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ANNUAL MEETING

16 Nov. 1996
6:00 p.m.

The 16th Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner will be held at the Best Western (formerly the Primrose Hotel where we held our 1990 meeting), 111 Carlton St., Toronto, in the Royal Pheasant Room. [Carlton & Jarvis]

Guest Speaker: MR. ERNEST BUCHNER

TOPIC: "The Pilgrim Society, Keepers of the Past For the Future"

Mr. Buchner is Heritage Coordinator for the City of Etobicoke and Director of Montgomery's Inn, and former Director of the Pilgrim Society. [See *Profiles*, pg. 4.]

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Contributions of Mayflower & Pilgrim related articles & news of members is welcomed.

17th Century Music

Songs both enchanting and haunting were part of a rich musical landscape in England in the first part of the 17th century. Join us as we present Katherine Hill, soprano and John Edwards, lute in a recital of songs & dances which may very well have been familiar to the ears of the Mayflower pilgrims. [See *Profiles*, pg. 4]

The cost for this remarkable evening is a bargain! Where else could you get a delicious turkey dinner, a talk on a subject of interest to us all - and - music from the time period of our ancestors - all for only \$35.00 per person!

Reservations & remittance must be received no later than October 30th and may be sent to our Treasurer, Mr. L. Allyn Dean, 86 Constance St., Toronto, Ont. M6R 1S6.

\$\$\$ DUES NOTICE \$\$\$

A reminder that 1997 dues of \$25 are due by November 30th. Payment may be sent to Mr. Dean above.

We still have members who have not paid their 1995 and/or 1996 dues. Any member who has not paid dues for two years will be dropped from our membership.

GIFTS FOR MEMBERS

In celebration of the General Society's 100th Anniversary in 1997, we are running a "membership drive" to the end of 1997.

Do you know of a relative, friend or "pen pal cousin" (or all three?) who has a Mayflower line and could be a potential member? Have your applicant(s) contact our Historian, Susan Roser or send his/her name & address before 31 Dec. 1997. If your suggested applicant follows through with the membership & documentation requirements and is approved by Plymouth, you will receive a small gift as a token of appreciation from the Society! (These gifts have been purchased in Plymouth so will surely be of interest to our members.)

CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

A reminder that Canadian certificates are available to members for \$5.00. They are suitable for framing and contain the member's name, ancestor, Canadian & General #'s, date of joining and signature of the Canadian Governor and Historian. Payment may be sent to the Historian along with your name written the way you would like it to appear.

Belated Happy Birthday!!



Alberta member, Charles Baker turned 96 in April! Charles was born in Iowa in 1899 and joined our Society in 1986. He is very proud of his Mayflower heritage and is quite possibly our most senior member. Keep those nurses on their toes Charles!

DID YOU KNOW?

John Alden received a 100 acre grant of land in Duxbury and by 1632 had built a house. In 1653 son Jonathan built a house near the site of John's and it is this 2nd house that can still be seen today. John & Priscilla had 10 (or 11) children, 68 grandchildren, 400 great-grandchildren and nearly 1,000 great-great-grandchildren! John was the last survivor of the signers of the Mayflower Compact.



William Bradford was well respected throughout New England. Cotton Mather wrote of his death, "he fell into an indisposition of body which rendered him unhealthy for a whole winter, and as Spring advanced his health yet more declined...He died lamented by all the Colonies of New England as a common blessing and Father to them all".

Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland is the only Pilgrim buried in what is now, Rhode Island. In 1946 a tombstone was erected by the Pilgrim John Howland Society and the following passage from her will was enscribed on the stone: "It is my will and charge to all my children that they walk in ye feare of ye Lord and in love and peace towards each other".

<The Howland Quarterly, vol.61,no.2>

Plymouth was first recognized as a town by the General Court on 28 Oct. 1633 when an order was passed making the town of Plymouth the seat of colonial government. Town records were not begun until 1636 and the town boundaries were not fixed until 2 Nov. 1640.

<Records of the Town of Plymouth 1:x>

[Source: Records of Plymouth Colony by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, repr. 1976. The numbering in the original records, e.g. <PCR 8:19> is included. We began these records in the Spring 1987 newsletter (with the year 1633) and they are printed alternately with the Plymouth Church Records which we last printed in Spring 1995. The following is continued from the Fall 1994 newsletter.]

BEIRTHES OF CHILDREN (Scituate)

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Hannah, dau of Henery Ewill, born 22 June 1649
 Gershom, son of Henery Ewill, born 14 Nov. 1650
 Hannah, dau of William Hatch, born 13 Mar. 1650
 Deborah, dau of John Damman, born 25 Apr. 1645
 John, son of John Damman, born 3 Nov. 1647
 Mary, dau of John Damman, born in July 1651
 Daniell, son of John Damman, born in Feb. 1652
 Zacaryah, son of John Damman, born & dec. in Feb. 1649
 Willam, son of Willam Randall, born in Dec. 1647
 John, son of Willam Randall, born in April 1650
 Elizabeth, dau of William Randall, born in Oct. 1652
 Mary, dau of Willam Parker, born 1 Jan. 1639
 Willam, son of Willam Parker, born in Dec. 1643
 Patience, dau of Willam Parker, born in Feb. 1648
 Lydia, dau of Willam Parker, born 9 May 1653
 Joseph, son of Willam Randall, born in March 1642
 Hannah, dau of Willam Randall, born in March 1644
 Job, son of Willam Randall, born 8 Feb. 1654
 Rhode, dau of Thomas Kinge, born 11 Oct. 1639
 Gorg, son of Thomas Kinge, born 24 Dec. 1642
 Thomas, son of Thomas Kinge, born 21 June 1645
 Daniell, son of Thomas Kinge, born 4 Feb. 1647
 Sarah, dau of Thomas King, born 24 May 1650
 John, son of Thomas Kinge, born 30 May 1652

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DEATHS (Scituate)

Willam Hatch, Seni^r and elder, deceased 6 Nov. 1651
 Mary, wife of Willam Parker, deceased in August 1651
 Richard, son of James Adames, deceased 25 July 1651
 Joseph, son of John Turner, Seni^r, deceased 15 Jan. 1647
 Zachariah, son of John Damman, deceased in Feb. 1649
 Sarah, wife of Thomas Kinge, deceased 6 June 1652
 John, son of Thomas Kinge, deceased about 26 July 1652
 Jane, wife of Thomas Kinge, deceased 8 Oct. 1653

MARRIAGES (Scituate)

Thomas Turner married to Sarah Hiland, 6 Jan. 1651
 Joseph Tilden married to Ellice Twisden, 20 Nov. 1649



[to be cont-d]

SPRING TEA REPORT

Our Semi-Annual Meeting & Spring Tea was held 11 May 1996 at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. Governor, Robert Cruikshank opened the meeting with a few words of welcome. He then asked for volunteers to attend the General Mayflower Congress in Plymouth as delegates. At this point we had two definite delegates, Peter Young and Lynne Webb and were entitled to one more. We were very pleased that our newest member, Mrs. Lois Stephens, who received her membership certificate at this meeting, has volunteered to fill the position of the missing delegate.

Mr. Cruikshank then handed the meeting over to Mrs. Susan Roser who proceeded to discuss the Compact Dinner and highly recommended that our members should attend. Ernest Buchner, former Director of Pilgrim Hall will be our guest speaker. Also, as an added incentive, member Katherine Hill will perform music & songs from the 17th century.

Before refreshments were served we watched a homemade movie created & presented by Mrs. Roser, showing the 375th Anniversary celebrations in Plymouth last summer. In the movie we saw the Pilgrim march, excerpts from the re-enactment of the last sermon held at Leiden, 21 July 1620, the historical regiments parade, a re-enactment of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and the towing of the Mayflower II into Plymouth harbor. The movie was very much enjoyed and we thank you Susan Roser for the time and trouble you took to make the movie and bring it in for us to view.

Submitted by Rec. Secretary,
Ms. Deborah Clarke

Profiles

Ernest Buchner is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario where he received his Bachelor of Arts (Honours History) and completed Post Graduate studies (First British Empire). He began his career in Ontario where between 1977-1989 he served as Executive Secretary for The Ontario Historical Society, Director-Curator for Muskoka Pioneer Village and Curator-Administrator of the Halton Region Museum.

His pursuits took him south of the border from 1989-1995, first as Executive Director of The Montclair Historical Society in Montclair, NJ, followed by Director of the Pilgrim Society from 1992-1994. Mr. Buchner spent a year as Director of the Concord Museum in Concord, MA before returning to Canada where he is currently Director of Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke, Ont.

Katherine Hill, a member of the Canadian Society, is currently a master's student in historical performance practices at the University of Toronto. She has appeared as a soloist with Sine Nomine, the University of Toronto Baroque Orchestra, the Aradia Ensemble, the Arbor Oak Trio and is a member of the Tafelmusik Consort.

John Edwards, a native of Birmingham, England is in demand in the Toronto area as a soloist, accompanist and continuo player. Recent engagements have included performances with the Toronto Consort, the Aradia Ensemble and Opera Atelier.



Notes From Nova Scotia

by

Marian Worthen



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This is a new feature of the Newsletter which, it is hoped, will help to bind Descendants in the East with those in the rest of Canada.

As I began to write this "piece", I wondered if I should start by telling you about myself or the place where I live; in the end, I decided to make this first effort a call to arms for communication among those of us in Atlantic Canada. And now, by way of introduction...

My name is Marian Worthen and I live now in Barrington Passage at the southern tip of Nova Scotia where my Hopkins ancestors settled in 1761. Originally colonized by the French, this whole region was known first as Cape Sable (*sable* is French for sand) where the coast is girdled by long stretches of pure, white sand. Its topography is similar to Cape Cod, and per square mile there are, I dare say, more people who can lay claim to Mayflower descendancy than anywhere in Canada.

Tragically, there is little interest in heritage here - and, strangely, given the keen interest in genealogical tracings these days. I have written articles about the Mayflower Society, spoken publicly and privately, to no avail. Hence my call to arms.

Can we make ourselves more visible? Could we not arrange to have our own Compact Day Dinner, since it isn't possible for many of us to get to Toronto? Why not ask the Lieutenant Governor to give us tea at Government House in the Spring? What about a summer gathering?

Let us get to know one another - perhaps some of you will have snippets about yourself or the place around you that I could include in "Notes".

I should be glad to act as the conduit but as it turns out I plan to be in Europe from December through April. At any rate, let me know your thoughts and between us we should figure out some way to reach folks and spur them on to a meeting.

If we can come together with joy and visibility perhaps we can convince others that the Mayflower Society is not some arcane Toronto club, but the manifestation of a meaningful rich inheritance from those who first came to these Atlantic Shores.

In the meantime, greetings to Descendants wherever you are.

[Marian may be contacted at: P.O.Box 56, Crowell, N.S. B0W 1S0 (902-637-2271).]

Welcome New Members!!!

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members:

- #239 Dale Camfield Philpott, #16 - 1950 Cultra Ave., Saanichton, B.C. V8M 1Y9 (Bradford)
- #240 Vernon Randolph Vickery, 102 Souvenir Dr., Pincourt, QUE J7V 3N8 (Hopkins)
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- #242 Kathryn Edna Johnson, 7300 Bates Rd., Richmond, B.C. V7A 1C7 (Rogers)
- #243 Dr. George Ralph Nye, 91 Hill Cresc., Red Deer, AB T4N 6G3 (Howland)
- #244 Shirley Ellen Laing, 282 St. Leonards Ave., Toronto, ONT M4N 1L3 (Warren)
- #245 Grace Olive Taylor, 688 Crawford St., Toronto, ONT M6G 3K2 (Howland)
- #246 Sharon Belle Sutherland, 173 Soudan Ave., Toronto, ONT M4S 1V5 (Alden)
- #247 Mary Elizabeth Reeve, #69, 21138 - 88 Ave., Langley, B.C. V1M 2G7 (Brewster)
- #248 Jean Elizabeth MacLeod, #63, 3939 Indian River Dr., N. Vancouver, B.C. V7G 2P6 (Hopkins)
- #249 Gregory Dale Stephens, 65 Wrenson Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4L 2G5 (Howland)
- #250 Gregory James Biefer, 85 Beaver Ridge, Nepean, Ont. K2E 6E5 (Rogers)

A special congratulations to new member, Norman Grant & wife Dolores who just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, 9 September 1996!

In Memoriam

We extend our most sincere condolences to the families of the following deceased members, all of whom were very proud of their Mayflower heritage

Mrs. Dorothy Allan of Alberta, #166, mother of members Betty Field & Elinor Forster and grandmother of member Rhonda Field.

Mrs. May Schultz of Ontario, was one of our original 29 charter members, being #23.

Mrs. Mary Hosking of Ontario, #214, mother of member Bill Hosking.

Constitution

Copies of the newly revised constitution are being mailed to members. If you can't attend the Banquet and would like to vote, please return the ballot by November 15th to Rec.Sec. D. Clarke.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We would like to extend our appreciation to Betty Field for taking on the job as Editor and putting together the Spring issue. Unfortunately, the timing just wasn't right for Betty who is one very busy lady.

Once again we are looking for a new Editor for our newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Susan Roser by phone or mail.

Nominating Committee

Susan Roser, Marshall Dean & Mary Nichols submit the following slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting, November 16th:

- Captain - Paul Hill
- Rec. Secretary - Deborah Clarke
- Member at Large - Dale Lahey

Alberta Colony

For the first time, two Compact Dinners are planned for this fall. The 1st will be held 9 Nov. at the Willow Park Golf Club in Calgary. The 2nd is on 16 Nov. at the Holiday Inn (4235 Calgary Trail), in Edmonton. Alberta members will be informed about the details.

Regent Peter Young and Past Regent Phillip Thorpe attended the annual meeting of the Alberta History Society on 3 June where they had a display of Mayflower literature and books. They will have a similar display at the seminar Oct. 25- 26th.

Congratulations!!

Member, Dale Lahey of Guelph has recently completed his second book:

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Publicity Chairman Paul Hill reports that last fall's newspaper blitz did not produce the amount of inquiries as in past years, thus was not very effective. Future activities will be focused on those who have already demonstrated an interest in genealogy, concentrating on the following:

- a) Reciprocal advertisements in other Historical & Genealogical Society newsletters.
- b) Appeal to all members to encourage known eligible people to apply for membership (see p.2).
- c) Continuation of distribution of Society brochures to libraries.

B.C. COLONY

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held in April. The programme consisted of informal accounts of members' earliest Canadian ancestors of Mayflower descent and various topics including the vicissitudes of reestablishing a Mayflower lineage that had been approved before present-day validation requirements; having an indentured servant as a Pilgrim ancestor; a show-and-tell with documents illustrating binding techniques for old and original material; brief surveys of publications and materials of interest; and an account of her Brewster ancestry by a member who read it because her memory, while said to be very good, is short!

The Compact Dinner will be a pot-luck supper to be held at the home of Associate Member (& applicant) Joan Stace-Smith, tentatively set for Tuesday, November 5th.

GENERAL CONGRESS, SEPT. 9th & 10th

The 34th General Congress held in Plymouth, Mass. in September was attended by 251 delegates, including society officers & guests the number reached over 500. Canada was well represented by our Deputy Governor, Marshall Dean as Deputy Governor General and delegates, Peter Young (Regent of the Alberta Colony), Lois Stephens & Lynn Webb. (Susan Roser was elected Assistant General at this meeting but could not attend due to her mother's death on the 5th of Sept.). The two day meetings were held in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

Marshall Dean attended the meeting of his family society, The Soule Kindred as well as the meetings of the Junior Membership Committee & Board of Assistants. The Canadian Society was presented with a certificate of award for the highest percentage increase in membership for the year 1993.

We are always sorry to see a Governor General retire from office. We had the pleasure of meeting Col. Robert Greene when he attended our Compact Dinner in November 1994. Our congratulations to our new Governor General, The Rev. Richard Maxwell of Massachusetts.

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