



Society News

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Message from the Governor

Dear Cousins,

The Pilgrim William White Society held its Triennial meeting on September 16th, which was 400 years ago to the day when the Pilgrims finally embarked on their journey aboard the crowded *Mayflower*. William, pregnant Susanna, young Resolved, and two servants staked out their tiny spot on the merchant ship. An arduous transatlantic crossing that no doubt tested their patience, resolve, and endurance. More than likely the passengers occasionally got on each other's nerves with the limited privacy they had. They also had the nerve-racking experience of terrifying storms and a couple of close calls with a man overboard and a cracked support beam. A collective sigh of relief and cautious optimism must of fell over the passengers with the sighting of land. Not long after William and Susanna welcomed Peregrine into the new world.

The 2020 Triennial meeting was our third gathering of members although this time around being an online livestream. We'll keep



Governor Patrick White

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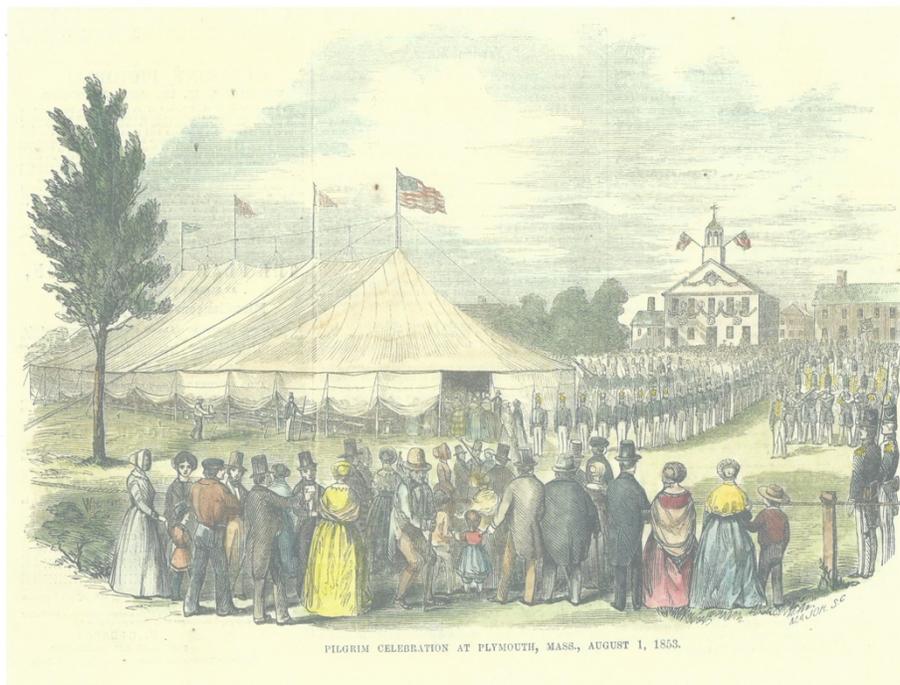
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an eye towards Plymouth for 2023. Essential business was conducted at the meeting amending bylaws and electing new Officers for the governing board. One of the highlights of the evening was the reenactment portrayal of Susanna Jackson White Winslow. She recounted her memory of the 1st harvest feast in New Plymouth 399 years ago. The Pilgrim inspired Thanksgiving Day holiday is an enduring legacy of the early settlers and a cherished tradition. Susanna probably took solace during the festival, being recently widowed and remarried, probably in a state of flux with grief and thankfulness. The plight of the Pilgrims is a worthy reflection as we take stock of our own blessings this upcoming Thanksgiving.

Family lineage societies like ours foster a sense of community by highlighting a particular ancestor and their historical significance. As the Separatists persevered under their ideals, may our family society emulate that unity of purpose in honoring our Pilgrim heritage.

Patrick

Cousins, I had planned to use this picture as place mats at the Triennial Dinner. It's the first major national event to celebrate our ancestors at Plymouth. The year before, Provincetown had hosted an event. The Plymouth folk became outraged that they had done it. So, they had this tremendous event. Since we can't be in Plymouth, let's remember our cousin's blowout. -- *Alan*



State of the Society

by Past Governor Alan Smith

Accomplishments and Challenges

When we began to organize this Society after the 2011 Congress, Past Governor Counce challenged us as to why there was no society in honor of the White family. Those first years were difficult, sometimes boring (who really enjoys developing bylaws?), but also thrilling to see that small grow. In the organizational meeting at Plymouth, only a small group were there. I was not there because of church commitments. By 2017 we knew that we were well on our way. Your new board saw the looming horizon of 2020 with great opportunities to commemorate Susanna, William, Resolved and Peregrine. That Congress provided a jump start by finding the origins of William and Susanna and showing them to be at the heart of the Separatist movement. We even discovered her home but with various plaques to Elder Brewster. So, with the kind permission of the Dunstan family, we commissioned a new bronze plaque identifying the existing Scrooby manor as the home of Susanna, her parents, and her siblings. When the early music group Passamezzo began their 2020 CD *When They That in Ships Unto the Sea Down Go*, we as a Society helped fund their project. Our name is permanently attached to the CD booklet. They have graciously allowed us to use two tracks from that CD. The CD is based on music books brought by Elder Brewster, which Susanna could have and probably did sing from. These are great successes to mark and celebrate the lives of Susannah, William, Resolved and Peregrine. Our new board will find new projects and avenues of service. At the beginning of this year with the Mayflower float in the Rose Parade, no

one saw the face of covid-19. Yet Covid-19 did come and has continued to impact our world, our Nation and our Society. We are not in Plymouth at Isaac's eating our sea food. But we as did those Pilgrim forebears have survived and we will thrive. I have been honored to serve you my cousins during this momentous time. Reports of the 2017- 2020 officers will be published in the Newsletter

Appreciation for Service

I, as many of you are, am a member of several organizations. I cannot say that my other groups have always demonstrated the highest ideals of service and caring. At no time in the history of our Society have we ever been unkind or uncaring to one another. We haven't always agreed on every decision, but the good of the Society was ever in the heart of every board member. I want to thank each board member for her or his leadership and selfless service.

1. Deputy Governor Pat Nichols.
2. Recording Secretary Patrick White.
3. Corresponding Secretary Susie Wuest.
4. Treasurer Prarie Counce.
5. Historian Barbara Williams.
6. Captain Bill Kelleher.
7. Elder Kenneth Whittemore.

While these are the official members of the Board, there are three others without whom so much would not have happened.

1. David Grinnell has faithfully reviewed our financial records annually and has assisted prospective members with research.
2. David Counce who has kept our website and guided a governor who knew nothing about websites.
3. Finally, Mike Beard, who has unfailingly kept our Newsletter witty, informative and good looking.

Finally, I am pleased to pass the gavel to our new Governor, Patrick White. He and his Board will do even greater things to promote our Society.

In Memorium

Several members of our Society have died since our last meeting in 2017. If you know of a member was not recognized at the memorial service please contact me. They will be memorialized in our next Newsletter. As the new elder I hope that you will contact me during the year if either a member or family member becomes ill or dies.,

Leah Davis, July 19, 2018, Charter Member, Resolved White

Susan Milo, November 20, 2018, Resolved White

James Shively, May, 21, 2019, Resolved White

Robert Keith Glynn, November 19, 2019, Friend, Member

Virtual 2020 Triennial Meeting Via ZOOM

Governor Alan Smith hosted our ZOOM meeting September 16th. Unfortunately, not all who wanted to attend were able to for various tech-related reasons. For those who did, here was the view:



Governor Alan Smith appeared in appropriate pilgrim attire to introduce Maika Benjamin from Plimoth Patuxet



Maika Benjamin from Plimoth Patuxet (<https://www.plimoth.org>) appearing as Susanna White Winslow. Maika first told us of herself and Plimoth Patuxet, then reappeared as Susanna and gave a stirring view of our Maternal Mayflower Ancestor.



Maika Benjamin



Susanna Jackson White Winslow

During the meeting we approved all the proposed bylaw changes (see last newsletter for changes) and elected new officers for the next Triennial 2020-2023. Here's hoping this group of officers will meet in Plymouth.

Governor **Patrick White**
 Deputy Governor **Suzanne Ress**
 Recording Secretary **Ann Wilkerson**
 Corresponding Secretary **Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.**
 Treasurer **David Grinnell**
 Historian **Barbara Williams**
 Captain **Charles Provost**
 Elder **Alan Smith**

Incoming Governor Patrick White (note *Mayflower* in the background)



Cool sign for Scrooby Manor.



Sue Allan with Cousin Jean

The Manor



Interior of Sir Wilfred's Church at Scrooby

Incoming Recording Secretary Ann Wilkerson also sported a *Mayflower* in the



background.

Visit to Scrooby

Cousin Jean Seeley shares these photos of Scrooby taken in 2018. She and her husband met with *In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim Susanna White Winslow* author Sue Allan.



Speedwell Art

By Ann Wilkerson

In the final departure port of the *Mayflower* is an art installation called *Speedwell*, after the ship that couldn't make the voyage.

This new *Speedwell* is on a scaffold structure 63 meters long by 6 meters tall on the Plymouth, England breakwater. It consists of 3,723 LED lights which create an ever-changing display of the words "No New

Worlds.” When words shine separately or in combination, the viewer sees “No” or “New World” and even “No World.” The project provokes contemplation and reflection of the past, present, and future of the people of the four nations (UK, the Netherlands, the US, and the Wampanoag) commemorating this 400-year anniversary.

Speedwell, is the creation of three artists from Devon, England and is on display until Thanksgiving.



Virtual Southampton

By Ann Wilkerson

Southampton, England is today a major port for cruise liners whose elegance would be unimaginable to the Pilgrims of 400 years ago.

Thanks to the *Mayflower* 400 UK Facebook page, you can view online a tour of today’s Southampton. I was surprised by the number of existing landmarks associated with our ancestors and wanted to write about them here. In this way, I have a written guide for a future trip to England post-Covid. I hope you’ll join me now as an armchair traveler and also to enjoy some of the non-*Mayflower* highlights of the city.

Southampton was meant to be the final departure point of *Mayflower* and *Speedwell*. Located in the middle of England’s south coast, Southampton is sheltered from the waters of the English Channel by the Isle of Wight.

Joining the White family and their fellow Separatists in Southampton would be passengers with unique and useful skill sets. Stephen Hopkins had sailed to Virginia previously. John Alden was of value as a Cooper. John Carver was the wealthy organizer who purchased supplies for the voyage.

The places where these provisions were acquired still exist. Salted and preserved meats were available at the



Butcher’s Shambles. The fish market that sold salted cod was located in front of the Tudor House. Beer was the preferred beverage, and along with French Brandy

and Dutch Gin was acquired at the Beer House which today is the Duke of Wellington Pub.

Before boarding in Southampton in August, 1620, our William,



pregnant Susanna, and Resolved would have walked through the West Gate of the city to the West Quay. As they sailed away, their last sight of Southampton would have been of the God's House Tower.



In the 20th century, Southampton was proud of its links to North America.

Erected in 1913, the fifty-foot-tall *Mayflower* Memorial is capped with a weathervane of



the *Mayflower* ship. Family groups have placed memorial plaques on the column. I will look for ours when I go in person. Let me know if you have seen it!

Southampton has other compelling reasons for a visit. Sea City Museum features "The Titanic Story" as told from the perspective of the crew, many of whom were based in Southampton. It also has a replica of the *RMS Queen Mary*, the



ship now docked in Long Beach, California.

Aviation buffs can appreciate that the Spitfire plane of World War II was assembled



in a Southampton factory in the 1930's. This story is told at the Solent Sky Museum. For D Day, over 2

million American servicemen passed through Southampton on their way to Normandy. The brick wall on Western Esplanade has more than 100 names etched by these US soldiers who were waiting to board their landing craft on nearby docks.

The Mayflower Theatre presents comedy acts, plays, and musicals, but in the 1960's hosted the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

Surrounding Southampton's old town are some of the most complete Medieval relics of defense. In response to a French raid in 1338, a city wall was constructed with eight gates and 29 towers. Today you can leisurely stroll on a one-kilometer path on the north and west sides.

I hope you have enjoyed this brief tour and that we all can travel again soon. Who wants to meet me at the Duke of Wellington to toast with a pint our beloved ancestors William, Susanna, Resolved, and Peregrine?



Mayflower 2

By Cousin Suzanne Ress

Sorry I couldn't attend the ZOOM meeting Wednesday, but glad to have the recording. I'm sending you a few photos taken today during my visit to Plymouth and *Mayflower 2* for the October newsletter if you want them!



Horsing Around

By Cousin Carol Young

My daughter, Stephanie, and granddaughter, Sophia, visited Plymouth after Sophia competed at a horse show nearby. Both are descendants of Resolved White.



Dues Notice

Our Society Officers would appreciate it, if you would consider paying your 2021 dues now, before the Holiday rush. The amount remains the same at \$15.00, and you may prepay as many years as you wish.

Please make your check payable to: TPWWS and mail to:

David Lawrence Grinnell, Treasurer

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**2020 Triennial Meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society
September 16, 2020 6:00 P.M. EST
Online livestream via Zoom**

The 2020 Triennial Meeting of The Pilgrim William White Society was called to order at 6:00 P.M. EST by Governor D. Alan Smith, a quorum being present.

Elder Kenneth Whittemore, Jr. unable to attend the meeting. The Invocation was led by Governor D. Alan Smith. Governor D. Alan Smith spoke about the State of the Society.

Governor D. Alan Smith presented etching reprints as gifts of appreciation to each of the Society’s Officers.

A memorial bell tolling and moment of silence was observed for:

- Leah Davis
- Susan Milo
- James Shively
- Robert Keith Glynn

Governor D. Alan Smith held a drawing for door prizes awarded to members:

- Ann Warren Wilkerson
- Dorothy MacKay Greene
- Louise A. Rumnack
- David Grinnell
- Robert Louis Stevens
- Jane D. Schleinzer
- Betty Gricar Goad

Plimoth Patuxet reenactment actress Malka Benjamin portrayed Susanna Jackson White Winslow in a video recorded for The Pilgrim William White Society

Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules: Amendments to Article V Section 10, 11, Article X, and Standing Rule 5 passed by viva voce.

Election of Officers: D. Alan Smith presented the Nominating Committee’s slate, those being:

- Governor – Patrick White
- Deputy Governor – Suzanne Ress
- Recording Secretary – Ann Wilkerson
- Corresponding Secretary – Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.
- Treasurer – David Grinnell
- Historian – Barbara Williams
- Captain – Charles Provost
- Elder – D. Alan Smith

No nominations were forthcoming; the new Officers were elected by acclamation. Governor Patrick White thanked the members for supporting the organization. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. EST

Patrick White

Patrick White, Recording Secretary 2017 – 2020

- Approved:
- Michael Beard
- Susie Wuest
- Ann Wilkerson

Governor Patrick White

Patrick White was elected to membership in GSMD in 2016 and is a descendent of William White



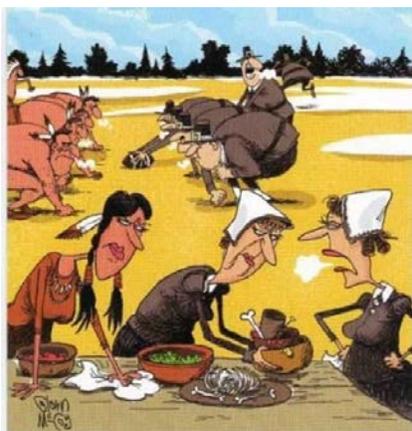
through his son Resolved. He resides in Ashland, Ohio and is often involved in preservation and revitalization events in the historic downtown district. Patrick has a graduate degree in

Nonprofit Management and volunteers for local charitable organizations. In his leisure time he enjoys watching baseball, golfing, and working on his family tree on

ancestry.com. Patrick values his ancestral Pilgrim heritage and is delighted to serve another term with TPWWS.

Captain Chuck Provost

Chuck Provost lives in Indianapolis, IN. He is a retired small business owner in industrial construction. He and his wife, Debbie, have two grown children. Their son lives in Boston, MA and their daughter lives in Pittsburgh, PA. Chuck's interests include genealogy, boating, reading and gardening. He is presently the Deputy Governor General for Indiana and he served as Indiana Mayflower Society Treasurer for nine years. While Treasurer, he reorganized Indiana's by-laws and restored 501(c)3 tax exempt status for the Society. As a member of the Mayflower Guard, he rode on the Mayflower Rose Parade Float on January 1, 2020.



"I HOPE THIS DOESN'T TURN INTO A TRADITION."

Recording Secretary Anne Wilkerson



Hi Cousins,

I'm Ann, your new PWWS Recording Secretary, and I live with my husband Keith in the suburbs of Chicago. Before I retired, I worked for 5 different airlines, beginning as a Pan Am stewardess when the 747 was new. What would Susanna Jackson White have said about her 10th great granddaughter making 10 ocean crossings each month? Genealogy is my hobby, and since being accepted by GSMD and the PWWS, I have been writing stories to share with my 2 adult daughters and 1 granddaughter. I hope you like some of these stories on these pages.

Best Regards,

Ann

Separatist Women

By Sue Allan

Hello from Scrooby Manor in England – childhood home of Susanna (Jackson) White.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Society on your recent on-line meeting, which I watched (the rerun of) with great interest. What a delight it was to see my friend, Malka Benjamin's, wonderful performance as Susanna! It brought tears to my eyes; I can tell you.

I do not think I have ever explained fully how the discovery of both William White and Susanna came about, or how it relates to my current research efforts. Recovering from a total knee replacement, I had lots of spare time on my hands. Not wanting the Devil to make work for them, I began to look into the lives of the women that came on the *Mayflower*. I started with **Dorothy May Bradford**, and soon began trying to verify her speculated origins at Wisbech in Cambridgeshire.

Like others, I drew a blank finding a baptism entry for Dorothy in Wisbech, so instead I decided to investigate the man thought to be her father, **Henry May** of the Ancient Brethren in Amsterdam, also reputedly from Wisbech. Yet again, there was no baptismal record for him either. Undaunted, I decided to dig a little further at other contemporary people bearing the surname May at Amsterdam. It was then that my attention turned to the marriage of a lady name **Jacomine May** who married at the City Hall on 5 May 1609. The banns state that the lady in question was from Wisbech and around 30 years old, and had been assisted by her brother **Willem Hoyt**.

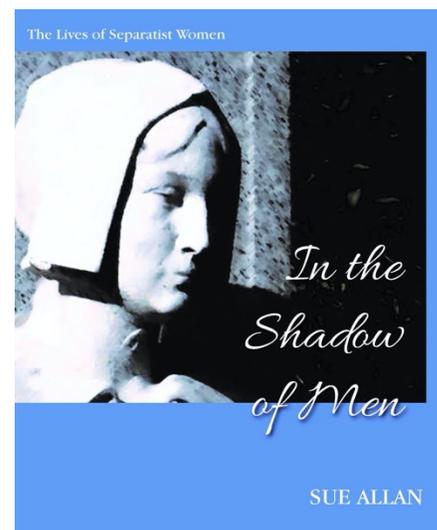
At 30, I knew that Jacomyne could possibly be a sister to Dorothy, who was known to be 16 at the time of her own marriage to Bradford just four years later.

Scouring transcripts of the baptismal registers at Wisbech, I could find no entry

for a Jacomine May. However, I did find one for a *Jemmina*' May. As a matter of good practice, I ordered a copy of the original parish register entry and was thrilled to find that the transcription was wrong, and that the name of the child in question was indeed Jacomine. However, her father was **John May** and not *Henry*.

Having verified the identity of Jacomine at Wisbech, my attention turned to her brother, William, but found that there was no family of Hoyts at Wisbech.

Undeterred, I began to think 'out of the box'



in order to solve this mystery. The Dutch officials at this time of fluid spellings recorded the names of the English person before him as he had heard them phonetically. The name Jacomine was

easy as it was a known given name in Holland. *William* was also straight forward but *Hoyt* did not sound like a common English surname of that time. So I used an audio online Dutch to English translator and could hear the Dutch pronunciation of this word as being closer to 'Hwite'- just the way that a Cambridge man would pronounce the word 'White'. By working out Jacomine May's genealogy I soon found that after her father died, her mother, Thomasine, had married a man named **Edward White** and together they had a son, William baptized at Wisbech. I knew then that I had found our, for too long, elusive *Mayflower* Pilgrim.

Identifying **William White** was one thing, but getting my findings verified was quite another. In England, no one was

particularly interested in helping me, so I turned to a gentleman I had met and toured just a couple of years earlier – **Caleb Johnson**. Caleb had not only heaps of experience researching, but had well-trodden the path to getting genealogical findings published.

While Caleb, and his researcher, **Simon Neal**, gathered together a raft of documents to help support my findings, I pressed on with trying to identify the family roots of **Susanna (Jackson) White**, which I amazed even myself by doing so! The rest, as they say, is history!

Having now identified the fascinating back stories of two female *Mayflower* Pilgrims I was hooked, so I began to look into the background of **Elizabeth Barker**, the late wife of Susanna White's second husband, **Edward Winslow**, who was reputedly from Chattisham in Suffolk. Again, there was no baptismal record, but I was able to identify a much older name-sake of that place, **Widow Elizabeth Barker**, who had been reported to the church authorities in its Act Book as being a *Brownist*. Quite unexpectedly, we found also reported within those same sources were the parents of Pilgrim Isaac Allerton!

The story of the Separatist women, some of whom came on the *Mayflower*, has for too long been over-shadowed by the story of the men. Now, with the first real research into these women, a whole new understanding about their role in the story of the Separatists, along with previously unrealized connections between some of the Pilgrims, has begun to open up; something that without looking into the lives of the women could never have happened.

With my new research into the lives of other Separatist women in Holland, that both Susanna White and Dorothy May knew, I believe our understanding of this story as a whole can be greatly enhanced. All is contained in my latest book, ***In the Shadow of Men***.

Also, in this book is the full story of Dorothy May's family at Wisbech, and with much about the religious leanings of William White's mother, Thomasine.

Meanwhile, with the back stories of so many of the other women remaining untold, that research goes on.

'*In The Shadow of Men – The Lives of Separatist Women*' is published by Domtom Publishing and available shipped from the UK at <http://www.domtom.co.uk/non-fiction/> or in the US from NEHGS online Bookstore at <https://shop.americanancestors.org/?pass-through=true>.





Welcome New Members

Ellen Censer Boyter -- Resolved

Jean H. Seeley -- Resolved

Donarita Priddle Vocca -- Resolved

Letters to the Editor

Hello Cousin Michael,

You made my article look so good! Reading it again, I returned to Leiden in my heart and imagination. Thank you for your hard work.

Best, Ann Wilkerson

Hello Mike!

Thanks Mike, nice work on the newsletter.

Cousin Patrick White

Hi Cousin Michael,

Thank you, Cousin Mike. I appreciate your newsletter!

Cousin Denise Recupero

Hello Cousin Mike,

I am descended from Resolved. The newsletter looks interesting. Thank you.

Cousin Ellen Boyter

Hello Cousin Mike,

I am sorry I cannot attend the Triennial. I have no idea how to get on zoom. I am not on any of this stuff like Facebook etc. Thank you for asking me, it sounds very interested.

Cousin Marie Rutherford

Dear Mike,

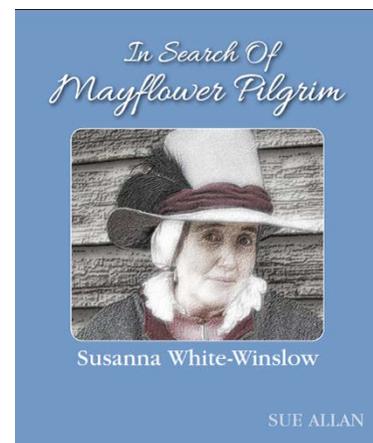
I just finished watching the Triennial meeting. Very interesting. I loved listening to Susannah! I was so looking forward to attending that night, but try as I did, could not get logged on. I realize that the plan is to meet in Plymouth next time but will it also be on zoom for those of us who can't attend?

Also, Patrick mentioned a few websites we should check out. Is there a written list? I would really like to take a look, but not sure I will be able to find all.

Thanks so much!

Linda G Smith, descendant of Peregrine

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



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**Treasurer's Report
Statement of Financial Transactions
January – September 2020**

Receipts	
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short Term CD	\$ <u>361.06</u>
Total Investments	361.06
Program Income	
Membership Dues	810.00
New Member Dues	120.00
New Descendant Memberships	200.00
Donations and Contributions	<u>10.00</u>
Total Program Income	<u>1,140.00</u>
Total Receipts	1,501.06
Expenditures	
Operations	
Monograph of Peregrine White	500.00
Postage, Mailing Service	15.08
Triennial Meeting	504.06
Donations and Contributions	<u>15.00</u>
Total Operations	<u>1,019.14</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,019.14</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ <u><u>481.94</u></u>

**Statement of Financial Position
As of 30 September 2020**

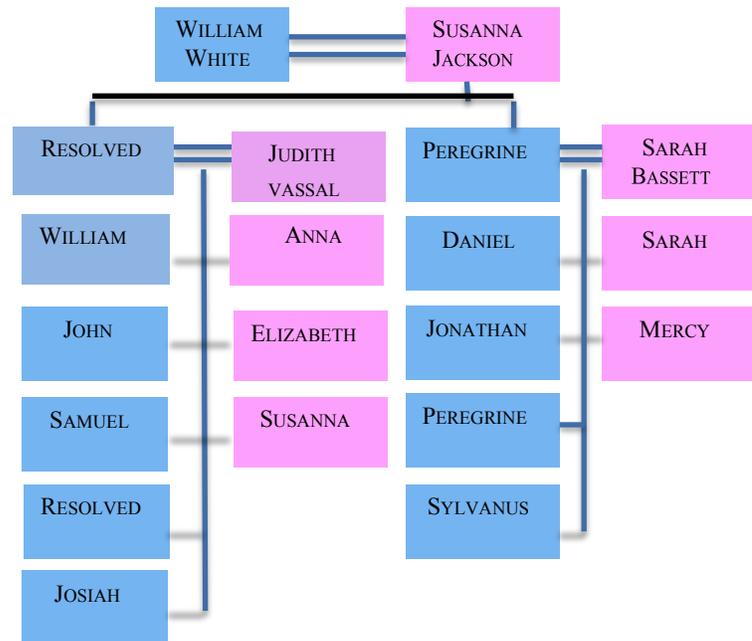
ASSETS	
Checking Account	\$ 5,592.02
Savings Account	1,603.10
Investment Account- <u>Vanguard</u>	<u>3,589.34</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$10,784.46</u>
LIABILITES & FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue-Prepaid Dues	\$ <u>495.00</u>
Total Liabilities	495.00
Fund Balance	
Unrestricted Net Assets	9,807.52
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u>481.94</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>10,289.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$10,784.46</u>



David Grinnell, Treasurer

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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