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Semi-Annual Meeting



DATE: 23 MAY 1992, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: CHP Heritage Centre (Cumberland Terrace, Upper Level)

Directions: North on Yonge St., west on Bloor, north on Bay - corner of Bay & Cumberland. (from Q.E.W.)

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Please note that this year's Spring Tea is being held in a different location from previous years. The entrance for the CHP Heritage Centre is on Bay St. just south of Cumberland. A parking garage is located nearby on Cumberland; for those coming by subway, there is the Bay/Bloor Station.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the showing of the video, "400th Anniversary of Pilgrim Governor William Bradford's Birth And Baptism In Austerfield, England". This celebration, which includes visits to historic sites, was filmed on 19 Mar. 1989 in England.

Please plan to attend - we'd love to see you.

Fire hits Plimoth Plantation

77 animals
perish in
barn fire
at Plimoth

February 21, 1992

Dear Friends of Plimoth Plantation,

As many of you are no doubt aware, during the early morning hours of February 18, a fast moving fire swept through the museum's two year old Agricultural Center, totally destroying the facility and all 77 animals inside. Within a matter of minutes, this devastating fire killed virtually all the animals which played such an important role in Plimoth Plantation's depiction of life in the early 17th century. Compounding this tragedy is the fact that these animals were representative of rare breeds which Plimoth Plantation had at great effort and expense collected and bred over a period of a decade.

Plimoth Plantation now needs your help in recovering from this catastrophic setback. Although the barn was totally insured, the additional costs of recouping our losses will be \$250,000. For this reason, we hope you will join the effort to rebuild the animal program by making a generous tax deductible contribution to the **Chance for Survival Fund** which has been established for this purpose.

Rebuilding our barn will be the easiest part of the challenge we now face. Far more difficult will be our efforts to acquire new animals - pigs, goats, cattle and sheep - to replace those lost in the fire and to rebuild our breeding program from scratch. We realize the process of recovering from our loss will be long and arduous. Nevertheless, proceed we must.

Please give the rare breeds we have been nurturing at Plimoth Plantation a second chance to survive.

Plimoth Plantation
P.O. Box 1620
Plymouth, MA
02362

Sincerely,

David Case

David K. Case
President

COMMITTEE TO SAVE SCROOBY MANOR

PO BOX 3297 Plymouth MA 02361



The old Manor House at Scrooby, England was the home of Elder William Brewster and meeting place of members of the Pilgrim Church. The current Manor House is the only surviving wing of the original great Manor. However, this remaining portion is in disrepair and in grave danger of being lost to history.

In January 1991 the Manor was declared unfit for habitation; the owners moved out that spring and today this historical landmark is sitting untended. After being turned down for grant-aid to refurbish the building, the owners applied to have it demolished. The only hope is that some groups and individuals could be persuaded to preserve the house for posterity.

Committee:

Caroline Lewis Kardell
Historian General,
Society of Mayflower
Descendants

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Plimoth Plantation

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Director,
Pilgrim Society

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Congregational Christian
Historical Society

Honorary Member:

Ralph J. Crandall
Director,
New England Historic
Genealogical Society

The Committee to Save Scrooby Manor has been formed to raise sufficient funds for the purchase and renovation of the Manor. This is a mammoth undertaking that will have no chance of succeeding unless all Mayflower descendants show their support by sending a donation. All donors will be apprised of the progress of the negotiations. In the event that insufficient funds are raised by the end of two fiscal years, donations will be refunded to the donors.

Scrooby Manor is perhaps the oldest remaining building to have known our Pilgrim ancestors. There are so few sites left today which have seen their faces, heard their voices, felt their emotions - what a shame if it were reduced to rubble because no one cared.



Plymouth Church Records



1707 (cont-d)

MEMBERS ADMITTED

Aug. 3rd - Bethiah, wife of Hezekiah Bosworth
 Aug. 3rd - Annah Norcutt, maiden
 Sept. 28th - Abigail, wife of aged James Cole (admitted in her old age)
 Nov. 16th - Hezekiah Bosworth
 Feb. 8th - Richard Seirs

CONTINUATION OF WOMEN ADDED TO YE CHURCH

Jedidah Harlow, wf of Thomas	Abigail Billington, wf of Francis
Mary Harlow, maiden	Joanna Harlow, wf of William
Mary Shurtleff, wf of Jabez	Mercy Spooner, wf of Ebenezer
Mary Curtice, wf of Ebenezer, dyed Mar. 1717/8	Elizabeth Phillips, maiden
Sarah Bartlett, wf of Benjamin	Sarah Nelson, maiden, since married Thomas Spooner
Elizabeth Torry, wf of Haviland	Bethia Barrow, wf of Robert

CONTINUATION OF MEN ADDED TO YE CHURCH

Maj. Isaac Lothrop	Joseph Churchill, Jr.
Haveland Torry	Jacob Cooke, Jr., dismissed
William Dunham	Charles Little, dismissed
William Harlow, Sr.	Samuel Totman
Thomas Howland	Nathaniel Thomas
John Thomas	Thomas Croade
Ebenezer Cobb	Robert Barrow
Thomas Bartlett	Isaac King
Nathaniel Clarke, dyed winter 1717/8	Ephraim Kempton (bpt. 17 Sept. 1721)
John Harlow	Samuel Kempton (bpt. 17 Sept. 1721)
Nathaniel Holmes	Judah West (bpt. 17 Sept. 1721)
John Watson	Richard Cooper

TRANSACTIONS

Apr. 16th - A General fast, our Army being then Embarking for La Accada and Nova Scotia under ye command of General March.
 Dec. 11th - Contribution for widdow Lydia Barrow - 3 pounds, 10 shillings

1708

PERSONS BAPTIZED

Mar. 28th - Silas, Seth, James, John & Mary, children of Richard Seirs
 Apr. 18th - Elizabeth, dau. of John & Mary Barns
 - John, son of Elisha & Sarah Holmes
 - Deborah, dau. of William & Hannah Ring
 - Richard, negroe man
 May 23rd - Margaret, dau. of Richard, negroe
 June 27th - Mary & Martha, twins of Richard, negroe
 July 4th - John, son of Mehetabell Briant
 Sept. 26th - Joseph, son of Nathaniel & Martha Howland



MEMBERS ADMITTED

Mar. 14th - Abraham Jackson, 80 yrs.
 Apr. 18th - Richard, negroe
 July 4th - Alice, dau. of Maj. John Bradford
 Sept. 26th - Joseph, son of Nathaniel & Martha Howland

(to be cont-d)

(Note: The Plymouth Church Records (beginning with 1667) have been printed continually in our Newsletter since 1982. Since 1988 they have been printed alternately with the Plymouth Colony Records.)



Welcome Aboard!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members into our Society:

Ms. Elizabeth Doe, 10 Eisenhower Cres., Nepean, Ont. K2J 3Z8 (#149, #57277, SOULE)
 Mr. M. Keith Goodrich, 157 Rochester Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4N 1P2 (#150, #57278, COOKE)
 Mr. Robert M. Cruikshank, 500 Duplex Ave. #1903, Toronto, Ont. M4R 1V6 (#151, #30239, FULLER)
 Ms. E. Ann Murphy, 1308 Acadia Dr. S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2J 2V9 (#152, #57668, WARREN)
 Ms. Beverly M. Oswald, 1225-20th St. West, Vancouver, B.C. V7P 3Z4 (#153, #57669, PRIEST)

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MEMBERSHIP

In the course of his many duties which include, in part, collecting dues and sending out membership cards, Treasurer Allyn Dean provides us with the following data:

<u>Members</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>Membership Distribution</u>			
Life	50	54	B.C.	11	Que.	3
Paid for next yr.	22	16	Alta.	23	N.B.	5
Not paid for next yr.	41	43	Sask.	4	N.S.	6
Not paid for current yr.	2	6	Ont.	58	PEI	1
Total	115	119				

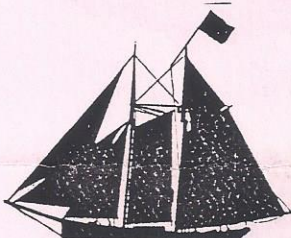
GOVERNOR GENERAL

to attend

FALL BANQUET

NOVEMBER 14th, 1992

The Board of Assistants is thrilled to announce that Governor General Mildred Ramos has most graciously accepted our invitation to attend our Fall Banquet as our Guest Speaker. Details to follow in the Fall.



FROM THE GOVERNOR

I am very pleased to have been elected to be your Governor. I look forward to doing my best to promote the interests of our Society and to helping our capable Board of Assistants to carry out their tasks.

Looking ahead to this year's activities, we are making plans for the visit of Miss Mildred Ramos, Governor General to be our guest speaker at our Fall Compact meeting. In connection with her visit we hope to have a surprise in store! We will keep you posted.

We have been looking for a suitable venue for our Spring Tea in May. Unfortunately the traditional location for our Tea is not available to us this year, however we have found an alternate site and have made arrangements at the CHP Heritage Center in Toronto.

I am hoping to attend the annual meeting of the General Board of Assistants to be held later this year in Virginia.

Best wishes for a happy and successful 1992!

Leon S. Warmski,

Governor

Society News



The Howard Johnson Hotel in Oakville, Ont. was the location of our Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner held November 14th, 1991.

Governor Keith Bain opened the meeting and welcomed approximately 37 members & friends. We all appreciate the fine job Keith has done in the past three years as his term as Governor comes to an end.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read with those nominated being elected. Our new Governor is Leon S. Warmski. Deputy Governor Marshall Dean and

Elder Ruth Ferguson both return for a three year term. A nomination from the floor adds Robert Cruickshank to the Board to fill the Member-at-Large position vacated by Mr. Warmski.

Captain Kate Berscht read the Mayflower Compact with Corresponding Secretary Deborah Clarke conducting the Mayflower Roll Call. Editor Susan Roser explained the story behind the five kernels of corn at each plate. Following a delicious chicken dinner those present enjoyed a slide presentation by newly elected Governor and Archivist, Leon Warmski, entitled "Treasures From The Archives of Ontario". The Archives has been preserving Ontario's heritage since 1903 and has acquired a vast array of materials. The collections include paintings, watercolors, photographs, newspapers, architectural drawings, maps, letters, diaries, scrapbooks - just to name a few. In appreciation of this fascinating insight into the Archives' collections, Leon was presented with a Mayflower tie.

This first attempt at having an Annual Meeting outside of Toronto was quite successful. Those present agreed that the Oakville location was easier to get to with no traffic and parking problems.



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The primary purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to disseminate information on the society to those who may qualify for membership and to the general public; in order to create a general awareness of the Society and its work. The following are some of the activities over the past year:

1. Distributed Society brochures to libraries, historical & genealogical societies and archives
2. Conducted a newspaper blitz to the 110 daily newspapers in Canada. A short informational piece "Are You A Pilgrim" was sent to each paper. Some 85 responses were received and membership packages sent out as necessary.
3. Contacted radio stations in an attempt to get publicity.

At the present time the Chairman has assistance in only two Provinces. It is the intent to have one or more people in each Province to carry on the work which can only be done locally. If you are interested in helping out in this work please contact the Chairman.

Two videos (VCR) are available for loan. These are "Plimoth Plantation" and "Mayflower Story". Why not borrow these videos and show them to friends and relatives.

Paul Hill,
Chairman



-- DUES -- DUES -- DUES --

A reminder that 1992 membership dues were due 29 Nov. 1991. If you have not yet paid, please send the \$20.00 fee to Treasurer Allyn Dean.

Why not consider a Life Membership, the one time fee is only \$200.00 and you never pay dues again!

NEW FAMILY SOCIETY

Descendants of Dr. Samuel and Edward Fuller who are interested in forming a family society may contact: Mary Lee Merrill, HCR 69, Box 675, Friendship, Maine 04547, phone: (207) 832-7298.

Anniversaries

500 yrs. ago - 1492 **Columbus**, upon sailing the blue, landed at Cuba, thought it was China, and never realized he had found something new. It was Amerigo Vespucci who, after voyages in 1499 and 1502 announced to the world that there was a large land mass across the Atlantic - and it wasn't the Far East. Thus we live in North America - not North Columbus.

350 yrs. ago - 1642 Almost - but not quite - as old as Plymouth, **Montreal** was settled in 1642. It was founded in 1535 by Jacques Cartier who named the small mountain in the center of the island Mont Réal (Mount Royal).

300 yrs. ago - 1692 **Plymouth's** hopes for a royal charter were dashed when it was officially annexed to the British Province of Massachusetts Bay in 1692. This new charter included the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Plymouth Colony, Maine, Nova Scotia, Elizabeth Island, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

The government of Plymouth Colony came to an end with the following in office: Thomas Hinckley, Governor; William Bradford, Deputy Governor; Samuel Sprague, Secretary; William Bradford, Treasurer; Thomas Faunce, Town Clerk; Ephraim Morton & Joseph Warren, Representatives to the General Court.

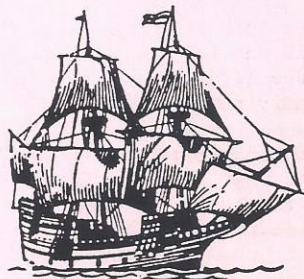
300 yrs. ago - 1692 **Salem, Mass.** was not a particularly pleasant place to live in 1692. For those who were old and perhaps a little eccentric, or even those who had a tendency to speak their minds in public - these people were in constant danger. They lived with the daily terror of wondering if the next knock on the door meant a trip to the gallows. See pg. 7 for story.

125 yrs. ago - 1867 On 28 Mar. 1867 the British North America Act was passed and four months later on July 1st the newly formed **Dominion of Canada** was first celebrated. Our designation as a "Dominion" was suggested by Sir Leonard Tilley who found the following in the 72nd Psalm:

"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river into the ends of the earth."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!!!

NEW MAYFLOWER BOOK PUBLISHED



Mayflower - 1620

Mayflower Births & Deaths, a two volume set written by Susan E. Roser will be available for purchase by the time you receive this newsletter. Vol. 1 contains the descendants of 12 Mayflower families, John Alden thru Samuel Fuller while Vol. 2 continues with 11 families, Stephen Hopkins thru Edward Winslow (525pp. & 548 pp.) Births & deaths of approx. 50,000 ancestors have been transcribed from the **Bowman Files**, as well as numerous references to deeds & land records, wills & probate records, epitaphs & place of burial, cause of death, occupation, address, etc. Sources are used extensively and in many cases have been added if Bowman was lacking. Lines of descent are shown for both Mayflower and non-Mayflower names. Both volumes are fully indexed. For further info & price, write to the Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202.

Noodling with Numbers

MASSOG, a Genealogical Magazine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, carried this helpful tip for figuring a birth date from a gravestone inscription. Using the 8870 formula to ascertain a birth date can be a tremendous help to the genealogist when checking tombstone dates. If a tombstone records that a person died May 6, 1889 and was 71 years, 7 months and 9 days old, but no date of birth is listed, in order to correctly arrive at the birthdate, one has only to use the 8870 formula to quickly get the date of birth rather than taking time to count backward. An example follows:

	18890506	Died 1889 May 6	
subtract	- 710709	71 yrs, 7 mos, 9 days	
	18179797		
subtract	- 8870	Constant	
	18170927	Born 1817 Sept. 27	

Count up your relatives

By Kathryn MacKay
STARSHIP SPECIAL

Canadians often have relatives scattered all over the world. Most people don't know exactly how many people there are in their whole family - cousins, second cousins, aunts-in-law and so on all add up to a vast number.

Here is a way to figure out exactly how many brothers, sisters, and grandparents people have. Ask some friends to do the following equations in secret. Most answers will have three numbers. The first number equals how many brothers

they have, the second the number of sisters, and the third, the number of grandparents. If an answer has just two numbers, that means the person has no brothers.

Ask people to write down:

1. The numbers of brothers they have.
2. Multiply by 2.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 5.
5. Add the number of sisters they have.
6. Multiply by 10.
7. Add the number of grandparents.
8. Subtract 150.

Now, tell them how many brothers, sisters, and grandparents they have!

PART I

"It pleased God in the Year of our Lord 1692 to visit the People at a Place called Salem Village in New-England, with a very sore and Grievous Affliction..."

Deodat Lawson, 1692

This "Grievous Affliction" was witchcraft which, in a few short months in 1692, divided the village of Salem, turning neighbour against neighbour and in some cases saw family members accusing each other. Everyone lived in a constant state of fear, wondering with dread who would be the next unfortunate soul to be accused. Those arrested and held in jails included a five year old girl and pregnant and elderly infirm women. When the hysteria finally came to an end, 200 had been accused and imprisoned. 50 of these had confessed to being witches which spared them execution, 8 were awaiting execution and 19 who had refused to confess were hung, with one man pressed to death.

In most cases the accusations were instigated by a small group of village girls who, after a very long and dreary winter, found a way to add a little excitement to their lives. They were soon referred to as the "afflicted" as they pretended to be bewitched, having seizures & fits at will. When their Elders began pressing them to name who was responsible for bewitching them, they had no choice but to comply, or else face punishment themselves for their deplorable behaviour. They soon became the center of attention, fully realizing the power they held over the lives of everyone around them.

Thus began the accusations against innocent people which led to their arrest. Trials were conducted without benefit of defence counsel. The afflicted were present, carrying on with their fits and foolish behaviour while witnesses took advantage of their chance to get back at the accused for every slight - imagined or real - that had occurred against them over the years. Some also testified out of fear; if they did not show support to the afflicted they might find themselves accused. It was the responsibility of the accused to provide a logical explanation for the behaviour of the afflicted and the accusations of the witnesses; failure to do so was an admission of guilt.

Ironically, those who denied the charges were sentenced to hang while those who confessed to being a witch were spared. Of the 50 who confessed, not one was executed. It was believed that if a witch confessed she could deny Satan, see the error of her ways and be brought back into the fold. Although the 20 who were executed could have saved their lives by confessing, it was very difficult for a true Christian to admit to allegiance to Satan. In fact, some of those who did were so troubled in conscience that they retracted their confessions and were subsequently hung.

It soon became apparent that every person who had been accused, had been found guilty. Some felt the only way to save their lives was to escape, leave the area until the madness abated. For some this worked, while others were tracked down and apprehended by the authorities. One "worthy Gentleman" of Boston who was in hiding, sent a Writ to arrest his accusers in a 1,000 pound action for defamation. This action helped stop the accusations at nearby Andover.

By April 1693 it was the beginning of the end for the afflicted who were beginning to carry things just a little too far as they started accusing the wrong people. Accusations against the family of ministers and judges involved in the trials began, but it was the accusation against the Governor's wife that brought an end to the nonsense.

It took four years for the initial shock of this tragedy to wear off. On 14 Jan. 1697 a Day of Prayer & Fasting was observed throughout the colony as a humble apology to God. This same day at the South Meeting House in Boston, Judge Samuel Sewall acknowledged his guilt in the proceedings, desiring "to take the Blame and shame of it". The Salem jurors begged forgiveness from those they had harmed and the families of those executed forced Samuel Parris to leave his ministry at Salem Church. Wrote Robert Calef in 1697, "It must be said of New England, Thou hast destroyed thy self".

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Part II will discuss the cases of some of those who were hung as witches. The 20 who were executed were: Bridget Bishop, Sarah Good, Rebecca Nurse, Susannah Martin, Elizabeth How, Sarah Wildes, George Burroughs, John Proctor, John Willard, George Jacobs, Martha Currier, Giles & Martha Cory, Mary Eastey, Alice Parker, Ann Pudeater, Margaret Scott, Wilmet Redd, Samuel Wardwell, Mary Parker.

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT



Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1991
(Incl. comparison to 1990 figures)

<u>STARTING BALANCE as at Jan. 1st</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>(1990)</u>
Bank Accounts & GIC's	\$9017.55	\$6974.66
Petty Cash	50.00	
Total	<u>\$9067.55</u>	<u>\$6974.00</u>
 <u>RECEIPTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1991</u>		
Annual Dues	\$1250.00	\$1016.00
Donations	298.00	79.85
Life Memberships	2400.00	2100.00
Library Lists		22.00
Initiation & Historical Fees	566.00	392.50
GIC & Bank Interest	918.38	428.87
Total	<u>\$5432.38</u>	<u>\$4388.87</u>
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1991</u>		
Postage	\$ 206.60	\$ 364.34
Library	265.91	108.74
Stationery Printing	120.06	94.31
Audit Fee		10.00
General Society Dues	1229.22	916.19
Alberta Colony		36.00
Incorporation Fees	30.00	30.00
Historian Fees	198.00	75.00
Banquet Loss	17.99	19.80
Rental Premises	137.80	40.00
Gift & Goodwill	28.99	55.70
Bank Charges	3.10	19.09
Newsletter	338.88	494.81
Publicity	310.15	
Total	<u>\$2887.70</u>	<u>\$2245.98</u>
Starting Balance plus Receipts minus Disbursements	<u>\$11612.23</u>	<u>\$9017.55</u>
 <u>FINISH BALANCES</u>		
Bank Accounts	\$2219.23	\$ 817.55
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Canada Trust GIC:		
10.5% due 3 Mar. 1991		1000.00
10% due 24 June 1991		1000.00
10% due 26 June 1992	1000.00	1000.00
11% due 16 Apr. 1994	1000.00	1000.00
First City GIC:		
10.25% due 4 June 1993	500.00	500.00
TD Bank GIC:		
11.25% due 5 Mar. 1991		1500.00
11.75% due 2 Jan. 1992	1125.00	1125.00
11.25% due 22 Nov. 1991		1025.00
8.25% due 1 Aug. 1992	1700.00	
8.75% due 19 Apr. 1992	4000.00	
Total	<u>\$11612.23</u>	<u>\$9017.55</u>
Life memberships & donations not yet in GIC's as received too late	1908.00	385.00

Submitted by L. Allyn Dean, Treasurer

