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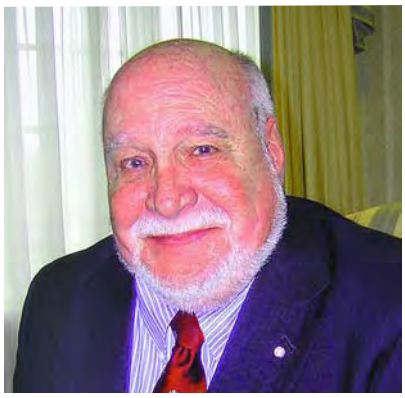
Compact Day Issue

Greetings:

The focus of this message is on the future financial viability and vitality of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants (MSMD). Today, the MSMD stands at the pinnacle of the 52 established societies by almost any measure: new membership rolls continue to grow with a 35% increase between 2005 and 2006 and we are on track for a record in '07; annual membership renewal rate is at a record high of 99% in the '06-'07 period. But as we look to the future, we dare not rest on our laurels.



Wigmore A. Pierson, *Governor*

Our future financial viability to enable us to "perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors and to transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrims to those who shall come after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law" depends on our success in managing the four legs of our financial stool: membership recruitment, annual dues, annual fund drive and bequests.

Our current active membership total is approximately 3,500. Please, my dear cousins, search your hearts and family trees for eligible prospective members who are sons, daughters, siblings, grandchildren, and other relatives. Our very competent and eager office staff of Ginny Mucciaccio, Jay Lucas, and Drew Bartley is waiting to assist you. And remember, Christmas 2007 is at hand. Our 2008 goal is 300.

The next leg of our financial stool is the annual dues. Notices for 2008 will be in the mail shortly. Please respond promptly to help us avoid the expense of additional reminders.

Concurrently with our annual dues notice is our annual fund appeal. Our goal for 2008 is $25,000, which represents a 20% increase over 2007. If each member gives to his or her maximum ability, I am confident that we can reach that goal. We want to remain #1 and with your help, we will remain at the top.

And, by the way, your governor with the help of our new treasurer, Judy Chace Needham, is ever vigilant to make sure we live within our budget.

The fourth leg of our financial stool is bequests. I am very pleased to announce that we have been notified by a member who wishes to remain anonymous, of a bequest of $150,000. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find additional information about bequests to the MSMD. Also, members are welcome to contact me directly at 781-214-9236 or email me at wigmore@webtv.net. Your consideration of a bequest to our society is greatly appreciated.

How can our society provide expanded or improved service and assistance to you? Please let me know!

And finally, a reminder to return the coupon promptly to attend Compact Day on Saturday, November 17, at The Pinehills in Plymouth. Our speaker is Stephen O'Neill, Curator at Pilgrim Hall Society and Museum, Plymouth. His lecture is entitled "It Came on the *Mayflower*." We anticipate a large turnout, so please make your reservations as promptly as possible!

May God bless you and your family this holiday season and all year long.

Thank you for your support.

Cordially,
Wigmore A. Pierson
Governor

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History of the Massachusetts Society, 1920-1929

by Alicia Crane Williams

The 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1920 was an event of national prominence. The post-war era of the Roaring Twenties was just beginning, America was a world power, and she was feeling good about herself. The story of the Pilgrims, benefiting from superior public relations by such as poet Longfellow and orator Daniel Webster during the previous century, was the story of America. So important was the celebration, that it was not the private organizations such as the Mayflower or Pilgrim societies which led in planning the festivities, but the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which appropriated public funds and appointed a commission especially for the anniversary. Among their plans were the renovation of the Plymouth waterfront area (at a cost of $800,000) and the building of a memorial hall in Plymouth ($665,000). The General Society of Mayflower Descendants planned a restoration of the Cole's Hill burial ground, for which the Massachusetts Society's quota of the cost (¼ of the total) was $6,400. The year-long celebrations in Plymouth included parades, dedications, and construction, and they culminated in a life-size pageant of the landing. People came from distant parts to see the spectacular events.

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants celebrated the Tercentenary at their Annual dinner in November of 1920 which featured Governor Calvin Coolidge, the new vice president-elect, who, as Bowman put it, "(although a poor speaker) will undoubtedly be a tremendous drawing card." Other guests at the Copley Plaza in Boston were the Netherlands Charge D'Affaires; Andrew J. Peters, Mayor of Boston; and John W. Weeks, former U.S. Senator. Over five hundred people were reported to have attended. Coolidge spoke on the Compact as the Pilgrims' "acknowledgment of the abiding supremacy of law and the right to participate in the form and establishment of government." Weeks provided some fun by remarking, "How joyful the old Pilgrims would feel could they see…what a well-groomed and fine looking body of descendants they had produced."

The most spectacular society meeting, however, was held in 1927 when Bowman and his cohorts pulled out all the stops and achieved that pinnacle of social success for which hereditary societies are usually remembered. Held in the gold-and-rose tinted Louis XIV Ballroom of the Somerset Hotel, the honored guests were Sir Esme Howard, Ambassador from Great Britain, and his wife, Lady Isabella. There being no substitute for royalty, no matter how minor, publicity on the step-by-step progress of plans for this event began as early as October. Engraved invitations were sent, the arrival of each participant to town was recorded, souvenir menus were prepared, and five hundred to six hundred members and guests made reservations, filling the main ballroom and spilling over into a second. When it was over, the newspapers reported:

> *The keeper of the social records in that tome devoted to high and mighty personages and their affairs will, without doubt, devote a considerable space and much gilded ink to appropriately describe the Mayflower dinner last evening at the hotel Somerset…Mayflower descendants, hundreds strong, came out for the commemoration celebration of the Signing of the Compact, 307 years ago. And to fittingly glorify their celebration they gathered at the honor table such a scintillating galaxy of star guests as seldom is seen about one board.*

Also in attendance were Mrs. Alvin Tufts Fuller, wife of the Governor of Massachusetts, Sir Thomas Tait of Canada, and Senator Frederick H. Gillett:

> *For lions of only slightly lesser importance, The Descendants corralled ever so many luminaries of society, diplomacy, the service and the law to grace the honor table … Colonels and generals, admirals, judges, consul generals and such made up a company of two score, their uniforms and their decorations a far cry indeed from the drab and homespun those signers wore when they drew up the famous Compact …Speeches colorful as the gowns of the feminine guests, and of wit as scintillating as their jewels, flowed in rounded periods …*

Sir Esme's speech emphasized the ties between England and America and warned that those trying to destroy Anglo-American friendship would lead to another world war. Senator Gillett made mention of the recent Saco-Venzetti case and "was vociferously applauded when he paid tribute to Massachusetts and her courts …," while Judge Webster Thayer sat at the head table. Thayer had upheld the conviction despite defense appeals. After such an event, all succeeding social gatherings pale.

The Society's major achievement of this decade was the acquisition of the building at 9 Walnut Street on Beacon Hill for $33,000. Over $18,000 of renovations had to be made to the five-story brick building which was already one hundred years old (the fifth story had been added in 1857). From the second floor balcony, the famous Frog Pond on Boston Common could be seen if one leaned way out and looked sharp right.

Immediately after moving into the house on July 15, 1926, a campaign was begun to pay off the mortgage. An assessment of $2.00 per member was made and dues were increased from $6 to $8. The mortgage was paid off on March 18, 1928, and at the Annual Meeting on the 28th, a mortgage-burning ceremony took place, the ashes placed in a specially engraved silver box. To fill the house, the Society began an expanded collection program. Mrs. Alden A. Thorndike, chairman of the House Committee, donated a valuable collection of old Staffordshire china and an antique cabinet to hold it. Miss Clara Endicot Sears gave a Court Cupboard made in 1676, and Miss Mary Patterson Lord presented three large portraits which were hung in the reception rooms. In the meantime, Bowman just about cornered the market on Brewster imprints (books printed by William Brewster on his printing press), setting the cap on the Society's select collection. In his report for 1921, Bowman noted that seven Brewster imprints had been given to the Society, bringing the total collection to ten, of which four were duplicates. He claimed this collection ranked only behind Yale and Bodleian Library at Oxford. In addition, Bowman wanted a complete collection of all editions of Nathaniel Morton's *New Englands Memorial*. By 1922 he had editions two through seven and lacked only the first, which had been printed in 1669. An imperfect copy was presented to the Society in 1924, but an unusually fine copy was later located by Bowman, and $1,350 was raised to buy it.

Courtesy of Martha R. McDonald

Augustus W. "Gus" Soule Jr., 1918—2007
Mass. Governor, 1988—1990

Gus grew up in Brookline and was schooled at Dexter School and St. Paul's School (1936). He was a graduate from Harvard College (1940) and Harvard Law School (1943). An avid fan, he was a season ticket holder for Harvard football games for over fifty years. He was a top probate and trust lawyer as a partner of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley, and Ketchum and continued with Sullivan & Worcester until retirement. A longtime resident of Dedham, Gus was active in many organizations locally.

History was one of his passions. He was descended from five *Mayflower* passengers. He served as Counselor (1986-1987), Deputy Governor (1987-1988), and Governor (1988-1990) for this Society. He also served on the Dedham Historical Commission.

Gus is survived by his wife of sixty years Mary Whitner (Rogers) Soule of Dedham; his three children: Augustus W. Soule of Framingham, Martha McDonald of Wellesley, and Robert Soule of Westwood; five grandchildren; brother Richard H. Soule of Concord, N.H., and several nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam

We report with sorrow the deaths of the following members, but rejoice in the faith of our ancestors that they are safe in the eternal love of God.

Maximilian Adda
Cynthia D. (Warren) Bond
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Edward A. C. Dubois
(*65-year member*)

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Rachel (Kenney) Hill
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Virginia (Nelson) Rowland
Augustus W. Soule Jr.
(*Governor, 1988-1990*)
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MY NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

by Courtney M. Marden

My ancestors of Martha's Vineyard date back 10,000 years ago. How amazing it is for me to know my heritage and be involved in a culture so unique. My grandfather was born and raised on an island. I've gone to Martha's Vineyard several times to visit our reservation. I can clearly remember one time I was visiting with my grandfather. As we drove through the streets he described how everything used to be while he was growing up. Of course times have changed since then, but there is one thing that will never change, and that is our tradition.

Like other cultures, Native Americans value tradition. We are constantly looking back on our roots, and we seek to elders for advice. What a great way of life to live by. How can one move forward without first looking back? Other traditions that are valued are the use of our natural resources, not to waste anything, but give back to the earth we take from. Perhaps if more people follow these traditions, it would be not only an easier world to live in, but a world with more of meaning to live out.

Contrary to the "fairy tale" stories we are taught in our history classes, when settlers discovered this land, it did not consist of a long dinner table divided with pilgrims and Indians. No, sadly the true history is lost and rarely spoken about. The early settlers were more concerned with dividing up the land instead of realizing it was no one's land, but the earth's. The fences went up regardless. Then the diseases introduced to the natives spread throughout tribes like wild fire. This greatly reduced the population. When the land was being divided, we fought to hold on to the one single piece of land we had left, known today as Aquinnah or "pray town".

I have always been proud of my heritage. It's one that turns heads when people ask me what I am. I am proud to be able to say I am native to this land. I appreciate all the opportunities I have had to go to the island and participate in some of the tribal sermonizers. It is always great to see the dancing and hear the drums just as it was carried out thousands of years ago. I look forward to visiting the reservation again shortly. My heritage is deeper than a name or something I can claim. It is my blood. It is something I will always have and be able to pass down. I hope one day to be able to go back to the island and give back everything I have learned in school. It's just a small part I can do for all they did for me back then. I would be honored to be able to contribute to the growth of my tribe, to ensure we don't become the forgotten. Dreams are like feathers and with enough of them you can fly.

by Robert A. Maxim II

I am a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. In addition to my tribal affiliations, I have pursued many extracurricular activities - played baseball, football, and soccer when younger, and in my high school years, varsity cross country, swimming, theater, and developed a passion for debate and world affairs through model United Nations. Though born and raised in Mashpee until I was five, I have lived on historically aboriginal land on Mashpee-Wakeby Lake, in the neighboring town of Sandwich since starting school.

I credit my knowledge of the tribe and heritage to my family. My Dad, a former Vice President of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, was instrumental in beginning the process towards Federal recognition 33 years ago. He is a gifted storyteller and has engaged groups as diverse as visitors to Aptuxet Trading Post and my friends in Cub Scouts to the pleasure of this traditional form or oral history, telling tales of Maushop and Granny Squannit. He championed the importance of environmental conservation for the community in working for the preservation of South Cape Beach. He has been an inspiration in blending traditional cultural identity in an ever-changing modern society.

My Uncle Michael has also been inspirational. He steadfastly defended aboriginal hunting and fishing rights, standing firm on preserving these historic rights through the issuance of a favorable opinion by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. My dad and uncle grew up in Mashpee in a traditional Wampanoag family. We actively hunt and fish and know the back roads and the best spots on the land and in the waters around Cape Cod. As a result, our family dines on an abundance of fish- cod, bass, haddock, smelts clams, oysters, mussels, and lobsters- the bounty that has historically nourished the local population. My grandmother and great-grandmother were also great facilitators of tradition in their revered positions as elders within the tribe. My great-grandmother, raised in poverty in Mashpee in the early 1900's, like many in her generation and those before her, persevered in providing for the physical preservation of their families and the tribe. My great grandfather, Chief of the Herring Pond Wampanoag died before I was born. He portrayed Massasoit in the original film of the voyage of the Mayflower.

For the past three decades, the Mashpee Wampanoag, one of the most celebrated tribes in the history of the United States has fought for the right to be recognized by the United States Government. Within days, the tribe will see the result of its persistence. Nearly four hundred years after the landing of the Mayflower, the Mashpee Wampanoag have finally gained federal recognition.

This Thanksgiving, my tribe, which celebrated the original Thanksgiving, will for the first time be recognized by the federal government, seated at that table as a sovereign nation. It is my passion to live up to the legacy bestowed on me and to make a difference to my people in our nation, and in our world.

CRITERIA FOR DESCENT FROM WOMEN PASSENGERS

The Historian General has detailed the three criteria for accepting applicants from women passengers. They are:

1. They were on the *Mayflower* in 1620.
2. Their surname must be known.
3. They must be the first generation on the *Mayflower*.

The only women who fit all three elements are Elizabeth Fisher, Mary Norris, and Joan Hurst. Priscilla Mullins' father was a passenger and disqualifies her. Richard Warren's wife Elizabeth Walker did not arrive until 1623.

Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando

The General Society held their Board of Assistants meeting in Orlando on 15 September with more than 175 in attendance with Ginny Mucciaccio and Wigmore Pierson from Massachusetts.

The most important item on the agenda was the raising of the application process payable as of 1 January 2009. This item cannot be voted on until the Congress meeting in Plymouth in September 2008, but this has given all the state societies an opportunity to advise future applicants of the increase. Presently, a payment of $30 is made for each application and supplemental processed at the time of the assessment on 31 December. As of 1 January 2009, this will increase to $75 per application and supplemental if voted in the affirmative. A survey carried out by the Treasurer General and her advisors came up with the alarming average cost of $72 to process each paper.

Massachusetts has set up a Committee to review all fees for this state. An announcement of new payment schedule for application and supplemental fees and a sliding scale for Life Membership fees based on age will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting in April 2008. The $45 increase will likely be passed through in the application fee.

Why I Joined the MSMD

When I was a child, the highlight of my week was a visit by my grandmother, born Marjorie Post in 1890. She shared stories about her childhood and her many ancestors from Old Saybrook and Essex, Conn. Many were sea captains employed by shipping companies in New York and sailed beautiful square-rigged packets to and from European and costal ports.

One Thanksgiving, my little brother and I played "pilgrims" outside. Our play seemed so real to me at the time, but when grandmother told us at dinner that we were all descendants of *Mayflower* passengers, my interest turned to passion. She could not recall which *Mayflower* passengers we descended from, but said that when I was older, she would let me read all the old family records and maybe I could find out who they were.

Twenty years later, I was in my thirties with a child of my own. My grandmother had moved in with my parents. One day I went to visit her in her room. She was in her rocker by the window looking through a box of old papers. She opened an envelope and peered inside. "Here," she said, handing the small faded envelope to me. "See if you can make sense of these. The envelope is in this box of family records; it must be *very important*. You are the family historian. If anyone can figure this out, it will be you."

Courtesy of Ruth DeWilde-Major

Intrigued by my grandmother's comments, I eagerly accepted the title and her challenge. I emptied the contents of the envelope onto her bed. There were several snippets and fragments of what appeared to be a drawing and words in beautiful script. I tried to put the fragile pieces together, but could not make sense of them. For months, I periodically took the pieces out and tried to solve the puzzle, but to no avail.

Then one night when I was very tired, I spread out the old paper fragments on a table next to my bed. As if being guided, I watched my hand move each piece into place until I could make out the top border of a page: "Keep Sacred the Memory of Our Ancestors."

My heart leapt for joy. Within an hour, I pieced together what was left of the Family Register of Capt. David and Lucretia Post who married in 1788 and were the parents of ten children and my four-great-grandparents. I arranged the Family Register on a piece of tan paper. In pencil, I drew in the missing design elements and wrote in the missing names and dates that I found in my grandmother's papers. The old Family Register, with Faith, Hope, Charity, and Peace in each of the four corners inspired me to make my own register, a family tree showing all known family members. Our *Mayflower* ancestors from the Howland, Tilley, Alden, and Mullins families were clearly visible and a delight to my grandmother's eyes. I based my 1978 design on the pieced together Post register and gave copies to each sibling and cousin.

Following my grandmother's death, my sister Jean and I decided to seek membership in the Mayflower Society through John Alden. Jean obtained my grandmother's records from my mother who went to live with my sister in Florida. With the help of a researcher, she became a member in Florida. I found that when I applied in Massachusetts, they required more documentation. Through their stringent process, errors from the Florida application were corrected. I became a proud member in Massachusetts in 2002. I then began the lengthy process of proving our supplemental *Mayflower* line from John Howland. With Drew Bartley's encouragement and Ann Lainhart's research, my supplemental was approved in 2004.

In 2005, I opened our family's small maritime museum here on Martha's Vineyard. I painted several portraits that document our history. I built the museum to honor our courageous *Mayflower* pilgrims, merchant mariners, and coastal swelling ancestors who came to America in the pursuit of religious and political freedoms.

Ruth DeWilde-Major, Tisbury, Mass.

Compact Day Meeting Notice

Please have your reservation into the office by **Tuesday, November 13, 2007**.

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____ Adult Pork meals @ $27 ____.00

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Courtesy of Pilgrim Hall Museum

JOIN US FOR COMPACT DAY ON SATURDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, AT THE PAVILION ROOM AT THE PINEHILLS GOLF CLUB, PLYMOUTH

COMPACT DAY SPEAKER

Stephen O'Neill is the Associate Director/ Curator of Collections of Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. O'Neill earned a B.A. in English and an M.A. in American Studies from Boston College, and is currently working on his PhD. in the American and New England Studies Program at Boston University. O'Neill is also Senior Lecturer in Suffolk University's History Department where he teaches a popular course on the History of Piracy. This past year he was guest curator for *A Short Life and Merry: Pirates of New England at Heritage Museums & Gardens*. He is an elected life member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and a life-long resident of the South Shore.

"It Came on the *Mayflower*" is the title of Pilgrim Hall Museum's temporary exhibition which opened in June 2007. The exhibit displays those very few artifacts thought to have come over on the *Mayflower* in 1620. O'Neill's talk will highlight some of the artifacts, discussing reasons why they are believed to have made the *Mayflower* journey based on period provisions lists, material, and how its made.

Arrive for the **Cash Bar**
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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starts at 12:30 p.m.
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Annual Meeting

Saturday, 19 April 2008

Guest Speaker:
Nathaniel Philbrick
author of *Mayflower*

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