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Message from the Governor

Dear Cousins,

Our community has gained two new members in the month of July bringing total lineage membership to 177. Welcome aboard! Every GSMD endorsed family society has their own distinct ancestral pedigree and connection to Pilgrim history. Our Mayflower family of four has received a lot of good research attention these past 5 years starting with their English origins, the Susanna and Peregrine books, William's excommunication, and the upcoming Resolved bio.

TPWWS has been in a fortunate position to financially support some of the research that went into these publications. These donations were made possible by our society's membership and their generous support through annual dues. Much gratitude for sticking around year after year. Thanks also goes out to the elected officers who bring much expertise and guidance in our operation. Many on the governing board are also heavily involved with their respective State societies so their additional efforts and time towards our mission is appreciated.

During July in 1620 the Separatists were readying to depart Delfshaven after some tearful goodbyes with congregation not joining them on the journey. The start of the voyage would become fraught with frustrating delays that resulted in an unfavorable timeline for arrival. This was just the beginning of many hardships



Governor Patrick White

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to follow. Their resiliency and perseverance in the historical account will always be something to be admired.

Patrick

10th Anniversary

By Governor Patrick White

The Pilgrim William White Society will reach its 10th anniversary in 2023! I will mail each TPWWS member their own **10th Anniversary Commemorative Magnet** in November of this year. If you have a different mailing address since joining the society, please email me patrickwhite@email.com.



All Things Pilgrim

By Alan Smith

In 2019 Judy and I began planning to celebrate our 50th anniversary with a trip to the UK to include all things Pilgrim and Scottish to occur in 2020. 2020 would have been two years early, but it was 2020. Then Covid-19 reared its ugly head for two years. Finally in May of 2022 we were able to

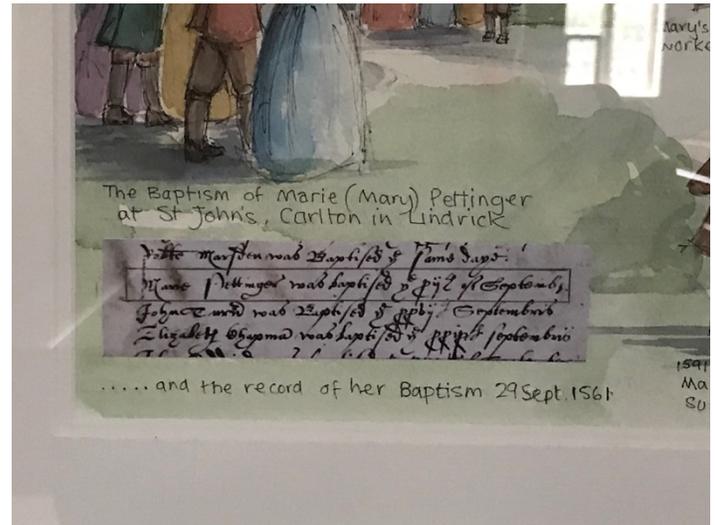
celebrate. It was the actual year of our 50th anniversary. We had planned to have **Sue Allan** be our guide. Unfortunately, in the two-year delay, she had developed some serious family and personal health issues. At the last minute we went with another tour group. Sue, being the fantastic friend that she is, arranged to meet us on Thursday before we left for Scotland. She agreed to drive for the first time in two years. We presented her a TPWWS medal in thanks for her dedication to the Society at Scrooby Manor. She then said, "You know I'm still feeling ok. Let's go to Tickhill."



Alan presented a TPWWS medal to Sue Allan at Scrooby Manor in recognition of her continuing service to our Society on 14 May. The memorial plaque given by the Society is behind them.

Tickhill was the site of the school where Richard Jackson taught and attended church. After lunch she said, "Let's go to

Carlton in Lindrick.” Carlton was the home of Mary Pettinger, Richard’ Jackson’s wife. In the church where they worshipped is an original painting with vignettes about the Pettinger and Jackson connection with the Mayflower. Sue saw the painting for the first time. She had missed the dedication because of illness. The enclosed photograph does not do it justice. Unfortunately, the painter does not wish to make prints.

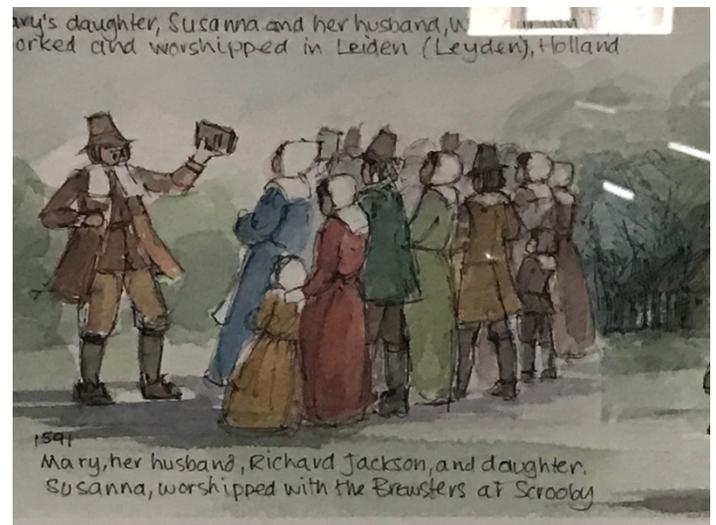


After touring Carlton in Lindrick we returned to Retford. Sue is without a doubt the greatest friend of our Society for her sacrifices to research, write, publish our collective history and then share her time with Judy and me.

Photos of Scrooby, Sue, Tickhill and Carlton in Lindrick follow. In the next issue I will show how you can visit the Pilgrim in Nottinghamshire sites



without flying for seven plus hours.





Tickhill Church above and St. John the Evangelist at Carlton in Lindrick below



1627 in World History

By Ann Wilkerson

Like you, I love learning the history of our Pilgrims. I am obsessed with the stories of our ancestors, what they risked, what they learned, how their families grew. For the last issue, I wrote about the Swedish warship, *Vasa*, as I was trying to connect our ancestors to events within the larger world in which they lived. Hearing no objections to that type of subject matter for our newsletter, I will once again look outside Plymouth to explore what else was happening during their lifetimes. In particular, I want to write about 1627. Why that year, and not 1620? When choosing to interpret our ancestors' lives, Plimoth-Patuxet Museum selected a time a few years after arrival; the village had been constructed and a routine established. Visitors today see this 1627 recreation as peaceful, bucolic, rustic, and historic, but all was not so in the world outside of the colony. Here follows a list of notable world events of 1627.

Charles I entered his third year as King of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Religion continued to feature as a source of friction in England. Married to the French Princess Henrietta Maria, Charles was believed to be sympathetic to Catholics. Indeed, Charles had promised English naval ships to his brother-in-law King Louis XIII of France which were used in 1625 to suppress Huguenots at La Rochelle. Now in a reversal in 1627, Charles launched an attack on the French coast in support of the Huguenots.

Meanwhile, Louis XIII of France encouraged the peaceful relations between colonists of New France and the natives. Indians who were converted to Catholicism were regarded as "natural Frenchmen" with full rights as French subjects.

The Dutch ship *Gulden Zeepaert*, skippered by Francois Thijssen made the first recorded sighting of the coast of South Australia.

English colonists were the first Europeans to settle on Barbados which had earlier been claimed in succession by Spain and Portugal. (Flash forward nearly 400 years to November, 2021 when Barbados became a republic and removed the Queen of England as its head of state.)

The last aurochs died in Poland.



Believed to be the ancestor of domestic cattle, the aurochs was one of the largest herbivores of recent history.

It is depicted in cave paintings, petroglyphs, and bronze age figurines. In religions of the near east, the aurochs was a symbol of power and sexual potency. Its massive horns were used as drinking vessels and as trophies.



In Italy, an earthquake struck the Adriatic cities of San Severo and Torremaggiore on July 30, 1627.

Rock blasting was invented in Slovakia when black gunpowder was used for the first time in mining.

Barbary pirates raided Iceland. These were Muslim pirates and privateers who



primarily operated from North African ports such as Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. They seized merchant

ships and raided villages in order to capture slaves for the Ottoman slave trade.

And back in Plymouth, *Mayflower* Pilgrim Mary Brewster died in April, 1627.



She was one of only four *Mayflower* women who were alive at, and helped to cook, the feast of the first Thanksgiving 1621. In addition to Mary Brewster, those women were Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Hopkins, and our own grandmother Susanna Jackson

White.

Aside from the death of Mary Brewster, were any of these events known to the residents of Plymouth in 1627?

If you would like another article on a year in history, please let your newsletter editor Mike Beard know. If these topics are not relevant to our exploration of the life and times of the White family, also let him know. I enjoy writing these contributions for our cousins.

Provisions Aboard the *Mayflower*

The cook on the *Mayflower* only made meals for the crew, therefore, each family on the *Mayflower* had to prepare food for themselves, which was very plain and unfussy. Only the foods that would not spoil could be kept on the *Mayflower*, so fruits, peas and beans were dried ahead of time and brought as some of their provisions (provisions included food, drink, tools, household items, weapons and clothing).

A typical food was a dry biscuit-type bread called ships biscuit. A recipe for this pilgrim staple follows. Ships biscuits were also used to thicken soups and to soothe the

empty stomachs of the passengers by allowing them to dissolve in their mouths. Meats and fish were salted, which was a way to preserve meats by drawing water out of the meat and drying it. All living things, including harmful bacteria, require water and cannot grow without it, therefore, salt was used to preserve meat.

Carved wooden chests of clothing provisions included caps, shirts, waistcoat



(jacket), cloth, stockings, shoes described as, "plain shoes, little shoes, French soles."

An interesting and rare record of the *Mayflower* passengers' provisions belongs to the Massachusetts Society of

Mayflower Descendants. It was written by one of the investors in the Pilgrims' joint-stock company and contains several lists of suggested provisions the pilgrim colonists might have brought with them on the Atlantic voyage. The list provides an understanding for what the *Mayflower* passengers needed for the voyage and for their future lives in the New World.

To read a list of the provisions and see a photo of the actual page, visit: mayflowerhistory.com/provision-lists/.

Ships Biscuit

The name refers to the hard biscuits that were stored on ships like the *Mayflower* and were a staple of the passengers and crews, especially on 66-day journeys! They were made just like this recipe, from a simple mixture of flour, water and salt, rolled out thinly and baked slowly until hard and dry.

The original ingredients for ships biscuit:

3½ cups of flour

1 cup of water

½ tablespoon sea salt

To make the biscuits more palatable for today, you can add:

1 oz. butter (not used in the original recipe, but the biscuits will be easier to eat)

1 cup of skimmed milk instead of water

Measure the flour and salt into a mixing bowl and blend together.



Measure the milk and butter and place in a saucepan over very low heat until butter melts. Add the milk and butter to the flour and mix until you have a dough, kneading the dough until all the flour is absorbed (it should be thick, shiny and stiff).

Roll the dough until it is fairly thin, about ¼ - ½" thick. Cut the biscuit shapes using a cup rim (or round biscuit cutter).

Place on a baking tray and prick all over to let out any air while cooking.

By the way, they called this stuff Hardtack in the Civil War and was still in use by the military in WWI.

PLYMOUTH IN 2023

Mark your calendars! The General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants 2023 Congress to be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts September 8th through 13th, 2023. The Pilgrim William White Society will also hold its Triennial meeting in Plymouth that week. TPWWS Board has set Monday, September 11, 2023 as the date for

our triennial meeting. Plans are in the works.

Our family society will be observing its 10th anniversary of our founding and celebrating this milestone as part of the meeting.

We will elect officers and plan our future at this meeting. Let Governor White know if you are interested in helping plan our event.

And plan to be in Plymouth in 2023!!



Welcome New Members

Jeffrey Carey -- Resolved

Lynette Evangelisti -- Resolved



Letters to the Editor

Hello Cousin Michael,

This newsletter contains some wonderful information. I am looking forward to the publication of the new book on Resolved. I descend from his branch. Thank you for introducing the reader to "Storyworth" as it sounds like a wonderful idea!

Cousin Susan Wainio

Hello Cousin Mike,

I am finally sure that our plans are happening. Judy and I leave for Retford, England Sunday week. We will tour all things Susanna for a day and visit the incredible museum in Retford. It has a reconstructed study of Brewster. We are planning a trip to the Manor to view the plaque. There will be photos and a article or two. While we had to wait two years, it's happening.

Cousin Alan Smith

Hello Cousin Michael,

Do you have any information on pre-ordering the book about Resolved White? I enjoyed the newsletter. My husband's grandparents came from Sweden and we are in contact with 3rd cousins there. I really enjoyed the article on the *Vasa*.

Cousin Linda R. Lind

Hello Cousin Mike,

Great job! And it displays beautifully even on my iPhone!

Thank you,

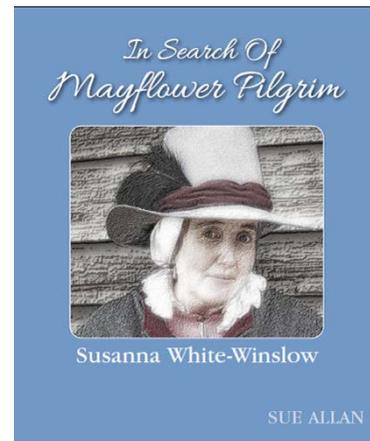
Cousin Ann Wilkerson

Hello Cousin Michael,

As usual, a great Newsletter. You never disappoint! Thank you ♥

Cousin Betsie Goad

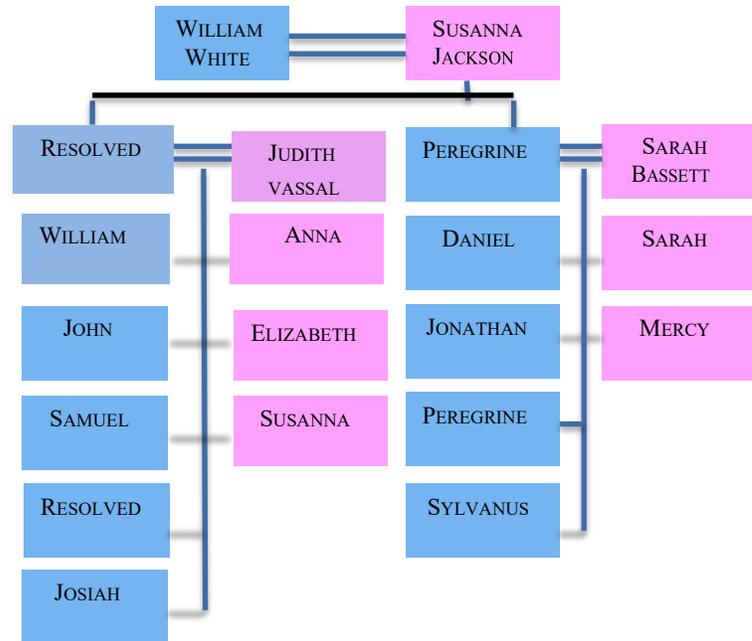
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