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Semi-Annual Meeting

SAT. APRIL 25th, 1987

2:30 p.m.

Our Semi-Annual Meeting and Spring Tea will be held at our usual place, the Fellowship Room at the back of 397 Brunswick (Church Army premises), in midtown Toronto. Parking at rear.

We will be showing a slide presentation, on loan from Plimoth Plantation, depicting the day to day lives of the Pilgrims. The slides are actual shots of the costumed 'actors' who portray our ancestors at the Plantation. (You almost believe you are seeing the Pilgrims themselves!)

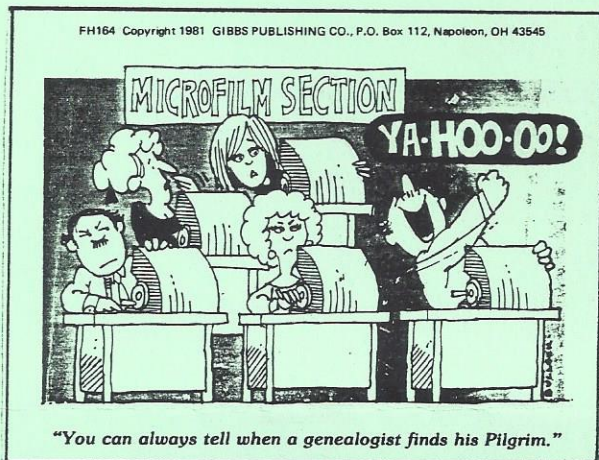
And something a little different this year, since we live so far from Plymouth, we thought we would bring a little bit of Plymouth to us. We are planning to set up a 'Plymouth display' featuring pictures, literature, pamphlets, etc. for members to browse thru.

We encourage you to bring along friends or family members, the more the merrier! The Tea is complimentary, but in order that we may plan refreshments, please let our Treasurer know if you plan to attend.

touring plymouth colony

- The first, and only recorded, duel was fought 18 June 1621 by Edward Leister & Edward Dotey, using a sword and dagger. Although both were wounded, they were sentenced to have their head & feet tied together for 24 hours without food or drink. As a result of their pleadings & promises Gov. Bradford remitted their sentence after 1 hour.
- In case you missed it - The Sept/Oct. 1986 issue of Colonial Homes magazine contains a 6 pg. article on the paintings & prints on display at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

- Check Pg. 7 to see which Pilgrim wrote this little beauty:
"Touching our governement, you are quite mistaken if you think we admit weomen...for they are excluded, as both reason and nature teacheth they should be."
- We know laws pertaining to the Sabbath were very strict, but here are two rather unusual ones -
Quarreling among married couples on the Sabbath was punishable by a 40s fine, and if you were caught writing a letter you would be "sharplie reprovred".



- The Governor received no salary until 1636 when he was finally voted £20 annually. Other officers such as treasurer, secretary & assistants had to make do with living expenses while on duty.
- John Alden's great-grandson John Alden died in 1821 at the age of 102. He had 19 children, 62 grandchildren, 134 great-grandchildren & 7 great-great-grandchildren, of whom 172 survived him. (Whew!!!)
- The next time you suffer one of the following, try these 350 year old cures: fox oil for earache and vulture bones around the neck for headache.

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PLYMOUTH COLONY VITAL RECORDS

Marriages

The following marriages, 1633-1646, were found amongst the Plymouth Colony Court Orders and were transcribed by George E. Bowman. They appeared in "The Mayflower Descendant", 1911, Vol. XIII, pp. 83-86.

- 1633 - 19th April, Thomas Little and Ann Warren
12th September, John Barnes and Mary Plummer
17th October, Henry Rowly and Ann, widow of Thomas Blossome
- 1634 - 26th March, John Browne and Phebe Harding
27th March, William Palmer, Jr. and Elizabeth Hodgekins
28th March, John Cooke, Jr. and Saragh Warren
15th May, Jobe Cole and Rebecka Collier
15th May, Love Brewster and Sarah Collier
June, Kenelme Winsloe and Elen Adames
27th November, John Cooper and Precilla Wright
11th December, Richard Higgins and Lidia Chandler
19th December, Phillip Delanoe and Hester Dewsbery
- 1635 - 6th January, Edward Doten and Ffayth Clarke
1st April, Mr. Prence and Mary Collier
16th September, Josias Cooke and Elizabeth Dean, Widow
25th December, Nathanel Morton and Lidia Cooper

- 1636 - 14th January, Rowland Laherne and Flower ()
6th February, Henry Samson and Anne Plummer
6th July, Thomas Willet and Mary Browne
20th October, Rich More and Christian Hunt
28th October, Joseph Beadle and Rachel Deane, widow
2nd November, William Hodgekins and Sara Cushman
- 1637 - 28th July, Thomas Pope and Anne Ffallowell
2nd November, Constant Southword and Elizabeth Collyer
9th November, William Tubbs and Mercy Sprague
- 1638 - 30th August, William Renolds and Alis Kitson
20th September, George Cleare and Abigall ()
15th October, Gowen White and Elizabeth Ward
15th October, John Winchester and Hannah Sillis
8th November, Richard Paul and Margery Turner
November, Georg Patrich and Sarah Tracy
29th November, Thomas Williams and Elizabeth Tart
7th December, John Smyth and Bennett Moorecock
11th December, Robte Waterman and Elizabeth Bourne
21st December, William Hodgskins and Ann Hynes
21st December, Raph Hill and Margreat Toothaker
22nd November, Henry Ewell and Sarah Annable
- 1639 - 17th January, Thomas Ensigne and Elizabeth Wilder
23rd January, Willm Sherman and Prudence Hill
2nd April, William Harvey and Joane Hucker
16th April, John Rogers and Ann Churchman
20th July, Thom Riddings and Ellene Pennye
15th August, Richard Knowles and Ruth Bower
8th October, Heugh Norman and Sarah White
9th October, Gyles Hopkins and Datherne Wheldon
11th October, Richard Willis and Amey Glasse
11th October, Samuell Tompkins and Lettis Ffoster
16th October, Morris Trewant and Jane ()
8th November, Anthony Snow and Abigail Warren
10th November, Thomas Pynson and Joane Stanley
20th November, Samuell Jackson and Hester Siles (Sealis)
24th November, William Paddy and Alice Ffreeman
22nd November, Thomas Whitton and Winyfride Harding
- 1640 - 21st January, Nehemiah Smyth and Ann Burne
27th February, Ffrancis Weston and Margery Reeves
17th March, William Hurst and Katherine Thickston
23rd March, Thomas Gilbert and Jane Rossiter
16th May, Georg Pidcock and Sarah Ricard
(), John Mynard and Mary Starr
(), William Ffallowell and Martha Beels
19th October, Benjamin Nye and Katherine Tupper
(), Willm Hiller and ()
29th October, William Nelson and Martha Fforde
- 1641 - 17th June, Ffrancis Baker and Isabell Twineing
1st September, Thomas Southerne and Elizabeth Reynor
1st September, Robert Ffinney and Phebe Ripley
28th September, Mr. Willm Hanbury and Hannah Sowther
30th September, Henry Sirkman and Bridgitt Ffuller
- 1643 - 6th October, Henry Adford and Tomson Manson
9th October, John Stockbridg and Elizabeth Sone
2nd November, James Torrey and Ann Hatch
(), John Gorome and Desire Howland
(), Richard Wright and Hester Cooke
- 1644 - 28th April, Henry Wood and Abigall Jenney
June, John Carew and Elizabeth ()
6th November, Stephen Wood and Abigall Dunhame
18th November, Ephraim Morton and Ann Coop(er)
5th December, Richard Bushop and Alis Clark
18th December, John Churchall and Hannah Pontus
20th December, Georg Bonum and Sarah Morton
26th December, Willm Paybody and Elizabeth Alden
(), Ephraim Kempton and () Rauline
- 1645 - 3rd March, Anthony Annable and Ann Elcock
3rd March, Thomas Boreman and Hannah Annable

Welcome Aboard!

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Just a few words about our Membership. In our last Newsletter we advised that our total stood at 101, with 3 more expected. Since then those three have come in, plus one other - BUT we lost one on December 31st due to non-payment of annual dues for two years; so our net membership as of this date is 104.

It's important to keep our annual dues up to date. We hate to see a member slip away like this, but our Constitution does state that membership lapses if two years go by with no annual dues paid!

About new applications - there is a new development that I should bring to your attention. In the past couple of years the Historian-General in Plymouth has disallowed four or five applications by relatives of present members - because the previous lineages lacked some documentary support etc. The General Society has now ruled that such lineages can only be disallowed if the Historian-General demonstrates actual error in the lineage paper of the present member-relative. SO, this opens up the possibility that some of our Society's disallowed applications may, in fact, be eligible for acceptance at Plymouth, without any further research etc. We're not too sure yet how this new ruling is going to work out "in practice", but there is this new hope for some of our friends "out there". We're going to work on it.

AND, this last word, at the annual meeting, 15th November, 1986, the following were elected to the respective offices for the terms indicated:

	Governor	-	Rev. Melvin Donald,	1 year		
Historian	-	Mrs. Kate Berscht,	3 yrs.	Rec. Secretary	-	Miss Debbie Clarke, 1 yr.
Captain	-	Mr. Keith Bain,	1 yr.	Treasurer	-	Miss Margaret Owen, 3 yrs.
Counsellor	-	Mr. Leonard Decker,	3 yrs.	Dep. Governor	-	Mr. Marshall Dean, 2 yrs.



It has come to our attention that an epidemic is sweeping through our Society. You are urged to be aware of the following Symptoms and Treatment. You could be next!!

CONDITION: Genealogy Pox WARNING: Very contagious to adults

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint of a need for names, dates and places. The patient has a blank expression and strange, far-away look in eyes. They are sometimes deaf to their spouse and children, and tend to mumble to themselves. They have no taste for work of any kind except for feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. They have a compulsion to write letters, and get angry at the mailman when he doesn't leave mail. They frequent strange places, such as cemeteries, ruins and remote country area

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and newsletters, and join genealogical and historical societies. Patient should be given a quiet corner in the house where he, or she, may be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is...the sicker the patient gets, the more he, or she, enjoys it!!!

Society News

ANNUAL MEETING & FALL BANQUET REPORT

42 members and friends were present November 15th, 1986 at the Delta Chesea Inn in Toronto.

The agenda for the evening was as follows:

Treasurer Owen greeted guests at the door and presented them with name tags and membership cards for those who were paying their dues. Following the cocktail hour, proceedings got under way with an Introduction by Gov. Donald and a toast to Queen Elizabeth II by Dep. Gov. Dean. Counsellor Decker read the Mayflower Compact and gave an explanation of the Five Grains of corn at each plate. Elder Ferguson said grace which was followed by a traditional turkey dinner, "with all the fixings".

At the completion of dinner, Gov. Donald again spoke and Secretary Clarke read the Ancestor's Roll Call. Dep. Gov. Dean reported on the General Society's meeting at Newport, R.I. which he and the Governor attended in September '86.

Captain Bain introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Mary Beacock Fryer who spoke on "U.S. Migration to Canada, 1765-1814". As well as speaking in general terms, Mrs. Fryer gave a case study of the steps of one of her Loyalist ancestors. This interesting talk resulted in many questions from the audience. Editor Roser thanked the Speaker and on behalf of the Society presented her with a gift.

The evening came to a close with a toast by Gov. Donald to our Mayflower Ancestors and their descendants and lastly, the Election of Officers. All officers were elected and will hold their office for the term specified.



ALBERTA COLONY, ANNUAL FALL DINNER

The Annual Fall Dinner of the Alberta Colony, held on Friday evening, October 24, 1986 was attended by 25 members and friends. Our hosts, who prepared a delicious chicken dinner for this enjoyable evening, were the Brodylo Family, at their home near Midnapore.

Special guest was Dr. Bligh Wilton Banks, age 90, the original owner of the Brodylo home and who is currently working on his Mayflower application, a descendant from John Alden.

Photographs taken by John and Reid Brodylo will provide a lasting reminder of an evening enjoyed by all.

Dues

A reminder to those who have not already done so that 1987 Membership dues are past due.

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

Welcome Aboard

The Board of Assistants is pleased to report the addition of 3 new members: Mr. Leonard Decker, Counsellor; Mrs. Margaret Brodylo, Regent/Alberta Colony; Mrs. Kate Berscht, Historian.

**THE DATE HAS
BEEN SET!**

THE 1987 FALL BANQUET
Sat. November 14th, 1987
Delta Chelsea Inn, Toronto

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY

Our appreciation to Mrs. Elizabeth White for the quality and care (& hard work!) she has put into the Quarterly in her 8 yrs. as Editor. Best of luck to her successor, Richard Husband, Sr. and his Assistant, Ross. T. Dunlop.

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STEPHEN HOPKINS

Stephen was born c1580 and came from Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England. He had two children by his first wife, Giles & Constance. He remarried 19 Feb. 1618 to Elizabeth Fisher who predeceased him in 1640. Stephen died in 1644.

1. Giles - b.c.1607, d.c.1690; m. 9 Oct. 1639 Catherine Wheldon,
10 children:
 1. MARY, b. Nov. 1640; m. Samuel Smith
 2. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 1642; m. 1st 22 May 1667 Mary Merrick,
2nd Bethiah Atkins
 3. JOHN, b. 1643, d.y.
 4. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 1644; m. 23 May 1667 William Merrick
 5. DEBORAH, b. June 1648; m. Josiah Cooke
 6. CALEB, b. Jan. 1651; m. Mary Williams
 7. RUTH, b. June 1653; m. Samuel Mayo
 8. JOSHUA, b. June 1657; m. Mary Cole
 9. WILLIAM, b. 9 Jan. 1661; d. unm.
 10. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 1664. d.y.
2. Constance - b. 1608. d. Oct. 1677; m. 1627 Nicholas Snow. b.c. 1605,
d. 15 Nov. 1676, 10 children:
 11. MARK, b. 9 May 1628; m. 1st 18 Jan. 1654 Ann Cooke, d. 24 July
1656, 2nd 9 Jan. 1660 Jane Prence
 12. MARY, b.c. 1630; m. Thomas Paine
 13. SARAH, b.c.1632; m. 25 Feb. 1654 William Walker
 14. JOSEPH, b.c.1634; m. Mary ()
 15. STEPHEN, b.c.1636; m. 1st Susanna (Deane) Rogers, 2nd Mary
Bigford
 16. JOHN, b.c.1638; m. Mary Walden
 17. ELIZABETH, b.c.1640; m. Thomas Rogers, b. 29 Mar. 1638
 18. JABEZ, b.c.1642; m. Elizabeth Smith
 19. RUTH, b.c.1644; m. 10 Dec. 1666 John Cole
 20. A child (?)
3. Damaris - b.c.1617, d.c.1627
4. Oceanus - b. 1620, d.y.
5. Caleb - b. pre 1627
6. Deborah - b. pre 1627; m. 23 April 1646 Andrew Ring, d. 22 Feb. 1694,
7 children:
 21. ELIZABETH, b. 19 April 1652; m. William Mayo
 22. WILLIAM, b. 1653; m. Hannah Sherman
 23. ELEAZER, m. Mary Shaw
 24. MARY, m. John Morton
 25. DEBORAH
 26. SUSANNA
 27. SAMUEL
7. Damaris - b. aft. 1627, d. betw. 1666-69; m. 1647 Jacob Cooke, b.c.1618,
d. Dec. 1675, 8 children:
 28. ELIZABETH, b. 18 Jan. 1649, d. 21 Nov. 1692; m.c.1667 John
Doty, b.c.1640, d. 8 May 1701
 29. CALEB, b. 29 Mar. 1651; m. Jane ()
 30. JACOB, b. 26 Mar. 1653; m. Lydia Miller
 31. MARY, b. 12 Jan. 1658; m. John Rickard
 32. MARTHA, b. 16 Mar. 1660; m. 1683 Elkanah Cushman b. 1 June
1651, d. 4 Sept. 1727
 33. FRANCIS, b. 5 Jan. 1663; m. Elizabeth Latham
 34. RUTH, b. 17 Jan. 1666
 35. SARAH, b. 1670/71; m. Robert Bartlett
8. Ruth
9. Elizabeth

The quote on Pg. 2 was not one man's misguided conception about women. WILLIAM BRADFORD only remarked on what was the accepted belief at the time.

17th Century men had developed many theories about their female counterparts. For instance, women were spiritually, physically and mentally inferior to men. Being "weaker" they were also more susceptible to illnesses. And, taking the adage "blood will tell" one step further, it was believed women inherited their moral character from their mothers, and furthermore, all women were "contaminated" from their descent from Eve.

A WOMAN'S PLACE

Women learned very early in life what was expected of them. Young girls were taught all they would ever need to know - how to keep a house. Although relatively easy by today's standards, keeping house in 17th Century Plymouth was a full time job. As well as the basics - cooking and cleaning, they had to learn how to make cheese, soap and candles; butter; preserving, spinning and weaving, sewing and needlepoint, and vegetable gardening. And not to forget - milking the cow was woman's work, since everyone knew a cow would not "give" to a man!

EDUCATION

By the time a girl reached her 18th birthday, she had two choices in life - hire out as a servant or marry. The only career open to her was that of a midwife. Education was not available to girls, if she were lucky enough to have a literate mother, the most she could expect was to be taught to read the Bible. Few women in Plymouth could read or write - Alice Bradford, the Governor's wife and Bridget Fuller, the Doctor's wife among them.

In England, 90% of the women were illiterate in 1600, dropping slightly to 80% in 1640. Of the 2nd generation girls who grew up in Plymouth, most were illiterate. The statistics for the whole of Massachusetts show that by the early 1700's, 40% of the women could not write their own names. The problem was not that women were mentally inferior, but rather that they were ignored in the academic world and were not given the opportunity to improve their minds. King James I remarked during his reign (1603-25):

"To make women learned and foxes tame had the same effect: to make them more cunning."

- and on this note he refused to allow his daughter to learn Latin.

MARRIED LIFE

Researchers and historians are quick to point out that girls married early in New England. Back in their native England, the age of consent was 14 for a girl and 12 for boys, but this was certainly not practised in Plymouth. Among the 2nd Mayflower generation (children of the Pilgrims) the average age for marriage was 19 for women and 26 for men.

Once married, a woman lost all rights to any estate her family or deceased husband may have left her, ownership automatically transferred to her new husband. In England, "The Lawes Resolutions" of 1632 summed up the matter in no uncertain terms:

"That which the husband hath is his own...
That which the wife hath is her husband's."

During the first 20 years of marriage, a woman could expect to have a child every 2-3 years. One might assume lack of birth control methods to be the only reason, but there was another. The Scriptures were taken very seriously, and if God wanted them to multiply the earth, then indeed they would! Having a large family was considered a blessing from God, just as a childless marriage brought raised eyebrows. Infertility insinuated a sinful life and it was the woman - not the man - who was singled out as being barren.

Prolific families were the norm of the day. 54% of the 2nd Mayfl. generation had 8 or more children. William Bradford, Jr. tops the list with 15 children and although he had 3 wives, it was not unusual for one woman to bear 10-14 children. Elizabeth (Warren) Church bore 14 children, as did Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie - who I might add, is all the more remarkable because not only did she survive the births, she lived to the ripe age of 94.

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

Infant and maternal mortality rates were high in childbirth. Of the Pilgrim daughters and spouses of Pilgrim sons surveyed, 1 in 5, or 19% died as a result of

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childbirth. In addition to lack of medical knowledge to treat complications, many women were just too worn out physically to endure yet another birth. The above mentioned Bradford lost his first wife Alice Richards after the birth of their 10th child, Sarah, in 1671 and his second wife soon after the birth of their only child, Joseph, in 1674.

Children were heartier, with 1 in 14, or 7% dying in infancy. (This percentage is probably higher, but stillborns were not usually counted among the list of children.) John Alden, Jr. not only lost his first wife and child as a result of childbirth, but 6 of the 11 children by his second wife died in infancy. Of the 2nd Mayfl. generation, 26% lost children in infancy.

* * * S. Roser * * *

(The averages and percentages cited in the above are taken from the available data on 34 daughters & 43 sons of the Mayflower passengers.)

- Sources: 1. "The Weaker Vessel" by Antonia Fraser, 1985
- 2. "Saints and Strangers" by George F. Willison, 1945

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\$\$\$ TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT \$\$\$

Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1986

Bank Balance GIC Total as per December 31, 1985 Statement \$4200.67

RECEIPTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1986

Annual Dues and Donations	\$1,587.00	
Life Memberships (9)	1,540.00	
Other misc.	29.40	
GIC and Bank Interest	<u>329.89</u>	<u>3486.29</u>
		<u>\$7686.96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1986

Slides & Library	\$ 203.36	
Postage (largely 2 Newsletters)	142.84	
Stationary & Supplies	90.13	
Application for Incorporation	215.00	
General Society Dues, \$675US	945.34	
Historian	195.00	
Photocopying (Newsletters, etc.)	136.96	
Alberta Colony	30.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>104.49</u>	<u>2063.12</u>
		<u>\$5623.84</u>

BALANCES

Canada Trust - Kingsway Branch	\$1453.84	
Savings Acct. #505491		
Less o/s cheque	<u>30.00</u>	<u>\$1423.84</u>
Guaranteed Investment Cert.		4200.00
(Life Memberships)		<u>\$5623.84</u>

-- Miss Margaret Owen, Treasurer

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