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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friends and Cousins, 2018 is here. Resolutions are still being made and forgotten. Let's mark the ever closer 2020 in unforgotten, unbroken resolutions by informing our friends and neighbors of its significance as being more than an election year. I have started now by collecting early Plymouth postcards related to the Pilgrims. I have bought Tercentenary commemorative stamps and even a 1920 commemorative half-dollar. Why? First, I am sucker for old things. Second, I want to be prepared for a display at our local library in the name of the Pilgrim William White Society for November using these items in the name of our society. I know two cousins in my town that are not members of GSMD. A display may grab their attention; my talking has not. Why now? Because life happens and I can get sidetracked. Check with your library to reserve a slot for a display. Contact your local schools to do a program on the real Pilgrims and their sacrifices. While we may know how Susanna, William, Resolved and Peregrine dressed, a recent Google search for authentic Pilgrim attire showed black and white clad men, women and children. We need to step up our game to present the real picture. For my birthday I want my family to begin assembling true attire of a Pilgrim to do show and tell. So for me I have a lot to follow through on. And you? What are your resolutions?

Renew your memberships now. The deadline is February 21st, which is the date William died. So you don't let your membership join him in death.

Alan



Governor Alan Smith

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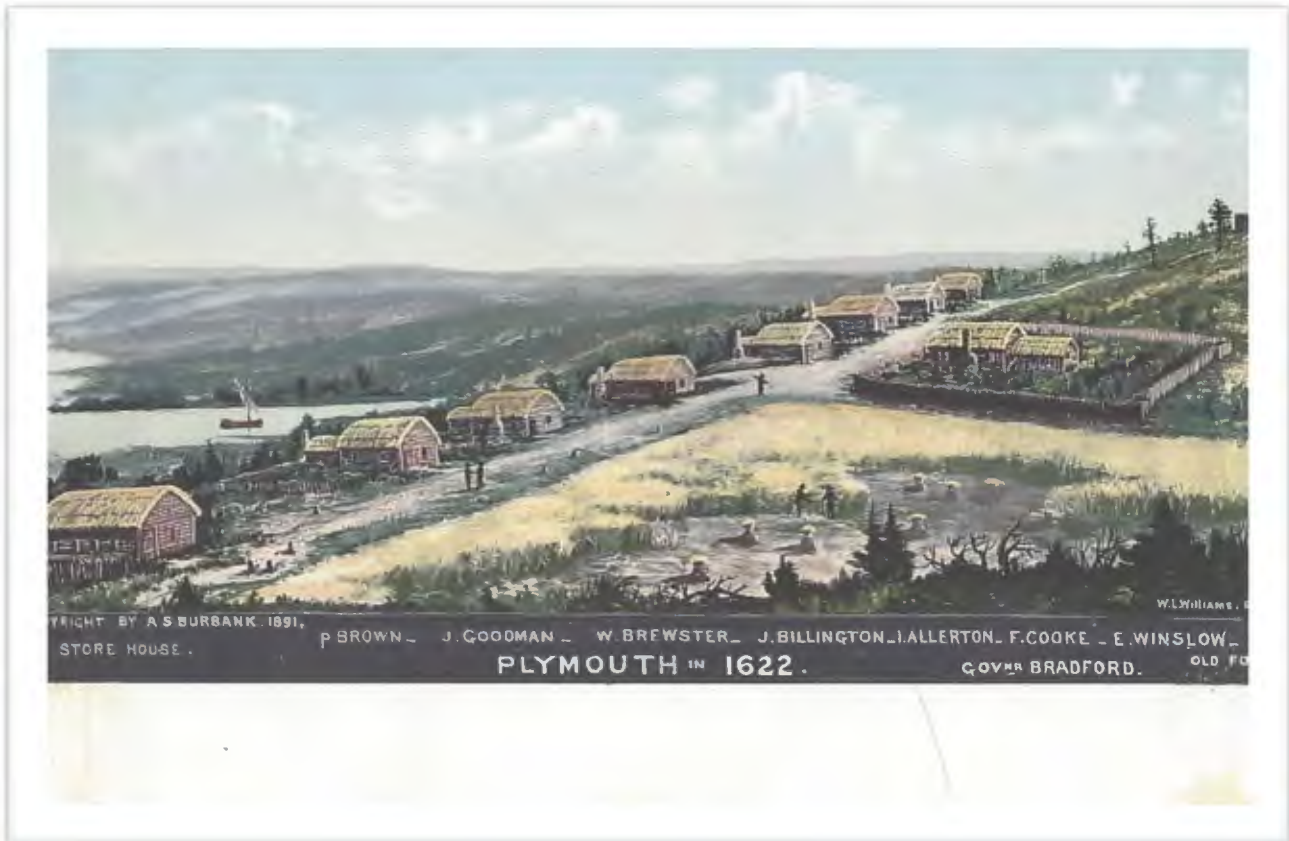
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One of Alan's postcards – this one from 1891.

2018 DUES DUE!

Dues amount: \$15.00 You may prepay as many years as you want.

Make check payable to: TPWWS

Send your check to:

Prarie Counce
2040 Saint Pierre Drive
Carrollton, Texas 75006-4341

Thanks so much!

Prarie Counce, Treasurer
The Pilgrim William White Society

CONGRESS PROPOSES 400TH ANNIVERSARY MAYFLOWER COMMEMORATIVES

According to Coin Week, the Plymouth 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Mint to commemorate 400 years since the landing of the *Mayflower* at Plymouth Rock by striking \$5 gold, \$1 silver, and half dollar clad coins. It also celebrates the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the settlement of Plymouth Colony itself, and the native Wampanoag that provided critical help to the colonists in those first hard and lean years.

As far as mintage limits go, a maximum of 100,000 \$5 .9000 fine gold pieces, 500,000 \$1 .9000 fine silver coins and 750,000 clad half dollars will be minted. Each \$5 gold coin will weigh 8.359 grams and have a diameter of 0.85 inches. Each \$1 coin will consist of 26.73 grams of silver and have a diameter of 1.5 inches. And each clad half dollar commemorative will weigh 11.34 grams and have a diameter of 1.205 inches.

According to the bill's text, surcharges from the sale of the coins will "assist the financing of a suitable national observance in 2020 and 2021 of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing and historic events...". Thirty percent of the proceeds will go to Plymouth 400, Inc. to distribute to local historical and tribal organizations as the corporation sees fit.

Another 30% will go to the General

Society of Mayflower Descendants to support their library and other facilities.

Twenty percent will go to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to fund educational programs. The tribe is one of only two federally recognized Native American tribes in Massachusetts; the other is the Wampanoag tribe of Gay Head, who will receive 5% of the surcharges.

Five percent each will also go to Plimoth Plantation Inc., Provincetown 400, and the Pilgrim Society. The surcharges are:

- \$5 Gold Uncirculated: \$35
- \$1 Silver Uncirculated: \$10
- Half Dollar Clad Uncirculated: \$5

The Plymouth 400th Anniversary coins will feature designs "emblematic" of the *Mayflower* landing, the signing of the compact, the founding of the colony and the contributions of the Wampanoag tribes to its success and survival. The year "2020" will be incorporated into each design.

Per its legal mandate, the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) will review potential designs for the program and deliver its recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury. The secretary will also consult with all of the groups and organizations mentioned above, as well as the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, the Plymouth Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Taken from an article (with permission) in Coin Week, www.coinweek.com

Junior Bakers

The Society gives our junior members the gift of cooking. Here is Lena Danford, Prarie Counce’s Granddaughter, making the Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie.



SOCIETY OFFICERS

- Governor D. Alan Smith
- Deputy Governor Pat Nichols
- Recording Secretary Patrick White
- Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest
- Treasurer Prarie Counce
- Elder Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.
- Captain Bill Kelleher
- Historian Barb Williams
- Newsletter Editor Michael Beard



WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

Judy Smith (Friend)

Francis Kim-Smith (Resolved)



Letters to the Editor

Donna Crosby sent us the picture below. She calls it *Snowfall in Seattle* and says: "In these troubling times, I find this picture peaceful with a quiet message that under this flag, our Republic is safe."



Around Thanksgiving I received a book about day-to-day life in Colonial America. Some things, I already knew, but I learned some new things as well. In eighth grade, we learn about South Carolina history, and we learned a lot about different colonies. When learning about the northern colonies, around where the pilgrims lived, and how rocky its soil was, it was surprising how much

farming there was. To conclude, I learned that even with hard conditions, farming was very important in Colonial America.

Harper Smith

Something I read about in the Wampanong cookbook was fishing. I learned that they fished with sharp spears and cooked the fish over a small fire. The Wampanog diet consisted of a lot of fish and corn. I enjoy cooking and can't wait to prepare some of these meals for my family.

Kirksey Smith



DON'T STOP THE PRESSES!

The *Society News* needs stuff to print. Please feel free to send anything you think worthy to share with your cousins. Photos too! Just send to Michael Beard at dotmike13@verizon.net. If you prefer – mail hard copies to me at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

MORE SUSANNA JACKSON TO COME

Sue Allan, the official historian of Scrooby Manor, is finishing her book *In Search of Susanna Jackson*. She informs us her book will have all the back stories about Susanna’s parents’ families, places, and genealogical ties. She hopes for a spring publishing.

Her work, in association with Caleb Johnson and Simon Neal, on Susanna Jackson-White-Winslow will be featured in the upcoming edition of *The American Genealogist*.



Sue Allan runs the *Mayflower Pilgrim Tours* (with exclusive rights to access the grounds of Scrooby Manor) guiding visitors along the *Mayflower Trail*, including the Pilgrim sites in the counties of Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and Lincolnshire.

She is a member, Chairman of the Board, and Historian for the Pilgrim Fathers United Kingdom Origins Association.

Sue is the author of *In Search of Scrooby Manor*, a complete guide to the history of Scrooby Manor and the people who lived in the iconic building. The book is packed with color pictures and diagrams, including the first photographs of the inside of the Manor

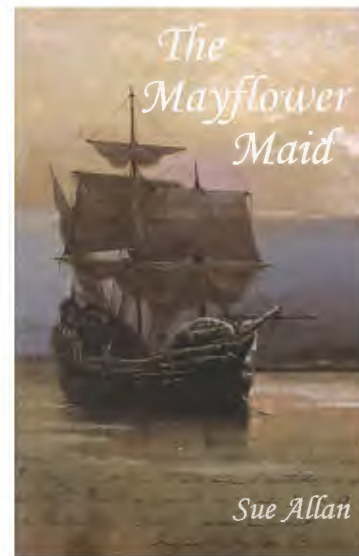
Chapel.

She presented her research at a meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania on August 2014 in Lancaster. You can view that lecture on CSPAN: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?321072-1/william-brewster-scrooby-manor>. Or Google: C-span, William Brewster Scrooby Manor.

One of her books, *Mayflower Maid*, is a work of fiction. The book takes the reader beyond court records and official memoirs, to conversations and emotions whose reality went unrecorded. Cleverly noticing the Pilgrim Fathers least studied by historians, Sue invents a tale of adventure and romance that lets us imagine the life of a maidservant who chose to join the Mayflower Pilgrims.

You can at her

visit Sue website:



Want to Help Plan for 2020?

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants invited our Pilgrim William White Society to help plan the 2020 Congress in Plymouth. Our Governor, D Alan Smith, accepted their invitation. Neither Alan nor I live near Plymouth. He asked me to chair a committee of our interested members who would assist in planning and implementing the idea/ideas presented.

If you are interested in offering ideas, or your expertise, please let me know. This is an exciting opportunity to increase the visibility of our society. The 2020 celebration will let many more people become aware of our Mayflower story.

Please, email me at patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com if you would serve on this new committee. The more the merrier! I look forward to hearing from you soon. 2020 will be here before we know it.

Pat Nichols.

Deputy Governor

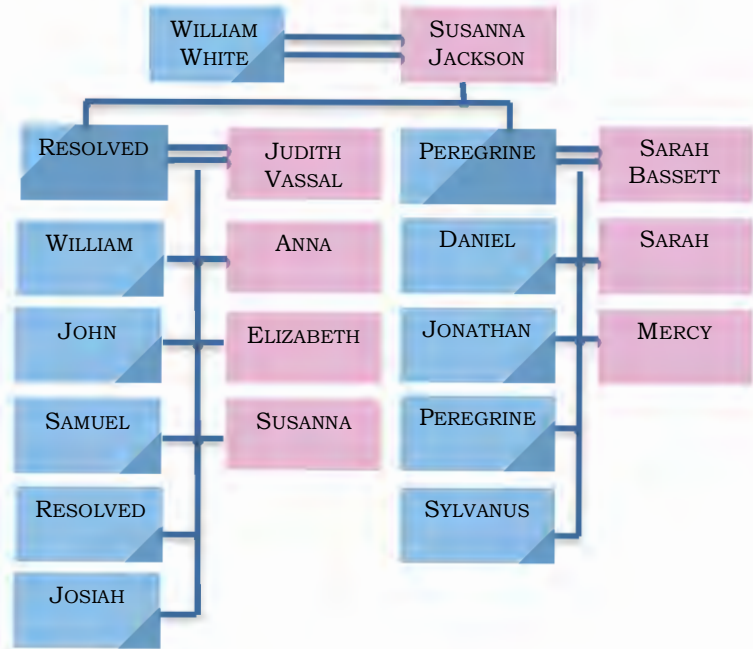


2020 Is Coming! Will you be Ready?



THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY

Our Mission: Provide a forum for members to gain information about our common ancestor, William White; to keep our Pilgrim heritage alive; and to promote education in our schools, communities and other societies.



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