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Past Governor - Rev. Melvin V. Donald, Willowdale, Ont.

Semi-Annual Meeting

DATE: Sat. April 22, 1989

PLACE: Archives of Ontario
77 Grenville St.
Toronto

2:00 p.m.

One of our members, Archivist Leon Warmski, has kindly made arrangements to host the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Spring Tea with a Tour of the Archives of Ontario.

Private Papers

Maps

Land Patents

Newspapers

Government Records

The Archives is located just north of College St., west of Bay St. with Queen's Pk. and College Subways nearby. If you require further directions please call the Archives at (416) 965-4030.

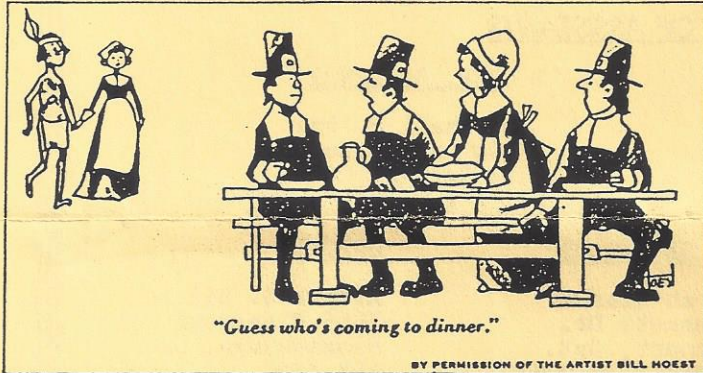
We will meet Mr. Warmski in the Lobby shortly before 2:00 p.m. where temporary I.D. badges will be given to visitors for the tour. Mr. Warmski will take us behind the scenes to visit the Private Manuscript Stacks, the Photo and Architectural Drawings Sections and the Reading Room. Representative items of interest from each section will be on display. At the conclusion of the tour refreshments will be served in the Board Room on the 2nd Floor.

Archives of Ontario policy requires PRIOR registration for this event. Please return the form on pg. 8 to Mr. Warmski by April 7th.

touring plymouth colony ...

- Land ownership did not come naturally or quickly to Plymouth. In 1620 land was allotted not granted for the use of the settlers. They could build houses, plant gardens, make all the "improvements" they wanted but neither the house nor the land was truly theirs.

When the Pilgrims began preparations for the building of houses in Dec. 1620 it was decided that by rooming the single men with the families, 19 houses would be sufficient to house the 102 settlers. However after the sickness of the first winter reduced this number in half, it took only 7 houses to shelter the only white settlement in all of New England.



By 1623 Plymouth's population of 48 had risen to 176. Instead of distributing the land yearly as before, Gov. Bradford agreed to let them use the same lots until 1627. Finally at this time, seven years after their arrival, land ownership was born.

-When digging a cellar in 1801, various tools and an iron plate were found 7 feet under the earth on the south side of Leyden St. where the 1st common house, built in Dec. 1620 is believed to have stood.



Notation on the fly leaf of Bradford's manuscript, "Of Plimoth Plantation":

"This book was rit by goefner William Bradford, and gifen to his son mager William Bradford, and by him to his son mager John Bradford, rit by me (his son) Samuel Bradford, Mach 20, 1705."

Plymouth Colony Records

Plymouth Register of Births - 1649

- Aug. 5th, Ephraim, son of Ephraim Tinkham
- Aug. 29th, Samuell, son of Samuell King
- Aug. 9th, Wybra, daughter of James Glase
- Aug. 29th, Sara, daughter of Nathaneell Warrin
- Sept. 2nd, Thomas, son of Thomas Sheriue
- Sept. 10th, Joseph, son of Mr. William Paddy
- Sept. 14th, Daniell, son of Joseph Ramsden
- Oct. 14th, Hanna, daughter of Steuen Wood
- Nov. 9th, John, son of John Young
- Nov. 12th, Hanna, daughter of John Churchill
- Nov. 24th, John, son of John Tompson
- Nov. 24th, James, son of Mr. Thomas Willet
- Dec. 4th, Sara, daughter of Georg Bonum
- Dec. 11th, John, son of John Morton
- Jan. 11th, Hasadiah, daughter of John Smith, Jun.
- Jan. 22nd, Moses, son of Thomas Sauory
- , Hester, daughter of Richard Wright
- Jan. 1st, Jonathan, son of Henery Wood
- Mar. 4th, John, son of John Wood

Plymouth Register of Marriages & Burials - 1649

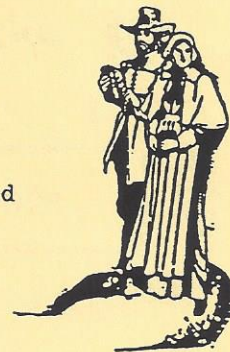
June 15th, Mary, daughter of Henery Atkins
June 29th, Samuell Dunham married to Martha Falloway
July 16th, William Browne married to Mary Murcock
Aug. 20th, Samuell, son of George Watson
Sept. 9th, Christian, wife of John Finney
Sept. 13th, Ephraim Hicks married to Elizabeth Howland
Dec. 12th, Ephraim Hicks
Dec. 20th, John, son of John Morton
Dec. 20th, William Harlow married to Rebekah Bartlet
Jan. 16th, Eliezer, son of Nathaneell Morton
, Sara, daughter of George Bonum
Feb. 18th, Joseph, son of Mr. William Paddy
Mar. 3rd, Elizabeth, daughter of John Faunce

Sandwich Register of Births - 1649

Mar. 29th, Mary Wood	- Aug. 18th, Caleb Fish
Apr. 2nd, Ephraim Winge	- Oct. 30th, Mordecay Wright
Apr. 16th, Mary Newland	- Nov. 20th, Jonathan Nye
Apr. 30th, Elizabeth Jenkins	- Feb. , Encrease Kirbey & () Kirbey (twins)
May 23rd, David Bessey	- Feb. 10th, Ebenezer Allen
June 22nd, Samuell Gibbs	
Aug. 11th, Mary Dexter	

Sandwich Register of Marriages & Burials - 1649

Mar. 21st, William Allen married to Presilla Browne
July 22nd, Richard Chadwell married to Katheren Presberry
Dec. 10th, Ephraim Winge, buried
Feb. 14th, John Freeman married to Mary Prence
Feb. 28th, Caleb Fish, buried
Feb. 29th, Abigaill Kerbey, buried
Mar. 20th, Mordecay Wright, buried
Mar. 23rd, Jane Kerbey, mother, and Richard Kerbey, son, buried
Mar. 24th, Encrease Kerbey, buried



Yarmouth Register of Births - 1649

Apr. 11th, Ruth, daughter of Richard Tayler
May 9th, Samuell, son of Samuell Arnoll
May 9th, Thomas & Elizabeth, twin children of Mr. Eluerton Crow
July 21st, Sara, daughter of James Matthewes
Sept. 19th, Mary, daughter of Robert Dennis
Oct. 13th, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Miller
Jan. 12th, Jehosaphat, son of Mr. Thomas Starre
Feb. 8th, Mathew, son of John Darbey

Yarmouth Register of Marriages & Burials - 1649

Sept. 13th, Hester Templer, aged five yeares and an halfe, buried
, (), son of Robert Dennis, died
Ephraim Winge, of the age of one yeare and seven months, was buried the last
of December
Robert Eldred and Elizabeth Nicarson were married the last week of October



★★★ MEMBERSHIP DUES ★★★



A Reminder that 1988 Membership Fees were due December 31st, 1988.
For those who have not yet paid, please send your \$17.50 to our
Treasurer.

A Life Membership would save you money and the bother of sending
in yearly dues, the one time cost is only \$175.00

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Welcome Aboard!



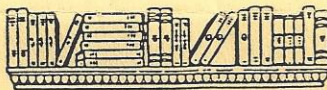
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#133, BREWSTER.

(Our Historian points out that new member Delphine Bishop is a Museum Co-ordinator at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa. Now there's an interesting job!)

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LIBRARY NEWS

As mentioned in the Fall '88 Newsletter, we have for some time planned on compiling a list of the Society's collection of books and research materials housed at the North York Library. Our Captain,



Arthur Harris has taken on this task and has informed us the list is now complete. The 7 pages contain upwards of 300 names. To order a copy of our Library List please send \$2.00 (to cover postage & handling) to our Treasurer.



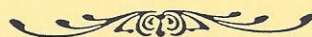
FROM THE GOVERNOR

As most of you know, I had the honour to succeed the Reverend Melvin Donald as Governor of our Society at the Annual Meeting last November. Governor Donald provided excellent leadership and devoted many hours to the cause of the Society. During his tenure our membership was developed to well over the 100 mark and we had a Colony formed in the province of Alberta. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank Mel for the great work he has done for the Society and wish him and Lola all the best in the years ahead.

We were indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Cay Lanham, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and her husband, Frank, attend our Annual Dinner at the Plaza II Hotel, Toronto, on the evening of November 5th, 1988. A report on the meeting appears elsewhere in this issue but I would like to point out that this is the first time we have been able to play host to the head of the senior Society and we certainly welcomed the opportunity. Cay's presence provided a very special focus to our Annual Meeting and her address on the activities of the General Society was most informative.

This year as many as possible are urged to attend our Spring Meeting at the Archives of Ontario. The event was kindly arranged by Board Member Leon Warmski who is an official at the Archives. This will be an excellent opportunity to get a red-carpet tour of the facility and become familiar with this major centre for genealogical research.

In conclusion, I would like to report that we have finally succeeded in obtaining Letters Patent from Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada incorporating the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as a non-profit corporation. This will allow us to receive gifts and bequests and issue receipts allowing deductions for income tax purposes. In the years ahead it is hoped that we can establish a special fund with the money received to enable us to more aggressively pursue the aims of our Society.



Society News

FALL BANQUET REPORT

The 7th Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner was held Nov. 5th, 1988 at the Plaza II Hotel in Toronto with 37 members and friends present.

This was an important evening for our Society for two reasons. First, elections took place with the result that we now have a new Governor, Mr. G. Keith Bain of Acton, Ont. Keith is one of our "original" charter members and has served on the Board in the past in the capacity of Captain. Also elected for another term were Deputy Governor, Mr. Marshall M. Dean and Elder, Mrs. Ruth Ferguson.

The highlight of our evening was the presence of our guests, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lanham. Anyone who knows Frank & Cay will understand what a pleasure it was for us to meet these two very special people. Their warmth took some of the chill off the cold November air and their wonderful sense of humour kept us smiling.

Governor General Cay Lanham was our guest speaker for the evening and brought us up to date with some of the happenings at the Society Headquarters in Plymouth, including the creation of three new committees:

- a) Record Preservation & Expansion - is looking into the possibility of expanding the Society Library and transferring records from the overcrowded files onto microfiche.
- b) Public Information - will be responsible for generating public awareness in the Society and will provide official correspondence with the news media in order to supply the press with accurate information.
- c) Editorial Board/Mayflower Quarterly - will set publishing guidelines and would welcome comments and opinions from the General Society membership.

Well deserved praise was given to the Historian General, Mrs. Caroline Kardell for her tremendous effort in clearing up the backlog of applications that had plagued the office for some time. Membership applications are being processed efficiently without relaxing genealogical standards.

The Five Generations Project, now under the leadership of Mrs. Edie Thomas, has experienced set backs which have slowed the release of additional silver volumes. It now costs as much as \$40,000 to publish each volume. Ten MFIP booklets have been published to date and the Historian General will now accept references from these books to prove genealogical lines.

Unfortunately lack of space prohibits us from printing more of this very interesting talk. In appreciation of her visit, Mrs. Lanham was presented with a Silver Hostess Set.

Alberta Colony

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Alberta Colony was held December 1st, 1988 at the home of Mrs. Margaret Brodylo, Regent, at Midnapore, Alberta. Sixteen members and friends were present.

Elections were held with the following new Executive Officers elected:

Regent	- Mr. Phillip Thorpe
Vice Regent	- Mr. George Tingley
Secretary	- Mrs. Marion Smith
Treasurer	- Dr. William Bradford Carpenter

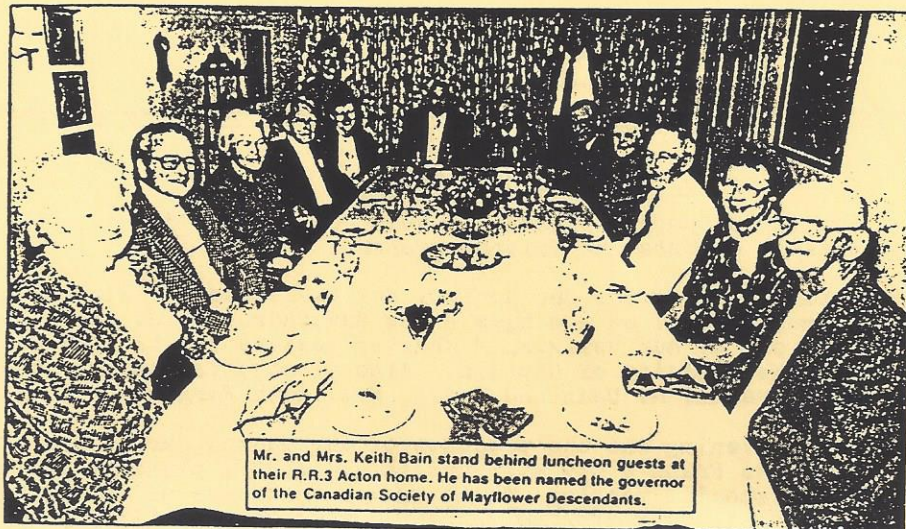
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Congratulations

On January 15th, 1989 the Alberta Colony printed the first issue of their newsletter:

"The Western Canada Mayflower Cruise"





Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bain stand behind luncheon guests at their R.R.3 Acton home. He has been named the governor of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Acton man named governor of Mayflower society

By TED BROWN

Often when one hears the name The Mayflower, visions of pilgrims in their black garb and possibly a thought of the first Thanksgiving comes to mind.

Many people like to claim they are ancestors of the passengers on the famous ship, but few can actually prove it.

Keith Bain of RR3 Acton is one person who actually can say his ancestors came over on the Mayflower. As a member of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, he has the documented proof from the society stating that fact.

Saturday, Keith and his wife Helen hosted a dinner meeting of a number of Canadian Mayflower members, having the Governor-General of the American Mayflower Society as a guest, as well. The Bains live on the First Line, Erin Township north of the Halton Hills Townline.

The Canadian Society makes up a very small percentage of the membership of the society as a whole. With only 110 Canadian members compared to the total membership of about 24,000 in the United States, Canada indeed has a small piece of the action.

Not to say there aren't many more ancestors living in Canada, but people don't realize they could be connected, says Governor-General Cay Lanhan.

"It's a known fact that about one person in 10 that you meet will have some sort of a connection with the Mayflower," says Lanhan.

Many United Empire Loyalist (U.E.L.) descendants in the Maritimes, Ontario and Quebec have a lineage to the 102 passengers who made that trip in 1620.

Canada has one society, whereas the numbers of members in the United States dictates that every state has a

society of its own.

Keith Bain, having been a member since the Canadian Society was formed in 1980, has just been named the governor of the Canadian group, succeeding Rev. Melvin Donald of Toronto.

Members of the society meet regularly and every three years delegates from every chapter meet at Plymouth, Massachusetts for their General Congress, at which time executive members are elected and society constitution is discussed and sometimes amended.

Members receive The Mayflower Quarterly and Canadian members also receive The Canadian Pilgrim twice yearly to keep members up to date on club functions.

"Our purpose is quite straight forward," says Lanhan. "We intend to preserve the memory of our ancestors, and research them to a remote posterity."

She adds that members like to perpetuate the ideas of the pilgrims as set down in the Mayflower Compact, drawn up soon after their arrival at Plymouth. In it, freedom of speech, free education and of course, the Pilgrim's greatest love, freedom of worship, are endorsed.

Last July, Lanhan and 35 other members took a reverse voyage of the Mayflower, setting sail in the Queen Elizabeth II from Plymouth Rock to deliver a proclamation from Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis to the Deputy Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England. While there, the travellers took part in the 400th Anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, wearing period costumes during the celebration.

A gathering of members is an interesting affair, with them trading stories handed down through the years of their ancestors.

Also, one learns to appreciate some of the hardships endured by the passengers on that ship so many years ago.

The original Mayflower measured 37 by 35 feet, and in that small ship were packed 102 passengers and about 30 crew members.

They set sail from Plymouth, England on Sept. 21, 1620, landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts sometime in December, the worst possible time of the year for that area, with storms and winter setting in.

Half of them died in the first four months, with just 48 surviving the first winter. They died as a result of malnutrition, disease and exposure.

In present day Plymouth, a very small town, Pilgrim Plantation (similar to Black Creek Pioneer Village) is maintained on the site of the original village, with "inhabitants" there dressed in Pilgrim garb, and the conservation of the day relates only to the 1620s. A reproduction of the Mayflower sits moored in the harbor, and tours are available.

Anyone who feels they may have Mayflower roots can trace through the society. Many of the passengers have been researched to five generations, so an applicant can check his facts with the society to make the match-up.

There is a \$20 application fee and \$20 society as well as \$17.50 yearly membership. Anyone who wishes more information can contact the historian, Mrs. Kate Bercht, 29 Sutherland St. E., Caledonia, Ont. N0A 1A0.

The afternoon of the Fall Banquet a luncheon was held for Frank and Cay Lanham at the home of Keith and Helen Bain. Above is a newspaper clipping with picture (albeit, a poor one) regarding this occasion. The luncheon gave the Board of Assistants & their spouses, and the Lanhams an opportunity to get better acquainted in an informal and relaxed setting.



General Society of Mayflower Descendants

ORGANIZED 12 JANUARY 1897 AT PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

MRS. FRANK W. LANHAM
Governor General

65 Annapolis Lane
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16 November 1988

Mr. Keith Bain
Governor, Canadian Society
of Mayflower Descendants
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Dear Keith:

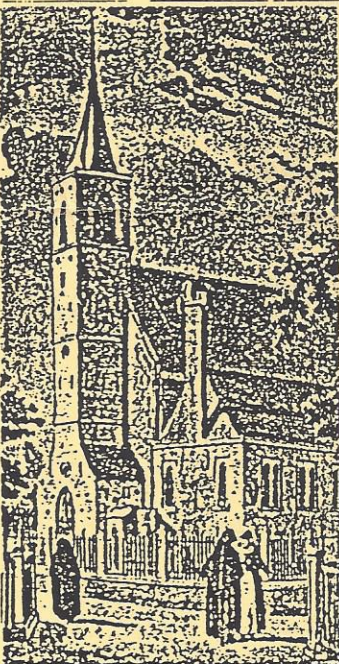
Frank and I will never forget the memorable time we had with you and the members of our Canadian Society.

We especially want to thank everyone for the very lovely set of silver pieces which was presented to me at the meeting. It occupies a special place in our home and will always be a remembrance of our Canadian cousins. Please convey our grateful thanks to your membership for this thoughtful gift.

Again, let me thank you and all those of your Society who helped make our visit a very special one.

Most sincerely,

Cay Lanham
Cay Lanham



The English Reformed Church

Thankyou to Mrs. Fergus Crow of Friegal, Ont. for answering our question sent in by Bob Prince of Vancouver in the Fall '88 Newsletter. Mrs. Crow sent in a very informative brochure outlining the history and present current events of the church.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Bea Warmiski of Oakville, Ont. who sent pictures of the church from a 1973 trip to Amsterdam.

Although the English Reformed Church was organized on 4 Feb. 1607, the building itself is much older. It was built around 1390 for the Roman Catholic sisterhood of the Beguines. In 1607, as a concession to English-speaking merchants and exiles living in Amsterdam, the City Authorities agreed to the former Roman Catholic building being used for reformed worship in English.

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1988

Bank Balance GIC Total as per Dec. 31st, 1987 Statement \$6063.02

RECEIPTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1988

Annual Dues & Donations	\$1645.50	
Life Memberships (5)	875.00	
Banquet (Net)	55.82	
GIC Bank Interest	<u>637.82</u>	<u>3214.14</u>

\$9277.16

DISBURSEMENTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1988

Postage	\$ 202.83	
Stationery	426.58	
Rental of Premises	50.00	
Audit Fee	10.00	
General Society Dues	971.81	
Alberta Colony	30.00	
Library	229.58	
Photocopies (Newsletter)	139.53	
Registration at Congress	19.50	
Incorporation Fee	37.70	
Telephone	4.88	
Gifts & Goodwill	18.18	
Miscellaneous	36.60	
Bank Charges	<u>4.00</u>	<u>2181.19</u>

\$7095.97

BALANCES

Canada Trust - Kingsway Branch	\$1395.97	
Savings Acct. 041-505491		
Canada Trust GIC		
12.25% due April 16, 1989	1000.00	
12.00% due March 1, 1990	1200.00	
10.50% due March 3, 1991	1000.00	
10.00% due June 14, 1991	1000.00	
10.00% due June 28, 1992	1000.00	
First City Trust		
10.25% due June 4, 1993	<u>500.00</u>	<u>\$7095.97</u>

Note: Investments represent prepaid Life Memberships.

- Miss Margaret Owen
Treasurer



CLIP AND MAIL

Reservation Form

The Archives of Ontario requires prior registration. If you plan to attend the Spring Tea you MUST fill out this form and return it no later than APRIL 7th to:

Mr. Leon Warmski, Archivist, Archives of Ontario,
77 Grenville St., Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9

Please Print:

NAME OF MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF GUEST(S): _____

ADDRESS(ES): _____

There is no charge for the Spring Tea & Archives Tour - both are complimentary.