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Message from the Governor

Dear Cousins,

Who was William White? His early death during the first winter in Plymouth has resulted in fewer clues about him than those about other *Mayflower* passengers. In the absence of more robust documents, I turned to AI to try to put a face and personality on our grandfather, William White, Shoemaker. Here is what I found:

Skills and Expertise

- leather cutting, stitching, assembling
- knowledge of shoe design, pattern making, properties of leather
- attention to details of fit and measurement
- strong hand-eye coordination, and fine motor skills

Personal Traits

- artistic
- creative
- methodical and reliable
- patient and persistent
- adaptable and innovative
- business-oriented

Are you creative and do you enjoy working with your hands? Do you plan carefully before executing a project? Do you have marketing or accounting skills? Do you like to please others?

If you answered yes to the above, then maybe it is in your genes.

All the Best,

Ann

With thanks to Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal for their discovery of William White's Shoemaker profession



Governor Ann Wilkerson

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Scrooby For Sale!

Both Sue Alan and Ann Wilkerson posted on their Facebook pages that Scrooby was for sale. Apparently, they were both searching for a retirement venue.

Ann notes “our beloved Scrooby Manor, childhood home of our grandmother Susanna Jackson White is for sale! Do we have a wealthy benefactor who will donate just £2 million so we can keep this beautiful property in the family?” Yes cousins, a mere £2 million!



Scrooby Manor – A Titled English Estate of Historic Significance

Own more than just a property—inherit a legacy. Welcome to Scrooby Manor, a Grade II listed historic estate with roots stretching back to the 15th century and earlier. Once part of the medieval palace complex of the Archbishops of York, the site later became royal property under Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey, before playing host to some of the most important figures in early American history William Brewster, William Bradford, Richard Clyfton, and Richard Jackson, all key members of the Pilgrim Fathers.

Recent scientific analysis of the timber used in the manor revealed that the wood was felled between 1482 and 1515, meaning parts of the building are well over 500 years old. The oak used was from trees that had already lived for around 170 years, most likely grown and harvested locally, a powerful reminder of the estate’s deep connection to its land and region. Included with the title deeds is a rare legal right to use the historic honorifics “Lord and Lady of the Manor of Scrooby”, offering owners not just a property, but a

place in history.

Set within approximately 12 acres, including 5 acres designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument, the manor offers both unparalleled heritage and potential for sensitive development, thanks to existing building footprints and multiple outbuildings.

Did you get that? The owners would be Lord & Lady of the Manor – for just £2 million!

You can see the offer at

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/properties/164255333#/?channel=RES_BUY

It’s worth visiting the site because of the excellent photos and video the estate agent has posted.

Over 90?

The Pilgrim William White Society wishes to honor our over 90 years old members by waiving the annual \$15 membership fee. We hope this small but heartfelt allowance will enable you to remain a member for years to come! Our Historian, Barbara Williams, plans to reach out for comments. Our second such cousin is Dorothy Hagan.

Dorothy Hagan

Dorothy Anderson Pringle Hagen was born in Texas during the Great Depression, raised in Houston primarily by her grandparents after her parents’ divorce. Surrounded by family stories and traditions, she developed a love of learning early on. At Longfellow Elementary, she began helping younger children—an early



sign of her calling as a teacher. She graduated high school early, taught at a private school while attending the University of Houston, joined a service sorority, led a Girl Scout troop, and met her future husband, Gene Pringle.

Married in 1949, Dorothy and Gene moved to San Antonio, where she taught first grade and earned her teaching certificate. Gene's government career took them abroad, beginning with a road trip through the South, a voyage on the Queen Mary, and postings in Taiwan, England, Iran, and South Africa. Along the way, they raised four children. Wherever they lived, Dorothy embraced local cultures, taught in American and international schools, volunteered with the Red Cross, led Girl Scouts, and explored historic sites and natural wonders—from Michelangelo's David in Florence to sledding beneath Mount Damavand in Iran.

In 1964, the family settled in Virginia. Dorothy began teaching kindergarten at home and soon founded a nonprofit school for children excluded from public education. After divorcing in 1970, she moved to Lynchburg, where she continued pioneering work in special education and started another school for profoundly disabled students.

In retirement, she delved into genealogy, joining the DAR, Mayflower Society and Colonial Dames, which sparked new travels and connections. She explored North America, Europe, and Africa with friends and family, from Yellowstone to Scotland to Kruger Park. Asked her favorite place, she listed many—Bangkok, Rome, Venice, Hong Kong—each destination a story, a lesson, and a cherished memory in a life defined by curiosity, compassion, and adventure.

What Did You Do During the War?

AMERICA



If you have a Pilgrim Ancestor, then you have family that lived the American Revolution. During the Semiquincentennial, why not tell your cousins what your ancestor was doing – A Tory? A Loyalist? A Patriot? A Neutral? Here is the latest installments:

Captain William Chamberlain

From Cousin Prairie Counce

William Chamberlain, is cousin Prairie Counce's Revolutionary Ancestor. He was the youngest of four sons of Joseph and Mary Johnson Chamberlain, born on Jan 25, 1745 in the town of Tolland, Hartford Co, CT. On March 27, 1767, at the age of 22, William married 19 y/o Abigail Hatch, born Nov 9, 1742 in Kent, Hartford, Ct. in Amenia, Dutchess Co, NY. William was on the safety committee in Amenia and signed the Association Pledge.

William served in the Dutchess County Militia – Third Regiment under Col John Field and Col Andrew Morehouse. From the pension statement of Pvt Silas Reed, one of the men under his command, in Dec 1776, we know that



William and Lieutenant Reuben Doty marched men through White Plains to West Chester County where they stayed 3 months "performing arduous and hazardous military service". In Autumn 1777, Chamberlain marched his troops from Fishkill Encampment (built by Gen. Gates under the order of George Washington) to the Highlands of the Hudson Valley (not far from West Point) then to Rhinebeck when the British Fleet returned after burning the Dutch town of Esopus (renamed Kingston, the first Capitol of NY State).

The American Participants at the Battles of Saratoga reports that William served as Captain at both the battle of Bennington which took place August 16, 1777 at Walloomsac, New York, about 10 miles from its namesake, Bennington, Vermont, defeating the British, and the final battle of Saratoga lead by General Horatio Gates and defeating British Gen. John Burgoyne October 7, 1777 thereby foiling the British plan to separate the Northern troops from Southern troops. An early turning point in the American Revolution.

Captain Chamberlain is also the ancestor of these TPWWS members:

J. Benese Scherrer
Tiffany Chamberlain
Michaëlle Chamberlain
David Counce, Jr.
Elizabeth Danford
Lena Danford
Ben Danford

Philip, Nathaniel, and Ebenezer Goss

From Cousin Marcha Hunt

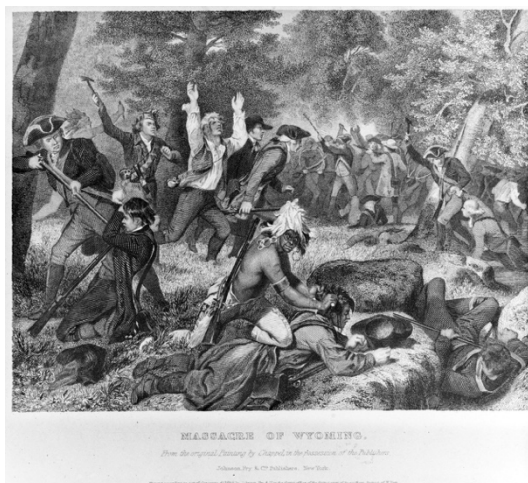
My Revolutionary War patriots, sons and grandsons of Philip and Keziah (Cooley) Goss, who served in the Revolution. All are descendants of Resolved White.

Son Philip Goss, listed in Miner's *History of the Wyoming Families*, as murdered by the Indians at Westmoreland, other than those who fell the day of the battle, Wyoming Massacre, 7/3/1778 to 10/2/1778 Philip Goss and Captain, Carr, below Beaches, Beach Grove in Salem Township in attempting to escape in a

canoe, were shot, Capt. Carr was killed outright, but Philip Goss was left dying on the shore below.

Son Thomas Goss, Aug. 19, 1778, marches from New Hartford, CT for the relief of Boston, after the Lexington Alarm. Later Sergeant Thomas Goss arrives in New York, Aug. 19, 1776. From *Barkhamstead Men* by Lee, p. 19-20

Grandson Nathaniel Goss, Ensign in Revolution. Served with 10 Trainband Co., 24th Regiment of Connecticut and at Wyoming Settlement in 1779.



Grandson Comfort Goss served in Capt. John Franklin's Company at Forty Fort, Wyoming Massacre, July 3, 1778, Detained as prisoner.

Grandson David Goss, served with Capt. John Franklin's Co. several months the Wyoming Massacre. He was trying to learn something about the Indians lurking in the vicinity. The next day his body was found in a spot where he had been killed by the Indians

Grandson Solomon Goss, was a prisoner in Forty Fort with Capt. John Franklin and others.

Grandson Ebenezer Goss, a private, Artillery Artificer, in the Pennsylvania Continental line. Col. Benjamin Flower's Regiment and Capt. Thomas Wyle's Company stationed at Fort Washington, Carlisle, PA, and with Washington at Valley Forge.

Mary Gaston McClure

By Cousin Donna Crosby

We stand on the shoulders of not only the passengers of the Mayflower but the shoulders of the Patriots who decided that they wanted the same liberty that many of their ancestors, the passengers of that historical ship who arrived in America, achieved!

If you know their names, they are not forgotten" is a mantra all of us members of the Mayflower Society carry in our hearts. And for me, that dedication of remembering as MANY of them, the immigrants to early America, that I can find, is primary! The Revolutionary War to me, was and is, a milestone that is equal to the successful voyage of the *Mayflower* was, for America. I have been successful in finding and then



proving to 23 ancestors who were Patriots who fought in that rebellion but my MOST surprising Soldier and ancestor that I found was and is

Mary Gaston McClure. At the time of the American Revolution, Mary was an elderly widow, the mother of seven adult children—four sons and three daughters. She urged everyone to take up arms and sent forth her sons, sons-in-law and neighbors in the cause of freedom. She was struck by the flat of a Tory's sword while molding bullets out of her pewter vessels for the South Carolina troops.

The NAMES of our historical 'adventures' are still providing for us, the benefits that their hardships, endeavors, quest for freedom, and liberties thus achieved. We are here ONLY because of

them!

William Burtless

From Cousin Carol Young

This painting shows my ancestor, William Burtless, a drummer with George Washington at Valley Forge.



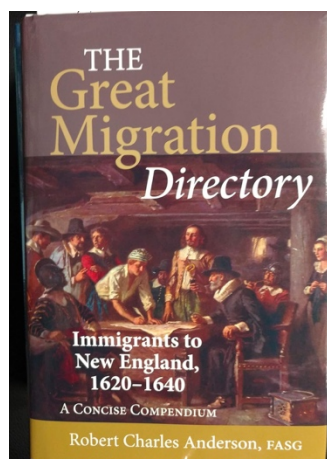
Looking Back

By Cousin Alan Smith

A Note of Thanks to Robert Charles Anderson

The title of this column has been *Looking Back* since I began it eleven years ago. But I have been looking back and researching my parents' families since I was eight. My dad would always tell us stories about his families. My mother was orphaned when she was six. She was reared by her older brothers and sisters; her stories and accounts were limited. A few family stories would creep into a conversation every so often by her siblings. Her double first cousin Miriam and I became close friends and fellow researchers in the late sixties.

While she knew more than Mom, she did not know the story other than our ancestors came from Vermont and had fought in the Revolution. We went down the New York trails on the other lines: the Hayes and Thompsons adding to our SAR and DAR Supplementals. Miriam had shared a book with me about the Robert Rose family which tied my Graves family to them. I now had plenty of ancestors who were Puritans. For some forgotten reason, thirty years later I ordered the Rose book and began to study it more carefully. I had some records which did not add up with the Rose book in one generation. The more I explored it the more



I realized the researcher had conflated an aunt and niece. At that point I had my link to the *Mayflower* and to William and Susanna. Only then did I discover Robert Charles Anderson who took me to places and people that I never known. My fears of wrong citations and

conflated people disappeared. Here was the man who “knew” and wanted to share that knowledge. I began collecting used copies of the *Great Migration* early volumes. I added the new ones as they came out. Regardless of the topic, if Anderson was the editor, I bought it- until his recent death. I never knew him personally but truly knew his work. I was saddened professionally at his death. When I received the Winter volume of *Mayflower Descendants* and read his obituary, I discovered that this man was our cousin. He was the descendant of William and Susanna through Resolved, his daughter Ann White Heyward then spreading out too many more of our cousins through Ephriam Heyward and his wife Joanna Wheeler who descended from Ann’s

sister Elizabeth White and Obadiah Wheeler. He was his own cousin and our cousin in many ways. His research and love of Puritan and Pilgrim deep stories will enrich us all. Thank you, our cousin. Your legacy will live on.

Pieces of Eight

Cousin Barbara Williams sent us the interesting road side sign in South Caroliana.



Final Pilgrimage

Reverend Virginia Beck Ress passed away peacefully at her home in Cornelius, N.C., on March 26th. She was 91 years old. Virginia was born on April 18, 1933, in Columbus, Ohio to Jeannette and Herb Beck. In 1954 she married her high- school sweetheart, Charles William (Bill) Ress, Sr. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last August. Together they raised five children, Beverly Ress (Rick Stack), Suzanne Ress (deceased) (Stefano Donadio), Charles Ress, Jr., Linda Foxworth (Mark), and Jennifer Brule. She earned her BA in History from Miami University while

mothering four young children. She went on to earn a pilot's license, a master's degree in library science from Kent State, and a Master of Divinity from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She served as a pastor in several churches in central Ohio throughout her career. Her hobbies ranged from

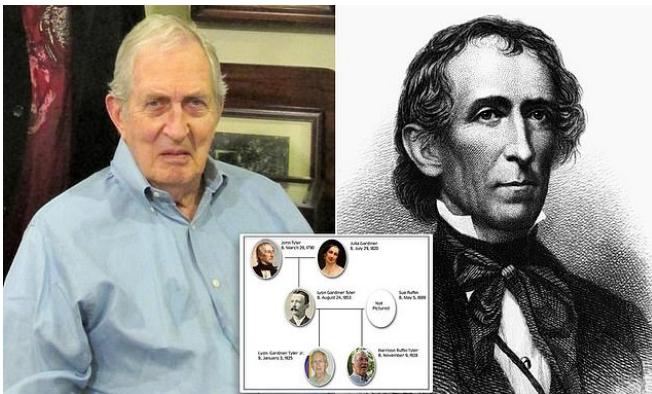


international travel to the culinary arts to flying to knitting and jewelry making. She and Bill taught a cooking/travel class while living in Columbus.

Suzanne Ress, Daughter of Virginia Ress, we only know of her passing because she is listed as deceased in her mother's obituary.

Harrison Ruffin Tyler

The last living grandson of President John Tyler — who left the White House in 1845 — has died. Harrison Tyler died 96, according to Annique Dunning, executive director of Sherwood Forest, the Virginia property that members of the Tyler family have called home since the end of its patriarch's presidency. Tyler had suffered strokes in recent years and died of natural causes, she said.



Tyler led a successful career as a chemical engineer before turning his

attention — and newfound wealth — to preserving historical sites.

"His love of history and his birthplace, Charles City County, Virginia, led him to preserve both Sherwood Forest, President Tyler's home, and Fort Pocahontas, a Civil War fortification nearby," Dunning told NPR over email. "He will be remembered for his considerable charm, generosity and unfailing good humor by all who knew him."

President John Tyler was 63 years old when Harrison Tyler's father, Lyon Gardiner Tyler Sr., was born. And Harrison Ruffin Tyler was born in 1928 when that father was 75 years old and the presidential grandfather had been dead for more than 60 years.

Harrison was a member of the Jamestowne Society.

From the Treasurer Susie Wuest

The Pilgrim William White Society
Balance Sheet Standard
As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, '24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America	13,860.03
Total Checking/Savings	13,860.03
Other Current Assets	
Vanguard MMA	1,383.09
Total Other Current Assets	1,383.09
Total Current Assets	15,243.12
TOTAL ASSETS	15,243.12
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Pre-Paid Dues	
Pre-paid 2029	15.00
Pre-paid 2028	30.00
Pre-paid 2027	60.00
Pre-paid 2026	255.00
Pre-paid 2025	765.00
Pre-Paid Dues - Other	240.00
Total Pre-Paid Dues	1,365.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,365.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,365.00
Total Liabilities	1,365.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	1,256.07
Opening Balance Equity	11,230.41
Net Income	1,391.64
Total Equity	13,878.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,243.12

The Pilgrim William White Society
Profit and Loss Detail
January through December 2024

Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Total
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Headstone cleaning: Anna White Hayward			175.00	
Total Headstone cleaning: Anna White Hayward			175.00	175.00
Donation				
Mark Campbell			10.00	
Anonymous Donor	MtgHouseFund		100.00	
Sally Bergeson	???		30.00	
Other			0.84	
Total Donation				140.84
Program Income				
New Member Application Fees				
Total New Member Application Fees				250.00
Membership Dues				
	Pre-Paid Dues for 2024		960.00	
	Dues Collected in 2024		1,470.00	
Total Membership Dues				2,430.00
Total Program Income				2,680.00
Total Income				2,995.84
Expense				
Headstone Cleaning--Anna White				
D Alan Smith	for Anna White		175.00	
Total Headstone Cleaning--Anna White				175.00
Annual Donations				
The Plimoth Patuxet Annual Donation			200.00	
Westport Historical S Annual Donation			100.00	
The Mayflower Societ Annual Family Society Dues			250.00	
The Mayflower Societ GMD Meeting House Project			600.00	
Pilgrim Hall Museum Annual Donation			150.00	
Total Annual Donations/Fee			1,300.00	1,300.00
Business Expenses				
White, Patrick	Go Daddy 5-yr renewal renew		119.88	
White, Patrick	Go Daddy n Bank America		115.85	
Total Business Expenses				235.73
Total Expense				1,710.73
Net Ordinary Income			1,710.73	1,285.11
Other Income/Expense				
Investment Income				
Vanguard Revenue			106.53	
Vanguard MMA				106.53
Net Income				1,391.64

Editor's note: I repeated Gailan Michaelle Chamberlain-May as a new member since I misspelled her name. I asked how she got that cool moniker – she is named for her mother (Gailan) and father (Michael).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Cousin Mike,

Our recent issue was beautiful and inspiring! Gov Ann's message will get me going for more research of my lines. thank you,

Cousin Janet Klock

Your letter here – in the October newsletter!

Welcome New Members

Ian Kendall Wheeler Snow, Jr. – Resolved

**Gailan Michaelle Chamberlain-May
Peregrine**



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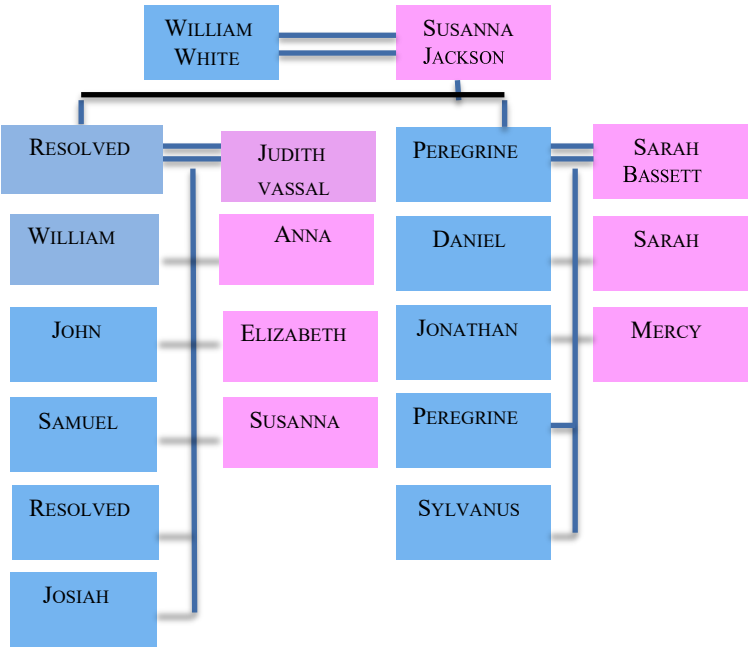
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Our Mission: Provide a forum for members to gain information about our common ancestor, William White; to keep our Pilgrim heritage alive; and to promote education in our schools, communities and other societies.



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