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Message from the Governor

Dear Cousins,

I am obsessed with all things Mayflower. My husband Keith and I were excited to cruise to Norway and Iceland this past summer, and to put the icing on the cake, our ship was to leave from Southampton! The same Southampton where the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* met up to start the journey to what would become Plymouth Colony! Keith and I arrived a few days ahead of our cruise in order to explore Southampton and to pay homage to our ancestors who sailed from this port 404 years ago.

My photo [see next page] is at the Pilgrim Father's Memorial, erected in 1913 on Southampton's Western Esplanade, as near as possible to the place where the *Mayflower* would have been docked. The column rises fifty feet and is topped by a cupola covered in white and blue mosaic glass, and on top of that is a copper Mayflower weathervane. The memorial cost £600, but support for the project was not unanimous. Some local citizens said that the Pilgrims were irrelevant to modern Southampton and that a monument would be celebrating "unpatriotic" and "murdering rascals." Fortunately, Fossey John Cobb, a professor at Southampton's University College, believed that interest in the past was a way to promote civic pride in the present. Cobb stated in 1910 "to have given shelter to the *Mayflower* for a fortnight during the course of that memorable voyage is an honor of which Southampton has good reason to be proud." Cobb's thinking prevailed.

That part of the waterfront has now been filled in, but it was not difficult for me to imagine that Susanna and William and Resolved would have walked in this very spot.

With Warm Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Ann



Governor Ann Wilkerson

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Southampton, UK

Photos by Ann Wilkerson



White Family Reunion

Please join your cousins on a ZOOM call on Thursday, November 14th at 8 Eastern/ 7 Central/ 6 Mountain/ 5 Pacific. Cousin Alan Smith will give a presentation on “Celebrations of the Mayflower Landing” and we will enjoy an informal get together. A ZOOM Invitation will be emailed to you in the next few weeks. Save the date!

Milton and Helene delayed our original planned meeting. We have over 40 members in the states the storm devastated.

Corn Hill Markers

by Cousin Helen Krispien

In the last edition of the newsletter, I wrote about the "Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum." This time around, I would like to contribute a brief additional summary to highlight "Corn Hill" in historic Truro, Massachusetts. Corn Hill was where the Pilgrims poached the Indians stores of corn.

According to Historian James Baker,

“There is no statue at Corn Hill but rather a plaque down on Truro beach and a marker on the hill itself,” he said “There were sixteen Pilgrims from the scouting party led by Miles



Standish, Stephen Hopkins and Edward Tilley who uncovered the precious Indian corn which they called Corn Hill. He continued, “It was here on September 7, 1898, the General Council of Mayflower Descendants placed a granite marker inscribed "Corn Hill/1620.” Baker added, "It is surrounded by private properties today.

At the foot of the hill on the beach stands a bronze memorial plaque on a boulder placed



during the 1920 Tercentennial. It reads: “On this spot which they called Corn Hill (1620 Old style). And sure it was gods good providence /that we found this corn for else /we know not we should have done.” The sole account of the scouting party is in “Mourts Relation,” Provincetown Tercentenary Commission.

Happy Thanksgiving and don't forget to enjoy some Indian pudding which is America's oldest dessert!

Know Their Names

By Cousin Donna Crosby

I have JUST (about) PROVEN that **William White** is a PLANTAGENET through his father's WHITE line and is connected somehow to the **FOLIOT** line -- no wonder Winslow married Susanna!! Bet he knew William was related to him and why he married Susannah to HELP raise his PLANTAGENT line as related to him through

his mother's Foliot line! and when I can absolutely prove it, I will sing out!!

I have three **Foliot** names in my database that shows me as a direct from them -- so now I am on the hunt to try to find the names of the parents of **Edward Winslow**, as his mother was a Foliot as well. I am willing to bet a buck that my Foliot ancestors are somehow connected to this same Edward Winslow Foliot lineage. Now wouldn't that be a HOOT if I am related to Edward Winslow and now through both of Susannah Jackson-White's husbands? BTW, I have the portrait of Edward hanging over the mantel of my fireplace -- people call my house *The Crosby Museum!*

Still missing my Ed (after 64 years together) it has been difficult, but to my amazement, I recently found he and I share common ancestors: **John Gillham** and **Sarah Clark**. Ed descends from their first son James Harvey Gillham, while I descend from his brother Ryderous Clark Gillham. So we are 4th cousins!!! Who knew??? Now my next utter amazement, (I have followed my Grandfather Gillham's family tradition that you **need** to "know their names so they are not forgotten") yesterday while searching for lineages on my maternal lines (with over 38,000 names of my blood relatives), I discovered the name **Edward Doty** and that he is my #? great grandfather!!! Stunned that I did not already know and remember this, I started digging, and then I discovered why.

From me down 4 generations, I have my ancestor **Moses Cooper, Sr.** (1727-1777 in PA), married **Mary Doty**, daughter of **Jonathan Doty** and **Mary Duane**. Yesterday, while trying to unravel & prove this information, I have written in the margin that someone shows her as a daughter of Solomon Doty and **Bethel Seaman**.

If anyone can point me to a place that identifies data for **Moses Cooper, Sr** and

wife **Mary Doty** (b 1723 in NJ, d in/after 1777 in PA) I will be thrilled.

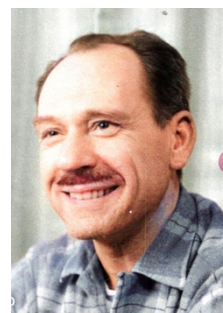
If you know their names, they are not forgotten my Grandfather Gillham branded on my heart!

My Grandfather Carl Onas Deboard

By Cousin Jenny Webb

Recently, when I mailed in my TPWWS dues, I noted that Treasurer Susie Wuest’s Post Office address was in Boca Raton, Florida. This brought to mind my maternal grandparents, who once lived in Boca Raton. My maternal grandfather was a Mayflower descendant who, although he engaged in ancestral research in his later years, lived during a time without the benefits of technology and databases to accelerate and augment his search.

My grandfather was a descendant of the Whites: William, Susannah Jackson White Winslow, and Resolved.



Through a fortuitous connection with a GSMD member, I, his granddaughter, was introduced to my maternal Mayflower heritage circa 2019. However, my grandfather died unaware of his Mayflower heritage. Now

in 2024, I introduce my grandfather, **Carl Onas DeBoard**, a Mayflower descendant.

He was born in White County, Illinois, in 1909. When only four or five years old, grandfather’s drowning was written up in an Illinois newspaper. He was fished out of a well with a garden rake and was revived by being thrown over someone’s shoulder and jostled as the man jumped up and down.

My grandfather left home circa 1923, at about 15 years of age, traveling the western states and riding the rails (hoboing). He found work on ranches and

did labor during wheat harvest. At one time he worked as a cowboy near Laramie, Wyoming. He worked on the largest sheep ranch in Montana. It was during this time period when he met my grandmother in Oklahoma around 1933.

Grandfather had a limited education (7th or 8th grade) but was a self-taught, intelligent, creative, and adventurous dreamer. Reportedly, he carried around the Thorndike Dictionary and developed a phenomenal vocabulary. Further, he completed a correspondence course in math and engineering before WWII. Circa 1942, my grandfather worked for International Steel in Evansville, Indiana. While working in this capacity, he designed vertical window and door covering slats; when he submitted



his drawings to management, he never saw them again and felt his idea had been stolen. On another occasion, he was able to draft and do steel layout for a project with the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC);

the project was to build a complex structure with intersections from all directions. Although the company engineers were not able to do the layout to meet the deadline, my grandfather with approximately a seventh-grade formal education did so successfully and was rewarded a significant promotion.

In 1951, my grandfather uprooted his family and adventured off to Alaska. He and my uncle once contracted their building services to Alaska’s most famous artist, Norman Lowell



[museum in Anchor Point, Alaska]. Norman Lowell traded several of his paintings to my grandfather in exchange for building of his



house. Our family is still in possession of these paintings. In another capacity, grandfather worked for Elmendorf Air Force Base; he helped build and/or maintain radar stations. He would sometimes be flown over Alaska and even went to remote sites like the Aleutian Islands.



During his travels and Alaskan experiences, my grandfather took beautiful photos of the natural landscape, flowers, animals, and the native people. He

visited Eskimo villages and made friends.

In Grandfather's retirement, he and my grandmother bought, rented out, and maintained rental homes. At the time of my grandfather's death, they were managing approximately fifteen homes in Andrews, Texas. Grandfather lived 73 years and died in 1983 of colon cancer. From my understanding, he had never been to the doctor a day in his life prior to the cancer. In his last year(s), my grandmother often found him on early mornings in the kitchen at the breakfast table reading his Bible. A year or two before his death, grandfather became a Christian. In conclusion, Carl O. DeBoard's life was filled with travel, adventure, and accomplishments; yet, I believe that his final quest led to the most important decision of his life.

[much of the above history about my grandfather, Carl O. DeBoard, was gleaned from memories of his four children (including my mother) which were included in a family history book, James Isaac and Maggie Jane's Family, compiled by Mark Masoner, unpublished work, 2015]

Mayflower Poem

By Cousin Denise Panter

Much has been written about the *Mayflower* and her perilous journey at sea,

And the pilgrims on board who staunchly endured in pursuit of religious liberty.

The journey was stormy, fraught with peril, leaving them weakened and weary,

But as they looked to the shore of the land they ahoy'd, their spirits were lifted and steadied.

The family of White, Susanna and William, along with Resolved, their son,

Were blessed with great joy at the birth of a boy, Peregrine, a new life in a new world begun.

William White left his mark—this trip was no lark—when he signed the Mayflower Compact.

But then sadly fell ill, in the fierce winter chill, and the community felt his lack.

Both his sons figured prominently in the history of this new colony, as leaders of soldiers and men.

They helped shape our country's destiny, by wit and tenacity, learned and skilled with a pen.

And from them and their progeny, from that time in our history, the White family grew and expanded.

Until generations later, blessed by our great Creator, cousins indeed abounded.

Financial Statements

This is our 2023 Year-end statements.
 Membership Dues of \$2,070 includes 138 members and friends.

Thanks,
 Susie Wuest
 Treasurer

2021-2026
SOCIETY OFFICERS
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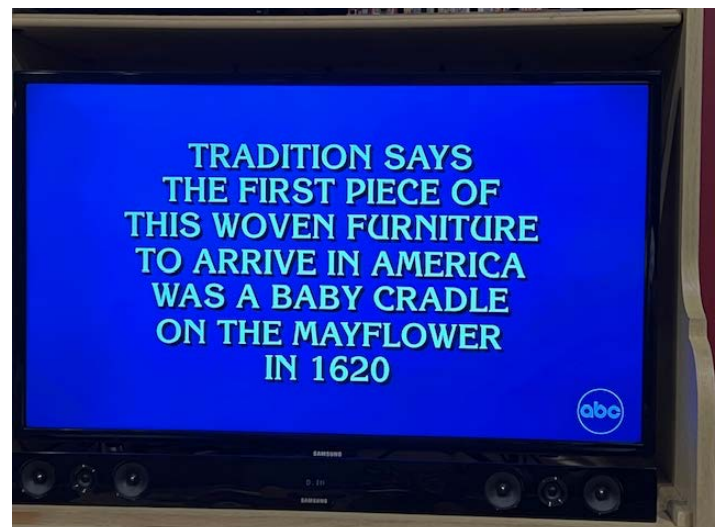
The Pilgrim William White Society Balance Sheet Summary As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, '23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	12,914.92
Vanguard Investments	1,276.56
Total Current Assets	14,191.48
TOTAL ASSETS	14,191.48
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	1,705.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,705.00
Total Liabilities	1,705.00
Equity	12,486.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	14,191.48

The Pilgrim William White Society Profit and Loss Standard January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec '23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank adjustment	0.20
Society dinner-9/11/23	1,750.00
Program Income	
New "Friend" Member	75.00
New Member	275.00
Membership Dues	2,070.00
Total Program Income	2,420.00
Total Income	4,170.20
Expense	
Donations	650.00
Business Expenses	
Business Expenses - Other	119.88
Total Business Expenses	119.88
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	2,307.32
Total Travel and Meetings	2,307.32
Total Expense	3,077.20
Net Ordinary Income	1,093.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Vanguard Revenue	163.07
Total Other Income	163.07
Net Other Income	163.07
Net Income	1,256.07

I'll take Furniture for \$400 Please



Answer – What is Wicker?
 Peregrine's cradle in Plymouth Museum



Final Pilgrimage

Donarita Vocca (Priddle)

passed peacefully on July 1, 2022 at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur and Eydelle Priddle.

Donarita is survived by her sister Vicki Priddle and her three children, Mark Vocca, Scott Vocca, and Charleen Leonard. She is also survived by grandchildren, Shannon, Nicole, Taylor, Mackenzie, Kendall and Kayleigh; and great-grandchildren, Scott, Ryan, Sawyer, Vincent, Hannah, Thor and Jay.



A graduate of Ashtabula High, she went on to receive her Bachelors from Ohio Dominican in 1977 and Masters from Kent State in 1983.

Donarita worked as a librarian at Orchard Hollow School in Mentor and after moving to Florida became the head librarian at Azalea Library in Pinellas County.

Her passion for children's literature, fairy tales and her Scottish heritage led Donarita to become a well-known story teller. Her story hours at Azalea for children and adults were always well attended. She was also a guest story teller at national gatherings and worked throughout her career to bring the spoken word to the hearing-impaired.

Donarita was an avid historian and genealogy researcher. She was a member of the Mayflower Society and the Caladesi Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as their chaplain.

It is fitting to end with a quote from her 2011 invocation speech to the DAR chapter regarding the importance of keeping history alive.

"Let us remember the people of

yesterday who, through the wilderness and water, pushed their way to this land. Renew in us the spirit of the people who graced this place and left their footprints in the sand."

Virginia A. Frisone (nee Tilton)

, 96 of Copley died July 18, 2023. She was born on October 5, 1926 in Groton,

NY. Virginia was married to Gino J. Frisone on June 27, 1948 in Poughkeepsie, NY. She loved to travel and was an avid golfer, artist, genealogist, and square dancer with the Norton Grand Squares. Virginia discovered through her genealogy research that her family



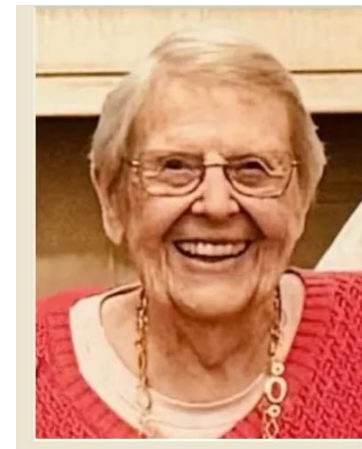
are *Mayflower* descendants, twice over.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Gino; two sons, Stephen, and Dennis; sisters, Phyllis Tilton, Beverly Bathrick, and Louise Winter; and a brother, Floyd Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Peters of Copley; son, Jeffery of Saint-ely-la-Glaciere, France; granddaughters, Eyo Bella of NM, Tro Ota of WA, and Sarah Brockman of CA.

H. Joy Millard (Irons)

HELEN JOY MILLARD (IRONS), departed

this earth on Monday, February 5, 2024 at the age of 98 years old. She was the wife of the late Theodore R Millard to whom she was married 57 years.



Born in Providence, the daughter of the late Irving W. & Helen J.

(Myers) Irons. She lived in Rhode Island all of her life having resided in Providence, Smithfield, and East Providence.

Joy was a 1942 graduate of Hope High School in Providence. She had been employed as a Textile Mender in the Wanskuck Mills, as an insurance clerk for Pieper & Wilder, GL & HJ Gross, as a Brokerage Placer for New Providence Insurance Corporation, finally retiring from the position of Personnel/Payroll Services Manager with Allendale Insurance Company, a predecessor company of FM Global. She was a 23-year member of the Roger William Baptist Church in Providence, a 58-year member of Hope Congregational UCC in East Providence before becoming a member of Seekonk Congregational Church UCC in 2016. Joy was a member of the RI Mayflower Society and the Pawtucket Chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution. In her senior years, she lived in comfort and dignity at Winslow Gardens, a facility of the Aldersbridge Communities in East Providence where she devoted many volunteer hours in productive support of their activities and purpose.

She is survived by her beloved sister-in-love Carol W. Irons of Annandale VA, and her three sons, Theodore "TR" and his wife Elaine Millard of Norton MA, Stephen Millard and his wife Jarrett of Charlottesville VA and Paul D. Millard and his wife Joann of Knightdale, NC, five grandchildren, Christian E. Millard of Charlottesville, VA, grandmother of the late Marisa C. Millard, Scott F. Millard and his wife Denise of Hopkinton MA, Katherine J. Toole of Norton MA, David M. Millard, and his wife Megan of Durham NC, six great-grandchildren, Emma K. Toole, Nicholas M. Toole both of Norton MA, Taylor C. Millard, Ryan S. Millard of both of Hopkinton MA, Christian A. Millard, and Courtney A. Millard both of Charlottesville VA. She was the sister of the late, Irving W. Irons, Jr., Raymond H. Irons, Bertrand A. Irons, Milton E. Irons, and

sister Mildred F. Millard.

Welcome New Members



Sadly

None

Letters to the Editor

Dear Cousin Mike,

Again, a wonderful newsletter!

Cousin Barbara Williams

To ALL of our White cousins,

Thank you for your participation in The Pilgrim William White Society. The Society and its 'newsletter' are important tools to maintaining our heritage by enabling us to teach our families, friends, schools about these United States. The newsletter stories contribute to enlivening genealogical presentations in schools, GMSD sponsored events and just talks.

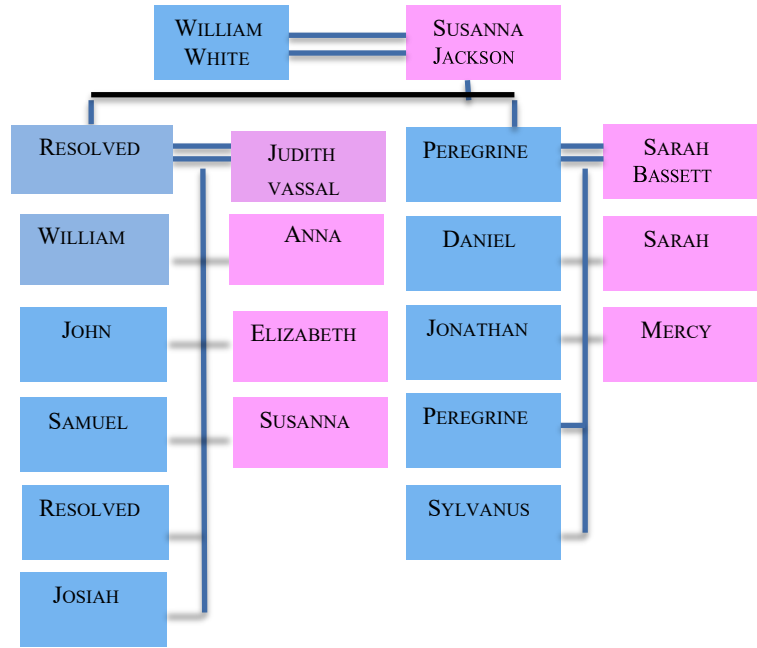
Thank you for your contributions.

Cousin Richard Burke

**Your letter here – in the
January 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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