



Society News

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Message from the Governor

It's now October and beginning to cool off in many parts of the US. In Georgia it's down to the upper 80's; so, it's cooler for us too. I visited a friend this morning whose family firm produced many of the souvenir plates used at museums and gift shops throughout the US. John's family business began in the 1890's with his grandfather.

I am fortunate to own several of the plates and pitchers his firm sold through the John Alden Shop and the even earlier A.S. Burbank store in Plymouth. They feature the Mayflower or many of the most iconic monuments in Plymouth. Each plate represented more than 80 hours of the engraver's skill to translate photographs (many by the same Mr. Burbank) onto copper sheets, then inked, the tissue paper pressed on the copper, cut out, carefully placed on the plate, and then equally carefully rubbed to transfer the inked picture onto the plate. And only then could the plate be fired and the design preserved under the glaze. Each step required skill and dedication. Tragically, the handcrafted transfer ware industry is almost extinct having been replaced by silk screening and cheap ceramics. Originally, they may have been commercial souvenirs, but they were handcrafted pieces of art as well.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us also give thanks for the countless artisans who made our tangible history. So, if you see a piece of Jon Roth, Old English Staffordshire Ware, you are seeing American



Governor Alan Smith

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American history and English skills.

Magically, a piece of the pottery will **appear** at our triennial meeting in 2020 as a **door prize!** So, begin planning now to be at the Pilgrim William White Society meeting and dinner. For more details, see Pat's article in this newsletter.

Alan

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

3. The Spalding Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicolas is the site of of James Jackson's crypt near the baptismal font. Robert, his son, is also buried in the same crypt. Unfortunately, the floor was relaid and the font replaced in the 19th century; so the exact site is uncertain.



Leah Davis

Sadly, The Pilgrim William White Society has lost a valuable member. Leah Davis passed away on July 19, 2018. Leah loved studying genealogy and she was very knowledgeable about her ancestors. She also loved to be engaged and involved in the organizations related to ancestry. The Mayflower Society was one of her favorite lineage organizations.

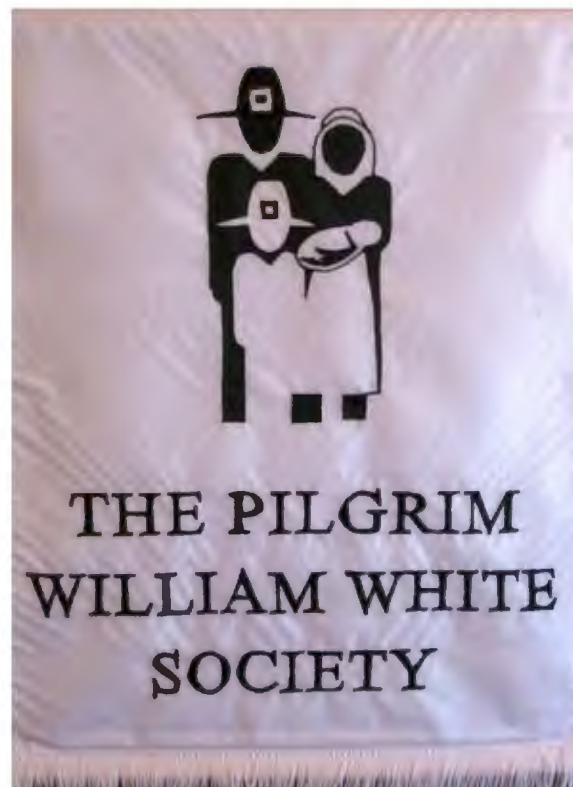


Prarie Counce with Leah Davis

When Leah heard Prarie Counce was organizing a society in 2013 for their shared ancestors, William and Susanna White, Leah called Prarie and told Prarie that she had to save an office for her. Prarie and Susie Wuest worked it out so that Leah could be the organizing recording secretary for The Pilgrim William White Society.

Leah actively participated in working on the bylaws and helping with decisions to get the society going. Leah suggested the Society needed a flag. She chaired the committee to design and acquire the flag/podium drape for TPWWS which was unveiled at the first meeting of the new TPWWS Society at the 2014 GSMD Congress. The design used for the flag/podium drape is also used on TPWWS insignia.

Leah served TPWWS as recording secretary until the 2017 election cycle. She resigned at that time because of health problems. We truly miss Leah as we miss our other deceased, beloved William White cousins.



2020 is Coming!

The Executive Committee is already planning our Triennial meeting, which will coincide with the General Society 2020 Congress. We hope to see many of you there.

We are exploring a new venue for our meeting followed by dinner. We will be meeting and eating at Plimouth Plantation on Wednesday, September 16, 2020; the evening before the Congress business sessions convene. I wanted to get you thinking about joining us at the 400th anniversary celebration of our ancestors arriving in the New World. The expectations are that Plymouth will be busy with tourists as well as Mayflower descendants during the week of celebrations. You should start thinking about travel plans and places to stay.

We are also planning a fun and educational activity with “prizes” for members as part of the week’s activities. More on this later.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the 2020 General Society schedule as it currently exists.

I am looking forward to seeing many of our White cousins in Plymouth in 2020. At a meeting yesterday here in Texas, we were reminded this anniversary is a once in a lifetime event.

Pat Nichols,

Deputy Governor

Cousin Attends Space Camp

Cousin Lena Danford of Heartland, Texas recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp®, Space Camp® Robotics™, Aviation Challenge® and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center’s Official Visitor Center.



Cousin Lena ready for Space

The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math, while training students and with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and

problem solving.

This program is specifically designed for trainees who have a particular interest in space exploration. Lena Danford spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station. Once aboard the space station, she participated in experiments and successfully completed a spacewalk. Lena and the crew returned to earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville, Alabama, and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of science and technology subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the space station and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

More than 750,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its inception in Huntsville, Alabama in 1982, including European Space Agency astronaut, Samantha Cristoforetti and NASA astronauts Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, Dr. Kate Rubins and Dr. Serena Auñón, who recently launched to the International Space Station. Children and teachers from all 50 states and 69 international locations have attended a Space Camp® program.

Wreath Ceremony

Governor Alan Smith presented a wreath in honor of our ancestors at the joint Col. William Few Chapter Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Augusta DAR Chapters at the

Constitution Ceremony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta, Georgia.



The TPWWS wreath featured a bow similar to the ribbon on our insignia -- mayflowers and English ivy on a grape vine. It symbolized uniting our American and English heritage, which lay the ground work for our United States Constitution and Republic. The 19 flags represent the known 19 patriots buried in the church yard. Gov. Smith encourages our members to lift up our Society and its ancestors at various patriotic occasions. He also invites any of our members with Revolutionary ancestors who are not yet members of the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution to join. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a patriot to Mayflower program in place. Please see their site for more information

Upper East Side Reception Speaks well for Descendants

Cousin Carol Young and her husband John attended a New York Mayflower reception. The reception was at the Union Club in the Upper East Side of Manhattan.



Union Club

Carol says: "I was so impressed by the many young people at this reception! I am in many Lineage Societies and this is very unusual. I think this speaks well for our General Society of Mayflower Descendants and its future!"

My Story

By Richard Spencer Burke

Where did I come from, what are my origins, who are my ancestors beyond the stories of grandparents?

I am sure that everyone or most everyone has these same questions.

My quest for answers began late in the summer of 2009 following my

retirement and move from Irvine, California to Glen Allen, VA.

I began with unpacking several boxes of family documentation that I had been schlepping around California and Arizona and Virginia for decades. I then resurrected my ancestry tree creating trees for 6 branches. My thinking was I could more easily manage small trees then combine. WRONG WRONG WRONG. Management was easy however consolidation impossible.

In the boxes I found original letters, note cards, photos, journals dating to about 1806 with a few earlier dates. Many of these documents confirmed my grandparent's stories that I descend from William Brewster, John Howland, Myles Standish and William White and his wife Susanna Jackson.

I used the William White/Susanna Jackson/Resolved White to join the Mayflower Society and Jamestowne Society.

Other documents gave proof to yet more lineage societies; Huguenot, First Families of Virginia, Quakers, Pilgrims, SAR for me DAR for my sister and many more.

Lesson, once a person proves Mayflower and/or Jamestowne the majority of the remaining lineage group's fall into place. However, I am not sure there is enough time or money to join more and more groups.

Cycling forward, my dad's mother's family is the White/Vassal/Ross connection to MFS and JS. This is my paternal grandmother's paternal side. On

her maternal side were the Deyo's, Dubois and other French Huguenots that purchased and settled New Paltz, NY. Turns out one of my great-great grandfathers, Hiram Deyo developed a mining slew for gold and silver mining. In later years he was convicted for not paying vendors who worked on a hotel he was



Cousin Richard Burke

building in Beaumont, CA. Hiram was born in Fairfax, VA 20 Jun 1849.

Hiram migrated to Sangamon, IL where he married Betsey Louise Kimball. Their second offspring is my great-grandmother Rose B Deyo.

One might ask what the 'B' stands for. Great question. It stands for "B". Rose's parents were unable to agree upon a middle name so 'B' it became.

Hiram, being the adventuresome sole along with being an inventor/engineer took his family to Beaumont, CA. before 1889.

Between 1891 and 1893, Carl Mert Ross met Rose B Deyo.

Carl had migrated to Southern California with his first wife working in the citrus groves and to get away from his father Elias Harmon Ross.

Carl's first wife Lena Phillips passed away in 1890 from complications of

childbirth of their only child a daughter, Mable Irene Ross.

Somewhere somehow Carl met Rose B and they became smitten with each other. They married 4 July 1894 in Beaumont, CA.

By this time Carl was studying for the ministry. He took a somewhat unconventional route. He did not attend seminary school rather studied with local and regional minister of the Methodist Episcopal faith.

In October 1896 Carl was ordained as minister of the Methodist Episcopal religion.

Mary Elizabeth Ross, my paternal grandmother was born in 1895. Gramma Beth was the first child of Carl and Rose. Gramma Beth was born in Winchester, CA near the hills of Beaumont, CA.

My grandmother and her siblings travelled throughout Southern and Central California as their father either established new churches or rehabilitated existing ones.

Beth graduated from Arizona Normal College, now Northern Arizona University in 1915. She accepted a position teaching school in a one room school house on the Colter Ranch near Springerville, AZ.

One of the ranch hands Allen Spencer Burk(e) who was working as a foreman on the ranch for his older sister and her husband me Beth. The rest as they say is history. Spencer and Beth married 11 Apr 1917. Their first child, my dad, is Spencer Lawrence Burke born 22

Aug 1918. He was to have two younger siblings.

Remember that grampa Carl was a Methodist Episcopal minister? The Burk(e) side were some of the original converts, 1841/42 to the Mormon faith in Lee, Montrose, IA.

I wonder what the dinner conversations between the two groups was.

Eventually, 14 June 1946 I, Richard Spencer Burke, was born to Spencer Lawrence Burke and Virginia Lane. I was raised Episcopalian. My grandfather Spencer and his 7 siblings all denounced the LDS after seeing the local bishop steal farm tools from a local farmer. Upon reporting the bishop they were the ones punished.

I, along with all of you have many fun and exciting stories but I will leave you with another interesting tidbit. Brigham Young is my third cousin 5x removed on my mother's side. His mother is Abigail Howe.

I close this lineage episode with the statement to listen to your grandparents, great grandparents along with other living older generation family members. While their stories might seem like tall tales, more often than not they are true.

Pilgrims and Warmth And Some Advice

By Cousin Bob Young

The Pilgrims built those little one room houses, replicas of the originals that many of us have visited at Plymouth Plantation, and generally in the summer months. But

they built them with only a single fireplace. It is a wonder how they managed to stay warm during the extremely cold months of winter. Maybe they were the first to warm their beds with heated flat rocks, soap stones, but they most certainly did not have hot water bottles or such a modern convenience as an electric blanket. We know many did not survive the first winter, one being our tenth or so great grandfather, William White.

With their single fireplace, they eventually took advantage of rising heat and constructed lofts that initially served as their bedrooms. Eventually an extra single room was added that apparently served as the parents' bedroom, and perhaps dad awoke once or twice during the night to place another log on the fire.



Over the many years we have been married, we have closed the bedroom door, turned off the heat, and opened a window. On extremely cold nights, the window would be opened only an inch or two. We just couldn't sleep well in a closed, stuffy bedroom breathing stale air. One night, after having purchased a dual control electric blanket, we encountered a problem. On my wife's side it was getting too warm so she was continually reducing the heat of the control -- whereas on my side, it was getting too cold so I was increasing the heat. Eventually we had a good laugh upon discovering that the controls connections were reversed.

It was our son who convinced us we should throw out our electric blanket and purchase a thermal, down, blanket, and it utilizes an inexpensive heat source – the approximately 98 degrees of your own body. The blanket traps your own body heat. Even in a bitter cold night we are “as warm as a bug in a rug”.

We have friends who still hold to the old adage that it is unhealthy to breathe night air. They seem to have colds too frequently yet we’ve been free of colds for at least three or four years. Now that I’ve written this, it’s a reminder to get to our pharmacy for flu shots.

If you Fail to have any of these items for obtaining warmth, “coddling” still works too!

Cousin Bob – in COLD New England



Pilgrim William White Society medal available at Hamiltoninsignia.com



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- Elder Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.
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2019 DUES DUE!

Dear TPWWS Members,

Please consider paying your 2019 dues now before the holiday scramble begins. Here is the information you need:

Dues amount: \$15 You may prepay as many years as you want.

Make check payable to: TPWWS

**Send your check to: Prarie Counce,
2040 Saint Pierre Dr., Carrollton, TX
75006**

The following TPWWS members have ALREADY paid their 2019 dues:

Mary Frances Barre
Celia Bina
Barbara Bliven
Mark Campbell

Donna Crosby
Theodore Epton
William Hemphill
Jane Hurt
John Jones
Joan Klock
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James Riddell
Louise Rumnock
Gertrude (Trudy) Sheehan
Barbara Williams
Allison Withers
Victoria Withers
Susie Wuest

Thanks so much!

Prarie Counce, Treasurer

The Pilgrim William White Society

WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

Robert Hendrickson -- Resolved

Stephen E. Millard -- Resolved

Louise A. Rumnock -- Resolved



Letters to the Editor

Hello Cousin Mike,

I have a **question** for our members. Are we interested in being involved in the festivities for the 400th year anniversary of the landing of our Ancestors? **Could we have a simple float to ride on with some banners identifying our original family members?** I know that there is some cost involved but I would be willing to share in the cost. What do you think?

Cousin Everett White,

Cumberland, Maine

Editor's Note – there is a parade scheduled during the 400th Festivities. Anyone interested in being the point of contact on a TPWWS float in that parade? Contact me or Deputy Governor Pat Nichols.

Hello Cousin Mike,

An interesting footnote to William White's son, Resolved. His marriage to Judith Vassall opens many doors to other lineage societies. Such as, Jamestown Society, National Society of New England Women and Colonial Dames CXVII Century. If the line takes you to Joshua Crapo that takes you to DAR lineage also.

Have fun doing the research.

Cousin Judy Letchworth

Hello Cousin Mike,

Here are two photos of the current Susanna White Winslow and Resolved White interpreters, taken at Plymouth Plantation this summer.

Cousin Jean Thiel



Your letter here – in the January newsletter!

START PLANNING!

400th Anniversary 1620-2020

Preliminary Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Evening: Welcome Receptions in Boston, Plymouth and Provincetown

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Morning: Ferries leave from Plymouth and Boston for Provincetown

Late morning: Mayflower Compact Re-enactment Ceremony in Provincetown Harbor

Afternoon: Descendants Reception at the Provincetown Museum

Evening: Ferries return to Plymouth and Boston from Provincetown

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Afternoon: Pilgrim Progress: From the Park Plaza Hotel through the Boston Public Gardens and Boston Common to the State House
Official State House Salute to the 400th Anniversary and Descendants Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Hotel 1620: Credentials Pick-up; Insignia & GSMD Store Sales; Exhibitors & Vendors Showcase; Member Society Tables; and Family Society Tables.

All day: Executive Committee

Meeting: Hotel 1620

Early evening: General Board of Assistants Meeting: National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

8:00 a.m. – Noon at Hotel 1620: Credentials Pick-up; Insignia & GSMD Store Sales; Exhibitors; Vendors; Member Society Tables; and Family Society Tables.

Morning: Church Service & Breakfast Event:

Late morning: (Awaiting approval) Massachusetts Mayflower Society's Naturalization Ceremony (limited seating): Memorial Hall, Plymouth

Afternoon: Pilgrim Progress from the Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill, to the Town Square, immediately followed by Opening Ceremonies at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

Late afternoon: Welcome Reception for Registered Guests in the Colonial Revival Garden at the Mayflower Society House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.: Credentials Pick-up: Hotel 1620 Lobby

All day: **Governance Day 1** - First Business Session of General Congress:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

All day: **Governance Day 2** - Second Business Session of General Congress:

Evening: 400th Anniversary Gala (Black Tie)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting for **New** EC Officers

All day: Plymouth 400's Embarkation Festival & Family Society Events:
Plymouth Co. Farm

Daytime: 1620 Club Tour

Evening: 1620 Club Dinner & Pilgrim Academic Award Presentation

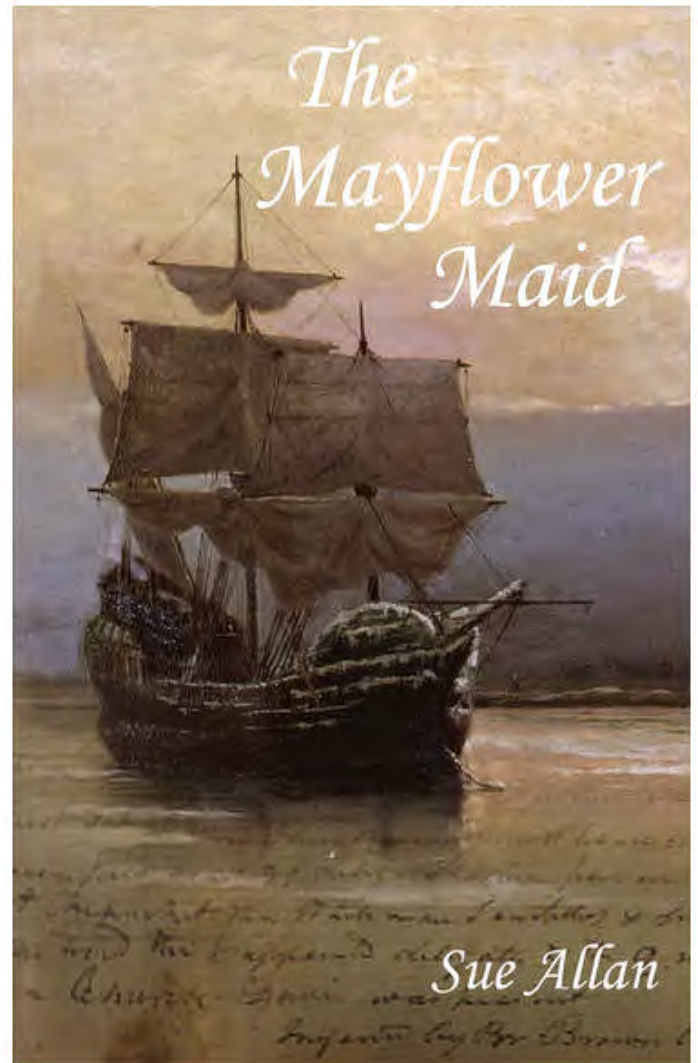
TOURS AND EVENTS: Coming Soon

REGISTRATION: The target date for the GSMD website GO-LIVE registration is January 2019. Updates, additions, schedule changes and exciting new information will be posted on-line prior to the GO-LIVE date.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotels / Bed and Breakfast reservations are not available prior to 18 months before Congress. Please wait to call for special pricing for GSMD members when the rooms are released.

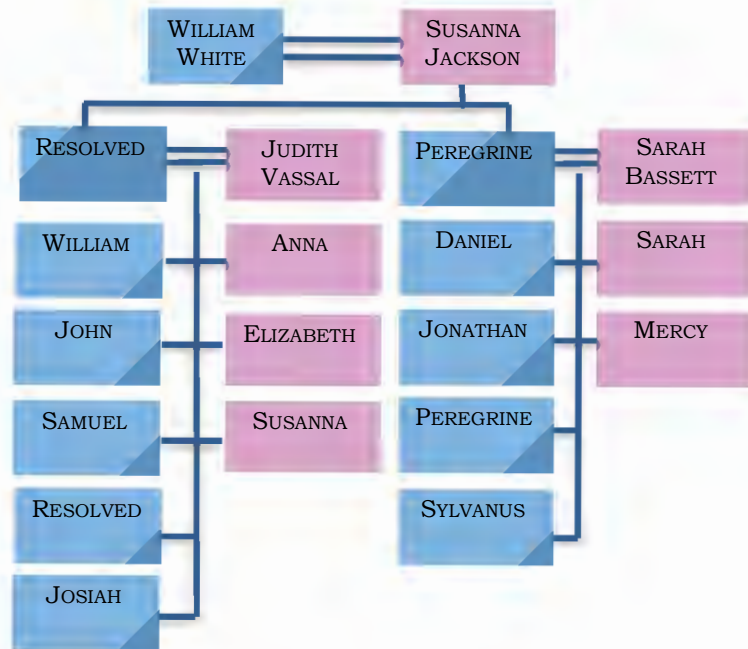
Room blocks with special pricing have been contracted in Boston, Plymouth and Provincetown. The list will be posted on the GSMD website for your reservation convenience.



Visit Sue Allan's website at mayflowermaid.com

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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