

# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



Robert W. White, Editor

## The Governor's Column

Joyce Cutler, Governor, Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



Fall has arrived and with it come plans for our annual fall meeting and luncheon which takes place on Saturday, the thirteenth of November. Thanks to Keith Bain, we are again able to hold it in the pleasant surroundings of the Cricket Club in Toronto. This year we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, David Moore, from Appleby College in Oakville. His topic will be "A

Key Decision" which discusses the decision facing the settlers as to whether they should fight in the Revolution or remain loyal to the King. It promises to be an interesting meeting and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The year 2005 is the 25th Anniversary of our Canadian Society and to celebrate this event we have designed a special pin which has the words, "CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS" and two maple leaves surrounding a picture of the Mayflower. It is black with gold lettering, about three quarters of an inch in diameter and has a push pin back. This pin will be available for purchase at our fall meeting in November, but details for ordering it may be found on p. 10 in this newsletter. In the spring we plan to launch our celebrations with a visit from our Governor General, Robert E. Davis and his wife Jeanne who will attend our Spring Meeting. Arrangements have been made to hold this event at the Golf and Country Club in Burlington overlooking Lake Ontario.

In September 2005 in Plymouth, following the General Congress Meeting, our Canadian Society has planned a very special anniversary celebration. We have a number of activities scheduled which include a wreath laying ceremony, a reception and cocktail party, a tour of Plimoth Plantation, an evening lantern tour, a tour up Cape Cod and a closing banquet. At last count there are about seventy-five people already booked to attend. What a rare opportunity to meet in person our members from all across the country.

I wish you all the best now and in the New Year.



## Annual Meeting And Compact Dinner

13 November 2004

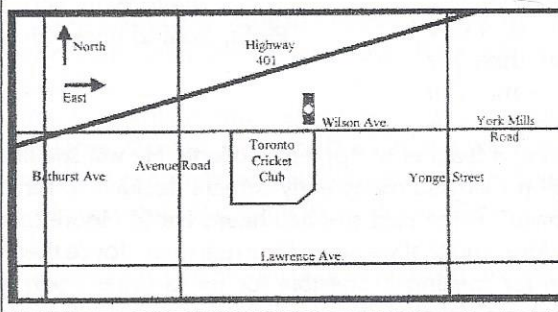
**Location:** The 24th annual Fall Meeting and Compact Luncheon will be held on the 13 Nov. 2004 at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club, 141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3A3, (416) 487 4581

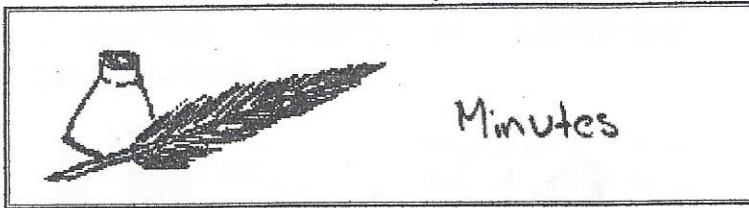
**Time:** 11:30 P.M.

**Guest Speaker:** David Moore is a teacher at Appleby College and will speak on: "The Key Decision" – Why did so many of Canada's early settlers decided to remain loyal to the crown?

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

The cost will be \$40 for a buffet lunch. Members are asked to send in their reservation and money by October 30 to Joyce Cutler, 448 Third Line, Oakville, ON, L6L 4A5





## Minutes of The Semi-Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants held in Hamilton, 8 May 2004 at Dundurn Castle

Deborah Clarke, Recording Secretary



Left, front to back: Martha Olmsted, Babara Lauer  
Right, front to back: Elizabeth Kelly; Lynda Allard.

Governor Joyce Cutler opened the proceedings. She said she was delighted to see such a good turnout on this cold and rainy day. She then made a few announcements. The 24th annual Fall Meeting and Compact Luncheon will be held on the 13 Nov. 2004 at the Toronto Cricket club. Please note that this year the meeting will begin at 11:30 am. rather than the usual 12 pm. Our guest speaker is David Moore, a teacher at Appleby College. He will speak on "The Key Decision - why so many early settlers decided to remain loyal to the Crown." Joyce said she has heard David Moore talk on this subject before, and that we are in for a real treat. Joyce then thanked Keith Bain for making it possible for us to once again hold our meeting at the Cricket club.



Left, front to back: Joyce Cutler, Governor; Susan Roser, Historian; Mel Donald, Elder; Ruth Crawford; Margaret Dunn; Keith Bain, Former Governor;  
Right, front to back: Bob and Marjorie White.

**Nominating committee.** The following positions are open: Historian, Treasurer, and Member at large. Bob White has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Joyce asked for volunteers to serve on this committee and told anybody who was interested to speak to Bob White before the end of the meeting.

**25th Semi-Annual Spring Luncheon in 2005.** Governor General Robert E Davis of the General Society has accepted our invitation.

**Trip to Plymouth** - report by Susan Roser. There has been a change in the agenda since Susan last spoke to us on this matter. Dr. Pat Stanford, the Junior Membership Chairperson for the General Society, has agreed to be our guest

speaker at our banquet in Plymouth. At present we have 32 rooms reserved for the Canadian Society. Of these 28 have been booked. There are four rooms remaining. Susan said she would be more than happy to help any one who still wished to attend make his or her reservations. Updates on our plans will be posted in our newsletter and on our web site.

Joyce called for a vote of thanks for Susan in appreciation for all the hard work she has done in making this project a reality. Joyce added that Susan has an article published in the last issue of "Mayflower Quarterly." (see page 31 of the March 2004 Quarterly.)

**Report of the Public Relations Chairman** - Judith Mackay-Kowalski. Judith said she has started to compile a scrap book on our society.

She asked people to send her clippings and pictures pertaining to the society.

Dale Lahey once again reminded members to send their biographies and pictures

to him.

The business part of our meeting over, luncheon was served. After what was an excellent meal we made our way to Dundurn Castle.

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee consisting of Bob White, Chairman, Myrna Geldart and Judith MacKay-Kowalski respectfully submit the following nominees for re-election:

**Treasurer - Allyn Dean**  
**Historian - Susan Roser**  
**Member at Large - Mary Nichols**

## Library Report

Joyce Cutler

The following new Books are in our Mayflower Library, housed in the Canadiana Room of the North York Central Library in Toronto. This department does not do indepth research, but they will check a limited number of appropriate resources for you. Phone (416)393-7241, fax (416)393-7169 or email [intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca](mailto:intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca)

### New Books

Silver Series of Books: *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 18 Part 1, Third Edition, Family of Richard Warren*, Compiled by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, revised by Judith Swan; Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plymouth, MA : 2004.

*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 22, Family of William Bradford*, Compiled by Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield, FASG; Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plymouth, MA : 2004.

*Philip Delano of the "Fortune" 1621 and His descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations, Part One* (Family Numbers 198-367), Compiled by Muriel Curtis Cushing, Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plymouth, MA : 2004.

*Yarmouth Nova Scotia Genealogies*, Transcribed from the Yarmouth Herald, by George S. Brown; Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD : 1993.

*Early Vital Records of the Township of Yarmouth Nova Scotia 1762-1811*, First and Second Books; A Publication of the Yarmouth County Historical Society, Yarmouth, NS: 1982. (Donated by Gordon Wood of Nova Scotia.)

## New Members

We welcome to the Canadian Society

**Michael Haskins**, 61 Stanley St., Cambridge, ON N1S 2A7, #402; Priest

**George Gilbert**, 23 Tagish Rd., Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3P4; #403, Bradford

**Alan Wright**, 67 Mulberry Rd., Mansfield CT 06250, #404; Brewster

**Stephanie Wood**, Box 7, Tusket, NS B0W 3M0; #405; Brewster

**Howard Wright**, 308-8412 Jubilee Rd. RR#1, Summerland BC, V0H 1Z0; #406; Cooke

**Mark Gilbert**, 3416 Overlander Dr., Kamloops BC V2B 6X5; #407; Bradford

**Jean Gartner**, P.O.Box 22, Granville Ferry NS B0S 1K0; #408; Hopkins

**Alice Walchuk**, 12 Park Cresc., Dryden ON P8N 1T6; #409, Alden

Family ties: George and Mark Gilbert are father and son; Jean Gartner is the sister of member Mary Birch; Stephanie Wood is the daughter of member Gordon Wood



## Dues Notice

Please remember that your 2005 membership dues of \$40 are required by November 30, 2004. Send your payment to:

**L. Allyn Dean, Treasurer**  
**86 Constance Street**  
**Toronto, ON, M6R 1S6**

The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants depends on your dues and donations. **Why not pay several years in advance.**

## Donations

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

## Moving?

With each issue of the Canadian Pilgrim several are returned with the notation "Moved – left no forwarding address." If you are moving, please let our Recording Secretary, Deborah Clarke, know.

dmclarke@interhop.net

38 Dennet Dr., Agincourt, ON, M1S 2E7.

Phone 416 293 7215

## The Web

The website for our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants may found at:

[www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://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.

## Editor's Column

Robert W. White, Editor



I had the good fortune to visit Argentina this past winter in order to visit one my sons who was holidaying in a small seaside town called Pinamar. I was struck by the contrast between early Spanish and English

colonization in the Americas, and, in particular, the motivation behind the Mayflower Voyage of 1620

Our Pilgrim ancestors came to Plymouth in search of religious freedom. Economic survival was also important, as without it the ability to practice their religion, as they saw fit would have been meaningless. It was not, however, the primary motive behind the voyage of the Mayflower to the new world.

The actual site of the city of Buenos Aires was located by a Spanish gold-seeking expedition commanded by Pedro de Mendoza in 1536. In 1580 Spain established a permanent colony in the area. European settlement in Argentina came for the most part across the Andes Mountains from Peru and not from Spain. The earliest motivation for Spain's activities in this part of the world was wealth in the form of gold or silver.

After the establishment of the permanent colony by Juan de Garay in 1580 its survival was based on a profitable, although initially an illegal, trade with Europe. Because Spain was insistent on controlling and taxing this trade the residents of Buenos Aires were deeply resentful.

The extent to which religion was a factor in Spain's colonization of this part of the world was directed to the conversion of the native peoples to the Roman Catholic faith. Beyond this the natives became part of the economic equation and were exploited as forced labour to extract

from the ground the gold and silver that Spain demanded of its colonies.

The impact of the Pilgrims on the native population they encountered in the new world was far more benign. The natives were not enslaved nor were their lands wrested from them.

I strongly recommend Argentina to anyone wishing to take a fascinating and very different type of holiday. It has the added bonus of being quite inexpensive.

## The National Institute for Genealogical Studies

Susan Roser



**National  
Institute for  
Genealogical  
Studies**

Susan's online course on Mayflower research will be offered this fall and will start on October 4th. This course is

designed for those who have either found, or suspect they have, Mayflower ancestry. The course includes details on conducting research in each of the New England states and covers the different repositories for research, such as state libraries, archives, record offices, historical and genealogical societies. Not only are addresses provided, but also what you can expect to find at each of these facilities.

Included are samples of printed sources arranged by New England states, town histories and family genealogies and as well, a section devoted to suggestions for a Mayflower research library under the headings of Early Historical Works, Transcribed Records and Pilgrim Biographies & Histories, all of which are described.

There are many sources which are specific to Mayflower research which will be covered, such as genealogical journals, books, CD's and internet resources.

For further details including a full course description, go to the institute's site at [www.genealogicalstudies.com](http://www.genealogicalstudies.com) and click on "Courses", then scroll down and click on "Research: Mayflower Ancestry."

## 25th Anniversary

September 14-16th, 2005

Plans are in full gear for our 25th Anniversary celebration in Plymouth, Mass.! Our enthusiastic members have booked 30 hotel rooms while other members who have alternate accommodations will be joining us. If you would like to join in the festivities, please contact Susan Roser for instructions on how to book your room at the Radisson to obtain the special room rate.

Our three days of events begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14 with an early morning dedication and will include a cocktail party, tour and barbecue at Plimoth Plantation,

evening lantern tour of Plymouth, Cape Cod bus tour and ending off on the Friday evening with a banquet and guest speaker.

Please note that prior registration will be necessary in the early spring of 2005. Since we have to put deposits down for many of our functions, it is imperative that we receive your confirmation of attendance as well as these fees from our members well in advance. The spring issue of the newsletter will contain a registration form with the fees for each event. Firm commitments will likely be needed by April 2005.

Plymouth will be alive that week as delegates from each state society attend the General Congress of the General Society which will be held Sept. 11-13th. Plymouth is always an exciting place to be during Congress week!

This is a wonderful chance for our members across Canada to meet and get to know each other - and what better place to do it! Please plan to join us!



## Alberta Colony Message

The Alberta Colony is sad to announce the sudden passing of their Regent, William (Bill) Parsons in March of this year. Bill was one of the original six members who were present at the first organizational meeting of the Alberta society on March 15, 1986.

Bill joined the San Diego Society after his parents retired to Southern California in the late 1960's and was always very proud of his Mayflower ancestry.

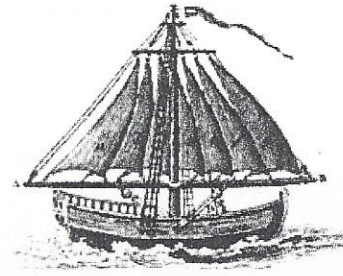
Gwen Gogolinski, our Vice-Regent, fulfills the role of Acting Regent until our AGM at the end of October.

### Susan Roser's Visit to the Alberta Colony



#### Alberta Colony Board

L to R, Ann Murphy, Margaret Brodylo, Gwen Gogolinski,  
Al Collins, Susan Roser, Bill Parsons



## Shallop

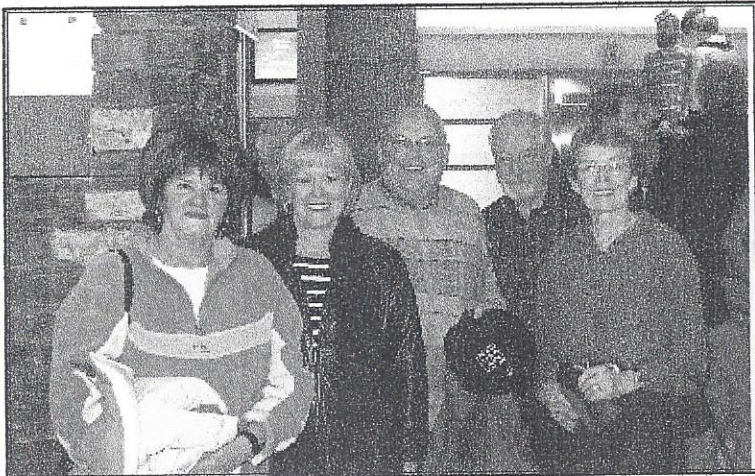
A shallop served as tender to the *Mayflower*. It was an open rowing or sailing vessel built to sail along the inshore areas of the coastline. It could be used for cargo, fishing or sailing in shallow water from one place to another along the rugged New England coast.

See: Building the Elizabeth Tilley at Plimoth Plantation  
<http://www.plimoth.org/learn/history/behind/shallop.asp>



**Banff Springs Hotel**

Bill Parsons, Susan Roser, Ann and Jim Murphy



**Meeting Susan at Calgary Airport**

From L to R: Lynda Parsons, Susan Roser, Bill Parsons, Jim Murphy, Ann Murphy

**Alberta Colony Annual General Meeting  
and  
Compact Dinner**

Saturday, October 30, 2004

Reception: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Willow Park Golf and Country Club

Willow Park Drive SE, Calgary

To Book - Contact: Ann Murphy

(403) 278-4759

[jnmurphy@telusplanet.net](mailto:jnmurphy@telusplanet.net)



**Mt. Rundle**

Susan Roser and Bill Parsons

## Board of Assistants

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## British Columbia Colony of Mayflower Descendants Semi-Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon 18 April 2004

The semi-annual meeting of the BC Colony of Mayflower Descendants was held at the home of Joan and Frank Fishliegh in Mission, BC on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2004. As usual our meeting was preceded by an excellent pot-luck lunch. The meeting was called to order by Regent Bob White at 12:15 pm. Grace was said by Bob Prince and the Mayflower Compact was read by Joan Stace-Smith the Vice Regent of the Colony. Our speaker, Karin Edberg-Lee, gave a very interesting presentation on Swedish immigration to the New World at roughly the same time as the arrival of the Mayflower Colonists in Plymouth.

The New Sweden Company was formed in 1637 by Dutch, Swedish and German businessmen. Peter Minuet led the first group of Swedish settlers in founding New Sweden which later became Delaware in 1638. It is of interest that Peter Minuet had been the governor of the Dutch Colony, New Netherland, located on Manhattan Island between 1626 and 1631.

Peter Minuet's Swedish settlers arrived in Delaware Bay in March of 1638 and proceeded to build a fort on the site of the modern city of Wilmington, Delaware. This fort was named Fort Christina in honour of Sweden's queen who was at the time only twelve-years-old. Fort Christina was the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley. In total there were twelve Swedish expeditions to the New World over a seventeen year period bringing roughly 600 Swedes and Finns to the new colony. Most settled along the banks of the Delaware River where they developed small farms and communities. These settlements extended from the modern state of Delaware into New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. One point of particular note mentioned by our speaker was the good relations established by settlers of New Sweden with their Indian neighbours.

For those interested in this history there is an excellent website at:

<http://www.colonialswedes.org/History/History.html>

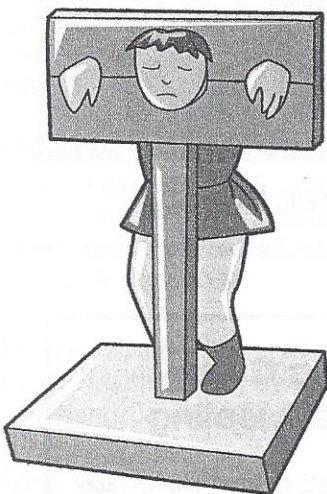
## Great Websites

There are a number of websites devoted to the Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony. Two of the most interesting and informative are *The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony* put together by Duane A. Cline and *The Pilgrim John Howland Society*.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/#part1>

<http://www.pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org>

## Pilgrim Punishments



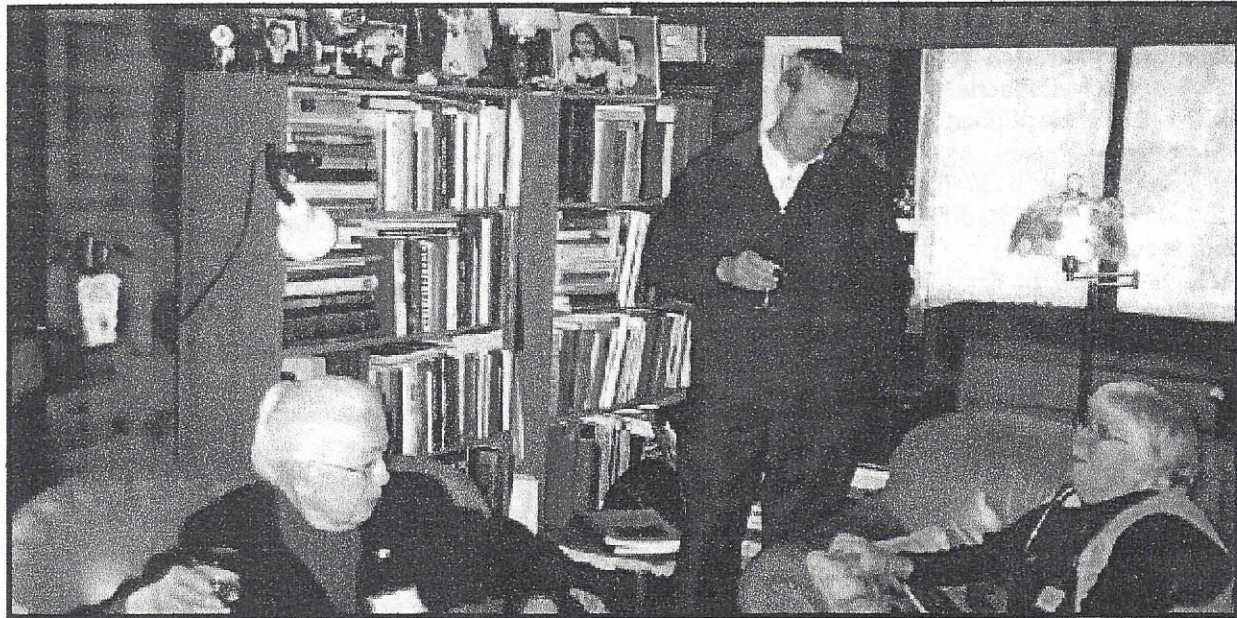
The Pilgrims used no barbarous punishments. Like all their contemporaries they used the stocks and the whipping-post, without perceiving that those punishments in public were barbarizing. They inflicted fines and forfeitures freely without regard to the station or quality of the offenders. They never punished, or even committed any person as a witch.

*The Romantic Story of the Mayflower Pilgrims*  
by Albert Christopher Addison (1911) p. 132

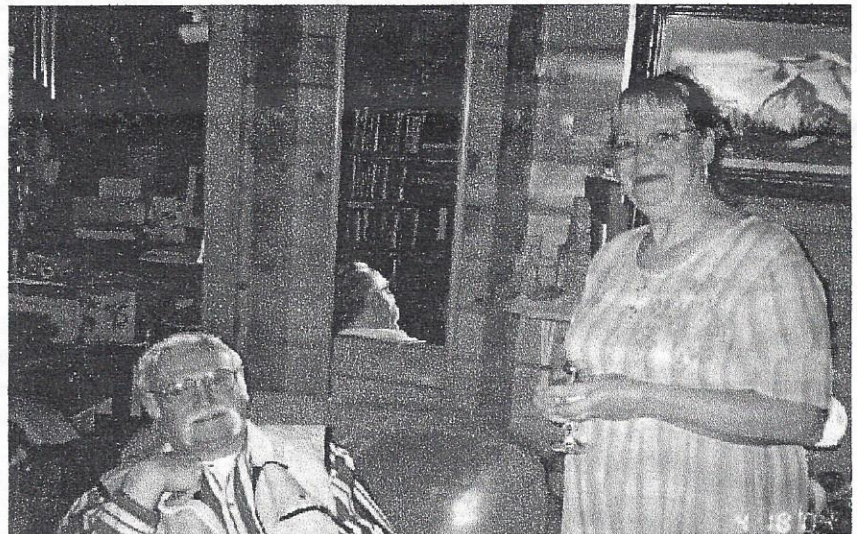


The British Columbia Colony  
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Left to Right: Secretary, Pat Walker;  
Regent, Bob White; Vice-Regent,  
Joan Stace-Smith



Treasurer, Bill Brown and Guest Speaker, Karin Edberg-Lee

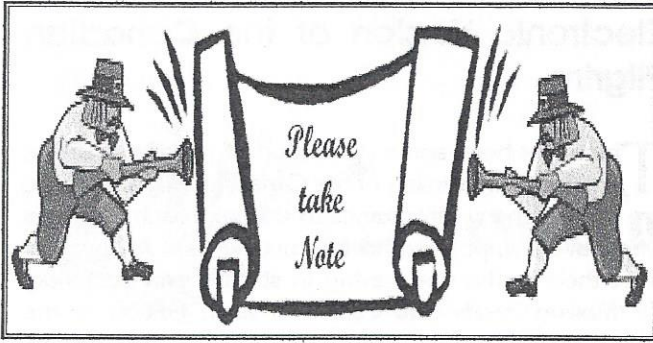


Dick Stace Smith and Joan Fishleigh

### British Columbia Colony Annual General Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the BC Colony will be held on 21 November 2004. The venue and program will be decided in the fall.





## General Board Meeting

Wilmington, Delaware

The General Board Meeting was held in Wilmington, DE on Sept. 11th, 2004 with approx. 187 DGGs, AGs and guests present. The Delaware Society did a wonderful job of planning the event and making everyone feel welcome. Highlights of the meeting include:

1. In the reading of the necrology of deaths of society officers was included that of Alberta regent Bill Parsons.
2. Several new medals will be made available to members, ie. ancestor bars for our female Mayflower ancestors; DGG and AG medals and new Former Governor medals.
3. The Computerized Record Project which involved the scanning of the society's lineage files into digitalized format has been put on hold due to insufficient funds. The early estimate of \$87,000 quickly doubled and has now reached \$4 million.
4. Candidates have been found for Y-line chromosone testing to assist in determining the origins of Doty and Standish; no luck so far with Bartholomew Allertons' descendants.
5. The motion for the society to write a letter of support to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in support of the Pockanoket's application to receive federal recognition as a tribe passed in the affirmative.
6. The Canadian Society has received approval to donate a tree with accompanying plaque in honour of its founder to be placed on the grounds of the Mayflower house during its 25th anniversary celebration in Plymouth in Sept. 2005.
7. At the request of Governor General Robert Davis, Deputy Governor Susan Roser read a report on the planned 25th anniversary celebration in Plymouth in 2005.

Submitted by DGG Susan Roser and AG Joyce Cutler

## DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS NEEDED

In 2003, then Governor, Susan Roser made a request to the General Society for permission for the Canadian

Society to make a donation with a plaque, to the grounds of the Mayflower house in Plymouth, MA, with the unveiling to take place during our 25th anniversary celebrations in Plymouth in 2005. Approval has now been received and we are excited to announce that an ornamental tree will be purchased and planted on the grounds, with a plaque honouring our founder, Father James S. McGivern. The dedication will take place in Sept. 2005.

We feel very honoured that our Canadian Society will have a lasting memorial in the hometown of our Pilgrim ancestors. We are asking members to help us with the costs for the tree and plaque with a donation of \$10.00 to the Father James S. McGivern Memorial Fund. A listing of those who contribute will appear, with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation, in our anniversary book. Please note that the tree must be planted in the spring, therefore monies must be received ahead of time and may be sent to Susan Roser.

## Anniversary Booklet

Dale Lahey

Your Society is planning a booklet to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our founding in 1980. It will include a short history of the Society, record of our twenty-fifth year celebration to be held in Plymouth in September 2005, and a roster of every member who is current in September 2005.

The roster will include your picture, a brief biography, your Mayflower ancestor, your city and province (Colony) of residence, and perhaps some other information not yet decided upon.

To date we have received about 100 pictures and biographies of members, out of nearly 300 current members. We have a long way to go before we publish. If you are one of those who has not yet sent in your picture and biography, we urge you to do so as soon as you can. If we don't have your picture and biography, you will have little to represent you in the booklet but your name and place of residence.

Remember, our space is limited, so biographies should be short, no more than pen-sketches of 200 or 300 words -- even just five or six sentences will do. Just a bit about your life, your family, your interests, how you found your Mayflower ancestor. Things like that.

Next September may seem like a long way off, but we all know how time flies, whither we know not, so the sooner you do this, the better we may serve you.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be a part of our Capsule in Time in Canada's Mayflower History! Let me hear from you soon about those pictures and biographies.

You may write to me, Dale Lahey, by regular mail at 72 Vanier Drive, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2L3. If you are on the internet and can make digital pictures, you may send both your picture and biography by email to [dlahey@albedo.net](mailto:dlahey@albedo.net).

Best wishes to you all and your families for the upcoming season of joy and happiness. Dale

## Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Pin



**D**escription: Black background with a gold picture and letters. The diameter of the pin is about 7/8 of an inch with a push pin back. Pins will be available at our November Meeting for \$5.00 or by mail order for \$6.25. Please make cheques payable to the Canadian Society of Mayflower

Descendants (CSMD). Send orders to Joyce Cutler 448 Third Line, Oakville, Ontario, L6L 4A5.

## !!!!Plymouth Calendars Available!!!!



**H**ot off the press! Order your 2005 calendar with beautiful scenes of Plymouth, including the Mayflower II, Mayflower Society house, Burial Hill, Brewster Gardens, First House, Plymouth Rock Portico and Plymouth harbour. The price is only \$10.00 each (+ \$2 P&H for mailed

copies). Order several today! They make great Xmas gifts! Payment (made out to the Canadian Society) with order may be sent to Susan E. Roser, 4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1. They will also be available at the November meeting.

## Nova Scotia Colony Holds Meeting

**O**n Sept. 11th, 2004, society members residing in Nova Scotia held a meeting to begin preliminary plans for the formation of a Nova Scotia colony. Four interim officers were selected as follows: Edward Morrissey, Regent; Gordon Wood, Vice-Regent; David Allen, Secretary/Treasurer and Eleanor Smith, Historian. Contact David Allen for information on the next planned meeting, possibly in October on the South Shore. daividg.allen@ns.sympatico.ca Our new colony will soon be a reality! A meeting is planned for October 23, 2004.

## Electronic Version of the Canadian Pilgrim

**T**here has been some discussion of making available an electronic version of the *Canadian Pilgrim*. There are a great many advantages to this approach for those who have computers and Internet access. At the very least there is the cost saving in stamps and stationary for mailing nearly 300 copies of each edition of the newsletter.

A trial version may be obtained through the British Columbia Mayflower Colony web page:

<http://www.bc.md.northstrat.com/>

Your feedback would be appreciated.

If you are interested in receiving the *Canadian Pilgrim* as a file which could be picked up on the Canadian Society website take a moment and send your e-mail address to the editor at the address indicated below.

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Obituaries



Harry Forbes of New Brunswick  
Bill Parsons of Alberta

## William F.C. Parsons

Susan Roser

**I**t is with deep regret that we report the death of our Alberta Regent, Bill Parsons, in March 2004. Bill had been a supportive member of our society for many years and was very proud of his Mayflower Ancestry. He opened his home to me when I visited Calgary last November and his warm, friendly nature made me feel welcome. We enjoyed some great times in just a few short days. The twinkle in his eye along with a wonderful sense of humour - this is how I will remember him.

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