



THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY NEWS

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

This newsletter contains important information regarding our first Society membership meeting—the 2014 TPWWS Triennial Meeting on Monday, September 8th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel (Halifax Room) in Plymouth, MA. At the meeting we will elect officers, ratify bylaws, and take care of any other business that requires tending to. The proposed slate of officers and the proposed Bylaws are contained in this newsletter. Please read the proposed Bylaws very carefully. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at prariec@me.com.

The Board of Directors and TPWWS member Richard Wheeler, a practicing attorney in FL, served as the Bylaws Committee in coming up with the proposed Bylaws. It seems as if we worked on them forever—countless e-mail exchanges; but we believe we have a document that is useful. The document is intended to address the basics of how the business of the Society is to proceed, and to assign responsibilities to the people who are elected to run the Society on a day-to-day basis. I appreciate so much the time and effort devoted to these Bylaws by the Board and Richard. Hopefully, the work we have done this past year will make it easier for future administrations.

TPWWS member Jan Downing has agreed to be the Parliamentarian for our membership meeting. Thank you, Jan!

Leah Davis suggested we need a flag for our Society. Leah chaired a Special Committee (The Flag Committee) that came up with a unique, simple yet elegant design that focuses on a Pilgrim family of four people—a father, a mother holding an infant, and a young son. It was determined a banner that would hang from a podium would be more practical than a flag. Pictures of the banner appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Our thanks to Leah Davis, Eileen Patch, Donna Crosby, and Kenneth Whittemore for their work on this project.

There will one more newsletter published (the July newsletter) prior to the meeting in September. It will contain Officers' and Committee Chair reports so that every TPWWS member will have the opportunity to read them. A big "thank you" to Interim Deputy Governor Jim Fowler for securing the meeting room for us at the Radisson. Anyone interested in getting together for dinner after the meeting, please contact Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest at swuest@aol.com. There is plenty of time to make plans to attend the first Society meeting (a historic event). It will be fun to meet fellow members and cousins. Hope to see you there!

Prarie



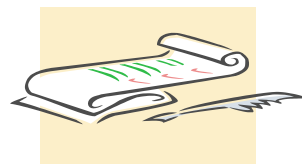
Interim Governor Prarie Counce

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

(* = charter member; ** = friend)



Robert Bailey* Conover, WI	Lena Danford** Heartland, TX (granddaughter of David & Prarie Counce)	Patricia Hemphill** Castle Rock, CO
Janice Bassett* Sun City Center, FL	Benjamin Danford** Heartland, TX (grandson of David & Prarie Counce)	Warren Howard* Burtonsville, MD
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Tiffany Chamberlain* Garland, TX	Elizabeth Gaudreau Parker, CO	Amy Lowe* Baton Rouge, LA
Patricia Champion Smyrna, GA	Nancy Gilbert* Arlington, TX	Mary Meeks Ft. Worth, TX
Prarie Counce* Carrollton, TX	David Lawrence Grinnell Palm Springs, CA	Sylvia Nelson* Kilgore, TX
David Counce** (husband of Prarie Counce) Carrollton, TX	Jan Groves* Baton Rouge, LA	Pat Nichols* Georgetown, TX
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Cumberland, ME

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Lecanto, FL

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San Diego, CA

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Columbus, OH

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Chester, SC

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Toledo, OH

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Plainview, TX

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Carlsbad, CA

Robert D. Young
Belmont, MA

D. Alan Smith*
Mesena, GA

Carolyn Bixby Youngs
Lake Forest, CA

Kirksey Smith**
(granddaughter of Alan Smith)

Harper Smith**
(grandson of Alan Smith)

Beverly Spooner
Parker, CO

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Kathryn Tyson
Davis, CA

Lowry Watkins, Jr.
Louisville, KY

Westport Historical Society**
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Westport, MA

Jon H. Wheeler*
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NEW MEMBERS

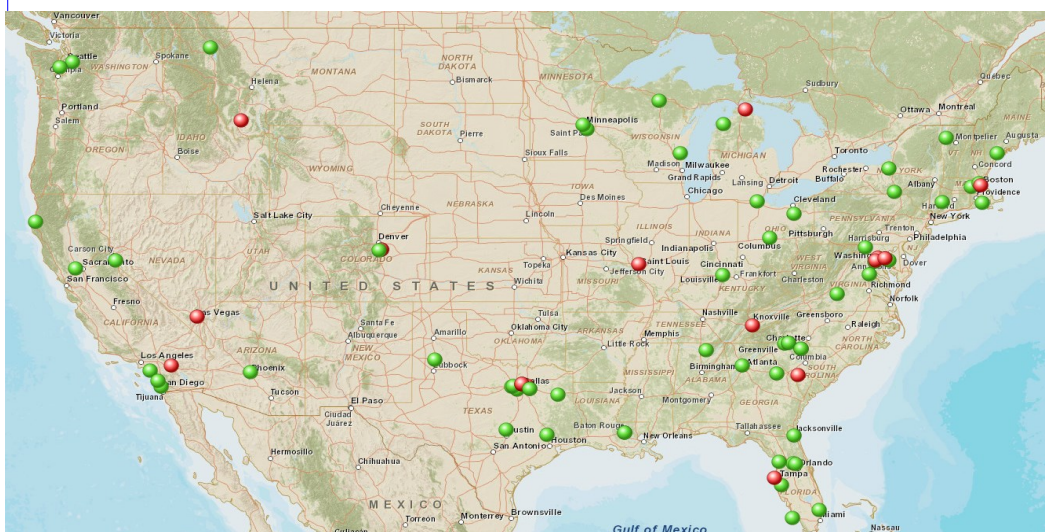
Judy Ann White Yankoviak
Cheyboygon, MI

Sherry Hillis**
Louisville, TN

Nancy Lasar
Washington Depot, CT

Linda Rae Blain Lind
Port Orchard, WA

Frederick James MacDonald
Omena, MN



MEMBERS' LOCATIONS

Green dots = descendants of
Resolved White

Red dots = descendants of
Peregrine White

(map courtesy of TPWWS mem-
ber David Grinnell of Palm
Springs, CA)

NOTICE OF FIRST TRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF TPWWS MEMBERS

The Pilgrim William White Society ("TPWWS") was organized in February 2013 and incorporated on 6 Mar 2013 as a domestic non-profit membership corporation under Texas law. Its proposed bylaws (printed below), when formally adopted, call for triennial general membership meetings to be held in conjunction with the Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants ("GSMD"). The next GSMD Triennial Congress will be held 7-10 Sept 2014 in Plymouth, MA.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the First Triennial General Membership Meeting of the members of TPWWS will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Monday, 8 Sept 2014, in the Halifax Room of the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor at 180 Water Street, in Plymouth, MA, for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. Interim Officers' Reports
2. Report of Nominating Committee (printed below) and Election of Officers for 2014-2017 term
3. Adoption of Bylaws (printed at pgs 5-11 herein) - 2/3rds voting members' approval required
4. Any other business which is properly brought before the members for action

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After the inaugural meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society, let's continue the fellowship and camaraderie with all our new-found cousins!!! Join us for dinner at the nearby WATERFRONT BAR & GRILLE. Its menu is outstanding!!! Go to www.plymouthwaterfront.com/wfbg/ Please contact Susie Wuest (swuest@aol.com or 561-716-0586) now to make your reservations.





Jim Fowler

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Slate of Officers for The Pilgrim William White Society to be voted on September 8, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MA:

Governor:	Prarie Counce
Deputy Governor:	D. Alan Smith
Recording Secretary:	Leah S. Davis
Corresponding Secretary:	Susie Wuest
Treasurer:	J. Benese Scherrer
Historian:	Barbara Williams
Captain:	Patricia A. Nichols
Elder:	Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fowler

Jim Fowler, Chair
TPWWS Nominating Committee
January 16, 2014

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY

The following is the text of the Constitution & Bylaws as proposed by the Interim Officers for adoption by the TPWWS members who attend the First Triennial Members' Meeting on 8 Sept 2014 in Plymouth, MA:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be **THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY**. The Pilgrim William White Society is a non-profit, non-political corporation whose Certificate of Formation was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas on March 6, 2013. The Pilgrim William White Society shall herein be called the Society.



ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim ancestor, William White and his family. To maintain and defend the principles of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the *Mayflower Compact* that our Pilgrim ancestor William White signed.

Section 2. To provide educational information to the community about the Plymouth Pilgrims through reading material, displays, and presentations to schools, libraries, and other appropriate venues.

Section 3. To provide a platform for the exchange of genealogical information.

Section 4. To encourage research into the origins of William White and his wife Susanna.

Section 5. To encourage the preservation and protection of artifacts and archival materials pertaining to William White, his wife Susanna, and their family.

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board Composition. The officers of the Society shall constitute the Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board.

Section 2: Powers. The management of the affairs of the Society is vested in the Board except for the election of officers and the adoption of and amendment to these Bylaws, which are reserved to the voting members. However, the members of the Society hereby authorize and direct the Board to adopt (and, after adoption, to amend from time-to-time) such reasonable standing rules, regulations and procedures as are thought necessary or desirable to carry out the intention of (or to more fully develop and explain) the various provisions of these Bylaws and to insure the orderly and efficient management of the Society's affairs, *provided, however*, that no Standing Rules (or amendment(s) thereto) adopted by the Board shall remain in effect unless ratified and confirmed by a 2/3rds vote of the voting members present at the next Triennial Meeting.

Section 3: Conducting Business. The Board may communicate and conduct business at any time deemed necessary by traditional means of meeting or by means of electronic mail as long as every Board member has the opportunity to participate.

Section 4: Quorum for Board Meetings. The quorum for business to be validly transacted shall be a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 5: Compensation. Directors shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers. The elected officers of the Society shall be a Governor, Deputy Governor, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Elder, and Captain.

Section 2. Election. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible ("Member" class) members at each Triennial Meeting of the Society.

Section 3. Term of Office. Officers shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected or, if sooner, until their resignation or death. Vacancies occasioned by the death or resignation of an officer (other than Governor – see Section 5.B.2., below) may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term of such officer. All officers except the Governor and Deputy Governor may serve more than one consecutive term in the same office. Newly elected officers shall take up their duties at the close of the Triennial Meeting of the Society.

Section 4. Officer Nominations. Nominations for officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Governor and approved by the Board. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be communicated to the membership in the Society's newsletter prior to the Triennial Meeting.

Section 5. Duties of Officers.

A. The Governor shall:

1. Be the chief executive officer and official representative of the Society.
2. Preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board.
3. Appoint the chairman and members of all committees.
4. Serve as an *ex-officio* member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
5. Appoint a Parliamentarian for the Triennial Meeting.
6. Approve all disbursements made by the Treasurer and co-sign all disbursements of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more.
7. In the event of an unforeseen or unavoidable circumstance rendering any elected officer or committee chair temporarily unable to perform his or her duties, the Governor may appoint a replacement and/or assistant, as may fit the situation, with this action being ratified by the Board.
8. Perform such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

B. The Deputy Governor shall:

1. Perform the duties of the Governor during the temporary absence or disability of the Governor.
2. Succeed to the office of Governor for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in that office.
3. Perform such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

C. The Recording Secretary shall:

1. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Triennial Meeting of the Society; and keep records of all decisions made and/or actions taken by the Board regarding the affairs of the Society between Triennial Meetings.
2. Distribute copies of the minutes taken at the Triennial Meeting within ten (10) days of the meeting to the Governor and the three (3) Society members appointed by the Governor to read and approve the minutes.
3. Upon approval of the minutes of the Triennial Meeting, provide a copy of the approved minutes to the Board and to the newsletter editor for publication in the Society's newsletter.
4. Be custodian of the Society's records, except the Treasurer's books.
5. Keep on file all annual committee reports.
6. Maintain record book(s) in which the Bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these properly recorded; and to have the current record book(s) on hand at the Triennial Meeting.
7. Perform all duties incident to the office of recording secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Governor and/or the Board.

D. The Corresponding Secretary shall:

1. Keep a complete and current record of the Society's members, indicating their name and addresses and the class of membership held by each member and the termination date of any membership.
2. Conduct correspondence as requested by the Governor and/or the Board.
3. Provide information pertaining to new members to the newsletter editor.
4. Send out to the membership a notice of the Triennial Meeting via the Society newsletter.
5. Perform such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Governor and/or the Board.

E. The Treasurer shall:

1. Be custodian of all funds belonging to the Society and keep suitable and accurate books of account.
2. Collect all dues and other funds payable to the Society.
3. Make all necessary disbursements.
4. Open and/or maintain a bank account in the Society's name.
5. Make a full financial report at the Triennial Meeting covering income and expenses, as well as a listing of assets and liabilities; and to make such interim reports as requested by the Governor and/or the Board.

6. Maintain a complete and current list of members, providing information to the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of applications or dues renewal.
7. Reimburse expenses when itemized receipts are submitted to the Treasurer within three (3) months of the date on the receipt.
8. Prepare and file the required reports with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Texas State Comptroller's office, providing a copy of the reports to the Board.
9. Make investments as directed by the Board.
10. Perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Board.

F. The Historian shall:

1. Examine and report upon the lineage papers of each applicant for membership.
2. Be custodian of all approved lineage papers.
3. Keep a complete list of all Members and Friends.
4. Assign membership numbers.
5. Issue certificates of membership.
6. Prepare a narrative account of the Society's activities during his/her term of office, which when approved by the Board will become a permanent part of the Society's history.
7. Perform such other duties as the Governor and/or the Board shall direct.

G. The Elder shall:

1. Recite or lead invocations and benedictions where such prayers are offered at the opening and closing of meetings or other events.
2. Maintain a record of all deceased members.
3. Conduct a memorial service at the Society's Triennial Meeting.
4. Send a card of condolence to deceased member's family when appropriate.
5. Notify the Board of the death of a member.
6. Perform such other duties as the Governor and/or the Board shall direct.

H. The Captain shall:

1. Lead the pledges at the Society's Triennial Meeting.
2. Act as Marshal at parades and on occasions of ceremony.
3. Maintain, store, and display flags and other ceremonial objects as is appropriate.
4. Perform such other duties as the Governor and/or the Board shall direct.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing committees and committee chairs shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Board. Committees may include, but shall not be limited to: Audit, Bylaws, Directory, Education, Finance, Historic Preservation, Lineage Research, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Public Relations, and Website.

Section 2. Special Committees. Special or *Ad Hoc* Committees shall be appointed by the Governor as needed. The Governor shall notify the Board of any appointments.

Section 3. Committee Meetings. Committee members may communicate and conduct business at any time deemed necessary by traditional means of meeting or by means of electronic mail as long as every committee member has the opportunity to participate.

Section 4. Committee Reports. All committee reports shall be submitted in writing to the Board informing it of action taken or recommended, or information obtained. Reports shall be submitted at the end of each fiscal year unless requested at some other time by the Board.

Section 5. Ex Officio Member. The Governor shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 6. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer (serving as chair) and two other members appointed by the Governor promptly after the Triennial Meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the fiscal year for submission each January to the Board for approval.

Section 7. Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall consider, edit, and/or correlate any amendments to these Bylaws which the committee may originate or be referred to it by the Board, officers, committees, or other members. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Section 8. Education Committee. The purpose of the Education Committee is to facilitate educational programs for the community and for our members aimed to stimulate interest in Plymouth Pilgrims and specifically our ancestors, William and Susanna White and their family.

Section 9. Directory Committee. The Directory Committee shall be responsible for publishing a Society directory containing a list of members, officers, standing committees, bylaws, standing rules, and any other information as determined appropriate by the Board. The directory shall be published every three years after the election of officers. The method of publication shall be a printable attachment to electronic mail for members with electronic mail and printed and postal mailed to members without electronic mail. The Board is authorized to change the method of publication.

Section 10. Financial Review Committee. The Financial Review Committee shall audit the Treasurer's books and accounts at the close of each fiscal year—the fiscal year being January 1-December 31—and provide a report to the Board and to the Society's newsletter editor for publication in the Society's newsletter.

Section 11. Lineage Research Committee. The purpose of the Lineage Research Committee is to provide help to anyone in the community trying to prove genealogical eligibility to Pilgrim William White and his family; to expand research collaboration with the genealogical community in regard to DNA and other innovative approaches; to facilitate research into the origins of William and Susanna White.

Section 12. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall furnish a slate of officers to be voted on at the Triennial Meeting. The Committee shall nominate only one candidate for each office.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Membership. There shall be two (2) classes of membership in this Society: Member and Friend. There shall be no honorary memberships.

Section 2. Member. Member is a person: (a) who is descended from Pilgrims William and Susanna White of the *Mayflower*, through either of their two sons, Resolved or Peregrine; (b) who has approved lineage papers by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Historian General; and (c) who is a member in good standing with his or her State Mayflower Society (current dues are paid).

Section 3. Friend. Friend is a person who has an interest in The Pilgrim William White Society; for example, a spouse, a child who is not yet a General Society of Mayflower Descendants member, a grandchild, etc. A friend may not vote or hold office.

Section 4. Fees and Dues. Application fees, annual dues, and any procedures relating to fees and dues shall be established by the Board. Annual dues are payable to the Society Treasurer by January 31 of the year for which they apply.

Section 5. Non-Liability of Members. A member of this Society is not, as such, personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Society.

Section 6. Termination of Membership. The membership of a member shall terminate upon the occurrence of either of the following events:

1. Upon notice of voluntary resignation delivered by the member to the Governor or Corresponding Secretary of the Society by postal or electronic mail.

2. Upon the failure of a member to renew his/her annual dues. If a member has failed to pay annual dues by January 31st of the year in question, the Society's Treasurer shall promptly deliver a notice of delinquency to such member by postal or electronic mail. The delinquent member shall have until February 21 (i.e. the anniversary of the date of William White's death in 1621) to make full payment to the Society's Treasurer, failing which the member's membership shall be terminated.

Section 7. Reinstatement of Membership. A member whose membership has been terminated may apply for reinstatement of his or her membership on such terms and conditions (including the payment of dues and fees) as the Board may from time to time prescribe.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Place of Meeting. Unless otherwise ordered by the Society's Board, the meeting of the membership shall be called the Society's Triennial Meeting and shall be held every three years, in or nearby Plymouth, Massachusetts, during the time of the Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Section 2. Notice of Meeting. Notice of the Society's Triennial Meeting shall be communicated to each Society member in the Society's newsletter or, as alternatives, by postal or electronic mail, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Triennial Meeting. The notice shall include the details of the place and time of the meeting, the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee, amendments to the Bylaws, if any, and other lawful business to come before the meeting of the Society.

Section 3. Quorum. Five eligible ("Member" class) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Triennial Meeting.

Section 4. Voting Rights. No member shall vote in more than one capacity, and there shall be no proxy voting. A majority vote, unless stated otherwise in these Bylaws, shall be required for the passage of a motion. Voting shall be by voice vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Board, the Governor, or by the persons specifically authorized under Texas law to call special meetings of the members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice, and no other business shall be transacted.

Section 6. Action by Written Ballot. Except as otherwise provided under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of Texas law, any action which may be taken at any regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the Society distributes a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot shall:

1. set forth the proposed action;
2. provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of each proposed action;
3. indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirement and, except for ballots soliciting votes for the election of officers, state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted; and
4. shall specify the date by which the ballot must be received by the Society in order to be counted. The date set shall afford members a reasonable time within which to return the ballots to the Society.

Ballots shall be mailed or delivered in the manner required for giving notice of membership meetings as specified in these Bylaws. Approval of action by written ballot shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot within the time period specified equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the action at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. Officers may be elected by written ballot. Such ballots for the election of officers shall list the persons nominated at the time the ballots are mailed or delivered.

ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the Society in all cases not provided for in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be adopted and, after adoption, may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the qualified members voting at the Triennial Meeting of the Society *provided* notice of the proposed Bylaws amendment(s) is given in the Society's newsletter or by postal mail or email at least thirty (30) days prior to the Triennial Meeting.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Society, its net assets remaining after payment of all its debts and obligations shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose, all as determined by the Board.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned duly elected officers of the Society, do hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and complete Bylaws adopted by 2/3rds vote of the eligible members present and voting at the first Triennial Meeting of the Society held on 8 Sept 2014 at Plymouth, MA.

Prarie Counce
Governor

ATTEST:

Leah Davis
Recording Secretary

OUR NEW SOCIETY BANNER

by

Leah S. Davis

Interim Recording Secretary

In June 2013, an e-mail discussion with Prarie and Leah evolved into the fact that we need a flag, lectern drape or something to show who we are and the family we honor. The Pilgrim William White Society needs a flag. Donna Crosby, so talented and such a fine quilter, might be able to execute such a flag for us. The Committee was formed with Leah Davis as Chair, Kenneth Whittemore our interim Captain, Eileen Patch and Donna Crosby as members and Prarie Counce, our Governor, as *ex-officio* member. On July 1, 2013, the Board approved the Committee and we started work.

Through e-mail consultations regarding flagpoles, types, what to put on top of them, and cost, we all discussed our ideas. Such a good committee with great ideas and all contributing! One of the main consideration was how to move this item around the USA! The cost of a regular flag pole was expensive to say the least and getting it on and off a plane with a flag case would be a real problem for our Captain. We considered various designs. Leah decided she needed to look into flag companies and learn something about flags. Donna and Eileen had superb ideas, and the whole committee decided that the flag must be more lightweight and made to last. The heavy duty nylon flag material would be difficult at best for Donna to embroider.

Kronberg Flags and Flagpoles in Houston is an old established business with an excellent reputation. They have a delightful lady working there named Penny Elam, she was so very patient and kind. She educated Leah on all kinds of flags, material, sizes and shapes, to take back to the Committee. She also asked if we had thought of a podium drape, actually for the lectern, but "Podium Drape" is what they are called. Eileen suggested that might be a good idea. We explored the 'Drape' among the Committee, and it sounded like a sensible idea for our Captains to be able to carry and store it easily. It would also be far less expensive than a large flag.

The embroidered silhouette concept must be done on heavy duty material. Penny presented a concept which looked superb, but only had one child, and no baby. Penny had her art department smooth the shoulders, which were quite sharp, and add a baby. The Committee thought the rendition was excellent for our Society. The Committee approved it and an estimate was provided for the Board. This logo is now ours, we own it.

The Board approval for the invoice was garnered, and the process was begun.

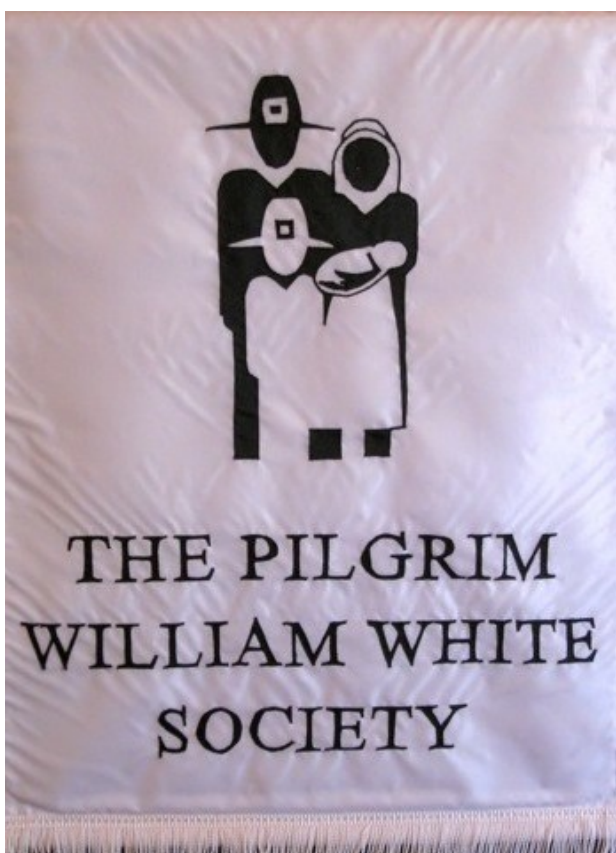
Penny called Leah to say the banner was ready to be picked up, but half way to Houston Penny called to say the production staff had messed up, and it would need to be re-done. Oh My!

In Houston Leah saw the Drape and was thrilled, even though it was wrong, but she noticed another item, the gold braid the Board approved at the bottom just didn't look right. Leah asked Penny if she could put the white braid rather than the gold on the new one.

Penny insisted we take the initial copy of the banner, which was digital with gold braid, and that they would re-do the banner as it was supposed to be done. Time



(L to R) Penny Elam of Kronberg Flags & Flagpoles, Houston, TX, and TPWWS Recording Secretary and Flag Committee Chair Leah S. Davis admire the first rendition of the Pilgrim William White Society podium drape with gold fringe



was becoming critical. The Texas State Mayflower Society Meeting was upcoming and Leah wanted to take it with her to Dallas for Prairie to see. Penny's production staff finished and it arrived in plenty of time.

In Dallas the Grand Opening of the box housing our banner was opened by Prairie and Leah! What a wonderful end to almost a year long effort of a great committee! Thanks Kenneth, Donna, Eileen!!

Photo at left: the final version of TPWWS podium drape with white fringe on the bottom: William - Susanna - Resolved - and baby Peregrine.

TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

[Editor's Note: We've started a new feature, "TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS," to explain how each of us got from Massachusetts, where Resolved and Peregrine lived and died, to wherever we are now on the Members' Map on page 4. All members are encouraged to submit their own stories, some of which of course will be simpler and others of which will be more complex.]

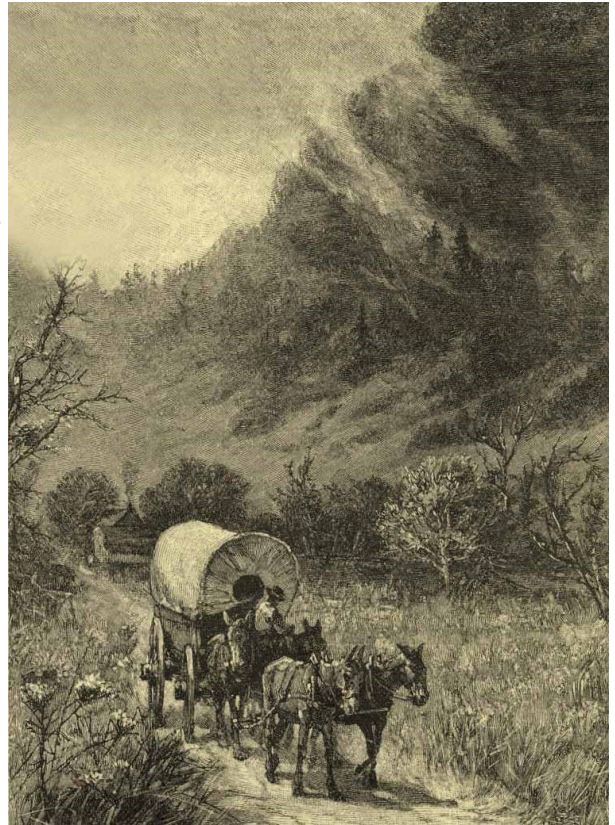


Linda Rae (Blain) Lind of Port Orchard, WA

As others in the TPWWS have noted, the Mayflower Families Through Five Generations takes us out to where the family tree branches off in many directions. For those of us whose ancestors did not stay in MA and intermarry with many of the other Mayflower offspring, the family history may resemble the fulfillment of Manifest Destiny ... westward, ever westward ...

I want to pick up my family's story with Generation (#4) Benjamin Wheeler, (1693-1759) who along with his wife Hannah ---- (d. 1778) followed the frontier trails to the western part of MA and became the first settlers of New Marlborough, MA, in 1737. This town had been established by the Great and General Court to protect the Wilderness Trail. Benjamin and Hannah had 5 children and I descend through their daughter, (#5) Beulah "Betsy" Wheeler (1724-1799). Beulah was a pivotal person for me when I joined the Mayflower Society. Since I already belonged to the NSDAR and had a supplemental application approved on Beulah's husband, Nehemiah Howe (which included her data), I only needed to use that proven NSDAR lineage and the Five Generations book to take my line back to William White of the Mayflower.

Nehemiah Howe (1720-1777) married (#5) Beulah Wheeler in 1746/7 in Bolton, MA, and moved to New Marlborough in about 1749. Nehemiah built the first gristmill in that area. In 1760 he enlisted in the militia from Berkshire County and served during the French and Indian War. In about 1771 (a bit past the prime of life) he and Beulah went with Ethan Allen to Vermont (also known as the contested New Hampshire Grants) and settled in the Town of Poultney. Nehemiah built a gristmill in East Poultney and donated 4 acres of land for a burial place. After Poultney was organized in 1775, Nehemiah filled the offices of selectman, surveyor of highways and was appointed to various town committees. He was a delegate to the Dorset Convention which met July 24th and September 25th, 1776. At this convention, the New Hampshire Grants declared themselves a free and separate district (Vermont) and voted to support the American Revolution. Nehemiah took the Oath of Allegiance and was appointed to the Board of War for Western Vermont.



Seven months later a sick soldier appeared at his door seeking aid. Nehemiah offered him refuge in the mill but the stranger died the next day. After preparing the soldier for burial, Nehemiah became similarly ill and also died. Three months later, the widowed Beulah was attending church when word reached them that the men of the village were retreating from General Burgoyne's troops following their defeat at the Battle of Hubbardton (July 1777). She along with the other women fled via an uncharted side road where they finally found refuge in Pownal's meetinghouse. During the night they were stalked by Tories. One brave woman stuck a gun out the window and scared the marauders off. These refugee women are honored each Founders Day in Poultney, VT, as the "Valiant 13."

Nehemiah and (#5) Beulah Wheeler Howe had nine children and I descend through their son, (#6) Peter Howe (1756-1842). He was born in New Marlborough, MA and in his teens moved with his parents to Poultney, VT. In 1777 he enlisted as a Private in Ebenezer Allen's Company of the Vermont Rangers. He fought in the Battles of Bennington, Stillwater and Diamond Island. In 1780 he married Orinda Fuller (1761/2-1835) and together they had 13 children, three of which died as infants. I descend through their oldest daughter, (#7) Diantha Howe (1781-1862). Much of Peter Howe's life was recorded in a book written by his daughter, Sophronia Howe Trowbridge, called *Grandma Trowbridge's Little Book (aka Narrative)*.

In 1801 Peter sold his place in Vermont and took his family to Ohio in a group that numbered 30 people. Among the group were Peter's daughter, (#7) Diantha and her husband, Squire Adolphus Prouty, Sr. (1777-1854), and their surviving third infant child, William. They built carts to take them to the headwaters of the Allegheny River where they made canoes for the trip downriver from there to the Ohio River. The party landed at Marietta, OH, after a three month journey. (#7) Diantha and Squire Prouty had four more children and I descend through their son (#8) Squire Adolphus Prouty, Jr. (1815-1877), known as Adolphus.

(#8) Adolphus Prouty married Julia Ann Alderman (1819-1889) in 1837 in Athens, OH. In about 1849 they moved to Story County, IA. They had five children and also adopted Martha French (neighbor's child) and Julia Vilaty Prouty (a relative's child). I descend through their second child, (#9) Lucy Jane Prouty (1846-1902). Adolphus was a farmer and a blacksmith. During the Civil War he enlisted as a drummer in Company K of the Iowa 32nd Infantry. He was 47 years old and in very good health. Sadly, he contracted an intestinal illness in August 1863 and spent the rest of the war in and out of hospitals, dragging

his diseased and weakened body from Illinois to Alabama where he was finally discharged for disability on June 25, 1865. He never recovered from this disease and died in 1877 before he could receive his pension. However, Julia received a widow's pension and died in 1889.

(#9) Lucy Jane Prouty was born in Ohio and went with her parents to Story County, IA. She married first a Joseph Jones and had 3 children by him. By 1874 she was single again and through her neighbors, Joseph and Mary Jane Morrow, was introduced by correspondence to Joseph's bachelor brother, John Elliott Morrow (1832-1903), who was living in California, logging and making whiskey. He sent his marriage proposal by letter and she accepted and headed west on the train with her two surviving children, becoming the first "mail order bride" in our family. She married John Morrow January 29, 1875 and they had two children together. I descend through their first child, (#10) James Adolphus Morrow (1875-1927). Their second child, Julia Emmaline Morrow, made a name for herself as a single missionary nurse and teacher in India. (#9) Lucy and John moved around. They left California and went by wagon to Arizona for a time. Then they returned to Iowa, probably on family business and then traveled by train to Colville, WA, where other family members had settled. They are buried in Colville, WA.

(#10) James Adolphus Morrow, known as Jim, was born in California and accompanied his parents on their treks around the country. He married Edna Olive Jones (1883-1950) on his 25th birthday, December 16, 1900. They homesteaded outside Colville, WA, and had 7 children. I descend from their second child, (#11) Lucy Melvina Morrow (1906-1977), known as "Vina." Jim was well liked and died of cancer at the age of 52, leaving 4 children for Edna to raise. He was remembered for his hard work, sleepwalking and for writing bits of poetry. Edna was known for her folk remedies, incredible energy and work ethic and excellent cooking skills. She remarried twice after (#10) Jim died, supporting her children as a cook between marriages.

(#11) Lucy Melvina Morrow married Lynnton Fayette Maxson (1899-1978) January 13, 1923 in Colville, WA. Their first daughter died at birth, but they produced five more girls. I descend through their third daughter, (#12) Margery Ida Maxson (1930-2012). (#11) Vina and Fay spent their early married life near Colville, WA. In 1939 they moved to Spokane, WA. They lived the rest of their days in Spokane but are buried in Colville, WA.

(#12) Margery Ida Maxson married Fred Roy Blain (1924-1990) on January 31, 1948, in Spokane, WA. He was fresh out of the Navy (aviation metalsmith) and used his G.I. Bill to become trained as a sheet metal worker. He was most proud of having served for 2 years (1941-1943) on the USS Enterprise CV-6, the most decorated ship in WWII. They had two daughters, my older sister, Carrie (1948 -) and me (#13) Linda Rae Blain (1950-). As my sister and I grew up, (#12) Marge began working outside the home. In my teen years we moved to Western Washington, living a year in Longview, and then finding a house in Olympia where (#12) Marge and Fred both found good jobs. After retiring, Fred taught his trade at the local apprenticeship school in Lacey. (#12) Marge had a 26 year career with the WA State Department of Revenue.

(#13 Linda Rae Blain Lind) I married John Lind (1950 -) on June 8, 1974 in Olympia, WA. John was a graduate of the University of Washington with a B.S. in electrical engineering and I received a B.A. from Western Washington University in General Speech Communication. After our marriage, we lived in Dallas, TX, for 4 years where John received a Th. M. in Biblical Studies. We returned to Washington and have lived in Kitsap County ever since. John worked for the Department of the Navy for 39 years, retiring in 2013 and did some ministry things on the side. I worked for several Civil Service jobs but became a full-time homemaker in 1980 when we got our first foster son through Lutheran Services Unaccompanied Minors Program (Vietnamese boat refugees). In 1983 we adopted our first infant son, Joel, and in 1984, we adopted our second infant son, Jonathan. We were also active in refugee resettlement and family reunification through World Relief and our local church. We finished foster parenting in 1989 and I turned my attention to our sons and my new interest in genealogy. Since then I have joined NSDAR, NSDAC, U.S.D. 1812, DUVCW, Mayflower Society, Jamestowne Society, Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, NSDFPA, and the William White Society (and a few family associations). Three of my eight great-grandparents came from Canada so I am also researching those lines.

Only by the Grace of God do I have such a wonderful heritage. I have been extremely blessed to learn about our adopted sons' heritages. Jonathan and our granddaughter, Elaina, qualify for Mayflower Society through Stephen Hopkins and William Brewster. Our oldest son Joel is now a member of the Tlingit Haida Tribe of Alaska. My husband, John, is a second generation American Swede. My granddaughter is of mixed African American- Caucasian heritage. Only in America and really only in our generation has such diversity been accepted and celebrated.

CAPTAIN JOHN VASSALL II

by

Stuart A. Whitehead

John Vassall II, was born in 1544 in Caen, Normandy, France, but was sent by his Huguenot father, John, to London to avoid the Protestant persecution. Eventually, John II became a successful merchant, mariner, Alderman of the City of London and vestryman of Stepney Parish.

At the time of the Spanish Armada, 1588, the English fleet totaled about 30+ ships and merchants were requested to provide additional ships to defend the homeland. Answering the call, Capt. John Vassall II commanded and outfitted at his own expense, two ships: "Samuel" and "Little Toby", which joined the Royal Navy for the battle. Afterwards, he was granted a coat of arms, where a ship was placed above his original family arms. An image appears on the west face of the National Armada Memorial in Plymouth, England. The motto reads "Often for king, always for the state."

John II was also an investor and founding member of the Virginia Company, which established Jamestown, committing £25.10.10, in 1618. He married three times: 1569, Ann Hewes without issue; 1580, Anne Russell; and 1594, Judith (Borough) Scott. He died of the plague and was buried in Stepney, Greater London, in 1625.

Of John and Anne (Russell) Vassall's male children with American connections:

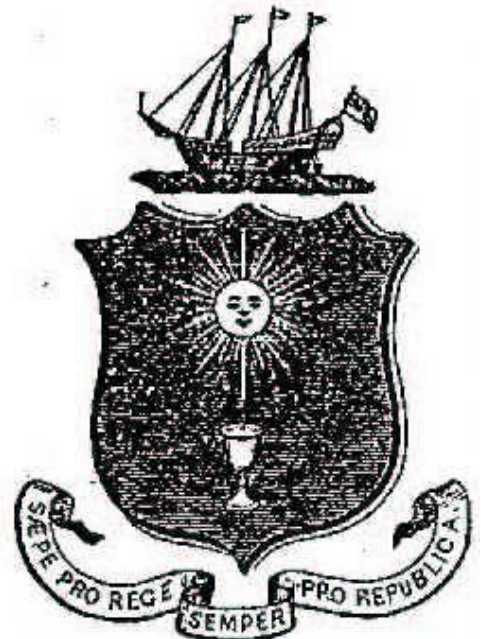
Samuel, born 1586, who with his brother William, was an incorporator of the first Company of Massachusetts Bay, 1628. He was a Member of Parliament and wealthy trader, once owning one tenth of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He was at odds with the crown for refusing to pay tonnage and poundage for goods transported to England, among them a "new drug tobacco" and was imprisoned for a time at the notorious Fleet prison. He died at sea in 1664, en route to Cape Fear, carrying supplies for his nephew (son of William) Captain (later Colonel) John Vassall, who had helped to establish the Carolina colony and later owned an Old Rappahannock County, Virginia plantation of 1170 acres, ultimately settling in Jamaica.

William, born 1592, was Assistant to Governor John Winthrop, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1630. He was an advocate of religious freedom for all in the New England church, opposing Puritan religious intolerance. He returned to England to make his grievances known, and petitioned Parliament to expose the Massachusetts Puritan leaders' political corruption, religious intolerance and abuse of power. He never returned to New England but, about 1648, sailed for Barbados, where he settled at St. Michael's Parish purchasing land and remaining there for the rest of his life. Of note, William's daughter Judith married Resolved White of the *Mayflower* and Plymouth Plantation. Upon William's death, Resolved and Judith White journeyed to Barbados to settle the estate, the only Mayflower passenger to visit the island.

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PHOTO OF WILLIAM VASSAL

TPWWS member William Schumaker of Toledo, OH, has located and shared this painting of William Vassal, father of Judith Vassal White. William Schumaker is a meticulous and indefatigable researcher. [Editor's note: I know this first hand as William and I are truly cousins, each descended from one of the two Wheeler brothers who left Canterbury, Windham County, CT, just prior to 1800 and settled in the Boonville area of northern NYS in the foothills of the Adirondacks; William has generously shared his voluminous research on his side of the Wheeler family and was the one who advised me that I was eligible for membership in the Mayflower and Jamestown Societies.]



Arms.—Az. in chief a sun, in base a chalice, or.
Crest.—A ship with masts and shrouds ppr.
Motto.—Sæpe pro rege, semper pro republica.



William Vassall aka Vassal

Born before August 27, 1592 in Ratcliffe, Devonshire, England

Son of John Vassall and Anne (Russell) Vassall

Brother of Anna Vassall and Samuel Vassall

**Husband of Ann (King) Vassall — married [date unknown]
[location unknown]**

Father of Judith (Vassall) White, Frances (Vassall) Adams, William Vassall, Mary Vassell, Samuel Vassell, John Vassall and Ann (Vassall) Ware

Died before June 12, 1657 in St. Michael's Parish, Barbados, W. Indies

SPOTLIGHT ON LINDA RAE LIND OF PORT ORCHARD, WA



[Editor's Note: So that we all may get to know each other better, we're going to ask one or more members to introduce themselves in each issue of our newsletter. Each of you can start composing your own introduction as your turn will come, I promise!]

Originally from Spokane, WA, I have lived in Western Washington since I was 16, except for a year in Portland, OR, and 4 years in Dallas, TX (where my husband studied and received

his Th.M., from Dallas Theological Seminary). I married John Lind in Olympia, WA, in 1974 just before we left for Dallas.

I graduated from Western Washington University in 1973 with a degree in General Speech Communication. I have worked for the State of Washington, State of Oregon, the IRS, the Social Security Administration and the Department of the Navy. In 1980 I transitioned to homemaker and with my husband John, became a foster parent for Unaccompanied Minors from SE Asia, ("boat people" refugee youths from Vietnam). In 1983 we adopted our first infant son, Joel, and in 1984 our second son, Jonathan. We continued for several years in the foster parent program and added family resettlement and family reunification to our ministries conducted mainly through World Relief and our local church.

In 1990 I became interested in genealogy and since then have joined the NSDAR, NSDAC, U.S. Daughters of 1812, Daughters of



Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Mayflower Society, Jamestowne Society, Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, NSDFPA, and now the Pilgrim William White Society. I have been active at the local, state, and national levels of several of these organizations.



From 2006-2012 I was the State President of the Washington State Society, U.S.D. 1812 and headed the project to identify veterans of the War of 1812 who died in our state. To commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, we erected a monument (see photo at left) at Washelli Cemetery in Seattle, WA, with names of the 16 known 1812 veterans who died in what was then Washington Territory. The monument was dedicated June 23, 2012. For more information see: <http://www.washelli.com/obits/obituaries.php/obitID/277814/obit/Bicentennial-Monument---Veterans-of-the-War-of-1812>

In July 2013, my husband John retired from the Department of the Navy with 39 years of service. We are enjoying this new season of life in our downsized home near Wye Lake in Kitsap County and the occasional visits of our sons and our one granddaughter, Elaina.

SPOTLIGHT ON ROBERT DUNCAN YOUNG OF BELMONT, MA

It was only a few years ago that I became a member of the Mayflower Society inasmuch as until recently I had no idea that my ancestors came across the North Atlantic on the little ship *Mayflower*. Oh, well my ancestors had to have got over here somehow, sometime!



I was born in Rockland, Maine, but lived my early years in Thomaston, located about four miles west of Rockland and in the mid-coast area of the state of Maine. Thomaston is located about eight miles up the navigable George's River. The river was named after Sir George Weymouth who discovered and toured the area in 1605. Back then the lobsters were so plentiful they could be picked up by hand, but I'd heard it was considered an insult to serve them for dinner to guests. Imagine!



Bob Young and the battleship USS Massachusetts in Boston Harbor

After returning from U.S. Navy service in the Pacific after World War II, it was when attending college that I became somewhat interested in genealogy. I had attained copies of *Eaton's Annals*, a history of Thomaston as well as family genealogies. My Young ancestors were included, kicked off by Gideon Young, born February 1787, in Scituate, MA.

It intrigued me somewhat to learn that Gideon had been residing in Scituate, so for the fun of it I engaged a genealogist to find out what she could about Gideon and his father Ebenezer. (No wonder my grandfather went by the name of E. Scott Young!)

Shortly I received a call from my genealogy friend. What she had discovered was that I had descended from two families, who had reached America by sailing across the Big Pond in that splinter of a ship, namely William Brewster and

William White. Just to get a laugh from her, I asked if this information and a buck might get me a cup of coffee at Dunkin Donuts.

Even though Scituate is located about twenty-two miles north of Plymouth, I had no idea any of my ancestors living in Scituate might have been descendants of *Mayflower* families. My parents and grandparents never mentioned it so I assume they never knew.

I believe the first Young was Christopher who arrived in Salem, MA, about 1645, and it was his son Thomas who married Peregrine's daughter Sarah. Somewhere down the ancestral chart their son Joseph married Lydia Barrell, a descendent of William Brewster.

As for becoming a member of the Mayflower Society, I decided to join via William White as I seem to recall reading something about Peregrine that led me to believe he was somewhat of a maverick in his younger years.

After graduating from college I came to Boston and was employed by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. My wife, Joan, was born and brought up here in Belmont. We have a son and a granddaughter now living in Washington, DC. If you're ever in DC you might find it interesting to visit the Newseum (spelling is correct) as my son was the Architectural Design Team Leader.

[Editor's Note: The Newseum is an interactive museum of news and journalism located at 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. The seven-level, 250,000-square-foot museum features 15 theaters and 14 galleries. The Newseum's Berlin Wall Gallery includes the largest display of sections of the Berlin Wall outside of Germany. The Today's Front Pages Gallery presents daily front pages from more than 80 international newspapers. Other galleries present topics including news history, the September 11 attacks, the First Amendment, world press freedom and the history of the Internet, TV and radio.

It opened at its first location in Rosslyn, VA, on 18 April 1997, where it admitted visitors without charge. Its mission is "to help the public and the news media understand one another better" and to "raise public awareness of the important role of a free press in a democratic society." In five years, the original Newseum attracted more than 2.25 million visitors.

The Newseum's operations are funded by the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation dedicated to "free press, free speech and free spirit for all people." In 2000, Freedom Forum decided to move the Newseum from its location in Virginia across the Potomac River to downtown Washington, D.C. The original Newseum was closed on 3 March 2002, to allow its staff to concentrate on building the new, larger museum. The new museum, built at a cost of \$450 million, opened its doors to the public on 11 April 2008 at a landmark location at Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street NW,

Highlights of the building design include a façade featuring a "window on the world" - 57 ft × 78 ft. - which looks out on Pennsylvania Avenue and the National Mall while letting the public see inside to the visitors and displays. It features the 45 words of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution etched into a four story tall stone panel facing Pennsylvania Avenue.

The new Newseum has become one of Washington's most popular destinations.]



L to R: Bob Young, his wife Joan and their son Robert Jr. in front of the Newseum at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

LOOKING BACK

by
D. Alan Smith

[Editor's Note: this is the fifth in a series by our Elder, Alan Smith, the first of which appeared in the April 2013 issue, the second in the July 2013 issue, the third in the October 2013 issue., and the fourth in the January 2014 issue.]

This series began with a question: is any part of the Peregrine White House still existing? It has meandered through reflections on the politics of our ancestors and cousins. And now we return to the Whites who lived in Peregrine's house. Based on the History of Marshfield (HM), the house was purchased by Abijah White from his uncle Joseph. Joseph had moved to Lebanon, CT. Abijah was born on 8 Oct 1706 and was the son of John and Susanna Sherman White. John was the son Daniel and grandson of Peregrine. He died as a Tory refugee on 29 Oct 1775 in Boston and was buried at King's Chapel. His family divided the property among themselves. (William White Family {WWF}, v 13 p 131) His wife Anna Little (*ibid*) died at Peregrine's House (HM) on 11 Mar 1791. (WWF, p131) Their son William owned the house on his mother's death. (HM) William was born on 9 Aug 1752. (WWF, p 131) William had three children: John, Anna, and Sybil. With these three children, we move to some of saddest history.



John, Anna and Sybil lived in their ancestral home on their ancestral lands among many cousins and friends. Something happened to John and Anna that caused them to be sent to the new Lunatic Hospital. I had never heard of Cousin John and Cousin Sybil, but I am outraged at their stories being sold as commodities on eBay. The remainder of this article is directly quoted without further comment (until my next article) from some records sold on eBay on 6 July 2008.

Very interesting archive of (18 pieces), consisting of a legal document and the remainder are letters all relating to John A White, and his sister Anna White, who were both patients at the "Lunatic Hospital," Worcester, MA, dating from 1841-1870.

Anna only mentioned briefly, but John appears to have been in and out of the hospital a number of times over the years. [Sep 7 1841; document re: bequest to John A. White and his sister Sybil White] 2pp. legal paper, dated Plymouth MA Sep 7 1841, by John A White, who was "yeoman", or owner of a small farm, and his sister Sybil White of Marshfield MA, appoint John Ford, also of Marshfield, as their attorney to handle the bequest of farm land to them from Cynthia Little and Elizabeth Baxter of Lebanon, Connecticut. [Letter, State Lunatic Hospital, Nov 3 1843 from S.B. Woodward, to Sybil White, Marshfield] "your brother John. ... appears better than he has done ... except for his anxiety to get home. He has appeared better this time than before. Has uniformly [permission] to go where he chooses. Some influences ... which have not before been noticed, have been the principle subject of our attention this time.... He says since I have cautioned him & he has as far as practicable followed my advice, he has had better feelings in his head (sic) than he has had for a long time. Had he not better come home on trial, or be discharged?" Both he and Anna [his sister] attended our first Ball last evening [signed S.B. Woodward] T(he)re follows a 1 page letter on the same paper from the patient, John A White, to sister Sybil, dated the previous day. In it he writes, "my health is better than it has been for number of years past. I was much pleased to hear from you, but regret that you have to live ther (sic) alone Dr. Woodward, I believe, has consented for me to return home, when he has seen the trustees and when you will be glad to see me ... I must inquire in regard to the stage, but I believe I can my way home any time I get a discharge ... [signed] John A. White." Faint red Worcester postmark. [3 pp. letter, dated Hospital, Worcester, Jun 25 1844, from Anna White, to Sybil] "Dr. Woodward returned on 16 of July. We have heard from Theda several times since she left I believe she like her situation very well ... I suppose you would like to know how I employ my self I was some of my own clothes and iron some and set the set table and help turn out the tea and coffee ... read some newspapers. I have not walk much of late, on account of the pain in my ankles. I should suppose that it would (be) much pleasanter for you now [that] you have a family in the house. I should like to have you send me some white woolen yarn and some swamp huckleberries ... Rufus ... should talk with you respecting my coming home. He did not see the doctor, Woodward, for he was quite sick that day, but is much better now. [signed] Anna White ..." [Hospital, Worcester, Aug 14 1845, 1 p. letter John to Sybil] 'Dr. Woodward has given his consent for me to return home & presume you and the rest of my friends will be glad ... and go about my business as usual. We thought it would best to consult you before I came home. I can see by the pares that the stages meet the Hingham steamboat. I shall want to come down with Mr. Jones and stop at the nearest place, which will be at Mr. Keen's ... [signed] John A White. Dr. Woodward adds a short note to John's letter, "Your brother has appeared well since the first few days of July. I do not know when he can go home better than present. I always feel anxiety about him, lest he should have a turn of excitement while a broad about the Hospital

or at home ... [signed S.B. Woodward.] [Hospital , Worcester, Jul 15 1847, John to Sybil] "my health continues good, and I see no reason why I cannot return home soon. Miss Elizabeth Lewis called the day you left ... with Benjamin Lewis's wife. They were in to see [sister] Anna, and was a short time. I believe Anna's health continues to improve. I have bought the ...

(End of transcribed copy. The above was sold at online auction at eBay on 6 July 2008.)

In my next article we will return to John, Anna and Sybil. Although our ancestors firmly opposed Easter, I wish all of our Society a Happy Easter. In my tradition we begin the Easter service with "Christ Is Risen." The response by the congregation is "He is Risen Indeed." And since Easter lasts 50 days, I say "Christ is Risen."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[Editor's Note: We've started a new feature, "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR," in hopes that members will use this space to share information of common interest or discuss issues of common concern to all TPWWS members. Email submissions to the editor with LETTERS TO EDITOR on the subject line.]



Alas, my mailbox has been empty the past three months! Remember, this feature of our newsletter is designed to give each of you a forum to present YOUR ideas, questions, concerns, etc. Consider this space to be our own "Speaker's Corner" ... a "Speakers' Corner" is an area where open-air public speaking, debate and discussion are allowed. The original and most noted is in the northeast corner of Hyde Park in London near Marble Arch (pictured at left).

THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 31 MAR 2014

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