



Canadian Pilgrim

A newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Message

It's been a very weird year for the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, that's for sure! Last fall, we held our yearly annual general meeting, and had it by Zoom, something I'd never heard of before the Covid-19 pandemic struck.

As most of you know, Plymouth (the General Society of Mayflower Descendants), put the cost of membership up, in response to not having raised dues enough to cover membership costs in the past. This "all at once" raise was necessary but caused some to re-think membership in the member societies, like ours, who had to adjust our dues as we pay an annual fee to Plymouth for each member. I would like to personally thank everyone who felt it important enough to remain a member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Your Board of Assistants has worked hard since our fall meeting. We've been meeting virtually and have a couple of committees working on things like the website, the database that we use to keep member information current and most importantly our Historian team continues its work doing lineage research and verification for prospective members and those looking for supplemental line approvals. The Historian team, as you will see in this newsletter, certified 43 new member's lineages and 11 new supplemental lines, and the work goes on in record numbers due in part to the 400th anniversary, in most likelihood. We have kept our Facebook pages going as well, and Deputy-Governor Becket Soule's daily reflection and history of the Mayflower voyage has been particularly well received and is read by hundreds of people daily from our three Facebook pages, and the Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants even shares most of the writings to their page as well!

The pandemic then has changed the way we do some things, but we carry on despite the adversity – a trait inherited from our ancestors no doubt. I sincerely hope this finds you and your loved ones well, even if you are among those Canadian members who are now hunkering down in your homes. Hopefully, very soon the vaccination program will have the intended impact, and we will all be able to move around a bit and visit those we haven't seen for what now seems like a long time. A decision on the Annual General Meeting has not been made yet, nor has a decision on an in-person meeting in Nova Scotia for our one very active Colony.

I hope you enjoy the information in our newsletter, and if you have any ideas, comments or critiques, we'd love to hear from you – particularly if you'd like to get involved on the Board as you'll read below!

Cheers and wishes for good health!

Bill

William E. (Bill) Curry
Governor, Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

From the Editor

Greetings to all our Members! As in the movie *Groundhog Day*, the year 2021 commenced with seemingly little difference to the previous year: masks, social-distancing, hand-washing, lockdowns, and heartbreaking news of more deaths. Although plagues and death would have been no strangers to our Pilgrim ancestors, many of whom perished in that dark cold winter 400 years ago, we sincerely hope that, by the time you are reading this, Covid-19 vaccinations will be well underway across Canada, and that we can soon return to a semblance of normality.

Your Society has a strong and engaged Board of Assistants, and we hope that some of you will consider joining us. Please be sure to like and follow us on Facebook. Here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/canadiansocietyofmayflowerdescendants>

Sincerely,

George

George G. McNeillie III, UE

Captain and Acting Editor

The Rev. W. Becket Soule, O.P. – Deputy Governor and Elder



Warren Becket Soule attended schools in North Carolina and New Jersey before graduating from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina. He attended the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and has also received degrees in Classical Philology from Harvard University, in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Dallas, and in genealogical research from Boston University.

Fr. Soule was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Robert E. Terwilliger in 1982, and served parishes in North Carolina, Texas, and Pennsylvania. After being received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, he entered the Dominican Order and was ordained to the priesthood in the Catholic Church by James, Cardinal Hickey in 1993. He received the licentiate (1992) and doctorate in canon law (1994) from The Catholic University of America; his research centred on the Anglo-Norman school of canonists in the Middle Ages.

Fr. Soule has taught Latin, Greek, and canon law at The Catholic University of America and at the Dominican House of Studies (1988-1989, 1992-1995, 2000-2002, 2003-2007), and mediaeval history and Law at Oxford University, as well as Roman Law and English Constitutional History at Cambridge University (1995-1999). He has been visiting lecturer at the L'viv Theological Academy in L'viv, Ukraine and other institutions of higher studies in the United States and Great Britain, and served as an official for the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Vatican City (2002-2003). His articles and reviews have appeared in *The Jurist*, *The Thomist*, *Studia Canonica*, *New Blackfriars*, *Orientalia Christiana Periodica*, *Kanon*, *Folia Canonica*, and the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*; his recent publications include a translation of the *Sentences* of the mediaeval theologian Peter Lombard, a commentary on the law on clergy, and an edition of the sources of the *Code of*

of Canons of the Eastern Churches. He is currently editing Peter Lombard's magisterial twelfth-century commentary on the Psalter for publication.

Fr. Soule has served as a judge for the Archdiocese of Washington (1992-2002; Adjutant Judicial Vicar, 1999-2002), the Diocese of East Anglia, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat of Parma, the Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, and is currently a judge for the Diocese of Charlotte (NC). He served the Catholic Campus Ministry at the College of William and Mary (2003-2006), and was weekend assistant at parishes in Williamsburg and Richmond, Virginia; he continues to be in demand internationally as a lecturer, preacher, and retreat master.

Fr. Soule became the Bishop James A. Griffin Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical College Josephinum (2010-2017), after serving as Associate Professor of Canon Law and Dean of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, D.C. (2003-2007) and pastor of Saint Denis' Catholic Church in Hanover, New Hampshire (2008-2010) and of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Waynesville, North Carolina (2017-2018). He has taught law at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, from which he retired in 2020; Fr. Soule continues, however, to teach, write and supervise. He has served as the Judicial Vicar and Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, the jurisdiction established by Pope Benedict XVI for those of the Anglican tradition entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Proud of his Mayflower ancestry (twelfth generation in the direct line from George Soule, as well as from Bradford, Alden, Allerton, Browne, Doty, Eaton, Fuller, Howland, and Warren), he has been researching his family history for over thirty years. A life member of the NC Society of Mayflower Descendants, where he is co-Historian and Corresponding Secretary, he also serves as Elder and Deputy Governor of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is on the Board of Directors of Soule Kindred in America and Delano Kindred, and is editor of the George Soule volume of the Mayflower Families series (known as the "silver books") and on the Editorial Review Committee of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as well as the book review editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. Fr. Soule is the book review editor for the North Carolina Genealogical Society *Journal* and serves as Secretary of the NCGS Board. He sings Gilbert and Sullivan constantly in private and occasionally in public, specializing in roles that are long on humour and short on vocal demands.

CSMD Application and Membership Dues - 2021

The following Fees and Membership Dues were set by the Canadian Society effective 1 January 2021. The increase in CSMD Dues was the result of an increase in the annual assessment fee charged to the Member Societies by Plymouth – the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. GSMD also decided to no longer accept payment of the application fee from individual applicants but only from Member Societies. The application fee was increased by GSMD from \$75 USD to \$125 USD effective 1 January 2021, which has been set at \$175 Canadian.

The fee/dues are as follows:

Preliminary Administrative Fee for processing applications	\$ 70.00
Application Fee sent to Plymouth-GSMD with each application by CSMD	\$ 175.00
Annual CSMD Membership Dues due each November (Approximately \$50.00 of this \$75.00 is paid to Plymouth - The Canadian Society (receives/retains only \$25.00 of this \$75.00))	\$ 75.00

All above Fees/Dues are in Canadian Funds

Membership Benefits

Each Member Society holds their own meetings and activities where members can connect and socialize with other *Mayflower* descendants, as well as share family stories, pay tribute to the Pilgrims, and educate others about their shared history. Along with this, your GSMD membership includes:

- Official confirmation of your lineage and a GSMD Membership certificate.
- Storage of your family's historical documents in our vault.
- Invitations to exclusive Pilgrim-related events and activities.

- Exclusive Members Only area of our website with reports from our committees, updates from our Governor General, and your own personal profile.
- Members' gifts, jewelry, insignia, and grave markers.
- Opportunities to serve in local and national officer positions.
- [*The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*](#) delivered to your mailbox four times a year.
- Free electronic access to the *Magazine*.
- [GSMD Scholarship](#) eligibility for Junior *Mayflower* members.
- Free tours of the historic [Mayflower Society House](#) in Plymouth, MA (built by the great-grandson of Pilgrim Edward Winslow in 1754).
- Free admission to the [GSMD Research Library](#) in Plymouth, MA.
- Special offers through our partnering organizations, such as a discounted subscription to NEHGS' website [AmericanAncestors.org](#).
- Information about GSMD-endorsed [Family Society partners](#).
- Triennial Congress to gather with other descendants and make your voice heard.
- First to know about new research and GSMD publications.
- GSMD organized trips to historic Pilgrim sites in the U.S., Canada, England and Holland. ... and much more!

2020 - 2021 Board of Assistants

The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants is overseen and operated by an elected Board of Assistants that meets at least twice yearly to conduct Society business. Offices are staggered three-year terms.

POSITION	NAME	PROVINCE
Governor	Bill Curry	Nova Scotia
Deputy Governor	Rev. Becket Soule	Ontario
Treasurer	Volunteer needed (Maureen McGee Acting)	British Columbia
Corresponding Secretary	Volunteer needed	
Recording Secretary	Glenn Cook	Nova Scotia
Historian	Judi Archibald	Nova Scotia
Co-Historian	John Noble	Ontario
Co-Historian	Elaine Senack	Ontario
Captain	George G, McNeillie III	Ontario
Elder	Reverend W. Becket Soule	Ontario
Counsellor	David "Sandy" Fairbanks	Nova Scotia
Surgeon	Volunteer needed	

POSITION	NAME	PROVINCE
Editor	Volunteer needed (George McNeillie Acting)	Ontario
Digital Administrator	J. Paul Roney	Ontario
Librarian	Volunteer needed	
Nova Scotia Regent	Cheryl Anderson	Nova Scotia
Member-at-Large	George G. McNeillie III	Ontario
Member-at-Large	Susan Roser	Ontario
Member-at-Large	Ian R. Cook	Ontario

GENERAL SOCIETY MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT OFFICERS

Deputy Governor General	Maureen McGee	British Columbia
Assistant General	Glenn Cook	Nova Scotia

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>

Fifteen 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 research 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 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, the former Deputy Governor/Historian of CSMD and former 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 found managed to find a unique way to commemorate my *Mayflower* heritage!



Captain and Acting Editor George McNeillie with his ninth great-grandmother Elizabeth Tilley Howland at Plimoth Patuxet Museums in 2007.

George H. Hayward Made Honorary Member of CSMD



George Hatfield Hayward is a 7th generation New Brunswicker, born in Carleton County in 1927, a son of William and Dora (Hatfield) Hayward. Captain John and Mary (Lockerman) Hatfield were two of his maternal 4th great grandparents.

George is a member of Capital Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society and was Editor of the NBGS quarterly journal *Generations* from late 1994 until the end of 1998, and again in 2009-2010; a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, New Brunswick Branch, and a past U.E.L. Dominion Councillor in Toronto; and a member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants (a descendant of John Alden & Priscilla Mullins). He is a Certified Genealogist, a member and former director of the Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes in Halifax, and has been an active family historian since 1955. His main area of interest has been the Planters that settled along the lower St. John River Valley in 1763 and the years immediately thereafter, and the Loyalist refugees that fled to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia following the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783. Several years ago George donated a collection of 21 of his works to NBGS to be made available to everyone on the public part of the NBGS web-site ([New Brunswick Genealogical Society - Hayward Collection \(nbgs.ca\)](http://www.nbgs.ca))

He has been retired from a 30-year career with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation since 1985. He lives with his wife Maxine in Fredericton. For his service to genealogy, George was made an honorary member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants in 2020.

Plymouth 400 Celebrations

Plymouth 400 Remembrance Ceremony, April 23, 2021: This ceremony will be held with visiting dignitaries and local and State officials to remember the Pilgrims and Wampanoag people of 1620 and their contributions and sacrifices. The ceremony will take place at significant monuments in Plymouth.

Wampanoag Ancestors Walk, May 2021: The walk, originally scheduled for August of 2020, will be moved to May, 2021. Final date and details to come.

Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary, June 25-27, 2021: This large-scale Plymouth waterfront event planned for June 27 and 28 of 2020 has been moved to June 25-27 of 2021. An extra day has been added to include a 400th Anniversary ceremony to kick off the weekend

The official website for all this is at:

<https://www.plymouth400inc.org>

The Mayflower Society also has information at:

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org>

Call for Volunteers!

Did you know that the Society is governed by a volunteer Board of Assistants (BoA) and activities are entirely on a volunteer basis? Without dedicated volunteers, the Canadian Society would not exist.

Currently there are vacant positions on the Board and we are seeking Volunteers who are interested in supporting CSMD on a National level. This is an opportunity for Members to use some of their free time, interests and skills to support the Society now and going forward in the future.

Vacant positions to fill are:

Treasurer – responsible to oversee all funds belonging to the CSMD

Newsletter Editor – oversee the publication and distribution of the Canadian Pilgrim Newsletter

Corresponding Secretary – Records proceedings of the Board and communicates with the GSMD re Member status

Member-At-Large – Chair committees as required such as the Membership Committee, Marketing, and Data Management

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the CSMD or would like to receive more details, please email Governor Bill Curry at:

bill@billcurry.ca

Applications Approved

1 January 2020 – 31 March 2021

Name:	Province:	Ancestor:
Ruth E. Cooper	Ontario	William Brewster
David H. Johnson	Nova Scotia	Francis Cooke
Michael R. Fuller	Nova Scotia	Edward Fuller
Susannah D. Fuller	Nova Scotia	Edward Fuller
Vanessa J. Law	Nova Scotia	William Bradford
Thomas Pawl-Nixon	Alberta	John Billington
Vera M. Sollows	Nova Scotia	Stephen Hopkins
Kevin J. McCarthy	New Hampshire	Francis Cooke
Paul B. Gray	Ontario	Stephen Hopkins
Marilyn Hardsand	Ontario	John Alden
Christopher Packham	Ontario	Degory Priest
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Bobbi Jo Atkinson	Nova Scotia	Stephen Hopkins
Richard Hamilton	Ontario	William Brewster
Wendy S. Paul	Saskatchewan	Edward Doty

Rachael A. Cronk	British Columbia	Edward Doty
Charles D. White	Ontario	William White
Kathaleen F. Gibbs	British Columbia	William Brewster
Kelly D. Andres	Alberta	Richard Warren
Dawn Marie H. Horn	Ontario	John Alden
David E. Sollows Stephen A. Sollows	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia	Stephen Hopkins Stephen Hopkins
Christopher I. Cooper	Ontario	William Brewster
James L. Cooper	Ontario	William Brewster
Roger D. Lace	Ontario	John Howland
James A. Martens	Saskatchewan	John Howland
Grace E. Compeer	British Columbia	John Howland
Heather A. Gaze	British Columbia	Stephen Hopkins
David W. Bradley	Ontario	Stephen Hopkins
Matthew D. Macdonald	British Columbia	William Brewster
Ardith F. Stone	Nova Scotia	William White
Donald G. Leahy	Nova Scotia	Stephen Hopkins
Harriett A. Bullerwell	Nova Scotia	William Brewster
Marion M. Bullerwell	Nova Scotia	William Brewster
Rhoda A. Hill	Ontario	Susanna White
James R. Rayner	Ontario	John Alden
B. Donald Brennan	Manitoba	James Chilton
Michael Hawke	Ontario	John Howland
James W. McDonald	British Columbia	William Brewster

Shay-Lee Jackson	Manitoba	Francis Cooke
Helen E. Osborne	British Columbia	George Soule
Rose H. Walder	Manitoba	Francis Cooke
Frieda M. Trask	Nova Scotia	John Alden

Supplementals & Silver Supplementals

Name:	Ancestor:
Jane C. Washburn	Francis Cooke
Burnley A. Nickerson	Stephen Hopkins
Harvey G. Packham	John Howland
Stephen V. Packham	John Howland
Christopher G. Packham	John Howland
Dawn Marie Horn	William Mullins
Marilyn N. Hardsand	Priscilla Mullins
Marilyn N. Hardsand	William Mullins
Richard B. Noble	Priscilla Mullins
Richard B. Noble	Henry Samson
Richard B. Noble	William Mullins



The Nova Scotia Colony held its AGM on 17 Oct 2020 via Zoom with 11 members present. Although both friendly and business-like, due to pandemic restrictions this was a far cry from our usual well-attended, enthusiastic Fall Conference and AGM.

When the Ancestral Roll Call was taken, in this group of eleven, we had 67 descendants from 18 Mayflower passengers. William Brewster and Richard Warren led the numbers as each had 6 descendants present.

The Nova Scotia Colony's 2020-2022 Executive, elected at the AGM is:

Regent: Cheryl Anderson

Vice-Regent: Barry Frame

Past Regents: Bill Curry, Gordon Wood

Secretary: Deborah Trask

Treasurer: Gary Archibald

Historian: Judi Archibald

Captain: Peter Fillmore

Elder: Jean Wood

Surgeon: vacant

Members-at-Large: Ed Morrisey, Marlene Wood

We are happy to welcome two new Board members, Barry Frame, Vice-Regent and Peter Fillmore, Captain and are pleased that our Past Regent and CSMD Governor, Bill Curry, will continue as our Webmaster.

Fifty of our members renewed their 2020-2021 memberships which is about twenty less than our usual number. Many people renew these memberships in person at the fall Conference. Queries are already coming in asking about plans for September 2021. We hope we will be able to meet in person.

Check us out on our Facebook page **The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants** and be sure to 'like' and follow us.

The page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MayflowerNS>

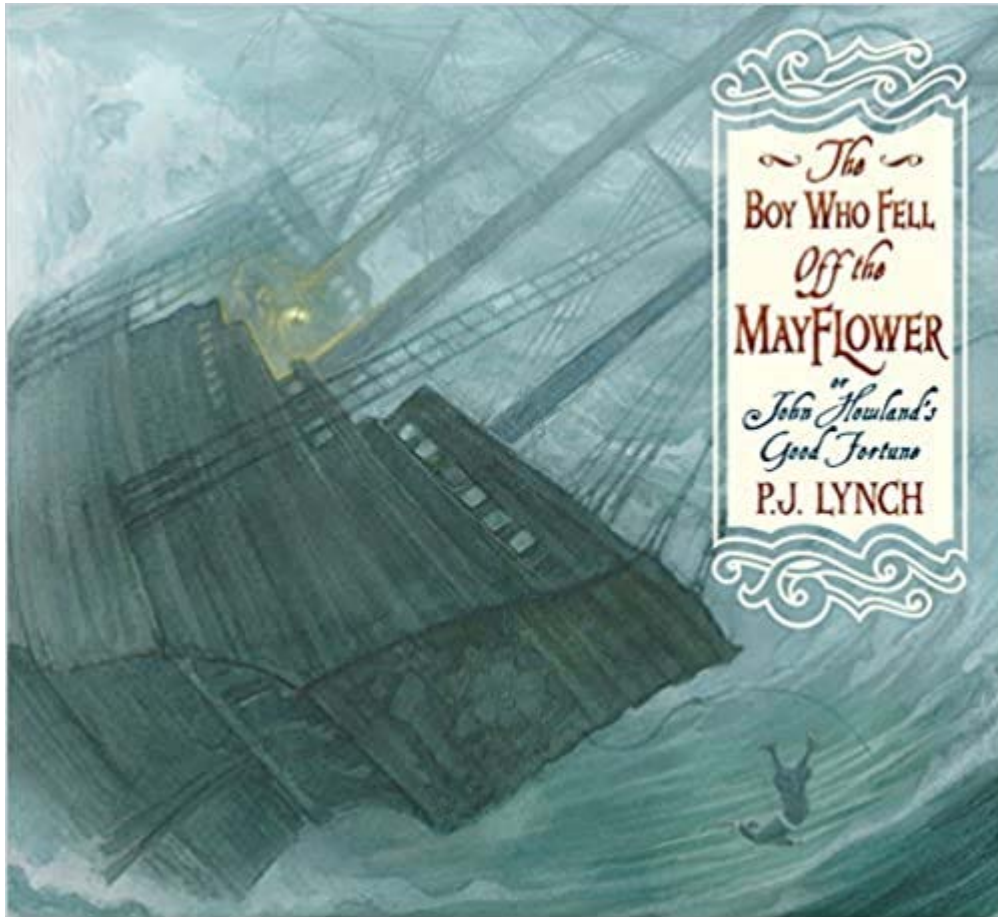
Cheryl Anderson
Regent



A Gift to Remember

Lynn Webb, long time CSMD member and former Treasurer, bequeathed her replica of the Mayflower to the Society in her will. Making the presentation at his Ottawa home was Lynn's husband, Gary Bagley, accompanied by Lynn's sister and CSMD member, Belva Webb.

Accepting the replica on behalf of CSMD was John Noble, our Co-Historian, who thanked Gary and Lynn on behalf of Governor Bill Curry and members of the Board of Assistants.



***The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower* by P.J. Lynch**

(available from Amazon)

This is a wonderful, whimsical book for children of all ages, and will be of particular interest to descendants of John Howland. It is told in Howland's own voice and begins on the docks of London with the young indentured servant to Pilgrim John Carver embarking on the greatest adventure of his life, through to exploring Cape Cod and the eventual landing at Plymouth. It is beautifully illustrated by the author, and gives a reasonably accurate account of the famous 'man overboard' episode. There are wonderful depictions of 17th century London and life aboard the ship. The author Patrick James Lynch (born 2 March 1962), known professionally as P. J. Lynch, is an Irish artist and illustrator of children's books. He won both the 1995 and 1997 Kate

Greenaway Medals from the British Library Association, recognizing the year's best children's book illustration by a British subject. He is also the author/illustrator of the 2007 book *Mayflower 1620: A New Look at a Pilgrim Voyage* (in association with the National Geographic and Plimoth Patuxet Museums).

- George McNeillie



*Badge of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants**

*(soon to be available as a lapel pin!)



Keep in touch with the activities of the General Society at:

www.themayflowersociety.org

You will need your GSMD membership number to create an account and log in to members only content.