

Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

D. T. Lahey, Editor



The editor's world

I don't think I can use my editor's column more profitably than to encourage members who live in the Toronto area, or any members visiting the area at the time, to come out to our Annual Banquet.

If you haven't been to our banquets at the Toronto Cricket Club, you are in for a real treat. The surroundings are elegant, the buffet is sumptuous, the company is convivial. Come out and treat yourself!

Seating will be limited, so get Your Name in early to our Treasurer Allyn Dean, 86 Constance St, Toronto, M6R 1S6. We need your paid reservation by 30 October. Let Allyn know you also want to tell a good story about one of your ancestors who were on the Mayflower.

How to get there: From highway 401 (east or west), turn south on Avenue Road to first light; turn left onto Wilson Ave going east; the Cricket Club is a few hundred feet along on the right. From elsewhere in Toronto, see map on page seven.

See you there!!.

Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner



15 November 2003

Location: Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club, 141 Wilson Ave, Toronto (see map below)

Time: 12:00 P.M - cash bar and social hour: 1:00 P.M - buffet luncheon

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Menu: 5 Salads, (potato, vegetable, seafood, pasta and greek), an array of Old World and Canadian cold cuts, 1 Hot dish (meat), potatoes, medley of California vegetables, dinner rolls & European breads, assorted cakes, pastries and tortes, cheese platter with crackers & flat bread, finger fruits, coffee & tea.

Guest Speaker: YOU! Here is your opportunity to tell about your favorite Mayflower ancestor. We are looking for eight volunteers to give a ten minute talk and let us get to know their Mayflower ancestor. Participation is limited because of time, so let your name be known when you send in your reservations, no later than 30 October.

Topic: "My Mayflower Ancestor." Your talk will be entertaining and informative for those present as we learn more about your Mayflower ancestor.

Raffle: We will be holding a raffle on four objects purchased in Plymouth, related to our Pilgrim ancestors, which should be of interest to all. This is a fund-raising event and we hope each of you will help support our society by buying your tickets which sell "in a bundle" - 4 for \$10.00. You can then enter your tickets on whichever items you wish.



In two years our Society will celebrate its 25th Anniversary and the board welcomes input from our members as to what we can do to honor this occasion. We

have begun preparations and are pleased to announce that Governor General Robert Davis will be our guest at our spring meeting and luncheon to be held in Toronto, 14 May 2005. The year 2005 is also a Congress year. Would members of our society be receptive to meeting in Plymouth during Congress (September 2005) where we could hold a celebration in the land of our ancestors? I'm excited just thinking about it! Working around the Congress meetings, (or holding our events after the Congress) we could have a luncheon meeting, plan a tour of Plymouth, visit Plimoth Plantation as a group — there is no shortage of things to do in Plymouth (always leaving time of course, to do research in the Mayflower library!). We could make it a two or three day event, topped off with a dinner with a costumed interpreter from Plimoth Plantation, perhaps as William Bradford, as a guest speaker. We need to start planning this now, so if you would like to be involved, please let me know. Once we know the numbers we are dealing with, we will be able to begin making arrangements. We are also considering doing a history of our first twenty five years and welcome ideas on what to include and what format to use. If you have taken pictures at any of our meetings, please send us copies (not originals), particularly of our early meetings. We have begun the process of entering our membership information into a database of which parts will be utilized and included in our history. In addition, efforts are already underway as our Deputy Governor and Librarian, Joyce Cutler, is designing a Canadian Mayflower pin to commemorate this occasion. Please email me at roser@iprimus.ca or 905-875-4051 with your thoughts on ways we can celebrate this milestone in our Society. On November 1, 2003 I will have the honor of being a guest at the Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet of the Alberta

The Governor's Column

Susan E. Roser

Colony who has generously offered to fly me out for the occasion. I am thrilled to be attending and very much looking forward to meeting our Alberta members. Our Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon has been booked. We will meet again at the beautiful Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club in Toronto on November 15th, 2003 for a luncheon buffet. We are planning a different type of program this year and it sounds like great fun, so please plan to get involved! Details will be found elsewhere in the newsletter. It has been a pleasure to serve you as Governor these past two years and I would like to extend my appreciation to our fine board of volunteers whose dedication and hard work has not only made my job easier but continually contributes to the success of our society. *Susan E. Roser*
Governor & Historian

Newcomers

We have an especially long list of new members this issue, and we welcome all into our ever-growing Society.

Ruth M. Day, #375, WARREN, RR#2, Station Main, Camrose, AB T4V 2N1

Nancy D. McAlary, #376, WARREN, 9 Evans Ct., Mt. Ommaney, Queensland, AUS 4074

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Neil A. Johnson, #389, WARREN, #2 Alexandra Mansions, 333 Kings Rd. London UK

Christopher S. Reynolds, #390, WARREN, 402-199 Kent St., Ottawa, ON K2P 2K8

Douglas K. McLaren, #391, BRADFORD, 1059 Main St., Sussex Corner, NB E4E 3A1

Lauranna Jo Peterson, #392, BREWSTER, Box 6413, Peace River, AB T8S 5L5

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James C. Ireland, #394, PRIEST, 11377 Wascana Meadows, Regina, SK S4V 2V5

Tyler S. Tost, #395, ALDEN, 82 Mt. Douglas Circle, Calgary AB T2Z 3P3

Brett N. Annable, #396, HOWLAND, c/o Box 156, Carmangay, AB T0L 0N0

Family Connections:

Mother and daughter Ruth Day and Nancy McAlary have already done a supplemental line; the Gilchrist clan are father and sons; Paul Shopiro is the grandson of member Shirley Laing; Joyce Fingland is the daughter of our former Elder, Ruth Ferguson; Bernice Warden and Ruth Nablo are sisters, with son Carl Nablo; Yvonne Reynolds and her sons Neil Johnson and Christopher Reynolds; Tyler is the son of member Lee Tost and Brett is the son of member Colleen Annable. New member Judith Swan is a dual member with California and Treasurer General of the GSMD.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of Bob White Chair, Mary Nichols, and Debbie Clarke respectfully submit the following nominees for election:

Elder – Mel Donald for re-election.

Governor – Joyce Cutler.

Deputy Governor – Susan Roser.

Member at Large – Myrna Geldart

New Board Members

We are pleased to announce that several vacancies have been filled on the Board of Assistants. Please meet:



Lynne Webb, who joins us as a Member-at-Large, lives in Ottawa. She has taken on the responsibility of Membership Chair, and the task of typing out all of our lineages for inclusion in our new database. She and her husband Gary Bagley attended the General

Board of Assistants meeting in San Antonio, Texas in September 2003 — Lynne was appointed by Governor Susan Roser as Acting Deputy Governor General for Canada to represent the Canadian Society. This has been a busy summer for Lynne and Gary.



Bob White, who joins us as Member at Large. He and his wife Marjorie live in beautiful Kawartha Country of Bobcaygeon, Ontario. Bob has been called upon to take on extra duties at work this year, and is juggling his busy schedule to assist with the work of the Board.



Judith MacKay-Kowalski, joins us as a Member-at-Large. Judith lives in Barrie Ontario, and is an early member of the Canadian Society, attending the first Annual Banquet in Toronto in 1981. Judith is mother of four grown children and grandmother of six. She has her own small business and is a freelance teacher. Her hobbies are her family, quilting, helping others. She is now serving as the Public Relations Chair of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.



Obituary

WARWICK CHARLTON British veteran led Mayflower II creation London. Warwick Charlton, who organized the construction of a replica of the Mayflower and sailed it across the Atlantic Ocean to honour the friendship between Britain and the United States, has died. He was 84. He died Dec. 10, 2002 of a heart attack in Ringwood, England. Mr. Charlton, who served in North Africa during the Second World War, decided in 1948 to make a grand gesture thanking the United States for its help in the war. He had recently read a memoir of the early days of Plymouth colony by William Bradford, its governor, and focused his energies on raising money to build a copy of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to Massachusetts. It took nearly 10 years to collect enough money for the project. The ship, built in Brlxham, southeastern England, with the same kind of tools used in the 17th century, sailed in 1957. The Mayflower II took 55 days to cross the ocean and is still docked in Plymouth, Mass., where millions of tourists have visited it. Mr. Charlton later served as the official town crier in Ringwood, where he lived in a castle. AP Globe and Mail, 27 Dec 2002, p. R13; *Thanks to Fred Abraham.*

Explored Cape Cod Remains Thought to be Jamestown Leader. Archeologists digging inside the location of the 17th-century Jamestown fort uncovered a skeleton a few weeks ago, believed to be the skeleton of Capt. Bartholomew Gosnold. He is considered to be the main force behind the first permanent English settlement in America. But Gosnold also had ties with New England. In 1602, Gosnold led an expedition to the Maine and Massachusetts coasts, where he discovered and named Cape Cod for the fish found there, and Martha's Vineyard, for his infant daughter. As commander of the *Godspeed*, he was second-in-command in the three-ship fleet that landed the 107 Virginia Company settlers at Jamestown in May of 1607. He helped design the triangular fort where they lived. Capt. John Smith, credited with leading and ultimately saving the colony, described Gosnold as "the prime mover behind the settlement." Gosnold died in August of 1607 after three weeks of illness. Many thousands of Americans are descended from him.

You don't say! In the 1880 US census when Lewis Piersol, 59 of Pennsylvania, a farmer, was asked for the occupation of his mother, Sarah Piersol, aged 79, he answered, "Ever Lasting Talker."

Two witchcraft trials Hartford, Conn: "In 1652 this town had the honour of executing Mrs. Greensmith, the first witch ever heard of in America. She was accused of practising evil things on the body of Ann Cole, which did not prove to be true, but the Rev. Mr. Stone and other ministers swore that Mrs. Greensmith had confessed to them that she had had very intimate relations with the devil. The court then ordered her to be hanged. The same year, Springfield, not to be outdone by Hartford, brought Hugh Parsons to trial for witchcraft. The jury found him guilty, because he made women love him and men hate him; but the judge prevented his execution till the matter was laid before the general court of Boston, which determined he was not guilty of witchcraft." —Walter Bates, *Kingston and the Loyalists of the Spring Fleet*, p. 25.

A mistake humbly corrected "If I were to give the character of the people of New Haven, I should be inclined to use the words of the famous George Whitefield, in his sermon to them a short time before his decease, who then said, 'When I first preached in this magnificent house, about twenty years ago, I told you you were part beast, part man, and part devil, at which you were offended. I have since thought much about that expression, and confess that for once I was mistaken. I therefore take this my last opportunity to correct my error. Behold, I now tell you that you are not part man and part beast, but wholly of the devil.'" —*ibid.*



The Business Page

New Appointment.

Susan E. Roser, Governor, announced 16 June 2003 that Lynne Webb, present member of the Board of Assistants, was appointed Acting Deputy Governor General for Canada to represent the Canadian Society at the General Board of Assistants meeting in San Antonio, Texas in September 2003. Our Congratulations to Lynne.

New Family Society

A new family society is being formed — The Francis Cooke Society. People who are descended from Francis Cooke and are interested in joining are asked to contact:

Scott McKay P.O. Box 1048
Leland, Michigan 49654
scottsfamilytree@chartermi.net

Addresses Wanted

After every mailing of the *Canadian Pilgrim*, several copies are returned marked "address unknown." In many cases members have simply moved, but neglected to inform us of your new address. In some cases this has led to loss of membership when we cannot get in touch with you for two years.

Please read our enclosure on the difference between Resigning and dropping.

Library Report

Librarian Joyce Cutler



Our Mayflower Collection is housed in the Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Toronto ON M2N 5N9. This department does not do indepth research, but they will check a limited number of appropriate resources for you and do a small amount of photocopying through your local library's inter-library loan department. The Toronto phone number for a librarian is (416)393-7241. There is also a

fee-based search provided by Intellisearch which can be reached. To contact, phone (416)393-7241, fax (416)393-7169, email intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca

The following list includes some useful books and microfiches which are part of our library:

The Barbour Collection - 55 volumes of vital records for Connecticut Towns.

Cemetery Inscriptions of the Town of Barnstable Mass. 1600-1900, by Paul Bunnell FAGG UE

A Digest of the Early Conn. Probate Records - Hartford District, three volumes, 1635-1700, 1700-1729, 1729-1750, by Charles W. Manwaring
Early Mass. Marriages Prior to 1800 - three books in one with the Addition of Plymouth County Marriages 1692-1746, by Frederick W. Bailey

Epitaph and Icon: - A field guide to the old burying grounds of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, by Diana Hume George and Malcolm A. Nelson

Lists of Emigrants to America - Original Lists of Persons of Quality and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700, by John Camden Hotten, ed.

Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 - vital records for 197 Mass. towns on microfiches

Mayflower Births and Deaths(2 vol.); Mayflower Deeds and Probates; Mayflower Increasing for Three Generations; Mayflower Marriages - a total of 5 books by Susan Roser

Mayflower Families in Progress - Descendants for four generations for the following families: Doty, Soule, Samson, Delano, Warren, Bradford, and Brewster. Pub. by the Gen. Society of Mayflower Desc.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - The five generation series published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, covering the following families: Soule, Winslow, Hopkins, Brown, Priest, Eaton, Fuller Doty, Cooke, White, Standish, Chilton, More, Alden, Allerton, Warren, Rogers, Samson and Billington

New England Marriages Prior to 1700, by Clarence A. Torrey

New Jersey Archives First Series - Vol. VI 1738-1747, VII 1746-1751, XIII 1682-1714, XIV 1715-1738, XV 1738-1748, XVI 1748-1755 - Documents Relating to Colonial History.

Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner was held 9 Nov. 2002 at the Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club. Governor Susan Roser opened the proceedings with a warm greeting to the 43 members and friends attending. She then thanked our former Governor Keith Bain for his help in arranging for us to hold our meeting at the Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating club. Unfortunately Keith wasn't able to join us today.

Susan went on to talk about the cancellation of our spring meeting last May. She warned that unless we can come up with something that will assure greater attendance than we have been getting at these functions, we will probably end up doing the same next year. The cold, hard truth of the matter is that our teas have not been successful and our idea to hold a summer picnic also failed to spark any interest. Susan said it is vitally important that members respond to the insert in the *Canadian Pilgrim* and give us some idea of the kind of meeting they would like to have. She then held a impromptu poll to discover whether we prefer evening or afternoon meetings. Afternoon meetings won hands down.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Nov. 10, 2001 were passed on a motion by Barbara McGivern seconded by Bob White.

Society News Since we last met our Board had the great pleasure of meeting BC Regent, Abbie Thompson and her husband Ken when they visited Ontario in June. In September, Susan, Joyce as DGG and AG respectively, and four delegates attended the General Congress in Plymouth. A full report of this meeting can be found in our fall newsletter. Susan expressed her appreciation to Joan Stace-Smith of Vancouver, Lynne Webb of Ottawa, Gordon Wood of Tusket N.S. and Wilfred Allan of Yarmouth, N.S. for representing us at Congress.

While Susan and Joyce were in Plymouth, Jerry Hill, the head of the SAR (Minnesota) approached them and suggested that the various hereditary societies in Canada (The Mayflower Society, the UEL, the DAR and the SAR.) get to-

gether. (Jerry is also involved with the Canadian SAR) He felt the closer contact would benefit everyone, in that we could publicize each others' meetings in our newsletters and occasionally even hold joint meetings. Rob Tyler, head of the SAR in Canada has since been in touch with Susan and he and she have planned a meeting to discuss our options.

Good news. Our Board of Assistants is finally growing. In the Spring Susan appointed Lynne Webb of Ottawa as member-at-large. She will be elected tonight. Susan has also made Lynne our Membership Chair. Lynne will carry out the important task of dealing with applicants in the preliminary stages. We are also pleased to announce that in addition to Lynne, three other members will be elected to our Board tonight: Dr. Ian Anderson becomes our Surgeon, Judith MacKay-Kowalski and Robert White join the Board as members-at-large.

The Mayflower Compact was read by Dale Lahey.

Ancestral Roll Call read by the Recording Secretary Deborah Clarke. William Brewster's family once again led the list having eight representatives of his family present. Richard Warren's family came in a close second at six. In all 18 Mayflower families were represented.

Necrology read by Allyn Dean. Our society lost two members during the last year, Margaret Owen who died last April, and Dr Bruce Morton who died last November. Margaret was a descendant of George Soule and one of the founding members of the Canadian Society. During her tenure on the Board of Assistants, Margaret served as our Treasurer from 1981 to Jan 1990. She also held the positions of Captain and Corresponding Secretary. Dr Bruce Morton, a descendant of William Brewster, held the position of surgeon on the Board of Assistants from 1994 to his death.

Treasurer's Report by Allyn Dean. As of 9 November 2001 our latest member number was 377 which includes life members, regular mem-

bers and those who are no longer members. Our membership now officially stands at 261 members. Of the Regular Members 30 have paid for 2002; 8 members are in arrears for two years. . Bank Accounts: 543-500579 - \$71740.97 ; 543-7200005 \$US - \$540.09. GIC's: We have \$5 000.00 at 1% , \$15 000 at 2% and \$7 256.16 at 1.25 %. That \$7256.16 represents our Library fund, a bequest from the late Marshall Dean.

Historian Report by Susan Roser. We have added 21 new members to our society this year, but Susan expects that number to increase to 25 by the end of the year. Susan was pleased to announce that Judith Swan of California, Treasurer General of the General Society has taken out dual membership with our Society. Susan welcomed applicant Joyce Fingland and her husband George to our Society. Joyce is the daughter of the late Ruth Ferguson, our former Elder. Susan had hoped she could welcome another applicant, Don Saul here today, (he finally broke through a very difficult New York line) but unfortunately he couldn't make it.

Editor's report by Dale Lahey. Dale expressed his thanks to all those who sent him notes of appreciation for his work as editor over the years. It is gratifying he said to get such recognition. Once again Dale reiterated his determination to step down as editor of the *Canadian Pilgrim*. He has completed five years and ten newsletter as editor and feels it is time for another editor with a fresh approach to take over. He could only add that the editorship is a fulfilling task and one that will bring great pleasure to whoever assumes it. As stated in the last *Canadian Pilgrim* your Board wishes to compile a database of all our members since the beginning. You are therefore asked to forward a picture of yourself — a head and shoulders shot — with your name and the name of your ancestor on the back.

Library Report by Joyce Cutler. Joyce was pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Vital Records of Births Marriages and deaths to 1850 have finally arrived and are now lodged in our library. We hope they will prove an invaluable tool for research. We have also added a number of books and periodicals to our library including: the *American Genealogist* (94 issues from the years 1960s-1980s; the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (36 issues)

Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800 by Frederic W. Bailey, *The History of Stanstead County Province of Quebec* compiled by B.F. Hubbard 1874, and donated by Canadian Society member Margaret Stead; *Mayflower and Pilgrim Historical Sites* ed. by Barbara Lewis Williams.

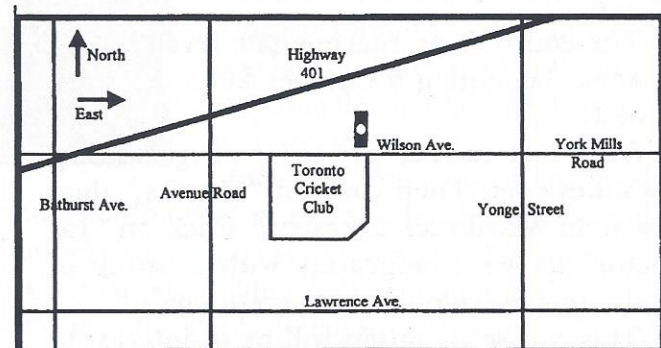
Nominating Committee, Mary Nichols chairman. The nominees up for positions on the Board of Assistants are as follows: Deborah Clarke – recording Secretary, Dale Lahey – Captain, members at large – Lynne Webb and Robert White. Mary also received the following from the floor from our Recording Secretary. As stated in the By-laws of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Article V section 2 the undersigned five members (Susan Roser, Joyce Cutler, W. B Hosking, Arnold Nethercott and Mary Nichols) do nominate the following persons for positions on the Board of Assistants. Member-at-large — Judith MacKay Kowalski. Surgeon — Dr. Ian Anderson. A motion was made to accept the slate by Lois Abraham, seconded by Marion Smith Tait.

That concluded the Business part of the meeting. After the toast to the Queen and the saying of Grace we sat down to a buffet dinner.

Canadian Mayflower Pins

We are presently arranging to have Canadian Mayflower pins produced. Our new Governor (after the banquet) Joyce Cutler, who was a teacher of art, has designed an attractive pin with the words "Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants" circling the edge, two small Maple Leafs separating the wording, and an outline of the good ship Mayflower in the center. More information in the next newsletter.

Below: Directions to the Toronto Cricket Club, for our banquet on 15 November 2003.



Susan joins faculty staff

It is a privilege to announce that our own Canadian Governor Susan Roser, has been appointed to the staff of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies in Toronto as an instructor. She will be teaching a course in Researching Mayflower Ancestry.



Susan explains that the course is designed for those who have either already found their Mayflower ancestry or suspect they may have it and wish to find

out. Included is a short history of the Pilgrims, as well as the history and workings of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, with its headquarters in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

For those who have not yet found their Mayflower line, students will be better able to trace their line back further and determine if you do indeed have Mayflower ancestry. For those who have already found their line, you will learn the documentation requirements to successfully prove a lineage, either for your own records, or for membership in the society, by utilizing the various resources available for New England such as libraries, archives, record offices and historical & genealogical societies. Not only are addresses provided, but also what you can expect to find at each of these facilities. We will cover primary and secondary sources, unacceptable sources, previously approved Mayflower lines and supplemental lines.

There are many sources which are specific to Mayflower research which will be covered, such as genealogical journals, books, CD's and internet resources. Old Style dating will be covered as will Mayflower Family Associations and just for fun — we will touch on the role of DNA testing in our research and how it can benefit Mayflower research.

The course is at intermediate level, lasting five weeks beginning 6 October 2003. Fees are \$65.00 US.

To find out more, go to www.genealogicalstudies.com. Then click on "courses," then "Research: Mayflower ancestry." Click on "Instructor" to see a biography with a listing of Susan's impressive publishing credentials.

This course by Susan will be of interest to

The BC Colony

by Bob White, BC Regent

The British Columbia Colony of The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants met on April 27, 2003 at the home of Dick and Joan Stace-Smith. Our usual format is a potluck lunch followed by a short program. We had three items on our agenda which might be of interest to the general membership.

1. Our colony has now established a website at <http://members.shaw.ca/rwhite42/MEMBRSHP.HTM>. We hope to be able to refer prospective members to our site and from there through the links to the Canadian Society and the General Society in Plymouth.

2. Bill Brown a former regent and long-time member of the colony has put together a CD which holds the archives of the British Columbia Colony. We have already shared this information with a group in Nova Scotia who wish to establish their own colony and would be happy to offer it to any other groups interested in this material.

3. I spoke to the membership on 'Computers and Genealogy' and circulated a list of web addresses that might be of use to those still engaged in research. We also discussed the 'pros and cons' of various software packages for genealogists.

In September we plan to arrange a tour of the UBC Library for interested members of our group. I was fortunate to have had an opportunity to take this tour through the local Loyalist branch and was very impressed with our guide, Gretha Warren. Our next meeting will be held on November 16, 2003. For this meeting a speaker from Trafford Publishing has been asked to explain to members the process of 'on demand' publishing for those who wish to write and publish a family history. She will use as an example a book that has recently been published using Family Treemaker software.

anyone who may be interested in Mayflower ancestry. The Canadian Historian, the Membership Chair, and the Colony Historians may wish to refer prospective members to this course.

The Alberta Colony



The Alberta Colony has had another very successful year and its membership is growing rapidly. Here are the pictures of our recent Colony banquet.

Top: All the members who attended our Compact Dinner in November 2002 and the second is of our Alberta Board.

Bottom: The Alberta Board Executive, 2003-2004. **Front:** Margaret Brodylo; **Back from L to R:** Kaaren Matthews (Historian), Ann Murphy (Secretary/Treasurer), Bill Parsons (Regent), Gwen Gogolinski (Vice-Regent), Al Collins (Publicity), Terry Smith (Elder). *Ann Murphy, Secretary Treasurer*

Who was William Williamson?

One of the puzzling questions of Mayflower history was this: Where was William Brewster "between the time he had been released from custody in Leiden in early September 1619 and the time of the departure of the Pilgrims the following summer?" Most speculation puts him back in England. However, Jeremy Dupertius Bangs, offers an interesting alternative — Brewster was only a few feet away from the authorities in Leiden, posing as "Willem Willems Engelsman tot Leyderdorp" — that is, William Williamson

2003 Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner

Alberta Colony

Date: November 1, 2003

Place: Willow Park Golf & Country Club, Calgary, Alberta

Guest Speaker: Susan E. Roser, Canadian Governor and Historian. We are very excited that Susan has accepted our invitation to attend our dinner this year. We encourage all members to come out to this great opportunity to meet our Governor and Historian in person and to hear what she has to say.

For information and to book your reservations, contact Ann Murphy, Phone 403-278-4759. Write to 1308 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 2V9 or jnmurphy@telusplanet.net

Englishman at Leiderdorp. Brewster's father's name was also William, it seems. Leiderdorp was just across a ditch from Leiden, but in 1619-20 authority "did not extend across the ditch into Leiderdorp." Willem, it seems, was involved in a lawsuit there in early 1620, but was not there to defend himself in November. "Assuming that this Willem Willems was William Brewster, by then he had other things in mind," comments Bangs. The full article can be read in *New England Ancestors*, Spring 2003, pp. 55-56.

Financial Statement 2002

1. STARTING BALANCES

Bank accounts/ GIC	37490.84
Petty Cash	335.59
TOTAL	37490.84

2. RECEIPTS

Annual Dues	7160.00
Donations	120.00
Life memberships	----
Initiation and Historical	1655.00
MMDean will	2211.00
GIC and bank interest	691.00
TOTAL	12177.00

3. DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	202.00
Library	3777.00
Stationary and Printing	112.00
Audit Fee	----
General Society Dues	5306.00
Alberta and BC Colonies	166.00
Incorporation fee	30.00
Banquet loss (gain)	(118.00)
Spring Tea loss (gain)	----
Newsletter	1037.00
Publicity	----
Rental	----
Misc	615.00
TOTAL	11127.00

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Your Good Letters

*Where our readers always
have the last word*

We welcome your letters to
the editor.

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 our Newsletter.

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

Why take second best?

A Mayflower Girl was being proposed to. To convince her to say "yes," the young suitor pointed out that his father, who was 102 years of age, was a millionaire, and that he, the suitor, was the sole heir.

The girl asked time to consider the proposal.

Two weeks later he got his answer — she became his step-mother!

"The Puritans claimed so much liberty to themselves that they left none for others." —Bates, p. 25.

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Resigning versus Dropping

Our Society loses members through death, or ill health, or moves in which no forwarding address is given. Sometimes we hear of these events, sometimes we don't. In the event that we don't hear from you, the member has in the past been kept on our membership list up to two years. We just don't know what has happened.

Sometimes members are tardy in sending in their dues (I have been in that category once or twice).

Others may have decided to drop their membership simply by not paying the current years dues, and not informing us of their intent.

Unfortunately, unless we hear from you, we don't know what group the member falls into. That is why we have in the past kept such members on our membership list for up to two years. That has been costing us money, because we pay an assessment, per member, to Plymouth each year, and that is why we have now decided to restrict the time to one year.

Our Society makes a distinction between "resigning" and "dropping." If for whatever reason, a member finds it necessary to resign, and informs us in writing, then that member "**resigned in good standing,**" and the member is removed from the membership list, but may return at any time without penalty. If a member "resigns" by not paying dues and not informing us, that member will be "dropped" after one year.

"Dropped" means the member has resigned **not in good standing.** We are certain that no member wishes to end association with us on those terms.

If for any reason it becomes necessary for you to resign, please make arrangements to tell us in writing. That is the best for you, and the best for us.

Many thanks.

Our New Digital Database

Your Board of Assistants has been busy this summer putting our records into a digital database. We hope that this will allow us to provide you with more efficient service. We are also looking forward to using it to produce our 25th anniversary booklet in 2005. *We need your help!*

Supplemental lines

Many of you may have supplemental Mayflower lines that have been proved up by the General Society, but there is no easy means for us to know that. If you have a proven supplemental line or lines, we would appreciate it if you would write to us to tell us what it is. Just list the names in order starting with the Mayflower passenger. Please address your information to me, Dale Lahey, 72 Vanier Drive, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2L3; or you can email me at <dlahey@albedo.net>.

Biographies

We need brief biographies of all members. We would appreciate it if you would write a brief, seven or eight sentence biography of yourself. One hundred words would do. Send it to the same address as above.

Pictures

We are also collecting head and shoulder pictures of all our members. Many of you have already responded, and we thank you for this. If you have not yet sent such a picture, we would appreciate it if you could send us a colour head and shoulder photo of yourself. Same address, and you can scan and email me the picture if you like. Please don't send originals if these are valuable to you, as we can't guarantee a safe return.

Remember, lineages, biographies and pictures may be included in the booklet we propose to publish in 2005. If you have any objection to your information appearing there, please let us know in writing.

2004 Dues are Due

Remember, your 2004 Mayflower Society dues are due by November 30th of this year. Every year we have thirty or forty members who are tardy in paying, and need several reminders. Please don't be one of those this year. Fill out the form below, clip it and send it with payment to our Treasurer, whose address is on the form.

Payment of Society Dues

Please clip this form and send with payment to Treasurer Allyn Dean, 86 Constance Street, Toronto, ON, M6R 1S6

Your Canadian Society number _____ Your Name _____

I am enclosing my dues (\$40.00 per year) for the year(s) 2004, _____, _____

Amount enclosed, \$ _____