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SPRING TEA

May 10th, 1997
2:00 p.m.
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
Toronto, Ont.

The Semi-Annual Meeting & Spring Tea will be held at the same location as last year's spring meeting. The church is located at Yonge & St. Clair - just north of St. Clair, east on 2nd street, Glen Elm.

We will be showing the video, *The Mayflower Pilgrims*, which depicts the early story of the Pilgrims as they faced the difficult decisions to leave England and later Holland in preparation for the final voyage aboard the Mayflower in 1620. As the story is re-counted, we will see the original locations in England where the events took place.

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

"TOONY POTLUCK"

We are trying something new this year - a "Toony Potluck" Tea. We ask each in attendance to contribute a toony (\$2) to help offset the costs of the room, refreshments and the purchase of the video. And - we ask each member or family to bring along a small plate of something to contribute - i.e. cookies, squares, sandwiches, fruit, cheese & crackers. In order that we may organize the food, please let us know if you plan to attend and what you are able to bring. You may contact Myrna Geldart at 416-244-7457 or Mary Nichols at 416-293-5596.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with the clean-up after the tea. If you can spare 20 minutes, please let Myrna or Mary know.

Family, friends, neighbours - all are welcome!

DUES NOTICE

Please remember that 1997 membership dues of \$25 were due Nov. 30 1996! If you have been remiss in sending yours, please do so today. (L. Allyn Dean, 86 Constance St., Toronto, Ont. M6R 1S6.)

A reminder that any member who has not paid dues for two years is automatically dropped from our membership and that of the General Society. If for any reason you are unable to pay your dues, simply write our Treasurer and ask to resign as a member in good standing - this will make it much easier to re-join later.

Our Society depends on your dues & donations!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We have had 13 new members since our Fall newsletter, a very warm welcome to each and every one of you!. Many of the following are relatives of members so we would like to thank these members for encouraging family members to join. We have two sons of member Dr. Harold Cumming, one son of member Neil Lund, one son of member Lois Stephens, one son of member Gerald Taylor and three children of new member George Crawford.

Mr. George B. Crawford, 9 Rykert Cr., Toronto, Ont. M4G 2T1 (#251, #63,099, Brewster)
Mr. Charles D. Lund, #508-86 Gloucester St., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2S2 (#252, #63,112, White)
Mr. Harold J. Cumming, 10 Kenneth Ave. #1201, Willowdale, Ont. M2N 6K6 (#253, #63,222, Doty)
Mr. Geoffry A. Cumming, 115A Arney Rd., Remuera, Auckland 1005, New Zealand (#254, #63,223, Doty)
Mrs. Bonnie L. Weber, 1072 Sixth Line, Oakville, Ont. L6H 1W5 (#255, #63,239, Cooke)
Mrs. Joyce A. Cutler, 448 Third Line, Oakville, Ont. L6L 4A5 (#256, #63,240, Billington)
Mr. Glenn E. Stephens, 368 Eglinton Ave.E., Suite 607, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1L9 (#257, #63,336, Howland)
Mrs. Janet R. Duval, 38 Chelvin Dr., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4P9 (#258, #63,402, Brewster)
Mrs. Margaret P. Dunn, 7366 Edenwood Court, Niagara Falls, Ont. L2J 4E3 (#259, #63,403, Brewster)
Mr. George V. Crawford, 46 Rykert Cresc., Toronto, Ont. M4G 2S9 (#260, #63,404, Brewster)
Mr. Frederick A. Reeves, 5239 Tuscarora Rd.N., Niagara Falls, NY 14304 (#261, #63,444, Warren)
Ms. Carol E. Taggart, #1003, 8885 Riverside Dr.E., Windsor, Ont. N8S 1G9 (#262, , Brewster)
Mr. Ronald P. Taylor, 1007 Dreamcrest Rd., Mississauga, Ont. L5V 1N5 (#263, , Howland)

In Memoriam

We are very sorry to report the deaths of three of our members and extend our condolences to their families.

Mr. Charles Baker, #115, patriarch of our many Baker members in Alberta and elsewhere.

Col. Edward (Bud) Winslow, #39 of B.C.

Mrs. Madeline Warren, Charter member #12, of Ont.

Our condolences also to former Governor, Leon Warmski who lost his father this January. Many of us have fond memories of Mr. & Mrs. Warmski who were familiar faces at our meetings, we shall miss them both.

CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

Canadian membership certificates are still available at a cost of \$5.00. Contact the Historian if interested.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As announced in our Fall newsletter, we are holding a membership drive thru the end of 1997 in celebration of the General Society's 100th Anniversary.

If 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 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!

Congratulations!!

To date, we have four members who have earned their gift; their suggested applicants have already been approved. Congratulations to Harold Cumming, George Crawford, Lois Sephens and Gerald Taylor!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING & COMPACT DINNER



The 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants was held 16 Nov. 1996 at the Best Western (formerly the Primrose Hotel) in Toronto. Present were representatives of 19 Mayflower families and friends.

The meeting opened with a warm welcome from Mr. Robert Cruikshank, Governor. Our Captain, Mr. Paul Hill read the Mayflower Compact and then Ms. Deborah Clarke (Recording Secretary) called the Descendants Roll Call. Mr. Allyn Dean, Treasurer, gave the Necrology. Our society lost six members this year, two of them

founding members: Madeline Warren #12 and May Schultz #23, Edward T. Winslow #39, Dorothy Allen #166, Mary Hosking #215 and Charles W.. Baker #115.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting. Mr. Robert Cruikshank asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. This motion was passed.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Susan Roser stated that we have had a good year. 19 new members have been approved, 3 applications are being processed in Plymouth and she has 3 applications ready to send to Plymouth. It is quite probable that we will have 25 new members approved by the first of January. Ms. Roser then presented a membership certificate to new member George Crawford and surprised our newest member, Joyce Cutler, with the news that she was now "official".

Public Relations Report. Mr. Paul Hill stated that the primary focus of his public relations campaign is to make people aware of our society. He has therefore concentrated on putting our brochures in libraries and archives, etc. Unfortunately this year's newspaper campaign was not as successful as the previous one. Mr. Hill suggested that members try to get their relations to join the society.

Nominating Committee Report. Mrs. Susan Roser, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. As there were no nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected by acclamation: Captain, Paul Hill; Recording Secretary, Deborah Clarke; Member at large, Dale Lahey.

The Reports from the Board of Assistants were approved.

Other Business:

Constitution. The vote to approve the constitution was carried. Three members voted against this motion.

Ontario Historical Society. Mr. Allyn Dean stated that now that the constitution is approved he will proceed with our application to join the OHS.

This concluded the business part of the meeting.

Mr. Paul Hill introduced Katherine Hill, soprano, who was accompanied on the lute by John Edwards. They presented a recital of 17th century music, religious and secular which may have been familiar to our Pilgrim ancestors. We were enchanted by songs and music by Thomas Campion, Robert Johnson, Alphonso Ferrabosco and John Dowland.

A turkey dinner was then served. After dinner, Mr. Cruikshank introduced our guest speaker, Ernest Buchner who is Heritage Coordinator for the City of Etobicoke, and Director of Montgomery's Inn and Former Director of the Pilgrim Society. Mr. Buchner gave an interesting talk explaining the creation and functions of the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall. He said that after the American Revolution there was a new interest in the past as the patriots, fascinated with their roots, rediscovered the Pilgrim story. In 1820 it was decided to hold a year long celebration of the landing of the Mayflower. These celebrations culminated in a Banquet (a 9 course meal) at which Daniel Webster was invited to speak to the Pilgrim Society. He spoke for 2 3/4 hours extolling the virtues of our pilgrim ancestors. (This oration began a tradition of inviting orators to speak to the Pilgrim Society.) Webster's speech was so successful it became a best seller when it was published a year later. The result of this renewed enthusiasm for the story of the Pilgrims was the building of Pilgrim Hall in 1824. Pilgrim Hall is the first American Public Museum and is owned and operated by the Pilgrim Society. During the 19th century the Pilgrim Society helped

to keep the Mayflower story alive. At present the Pilgrim Society, The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plymouth Plantation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have joined together to create and improve the historical sites related to the Pilgrim story in order to make them more authentic, and more easily accessible to all those interested in the Pilgrims. After his speech, Mr. Buchner proposed the traditional toast to the Pilgrims, the Spiritual Ancestors of North America.

Submitted by: Deborah Clarke, Rec. Secretary



LIBRARY NEWS

The following new books have been deposited in our collection at the North York Library in Toronto. Most are self-explanatory, however, if you are not familiar with *The Genealogical Advertiser* - it contains a wealth of information on many Mass. towns, including vital records. We have also purchased, and will deposit when they arrive, the silver *Mayflower Families* books, vol. 9-12 as advertised in the Nov. Quarterly. A reminder to members that our library also contains the full set of *The New England Historical & Genealogical Register* (NEHGR) as well as *The Mayflower Descendant* (MD), 1985-present. [New additions are not yet numbered and will have to be asked for by name at the library desk. Cataloguing of our books is not yet completed.]

1. New England Marriages by Torrey
2. Early Mass. Marriages by Bailey
3. The Genealogical Advertiser by Greenlaw
4. Gen. Register of the First Settlers of N.E. by Farmer
5. Mayflower Increasing (2nd Ed.) by Roser
6. Mayflower Deeds & Probates by Roser
7. Mayflower Families, Vol. 7, Peter Brown
8. Mayflower Families, Vol. 8, Degory Priest

Donations of money or books to help build a good Mayflower research library are much appreciated!

HATS OFF!!

...To member Marion Smith Tait, U.E. who was the guest speaker, 6 Jan. '97, at the meeting of the Haldimand County Branch of the OGS. Her topic - *Finding My Mayflower Ancestors!* Marion's speech will be re-printed in their newsletter, *Haldimand Past Times*.

Marion has extensively traced her family lines and found Loyalists, Minutemen in the Revolution, and even a family who lived in Salem during the time of the witchcraft hysteria in 1692.

Marion is also the co-editor of the newsletter and very actively pursues her genealogical lines. Our thanks to Marion for helping to spread interest in our Mayflower ancestors and our Society.



MAYFLOWER III

Did you know that plans are underway for the construction of the Mayflower III in England

Scheduled to begin in 1997, construction will take two years and will take place in Southwark, by the Thames River. Once completed in 1999, the ship will set sail for goodwill visits to America; among the sites visited will be Plymouth MA.

After its return to England the ship is intended to be used as an onboard exhibition depicting the conditions and way of life of the Pilgrims when they departed from Rotherhithe in July 1620.

(From: newsletter of the Nebraska Society.)

COMPUTER NEWS!!

What's new in the Internet world of genealogy? If you have come across interesting and helpful sites let us know so that we may pass it along to our on-line members.

From new member Bonnie Weber we have the following address:

<http://www.oz.net/~cindihow/sites.htm>

Bonnie states that "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet" gives access, and links, to just about everything you need in the world of genealogy. Check it out and let us know what you think.



NEW N.S. BOOK

The Shelburne County Genealogical Society announces the publication of a book sure to be of interest to our members:

"Lost Mariners of Shelburne County", Vol. II

An account of 339 mariners, from Charlesville to Doctors Cove and from Cape Sable Island, who lost their lives while in pursuit of their livelihood from 1789 to 1990; with genealogical data. Available from: The Shelburne County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 248, Shelburne, N.S. B0T 1W0. Price: \$23.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again we have a true excess of funds. The receipts minus the disbursements was a positive \$272.88. Our permanent fund of course is still not up to the amount required. The last membership number, as of Feb. 5, 1997 is 261 which consists of 73 life members, 126 regular members and 62 memberships terminated for many reasons. As of 5 Feb., 63 of the regulars have paid their dues which means that 63 have not.

Those who have not paid their \$25.00 membership dues for 1997, please send them.

(The 1996 financial report will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Submitted by
Treasurer, L. Allyn Dean



"Wanna play cowboys and Indians?"

(From an old New Yorker, reprinted from the Arizona Newsletter)

Historian's Report

We had a bumper crop of new members in 1996 - a very healthy 26! We owe much of this remarkable growth to YOU our members. As shown on page 2, many members have recruited their children to our ranks - thank you to Harold Cumming, Neil Lund, Lois Stephens, Gerald Taylor and George Crawford! It is through the support of our members that our Society is doing as well as it is.

The application fee of \$50 is reduced to \$35 to family members (i.e. children, siblings, parents, grandparents)

THANK YOU!!

To member & Treasurer, Allyn Dean, who contributes his copies of *The Mayflower Quarterly* to our Library when he is finished reading them. Our library has no subscription so this is much appreciated!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. STARTING AMOUNTS as of 1 January.	1996	1995 (comparison)
Bank Accounts & GIC's	\$14341.77	13414.78
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
2. RECEIPTS		
Annual Dues	\$2850.00	\$2750.00
Donations	61.00	20.00
Application fees	1190.00	1110.00
GIC & Bank interest	<u>827.50</u>	<u>666.88</u>
TOTAL	\$4887.50	\$4587.88
3. DISBURSEMENTS		
Postage	\$ 475.26	\$ 215.80
Library	452.80	45.00
Stationery & Printing	130.65	273.86
General Society dues	2463.00	2380.13
Alberta/B.C. rebates	218.00	102.00
Incorporation fee	30.00	30.00
Banquet Loss (Gain)	(31.00)	(209.43)
Spring Tea Loss (Gain)		(7.00)
Bank charges	----	21.50
Newsletter	610.28	640.08
Publicity	63.77	---
Rental (meeting rooms)	110.00	130.00
Misc.	<u>98.86</u>	<u>31.95</u>
TOTAL	\$4614.62	\$3660.89
4. FINISH BALANCES		
Bank Accounts	\$3951.08	\$2341.77
Petty Cash	173.57	150.00
Canada Trust		
6% due 15 Apr. 1995		11000.00
2.5% due 15 Apr. 1997	1000.00	
7.875% due 15 Apr. 2000	10000.00	
4% due 15 Apr. 1996		<u>1000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$14764.65</u>	<u>\$14491.77</u>
5. BALANCE		
#1	\$14491.77	\$13564.78
#2	<u>4887.50</u>	<u>4587.88</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$19379.27</u>	<u>\$18152.66</u>
#3	\$ 4614.62	\$ 3660.89
#4	<u>14764.65</u>	<u>14491.77</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$19379.27</u>	<u>\$18152.66</u>

1897-1997

100th ANNIVERSARY

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The year 1997 marks the 100th Anniversary of two very significant events for Mayflower descendants. Read on.



Of Plimouth Plantation



While Governor William Bradford was writing his journal on the early years of the Pilgrims little did he realize the travels his journal would take, or the mystery which would later surround it. He mentions the book in his will, dated 9 May 1657:

“...I comend unto your Wisdome and Descretions some smale bookes 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.”

Bradford did not specify who was to receive his “little booke” (or books), but his journal shows up in the 1704 will of his son, Major William Bradford² who bequeaths to his eldest son, Major John Bradford, “*my fathers manuscript viz: a Narrative of the beginning of New Plimouth*”. The 1732 will of Major John Bradford³ does not mention the book, probably because he had already given it to his son, Samuel Bradford⁴ who, on 20 Mar. 1705, recorded in the book who the owners had been, from Gov. Bradford to himself. (Although Samuel stated he owned the book in 1705, it was to Major John Bradford, that Rev. Thomas Prince wrote in 1728 offering to buy it.)

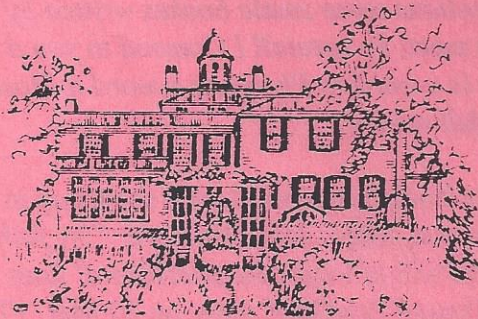
During the four generations the journal was in the possession of the Bradford family, it was seldom left sitting in a desk drawer. Nathaniel Morton, nephew of Gov. Bradford and Secretary of Plymouth Colony, was the first to utilize Bradford’s history when he freely referred to it in his history, *New England’s Memoriall*, published in 1669, after which he copied the first part of the journal (through to Chapter IX) into the Plymouth Church Records. William Hubbard used it for his *History of New England*, published in 1683. It was used by Increase Mather of Boston when writing his history of the Indian wars and also by his son, Cotton Mather, for his book, *Magnalia Christi Americana*, published in 1702. By 1728 the book was in the possession of Judge Samuel Sewall when it was then loaned to the Rev. Thomas Prince of the Old South Church in Boston, who referred to the journal in writing his *Chronological History of New England*, published in 1736. A collector of books, Prince kept Bradford’s journal in his “New England Library” where it still remained at his death in 1758, the entire library being then left to the Old South Church where it was housed. The last known person to use the book was Governor Thomas Hutchinson for the second volume of his *History of Massachusetts Bay*, published in 1767. In 1780, at the close of the Revolutionary War, the library in the Old South Church was found to be in a state of disarray - many books were missing, among them Bradfords’ journal.



For 75 years it was not known what became of Bradford’s journal, or if it still existed at all. Clues finally arose - unnoticed - with the publication of two books in 1844 and 1848; the first made “an unmistakable quotation” from Bradford’s journal citing “Fulham Ms. History” while the second expressly cited Gov. Bradford’s manuscript as one of its sources. It wasn’t until 1855 that the references were finally noticed, with the realization that the journal was alive and well in the library of the Bishop of London at Fulham Palace. It is not hard to imagine how the book

got there, but by whom? There are those who feel Gov. Thomas Hutchinson removed books from Prince's library when he returned to England in 1774 and others who feel they were taken by one of the British who were garrisoned at the Old South Church during the war. (Two other books bearing the "New England Library" bookplate were also found in Fulham Palace.) There was however a paper trail - the discovery of part of a Letter Book (written by Gov. Bradford) in Halifax, N.S., which was returned to Massachusetts in 1793. This Letter Book was also believed to have been in Prince's library in Boston. The trail - Boston to Halifax to England matches that of the British troops after the war.

Although the location of the journal was discovered in 1855, it took 42 years of negotiations & political red tape before it was finally returned to Massachusetts. Fortunately the public did not have to wait this long to read Bradford's words, the Bishop of London agreed to have a copy transcribed which was published in 1856. (Several falsehoods were now corrected, among them that John Howland's wife Elizabeth was not the daughter of John Carver but was Elizabeth Tilley.) Bradford's history was finally returned to Massachusetts in 1897 - 100 years ago.



(Source: *Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647*, Ed. by Samuel E. Morison, 1970.)

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Ironically, the return of Bradford's history in 1897 was preceded by an event, equally momentous to Mayflower descendants. On Jan. 12th 1897, *The General Society of Mayflower Descendants* was formed in Plymouth, Mass., with one of its objectives being "*To perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers*". Four state societies had previously been organized, the New York Society in 1894, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in 1896; it was representatives of these four states who met and formed the General Society in 1897.

In 1941 the Society purchased the historic Winslow House in Plymouth - a fitting choice for the headquarters of the Mayflower Society as the house had been built in 1754 by Edward Winslow, great-grandson of Edward Winslow of the Mayflower. Winslow purchased the land from Consider Howland, brother of his wife Hannah and great-grandson of John Howland & Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. The house as you see it today was not the house built by Winslow. The original (which still remains as the front) was a clapboard house set low and close to the ground. Around 1898 its new owner had the house moved back 30 feet and raised it by 5 feet for the addition of the porches you see today. New rooms were added to the back which doubled the size of the house, with the old and new sections meeting with the "flying staircase" which was also added. The entrance portico was made more elaborate and a cupola and balustrades to the roof, which included a British coat-of-arms to commemorate the Tory sympathies of its first owner.

According to the *Mayflower Quarterly* of July 1944, the house at that time was occupied by the Plymouth Chapter of the American Red Cross. One of the first pieces of antiques acquired for the house was the Winslow chair which stood in the hall of the Winslow House in Marshfield. Since the 1940's the Society has furnished the house with beautiful period pieces, entirely through donations by members and it is open as a museum during the summer months. At the rear of the house are the beautiful gardens and Society library - a wonderful place to spend an afternoon or two (or three, or four!), which is also the office of the Historian General.

In the course of its one hundred years, the General Society has seen over 63,000 people apply for membership.
