLs for various websites (please see a copy elsewhere in the newsletter).

Over the years, the Society has contributed a substantial amount of books and periodicals to the Canadiana Collection at the North York Central Library in Toronto to create a resource for those who wish to explore their Pilgrim heritage. Last fall the Library informed us that they were consolidating their collections and moving them to the Toronto Public Library at 789 Yonge Street. They wished to consult with us about duplications – which they would like to dispose of. Needless to say, we were not pleased to learn of this turn of events, since CSMD has invested a considerable amount of money, time and effort over the past 35 years to build this valuable resource, and we will be making every effort to preserve our collection and to find a suitable home for it. We hope to report back to the membership on the outcome at our AGM on October 22nd.

On February 22nd I made a presentation on the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants to the Toronto Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, along with Jeanne Ciok of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I believe that our fellow lineage societies are not competitors, but actually represent a wonderful opportunity for us (and them) to 'cross-pollinate' and gain new members. I am pleased to report that we have already received a few inquiries for membership in CSMD.

My sincere thanks to my fellow Board of Assistants



members who are all volunteers and who work tirelessly to keep the Society ticking. We still have positions open on the Board and would love to hear from you if you are interested – please don't let geography be a consideration, as we conduct our meetings over Skype. In addition, 2020 is fast approaching and we are looking for members who wish to join our committee to determine how best to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Annual Compact Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Toronto Cricket Club in Toronto.

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

"Dead & Buried...Accessing the Records"

Sue de Groot Presentation

October 17, 2015

Websites

-Archives of Ontario - Ontario Vital Statistics: Registrations of Births, Marriages and Deaths

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/microfilm/vsmain.aspx>

-Ancestry.ca - Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1938 and Deaths Overseas, 1939-1947

<http://search.ancestry.ca/search/db.aspx?dbid=8946>

-FamilySearch - Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1307826>

-Service Ontario - How to get a copy of an Ontario death certificate

<http://www.ontario.ca/government/how-get-copy-ontario-death-certificate-online>

-Niagara Peninsula Branch OGS - Morse & Sons Funeral Home Index

<http://www.ogs.on.ca/niagara/morse/index.php>

-Ontario Funeral Service Association

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

-Funeral Association of Canada

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

City of Toronto Archives

<http://www.toronto.ca/archives/index.htm>

-Archives of Ontario - Finding Aid L 23, Original and Microfilm Newspaper Collections in the Archives of Ontario

http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/l23_newspapers.pdf

-Library and Archives Canada - Newspaper Collection

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/newspapers/newspaper-collection/Pages/newspapers-collection.aspx>

-Ancestry.ca

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

-GenealogyBank

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

-FamilySearch - Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1989

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1627831>

-CanadaGenWeb Cemetery Project

<http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/>

Canadian Headstones

<http://canadianheadstones.com/>

Find A Grave

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

BillionGraves

<http://billiongraves.com/>

Interment.net

<http://www.interment.net/>

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

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MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES

Do we have your biography or is the biography that we have of you outdated? If you'd like to be included in future Member Spotlight features, please email your bio and a recent head and shoulders photo to governor@csmld.org

LIBRARY REPORT

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

ABOUT YOUR DUES

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

The deadline for 2015 CSMD dues of \$45 per member is November 30, 2014. 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, cheque or money order payable to CSMD. The latter should be mailed to the Treasurer, Maureen McGee, at 1060 Ewert St, Prince George BC V2M 2P2.

We appreciate everyone's ongoing support of our Society.

CSMD FEES (NON REFUNDABLE)

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

Supplemental line fee (per line): \$30 (CAD) after lineage review, \$75 (US) when your application is sent to the GSMD Historian General in Plymouth for approval.

Membership certificates: \$5

CSMD lapel pin: \$5 at meetings



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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS NOW ON MAILING LABELS

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

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

HELP WANTED: RECORDING SECRETARY AND CAPTAIN



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

Our Bylaw describes the duties of recording secretary as follows:

"The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Board and mail or email minutes to each Board Member; shall give due notice of all meetings of the Society and the Board; shall have custody of such records as are not specifically in charge of other Officers; shall in general perform all duties usually appertaining to such office, such as keeping track of address changes, he/she shall inform the General Society of the death, resignation or dropping of any Members, or of the transfer of any Member from another Mayflower Society; shall fill out and return all forms submitted to us by the General Society."

Our Bylaw describes the duties of captain as follows:

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

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



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 16 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, *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



Annual Compact Meeting Minutes

The 2015 Annual Compact Meeting was held at the Toronto Skating, Curling and Cricket Club October 17, 2015. The meeting was Called to Order at 1:00 p.m. by Governor George G. McNeillie III. As there was no objection, the Minutes of the October 25, 2014 Annual Compact Meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The Mayflower Compact was read by Corresponding Secretary Gary W. Bennett. The Ancestral Roll Call was read by Co-Historian Donna J. Denison with Brewster descendants topping the list with the highest representation. Necrology was read by Historian Susan E. Roser. We lost two members this year, Grace Taylor and Joan Stace-Smith.

Officer Reports

Governor, George G. McNeillie III gave his report, as printed in the fall newsletter. He also acknowledged and introduced Barbara McGivern, a charter member and niece of our founder, Rev. James McGivern. On behalf of Treasurer Maureen McGivern who could not attend, Governor McNeillie moved to waive the appointment of an auditor which passed by unanimous consent.

Historian Susan E. Roser's report also appeared in the fall newsletter. She noted that she has approved 451 new members, #167 thru #618 and 108 supplemental papers in the last 22 years. We will have 26 new members this year.

Captain and Publicity Chair, George G. McNeillie III

An application to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of arms and badge has been temporarily shelved due to time constraints on my part, but we hope to get it back on track over the coming months. A grant of arms is considered an honour from the Crown and many lineage societies have applied for them.

We will be looking to set up a committee over the next year for the

events leading up to the 400th celebration in 1620 and welcome volunteers.

Actions of the CSMD Board from the meeting September 19, 2015

- a) That the financial statements of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as at December 31, 2014 be accepted.
- b) That the financial statements of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as at June 30, 2015 be accepted.
- c) To approve a new policy: that members who have not paid their annual dues for a particular year will be dropped from membership effective in January of the following year. A member may be reinstated at any time by payment of dues for that year. They may choose to pay for the years they have missed but are not obligated to do so.
- d) That we increase the review fee for applicants to \$30, effective immediately, and that we increase the family member rate application fee from \$70CAD to \$75US, effective immediately.
- e) To approve a new policy -- that the length of each edition of the *Canadian Pilgrim* newsletter will be determined by the content and may vary from possibly as few as six pages to as many as 10 pages, or more where circumstances warrant.
- f) That the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants apply for an ISSN designation for *Canadian Pilgrim* and the CSMD website on the ISSN Register, managed by the International Standard Serial Number International Centre, and that ISSN designations be published in both publications, as recommended by the ISSN.

Report of the Nominating Committee, Gary W. Bennett, Chair

The following nominees were elected by acclamation:

Counsellor - Sandy Fairbanks

Elder – Bob White

Surgeon - Dr. George Nye

Members-at-Large: Brent Rutherford, Susan Roser

Historian – Nathan Mean


New Business

Call for volunteers for Publicity Committee for 400th Anniversary in 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Member-at-Large Susan E. Roser

Approved by Governor George G. McNeillie III

Guest speaker – Professional genealogist and lecturer **Susanna de Groot's** presented a talk on Dead and Buried, how we can gain a more complete and accurate account of our ancestors' lives when we review all available death records. 

On [CSMD.org](http://www.csmd.org):

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



New Members



We Welcome to the Canadian Society

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**Jean Albertha Nixon
(Brewster)
Hagersville, ON**

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**Carol Law
(Allerton)
Port Williams, NS**

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**Thomas Harold White
(White)
Kentville, NS**

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**Ian Richard Cook
(More)
Waterloo, ON**

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**David Ross White
(White)
New Glasgow, NS**

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**Richard Shawn Moore
(Hopkins)
Oshawa, ON**

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**Susan Joyce Tait
(Hopkins)
Quispamis, NB**

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**Norman Leigh Tait
(Hopkins)
Quispamis, NB**

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**John David Mean
(Alden)
Dartmouth, NS**

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**Dennis Madden
(Brewster)
Victoria, BC**

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**Diana Lynn Hirsh
(White)
North Bay, ON**

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**Linda Bernice Sartori
(Chilton)
USA**

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**Donald Leigh Flewelling
(Alden)
Rothesay, NB**

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**Ruth Helen Louise Lesbirel
(Alden)
Rothesay, NB**



Members' News



Joyce Cutler 256

Ancestor: Billington

Joined: 1996-11-13

Joyce was born in Eaton, one of the Eastern Townships in Quebec, the oldest of four children. She attended Lakeshore Teachers College and York University in

Toronto and spent her teaching career working in Mississauga. She began with the elementary grades, but then decided to teach high school, where her last teaching years were spent as art teacher and Department Head of Fine Arts. Joyce served has held the following positions with the Canadian Society: Member-at-large(1997-2000); Librarian (1998-2010), Deputy Governor (2001-2003); Governor (2003-2012).



Gordon Wood 334

Ancestor: Brewster

Joined: 2000-08-02

Gordon was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Gordon has lived practically his whole life in Tusket, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia and it was there that he managed an automobile

collision repair business until retirement in 2000. He has been involved in community affairs and served on numerous boards, including Chairman of Yarmouth Hospital Board, Chairman of Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, member of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Appointments for Nova Scotia, school boards and others. He has also served as the Regent of the Nova Scotia Colony from 2005 -2013.



Deborah Clarke 74

Ancestor: Standish

Joined: 1982-12-09

Deborah Clarke was born in Windsor, Ontario. She and her family moved from Windsor to Waterdown and then to Agincourt where she has lived

most of her life. Debbie attended the University of Toronto, and graduated with a BA in English and history. In January of 1982 Debbie, her mother Barbara, and her brother Douglas all joined the Mayflower Society as descendants of Captain Myles Standish. In 1984 Debbie became Recording Secretary for the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. She has held this position until 2013, taking the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Assistants, the Compact Dinner, and the Spring Tea.



Elizabeth Larrabee 342

Ancestor: Bradford

Joined: 2001-04-06

A query to an author who had documented research on Webb families in early Vermont led Elizabeth unexpectedly to the knowledge that Pilgrim

William Bradford was her ancestor. She now corresponds with cousins in Colorado, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Lunenburg, Vermont. After her husband relocated to Ontario she obtained a Diploma of Social Service at Sheridan College, BSW from McGill University, and was employed in child welfare for 15 years. Elizabeth served as Member at Large for the CSMD from 2006 to 2011.



Gary Archibald 427

Ancestor: Rogers

Joined: 2005-05-16

Gary was born and grew up in Truro, Nova Scotia. He graduated from Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1964 and began teaching in the Yarmouth School System that year. He returned to school at Saint Francis University

in 1969 and graduated with B.A. and B.Ed. degrees in 1971. Returning to Yarmouth, he became a school administrator serving as Vice-Principal, and Principal of Arcadia Consolidated School and then Principal of Maple Grove Education Centre until his retirement. Gary has served in a variety of volunteer capacities including Chair of Western Counties Regional Library Board, President of Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, President of Canadian Library Trustees Association, President of Yarmouth County Historical Society, President of Yarmouth County Historical Society. Gary has also been the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Colony since 2013.

Odds and Ends



Famous Mayflower Descendants

Julia Child

The woman who taught Americans the art of French cooking likely would've been underwhelmed by the dining options aboard the Mayflower (ship goers of that era typically subsisted on such items as salted meats and dried grains) but she did have a number of relatives, including William and Mary Brewster, who as passengers aboard the vessel would've had no choice but to eat up. William Brewster, who studied at Cambridge University and served as an assistant





to William Davison Secretary of State to Elizabeth I, was jailed for his involvement with the Separatists before they fled to Holland. In Leiden, he worked as a printer and was an elder in the Separatist congregation. The Brewsters journeyed to Plymouth with their sons Love and Wrestling, while also caring for two young children

named Mary and Richard More. The Mores, along with two of their other siblings, had been put on the Mayflower without the permission of their mother, Katherine, by her husband, Samuel, who claimed the children were the product of an affair Katherine More had with another man. Three of the More children perished shortly after the Mayflower reached Plymouth; only Richard survived. In Plymouth, William Brewster served as the colony's religious leader for many years (the Separatists' Leiden pastor had remained in Europe) and also was a close adviser to Governor William Bradford.



<http://www.history.com/news/history-lists/7-famous-mayflower->

Was the First Thanksgiving Held in Florida? Dick Eastman, November 23, 2015



Did the first Thanksgiving held in the New World happen in Saint Augustine, Florida on September 8, 1565? One person with significant credentials in history claims Thanksgiving started decades before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

“The first Thanksgiving that involved a feast and lots of local food and inviting the local people, the Timacuan Indians here in St. Augustine to be part of it, and that’s our Thanksgiving,” says Kathleen Deagan, Ph.D., the distinguished research curator emerita at the Florida

Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida. “Most of us associate our early history and our founders of the English colonies of Jamestown and of Plymouth, and really the first settlement was here in St. Augustine in 1565.”

Dr. Deagan continues, “It never ceases to astonish people [that] the first thanksgiving meal was smoked meat and fish., ham., garbanzo beans, red

wine, olives and olive oil. There wasn’t any corn as far as we know, no turkeys, no mashed potatoes, no pecan pie for sure!”

After Juan Ponce de Leon discovered the peninsula, named it La Florida (“Land of Flowers”) and claimed it for Spain in 1513, King Philip II named Spanish Adm. Pedro Menendez de Aviles governor of Florida and commissioned him to establish a permanent settlement and gain control of the territory. Menendez landed in Florida on September 4, 1565. He named his landing spot San Agustin (St. Augustine) in honor of the saint upon whose feast day, Aug. 28, he had first sighted land near Cape Canaveral.

Menendez was accompanied by several hundred soldiers, sailors and civilians. One man in the group was a secular priest named Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, who not only was the fleet’s spiritual leader, but also kept a log describing the historic passage and landing.

“On Saturday the 8th, the general landed with many banners spread, to the sounds of trumpets and salutes of artillery,” according to a translation of what Father Lopez wrote. “As I had gone ashore the evening before, I took a cross and went to meet him, singing the hymn ‘Te Deum Laudamus.’ The general, followed by all who accompanied him, marched up to the cross, knelt and kissed it. A large number of Indians watched these proceedings and imitated all they saw done.”



Pilgrim Family Societies

Many descendants like to get involved with a family society devoted to their Mayflower ancestor. Not all of these societies require proof of lineage, as the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) does. GSMD membership is granted by gathering proof of lineage to a Mayflower passenger, and then applying to a GSMD member society throughout the United States and Canada. You do not have to have membership in GSMD to join a family society, but having that membership makes it easy to join one of these family societies. Not all of the societies listed below appear to have active websites:

ALDEN - Alden Kindred of America

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

ALLERTON - Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society

<http://www.isaacallerton.com/index.html>

BILLINGTON - John Billington Society

BRADFORD - The Governor William Bradford Compact - c/o Dr. John Pogue, 5204 Kenwood Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-6604

BREWSTER - The Elder William Brewster Society

BROWN - Pilgrim Peter Brown Society

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

COOKE - Francis Cooke Society

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

DOTY - Pilgrim Edward Doty Society

<http://www.edward-doty.org/Edward-Doty.org/>

FULLER - Fuller Society

<http://www.thefullersociety.org/index.html>

HOPKINS - Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society

<http://home.pilgrimhopkins.com/>

CROMARTIE - Cromartie Family Association – all descendants of



<http://www.csmd.org>

William Cromartie and Ruhamah Doane are Mayflower descendants through Ruhamah Doane (Hezekiah Doane, Hannah Snow, John Snow, Constance Hopkins, Stephen Hopkins).

<http://cromartiefamilyassociation.com/index.html>

HOWLAND - Pilgrim John Howland Society

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

ROGERS - Thomas Rogers Society

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

SAMSON - Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred

SOULE - Soule Kindred in America

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

STANDISH - Myles Standish Society

WARREN - Warren Cousins

BARTLETT - Bartlett Society – Robert Bartlett married Mary Warren, daughter of Richard Warren. <http://www.bartlettsociety.com/>

DELANO - Delano Kindred - many members of the Delano family married Mayflower descendants. <http://www.delanokindred.us/Wordpress/>

HARLOW - Sgt William Harlow Family – Sgt William Harlow married Rebecca Bartlett, granddaughter of Richard Warren, and many other members of the Harlow family married Mayflower descendants. <http://www.harlowfamily.com/>—

WHITE - The Pilgrim William White Society

<http://thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org/>

WINSLOW - Winslow Heritage Society

<https://www.facebook.com/winslow.heritage.society>



Plymouth's Religious Misfits - the Case of Roger Williams By Guy Moellendorf (The Missouri Compact -2015)

352 Years Ago, King Charles II approved Roger Williams' Lively Experiment 'in Religious Freedom' and altered the course of Church-State History. Both the Plymouth and the Puritan Colonies were theocracies, meaning they wanted to grow their colonies with persons of the same religious beliefs. To that end, being admitted to church membership was required to live in a town and to be granted ownership of land. Dissenters were expelled from the Colony, and had to apply for church membership elsewhere or return to their homeland. (In later years, this tightly controlled process fell into disuse.) One Dissenter was Roger Williams. Roger William's (- 1683) was a Puritan minister who graduated from Cambridge, England, and arrived in Boston in 1631. He refused to accept the Boston civil authority and transferred to Salem, then quickly to Plymouth Colony because it had separated from the Church of England. He was welcome in Plymouth for three years until he developed strange opinions. In 1635 he abruptly returned to Salem, and agitated the congregation. The main issues were: a) He advocated against oaths of allegiance to the authority of the Massachusetts Bay Colony civil government; b) He admonished members who attended any Church of England services as sinful; c) He advocated there should be unlimited toleration of all religions, and for any man to be punished for any matters of his conscience was persecution. Williams advocated freedom of religion as early as 1635. Opinions like this won Williams few friends.



Autosomal DNA and My Mayflower Line to John Howland By Robert W. White

I have recently embarked on, what is for me a new approach to genealogical research, although I am hardly a pioneer in this area as many people are taking advantage of much lower prices and the several choices now in the marketplace. There are currently three companies offering autosomal DNA testing for genealogical purposes: 23andme, Family Tree DNA and Ancestry.com. I will avoid the technical details but all three companies provide a list of closest matches with people in their databases. The number of matches an individual might have will depend on the number of people in the company's database, the number of people with your specific ancestral background who have been tested, and the criteria that the company sets for what constitutes a match. Ancestry.com's product, AncestryDNA, has the lowest criteria for a match, which results in more distantly related people showing up on your match list. For me this was an advantage as I will explain later.

Autosomal DNA is a term used in genetic genealogy to describe DNA which is inherited from the autosomal chromosomes. An autosome is any of the numbered chromosomes, as opposed to the sex chromosomes. Humans have 22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes (the X chromosome and the Y chromosome). Autosomal testing allows a male or a female to be tested on both their mother and father's side of the family. In other words, Autosomal DNA is inherited from our ancestors across the breadth of one's family tree. This means that all of the great-grandparents would be included in the Autosomal DNA test and reaching three to six generations beyond one's great-grandparents depending on the criteria set for the test. The further we go back the less likely any specific ancestor will be represented in our Autosomal DNA. In other words there are limitations, and testing without having done solid genealogical research to provide a foundation for the results is a shot in the dark.

I selected Ancestry.com for my test because I have a large database (6,000 +) in my online family tree and I have used their software for many years. Ancestry.com also has about 65,000 people in its DNA database against which my DNA and family tree could be compared. However, not all of these people have an online family tree uploaded to Ancestry.com. This reduces the number of people that I could be compared to in any meaningful way. For me this underscores the advantage of Ancestry.com's longer reach into past generations.

All three companies provide the following:

1. Percentages of ethnicity. These tests are the most reliable way to obtain your ethnic breakdown. Remember, these tests test all of your DNA, inherited from all of your ancestors. By testing the Y-line and mitochondrial DNA, you can determine the ethnicity of those specific lines.
2. Lists of people you are related to. How each company provides this information varies, but essentially you receive a list of people you match, and estimates of how closely. Figuring out your common ancestry is up to you. In simple terms a test to be useful needs to have a genealogical database against which your results, even the very distant connections, can be compared. In my opinion, Ancestry.com does a good job with this.

I will pass over all of the advantages and disadvantages of using one or

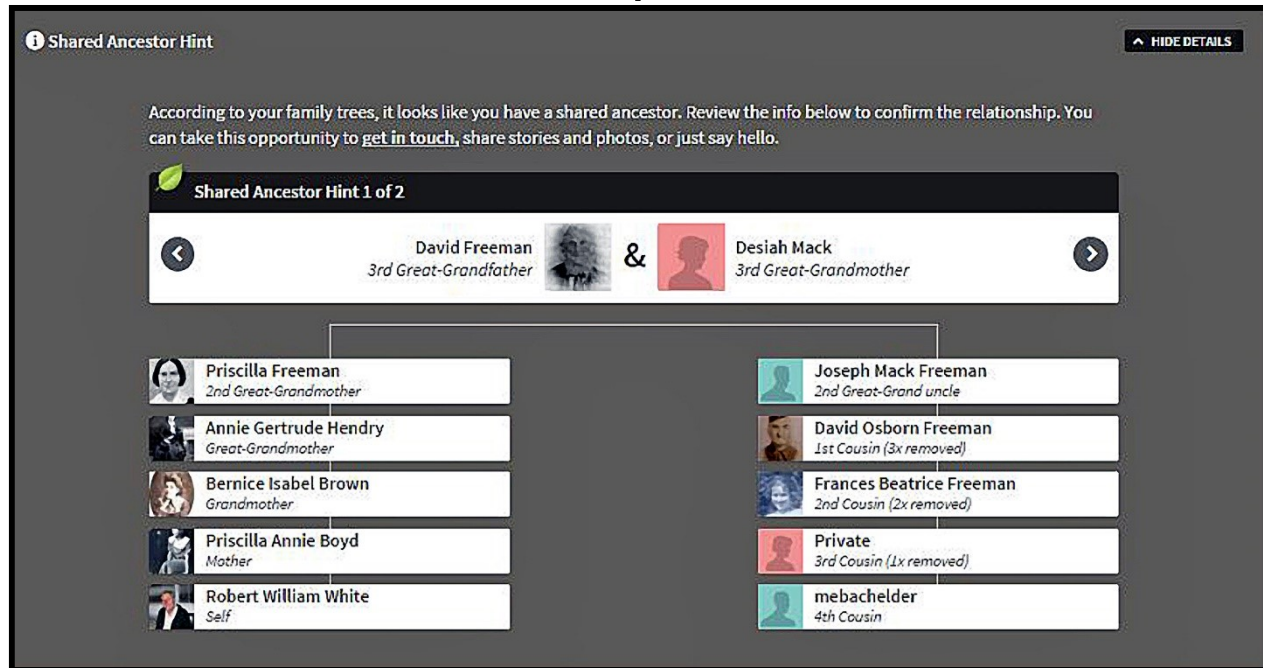


the other of the three companies providing DNA testing and cut to the chase. It is worth the time to explore what each company has to offer and how this might, or might not, meet your needs.

My results in terms of ethnicity were very predictable. I was shown to be 41% Great Britain, 30% Ireland and 18% Scandinavia plus 6 other regions of little interest. I have no idea how it was possible to separate out the Irish DNA from that of Great Britain given the mixing of these

on the correct track – or so I believe. Similarly, if my “cousin” on the right is for some reason unaware that his line leads to a Mayflower passenger I could send him an email and suggest that he investigate joining the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. I have not done that but Perhaps I should.

It was of considerable interest to me that this type of evidence turned up a great many times in my autosomal DNA results. I am still sorting



two peoples over many years. There may be a distinct Irish DNA marker but in my case I doubt that it makes much sense, as to the best of my knowledge all of my Irish ancestors were Anglo-Irish. I believe it was Wellington who once said that being born in a barn did not make one a horse. The Scandinavian connection I must assume to be the Viking influence as I have no known ancestors in any of these countries.

Of more interest was the fact that I had the following “matches” to their DNA database: 49 Shared Ancestor Hints and 74 - 4th cousins or closer. Given that on both sides of my family there are about 10 generations in North America, and that most people who have tested through Ancestry.com are probably Americans this also comes as no great surprise.

My primary interest was the ability of the test to pick up on one of my Mayflower lines or one of my Loyalist lines. In both cases the results were gratifying. In the interest of space I will use only one example. The chart above was provided by AncestryDNA for one of my “cousins.” My line from David Freeman is on the left of the chart. The line on the right is that of my distant cousin. We are a “match” both in terms of autosomal DNA, and our genealogical database. In my case, as well as in the case of my “cousin,” the line from David Freeman moves along very nicely to John Howland, Mayflower passenger.

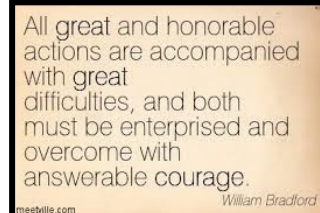
When I did my original research I had great difficulty coming up with primary source proof for my maternal grandmother, Bernice Isabel Brown, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1882; there being no civil registration in that area at that time. I eventually tracked down a family bible and was able to make the case. Had I taken this test before finding the primary source evidence it would, at least, have shown me that I was

through the list of my many “cousins” on both sides of my family.

It should, however, be emphasized that I was the perfect candidate for this test because of the large genealogical database for my family held by Ancestry.com and my many generations of North American ancestry. A number of my “matches” had no online family tree with Ancestry.com so I cannot see the value of the test in these cases. The matches for them would be meaningless as they are to me.

I have recently submitted a DNA test for my wife who was born in China of Russian parentage. I have no expectation that we will find any matches within the three generations of her family that I have uploaded to Ancestry.com. I am only interested in her ethnicity and live in hope that somewhere down the line a match will appear, as Ancestry.com continually updates the information for my family tree as new DNA results come in.

I found DNA testing more than an interesting exercise but it must be emphasized that there is no flash of light where all is revealed. In some cases, I am sure that the results are disappointing and this makes it important to weigh what each company has to offer against what you as an individual might possibly learn.





Alberta Member in Print

George Nye, Surgeon of CSMD and member of the Alberta Colony has had an article published in the latest issue of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. The article entitled "Thomas Trowbridge (1677-1725) of Newton, Massachusetts and Canterbury, Connecticut" can be found in the Fall 2015

issue, 169:308-318, and is to be continued. Congratulations, George!



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Past Mayflower Quarterly Editor Alice C. Teal

We grieve the loss of *Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Emerita Alice C. Teal. Alice died peacefully on March 4, 2016 in hospice at The Shores of Wesley Manor in Ocean City, NJ.


Alice has been a crucial and valued member of the Mayflower Society family for many years. In 1993, Robert Allen Greene appointed her *The Mayflower Quarterly* editor and she served with great dedication for 23 years until last September when she became *The Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Emerita. She was honored at last year's Connecticut General Board of Assistants meeting with a certificate and gift for her many years of service.

Alice was a descendant of the Pilgrim John Howland.



Mayflower Research and DNA

"We do accept DNA as supplementary proof but the paper trail remains the gold standard and direct lineal descent must still be proven. This is done by a case by case basis. As of now, both must be submitted."

Naomi Mann, MD
Surgeon General
GSMD 

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