Canadian Mayflower Descendants



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# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR: -

Although the year is advancing in the usual way, in a disconcerting rate, I hope it is not too late to wish each and everyone a holy, happy and prosperous New Year. Our ancestors would have been at this time of the season living in dread and anxiety. Food was scarce, the winter uncomfortable and unusually cold and sickness was decimating their numbers most cruelly. It was perhaps discouraging beyond belief to look forward in time as the New Year (their first in the new land) rolled around. But stout hearted, loyal to God, and faithful as they understood his commands. I am sure that they have left us a heritage of courage and loyalty in order to look forward towards the future. Therefore in keeping with the Pilgrim spirit and heritage, I have made a wish for you that is expressed in the above paragraph.

Let our own resolutions be made in a true spirit of trust in God.

Faithful to our Brother, as St.Paul has said, JESUS CHRIST, and as our Pilgrim Ancestors were, let us, "in the name of God, Amen; loyal subjects of our sovereign, Lady, Queen Elizabeth remain true to our heritage and our traditions".

#### PRAYER

"WE THANK THEE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER THAT THE VISIONS OF OTHER DAYS AND OTHER PEOPLE BECOME OPPORTUNITIES TO US WHO INHERIT THEM. BLESS THE PURPOSES AND IDEALS OF OUR SOCIETY SO WISELY SET FORTH BY OUR FOUNDERS; HELP US TO MAKE THEM USEFUL IN PRESENT NEEDS. UNITE US IN LOYALTY TO EVERY ACTIVE GOOD; BIND US CLOSELY TOGETHER IN DEVOTION TO HOME, COUNTRY, AND THYSELF.

AMEN.

Leon Clark Hills

Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand, that made all things of nothing and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone forth unto many, yea in some sort to our whole Nation, let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise.

--- GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD.

Rev.J.S.McGivern,S.J.
Governor

#### ANNUAL DUES:-

This is that time. All members, some have remembered, should return their annual dues as soon as possible.

They may be paid directly to: MELVIN DONALD (Treasurer)

14 Belsize Drive, Toronto,Ontario M4S 1L4

#### MEDALLION FUND

Your executive officers, wish to thank all members for their generosity. Up to the issuing of this Newsletter the following have been so very helpful. Particularly one must thank Nathaniel Charles Brewster, for approaching, by letter, our charter members.

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All application fees since the start of our <u>Medallion Fund</u>, have all been turned over from the Historian to bolster this fund.

Sharon J.Cadieux

 $\frac{\text{OUR NEXT MEETING:}}{\text{will take place Saturday March 13,1982.}}$  After a short business session we will have a family get together and afternoon tea. The time will be from:

2P.M. to 5P.M.

The afternoon tea is complimentary.

The place of meeting is Holy Name Parish Hall.

The entrance to the Hall is on Gough Street off Danforth. By: Subway take the Bloor - Danforth Train to Pape Station.

Gough is one block west of Pape, north off Danforth at the Church. There is also a Parking Lot north of the Church, to the side of the Rectory on Gough.

Please send notice of acceptance as we must notify the caterers.

Address: Rev.J.S. McGivern,S.J. 355 Church St., Toronto,Ontario M5B 1Z8

This meeting is open to all members and their families. All applications and any interested friends.

An important part is the meeting together.

#### ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER.

To make this newsletter more interesting I make this request. (Taken from Fidelity the Toronto Branch U.E.L. Newsletter)

Dig into your ancestry for a good story and send it to your editor.

Also if you have any queries concerning Mayflower Families - please send on to us. e.g.

I just heard from the Public Archives, N.S., Mary Ellen Wright. She found one more generation on the Dunhams.

Margaret E.Dunham's father was John L. Dunham, B.8 July 1804 in Cornwallis Township, now Kings County N.S. (PANS MG Vol. 4 Page 18) He was married 6 June 1832 to Eunice Ann Calkins. His father was; Comstant Dunham married to Abigail.

Now can you find a generation for me?

Mr.Robert Thurtle.

### TRANSFERS: -

Mrs Marion J. Smith - CANADIAN NO.46
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## DR.SAMUEL FULLER

#### AND

## MEDICAL PRACTICE IN THE 17th CENTURY

During the 17th century many notable colonists practiced medicine, including many clergymen who practiced the art of healing because they were college-educated and also because they felt an obligation to comfort the ailing.

The first men to practice medicine among the colonists were Dr. Giles Heale, the Ship's Surgeon aboard the Mayflower and Dr.Samuel Fuller, a passenger and a member of the Pilgrim group.

Dr.Heale belonged to a group of practitioners known as "Barber Surgeons" and as a Barber Surgeon he was eligible to serve as a "Ship's Surgeon," on any ship carrying passengers. Dr.Heale had his hands full when the ship's crew contracted "the general sickness," now felt to have been tuberculosis and when about 100 of the 102 passengers were sick at one time. After the landing many became ill with a gastrointestinal ailment attributed to eating mussels.

For some time after the early settlements, there was no distinction between a physician, a barber surgeon, or an apothecary.

Little is known regarding Dr.Samuel Fuller's collegiate or medical training. In any event, his letters in Governor Bradford's Letter Book show that he was a well educated man and that he was obviously considered a member of the gentry. His father, Robert Fuller, has been described as a "Yeoman" and sometimes as a "butcher." Presumably, young Samuel also served as a butcher at one time.

Despite the lack of training, or at least the absence of facts regarding his training, Dr.Fuller has been described as "eminent in his profession, devoutly pious and wise in counsel in the affairs of the colony.

He appeared from all reports to have been well qualified in his profession; was zealous in the cause of religion; and eminently useful as a physician and surgeon. He extended his humanitarian labors to the sick among the colonists and the aboriginal Indians alike.