

# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

D. T. Lahey, Editor

## Our Man on the Mayflower

**Wanted: More than 140,000 Canadians believed to be "Separatists."**

**N**ot French Canadian separatists — these are true blue descendants of British dissidents who broke away from the Church of England three centuries ago rebelling against its "Pop-ish priests and Romish vestments." Their 102 forebears were the original Pilgrim Fathers who sailed aboard the Mayflower and landed in New England on Nov. 21, 1620.

McGivern 72, archivist for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto as well as president of the United Empire Loyalists' Metro branch, is very serious about tracking down the lineage of possible members of his Canadian Mayflower Society.

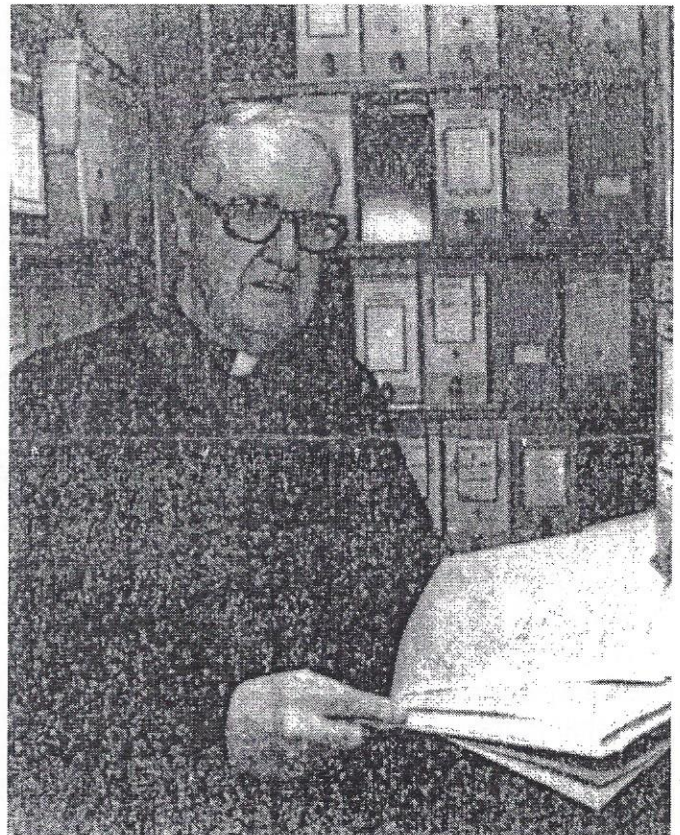
### *70 descendants*

A Jesuit genealogist and historian, he knows for certain there are 70 descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers in the Metro area and estimates there are at least 140,000 across Canada. He recently persuaded 29 of them to become charter members of his Canadian chapter — the first charter granted outside of the USA.

McGivern denies that members flaunt their cards to prove they are descended from aristocrats. In point of fact, he says, not a single pilgrim of the 41 who signed the famous Mayflower Compact, the first agreement for self-government in the US could be considered gentry. He calls them ordinary, working-class people.

Then why glorify them? "Because they set an inspiring example of courage," says McGivern. He admires them for fighting for religious freedom. They bravely upheld their principles, he says, after

When Father McGivern was struggling to found the fledging Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, he was interviewed by the Toronto Star. In this retrospective year of 2000, I thought you might be interested in reading what motivated this scholarly, vividly imaginative, and far-seeing man to found our Society. I hope you enjoy it. It's been slightly abridged.



Father McGivern at work in the Catholic Archives, Toronto. "I'm an archivist because I like learning the past," he says. "Not necessarily from the past. People rarely learn how to change their way of living from the past."

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Editor

The highlight of my summer was my attendance at the Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion of my high school in Athabasca, Alberta. It was an exhilarating three days as we sought to refresh old friendships and fill in the details of our 50 years in a few short hours. It was amazing how all those years fell away as the camaraderie of long ago was reestablished. (My hair has fallen away too, since the early picture of me, above.)

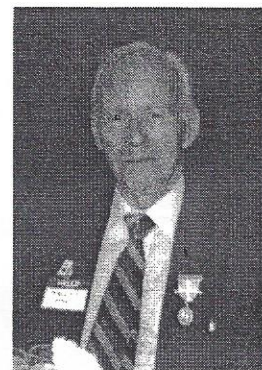
Here's an interesting item about the town I live in: "**Guelph 1843**—The new Guelph Gaol was opened. Its first inmate was a notorious cattle rustler. Its second inmate was the same cattle rustler." Some people never learn. (*Guelph Tribune, 25 Apr 2000*)

This has been an unusually busy and productive summer for many of our other members as well. I have had to expand the The Business Page to get it all in. It's great to see our Society being so ably represented in the world.

We complete our retrospective look back at the founding of our Society with a most informative look into the mind and thinking of our most interesting founder, Father McGivern.

## Obituary—Marshall Dean

We regret to report the passing of **MARSHALL McDUGALL DEAN** on June 3, 2000. He was 83 years of age. In his working career, Marshall was Regional Employee Services Officer with the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, with responsibilities extending from Cornwall, Ontario, to Selkirk Manitoba.

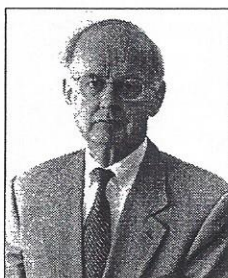


With his retirement in 1981, Marshall joined the Canadian Society, and almost immediately assumed the position of Deputy Governor, a position he held until his death. He represented our Society as Assistant Governor and Deputy Governor General in every General Congress from 1984 to the present. He regularly attended General Meetings when held throughout the United States. He was proud of being a Canadian, and fought long and hard to have our uniqueness recognized in the General Society. Marshall introduced the third verse to the "Mayflower Song" to make its words more appropriate to both countries. His changes were adopted as part of the official song of the Society.

He was a descendant of George Soule, and was proud of his Mayflower ancestry. He always hoped to find more Mayflower ancestors, but never did.

Marshall never aspired to the Governorship of the Canadian Society, but served long and faithfully on the Board of Assistants. He was our expert on the Constitution of our Society, and relations with the General Society. He rarely missed a Board meeting. His quiet and gentlemanly voice of reason made him the elder statesman of our Society. He will be greatly missed by all.

## Our Governor wins distinguished award



**Paul R. Hill** B.Sc. 1962, M.Sc. 1967 - Civil Engineering. Paul R. Hill has received the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers, H. Robert Burton Distinguished Service Award for the year 2000. This is the highest award given by the Institute in Canada. Mr. Hill has been active in the Institute of Transportation Engineers for many years both in Canada and Internationally. He served on the International Board of Directors,

International Nominations and was General Chairman of the 1998 Annual Meeting held in Toronto. Mr. Hill has been working as a transportation consultant for most of his career. Currently he is Principal of Paul Hill Consulting, offering services in Traffic and Transportation Planning, in Toronto.

## Newcomers

Welcome to the following 10 new members:

**B. Beverly Biefer**, 85 Beaver Ridge, Nepean, Ont. K2E 6E5, #327, Howland

**Marjorie E. Kelley**, 1555 Avenue Rd., #A-402, Toronto, Ont. M5M 4M2, #328, Allerton

**Jan Harris-Kimball**, 3590 NW Dimple Hill Rd., Corvallis, OR 97330, #329, Chilton

**James A. Johnson**, 48 Church St., Lenox MA 01240, #330, Alden (thru John Adams)

**C. William Crowell**, 44 Lakeside Lane, RR #1 South Ohio, N.S., #331, Bradford

**Christina Bennet Hammel**, 499 1st St. N.W., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 6H6, #332, Warren

**Norma E. Brown**, 16 Welkin Cres., Nepean, Ont. K2E 5M5, #333, Alden

**J. Gordon Wood**, P.O. Box 7, Tusket, N.S. B0W 3M0, #334, Brewster (dual with MA)

**Richard S. Hall**, 11 N. Dwyer Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005-1204, #335, Alden

**Bradley G. Ross**, 53 Rue David Kennedy, Baie D'Urfe, Que. H9X 3V4, #336, Alden

**E. Patricia Walker**, #215, 5710-201 St., Langley, B.C. V3A 8A8, #337, Warren

**Family Ties:** Bradley Ross is the son of member Brian Ross and Beverly Biefer is the wife of member, Greg Biefer. I believe the only other husband-wife members we have are John & Hilary Kaler of Hamilton, Ont. Member Roger Graves' wife, Kathy, has a line back to John Alden but Roger beat her to it when it came to membership!

## *Semi-annual meeting and Fall Banquet*



18 November 2000



**Location:** Toronto Skating Cricket and Curling Club, 141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto (between Avenue Road and Yonge, uphill from York Mills Station)

**Time:** 12 noon: cash bar. 1-4: lunch and meeting. Cash bar will be in the Lounge; Lunch and meeting in the Founder's Room.

**Cost:** \$35.

**Menu:** Soup or salad, Turkey, Dessert, Tea or coffee.

**Guest Speaker:** Fiona Lucas, culinary historian

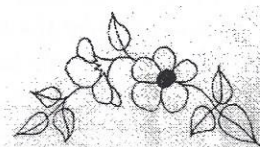
**Topic:** "The condition of Turkey-will be seriously considered by Canadians today": Thanksgiving in Ontario

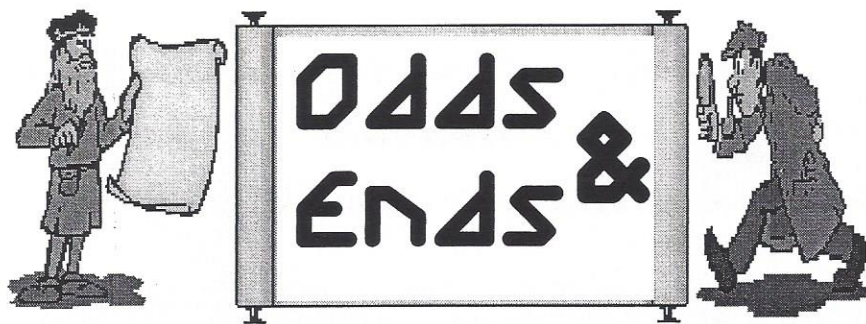
**Fiona Lucas started at Historic Fort York** as a costumed interpreter in the 1826 officers' mess kitchen. Her current position is Senior Domestic Interpreter for the Culture Division of the City of Toronto. Fiona is co-founder of Culinary Historians of Ontario. She speaks on Ontario culinary heritage and about living history foodways programmes to interested groups. Right now she is participating in a project that is producing a scholarly reprint of the first cookery book written by a Canadian, *The Frugal Housewife's Manual*, by A. B. of Grimsby, first published in 1840.

**How to get there:** Leave highway 401 at Avenue road, and turn left at Wilson Road. The TSCCC is on the right.

### *Abstract of Fiona's talk*

**Have you ever wondered** about the origins of the typical Thanksgiving dinner in Ontario? Why do Ontarians eat a dinner of roast turkey with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie? — a dinner that supposedly re-enacts the first Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by the Pilgrims when they harvested their first crops in America. The answers lie in the mid 19th century romantic idealization of the agricultural past, both in England and New England. In a fully illustrated talk, Fiona traces the social development of the traditional festive meal eaten at Thanksgiving.





**Great Grampa, is that you?** A drug called ibogaine, derived from an African plant in Gabon has miraculous powers: "Chew enough, it is said, and you see your dead ancestors." (*Paper Roots, an internet newsletter, No. 12, 10 Jan 2000*)

**A new poll** indicates that twice the number of Americans think they have Pilgrim ancestors than actually do, *Newsweek* said. In an interview, a historian suggested that those falsely claiming ancestry may simply "identify with that awful voyage." (*from the Internet*)

**Sweet dreams** OTTAWA 1860: "It has a been disclosed that a policeman (name withheld on request) has been in the habit of 'bossing' the boys about even when engaged in mere harmless pranks. At about 11 pm last night eight boys waited in the dark for the unsuspecting officer, sprang out at him, bore him to the ground and gagged him. Then the cop was nailed to the wooden sidewalk by his clothes. The policeman stayed nailed until the early morning when some early riser found him. If the policeman recognized any of the boys he is not saying. Chief Langrell tried hard to discover the culprits but could not." (*Thanks to Ottawa Branch News, July-August 1999, p. 139*)

**Lazy day** September 8, 1752. On this day in 1752, absolutely nothing happened in the English-speaking world. That's because this day didn't exist in 1752. When the English-speaking world decided to adopt the Gregorian Calendar (which we're still using today), all the days between the 3rd and the 14th of September had to be skipped, in order to catch up. (*Thanks to Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 8 Sept 1999*)

**Chewing Ibogaine again?** Nancy Peacock's novel *Home Across the Road* tells the story of two families who occupied a southern mansion, *The New York Times Book Review* said, a house in which "you can't even kill a roach without hearing about who his ancestors were." (*Woodward's online newsletter, 16 Jan 2000*)

**Poor Hodmezovasarhely** The mayor of Hodmezovasarhely in Hungary is under investigation for allegedly using town funds to pay for researching his ancestry. (*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, Vol. 5, No 3, 15 Jan 2000*)

**Do-it-yourself:** "I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U.S., England, and Scotland countries. I will do the research." (*Request for information received by the Cambridge Family History Society; thanks to former Governor Keith Bain*)

## Two Stories

told by Governor Bradford.

### *Death of Governor Carver*

**Plymouth 1621:** "This April, when they were busy sowing their seed, their Governor, Mr. John Carver, one hot day came out of the field very sick. He complained greatly of his head and lay down, and within a few hours his senses failed. He never spoke again and died a few days after. His death was much lamented and depressed them deeply, with good cause. He was buried in the best manner possible, with some volleys of shot by all that bore arms; and his wife, a weak woman, died five or six weeks after him." (p. 114)

### *Anyone for stool-ball?*

**Plymouth Colony, 1621:** "I shall end this year — except to recall one more incident, rather amusing than serious. On Christmas Day the Governor called the people out to work, as usual; but most of the new company excused themselves, and said it went against their conscience to work on that day. So the Governor told them, if they made it a matter of conscience, he would spare them until they were better informed. So he went with the rest and left them, but on returning from work at noon he found them at play in the street, some pitching the bar, some at stool-ball, and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their games, and told them that it was against his conscience that they should play and others work. If they made the day a matter of devotion, let them remain in their houses, but there should be no gaming and reveling in the streets." (Bradford, p. 126)

## The Story of the "Jordan Farm Mayflower"

In the *BC Pilgrim*, Bill Brown tells us that wood from the 'Jordan Farm' *Mayflower* had been placed in the Peace Arch at Blaine, Washington. Here is the story of the discovery of the so-called Jordan Farm wood. It has not been definitely determined that this wood is in fact from our *Mayflower*.

**T**he first *Mayflower* left Plymouth, England on September 6, 1620 with 102 passengers and about 25 in a carefully selected crew, and arrived in the New World 67 days later. She was a "sweet" ship, meaning that she had been engaged in the Mediterranean wine trade. She had also been engaged since 1616 in the fur trade with Norway, and hence had experienced the storms of the North Sea, one of the most treacherous bodies of water in the world. By the time the Pilgrims chartered her with Christopher Jones as Captain, she was seasoned to rough seas. The dimensions of the first *Mayflower* were 90 feet in length (12 feet more than a tennis court) and 26 feet in width with a tonnage of 180. Small as these dimensions were, the *Mayflower* was larger than the *Discovery* in which Captain John Smith sailed to Virginia in 1607.

After safely depositing the Pilgrims in Plymouth, the *Mayflower* returned in England in the spring of 1621 and continued trading runs to Ireland and France. Captain Jones died in 1622 and the ship lay dormant until it was sold for its timbers in 1624. Nearly three hundred years were to pass before Dr. Hamilton Holt, President of Rollins College in Florida, was traveling in England in 1920. He chanced to ask a stranger in a London tavern if there were any records of the *Mayflower's* fate, and was told there was a barn in Buckinghamshire, 20 miles from London, believed to be made of *Mayflower* timber. He hastened to Chorley Woods and was directed to a hay barn which had been owned by a family named Jordan since the 1600's. Mr. Jordan took Dr. Holt into the barn and showed him the roof timbers and the central cross beam which still had part of the screw from a printing press the Pilgrims used to hold the beam together when it cracked on the voyage. He also told Dr. Holt that an archeologist had verified the age of the timbers as consistent with those of the original *Mayflower*. Five years passed and Dr. Holt returned to Chorley Woods where Mr. Jordan told him that

word was getting out about the *Mayflower* timber and a piece from the crossbeam had been taken out and placed in a bridge that had just been constructed between the US and Canada. Dr. Holt then had the idea of bringing a small section of one of the beams to Rollins College. It is framed and hangs over the mantel in the main reception room of a dormitory appropriately named *Mayflower* Hall. (Thanks to the *New York (Mayflower) Newsletter*, Spring 1998)

(*Editor's note: The "bridge that had just been constructed between the US and Canada," is apparently in reference to the Peace Arch in Blaine, Washington.*)

*Below: The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Rotherhithe, London, England, where Christopher Jones, the Captain of the Mayflower, is buried.*





## The Business Page

### *Moving?*

With each issue of the *Canadian Pilgrim* several are returned with the notation "Moved — left no address." If you are moving, please let the Society know, so we can ensure delivery to you.

### *MQ Addresses*

The General Society appears to be unable to get our Canadian addresses correct. In a recent check of its list, our recording secretary Debbie Clarke found 36 errors, seven omissions, and an extra member. Please check your MQ address carefully, and let Debbie know of any errors or omissions. (It appears the June 2000 issue has been received by everyone, so hopefully the problem is now resolved.)

### *Dues Notice!*

Haven't paid yet? Please remember that 2001 membership dues of \$40 are due Nov 30, 2000. Please send payment to:

**Allyn Dean, Treasurer**  
86 Constance St  
Toronto ON M6R 1S6

Our society depends on your dues and donations. *Why not pay for several years in advance?*

### *Canadian Certificates*

CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES are still available at a cost of \$5.00. Please contact the

Canadian Historian Susan Roser if interested.

### *Donations*

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

### *Fellow historians meet*

This summer Kaaren Matthews (left below), Alberta Colony Historian, and Susan Roser, Canadian Society Historian, got together to discuss mutual interests and establish friendships.



### *The Web*

Our website is undergoing a major overhaul. Our own Historian Susan Roser is learning the art of web page building, and amongst her many other duties will be donning the hat of Webmaster. We look forward to her new page. The address is [www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html). Our thanks to Susan's Web tutor, Ron Dailey of the North Carolina Society.



### *Nominating Committee*

The Nominating Committee of Myrna Geldart, Deborah Clarke and Lois Abraham respectfully nominate the following positions:

Governor: **Paul Hill**  
Deputy Governor: **Susan Roser**  
Elder: **Mel Donald**

Member at Large: **Joyce Cutler**  
Surgeon: **Dr Bruce Morton**  
Councillor: **Christopher Baldwin**

### *Library catalog*

Our Librarian, Joyce Cutler, has now completed a catalog of our Pilgrim Collection at the North York Public Library. Copies are now available for \$3 at meetings, or \$5 by mail. If interested please contact Joyce. (See Spring edition for addresses.)

Two new books have now been added to our library:

*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, Vol. II, Part 3: *Edward Doty*; and Vol. 19, *Thomas Rogers*.

### *Our members at work*

Word has it that member **Wilfred Allan** and **Gordon Wood** (member of the Massachusetts State Society and new member of the Canadian Society) gave a talk in Nova Scotia recently. Gordon writes: "Wilfred tells me that you are aware of the presentation he and I did on May 28th at Chebogue Church. We were pleased with the turnout of 50 to 60 people and they all seemed to have a good time. Many of them have Mayflower ancestors and hopefully a few of them will become members. We were surprised when one person of the audience identified himself as a resident of Plymouth Massachusetts. He said we did a good presentation, hopefully he wasn't just being nice. During intermission, Wilfred went outside and changed into period costume. He was a crowd pleaser when he entered the room with his dog under his arm and playing the role of Isaac Allerton."

***Urgent!!***

Your **Canadian Society** of Mayflower Descendants is in need of volunteers to serve on the Board of Assistants. This is vital work to the survival of your Society, but it is not a burden. You need to live in the Greater Toronto Area, or within easy driving distance (I live in Guelph, and it's no trouble for me). We hold about three meetings a year besides the Spring and Fall meetings. What you get in return for your service is a sense of accomplishment and convivial fellowship. If interested, please contact our Historian, Susan Roser.

***Congratulations!***

**Congratulations** to our Recording Secretary, Deborah Clarke, who has had her article, "The Sampler of Eliza Fisher," published in the June 2000 issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly*, pp. 131-134. Unfortunately, the black and white reproduction does not do justice to the exquisite color tones and workmanship of Debbie's original.

***Thank You***

**Our thanks go out** to our members from Ottawa and area, who manned our Mayflower table at the OGS conference in that city in May. Thanks and appreciation to: **John Bell, Elizabeth Doe, Lynne Webb and Gary Bagley, and Beverly and Greg Biefer.** We are making our presence known!

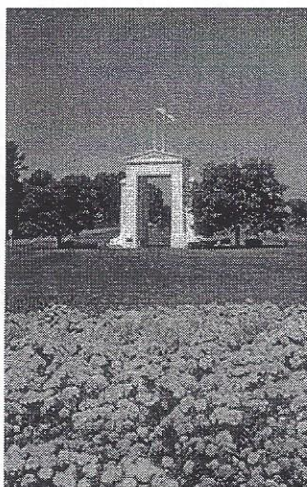
Please take a few minutes now to send in your 2001 dues

***The BC Pilgrim***

**Bill Brown, BC Regent** has now published Vol 2, No 1 of his Colony newsletter, the *BC Pilgrim*. This four-page newsletter is full of pictures, articles about members, colony meetings, and information on researching one's ancestors. It's a great read and a real credit to Bill and the BC Colony.

**Bill includes** this interesting item in the latest issue of the *BC Pilgrim*. The Peace Arch between Canada and the United States at Blaine, Washington, contains a metal box holding a piece of wood from the Jordan farm *Mayflower*, and a piece from the Hudson's Bay Company ship *Beaver*, as symbolic representations of the history of the two countries. (*BC Pilgrim 2:1*)

If you want to read more on the 'Jordan Farm' wood, see page 5.



*Editor's note: I have a connection with both these ships. Seven of my ancestors were aboard the Mayflower, and the Beaver was commissioned by my 3-great-grandfather.*

***Hathaway Family  
"Reunion 2000"***

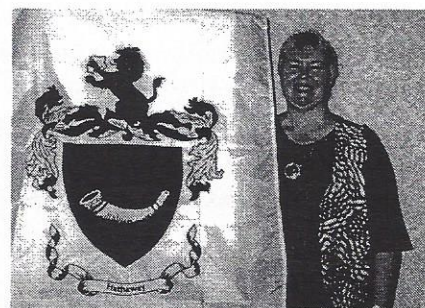
**From June 23rd to 25th**, thirty-two Hathaway family members and 8 Hathaway Helpers were present at the 87th reunion in Ottawa, Ontario.

The Hathaway's are descended from supposed brothers, Arthur and Nicholas, who emigrated from England to the Marshfield, Massachusetts area in the early 1600's. Those who are descended from Arthur Hathaway are Mayflower descendants since he was married to Sarah Cooke, daughter of John Cooke and Sarah Warren, granddaughter of Francis Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.

Greetings to the Association from Paul Hill, the Governor of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, were read.

Mary Jewell, an enthusiastic 87 year old, won a maple leaf pin for the oldest Hathaway in attendance. Anna Webb Burman, 8, of Lachine, Quebec, was the youngest attendee. Vera and Cleo Hathaway of Seattle won prizes for coming the farthest distance.

Hosts for the reunion were Mayflower member Lynne Webb and husband Gary Bagley.



*Above: Hathaway family member and Mayflower descendant, Lynne Webb, displays the Hathaway crest.*

## *The Spring Tea – meet our members*

*Our Spring Tea this year was held in the middle of a freak mid-April winter storm. Amid the Christmassy whiteness only a few brave members dared the elements.*

### SEMI ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING TEA

**T**he Spring Tea was held 8 April 2000 at the John McKenzie House in Toronto. Mr. Paul Hill opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all those who braved the wintry conditions to come.

**Treasurer's Report** given by Mr. Allyn Dean. Latest member Number is 327 which includes 71 life members, 173 regular members and 83 who are no longer members. Of the regular members 3 have paid for 2001, 86 have paid for 2000, 78 have paid for 1999 and 6 have paid for 1998. We have \$123.88 in one account, \$702.63 in another and \$585.46 in our U.S. Account. We have three G.I.C.'s all due April 15 2000 (\$10000 @7.875%, \$2500 @3.45% and \$5000 @3%). We have to send about \$4700 Canadian to Plymouth to cover our membership dues. He is hopeful that with the increase in our membership fees we will have some money left over after our expenses to buy books for our library.

**Editor's Report** given by Dale Lahey. Mr. Lahey thanked Mrs. Susan Roser and Mrs Joyce Cutler for their assistance in completing the Fall edition of the *Canadian Pilgrim*. He also gave special thanks to Elder Mel Donald for all his help on information regarding the early years of the Society, and to Margaret Owen for providing pictures and other information for the Spring edition. Mr. Lahey also thanked those members who complimented him for recent issues of the *Canadian Pilgrim*. Their comments are appreciated.

**Librarian's Report:** Mrs. Joyce Cutler was unable to attend the meeting but she sent copies of our library catalogue which can be purchased for \$3.00 today and for \$5.00 by mail.

**Governor's Report** by Mr. Paul Hill. Mr. Paul Hill announced that the Compact Banquet would be held at the Toronto Skating, Curling and Cricket Club on 18 November 2000. We are already making plans for the 25 anniversary of the Canadian Society and would



*Front Row, L-R: Lois Abraham, Allyn Dean, Ann and David Johnson, Dale Lahey.*

*Standing: Governor Paul Hill, Susan Roser, Betty Abraham, Fred Abraham, Myrna Geldart, Marshall Dean, Dirk Schaap, Mary Nichols, Sheila Schaap, Debbie Clarke, Vivian White.*

appreciate any suggestions. Our hopes to form a Nova Scotia Colony have fallen through. However we are going to send a complimentary copy of the *Canadian Pilgrim* to Maritimers who belong to American State Societies to encourage them to join our Society. The O.G.S. Seminar will be held in Ottawa this year and we will be represented. We are still working on getting Charitable status for our Society and we will probably have to amend the preamble to our constitution as part of these efforts. We are also planing amendments to the Constitution of the General Society to make it more representative of an international Society .

**Historian's Report and Selection of Nominating Committee** given by Mrs Susan Roser. As Historian Mrs. Roser said that everything was going well. She asked for a volunteer to join Ms Clarke and herself on the nominating committee. Mrs. Lois Abraham agreed to serve. (*Deborah Clarke, Recording Secretary*)



## A View from the Other Side — A Native Perspective

**M**rs Roser introduced the video: *Indians and Settlers in Jamestown, Plymouth, their Relations with the Pilgrims, and King Philips' War.*

We all know the stories of Squanto, Hobbomock, Samoset, and Massasoit, chief of the friendly Wampanoags from whom our ancestors learned to plant corn, fish and hunt the Indian way. We also are very familiar with the story of the first Thanksgiving and we have heard about King Philip's War and the Indian destruction of English Settlements. But do these facts tell the whole story? Everything we know comes with an European perspective. The Indians are either bystanders or villains in our Pilgrim history. This video attempts to rectify this bias.

When the Pilgrims landed in 1620 they invaded Massasoit's territory. He was Grand Sachem of the Wampanoag Federation which included 31 subtribes and extended probably to a third of Massachusetts, part of Rhode Island and some of Connecticut. By 1620 the Wampanoags had been decimated by the sicknesses they caught from the Europeans. On the other hand their rivals, the Narragansett had been left virtually untouched by these epidemics and had become the predominate tribe in southern New England. Hoping to protect his territory from the stronger Narragansetts, Massasoit was quite willing to sign defensive treaties with the Europeans. To his credit he kept every agreement he made. We know that Massasoit and his tribes were invited to the first Thanksgiving as a symbol of the good relations between the two cultures. We did not know that the harvest festival was a traditional Indian celebration introduced to the Pilgrims by the Indians.

After the death of Massasoit the relations between the Indians and English settlers began to deteriorate. Increasing numbers of Europeans arrived needing more and more land. The Indians found themselves forced from their traditional hunting and planting territories. They resented the Settlers pushing their English culture, religious beliefs and

rules on them. Fifteen years after the death of Massasoit, his son King Philip went to war to protect the Indian way of life.

King Philip was a brilliant strategist and for a while he seemed to the English settlers to be unbeatable. The video makes a point of saying that even at war the Indians acted honourably by warning families, who had been their friends, in ad-

"The English massacred a village of over 300 women and children by setting fire to their wig wams and burning them to the ground."

vance of an Indian attack so that they could escape. The Settler forces were not so kind to the Indians. On 19 December 1675 during The Great Swamp Fight, the English massacred a village of over 300 women and children by setting fire to their wigwams and burning them to the ground. Mrs. Roser researched the Great Swamp Fight and found this massacre of Indian

women and children is often omitted from the American accounts. If it is mentioned, the history books justify the massacre by reminding us of the Indians' brutal attacks on English settlements. One version of the Great Swamp Fight acknowledges that King Philip did leave the women and children in a Narragansett fort for protection, but claims that he had removed most of them to Western Massachusetts before the army of English settlers and Indian Scouts attacked. It was a major victory for the English. The Narragansetts lost over 600 warriors.

In the end King Philip and his Indian forces were defeated. The English captured Philip's wife and son and sold them into slavery in the West Indies. King Philip was shot. His killers dragged his body through the mud after which they had it cut into quarters. They put Philip's head on a pike and left it on display in Plymouth for the next 25 years.

After the video we had a brief discussion about our ancestors' treatment of the Indians. We agreed that the truth is never black and white, and that it does us all good to remember that there was another side to the story.

*(Deborah Clarke with thanks to Susan Roser for the use of her notes.)*

## Our Governor's Message



**S**ince the last newsletter we have lost our Deputy Governor, Marshall M. Dean. Marshall was a faithful member of the Board of Assistants for many years. He could be counted on to make sure all our deliberations were done within the context of the rules of the General Society and that we didn't do things contrary to our own policies and procedures. More than that he provided a continuity as members of the Board came and went. On many occasions in the past three years we drove together to and from Board meetings. He told me about his growing up in Fort William (Thunder Bay), how he came to be in Toronto, and some of the founding members of the Society. He recorded for posterity the details of early Board meetings, our only record of these. Until the end he was doing research in family history and other areas of interest. We will miss him and are grateful for his contribution.

Marshall's passing reminds us of the passing years. When I became a member of the Board ten years ago 'relative' youth was on my side. Much has happened in the past few years and we are all older. The Society now faces the need for new and younger members to serve on the Board of Assistants. In the same manner we need those who will take on responsibilities in all of the activities of the Society across the Country. Some say we only focus on the past when there is more of it than there is of the future. I urge those who have an interest and are younger to find a place to serve the Society. The future rests with all our members.

## BC Colony Report

**T**he Spring meeting was the first one held on Vancouver Island since the Colony was founded. The only sad part of the meeting was learning of the death of Betty Watson, one of our four members on the Island. This loss in membership was balanced when we welcomed a new member at the meeting, Peter Graves and his wife Kathy. After our business meeting and the two minutes of silence in remembrance of Betty Watson, we were treated to a display by Abbie, Robert, and Dale, on the three different ways they have carried out their research, which was very interesting. After a fine lunch it was back to the Ferry with transportation again being supplied by Robert Frost and Ken Thompson.

We have a table at the Fourth Annual Tri-State Family History Seminar at the Surrey LDS Family history centre. Last year our table was between the BC Genealogical Society and the United Empire Loyalists.

Our most active member and Past Regent, George Lydiard will be going in for a major operation later this year and We wish him All The

Best. We were happy to see Pat Walker, after all the hard work, become a full member. *Bill Brown, BC Regent*

*Front row left to right: Bill Brown, Bob Prince, Joan Fishleigh, Abbie Thompson, Joan Stace-Smith, Pat Walker and Dale Philpott.*

*Back row left to right: Eleanor Lydiard, George Lydiard, Frank Fishleigh, Rebecca Fraser, Robert Frost and Gwen Philpott. Missing from Picture Arlene Brown & Ken Thompson who were out front taking the pictures plus Roger & Kathy Graves who had to leave early.*



## Father McGivern Speaks out - continued from page one

persecutors in England had several pilloried and whipped, sliced off their ears, and branded their foreheads with the letters "SS" signifying they were stirrers of sedition

### *Rebels for God*

"Like the saints, they stubbornly swam against the tide, and 51 of them died of cold and hunger within a year after they landed," he says. "They were rebels for God."

McGivern debunks the popular stereotype that has falsely depicted the pilgrims as purse-lipped puritans, garbed in funereal black and given to uttering sanctimonious pieties. He cites as example his own two pilgrim ancestors.

One was William Brewster, who before he became the respected elder of the Plymouth colony, was postmaster at Scrooby, England, near Sherwood Forest and a printer of rabble rousing pamphlets. When he died at 84, Brewster's will showed he left behind a dandy's wardrobe that included a violet colored waistcoat, a red lace cap, and "1 paire of greene drawers." And his library of 400 books, says McGivern, was notable for containing "one of the most licentious plays of the very lusty Elizabethan period."

McGivern's other pilgrim ancestor was the controversial Stephen Hopkins. He was an adventurer and sailor, storyteller and swashbuckler, who was almost hanged for plotting a mutiny aboard the Mayflower. Eventually he became one of the stalwarts of the colony, spinning wonderful yarns about being shipwrecked in Bermuda.

"I have no documented evidence to prove it," says McGivern rather wistfully. "But, according to legend, Hopkins' tales of his adventures in the West Indies inspired Shakespeare to write *The Tempest*."

McGivern himself is a lively storyteller, but a stickler for historical accuracy. He is the author of six biographical books, including *Shadows Over Huronia* and the recent *A Saga Of The Church In Canada*, which largely deals with the lives of Jesuit missionaries.

McGivern figures there are probably an equal

number of rogues and heroes hidden in his family cupboard. He uncovered his pilgrim ancestors by tracing the family lineage through thirteen generations on his father's side of the family.

His father, Richard McGivern, born in Nova Scotia of Irish and English descent, was a daring gambler and adventurer. Among other things, he went broke in the Yukon gold rush in 1898. He went broke again as a stockbroker immediately before the Wall Street crash of 1929, and hustled grub as a cook for cowboys in an Alberta ranch. His son remembers his irreverent father once say, "I belong to the Round Church where I can never be cornered."

His mother, Mary Ellen MacDonald in Nova Scotia of Scottish descent, he remembers as a "devout and commanding person." Through her side of the family, he has traced his ancestry as far back as 381 A.D.

Though he hates sounding like a name dropper, McGivern says he has documents to prove he is related to the Plantagenet line of English kings, Queen Olga of Russia,

King Duncan of Scotland, as well as the cousin who assassinated him, bloody Macbeth.

"But, oh, the stories that the past can tell you if you're patient enough to dig them out!"

### *Not sinister*

Which means he's also related to Lady Macbeth, though McGivern insists, "She wasn't as sinister a murderess as Shakespeare painted her. To my way of thinking, nobody is inherently evil. Villains are inherently good people who have gone astray and the trick is to try to understand them.

That, confesses the kindly priest, is why he loves history so much. He gestures to the stacks of more than 1,000 rare documents filed away the basement archives of the three-storey, yellow brick chancery on Church Street.

"I'm an archivist because I like learning the past," he says. "Not necessarily from the past. People rarely learn how to change their way of living from the past. But, oh, the stories that the past can tell you if you're patient enough to dig them out are forever fascinating." (*Thanks to Frank Rasky, Toronto Sunday Star, March 15, 1981, D17.*)

**YOUR GOOD LETTERS** . . . 

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***Identities revealed***

In the Spring edition we featured a photograph of the first Annual Banquet held in 1981. Only a few members could be identified and readers were asked to identify those they knew. Here are the results so far: Dear Dale: "Yes, I can identify my husband and me in that picture of 19 years ago."



"I am in the front row beside Margaret Owen. I have on a jacket with the name tag on my right lapel. Between Bessie Owen and Ruth Ferguson, but in the back row is my husband Ken Thompson. And, in case I have them labelled in error, he is 4th from left in back row, the second gentleman, the shorter of the two gentleman to the left. His name tag is also visible."

"I hope this is of some help. Your publication is still a delight to receive."

*Yours truly, Abbie H. Thompson. 025, 42331*



Dear Mr. Lahey: "Enclosed is a copy of the picture of the society's first annual banquet. I recognized my sister-in-law, Mary (Paget)

White, wife of my brother Leonard Foley White, deceased 11 May 1984."

*John H. White, Deep River, ON.*



"Dear Dale That's me, Judith MacKay, #69, 47735."

*Judith MacKay, Barrie ON.*

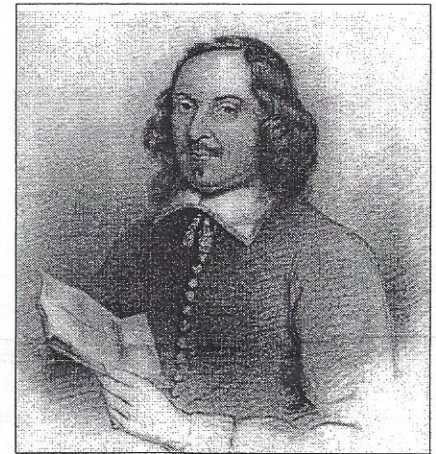
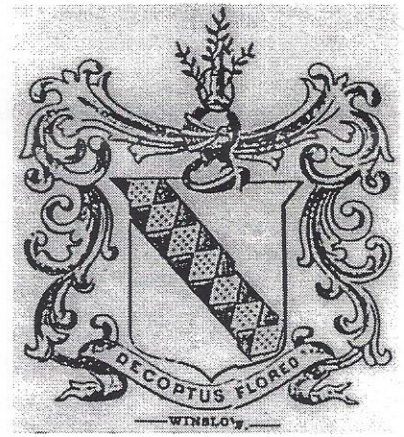
***Winslow Crest***

"Dear Mr. Lahey: In the Spring edition of the *Canadian Pilgrim* you asked for crests of the Mayflower passengers. I want to send the Edward Winslow crest, plus a picture. Winslow was born in Droitwich, Worcester Co, England in 1595, the son of Edward and Magalene (Oliver) Winslow. He married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Barker and they married in 1618; however, she died shortly after the pilgrims landed in Plymouth. His marriage to Susanna White was the first marriage in Plymouth in 1621. His death is recorded in 1655. The crest is very much like the one printed in *The Winslows*

*of Carewell in Marshfield* by Cynthia Hagar Krusell, front page.

"I must say you put a lot of effort into the newsletter and you deserve a great deal of credit. Thanks for all the good reading."

*Edward Morrisey, Dartmouth NS*



*Above: the Winslow crest, and a portrait of Edward Winslow, the only likeness of a Mayflower passenger we have.*

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