



# Canadian Pilgrim

Newsletter of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants



Robert W. White, Editor

## Governor's Column Spring 2005

### Joyce Cutler



Welcome to this very special year, two thousand and five, the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Canadian Society. It is the aim of our Board of Assistants to make this truly a year to remember. Since it is an anniversary year we have more activities planned than in former years.

To begin the activities, our Deputy Governor and Historian, Susan Roser and I have been invited to attend the very first Annual Meeting and Luncheon of our brand new Nova Scotia Colony. It is to be held on the 30th of April in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. We are very pleased to be a part of this memorable event.

The next event is our Spring Meeting and Banquet on the 14th of May, which will be held in Burlington on Lake Ontario. To make it more festive we have decided to make it an evening affair. Our Governor General Robert Davis and his wife Jeanne are going to be our special guests. We are hoping that as many members as possible can attend this function to welcome the Governor General and his wife.

Our Plymouth trip in September is a once in a lifetime celebration and an opportunity for members from all across Canada to meet in the town of our pilgrim ancestors. A full agenda has been planned which includes a tree dedication ceremony on the grounds of the Mayflower House in memory of our founder, Father James S. McGivern and in honour of our twenty-fifth anniversary.

On November the twelfth we will end our year's activities with our twenty-fifth Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon at the lovely Cricket Club in Toronto.

At the end of the year we are planning to put together our anniversary book to celebrate twenty-five years with our Canadian Society. While I am on the subject of our book, I would like to ask any member who has a picture taken at a past society event, that we could use in this book, to please let us know. We would especially appreciate a negative or a copy of any picture taken last fall at our November luncheon at the Cricket Club.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person as these upcoming events take place throughout the year.

## SPRING MEETING

Date: 14 May 2005

Time: 6:00 p.m. cash bar

7:00 p.m. dinner buffet

Location: Burlington Golf & Country Club

422 North Shore Blvd. E., Burlington ON

905-634-7726

Cost: \$50.00 per person (all inclusive)

Guest Speaker: Governor General,  
Robert E. Davis

We are kicking off our 25th anniversary with a visit from Governor General & Mrs. Robert Davis. Please join with us in welcoming the Governor General and Mrs. Davis to the Canadian Society!

Friends and family are most welcome!

As in past years, we also plan to hold a raffle of several items purchased in Plymouth which should prove to be of interest to our members. Tickets will be 4 for \$10.00. Please help support this fund raiser for our society.

Driving Instructions

See page 10 for detailed driving instructions.

## Plymouth 2005 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Society

Members from British Columbia to Nova Scotia are gearing up for our society's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in Plymouth, Mass. in Sept. 2005! Our members have booked 32 hotel rooms at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbour, and along with members who have other accommodations, we will be approximately seventy-five strong!

Arrangements and bookings have all been made in Plymouth and we have some exciting events planned. If you wish to join in on the festivities below you must use the enclosed registration form and pre-pay for the events. Some events are subject to a slight change in time and registrants will be notified. The following is the itinerary for Sept. 14-16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

### Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 a.m.** Dedication on the grounds of the Mayflower Society house followed by a free tour of the house. Be part of this historic occasion as we unveil and dedicate a lasting memorial to our founder, Father James S. McGivern. The remainder of the day is free for touring, research at the library, shopping, etc. Those who purchase a combo pass (see below & registration form) may tour the Mayflower II this day.

**7:00 p.m.** Reception & Cocktail Party at the Radisson Hotel. There is no charge for this event but we will need to know how many are attending.

### Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:30 a.m.** Tour of Plimoth Plantation for those who purchase the combo pass. Members will arrange own transportation to the Plantation and enjoy a self-guided tour. The center opens at 9, the village at 9:30 – get here early to give yourself time before our lunch. (Note that this pre-paid price is a \$5.50 savings versus paying “at the door.” And – is an \$11.50 savings if you were to buy these tickets separately at Plymouth.)

**12:30 p.m.** Barbecue lunch at the Plantation. We have a lovely room with an outside deck reserved for our lunch. The remainder of the day is free. Don't forget to visit the Plantation gift shop – it's one of the best!

**7:30 p.m.** Sunset, candlelit, wreath laying service at the sarcophagus on Cole's Hill in honour of our ancestors. This will be followed by an evening lantern tour of Plymouth where we will set out in groups with guides relating fascinating stories

of Plymouth's early inhabitants (time may change slightly).

### Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.** – All day, “Pilgrim Path” tour up Cape Cod, stopping at Pilgrim related spots along the way such as Aptuxet Trading Post where the Pilgrims traded with the Indians; historic town of Sandwich; First Encounter Beach at Eastham where the Pilgrims' exploration party was attacked by the Indians; Old Cove Cemetery at Eastham where memorial stones to some Pilgrims are found; Pilgrim Spring, where the Pilgrims first found fresh water; Corn Hill at Truro where they found buried corn, etc. We will have a two hour stop at Provincetown for lunch (not included) and shopping. This is a picturesque seaside town with unique shops and scenery including sand dunes, beaches and the best view – from the

top of the Pilgrim Monument see all the way across the bay to Plymouth! This will be a narrated tour in a deluxe motor coach so you can expect to hear many fascinating stories and learn much about your ancestors as we pass through the breathtaking scenery of the Cape. (Ask all the questions you want!!)



**6:30 p.m.** – Closing Dinner Banquet at the Radisson, with special guest speaker and our favorite Pilgrim, Dr. Pat Stanford. Dr. Pat has been the longtime Junior Membership Chairman and dressed in Pilgrim attire, is a hit whenever she walks into a room! If you require a special menu, please make note of it when you send your registration form.

### Haven't booked yet??

If you have not booked your hotel room, it is not too late! Contact the Radisson Hotel at 1-877-500-0050 and tell them you are with the Mayflower Society for the special rate of \$92.00 per night. If the Radisson is full, contact Susan Roser ([rosier@iprimus.ca](mailto:rosier@iprimus.ca)) who can suggest other nearby hotels. Members who book a hotel are asked to let Susan know as she is keeping track of the numbers. Since this is Congress week, hotels in the area will be completely booked up before long, so don't delay. This is going to be a wonderful experience, please plan to join us in the land of our Pilgrim ancestors!

### Registration Form

A registration form will be found within the newsletter and must be completed and returned to Susan Roser (4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1) as soon as

possible. With events like these, we must have a good idea of our numbers well ahead of time. Please note that since we must pay for our events in US\$\$, we felt it would be easier to charge the fees in US\$\$\$. (Note: All participants must register.) Return your registration form and fees today! **Payment is to be made out to CSMD and must be in Susan Roser's hands by May 30, 2005.** Fees for all events must be pre-paid with your registration form. Registered members will receive a registration package, including tickets for events, anniversary ribbons & nametags, brochures, etc.

## Free Time ? Things to do in Plymouth!

Arriving early? Staying late? There's so much to see and do. Visit Pilgrim Hall and see our Pilgrim ancestors' belongings, carried with them on the Mayflower. Take a whale watch on one of Capt. John's boats or a harbour cruise on a Mississippi paddle wheeler – great way to see Plymouth from the sea. Or a pirate cruise! Don't forget Plymouth Rock; Burial Hill; the Harlow, Old Fort House; the 1666 Howland House; Brewster Gardens; the oldest house in Plymouth – the 1640 Richard Sparrow House; the Jenney Grist Mill; the Pilgrims' first street - Leyden Street; monuments to Governor Bradford and Massasoit; the National Monument to the Forefathers (which was a prototype for the Statue of Liberty and is magnificent!).....and that's just in Plymouth! Visit the historic town of Duxbury where you will see Myles Standish's impressive gravesite and climb his monument – which you can see from Plymouth - and don't forget John Alden's house. Spend an afternoon at the beach (White Horse Beach is great!); bring your bicycle and try the 20 miles of paved bike paths at the Myles Standish State Forest where you can also fish, swim, hike or camp. Or – the best thing to do – just get in your car and drive – visit towns where your ancestors lived – Middleborough, Carver, Marshfield, to name a few, and don't forget the cemeteries – and the antique shops!

If you need help with directions to cemeteries, historic sites, etc., please contact me and I'd be happy to help (Susan Roser, [roser@iprimus.ca](mailto:roser@iprimus.ca))

## Members Notes

One of our members, Captain Ted Saunders of Petawawa, ON, will be serving a six month tour with NATO forces in Afghanistan this year. We wish him a safe return.

## Nova Scotia Colony

Congratulations to our Nova Scotia members! The newly founded Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants will hold their First Annual Meeting on April 30, 2005. Please join us for this historic occasion, along with Governor, Joyce Cutler and Deputy Governor & Historian, Susan Roser. This will be a luncheon meeting held in Liverpool, N.S.. For details, please contact:

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## Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Pin

Description: 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 are available 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.

My ancestors didn't come over on the *Mayflower*, but they were there to meet the boat..

Will Rogers

## Annual Report of the B.C. Colony

Robert W. White

The fall meeting of the B.C. Colony was held on November 21, 2004 at the home of Joan and Dick Stace-Smith. There were 16 members, associate members and guests in attendance. The meeting was preceded by an excellent pot-luck luncheon. The B.C. Colony is particularly fortunate that the Stace-Smiths have been so generous with the use of their home for so many of our meetings. Thanks should also be extended to two of the grandchildren of Joan and Dick for making the DVD player and the TV work for the presentation following the luncheon.

Robert White, B.C. Colony Regent, reported on his attendance at the Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon of the Canadian Society in Toronto on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. This was a good meeting which provided an opportunity for him to meet several members of the Canadian Society Board as well as a number of the regular members. The speaker, David Moore, of Appleby College was both entertaining and informative.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Joan Stace-Smith and approved by the members in attendance. The slate for 2005 will be

Past Regent – Abbie Thompson  
 Regent – Robert White  
 Vice-Regent – Joan Stace-Smith  
 Treasurer – Bill Brown  
 Secretary – Pat Walker  
 Newsletter Editor – Robert White  
 Member at large – Ken Potter

As there was very little turnover of positions on the executive this year, it was agreed that the term of all positions be for a period of one year. In view of the fact that all of the executive committee meetings are held using email members who do not reside in the Vancouver area were urged to serve on the executive.

The program for the meeting was presented by the Robert White who demonstrated new software called *MemoriesOnTv*. This is an excellent program for the management of old family photographs allowing them to be saved to a CD and then presented with text and music on a television set through the medium of a DVD player. This software is inexpensive and can be downloaded from the internet. It is also very easy to manage, and well within the skill range of the average computer user.

Our treasurer Bill Brown has reported that effective January 7, 2005 the BC Colony had 26 paid up members for the year 2005.

It was agreed to hold our spring meeting on May 15, 2005 at the home of Pat Walker at 215- 5710-201 Street, Langley, B.C. Pat can be reached by phone at 604 534 5746 or by email at [whiteoak@quik.com](mailto:whiteoak@quik.com). Additional details will be circulated by mail closer to the date of the meeting.



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 Business  
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### Dues Notice

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

Robert V. White, Treasurer  
 Box 138, 72 Sherwood St.  
 Bobcaygeon, ON, K0M 1A0

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.

The society acknowledges, with appreciation, the donation of Dr. Stephen White in 2004.

### 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 secretary, Deborah Clarke, know so we can ensure delivery to you.

### The Web

The website for our Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants may be 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.

**A Little Bit of History.....1980-2005****Susan E. Roser****Deputy Governor**

As you know, this year marks the silver anniversary of our society – it's hard to believe we're at the twenty-five year mark! Much like our Mayflower ancestors, we came from humble beginnings – 29 charter members which have risen to about 275 today. (We have actually increased our numbers to 417, however we have lost about 142 members due to death and resignation.) Our founder, Father James S. McGivern, was extremely proud of his Mayflower ancestry back to William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins, so proud in fact, that his dream was to have a society for Mayflower descendants here in Canada. Almost single handedly he achieved his dream, and in 1981 our society was formed. Unfortunately he was not able to enjoy his success for long, as he died in 1982, but he could take pride in the fact that he left us this wonderful legacy.

Over the years the society has experienced special events and occasions. Our very first banquet and Compact Dinner was held 21 Nov. 1981 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Toronto. I was present at that first banquet, along with my husband and parents, all totaled there were 34 in attendance. Father McGivern gave a talk on "Our Purpose" and we enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner. We have welcomed several Governor Generals to our banquets over the years and this year will look forward to another when Governor General Robert E. Davis visits in May. Do you remember our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, 1990 at the Primrose Hotel in Toronto, when we had an anniversary cake – complete with the shoreline of Plymouth, a chocolate Mayflower and Plymouth Rock? A picture has recently surfaced and will be in our anniversary book.

You may have noticed that some of our executive wear a medallion for the office they hold. Did you know that in 1982, many of our charter members donated money for our Medallion Fund to enable our society to purchase medallions for our officers. I believe it was around this time that the Governor's and Deputy Governor's medals were purchased. Those charter members still with us today who donated are

Sharon Cadieux and former Governors, Leon Warmski and Keith Bain.

We have had strong leadership this past twenty-five years. We have had nine Governors: Father McGivern, Harry Pierce, Mel Donald, Keith Bain, Leon Warmski, Robert Cruikshank, Paul Hill, Susan Roser and Joyce Cutler. We have continually had an exceptional group of people on our board, who donate their time and energy to enable our society to run smoothly. One of these is our recently retired Treasurer, Allyn Dean, who for fifteen years worked tirelessly on our behalf and did an outstanding job for which we are ever grateful. We also have wonderful members who show their support, in correspondence, in attendance at meetings and on occasions when we ask for their help.



**Former Canadian Mayflower Society Governors  
Harry Pierce and Father James McGivern**

Another of Father McGivern's dreams was realized this year with the formation of our third colony – the Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants. This joins our Alberta Colony, founded in 1986 and our British Columbia Colony, founded in 1995. It is no small feat keeping a colony going with members scattered throughout the province but our enthusiastic and supportive colony members have achieved this goal. Father McGivern had hoped to see colonies formed in each province and while this has

been a slow process, we are certainly making progress. I wonder which province will be next?

Our festivities planned in Plymouth in September will be followed by our Fall Compact Luncheon, planned for 12 November 2005. And then the work begins! Once all the pictures and reports are in we will be hard at work putting our anniversary book together, to commemorate these first twenty-five years in our society's history.

Plymouth is a somewhat flourishing town even at this day, but its principal pride is its historical recollections. As the place upon which a few pious conscientious men founded a state which with all its deviations yet bears much of its primitive stamp, it will ever be memorable. To think of landing here on the 22<sup>d</sup> of December without a shelter and three thousand miles from what was once a beloved home. The idea as I stood upon the burying place which is high and overlooks the harbour made me shiver. Yet even I could do as much with sufficient motive.  
Charles Francis Adams. *Diary*, 14 September 1835

## Editor's Column

Robert W. White



### The Mayflower and the English Language

It was coincidental that the one person who would do much to help many of the Mayflower passengers survive their first winter was an English speaking native by the name of Squanto.

"In their desperate straights, help did arrive in

unexpected form. An Indian named Samoset walked into their camp in March. They marveled at his language – broken English! Soon he introduced the colonists to another Indian named Squanto, who had been in England and could speak English quite well." Let Governor Bradford explain. "Squanto continued with them and was their interpreter and was a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation. He directed them how to set their corn, where to take fish, and to procure other commodities, and was also their pilot to bring them to unknown places for their profit, and never left them till he died."

In short, the Pilgrims were saved by an encounter with the English language. In spite of learning a great deal from the local Indians over the course of the two or three years that followed their 1620 arrival the Pilgrims adopted very few of the native words into their spoken English. There were, of course, some obvious exceptions that found their way into the language such as skunk, squaw, wigwam and papoose and these are still with us today. The surprising thing is that there were not more.

It is interesting to speculate on why this might be the case. It may be that the Pilgrims were very anxious to preserve the integrity of their spoken and written language and it may also have to do with the comfort they derived from attaching familiar names to things that they could describe in English. This was certainly the case with the names of geographic locations which were almost all borrowed from the English countryside that they had left.

There may even have been some religious overtones to their efforts to preserve the English language they had used all their lives. It was, after all, "God's good English." It may have in some manner placed a wall between the Pilgrims and the hostile natural world that surrounded their small colony. It was, in fact, a crime to improvise or to speak in an ungodly fashion in Plymouth.

It can be construed that the Pilgrims felt it was important to exercise control over the language they spoke. This was also a factor in their decision to leave Holland where they had been given religious tolerance. They had, after all, come to the New World to stay and wanted to preserve what they felt was best about the homeland they had departed. As time

went on the language did change and many new words found their way into ordinary speech. One of the strongest bastions against the drift of the English language was found in a little book called the *New England Primer*. This small book and generations of good teachers did much to preserve a style of English that was relatively unaccented and, for the most part, understandable to all English speakers of whatever class.



### National Institute for Genealogical Studies

The National Institute for Genealogical Studies is offering Susan Roser's Mayflower research course every three months and they have put the course into book form (this is new).

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."

### 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, whether 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.



New  
Members

### 2004 – New Members We welcome to the Society!

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2C1; #412, Bradford

Scott D. Fawcett, 1403 Joliet Ave.SW, Calgary AB, T2T  
1S3; #413, Bradford

Sarah J. Warden, 2108 Uralta Rd.NW, Calgary, AB, T2N  
4B4; #414, Bradford

Gordon A. Grover, 6201 Davis Pl., Olds, AB, T4H 1V8;  
#415, Rogers

Brent G. Grover, 6201 Davis Pl., Olds, AB, T4H 1V8;  
#416, Rogers

James D. Crawford, 46 Rykert Cres., Toronto, ON, M4G  
2S9; #417, Brewster

**Family Connections:** Susan, Robert, Scott and Sarah are children of member, Bernice Warden; Gordon and Brent are father and son; James is the son and grandson of members George V. and George B. Crawford. Special mention: Fay Carlson is SO enthusiastic about being a Mayflower descendant that she booked her hotel room in Plymouth for our Sept. celebration long before she was approved as a member!

## Alberta Colony of Mayflower Descendants AGM and Compact Dinner 2004

The Annual General Meeting and Compact Dinner was held on 30 October 2004 in the home of Ann Murphy. We were forced to change our location from the Willow Park Golf and Country Club because so few people registered to attend.

The dinner was provided by Sunterra Catering ([www.sunterramarket.com](http://www.sunterramarket.com)). For our small group it worked out very well. We had a choice of two salads, two types of stuffed chicken breast, candied carrots, cauliflower Provencal, and roasted rosemary potatoes. Dessert was pumpkin pie, pecan pie and Chrispie Crunch chocolate cake.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Regent Gwen

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Gogolinski at 9:30 p.m. Of the eleven attendees only seven were Mayflower Descendants. The following Mayflower passengers had descendants present: John Alden, William Bradford, William Brewster, Stephen Hopkins, Richard Warren and William White. Gwen Gogolinski was unanimously confirmed as our new Regent. There were no other changes in the Board. We discussed the possibility of shutting down the Alberta Colony due to lack of interest but came to no decision.

Quite a few of Alberta Members do not live in Calgary so we understand why most of them do not choose to participate on our Board or to attend our annual dinner. However, over forty members live in Calgary.

### WANTED

#### Volunteers to serve as Board Members

Our Colony is in danger of closing unless we can find new people to serve on the Board. Everyone on the present Board has served at least four years and many are going into their ninth year. One board member has served fourteen years. Please come forward by contacting either Gwen Gogolinski (403) 528-9596 or Ann Murphy (403) 278-4759.



### Necrology



#### Necrology - 2004

Lucille Cron joined the society in 1995 thru William Brewster. She was an enthusiastic member who attended society meetings until her health began to fail. She regularly donated to our society - even before she became a member.

Winston D. Prince was a charter and life member, joining the society in 1980, however he was originally a member of the Massachusetts Society which he joined in 1961. Winston did the research which traced his line back to William Brewster, allowing both he and his brother Bob, to join the society. In the past he generously donated books to our society library.

Dr. John Turnbull, joined our society in 1989 through his Richard Warren line. He was a life member who resided in Regina, Saskatchewan.

#### Library Report - Spring 2005

##### 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 9416)393-7169  
or email [intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca](mailto:intellisearch@tpl.toronto.on.ca)

## New Books

- Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records* The last four volumes have arrived which makes this set complete.
- English Origins of American Colonists*, by Henry B. Hoff
- History of the Town of Middleboro MA 1669-1905*, by Thomas Weston, A.M.
- The Lo-Lathrop Family 1884*, by Rev. E. B. Huntington A.M.
- Pioneers of Massachusetts*, by Charles H. Pope
- Planters of the Commonwealth 1620-1640*, by Charles Edward Banks
- Plymouth Colony Probate Guide*, Compiled by Ruth W. Sherman FASG and Robert S. Wakefield FASG
- Three Visitors to Early Plymouth*, Ed. by Sydney V. James Jr.
- Torrey's (Third Supplement to,) New Eng. Marriages Prior to 1700* by Melinde L. Sanborn
- Vital Records Town of Chatham 1696-1850*, 2 vols., compiled by Sheila M.D. Westgate and Anna L. Tomlinson
- Vital Records Town of Harwich MA 1694-1850*, Compiled by Louise H. Kelley and Dorothy Straw
- Vital Records of Sandwich MA to 1885*, 3 vols. Compiled by Caroline L. Kardell and Russell A. Lowell Jr.

## Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner

(Edited for the Newsletter)

The Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner was held 13 Nov. 2004 at the Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club.

Governor Joyce Cutler opened the proceedings by extending a warm welcome to everyone present. Joyce then made the comment of how lucky we, as a society, were to have two Robert Whites with us today, Bob White, our Treasurer elect and Robert White, Regent of the BC Colony and Editor of the Canadian Pilgrim. Joyce next introduced us to our guest speaker, David Moore, who she said, was wearing the 18th Century military regalia of a Sergeant Major of the King's Loyal Regiment of New York. Finally, Joyce thanked Keith Bain for once again making it possible for us to hold our meeting in such a delightful location.

**GOVERNOR'S REPORT-** Joyce Cutler. It has been a most productive year. To begin with our Captain, Dale Lahey, has created and set up a data base for our Society to help the Board serve its members better. Preparations for our 25th Anniversary are in full swing. Joyce said she knows everyone who plans to attend our celebrations in Plymouth is in for a wonderful time. On the home front, we have already made arrangements to hold our Spring

Banquet at the Burlington Golf and Country Club, work on our Anniversary book is proceeding and sales of pins and calendars have been good. For today only, these (along with our bookplates) can be purchased from Lynne Webb.

**MINUTES.** The minutes of our last two meetings (the Spring and the Fall) were passed on a motion by Mel Donald, seconded by George Crawford. The error in the date of the minutes of Nov. 2003 has been corrected.

**THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT.** Captain (Dale Lahey) read the Mayflower Compact.

**NECROLOGY.** Allyn Dean reported that we have lost two members so far this year, as reported in the spring newsletter.

**ANCESTOR'S ROLL CALL.** Read by Debbie Clarke. This year we have representatives from 18 Mayflower families with us today. That is one up from last year. Once again William Brewster's family led the list, having the most descendants (13) present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOV. 10 2004** given by Allyn Dean. Latest member number 409, that includes 65 life members and 204 regular members. Of our regular members 5 have paid for 2002, 16 have paid for 2003, 117 have paid for 2004 and 68 have paid for 2005+. Bank accounts: We have \$6516.47 in our regular account and \$1025.47 in our US account. GIC's 4.25% due 22 Nov. 2004 \$ 15,766.54; 3.05% due 11 Mar 2005 \$14346.28.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR/HISTORIAN.** Susan Roser reported that our numbers are down slightly for the year compared to the last two years. For 2004 we are at 11 new members, but thanks to members putting through their family members, this number will rise to 16. Susan then reported on the progress of the 25th anniversary in Plymouth and the formation of the Nova Scotia Colony.

Joyce asked everyone to join with her in thanking Susan for all the hard work and time she has put in to make our 25th anniversary celebration a reality

**REPORT OF THE EDITOR / REGENT OF THE BC COLONY.** Robert White began by saying he brought greetings from the far flung Colony of British Columbia. He then said he had mailed out 300 copies of the Newsletter. He had hoped to be able to reduce this number of mailings by posting the newsletter on our web site but so far his efforts to change the way we send out our Newsletter have been met with less than enthusiasm by our members. In a test posting of the Newsletter on our web site only 40 people looked and of those, only 5 responded. From this small sampling, Robert said he can only conclude that our membership is not yet ready to receive their newsletter electronically. Robert said he will wait a few years and try again. Robert apologized for the typos in newsletter. He said he had checked for mistakes, as had Susan, but obviously they missed some. He promised they would do better next time.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.** Joyce assured Allyn that she and Susan were working hard to spend the money in the Library fund and to prove it she read off a list of new books she had placed in the Library over the last few weeks

**REPORT OF THE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR** Dale Lahey Over the last couple of years, our Board has been



working on digitizing its records. Completion of this work has been a task requiring the coordination of several members of the Board of Assistants. Dale thanked Lynne Webb, Susan Roser, Joyce Cutler, Myrna Geldart and Mary Nichols for their assistance. Dale extended a special thanks to our Board Secretary Deborah Clarke, who he said, has undertaken the enormous task of re-typing all of our minutes from the time they began in 1984 through to the present. Dale went on to say that 2004 marked the twentieth year that Debbie has been taking minutes for the Board of Assistants and asked everyone present to join with him in thanking Debbie for her twenty years of service to the Board and our Society. Dale reminded members to send their pics and bios, and as well those for deceased family members who were members of the society.

Joyce asked everyone to join with her in thanking Dale for his work on the data base.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Myrna Geldart, (with Judith Mackay-Kowalski and Debbie Clarke) gave the following report of the nominees up for election:

**Treasurer - Bob White**  
**Historian - Susan Roser**  
**Members at large - Mary Nichols and Allyn Dean.**

This report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and passed on a motion by Dale Lahey and seconded by Debbie Clarke.

Joyce took a moment to express her appreciation to Bob White for accepting the position of Treasurer and to say how pleased she was that Allyn Dean had agreed to stay on the Board as Member at Large. She said Allyn had served as our Treasurer since 1989 and we would have been very sorry to lose his advice and guidance at our meetings.

The business part of the meeting concluded, while waiting for our water glasses to be filled, Mel Donald gave us a brief talk on the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving. This was followed by a toast to the Queen by Past Governor, Keith Bain and grace by Mel Donald, after which we enjoyed a delicious meal.

At the conclusion of the meal Joyce introduced our guest speaker David Moore who she said was going to talk to us about *The Key decision: Why so many of Canada's early settlers decided to remain loyal to the Crown?*

After his speech David Moore took some questions from the floor. Allyn Dean thanked him for giving us such a very entertaining look at history, and for his vivid picture of warfare in the 18th century.

Joyce concluded the proceedings by saying she was looking forward to seeing us all in the spring.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Lynne Webb seconded by Marion Tait.

Note: Deborah Clarke's report of David Moore's talk can be found online at our website.

## Father James S. McGivern Memorial

A dedication to Father James S. McGivern will take place September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 on the grounds of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth, Mass.. Members will gather for the unveiling of a tree and plaque, honouring our founder.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to members who have donated to this Memorial Fund. The generosity of our members will make it possible for all who visit the grounds of the Mayflower House to know of the Canadian Society and to remember our founder with this lasting tribute in the land of our ancestors. Donations have been received in varying amounts from the Following: (Note that Mr. Crawford and Mr. Nethercott were extremely generous and we thank them!)

George Crawford, Arnold Nethercott, Keith Bain, Susan Roser, George Hayward, Robert W. White, Joan Magee, Stephanie Wood, Gordon Wood, Marion Smith Tait, Cyndee Case, Sally Pengelley, Fred Abraham, Joyce Cutler, Margaret Mirko, Abbie Thompson, Doreen Corbett, Bill Brown, George Baldwin, Gloria Wywka, C.R. Prince, Dale Lahey, Dale Lahey, in memory of daughter Andrea Lahey, Dale Lahey, in memory of mother, Irene Lahey

If you have not yet sent in your donation, please do so today. We are asking only \$10 from each member. All those who donate will be acknowledged in our anniversary book. Don't be left out!

## Plymouth Calendars Still Available

You can still 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.) Payment should be made out to the Canadian Society and sent to Susan E. Roser, 4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1.



## Maritime Topics on Stamps

The Pilgrim-Fathers' Voyage with the 'Mayflower'

<http://www.shipsonstamps.org/Topics/html/pilgrim.htm>

I am glad my ancestors arrived on the Mayflower, but I am gladder that there are nine generations between us.

William Lyon Phelps

## Mayflower Weathervane

Spring 2005

Dear Bob,

I thought the enclosed photo might be of interest for the Canadian Pilgrim.... A weather vane made of the Mayflower, by my cousin, Bill Vogler. He is also a descendant of Stephen Hopkins, my second line ( on my father's side of the family) with documents approved by Susan Roser, and now on their way to Plymouth. My other line is on my Mother's side, and goes to Francis Cooke.

This weathervane was just installed on my roof today! That's Bill Vogler in the photo.

Regards,  
Norma McGuire.



## Plymouth Rock

The Blarney Stone of New England.  
Anon. Irish orator at a public banquet, quoted by Charles Mackay, Life and liberty in America 1857-58

## The Masts of the Mayflower

The masts of Mayflower have been claimed to exist as wooden pillars in an "Independent" or rather Baptist chapel in Abington, Oxfordshire, England, that was built around 1700, for which there is no evidence beyond a local tradition that they were the masts of the Brielle, the ship which

brought William of Orange to England in 1688. Some amateur historians simply prefer that they be of the Mayflower.

## Pilgrim Health – Winter 1620-21

That winter a terrible disease, which the settlers called "General Sickness", struck the community and half the population died. The disease was pneumonia, aggravated by scurvy. The dead were buried secretly at night since the settlers knew that they were being constantly observed by native Indians.

## Directions to Burlington Golf &amp; Country Club

**F**rom Toronto:  
Take QEW West towards Niagara to North Shore Blvd. exit, one exit past the Brant Street exit. Turn right (west) onto North Shore Blvd. Take (the only) left-turn lane (at King Road) that continues as North Shore Blvd. The Clubhouse is after the stop sign on the left side (south). Parking is on right side (north).

**F**rom East Hamilton:  
Take the QEW East towards Toronto to North Shore Blvd. exit, the first exit after the Skyway Bridge. At lights, turn left (west) and proceed along North Shore Blvd. Take (the only) left-turn lane (at King Road) that continues as North Shore Blvd. The Clubhouse is after the stop sign on the left side (south). Parking is on right side (north).

**F**rom West Hamilton:  
Take the 403 East towards Toronto to Waterdown Road exit. Turn right (south) and follow road (past stop light) until 4-Way stop. Waterdown Road becomes Lasalle Park Drive after Plains Road. Turn left (east) onto North Shore Blvd. proceeding past 3 stop signs. The Clubhouse is on the right side (south). Parking is on left side (north).

**F**rom Cambridge:  
Take the 403 East towards Toronto to Waterdown Road exit. Turn right (south) and follow road (past stop light) until 4-Way stop. Waterdown Road becomes Lasalle Park Drive after Plains Road. Turn left (east) onto North Shore Blvd. proceeding past 3 stop signs. The Clubhouse is on the right side (south). Parking is on left side (north).

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