



# Society News

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## Message from the Governor

In my capacity as governor of the Georgia Mayflower Society, I recently sent greetings to one of our sister organizations. As a native of Georgia for many generations and the descendant of more recent families from Vermont and New York, I was put in the situation of greeting descendants of those whose ancestors fought with and against my ancestors in the Civil War.

As my grandson Harper likes to say, "My people have always persecuted my people." Our history as a Nation is filled ancestors who have fought with and against each other. At the least, they have voted with and against each other. As our political season heats up, battle lines can be so drawn that we fail to see the face of another citizen of our Nation. We can resort to seeing the face of the enemy. My prayer for us as a Society, composed of those who fled for their freedom to worship God in their own way, is that we will always see in each other the faces of our common ancestors who fought for this Nation in so many wars, from Pequot to Iraq and Afghanistan. Politics can become an excuse to demonize and objectify the other. Or politics can simply be



*Governor Alan Smith*

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a way of thinking about serving our country by reflecting our personal beliefs.

The 2020 Triennial Meeting at Plymouth is an opportunity to see the faces of Susanna and William's children who have taken so many paths in the last 400 years. But they are the faces of our cousins.

Plan now to be in Plymouth

*Alan*

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

6. The Scrooby Parish Church of St. Wilfrid is the church of record for Richard and Suzanna Jackson as well as the Brewsters. William Brewster would repeat the sermons he heard later in the Scrooby church. Later, they attended the church when required and after the expulsion of Clyfton from Babsworth in 1605.



## Expand your Knowledge of our White Ancestors, Plymouth 2020

By Cousin Pat Nichols

In the last issue of this newsletter, I talked about our upcoming Triennial meeting in Plymouth, September 16, 2020. We will be catching up on TPWWS activities, electing TPWWS officers, renewing and creating friendships and increasing our knowledge of the Whites in the early years of the greater Plymouth area.

The Executive Committee is creating an educational Scavenger Hunt that will lead you to sites in Marshfield, Westport, and Plymouth; sites all related to our ancestors and their early descendants. Our Governor, D. Alan Smith, is donating a fabulous prize for the winner. The winner will be announced at our dinner. What will you be searching for? Stay tuned! More information will appear in future issues.

Alan is donating additional door prizes that you will not want to miss, but you must attend our planned dinner at Isaac's to receive one.

If this is your first or third Triennial meeting, we want you to be there.

**Plymouth in September 2020 is the place to be.**

## DNA Cousins

by Cousin Melinda McGraw

In March of 2018, I contacted Vicky Krogg who was a DNA Match on Ancestry.com. Up to that time, I knew little about the Schubert family from which we both descend. As we continued to communicate, we discovered that we were third cousins with many similarities.



I lived in Springfield, Ohio as a child and Vicky lives there now. We both have family in Chicago. Our daughters are both Speech-Language Pathologists. Vicky vacations in my home state, Michigan, and I vacation with family in Ohio. Until we “met” through Ancestry, Vicky believed she had no cousins

on the Schubert side. She actually has more than 70 cousins! We met for the first time in Columbus, Ohio in April for lunch and shared wonderful stories and photos. We are so grateful to have met each other and are planning to get together in the near future.

Do you see the resemblance? I'm on the right in the photo – Vicky on the left – we both need knee surgery!

## Pleased to be a Member by Cousin Denise Recupero

I'm pleased to be a member! Never in my life did I hear that my mother was descended from William and Susannah White. My Mom would have been thrilled. Luckily the 21<sup>st</sup> century gave me access to digital records. I followed the bread crumbs through Ancestry.Com and found my roots. I visited Plymouth in March and April.



Here I am with Heather Rojo, New Hampshire Society of Mayflower Descendants Governor. This was

taken May 18, 2019, the day of my induction into the society.

Here is another photo of me with New Hampshire Society Mayflower Historian, John White.



## Let Freedom Ring by Cousin Donna Crosby

Right now, I am working on a quilt that recognizes all of the men and their wives of my family who fought in wars for our freedom. Starting with Resolved White in King Philip's War to my husband Ed, who was called to the Berlin Wall crisis.

I wanted to create something to honor the history of family for my descendants so they would know our

personal participation and it would remain for as long as the quilt survives.

I created Americana shields and under each war in which ANY ancestor fought and included the women who stood by and stood up for their husbands during these frightening times—who would win, will my husband survive, are my children safe?

So, I began this quilt in memory of all our Revolutionary War Patriots (Ed's Crosby side and my Mom and Dad's side). I wanted it to be VERY personal so I decided on representing each Patriot as a silhouette. I found little males of Colonial times in three stages, young, middle-aged, and then old. Then I found one of a beautiful colonial female and stopped looking. I giggled a lot when I thought of these wives as being **forever** young, thin, and beautiful!!

To honor all of the women of our past, I create every quilt by hand—not one sewing machine stitch! However, I do use electric lighting over the traditional candle!!

Just imagine all of the years of searching to find all the names, their

birth and death years and places, the wives names (most including maiden names), and the dates and places of their marriage, and their military records. A LOT of 'midnight oil' was used, believe me!

Again, honoring tradition, I used a silky white fabric for the middle-aged couples because I wanted to show that they might have been able to afford better quality material, while the young bucks (16-29 with a young wife and children), got a white on white cotton material!



The center of the block is an Eagle holding a banner that tells the reason for this quilt: *to honor all of our ancestors who stood up in the face of death for our freedoms.* The Betsy Ross flag is individual stripes of red and white with 13 stars. I beaded the symbols of America so the stars are white crystal montees.

The Eagles are also glorified. I beaded all the white feathers in white sequins with clear crystal beads.

At my age, with glaucoma, tired fingers, and weary bones, I wondered IF I could ever finish this memorial quilt in their honor, but then I would think of the sacrifices that they all made, and continued on, thinking "if they could do it, so can I!"

The blocks around the silhouettes I named *Star Spangled Star*. It blends a Blazing Star pattern and an Ohio Star pattern into one new block. This meant setting 30 POINTS to create this block. In the center of each block and the gold metallic star, I added another crystal montee, and used stones of red, white, or blue. The black material used in this star block is a marbled black with mottled puffs of green, red, grey, or blue that I chose as it then represented the *rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air* over that dark night.

The swags used in the final border use also the same black and white toile pattern that I used in the



Stars block. The gold stars between each swag are of the same gold metallic fabric. The centers of these stars carry the shield of each of the 13 colonies and from which these Patriots fought.

Not finished yet, I realized that our country did not begin on July 4th 1776, but the seeds were planted two

hundred years earlier with the uncertainty of our Mayflower Pilgrims. So, then MORE study to find every single ancestor who stood tall in the face of annihilation and then I created Americana shields, and included a name banner with the name of the conflict and the name of each ancestor in that conflict, that included all of the Wars in which our ancestors participated. Thus, from Resolved White in King Phillip's War to the Cold War in which my husband stood in face of the Soviet Union at the Berlin Wall.

The Eagles again fly above these Americans with the help of little "blue birds of happiness", holding a gold ribbon above all of these Americans who understood that Freedom was worth saving and in the face of death.



*Cousin Donna Crosby*

I am quilting it now using silk thread of red, white, blue, gold, and silver. Very difficult, but each stitch I take is the LEAST that I

can do in their memory.

***Let Freedom Ring!***



The coins, pins and medals above reflect the time period of collectable coins beginning with the 250th Jubilee medallion and continuing through 2020. If you haven't collected before, consider buying a 400th medallion or pin from GSMD. A future article by Alan Smith will highlight particular coins and their history.



## 400th Anniversary Commemoration Schedule 1620 – 2020

September 19-2020

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/2020-schedule>

## *Letters to the Editor*

*Hello Cousin Mike.*

Registration for 2020 400<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Anniversary events will be GOING LIVE soon (mid-summer is the target). I would suggest members check the website: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org> to watch for the latest updates.

I hope to see everyone at the Colorado General Board of Assistant meeting this September.

*Best, Jane Hurt*

*Hello Cousin Mike.*

Susanna, Resolved and Peregrine hope that you will come play with them at Triennial Meeting of their family during 2020.

More details to follow.

*Thanks, William*

*Hello Mike,*

My name is Cheryl Andrews, I am a life member of GSMD and a descendant of William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins. I Grew up on Cape Cod and now live Provincetown. I am a selectman and involved in 2020 planning. I am organizing (with the local Chamber of Commerce and our school system...I hope!) a celebration of the *birth of Peregrine White on November 20, 2020*, his 400<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'd like very much to invite any and all of his descendants.

I'd be thrilled if you'd contact me. I'd like to get some contacts with descendants.

*thx. Cheryl*

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*Hello Cousin Mike,*

So, while quilting this morning I remembered this back story about the how the shields came about in the quilt. Several years ago, I assisted **Victoria Withers** (a TPPWS member) to research her line for both the GSMD and the PWWS, We found her line to the Plantagenet Kings and thus Charlemagne. We became good friends/relatives and in discussing the quilt with her one day, and talking about how to incorporate all of the ancestors who fought to preserve their lives and freedom, Victoria mentioned creating little Americana shields and then adding the conflict and their names under that shield that came before the Revolutionary War and those who come after that momentous victory. To add more history, I used little patches to add even more history—one, a ship denoting the Mayflower and under the name of Ebenezer Rice, the direct descendant of William > Resolved. There are gold and black crowns that identify the descendants of a Plantagenet ancestor on both Ed's and my lineages; a Minuteman, denoting those Patriots who were there on Lexington Green and the *shot heard round the world*. Will almost have to write a

manual on how to 'read' the messages left on this quilt!

And just a word about genealogy: As so many of the Mayflower passengers had descendants who were the children/grandchildren of the Puritan immigrants, finding their ancestors in the UK could bring more history of our historic American ancestors. Since most people in England/UK today cannot find their OWN ancestors beyond 1860 (per Dr. John Plant, London England), when OUR ancestors arrived in the early 1600's (1608, Jamestown, 1620 Mayflower, 1633-1645 Puritans to MA, Thomas West (Lord de la Ware) bringing 400 people to VA in 1610, and Cecelis Calvert (Lord Baltimore) arriving about 1634 to land donated by the Monarchy that became Maryland, they brought the names of their parents, grandparents and family history with them, so we had the benefit of their personal family members' names and history that dated back to the late 1400's. There is a saying that, "If you know their names, they are not forgotten."

There is a statistic that is very enlightening for a GOOD reason to continue working to 'find their names: "If you had AN ancestor in ANY colony by 1720, you Will BE related to 75% of all other people who had an ancestor in any colony by 1720". So, as you get back deeper in time, that probability only increases that MIGHT provide a

name of an ancestor that has deep roots in England and Europe.

*Thanks, Cousin Donna Crosby*

***Your letter here - in the October newsletter!***

You  
2 Parents  
4 Grandparents  
8 Great Grandparents  
16 Great Great Grandparents  
32 Great Great Great Grandparents  
64 Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
128 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
256 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents  
and after just ten generations you then have  
2,048  
4,096  
8,192  
16,284  
32,568  
65,136  
130,272  
260,544  
521,088  
1,042,176  
One Million in only twenty generations!



Pilgrim William White Society medal  
available at [Hamiltoninsignia.com](http://Hamiltoninsignia.com)



#### Society Member Passes

Our Cousin, Janice Annabel Shively Bassett. Informs us her brother, James William Shively, of Carlsbad, California, died on May 21, 2019, at Carlsbad, CA.

Please remember his family in prayer.

*Alan*

### WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

*Rev. Bruce David Harrington – Resolved*

*Denise M. Recupero – Peregrine*

*Denice Jeanne Garcia – Resolved*

*Albert Lees III – Peregrine*

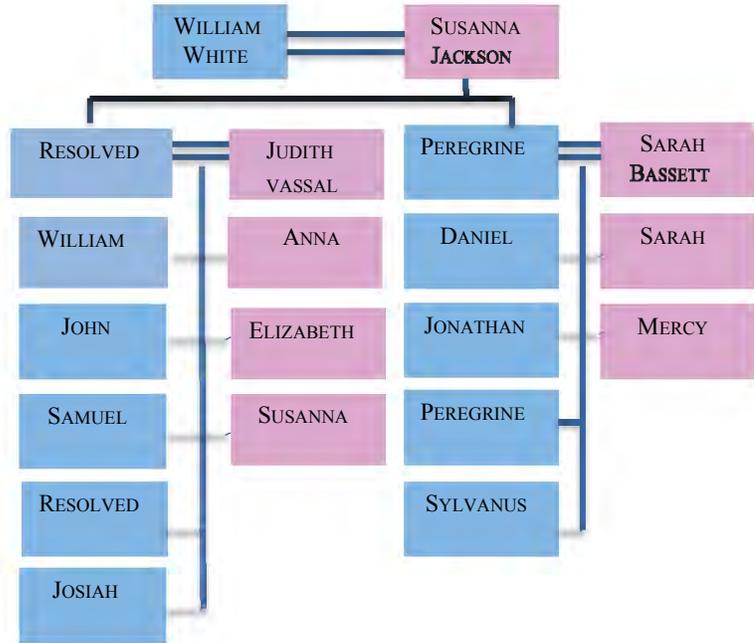
*Lori Lovett – Resolved*

*Doyle Klinger, Jr. -- Resolved*

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# 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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