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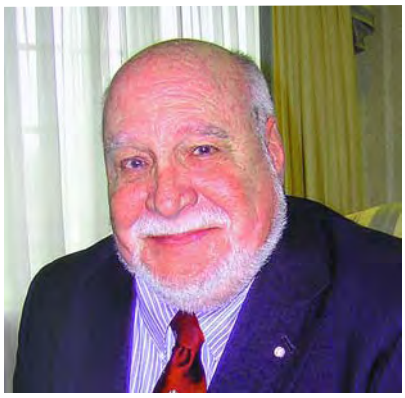
Peregrination Meeting Issue

Greetings:

Our annual summer Peregrination this year will be on Saturday, July 14, at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth Mass. More detailed information and a reservation coupon can be found elsewhere in *The Compact*. We are pleased to have two guest speakers: John McDonagh, Executive Director, Plimoth Plantation, and Edward Delano Sullivan, Governor General, General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Please make your reservations early since space is limited and be sure to invite relatives, friends, and potential new members to join you. Interested members will have an opportunity to tour both *Mayflower II* and the Plimoth Plantation at a significantly reduced admission price. Tickets will be available at our Peregrination.



Wigmore A. Pierson, *Governor*

Thanks to many of you, our new membership applications and supplementals are on track for a second record year in a row. Please bring at least two new applicants and/or supplementals to the attention of our Historian Jay Lucas who is eager to assist you.

Our Board of Assistants appreciates your ongoing support by renewing your yearly membership, making a gift to our annual appeal, and now by making a bequest to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants in your will. Also, there are several endowment opportunities available. For further information, you are welcome to call me at 781-383-6940 or contact me by email at wigmore@webtv.net.

Our new internship program is now established under the leadership of Drew Bartley, our Librarian/Archivist. Drew is looking for volunteers who are able to come to our office in Braintree and/or work from home. For details, please call Drew at 781-535-6159. Also, we welcome Drew as the new editor of *The Compact*.

A final reminder, Dear Cousins, please send in the reservation coupon for our Peregrination at Plimoth Plantation on July 14 as soon as possible. I look forward to greeting you there.

Cordially,
Wigmore A. Pierson, *Governor*

Peregrination Meeting Speakers

Edward Delano Sullivan
Governor General

Mr. Sullivan is a retired Colonel serving in the Air Force and as a Judge Advocate General. He joined the Florida Mayflower Society in 1987 and served in several capacities there including Governor. He has been the Counselor General and served as an officer in several other lineage societies. Since he has been Governor General, he has overseen the construction projects at the General Society Headquarters in Plymouth.

John McDonagh
Executive Director
Plimoth Plantation

Mr. McDonagh is a native of Norwood and has served in a number of directorship positions, most recently the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. He has been the executive director with Plimoth Plantation since 2005. Under his guidance, the Plantation has become an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute. He has worked hard to improve the knowledge of the role that the Wampanoag Nation played in the early years of Plymouth Colony.

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants is grateful for the many contributions received from the Annual Appeal, as well as throughout the year. Here is a continuation of the list of the many generous contributors since the last issue.

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History of the Massachusetts Society, 1910-1919

by Alicia Crane Williams

While Society dinners had always been fancy formal affairs, they were not noted for attracting nationally prominent guests. In the teens and soon in the twenties, however, the growth of "society" and the corresponding growth of newspaper coverage of same, brought these dinners into the limelight. The hereditary society became an outward trapping of society, and because the meetings were bright and pretty, they were newsworthy.

It began with William Howard Taft, a classmate and friend of Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants incorporator, Arthur Dana, who was made an "Honorary Member" in 1914. The award was presented to Taft, then a professor at Harvard, at the Compact Day celebration on December 8, 1914 at the Copley Plaza. Nearly three hundred people listened to Taft's long, witty and historically well-versed remarks, including the comment that the Mayflower Society was the only one of those which had given him honorary membership into which he could have gotten on his own (at the time it was believed that Taft was a descendant of Francis Cooke, a line that has since been disproved):

> *It suits me to be a member of the Mayflower Society; I think we belong to the middle class, that is where I feel at home. We were not the aristocrats when we left England, and I think we have always retained that element of strength, of not being too high and not being too low, but just ourselves.*

In 1916 the 20th anniversary dinner was attended by Lt. Governor Calvin Coolidge and Speaker of the Massachusetts House (later Governor of Massachusetts) Channing H. Cox, among many other local politicians. Cox's wife was a member, as later were Massachusetts Governor Alvin Fuller's wife and the Mayor of Boston, Andrew J. Peters. This close association with the State House and City Hall led to the Society's social prominence culminating in the 1927 dinner. In 1916, Cox was the main speaker of the evening, and looking forward to the 300th anniversary celebrations in 1920, he noted:

> *Greater than all else, we should strive to create in America a regard for what the Pilgrims stood for…that after all we are not descended from cowards, but from brave men, we will have reached the true spirit of the occasion…With more than half the population of Massachusetts of foreign descent, it is time to teach that only by adherence to the fundamentals on which the Pilgrims founded it can we hope to endure …*

At the same meeting the Reverend Julian C. Jaynes noted that pride of ancestry "is one of those few great things which a man acquires without personal effort, because a Mayflower descendant, like a poet, is born, not made."

One of the few times the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants ventured into the political arena was in 1919 after the famous Boston Police Strike. The Society's social ties with Governor Coolidge (who was not eligible for membership but was the honored guest at the Society's annual meetings of 1916, 1919 and 1920), as well as its membership's ideals of law and order (three men who served as Governor of Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants during the 1940s participated in breaking the strike), spurred the Board to write a resolution "emphatically" supporting the stand of the Governor and Police Commissioner, and stating that "none of the men who 'deserted their posts of duty, letting in the enemy' should be reappointed as members of the Police Force …" There is no record of the Society ever issuing another statement on any political topic.

Introducing the New Board Members

Judith Chace Needham
Treasurer

Judy joined the Mayflower Society first through California in 2003 as a Francis Cooke descendant. She transferred to Massachusetts in 2006 as she and her husband moved to the Cape. Judy is a native of Providence, so she has returned to her roots. She brings with her a host of financial skills as treasurer for several large non-profits in Los Angeles as well as for the Nickerson Family Association on the Cape. Her skills as a property manager will also help the Society with future leases.

Bruce R. Bistian, M.D.
Assistant

Bruce joined the Mayflower Society back in 1973. He has known descents from Francis Cooke, Richard Warren, and William White. He is the Chief of Clinical Nutrition at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. He received his medical degree at Cornell University, his M.P.H. at Johns Hopkins University, and his Ph.D. at M.I.T. He has been president of several medical associations in his field and author of many articles in scientific journals. He served in the U.S. Army Special Forces from 1966 to 1968.

From our Financial Advisors …

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants would like to extend best wishes to Mr. Michael Monahan, our Investment Advisor at the Bank of America, as he now assumes his new position with the Family Wealth Advisors group at the Bank.

Mr. Joseph McCourt, CFA, will join Deborah Pearce, Philanthropic Services Officer, in serving the Mayflower Society. The Philanthropic Management Group of the Bank of America is devoted exclusively to serving philanthropic institutions and individuals. This group specializes in providing endowment management for non-profits, planned giving, and is committed to helping organizations well-serve their missions.

With that in mind, our friends at the Bank of America Philanthropic Management would be pleased to discuss with any members of the Society who would like to leave a legacy to the Society through a bequest or planned gift. If interested, please contact:

Deborah Dillon Pearce, Senior Vice President
Bank of America, office 617-434-4437

Snowbirds

Those that go to warmer climates in the winter, your *Compacts* are being returned as "Temporarily Away — Not Forwardable" or with a forwarding address that we then need to remail. This is an expensive process for the Society. We would greatly appreciate you helping us keep down the costs by emailing the Society with your change of address at *msmd@massmayflower.org* or call the office at 781-535-6159.

If you are receiving multiple copies of the *Compact* and/or the *Mayflower Quarterly* at your address, would you consider helping us keep costs down by requesting only one copy of each and let us know which member's addresses to flag not to mail? Also, if you still receive mail for a child who has moved out, please let us know what their current mailing address is. The less we have to handle these, the more we save. Thank you for helping us to do a better job!

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.

Ruth E. Bailey
Boyd T. Bashore
Chester S. Brett
Walter D. Carver
Rev. McCrea Cobb
Caroline M. Fogg
Robert G. Fuller
(*Board of Assistants, 1972-1974*)
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Peregrination Meeting Notice

Please have your reservation into the office by **Monday, July 9, 2007**.

Mail to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 150 Wood Rd Ste 103, Braintree MA 02184-2511.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Ancestor(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

____ Adult meals @ $22 ____.00

____ Children's meals @ $15 ____.00

Total of check (*payable to MSMD*) $ ____.00

Join fellow members for our meeting at
The Peabody Pavilion (*near the lower level parking lot*)
Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, Mass.
Saturday, July 14, 2007
Cash Bar at 11:30 a.m. — Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Come join the barbecue at Mayflower Central — Plimoth Plantation

Arrive for the **Cash Bar**
with fruit and cheese kabobs
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Plantation BBQ
starts at 12:30 p.m.
Barbecued Chicken
New England Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Corn on the Cob
Corn Bread
Garden Salad
Watermelon
Beverages

for children
Chicken Fingers

After enjoying the BBQ with your family and other Mayflower friends …

Stay and visit Plimoth Plantation
at a specially reduced price for
Mass. Mayflower members and their guests
for this day only after the BBQ.

Simple directions:
From the south
Take Rte. 3 north to exit 5
Left off ramp under Rte. 3
and back onto Rte. 3 south
then …
From the north
Take left-hand exit 4
Follow Plimoth Plantation Hwy.
Follow signs for a mile to Plimoth Plantation
Park in the lower parking lot

Want an informal Mayflower Meeting in Western Massachusetts?

If you live west of Worcester and want to help us set up an informal meeting of the Society for members perhaps in the Pioneer Valley, please contact the Governor, Wigmore Pierson, at 781-383-6940 or email at *wigmore@webtv.net*. He would like to talk with someone there to set up such a meeting that he will attend, perhaps other officers, and our Librarian / Archivist Drew Bartley.

Volunteer Projects

Do you have a computer at home and would like to volunteer for the Society? We have several projects where the Society provides copies of transcribed records that need to be typed up. The current projects are: Barnstable and Plymouth probate abstracts, and Eastham vital records. There will be other types of projects in the future. Please contact Drew Bartley in the office if you can help!

Turner Mourning Piece

is a combination of églomizé (reverse painting on glass) and silk embroidery. It commemorates the death of William Turner (1769-1808), a direct descendant of William Brewster. The Society received the piece in 1933 from William Turner's great-granddaughter (Mrs. H. Dana Hutchinson). Mrs. Hutchinson was the granddaughter of Elizabeth Turner, the creator of the mourning piece.

Because of its large size and fragile condition (It has a 1-1/2" break in the silk ground due to our having lent it to an institution where it was not carefully cared for), the Society feels that the piece should be in either an institution or a private collection where temperature and humidity are controlled. Several museums have expressed interest in having the Turner Mourning piece as part of their collections, but the Society does not feel it would be fiscally prudent to donate it as the Society has spent money cleaning, restoring, and treating the piece.

The Society is hoping that a descendant of William Brewster might be interested in purchasing the piece and donating it to a Museum where it can be carefully conserved and serve as a testament to the talent and creativity of Mayflower women. The piece has been valued at between $12,000 to 15,000. If interested, please contact the office and a photograph will be emailed.

Missed our April Meeting?

If you were unable to attend and want to know what happened, check out www.massmayflower.org/aboutus/Meetings.htm where there are links to the minutes and photographs. If you do not have internet access, contact the office and we can mail them to you.

British Invasion!

Pictured to the right with Gov. Pierson are Nick Stanton (Leader of the Council of Southwark), Richard Pickering (Plimoth Plantation interpreter of Gov. Bradford), and Annie Shepperd (Chief Executive Officer, Borough of Southwark). They and other Britons were hosted by John McDonagh of Plimoth Plantation and Society member Frances and her husband David Burnham to celebrate the opening of The Queen's Head Pub Cambridge at Harvard University. In the early 1600s, the pub's namesake was operated by John Harvard's mother in Rotherhithe, Borough of Southwark.

While here, discussions were initiated among leaders of Plimoth Plantation, Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants to begin to plan a 400th anniversary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims in 2020.

Note: The *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* first embarked from Rotherhithe in June 1620 before having to return to Southampton because the *Speedwell* began to take on water.

Why I Joined the MSMD

My husband and I spent a number of holidays in America and I always felt an affinity with the place and its people. Something I did not feel when visiting other countries. A few years ago I was diagnosed with heart trouble and then I had a stroke. This put an end to many of my pursuits and so I decided to buy myself a computer. If I could not travel the world then the world was still open to me via my computer.

I started off tracing my father's ancestors and then I turned to my mother's family. I discovered that my great grandfather was from Massachusetts — something that none of the family knew. My curiosity aroused, I delved into his ancestors. Imagine my amazement on finding that he was descended from one of the "Pilgrims." This could not be true; I must have made a mistake somewhere. But all my research kept coming back to Thomas Rogers. Still in a state of disbelief I knew there was only one that could authenticate what I had found. I contacted the MSMD and they could not have been more helpful. I became a member on 9 December 2006.

I have always believed that I was totally Scottish and proud of it. We believe in the church, the family, and standing up for what we believe in. These are things we share in common with the Pilgrims.

My one wish now would be to find present day descendants who could share with me the history and lives of my great grandfather and his family. His name was Paul Folger Rogers who was born on Nantucket on 7 September 1845. He married a Scottish girl and settled in Aberdeen.

I am very proud to be a member and please God I hope to be one for many years to come.

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Volunteer Opportunities at the Mass. Mayflower Society

Your Mayflower Society is looking for members who have an interest and some occasional hours that might be given to volunteer activities for the Society. If this is **YOU**, please check one or more of the areas below and add your name, address, and telephone number.

____ Volunteer to become a record transcriber from home (material provided by the Society).

____ Volunteer to come into the office in Braintree for office work (and data entry when ready).

____ Serve on a Committee (with occasional meetings or projects):

- ____ Education (Children & Adult)
- ____ Entertainment (Apr./July/Nov.)
- ____ House / Collections
- ____ Library
- ____ Scholarship
- ____ Public Information

____ Be considered for the Board of Assistants (quarterly meetings in Braintree, Tue. mornings).

____ I have ideas for activities, programs, and projects:

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____ Nothing specific, but please put me on a list to help out as the need arises.

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Saturday, 17 November 2007

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Plymouth, Massachusetts

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