



# THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY NEWS

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Richard S. Wheeler, Editor

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

Richard Wheeler, our newsletter editor since the formation of the Society in February 2013, is handing the editor's job to Pat Nichols. Richard has done an excellent job and we appreciate so much the time and effort he has given to working on the newsletter. It has been a pleasure for me to work with Richard. Richard is a practicing attorney, editor of the FL Mayflower Society newsletter, and has many other obligations that keep him very busy. Pat Nichols will publish the next newsletters, beginning with the April 2015 edition. Pat has been the TX Mayflower Society editor along with having other publication jobs. We appreciate Pat stepping up when we have a need.

We are featuring our young members in this newsletter edition. Their annual dues are set aside to spend on educating them about the Pilgrims and their Pilgrim ancestors, William and Susanna White. Each Thanksgiving we send them age appropriate books to read and activities to do. When I was at Plimoth Plantation in September, I found a children's book that uses Resolved White as a main character in the book. [Giving Thanks The 1621 Harvest Feast](#) by Kate Waters, is a story about a young Pilgrim boy named Resolved White, a Wampanoag boy, and the interaction of the Pilgrims and Indians. Harper Smith, our 11-year-old member and Resolved White descendant, was the recipient of this book this Thanksgiving. If you have grandchildren and would like for them to become TPWWS members, we've included a membership form in this newsletter. The earlier we introduce our grandchildren to their important Pilgrim heritage, the better. We are depending on them to carry our family history forward.

It is DUES time. Our dues are only \$15. Can you think of a better bargain? We have not established Life Membership yet; however, if paying dues every year is a hassle, you may pre-pay as many years as you would like. Please do not let your membership expire as it is vitally important to carry this Society forward. The more members we have, the more we can do. If you have relatives or friends who are potential members, please contact them with membership information. We have published a membership application in this newsletter in case you know someone who might be interested in the Society. We appreciate our Treasurer, J. Benese Scherrer, for all the work she does with dues and for reporting our financial situation in every newsletter.

I hope the New Year has gotten off to a good start for you. By the time our next newsletter comes out, it will be Spring! In the meantime, stay warm and stay healthy!

*Prarie*



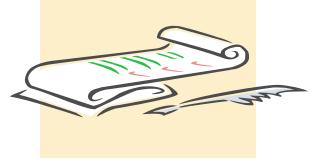
Governor Prarie Counce

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## NEW MEMBERS

(\* = charter member; \*\* = friend)



Barbara Gravely Welch  
Hockessin, DE

James C. Wedge  
Zumbrota, MN

Michael Davis Snedeker  
Havana, IL

Reinhard Battcher III  
Bristol, RI

William Roland Hemphill  
Castle Rock, CO

Janet L. Kral  
Syracuse, NY

Mary Frances Barre  
Baton Rouge, LA



## PASSING THE GREEN EYESHADE & RED PENCIL TO PAT NICHOLS

by  
Richard S. Wheeler

I have had the distinct honor and privilege to serve as Editor of our society's newsletter for its first eight issues. It's been a labor of love. There are so many people I need to thank for their cooperation and assistance. Governor Prairie Counce has provided steady solid leadership and a ready ear when I needed advice on editorial decisions. Deputy Governor Alan Smith contributed substantially with his "Looking Back" series of articles. Recording Secretary Leah Davis and Treasurer Benese Scherrer were ever ready

to reply when I needed information to report to members. Donna Crosby shared with us the incredible story and even more awesome photos of her Mayflower Quilt. Numerous other members submitted items for our "Tracking Our Ancestors' Steps" and "Spotlight On" features. It's really been a team effort. You all feed me the grist for our mill. I'm simply the miller who operates the wheel and turns what you send me into a pleasing (I think) final product.

Two years is long enough for me to be having all the fun, however, so it's time to pass the Editor's green eyeshade and red editing pencil to a successor.

Our society's Captain, Patricia A. Nichols of Georgetown, TX, has graciously agreed to take over. Pat is very active in the Texas Mayflower Society, serving as chair of its current nominating committee. I ask each of you to be as patient and cooperative with Pat as you have been with me. If you are, I have no doubt our society's newsletter will continue to be a success.

I thank you all for the opportunity to be of service.





# THANK YOU!

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*Thank You!*

# Thank you



A very special “Thank You” to Richard (Rick) Burke for providing the TPWWS website at no cost to us for the first 5 years. We appreciate his very generous donation! If you have not visited our website yet, the address is: [www.thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org](http://www.thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org)

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF  
THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY**

September 8, 2014

5:00 P. M.

Halifax Room

Radisson Hotel Plymouth

**T**he Organizational Meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society was called to order at 5:10 P.M. by Interim Governor Prarie Counce, a quorum being present.

The Interim Elder not being able to attend, the Invocation was read by Interim Governor Counce, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

Interim Governor Counce welcomed everyone and introduced the Interim/Organizing Officers:

Governor: Prarie Counce

Deputy Governor: Jim Fowler

Recording Secretary: Leah S. Davis

Corresponding Secretary: Susie Wuest

Treasurer: J. Benese Scherrer

Historian: Barbara Williams

Captain: Kenneth Whittemore

And acknowledged

Elder D. Alan Smith, who was unable to be in attendance.

Appointed Parliamentarian: Jan Downing

No Prior Minutes, however Interim Governor Counce appointed the following as Readers for the Minutes: Jim Fowler, Pat Nichols and Marylen Jackson

The Officer's and Committee Reports were printed in the Newsletter and filed with the Recording Secretary.

Adoption of Bylaws: Susie Wuest moved to dispense with the reading of the Bylaws since they were printed in the Newsletter, Seconded by Benese Scherrer. Motion Passed

Susie Wuest moved to adopt the Bylaws, Jim Fowler seconded, passed unanimously.

Susie Wuest moved to adopt the Standing Rules, Jim Fowler seconded, passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Jim Fowler presented the Nominating Committee's slate, those being:

Governor: Prarie Counce

Deputy Governor: D. Alan Smith

Recording Secretary: Leah S. Davis

Corresponding Secretary: Susie Wuest

Treasurer: J. Benese Scherrer

Historian: Barbara Williams

Captain: Patricia Nichols

Elder: Kenneth Whittemore, Jr

No nominations were forthcoming; the new Officers were elected by acclamation.

Governor Prarie Counce passed out Medallions to those attending.

John White, with the now forming Winslow group, suggested that networking and sharing was important, and was invited to put something in our Newsletter.

Barbara Williams told of the tour and discussion that planted the seed of the Society and added that she put a note at the end of her report, which started calls coming in to her and Prarie.



Kenneth Whittemore, Jr., Elder, gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Those attending introduced themselves and told something about themselves and from which child they descended. Possibly more were from Resolved, many were from Peregrine. The Cousins retired to the Waterfront Grill to break bread together and get to know each other. Attendance sheets attached.

*Leah S. Davis*

Leah S. Davis, Recording Secretary

Approved:

*James Fowler*

James Fowler

*Patricia Nichols*

Patricia Nichols

*Marylen Jackson*

Marylen Jackson

From L to R, the officers elected on 8 Sept 2014 for the 2014-2017 term are: Historian Barbara Williams, Captain Patricia Nichols, Governor Prairie Counce, Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest, Recording Secretary Leah Davis, Treasurer Benese Scherrer and Elder Kenneth Whittemore Jr. Deputy Governor Alan Smith was not able to attend.

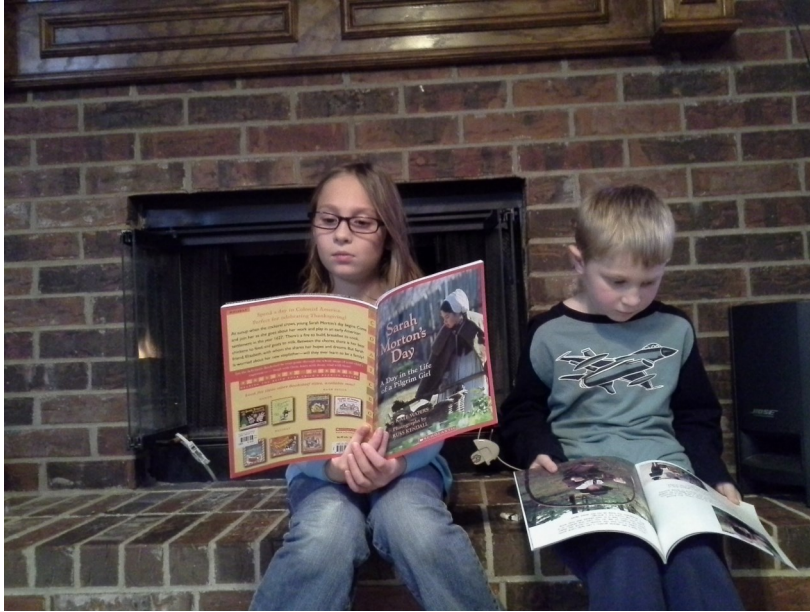




## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THANKSGIVING GIFT TO OUR YOUNG 'FRIEND' MEMBERS

**C**ontinuing the tradition TPWWS started last year, Governor Prairie Counce has advised: "We have four children who belong to our Society as 'friend' members. They pay dues every year too, so we have decided to earmark the money they pay to purchase educational materials to send to them at Thanksgiving. This year we're sending age-appropriate books, a crossword puzzle and a Happy Thanksgiving coloring page."



Two of our "friend" members are Prairie's grandchildren, Lena and Ben Danford. Their mother Liz sent this photo and email on November 16th:

The kids were thrilled about receiving the pilgrim books and wanted to read them immediately. Ben will be celebrating Thanksgiving with his Kindergarten class this coming Wednesday. And they will both be participating in a Turkey trot this Friday. They are encouraged to dress up as pilgrims, turkeys, or anything relating to the holiday.

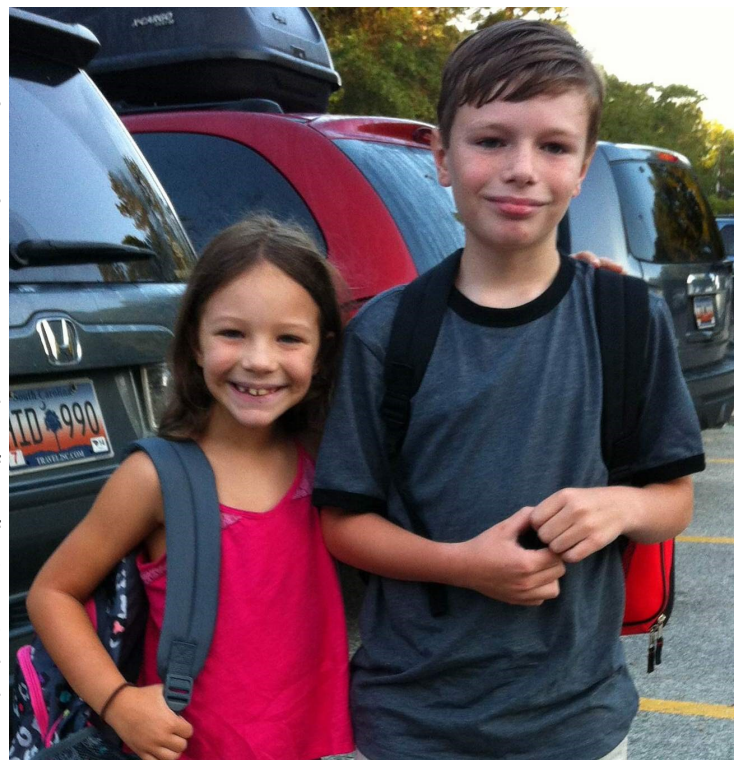
Lena is in second grade now. She still plays softball and is planning to try basketball this coming season. She loves arts and crafts. Benjamin is in Kindergarten. He plays T-ball and loves all things Lego and Star Wars.

Thank you for the books!

Kind Regards,  
Elizabeth Danford

Two of our other "friend" members are Harper and Kirksey Smith (photo at right), the grandchildren of Deputy Governor Alan Smith. His son Thomas sent the following email:

Harper and Kirksey Smith were pleased to receive their Thanksgiving goodies from the Pilgrim William White Society! They were especially interested in the book about their ancestor Resolved White. As they gathered around the Thanksgiving table with their family, the story of Resolved and the first Thanksgiving in the New World was part of the celebration. In fifth grade Harper is studying American history and Kirksey, in third grade, is studying South Carolina history. Harper's studies are now progressed to the point of learning about events leading to the beginning of the Civil War (interesting for a child whose school is within sight of where the first shots were fired). Kirksey is studying the period of exploration and colonization, with the story of her Pilgrim ancestors playing a part in the larger picture of America's genesis. Harper and Kirksey can learn our nation's history knowing their family story is intertwined with its very beginning.



## THANKSGIVING DISPLAYS

Governor Prairie Counce sent this email:

These are photos of the two library displays I provided this past November -- if you want to use them in the newsletter. There are two libraries in Carrollton, TX, where I live. Every November I provide Pilgrim/Thanksgiving displays for the libraries.





## SHARE YOUR STORY

**I**n 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. We encourage each of you to submit one or both for publication in an upcoming issue of our society's newsletter.

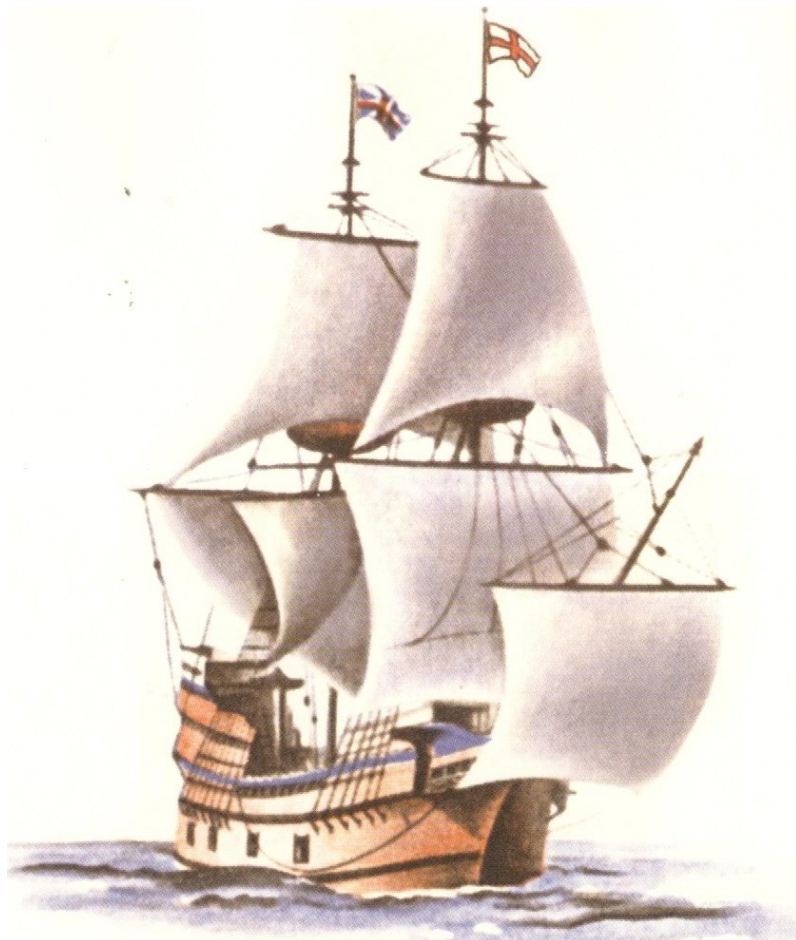
### SPOTLIGHT ON ...

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.



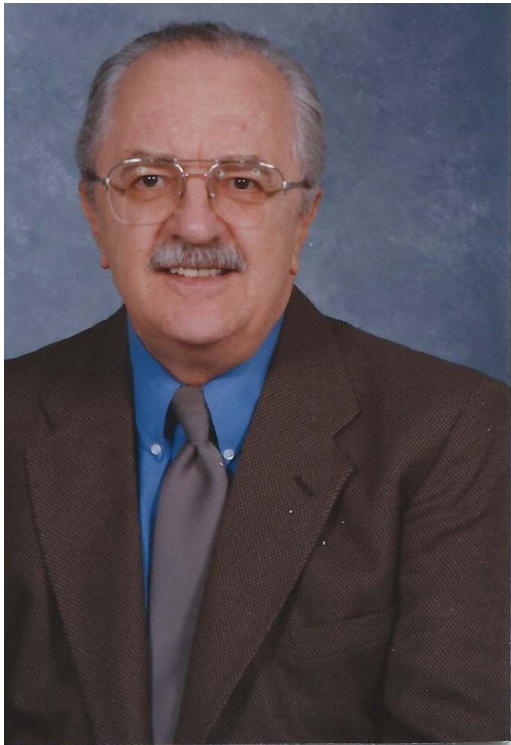
## TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

### FROM PLYMOUTH ROCK TO ARIAL MOUNTAIN

by  
Theodore Epton  
Lyman, SC



**J**udith Vassall was the daughter of William and sister of John Vassall, who had his own very adventurous life. Judith married Resolved White in 1640 and had three daughters and five sons. Two of the girls were Anna and Elizabeth.



Anna White was born in Scituate in 1649 and was in Concord by 1714. She married John Hayward, son of George and Anna Hayward who settled in Concord in 1637. Anna's sister Elizabeth, born 1652, married Obadiah Wheeler of Concord. The two young ladies with their husbands started the prominent Hayward, Wheeler, Hosmer, Farrar, Willard and Bulkeley families. The men were community leaders and led troops on the frontier against the French and their Indian allies in the French & Indian War, and later fought the British in the American Revolution. Minuteman James Hayward was killed on the first day of the Revolutionary War at the fighting in Concord. Danforth Hayward of Acton was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Most of our Whites were Patriots in the Revolutionary War years, especially those living in the Concord-Brookfield MA area.

The question was once asked, "How did Resolved and Judith White's daughters Anna and Elizabeth, who lived in Marshfield, MA, happen to meet the young men in Concord whom they married?" Perhaps John Hayward and Obadiah Wheeler had gone to Marshfield on business or for whatever reason and met the young ladies there. But where DID they meet? The mother of the girls had a sister, Francis, who married (1646) James Adams. They came to own (1672) 150 acres of land in Concord. Judith White, Francis' sister, died in 1670 and widower Resolved married again. He and his new wife set up house in Salem, MA. Anna and Elizabeth were old enough to look after themselves so they decided to go to Concord to stay with their Aunt Francis. Another opportunity for contact between the prospective couples - Peregrine White went out to Concord and bought a farm from Obadiah Wheeler. Did a meeting somehow happen in Obadiah's dealings with Peregrine, uncle of the girls?

The American Vasalls of the 18<sup>th</sup> century descend from Leonard Vassall (born 1678), grandson of William the patriarch. They were Tories who stayed loyal to England throughout the Revolution. They were cultured, well-mannered, held public office and military rank (but did not bear arms against the colonists even though harassed by the Patriots before and during hostilities). After the surrender, they fled to England, Nova Scotia, or to their Jamaica and Barbados estates in the West Indies. Their properties in the colonies were confiscated. They had beautiful mansions in Cambridge and environs. Many of them had graduated from Harvard and were of high standing in their classes because of their wealth and social position. John Vassall married Elizabeth Oliver, brother [sister?] of Thomas Oliver who was the Royal Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. John built the "Vassall-Craigie" House in Cambridge which became George Washington's headquarters for a spell during the War. Henry Vassall married Penelope Royall, daughter of Isaac Royall, a wealthy sugar planter in Antigua. Henry and family lived in the house across the street from John, which the Patriot army later used as a hospital.

John and Sarah Goss came to Massachusetts Bay with Governor Winthrop in 1630 and settled in Watertown, MA. Their son Philip Sr. was a Boston merchant and seaman but later removed to Lancaster, MA, and farmed. Philip's first wife, Hannah Hopkins, left him for a man in tropical Jamaica, West Indies. Her defense was that Philip spent too much time at sea. Philip sued for divorce, won, and married again. Philip Goss Jr. was Hannah Hopkins' son. He married Judith Hayward and their son married Anna White of Marshfield, MA, the daughter of Resolved and Judith. Thomas Rich Sr., born 1672, married Mary (Petty) Taylor, daughter of John and Anna (Canning) Petty. Thomas and family lived in Springfield, later Brookfield, MA. Their son Experience married Hannah Goss, daughter of Philip Goss Jr. and Judith Hayward of Brookfield. Experience and Hannah's daughter Hannah married John Ariail Sr. "of Winsor." The Rich family was of Huguenot origin as LaRiche; they came from the Jersey Islands in the English Channel.

William Ives arrived at Boston, MA, from England on the Truelove in 1635. He resided in Watertown until 1638. Having become disenchanted with the John Winthrop government, with the Anne Hutchinson court trial on heresy, and the banishment of Roger Williams for his stand on religious freedom and need for separation of church and state, William attached himself to the Rev. John Davenport/Theophilus Eaton group which had recently arrived from England and soon were also anxious to settle elsewhere. They wanted their own "Citty on a Hill." Having heard good reports, they sent scouts to the mouth of the Quinnipiac River area of Long Island Sound to test the land and determine the temper of the Indians, from whom they soon bought the land. They took with them a copy of John Cotton's "Moses His Judicials," based on Biblical law, where for them secular law would yield to the Bible as final judge.

William Ives' sons John and Joseph and their offspring were first settlers in the Connecticut towns of Wallingford, Cheshire and later Bristol. Joseph married Mary Yale, daughter of Capt. Thomas Yale Jr. (born 1616) and Mary Turner, stepdaughter of Gov. Theophilus Eaton and granddaughter of Nathaniel Turner, the "Miles Standish" of New Haven Colony who sailed away on the "Phantom Shippe" which was not heard of again. One of Joseph's distant descendants was James Merritt Ives of the Currier & Ives partnership. John married Hannah Merriman. Their son Gideon's grandsons were the then-flourishing clock-makers of Bristol. Another of his descendants was the 20<sup>th</sup> century innovative music composer Charles Ives who was born in Danbury, CT. And we have Icicle (Burl) Ives. The father of Hannah Merriman was Nathaniel Merriman, a prominent settler, militia captain and Indian fighter.

William Ives had a great-great grandson Zachariah Ives, who married Lois Harrison from Branford, CT. They had several children who died very young and two girls who were lost to family historians. The church records which would have shown them were lost or carried off by the pastor of the Episcopal church in Cheshire, CT, who moved to Nova Scotia during the revolutionary turmoil taking place at the time of their birth. The "Anglicans" were not much liked. The 1790 Federal Census hints of two missing family members but does not name them. My digging revealed to whom Esther and Chloe belonged. Chloe married John Ariail Jr, who was probably living in Meriden, CT, when they met. Esther appears in a much later record where her marriage to Levi Peck is indicated. Lois Ives' mother was Esther Maltby.

Zachariah Ives was an Episcopal layman and outspoken Tory during the American Revolution, and his movements were confined to the Cheshire, CT, area. His wife Lois Harrison came from Branford. With John Moss, a close relative, Zachariah organized the Episcopal Church in Cheshire. His son Reuben was priest there for thirty-two years. One son of Chloe and John Jr. had the name William Harrison Ariail, Harrison being the maiden name of his grandmother Chloe.

A certain French sailor was "for four years a prisoner of the English having been taken at a sortie off Cap-St. Dominique [Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic] by a British ship during a naval engagement during the French and Indian War (1754-1763)." His name was Jean Baptiste Ariail. A puzzling tidbit was a record that placed a Jean Ariail, mariner, attending the signing of a will in New York City, which comfortably coincides with the days following his capture. He might have got involved with some Englishmen. The item remains on the table. After the French and Indian War, when Canada became part of the British Empire, Jean B. Ariail appeared in Quebec. He lived in Charlesbourg and married Marie-Louise Allard in 1761. They later moved to Quebec City. Jean was a merchant, innkeeper (aubergiste), dealt in real estate, fathered seven children but was NOT living happily ever after. He (now John) fell heavily into debt, probably the result of property dealings, was ready for debtor's prison, and took it on the lam. In about 1772 he showed up in Western, CT, later named Warren, and attached himself to the Rich family. He seemed to know just where to go. John reported to those questioning that he was from "Winsor," Connecticut. The Old Newgate Prison at East Granby in Hartford County was a combination copper mine and prison near Windsor Locks, but didn't hold prisoners until 1773, so John may have lived in "Winsor" town (Windsor or Windsor Locks) as kind of on parole. Four years under English authority, conversation and just plain listening to jail (or town) talk - thus did Jean get a picture of the outside world and learn to speak the vernacular.

How did John cope with a town full of Anglos? How good was his English? (In his days at Quebec he was called on to serve as interpreter at litigations.) Consider the abiding distrust of the French that was inbred in the English settlers. The French and their Indian allies had for years been raiding and putting to flame English towns on the frontier, murdering the inhabitants and carrying them off to Canada. He was attracted to Hannah Rich, daughter of Experience Rich and Mary Petty. They published the banns of marriage and with no recorded "nays" they exchanged wedding vows. They were married in Meriden, CT, by Rev. Joseph Lothrop in the Congregational Church (at the time still Calvinist-Puritan). To become a member one had to show a certificate of dismissal from one's previous congregation to be admitted into the new church. If for no other reason it was the means of keeping unsavory people from infiltrating the church. Raised Roman Catholic, how did John and Hannah get around of this? It must have caused tongues to wag. What or who suggested to John that he go to Warren? Any other town or village would have served as well as long as it was far from Quebec.



When John left Quebec City he probably told his wife and children that he would bring them to New England when the coast was clear, that is, after the criminal charges expired or got lost in space. That never happened. Instead, John married an English Protestant girl and went on with his life.

John Ariail Jr. was born in 1775. He was the son of Hannah Rich and the French-Canadian sailor-adventurer. He was apprenticed at sixteen years old to a Mr. Theodore Cowles as a saddle maker and ran away from his master. Mr. Cowles advertised in the Hartford Courant an award of \$2.00 for his return. John was making himself scarce somewhere, but answering a promising call for associate speculators in real estate, he journeyed to upcountry South Carolina and bought up hundreds of acres of land for his employer to sell to Americans moving south after the War for Independence. He bought property for himself which included what was later called Arial Mountain. John returned to Connecticut, became engaged to Miss Chloe Ives in Cheshire or thereabouts, and soon tied the knot, the nuptials performed by Rev. Willard in Meriden, CT. They moved to Pickens County, South Carolina, in about 1805. John Jr. and his sons became successful farmers, trucking goods and produce as far as Columbia, SC.

Lois Harrison was Chloe Ives' mother and Esther Matlby was Lois' mother. Zachariah Ives' marriage to Lois Harrison brought into the family a large group of relatives from Branford, CT, and environs - Maltby, Frisbie, Harrison, Moss, and Pierson. Maltby relatives include Rev. John Eliot, missionary to the Indians; Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, MA; Lyman Hall; Gov. Jonathan Law; Rev. John Davenport of New Haven; Rev. Abraham Pierson of Branford, CT. Col. Stephen Maltby was descended from all these families. He and Lois Harrison were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins.

There are numerous Ariail families in Canada (they all spell their name Ariail, Arial or Ariel) in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba provinces. It is believed that they are all descended from John Ariail Sr. and Marie-Louise Allard. These have come to annual reunions of the Arial/Ariail families held in Toccoa, Georgia. They are in Connecticut, Maine, and elsewhere and may have been drawn to jobs in the U.S. textile cotton mills that were running full speed ahead and looking for workers. Some Arial Canadians are in our northern Midwest. Ariails are abundant in the U.S. south: in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana - i.e., the whole Bible Belt. They were and are farmers, worked in the cotton mills, were and are Baptist and Methodist preachers, college professors, and officers who graduated from military academies. There has also been a Ariail Miss America. My grandmother who married Benjamin Boyd Epton was Nancy Pearl Ariail of Tucapau, SC.



## LOOKING BACK

By

D. Alan Smith

Deputy Governor

**I**n our last issue we began talking about the background of the English Reformation. Behind all of the Reformers after Henry VIII, there stands one figure: John Calvin. While there are many, many Reformed theologians besides Calvin, for example Bucer, Farel, and Zwingli, it is Calvin who towers over the Reformed World.

The word Reformed simply refers to the basic belief system that is not Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran or Anabaptist in the 16th centuries and later. Calvin was a lawyer and not originally a theologian. On one of his trips he spent some time in Geneva. The town council gravitated to his personality and religious convictions. While his stay there was often rocky, eventually Geneva was his city.

His theology was scholarly and well-reasoned just like a lawyer preparing a court brief. As in court there must be a legal warrant so in theology and liturgy there must be a biblical warrant justifying the thought or practice. These warrants would regulate family life; the father is the head of the little church (the family) teaching and executing justice. Similarly, the community was to be led by ruling elders with guidance of the teaching elders.

While not a theocracy, Geneva came very close. He did not tolerate anyone who was either heretical: Christian or non-Christian. Death was the preferred cure if no repentance. The only sung music was to be from the Bible: the Psalms. The Sunday service was for edification with lengthy sermons. When the Lord's Supper (not the Mass or Holy Communion) was the celebrated weekly, the entire prayer of consecration was reduced to the Biblical warrant by Jesus to do this supper in remembrance of him.

His major published work The Institutes would grow with each publication. I am painting Calvin's theology with the broadest strokes. His actual theology is carefully nuanced and lengthy. His later followers were not so careful. He saw the Old Testament as being a foreshadowing or antetype of the New Testament. Christians were the new Israel. As God made covenant with Abraham so in Jesus does the new covenant come into being with the Church.

As Abraham circumcised the male members of his family, so God gave baptism as the new circumcision to all the Church. Because eight day old babies were circumcised and becoming members of the covenant community, so may infants be baptized into the covenant community.

One interesting analogy in scripture was the role of the prophet. The Old Testament denounced evil kings and could anoint new ones in their place. Likewise, in the new covenant the lower officials in the community in their prophetic role could rebuke and replace higher officials. This concept led the Puritans to remove Charles I's head. Similarly, the Pilgrims could flee unjust officials and denounce them. This common understanding would eventually lead their New England descendants to declare that a corrupt monarch George III can be justly deposed. At least he kept his head.

The Institutes argued the following points. Underlying importance, God is totally and completely sovereign because he created all that is. Nothing can limit God or restrict him in all way. No one is able to comprehend God's actions. First, humanity is fatally corrupted by sin and therefore totally separated from God. Humanity on its own can do nothing to change that separation. Second, God in his utter graciousness has chosen to redeem some of humanity. No human act or thought is necessary. Third, this redemption occurred through the death and resurrection of Jesus. God in his sovereignty acts alone. Fourth, those who are redeemed cannot resist God's grace and will finally become aware of their redemption. Fifth, the humanity cannot reject the Sovereign God's grace. Those who are chosen will be known by their remaining faithful to God. The redeemed will and must remain redeemed. God is Sovereign.

The above paragraph is several volumes in Calvin's works. I hope he will forgive my truncated summation. Calvin also had a secret weapon in his fight for the hearts and minds of the 16th century. It was his Bible. The Geneva Bible came complete with his teaching notes. These notes explained scripture and the world. Calvin's world view was complete and "gospel truth." There was another man who rejected Calvin and his world view, especially regarding limiting kings and their powers before God. His name was James VI of Scotland and the 1st of England. His Bible would be pure and undefiled by Calvin and his ilk. It would be translated by approved scholars and bishops of the Church of England. When our forbears came, they came with the real Bible of Calvin and not some cooked up Bible by the man who said he would "harry them out of the land." This Reformed world view was the world view of the early 17th century New England Pilgrim or Puritan.

This is the background of our forebears, Puritan or Pilgrim. But as the TV ads say, "But wait there's more." That more is the change occurring in the early 17th century that would give the Pilgrim a modified world view differing from their Puritan kin. However, that is our next installment.



Portrait of John Calvin attributed to  
Hans Holbein the Younger





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

By J. Benese Scherrer, Treasurer

**REDACTED**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The financial details reported above are REDACTED from the copy of this newsletter which is posted on the Society's website, so that our internal financial affairs remain private and are not disclosed to the public-at-large.



# **The Pilgrim William White Society**

## **“Friend” Application**

*A “friend” is defined as a person who has an interest in The Pilgrim William White Society, for example, a spouse, a child that is not yet a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, a grand-child, etc. A “friend” may not vote nor hold an office.*

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

***Application fee is a one-time fee of \$25.00***

***Dues for one (1) year \$15.00***

***Please make your check payable to: The Pilgrim William White Society (TPWWS) and mail it along with the completed application to: J. Benese Scherrer, Treasurer, The Pilgrim William White Society, 6211 Lumber River Ct., North Las Vegas, NV 89081-6649***

***If you have a special skill or talent to share, please make comments here:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **The Pilgrim William White Society**

## **“Member” Application**

*A “member” is defined as a person descended from Pilgrims William and Susanna White of the Mayflower, through either of their two sons, Resolved or Peregrine; with approved lineage papers by the GSMD Historian General; and who is a member in good standing with their State Society (current dues are paid).*

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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General Society Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of State Society and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Descended through Resolved or Peregrine White: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRACKING OUR ANCESTORS' STEPS

by  
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**W**illiam White with his bride Susanna and son Resolved arrived November 1620 on the *Mayflower*. Peregrine was born aboard ship the following month. William died the first winter at Plymouth 21 February 1621.

Resolved White arrived as a 5 year old boy. He grew to manhood, marrying Judith Vassall in Scituate, MA, on 5 November 1640.

Their daughter Anna, was born in Scituate, MA, on 4/5 June 1649. She died Concord 25 May 1714. She married Concord 2 June 1671 John Hayward [born 20 December 1640]. He died Hanover, NJ, 28 November 1730.

Their child, daughter Anna, was born in Concord, MA, on 30 August 1682. She married Samuel Allen on 23 November 1706 in Concord, MA.

Their child, son Job Allen, was born in Suffield, CT, on 20 November 1709. He married Christina Ward. Their child, son Job Allen was born in Rockaway, NJ, on 27 August 1750. He married Mary Minton. My Sons of the American Revolution membership comes from Captain Job Allen and his service to our Nation.

Their child, son John Allen was born on 27 February 1783. He married 10 July 1805 Charity Kitchell in Morris County, NJ. John died in Knox County, Ohio, on 1 July 1833.

Their child, daughter Phoebe Ann Allen, was born in NJ ca. 1806/7 and was married on 27 January 1829 to Samuel Smith Beers in Mr. Vernon, OH.

Their child, daughter Charity Ann Beers, was born in Knox County, Ohio, on 28 June 1831. She married Peter Snedeker in Knox County, Ohio, on 15 October 1859. The move from Ohio to Illinois was likely due to the attraction of farm land availability/cost as Peter's avocation was ins farming.

Their child, son Jabez Beers Snedeker, was born in Knox County, Ohio, on 27 June 1860. He married Ella Boyd on 8 June 1887 in Lewistown, Illinois. "JB" as he was known, was a grain dealer and owned a grain elevator and milling company. One short story told to me by my grand dad "Clinton" involved a sleigh ride when he was a youngster, with his Daddy on a cold snowy day over the meadows and through the woods as the song goes, when they arrived at a small town —- Duncan Mills located on the Spoon River —- the store owner and JB discussed their business that involved the sale of flour for the upcoming season, and grandpa, not feeling well, laid down on a bench close to a pot bellied stove, covered up with some Buffalo blankets so the story goes. Time to leave it was discovered grandpa had the measles, so his daddy took him to the sleigh and home. Grandpa shared the feel and smell of the crisp air, along with the cool/cold temps on the sleigh ride home with his daddy was a happy & memorable time.

Their child, son Clinton Ornsby Snedeker, was born in Astoria, Illinois, on 3 March 1889. He married Marjorie Boyd Mooney on 18 June 1913 in Monmouth, Illinois.

Grandpa shared a Christmas story regarding a joint (maybe only gift) Christmas present of a wooden horse for Grandpa and his older brother Fred. Picture the two youngsters both anxious to play with the toy horse, and following a warning from their mom that went unheeded, she opened the stove and took the wooden horse and threw it in the fire. Grandpa shared that he and his brother watched the flames bubble the paint from the toy horse as it was consumed by fire, but they learned an expensive lesson obeying their mother.

Their child, son Phillip Lyburn Snedeker, was born in St. Louis, MO, on 7 December 1919. He married Bette Jean Davis on 29 May 1949 in Dodge City, Kansas. My father was a grain and fertilizer dealer in Ipava, Illinois.

Their child, son Michael Davis Snedeker, was born in Peoria, IL, on 8 March 1954. I married Karen Marie Palmer on 8 December 1978 in Havana, IL. I broke the tradition of being affiliated with agriculture as our family avocation, and decided that [insurance] sales is what I most enjoyed and dealing with people.

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