



THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY NEWS

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

The first Triennial Meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society was a success in several ways. During the business meeting bylaws were adopted, standing rules were accepted, and officers were elected. Cousins of the White family met each other, dined together, and visited (with several members saying we did not have enough visiting time). News of the Society attracted potential members, some attending the meeting. A very special "Thank you" to our 20 members who attended the meeting; and for our members who were unable to attend, we have pictures and information from the meeting so that you may feel part of it also.

A hearty "Congratulations" to our member Kenneth Whittemore on his election to General Society Elder. Kenneth is also The Pilgrim William White Society Elder.

Since the last newsletter, The Board of Directors voted to make some donations to other organizations that promote the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors or preserve and protect artifacts or archival material belonging to our Pilgrim ancestors. The Pilgrim William White Society donated \$250 to the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway Project. A commemorative brick with the wording "The Pilgrim William White Soc. Est. February 2013" will be placed in the center octagon of the walkway when it arrives in late fall.



The Mayflower Society will use the money to ensure that the garden and grounds of the Mayflower Society House will remain a place of beauty where our ancestors can be honored and remembered.

The Pilgrim William White Society donated \$100 for a Business Non-profit Corporation membership in

Pilgrim Hall Museum. Please see the article regarding Pilgrim Hall Museum in this newsletter.
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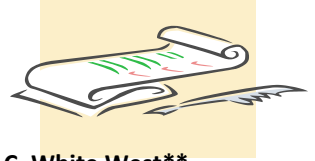
Governor Prairie Counce

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NEW MEMBERS

(* = charter member; ** = friend)



Catherine Donaldson
Union Bridge, MD

Jane Hussey**
Lima, OH

Susan Frederickson
Hinsdale, IL

Gail C. White West**
Anchorage, AK

Barbara Ann Brown Bateman
The Villages, FL

[Editor's Note: Due to inadvertent (albeit preventable) error on my part, the last four names on the "Membership Directory" ... Susie Wuest, Judy Ann White Yankoviak, Robert D. Young and Carolyn Bixby Youngs ... were omitted from the listing in the 31 July 2014 newsletter. My sincere apologies to each of the TPWWS members involved.]

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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The Pilgrim William White Society donated \$100 to the Westport Historical Society for restoration and research of the Cadman-White-Handy House in Westport, MA. There is an article about the Cadman-White-Handy House in this newsletter.

We now have a website! Thanks so much to our member Richard Burke for making this happen for us. Please visit the website at your earliest convenience. The website address is: <http://thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org>



TPWWS Board approved the appointment of the following members to the listed committees:

Budget Committee: J. Benese Scherrer (Treasurer as Chair), Jim Fowler, Bill Kelleher
Bylaws Committee: Nancy Lasar (Chair)
Directory Committee: Susie Wuest (Chair), Sharon Penner, Prairie Counce

It is hard to believe that both Thanksgiving and Christmas will have passed before our next newsletter! The Thanksgiving season is the perfect time to remind your family of their very special heritage—their ancestor grandparents, William and Susanna White, who arrived in this country on the *Mayflower* in 1620. It is also the time to share the Pilgrim story with your community. Please let us know what you will be doing to get the word out. If you visit schools, hospitals, libraries, etc., send a picture for the next newsletter. TPWWS will again send age-related books about the Pilgrims to our four young friend

members.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season; and thank you for your membership in The Pilgrim William White Society!

Prairie

Prairie Counce
TPWWS Governor



**The officers and directors of
The Pilgrim William White Society
extend their sincere wish that all members and their families, near and far,
have a joyous and blessed Christmas season.**



REPORT ON FIRST TRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF TPWWS MEMBERS

The First Triennial General Membership Meeting of the members of TPWWS was 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. Nineteen (19) members were in attendance.



Back Row (L to R): Jim Fowler, Everett White, Bill Kelleher, Prarie Counce, Lowry Watkins, Leah Davis, John White, Benese Scherrer. Front Row (L to R): Barbara Williams, Barbara Bliven, Jan Downing, Pat Nichols, Marylen Jackson, Susie Wuest, Janet Hussey, Nancy Lasar, Eileen Patch, Kenneth Whittemore and David Grinnell.

Following the meeting, members adjourned to the Waterfront Inn in Plymouth to share animated fellowship and a hearty New England meal.

Members who attended were asked for their observations and feelings about the get-together. Susie Wuest wrote:

"I thought it was wonderful to meet all these new-found cousins. With one cousin, we discovered that we come down the same line for at least four generations, if not five. With another



cousin, Everett White, from Maine, we discovered what a small world it is. I asked Everett where he lived in Maine, as I am a graduate of Colby College. As it turns out, their daughter Laurie graduated the same year from Colby and I knew her as our dorm rooms were next door to each other in our junior year! Having the chance to finally meet all the board members after all our corresponding through e-mails was another highlight! I think that belonging to TPWWS added another dimension in attending the 2014 Triennial Meeting in Plymouth. Besides everyone having descending from a Mayflower passenger in common, the TPWWS members have the same Mayflower passenger in common. Thank you especially to Prarie Counce for having the vision to

create TPWWS and carrying through with the idea! "

REPORT ON FIRST TRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF TPWWS MEMBERS (cont'd)

Everett White wrote the following:

"My wife Jean and I drove from Maine, down to Plymouth, to attend the first official meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society. These are my impressions of the meeting. When we entered the room, at the hotel, Prairie greeted me by my name so I must look something like my picture in the newsletter. There were hugs and handshakes all around and I thought to myself, "Boy, this is a friendly group of people." The room was soon filled to overflowing with members, people who wanted to be members, people who wished they could be members, and a few more who just wanted to find out what we were all about. Prairie ran a very professional meeting and all the necessary business was soon taken care of. We can all be assured that our Society is in good hands with Prairie as our leader. I never realized that I had so many friendly, and good looking, cousins. The dinner afterward concluded a very enjoyable evening."



Jim Fowler provided this photo of "Pilgrim's Progress," the procession which opened the 40th Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on Sunday Sept 7th. Members, guests and children, many in period attire, walk from the Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill where the Governor General lays a wreath in memory of the 51 *Mayflower* passengers who perished the first winter. Jim also provided the photo of the burial ground on Cole's Hill overlooking Plymouth Harbor.



A very special THANK YOU to our member Phil Edmonds for the donation to The Pilgrim William White Society Lineage Research Committee of the book he owns, White Family Records – Descendants of Peregrine White by Roscoe White, copyright 1939. Committee Chair Donna Crosby says she has already read some information regarding the "White Family Bible."

Prairie

Prairie Counce
TPWWS Governor

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2014-2017 TERM OF OFFICE

The following Officers for The Pilgrim William White Society were elected at the First Triennial Membership Meeting held 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

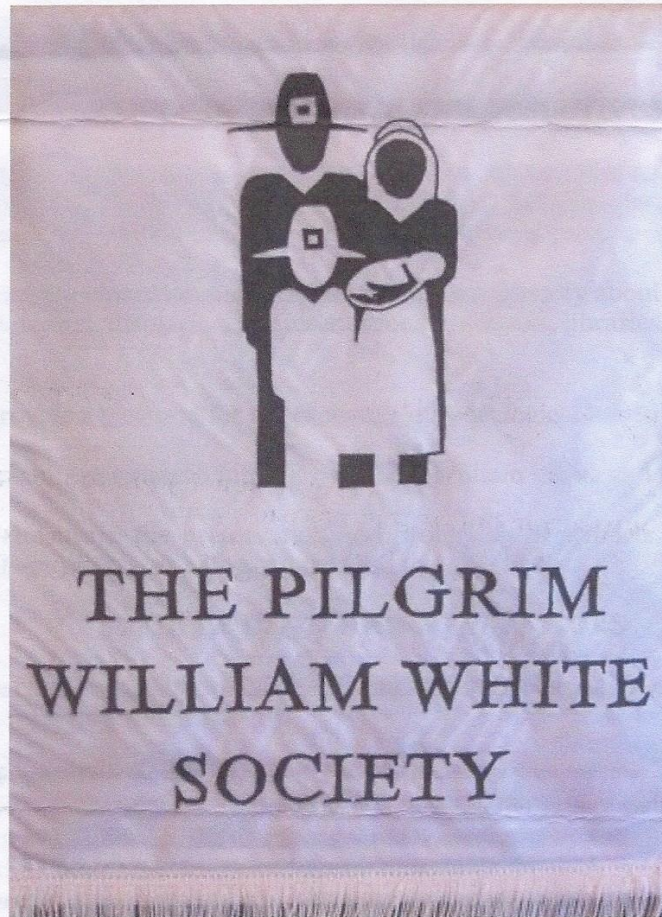


Treasurer: J. Benese Scherrer



Captain: Patricia A. Nichols

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
(INCLUDING STANDING RULES)
OF
THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY**



CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned duly elected officers of the Society, do hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the Constitution & Bylaws (including Standing Rules) 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
Prarie Counce
Governor

ATTEST:

Leah Davis
Leah Davis
Recording Secretary

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.

STANDING RULES RATIFIED BY MEMBER VOTE AT 2014 MEETING

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.



TPWWS Officers for the 2014-2017 term (L to R): Historian Barbara Williams, Captain Pat Nichols, Governor Prarie Counce, Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest, Recording Secretary Leah Davis, Treasurer Benese Scherrer, Elder Ken Whittemore.
Not present: Deputy Governor Alan Smith

WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

A new family association has become a reality --- the Winslow Heritage Society. With 32 charter members, 4 junior members, and one recent new member, the Society held its inaugural meeting in Plymouth during the 40th GSMD Congress last month.

Membership in the Winslow Heritage Society is open to descendants of the Winslow brothers who immigrated on the *Mayflower* (Edward and Gilbert) and during the Great Migration (John, Josiah and Kenelm), and to any Winslow who can prove descent from Edward Winslow, Sr., of England. Membership is also open to any proven descendant of a *Mayflower* Pilgrim who has an interest in the Winslow family. There is a category for Junior members. Friends of the Winslow Heritage Society are also welcome.



Families currently represented in the Society are: John Winslow family; Josiah Winslow family; Kenelm Winslow family; Margaret Winslow family; John Howland family; and William White family.

One of the goals of the Winslow Heritage Society is to encourage continued research and education regarding all of the children of Edward Winslow, Sr., both in America and in England.

For membership information contact Kathy Myers, Governor, at jkmyers2@verizon.net; by phone: (814) 371-5128; or by mail at 2540

Beechtree Road, Falls Creek, PA 15840. Pictured above L to R are Ellie Johnson, Robert Allen Greene, John White, Kathy Myers, John Myers, Marylen Jackson, and Judy Brister.

TPWWS BECOMES MEMBER OF PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM

Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, MA, is our nation's oldest continually operating public museum. The museum and The Pilgrim Society, who built Pilgrim Hall Museum in 1824, are the caretakers and stewards of national treasures such as *The Landing of the Pilgrims* by Henry Sargent and Pilgrim artifacts meaningful to us such as a document containing the signature of Resolved White and the wicker cradle of Peregrine White.

One of the purposes and objectives of The Pilgrim William White Society is "to encourage the preservation and protection of artifacts and archival materials pertaining to William White, his wife Susanna, and their family." The Pilgrim William White Society Board of Directors voted to support Pilgrim Hall Museum through a membership. In that effort, Jim Fowler negotiated with the executive director of Pilgrim Hall Museum, Patrick Browne, for a membership category for nonprofit corporations such as The Pilgrim William White Society. Patrick Browne agreed to a Business Membership for Nonprofit Corporations for a membership fee of \$100. Patrick said The Pilgrim William White Society has the distinction of being the first organization to join in this category. Many thanks to Jim Fowler and Patrick Browne for working this out for us. It is a pleasure for us to support such an important historical institution. Please visit its website at: <http://pilgrimhallmuseum.org>



TPWWS Governor Prarie Counce and Pilgrim Hall Museum Executive Director Patrick Browne

My granddaughter, Lena Danford, 7 years old, drew this Thanksgiving picture for me. It was just "out of the blue." I did not ask her to correct the spelling as I wanted it to remain original and from her heart and mind. Lena is a TPWWS young friend member.

Prarie

Prarie Counce
TPWWS Governor



A VISIT TO THE CADMAN-WHITE-HANDY HOUSE

After the Triennial meeting in Plymouth, J. Benese Scherrer and Prarie Counce drove to Westport, MA to visit the Cadman-White-Handy House. The Westport Historical Society of Westport, MA owns the house and is a member of The Pilgrim William White Society. Jenny O'Neill, Executive Director of the Westport Historical Society, met Benese and Prarie at the house and gave them a wonderfully interesting and insightful tour.

Jenny wrote to Prarie after the tour to share the following information with TPWWS members:

I would like to follow up on our discussion about sharing some of our research into William and Elizabeth White with TPWWS.

We have completed extensive research into the life of Elizabeth Cadman White (c.1685-1768). I have attached the report that was generated from this project. I would like to point out that the report is a work in progress, it is not ready for publication, but I am sure that members of TPWWS will be interested to read it.

A more general research report into the Cadmans, Whites and Handys is available on our website. The report is in three parts and can be accessed at:

<http://wpthistory.org/handy-house/history/people/>

We also have an interesting study of the architectural highlights of the Cadman-White -Handy House

<http://wpthistory.org/handy-house/history/architecture/>

I would also like to let members of TPWWS know about two special events:

Colonial Conversations

10 AM Tuesday October 7 and 14 at the Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road

Join us at the Handy House on Tuesday mornings in October for "Colonial Conversations" with independent scholar Michelle Coughlin-- an opportunity to learn about the roles of women, family life, religion, race and slavery life in colonial New England by exploring the life and times of Elizabeth Cadman White who lived at the Handy House in the early 1700s. Space is limited and pre-registration required. Suggested donation \$5 for WHS members, \$8 for non members.

And our Artisan Fair on September 27 at the Handy House <http://wpthistory.org/handy-house/events/>

Our website also has a virtual tour of the Handy House

Thank you once again for sharing this information. I look forward to meeting more members of TPWWS in the future!

As you will recall, there is an article in our January 2013 newsletter about the house belonging to William White (great-grandson of William and Susanna) and his wife Elizabeth Cadman. Since acquiring the house in 2011, the Westport Historical Society has been involved in a major preservation and research project with the house.





The Pilgrim William White Society recently made a donation of \$100 to the Westport Historical Society for the preservation and research of the house; and if you would like to make a personal donation, a check should be made payable to "Westport Historical Society" and designated for the "Handy House." The mailing address is:

Westport Historical Society
PO Box N188
Westport, MA 02790

If you would like to contact Jenny, her email address is:

westporthistory@westporthistory.net. Pictured above is the front of the Cadman-White-Handy House as it appeared in 1900.



Members of the families who lived in the house.



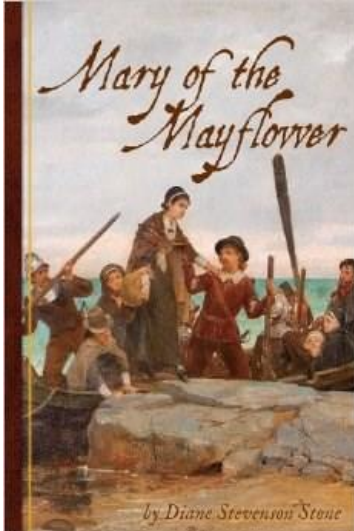
Benese Scherrer standing under and next to original wood used in the house (c. 1710).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Email received 19 Oct 2014 from Prarie Counce:

Richard,

The author (Diane Stone) of the book, Mary of the Mayflower was at the GSMD Triennial Meeting selling her book. I know that several of our members purchased a copy of the book. I think the following information is important for our members to know before they purchase this book.



Please squeeze it in the newsletter.

Thank you,
Prarie

FYI

While reading the newly published book by Diane Stevenson Stone, Mary of the Mayflower, I noticed that our ancestor William White's name was not listed as one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact on page 139 of the hardcover book. I immediately contacted Diane asking about the omission. She responded by saying she had notified the editors and publisher immediately to make the edit/correction to page 139. She did not disclose when a corrected publication of the hardbound book would be released. She did, however, send a corrected page 139 to paste in the book, and she also refunded my money.



Email received 29 Sept 2014 from Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest:

Hi Cousins,

Monday, September 22, 2014 was the launch date for The Pilgrim William White Society web page. To access our web type in: thepilgrim-williamwhitesociety.org

Our domain name and host are with GoDaddy with a five year contract for both. This means that in five years we will evaluate the benefits of our website and make a decision as to continuing with it.

The web page was developed by Richard Burke's friend Donna Carr, ably assisted by Richard Burke. Thank you, Donna.

The web master is Richard Burke who descends from Resolved White. Besides membership in GSMD and TPWWS, he also is a member of Jamestowne Society and founder of its First Arizona Company.

Our web site will grow as we increase membership along with getting suggestions/ideas from our members.



TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

No one has submitted one of these items for publication.

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 ...

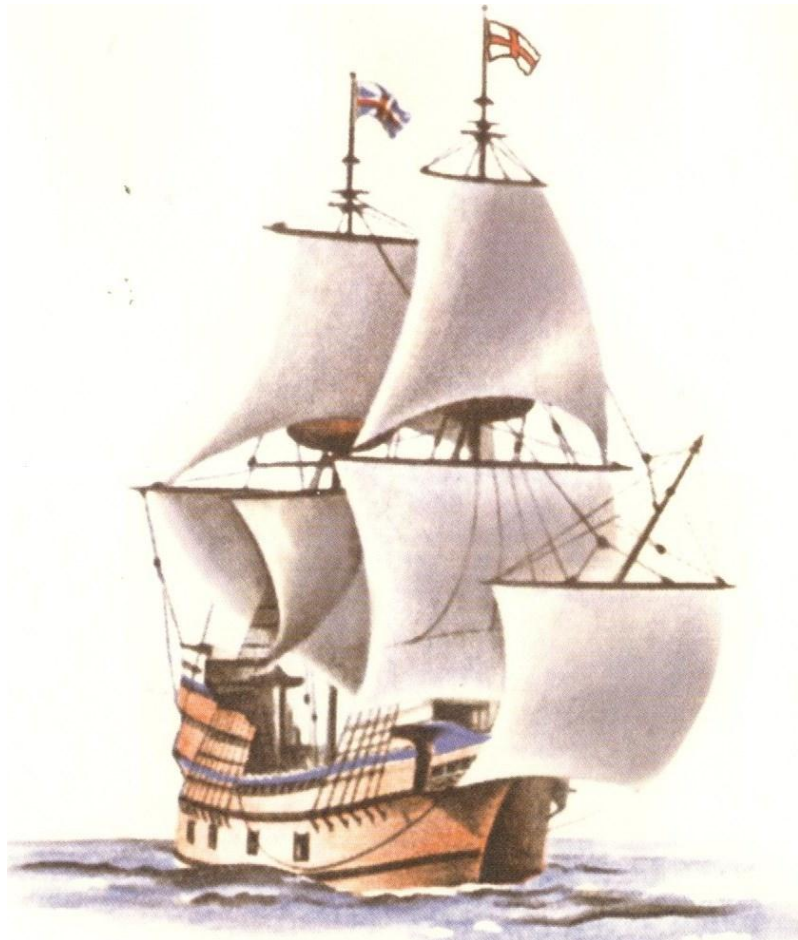
This is the vehicle for introducing yourself to your fellow TPWWS members and sharing your personal story (or as much of it as you wish to share). Your childhood and education. Your career. Your spouse and family. How you first became interested in genealogy. How you learned you were a descendant of 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.

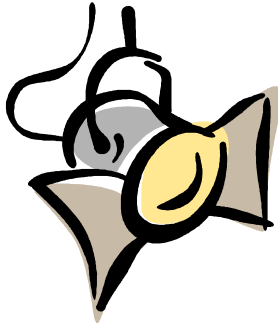
TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

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.





SPOTLIGHT ON CATHERINE PALMER OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TX

My father, Melvin Earle Palmer, left Fall River, Massachusetts, when still a young man, and he never looked back. After his mother died in 1927, he moved with his father first to New York and then to Charlotte, NC, where he met and married my mother, a nursing student. After moving around the country for several years, in 1946 they landed in Brownsville, Texas, where they stayed to raise their three children.

As we three were growing up, my father never spoke of his family. When questioned, he would tell us only that (i) he had no relatives left in Massachusetts except for old Aunt Lucy, “who might be dead by now”, and (ii) that we were distant kin to Lizzie Borden. The latter information was imparted almost as a joke, and we never knew whether or not to believe him.

But then there was also “the spoon” – a small silver child’s spoon (engraved with the crooked initials “P.W.”) that – he had been told by his mother - came over on the *Mayflower*. There were no other details to be had.

After a long illness, my father died when I was 17, and I was never able to ask him all the questions that came to me as time went on.

Finally, in my 30s, I moved to Austin, Texas, where at last I had access to a genealogical library. From that point on, it wasn’t at all difficult to work my way back through the generations. My grandmother was Marietta Borden Crapo, and the Crapo line went straight back to Peter Crapo, who in 1704 married Penelope White, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of Resolved, and great granddaughter of William and Susanna White, *Mayflower* passengers. (Could Penelope White be the “P.W.” of the spoon?? The initials appear to have been engraved by an amateur, perhaps years after the *Mayflower* landing.)

Later still, in my 40s, I made contact with one of my father’s first cousins, and visited with her for a few days in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. From her I gleaned a few other more personal details about the family, and was able to make some educated guesses where facts were not available.

While I’ve never been able to verify the ownership of the spoon, or determine whether or not it was actually on the *Mayflower*, I have succeeded in tracing more of my father’s family back to the earliest days of New England, and discovered other *Mayflower* ancestors as well – George Soule, Francis Cooke, possibly Richard Warren, and (on my mother’s side) Stephen Hopkins. Through his Palmer line, my father was also descended from John Winthrop and Thomas Dudley, first and second governors of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Quite an illustrious ancestry! (And yes, my grandmother and Lizzie Borden were sixth cousins, once removed.)

What I also discovered, however, was why my father chose not to speak to us about his family, and why he showed so little interest in what later seemed to me a fascinating family tree. It appears that for at least three generations, his Crapo line had had profound problems that have left their mark even on the present day. His great grandfather, Squire G. Crapo, was a New Bedford whaling man, First Mate on at least four or five voyages that lasted anywhere from 1 to 3 years. His wife was left at home to bear (and bury) children, several of whom died while he was at sea. It must have been a hard, lonely life for all of them, and not one conducive to raising healthy, well-adjusted children. The divisions between this man and woman became so deep and unbridgeable that they lived apart for the last years of their lives, he in New Bedford, she in Fall River with a son and granddaughter. The next two generations were plagued with alcoholism and the social ills that accompany it. My great grandfather in particular, Squire E. Crapo, one of the youngest children of the father off at sea, had a disastrous fall from grace. There are signs that in the end, before his death in New York City in 1918, he may also have redeemed himself. The record isn’t clear, but I choose to believe that in the last 8 years of his life, he may have atoned for at least a small part of the pain he caused his family.



To my father, “family history” probably meant the dysfunctional family history of his youth – the grandfather who disappeared before he was born, the drunken uncles, and probably more unpleasantness than I can possibly imagine. It was this family history that my father turned his back on when he left Fall River.

Along with the pride I naturally feel in my *Mayflower* and other early New England ancestry, I’ve had to also absorb the knowledge of the incredibly difficult lives of some of the more recent generations. I’ve had to accept the fact that my ancestors were real people, with all of the strengths and weaknesses of real people – and not blameless, heroic, idealized cardboard cutouts. I find myself deeply grateful to all of them - equally - for their struggles and triumphs and even defeats. May they all rest in peace.

LOOKING BACK

by

D. Alan Smith

Deputy Governor



The world in which our English ancestors lived was a one in which the established order was totally threatened. Ever since Henry VIII decided to make an English Church at once Catholic and Protestant, theological and social dissent tore the kingdom apart. The basic question was simply, “How does one be a true Christian in a fallen world?”

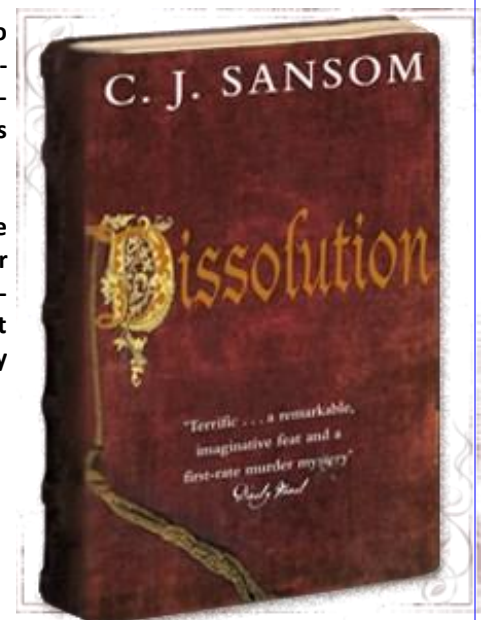
By the time of Elizabeth I, the answer was simply: say the words of the Book of Common Prayer, attend the parish church, pay the tithe, and keep all contrary opinions private. Good Queen Bess stated that she wanted no windows into the souls of men. This seemed like such a reasonable approach. It was a good middle way.

Neither she nor her successor, James VI of Scotland, could wrap their minds around anyone who would not be reasonable. Reasonable people could and should agree that the monarch as head of the church would make the major decisions. Traditional English customs such as May Poles, Halloween, Easter and Christmas festivities were all so reasonable. Music, dancing and attending those great dramas and comedies by Shakespeare and Johnson were so much fun. How could anyone in his or her right mind object?

Yet there were those who did object. These unreasonable people were all lumped into one insulting name - Puritan. The Puritan was seen as the person who wanted to rob the English of their fun and would not agree to the established order which included the church. The Puritan became the butt of jokes and comedies. Everything about them proclaimed their differentness. But the Puritan wanted holy living for themselves and others. They wanted the commonwealth of Geneva. The common sense of John Calvin was to be preferred to the mumbled words of those so called priests.

Over the next several issues of the newsletter we will examine these persons who would become our ancestors both Puritan and Pilgrim. We will look at their theology and their understanding of the world. So many of their leaders had fled to Geneva and had drunk heavily of Calvin’s holy commonwealth that we will begin with this Jean Calvin of France.

In a side note, a great visual and very accurate portrayal of this time period is the British miniseries *By the Sword Divided*. The series addresses the English Civil War with the range of Protestants from Anglican to Leveler. C.J. Sansom’s mystery novels provide insight into the early English Reformation. Especially, I would suggest the first novel Dissolution. His later novels in the series give a feel for the diversity of English society under Henry VIII.



A VIEWING OF THE WILLIAM WHITE RELIGIOUS BOOK

by

Former GSMD Governor General Judith H. Swan

June 2014

Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts, has a book in its archives which is connected to William White of the *Mayflower*. Believed to be a Bible owned by William White, one of the *Mayflower* passengers, it was viewed and found to be "The Principles of Christian Religion" by Master Richard Greenham.

The book was owned by Mrs. Elsie White Butler of 1021 Sanborn Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, who was the last of 10 generations of the William White family. The previous owners were William White, Resolved and Peregrine White, Josiah White, Josiah White, Josiah White, Jr., Caleb Sr., Caleb White, Jr., Jedadiah White, Oliver White, (father of Elsie White), Grant White, (brother of Elsie White). Having no descendants, Grant White had willed the book to his sister. She, also having no descendants, and in her eighties, in 1953, sought a permanent home for the book. She contacted a friend who was a historian, Guy Allison, and he recommended that the book be given to Pilgrim Hall, to reside on display next to the White cradle. Mr. Allison was loaned the book for two weeks for exhibit in a Glendale bank window, then sent it on to Pilgrim Hall.

The book is 11 inches X 7 & 1/2 inches. It has 872 pages of sermons, and is three inches thick. When the book was given to Pilgrim Hall, it had a leather cover sewed with leather thongs, and all of the pages. Time and handling took its toll and when the book was taken out of the archives for viewing, the cover was gone, the title page was gone, and several of the front pages were gone. Each of the remaining pages, about 866, were reviewed and no writings or family information were found on any page. There is also no indication in the file that a family list was found.

The book was described in the file of documents that was viewed. The Title Page said - "A Short Forme of Catechising: Wherein Are Briefly set downe the Principles of Christian Religion," by Master Richard Greenham, Sometimes Preacher of the Word of God, in London. "At London imprinted by Thomas Creede for William Welbie and are to be solde at his shoppe in Paules Churchyard at the signe of the Swanne, 1611."

In the file is a copy of an affidavit giving the book to Elsie White by her brother, Grant White. It states that the book came on the *Mayflower* with William and "Susan" White. The book was handed down from father to son.

Warren P. Strong, Secretary of Pilgrim Hall, states in a January 1954 letter to Mrs. Butler - "... that belonged to William White and must have come with him in the *Mayflower* in 1620 as he died the first winter and we find that Bradford, Brewster, Standish, and others had a similar copy in their inventories."

EMAIL REC'D 9/14/14 FROM DONNA CROSBY

Incredible how far we have come so quickly! I hope that with the new technology and the combined knowledge that we all have, that the history of our early ancestors will become more evident. This aspect of research is very new to all of us so we can be grateful that in this time of science and technology, we may find new primary information that to date, has eluded us. Please understand that Judy Swan, and John White have awakened in all of us the quest to discover even more about our early ancestors. This could very well lead to connections to the early Jamestown colony as well ... if so, so be it.

I feel we are all in a special time that we can be a part of a new study that may lead us to new connections. But IF we learn nothing new from the analysis that will come, then we can all lay our heads on the pillow and say, 'we took the challenge to leave no stone unturned in our quest for their history and their own family ties'.

I am grateful to be a part of this project, working to instill a greater respect to them, our ancestors, who gave up so much to come to this wild new world so that their descendants would have the freedom to be free.

JOHN WHITE'S COMMENTS

We have artifacts in TX, CT and NH still left to investigate; also, the others in Plymouth need examining. The work is just beginning. Judy and the new GG will come up with a game plan and hopefully ask some of us, which would be a high honor, to assist. In closing, this is a process which will take time and not happen over night. All the pieces are coming together.



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By J. Benese Scherrer, Treasurer

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