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GOVERNOR GENERAL

to attend

FALL BANQUET



Sat. November 5th, 1988

PRICE: \$25.00

TIME: 6:00 Reception
Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner

PLAZA II HOTEL

90 Bloor St. E.

Toronto

The 7th Annual Meeting and Compact Dinner will be held in a new location this year - the Plaza II Hotel. It is located in the Hudson Bay Center on the corner of Bloor & Yonge with plenty of parking in the area and convenient to the north/south and east/west subway.

Our special guests for the evening are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lanham. Governor General Cay Lanham will be our guest speaker.

Elections will take place this night to fill three offices that become vacant. The following have been nominated:

Governor - Mr. Keith Bain

Dep. Gov. - Mr. Marshall Dean

Elder - Mrs. Ruth Ferguson

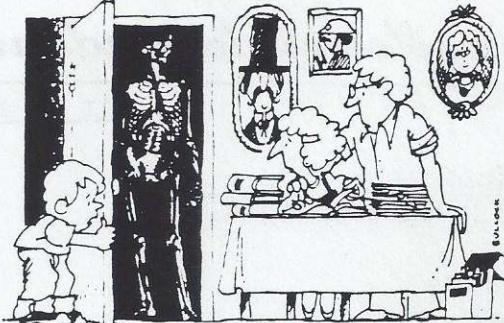
According to our Constitution, any five members in good standing may submit a nomination, in writing, to the Secretary, before the annual meeting. (It should be noted that nominees for the positions of Governor and Dep. Governor must have previously served on the Board of Assistants.)

touring plymouth colony

- 1st Governor General of the GSMD was Henry Elias Howland (1835-1913) who served from 1897-1903, 7th generation from John Howland. (General #54)

- Hannah Bradford³ (Maj. Wm.², Gov. Wm.¹) and husband Joshua Ripley were among the first settlers of Windham, CT. Hannah was well known for her skill as a healer and for many years was the only physician in the settlement

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"Whose side of the family did HE come from?"

- When Richard Warren died in 1628, the court unanimously passed a law allowing his wife Elizabeth to take his place as a Purchaser - a unique distinction for a woman at the time

- Rebecca, wf. of Elisha Cook⁵ (Wm.², Jacob³, Francis¹) had 18 children between the years 1742-1774. Her first child was born when she was 19 - her last when she was 51! (Can any member boast of an ancestor who had more than 18 children?)

- Plymouth opened its first school for girls in 1795 operating in the summer months only. It was not until 1828 that girls could attend public school with boys.



Annie Russell Marble has paid tribute to them —

"We would not assume that they were free from the whims and foibles of womankind . . . of all ages. They were, doubtless, contradictory and impulsive at times; they could scold and they could gossip. We believe that they laughed sometimes, in the midst of dire want and anxiety, and we know that they prayed with sincerity and trust. They bore children gladly and they trained them 'in the fear and admonition of the Lord.' They were the progenitors of thousands of fine men and women in all parts of America today who honor the women as well as the men of the old Plymouth Colony . . ."

Plymouth Church Records

1703

Persons Baptized

April 11th	- Benjamin, son of Joseph Faunce
May 2nd	- Hannah, dau. of John and Mary Carver
July 18th	- Rebecca, dau. of William and Lidia Harlow
July 25th	- Bethiah, dau. of Benoni and Repentance Lucas
Aug. 8th	- Samuel, son of Samuel King, Jr.
Sept. 5th	- Abigail, dau. of Benaja and Mary Pratt
Oct. 31st	- Damaris and John, twins, children of Jacob Cooke

Members Admitted

July 4th	- Mary Churchell, wife of Henry
Sept. 26th	- Mary, wife of John Morton
Sept. 25th	- Mary, wife of Humphry Turner
Oct. 17th	- Mary, wife of Francis Lebarron

Members Dyed

April 9th	- Joseph Bartlet, Jr. - One tho' not in full Communion, yet a child of ye church he lived desired and dyed lamented - In ye 38th year of his age.
Jan. 03/04	- dyed Capt. Joseph Howland

Feb. 20th - dyed Maj. William Bradford in the 80th year of his age. He was the son of ye honourable Governor Bradford, and did for many years sustaine the place of Lieutenant Governor of ye Colony of New Plimouth and did almost from his Youth serve God and his Generation in both civill and military posts. He dyed in a good old age and went to his grave in peace.

Transactions

Mar. 5th - church meeting - Samuel Dunham, Jr. called upon to give Satisfaction for his unjust and false charging of Mary Jordan, widow, with stealing and lying. Humbled himself and was restored.

May 2nd - Cesure of Excommunication past on John Grey - rejected from church for life of swearing, drunkeness, etc.

June 7th - Elkanan Cushman dismist to ye church in ye westerne precinct, being removed thither.

June 27th - Abigail Billington (who was Churcell), called before church openly for fornication with her new husband Francis Billington before her marriage to him. Was given a solemn admonition.

July 4th - Hannah, wife of Samuel Bradford removed to Duxboro, was by vote of y church dismissed thither.

Sept. 5th - Joseph and Mary King, being removed to ye upper society were by vote of ye church dismissed thither.

1704



Persons Baptized

Mar. 19th - Thomas and Elizabeth, twins, children of John & Susanna Cole

Mar. 19th - Sarah, dau. of Deacon Clarke

Mar. 26th - Joseph, son of Robert and Sarah Bartlett

Apr. 2nd - Mercy, dau. of John and Joanna Grey

Apr. 16th - Deborah, dau. of Elizer and Hannah Jackson

May 21st - Thomas, son of John and Margaret Pratt

May 28th - Elizabeth, dau. of Mehitable Doty

June 4th - Rebecca, dau. of Eliezer and Rebecca Morton

June 11th - Samuel and Elkanah, sons of Ephraim and Hannah Morton

July 23rd - Ephraim, Humphry, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, children of Humphry and Mary Turner

Sept. 3rd - Samuel, son of William and Susannah Shurtleff

Sept. 24th - James, Francis, Lazarus, sons of Mary LeBarron

Members Admitted

June 4th - Hannah, wife of Ephraim Morton - son of Deacon George

July 30th - Nathaniel Thomas dismist from Marshfield church admitted here

Sept. 3rd - Sarah, wife of Elisha Holmes

Members Dyed

April 28th - dyed George Bonham, he lived to a good old age, being about 95 years of age, he was a man almost all men spake well of and is gone to receive his crown.

Revolutionary Soldier



DEBORAH SAMPSON was the first woman to enlist as a soldier in the American Army. Dressed in men's clothes and using the name "Robert Shurtleff" she joined as a private in the 4th Mass. Regiment of the Continental Army in May of 1781 or '82. She took part in fighting at Tarrytown, N.Y. and was later wounded in battle near the Hudson River, removing the bullet herself to avoid detection. A fever developed and in the summer of 1783 she was hospitalized in Philadelphia where her true sex was discovered. In Nov. 1783 Deborah Sampson was given an honourable discharge.

(6th generation from Standish & Alden, 5th from Bradford)

Welcome Aboard!

Alas, no new members to report at this time.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

I find I can't really think of anything particularly "Mayflowerish" to write about this time - so let me just tell you some of the high-lights of our travels this past fall & winter, 1987/88

We were gone $5\frac{1}{2}$ months, leaving Toronto the 15th of November and returning the end of April. The occasion of the trip? Well, my wife was born in Bolivia, left there at age seven; her mother was from Australia, her father from New Zealand - so for years we had talked about the necessity of visiting these places, some day. At last, "some day" arrived.

First a week in Peru, which included Lima, Cuzco and Macchu Picchu (by plane, bus and train). Then to Bolivia, Lake Titicaca (the world's highest navigable body of water), La Paz, Cochabambe and Oruro (Lola's birth-town) by bus and jeep.

Then, via Rome, to Israel for 16 days. Great time, except for a purse-snatching episode in which Lola lost passport, citizenship certificate, health documents, Visa card, cash, travellers' cheques (hers & some of mine). On to India and 9 days in a rural setting (a lovely quiet Christmas there), then 5 days in Bombay. Three quick impressions of India - first, the cities are disaster areas; second, scarcely anyone trusts anyone; third, you can do practically nothing by telephone, even if it works. I really feel sorry for the 800 million people of India.

On to 5 days in Singapore - a fabulous city. Then 6 weeks in Australia; found 9 of Lola's first cousins and wandered from Melbourne to Adelaide to Wagga Wagga, to Brisbane, to Sydney touching points in between, travelling by car, bus and rail. Then a great vacation week in Fiji as a preface to 5 weeks in New Zealand (where we travelled again by air, car, bus and train) and found 3 more first cousins. Also in both Australia and New Zealand we had great visits with former colleagues with whom we had worked in Ethiopia, hadn't seen them for 25 years. Mightily impressed by both Australia and NZ - people, climate, beauty of countryside, those fantastic beaches. There must be more beautiful ocean beach per person in those two countries than anywhere else in the world.

In my opinion, either Australia or New Zealand would be preferable to Canada for retirement years. Only trouble for us, our children and grand-children all live in Ontario and constitute 13 good reasons why we won't be retiring "down under".

From NZ we went on for 5 days in Hawaii - our first visit - we rented a car and spent a lot of time on the beaches of Oahu Island. After Hawaii we had 3 days in Victoria, 6 days in Vancouver, 5 days in Edmonton and back to Toronto.

23 weeks away, slept in 53 different beds, visited 11 countries on 17 different aircraft...some 40,000 miles.

But our trip had nothing of the peril and hardship of our Mayflower ancestors' voyage of 1620...and called for none of the courage and faith which they showed. We really have it pretty soft in our late 20th century. We ought surely to start each day in a mood of thankfulness.

Society News

The North York Central Library in Toronto was the site of this year's 7th Annual Meeting and Spring Tea with approximately 25 members and friends present.

We were pleased to welcome back our Governor, Mel Donald and his wife Lola, who had just returned from six months of fascinating travels around the globe.

Highlighting the afternoon was a video-tape taken at Plymouth last summer by Editor Susan Roser showing the many historical sites and places of interest.

Following the "movie" refreshments were served. We appreciate the efforts of our Elder, Ruth Ferguson, who each year organizes, plans and recruits volunteers to make sure we have everything from tablecloths to tasty tid-bits.

After the meeting some of our members partook in a tour of the Library and visited the Canadianna section which houses our Society's Library. The Board of Assistants plans to compile a list of our books, hopefully in the near future.



GOVERNOR GENERAL CAY LANHAM

Cay Lanham has been a very active member of the General Society for many years and holds dual membership in the Michigan and Florida Societies. She has attended every General Congress since 1972 and has held a variety of offices. The long list includes: Secretary of the Michigan Society 1971, Historian 1973, Governor 1977 and Ass. General 1975-1981; Chairman of the Lineage Revision Committee 1977-78 and a member of the Genealogical Review Committee 1980-81.

In addition she was the founder and first Editor of the Michigan Newsletter and Vice Lt. Gov. of the Myles Standish Colony of the Florida Society.

Cay has been involved with the Five Generations Project for 20 years and in 1977-78 typed the camera ready text for "Mayflower Families Two". In 1982 she was appointed Chairman of the 5GP.

After a three year term as Ass. Governor General, Cay was elected to the office of Governor General last fall.



★★★ MEMBERSHIP DUES ★★★ ★★★ MEMBERSHIP DUES ★★★

I fell asleep the other night
and while I had my snooze,
I dreamed each member stepped right up
and promptly paid their dues.

But when I found it was a dream
I nearly threw a fit.
It's up to you to make it true,
Suggestion: PLEASE REMIT.

Our Treasurer would appreciate your prompt payment of 1989 dues which are now due. Payment may be made at the Banquet in November, or for out-of-towners, please send \$17.50 to:

Miss Margaret Owen, 2682 Bloor St.W. #3, Toronto, Ont. M8X 1A5



Many families hold to the tradition of naming their children after grandparents, a beloved aunt or favorite uncle, therefore continuing the name from generation to generation.

Keep the following 18th century Family Names in mind the next time someone in your family gives birth to a bouncing baby girl!

BRADFORD: Celanah, Exuma, Parthena, Triphena, Vienna, Wealthea, Zilpha.

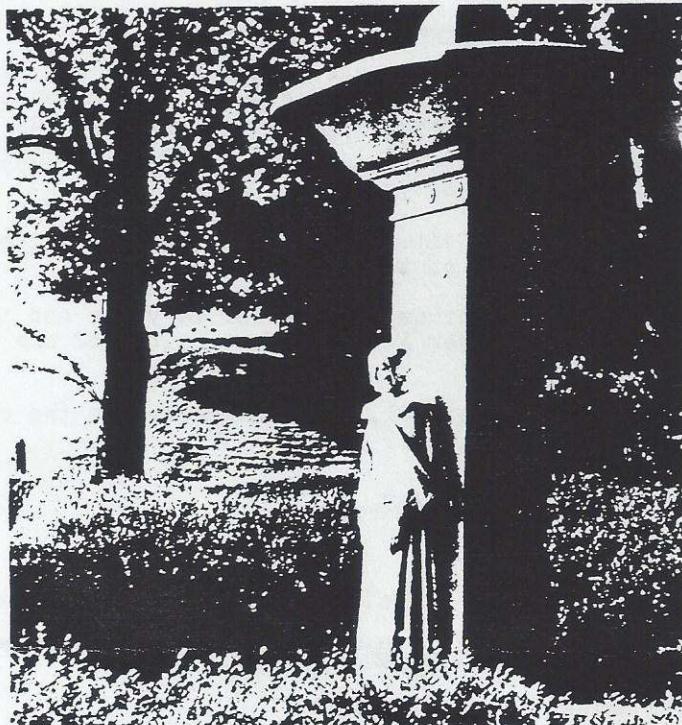
BREWSTER: Achsah, Apphia, Bezaleel, Borradell, Eglah, Theodotia, Urania, Vesta, Zipporah.

COOKE : Hephzibah, Orpha, Persis, Ruhama, Salome, Vodisa, Zibiah.

DOEY : Alathea, Beulah, Huldah, Japheth, Keziah, Thirza, Zerviah.

HOPKINS : Apphia, Barzillai, Keturah, Nabby, Tamsin, Zephaniah, Zillah.

PRIEST : Dardania, Delivered, Keziah, Minerva, Philota, Zilpah.



Memorial fountain to the women of the Mayflower, popularly called "The Pilgrim Mother", down the hill from Mayflower House, Plymouth.



THE PILGRIM MOTHERS

I can imagine how they must have felt,
Those Pilgrim Mothers, in the long ago,
When first New England winter found them
here
And made them prisoner with ice and snow!
I can imagine how their dreams at night
Were haunted by the wolf-pack's hungry cry.
And how the timid trembled through the day
With thoughts of war-like savages, close by.
I can imagine how they must have prayed
When plague and famine with an icy hand
Descended on them in their helplessness,
And took so many of their little band.
O Pilgrim Mothers of the long ago,
Yours was the sacrifice and ours the gain!
Because you braved a wilderness—and won.
A Nation was conceived by your pain!

Charlotte Newcomb Parker
(Florida Mayflower Society)

CLIP AND MAIL



Reservation Form

It is imperative that our Treasurer receive your reservation & remittance as soon as possible, no later than October 15th.

I plan to attend the Annual Meeting & Compact Dinner, Nov. 5th.

NAME: _____

Number in Party: _____

Names of Guests: _____

by

Goodwife Constance Snow

When my father told us we would be leaving London to come to this New World, I was most excited and scared. My father, Master Stephen Hopkins, had been to the New World once already. He had gone on an exploring expedition for the King to the Bermudas and Jamestown. Many were the times he told my brother Giles and I stories of this strange land, with forests of tall trees as far as the eye could see, of savage men more like animals than people, of huge mosquitoes, and animals with black masks around their eyes called oracoons. Tales of days spent between the decks of a dark ship, foul smells, and whispers of mutiny among the sailors filled our minds. Father said we would be on board a ship called Mayflower for several months, destined for the Northern Virginias at the mouth of Hudson his river. It was a place no Englishman had settled before.



Traveling to the New World

My mother was much afraid to leave London but it mattered not, as it belongs to the father as master of his household to decide where his family will live. So, in the month of July 1620, we set sail on the Mayflower for Northern Virginia.

None of my father's stories prepared me for the wretchedness of a sea voyage. Down between the decks my family and I were seasick most every day. (Even my father got sick.) Twice we went back to port because the Speedwell, the ship that sailed with us, needed repair. Finally the Speedwell was left behind and the Mayflower, crowded with 102 passengers, crossed the Atlantic alone. Somedays I was so sick I thought I would surely die before I reached the New World. When I felt better, I tried to take care of my mother who was heavy with child. Halfway across the ocean, my little brother was born. Father led us in prayer to thank God for the survival of my mother and new brother. We named my brother "Oceanus."

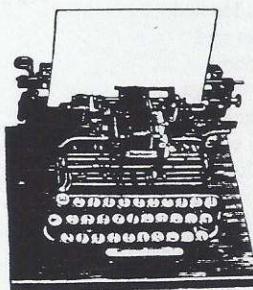
In November, the Mayflower landed off the tip of Cape Cod. As it was wintertime and too dangerous for a ship to navigate around the Cape, the men looked to settle and decided upon Plymouth. The first winter was terrible. Half of us died of a sickness that caused a fever, coughing and loss of appetite. I thanked God daily, for although my family got sick, none died. Poor Elizabeth Tilley and Priscilla Mullins, girls about my age, lost their whole families and were left all alone in the New World. We did many times wonder if we should have stayed in London.

By April, the sickness left us. Those who survived began to plow the ground for planting. The Mayflower returned to England. The men agreed to stay in Plymouth instead of continuing south to Northern Virginia. In Plymouth, the soil was good for farming, the water was sweet and plentiful. The ocean was full of fish and the forests were thick with trees to build our homes. In truth, we were sad as the Mayflower departed, leaving us alone in this wilderness, but did turn again to God, placing our trust and hope in Him.

In the seven years I have been here, there have been many changes. We have built a goodly number of houses and have now sheep, goats, pigs, cows, hens, dogs and cats with us here. More folk have come to settle here and each year we have a better harvest. My little sister Damaris and brother Oceanus have died, but I have also had a brother and two sisters born here. My new baby sister was also named Damaris, so as to remember the child that died. Last year I married Nicholas Snow. After harvest, he will begin to cut trees to build our own house. I do sometimes think about London, but my life is in New Plymouth now. God causes us to prosper here in His wilderness and I am well content.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

- 1/ You might have noticed the content of this issue is leaning a little (actually, a lot!) towards the female persuasion. Sorry gents, but in honor of the visit this November of our first woman Governor General, Mrs. Cay Lanham this issue is devoted to items on Pilgrim women and their female descendants. The May '73 issue of the Mayflower Quarterly provided some of the material used here.
- 2/ The presence of the Governor General at our Fall Banquet on November 5th is an honor for our Canadian Society. Since this promises to be a very special evening we sincerely hope our members will make a special effort to join with us to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lanham to Canada.
- 3/ We have a request from member Bob Prince in Vancouver. On a recent safari trip to Kenya Bob had a one night stopover in Amsterdam and had just enough time to take a short walking tour. He came across a church with a bronze plaque bearing the following inscription:

"To the Glory of God in Christ Jesus. This tablet is placed here by a company of the clergy of the reformed church in America. A lineal descendant of the Church of Holland as a tribute to the Pilgrim Fathers who settled first in the city of Amsterdam in Holland the country of their asylum. A shining exemplar of civil and religious liberty. Many of whose institutions transmitted to America through the English Pilgrims and the Dutch who settled in New York have given to the new world a distinctive character."

Can anyone supply us with the name of the church and some information on its history?

(Please send by Jan. 30th so I can include it in the Spring issue.)

- 4/ I have a "genealogical" friend in Philadelphia who keeps an eye out for tidbits for me to use in the newsletter. Her latest arrived today:

What's the fastest way to locate long-lost relatives?.....

Win the lottery!

What's the cheapest way to have your roots searched?.....

Run for public office!

