



THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY NEWS

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

Excitement is building as we prepare for the very first The Pilgrim William White Society Triennial Meeting to be held during the General Society Triennial Congress in Plymouth, MA, in September. Our meeting will be held at the Radisson on Monday, September 8th from 5-6pm in the Halifax Room on the 3rd floor. We hope you can attend; however, if you are unable to attend, we will tell you all about it in the next newsletter—the October 2014 publication.

This newsletter contains some of the same information as the last newsletter did in regard to the items that will be voted on at the September meeting—election of officers and ratification of Bylaws. However, there is one NEW item I need to call to your attention: the **STANDING RULES**. The Board of Directors adopted these standing rules and, according to our Bylaws, they need to be “ratified and confirmed by a 2/3rds vote of the voting members present at the next Triennial Meeting.” Please read the Standing Rules presented elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, officers’ reports are contained in this newsletter. If you plan to attend TPWWS Triennial Meeting in September, please read these reports now as they will not be read as part of the business meeting. We want to spend every minute possible in visiting and getting to know each other. We would like to keep the business portion of the meeting to a minimum. Having read Officers’ Reports ahead of time will help us to achieve this.

More excitement was generated for our Society when new member John White read about a Bible that supposedly belonged to William White. John and Donna Crosby are working with Judith Swan and others to investigate the authenticity. We’ll have more information on this hot topic in the October newsletter.

Our membership is now at 82 members. It is wonderful because the more members we have, the more we can do—more research, more educational projects, more genealogy information, more DNA to bank. We could start to think about offering a scholarship. Do you have some ideas for the Society? Please contact me with them at prariec@me.com.

Thanks so much to each of you for your continued support for our organization!

Prarie

Prarie Counce
Interim Governor



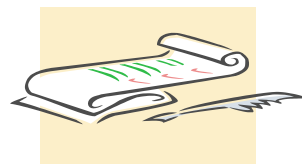
Interim Governor Prarie Counce

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

(* = charter member; ** = friend)



Robert Bailey*
Conover, WI

Janice Bassett*
Sun City Center, FL

Wayne Paul Bates
Boylston, MA

D. Michael Beard
Fredericksburg, VA

John Wesley Blackwell
Marco Island, FL

Barbara Allen Bliven
Baldwinsville, NY

Richard Spencer Burke
Phoenix, AZ

Mark Alan Campbell
Bloomington, MN

George Chaffee
Williston, VT

Raymond Chaffin*
Fort Worth, TX

Tiffany Chamberlain*
Garland, TX

Patricia Champion
Smyrna, GA

Prarie Counce*
Carrollton, TX

David Counce**
(husband of Prarie Counce)
Carrollton, TX

David O. Counce, Jr.
Farmers Branch, TX

Tracy Ashley Crocker
Plymouth, MN

Donna Crosby*
Sammamish, WA

Lena Danford**
Heartland, TX
(granddaughter of David & Prarie
Counce)

Benjamin Danford**
Heartland, TX
(grandson of David & Prarie Counce)

Leah Davis*
Conroe, TX

Jan Downing*
Arlington, VA

Phil Edmonds
Palm Harbor, FL

Theodore Epton
Lyman, SC

Carolyn Fowler**
Severna Park, MD
(wife of James (Jim) Fowler)

Frank Fowler*
Dillon, MT

James Fowler*
Severna Park, MD

Virginia Frisone*
Copley, OH

Elizabeth Gaudreau
Parker, CO

Nancy Gilbert*
Arlington, TX

David Lawrence Grinnell
Palm Springs, CA

Jan Groves*
Baton Rouge, LA

Dorothy Hagen
Lynchburg, VA

Norma Heaton*
Hagerstown, MD

Patricia
Hemphill**
Castle Rock, CO

Sherry Hillis**
Louisville, TN

Warren Howard*
Burtonsville, MD

Thomas L. Hughes
Chevy Chase, MD

Mary Helen (Marylen) Jackson
Williston, SC

William (Bill) Kelleher
Bedford, MA

Catherine Lane
Kalispell, MT

Dorothy "Earlene" White Lawrence
Florissant, MO

Dan Larkin
Eureka, CA

Nancy Lasar
Washington Depot, CT

Evelyn Layton*
Stevensville, MO

Norine Foster Lee
Huntsville, AL

Linda Rae Blain Lind
Port Orchard, WA

Amy Lowe*
Baton Rouge, LA

Frederick James MacDonald
Omena, MN

Mary Meeks
Ft. Worth, TX

Sylvia Nelson*
Kilgore, TX

Pat Nichols* Georgetown, TX	Lowry Watkins, Jr. Louisville, KY
Nancy Norris Mt. Plymouth, FL	Westport Historical Society** Jenny O'Neill, Executive Director Westport, MA
Eileen Patch* Endwell, NY	Jon H. Wheeler* Jacksonville, FL
Sharon Penner Gardnerville, NV	Richard S. Wheeler* Eustis, FL
Jeanne Wheeler Petermann Plymouth, WI	Everett White* Cumberland, ME
J. Benese Scherrer* North Las Vegas, NV	Kenneth Whittemore, Jr. San Diego, CA
Margaret Schlabach Lecanto, FL	Barbara Williams* Chester, SC
William Schmertz Columbus, OH	Frank Williams** (husband of Barbara Williams) Chester, SC
William Schumaker Toledo, OH	Susie Wuest* Boca Raton, FL
Mark Shackelford* Plainview, TX	Judy Ann White Yankoviak Cheyboygon, MI
James William Shively 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	.
Kathryn Tyson Davis, CA	

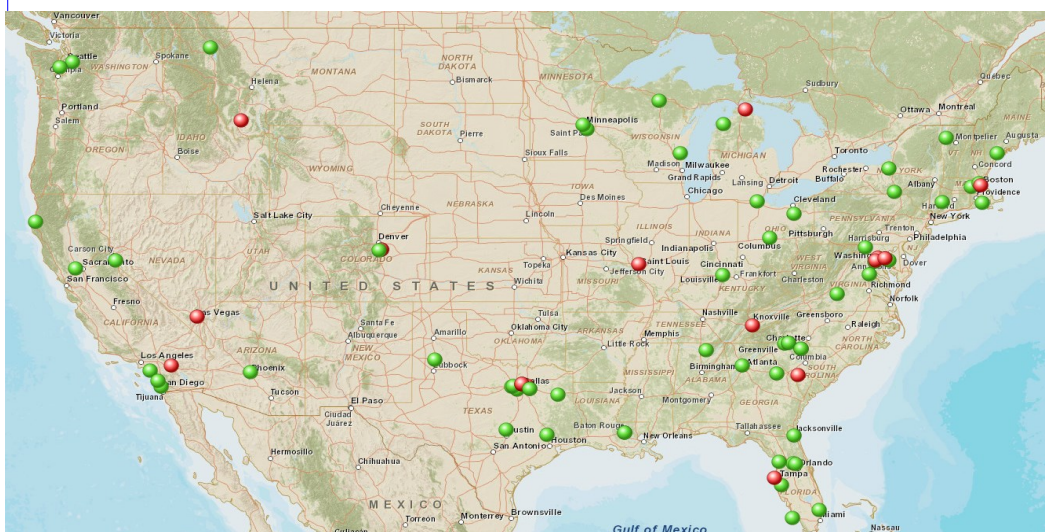
NEW MEMBERS

John Joseph White**
Pelham, NH

Robert Keith Glynn **
Hoisington, KS

Catherine Palmer
Highland Haven, TX

Elizabeth Counce Danford
Heartland, TX



MEMBERS' LOCATIONS

Green dots = descendants of
Resolved White

Red dots = descendants of
Peregrine White

(map courtesy of TPWWS member
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 & Standing Rules (each printed herein) - 2/3rds voting members' approval required
4. Any other business which is properly brought before the members for action

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Susie

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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.



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**



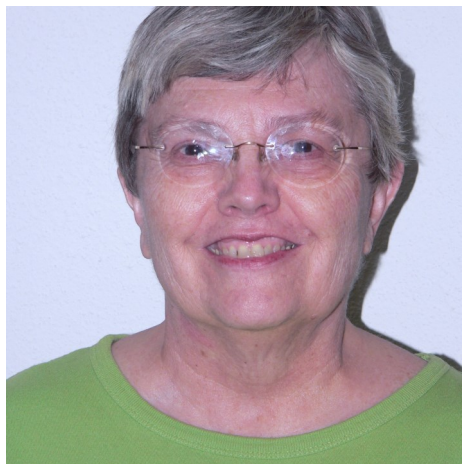
Historian: Barbara Williams



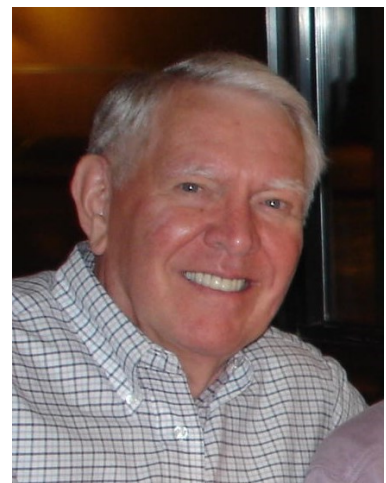
Elder: Ken Whittemore



Treasurer: J. Benese Scherrer



Captain: Patricia A. Nichols



Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fowler

Jim Fowler, Chair

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 near 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 S. Davis
Recording Secretary

PROPOSED STANDING RULES

1. A one-time application fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed to each new member.
2. Annual dues are Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00),
3. The \$25 application fee is a one-time fee and shall be placed in an interest-bearing account. Any funds withdrawn from this account require the approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
4. The \$15 annual membership fee paid by "friend" class of membership under 18 years of age shall be earmarked for education as relates to their Pilgrim heritage.
5. A person joining the Society after November 1st will not pay dues for the upcoming year.

REPORTS OF INTERIM OFFICERS

[Editor's Note: The vast majority of TPWWS members (including me) will be unable to attend our first triennial annual meeting on Sept 8th in Plymouth. In view of this, Governor Prarie Counce suggested that we print each officer's report in the newsletter which will come out just prior to that meeting so that all members (not just the few who do go to Plymouth) will have the benefit of that information. Here they are:]

REPORT OF INTERIM GOVERNOR PRARIE COUNCE

When Prarie Counce and her sister, J. Benese Scherrer were in Plymouth, MA, where Prarie attended GSMD's 2011 Triennial General Congress (Benese had not joined GSMD yet), they saw signs in the hotel, posting the various locations for Pilgrim society meetings. There was no sign for a William White Society. After questioning several people, Prarie and Benese learned there was no society for William White. They asked each other, "Why?" As they met other William White descendants throughout the Triennial Congress and the historic tour afterwards, Prarie would say, "We should start a William White Society," to which other William White descendants were always in agreement.

However, nothing happened until Barbara Williams, GSMD Historic Sites Committee Chair and William White descendant, placed a note in the September 2012 Mayflower Quarterly at the end of her article on the GSMD Historic Sites Tour asking anyone interested in becoming a member of a society for William White to contact Prarie Counce or herself. In early February 2013, Prarie began receiving emails from people interested in a Society. She knew it was time to act because a William White Society was long overdue.

Prarie contacted Susan Roser, GSMD Secretary General, asking her if there are formal guidelines for the formation of a pilgrim society. There are no guidelines; however, Susan has been working the past five years on the organization of the Isaac Allerton Society. She was very helpful in explaining the process they had taken.

The minimum number (as suggested by Susan) of 10 interested people in the Society was met almost immediately, so Prarie started to work on an interim Board of Directors/Officers. By mid-February 2013, most of the interim offices had been filled and the group was working on membership applications and membership fees. Susan Roser had said there are no members until membership fees are paid. Officers serving at this time were: Prarie Counce as interim Governor; Jim Fowler as interim Deputy Governor, Susie Wuest as interim Secretary; J. Benese Scherrer as interim Treasurer (Benese was now a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Nevada); Barbara Williams as interim Historian; and Alan Smith as interim Elder.

About the same time (mid-February) discussions began on incorporation. Because Massachusetts (where most pilgrim societies are incorporated) charges a higher fee and requires a resident agent, it was decided to incorporate in Texas.

Benese went to a bank near where she lives in Nevada to open a bank account and called Prarie from the bank asking for the exact name for the Society. Prarie said let's officially call it "The Pilgrim William White Society."

Benese initially receives applications and checks, deposits the checks, then sends the original applications to Barbara and faxes a copy of the application to Susie.

On February 20, 2013, Jim Fowler began contacting state society governors, historians, and newsletter editors with information and member applications to forward to their members with William White ancestry. Jim also contacted appropriate representatives of Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plimoth Plantation, and other organizations and individuals of interest.

Leah Davis set up a YahooGroups! account as another means to communicate.

On February 22, 2013, Leah Davis began serving as interim Recording Secretary with Susie Wuest serving as interim Corresponding Secretary.

Toward the end of February 2013, the interim Board started to work on objectives for the Society. The objectives were needed on the application for the Certificate of Formation and for bylaws.

On February 28, 2013 there were 23 members of The Pilgrim William White Society.

In early March, Prarie obtained an EIN (Employee Identification Number) from the Internal Revenue Service for banking and tax purposes; and she applied for and received the Certificate of Formation Nonprofit Corporation in the name of "The Pilgrim William White Society" that became effective March 6, 2013.

Also in early March, Alan Smith designed the membership certificate.

Nancy Gilbert led discussions on using DNA as a means to identify ancestry. She contacted GSMD for help in understanding DNA testing. Everett White is the only member of TPWWS who is a direct descendant of William White and could provide y-DNA that might eventually help in the identity of William White. In November 2013, Everett had his DNA tested and banked with FamilyTreeDNA, the testing facility used by GSMD.

Word of TPWWS was spreading. Wayne Bates sent a link to the Nutfield Genealogy website where there was an article about TPWWS being organized.

On March 8, 2013, Donna Crosby volunteered to do genealogy research for anyone trying to prove descent from William White.

On March 25, 2013, Richard Wheeler agreed to publish a newsletter for TPWWS.

Barbara Williams assigned membership numbers according to the dates the applications were received.

By March 31, 2013, there were 35 members.

On April 12, 2013, Richard Wheeler published the first issue of TPWWS's newsletter.

Also on April 12, 2013, Kenneth Whittemore agreed to serve as interim Captain of TPWWS.

Mark Campbell suggested it would be interesting to see the locations of our membership. David Grinnell volunteered to map the locations and David updates the map for every newsletter with information provided from Susie Wuest.

Donna Crosby suggested it would be interesting to know how each member's lineage moved across the states; so Richard started a new feature in the newsletter, "Tracking Our Ancestors' Steps."

By the end of May 2013, we had 50 members.

Jim Fowler started working on a location for the first TPWWS meeting in Plymouth in September 2014.

Leah Davis suggested we needed a flag for the Society. She agreed to chair a committee for the purpose of designing the flag. Serving with Leah on the committee were Kenneth Whittemore, Donna Crosby, Eileen Patch, and Prarie Counce, *ex-officio* member.

By the end of June 2013, TPWWS had 56 members.

On July 17, 2013, the second TPWWS newsletter was published. David Grinnell volunteered to help others trace their lineage back to William White.

Westport Historical Society joined TPWWS as a "friend" member. It owns the house where William White (great-grandson of William and Suzanna) lived with his wife, Elizabeth Cadman.

Prarie sent the first working draft of bylaws to the other officers and work on editing began.

The Board voted to earmark the money paid by our friend members under 18 years of age for education for the young members.

Richard Wheeler published the third TPWWS newsletter on October 23, 2013.

Donna Crosby agreed to chair a Lineage Research Committee. Additional members of the committee are David Grinnell, Nancy Gilbert, and Barbara Williams. With Donna's degree in Anthropology and her understanding of DNA as it relates to lineage research, several TPWWS members (including Everett White with the important y-DNA) participated in DNA testing.

In early November, our membership had grown to 67.

On November 18, 2013, David Grinnell volunteered to work on a William White Family Tree using Family Tree maker and lineage information provided by our members.

Members engaged in activities to make the public aware of the Plymouth Pilgrims. Prarie selected age-appropriate books and other materials for the young TPWWS members and mailed them in time for Thanksgiving.

Prarie and Barbara began working on membership certificates with the intent to have them to members by Christmas.

By mid-December, TPWWS membership was 71.

Treasurer J. Benese Scherrer sent dues notices to all members.

Jim Fowler finalized arrangements for the 2014 meeting in Plymouth.

On January 9, 2014, Jim Fowler agreed to chair the Nominating Committee as he did not plan to run for office. He reported he had a slate of officers on January 16, 2014.

Tracy Crocker agreed to help the Lineage Research Committee as much as he can and was approved by the Board for membership on that Committee.

Benese Scherrer contacted the IRS regarding tax obligations and tax reporting.

The fourth TPWWS newsletter was published by Richard Wheeler on January 22, 2013.

In late January 2014, member Richard Burke agreed to set up a website for TPWWS. He is working on it as he has time.

In mid-February, the Flag Committee approved the design and production of a podium drape. The finished flag appeared in the April 2014 newsletter.

Richard Wheeler agreed to take a look at the bylaws as he recently has rewritten the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida bylaws.

Jim Fowler personally contacted each person whose dues were not received. One member resigned. Everyone else renewed their membership.

After many months of work, the final draft of The Pilgrim William White Society Bylaws was distributed to the officers on March 17, 2014. The proposed Bylaws were published in the April 2014 newsletter.

On April 15, 2014, TPWWS membership had grown to 78.

Richard Wheeler published the fifth TPWWS newsletter on April 22, 2013.

In looking back, The Pilgrim William White Society became a reality because each of our members made contact expressing an interest in a society for William White and his family. It took all of our members' support—whether it was financial through dues, in time and effort in the mechanics of organizing, or some other contribution.

Looking to the future, it will take our continued commitment to keep The Pilgrim William White Society going and to achieve the purposes and goals we have designated for our Society.

With deepest gratitude to each of you,
Prarie Counce
Interim Governor

REPORT OF INTERIM DEPUTY GOVERNOR JIM FOWLER

Febuary 20, 2013: Began emailing state Mayflower Society governors and newsletter editors to alert their members who were William White descendants to the formation of TPWWS.

March 20, 2013: Prepared a news release on the formation of TPWWS which was emailed to: Plimoth Plantation; Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum; The Mayflower Quarterly; Jeremy Bangs, curator of The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, The Netherlands; and The Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association. Acknowledgement and positive response was received from all but one of the recipients. The release appeared in the March 2013 issue of The Mayflower Quarterly.

August 18, 2013: Began discussion with Judith H. Swan, Congress Arrangements Chair, to arrange the inaugural meeting of TPWWS during the 40th General Congress of GSMD in Plymouth September 2014. On December 16, 2013 it was finalized that the meeting would be held on September 8, 2014, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Halifax Room of the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. An optional dinner following for those attending the meeting is also being considered.

January 13, 2014: Was appointed chair of TPWWS nominating committee and with the assistance of the interim board completed the slate of officers on January 16, 2014.

February 22, 2014: Worked with treasurer Benese Scherrer in calling the seven members who had not paid their 2014 dues. All had paid by March 11, 2014.

Although not directly related to TPWWS, a great deal of effort was expended shoveling snow throughout the winter of 2013-14.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fowler
Interim Deputy Governor

REPORT OF INTERIM ELDER D. ALAN SMITH

I have contacted each new member or friend with an email and welcomed him or her to the Society. I have not had the task of sending condolences because either no one has died or we have not been notified. In looking forward, we should encourage our members or their families to notify regarding illnesses or deaths. As cousins we need to support each other. When I attend my annual conference's memorial service, I become only too aware of how short life can be. Perhaps, a future goal of our Society would be to collect and preserve obituaries or memorials of our deceased members or friends. The Elder would be a good contact person. I regret that I cannot be at our first meeting, but those in attendance will have my prayers and support. May our Society be present as long as Plymouth Rock has endured.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Alan Smith
Interim Elder.

REPORT OF INTERIM HISTORIAN BARBARA WILLIAMS

Good Morning from foggy Sekiu, WA!!! I had been thinking about my report and found Alan's on the emails. So, thought it a good time to do mine!

I enjoy being your Historian as I have each of you "under my thumb"! How? An acid free notebook is being used for all your applications and copies of original acceptance applications of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. There are many of you who have not sent to me your approved GSMD applications. Please send them to Barbara Williams, P. O. Box 294 Sekiu WA 98381. I would greatly appreciate it. It is fun to review all the applications which are in individual acid free containers. All of your material is safe from age!!!

When the certificates arrive from Prarie, I sign them and mail to the new members. I hope to meet many of you in Plymouth during the General Congress.

With warm wishes to all of you,
Cousin Barbara Williams
Interim Historian

REPORT OF INTERIM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY SUSIE WUEST

A complete and current record of the Society's members, indicating their name and addresses and the class of membership held by each member, is being kept on an Excel spreadsheet. This record is updated whenever copies of new Member and Friend applications are received from the Treasurer. Information has been provided to the Governor or the newsletter editor when requested. A notice of the Triennial Meeting was written for the newsletter. Arrangements for a dinner following the inaugural meeting have been made. I look forward to meeting all my new-found cousins in September in Plymouth!

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Wuest
Interim Corresponding Secretary

REPORT OF INTERIM TREASURER J. BENESE SCHERRER

As I type this report today, July 7, 2014, we have [redacted] in our checking account and [redacted] in our savings account. The \$80 in application fees and dues for our two newest members was deposited on July 3, 2014. \$75 was transferred from Checking to Savings on July 7, 2014. We now have a total membership of 82.

We had only one member who didn't renew his membership.

The only expenses we have incurred are listed in the quarterly income and expense report on page 21, below. Since we have so few expenses, I just show all of them in each quarterly newsletter report, as well as all our income.

I filed the required reports with the IRS and the State of Texas Franchise Tax Board. We did not owe any taxes. After speaking with three different agents from the IRS and one from Texas Franchise Tax Board, I opted to file the IRS Form 990-N. This is a postcard type form that can be filed every year when gross receipts are \$50,000 or less. Filing this form as opposed to IRS Form 1023 saved us \$400 in fees. If by some chance our income were ever to exceed the \$50,000, then we can file Form 1023. The IRS agents told me that, even if we don't file Form 1023, we are treated as non-profits.

I keep an Excel chart of each member, their address, phone, email, Peregrine or Resolved descendant, GSMD Number, State Society Number, and birth date when included on the application. As I receive the applications, I photocopy one for myself and one for Susie Wuest, the Corresponding Secretary. The originals go to Historian Barbara Williams. This information is also in my Contacts list in my email. After I receive applications, I email the applicant to let them know I received their check and to welcome them. When I have determined that I have their correct email address, I then email the other members to inform them of the new members.

All incoming application and dues checks and all checks I have written for expenses are photocopied, as are deposit slips and any receipts for expenses that I receive. I also keep printed copies of all bank statements.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Benese Scherrer
Interim Treasurer

.REPORT OF INTERIM RECORDING SECRETARY LEAH DAVIS

Your Recording Secretary has kept notes on Board action since the end of February 2013. These actions can be read in the Governor's Report. These Board actions will be included in the Minute Book and available at our Meeting in September. It has been a pleasure to act as Interim Recording Secretary.

Respectfully submitted
Leah Davis
Interim Recording Secretary

REPORT OF INTERIM CAPTAIN KEN WHITEMORE

As the Interim Captain, it was my privilege to work (using e-mail) with a fine group of dedicated individuals to help form the new William White Society. We have discussed many things over the past few months and have come up with the best plans and implementation for our new Society. As Captain, I was especially interested in and helped with the planning of the White Flag that was developed and made for the William White Society. I am proud to have been able to help get this new family society started and hope that my descendants will become part of it also.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Whittemore
Interim Captain

REPORT OF LINEAGE COMMITTEE

Lineage Committee: Donna Crosby, Tracy Crocker, Nancy Gilbert, David Grinnell, Barbara Williams, Prarie Counce.

I. Lineage Committee

On Oct 13, 2013, the Lineage Committee above was approved and formed by The Pilgrim William White Society (TPWWS). Our group has worked on several fronts to research lineages of prospects, research lineages of known GSMD descendants of other passengers for a lineage to William White, and have supported DNA testing for additional and more scientific data that would enable us to know and research other matching individuals to known and proven lineages.

Each member of this committee brings skills and knowledge to our Society that enables us to assist other prospects as well as other members of our Society to continue to achieve these accomplishments.

Barbara Williams and David Grinnell both have deeper ties with the other Colonies and the historical venues that assist when problems or questions arise on specific lineages. Their assistance allowed for three new members to be approved by the GSMD.

Tracy Crocker brings extensive knowledge of the early and ancient histories of many of the Puritans and at least one Pilgrim (Richard More), with proven lineages back through the Plantagenet Kings of England, Kings of Scotland, France, Spain, etc. back to and beyond Charlemagne.

Nancy Gilbert developed spreadsheets and charts through the computer that assists in keeping records on the DNA testees and their results.

Prarie Counce provides the leadership, organization, and tenacity that are contributing greatly to the efforts of our Committee and the willingness of all Committee members who are willing to assist in any endeavor.

II. Prospects

Most people have some knowledge of their heritage; many have stories, or family oral histories, that provide names and places, or bits and pieces of American history that seems to fit their own family stories. To date, there have been 14 prospects who contacted TPWWS whose lines have been researched. Of these 14 prospects, the Lineage Committee has been able to prove 4 of these prospects back to 6 passengers: William White (2), John Alden, Edward Doty, Thomas Rogers, and James Chilton. While there are no prospects lineages pending, we are currently working on a GSMD member who is trying to prove his line back to William White and Francis Cooke.

III. DNA Testing

To date, 16 members have taken a DNA test: a Family Finder test, an mt-dna test, or a y-DNA- test. Of these 16 participants who contacted the Lineage Committee to attempt to find matching ancestors, the results were mixed.

One of the male descendants of William White and on a direct male line took the y-DNA test and appears to be the only direct male to provide William White DNA results. More direct male DNA tests would validate these early findings; however, this GSMD member did have three perfect matches. All were contacted, all live in New England, and none applied for membership in any Mayflower Society.

Two of us who took the Family Finder test (FF) are a match which we already knew, but were surprised to learn that this test proved matching segments in the past 5 generations. As our William White common ancestor is at a distance much greater than 5 generations, we found that we share a more recent German common ancestor, which provides confidence in this test as well, even though still in the earliest stages of development.-

This FF test will continue to improve as the technology to include segments of matching DNA to generations beyond these first 5 generations, and will in time, become more useful. While at the present time and in the foreseeable future, DNA results alone will not supplant documentation, these tests will provide an impetus for families seeking to find their historical past and their own heritage.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has recently announced the development of a system with software developers enabling the merging of traditional genealogies with Y-DNA, mt-DNA and Autosomal (FF) DNA results. As the objective in taking a DNA test is to find the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA), this ability to analyze DNA results against known, proven, and well documented lineages will catapult genealogy to a recognized field of study and research.

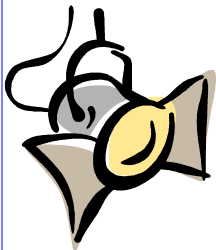
III. Mayflower Bibles/Books Project

GSMD, TPWWS, and Winslow Heritage Society (WHS) member John White discovered at least 7 Bibles and several Ministers Books that are dated to the Pilgrim and Puritan immigrants that are now housed in Rare Books Libraries in CT, TX, and NH, and 4 at the Pilgrim Hall. Efforts are ongoing to review all of these artifacts with the emphasis on the contents of the bibles/books that include dates, names, places, events, drawings, and comments that we can then review and analyze for new clues and events for the Pilgrims/Puritans.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Crosby, Chair

TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

No one has submitted one of these items for publication.



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

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SHARE YOUR STORY

In the second issue of our newsletter in July 2013, we started two new features: (1) "SPOTLIGHT ON ..."; and (2) "TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS." As explained below, these are two different (but related) ways for you to share details of your life story. I encourage each of you to submit one or both to me for publication in an upcoming issue of our society's newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

This is the vehicle for introducing yourself to your fellow TPWWS members and sharing your personal story (or as much of it as you wish to share). Your childhood and education. Your career. Your spouse and family. How you first became interested in genealogy. How you learned you were a descendant of William White. Other hobbies, interests and activities (including offices held in your state or local Mayflower society). Anything, in short, which will help the rest of us know and appreciate the uniqueness of YOU, your personality and character.

TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

This is the vehicle for explaining how your line got from Massachusetts (where William and Susanna White and their sons Resolved and Peregrine lived and died) to wherever you live now. Some members' stories are simpler and others are more complex. I'd like to invite you to submit your "TRACKING" story for an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Your "TRACKING" story is an explanation of how your piece of the White line migrated from MA to the state where you live now. Basically, it's just a condensation of the story told by the generations 1-11 (or 12) info on your Mayflower application.

What I'd like you to do is analyze the birth, marriage and death info from generations 1-11 (or 12) on your own Mayflower application and write up an explanation of how your version of the White line got from MA to the state where you now live. It can be a simple story (as is mine and my brother Jon's on pg 4 of the July 2013 newsletter) or a complicated one (as in the case of Donna Crosby's story on pgs 4-5 of the same issue).

If you'd rather not, that's fine too ... but I certainly hope you'll share your "TRACKING" story. Personally, I'm fascinated by the details how William and Susanna White's descendants spread to the four corners of the United States, and I think other TPWWS members are too. And I hope you'll submit your autobiography for the "SPOTLIGHT ON" feature too. With either story, please submit a recent head & shoulders photo in jpg format.

THE SEARCH FOR THE WILLIAM WHITE BIBLE

by

John Joseph White

Pelham, NH



While reading the Genealogy of the White Family written by Thomas and Samuel White in 1895, I noticed many references to a William White Bible. In this Bible, it states names, dates and events documenting William White's journey from England to Holland to Plymouth. The Bible is considered a primary source and there are many questions regarding William's life. Furthermore, questions abound if Susanna was a Fuller or not. This Bible may be the missing link to the questions that we all have. WHERE IS THIS BIBLE?? The search is on!!

I began my research and found that the Bible was owned by S.W. Cowles, 891 Main St who bought it in 1892 from Charles M. Taintor in Manchester, CT, for only \$12. There were statements made that this Bible came over on the Mayflower and it contained writings on the margins and on a blank page. Some of the writing were: "Sonne born to Susanna White, Dec 19, 1620, yt six o'clock morning," a drawn image of Peregrine, "William White, his book 1608," "Left Delft Haven, in Holland. Sailed for Southamton, August 1619," "Leyden, Holland, March 1609," "At Amsterdam, Holland, April Anno Domini 1608" and much more writings that would make a reasonable person conclude that there is a need to find this important historical antiquity. It must be researched further and inspected.

During my quest, I was able to locate other Bibles that claim to have come over on the Mayflower. An essay by Carolyn K. Coates titled "The Curious Case of a Mayflower Bible" stated that there is an alleged bible at the J. Eugene Smith Library of Eastern Connecticut State University.

With that clue, I contacted the University and communicated with Carolyn and the University Director of Library Services. I was able to get photocopies of some of the documentation which leads me to believe that this particular item is from the Winthrop family, Hilton family and John Howland family. Due to the fragility of the item, they were not able to make copies of the Bible pages, however, they invited me there to inspect it, take pictures, document everything and share it with everyone.

During my research, I have discovered Bibles at different universities and Pilgrim Hall. Two Bibles are from John Alden and William Bradford with a possibly of two others of unknown families. They are domiciled in Pilgrim Hall. Dartmouth College has a King James version of a John Alden Bible.

I was then given a lead that there is a William White Bible at Pforzheimer Library of Early English Literature at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas in Austin. By all descriptions and accounts, this is the Bible referenced in the Genealogy of the White Family. This Bible was also owned by William Brewster. The information contained within its pages may change the entire family structure and put questions to rest. To the best of my knowledge, no one has analyzed Bibles before for family lineage and referenced them.



With the new development, and being very excited, I contacted Donna Crosby, historian and genealogist, Judy Swan, former Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Kathy Myers of the Winslow Heritage Society and Prarie Counce of The Pilgrim William White Society. There is more to be told; and it will be told, in the October's edition of this newsletter. You will read a progress report from Donna Crosby and Judy Swan.

This is still a work in progress. A research team has been developed and they are in the field ready to inspect the items. Judy has already contacted and inspected an item. A highly credentialed researcher is going to Texas. CT and NH will be inspected as well. Stay tuned to this developing story. You will not want to miss the next edition of this newsletter.

Keeping History Alive!!

LOOKING BACK

by
D. Alan Smith

[Editor's Note: this is the sixth and final installment 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, the fourth in the January 2014 issue, and the fifth in the April 2014 issue.]

It is hard to believe that a simple question about a house could open up such a world of unknown and sadly forgotten cousins. We have gotten to know John and Sybil well and only slightly Anna. Anna and John spent most of their lives in and out of the new hospital for the mentally ill. Sybil struggled farming Peregrine's lands as best she could. She sold butter and cheese. She kept the farm stocked with sheep, cattle and horses. After she sold Peregrine's farm, she moved to a nearby home. (Marshfield 1640-1940, p. 135)

When faced with her own failing health, she advertised to locate the descendants of another brother who had moved away. Finally among all the respondents to her inquiries was Ashton White. Mr. White was able to establish his identity and descent. He inherited her estate. She had left the interest on \$800 to the selectmen of Marshfield to assist "worthy and destitute spinsters." (History of Marshfield, p. 15)

Unfortunately, the link to an early record of a visit to Sybil's home is no longer active. The description was of her sitting with a visitor in her quiet home listening to the ticking of the clock in the home of her ancestors. This was the picture I wanted to close with — Sybil's sitting contentedly in her home being the last White to live in Peregrine's but happy.

When I was in the Peace Corps in West Africa, I studied the religions of the region. I woke up each morning with the call to first prayer from the mosque across the street. With a country 90% Muslim, Islam was the logical beginning point. I already knew Christianity is its three main forms: Anglican, Catholic and Protestant. The other 5% was comprised of African Traditional Religion. This latter group became a major interest for me. Among the core beliefs was one major fact. The dead ancestors are always with us. But as we lose details about the person, the person becomes fainter and fainter and has less and less influence on our lives. I hope that this series has given more details to our White ancestors and brought them more to life. Especially I hope that Anna, Sybil and John are more alive now.





THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 30 JUNE 2014

By J. Benese Scherrer, Interim Treasurer

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CORRECTION

In the Spring 2014 issue of TPWWS News (vol. 2 no. 2 at pg. 16), an article on William Vassal stated: "Husband of Ann (King) Vassall — married [date unknown] [location unknown]."

Member Nancy Norris has furnished a copy of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register vol. 109:95, "Alderman John Vassal and His Descendants" (Apr. 1955, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Boston, MA), which states:

"William Vasall married (license dated London, 9 June 1613) ANNA KING, born about 1593, daughter of George King of Cold Norton, co. Essex."

The place and date of his marriage are, therefore, not "unknown." Thank you Nancy.



Nancy Norris
Mt. Plymouth, FL

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