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Message from the Governor

I have spent the last several weeks doing all things Pilgrim for both our Society and the Georgia Mayflower Society. But unlike some of the things I need to do, doing all things Pilgrim just makes me happy. Each task reminds that I am at the half way point through my time as governor of TPWWS. It's exciting to anticipate 2020 and our getting together as one big family. Who could have dreamed that a such a small group could grow into such a dynamic group with an outstanding newsletter, seeing our forebears noted and remembered at Scrooby, and helping others with their Mayflower journey to Plymouth?

I want to challenge each member to reach out and invite someone to join GSMD and TPWWS. My older son is awaiting my paternal grandparents' marriage license so that he can apply. Requirements have changed in just my ten years as a member. So, when you invite that member help them to understand the process is extremely exacting but equally rewarding.

In this edition you will see resolutions congratulating two of our Eagle Scout cousins. We want to celebrate the



Governor Alan Smith

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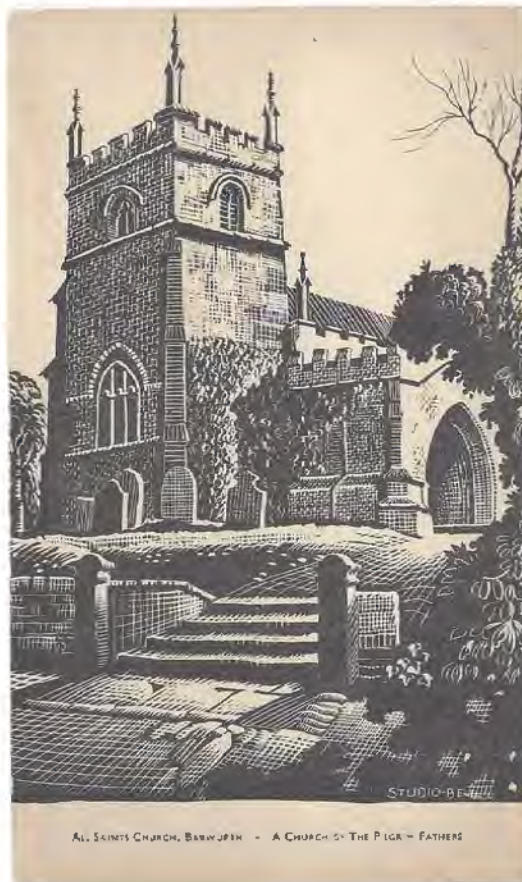
achievements of our members and “Friends.” So, if you know of a deserving individual or group, please let me know and the resolutions will go out!

Please plan to meet with your cousins in Plymouth in 2020. I doubt that I'll be there for the 450th at age 121 – and look for more details of our planned 2020 meeting and dinner in Plymouth.

Alan

Cousins, I have collected several postcards that depict places associated with William and Susanna White will share here and in future newsletters. *Alan*

5. The Babsworth Parish Church of All Saints was the primary church for the Separatists in the area. Richard and Suzanna Jackson would have attended this church because of the vicar Richard Clyfton, a major Separatist leader.



Triennial Meeting of TPWWS

Where are you planning to be on Wednesday, September 16, 2020? Your Pilgrim William White Society Executive Committee hopes you will be in Plymouth celebrating with your White cousins, electing new officers for our society, and enjoying a pleasant dinner at Isaac's on the Plymouth waterfront. Check the restaurant out on the web at <http://isaacsdining.com>



Isaac's
On the Waterfront

Why are we letting you know so early? We want you to join us and it is not too early to think about travel plans, or places to stay. Several of the hotels are already fully booked.

The 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower will only happen once and we have the unique opportunity to be there.

The General Society business meetings start on Thursday, September 17, so you will be settled in and ready to go. There are going

to be many fun and exciting things to do and see, cousins to meet, and friendships to renew.

There will be much more information available closer to September 2020. At this time, we will meet at 5:15 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. You will be able to select one of two dinner entrees. We will have a final price in 2020, but our goal is to make it affordable and convenient. We want you to be there!

New Society Formed

Cousin **Carol Young** informs us a new Society has been born! **Order of Descendants of Native Americans and Friends**. I like the fact that it highlights the friendly relationship between the Native Americans and Pilgrims.



As Descendants of Susanna, Resolved and Peregrine, we all qualify for membership. (William does not qualify as he was not living in 1621 when the Treaty was signed.)

If interested, contact Carol at

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Cousins compare notes at Heritage Week

Cousin **Carol Young** attended the Mayflower meeting during Heritage Week in Washington, DC. There she met her cousin **Ann Wilkerson!** They discovered a few things in common!



Both are descendants of William and Susanna White, as well as Eleanor of Aquitaine. In addition, there were also both stewardesses with Pan Am and each had two darling daughters.

They hope to see more PWWS members at next year's Heritage Week!

Jamestowne Reminder

Cousin **Stephen Edward Millard** us a new member. He sent a brief explanation to remind Resolved descendants that they can join the Jamestowne Society.

**John Vassall
(1563-1625)**

Virginia Company Stockholder

John Vassall the Elder was a French Huguenot from Normandy, who sent his son, also named John Vassall, to live in England. John Vassall, of Essex County, England, was born in Normandy, France; died in 1625 of the plague; and was buried in St. Dunstan, Stepney Parish, Middlesex, England. He financed the fitting out of two ships, the *Samuel* and the *Little Toby* and commanded them in the battle against the Spanish Armada in 1588. As a reward, Queen Elizabeth I granted John Vassall an English coat of arms for his service, which the Vassall family used to replace those of his French ancestors. John Vassall served as an alderman of

London and as a vestryman in Stepney Parish. He was an investor in the Virginia Company and subscribed to two shares of stock by investing £25.10.0 in 1618.

John Vassall had three wives, all of whom he married at St. Stepney Parish: (1) Anne Hewes (no issue), (2) Anne Russell, and (3) Judith Borough, widow of Thomas Scott of Essex. Vassal had eleven children with (2) Anne Russell: Judith; John (died at age 2); Samuel; John; William; Anna; Rachel; Stephen; Thomas; Mary; and Elizabeth.

Some of John Vassall's children stayed in England; his children with American ties are: RACHEL, who married Peter Andrewes, master of the *Mayflower*; SAMUEL, who invested in the first Massachusetts Company, traded with New England and Virginia, was interested in the settlement of Carolina, undertook an exploratory voyage to Florida, and died aboard the *Marygold* en route to Virginia; WILLIAM, who was named in the first charter of Massachusetts, took his wife and six children to Massachusetts to live, returned to England, and finally settled in Barbados.

The grandchildren of John Vassall with American ties are: JUDITH [daughter of William], who married Resolved White [son of Mayflower pilgrims William and Susanna

White] in Massachusetts; MARY, [daughter of Samuel] who died on the voyage to Virginia; FRANCES [daughter of William], who married James Adams in Massachusetts; JOHN [son of William], who lived in Massachusetts, North Carolina, Virginia, and Jamaica; ANNA [daughter of William], who married Nicholas Ware of Old Rappahannock County, VA.

Follow this link for a lengthier explanation: http://e-familyhistory.com/Drake_Title_Page-1-Louisa_files/documents2/more%20info/Rogers,%20Alton/Our%20Vassall%20Ancestry.pdf

Stephen sent this 70th birthday photo of he and his mother, Helen Joy Irons Millard, an even newer TPWWS member who celebrated 94th birthday on April 15th.





First Day Mayflower Stamps from 1970

Our Scrooby Plaque Installed





Founded February 2013

Whereas, **Kenneth Johansson** has completed his Eagle Project by building the Garden of Dreams at the Hoyt Farm Nature Preservation,

And whereas, he has completed the required merit badges,

And whereas, among those required merit badges are those for citizenship by which the Boy Scouts of America has always honored our Nation and its past and taught skills for future leaders in the Community, State and Nation,

And whereas, he has demonstrated leadership and ability in his troop,

And whereas, Kenneth Johansson a descendant of William and Susanna Jackson White has brought honor to those ancestors,

And whereas, he can now build on their legacy to improve his Community, State and Nation,

Be it resolved, that I, D. Alan Smith, on behalf of the Board of Directors commend and congratulate Eagle Scout Johansson for his accomplishment,

And be it further resolved that a copy of this document be published in The Pilgrim William White Newsletter.

D. Alan Smith,

Governor

This day the fifth of March 2019



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Whereas, **Aidan Johansson** has completed his Eagle Project by building the Reflection Patio at the Hoyt Farm Nature Preservation,

And whereas, he has completed the required merit badges,

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Letters to the Editor

Hello Cousin Mike,

Just a note that my name is spelled Jan Gillingham Spowart. No need to make a correction to the Newsletter, just wanted it right on your records. The Gillinghams are not my line to William White, but they do come from Gillingham in Dorset England. Kind of fun!

Thanks, Jan

Hello Cousin Mike,

I am interested to see if the Association has a repository of White-related documents somewhere? Do we have anything on the estate of Tabitha Ellis White (1731/32-1810 Dutchess Co., NY) Tabitha White mentions her daughter by John White 5 (Jonathan 4-3; Peregrine 2, William 1), Elizabeth Coon, in her estate. I seem to remember, but cannot find my notes, that somewhere in her estate, a Jeremiah Coon was mentioned. But all "people" seem to think she married Caleb Coon (d. 1842, Mariposa, Canada). I have

looked through the Coon's in Frank Doherty's Beekman Patent Settlement, but find nothing conclusive.

Is there someone in the Society interested in that particular lineage? Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Katherine Cullen King

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Your letter here – in the July newsletter!



Pilgrim William White Society medal available at Hamiltoninsignia.com



Society Member Passes

It is with great sadness that we note the death of **Susan Fredrickson** on 20 November 2018. We will honor her memory when we make our annual contributions at Thanksgiving. Please remember her family in prayer.

Alan

WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

Douglas J. Rasmussen – Resolved
Joanne Teresa Correllus Crane—Resolved
Linda Hewes – Resolved (Corrected)
Jan Gillingham Spowart – Resolved (Corrected)

A THANKS FROM THE PILGRIM HALL



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January 14, 2019

Mr. D. Alan Smith
The Pilgrim William White Society
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Dear Alan,

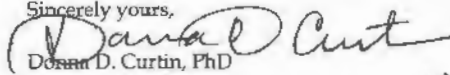
On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum, I write to gratefully acknowledge your generous contribution on behalf of The Pilgrim William White Society of \$100.00 to the 2018 Annual Appeal via your check dated November 27, 2018.

As you know, Pilgrim Hall Museum has been making history for nearly 200 consecutive years. Since opening our doors in 1824, we have engaged public audiences with the compelling story of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims and the history of early Plymouth. Your contribution helps us bring fresh relevance to this significant history, and this is especially meaningful as we approach Plymouth's 400th anniversary in 2020. We are excited about our role in the commemoration and will be sharing news of a host of special activities in the new year, including the Plymouth Tapestry, a commemorative Quadricentennial park, pathbreaking exhibitions, and the launch of a new website.

We are most grateful for your investment in our efforts to steward the past and serve as a historical resource for learners of all ages, as we continue to preserve the unique and fascinating story of Plymouth.

Again, many thanks for supporting the mission of the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Sincerely yours,


Donna D. Curtin, PhD
Executive Director

We so appreciate the support of the Society, Alan - many thanks!

This letter acknowledges that no goods or services were received in lieu of this contribution. Please retain this acknowledgement for your tax records.

Pilgrim Hall Museum is a nonprofit 501c3 organization owned and operated by the Pilgrim Society. Tax ID #23-7282033.



A THANKS FROM THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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December 19, 2018

D. Alan Smith
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Dear D. Alan:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$100.00 to the annual appeal fund. Your gift was received on December 19, 2018.

With the successful completion of major projects at the Handy House, we recognized this past year that it was time to address some long-standing issues concerning the Bell School and collections, to build on our strengths, and to meet some new challenges.

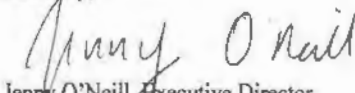
Your gift to this year's Annual Appeal will continue to move us towards the future!

If you would like to learn more about our strategic plan 2019- 2021 please visit our website, <http://wpthistory.org/westport-historical-society/strategic-plan/>.

We hope to see you at some of winter programs which begin on **Saturday January 12** with **A Walk Down Old Horseneck Beach** presented by David Jones. Our winter programs begin at 2 PM at the Westport Public Library.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support of Westport's heritage!

Sincerely,


Jenny O'Neill, Executive Director

Thank you!

Donations and gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. 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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A THANKS FROM THE MOTHER SHIP



12/21/2018

The Pilgrim William White Society
 D. Alan Smith, Governor
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Dear Alan,

I will always remember the cheering in the Meetinghouse during our opening ceremonies of Congress 2017 when it was announced that First Parish Church voted to create a Charitable Trust for the donation of the building to GSMD.

Deciding to raise money for a fund to memorialize our Pilgrim ancestors through the maintenance and programming of the Meetinghouse will be our legacy to those coming after us, as well as a physical reminder as to the importance of who we are and from where we come.

Thank you for your Society's generous contribution of \$1000 to the designated fund for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. All funds collected for this worthy cause will be used for the restoration of the building first, followed by programming and permanent use and maintenance of the building, all to honor and memorialize our Pilgrim ancestors.

Please leave a record in your Member Society archives about your decision to be among the first to donate to this worthy cause. Your future members need to know that your society was a leader in creating an endowment to accept the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and that when they walk through in awe, as we do today, that their society made it possible for them to truly understand the importance of their part in the Pilgrim story.

While it was a very emotional decision on the part of First Parish Church to begin the process of turning their beloved building over to GSMD in 2020, they repeatedly offered words of confidence in knowing their building would be well taken care of by GSMD into the future. As stewards of the building, they have faithfully told the Pilgrim story and will continue their services in the Meetinghouse in the location of the oldest continuing ministry in the United States.

As we work toward our goal of \$3,000,000 over the next three years, we will keep you abreast of where we are with the project and what is needed. Just as the Pilgrims stayed together to form Plymouth Colony and influence self-government and separation of church and state, we will stay together to permanently build a memorial to them so that their efforts are remembered for all time. Your society name will be recognized in the Meetinghouse as restoration permits, but you can see it online at themayflowersociety.org going forward.

Watch for updates at themayflowersociety.org under 'News and Events' as well as in the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. Sign up at the top of the home page of the site for email updates and we'll keep you informed there as well as about all the 2020 projects being planned.

If you have questions about the many ways your Member Society can give to the Meetinghouse appeal, please call Executive Director Susan Belekewicz at 508-746-3188 or email her at sbelekewicz@themayflowersociety.org. Please feel free to contact me at any time as well. My information is below my signature.

Again, thank you for your dedication and exemplary service to the Mayflower Society. Because your Member Society generously stepped up and led the way, many others are following your lead.

With much appreciation,

Lea Sinclair Filson, Meetinghouse Fundraising Chair
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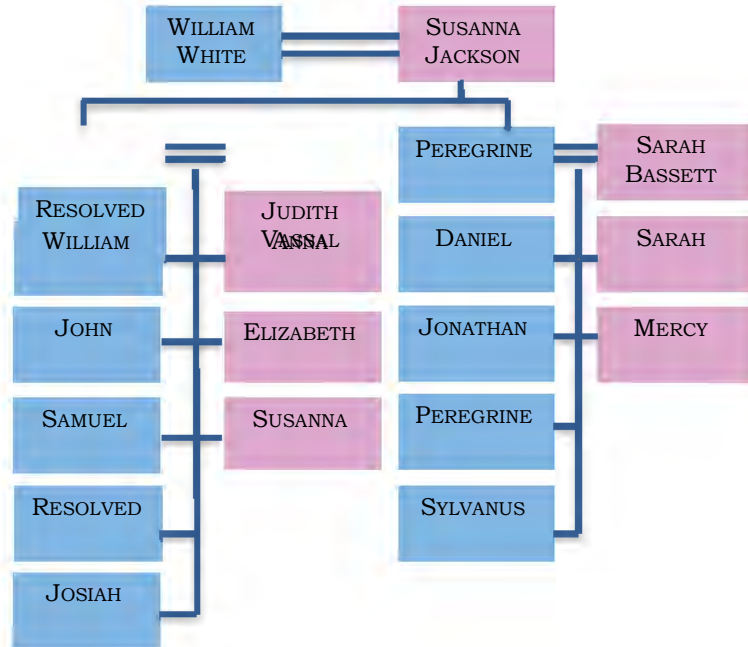
Also, please express our sincere gratitude to the Pilgrim William White Society for your major generous support of the meetinghouse project!!
 Susan

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THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY

Our Mission: Provide a forum for members to gain information about our common ancestor, William White; to keep our Pilgrim heritage alive; and to promote education in our schools, communities and other societies.



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