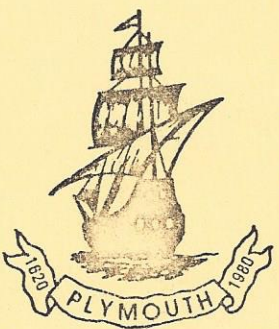


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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

& SPRING TEA

Saturday, April 20, 1985

This year's Spring Meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Room, at the back of 397 Brunswick (Church Army premises - same as last year) in midtown Toronto, parking at back. By subway - to Spadina, exit on Bloor, walk west to Brunswick, north to #397.

We will be showing the movie, "OPERATION MAYFLOWER II", the story of the construction and voyage of the Mayflower replica now at dock-side in Plymouth, Mass.

Cost is \$2.00 per person, please send your cheque, payable to Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, to our Treasurer Miss Margaret Owen by April 15th.

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*Dues*

A reminder to those who have not already done so that 1985 membership dues were due Jan. 1st.

Please send your payment of \$17.50 to our Treasurer.

If you have been considering a life membership, now is the time to do it. As with our yearly dues, the dues for a life membership are also going up, BUT not until June 1st. Save yourself some money and take advantage of the great savings! For more information, see page 5.

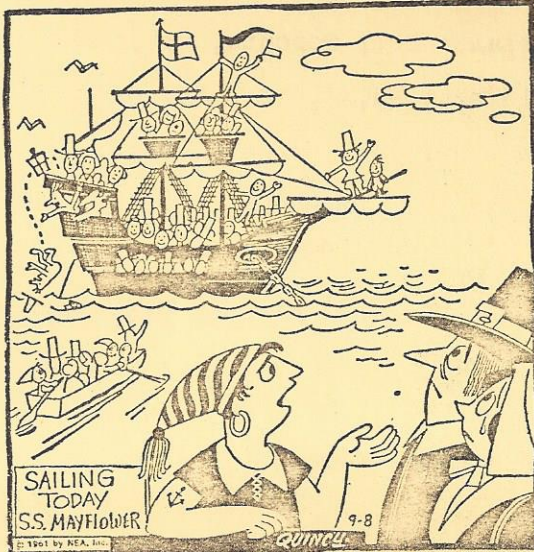
# touring plymouth colony

- Ebenezer Cobb was born in Plymouth in 1694. Known as "Father Cobb", he died at Kingston in 1801 at the age of 107!

- Among the collection in the library of Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth are the bibles of Gov. William Bradford and John Alden.

- "Parting Ways" is the sight of a homestead given by the town of Plymouth to the black freed men who served in the revolutionary army. The site is marked by a commemorative stone.

## OUR ANCESTORS by Quincy



"I realize your descendants will be disappointed, but there just isn't any more room!"

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## PLYMOUTH CHURCH RECORDS

1688

### Members Admitted

- John Churchel & wife Rebekah
- Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Kenedy (also baptized)
- Deborah, wife of John Bennet (dismissed from church at Beverly)
- Joshua Prat & wife Mary
- Abiel Wood
- Susanna, wife of Josiah Morton
- Rowland Cotton
- Mrs. Elizabeth Cotton
- John Prat

### Members Dyed

- Esther Jordan, May 26, in her 42nd yeare
- Samuel Edey, at Swanzey, Nov. 12, in his 87th yeare
- George Watson, Jan. 31, being 87 yeares of age
- Rebekah, wife of our Brother Thomas Clarke, dyed April 4, she was not in full communion, a child of Yarmouth Church, and left in her owne hand writing many gracious words, that did fully evidence God was graciously at worke with her soule, and that she was preparing for church fellowship, Her pious parents are living, her Grandparents were blessed Mr. Miller, Pastour of Yarmouth, Mr. Josiah Winslow, Deacon of Marshfield, they and their wives all in heaven.

## Transactions

- April 1 - Susanna Cole (who was Grey) was called before the church openly for fornication with John Cole before her marriage to him, she expressed some penitential words, & was laid under Admonition by the vote of the church, pronounced by the Elder & then seconded by the Pastour.
- July 15 - Deborah Fish (who was Barrow) living now at Sandwich, was declared guilty of Fornication with her now husband before marriage, & a letter read before the church to be sent to her from the Elders in their name to admonish her for her sin, the church consented thereunto.

1689

## Members Baptized

- Benajah, son of John Prat
- Joanna, dau. of Nathaniel & Mary Wood, (b.Feb.27, bpt.Apr.7)
- Feare, dau. of Isaac & Rebekah Cushman
- William, son of Lydia Harlow
- William, son of Elizabeth Kenedy
- William & Samuel, sons of Lydia Churchel
- Ebenezer, son of John Prat
- Joanna, dau. of John & Lydia Nelson
- Benjamin, son of Sarah Dotey
- Mehitabel, dau. of Judith Faunce
- Mercy, dau. of Sarah Churchel
- Joanna, dau. of Deacon Thos. Faunce & wife Jane
- Mary, dau. of Eliezer & Mary Churchel
- Rebeckah, dau. of John & Mary Churchel
- Josiah, son of Elizabeth Dotey
- Robert, son of Lydia Barrow
- Mary, dau. of John Morton
- Thomas, son of Susanna Gardner
- Mercy, Samuel, Hannah, Nehemiah, James, chil. of Samuel Sturtevant
- Andrew, son of Mary Ring

## Members Admitted

- Nathaniel Morton
- Lydia, wife of William Churchel
- Elizabeth Bryant, since wife of Joseph King
- Mary, wife of Eliezer Ring
- Samuel Sturtevant, also bapt., also son William

## Members Dyed

- Elizabeth Edey, at Swanzey, May 24, in her 82nd yeare, at the end of it
- Priscilla Cooper, Dec. 29, in her 92 yeare

## Transactions

- April 10 - Isaac Lobdel & wife Sarah, dismissed to church at Duxbury
- June 23 - Susanna, dau. of James & Abigail Clarke, was called before the church in Publick & charged with the sin of Fornication, she manifested much sorrow & heavynesse by words & teares & the Pastor & Elder giving solemne Admonition to her, the church by silence manifested concurrence & satisfaction.
- Nov. 20 - The church stayed after the Lecture after prayer by the Pastor the Elders then declared matter of offence against Brother Samuel Dunham, partly in that he had taken the Name of God in vaine before many witnesses, in often saying those words, 'the curse of God upon the head & pluck' with many other unsavoury speeches, partly by intemperance in drinking which sister Jackson testified against him before the Elders to his face, as to the next day after the sacrament in October last. Others of the church then testified that it was commonly reported of him, and they had divers times seene him disguised with drinke. Said offender though he spoke some good works yet not soe as to satisfy the church, & therefore by an universall vote of the church he was laid under Admonition and not to come to the Lords supper till he had manifested his Repentance for his inordinate walking by a reformed conversation, the Elder then concluded with prayer.

(The lengthier transactions will appear in the next issue.)

# Welcome Aboard!

Since our Fall 1984 Newsletter we have welcomed three new members into our Society, as follows: (You will want to add these to your membership list which was sent to you a year ago)

Mrs. Gordon (Paulene) Fevens, RR#1, Bridgewater, N.S., B4V 2V9, #95 and #49,502, ROGERS.  
Mr. William F.C. Parsons, 228 Theodore Pl., N.W., #27, Calgary, Alta., T2K 5S1, #96 and #37,464, dual with California, WARREN.  
Dr. William M. Prince, Box 393, Newcastle, N.B., ELV 3M5, #97, BREWSTER.

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We are sorry to report that one of our members died in December, Dr. R.C. Spooner of Kingston, Ontario. Also one member has dropped out of membership. Back in the fall our membership stood at 86, with the above changes it now stands at 87.

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You may wish to make these address changes in your Membership List:

Mr. John R. Chipman, 401 Bay St., Ste. 3100, Box 37, Toronto, M5H 2Y4  
Mrs. Lynn O'Keefe, c/o Mrs. S. Aldridge, 619 Avenue Rd. #1101, Toronto, M4V 2K6  
Mr. Vance Pierce, c/o Mrs. S. Aldridge, 619 Avenue Rd. #1101, Toronto, M4V 2K6

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## governor's notes

I just want to mention briefly two matters of interest.

One has to do with our Society Library. Our founding Governor, Dr. McGivern, left us a very fine library, the centerpiece being a complete set of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. For over a year now we have been talking to the North York Library Board, re. the possibility of this Library being loaned to them as a part of their Canadiana section, that it might be more accessible to our membership and to other interested people. One of these months we hope to finalize these talks - we'll tell you all about it!

The other matter has to do with our Society's "application process". In recent months we have had a number (up to 5 or 6) of relatives of present members whose applications have been turned down by the Historian-General in Plymouth. This has caused some disappointment and consternation, and deserves a brief word of explanation.

In the last couple of decades in North America there has been a widespread upsurge of interest in "lineage, ancestry". And with the increased research have come some new insights and a new appreciation of what really constitutes "proof" of linkage as between the generations.

The present leadership of the General Society has therefore come to the conclusion that for this Society to maintain its place amongst lineage societies, and to maintain its credibility amongst professional genealogists, we must get "tougher" in the matter of lineage "proof". We must get back to what is accepted as "primary" sources, or documents, for each generation.

For example, Society Historians, till recently were prepared to accept as support for any generation, the inclusion of that person's name in the "Mayflower Index" (as published, in a revised form, by the General Society, in 1960). No more.

Here are some recent words from the Historian-General in Plymouth:

"Secure full documentation for EACH AND EVERY GENERATION FROM PRIME SOURCE MATERIALS, such as,

- 1) Vital Records of Birth, Marriage and/or Death

- 2) Church Records
- 3) Bible Records with title page and name of original and present owner
- 4) Marriage Bonds and Licences
- 5) Death Registers and Cemetery Records
- 6) Probate Records
- 7) Land Records of Deed or Division or Property
- 8) Guardianship or Orphan's Court Records
- 9) Contemporary Family Letters and Records
- 10) Tax Assessments or Exemption Lists
- 11) Military or Pension Records
- 12) Federal or State Census Records (which state family relationship)

"Secondary source materials may be used to supplement primary source materials. Such as, newspaper articles and obituaries, genealogical articles, and well-documented family genealogies. Title page of the publication should be included."

Prospective applicants should not be daunted by this. It's a challenge! Good searching usually comes up with the right document. And this "tightening-up" will only serve to enhance the intrinsic worth of membership in our Society!

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

### MEMBERSHIP FEES -- IMPORTANT CHANGES!

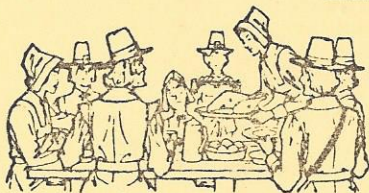
The November, 1984 issue of the Mayflower Quarterly contained an abstract of the minutes of the Thirtieth General Congress of the General Society held this past September in Plymouth. On p.213 are noted changes in certain charges and dues levied by the General Society (increases - in this day, what else?) which, in turn, have necessitated new rates here in our Canadian Society, as follows:

Entrance Fee - for new applicants, is now Can.\$35 (of which ultimately US\$15 gets sent to the General Society, the Historian-General).  
 Annual Membership Fee - is now Can.\$17.50 (of which US\$6 goes to Plymouth).  
 Supplemental Lineage Paper - Can.\$35 (of which US\$15 goes to Plymouth).

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - the fee for our Canadian Society has been Can.\$150. This is being increased to Can.\$175, BUT note that this new rate does not go into effect until June 1, 1985. Any member wishing to do so may pay the Life Membership fee at the old rate of \$150 until May 31st.

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### ANNUAL MEETING & FALL BANQUET REPORT



The third Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner Nov. 24th, 1984 was attended by 52 members and friends. Considering the small size of our Society, the response was excellent and made for a very successful and enjoyable evening.

The Board of Assistants should be complimented on their choice of location for the event; the Delta Chelsea Inn in Toronto is a remarkably beautiful hotel and served as a charming background for our Society dinner.

Our Governor, Mr. Donald gave the blessing, after which a traditional turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. Speakers during the evening included Society Captain Keith Bain who read the Mayflower Compact, Recording Secretary Deborah Clarke who did a "descendant roll call" of the signers of the Compact and we heard from our oldest member, Mr. Clyde Soule.

The highlight of the evening was an interesting and informative talk by Elizabeth Hancocks, professional genealogist (UEL) and her writer/publisher husband, Ed Hancocks. They spoke on tracing and documenting family history back to Loyalists, sufficiently to join the UEL Society. At the conclusion of their talk, our Treasurer Margaret Owen presented the couple with a gift as a token of our appreciation.

SPECIAL NOTE: This year's Annual Meeting & Fall Banquet will be held on November 23rd, 1985. Details will follow in the fall newsletter, but don't forget to circle the date now!

# mayflower genealogies

## GEORGE SOULE

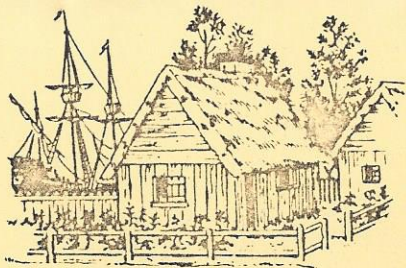
George was born c1600 and was from Eckington, Worcestershire, England. He came to Plymouth as a servant to Edward Winslow and after serving his indenture married c1626 to Mary Becket (b.1605). Mary had arrived in 1623. George served as Deputy of Duxbury for five years and records indicate the family were Quaker sympathizers. Mary died in 1676, George followed in 1680. They had eight children:

1. Mary - m. John Peterson, 9 children:
  1. John, d.1690
  2. Joseph, m. Mrs. Sarah Doty
  3. Benjamin, m. Hannah Wadsworth
  4. Jonathan, m. Lydia Thacher
  5. David, b.Oct. 1, 1676, d.Sept. 30, 1760, unm.
  6. Isaac, m. Mary Hobart
  7. Martha, unm. in 1718
  8. Mary, m. Joseph Soule (her cousin, #17)
  9. Rebecca, m. John Weston
  
2. John - b.1632, d.c.1707, m. 1st Rebecca Simmons, 7 children:
  10. John, m. Martha Tinkham
  11. Aaron, m. Mary Wadsworth
  12. Moses, m. Mercy Southworth
  13. Rebecca, b.c.1657, m. Edmond Weston
  14. James, b.1659, m. Lydia Thompson
  15. Rachel, b.1662, m. John Cobb
  16. Benjamin, b.1666, m. Sarah Standish

- m. 2nd, 1678 Esther (Nash) Sampson (b.Mar. 6, 1639, d.Sept. 12, 1735), 5 children:

  17. Joseph, b.July 31, 1679, m. Mary Peterson (#8)
  18. Zachariah, d. unm.
  19. Sarah, m. Adam Wright
  20. Joshua, b.Oct. 12, 1681, m. Joanna Studley
  21. Josiah, m. Lydia Delano
  
3. George - d.c.1704, m. Deborah \_\_\_\_, 8 children:
  22. William, m. Hannah \_\_\_\_
  23. John, d.May 11, 1704
  24. Nathaniel, m. Mary \_\_\_\_
  25. Deborah, unm. in 1709
  26. Mary, m. Joseph Davoll
  27. Lydia, m. William Brownell
  28. Sarah
  29. George
  
4. Nathaniel - m. Rose \_\_\_\_, 4 children:
  30. Nathaniel, m.1st Meribah Gifford, 2nd Hannah Macomber
  31. Sylvanus
  32. Jacob, m. Rebecca Gifford
  33. Miles
  
5. Patience - d.Mar. 11, 1706, m.Jan. 1666 John Haskell (d.May 15,1706) 8 children:
  34. John, b.June 11, 1670, m. Mary Squire
  35. Elizabeth, b.July 2, 1672, m. Thomas Drinkwater
  36. William, b.June 11, 1674
  37. Patience, b.Feb. 1, 1679, d.Feb. 14, 1706
  38. Bethiah, b.Jan.5, 1681
  39. Mary, b.July 4, 1684, m. Scottoway Clark
  40. Josiah, b.June 18, 1686, m.1st Sarah Kennedy, 2nd Sarah Brayley
  41. Susannah, b.Jan. 15, 1691
  
6. Elizabeth - m. Francis Walker, 1667, 1 child:
  42. Isaac, b.1667, m.July 8, 1692
  
7. Zachariah
  
8. Benjamin

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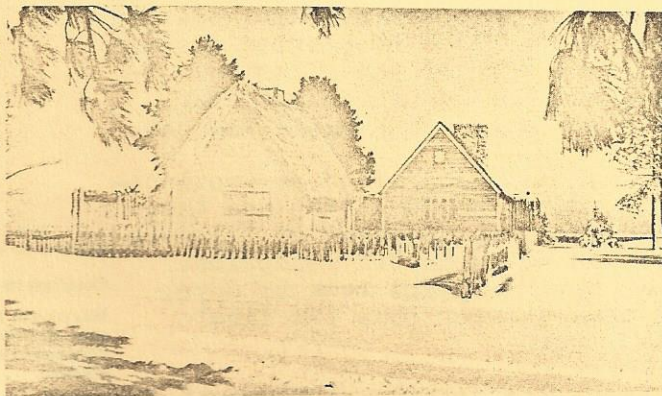
## PLIMOTH PLANTATION

THE LIVING MUSEUM OF 17TH CENTURY PLYMOUTH

We Mayflower Descendants have the chance of a lifetime - to step back 368 years in time and re-live the lives of our ancestors. We can step into their world, stroll down their streets, walk into their homes and study their manners and customs.

Plimoth Plantation, at Plymouth, Mass., is a unique concept born from the dreams of Henry Hornblower II. "It seemed to me that we had by-passed the era of putting a fence and canopy above a rock or some artifacts in a glass case," he said, "I wanted to show how the Pilgrims survived and what they accomplished during those early years. My idea was to create a living museum."

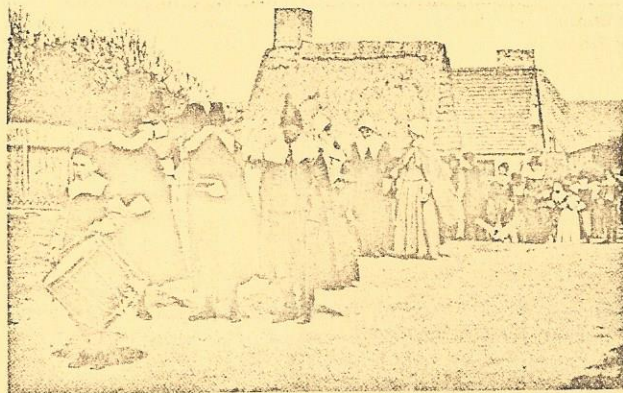
Plimoth Plantation, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 1947. The following year the First House and 1627 House were built near Plymouth Rock, attracting 390,000 visitors. Today, beginning its 37th season, the Plantation has been visited by 25 million tourists. The major exhibits now include an entire 1627 Pilgrim Village, the full scale replica Mayflower II, a Wampanoag Indian Summer Encampment and changing educational exhibits in the Reception and Orientation Centers.



First House and 1627 House are on the Waterfront near Plymouth Rock.

Painstaking efforts have been made to ensure that the Village is as authentic as humanly possible. 350,000 pieces of artifacts, including coins, pipes, tools, ceramics, farm implements and items of clothing, have been unearthed during 40 years of archeological excavations. These pieces have helped re-create a way of life in providing the basis for the replication of material culture in the Village.

In 1978 the idea of tour guides dressed in Pilgrim attire was expanded further, museum staff were trained in impersonating each Pilgrim. This "first person interpretation" offered an advantage in that it emphasized the living village environment. It allowed visitors to experience and visualize first hand the conditions the Pilgrims lived and worked under. Crops are planted, tended and harvested. Pilgrim women cook meals over the hearth and bake bread and pies in the outdoor bake oven. They sew, grind corn and tend the children and livestock. Pilgrim men thatch roofs, hew beams, rive clapboards and conduct militia drills.



COURTESY OF PLIMOTH PLANTATION, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

*The procession of Pilgrims marching to church is reenacted at Plimoth Plantation.*

(although the "gossiper" could get an hour in the stocks!).

Personal involvement is encouraged, everything is a reproduction, therefore accessible to visitors. You may sit on furniture, peek in drawers, handle kitchen utensils, rive shingles on a drawbench or crawl into a bedstead.

Many special events are featured each season. You may witness court trials, militia muster, sheepshearing, fur trading, a visit from Massasoit or an English country wedding.

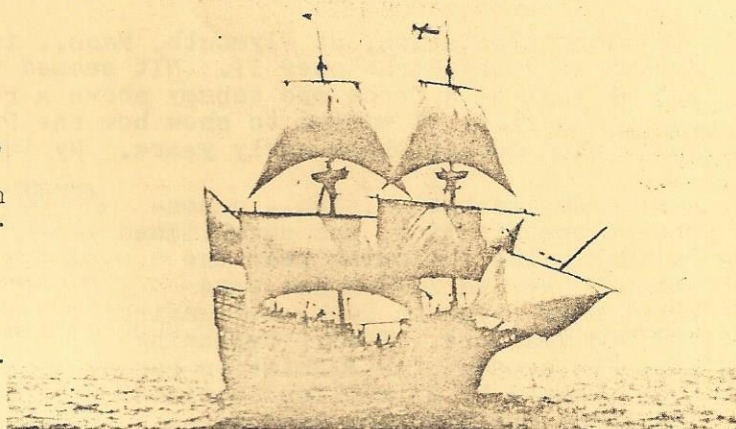
Plans for the MAYFLOWER II began in 1954, by 1957 the full scale replica was ready to repeat the historic voyage of its namesake.

Alan Villiers, an experienced sailing ship master and writer, headed the crew of thirty-three experienced seamen, one of whom was John Winslow, descendant of Edward Winslow. Passengers were absent on this repeat voyage. Due to the laws and regulations of today, the Mayflower II had to be registered as a yacht, therefore only crew and guests could sail. Two boys were invited to participate; Joseph Meany, Jr., of Waltham, Mass. was chosen by the Boys' Clubs of America and 17 year old Graham Nunn of Corby, Northamptonshire was chosen by the National Association of Boys' Clubs in Britain.

The voyage began April 20, 1957 when Mayflower II set sail from Plymouth, England. Instead of sailing across the North Atlantic as the original probably did, Capt. Villiers took a southerly route to the Canary Islands, west to the Caribbean with the Trade Winds and north to Plymouth.

On May 4th, two weeks out to sea, the fresh food supply ran out. Since the ship had no refrigeration some of the food it carried was similar to that of the Pilgrims. Along with canned foods was salt beef and pork, and ship's biscuit.

Mayflower II arrived at Provincetown, Mass. on June 12th and the following day anchored at Plymouth amid an enthusiastic reception. This second voyage took 55 days, 11 days shorter than the first Mayflower.



COURTESY OF PLIMOTH PLANTATION, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

MAYFLOWER II, built at Brixham, England from plans developed by Plimoth Plantation, was sailed across the Atlantic under the command of Captain Alan Villiers in 1957. It is exhibited by Plimoth Plantation at the waterfront in Plymouth, Mass., at its mooring near Plymouth Rock, from April to November.

Since its docking at Plymouth Harbor the Mayflower II has been a permanent exhibit of Plimoth Plantation. Like the Pilgrim Village, visitors can meet Capt. Jones and other crewmen who will tell the story of the Pilgrims' crossing and life as a 17th century seaman. Visitors are free to roam the ship and see for themselves the cramped quarters where 102 passengers lived during their historic 66 day voyage.

Rosemary Carroll, Manager of Public Information, was kind enough to send me, on request, a "multitude" of literature and information on Plimoth Plantation. If you are contemplating a visit to Plymouth this summer and would like more information, write:

Plimoth Plantation  
P.O. Box 1620  
Plymouth, Mass.  
02360

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### CONSTITUTION

Since our inception in the fall of 1980 we have been functioning without any written constitution. We have been guided by what is being done in other Societies and the actions of our Board of Assistants.

But now, at last, using as a model existing constitutions of some of our sister Mayflower Societies, we have put together a proposed Constitution. It has been approved by the Counsellor-General of the General Society, Mr. Hewitt A. Conway. Our Board of Assistants recommends adoption of this Constitution.

You will find a copy of this recommended Constitution enclosed. At the bottom of the last page is a ballot. Please tear off, mark as indicated, and mail to the Secretary. We will be guided by whatever the majority of returned ballots indicates. If affirmative, the Constitution will become effective as at May 1st, 1985.