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LETTER TO MEMBERS

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EDITOR NEEDED - ANYWHERE IN CANADA

We are in danger of losing our only line of communication, our newsletter, "Canadian Pilgrim". As reported in the Spring newsletter, I resigned as Editor in January. In finding someone to take over the job we had initially asked for a volunteer in the Toronto area who could attend Board meetings however, we have had no volunteers.

Since we are aware of the possibility that we may have interested members in other parts of Canada, with good lines of communication we see no reason why a member living elsewhere in Canada could not carry out the duties of Editor.

If you would like the challenge of improving what we already have (had) and producing a good quality newsletter, please contact me by phone: (905) 875-4051 or mail: Susan E. Roser, 4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1.

ANNUAL MEETING & FALL BANQUET

Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1995

Our 15th Annual Meeting & Compact Luncheon will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Angus Rd., Oakville, Ont. Cash bar & social hour at 12:00 p.m. with the luncheon following at 1:00 p.m. The price per person is \$24.00 (all inclusive) and the menu will be a hot & cold buffet including "turkey & the fixings".

We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker, Ms. Dorothy Duncan, President of the Ontario Historical Society. Elections will take place with the following Board positions up for election: Historian, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Member-at-large position. Members are encouraged to bring family or friends as their guests.

Reservations are imperative so that we know how many to plan for and should be sent with your remittance no later than Oct. 30th to our Treasurer, L. Allyn Dean, 86 Constance St., Toronto Ont. M6R 1S6.

Directions: From Q.E.W. or 401, take Trafalgar Rd. South; Angus Rd./S. Service Rd. is the first right after the Q.E.W. overpass; the hotel can be seen on the south side of the Q.E.W.

The Howard Johnson has plenty of free parking. The Oakville Go Station on Cross Ave. is a 5 minute walk north to the hotel. (Howard Johnson: (905) 842-4780.)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The weather was perfect for this year's Spring Tea on May 13th. It was nice to see our members enjoy themselves.

The 375th Anniversary of the Pilgrim's Landing in Plymouth was well attended. Included were Canadian members from Ontario: Harry Mutton and wife (Peterborough), Susan Roser and family (Milton) plus yours truly and wife Lorraine (Toronto). The Mayflower II's entrance through the lifting fog and subsequent parade of Historic Regiments were exciting to behold. The landing from the shallop in front of Plymouth Rock with prayerful thanks was a blessed sight and quite moving.

We look forward to a good turnout at the Fall Banquet on November 25th at the Howard Johnson's Plaza Hotel in Oakville.

- Robert M. Cruikshank,
Governor

B.C. COLONY

The B.C. Colony has its first list of officers as follows: R. George Baldwin as Regent, George S. Lydiard as Vice Regent & Historian and Karen Johnson as Secretary & Treasurer. Although they have the names & addresses of our 17 B.C. members, if you live in B.C. why not drop them a line to show your support? <R. George Baldwin, 1200 Island Park Walk, Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3T4>

UNHAPPY WITH YOUR MAYFLOWER QUARTERLIES?

We have heard from many of our members who are not pleased with the lateness of their issues of the Mayflower Quarterly. As we all know, this has been an ongoing problem for years (not only in Canada but in the U.S. as well) and we have brought this matter to the attention of the General Society several times in the past. While occasionally we receive an issue by two months after its month of issue (i.e. Feb. in April) it generally takes three months or longer (i.e. Feb. in May or June) to reach us. We have recently learned that many of our members have not yet (as of 15th Sept.) received their May issues.

Although the General Society is aware of the problem and has no doubt attempted to find a solution, results have not been forthcoming. Rec. Secretary, Deborah Clarke asks that members write to her stating their dissatisfaction with the lateness by Nov. 25th. She will then gather up all the letters received and mail them together to the appropriate General Society officer. <Ms. Deborah M. Clarke, 38 Dennett Dr., Agincourt, Ont.M1S 2E7>

CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

This new membership certificate has been specially designed for Canadian Mayflower descendants and contains the Canadian Society seal, signatures of the Canadian Governor & Historian, member's name & ancestor, Canadian & General numbers, approval date and specifies life or annual member. This attractive certificate (8 1/2 x 11) suitable for framing is the perfect mate to compliment your General Society certificate. To order, please write your name the way you would like it to appear and send with your payment of \$5.00 to our Historian: Mrs. Susan E. Roser, 4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING & SPRING TEA

This year the Spring Tea was held at the Eglinton Baptist Church in Toronto. After a few words of welcome, Governor Robert Cruikshank conducted a brief business meeting.

Governor's Report. Mr. Cruikshank said he was pleased to announce that our Society is continuing to grow. In January the Board of Assistants approved the charter of the British Columbia Colony and that today its By laws were passed. George Baldwin is to be Regent of the new B.C. Colony. Mr. Cruikshank went on to remind the members that with the resignation of Mrs. Susan Roser and Mr. Arthur Harris as editor and librarian we are in need of volunteers for these positions. He pointed out that at present no new books can be placed in the library since our catalogue is not on the computer and there will be no newsletter in the fall.

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Allyn Dean pointed out that each time we acquire a new member it costs us \$45.00, and out of the \$25.00 yearly membership fee per member, \$11.00 (Can.) must be sent to Plymouth in annual dues.

Publicity Report. Publicity Chairman Mr. Paul Hill states the society needs publicity if it is to grow. He intends to place a notice on our society in 125 major newspapers across Canada. He also hopes to be able to get some time on the local cable TV station before Thanksgiving.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Roser announced that 4 new members have joined the Society this year. She is in the process of going through her files and writing (once again) the 160 people who expressed interest in the society after our last publicity drive, but who for some reason or another did not follow through with their applications. Mrs. Roser announced that new biographies on Robert Cushman and George Soule have been published. She hopes to purchase these books during her visit to Plymouth this summer. Mrs. Roser pointed out that since this is the 375th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival in Plymouth, it would be well worth our members' time to plan a trip to Plymouth and join in the festivities planned. These events include a re-enactment of the landing of the Pilgrims and a Historic Regiments Parade.

After the conclusion of the business part of the meeting the movie, "Plimouth Plantation" was shown. Much has been said about this re-enactment of life in Plymouth in the year 1627. The film points out the great care which has gone into making every detail authentic from the accents of the pilgrim actors, to the buildings, tools, crops, livestock and clothes. This attention to authenticity has sometimes involved using 17th century techniques to make items. People who have visited Plimouth Plantation doubly enjoyed the film which looked behind the scenes and those who had never been look forward to doing so some day. After the showing of the video members enjoyed a delightful tea, renewed old acquaintances and met new Mayflower cousins. Many members were disappointed not to see Mr. Marshall Dean who unfortunately was not able to attend the meeting.

-Deborah Clarke,
Recording Secretary

DUES...DUES...DUES...DUES

A reminder that your 1996 membership dues of \$25 are due by Nov. 30th and may be sent to our Treasurer, Allyn Dean (address on pg. 1).

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The fall rush has started! The second half of the year is usually much busier as I hear from more applicants and those already working on lineages finally get it all together. I look forward to reporting a good number of new members in the spring '96 newsletter.

There are currently (as of 15 Sept.) five applications in Plymouth (probably more by the time you read this), most of whom should be approved by the end of September. At present we have seven new members to welcome into our Society:

- #218, Gwendolyn Gogolinski, P.O.Box 39, Orion, AB TOK 1S0 (Hopkins)
- #219, E. Minetta Higginbotham, #103-25 Napier St., Collingwood, ONT L9Y 4K7 (Howland)
- #220, Kaaren Matthews, Box 1863, Cardston, AB TOK OKO (Warren)
- #221, Edward Morrisey, 106 Spring Ave., Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4C5 (Winslow)
- #222, Doreen Corbett, 16090 16th Ave., White Rock, B.C. V4A 1S5 (Brewster)
- #223, Robert W. White, 3468 Chesterfield Ave., N. Vancouver, B.C. V7N 3N3 (Brewster)
- #224, Gerald Taylor, 612-511 The West Mall, Etobicoke, ONT M9C 1G5 (Howland)

LIBRARIAN NEEDED

We are still searching for a volunteer for this job OR at least someone who can assist us by computer cataloguing our books at the North York Library. We are really getting desperate! For the past two years we have been unable to add books to our collection due to the library's policy. We would greatly appreciate someone's help!

FALL ELECTIONS

Elections for positions which expire in 1995 will be held at the Fall Banquet. The Nominating Committee (Myrna Geldart, Marshall Dean, Deborah Clarke) have submitted the following slate of nominees:

Historian: Susan Roser	Treasurer: Allyn Dean
Corr. Secretary: Judy Galvin	Member at large: Mary Nicols

375th ANNIVERSARY IN PLYMOUTH

Plymouth was certainly jumping the weekend of July 22nd 1995! Several events took place in celebration of the 375th Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims and there was no shortage of tourists who came to witness them.

The festivities began Friday July 21st with the "Pilgrim's Progress" (costumed "Pilgrims") marching up Leyden St., to the occasional beat of the drum, where they entered the Church of the Pilgrimage and proceeded to re-enact the last prayer service held in Leiden, Holland on 21 July 1620.

Sunday July 23rd began with the Mayflower II arriving (under tow) in Plymouth harbour about 9:15 a.m. Unfortunately the fog lifted after its arrival which meant we didn't spot the ship until it was well into the harbour. Instead of going down to the dock I decided to film the arrival from the third floor balcony of my hotel room which faced the harbour.

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Not being a very "nautical" person, at one point while we were watching for the arrival I noticed a large mast thru the fog and excitedly pointed out to my neighbours (Connecticut member John Bradford Towle and Dep. Governor of CT, John Adams Ricketts) that I had spotted the Mayflower. We got out the binnoculars for a closer look and the Mayflower II it wasn't - it was the "Sammy B", a much smaller boat!

The Historic Regiments Parade at noon was fascinating to watch as we saw regiments, in full uniform, beginning from the time period of the Pilgrims. Following the parade, the thousands of spectators crowded the shoreline and rocks around Plymouth Rock to view the re-enactment of the Pilgrim's landing. The shallop was rowed up to the shore directly in front of Plymouth Rock where four "Pilgrims" disembarked - to the enthusiastic cheering of the crowd.

These and other events will no doubt be covered in the Aug. issue of the Mayflower Quarterly. At our Spring Tea in '96 we will be showing a video of footage I took of these events as well as some of the sights in and around Plymouth.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Robert Bartlett and Robert Cushman

The General Society has published a biography on Robert Cushman whose son Thomas married Mayflower passenger Mary Allerton. Since Robert played such a large part in the preparations for the Mayflower's voyage this book will also interest those who do not claim him as an ancestor. <Robert Cushman of Kent, by Robert E. Cushman & Franklin P. Cole, 1995>

Also by the General Society is the first four generations of Robert Bartlett who married Mary Warren, daughter of Mayflower passenger Richard Warren. Compiled in the same format as the MFIP series, the Bartlett line is carried one generation further than will be found in the Warren MFIP. <Mayflower Families In Progress, Robert Bartlett Of The "Anne" and his Descendants for Four Generations, by Robert S. Wakefield, 1995>

Check your Mayflower Quarterly for details on purchasing the above two books.

Mayflower Increasesings

Susan Roser has revised "Mayflower Increasesings" which was first published in 1989. The first three generations of each passenger are covered with more extensive genealogical details and sources including will & probate transcriptions and full data (i.e. parentage & additional marriages) for the non-Mayflower spouses. Sources accompany each date or event and the book is indexed. Included are Gov. Bradford's passenger list and his increasesings & decreasesings and the 1627 Cattle Division. Available from: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (\$20.00 U.S.). <Mayflower Increasesings, 2nd Edition, by Susan E. Roser, 1995>

Barrington N.S. Township Records

Families from New England first settled in Barrington Township c1760-1761 so this book of vital records (beginning in 1761) covers many Mayflower descendants. The cost is \$25.00, plus \$2.00 post. & handling and is available from: Shelburne Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 248, Shelburne, N.S. BOT 1W0.

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Family History News...

This new Canadian publication is gearing up for its first issue which is expected out in November. We will report more on "Family History News..." in the spring once we have had a chance to see the finished product. For more information and perhaps a sample copy, contact: Ms. Trish Hopkins, Editor, 525 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa, Ont. L1G 5R4.

QUERY - DOTYS OF NEW YORK

James Doty/Dotten was born 15 Dec. 1751, Westchester NY, signed up with the British army at Philipsburg, NY and was in Nova Scotia by 1783 where he settled in the Wallace Bay/Remsheg area. Who were his parents??? <replies may be sent to Historian, Susan Roser, address on pg. 1>

FAMILY SOCIETIES

Those wishing to join their ancestor's family society may write to the following for information on membership:

The Alden Kindred of America
c/o Ellen Hagney, Director
306 Winter St.
Duxbury, MA 02332

The Gov. William Bradford Compact
c/o Mrs. L.W. Pogue, Historian
5204 Kenwood Ave.
Chevy Chase MD 20815

The Elder Wm. Brewster Society
c/o Mrs. Bette Bradway, Historian
1119 Hedgewood Lane
Niskayuna NY 12309-4602

The Pilgrim Edward Doty Society
c/o Mary Lee Merrill, Memb.Chariman
HCR69, Box 675
Friendship ME 04547

The Fuller Society (as above)

The Pilgrim John Howland Society
c/o Mrs. Bernard Elfring, Registrar
65 North St.
Yarmouth ME 04096

Thomas Rogers Society, Inc.
c/o Mrs. George Frederick, Pres.
1208 Maple Ave.
Evanston IL 60202-1217

Soule Kindred In America, Inc.
c/o Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer
53 New Shaker Rd.
Albany NY 12205-3615

The Warren Cousins
c/o Lura N. Sellow
30 Gurney St.
E. Providence RI 02914

(Warren) Desc. of Robert Bartlett
c/o G. Gordon Bartlett, Jr.
98 Summersea Rd.
Mashpee MA 02649