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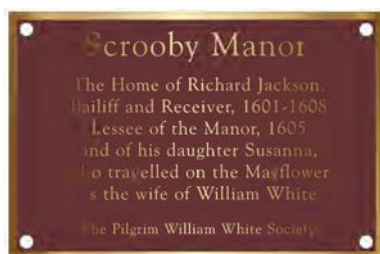
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Message from the Governor

This is a new year, although for our ancestors it won't be the new year until March 25th. So, if you still have some undone end of the year chores, just say you are on Pilgrim Time. In fact, you will have ten extra days because the Julian calendar was off by ten days. March 35th (April 5 for normal people) sounds pretty good for me right now.

Seriously, the last year was fantastic for us as a Society. Our major 2020 project of installing a plaque at Scrooby Manor has been completed. A picture of the plaque mock-up is in this article. Mr. and Mrs. Dunstan graciously stated that they would install the plaque and send us photos. When I receive them, I will forward them to Mike for the newsletter.



I am honored to serve our Society during this momentous time of continued growth, education, and service. The General Board of Assistants of the Mayflower Society has endorsed the proposal to "Dress Like a Pilgrim" to help educate people about the attire of "real" Pilgrims. I have completed my outfit except my shoes. I used staugustinetexiles.com. Please consult their website if interested. The 16th century doublet is



Governor Alan Smith

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more accurate for the time period of 1620. What a way to educate and play dress up at the same time. While there are other sites with appropriate clothing, the best and fastest site is St. Augustine Textiles. The best price on shoes is Viking Leathercrafts.

I hope that you are making plans now to attend our Triennial Meeting in Plymouth on September 16, 2020. There will be several door prizes as well as special activities during the week.

Lastly, as the new governor of the Georgia Mayflower Society I want those ten extra days previously referred to.

Alan

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

4. The Doncaster Parish Church of St. George is the church where Richard Jackson and Mary Pettinger were married on 1 December 1591. Richard, the youngest son, probably was the same student named Richard Jackson who attended Cambridge. He was a teacher which required a college education. He had moved to Scrooby by 1598. when he was the bailiff for the Archbishop of York.



This is an 18th Century drawing of the church Richard would have known, it completely burned in the 19th Century

English in Name Only

By Cousin Dane Trask

About three years ago I started researching my ancestry and found 13+ Revolutionary soldiers. One is my 7th paternal Grandfather Jonathan Trask Jr., who joined the

presentation on April 19, 1775, Paul Revere's ride, and the shot heard around the world. Mrs. Lowe, her teacher, invited me back this year and I spent the whole day with her classes telling them the stories and answering questions. **Riley**, my daughter, even got to skip a couple of her classes and come help me



battle on April 19, 1775 (Lexington and Concord ***The shot heard around the world***). I started reading more and visited the Battle Road National Park in Massachusetts, to get in touch with this part of our nation's history.

Last year I offered to go and talk to my daughter's 7th grade history class when they were studying the Revolutionary War. I did a

present. She loves to tell the story of how a pair of women's underwear saved the revolution (look up how Paul Revere was able to row past the war ships in the harbor without being noticed).

What really intrigues me are the moments that lead up to the start of the Revolutionary War. The further I go back to try to understand why the war started, I see an underlying belief that the people at some point

between 1620 and 1770, came to believe that we in America were “English” in name only (maybe William and Susanna felt this way from the start, since England forced them to leave or be harassed and prosecuted). The people of our nation started to identify as something separate from England, something purer, something more resilient, more self-reliant. And for 150 years, (1620-1770) the English monarchs were content to let us have this sense of American Nationalism, as long as we continued to trade with the English merchants on good terms. Once King George decided to impose taxes on the colonists, and point out that America was in fact English, did England really see that America was a country unto itself, under its own government, its own justice system, and with a fierce reaction to anyone telling them different. I truly believe this fierce independence started with the puritan migration and our ancestors. For 150 years our ancestors raised generation after generation with a belief in the individual’s right to make a better life for themselves and that when oppressed to take action.

I will soon be doing classes on the Mayflower, to add to the basic understanding the kids get. I think the minutia is what makes history

come alive, like Peregrine’s cradle, and the story of Squanto. I hope to just add, even the smallest, insight into the Pilgrim’s and their triumph through tragedy.

SOULE KINDRED MAYFLOWER TOUR

Cousin **Judy Hughes**, writes to tell us Soule Kindred in America has cordially invited interested members of the Mayflower Society to join them on a 12-day tour in Europe which follows the path of our Pilgrim ancestors. The tour begins in the Netherlands on May 6, 2019, and moves on into England with stops in Leiden, Delfshaven, Harwich, Boston, Worksop, Scrooby, Gainsborough, Droitwich Spa, Worcester, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Southampton, and London. A complete schedule of day by day activities and the details of the tour can be found at <http://www.reformationtours.com/> or you can call 618/222-9914 or 800/303-5534 for more information on how to sign up. Reformation Tours is a *Mayflower 400* Official tour Operator. Soule Kindred in America is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the knowledge and understanding of American Colonial history (<http://soulekindred.org/>) Our

cousin Judy is a member of Soule Kindred in America.

Cape Descendants descend on Cape

By Cousin Jean Thiel

I thought that you might be interested in this article I wrote for the *Cape Codder* in November. I submitted the information for the article to the newspaper after attending the annual meeting of *Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands* the first weekend in November at the Chatham Bars in Chatham, Massachusetts. The gentleman in the photo is Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director of Plimoth Plantation, who portrays Pilgrim Edward Winslow. Edward Winslow was, of course, Suzanna White's second husband after the death of William White. Many of the DCCI Society members are also descended from Mayflower passengers, including William White. Some of our Pilgrim William White Society members who also have qualifying Cape Cod and the Islands ancestors may wish to join the Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands Society.



From the Cape Codder:

Members of the group *Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands* arrived from around the country November 2nd. to celebrate their Cape Cod heritage during a two-day annual meeting, held this year at the Chatham Bars Inn.

They are all direct descendants of an ancestor who was a resident, owned land, conducted a business or trade, or performed military or civil services prior to December 31, 1699, within the boundaries of Cape Cod, the Elizabeth Islands, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Jean Thiel is one of the members, and she contacted *The Cape Codder* in an effort to spread the word about the unique group, founded in 2015. It has 152 members now, and 25 gathered at the Chatham meeting.

Along with annual meeting business, donations were made to the Chatham Historical Society, the 1670 Warren House Project at Plimoth Plantation, and Highland Light as part of the group's annual charitable and educational efforts.

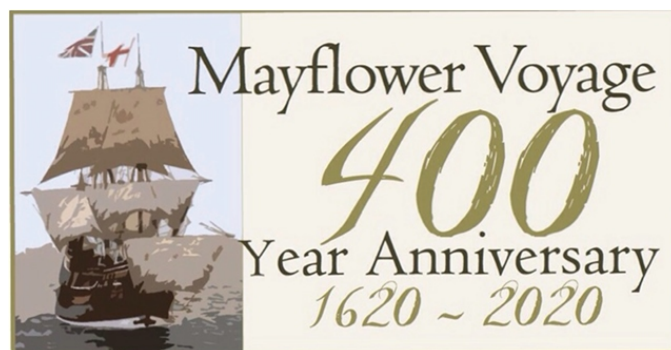
The highlight of the weekend, said Thiel, was a bus tour from Chatham to Provincetown to follow the path that the Pilgrims took after dropping anchor in Provincetown Harbor in 1620.

Richard Pickering, Wellfleet resident and deputy executive director at Plimoth Plantation, led the tour while portraying Pilgrim Edward Winslow, a role that he has played as an interpreter at Plimoth Plantation.

Following the tour, members and guests enjoyed a formal dinner at the Chatham Bars Inn.

For membership information, including a list of approved ancestors, visit descapcodandislands.org or contact the registrar general,

Kimberly Nagy,
at kimberlyknagy@gmail.com.



Society Recognizes Research

The Pilgrim William White Society has a core principle to research the origins of William and Susanna. In our earliest days we contacted a British researcher who basically said: "Save your money. There were simply too many Whites in England at the time." The researchers for 100 years had pulled so many blanks on Susanna's marriage in Holland. Fast forward to last year's Triennial where Caleb Johnson announced that he, Sue Allan, and Simon Neal had located the origins of William and Susanna! This year the Board decided to award each researcher \$500 for their incredible research and contributions to our family's history. Sue Allan shared the following:

Dear Alan,

I heard from my friend Caleb yesterday that the board of the Pilgrim William White Society have voted to award, Caleb, Simon and myself a \$500 gift in recognition of our work in identifying Susanna and William White.

I just wanted to say how very kind and generous that decision was, and for me, it comes at a very opportune time as I am struggling to fund my on-going Pilgrim research.

Once more, thank you.

Kindest regards,

Sue Allan

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WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

*Linda S. Hewes – Peregrine
 Jan Gilligham Spowart – Resolved
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 Jennifer Anne Russell – Resolved
 Dane Christopher Trask – Resolved
 Linda Gail Cox Smith – Peregrine*

Letters to the Editor

Hello Cousin Mike,

I would like to inform everyone in the newsletter that starting this new year, I am officially making my Susanna Jackson White Winslow's life story. A historical fiction about Susanna's life from birth to death. And how she refused to let struggles and limitations of the views of women stop and define who she is as a mother and a strong woman. And by the 400th year anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor.

Cousin Celena Davis



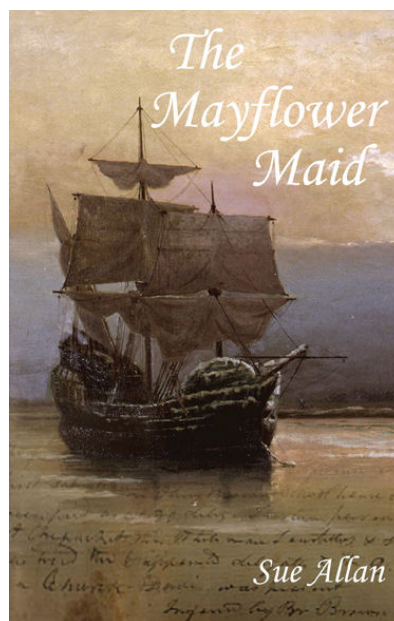
Pilgrim William White Society medal available at Hamiltoninsignia.com

Hello Cousin Mike,

Sorry I have nothing to offer but best wishes for a Happy New Year! Thanks for all of your hard work.

Cousin Jim Fowler

Your letter here – in the April newsletter!



Visit Sue Allan's website at mayflowermaid.com

Plymouth 400 announces art contest

Cousins, we received the following letter from the Plymouth 400 organization:



America is poised for an anniversary of national and international significance, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The **Plymouth 400 Anniversary** will highlight America's founding story by focusing on the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English people, a story that significantly shaped the building of America.

Join the **Plymouth 400th** commemoration in 2020 through your artwork. The **Plymouth 400** is accepting submissions for the *Plymouth 400 Art Contest*.

- ❖ Art work in all mediums will be accepted
- ❖ Various age/talent categories
- ❖ All submitted Artwork will be showcased locally, nationally and internationally
- ❖ Winners and runners up will be selected via panels of judges

- ❖ Recognition and awards will be announced throughout 2020 and 2021
- ❖ Application and details on our website <http://www.plymouth400inc.org/> under on-going events

Plymouth 400 Inc. is planning Signature Events and Programs in 2020 to honor this historic anniversary throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

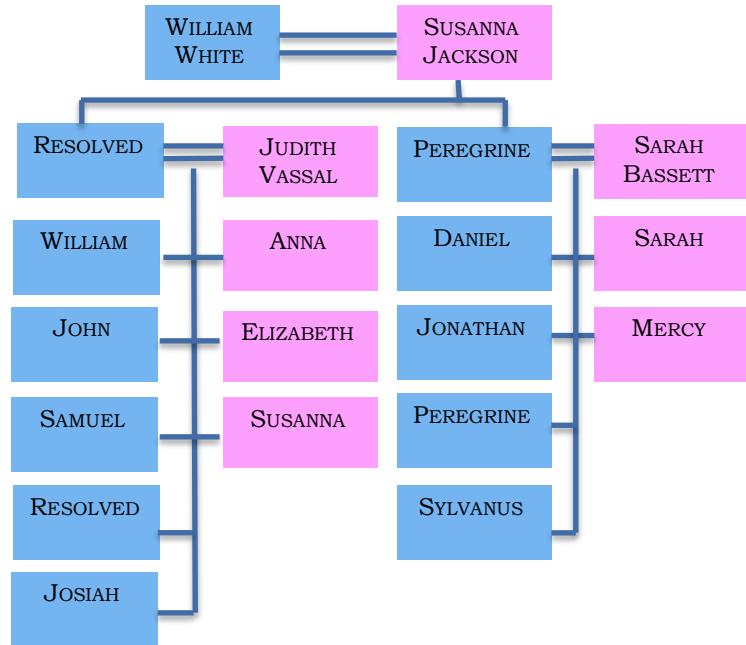
Please help us spread the word for this exciting initiative. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

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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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