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Pat Nichols, Editor

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear TPWWS Members,

Thank you very much for being so prompt in paying your dues! All but two members renewed their membership. Thanks so much to our Treasurer, J. Benese Scherrer and member Jim Fowler who contacted members during the dues collection process. A 98% renewal rate is a tribute to all of your efforts. We have a total now of 95 members.

TPWWS Bylaws prescribe that 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." The results of the financial examination are published elsewhere in this newsletter. Our special thanks to the Financial Review Committee: Chairperson David Grinnell, Jan Downing and Mark Campbell.

A budget has been prepared and approved for the fiscal year. Thank you to our Treasurer, J. Benese Scherrer (serving as chair) and to Jim Fowler and Bill Kelleher for serving on the Budget Committee.

Is anyone out there experienced with bylaws? We need a chairperson for the Bylaws Committee. If you can help out, please contact me at prariec@me.com

I am pleased to report to you that TPWWS is now a 501(c)(3) organization. On March 13, we received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating we are exempt from Federal income tax under 501(c)(3). A copy of the letter appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Our special thanks to David Grinnell for making the application for us.

Tiffany Chamberlain has agreed to serve on the Education Committee. Thank you, Tiffany, for your help. David Grinnell has agreed to serve as chairperson of our Lineage Research Committee as Donna Crosby needs some extra time for family business right now. Donna will still serve on the committee. Thank you, David, for stepping up when we need help.

Snow and ice can really wreck havoc if you have to get out in it, but I have to tell you that I love the beautiful pictures some of our members in the east sent to us. Thank you for sharing your pictures with us! I hope spring will bring you good health and cheer!

Very best regards,

Prarie



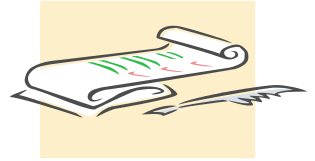
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NEW MEMBERS

(** = friend)



Lynda Sheehan Picardi Descends from Peregrine

**** Cynthia Jennings**

Jane S Clayson Descends from Peregrine

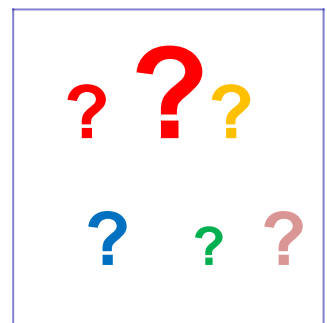
Welcome to our new members who joined us since our last newsletter. Since this newsletter is posted on the internet, I have decided not to include personal information on this page any longer. When new members join us, each of us receives the information directly from our Treasurer. Thanks Benese!

THIS AND THAT

The editor asked for suggestions for new features in your newsletter. Our cousin, Mark Campbell, suggested a "Query the Cousins" feature and you will find one of his brick walls on this page. I would love additions to this feature for future issues. Please email them to me. Mark's thinking on this new feature is "We all have research points where a little help would be good. And since we are all distantly related and have done considerable research, it is always possible that one of us already has the answer to a question not yet asked." If you have the answer to Mark's query, please let him know.

You will be receiving a short survey shortly after you receive this issue of the newsletter via email. It will consist of two multiple choice questions. The first will want to know which child of the Whites you descend from and then the second question will want to know which of their children you descend from. I will publish the results in the next issue. We can see what percentage of the third generation we share in common with our cousins. All responses are anonymous, all I will see is a spreadsheet with the responses. I hope you will all participate

QUERY THE COUSINS



I am seeking information on my 5x great grandmother, Lura "Fanny" Cornwell, born in 1767 in Middletown MA to Elisha Cornwell. She was married first to Dr. Nathaniel Freeman in 1787 and then to Dr. Benajah Maynard in approximately 1799. I am seeking any information about her or any other "Fanny" Cornwell in MA, CT, NY or VT in the 1790s, Please reply to Mark Campbell at campbell@tcq.net



SPOTLIGHT ON A DNA Mystery

by Barbara Williams, TPWWS Historian



Where do we come from?

I have always been interested in my roots. We used to call them "roots" then, but now we call them "genes" and "DNA". At an early age, I asked my Grandmother the question of "Where do I come from?" She replied, "The Lewis family came from Wales, and my grandfather came from Sweden." That was it. Later, tracing the Lewes/Lewis Family, my line came from Brenchley, England in the County of Kent.

With all the genealogy websites, the leading hobby now is family history. Being intrigued by DNA, the decision was made to have it done! It was hard to make a choice, but 23AndMe became my mystery family line. The kit arrived, and I spit out the required amount of saliva. Sending all on its way, the wait became exciting! When the results were in, my data became a base for others to be informed that he or she shared a certain amount of my DNA.

With no names mentioned, a story will be shared with you. A few weeks ago while looking at the names posted with my DNA line, I found a 2nd to 4th cousin. Never before had a line been closer. Intrigued, I emailed the person. Sharing personal info, our places of residence "coincided a bit". This person had been adopted. However, being one of the more fortunate people, I knew the names of the natural father and mother. X had been looking for years for any data, and was almost ready to give up. Because of keeping up with my great aunts and uncles, their localities were known. In today's world, most people do not keep up with aunts and uncles, never mind the great ones!!

It took many hours of my time to trace the children, grandchildren, and great grands. Marriages of each needed to be found. One day, there was the mystery!! I was dumbfounded! IF I HAD NOT KNOWN my great aunt's location in later life, my 2nd to 4th cousin would have given up the idea of ever finding any part of the birth family.

Today, a reunion is being planned for next year. Photos show the strong family resemblance. X is meeting half brothers and sisters, plus cousins, etc. I will always treasure the email sent calling me, "My Hero!" No, I am not a hero, but I am delighted with the knowledge that we have today available to us. BUT, without keeping in touch with our most recent family, we might lose something very important. Do you have a great aunt or uncle living? Do you have an aunt or uncle living? Call or write them. They are part of your important family and your DNA.

***Note from the Editor—GSMD is encouraging its members to contribute their DNA to serve as a bank for other Mayflower members and prospective members to use and match against. Have you had yours done as Barbara Williams suggests? Family Tree DNA is the company handling the Mayflower results. If you wish to explore the issue, their website is www.familytreedna.com.



LOOKING BACK

by

D. Alan Smith

Deputy Governor

In our last installment we examined the larger context of Pilgrim and Puritan theology as Calvinists. Being a Calvinist was nothing new to the Church of England; even bishops could be and also were Calvinists. The difference occurred in their attitude toward the nature of the Church as it was structurally and liturgically constituted. Strict Calvinism as understood by the Pilgrims and Puritans demanded a biblical warrant for any practice. The Puritan faction in England wanted to purify the Church from Catholic accretions. Under Elizabeth the Book of Common Prayer, the 39 Articles of Religion, the hierarchy of bishops, vestments, etc. became mandated for all clergy. If a priest refused to follow all of the requirements, that person was thrown out of his congregation. Nearly one hundred priests were ejected. While many these ejected clergy wanted to “simply” purify or reform the Church. (Bangs, *Strangers and Saints*, p. 9), there were those who believed that there was no redemption possible for the Church. The Church of England itself was not the Church. For these Independents or Separatists there was only the gathered Church. We need to remember that the word “Pilgrim” was not in use. For the Separatists the Church does not consist of members because of their baptism as infants. Infant baptism itself was probably retained because of Zwingli’s belief in the tradition of baptizing infants. The Church has only visible saints who must be judged to be saints. There were three tests of being a saint: 1) profession of faith, 2) uprightness of life, and 3) a “heartfelt experience of regeneration.” The latter test became the evidence of election and admission into membership of the Church and its sacraments. (Bainton, *Christendom*, v. II, p. 72) The polity of the Separatists demanded a strict congregational structure. There was no structure above the local congregation: bishop or any type of larger system such as a synod or general assembly. (Bainton, p. 73) The official leaders of the Church of England called the Independents/ Separatists “Brownists” after the radical teacher Robert Browne. Browne taught that the Word of God commanded them to speak out against all unbiblical practices whether ecclesiastically or nationally. Even the king could be rebuked. (Bangs, p. 10) Although Browne had been a radical, he returned to the traditional Anglican fold where he served until his death in 1633. For the struggling Separatists with their profound beliefs of being either with God or being with the corrupt Church of England, there was only one option: to serve God. Not serving God was proof of their not being of the elect. Not being of the elect was proof of their damnation. Although Separatism was found in many parts of England, it is the small village of Scrooby that has particular interest for us. It was perhaps inevitable that the small group of Separatists at Scrooby under Brewster would begin to face persecution. For the most part, the saints at Scrooby were from the lowest class. They were without protectors or financial resources to pay crippling fines levied by the magistrates for their absence from worship or for not conforming to prescribed liturgical practices when present. Scrooby and its importance will be the subject of the next articles.

D. Alan Smith, Deputy Governor

Winter with the Cousins

Most of us experienced a winter for the record books and a couple of our cousins wanted to share their pictures. Everett White sent pictures 1, 2, and 3 of snow at his place in Maine. Jim Fowler sent pictures 4, 5, and 6 of ice and snow in Maryland. I think our ancestors might have appreciated Everett's snow removal equipment!



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Report of the Financial Review Committee

THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan Downing
Mark Campbell
David L Grinnell, Chair

February 3, 2015

The Board of Directors
The Pilgrim William White Society

Financial Review Committee member Jan Downing has reviewed the books for fiscal year 2013 for the Pilgrim William White Society, which included a review of all deposits, receipts, checks and disbursements and found them to be in agreement with the December, 2013 checking and savings account bank statements. Ms. Downing found everything to be in order.

Financial Review Committee member Mark Campbell reviewed the financial records for fiscal year 2014 for the Pilgrim William White Society and found all expenses to be properly documented; he found no mathematically incorrect entries and confirmed the accuracy of the year end balance with the checking and savings account bank statements. Mr. Campbell states that the Treasurer's diligence should be acknowledged by the Financial Review Committee.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Society financial personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, the Financial Review Committee does not express such an opinion.

Based on the review, the Financial Review Committee is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements, in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

The Financial Review Committee feels privileged to have worked with J. Benese Scherrer and wishes to assure the Board of Directors of her competence in directing the financial affairs of The Pilgrim William White Society.

For the Financial Review Committee

David Lawrence Grinnell, Chair

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Yes
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Contribution Deductibility:
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Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

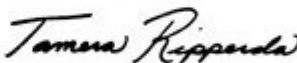
If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

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