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Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner



DATE: November 14th, 1987 PRICE: \$25.00 grat. & tax incl.
PLACE: Chelsea Inn, Toronto TIME: 6:00 p.m. Reception and
Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Our Sixth Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner will be held as last year, at the beautiful Delta Chelsea Inn - located on Gerrard St. between Yonge and Bay in Toronto.

Speaker: Miss JOAN MAGEE, B.A., M.L.S., Reference Librarian, University of Windsor.

Topic: "HUGUENOTS ON THE MAYFLOWER!"

Miss Magee is one of our members, is a recognized authority on the subject of the Huguenots, and, in her spare time, she writes and publishes. An illustrated talk with time for questions and answers.

Please return the enclosed reservation form & remittance by October 24th.

touring plymouth colony

- Quite a stir was caused in Plymouth in 1646. Capt. Thomas Cromwell arrived with 3 ships of war bringing rich prizes taken from the Spaniards. Trouble soon broke out among the boisterous crew with one crewman attempting to murder the Capt., who in turn killed him. Cromwell was tried by a court-martial and acquitted of the murder charge. Gov. Winthrop, of the Bay Colony, remarked that it was a stroke of good luck that bad weather had forced the Capt. into Plymouth's harbour, as during their 14 day stay they spent liberally and were generous to the poor. Plymouth was at a low at this time; because of removals to other towns, only 79 townsmen and freemen lived there.

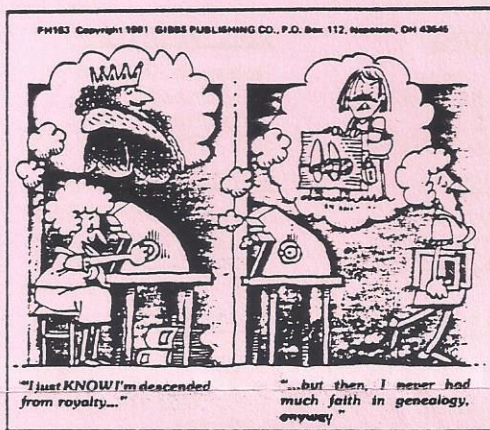
- In 1638, near Providence, four men servants from Plymouth robbed an Indian of his wampum and killed him. One man escaped and the other three, upon confessing, were tried and executed. The court which tried the men consisted of: Gov. Bradford, Edward Winslow, Thos. Prince, Capt. Standish, John Alden, John Jenney, John Brown and John Atwood.

- William Mullins will, dated 21 Feb. 1620/21 was the first made in N.E. Dictated by Mullins, it was written by Gov. Carver and witnessed by Carver, Capt. Jones and Giles Heale, ship's surgeon.

- A problem with wolves plagued Plymouth in the early years. In 1640 the town ordered each house holder to pay a half penny per family member for every wolf killed. By 1649, a bounty of 15s per wolf was paid. Indians however received two coats for each, or, if they killed a "lesser wolf" they received an axe or hatchet.

- On Aug. 15, 1635 Plymouth was hit by a hurricane. It destroyed houses, tore up trees by the roots and caused 20 ft. swells in the harbour. Two nights later "the moon suffered a great eclipse".

- The last surviving signer of the Mayflower Compact was John Alden who died in 1687.



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Plymouth Church Records

(Cont'd from the Fall '86 newsletter - The 1703 entries begin with an interesting item, a complete listing of the members of the church as of 10 Mar. 1703. The men and women were listed separately, the only change made here was to list the names alphabetically for easier reference by the reader.)

CHURCH MEMBERS - 1703

Men

Francis Agams
John Atwood (Deacon)
Stephen Earnebe
Hezekiah Bosworth
John Bradford
Joseph Bradford
Eliezer Churchell
John Churchell
James Clark, Sr.
Thomas Clark (Deacon)
Thomas Clark (Deacon's son)
William Clark, Jr.
James Cob
John Cobb
Ephraim Cole
James Coles
Caleb Cooke
Jacob Cooke

Ignatius Cushing
Elkanan Cushman
Thomas Cushman
Elisha Doten
Isaac Doty
Eliezer Dunham
Samuel Dunham, Sr.
Ebenezer Eaton
John Faunce, Jr.
John Faunce (Elder's son)
Joseph Faunce
Thomas Faunce (Ruling Elder)
Josiah Ffinney
John Foster (Deacon)
Samuel Fuller
Thomas Harlow
Joseph Howland
Abraham Jackson, Sr. (dead)

Ebenezer Curtice
 Joseph King Jr.
 Samuel King Sr. (dyed Aug.)
 Samuel King Jr.
 Ephraim Little (Pastor)
 Benoni Lucas
 Ephraim Morton
 George Morton
 John Morton
 Nathaniel Morton
 John Pratt
 Richard (negroe)
 Giles Rickard

Samuell Rider
 Eliezer Ring
 Eliezer Rogers
 Richard Seirs
 Abiel Shertleff
 Jabez Shurtleff
 Nathaniel Thomas
 Helkiah Tinkham
 Humphry Turner (dead)
 Benjamin Warren
 James Warren
 John Warshband
 Nathaniel Wood (Deacon)

Women - (husband's name in brackets)

Mary Barns (John)
 Lidea Barrowe (Robert)
 Hannah Bartlett (Joseph)
 Sarah Bartlett (Robert)
 Bethiah Bosworth (Hezebiah)
 Alice Bradford (m. Edw. Mitchell)
 Hannah Bradford (Samuel)
 Hannah Bradford (Elisha)
 Jael Bradford (Joseph)
 Mercy Bradford (John)
 Mehitabel Briant (Stephen)
 Mary Carver (John)
 Mary Churchell (Henry)
 Mary Churchell (Eliezer)
 Rebecca Churchell (John)
 Sarah Churchell (Joseph)
 Abigail Clarke (James)
 Dorothy Clarke (John)
 Rebecca Clarke (John)
 Susannah Clarke (Thomas)
 Martha Cob (John)
 Abigail Cole (James)
 Rebecca Cole (Ephraim)
 Susannah Cole (John)
 Jane Cooke (Caleb)
 Lidea Cooke (Jacob)
 Hannah Cooper (Richard)
 Abigail Cushman (Thomas)
 Mehetabel Doten (John)
 Martha Doty (Isaac)
 Bathsheba Dunham (Eliezer)
 Sarah Dunham (Samuel)
 Hannah Eaton (Ebenezer)
 Jane Faunce (Thomas, Elder)
 Judith Faunce (Joseph)
 Sarah Followell (widow)
 Phebe Finney (widow, Indeed)
 Hannah Ford (widow)
 Joanna Grey (John)
 Lidia Harlow (William Jr.)

Martha Harlowe (Samuel)
 Mercy Holmes (Nathaniel Sr.)
 Patience Holmes (widow)
 Sarah Holmes (Elisha, dead)
 Elizabeth Howland (Joseph)
 Joanna Howland (Thomas)
 Martha Howland (Nathaniel)
 Hannah Jackson (Eliezer)
 Margaret Jackson (Abraham Jr.)
 Remember Jackson (Abraham Sr.)
 Jehoshabea Jordan (widow Robbins)
 Mary Jordan (widow)
 Mercy King (Joseph)
 Sarah King (Samuel Jr.)
 Mary La barron (Francis)
 Repentance Lucas (Benoni)
 Hannah Morton (Ephraim)
 Joanna Morton (George, Deacon)
 Mary Morton (John)
 Rebecca Morton (Eliezer)
 Patience Nelson (widow)
 Annah Norcutt (maiden)
 Mary Palmer (maiden)
 Mary Perry (Henry)
 Mary Pratt (Benaja)
 Hannah Rickard (Giles)
 Hannah Rickard (widow)
 Mary Rickard (widow of John)
 Lidia Rider (Samuel)
 Hannah Ring (Robert)
 Mary Ring (William)
 Ruhamah Rogers (Elizer)
 Susannah Shertleff (William)
 Hannah Sturtevant (John)
 Ruth Tinkham (Helkiah)
 Sarah Tinkham (Isaac)
 Mary Turner (Humphrey)
 Mrs. Martha Waite
 Priscilla Warren (widow, Indeed)
 Mary Wood (Nathaniel, Deacon)

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Family Reunion

Each night as I climb the stairway,
 up from our main hall,
 I pause and smile at Uncle Jack,
 and he smiles back from the wall.
 I remember fondly Great Aunt Jess,
 who is decked out all in lace,
 and I give a nod to Grandpa Will,
 and a wink to Auntie Grace.

I blow a kiss to mother,
 a 'thumbs up' sign to dad,
 My eyes cloud for a moment,
 for all the good times that we've had.

It gives me such sweet comfort,
 to see my family here,
 Framed specially to remind me,
 of our times in yesteryear.

I've started a framing tradition,
 Framing those folks so dear to me,
 Because I enjoy this quiet reunion,
 and all it's memories.

A tradition to go past my lifetime,
 just like our family tree,
 To pass from one generation to another,
 Pictures of our family.

Thirty First General Congress

The triennial Congress of the General Society was held at Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 13-16 with 324 delegates plus scores of guests. The Canadian Society was represented by Margaret Owen, Kate Berscht, Leonard Decker, Marshall Dean, Mel Donald with Ruth Ferguson as an alternate. Then we also had 3 Canadian guests, Jean Decker, Lola Donald and Ralph Ferguson.

The Congress received the usual reports from the General Officers and from the chairpersons of each of the Committees. Appropriate action was also taken on certain proposed amendments to the Constitution and to the By-laws. The net effect of one of these actions was to confirm the Historian-General's office in its desire to keep intact the high requirements for entrance into a genealogical society.

On the last day elections were held for the General Officer positions. Our new Governor General is Mrs. Frank (Cay) Lanham who, over the years, has served the Society faithfully and well in a number of very responsible positions. Our Canadian Society Governor, Rev. Melvin Donald, was elected to the position of Elder General, an honor for him and for the Canadian Society...the first time a member of our Society has been made an Officer of the General Society.

Delegates gathered socially at the Ridder Country Club for the Congress Banquet on the Monday evening; many also took part in a Tuesday afternoon bus tour to points of historic interest. And on the final night there was a reception at Mayflower House for the newly elected officers. The House, its furnishings and the gardens are just very beautiful - we can all be very proud of our Plymouth headquarters.

- Marshall Dean

Welcome

New Members:

Mr. Thomas M. Funk, 87 Mary St., Guelph, Ont., N1G 2A9, #119, #50,192, ALDEN.
Mrs. Daphne Ethans, 98 Aldershot Blvd., Winnipeg, Man., R3P OE1, #120, #51,364, BRADFORD.



FROM THE GOVERNOR

A further word about the Triennial Congress described above. Our Canadian Society came into being Fall '80. Our founding Governor, Dr. McGivern, was our lone representative for the Congress '81, as was our Deputy Governor, Marshall Dean, at the '84 Congress. So we were pleased to have a larger representation this year - in all, 9 Canadians present.

And, in the opening exercises, it was very moving to hear the hundreds present singing this Anthem: (3 verses to the tune of "God Save the Queen", suggested by Marshall Dean)

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of Liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring.

Our loved Dominion bless, With peace and happiness, From shore to shore,
And may our nation be, United, loyal and free,
True to herself and Thee, For evermore.

Two nations side by side, Neighbours in peace abide, and liberty.
Sprung from one ancient line, Serving one God divine,
Two flags as one entwined, Two nations free.

It was a good time together.

- Mel Donald

Society News

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Our Annual Spring Tea & Meeting was held April 25th, 1987 in Toronto with 21 members and friends present.

Featured was a slide presentation on loan from Plimoth Plantation and a display of various brochures and literature on Plymouth's historical sights and attractions.

Following the presentation guests enjoyed refreshments, generously provided by many of our members.



SOCIETY LIBRARY



Our library is now housed in the Canadiana section of the North York Public Library in Toronto. Since the books and research materials are in the reference department, they may be viewed in the library but may not be checked out. We urge members who are in the area to take advantage of this opportunity as there are many excellent genealogical books in the collection that would be hard to find elsewhere.

Now that our library has found a home we are prepared to accept book donations. If you would like to help build our library and make a donation, please contact our Secretary. Our first gift is from member Leon Warmiski of Toronto, who has donated 71 issues of the "Mayflower Quarterly" from 1968-1986. Our sincere thanks to Leon.

Dues

1988 Membership Dues of \$17.50 may be paid at the Dinner in Nov. For out-of-town members, please send your payment to our Treasurer.



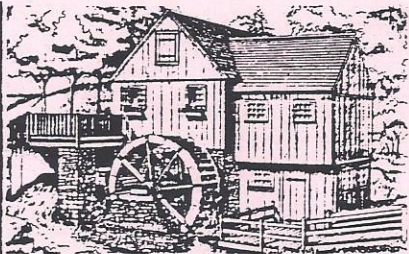
ADDRESS CHANGES

A reminder to please inform us of a change in your address. Changes should be sent to our Secretary who will notify the General Society.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Three positions are coming up for re-election at the Banquet in November: Governor, Captain and Secretary. At the Executive Meeting in April, Margaret Owen, Susan Roser and Arthur Harris were appointed the Nominating Committee; the nominations will be presented at the dinner.

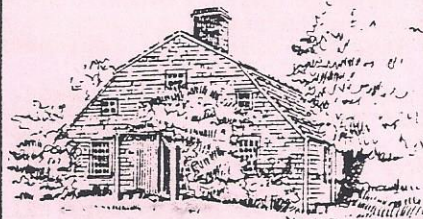
HISTORIC PLYMOUTH



Jenney Grist Mill

8 Spring Lane
Open daily 10-5

The original Jenney Grist Mill was constructed by John Jenney on this site in 1636 and was in continual operation until destroyed by fire in 1847. The Jenney Grist Mill reconstruction was accomplished in 1970, and operates with the same water powered technology used 300 years ago. Daily milling.



Harlow Old Fort House (1677)

119 Sandwich Street
Open Mon. - Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5
Built in 1677 by William Harlow, it has been carefully restored by the Plymouth Antiquarian Society. It presents to the visitor an intimate glimpse of life as it was lived in the 17th century. Here, there are demonstrations of candle dipping, weaving, spinning, and yarn dyeing.

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JOHN BILLINGTON

John was possibly from the area of Spaulding, Lincolnshire, England. He died Sept. 1630 at Plymouth. His wife Eleanor remarried in 1638 to Gregory Armstrong.

1. Francis - b.c. 1606; d. 3 Dec. 1684, Middleboro; m. July 1634, Christian (Penn) Eaton; d. July 1684, Middleboro.
9 Children:

1. ELIZABETH, b. 10 July 1635, Plymouth; living Mar. 1709/10 Providence, RI; m.1st 21 Sept. 1660, Rehoboth, Richard Bullock; b.c. 1622, Eng.; d. pre 22 Oct. 1667, Rehoboth; m.2nd 25 June 1673, Rehoboth, Robert Beers; d. 29 Mar. 1676, Rehoboth; m.3rd c.1679, Thomas Fette; d. 19 Aug. 1695, Providence, RI.
2. JOSEPH, b. pre Feb. 1636/37, Plymouth; d. betw. 1685-92; m. 16 Sept. 1672, New Shoreham, Block Island, RI, Grace ().
3. MARTHA, b.c. 1638, Plymouth; living 9 June 1704, Plainfield, CT; m.1st 10 Jan. 1660/61, Plymouth, Samuel Eaton; b. 1620, England; d. pre 29 Oct. 1684, Middleboro; m.2nd aft. 7 Dec. 1687, Robert Crossman; b.c. 1621; d. pre 27 Oct. 1692.
4. MARY, b.c. 1640, Plymouth; d. aft. 28 June 1717; m. 20 Jan. 1663/64, Rehoboth, Samuel Sabin; b.c. 1640; d. 23 Sept. 1699, Rehoboth.
5. ISAAC, b.c. 1644, Plymouth; d. 11 Dec. 1709, Middleboro; m. pre 1675, Hannah Glass; b. 24 Dec. 1651, Plymouth; d. betw. 1704-09.
6. CHILD, b. pre 1651.
7. REBECCA, b. 8 June 1647, Plymouth; poss. d.y.
8. DORCAS, b.c. 1650, Plymouth; d. aft. 1711; m. betw. Mar. 1673-20 May 1686, Edward May; d. 10 Aug. 1691, Plymouth
9. MERCY, b. 25 Feb. 1651/52, Plymouth; d. 28 Sept. 1718, Rehoboth; m. 27 June 1681, Rehoboth, John Martin; bpt. 20 Jan. 1652/53, Devonshire, England; d. 28 Aug. 1720, Rehoboth.

2. John - b.c. 1614; d.c. 1628.

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With Thanksgiving almost upon us, let us reflect back to the first Thanksgiving dinner held by the Pilgrims. The 48 survivors of that first winter, along with 90 Wampanoag Indians, sat down to a three day feast that historians say took place sometime between 21 September and 9 November 1621.

The menu included cod, sea bass, wildfowl (ducks, geese, etc.) turkey, corn meal and five deer donated by the Indians. Shellfish such as lobster and clams were in abundance but were not yet considered fit for consumption so were probably not included.

Among the native plants were wild berries, onions, squash, pumpkins and beans; English plants grown from seed included parsnips, carrots, cabbages, radishes, beets and lettuce. The pea crop failed, but the barley survived providing malt for beer.

Only four adult housewives survived the first winter, and with the help of children and servants, Elizabeth Hopkins, Eleanor Billington, Mary Brewster and Susannah White oversaw the cooking and preparation.

ENJOY A WALKING TOUR OF HISTORY . . .

I have been involved in researching the Pilgrims for almost ten years, even have an unpublished book that never made it to a shelf in a bookstore and another coming up that looks a little more promising. I have studied our Mayflower ancestors, read about and seen pictures of every historical sight, museum and monument in Plymouth today, but it sure doesn't compare with the real thing - a picture IS worth a thousand words!

I visited Plymouth this summer for the first time, and finally saw all the sights that I have been reading about for years.



Our first stop was at the Mayflower II, anchored at the State Pier in Plymouth Harbour. It is a beautiful ship, although I am sure the original was not in such good shape. We have all heard how small the ship was but the full realization of how cramped the quarters were does not become clear until you actually stand below decks in the living area. The ship measured 90 ft. by only 25 ft. at its widest point. I saw areas, approximately 4 ft. by 6 ft. upon which was bedding to lay on, with belongings, trunks, etc. at the foot. This was the living space for one family. It does not seem possible that there could be enough room for areas such as this for the 22 families on board, as well as sleeping space for the 32 single men.

Just down the road from the Mayflower II, directly across from Cole's Hill, is the infamous Plymouth Rock. Although it once measured 15 ft. by 6 ft. and weighed ten tons, it is much, much smaller now due to various movings and over zealous souvenir hunters. The sixteen pillared Colonnade that houses the remnant of the rock is much more eye catching and majestic than the symbolic treasure it guards.

From Cole's Hill is a magnificent view of the harbour. Here we saw the statue of the Indian Chief, Massasoit, and the Sarcophagus, the memorial for those who died the first winter and were secretly buried on the hill in unmarked graves. The hill is said to have been named after my 10th great-grandfather, James Cole, one of Plymouth's early tavern keepers.



On the east side of Cole's Hill is North St. and the Mayflower Society House. Pictures do not do this house justice! The Society is to be commended for keeping the house in such an excellent state; the exterior, interior and the gardens belie the fact that the house is 233 years old.

To the west of Cole's Hill is Leyden St., along which the Pilgrims built their homes in 1627. Houses along the street today bear plaques stating which Pilgrim house once stood there. Plymouth's Post Office now stands on the corner of Main and Leyden, the site of Elder William Brewster's home. Although none of these houses are standing today, there are three original 17th century houses in Plymouth that most probably welcomed our Mayflower ancestors as visitors - the William Harlow House (1677), the Jabez Howland House (1667) and the Richard Sparrow House, the earliest of the three, built in 1640 and pictured at right.



Looking down on Leyden St. is the new First Church (built in 1896), a magnificent structure which rises above the trees. Stone steps next to the church lead up to Burial Hill, 165 feet above sea level and the site of Plymouth's first meeting-house and fort. I spent two hours here and although I am sure I did not get to each of the 2,150 stones, I found many familiar names of those I have been researching. There are monuments here to Gov. William Bradford and Robert Cushman and his son Elder Thomas Cushman (my 9th and 10th great-grandfathers). The only

CLIP AND MAIL

Reservation Form

It is imperative that our Treasurer receive your reservation and remittance as soon as possible, no later than October 24th. Please make cheques payable to "Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants".

I plan to attend the Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner, Nov. 14th.

NAME: _____

Number in Party: _____

Names of Guests: _____

Mayflower passenger known to be buried here is John Howland, it is possible that there are others but there exists no stones to mark their graves.

Pilgrim Hall is an extremely impressive building in Plymouth's east end. It was fascinating to see the actual belongings of the Pilgrims - the Fuller cradle, Brewster's chair, Peter Brown's tankard, Standish's sword and much, much more in the way of furnishings, books and clothing.

Awesome is the only word I can think of to describe the National Monument to the Forefathers located on Allerton St. It has the distinction of being the largest solid granite monument in the U.S. and was a prototype for the Statue of Liberty. Completed in 1889, it stands 81 feet high and is 216 times lifesize. The central figure is "Faith", her foot on Plymouth Rock, left hand holding an open bible, right hand uplifted. The length of the finger pointing upward is 2 feet! The four 16 foot surrounding statues represent Morality, Education, Law and Liberty.



PLIMOTH PLANTATION is an incredible experience! This 1627 re-creation of the Pilgrims' village comes complete with living, breathing Pilgrims - or so it feels. The costumed actors portraying our ancestors do such a remarkable job that you soon forget they are acting out a role, not for one moment do they step out of character. A group of English tourists speaking to Peter Brown pointed out a plane going by overhead, but he insisted he saw nothing.

You must also watch what you say to these 17th century people. I was chastised by Mistress Standish for calling her husband by his first name: unless I was a relative of his, she said, I was to call him Capt. Standish not Myles. I had my video camera with me and said to John Crackstone and his companion, "How about an introduction for the camera?" They both stared at me and said, "Pardon, Mistress?" I rephrased my question and asked (very politely) for their names.



I had quite a conversation with Stephen Hopkins who stated he had come to N.E. in hopes of wealth. When I asked him about the mutiny he was involved in back in 1609 he leaned over to me and said, "Aye, but mutiny is a dirty word, Mistress." I asked about his children by name, and he hoped that the child his wife was now expecting would be a boy, as boys could be put to work helping their fathers. I thought it prudent not to mention the fact that his wife was expecting their daughter Damaris!

When asked how often the people bathe, Lucretia Brewster stated emphatically that at the most, they bathed four or five times a year. Bathing was bad for the four humours of the body and washed away the natural oils on the skin leaving a person vulnerable to disease and illness.

Many of the leading men were not meet Gov. Bradford, Elder Brewster, Allerton, my 10th great-grandfather I did meet my 10th great-grandmother Peter Brown, as well as Richard Winslow, Love Brewster and a few others whose names I could not understand due to their English dialect.



in the village that day, so I did not meet Capt. Standish or Dr. Fuller. Isaac was away in England on colony business. Martha Ford, second wife of Pilgrim Warren, Robert Bartlett, Susannah and others whose names I could not understand.

I still have to keep reminding myself that these people were actors. They were absolutely remarkable; they could speak at length on any subject, answer any and all questions - as far as I am concerned, the people that I spoke to in the village that day WERE the Pilgrims!!

** ** * ** * ** * S. Rosen ** ** * ** * ** *

