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Message from the Governor

Dear Cousins,

In our last newsletter issue, we were searching for Member #200 and we found him! Our family extends a special welcome to Robert Emmett Pollard of South Carolina who descends from Resolved.

This summer I spent some time at my closest genealogy public library with a friend whose family stories included tales of Mayflower descent. In her case, her line is from Priscilla Mullins and John Alden and the Silver Books will enable her to prove it. I took some time when I was there to re-visit the information in the *William White Silver Book*, the very volume that led me back to Peregrine, and not to Resolved as I had originally thought. (There are lots of William's in my line and in other lines that almost tripped me up.) I am grateful for the vision of the Mayflower Society GBOA who in 1959 approved the Silver Book Project. Many years of tedious research ensued until in 1975 we were gifted with the first William White Silver Book.

Did you use the Silver Book to verify your descent from William and Susanna? Do you have a Silver Book story? We love to hear from our members.

Have a happy summer!

With Warm Regards,

Ann



Governor Ann Wilkerson

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Cemetery Trip 2

By Cousin Susie Wuest

Earlier this year I wrote about visiting the recently-cleaned headstone of Resolved's daughter Anna White and her husband John Hayward in Concord Massachusetts. On our next trip to visit the grandkids, we drove to West Brookfield Massachusetts, about 20 miles west of Worcester. There, we visited the Old Indian Cemetery and found the tombstone for Anna White's daughter, **Judith Hayward** and **Captain Philip Goss II**, whom she married in 1699. He was a soldier in the French & Indian Wars.



Goss House in 1960



Old Indian Cemetery in 1960



Paul H. Goss, a genealogist, compiled the *Goss Family Manuscript*. In September 1960, he took a photo of the house Captain Goss built in 1704, and a photo of the Captain and Judith's headstone. We did not have enough time to find the house nor learn if it's still standing. That's for our next trip!

Paul Goss corrected lineage information and he proved our correct lineage so my relatives were able to join GSMD in the late 1940s. He was my 4th cousin 2X removed. My photos of today's cemetery are not quite at the same angle but definitely show the same cemetery. The tombstone is more legible in person than in the photos.

Inscription on the left: In Memory of Captain Philip Gofs who died Feb 13th 1747 in the 70th year of his age. Inscription on the right: In Memory of Mrs. Judith Gofs, wife of Cap Philp Gofs, who died April 18th 1748 in the 74th year of her age.



Inscription centered at the bottom: As you are now, so once were we, As we are now, so you will be.

Beyond 200

We reached 200 members this last month. Cousin Cristal Walters promises our future looks good with this photo of her grandkids and future PWWS members Audrey (5), Logan (3), and Levi at six months!



Looking for William White

In our last issue, we told you Sue Allan was looking for someone to appear as William White in her upcoming book: *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim William White*.

Cousin **Everett White** sent Sue a photo of his grandson **Wyatt Kilburn**. Wyatt is the son of member **Debra White**. He has a Pre-Med degree from Johns

Hopkins University and is currently a third-year student at Tuft's Medical school in Boston. He's also a licensed pilot. Everett says Wyatt looks like William, do you agree?



Modern Mayflower

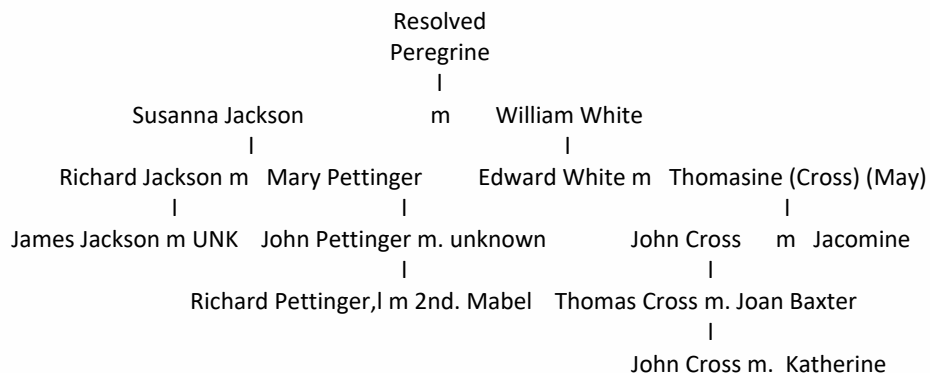
By Cousin Ann Wilkerson

My daughter is moving from California to Texas. I remembered how Mike booked with Mayflower moving anticipating a good photo for the newsletter – but a United truck showed up instead! I told my daughter to take a photo if that lovely ship was emblazoned on the van.



Let's sort out those Susanna and William Family Lines

By Cousin Alan Smith



The Richard Pettinger information derives from *In Search of Susanna White-Winslow*, p. 69
 The John Cross information derives from *The American Genealogist*, v.89.p. 94, 168f)

- Richard Pettinger, I by his first unknown wife
- Robert of Gleadthorpe, d. 1557
- Elizabeth m. –Asley
- Nicholas 1st, Rector of Babworth, d. 1559
- Dionysia m. - Vincent d. bef. 1556
- George of Worshop, d. 1557
- Richard II, parson of West Retford, d. after 1551
- Possibly Mary, wife of Edward Hodgson, d. after 1565

In Search of Susanna White- Winslow, p. 69

The father of the following is probably Richard II of West Retford (if not, then his brother George):

- Nicholas II, Parson of West Retford, father of Richard, III
- George, father of John, Stephen, Margaret, Barbara, Isobel and Alice
- William, vicar of Mattersey, married to Isabell and father of William and Simon
- Simon
- Lacie

In Search of Susanna White-Winslow, p. 64-68

The Whites are from Wisbech and Amsterdam; the Jackson's from Braithwell, Spalding and Scrooby; the Pettinger's from Carlton in Lindrick

Pilgrim Monument and Museum

by Cousin Helen Krispien

On a warm, but clear, sunny summer day, my visit to the historic Pilgrim Monument and Museum in Provincetown on Cape Cod offered some spectacular views of Cape Cod, the bay, Macmillan Wharf, and even Boston. The Pilgrims first landed and spent five and a half weeks in Provincetown before sailing across the bay to Plymouth for a permanent settlement.

Provincetown is now designated as one of the top twelve historic places in the country. The imposing Pilgrim monument is the tallest granite structure in the United States and was built between 1907 and 1910, to honor the Pilgrims first landing, and the signing of the historic Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor. President



Teddy Roosevelt laid the cornerstone in 1907 and the monument was dedicated in 1910 by President Taft. It is 252 feet by 7.5 inches (77 meters) tall and rises 350 feet above sea level. The campanile mirrors an Italian free-standing bell tower. It has 116 steps and 60 ramps. As you climb to the top, which might take about 10 minutes, (actually, I did make it to the top), interior stones donated by towns and organizations can be seen.



The museum at the base of the monument is well worth a look-see, with comprehensive exhibits depicting

Provincetown and Cape Cod history. Not only is Provincetown well-known for its maritime past, and artists' colony, but so much more. A part of the permanent exhibit since 2020 is "Our Story," which takes a more introspective look at the Wampanoag and Pilgrims complicated past with large murals and written words that bring forward a little-known aspect of the Pilgrims actions while at Provincetown.



As the Pilgrims explored the dense forest above the beach, the exploring party came upon the deserted Nauset Indian village. The Nauset Indians created a part of the Wampanoag tribe. Upon exploration of the deserted village, in what is now present-day Truro, Massachusetts, they uncovered smooth sand which indicated something rested below the surface. The Pilgrims excavated the area and uncovered Indian flint corn stored for the winter in wicker baskets. The baskets were filled with yellow, red, and blue corn that was used as seed stock for their summer plantings. In desperate circumstances with food insecurities paramount, the need for survival propelled the Pilgrim men to poach the corn which totaled fourteen baskets. The men promised to reimburse the Nausets, and did trade fairly with the Nauset chief, Aspinet. The corn planted was harvested and served at the first Thanksgiving.

Before leaving the museum and tower, check out the inclined elevator and enjoy a scenic ride. In 2022 the Museum located on High Pole Hill extended its access down to the bustling downtown of Commercial Street with an inclined elevator. Mainly seen in Europe, this innovative device elevates visitors from Bradford's Bas Relief Park to

the top of High Pole Hill in under one minute. Actually, there are just two elevators like this in Massachusetts and the Bradford one is the only one accessible to the public. It's a fun and scenic experience and a great way to further explore this lovely part of Cape Cod.



Pilgrim Videos

Sue Allan is known to us for her work on Susanna Jackson White, particularly her book *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White Winslow*. If you have not visited her website - <https://mayflowermaid.com>, take some time out and go visit.

Of particular interest are Sue's "Pilgrim Videos" where she uses still photos and music to tell the Pilgrim story. Here is her line up:

- Stepping out from the Shadow of Men-the Story of Separatist Women
- In Search of Governor William Bradford
- A Very Brief History of Susana White Winslow
- Susanna's Early life at Scrooby Manor
- Susanna's Father and William Brewster
- Marriage, Amsterdam, and the *Mayflower*
- A Very Brief View of William Brewster
- Brewster's Early Life

- A New King
- Persecution
- From Leiden to the New World
- In the Shadow of Men – the Lives of Separatist Women
- The Mayflower Maid's Gainsborough Old Hall
- In Search of William Brewster & Scrooby Manor

PWWS Author

We just recently learned two of our founding members, James & Frank Fowler, have passed (obits follow). Denise Fowler Panter informed us of the passing.

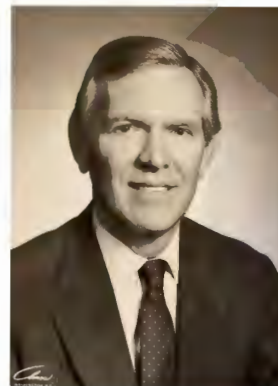
Cousin Prarie Counce remembers Denise's father was our organizing Deputy Governor. Her uncle, Frank Fowler was an author. Prarie read two of his books: *High-mountain Two-manner*, and *Relative Humility*. The first about his job as a smokejumper in Montana, and the second book about his experiences in the Army in Germany. Prarie says both were insightful into Frank's life and very enjoyable reading. According to Jim, it was Frank who got Jim interested in his genealogy.

Frank's books can be found at <https://www.everand.com/author/491344663/Frank-Fowler>

Final Pilgrimage

James "Jim" Edward Fowler

of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, passed away Monday, January 23, 2023, at his



residence with his beloved wife, Carolyn, by his side. Mr. Fowler was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Fowler on May 4, 1938, in Washington, D.C. He received his education in Public Relations at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he

graduated with high honors in 1962. From 1969 to 1999, he dedicated his career to the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel, Inc. (ISIS), which later became the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI), as the result of a merger in May of 1987. He retired as their Publisher and Editorial Director, SCRAP magazine, December 31, 1999. During his tenure there, he was awarded the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award for excellence in special events for the association's 50th Anniversary, in 1979.

Mr. Fowler was a longtime member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (having been a descendant of Pilgrim William White) and actively served in several offices in the Maryland Mayflower Society. Additionally, he was one of the founding members of the William White Society, serving as its interim Deputy Governor during the organization period. When he and his wife relocated to Alabama, he also became a member of the Alabama Mayflower Society.

Mr. Fowler was an avid reader who had a fondness for music and gardening, and would never turn down a game of cribbage. He enjoyed college football (Go Terps; fear the turtle!) and he loved to travel. He was charming and witty, and his sense of humor and story-telling abilities will be greatly missed by those who know and love him.

James and his wife, Carolyn, were married in the University of Maryland Chapel at College Park, MD on September 10, 1960. They went on to have four daughters, who in turn gave him many grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom gave him great joy. Mr. Fowler is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Willie Fowler, as well as his only sister, Susan (Fowler) Kallmeyer. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Carolyn, and his daughters Denise Panter (Todd) of New Market, AL, Julia Shryock (Michael) of Hague, VA, Cynthia Barnes (Edward) of Skillman, NJ, and Laura Cable

(Joseph) of Corpus Christi, TX, as well as fifteen grandchildren, Jocelyn Merkel (Jason), James Panter (Kim), Michael Shryock Jr. (Erin), Benjamin Shryock (Stephanie), Cecilia Luna (Bernie), Hazen Shryock, Lucy Shryock, Matthew Barnes, Megan Barnes, Nicholas Barnes (Alivia), Alison Cable, Jasper Cable, Wendy Cable, Fowler Cable, and Liesl Cable, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews and a large extended family. Mr. Fowler will be interred at Hampton Cove Cemetery.

Frank Austin Fowler

was embraced by family and friends as he passed away on May 13, 2024, at Barrett Hospital in Dillon, Montana. He was 92.

Frank was born on May 5, 1932 in Washington D.C. to Wallace William Fowler and Helen Peabody Marsh. Frank was the youngest of eight, preceded by Bruce, Ella, Earl, Hazel, Daniel, William, and June.

Frank had a great love of anything outdoors hiking, fishing, skiing, gathering firewood for the winters, and gardening. After high school, he began a cross-country journey that took him west to the Rocky Mountains and he never looked back. He proudly put himself through Montana State University (now U of M) in Missoula for four years studying forestry (1950-1954). During these years, he met his life-long friend Alicejane Carkeek.



His first summer in Montana was spent at Fort Keogh with the US Forest Service where Frank learned of the Smokejumpers. He had 28 epic jumps during his tenure with the Smokejumpers. He wrote to his mother about his adventures and those letters later served as the foundation for his book *High-Mountain Two-Manner*.

The Army detoured Frank in 1955 and he spent two years serving in office administration and traveling throughout Europe. Many years later, he wrote another book of his mischievous and trying times with the army, *Relative Humility* (not a typo).

When he returned, he and Alicejane "Corky" Carkeek were married in Butte, Montana (1957). Their first adventure as a married couple took them to Sullivan Lake Ranger Station in Washington. Frank had various assignments, and took many trips in the back country, a tradition he carried on for decades. He continued bouncing around Idaho, Montana, and Washington before landing in Dillon, Montana where Frank and Corky settled into raising their family. Somewhere in this time frame, he discovered Huckleberries, and many summers were spent in the pursuit of the tart purple gems that he so cherished, especially the "reds".

In his later years, Frank began tracing his genealogy, spending countless hours traveling and documenting monumental information on his family tree and compiling the dates, names, and stories to pass around the rest of the family. Frank took great pride in the family lineage, dating all the way back to the *Mayflower* and becoming a founding member of the William White Society.

Frank spent the last few years of his life writing stories for the Smokejumper's Magazine, completing as many puzzles as he could get his hands on, sitting with his feet up listening to music, and enjoying the pleasures found in an ice cream sandwich. He had a humorous outlook on the absurdities of life, and he had a way of making us see that things cannot be taken so seriously. Frank lived ardently by the outlook that we may not know everything there is to know in life, but the pursuit of knowledge is one of the greatest ways to pass time and conversation. Frank's passing has left a hole in the hearts

of many. His stories and passions will continue to live on through his family and friends. With his final jump, he leaves behind Son Chris (Rachael), Daughter Jody (Ed), Grandchildren Ethan (Rachael), Kira, Jacob, and Sean, as well as Great-grandsons Logan and Lucas.

Dues Reminder

Send your \$15 Dues to Susie Wuest 12283 Rockledge Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33428.

<p style="text-align: center;">2021-2026 SOCIETY OFFICERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNOR ANN WILKERSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPUTY GOVERNOR ELLA-MARIE OCHOWICZ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECORDING SECRETARY BETSIÉ GRICAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORRESPONDING SECRETARY PATRICK WHITE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TREASURER SUSIE WUEST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIAN BARBARA WILLIAMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAPTAIN CHARLES PROVOST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELDER KENNETH WHITMORE, JR.</p>
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Welcome New Members

Robert Emmett Pollard -- Resolved

Denise Elaine Fowler Panter -- Peregrine

John Everett Young -- Peregrine

Wade Robert Brown -- Resolved

Letters to the Editor

Dear Cousin Mike,

Thank you so much for all your hard work in getting the newsletter out each time. I enjoy reading them so much and learning more details about our family. I want to say I love Sue Allan's book about Susanna. It really put her life in perspective for me. It is still so hard for me to believe that after that 1st year, she was only one of four women left. To think of all the responsibilities! Not only did those four women take care of their own children and husband but had to help with all the other families who no longer had a mother, wife... to help. I'm looking forward to her next book about William. I'm sure Sue will do a wonderful job. Stephen O'Neill also has a book coming out (I hope soon) about Resolved. Exciting reading coming for us all! Thank you again for all your work.

Linda Cox Smith (Peregrine)

Hello Cousin Mike,

Thank you so much Michael.

Cousin Carol Young

Hello Mike,

Thanks. Another EXCELLENT Newsletter! I hope the White Society appreciates you because you are a wonderful editor!

Beth Lambright

Member at Large
Education Committee Chairman

**General Society of Mayflower
Descendants**

Hello Mike,

Many thanks for your enthusiasm that there is or may be a PWWS connection to the Fairbanks House and Museum! I had no idea that my email inquiry would be posted in your newsletter, I would have caught my spelling error ("Dedham", not "Dedhamn") had I known it would be printed. Eek.)

I am excited for this new-found (probable) connection. In addition to the Fairbanks House and Museum, I would like to point out my cousins' Fairbanks family website in case you are interested to read more about "all things Fairbanks".

<https://www.fairbankshistory.com/colonial-history/2appexi074g1kkx537c8qxdh6c5h0x>

I wonder how many Fairbanks family members you have in the PWWS and where the paths have crossed before (if on other generations than the one I suggested).

How exciting for us all.

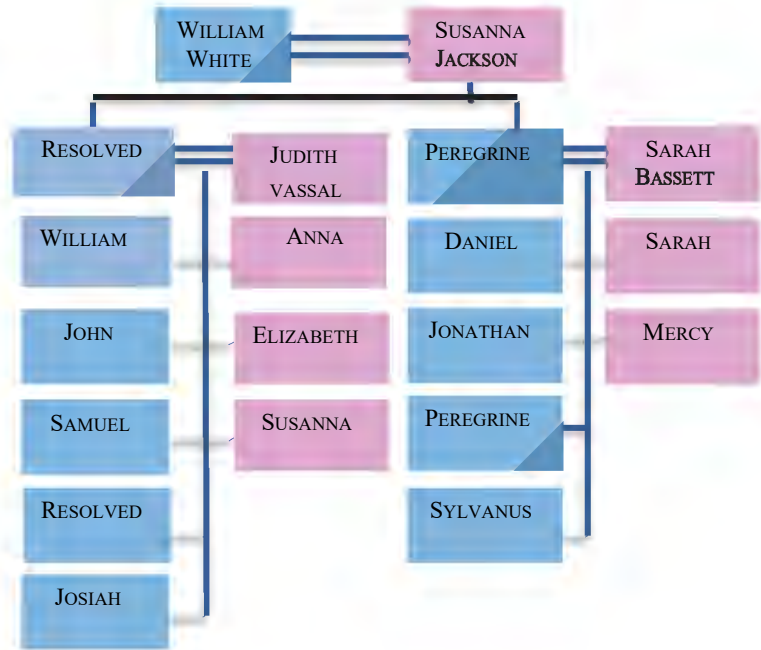
Sincerely,

Allison Stabile

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

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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