



# Society News

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### Message from the Governor

August was an incredible month for me as a grandfather. Judy and I were able to take our older grandchildren to Plymouth where we did all things Pilgrim--especially all things Susannah, William, Resolved, and Peregrine. Seeing our "home town" through the eyes of a 13-year-old and a 15-year-old gave a fresh perspective to an old story. From ghost tours to visit to Marshfield, we were able to experience Plymouth in a new way. I even met a "new" cousin at Marshfield from Wisconsin who was fighting the mosquitoes also. Now I understand the name Marshfield.

Kirksey and Harper were able to see real items used by their forebears in Pilgrim Hall. Plimoth Plantation was a place to experience our common history. This week (as I write this article) marked the 399<sup>th</sup> year that our family left land in Southampton to seek a truly free, new world. It was beyond a harrowing voyage; it was completely uncertain: Susanna pregnant, William worried about his family's safety, Resolved probably excited, Peregrine until Provincetown harbor safely unaware and unborn. When we settle down to our Thanksgiving Dinner this year, let us truly give thanks for their decision to make this incredible journey.

Last year our family began to read the Compact before grace was said. I invite you to do the same to



*Governor Alan Smith*

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reclaim our holiday from buckles, silly outfits and too much football. It is a Holy Day of Remembrance and Recommitment to their ideals.

*Alan*

p.s. If you are interested in speaking about our ancestors at the Marshfield Historical Society in October or November, 2020, please let me know as soon as possible. I have been invited, but it's a long way from Thomson, Georgia. They want someone to speak about Susana and Peregrine.

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

7. Scrooby Manor was the home of Richard and Suzanna Jackson. It is uncertain when his wife Mary died. She was living on 27 April 1598 when she, Richard and family were presented to the archdeanry court for attending other churches. The manor chapel was also used as the meeting house for the Separatist congregation when needed. Although the existing wing of the manor is credited as being the home of the Brewsters and Jacksons, it is not known which part was occupied by whom or even if one or the other family lived in a demolished part of the palace. Jeremy Bangs and Sue Allan argue that the Brewsters lived in the Great Hall and the Jacksons in the existing building. In any case, Scrooby Manor was home of the Jacksons and the Brewsters until they accusal of "Brownism" in 1 December 1607 when they fled.



## Kirksey & Harper Visit Plymouth



A Smith family visit to our ancestors' homeland. Here is Governor Alan with his grandkids, Kirksey and Harper. They are standing next to the memorial stone in the Old Winslow Burial Ground in Marshfield, Massachusetts – just up the road from Plymouth. Susana, Resolved & Judith, and Peregrine &

Sarah lie near this stone.

At right is Harper, next to the stone commemorating the burial place of his ancestor William White. And Kirksey at Pilgrim Hall.



## Mayflower in Drydock

By Cousin Jean Thiel

Here is a photo that we took of the *Mayflower II* in drydock, being prepared for launch in Mystic, CT. It will be officially launched on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Mystic Seaport Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard. The ship will be christened with water from all 50 states as well as Plymouth, U.K. and Leiden, Netherlands. The

*Mayflower II* will then be lowered into the Mystic River to float for the first time in 3 years. Once she returns to Massachusetts in Spring 2020, the ship will be the centerpiece of the 400<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Pilgrims' arrival in Plymouth.



The dedicated maritime staff of the Plimoth Plantation has been working diligently alongside the talented team from Mystic Seaport Museum for nearly 3 years to make one of the world's most iconic ships seaworthy again. The *Mayflower II* was designed and built for Plimoth Plantation in the mid-1950's in Brixham, England. The ship was intended as a gift for the people of America from the people of England to honor the bonds of friendship formed during World War II. She arrived in Plymouth on June 13, 1957, to great fanfare and 25,000 spectators, and since that time has been a major exhibit. Millions of visitors have crossed her decks to learn about the Pilgrims' historic journey and 17th-century maritime life.

## Book Review: *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White-Winslow*

By Cousin Ann Wilkerson

Unlike many of you, my family had neither knowledge nor mythology of Mayflower ancestry until a few years ago. A "Mayflower Descendant" emblem on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) pointed me toward a pathway back to 1620, but having been burned by undocumented Ancestry profiles, I didn't dare to think the lineage was correct.



In the next few months, I read books by Caleb Johnson and Nathaniel Philbrick. I joined Facebook groups and made sure that my DAR Patriot line connected to what was shown in another tool, the Silver Books. I visited Plymouth, driving by Allerton Street, visiting Plimouth Plantation, and staying at the John Carver Hotel. There was so much information to be gleaned from 400 years of research on all the Mayflower passengers, but so little about the origins of my 10<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, Susanna White, whose maiden name was not even known. I despaired of learning more, as I felt if information existed anywhere, it would have been already discovered by learned historians.

Well, I was wrong. Sue Allan researched and in 2018 published *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White-Winslow*. Sue is a Mayflower expert I first “met” on Facebook. She manages the Pilgrim Fathers UK Association and owns Mayflower Pilgrim Tours, escorting visitors around Scrooby and other Pilgrim Father locales in England. I probably should refer to her as “Ms. Allan,” but I hope one day we will meet in person to be on a first name basis.

About the book: It is divided into a logical progression of chapters, beginning with the “why,” covering the “how,” discovering the “what,” and concluding with Susanna’s legacy, her children.

Why study Susanna? According to Sue Allan:

*... the truth is that all of the women of the Mayflower were important to the seeding of the Plymouth Colony, and yet we know so little about their lives simply because of their gender.*

The “how” is found in the chapter “In Search of Susanna.” In meticulous, documented detail, Sue provides letters and wills, and using her detective skills, weaves a compelling narrative that Susanna is the daughter of Richard and Mary Pettinger Jackson.

The “what” includes photos of landmarks in Braithwell, England, home of Susanna’s father Richard Jackson, and in Carlton-in-Lindrick, home of Susanna’s maternal Pettinger line.

We all know that Susanna and William were the parents of Resolved and Peregrine. A touching part of the book’s narrative describes the other pregnant women, the children onboard the Mayflower, and the drowning death of Dorothy May Bradford, who it is discovered, is our Susanna’s cousin.

In the final chapter, we learn that Resolved went on to father eight children, and Peregrine seven. For that we are very fortunate.

I don’t think I’ve given too much away in this review. Read the book to take your family tree back several additional generations earlier than Susanna, and pay homage to our Pilgrim ancestor and her newly-found family. And the next time you are at Plimouth Plantation, be sure to ask Malka Benjamin, who portrays Susanna and whose photo is on the cover of the book, for more of Susanna’s back story in England.

*In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White-Winslow*, Sue Allan, copyright 2018, ISBN 978-1-906070-64-9, \$25.99 plus shipping at

[www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org).

Our PWWS Newsletter Editor Michael Beard is credited in the author’s acknowledgements.

Speaking of Sue, here she is just last month in Marshfield with Boston TV reporter – Jim Smith – a descendant of Susanna White-Winslow.



## Ancestry DNA Discovery!

By Cousin Eileen M. K. Patch

In December of 2018 I received the following email:

*Hi Eileen, My name is Bonnie Logan Will. My Mother, Jolantha Gay Tippen was adopted in New York. She has recently passed at 82. She was adopted by Robert and Jolantha Tippen from*

*Lakewood Ohio. My results show an extremely high chance that you are my first or second cousin. I am 61 and live in Greenville SC. Do you have any knowledge about a child born in 1933 that was adopted?*

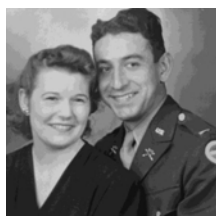
Of course, I immediately knew that she must be the daughter of my half-sister's girl, who was born out of wedlock about that time – five years before I was born. I replied to her that I knew a child had been offered for adoption but the age did not quite match. She replied:

*Yes, Sorry about the 82. She would be 85 if she had lived. She was born May 25th 1933. This is the date that was put on her adoption paper. I did say recently but she died May 6th, 2016. It still seems like yesterday. I am so excited. I would love photos. I will also send you some of my beautiful Mother.*

After I sent Bonnie this photo of my half-sister, Winifred Knapp Pagano, and me, taken by our father in about 1941, I received this reply:

*Oh My Goodness, That has to be my Grandmother. I would swear that is a picture of my Mother. What a beautiful picture! Those are my Mother's eyes for sure. I wish she could have known that Mom lived well and had a great life with 4 loving kids, 2 boys and 2 girls and a Wonderful Husband.*

I soon sent her photos of her grandmother as a school child, a high school graduate and married to Lt. Joseph Pagano in 1943.



Bonnie sent me photos of the niece I never met. At left are Gay, Jolantha Tippet and Joy.

The next photo shows Joy, Robert and Gay Tippet. The Tippetns adopted both Joy and Gay and lived in Lakewood, OH. Both photos feature the family dog.



Soon Bonnie asked about another DNA match she had: Robert Pagano. I told her that he was my nephew, Win and Joe's second son born in 1948. He was soon corresponding with

us both. All three of us saw a striking resemblance between pictures of mother and daughter.

Many emails answered questions and filled in different parts of Win's life as Rob and I remembered them. Bonnie sent photos of herself and siblings, my great nieces and nephews. She gave details about my niece and her husband, such as how they met and married. It was as follows:

The Tippetns met Gene Logan when invited for dinner by Gene's landlord where he stayed when first working at General Motors in Cleveland, OH after college at Berea College in KY. When the Army drafted Gene, and he was to leave in six months for LA, he and Gay decided to marry.

They married in an Episcopal Church and their reception was held at the bride's home. These photos



show the couple alone and with her adoptive parents, Jolantha Grace and Robert Tippet.

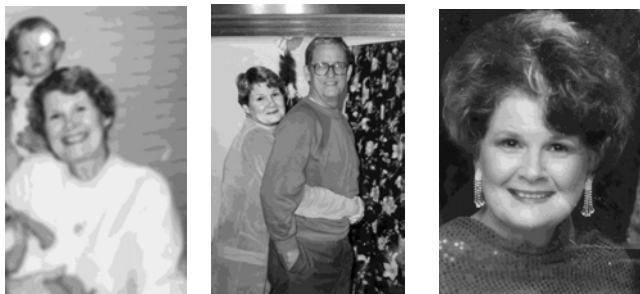
Photos below show Gay and Gene at a later



time. The one at left is the photo which both Rob and I thought could be one of Win. Gene Logan was born and raised in Logan, NC, called the Township of Logan Store near Rutherfordton,

NC. His Dad owned Logan's Gas and Grocery, called by his kids "The Store". It was right across the street from the homestead.





Gay and Gene Logan had four children. Todd and Jeff are the two sons, Rob's nephews and my grandnephews.

Gay's daughters, Bonnie and Tracey, are my grandnieces and Rob's nieces. This is a more recent photo of them.



Below are Tracey and son Phillip with her father Gene Edward Logan and her brother Jeff Logan. At right are Tracey and her son Philip.



Bonnie is eager to get together with her new-found relatives, Rob and I and for us to meet her siblings. Bonnie invited us to her father's 90th birthday party which she had for family in South Carolina. We had to decline. But Rob and his wife Peg have invited us all to their summer home on Cape Cod for a weekend in June. All have accepted the invitation and look forward to exchanging more memories and making new ones.

Even though there were two generations, mother and daughter, Winifred Knapp

Pagano and Gay Tippen Logan, who did not know each other, now Gay's children will meet their blood grandmother's half-sister and their mother's half-brother. It was only made possible through DNA testing.

Bonnie Logan Will emailed that she wished she had had her DNA tested earlier before her mother died, which was in 2016 at age 82. Below are three generations of her blood relatives, which are new to Bonnie.



Robert Garvin, father of Lilian Garvin Knapp, and great, great grandfather of Bonnie. At right is Lilian Garvin, Bonnie's great



grandmother, mother of her grandmother, Winifred Knapp.

Below is the Knapp family in about 1941. Ted Knapp, stands between Win and his second wife, Blanche Barnes Knapp. In front is Ted and Blanche's daughter, Eileen Knapp Patch.



Here is Gay in a more formal pose, perhaps at high school graduation. Her slightly prominent eye teeth are similar to Winifred's before she had them straightened in adulthood.

Gay is daughter of Win, granddaughter of Lilian and great granddaughter of Robert Garvin. She never met any of them in her lifetime.



## October 2020 Cemetery Tours in Westport MA!

The Westport Historical Society will be conducting tours in selected Westport cemeteries in connection with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower landing in Plymouth. Some descendants of Mayflower passengers will be identified in those cemeteries and information about them will be provided. Further details of the event will be announced in coming months.

If you have a relative who is a Mayflower passenger descendant, let us know where the relative is buried in Westport and if you would like to give some information about that person.

Please contact Westport Historical Society for further information:

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## Commemorating the Mayflower

By Alan Smith

The 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary came in the midst of Viet Nam protests, the Native American Rights movement, and a general uncertainty about this future of our Nation. I was in Guinea, West Africa, in the Peace Corps; so everything seemed distant and removed. The magazine *Times International* did not even mention the *Mayflower* or the Pilgrims; their article in 1970 was about the South Carolina Tricentennial. As a native Georgian with deep South Carolina roots, this celebration was "my" story. The discovery of the Mayflower, William and Susanna was 30 years away. While the Nation may not have been focused on 350<sup>th</sup>, our General Society, the commemorative coin industry, and First Day Covers firms (envelopes designed to be

mailed on the exact anniversary date) were in high gear. While my passion has been coins, First Day Covers have taken a close second as beautiful examples of the engravers' art. While there were many coins produced, I have not focused on non-GSMD lineage groups. While many of the commercial sites produced beautiful coins, none of these can compare with the 2½ inch medals endorsed by the GSMD and seen below. The numbered, limited edition in silver gilt and matching bronze is breath taking. Each pair highlights the departure and arrival of the Mayflower. The departure has the Mayflower on the obverse and the Arms of James 1<sup>st</sup> on the reverse. The arrival has a pilgrim on the obverse and the Arms of the Plymouth Colony on the reverse.





## 400th Anniversary Commemoration Schedule 1620 – 2020

September 19-2020

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/2020-schedule>

Watch the Rose Bowl  
Parade on January 1<sup>st</sup>!  
Our Cousins in the  
California Society have  
entered a Mayflower! A  
great way to Kick off the  
400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events.

If you are interested in  
Dressing Like a  
Pilgrim, the link below  
will give you a good  
idea.

<https://youtu.be/FvUdakh67u0>



## Letters to the Editor

### *Hello Cousin Mike.*

I'm a new member and am looking forward to the newsletter. I'm trying to think if there is anything I can share but so far not. I would like to know how to purchase a copy of Sue Allen's book "In Search of Pilgrim Susanna White-Winslow, though. I searched several places. All I can find is ordering from England, but I don't have paypal.

I appreciate any help that you can give me. If I just listed my ancestors back to William & Susanna, would that be of interest to anyone? I'm thinking of it as a query in locating others who may be in my line. Let me know what you think.

*Cousin Linda Smith*

*Editor's note – see Anne Wilkerson's book review in this issue—it has a link to a US provider.*

### *Hello Cousin Mike.*

You have the toughest job in the whole TPWWS. If I was in charge of the newsletter and my computer crashed, the expletive would definitely not have been deleted. Keep doing your good work.

*Cousin Everett in Maine*

### *Hello Cousin Mike.*

Just a short email to update you about our progress with the Mayflower CD. We have secured a fair amount of funding, so are going ahead with the recording on 21-23 October. Very excited! We are still trying to raise more funds, and have set up a crowd funder site here <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mayflower-anniversary-recording>  
Might it be possible to pass this on to your members? Any donation, no matter how tiny would be welcomed.

*Cousin Tamsin at*

<http://www.passamezzo.co.uk/>

### *Hello Cousin Mike.*

Are all the cousins ready for the Triennial TPWWS Meeting and Dinner? Susanna, Resolved and Peregrine (with a little help by Edward Winslow) are expecting all of you on September 16th at Isaac's.



***Your letter here – in the January newsletter!***



Pilgrim William White Society medal  
available at [Hamiltoninsignia.com](http://Hamiltoninsignia.com)

## WELCOME TO NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

***Cynthia Louise Ross Kettler – Resolved***

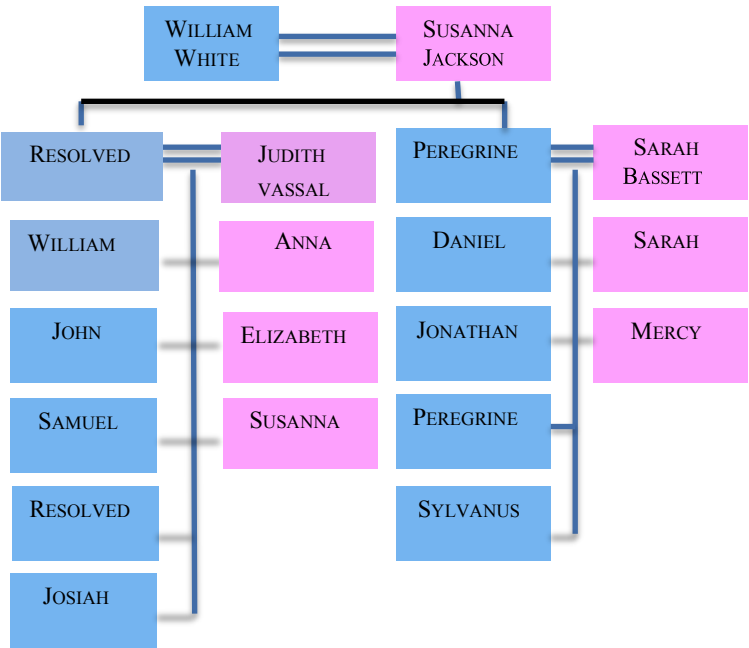
***Leslie J. Steuben -- Resolved***



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**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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