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Message from the Governor

I am always aware of my role as the face of our great family Society and how words can be misinterpreted or misunderstood. In my role as a United Methodist Elder, I always attempted never to confuse faith and politics whether in sermons or in public life. I hope to maintain that same attitude as the governor of our Society. In the past weeks immigration and children have been in fore of the news. Having grandchildren ranging in age from seven months to fifteen years makes me aware of how young some of these children from Latin America are. The tragic More children on the Mayflower reminds me of the fragility of childhood and the innocence of children trapped in an adult world not of their making. It is so easy to make assumptions about people and their reasons for flight. I pray that we may never forget the children and their parents who came to a foreign land without legal permission and without proper possession in 1620. May that awareness move us to compassion and understanding of the many others who have followed.

And as Monty Python, used to say, "And now for something entirely different." For the last seven months I have been in communication with Sue Allan, a Friend of the Society, and the Dunstons who own Scrooby Manor. The purpose of our contact was to arrange permission for placing a marker regarding Richard Jackson and his daughter Susanna Jackson White Winslow at Scrooby Manor. The Dunstons have graciously given their permission and would like the marker on their home. There remain hoops to jump through with the appropriate authorities regarding



Governor Alan Smith

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an approved location. The marker will be our signature contribution for the 2020 celebration. Most of us reading this newsletter will not be present in 2120; so let's make this the crowning event in our Society's history, unless we find William's, Susanna's, Resolved's and Peregrine's graves.

Alan

Cousins, I have collected several postcards that depict places associated with William and Suanne White will share here and in future newsletters. *Alan*

2. The Braithwell Parish Church of St. James was the home church of James Jackson and family until their moving to Spalding, Doncaster, and Scrooby.



Have You Joined the Mayflower Society DNA Project Yet?

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants collaborated with FamilyTreeDNA to collect DNA from both male and female descendants of our Mayflower ancestors. I recently had my DNA done and asked to be included in the project. Learning the English origins of William and Susanna Jackson White was certainly a motivating factor. You can learn more about the project on the GSMD website, <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/gsm-d-and-ftdna>

Male descendants must order the 67 marker or higher Y DNA test. Female descendants can order the mtDNA test and the Family Finder autosomal test. Prices vary and you can watch for sales on the kits. Sales occur around some holiday periods such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas. Family Tree DNA website is <https://familytreedna.com>.

If you previously ordered an autosomal DNA test from Ancestry.com, you can ask to have this test uploaded at no charge to the Family Tree DNA Mayflower project. See the Mayflower Society link for that information.

We White descendants know we are related. This project may find additional information that binds William, Susanna, and the other Mayflower passengers even closer together.

Pat Nichols,

Deputy Governor

How to check if you were related to a Pilgrim

From a Fox News Story

Discovering if you descend from the Pilgrims is "easier than ever." The New England Historic Genealogical Society has a new database at

mayflower.americanancestors.org/pilgrim-database

It offers online records on more than 59,450 fifth-generation descendants. It also lists some well-known descendants – did you know we are related to Taylor Swift!

Of the roughly 132 passengers and crew, 51 are known to have descendants, estimated to number 35 million across the planet, and some 10 million.

The data base has more than half a million searchable names.

The database is just one effort to honor the Mayflower voyage ahead of its 400th anniversary in 2020. The *Plymouth Herald* reports more than \$373 million will be spent on celebrations, while New Hampshire's Elm Research Institute is calling on communities to plant American Liberty elm trees.



New Member's Letter

Dear Cousins,

Like many of you, I applied to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants long before the Internet, when research had to be done at the Library and proofs were ordered and sent through the United States Postal Service. The anticipation of documents coming in the mail was enough to make me rush to the mailbox every day. I knew I could become a member because my maternal grandmother, Harriett Schubert had paid for junior memberships for all eleven of her grandchildren in the 1950's and 60's, so some of the work had been done. I just had to prove the rest of the lineage.

I was lucky enough to visit Plymouth in 1985 where my application was approved in person by the Historian General. What a great day it was! I have been a General and Michigan member since then. That was just the beginning of a lifelong fascination with history and ancestry. I am semi-retired now and have more time to spend researching my family. I am a member of the local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). I joined Ancestry.com in January and have added 462 members to my family tree. I had my DNA tested and have discovered new cousins from Ohio. We are having the first family reunion in thirty years in August of this year.

My entire career was spent in Human Resources. I worked for a large Banking Corporation in Flint the first half of my career. I worked for an Intermediate School District the second half of my career. One of the most rewarding aspects of my career was the ability to use my

degrees in Psychology to interview, hire, train, reward, mediate and counsel thousands of employees, especially in career development. I am currently employed as a part-time faculty member at Alpena Community College where I teach Job Search Strategies.

I am originally from Fenton. Although I moved my household ten times, I never moved more than seven miles from my childhood home. In October of 2014, I moved to Hubbard Lake, eleven miles from Lake Huron, with my husband Jeff and dog, Maizey Blue (she is definitely a Michigan Wolverine fan!). We enjoy water sports, walking and living in the majesty of northern Michigan. Our children live in Grand Blanc and Kalamazoo. The newest Mayflower descendent, Beckett Andrew was born in 2017, and has brought unmeasurable joy to our family!

I am thrilled to be a new member of The Pilgrim William White Society!

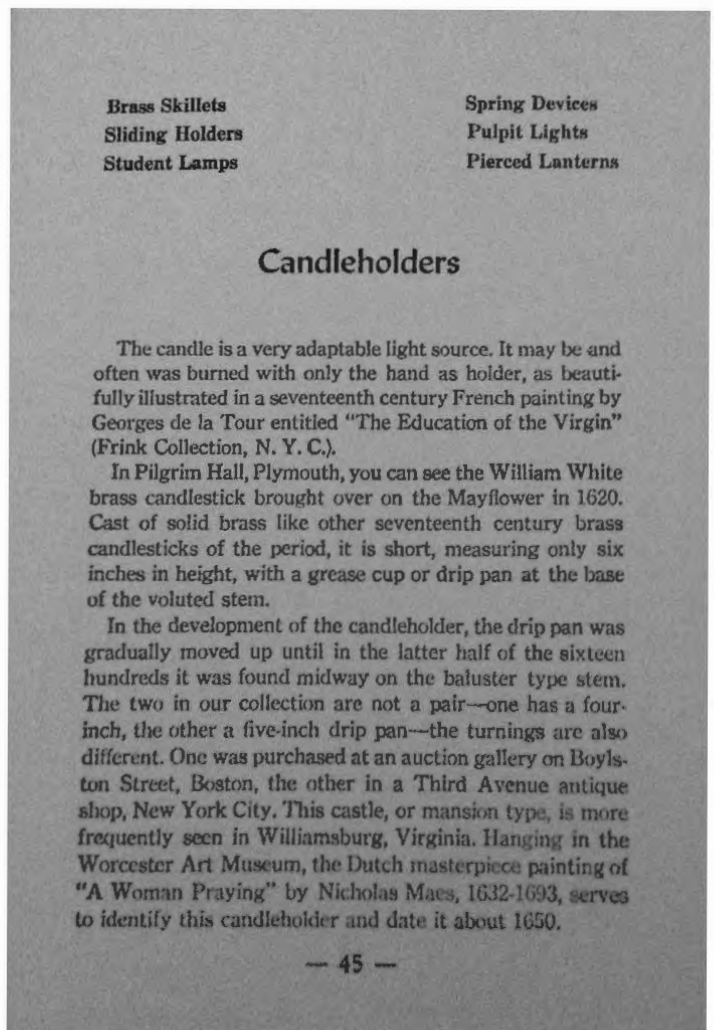
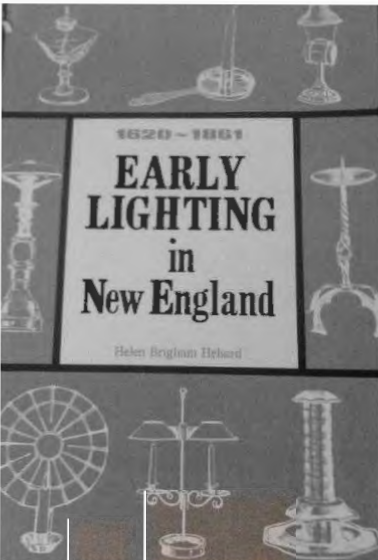
Melinda Huston McGraw



William White's Candle Stick

Member **Carol Young** was attending her Antiques Club, the topic was antique lighting. She saw a book published in 1964 with a feature on a candle stick our William White owned.

She notes the book says the candle stick is now in Pilgrim Hall – she also thought it odd the book mentions Peregrine, but not Resolved.





Pilgrim William White Society medal available at Hamiltoninsignia.com



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WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

- Katherine Bedingfield – Resolved*
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- Katherine King – Resolved*
- Jean Mark – Peregrine*
- Melinda McGraw – Resolved*
- Virginia Beck Ress -- Resolved*
- Camille White -- Resolved*

Early New England Sporting Games

Member **Marjorie Qualls** sends us this description of Sporting Games from **Stan and Helen Gould** of Pennsylvania.

Seven Games in Colonial New England

The Puritans were never known for their lighthearted play, but there were games in colonial New England - often to the disgust of its puritan leadership. In the early 1600s in New England, games that developed skills, such as shooting competitions, were viewed more favorably than those that were merely diversions. Worst of all were games that involved luck. Here are seven of the more popular games in colonial New England:

Stoolball: Stool ball resembles cricket in the way it is played. A pitcher throws a ball at a target, usually a stool though a tree or other object could be substituted. A second man tried to swat the ball away,

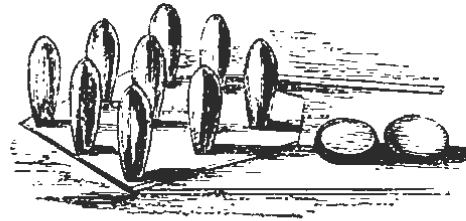


either with his hand or a paddle, so that it doesn't strike the stool. Points are scored for each ball successfully swatted away. The game eventually evolved to include fielding and running. To score runs, a batter who hit a ball

would run between two stools while the fielders would recover the hit ball, very similar to cricket. Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth colony reported being dismayed to find men playing stool ball on Christmas day in 1621. Some men did not want to work on Christmas, and Bradford relented, but hoped that they would eventually learn that Christmas was

not a day for celebration and join him in his labors. When he returned from his work he found the men playing stoolball. He stopped them by confiscating their gear.

Ninepins: Another sport that flourished in America was ninepins, which was a form of outdoor bowling. It was frowned upon in



New England, but did exist as there is evidence that the

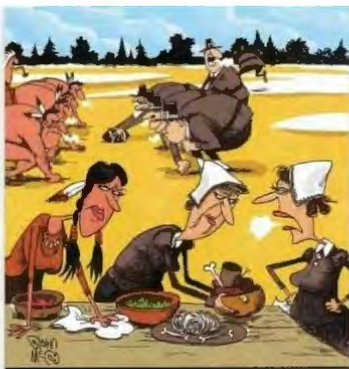
government banned it. The participants used stones rolled across the ground to knock down pins. While played on the sly in New England, New York created a public bowling green

Pitching the Bar: Another of the games that shocked William Bradford in 1621 was called pitching the bar. It involved throwing a bar or log as far as possible. He put a stop to this, too.

Foot Races: Of course, Native Americans had pastimes of their own. Many of the games were designed to develop the skills needed for survival as adults. Throwing balls, a ring-toss game and foot races that could cover many miles were among the common pursuits.

Slide Groat: Slide groat was another game that had to be played on the sly, but was engaged in by early colonists. This was a miniature shuffleboard type of game, also called shovelboard. It was played on a board, often the top of a bar. Pennies were slid the length of the board and had to stop inside a defined target area to score points.

Football: Football of the 1600s wasn't like football of today. It more resembled soccer or European football mixed with rugby, with boys kicking the ball to each other in a form of keep-away that could turn quite violent. The Puritans loathed football. Englishman Philippe Stubbs, who was something of a Puritan scold, pointed out the dangers of football in his pamphlet, *The Anatomie of Abuses*, which attacked a wide range of games, pastimes and other supposed vices. He wrote: Now who is so grosly blinde that seeth not that these aforesaid exercises not only withdraw us from godliness and virtue, but also haile and allure us to wickednesse and sin? For as concerning football playing I protest unto you that it may rather be called a



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friendly kinde of fyghte than a play or recreation—a bloody and murdering practice than a felowly sport or pastime. Nevertheless, football invaded the pious streets of New England towns and there are records of complaints about young men playing the game in the streets of Boston.¹

Coasting: Coasting was what we would call sledding today. Children fashioned sleds with two runners and hopped on them to slide down any hill with a slope great enough to provide adequate gravitational inducement. Not surprisingly, the government in Massachusetts did not like

coasting and outlawed it. In New York state, the officials went so far as to punish anyone caught coasting by impounding not just their sled, but their hat as well.

Sue Allan Visits Mayflower Pub



Society member **Sue Allan** went to brunch with some folks from the Mayflower 400 Group from Plymouth. They were on the Mayflower Trail (Sue offers tours – see her website www.mayflowermaid.com). This photo was taken outside the Mayflower Pub at Austerfield, England. You can buy her book, *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White-Winslow*, at www.domton.co.uk.

¹ Glenn McCoy Cartoon used with permission see Glenn at glennmccoy.com



Letters to the Editor

Hello cousins

My name is Celena Davis, and I am informing you of a project I am working on and would like to ask for any information if you can.

My project is making a book on the life of my 16x great grandmother Susanna White Winslow. I have found her maiden name is Jackson, she lived with her aunt, uncle, older brother, and two older sisters cause her father was arrested for Brownism. I know that there really isn't anything about her, so that's why I am making this book, to make the mother of Resolved and Peregrine known to all who reads it. I would love it if I can get any information if you or any of the other cousins have on Susanna Jackson-White-Winslow. I would greatly appreciate it, thank you for taking time to read this email and looking forward to hearing from you or any of the other cousins.

Best regards

Celena Davis

celenadavis97@gmail.com

Cousin Mike,

Sure wish I could come up with something, but the only thing I've done of interest is to take the Honor Flight to Washington, DC on June 17th.

There were 65 WW II & Korean veterans and we toured the various memorials. I'm a WW II veteran, now nearly 94.

This had nothing to do with our Pilgrim William White Society.

All the best,

Cousin Bob Young

Belmont, MA

Greetings! #100 here, and wondered if the society has a medal (Thomas Rogers has one) - if not we should design one!

Cousin Rob Stevens

Editor's note: We do! See page 6

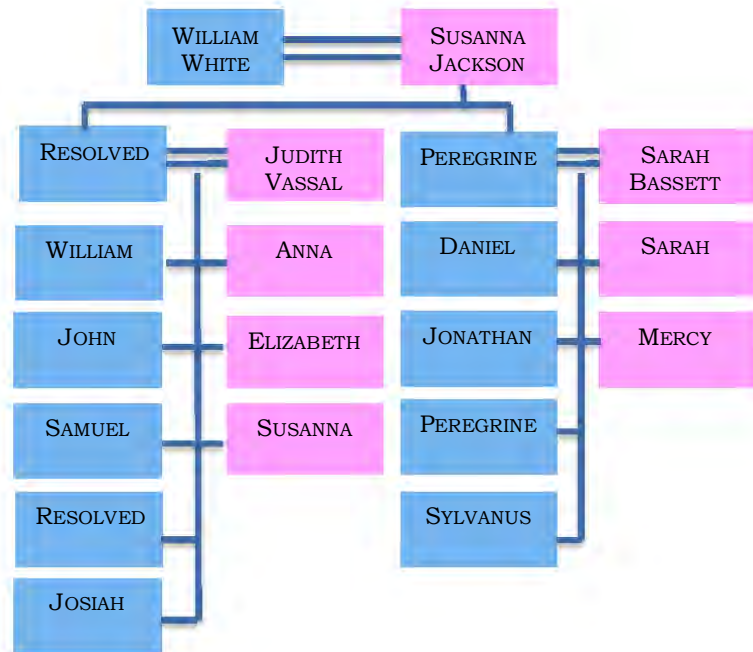
Your letter here – in the October newsletter!

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

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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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