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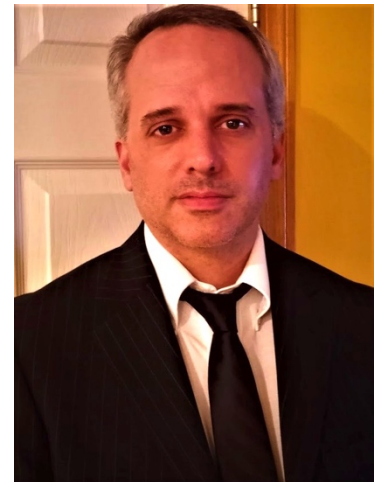
*Dear Cousins,*

Next month I'll be mailing out Thanksgiving cards and magnets to all TPWWS lineage members and friends. I placed my magnet on my fridge and it looks great. Please email me at [patrickwhite@email.com](mailto:patrickwhite@email.com) if you've had a change in your mailing address.

Our family society welcomes three new members since August bringing total lineage membership to 180. New members are encouraged to review past quarterly newsletters which are archived on the website to learn about the history of our society. 2023 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. Special thanks to newsletter editor Michael Beard and webmaster David Counce who do a great job with our two main publications. The Member Directory is also a really nice resource that was compiled by Treasurer David Grinnell last year. If you would like to receive a copy let me know and I can send it by email.

Hope everyone gets to partake in a bountiful feast this upcoming Thanksgiving with family and friends. May the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors always be included when we give thanks during this joyous holiday.

*Patrick*



*Governor Patrick White*

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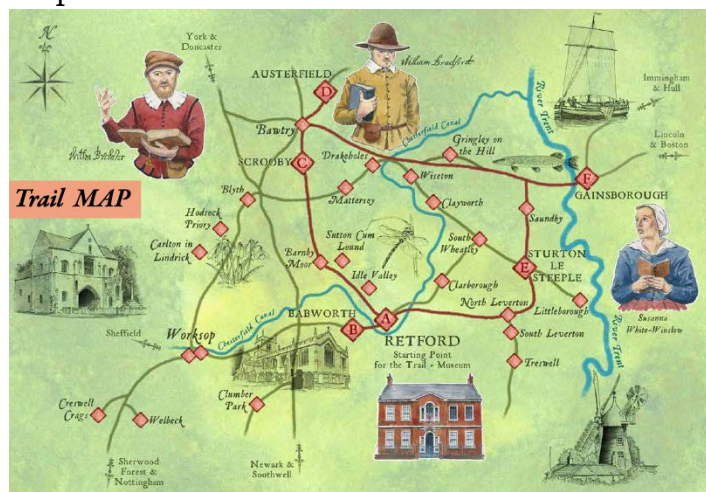
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# The Pilgrim Trail

By Cousin Alan Smith

In my last article I promised an easy way to visit the Pilgrim Trail around Scrooby. For us, as descendants of Susanna and William, this is the TRAIL. I know that we have members who are also descendants of other Pilgrims. The United Kingdom *Mayflower* 400 website (<https://www.mayflower400uk.org>) has information about them also. I would encourage you to visit their site.

For the Scrooby story, I was able to tour with Pilgrims and Prophets specifically with Maggy and Chris Watkins. The place to begin your virtual trip is The Bassetlaw Museum in Retford. The site is [www.pilgrimroots.org](http://www.pilgrimroots.org). One highlight of the museum is the re-creation of Gov. Brewster's study with a talking mirror which tells the harrowing story of our ancestors. The museum produced a brochure called the Pilgrim Trail. I am focusing only on the map.



Once you have downloaded and printed the map. Go back to the site; then select the Pilgrim Trail tab. There are descriptions and stories about each location: Retford, All Saints, Babworth, Scrooby, Austerfield, Sturton-le-Steeple, and Gainsborough. After these tours you can return to the site for detailed podcasts. Unfortunately, the site does not list

Susanna's Pettinger and Jackson family sites in Carlton in Lindrick, Braithwell and Tickhill, and or William's family in Wisbeck. So, I will need to explore these sites in more detail for you. Wisbeck and Braithwell will be virtual for me also since I did not get to visit them in person.

## Pardon My French

By Cousin Sharon Penner

As you know, Resolved White married Judith Vassal (sometimes spelled Vassall). Her father, John was a shareholder in one of the ships that landed at Jamestowne in 1607, and therefore is an eligible ancestor for the Jamestowne Society. His lineage is from France and their family name was de Vassal and they were "Huguenots" in the late 1500's - the Edict of Nantes signed 1598 was part of the religious persecution of that time. This also allows Resolved descendants' membership in the Huguenot Society, via John Vassal.

Anyway, I managed to acquire two publications (totaling nearly 40 pages) in what is termed "old French" of the early 1800's which itemizes the Vassal/de Vassal family in France way back to the 1100's. An elderly friend in France is currently translating the two publications and sending me "bits and pieces". At the time of the publications (1817) there were 30 branches of de Vassal's going back 400 years. It will be a challenge to identify which branch is the correct one. Families named (and renamed) their children the same, i.e., Jacque, Marie, Pierre, Solange, etc., and if one of the sons died, the next son was named the same (but called Jacque II or Pierre II as an example - each family usually had 5-12 children with at least one daughter becoming a Nun, and one son entering a religious life).

Since this project is being done by a friend in France who can translate the "old French" to English, he is not hurrying, so it

might take a few months to get it all. I know most of the lineage already from a prior translation (from another Francophile friend in Quebec, Canada), but I want further confirmation and documentation. This is actually my third attempt at the old French translation. I originally used an internet translating service but only about half of the pages were legible because of old terminology of words. My Quebec friend did a better job, but he also had some problems



with figuring out certain "old" words, so now (after several years of my acquiring these publications), hopefully, the translations will be easier to read and follow the correct

branch of the de Vassals of Avignon, France.

I'm sure a number of our "cousins" use search engines like [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), [Geni.com](http://Geni.com), [Geneanet.org](http://Geneanet.org), etc., but family lines on these websites are to be taken "with the grain of salt" because a lot of people add lineage information from Bibles, family word of mouth, etc., and are not properly documented. And, yes, a family Bible is important, but is considered a "secondary document". Without documentation, family history is only a "story". I found this out the hard way, and spent a lot of time going off on tangents trying to find an ancestor I was told was "important", but ended up being the wrong person, or a second cousin by marriage - not a blood relative.

As an aside to the de Vassal translations, so far, there are a "Lord", a "Duchess", 2 "Knights" (although I can't identify a Templar Knight), a Convent Mother Superior, and several other semi-royals, but without knowing for sure which of the 30 branches of de Vassals to follow, don't know what I'll finally have documented.

What started this whole project after being accepted in the Mayflower Society, I kept following "family lines" to see how far back I could document, which led me to the Jamestowne and Huguenot Societies. I was hoping by then to "tie into" one of the Barons who signed the Magna Carta of 1215, but no luck so far. However, yes, I can tie into the Magna Carta, but can't officially "document" it yet which is what all the various societies require. For my lineage, there are also many American societies that are also available, Civil War, Revolutionary War, etc., but I have chosen to look towards my European roots. I also have some Scandinavian in my family, but have you ever tried to get information on Johnsons, Ericksons, Hokansons, Petersens, etc., it is almost impossible.

Although I have no plans on traveling to the East Coast (for the Mayflower Congress, nor Europe to do any William White/Susanna Jackson investigation), I have another branch of the family that is ongoing - although I hope someone is following (and documenting) the Susanna Jackson line and will either publish it or share it.

As you can tell, my favorite word is "document". When people tell me they are a descendant of one of the men on the Mayflower, my first words are -- can you document it? Almost without exception, say they just know from their family "word of mouth".

## Touring England

*By Cousin Dorothy Greene*

I toured England two weeks after Prairie did. I took a lot of pictures but they aren't as good as the ones that you published in the last Newsletter. Prairie and I were lucky that we saw England when we did. We missed the 104C temperatures. It was warmer when I was there and there was a selective railroad strike the last week that we were there.



This is a picture of me at the George Hotel in Colchester England. We stayed at the St Nicholas Hotel across the street but ate at the George Hotel as it is part of the George Hotel.



## Minnesota GBOA

Several of our cousins attended the General Board of Assistants meeting held in Bloomington, Minnesota last month. Pictures are Alan Smith, Betsy Goad, Jane Hurt, Prarie Counce, and Chuck Provost.



## Happenstance

By Cousin Jeffrey Carey

I exist today out of pure luck and mere happenstance. From the courageous folks on the *Mayflower* voyage in 1620 and a few generations later by a devoted brother who stowed himself onboard his brother's ship. They became shipwrecked upon

arriving near my very own home town of New Bedford, Massachusetts where they eventually settled. I extend my respect and my thanks—

The following is from a history written by Janette L. Crapo Miller and a letter sent to Jean May by Ralph Harmon Crapo. More information on the early American ancestors can be found in the book *Certain Comeovers* by Henry Howland Crapo.

The Crapo family were originally from Bordeaux, France. The early Crapo's of America were fishermen, lumbermen and farmers.

Pierre or Peter Crapo, a boy of about 10 or 12 years of age, was the first Crapo in America. Peter was an orphan living with his aunt and uncle at Bordeaux, France. He had a brother Nicholas who was captain of a ship in the French navy. This brother's ship was in port being overhauled and supplied for a cruise somewhere but no one, even the captain, knew where.

Nicholas took his little brother Peter around and showed him a good time. Peter wanted to sail with him, but his captain said "no". The time arrived to sail. The captain took sealed orders and sailed. On the third day out, the orders were opened and they found they were to go to America where the French had colonies.

A day or two later Peter came out of hiding among the rigging where he had stowed away with a bottle of water and some food that he had carried onto the ship. Nicholas could not go back now so he was forced to take his brother along with him or throw him overboard.

The ship, some weeks later, arrived at Boston harbor and anchored. One night a big storm blew in off the Atlantic and tore the ship from its anchors and drove the wooden ships on the rocks at Cape Cod and wrecked it completely. All on board were cast into the water.

When morning came the wreckage of the ship was lying along the shore near the town of New Bedford and on the shore were 6 persons. The Captain, his brother, Peter, and four sailors. The Captain had lashed Peter to a floating mast and hung on to the ropes until the mast floated in the gale to the shore. The Captain found a

home for Peter with a farmer signing papers for him until he was 21 years of age. He said he would write, but was never heard from by Peter. (Nicholas sailed back to France to report the loss of his ship.)

When Peter became 21, he was his own master. He got some land, bought a house, and married an English girl, Penelope White, who was the daughter of Samuel White and Rebecca Green. Samuel was the son of Resolved White and Judith Vassall. Resolved White was the son of William White and Susanna Jackson White who came to America on the *Mayflower*.

During that first hard winter after the landing of the *Mayflower* many of the Pilgrims died and among them was William White and also Elizabeth Barker Winslow, the wife of Edward Winslow, Jr. Later Edward Winslow, Jr. Married Susanna (the widow of William White) and took her two sons Resolved and Peregrine to live with them. Later both sons married and reared families. Resolved married Judith Vassall and they had eight children, one of them Samuel, the father of Penelope White, who married Peter the first American Crapo ancestor.

Peter reared a large family. A strange coincidence was when Peter's oldest daughter Susanna married one of the four sailors who had all remained in America after being shipwrecked. Susanna's husband was 75 years old. They reared a family of 13 children and he outlived his wife. He died at the age of 110 years. (Their work has been done in the temple. His name was De Maranville.)

The fifth generation from Peter (Pierre) Crapo is Jonathon Collins Crapo. He was born 4

February 1830 at New Bedford, Massachusetts. His parents had a large family and when my [Ralph] great-grandfather was about twelve years old he went to live with his grand-parents Charles Crapo and Sally Lucas Crapo, who lived a few miles out of the city of New Bedford on a farm.

He helped them at various chores and also delivered milk into the city. He remained with his grandparents until he was twenty, when his father told him that they (the rest of the family) had heard the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (commonly called Mormons) and they believed its teachings and had been baptized and were preparing to go west with the family and he would like Jonathon to go with them. He went west with them but did not join the church until after they arrived in Utah. His grandparents felt pretty bad and thought they were disgracing the family by joining the Mormons. Jonathon received a letter from one of his aunts begging him to leave the Mormons and come back and join the Seventh Day Adventists. The aunt was getting really old and was much concerned about Jonathon who she said was more like a brother than a nephew. She hoped he had never been so foolish as to join the Mormons and if he had she felt it was not too late to repent and come to Jesus, who would forgive. The dear old soul seemed very sincere and very devout in her belief.

Joseph George Crapo and his family (wife Mary Hicks Collins) were the only Crapo's to join the Church that we know of.

The Crapo genealogy for those in America has mostly been compiled and the temple work done. In the Crapo history we find that many of them fought in the Revolutionary War and one was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. The family connects up with the Edward Winslow Family in two places. It also connects up with many other prominent families of early settlement of America. From Massachusetts they scattered into Maine and Michigan and New York and later almost all over the United States.

The letter sent to Jean May by Ralph Harmon Crapo is of special interest since today Senator Michael Crapo (former U.S. Rep.) became the first Mormon ever elected to the U.S. Senate from Idaho. Crapo was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the son of Melba (née Olsen) and George Lavelle Crapo. He is distantly related to





Henry Howland Crapo, who served as Governor of Michigan from 1865 to 1869, and William Crapo Durant, Henry's grandson, who founded General Motors. Mike Crapo and Henry Crapo are first cousins, four times removed, as Henry's father, Jesse Crapo, and Mike's great-great-great grandfather, Charles Crapo, were brothers. All were proud *Mayflower* descendants and for many others along the line, patriots of the American Revolution.

## Touring with the Howland's

*By Cousin Bruce Harrington*

I spent two weeks in England with the John Howland Society touring the sites of the Pilgrims. While Scooby is known for being the home of William Brewster, it was also the home of Richard Jackson, the father of Susanna Jackson White. It is believed that the portion of Scrooby Manor that remains standing was the home of the Jacksons, as well as the chapel in which the Separatists worship for a time.

Here is a photo of Saint Wilfred's chapel at Scrooby Manor.



And photos of the church interior including the altar and baptism.







This is the plaque in the church



It says: Saint Wilfred's Church, Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England. Where William Brewster was Baptized (C.1556). He became a Separatist and was elder and spiritual leader of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, New England, until his death 1643-44. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (U.S.A. 1897) Waldo Morgan Allen Governor General on their first pilgrimage – 152, by

planes – to the Netherlands and England September 22 – October 6, 1955. 355 years after the sailing of the Mayflower.

One photo of me at the *Mayflower* steps in Plymouth England.



## Pilgrim Hall Window

By Cousin Alan Smith

I would urge all TPWWS cousins to write to see if copies of the Fall 2022 edition of the *Pilgrim Society News* are available. The cover is the one of the three stained glass windows at Pilgrim Hall. I knew that they were commissioned by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America to celebrate the Tercentenary in 1921. But I, like many people, including the Museum, had either not known (me) or forgotten (they) that they were designed by a woman



Mary Wright Goodhue. Much later they were credited to either her son or her late husband. Fortunately, in 1921 the windows were widely described as being her work. Second, I never paid close attention to the center window. Mrs. Goodhue, a self-described suffragist, focused the window on Susanna carrying Peregrine. I assume that the unidentified man still in the boat and behind her is William. She was very clear about Susanna's identity. Resolved must have been off playing games or more likely just forgotten. I am using the postcard because it is not now in copyright. Pilgrim Hall may give us use of a copy of the window, which is much higher resolution. If so, we will include it in a later edition.



## Toni Wins an Award!

Cousin Toni Kief has won an award from The Historical Fiction Company for her book, *Saints, Strangers and Rosehip Tea*. It is a historical fiction based on our great grandmother Susanna Jackson White (Winslow). She was just a girl from Scrooby Manor when her father's involvement in the Separatist movement started her journey to Amsterdam, the *Mayflower*, and finally Plymouth Massachusetts 402 years ago. A founding mother is rediscovered. It is available on Amazon; Free on KU and the

price is dropped until December to \$.99 for ebooks

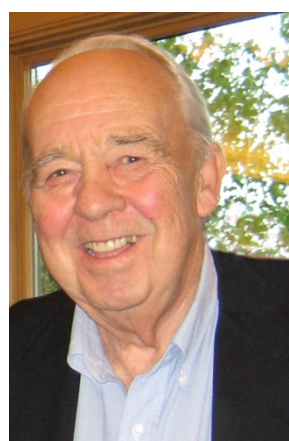
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## Final Pilgrimage

We note the passing of cousins:

**James Clay Wedge**, 89, passed away October 31, 2020. Born to Niles and



Josephine Wedge in Zumbrota. He graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1949 and Carleton College in 1953 and remained a patron of Carleton his entire life. After college he enlisted in the US Army. Jim married Suzanne Collinge on June 22, 1957 in Zumbrota, a

union that lasted 59 years until Sue's death in 2016. Jim spent his professional career working for the family business, Wedge Lumber Co., and later bought the business with his brother Richard Wedge. Jim was active in the Boy Scouts earning the Eagle Scout award. Jim was very active in the



Zumbrota community serving on the Hospital Board, the Library Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission, EDA and Star City Commission, and was a volunteer on the Zumbrota Fire Department for 30 years. He was an active volunteer with the Cannon Valley Girl Scout Council and a lifelong member of First Congregational UCC. As a genealogy hobbyist Jim traced his ancestry to a Mayflower passenger, gaining him entry into the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as a 10th generation direct descendant.

**Frederick J. “Ted” MacDonald Jr.** age 98 of Lansing, Michigan, formerly of Horseheads, NY, passed away on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Frederick was born January 17, 1923 in Elmira, NY, the son of Frederick J. and Emily Louise Moss MacDonald. He graduated from Horseheads High



School in 1940 and completed his toolmaker apprenticeship at American LaFrance in Elmira, NY. Frederick was a Veteran of World War II, serving his country with The U.S. Navy from 1943 – 1946. He

received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson College in 1950. Ted married his wife Marilyn Hastings of Albion, Michigan in 1952. Frederick was a retired employee of the GM Oldsmobile Division in Lansing Michigan, a member of the GM Lansing Salary Retirees Club, The Mayflower Society, the 12<sup>th</sup> generation from passenger William White, and a member of The Albion, MI Elks Lodge.

**Katherine Cullen King**, 71, of Lake

Frederick, Virginia, passed away May 19, 2022 in Winchester, VA. She was the daughter of Frank Haywood Cullen, Sr. and Martha Haynes Cullen and was the wife of



Richard Leslie. She was born in Washington DC, grew up in Bethesda, MD and Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she graduated high school in 1968. She attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky and participated in the World Campus

Afloat program of Chapman College. Later, she graduated college with a BA from Oakland University, and an MA in American History from The University of Alabama. She was married in Louisville, TN on her birthday, November 24, 1979, and lived with her family in several southern. Katherine was a life-long genealogical researcher with an encyclopedic memory for names, dates and places. She was the author of a book on the Cullen family, authored articles for historical societies, and was actively doing research until her death. Her research into her own ancestors led her to historical study of early Virginia, colonial New York, early settlement of Wisconsin, and eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Maryland, the Carolinas and Alabama. She was a member or officer of many genealogical and historical societies including the Mayflower Society, Jamestown Society, DAR, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonists, and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

**Patricia Cooper Champion** passed away September 14, 2020 at Sterling Estates West Cobb in Marietta, Georgia. Pat was born September 20, 1924 in San Francisco, CA to parents Pearl Lamb and Sheldon Davis Cooper. Pat moved to Honolulu in

1930 when Hawaii was still a Territory. She loved reminiscing about what an interesting childhood she had. She was a high school senior and on her way to 8 o'clock mass on



December 7, 1941 when she heard the Japanese planes fly over and begin bombing Pearl Harbor. A few months later Pat met a young Navy Ensign from Tate, Georgia who had survived the bombing of his ship, the USS

California. They married less than a year later in Bremerton, Washington. After 17 years as an officer's wife and many moves, the family settled in Tate in 1960. When she became a widow in 1977, Pat stayed busy with family, bridge, genealogy research, and traveling the world. She was independent and active until about two years ago.

**George Atherton Chaffee, Jr.,** CPCU, ARM died on February 6, 2021 at the Residence at Quarry Hill, in South Burlington, VT, of complications from Alzheimer's disease



George was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, to Frances and George A. Chaffee, on May 27, 1938. He grew up in Warwick. He attended Northfield Mount Herman from 1954 to 1957 and obtained his

Engineering & Applied Physics AB degree

from Harvard University in 1960. George worked in the insurance business all of his life. He was Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter. He became Deputy Commissioner of the State of Vermont Banking & Insurance Department in 1977 and was appointed by Governor Richard Snelling as Commissioner of the department on March 21, 1980. While Commissioner, he introduced landmark enabling legislation in 1981, creating the Vermont Captive Insurance industry, eventually ensuring that the State of Vermont would become a domicile for the captive industry. Governor James Douglas cited George for his significant contribution in the State of Vermont being recognized as one of the world's leaders in the captive industry, and also contributing in a major way to Vermont's economic development.





## Welcome New Members

**Peter Grace -- Resolved**

**Adam Justin Martz -- Resolved**

**Sherrie Ann Trambly LaTourette  
-- Resolved**

## In Search Of Mayflower Pilgrim



Susanna White-Winslow

SUE ALLAN

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## Letters to the Editor

*Hello Cousin Michael,*

Great newsletter! Thanks for all your hard work in it!

*Cousin Jean Seeley*

*Hello Cousin Mike,*

Great Job Mike

Thanks,

*Cousin David*

*Hello Cousin Michael,*

Great edition!

*Cousin Judith Letchworth*

**Your letter here – in the  
January newsletter!**



Our Society Officers would appreciate it if you would consider paying your

2023 dues now, before the Holiday rush. The amount remains the same at

\$15.00, and you may prepay as many years as you wish.

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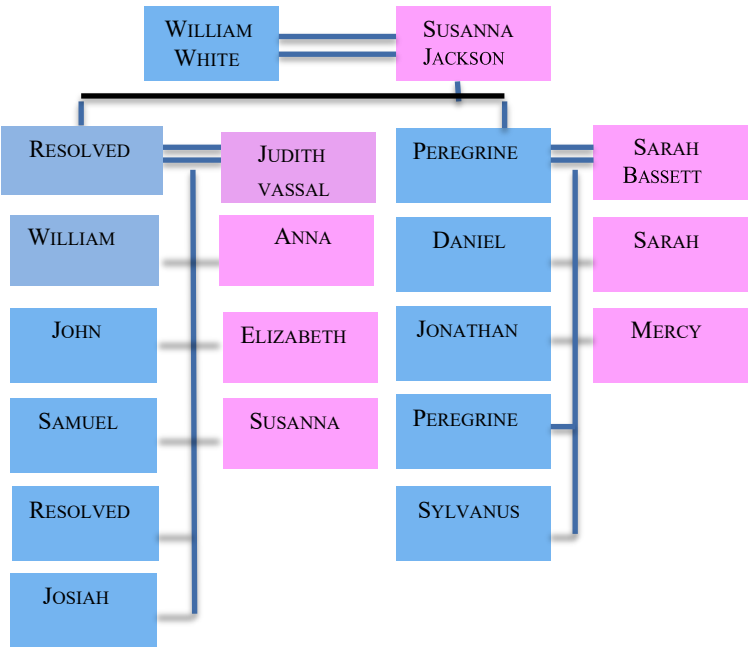
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Thank you for your cooperation

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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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