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## Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner



### GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Ian E. Wilson, Archivist of Ontario

PLACE: Plaza II Hotel, 90 Bloor St.E., Toronto (Hudson Bay Center)

TIME: Reception & Cash Bar 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, November 18th, 1989

The 8th Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner will be held at the same location as last year, the Plaza II Hotel on the corner of Bloor & Yonge. We are happy to report that the price of the dinner remains at \$25.00 per person. Please send your payment and names of those attending to our Treasurer by October 27th.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Ian E. Wilson has kindly accepted our invitation to speak at the banquet. As the Archivist of Ontario he will most certainly be able to enlighten us on genealogical research in Ontario.

Elections will also be held this night, the nominees are:

- Historian - Arthur Harris
- Treasurer - Allyn Deane
- Captain - Kate Berscht
- Cor. Secretary - Margaret Owen
- Member at large- Susan Roser

# touring plymouth colony ...

- In 1659 Giles Rickard, Sr. was granted a license to keep an ordinary (tavern) in Plymouth. However, it was to be used for entertaining visitors, NOT for the use of the townspeople!



- Nathaniel Morton's book "New Englands Memoriall" was published in 1669, financed by the £25 ransom obtained from an Indian prisoner. When the General Court heard about Morton's financial problem they agreed to donate the ransom money. Due to rising printing costs (even in those days!) the Court later gave the printer an extra payment - a barrel of beef.

- Lieut. John Tomson, husband of Mary Cooke died 16 June 1696 age 80 yrs. Buried at the Nemasket Hill Cemetary, Middleboro, his epitah reads:

"Death is a debt to nature due  
Which I have paid and so must you."

- "Nov. 23, 1808, died Zerviah Bradford (wf. of James) about two o'clock P.M. in the 94th year of her age. She died of no particular disorder but appeared to be worn out with old age."

- The Mayflower Society House was loaned to the American Red Cross to use without charge during WWII.

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## Diary....

A literal transcription of the diary of Joel Jones as found in MD 26:61 will be printed here periodically as will excerpts from other diaries of Mayflower ancestors. If you have such a diary please send excerpts to the Editor.

Joel Jones' second wife Rhoda Sprague was a 7th generation descendant of Richard Warren.

### The "Small Naritive" of Joel Jones

(p.1) This Small Naritive is Intended for the diversion of Joel Jones. When you read this turn your attention to Pages 14 & 15

Who was born July the 7th 1764 in Charlton in the County of Worcester  
Common Wealth of Massachusetts with his father

March 10th AD 1768 moved to Lanesborough with his Father

October 15th 1770 went back to Charton and Lived with Daniel Streeter

February 26th AD 1780 went home to Lanesborough to fathers

(p.2) January 29th 1781 inlisted into the Service of the United States of America

December 29th AD 1783 Returned to Lanesborough to my fathers house once more

June the 1st AD 1785 Sit forth for the State of Vermont bought a farm in Pittsfield  
in the County of Rutland Sd State

April the 28th 1788 Started for a new look out and bought two writes of Land on the  
South hero Chitteden County State aforesaid

(p.3) June the 28th AD 1785 mother expired this Life

May the 29th AD 1785 my Grandmother Cooper expired this Life with the smallpox

October the first AD 1785 father married to Prudence Lincoln of Lanesborough

September 27th 1790 Joel Jones was Married to Salley Southgoate of Bridgewater Vermo<sup>t</sup>

Sometime in the year 1781 my Brother Daniel Died of the Small pox at the head  
of Elk in the Service of the United States of America.

(will be cont-d)



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Plymouth Church Records

1704

Persons Baptized

- March 19th - Thomas & Elizabeth, twin children of John & Susanna Cole  
- Sarah, dau. of Deacon Clarke  
March 26th - Joseph, son of Robert & Sarah Bartlett  
April 2nd - Marcy, dau. of John & Joanna Grey  
April 16th - Deborah, dau. of Elizer & Hannah Jackson  
May 21st - Thomas, son of John & Margaret Pratt  
May 28th - Elizabeth, dau. of Mehetable Doty  
June 4th - Rebecca, dau. of Eliezer & Rebecca Morton  
June 11th - Samuel & Elkanah, sons of Ephraim & Hannah Morton  
July 23rd - Ephraim, Humphry, Joseph, Sarah & Mary, children of Humphrey & Mary Turner  
Sept. 3rd - Samuel, son of William & Susannah Shertleff  
Sept. 24th - James, Francis, Lazarus, sons of Mary LaBarron

Members Admitted

- June 4th - Hannah, wife of Ephraim Morton, son of Deacon George Morton  
July 30th - Nathaniel Thomas, dismissed from Marshfield church admitted here  
Sept. 3rd - Sarah, wife of Elisha Holmes

Members Dyed

- April 28th - dyed George Bonham, he lived to a good old age, being about 95 years of age he was a man almost all men spake well of & is gone to receive his crown.

1705

Persons Baptized

- March 18th - Eliezer, son of William & Hannah Ring  
April 1st - Mercy, dau. of Capt. Warren  
- Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Doty  
May 27th - Mehetabelle, dau. of John & Margaret Pratt  
- Elisha, Joseph, Jabesh, Mercy, & Elizabeth, children of Elisha & Sarah Holmes  
June 3rd - Susanah, dau. of Eliezer & Mary Ring  
July 8th - Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel & Martha Howland  
Nov. 4th - Benjamin, son of Ephraim & Hannah Morton  
Jan. 13th - Experience, dau. of Thomas & Joannah Howland  
- Content, dau. of Eliezer & Hannah Jackson  
Feb. 17th - James, son of Ephraim & Rebecca Cole  
- Thomas, Elizabeth, Hannah, children of Eliezer & Ruhamah Rogers



Members Admitted

- March 18th - Isaac Doty & wife Martha  
Sept. 30th - Ruhamah Rogers, wf. of Eliezer  
Feb. 10th - Eliezer Rogers

Members Dyed

- Samuel King, Sr. - aged upwards of 90 years dyed August.

Transactions

- Oct. 18th - 3s 3s was contributed for Daniel Pratt - one of ye New Society his wife being then we believe under ye Doctors hands in a miserable care & after dyed.  
Jan. 24th - Contribution for ye Widow Patience Holmes, her youngest son George being visited with a terrible sore legg she had but part of it in 25th.



# WELCOME



Historian Kate Berscht reports several membership papers are in the works. At the present time however, we have one new member to welcome into our Society:

John Edward C. Winslow, P.O.Box 1060, Woodstock, N.B., EOJ 2B0, #134, WINSLOW

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### Address Changes

Stephen C. White, 450 Sutter St.#405, San Francisco, CA 94108

### In Memoriam

Mrs. Margaret E. Smith, of Winnipeg, Manitoba  
(Member #102)



#### FROM THE GOVERNOR

It seems hardly possible that the summer has already gone and another winter is looming on the horizon. The older one gets the faster time seems to go.

I would like to bring to the attention of our members that Susan Roser, who does such an excellent job as editor of our newsletter, has authored and recently had published a book dealing with the early Pilgrim families.

Her research provides an excellent summary of all that is known to date about the Mayflower families for the first three generations. The publisher is the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore, Maryland and it is available in softcover at the reasonable price of \$18.95.

Susan has an intense interest in the history of settlement in North America and especially that relating to our pilgrim ancestors. We offer sincere congratulations and it is expected that we will see more results of her research in the years ahead.

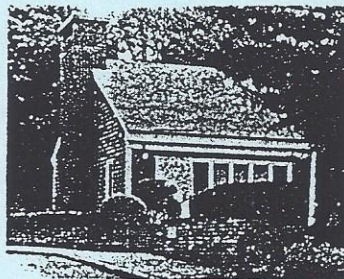
The Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet is fast approaching. I hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you again this year.



**I**n 1644, Reverend John Lothrop, Barnstable's first settled pastor, built his second home. This home is still standing as part of the Sturgis Library, the oldest library in the United States.

Captain William Sturgis, whom the library is named for, was born and raised in the Barnstable. He shot his way out of a Chinese pirate attack in the Maccoa Roads and became one of Barnstable's most successful in a long list of Sea Captains.

### Sturgis Library, Barnstable



Sturgis Library in Barnstable was built in 1644 and is the oldest library in the United States.

In 1782, the house was enlarged by the Sturgis family. In 1863, the house, along with a book collection and \$15,000, was willed by Captain Sturgis for the establishment of a free library. Sturgis Library was enlarged again in the early 1970's with the addition of a new wing, and now the library currently houses rare histories and genealogies of early Americans and the original Lothrop Bible printed in 1605. Sturgis Library is on Route 6A in Barnstable Village.

# Society News

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The 8th Semi-Annual Meeting and Spring Tea was held April 22nd, 1989 at the Archives of Ontario in Toronto.

Members of the Society were treated to a fascinating "behind the scenes" tour of the Archives given by member Leon Warmski. Among the rare documents viewed by those present were a letter book (1824) of the Canada Company, photographs, maps and some early architectural drawings from the Archives' collection.

At the conclusion of the tour members enjoyed a bounteous tea in the Archives' Boardroom. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson for having looked after the refreshments so admirably!



## Dues

A reminder from Treasurer Margaret Owen that 1990 membership dues are now due. We appreciate those of you who give this matter your prompt attention.

Payment may be made at the Banquet in November or by mailing in your remittance to the Treasurer. (17.50)



## Library



Captain Arthur Harris has been busy keeping our library up to date. He has recently purchased, on behalf of our Society, the following Mayflower Families In Progress (MFIP) booklets to add to our library: William Bradford (2nd ed.), Richard Warren (2nd ed.), Myles Standish, Edward Winslow, Degory Priest and Francis Cooke (2nd ed.).

The following books have been donated to the Society Library:

1. The Pilgrim Fathers in Leiden, Holland, by Dr. J.W. Verburgt (former Archivist of Leiden)(from Leon Warmski)
2. Mayflower Increaseings (For Three Generations), by Susan E. Roser (from S. Roser)



## Recipe Corner

COOKING COUSINS - a cookbook prepared by descendants of William Bradford representing six generations. Price is only \$6.00(US) post paid and may be ordered from: Marge Waterfield, P.O.Box 7007, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

## National Monument to the Forefathers

1889-1989

The Education Committee reports that the Pilgrim Society is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Forefather's Monument.

The Society is offering reprints of the 3 Aug. 1889 issue of the "Old Colony Sentinel" at a cost of \$4.00 (US) plus \$2.00 ship.&handling.

The edition gives some background data and describes the dedication on 1 Aug. 1889. For a copy, write to: Pilgrim Society, 75 Court St., Plymouth, Mass. 02360.





## Researching Mayflower Families



When conducting extensive research into the lives and genealogies of the Pilgrims and their descendants, many emotions are brought to the surface. Perhaps it is because you do not by chance happen upon isolated occurrences, in many cases the stories are so commonplace that families which prove to be the exceptions seem rare. And the stories are not always happy ones - nor are there actually any real stories, all that appear are the dates because the date alone tells the story. Here are a few -

A father's premature death date leaves one wondering how his widow and many young children managed. Joseph Paine<sup>4</sup> (Mary Snow<sup>3</sup>, Constance Hopkins<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>), married in 1691 to Patience Sparrow<sup>4</sup> (Hannah Prence<sup>3</sup>, Patience Brewster<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). Joseph died in 1712 leaving Patience pregnant with 10 children, including four year old twins.

Families with repeated children's birth and death dates appearing too close together at first glance draw your attention for a closer look at names and ages. Your heart goes out to long ago parents who lost child after child, often to ailments that could have been so easily treated today. Alice Barker<sup>4</sup> (Alice Snow<sup>3</sup>, Abigail Warren<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) and her husband Matthew Estes had 10 children between the years 1713-1736. They had three, then lost the fourth, had a fifth and lost the second and third in the same year. The sixth, seventh and eighth each died the year they were born and then came the ninth and tenth. Ten years later their fifth child died at the age of 20, leaving Alice and Matthew with three children - their firstborn and last two children.

Then we come across the dates which tell the truly heartwrenching stories. William Hathaway (from Francis Cooke) and his wife Ruth Barker were married 7 Feb. 1765. William died six months later, 27 Aug. 1765 age 31 years, two months later their son William Jr. was born, 10 Oct. 1765. Ruth died 26 Mar. 1769 when her son was 3½ years old and little William Jr. himself died the following year, 17 July 1770 just before his fifth birthday.

Another too common occurrence is finding death dates after the birth date of a child. Joseph and Ann (Fitch) Bradford were blessed with twins. Alithea and Irene were born 6 Apr. 1704 but died the same month. A second set of twins were born 19 Sept. 1715 and again were named Alithea and Irene, but this time the death date belonged to the mother. Ann Bradford died three weeks later, 7 Oct. 1715.

Some women were not as lucky as Ann Bradford and never had the chance to be a wife and mother. The Ring family seemed to be particularly hard hit in this area. Deborah Ring<sup>4</sup> (Wm. Ring<sup>3</sup>, Deborah Hopkins<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>) married Caleb Sherman 12 May 1737. Their daughter was born Aug. 1738, Deborah died 29 August and the child died 5 September aged 22 days.

Susanna Ring<sup>4</sup> (Eleazer Ring<sup>3</sup>, Deborah Hopkins<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>) married Nehemiah Bosworth 27 Jan. 1725/26. Their first child was born Nov. 1726. The second was born 8 Sept. 1728, Susannah died two days later and the child died in 1729 age 15 mths.

Fortunately not all the dates tell such mournful stories, some dates actually bring on a rather awe inspired grin - how did these women do it? As a rule women did not marry at a very young age, but a look through the records brings up the exceptions, along with some remarkably hardy New Englanders. Jonathan Delano<sup>4</sup> (Mercy Warren<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) married Amy Hatch and had 15 children together. The first was born when Amy was 14 and the last when she was 45 - the equivalency of one child every two years for thirty years! Amy lived to the age of 80 years, a remarkable feat considering her life's work.

Then we have the story of confirmed bachelor Elisha Bradford<sup>3</sup> (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). It must have come as quite a surprise to his friends - and himself, when 50 year old Elisha married 16 year old Bathsheba Brock/Lebrocke on 17 Sept. 1719. They too had 15 children but it only took them twenty-five years to do it. Elisha was 76 when his 15th child was born. Sturdy stock those Bradford men!



- S. Roser



## GENERAL BOARD MEETING



Board Member Leon Warmski attended the General Meeting of the Board of Assistants, as our Canadian Delegate, held September 9th in Orlando, Florida. The following is his report of some of the highlights of the meeting.

1. There were approximately 110 members present including 70 members of Board of Assistants from Alaska to Wyoming (although not every state was represented). The remainder were silent observers.
2. The finances of the General Society are in good shape.
3. It was recommended that there be an increase of per capita assessment from \$6.00 to \$8.00. This will be recommended to Congress in 1990 and will come into effect one year from now.
4. The Five Generations Project is progressing well.
5. A resolution was passed asking for help to designate Plymouth Rock as a National Monument.
6. In 1989 the General Society saw an increase of approximately 335 new members.
7. The Public Relations Committee will send out a Press Release on the Pilgrims for possible publication in State Newsletters. Publication will be voluntary.
8. The Board authorized the purchase of equipment and hiring of a person to do the in-house filming of the lineage papers at Plymouth. The files will be put on microfiche and will be an ongoing project with the capability of additional documents being added to one's own microfiche. The microfiche of one's own papers will be made available for a nominal fee. Donations towards the cost of this project will be appreciated.
9. It was decided to approve the construction of the addition to the Genealogical Society building that houses the library. The cost will be nearly \$500,000. The assets to be used to carry this out will be taken from the Pilgrim Fund.
10. As requested by the Canadian Board of Assistants, I abstained from voting on the Pennsylvania Resolution and had this abstention recorded in the minutes. Afterwards when asked the reason, I stated a) the Canadian Society did not have sufficient information as to what kind of promotional literature was contemplated and b) we felt it would be too expensive a project to undertake.
11. It was decided to ask NASA to name the first available shuttle the "Mayflower".
12. A number of people expressed regret that our Dep. Governor, Marshall Dean was unable to attend as planned.
13. The 32nd General Congress will be held in Plymouth September 7-12, 1990. Plans are already well underway.

- Leon Warmski

Member at large



## Book reviews

# *Mayflower Increasingings*

(For Three Generations)

By Susan E. Roser



Researchers in the past were content with compiling names and dates of the families of the Mayflower passengers, leaving us to wonder just where the information came from. Times have changed, however. Beginning with the monumental work of George E. Bowman, who first stressed the importance of genealogical evidence and documentation in Mayflower studies, we have been taught to demand higher standards of our Mayflower scholars.

The uncritical and conjectural methods employed in the past are no more apparent than in a 37-page booklet published in 1922 which purported to give the first three generations of some of the Mayflower passengers (five families were omitted). The author, John Landis, presented data that was both incomplete and unsubstantiated, with no clue as to his sources. And yet, owing to its conciseness and its ostensible usefulness, the book has been in demand ever since. Building on its few genuine strengths, this present work is an attempt to revise and expand the Landis book, to provide an accurate and reliable summary of all that is presently known about the passengers of the Mayflower for the first three generations in America—names, dates, places, spouses, children, etc.

Sources within the text are given in parentheses and are then listed in abbreviated form at the end of each of the twenty-seven genealogies. The full title of the publication or source is given in the Reference List. Preceding this list is a Spouse Index containing over 600 names of the men and women who married the children and grandchildren of the Mayflower passengers. Thus, *Mayflower Increasingings* is not only a revision of Landis based on contemporary scholarship—it is a first-rate source-book in its own right!

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