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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: May 12th, 1990 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

<u>PLACE</u>: Fellowship Room, Church Army premises, 397 Brunswick, Toronto. Parking at rear; by subway - to Spadina, exit on Bloor St., walk west to Brunswick, north to #397.

The 10th Annual Meeting & Spring Tea will this year be held at our former meeting place in Toronto. In addition to this change, please note the later (than usual) date.

The Board has planned a very special afternoon, this year being the Society's 10th Anniversary. From Plimoth Plantation we have purchased the video tape, "Plimoth Plantation", endorsed by the Education Committee of the General Society. Come and spend a day with your ancestors! The film depicts every aspect of daily Pilgrim life and of special interest are the interviews with the actors who discuss the Pilgrims they portray. Sounds fascinating, doesn't it?

Refreshments will be served following the film. We look forward to seeing you!



touring plymouth colony

- "May 1, 1649, whereas a sheep of Captain Standishes was < > by a doge of Benjamine Eaton the court hath ordered that the said Benjamine Eaton shall pay to the said Captaine Standish thirty shillings for the sd sheepe." (PCR 2:138)



WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND I DON'T HAVE A THING TO WEAR!

- The Declaration of Independance was drafted 16 Aug. 1774 at the Doty Tavern in Stoughton, opened in 1770 by Thomas Doty, son of Tho. & Elizabeth (Harlow) Doty, a descendant of Allerton, Doty & Warren.
- What a deal! On 29 Nov. 1819, Alfred Eaton paid \$30.00 for land in Middleboro "3/4 acre and 3 rods more or less" bounded by a brook and a highway.
- "Mr. Jos. White Departed this Life June ye 4th:1782 in the 80th year of his age - Who: was Grand Son to Mr. Peregrine White the first whight man that was Ever Born In N England sd Perigrine was born on Bord of a Ship in Cape Harbour." (Yarmouth VR 4:139)
- Will of Nicholas Snow 4, 25 June 1751, Rochester "...I give and bequeth to my son Prince Snow one shilling lawful money out of my estate before the division as abovesaid to be paid him by my executer at my decease, and the reason I give him no more is his leaving me and his family the way he did."



Diary....

The diary of Joel Jones, as found in MD 26:61, is continued from our Fall '89 Newsletter.

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

"(p.4) April 1st 1788 Isaac Jones my half Brother died of the Consumption

February 17th 1790 Polly Southgate had a son Born and Called his Name Marvin and at thirteen months and sixteen day old it died

March 14th 1791 Sit out from Bridgewater and the 10th of May 1791 Arived on the South hero into my own house

Samuel E Jones was Maried to Kezia Farnum December the 25th 1779

(p.5) May the 18th AD 1791 Reconed with myself and found myself to owe £23..10 in little dribbleing Cash debts and own 80 acres of land free and Clear of incumberance

October 25th 1791 Sold my farm to William Samson

December 9th 1791 my first Daughter was born and Called her name Amplias on Sunday November 15th 1791 Bought A Lot of Land in Bridgewater Winsor County of Esq. Hawkins 63 1/4 acres price 438

August 1st 1792 built A house and moved into it in Town aforesaid

(p.6) Aug. 1st 1791 My wife was taken sick with the Fever & Ague and after Geting well of that and being put to bed She had A Broken brest which was opened and broke in 13 places of which She did not recover untill about the 1st of August 1792

March 7th AD 1795 My Wife and Amplias was Taken Sick of an inflemetory Feaver the 11th the former Was put to bed with a son still born and fell into A Child bed Feever and lived untill the 20th when she Expired at 9 oClock A'M the 22nd was intered at 4 oClock P.M after having A Sermon preached Suitable to the ocation from Hebrews xii 5 by William Grow minaster of the Gospell

the 14th the Child was buryed Amplias began to Mend the 19th

She left the following Articles of Coathing

(p.7) 4 Gowns 2 Chince one Linin & worsted one Camblet half worn, one Red Broad Cloath Cloak, one Green Tabreen Skirt, Three Aprons one white & two Checked Linin, one old Chince Shall, four p^r of Linen Mitts & Gloves, Six p^r of Linen & Woolen hose, one p^r of Stays

all which articles are to be keept for Amplias Till She is big enough to Wear them March ye 26th AD 1795 aged 11 month Olive Died Daughter to Jed Damon September 3d 1792 Jedediah Damon was Married to Mary Southgoate

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THE PARTY

Plymouth Colony Records

(Source: Records of Plymouth Colony by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff. Repr. 1976)

(p.10)

PLYMOUTH REGISTER OF BIRTHS 1650

Apr. 7th, John, son of Steven Bryant Apr. 10th, Sara, daughter of Samuell Dunham May 14th, Mary, daughter of William Browne May 17th, Ephraim, son of Thomas Little June 2nd, Mercy, daughter of Robert Latham Aug. 12th, Jonathan, son of John Dunham, Jr. Aug. 15th, Josepth, son of Mr. John Rener Aug. 16th, Hester, daughter of John Cook Oct. 5th, William, son of William Harlow Oct. 17th, John, son of Samuell Sturtivant

Dec. 21st, John, son of John Morton Jan. 12th, Sara, daughter of Gorge Bonum

PLYMOUTH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES AND BURIALS 1650

Apr. 17th, Ralph Jones married to Mary Fuller

Apr. 22nd, Mother Feney, aged fourscore yeares and upward, died

June 9th, Moses, son of Thomas Savory, died July 25th, Robert Padduk, died

Aug. 18th, Mrs. Sara Holmes, died

Aug. 26th, Jonathan, son of John Dunham, died Oct. 26th, William, son of William Harlow, died

Oct. 30th, John, son of Samuell Sturtivant, died

Nov. 3rd, Thomas, son of Thomas Lettice, died Nov. 5th, Grigory Armstrong, died

Nov. 23rd, A daughter of Nathaniell Mortons, still born

Jan. 16th, Edward Gray married to Mary Winslow

Mar. 16th, Katheren Goulder, died Mar. 24th, Thomas Roberts married to Mary Padduk

PLYMOUTH REGISTER OF BIRTHS 1650

Feb. 28th, Joane, daughter of William Nellson

Feb. 24th, Baruch, son of John Jurdaine

Mar. 6th, Hope, daughter of Nathaniell Warren

Mar. 10th, Mercy, daughter of Robert Bartlet

Mar. 15th, Rebeckah, daughter of Ephraim Morton

SANDWICH REGISTER OF BIRTHS 1650

Nov. 13th, Mercy, daughter of Steven Winge Dec. 18th, Nathaniell, son of Jonathan Fish

Jan. 23rd, Dorithy, daughter of Thomas Butler

Jan. 30th, Judah, son of Gorge Allen

Mar. 20th, Adam, son of Peter Wright

Mar. 24th, Mary, daughter of James Skiffe

Mar. 24th, Mordecay, son of John Elles

SANDWICH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1650

Nov. 18th, Thomas Tobye and Marthay Knott

Mar. 24th, John Dillingham and Elizabeth Feake

YARMOUTH REGISTER OF BIRTHS 1650 (p.12)

June 21st, Sara Whilden Aug. 18th, Nicolas Eldred

Sept. 2nd, Daniell Baker

, Josepth Winge (about same time)

Oct. 5th, William Gray

Oct. 10th, Sara Eldred Dec. 11th, John Hallot

Dec. 18th, Martha Taylor Jan. 8th, Hester Mathues

Jan. 10th, Abijah Marchant

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WELCOME

Mr. John Bertram Turnbull, 3514 Lakeview Ave., Regina, Sask., S4S 1H2 (#135, #55,057, WARREN)

Ms. Louise A. McGillivray, Box 88, Gray, Sask., SOG 2AO (#136, #55,058, WARREN)

Mr. Cyril Edward Hanneberry, Site 6, Box 9, RR#5, Armdale, N.S., B3L 4J5 (#137, HOPKINS)

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert Whitla Richards (#85), 19 May 1989, Alberta Mrs. Edna L. Lifeso (#56), 10 Nov. 1989, Alberta

"And the winter broke and they looked in each other's faces, Remembering their dead,

And the birds sang very sweetly, that cold spring."

Stephen Vincent Benet, 1943



FROM THE GOVERNOR

Our Annual Dinner Meeting in November was a very successful and enjoyable event. We met at the Plaza II Hotel in Toronto and sat down to a delicious

meal of turkey with all the "fixins".

We were indeed fortunate to have Mr. Ian Wilson, Chief Archivist of Ontario, as our guest speaker. A report of his address will be found elsewhere in this newsletter, but I would like to thank Leon Warmski for arranging for Mr. Wilson to be in attendance.

During the business meeting two new members were elected to the Board of Assistants. Allyn Dean is our new Treasurer replacing Margaret Owen who served very ably in that post for many years. Margaret has agreed to stay on the Board and has assumed the duties of Corresponding Secretary.

The second addition was Susan Roser who became a member-at-large. Susan is the Editor of the Canadian Pilgrim and everyone is familiar with the consistently good job she does with each issue. As a member of the Board she will continue with her editorial duties.

A General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is held in Plymouth every three years. The next Congress will be from September 8-12, 1990. Any member of the General Society or of the Canadian Society is welcome to attend all or any part of the Congress.

Fall is a nice time of the year in New England. Perhaps some of you might consider arranging your vacation this year during September so that you can be there. My wife and I plan to attend and there will be other members of the Board making the trip as well. Please consider joining us.



Society News

FALL BANQUET REPORT

The Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner was held 18 November 1989 at the Plaza II Hotel in Toronto, with approximately 35 members and friends present.

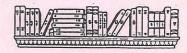
In the first matter of business, members present passed the amended by-laws as stated in the letter circulated on 30 October 1989, thereby taking our Society one step closer to becoming incorporated as a charitable organization.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Leon Warmski, read the committee's report, followed by the election of officers. The following will serve a three year term: Treasurer, Allyn Dean; Captain, Kate Berscht; Historian, Arthur Harris; Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Owen. Our Editor, Susan Roser, also "officially" joined the Board as member-at-large.

Following the traditional turkey dinner, Leon Warmski introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Ian Wilson, Archivist of Ontario. Mr. Wilson gave a very interesting talk on the importance of the Archives. It is not a "dry dusty catacomb" but a storehouse of original historical information. He pointed out we are sitting on a great treasure whose full potential is barely scratched. The Archives preserves records of everyday life in Canada with approximately 132,000 cu. feet of files and documents to which additions are constantly being made. Among others, records include maps, drawings, diaries, photographs, wills, land records, Eaton catalogues, letters, etc. Mr. Wilson observed that although we try to protect historical buildings from being demolished, we often as not forget to protect the documents which might be lost in the attics of the condemned buildings. He gave an example of a building in Kingston, once the residence of a photographer. Upon exploration of the attic they found glass plate negatives of pictures of Kingston residents, all labeled and identified. In a similiar case in another building were found architectural drawings of many Kingston buildings. Mr. Wilson then posed the question as to which was a higher priority, to preserve one building or the architectural drawings of many? The talk ended with a hope that someday towns, counties and cities would understand the necessity of creating and preserving their records and support the creation of archives to preserve these local records. All of these small, local archives could be linked by computer to enable them to be accessible to a greater number of people. In this way the Archives would gain the recognition and respect it deserves.



Library



Historian Arthur Harris has made the following editions to our Library. The books were presented to the Library by Deputy Gov. Marshall Dean.

- 1. The Mayflower Descendant, 39:1, 39:2.
- 2. Early Coburg, by Percy L. Chino, 1985
- 3. Coburg, 1798-1948, By Edwin C. Guillet, 1948
- 4. Taunton Mass., A Directory of Descendants, Old Colony Historical Society, 1989
- 5. New England's Victory at Louisburg, 1745, by Rev. Samuel Niles
- 6. The Canadian Heraldic Authority, Rideau Hall, Ottawa, 1988



PUBLICITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Society would like to organize a Public Relations Committee to promote the publicity of our Society. Ideally, we would like to include a member from each province who would be responsible for public relations in their province. Duties would include the distribution of Society pamphlets to genealogical societies and libraries in your province and contacting newspapers to print an item to inform others of our Society. Information and literature as well as assistance in developing ideas will be provided. Each

member will be expected to submit an annual report to the Committee Chairman detailing their progress, which in turn, will be printed in the Newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity for those who, because of distance, are not able to be involved with the administration of the Society. This is a project that cannot be carried out by one person in Ontario, we need the help of members across Canada. If you would like to serve on the committee, or serve as Chairman, please write the Editor. Until the position has been filled, Susan Roser will act as Publicity Chairman.

Dues

A reminder to those who have not already done so, 1990 membership dues are overdue. Please send your payment of \$17.50 to our new Treasurer.

Book reviews



FOR LOVE OF THE SEA: The Autobiography of Captain Robert H. Worthen as told to Marian L. Worthen

Robert Worthen was one of the last of the old-time Nova Scotia sea captains who regarded their ships as living, vibrant personalities and who saw the challenge of the sea as the highest adventure. He began his adventure as a boy in sail, inevitably transferring his affections to steam, and ending his career as a top marine executive of the Canadian National Railways. It was a career that reflected the struggles - and the joys - of Coasting Captains "all along shore."

FOR LOVE OF THE SEA is a sensitive account of a man and his ships during the first fifty years of this century. While still a cabin boy he sailed with a "Jonah" on a schooner; World War I put him on a "wood boat" instead of a destroyer; he saluted Lindbergh and the SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS from the bridge of a steamer and quelled a mob on a palatial yacht. He tells the inside story of the trauma of the M.V. BLUENOSE. And all that the sea has taught him culminates in an unusual rescue.

FOR LOVE OF THE SEA is a book of recollections for many Nova Scotians; illustrated with numerous photographs, it will interest anyone who savours the romance of ships and the sea.

(Editor's Note: Marian is a charter member of our Society and resides in Barrington Passage, N.S. I am sure many of our members and friends with Maritime roots will find this book fascinating. I myself have ordered a copy for my father who, although he now resides in Ontario, is a Cape Bretoner who comes from a long line of sea captains. A great gift idea and very reasonably priced at \$7.95. Orders may be placed through major bookstores or from Lancelot Press, Hantsport, N.S.)

ONCISE GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY

By Maurine and Glen Harris
ISBN 0-916489-06-X
272 pp.; Paperback; Product no. 130;
Price: \$10.95, Member's Price: \$9.00

Thousands of terms, many unfamiliar and obsolete, which a genealogist may come across in researching old records, are defined here. The words found in this guide are those you may come across in apprentice, church, census, tax, land, naturalization, immigration, and medical records, as well as in deeds, probates, civil registrations, and poll books, and have been collected by the authors over years of research.

Examples: grimgribber (lawyer); window peeper (local tax assessor); timwhiskey (light, one horse carriage with no top); window tax (tax begun in 1696 in England, which increased with number of windows in one's house; tallyman (person who sells goods on credit and is paid by installments); putrid fever (typhus fever or diptheria).

THEY CAME IN SHIPS

By John P. Coiletta, Fh.D.

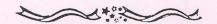
ISBN 0-916489-42-6 80 pp.; Paperback; Product no. 320; Price: \$5.95, Member's Price: \$5.00 Every ancestor's story is unique, so every search for an ancestor's ship is unique. By following the fundamental steps explained in this book, chances are good you will find your immigrant ancestor's name in the passenger list of the ship that brought him or her to America.

The author tells you what you need to know before beginning your search, as well as how to find this information. Then, in a step-by-step process, you are led to the sources themselves. Passenger lists, indexes, catalogs, etc., are described in detail; included is a select bibliography. The time period covered is for ships arriving between 1565 - 1954.

(Available from: Ancestry, Inc., Dep't. SRV, P.O. Box 538, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Canadian prices, incl. shipping & handling: Book #1 - \$17.00; Book #2 - \$10.25)

AUTHENTICITY A PRIORITY AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION

The Florida Newsletter tells us that Dr. Jeremy Bangs takes his job very seriously as Curator of Plimoth Plantation. An intensive study of 17th century architecture convinced Dr. Bangs that the village houses were inaccurately constructed. Hand-riven oak siding, insulated with mud and clay, form the framework of the new houses. Timber framed chimneys have been installed and windows and doors reshaped. Planks were sawn by the pit method where one man is in a pit and another above.



10TH ANNIVERSARY



1980 - 1990

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. Our "Founding Father" was Rev. J.S. McGivern who, with 29 charter members, formed our Society in 1980. We will be featuring our first 10 years in the fall issue, but we would now like to honor these charter members (some of whom are no longer with us) and thank them for giving us our "beginnings".

Charter Members

#1 Rev. J.S. McGivern, Toronto, Ont.	#16 Mr. Vance Pierce, Toronto, Ont.
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#8 Mrs. Richard Owen, Toronto, Ont.	#23 Mrs. Herman K. Schultz, Lowbanks, Ont.
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#10 Mr. G. Keith Bain, Toronto, Ont.	#25 Mrs. Abbe Thompson, Cambridge, Ont.
#11 Mrs. Rene Cadieux, Glenburnie, Ont.	#26 Mr. Clyde M. Soule, Guelph, Ont.
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#13 Miss Marian L. Worthen, Shelburne, N.S.	#28 Mr. Howard E. Warner, Ottawa, Ont.
#14 Mrs. B.E. Warmski, Oakville, Ont.	#29 Mr. H.W. Prince, Moncton, N.B.
#15 Mr. Leon S. Warmski, Oakville, Ont.	



The last Will and Testament Nunckupative of Mr. Willam Bradford senior; Deceased May the Ninth 1657 and exhibited to the court held att Plymouth June 3d 1657

Mr. Willam Bradford senior: being weake in body but in prfect memory haveing Defered the forming of his Will in hopes of haveing the healp of Mr Thomas Prence therin; feeling himselfe very weake and drawing on to the conclusion of his mortall life spake as followeth; I could have Desired abler than myselfe in the Desposing of that I have; how my estate is none knowes better then youerselfe, said hee to Lieftenant Southworth; I have Desposed to John and Willam alreddy theire proportions of land which they are possessed of;

My Will is that what I stand Ingaged to prforme to my Children and others may bee made good out of my estate that my Name Suffer not;

ffurther my Will is that my son Josepth bee made in some sort equall to his brethern out of my estate;

My further Will is that my Deare & loveing wife Allice Bradford shalbee the sole Exequitrix of my estate; and for her future maintainance my Will is that my Stocke in the Kennebecke Trad bee reserved for her Comfortable Subsistence as farr as it will extend and soe further in any such way as may bee Judged best for her;

I further request and appoint my welbeloved Christian ffrinds Mr Thomas Prence Captaine Thomas Willet and Lieftenant Thomas Southworth to bee the Suppervisors for the Desposing of my estate according to the prmises Confiding much in theire faithfulnes

I commend unto youer Wisdome and Discretions some smale books written by my owne hand to bee Improved as you shall see meet; In speciall I Comend to you a little booke with a blacke cover wherin there is a word to Plymouth a word to Boston and a word to New England with sundry usefull verses;

These pticulars were expressed by the said Willam Bradford Govr the 9th of May 1657 in the prsence of us Thomas Cushman Thomas Southworth Nathaniell Morton; whoe were Deposed before the court held att Plymouth the 3d of June 1657 to the truth of the abovesaid Will that it is the last Will & Testament of the abovesaid Mr Willam Bradford senior

(Plymouth Colony Wills & Inventories Vol. II, Part I, pp.53-59)

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1989

Bank Balance GIC Total as per December 31st, 1988 Statement \$7095.97

RECEIPTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1989

Annual Dues & Donations	\$1434.42	
Life Membership	175.00	
Sale of Library List	6.00	
GIC Bank Interest	701.94	2317.36
		\$9413.33
DISBURSEMENTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1989		
Postage	\$ 273.96	
Microfiche Reader	50.00	
Library	74.74	
Stationary, Printing, Photocopies	351.80	
Governor General's visit	249.75	
Audit Fee	10.00	
General Society dues	1072.95	
Alberta Colony	36.00	
Incorporation Fees	30.00	
Historian Fees	195.00	
Banquet (Net)	11.43	
Rental of Premises	60.00	
Gifts & Goodwill	18.00	
Bank Charges	5.04	2438.67
		\$6974.66
BALANCES		
Canada Trust Savings Acct.	\$1274.66	
Canada Trust GIC		
12% due March 1, 1990	1200.00	
10 1/2% March 3, 1991	1000.00	
10% June 24, 1991	1000.00	
10% June 28, 1992	1000.00	
11% Apr. 16, 1994	1000.00	
City Trust GIC		
10 1/4% June 4, 1993	500.00	\$6974.66

(Note: Investments represent pre-paid Life Memberships.)

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Editor's Note: Your comments are always appreciated. We welcome reader-submitted articles and news of members.

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