



**The PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE
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Pat Nichols, Editor

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

Have you ever wondered what could be accomplished with \$15 dues? Read on—because it is a lot—when we pool our dues and work as a group. During the 2016 Thanksgiving season, we (The Pilgrim William White Society) donated \$100 to Pilgrim Hall Museum, \$100 to the Westport Historical Society for the Handy House, \$100 to First Church, and \$500 to Plimoth Plantation designated for the restoration of the ship, *Mayflower II*. Earlier in the year, TPWWS sent \$250 to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to belong to the “Family Society” program.

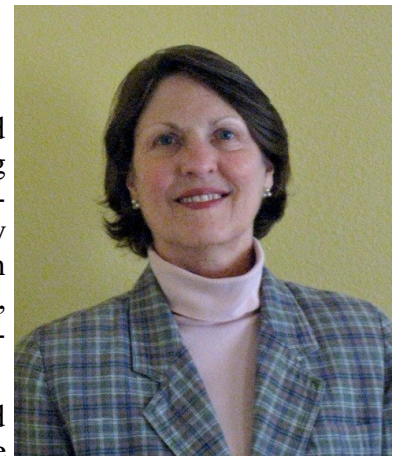
I’ve been told that we are making a difference in the Pilgrim Community, and that’s exactly what we intended to do when we formed this Society. We’ve been able to do this because of each of YOU, paying your \$15 dues! Thank you for making this good work possible! I think William and Susanna would applaud what we are doing on their behalf.

This newsletter is focused on providing information on how we (The Pilgrim William White Society) are helping to accomplish some very worthy projects in the Pilgrim Community. We’ve included the “thank you” notes we received from the organizations we’ve donated to.

It is with a sad heart that I have to tell you about the death of one of our dear members. The Rev. George Franklin (Frank) Williams, a “friend” member and husband of The Pilgrim William White Society Historian Barbara Williams, passed away on November 19, 2016, from complications following open-heart surgery. My sister (J. Benese Scherrer) and I had the pleasure of getting to know Frank while traveling with the tour group Barbara organized that explored the Cape Cod area after the 2011 GSMD Congress. I smile to this day when I recall Frank’s wonderful laugh. He was such a nice and fun person to know; and we will all miss him so much. We are dedicating this newsletter to Frank and Barbara, and to the 52 years of marriage they shared.

Since Frank’s passing was the first of a member since our Society was formed, the Board of Directors voted to dedicate one of the donations we make in the name of members departed during that year.

During the Thanksgiving season, our Education Committee sent a DVD about a young girl and boy who visit Plimoth Plantation, to our young friend members, Harper and Kirksey Smith, and Lena and Ben Danford. The DVD is called “Plimoth Plantation” and is from their series, “Colonial Life for Children.” Our young “friend” member Lena Danford created Christmas cards for soldiers



Governor Prairie Counce

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this year, and we have a photo of some of her cards elsewhere in this newsletter. We love to hear about our young friend members making helpful contributions to their community! Thank you, Lena, we are proud of you!

Please remember The Pilgrim William White Society's Triennial Meeting is coming up in September 2017 during the GSMD Congress. We will have more details, including date, place, and nominations for the election of officers, in the April and July newsletters.

A dishonest person is using my name and email address to try to solicit money; so please DO NOT RESPOND to an email with my name or email address on it regarding the solicitation of funds. Instead, forward it to the FBI at: www.ic3.gov/complaint

Wishing you the best of all good things for the coming year!

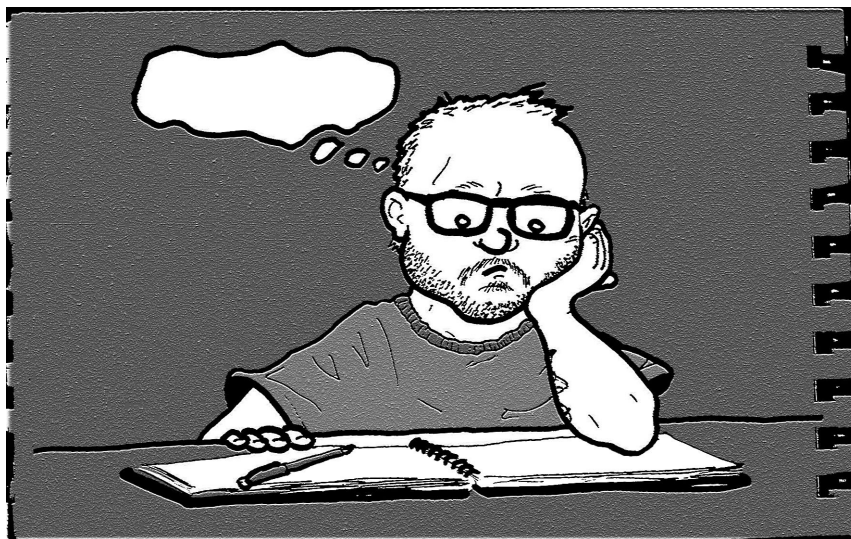
Prarie

Editor's Notes

It is a challenge to create an interesting newsletter each and every time. Prarie and I need your ideas and articles so that we can continue to present you with interesting information about our society and our members.

The next issue comes out a little before Mother's Day and I am asking for articles about your favorite, or most interesting female ancestress that is in your direct line to William and Susanna White. We have so little information on Susanna but we inherited her genes too. We will attempt to honor her female descendants with the next issue. Your articles can be short or lengthy; since our newsletter is digital, space is not a constraint. Feel free to start sending articles now; I will send out another reminder in mid March.

We have several new members and I welcome articles about you and what you have been doing or articles about your line to the Whites. How did you end up where you are and how far away from Plymouth are you and your family? How did the various generations move around to get you there? What do you value most about your Mayflower heritage? Save me from looking like this when I put these issues together, minus the facial hair.



White Descendant Brings Plymouth to Houston

Having attended Harry Folger's meeting on the 2020 Committee in 2014, I listened to the various ways the 400th anniversary might be celebrated. My interest as a White descendant revolved around how to showcase not only the 400th celebration but showcasing the Whites as well.

As current Governor of the Houston Colony, one of the members had contributed to Plimoth Plantation and received a note that they were interested in visiting our area to promote Plimoth Plantation. He gave me all of the information on contacts, phone numbers, and what they might need. After several conversations with Courtney Roy-Branigan, it was agreed that we would have a meeting at which some of the re-enactors, or interpreters would provide us with a program. How exciting!

Being a long time member of our wonderful Houston Museum of Natural Science, my thoughts drifted to a venue for a 2020 celebration. Lisa Rebori, a delightful lady and Vice President handling the Museum programs, returned my call. Yes, she would be glad to attend to our April Meeting.

The April 2016 program was presented by Richard Pickering and Vicki Oman and was an "Afternoon with the Allertons". It was enjoyed by a packed house of over 100 members. What fun to hear of their costumes, shoes and woolen hose. They drew numbers for lovely baskets from Plimoth Plantation and absolutely charmed the members and Lisa Rebori. Lisa invited anyone who wished, to visit the offerings of the Houston Museum of Natural Science the following day.

What a joy to learn that Houston will celebrate and the Colony will provide Docents and assistants, in full regalia, for the upcoming Plimoth Plantation Exhibition. With my "period correct clothing" Susanna White will assuredly be in attendance to assist the public in their learning.

Leah Davis, Resolved Descendant
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L-R Courtney Roy-Branigan, Leah Davis, Richard Pickering, and Vicki Oman



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December 8, 2016

Ms. Prairie Counce
The Pilgrim William White Society
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Dear Ms. Counce:

Naval historian Henry Culver once wrote, "No vessel can compare with the fame of *Mayflower*. Her story looms large in our Nation's imagination. She holds the preeminent place in American history as the wave-rocked cradle of our liberties." We are so pleased to receive your very generous donation of \$500.00 made on 11/21/2016 to help support the restoration of *Mayflower II*.

I am delighted to share that your contribution will help us reach our goal for the ship's restoration. Without significant investment this year and in the years to come, the *Mayflower II* will not be seaworthy, and a priceless piece of history will be in danger of disappearing. Restoration work continues on *Mayflower II* at the Henry B. DuPont Shipyard in Mystic, CT, honoring the ship's original construction and using traditional methods. This work will proceed for an extended period in order to have her shipshape for 2020.

We have a vision of *Mayflower II* as the iconic centerpiece of the 2020 commemorations, and I am grateful to you for helping us to ensure that she will shine brightly – not only for the quadricentennial celebration of the founding of Plymouth, but for generations to come.

Thank you again for your generosity. It is an inspiration to all of us who share your love and vision for *Mayflower II*.

Gratefully,

Ellie Donovan

Ellie Donovan
Executive Director

Dear Ms. Counce,
We are truly appreciative
of the PWN Society's
generous support for the
ship restoration. Thank you
so much for helping to
keep the Pilgrims' story
alive for future generations to learn
from and enjoy!
Best regards,
Ellie

(In accordance with IRS regulations, this gift is tax-deductible less the value of any goods or services received, as noted above.
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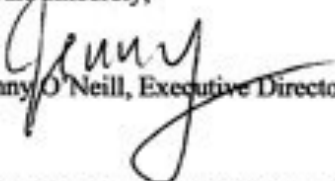
Dear Prairie,

On behalf of the Board of the Westport Historical Society I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$100 to the Handy House. Your donation was received on October 25. I greatly appreciate the support of the Pilgrim William White Society.

The Handy House has had a very successful season this summer with several large events such as our Artisan Fair. We have also raised funds in order to build restrooms and a larger parking area, and hope to begin construction next spring.

Thank you again for your support!

Yours sincerely,


Jenny O'Neill, Executive Director

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

The mission of the Westport Historical Society is to engage the public in the exploration of the town's rich history and culture, to inspire a spirit of discovery through educational programs and encourage active participation in the preservation and interpretation of our past. The Society collects and shares this history. Its goal is to foster the imaginative process of connecting to the past, making it relevant to our present and vital to the future of our community.

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Back in Dry dock

Mayflower II was hauled out of the water in the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard at Mystic Seaport on Friday, November 18, 2016. The process took about two and a half hours to maneuver the ship in the lift, settle her properly on the cradle, and then lift the ship out of the water. The next step will be to power wash the hull and pull her into the yard and then sideways to the spot where the restoration work will take place. That should happen early next week.

This is the third phase of a multi-year preservation initiative for the nearly 60-year-old ship. Mystic Seaport shipwrights and Plimoth Plantation maritime artisans are collaborating on the restoration, which is being carried out to prepare the ship for the commemoration of the Pilgrims' arrival 400 years ago in 2020. Unlike past years, *Mayflower II* will remain at Mystic Seaport for a period of 30 months and not return to Plymouth in the spring as she has in past years.

***This information comes from the Mystic Seaport website <http://www.mysticseaport.org>. Use the drop down menu under the "Explore" tab and then under Shipyard. Our \$500 donation is helping with the restoration.

***The following is a transcript of a news item that appeared on Fox News during the Thanksgiving holiday 2016.

Almost 400 years after the Pilgrims celebrated their first Thanksgiving, archaeologists have unearthed evidence of the original 1620 settlement in Plymouth, Mass. Researchers from UMass Boston's Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research made the find on Burial Hill in Plymouth. Burial Hill includes a cemetery that was thought to be part of the original settlement, according to the Boston Globe, although the site had never been dug by archaeologists before.

The discovery was announced this week, some 395 years after the first Thanksgiving in 1621. A team led by Fiske Center Associate Director David Landon were thrilled to discover 17th-century artifacts such as pottery, tins, trade beads and musket balls. The artifacts were discovered around so-called "post and ground construction" – holes for wood where structures once stood.

The finds sparked cautious optimism among the team that they had found a location inside the settlement walls. Soon, they discovered the remains of a calf buried in a pit. The calf, dubbed "Constance" by the team, was a vital clue to the settlement. Because native people didn't have domestic cattle her remains prove that she lived and died within the original Plymouth settlement. "Constance is a great symbol of this. Oftentimes success in the colony depended on herds of cattle. It became a centerpiece of the economy. So the calf does connect us to that story," said Landon, in a press release.

Living history museum Plimoth Plantation, which is about 3 miles south of Burial Hill, partnered with UMass Boston on the project. "Finding physical evidence of the original Pilgrim settlement is an incredibly exciting discovery that can fundamentally change our understanding of the 17th-century Atlantic world," explained Kathryn Ness, Plimoth Plantation's curator of collections, in an email to FoxNews.com. "The UMass Boston team's discovery as a whole

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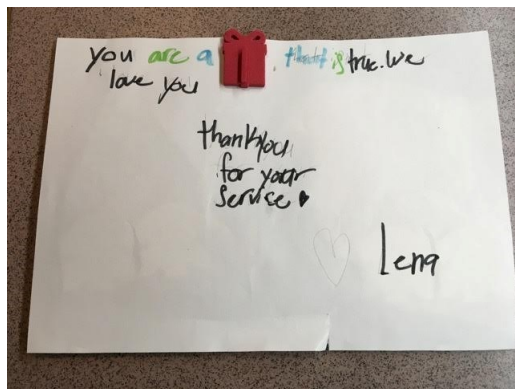
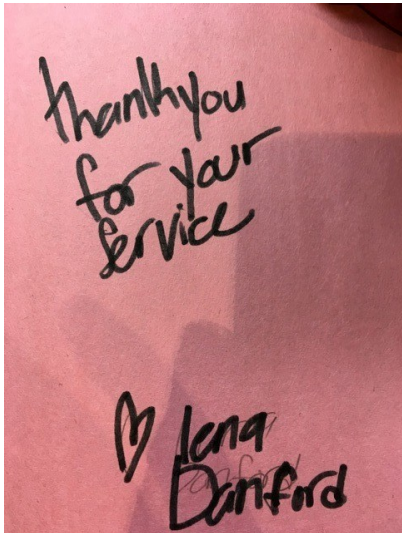
proves that, despite 400 years of development, Plymouth Colony is still here and ready to tell us more about the everyday life of the Pilgrims.”

The discovery will prove extremely valuable in Plimoth Plantation’s work, according to Ness. “At our living history museum, these and future findings will help us further refine our exhibits, as we use archaeological evidence and historical documents as the basis for our portrayal of the past,” she said. Landon’s team have been working to find evidence of the original settlement prior to the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Plymouth Colony in 2020. The researchers’ discovery came during the first year of a three-year \$200,000 National Endowment of the Humanities grant to study the Plymouth Colony and the colonists’ relations with the indigenous Wampanoag people. More research will be conducted on the Burial Hill site next summer by Landon and his team. “We are excited to see what else they find!” Ness told FoxNews.com.

Other experts have also been shedding new light on America’s pre-colonial history. Researchers at Florida State University, for example, have uncovered evidence that wild turkeys were a common part of Native American life long before the first Thanksgiving. Native Americans were managing and raising turkeys as early as 1200 – 1400 A.D., they explained, in a paper published Monday in the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.



***More information on Project 400, the archeological dig on Cole’s Hill can be found on the Fiske Center Blog. This link may be used to get you there quickly <http://blogs.umb.edu/fiskecenter/category/plymouth>



Our young friend member, Lena Danford, sends Christmas cards to soldiers serving in the armed forces. These are some she created this past Christmas.

THE REV. GEORGE FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, JR.

Frank and Barbara together,
the day before Frank's surgery



November 2, 1938

November 19, 2016

The Rev. George Franklin Williams, Jr. went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on 19 November 2016 at the University of Washington Hospital in Seattle. His wife Barbara, son Chris, daughter Beth, son-in-law Michael, and grandson Erik were with him. Known as Frank, he was born in Charlotte, NC on November 2, 1938 to George Franklin Williams, Sr. and Nancy Dayton Reed.

Frank grew up in Charlotte and graduated from Myers Park High School in 1957. He obtained a BA in Psychology from the University of Virginia in 1961. While working one summer as a forest ranger in Colorado, he felt led to go into the ministry. Frank graduated with a Master's in Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Wenham MA in 1964

Also in 1964, he married July 11th in Portland, Maine, Barbara Estelle Lewis. This marriage was to last for fifty-two years. Frank had ministries in Hamilton, Ontario; Collierstown, Virginia; Livonia, Michigan; Clallam Bay, WA; Jetmore, KS; Beaumont, TX, and retired after nineteen years at Covenant Presbyterian in Amarillo, TX. An avid walker and hiker, each location found him on nearby trails or walking to work each day.

Frank and Barbara had three children: Catherine Lynn, born 1968 in Lexington, VA; Christopher Reed, born on his Father's birthday in 1969, Livonia MI; and Elizabeth Ambler, born in 1978 in Forks, WA.

His lifelong passion was astronomy. Frank presented a seminar on "The Star of Bethlehem" in TX, NC, SC, WA and VA. At the age of fifty-five, he climbed Mt. Whitney in one day. Loving the Olympic National Park, he hiked the High Divide once with gear. Thought it too much, and hiked again another two times in one day. He loved the Olympic Peninsula!

God's creation fascinated him. Frank was able to visit all seven continents, all the states and eighty-two countries. The place that he liked the best from all over the world, was his "Acadia" in Sekiu, WA.

Upon retirement, he spent half the year in Sekiu. The other half was spent in South Carolina to be near his son and daughter in the east plus the grandgirls. He especially enjoyed going each month to his high school class get togethers held monthly in Charlotte. During high school, his autistic brother required much care. Frank would go home after classes to help his mother with Reed. He was not able to participate with high school events. In college, Frank was free to pursue clubs and joined intervarsity, and the hiking and caving clubs.

Frank loved to preach at the Clallam Bay Presbyterian Church when he was there from May to October. His services will be December 17th at the church, 11am, followed by a potluck luncheon.

The "Rev" is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Barbara; daughter Catherine Badalamenti (Nick) of Lexington, SC; son Christopher Reed (Patty) of Lexington, VA; and Elizabeth Navarro (Michael) of Shoreline, WA. Five granddaughters: Isabella, Sofia, Liliana, and Lucie of Lexington, SC and Alexis of Shoreline, WA. His grandson, Erik, of Shoreline, WA is the "Coach" for the all girls basketball team. Frank always loved to introduce them as such. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Norton Reed Williams.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Clallam Bay Presbyterian Church or the Sekiu Community Center.



WHAT IF? by D Alan Smith

This marks a new series on "What if's." We live in a world that could be so different from the world we know. Our starting "what if" is vital one for Susanna, Resolved and Peregrine. What if Edward Winslow had not created that first stepfamily. There is a new book out on colonial stepfamilies with the well-known picture of George and Martha Washington with her grandchildren whom he reared. For us our collective existence may not have occurred. Imagine a young woman just after her delivery of her son without any one to help build a house, break up the land, and begin tilling the land. The community itself was so fragile that it would be strapped to care for another widow and orphans. Given the high mortality in the colony, the possible death of any of the three could have been a possibility. No Resolved or Peregrine would

mean no existence for a significant number of us cousins. Their joint deaths would mean no existence for me or my family. One life has so much meaning for the past, present and future. If they had just survived instead of having a leader of the colony as stepfather, the family would have lived a hand to mouth sort of existence. Their prominence would have been doubtful. Resolved would have not been a good match for Judith Vassall. Marriage simply for love is a Victorian concept. Marriage was the basis for the development of a family's position and wealth. No Judith means no connection to John Vassall, her grandfather, who will become the subject of a future series. In short, everything about you and me would be radically changed. Think about your own what ifs. There are some that we wished had turned out better but there are so many more resulting in an unrecognizable, unwelcomed world.

I have recently become a member of the Jamestown Society. Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact me. The process is very easy for all of Resolved descendants who are members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. It is simply adding on two generations which are known. Peregrine descendants would need a forebear living in Jamestown or be a descendant of a stockholder of the Virginia Company in England to qualify for membership. In either case, I would be glad to sponsor any "cousin" for membership.

Alan

Welcome Our New Members

From Resolved

Lucy White Rasko of San Antonio, TX
Linda M Fitzmeyer of Jacksonville, FL
Jeffrey Bruce Allan of Tewksbury, MA
Kay Elmore of Newark, IL

From Peregrine

Sally Stewart Cuda of Westerly, RI
Alvin Clayton White of Fayetteville, NY
O. Dianne Engren of Bridgewater, MA
Kurtis Brion Borre from LaCrosse, WI

Cousin **David Grinell** created a second Word Search puzzle that appears in this newsletter. Thanks David!
The word list follows on page 12.

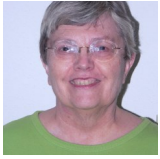
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