



The Shallop

"Ye sshallop being got ready they Set out againe. . ." —Bradford's History

The Isles of Shoals Through Time



Ann Beattie, our speaker at the May 19th NH Mayflower Scholarship luncheon

Explore four centuries of life on the nine stark and hauntingly beautiful Isles of Shoals through a series of fascinating historical images. Investigate the role the Isles played in the worldwide fishing trade of the 17th and 18th centuries and the resort industry in the 19th century. Discover the natural and cultural wonders of the Isles of Shoals today in the current conference & educational era.

Ann Beattie is a marine educator with a fascination for the Isles of Shoals. She is past-president of the Isles of Shoals Historical and Research Association, a former Board member of the Portsmouth Athenaeum and acts as the Shoals Historian for the Seacoast Science Center. Ann leads tours of Appledore and Star Islands, spends a week each summer on Smuttnose Island as a Steward and hosts week-long conferences on Star Island.

The New Hampshire Mayflower Society and the Folsom Tavern Connection

By Jo-Anne Cobban

The Folsom Tavern, c. 1775, built by Colonel Samuel Folsom, is now known as the American Independence Museum, located at 164 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire. Added to its long life of historical events, the building also includes a connection to the New Hampshire Mayflower Society.

Elizabeth Florence Knowles married Wendell Burt Folsom and compiled the history of his family under the title *Genealogy of the Folsom Family* and the Folsom Tavern in Exeter was the home to many generations. Research of Elizabeth's own family line led her to Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins, and she became a member of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society, assigned No. 110. It was after her own family moved to Exeter, with interest in securing a New Hampshire Mayflower Society charter, that she began plans in locating other General Society members. The results were eighteen members from Maine, fifteen from

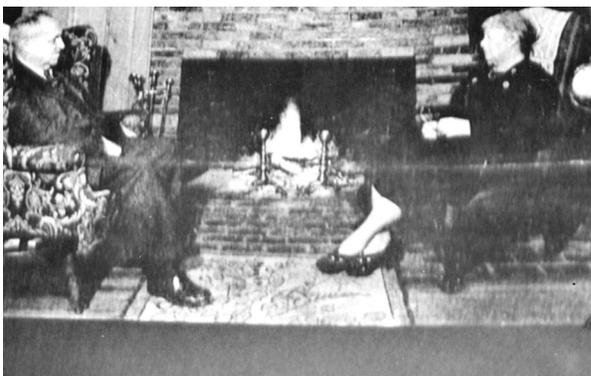
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Massachusetts, four from Vermont and one in California, all willing to support a New Hampshire Mayflower Society. A request for a charter was granted by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and thirty-eight names were hand printed on the front of the document dated August 15, 1930. A few members chose to be dual members in both states, but most transferred to the NH Society, some having moved into the state as well. Elizabeth Folsom was honored by having her certificate issued as Number One, keeping her General Society number, No. 3218, and filled the role of Governor of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society from 1930 to 1936.

The third NHMS Governor was also an Exeter resident, and began renting the Folsom Tavern building in 1947. The Honorable Foster and Martha G. Stearns moved into the Folsom Tavern homestead and assisted with major renovations. A photo of the Stearns sitting by the fireplace along with historical information is prominently placed in the same room for visitors to view as they tour the American Independence Museum building today. Governor Stearns served from 1938 to 1940, before the house was purchased, but lived there until his death in 1956.

In 2004 the building was moved to its present location on Water Street, completely restored by the American Independence Museum and opened to the public in July 2007. It is primarily used for education programs.



The Honorable Mr. and Mrs. Foster Stearns



NH Secretary of State, William Gardner

New Hampshire's "First in the Nation" Presidential Primary

This past November, at our Compact Day Luncheon 2011, New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner spoke on the history of the Granite State's "First in the Nation" status for the Presidential Primary elections. He reminded everyone that by our state constitution New Hampshire is entitled to special status, and so the date was set for January 10, 2012.

At his talk Mr. Gardner gave an overview of the history dating back to the first political party convention proposed in Concord, New Hampshire in 1832. When the convention was held later that year, the newspapers credited New Hampshire with the idea. New Hampshire has held a political party election for the president elect since 1916. You can see memorabilia and political pins from all the primary elections at the NH Historical Society Museum and in the display cases of the Balsam Resort's "Ballot Room". Several more populous states have tried to wrestle the "First in the Nation" status from little New Hampshire, but our state has stood its ground, usually by moving the date up from March town meeting to earlier in the year. The earliest New Hampshire primary was moved all the way up to January 8th in 2008.

From the Governor's Desk

As the newly elected Governor for the Society of Descendants of the Mayflower in the State of New Hampshire, I want to introduce myself by telling you about the personal connection I feel with my ancestors who made the sixty-six day journey 389 years ago. Seventy five years ago, I was born in Boston and spent my summers at my grandfather's house on Cape Cod. From an early age it was instilled in me that I had special relatives and that I should be proud of my heritage. However, it is only through my membership and involvement with the Society that I have come to fully appreciate what extraordinary lives our early ancestors led.

We know that the travelers on the *Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth, England in hopes of a better life for themselves, their children and their children's children. The risks were great and many of those risks were unknown and could not be foreseen. They traveled with only the bare necessities - essentials such as: cooking utensils, furniture, clothing, tools for tilling and clearing the land, and seeds for planting. I am sure that many of you have visited the replica *Mayflower*, and you may share my own view that it is a fairly small vessel to carry 102 people, as well as livestock, across the cold North Atlantic. We also know, from personal accounts at the time, that they arrived exhausted, hungry and cold and that they faced a winter of great adversity ahead.

How do I consider myself bonded to these early survivors? One way is that I am extremely proud to name them among my ancestors. I like to think that I have inherited some of my strength, wherewithal and sense of adventure from them. My wife and I have embarked on our own new journey this winter. We recently sold our house in New Castle, without a clear plan for our future but knowing that we wanted at least one more great adventure in this life. We wanted change even though the path of that change remains unclear. We have just finished moving our belongings, one trip at a time, to a rented house on the Oyster River. This move will give us the flexibility to travel to new places that we have always wanted to see and perhaps spend a few months each year in a warmer climate. All the while we will remain close to our grandchildren in Boston. While I do not pretend that my new adventure is anywhere near the scale of that undertaken by our relatives on the *Mayflower*, I like to think that I have found the creativity and energy to embark on this new phase in our life from personal traits that I might have inherited from them.

This recent move has made me realize how much our lives have changed in almost 400 years. Two of the most obvious are the "stuff" we collect (which is a lot) and our relatively high standard of living as a society. It is the peril that our ancestors endured which allows for today's ease of living. Another important contributor to our ease of living is the educational system our forefathers established many years ago. With the staggering increase in the cost of education, it will be my priority as Governor to continue the Funding Campaign so that the Society can increase the scholarships given each year. I also hope that more of these scholarships can be awarded to members or family members of the New Hampshire Society. When called upon, I hope that you will each give generously to this important mission.

Now that you know a little bit about my personal story, I look forward to meeting each of you and hearing your own stories during my tenure as your Governor.

Warm Regards,

John Payzant
Governor

Mayflower Passengers in the News!

Some news stories concerning the Mayflower and the Pilgrims since our last luncheon in November 2011.

The Francis Cooke House at Plimoth Plantation was destroyed by a fire on Saturday 19 November 2011. The fire originated in the fireplace, spread up the chimney and caught the thatched roof on fire. Although insurance will cover a portion of the costs to rebuild the Francis Cooke house, the museum is accepting donations to fund the rebuilding effort. Donations can be mailed to: Plimoth Plantation, PO Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02362 or you may call Susan Loucks for more information on other ways to give at (508) 742-1622 x8226.

A 20 year old murder of a sixteen year old girl in Washington State has a new lead since investigators have matched the suspect's DNA to the family of Robert Fuller, relative of two Mayflower passengers. Robert Fuller lived in Salem, Massachusetts in 1630. Colleen Fitzpatrick, a forensic genealogist and DNA expert matched the DNA to a project run by the Fuller family. This new information might help find the suspect since there is a high chance he might still carry the Fuller surname.

The Pennsylvania Mayflower Society has posted a full transcript of Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs' recent lecture "Always More Pilgrim Books – What's Next?" on their website www.sail1620.org This lecture was presented at the Banquet of the Triennial Meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on 13 September 2011. There are a few other articles by Dr. Bangs on this same archived website.



Firefighters respond to a fire at Plimoth Plantation. Photo courtesy of David G Curren, Wicked Local Plymouth www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth



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New Members

The NH Mayflower Society is pleased to announce that we elected twenty-four new members in 2011. We extend a warm welcome to the last eleven who were elected after October first: Jane Louise Gordon, state number 1226, descendant of Francis Cook; John Stuart Robinson, state number 1227, descendant of Degory Priest; Philip Earle Empey, state number 1228, descendant of William White; Eric Richard Empey, state number 1229, descendant of William White; Charles Smith, state number 1230, descendant of Stephen Hopkins; Alf Lindsay Carroll, Jr., state number 1231, descendant of James Chilton; Mary Ann Wynus Brouillette, state number 1232, descendant of Peter Browne; William Amidon, state number 1233, descendant of William White; Grace Elizabeth (Gordon) Forest, state number 1234, descendant of Francis Cooke; Elaine Jeannette Lamothe, state number 1235, descendant of Richard Warren; and Michele King, state number 1236, descendant of George Soule .

New in 2012 are the following members: Valerie Ann Merchant, state number 1237, descendant of William Bradford; Peter F. Wells, state number 1238, descendant of Miles Standish, Douglas M. Wood, state number 1239, descendant of William Brewster; Granville Knox, state number 1240, descendant of John Alden; and Sheila Cannava, state number 1241, descendant of John Alden.

Membership applications are available online at our website: <http://nhmayflower.org>

Say Hello to your New Board Members

Captain Gail Hancock-Huttel

Gail Hancock-Huttel has been a special Education Teacher for 30 years, martial arts

instructor for 16 years, mother of 2 girls who are also Mayflower members in NH. She has been married to her husband Bill for 25 years as of this June. Her hometown is Woodstock, NY with a heart in New Hampshire where her dad was born (Claremont, NH). Joanne Tuxbury, former governor (2000—2002), is her first cousin and involved Gail in the NH Society. Gail is a descendant of John Alden.

Corresponding Secretary Anne Sanderson
Anne Willey Sanderson was born and raised in Manchester and retired in 2008 after twenty years as the director of the International Institute of NH. "My husband Harold and I have two daughters, Elizabeth and Cathy and one grandson, Roger Weeks, who is a junior Mayflower member. We are descended from William Bradford and owe the discovery to my Uncle Clyde Willey from whom I inherited both all of his forty-year research of our family and my love of genealogy. I have one brother, Bruce Willey, and his grandchildren Lauren, Travis and Joseph who are junior members also, recruited when I was the Junior Chair of the NH Society from 2003 - 2006."

Elder Penny Webster

Penny Webster is currently an IT specialist for the Londonderry, NH School District, but has worked in various types of libraries and was once the Manuscript Curator and Archivist for old Sturbridge Village. She grew up in central Massachusetts and is descended from Stephen Hopkins. In her spare time she enjoys reading, old movies, symphony, art, architecture, and spending time with her three college-age children and her three Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. "The work I do for the Mayflower Society is dedicated to my father who passed away over 30 years ago, never knowing his rich family history."

Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland (1932-2011)

Peg was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts on 9 December 1932, the daughter of John Grant and Marion (Wilson) Lewis and grew up on Cape Cod. She graduated from Beaver Country Day School in 1951 and from Colby Junior College in 1954. She met her husband, Jim, at a caroling party at “Dad” Moreland’s home, a teacher at Colby.

Peg married James W. Moreland in 1954, making New London their home. Both were interested in genealogy, and their research took them across the USA and England. They became Life members of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society and provided life membership for their son, Peter, and two daughters Ann Mirabassi and Jody Arnold and nine grandchildren. Jim was on the Board of Assistants of NHMS. After he died in 1996, Peg continued her services on the board for many years.

Peg was the town archivist for New London, and a member of the History and Archives Committee since 1986. She was a member of the Merrimack Valley Society of Genealogists and was president in 1996. She was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and a volunteer at the NH Vital Records. She died on 16 October 2011 in New London.

Margaret Bradford (1928—2011)

We are sad to report that Margaret “Maggi” (Thibedeau) Bradford, wife of past New Hampshire Mayflower Governor Carlton Bradford, passed away on 5 June 2011. She was born on 5 August 1928 in Dover, Massachusetts, the daughter of Richard and Mary (Neanan) Thibedeau. She graduated from Dover, Massachusetts High School in 1946 and from Boston University in 1950. She was the medical records librarian for Glover Memorial Hospital in Needham, Massachusetts before removing to New Hampshire. She was then the medical secretary for Dr. Donald W. Clark for 35 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford owned and operated the Kearsarge Bookshelf and the Bradford Hallmark in New London for 27 years.

In 2003, the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association presented Margaret with the Women Who Make a Difference Award. She also received the Vaughn Volunteer of the Year Award for Merrimack County presented by then Governor Jean Shaheen.

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In Memoriam

Regretfully we lost or received word of the deaths of thirteen members during 2011. At this time the officers of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society would like to extend their sincere condolences to the families and friends of these New Hampshire Mayflower members who passed away since the first of October 2011:

Margaret Mooreland, state number 956, (16 October 2011) descendant of William Brewster, and NHMS Board of Assistants 1999—2002—2008; Edward Doty, Edward Winslow, George Soule and Thomas Rogers, former member of the NH Mayflower Board of Assistants in 2002, 2005, and 2008; Robert Messinger Soule, state number 651, (25 December 2011) descendant of George Soule; Erma "Pat" Pynn, state number 1210, (17 February 2012) descendant of Stephen Hopkins; Howard Jed Irish, state number 1118 (26 February 2012), descendant of James

Chilton; Elizabeth Nichols Lowery, state number 384 (11 March 2011), descendant of Thomas Rogers and NHMS Jr. Chair 1972–73; and also Ruth Hazel Turner, state number 762 (16 March 2012) descendant of John Alden.

Please notify the corresponding secretary of any address changes or of any member you know that have passed away. It would be very much appreciated if you would contact Anne Sanderson, 34 Gilhaven Road, Manchester, NH 03104. 603-624-0806. E-mail: anne.sanderson@hotmail.com



Join us for our Spring 2012 Scholarship Luncheon
Newick's Restaurant, Dover, N.H.

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Ann Beatie, Strange Tales from the Isles of Shoals

Member: _____ Guest/s _____
Address: _____
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Menu Choices*

Number of: **Baked Stuffed Haddock Filet** _____ **Baked Seafood Shepard's Pie** _____
BBQ Chicken Breasts _____

*Includes soft drink, coffee, tea, starch, cole slaw, rolls/butter, and ice cream

Number of meals at \$22.00 each: _____

Donate \$100 to Scholarship Fund, get TWO MEALS FREE _____

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— Editor

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