

Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

D. T. Lahey, Editor

Twentieth Anniversary Banquet

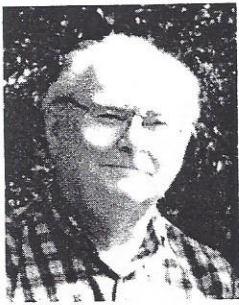


Our Fall Banquet of 2001, held on 10 November, 2001 at the Monte Carlo Inn in Oakville, was the twentieth anniversary banquet since the founding of our Society. The first banquet was held on 21 November 1981 in Toronto, and it was featured recently in the Spring 2000 issue of the *Canadian Pilgrim*.

Twenty years ago there were only about thirty members in our Society. Today we have 250 active members, and forty-seven of those members and friends attended the latest banquet.

Present at the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner

Fred Abraham; Betty Abraham; Keith Bain; Helen Bain; Sarah Brubacher. Debbie Clarke; Heather Cook; Paul Cook; Carole Cormier; Arthur Cormier; George Crawford; Ruth Crawford; Joyce Cutler; Murray Cutler; Luther Allyn Dean; Keith Dean; Eleanor Dean; Victoria Freeman; Myrna Geldart; Murray Gregory; Karen Gregory; William Hosking; John Heeney; Zemy Hosking; Ann Johnson; David Johnson; Dale Lahey; Peggy Lahey; Arnold Nethercott; Barbara Nethercott; Linda O'Rourke; Dan O'Rourke; Alfred Perry; Thelma Perry; Nancy Thompson; Lynda Allard; Kathleen Merckel; Ivan Merckel; Susan Roser; Hugh Roser; Robert White; Marjorie White; Robert White Jr; Donald Saul; Maria Szyckowski; Lynne Webb; Gary Bagley.



*the
editor's
world*

D T Lahey
Editor

The Twenty-First Century! It seems strange to me, a twentieth century child, to think of 'my' century as ancient history. We thought then that with all the turmoil and all the technical and medical advances of that tumultuous one hundred years, that all the problems of the world would be solved for this century. However, it would appear there are a few wrinkles left for the twenty-first century child to iron out!

Our Society, however, is thriving, our membership continues to grow, and we look forward to our third Colony in the east before too long.

And of course, we welcome our new Governor Susan Roser. Susan is no stranger to us. She was at the first banquet twenty years ago. She was the long time editor of this newsletter, putting out, if I recall right, 30 issues, and for the high quality of those issues she repeatedly won awards and high praise. She has been our historian for ten years now, and her knowledge and expertise are well known to most of us, who had Susan to guide us through the perils of our Mayflower applications.

Now we welcome Susan as our new Governor. Our Society is in good hands. *Dale*



Governor's Column

Susan E. Roser

In September 2001, the Board of Assistants received the unexpected resignation of our Governor, Paul Hill. According to our constitution, the Deputy Governor then steps in to finish the remainder of the unfinished term. Therefore I am honored to serve our Society in this capacity for the next two years.

We have other changes on our board as well. As Governor, I decided to have someone else finish my term as Deputy Governor, and I have appointed Joyce Cutler to do so. I am also extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Lynn Webb of Ottawa as a Member-at-large. Lynne is an active and enthusiastic member of our Society and will be an asset to our Board.

And, speaking of changes, there are lots in store for our Society. Please note elsewhere the announcement for our Semi-Annual Meeting. We are excited to announce the First Annual Mayflower Family Picnic in June which will replace our Spring Tea. I think it is time that we involve our families more in Society events, particularly the young people — our children and grandchildren and our nieces and nephews. Help us to make this a successful and fun event by coming out — and don't forget to bring the family!

I also look forward to big changes with our Nova Scotia members. Let's get a colony going! We certainly have enough members and it would be wonderful to see such a positive step forward for our group. Members in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, please contact me with your thoughts and ideas and send me your email addresses.

Lastly, as you may be aware, for many years our Society has encouraged and suggested changes to the constitution of the General Society in order to make it more international. Our many years of efforts are paying off and we were pleased with the suggestions proposed at the General Board meeting in Portland last September, as all of the proposals were those that we had previously sought (see the minutes of our annual meeting). We have invited (and thank him for accepting) the Governor General, Eugene Fortine, to write a piece in this newsletter, to relay to our members first-hand a little history on the subject, as well as his thoughts. Your Board of Assistants wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the General Society.

Your Governor (& new Grandma!)

Susan E. Roser

Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

#350, **Shirley F. Germain**, RR#2, Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0 (Howland)

#351, **Charles L. Stafford IV**, 2369 Gondola Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B2 (White)

#353, **Walter R. Saunders**, 214 W. Bench Dr., Penticton, BC V2A 8X8 (Alden)

#354, **Bonnie M. House**, 19499 Wilderness Dr., W.Linn, OR 97068 (Rogers)

#355, **Helen Gibson**, 407 Pt. McKay Gdns., Calgary AB T3B 5C1 (Hopkins)

#356, **Warren A. Rockwell III**, 2066 Route 107, Williamsburg, NB E6B 1X4 (Alden)

#357, **Paul A. Robbins**, 37 The Boardwalk, Wasaga Beach, ONT L0L 2P0 (Allert)

#358, **Mary Jane Williamson**,

#359, **David R. Holmes**, 26 Midway, St. Albans, Herts., ENG AL34BQ (Bradford)

#360, **Ross S. Andrews**, 627 E. Carisbrooke Rd., N.Vancouver BC V7N 1N8 (Cook)

#361, **Doris G. Thorpe**, 18 MicMac Dr., Dartmouth NS B2X 2H2 (Rogers)

#362, **Charles J. Howard**, 109 Lisonally Ct., Oakville, ONT L6L 6P2 (White)

Family Connections: Walter Saunders is the brother of member Vern Saunders and uncle of member Edward Saunders. Charles Howard is the father of member Baillie Howard.

First annual mayflower family picnic

"In remembrance of our Mayflower ancestors and their families, we announce the First Annual Mayflower Family Picnic."

Where: Coronation Park, Oakville, Area A.

When: June 15, 2002 — rain date June 16.

Time: 11:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Food: Bring-your-own picnic lunch and refreshments. Plenty of picnic tables will be available.

Cost: \$5 individual; \$15 family.

Sorry: No alcohol

Notice: To make all the arrangements we have planned it is important that we have your reservation and money in before May 20th. Please note that it is imperative that we know the names and ages of the children attending so that we can plan the events.

Our contact person is Deputy Governor **Joyce Cutler**. Please phone her at **905-827-5304** to make your reservation, and send payment to her at **448 Third Line, Oakville ON, L6L 4A5**

Directions: Coronation Park is right on the lake, just west of downtown Oakville. From the QEW, either east or west, get off at Third Line, Oakville, and travel south to Lakeshore Road, turn left, the park is ahead on the right.

From Highway 401, take Trafalgar Road south to Lakeshore Road, turn right and travel about two miles (past the town) to the park on your left.

Our reserved site is nearer to the playground and washrooms, so do not park around the back, rather near the front. Signs will be posted.

Notice: This should be a fun afternoon for young and old. We will have events planned for the children, and Susan and Joyce are travelling to Plymouth to bring back suitable Mayflower prizes for the occasion. But to make it a success, we need your participation. Please make every attempt to come out for this Mayflower family day. Remember, if our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants is to survive and flourish, we need to get a younger generation interested and active. You can do your bit by coming out to bask in the glory of an Ontario June day on the shores of beautiful Lake Ontario. What could be nicer . . . or easier!

The Governor General's message

Since assuming the office of Governor General in 1999, Eugene A. Fortine has taken a special interest in the internationalization of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Over some resistance he has succeeded in bringing forward four amendments for consideration at the upcoming General Congress which will, if accepted, go a long way to meeting the concerns of those Society members who are not citizens of the United States. We are fortunate to have a concerned and able spokesman in Governor General Fortine working on our behalf. We wish him well and full success in this important step for the well-being of the Society. GG Fortine has prepared an overview of the problem, which is printed in full below. The four amendments are outlined in Canadian Governor Susan Roser's report in the minutes of the Fall banquet on page ten.

Greetings to my Canadian cousins: In 1980, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants thought it good to charter a society in Canada. Governor General E. Frederick Low and Membership Chairman Robert Thurtle contacted Rev. James McGivern of Canada advising him there were 77 General Society members living in Canada, and asked if he would be interested in forming a Canadian Society. On 13 September, 1980, the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants was chartered. The General Society suddenly became an international organization.

One of the requirements of a chartered society is conformance to the Constitution and ByLaws of the General Society. These documents contained requirements that were awkward, at best, for our Canadian members. For example, when displaying the Mayflower flag, it was required that the flag of the United States be also displayed. This made sense for state societies within the United States, but difficult for the Canadian Society. Yet they had to conform to this.

Early on, some concessions were made. The flag of Canada would be displayed with the flag of the United States and, with the Mayflower flag. Canadian members need not sing the National Anthem of the United States at General Congress. But, patriotic language still remained in our documents.

In 1990 the Canadian Society proposed some changes to the Constitution and ByLaws of the General Society. Most of these were withdrawn at the request of the Counsellor General. One proposed amendment was presented at Congress and approved.

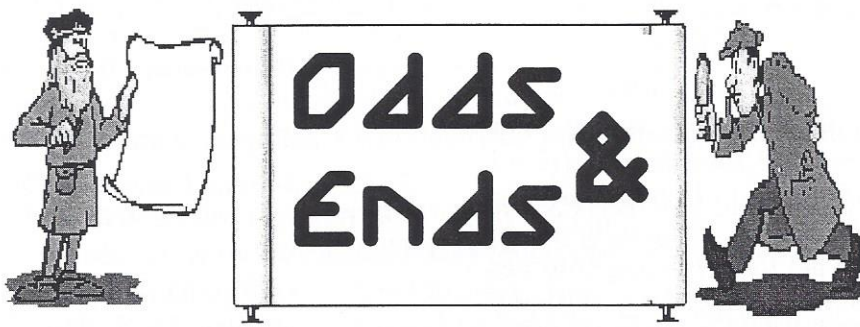
In 1993, Marshall Dean again tried to accomplish changes at General Congress. Dean later wrote that his amendments "failed to pass." This issue again came up in 1999, but because of procedural problems most of the proposed amendments never

reached the floor, except for one which was approved.

When elected in 1999, this governor general felt it was time to make a few changes in our documents to accommodate our Canadian cousins and any future society that might be chartered in another country. Some minor changes would accomplish this objective. I asked the leadership of the Canadian Society to hold off submitting proposed changes because that process had not worked well in the past. I believed these changes could be accomplished by discussing them within the Executive Committee, then sending the proposals to the General Board of Assistants with a recommendation of approval, after which they would come before General Congress for a final vote in 2002. We are now on that road.

What surprised me was the resistance that occurred to changing our Constitution and Bylaws. Even some on my Executive Committee resisted change. There seems to be a feeling that the Society of Mayflower Descendants is a patriotic organization, patriotic to the United States. Any changes making our Constitution and ByLaws more acceptable to Canadians is perceived as taking patriotism out of our Society. We all acknowledge that the Mayflower Compact was the earliest document on this continent proposing government by the governed, a radical idea at the time, and an early model for the Constitution of the United States. We know the Pilgrims helped steer the future United States in directions we now cherish. There is no reason to take patriotism out of our Society and I do not advocate so doing. A few insignificant amendments will not remove patriotism.

General Congress this September will vote on these changes. Of the sixteen or so proposed changes, only four deal with this issue. It is my hope that the majority at Congress will agree with these proposed changes. I strongly support them.
—Eugene A. Fortine, Governor General.



How history turns A document from 1601 notes that a wounded English soldier listed as “Myls Stansen” was brought to the hospital from the siege of the town of Oostende in the southern Netherlands (now in Belgium). Between 1601 and 1604 Oostende heroically resisted a Spanish siege in which 72,000 people were killed, the town surrendering only after it had been reduced to ruins. The hastily scrawled hospital entry places Myles Standish among the many English soldiers garrisoned in Leiden, aiding the Dutch in their war for independence from Spain (which did not officially come until 1648). Standish met and became friends with Rev. John Robinson in Leiden.

Dr Frankenstein, I presume A modern mother was showing her little girl the pictures in the family photo album. “This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother. These are your sperm donor and your father’s clone. I am holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt. She’s the family genealogist.”

A crowded ship When The Scripps Howard News Service did a survey about Mayflower Pilgrims, it asked, “Do you think the original pilgrims were the kind of folks you’d like to have as next door neighbors?” Thirty-one percent believed the Pilgrims would be a detriment to the neighborhood. Thirteen percent were undecided. Seventeen percent of African Americans who responded said they believed they are Mayflower descendants. Although the original Pilgrims were all Protestants, 21 percent of Catholics who responded believe they have pilgrim blood.

We’re the good guys When asked about the difference between Puritans and Pilgrims, former Governor Richard Maxwell answered that the Pilgrims “tended to be more tolerant because they had lived among the Dutch and had suffered so much for their faith.”

An Elder for all time: *The Encyclopedia Britannica* sums up Elder William Brewster’s position in Plymouth: “Brewster, the only university-trained member of the Plymouth community, was the real leader of the church. As its senior elder he dominated the formulation of its doctrines, worship, and practices. He was not a magistrate, but by virtue of his close association with the governor, William Bradford, he played a major role in civil as well as religious affairs.”

Guns in Rows The new National Firearms Museum in Fairfax VA. includes guns once owned by Napoleon, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, and **Pilgrim John Alden**. *Hamilton Spectator* 15 Aug 1998

Your Board of Assistants

GOVERNOR: **Susan E. Roser**, 4137 Tremaine Rd, Milton ON L9T 2Y1 (Phone: 905-875-4051; Email: roser@globalserve.net)

DEPUTY GOVERNOR: **Joyce Cutler**, 448 Third Line, Oakville ON, L6L 4A5 (Phone: 905-827-5304; Email: joyce.cutler@sympatico.ca)

REGENT, Alberta: **Bill Parsons**, 24 Sun Canyon Park SE, Calgary AB T2X 2Z4. (Phone: 403-256-2684)

REGENT, British Columbia: **Abbie H. Thompson**, 2086 Kennedy Street Sooke, BC V0S 1N0 (Phone: 250-642-6087); email: kenabbie@home.com

HISTORIAN: **Susan E. Roser**, 4137 Tremaine Rd, Milton ON L9T 2Y1 (Phone: 905-875-4051; Email: roser@globalserve.net)

CAPTAIN / EDITOR: **Dale T. Lahey**, 72 Vanier Drive, Guelph ON N1G 2L3 (Phone: 519-836-8247; Email: dlahey@albedo.net)

TREASURER: **L. Allyn Dean**, 86 Constance St, Toronto ON M6R 1S6 (Phone: 416-762-9243; Email: Luther@istar.ca)

RECORDING SECRETARY: **Deborah M. Clarke**, 38 Dennett Drive, Agincourt ON, M1S 2E7 (Phone: 416-293-7215)

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY: **Mrs. Myrna Geldart**, 64 Portage Ave, Weston, ON M9N 3G7 (416-244-7457)

COUNSELLOR: **Christopher G. Baldwin**, 3078 W. 24th Ave, Vancouver BC V6L 1R7

ELDER: **Melvin V. Donald**, 5 Deering Cr, Willowdale ON M2M 2A2

SURGEON: Position vacant

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Mary Nichols (Phone: 416-293-5596; Email: snichols@jdirect.com);
Lynn Webb 2927 Highfield Cr, Ottawa ON, K2B 6G4



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.

Dues Notice!

Haven't paid yet? Please remember that 2002 membership dues of \$40 are due **Nov 30, 2001**. 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?*

Donations

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

**Keith Bain; Mary Nichols;
Betty Field; Marion Tait-Smith; Lucille Cron; Kathleen McFarlane; White.**

The Web



The website for our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants is at:

www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html.

If you are on the web, please check regularly with our site for news of meetings, and other information of interest to our members.

Library Report—Spring 2002

Joyce Cutler

The Barbour Collection of Conn. Town Vital Records has arrived, except for some books that were not available. Hopefully we can soon get these missing volumes. The microfiche set of *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850* has been ordered and should arrive shortly. We have the microfiche for *The Mayflower Descendant* between 1899-1937. This publication contains transcriptions of vital records and genealogical articles pertaining to Mayflower passengers and their descendants. We now have two new books from the Mayflower Society Through Five Generations series. They are as follows, Volume six, Third Edition, **Stephen Hopkins** and Volume eighteen Part 3, 5th Gen. of Abigail, Nathaniel and Joseph, descendants of **Richard Warren**. Also we have two new books from the Mayflower in Progress series. The title of the first one is, **William Brewster** and the Fifth Generation Descendants of his Daughter **Patience Brewster** and the other is called, **George Soule**

and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations, First Edition Part One. *Thanks, Joyce.*

Advance notice

The Semi-annual meeting and Fall Banquet will be held at the Toronto Skating Cricket and Curling Club, 141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, November 9, 2002. It will be a luncheon starting at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Dixon, who will speak on Mayflower descendants to the Maritimes, from whom many of us are descended.

Mark your calendars now! Don't miss the splendid ambience of the TSCCC, its fine food, an experienced guest speaker, and of course the Good Fellowship.

BC Pilgrim

Bill Brown, past-Regent of the BC Colony, has recently published Volume 4, Number One of the BC Pilgrim, with news of interest to BC Colony members. This issue is taken up with tributes to past-Regent George Lydiard, and Associate Member Don Ross, who both passed away recently.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Jean Arthurs, #114, about three years ago.

Raymond Hadden, #072, April 11, 2001.

George Lydiard, #180, October 2001.

Dr. Bruce Morton, #173, October, 2001. Dr. Morton was the Surgeon to the Canadian Society for many years.

Margaret Owen, #7. We regret to announce the death of Margaret Owen, who died April 14, 2002. She was number seven of the founding members of our Society, active from the start, and instrumental in keeping the Canadian Society going through its initial trials and tribulations. She was a member of the Board of Assistants for many years, and treasurer from March 1981 to January 1990.

Annual Report of the BC Colony of Mayflower Descendants

Since November of 2000 this colony has thrived and even grown. The support of the executive is wonderful. Due to distances involved and the Strait of Georgia in the way, a lot of our planning is done by e-mail. As one executive member suggests, we do not get bogged down in a two hour meeting over something that can be done in a trice by e-mail.

We were saddened by the death of Joyce Frost, wife of member Robert Frost of Victoria.

George Lydiard has since died. He was a special man and loved by all.

Our Semi annual meeting in April was well attended. We drew from our own talented group and had member Bob White speak to us about some books he has written and is in the process of writing. A history teacher, Bob writes about family histories for the most part. One about his wife's Russian ancestry was most interesting.

We did not have our summer get together this year. So many people were away it did not prove to be very convenient.

The highlight of our year was most assuredly the presence of Governor-General and Mrs. Gene Fortine at our Annual General Meeting held on the 21st of October. Held at the home of secretary-treasurer Joan Stace-Smith and her husband Dick, there were 29 in attendance. Of those, there were 10 full members, 5 associate members, 2 prospects and 12 VIPs; that is, husbands, wives and guests. Gene and Pat were warmly welcomed, and joined in the spirit of the meeting which started with a Pilgrim inspired potluck luncheon. Dick, the host showed us how he made the cornbread. There was succotash, baked squash, rolls, corn chowder, meat, potatoes, salads, pumpkin pie, carrot cake, tarts, Indian pudding and hard sauce, and more. Governor-General Gene spoke to us of the beginnings of the Canadian Society, and in general inspired us to work harder for the Society. He was deluged with questions which he answered graciously.

We look forward to another year of trying to preserve history through attention to our BC Colony of Mayflower Descendants. *Abbie Barnes Thompson, Regent.*

The Alberta Colony

The Annual General Meeting and Mayflower Dinner of the Alberta Colony was held in the Willow Room at the Willow Park Golf & Country Club in Calgary on November 3, 2001. Seventeen members were in attendance.



Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner was held 10 Nov. 2001 at the Monte Carlo Inn in Oakville, Ontario.

Governor Susan Roser opened the meeting with a warm greeting to the 47 members and friends attending. She then welcomed former Governor Keith Bain, his wife Helen, and our guest speaker Victoria Freeman, author of the book *Distant Relations*. She introduced Heather Cooke, the niece of our Treasurer, Allyn Dean and thanked her for her assistance in keeping our mailing list and member database up to date.

Society News. Susan commended Dale Lahey editor of the *Canadian Pilgrim* for his touching tribute to our American cousins in our Fall Newsletter commenting that in the aftermath of the Sept. 11th tragedy it is very fitting that we express our sympathy and let our fellow members in the United States know that we are thinking of them and that our prayers are with them.

This fall Governor General Eugene Fortine and his wife Pat attended the B.C. colony Annual Meeting & Compact Luncheon. 29 members were present at the gathering and a good time was had by all. This is the first time a Governor General has visited one of our colonies.

During the past year the *Mayflower Quarterly* has published three articles written by members of our Society — “The sampler of Eliza Fisher,” by our Rec. Sec. Deborah Clarke was published in June 2000 issue. The recent Sept. 2001 issue had an article on “Mrs. Abigail Ryder Her Bible,” written by our own Editor, Dale Lahey and the June 2001 issue contained an article on our society’s 20th anniversary by our Governor/Historian Susan Roser.

Our society urgently needs volunteers to work on the Board of Assistants. We have several members-at-large positions open. Susan pointed out that since there are only four Board Meetings a year she could guarantee that anyone who volunteered would not be overworked but if we don’t get some help



Above: Allyn Dean, Maria Szyckowski, Eleanor Dean, and Paul Cook enjoy a discussion.

Middle: Governor Susan Roser and Treasurer Allyn Dean enjoy a happy moment.

Below: Allyn Dean explains things to Dale Lahey, Peggy Lahey, and Gary Bagley.



soon the future of our society may be put in jeopardy.

The Mayflower Compact was read by Dale Lahey.

Ancestral Roll Call read by the Recording Secretary Deborah Clarke. William Brewster's family was the most highly represented at 11 descendants, followed by Stephen Hopkins family at 5. In all there were descendants from 17 Mayflower passengers present.

Necrology read by Allyn Dean. Three members died during the last year. Mrs. Jean Arthurs, Raymond Hadden, and George Lydiard, an original founding member of the B.C. colony. From 1995-98 George Lydiard was Regent of the B.C. colony and in 1994-95 he served as Vice Regent. We have learned just recently of the deaths of two other members, Elizabeth Watson died in 1999 and Mary McFeely died in 1997.

Treasurer's Report by Allyn Dean. As of 9 November 2001 our latest member number stood at 355 which includes 68 life members, 182 regular members and 105 who are no longer members making a total of 250 members. Of the Regular Members 15 have paid for 2000; 116 have paid for 2001; 42 have paid for 2002 and 9 have paid for 2003. Bank Accounts: 543-500579 - \$13170.17 ; 543-7200005 \$US - \$935.13. GICs 5.15% due 18 Nov. 2001 - \$12,500. 3.25% due 4 Jun. 2002 - \$7,000

Historian's Report by Susan Roser. We have 13 new members so far this year but Susan is confident that number will increase to 15 by the end of the year. Although down from previous years, the number of applicants remain high. What is most promising for the future of our society is that there has been an increase in the number of younger applicants. Susan went on to say that the job of historian has become extremely time consuming and that sometime in the future we may need an Assistant Historian.

Portland Report given by Susan Roser. Joyce Cutler and Susan Roser represented our Society at the General Board of Assistants Meeting in Portland Maine in September. A lot of things are happening, one of which is the creation of a new membership certificate. The certificate is now in colour and the words American Freedom have been removed. A

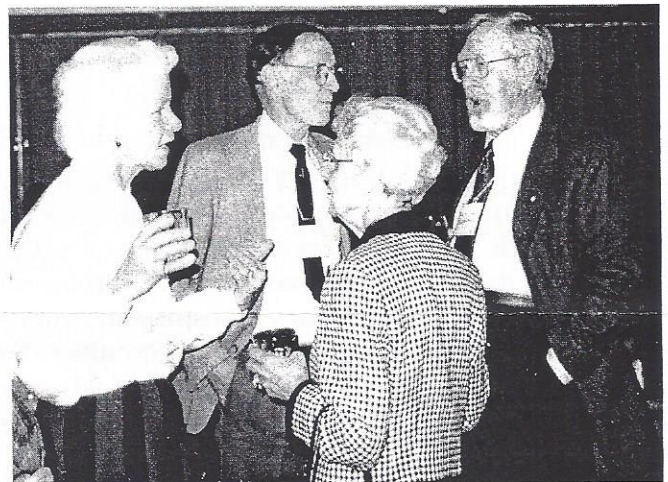
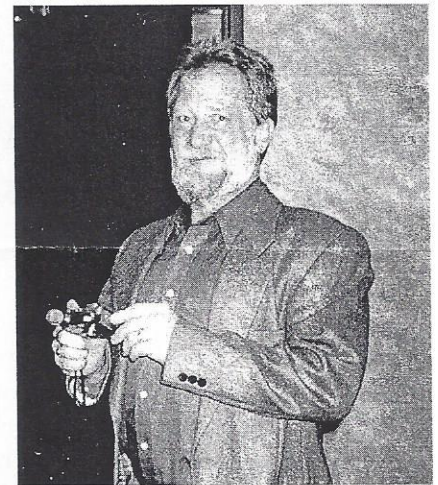


Above: Dale Lahey, Betty and Fred Abraham.

Opposite: Hugh Roser.

Below: Ann and David Johnson and Helen and Keith Bain.

Bottom: Thelma Perry, Murray Gregory, and Karen Gregory.





Mayflower license plate is being designed as well. The Elder General is compiling a prayer book suitable for society functions. A Pilgrim sites booklet is being planned and a plaque to Dr. Samuel Fuller will be unveiled in Middleboro in 2002. \$2000 has been allotted for a DNA project testing male lines. However the really big news is that the society is considering buying Scrooby Manor, the former English home of William Brewster. A member in Illinois has offered to provide the funds for the purchase.

Proposed Changes to the General Society Constitution. There is an ardent desire in the General Society to make the Society more international. Consequently the following are proposed: removal of the words "American Freedom;" removal of the reference to the armed forces in the US; removal of the need for state societies to display an American Flag with the General Society flag; after the first use of the word "state" as in State Society, the words, "includes Country, Province, etc.," will be inserted.

Congress in Plymouth Next September. We are entitled to send 5 delegates in addition to our 2 representatives. Susan asked those interested in attending to let Deborah Clarke Rec. Sec. know. We are permitted 2 delegates at the General board meeting to be held in Texas in 2003

Editor's report by Dale Lahey. Dale asked for members to write and send him articles for the newsletter.

Library Report by Joyce Cutler. Thanks to the



Above: Joyce Cutler, Murray Cutler.

Below: Nancy Thompson, Don Saul, Barbara and Arnold Nethercott



Below: former-Governor Keith Bain and Dale Lahey .



late Marshall Dean's legacy of \$10,000 we are finally able to purchase new books for our library. Among the latest additions to our collection is a microfiche of the Vital records of 194 towns in Massachusetts, the Barbour collection, and three volumes of probate records. In time Joyce hopes to set up an e-mail system which will give better access to the books to members living outside Toronto. She also plans to put a CSMD book plate in the front of each book in our collection. Books purchased through Marshall Dean's legacy will include an additional note to the effect that this book has been donated by the Estate of Marshall Dean. These bookmarks are available for purchase by our members .

Nominating Committee: Joyce Cutler chairman., Lynne Webb, and Dale Lahey. On a motion by Bob White, seconded by Bill Hosking the following people were elected: Historian - Susan Roser; Treasurer - Allyn Dean; Correspondence Secretary - Myrna Geldart; Member-at-Large Mary Nichols. Susan Roser announced the resignation of Paul Hill as Governor of the Canadian Society. She thanked him for his service to the Society over the last ten years. Susan then said that as stated in our constitution she would finish out Paul's term of office. The Board has appointed Joyce Cutler to step in and finish Susan's term as Deputy Governor.

Vote to approve the constitution. We received 111 ballots, all affirmatives. Our revised constitution was passed unanimously . That concluded the Business part of the meeting. After the toast to the Queen given by Susan Roser and the saying of Grace by Robert White we sat down to a buffet dinner.

After an enjoyable dinner Myrna Geldart introduced our special guest speaker, Toronto resident, Victoria Freeman, author of the book *Distant Relations*.

Below: Our guest speaker Victoria Freeman talks about her Distant Relations.



Annual Financial Statement — 2001

1. STARTING AMOUNT	
BANK ACCT AND GICs	20,434.41
Petty Cash	262.62
TOTAL	20,697.03
2. RECEIPTS	
Annual Dues	7,145.00
Donations	200.00
Life Memberships	00.00
Application fees	985.00
M. Deans will	15,840.00
GICs & Bank Interest	1188.30
TOTAL	25,358.30
3. DISBURSEMENTS	
Postage	206.42
Library	1,300.00
Stationary and printing	222.84
General Society Dues	5,340.00
Alberta and BC Colonies	152.00
Incorporation fees	30.00
Banquet loss/gain	243.18
Spring Tea loss/gain	(30.00)
Newsletter	1071.00
Publicity	00.00
Rental	00.00
Misc	29.05
TOTAL	8,564.49
4 FINISH BALANCES	
Bank Accts	10,155.25
Petty Cash	335.59
Canada Trust GICs	
3.25% due 4 June 2001	7000.00
1.7% due 22 Nov 2002	5,000.00
2.0%, 22 Nov 2002	15,000.00
TOTAL	37,490.84
5. BALANCES	
#1	20,697.03
#2	25,358.30
TOTAL	46,055.33
#3	8,564.49
#4	37,490.84
TOTAL	46,055.33



Meet your 2002 Board of Assistants

Left to right: Myrna Geldart, Correspondence Secretary; Susan Roser, Canadian Governor and Historian; Dale Lahey, Captain and Editor; Joyce Cutler, Deputy Governor and Librarian; Mary Nichols, Member at Large; Allyn Dean, Treasurer; Lynn Webb, Member at Large; Deborah Clarke, Recording Secretary.

YOUR GOOD LETTERS . . .

Where our readers *always* have the last word

Obituary of George Lydiard, former BC Regent

Hi Dale

Arlene and I attended George's funeral or to be more correct the celebration of his life. It was a very packed funeral with a lot of extra chairs brought in as the people kept coming in. The aisles and back and front were totally filled. Every thing George got involved in made him a lot of friends as he put in

a lot of effort and helped a lot of people. Just one good guy. He has been missed by our Colony the last year, but we all hoped he would be back I know in my case after the loss of Jean Macleod, without George and his help our Colony would have been in deep trouble. During my two years as Regent I would have been lost without his phone calls, emails and encouragement. —*Bill Brown former BC Regent.*

Dear Dale: I enjoyed receiving the latest production. I thought

I would enlighten you that I do have a sister Sylvia who joined with me, but the sister who came to the April Tea is Rosemary Morrison. —*Elizabeth Larrabee*

Dear Susan: I have put together some thoughts to share with your Canadian Society members if you think them appropriate for your *Canadian Pilgrim*. These comments were written so I can share them also with other chartered societies. The proposed amendments to be voted at Congress will go a long way toward my goal of accepting all members equally in our General Society. It will not solve every problem. There still will be work to be done by some future administration.

Sincerely, —*Eugene A. Fortine.*
Governor General

Editor's note: *The full text of Governor General Fortine's letter is on page four.*

Wanted: have you had your photo taken at a Mayflower monument or site or occasion? Send a picture with names and story for inclusion in the Newsletter.

We welcome your letters to the Editor. Let us hear of your Mayflower trips, success n Mayflower genealogy, etc.

Canadian Pilgrim Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

is published in the Spring and Fall of each year. Subscription for non-members is \$10.00.

Contributions of Mayflower and Pilgrim related articles and news of members are welcomed.

Editor: D. T. Lahey, 72 Vanier Drive, Guelph ON N1G 2L3, CANADA

Phone: 519-836-8247; **Email:** dlahey@albedo.net

ISSN: 1496-4651

