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ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

November 15th, 1997
12:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Morris Russell
Topic: *Spiritual Pilgrimage*

The 17th Annual Meeting & Compact Luncheon will be held at the **Venture Inn** in Burlington, Ont. The Inn is located on Lakeshore Rd. at the foot of Brant St. (from Q.E.W. take Brant St. south; follow Brant right to the end - the Inn is directly ahead).

To help keep down costs and to make it easier for those travelling from other parts, we are planning an afternoon luncheon meeting. Social hour will begin at 12:00 p.m. followed by our Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

We are planning a traditional turkey dinner, with the cost per person at \$24.00. Reservations & payment

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should be sent to our Treasurer, Allyn Dean no later than October 25th. [86 Constance St., Toronto M6S 1S6]

Friends & family are more than welcome.
We look forward to seeing you!



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DUES NOTICE

Please remember that 1998 membership dues of \$25 are due Nov. 30 1997! Payment may be sent to our Treasurer: L. Allyn Dean, 86 Constance St., Toronto, Ont. M6R 1S6.

Why is it important to pay your dues on time? The following is one example:

At our March Board Meeting, Treasurer Allyn Dean informed us that he had received our annual Historian bill from the General Society - \$2900.00. But - because 62 of our members had not yet paid their '97 dues, we could not cover the cheque!

Our Society depends on your dues & donations!



GOVERNOR GENERAL TO VISIT!

Mark the date on your calendar now - May 30th, 1998 at the Old Mill in Toronto. This is the date of our Spring Meeting & Luncheon. Our special guest will be the Governor General, Rev. Richard Maxwell.

Details will follow in the Spring newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We extend our congratulations to the following 11 members who have been approved since the spring newsletter. "Honorable mention" goes to Murray West who, with the help of wife Marlene, has spent five years (with our Society) trying to document a difficult line - and finally did it! Our thanks also go to our members who have "recruited" family members: Gerald Taylor of Ontario (two sons, Ken & Robert), John White of Ontario (daughter Dianne), Wilfred Allan of B.C. (uncle Harold Coggins) and Joyce Cutler of Ontario (daughters Carole & Kathleen).

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 Mr. Thomas A. Richards, 8208 - 144A St., Edmonton, AB T5R 0S2, #274, " , Warren

In Memoriam

We are very sorry to report the death of member Mr. T. Lincoln Rice of Guelph, Ont. (#76), who passed away 8 April, 1997. Mr. Rice was a long time member of the U.E.L. and of our Society, joining in 1983. We offer our most sincere condolences to his wife, Geraldine, and family.

CANADIAN CERTIFICATES

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Response to our Membership drive has been great! To date we have had 15 new approved members who have been recruited by our members, many being family members. As mentioned in the Fall'96 newsletter, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the General Society (1897-1997), members who suggest an applicant who becomes approved, will receive a

small gift as a token of appreciation from the Society. The dead line for having applicants contact the Historian is 31 Dec. 1997. Gifts earned by the following members will be mailed to them this fall, along with a letter of appreciation from the Governor. Between them, the following members have increased our membership by 15 new members!

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Congratulations!!

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Harold Cumming, George Crawford, Lois Stephens, Gerald Taylor, C. Neil Lund, John H. White, Carol Taggart, Wilfred Allan, Joyce Cutler.

Donations - Thankyou!

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We are most grateful to members who chose to donate to our Society.

Our thanks go out to member Marion Smith Tait (in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Gloyd Smith) and Mrs. Geraldine Rice (in memory of her husband, and our member, Lincoln Rice).

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



As your Governor, my last message is mixed with gratitude and optimism.

I am grateful for experiencing the blessing of serving with a fine Board of Assistants composed of intelligent and energetic volunteers who have diligently acted above and beyond the call of duty. Highlights include the approval of our revised Constitution by the General Society, the establishment of the British Columbia Colony and other encouraging growth developments, particularly in the Maritime provinces.

My optimism stems from the past, present and future. For the past 100 years the General Society has not compromised its noble aim of perpetuating the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers, described as being the Spiritual Ancestors of North America. The Canadian Society has done likewise since its beginning in 1980.

Present indications are continuing of input and support by our members in making constructive suggestions, providing news items, renewing memberships, forming new colonies, attending functions and attracting candidates to join our society.

My optimism for the future is due to confidence in our membership to provide full support for our executive and new Governor, and for the quality of candidates who have made themselves available to be members on the Board of Assistants and as Governor.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Canadian Society.

Robert M. Cruikshank,
Governor

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, Allyn Dean, Mary Nichols & Susan Roser are pleased to submit the following slate of nominees for election at our Fall Meeting:

Governor: Mr. Paul Hill

Deputy Governor - Mr. Marshall Dean

Elder - Rev. Melvin Donald

Captain - Bill Hosking (to finish Mr. Hill's term)

Members-at-large: Myrna Geldart, Joyce Cutler

[If any of our members are interested in serving on the Board in the future, please let us know!]

MAYFLOWER BOOKS

During a recent weeding out of some of our duplicate genealogical books, several MFIP & MF books have been divided and mailed out to our colonies in Alberta & B.C. It is hoped that these books will assist these colonies, not only in starting their own reference libraries, but also in assisting applicants in documenting their Mayflower lines.

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A reminder that both our Library and our Historian's office are in need of good New England reference books. If you have any such books collecting dust (donation or sale) please contact the Historian with the particulars.



Notes From Nova Scotia

by
Marian L. Worthen

When our Mayflower ancestors landed on the shores of Nova Scotia in the 18th Century, most of them must have thought they were taking a step back in time. Those who put down roots on the Funday side of the province, would have experienced happy surprise at the sight of Annapolis Valley sheltered between North and South Mountains, with arable fields, and the day would come when they would write that never had they tasted such fine apples - of their own growing. But those people who had elected to settle on the southwestern (Atlantic) shore would have seen Cape Cod duplicated with its rocks and sandy soil; only now there was land to be cleared, a new beginning to be made.

Descendants in the summer of 1997 suffering through a drought may recall but not equate those first hardships as our wells dry up, grass needed for cattle fodder becomes straw and cultivation is robbed of fruition. After all, we can buy water; we can to the supermarket for packaged foods. Those early settlers had no such refuge. They were dependent on healthy animals that could be slaughtered for food, on a flourishing garden to provide vegetables, on grasses, on the riches of the sea - clams and scallops. Cod was dried and put away for winter eating. And frugal housewives made the most of everything to hand, making their own yeast, finding ways to "put down" eggs, even as they waited for Boston packets to bring them sugar, molasses, salt and treacle. They brought with them their old way of life even as, by necessity, they evolved a new one.

New England traditions die hard. As late as the 1940s every household that claimed descendants - and others, too - religiously served baked beans and steamed brown bread on Saturday night. Scouse - a stew made with salt port - beloved by sailors, was still on the menu. But with the injection of new people and the foods of modern living, New England customs began to die. Chowders still have pride of place, but fresh fish is hard to get.

Perhaps with a revitalization in cooking and cookbooks, some of the old ways and old foods will revive. In the meantime, during this long, hot summer we eat packaged foods - and pray for rain.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 8th we are now up to member #271 of which 66 are no longer members for various reasons which leaves 205 members. Unfortunately there are still 11 members who have not paid their 1997 dues and two of these have not paid their dues for 1996.

You will note on your address label the year for which you are paid up, however those who have paid recently may not have the update on their label as it may not have been entered in the computer at the time the labels were sent to the Editor.

PILGRIM HALL - COOKBOOKS



Pilgrim Hall Museum has been featuring an exhibit of historic cookbooks and festive recipes in celebration of the 375th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. It began in October 1996 and will continue until the end of December 1997.

Entitled *Thanksgiving by the (Cook)Book*, the exhibit features adaptations of historic recipes & culinary history.

Computer Help Needed - Web Page

Can anyone assist us in creating a Web page on the internet?? Contact Susan Roser: roser@globalserve.net

HEREDITY

“What is called my character, or nature, is made up of infinite particles of tendencies from my ancestors - those whose blood runs in my veins. A little seed of laziness comes from this grandfather; and of prodigality from that other one. One of them may have been a moody person and a pessimist; while another was of a jovial nature who always saw the sunny side of every event. One may have had a most satisfactory life as a philosopher; while another ambitious one never was contented with actual conditions whatever they were. Some remote grandmother, perhaps, has stamped me with a fear of dogs and love of horses. There may be in me a bit of outlawry from some pirate forefather and a dash of pity from one who was a saint.

My so-called particularities: my gestures, my ways and my mannerism, I borrow from all, without any exception. So everything in me passes on through my children. I am sewn between ancestry and posterity. I am a drip of water in the flowing river of time; a molecule in a mountain; a cell in a great family tree.

As we enter life we find all these fears and fancies; likes and dislikes; dispositions and temperament already made in the human beehive and crawl into them; so that they become a part of our true fibre; part of our personal texture; part of our frame of mind and body. This is our birthmark; this is our heritage.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

[Thanks to member Wayne Colwell of Ottawa who saw the above in *The Dutchess Newsletter*, vol.5, no.3, spring '97 and sent it to the Editor.]

from *The British Family Tree*

Various newsletters of the State societies have reprinted the following which I thought our members might enjoy:

“Four different races make up the British people - The

Scots, who keep the Sabbath and everything else they can lay their hands on, the Welsh, who pray on their knees and on their neighbors, the Irish who don't know what the devil they want, but are willing to die for it, and the English who consider themselves a race of self made men, thereby relieving the Almighty of a dread responsibility.”

SPRING TEA REPORT



The Spring Tea and Semi-Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society was held on Saturday afternoon, May 10th at Yorkminster Park

Baptist Church in Toronto. We had an excellent turnout of members, with 29 present, including a good number of out-of-town members.

A warm welcome was extended by Deputy Governor, Marshall Dean in the absence of the Governor. Name tags were given out with the member's name and that of their ancestor, which made it easier (and fun) to identify “cousins”.

Get well wishes were sent to Susan Roser our Historian & Editor, who could not attend due to illness. Although she could not attend, member Joyce Cutler very graciously agreed to bring the *Mayflower* research books to the tea that Mrs. Roser was planning to bring. These books generated much interest as members browsed for their ancestors.

The Mayflower Pilgrims, a new 40 minute video, depicting the tribulations of our ancestors before they set sail for the New World, was shown. We saw the actual locations in England where the events took place. Delicious refreshments were supplied by our members, with the “tooney” each, helping with expenses.

submitted by Mary Nichols,
Member-at-large.

In Search of an Ancestor

by Marian L. Worthen

As a great (times eight) granddaughter of Stephen Hopkins I decided last year when in London that I ought to dig deeper and more personally into his roots so I set out to explore his home.

Wotton-Under-Edge lies about thirty miles north of Bath and so it was an easy trip by train for me. The town - little more than a village - lies in the middle of undulating green fields and hedgerows. This is fox-hunting country. Highgrove (P. Charles) is nearby and also Badminton, the estate where annual horse trials are held and where Queen Mary "sat out" the War. Wotton-Under-Edge is a town of grey-stone facades - it is in the North Cotswolds that the stone is honey-coloured - and many of the buildings are of the original frame faced over by stone. The name of Stephen Hopkins is very much in evidence and the Heritage Centre is eager to supply information on this "favourite son".

Stephen Hopkins was born in the village of Wortley a few miles away, and was baptized on 29th October, 1580 in a Wotton-Under-Edge church, St. Mary the Virgin. Not far from it is a tiny half-timbered building called "Old Ram Inn". Now a private home, the story goes that the stone-masons who built the church in 1283 resided there, and a plaque on the door states that Stephen Hopkins had been a patron - presumably it had been a pub as well as an inn.

In those earlier days when the area was wool country, Stephen Hopkins, Senior, was a clothier - he made cloth. He apprenticed his sons to mills as weavers, to learn the business, but also sent them to a grammar school, endowed by Katharine Lady Berkeley of a local gentry family that had done much through the generations to develop the town. The school, still in operation, but now of modern design is known as "KLB".

In due time, Robert, eldest of the Hopkins boys, went to London to handle the export end of the business, while Stephen travelled about the countryside looking after the domestic side - he was his father's commercial traveller, a role for which he was well-suited. He was of middle height with red hair and had a disposition to match his hair; he had both charm and volatility.

Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Elizabeth I, was given nearby lands by her for which he had no use, so he passed these along to his Dudley relatives. It is thought that this proximity was how Stephen came to meet and marry Constance Dudley. The general consensus is that she was his wife; what seems to be in question is her relationship to the Earl of Leicester. (It has always been claimed that descendants of Constance entitle them to have the rook or castle surmount their coat-of-arms. I inherited a copy of it.)

In the early 1600s, Stephen decided to join his brother in London with a view to becoming a wool merchant, a worthy ambition for wool was a staple of England. How did he, his wife and small children, along with their goods and chattels, travel? The conjecture is by stage-wagon - an open wagon with a canvas top - or by pack-horse. Either way, they would have travelled "in a train" for security reasons, through rutted roads lined by heavy forests. As they neared London they would have approached Hounslow Heath and Clapham Common, preserve of highwaymen with great apprehension. And then London - how their eyes would have bulged at the traffic; so many horses, which meant wealth. At the open sewers, beggars, the crush of people. With what relief they reached Robert's fine house in Whitechapel. But the dynamic Stephen was not easily intimidated and in no time he had found a home in nearby Coleman Street. (This street was completely demolished by bombs during WWII.) He was on his way.

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This, of course, is only the beginning of the story of Stephen Hopkins. As he rode into London, did his thumbs prick, did he have a shiver of premonition of what was to come?

As I made my research expedition, a great privilege was given to me. The Heritage Centre had told me that the original Hopkins home, Wortley Farmhouse, still stood and was now occupied by Air Commodore and Mrs. Leathart, but could not be visited because they were both frail. In any case, I should not have intruded on a private home, but in driving around my hostess and I stopped to look at it. I had pictured Stephen Hopkins as having come from a *two*-room cottage, but *this* was a long, impressive house of grey stone, holding perhaps twenty rooms bordered by a curved, stone wall. As we sat and looked, a young woman came up to the car and on learning of my relationship to Stephen Hopkins, she identified herself as Miss Leathart and insisted that we come in. What a sensation for me as I stepped over the threshold! The Leatharts were cordial and supplied more history - he had led a squadron during the Battle of Britain.

The house itself was so *right*. Low-beamed ceilings over white-washed walls, a blackened fireplace; it even *smelled* old! And there were touches of authenticity. On one of the outer-walls there was a bulge, the exterior of what had been a bread-baking oven. Upstairs, a square of air-ventilating slats looked into a flagstoned room where the fleeces were hung.

History, it seems to me, is like a pair of eye-glasses. Through one lens one sees a list of established facts; through the other is interwoven events of conjecture, and on the frame is burnished the phrase, "as far as we know". For this early period this is the nub of what I know about Stephen Hopkins.

(Any descendants of Stephen Hopkins who may be contemplating a research visit to Wotton-Under-Edge will find it helpful to contact the Wotton Heritage Centre. A recommended place to stay is at Hill House & Gardens, Wickwar, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL 12812, telephone & fax: 01454 294304

COMPUTER NEWS!!

I have now joined the world of those hopelessly addicted to the internet! Those of you who have not experienced this phenomena will think I have lost my mind, while my fellow "addicts" are nodding knowingly! I thought I'd share some sites (& news) that I've found. You know all those neat CDs out there with all those wonderful records on them - check out: www.seidata.com/~lhoffman/cdlist.html This site has volunteers who own these CDs who offer to look up your ancestors. If you are interested in buying these CDs try the following sites: www.familytreemaker.com/newfacd.html and www.aricds.com/ - both list CDs for sale. Want to know more about web sites and how to create one? Try: www.webnovice.com A great weekly newsletter which keeps you up to date on what's new in the world of genealogy & the internet is Eastman's Newsletter, to subscribe: listserv@peach.ease.lsoft.com [the message should be: subscribe rootscomputing susan roser (your name)]. Check out www.ingeneas.com/free/index.html - free data base to search for immigration records. And - if you get hungry while checking out the sites, try: www.cafecreosote.com - great recipes! [Note: Scottish ancestors? The Scottish record office is planning to put their indexes, 1500's-1896, on-line, Eastman's Newsletter will keep you posted.]

Alberta Colony, 2 Fall Meetings Planned !!

Dinner meeting at the Edmonton Inn, on October 25th, 6:00 p.m.
 The Willow Park Golf & Country Club, Calgary, Nov. 8th, 5:00 p.m. (business), 7:00 p.m. (dinner)
 Contact: Mr. Peter Young, 312 Dalglish Bay N.W., Calgary, AB, T3A 1L1

NEW CANADIAN EDITOR

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new Editor for our newsletter, *Canadian Pilgrim*. Mr. Dale Lahey of Guelph, Ont., member-at-large of the Board of Assistants has volunteered to take on this very important task.

I was appointed Editor by then Governor, Col. Harry Pierce in 1982 and have published 30 newsletters in the past 15 years. As I mentioned in 1995, although I enjoy this task tremendously, my publishing obligations, coupled with my job as Historian of our Society leave little time for the other commitments of life - of which there are many.

If you recall, I resigned as Editor in January 1995 - almost two years ago. Since the newsletter can be time consuming - (as Betty Field found out when she kindly volunteered and put out the Spring '96 issue) not only with the preparation, compiling and "finding" items of interest, but also with the mailing (folding, stuffing, affixing labels, licking stamps & envelopes, mailing - of 250 - twice a year), we did not have a willing line of people beating a path to our door! I have continued as Editor until such time as a replacement was found because I could not bear to see our newsletter - our one link of communication across Canada - fall by the wayside.

My thanks go out to Betty Field - for "taking a shot at it", and to Dale Lahey who is about to "take a shot at it". I hope our members will support Dale by sending in items of interest, happenings of our members and suggestions for what you would like to see in YOUR newsletter.

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PLEASE NOTE: I now have an e-mail address:
roser@globalserve.net
PLEASE SEND ME YOURS!



Nova Scotia Township Records Published!

Members with N.S. ancestors will be very pleased to hear of this new publication:

Township Books: Kings Co. N.S.:
Aylesford, Cornwallis, Horton
compiled by Lorna W. Evans, 1996

Planter & Loyalist settlers came to Kings Co. in 1760 & 1783; in many instances these township records were the only records kept. The book is 8x11, coil binding with heavy plastic protective cover; 159 pp.; 7,501 names, indexed. Price: \$25 + \$5 P&H.

To order: Family History Committee, Kings Historical Society, 37 Cornwallis St., Kentville, N.S. B4N 2E2.

We understand that the Committee's next project will be the marriages for Kings Co., 1864-1909 which is nearing completion.

DEAR SANTA:

...All I want for Christmas is the name of my Great Grand Mother's second brother on my mother's father's side, who by his second wife had twin girls, one of which married her second cousin once removed, whose third daughter by a second marriage, married my father's sister's husband's nephew; whose half-brother's mother's cousin on her father's side married my father's aunt's second daughter on his mother's side whose youngest son was a member of Company "D" of the 152nd Infantry Combat Regiment of the First Cavalry Division of the 8th U.S. Army during the Korean War...With my best Christmas wishes to you,

A. Genie Oligist.

(Whew!! Thanks to the Hawaii newsletter, *Ka Pupu Nihoniho* for this remarkably confusing tid-bit!)

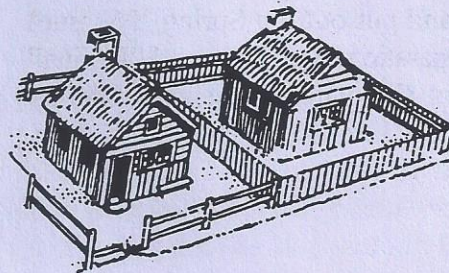
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF MAYFLOWER DEATHS

[I compiled the following out of curiosity - how many lived in Plymouth just a short time? How many died in the 1633 epidemic? Which passengers were still living 15 years later, or in 1650...1665...1680? I have included only those who actually lived in Plymouth after the general sickness which took half their numbers. The numbering system tells you how many (incl. that person) were still living in that year. Not included are Desire Minter, William Latham, Humility Cooper, Edward Leicester, Gilbert Winslow, Richard Gardner, William Trevore & () Ely who removed from Plymouth.]

44. Gov. John¹ Carver, d. 1621
43. Mrs. Carver, d. 1621
42. Carver's maid servant, d. ?c1622
41. John² Crackstone, d. c1625/6
40. John Goodman, d. ?1623-27
39. Damaris² Hopkins (the first), d.? pre 1627
38. Mrs. Mary () Brewster, d. 1627
37. Richard¹ Warren, d. 1628
36. John² Billington, d. betw. 1627-1630
35. John¹ Billington, d. 1630
34. Dr. Samuel² Fuller, d. 1633
33. Francis¹ Eaton, d. 1633
32. Peter¹ Brown, d. 1633
31. Wrestling² Brewster, d. betw. 1627-1644
30. Mrs. Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins, d. pre 1644
29. Stephen¹ Hopkins, d. 1644
28. William¹ Brewster, d. 1644
27. Love² Brewster, d. 1650/1
26. Edward¹ Winslow, d. 1655
25. Edward¹ Doty, d. 1655
24. Remember² (Allerton) Maverick, d. 1652-1656
23. Myles¹ Standish, d. 1656
22. William¹ Bradford, d. 1657
21. Bartholomew² Allerton, d. 1658
20. Isaac¹ Allerton, d. 1659
19. Francis¹ Cooke, d. 1663
18. John¹ Howland, d. 1673
17. Susanna (White) Winslow, d. 1654-1675
16. Constance² (Hopkins) Snow, d. 1677
15. Joseph² Rogers, d. 1678

14. Mary² (Chilton) Winslow, d. 1679
13. George¹ Soule, d. 1677-1680
12. Samuel² Fuller (Edward¹), d. 1683
11. Samuel² Eaton, d. pre 1684
10. Francis² Billington, d. 1684
9. Henry¹ Samson, d. 1684
8. Priscilla² (Mullins) Alden, d. 1680-87
7. John¹ Alden, d. 1687
6. Elizabeth² (Tilley) Howland, d. 1687
5. Gyles² Hopkins, d. c1689-90
4. Resolved² White, d. 1690-94
3. John² Cooke, d. 1695
2. Richard¹ More, d. c1696
1. Mary² (Allerton) Cushman, d. 1699

LAND IN PLYMOUTH, 1620-1623



On Dec. 28th, 1620, it was decided to build 19 houses, one for each family. The land to be

allotted to each family was a lot 50' deep by about 8' per person wide - therefore a family with 6 in its household for example, would receive a lot measuring 50' x 48'.

As the weeks and months passed and the Pilgrims' numbers were cut in half by sickness, the plan for 19 dwellings was reduced to only 7 - all that was now needed to house the survivors; families & single persons were grouped together with roughly 7 persons to each household. These lots were assigned for their use only, they did not own them.

1623/4 Land Division

For the first three years, tillage lands in Plymouth were used in common. All were expected to help with the planting, tending & harvesting, with the results to be shared. Problem was, those who worked hard and did their share resented those who were not so inclined, yet

they received no more for their labours than those who rarely worked up a sweat. And, as Gov. Bradford stated, the Pilgrims "began now highly to prize corn as more precious than silver, and those that had some to spare began to trade one with another for small things, by the quart, pottle and peck; for money they had none".

The 1st Land Division took place in the spring of 1623/4, probably in March, when one acre [share] was granted to each man, woman and child, with an extra share going to the families of each deceased person, as well as to those who had made a financial contribution towards the cost of the voyage. [Isaac Allerton headed the list with 7 shares followed by William Brewster & Stephen Hopkins with 6 shares each.]

Approximately 74 shares went to Mayflower passengers*, 33 to Fortune passengers and 95 to those from the Anne & Little James. These shares were allotted for personal use, yet they still did not own them, and they were still expected to help tend the common lands.

*Plymouth Town Records 1:xiii state 69 shares went to Mayflower passengers.

References: "The 1623 Land Division", *The Mayflower Descendant*, 1:227-30; Robert S. Wakefield, "The 1623 Plymouth Land Division", *The Mayflower Quarterly*, 40:7-13, 55-62; Plymouth Town Records 1:xiii-xiv.

Internet For Our Kids (or us!)

Virtual tour of Plimoth Plantation:

<http://media3.com/plymouth/plnat/htm>

Virtual Thanksgiving:

www.ll.mit.edu/Tourbus/tb112195.html

Pilgrim crafts:

www.zia.com/thanks.htm

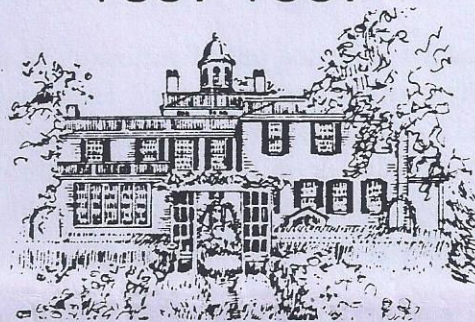
Kaplan's Thanksgiving Fun:

www.kaplan.com/holiday/turkey/html

Life as a Pilgrim: (3rd Grade)

www.coe.ufl.edu/faculty/lamme/project/pilgrims/sspilgrims.html

GENERAL SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS 1897-1997



Oct. 1935 - First issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly*.

Nov. 1941 - Establishment of Colonies.

Dec. 1941 - The historic Winslow House was purchased by the General Society - cost - \$23,500; subscriptions raised - \$22,742.28.

1946 - Winslow House was renamed "Mayflower Society House".

Nov. 1947 - The office of the Historian General in Boston suffered a disastrous fire; most of the lineage papers were either destroyed or badly burned.

1949 - Design of membership certificates approved.

1960 - The office of the Historian General was moved from Boston to the "Tea House" at the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth. Lewis E. Neff elected Governor General.

11 Sept. 1963 - Dedication of the "Lewis E. Neff" Cottage (Tea House), to serve as office quarters for the Historian General & Governor General and to house the Society's library of 400 books.

Dec. 1975 - The Society published the first five generations silver book, vol. 1, Francis Eaton, Samuel Fuller & William White; price - \$10.00.

18 Apr. 1990 - ground breaking ceremonies for the new addition to the Society Library ("Lewis E. Neff" Cottage), with the dedication on 27 Oct. 1991.