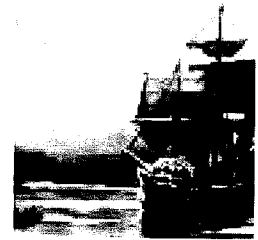


# The Shallop

*"Ye Shallop got ready they set out again."  
Bradford's History of Plimoth Plantation*



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## GALA 75th MAYFLOWER CELEBRATION PLANNED

All NH Mayflower Society members and their guests are invited to a special celebration on **Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., at the Cat' n Fiddle Restaurant in Concord, NH.** The program for our annual dinner-meeting will be a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of our NH Society. You won't want to miss the party!

Our special guest is Donald W. West, from Illinois, Past Deputy Governor of the General Society. Our past NH Governors and our NHMS scholarship award winner for 2005 will also be in attendance.

There will be a gift for each person attending, historical displays around the room, and an assortment of Mayflower items to choose from on the sales table. The long awaited booklet of the NHMS roster and society history will be presented to the membership. The meeting will close with the installation of our new officers for 2005-2008 by the Past Deputy Governor General.

**Come enjoy the friendship of your Mayflower cousins  
in celebration of our 75th anniversary!**



## **Fall Greetings from Governor Bradford**

It is inconceivable to me that three years have passed so quickly, and it is time for my final Governor's message. You all have made my term as governor a tremendously rewarding experience and I thank you. We can take great pride in the generosity and support of our New Hampshire Society. This is especially true of our superb Board of Assistants these past three years. A true family of cousins, we have worked well together with remarkable ability, and enjoyed the process.

We are currently bordering on a 25% response to our recent request for financial support of the efforts for refurbishing our Plymouth headquarters. Your support enabled the Pokanoket Indian tribe to become acquainted with us, and we in New Hampshire helped measurably in obtaining the General Society of Mayflower Descendants approval for a petition to be sent on behalf of the tribe to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Our scholarship efforts have been enhanced considerably, with your personal donations covering the awards for the past two years. We have had exciting programs, updated all of our records and by-laws, and enjoyed wonderful informative Shallops.

Our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to be celebrated at our upcoming November meeting, is going to be a very special event. You will definitely want to attend. Past Deputy Governor General, Don West, is our featured speaker. We have much to celebrate.

Looking ahead to next spring, Jack Lecza, the second governor in the recent PBS special program "Colonial House" will tell us of his participation in that popular show. This will be newly elected NH State Society Governor Walworth (Wally) Johnson Jr.'s inaugural meeting. Wally is following in the footsteps of his father (a former NH State Society Governor) and will be ably assisted by Dean Dexter as Deputy governor. We extend our appreciation and best wishes for this team leading us in the next triennium.

To our entire society, I extend my very best regards,  
Carlton Bradford  
Governor

## Scenes from the May 14, 2005 State Society Meeting at Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH



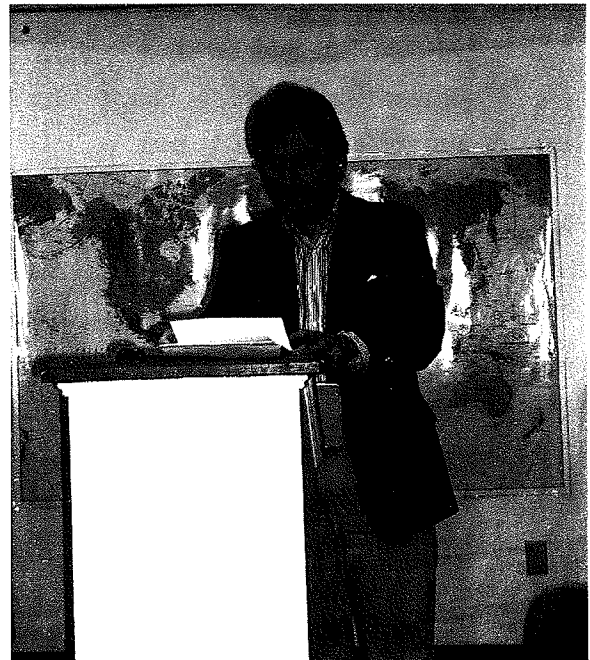
**Deputy Governor Wally Johnson and Governor Carlton Bradford at Strawberry Banke.**



**Historian Anne Vadakin reads the names of new and prospective members.**



**Elder Paul Sweet accepts an award from Governor Bradford on behalf of his father, Stephen Morton Sweet. Steve Sweet was honored for his past years of service by being named an "Emeritus Member."**



**Scholarship Chairman Dean Dexter announces the names of our two scholarship winners: Stephen Petraeus and Elizabeth Clymer.**

## **"In the Beginning...."**

**By**

**Ed Holden**

**Past Governor NH Society of Mayflower Descendants**

On August 15, 1930, the Historian General of the General society of Mayflower Descendants elected thirty-eight charter members to the newly organized New Hampshire Mayflower society. Each of those thirty-eight Mayflower descendants already held membership in another state society. Records show that each of those members transferred to the New Hampshire society from another state Mayflower society in which he or she was a member. Eighteen members transferred from the Maine society, fourteen from the Massachusetts society, five from the Vermont Society, and one from the California society.

The first annual meeting, which occurred on November 21, 1930, at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord was featured in a front page article of the November 28, 1930 edition of the *Exeter News-Letter*. The report began by stating that Mrs. Wendell Folsom [NHSMD member #1] was elected governor.

Mrs. James Gilligan, a Charter NHSMD member who had attended the Triennial Congress at Plymouth, reported that the Governor-General styled the newly chartered New Hampshire Society a "lusty infant." Mrs. Gilligan added that it was announced at that 1930 Congress that the New Hampshire society was the largest newly founded state society ever organized prior to that time.

The Mayflower Compact was read during that first meeting, and Charter Member Judge Leslie Snow gave a talk on that document. Several committees were appointed and eight new members were elected.

In 1931 the Wentworth Hotel was the site of the New Hampshire society's first summer meeting. By that time membership had grown from thirty-eight members to sixty-eight members. The treasury had accumulated a balance of \$203.42. The ritual of standing to honor Mayflower ancestors was established at the Wentworth. Another tradition established at that meeting was that the fall meeting would always be held on November 21 to observe the signing of the Mayflower Compact. That tradition is no longer observed.

Available evidence indicates that Mrs. Elizabeth Folsom Smith who died at the age of 86, and whose obituary appeared in the *Exeter News-Letter* of July 14, 1982, outlived all of the other charter members of the NHSMD. Thus any of us who joined our society prior to Mrs. Smith's death was a member while at least one of our founders was living. So in a sense we are still only one generation removed from our beginnings even though they occurred three quarters of a century ago.

**Welcome New Members**

Gen# 74,823	State # 1093	Stuart Robertson	Isaac Allerton
74,882	1092	Carol Emily Scott Bolduc	Thomas Rogers
74,512	1091	Vicki Lee Lane	Degory Priest

**Necrology**

Gen.# 73,190	State# 1076	Hilda Augusta Wade	5/29/2005
		Ancestor: John Howland	

**37th General Congress**

Four members of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society attended the 37th General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants held at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Harbor, MA, September 11, to 13, 2005. Carlton Bradford, Governor, Paul Sweet, Past Governor, Anne Vadakin, Historian and Jo-Anne Cobban, Treasurer participated in workshops, meetings of committee reports, in the voting of the Articles of Incorporation and election of new officers as well as attending traditional ceremonies. Congress is held once every three years to conduct the business of the General Society.

**Looking for Junior Members**

We are looking for young people to enroll in our Junior Associates membership program. Parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, presently in good standing of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society, may sponsor a child from birth to their 18th birthday, at which time they are invited to become full adult members. The opportunity to learn about their ancestry and the history of the Pilgrims settling in Plymouth will prove to be interesting and useful as classes in many schools now require lineage research as part of their school work. We plan to have a column in THE SHALLOP of interest to Juniors in the coming newsletter issues as well as on the NH Mayflower web site.

You may request a preliminary application from any of the officers. It is only a \$10.00 one time fee from the time children are enrolled until they attain age 18. If they wish to join as an adult member we waive the enrollment fee. Think about the idea for a birthday or Christmas gift to a child, or children in your family, or just a way of sharing your pride in your ancestry and membership with the NH Mayflower Society.

## *Scholarship News*

At the spring meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Hampshire, held at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, N.H. on May 15th, the winners of the 2005 Memorial Scholarships were announced by Scholarship Committee Chairman, the Rev. Paul Sweet.

The winners of \$500 prizes each were Stephen Howell Petraeus of Springfield, a member of the Society (State Number 1044), and Elizabeth Clymer of Concord. Mr. Petraeus temporarily resides at Fort Belvoir, Va. as his father is currently on active duty in Iraq. He graduated from West Potomac High School in Alexandria, Va. and will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in computer engineering. Miss Clymer, a Concord High School graduate, who initially was accepted at the University of New Hampshire as a biology major, recently notified the Society that she will instead attend Grove City College in Pennsylvania, which was her first choice. She had not been notified of acceptance at the time of application. She will major in biology .

Both submitted letters of thanks and appreciation. The letter from Mr. Petraeus was read at the meeting by Rev. Sweet, a past society governor. Miss Clymer's parents plan to attend the fall meeting to accept the scholarship in person.

This is the second year the scholarship has been awarded under a reconstituted program that has included an expanded fundraising effort and active solicitation of applicants. The 2004 winner was Brian Allard of Nashua, a student at the University of New Hampshire.

### **Through September 2005 the following members donated \$1,316.00:**

Dan E. Bellinger	William A. Burns	Barbara A. Campbell
Miriam J. Carreker	Judith Carroll	Nancy Coes
Alice E. Duston	Sarah A. Eaton	Frank E. Greene
Frank F. Hough	Clare L. Lighthall	
Anne H. Moulton (In memory of her mother, Louise A. Hiltwin)	Alan R. Moulton	
Hollister R. Petraeus	Barbara P. Rice	Robert F. Small
Barbara Stearns	Tracey Sweeney	Paul A. Sweet
Stephen M. Sweet	Hazel F. Tucker	Virginia L. Uecker
Polly Walker	N. Kennard Walker	

Thank you to those members who have donated to our New Hampshire Mayflower Society Scholarship fund. Your continued support is both needed and appreciated.

The Cat and Fiddle Restaurant  
118 Manchester Street  
Concord, NH 03301-5112  
(603) 228-8911

This is a sit down meal.

The choices are: **Broiled Haddock** or **Roast Turkey**. Meal includes potato, choice of vegetable, dessert and coffee or tea. The \$16.00 price includes tax, gratuity, and the rental of the space. We have been able to secure a price for **Juniors at \$10.00** per meal. Please indicate on the form below your choice of fish or turkey.

Directions to the Cat and Fiddle

**From the West and North:** I-89 south to I-93 north. Take Exit 13 (Rt. 3) east and bear right off the exit. Travel about 1.1 miles. The restaurant is on your right. Parking is in the back of the building.

**From the South:** Follow I-93 north to Exit 13 (Rt. 3 East) and bear right off the exit. Travel 1.1 miles. The restaurant is on your right. Parking is in the back of the building.

**From the East:** Rt. 101 west to I-93 north. Take Exit 13 (Rt. 3 East) and bear right off the exit. Travel 1.1 miles. The restaurant is on your right. Parking is in the back of the building.

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**Luncheon Reservation Form**

Saturday November, 5, 2005

The Cat and Fiddle Restaurant

The Treasurer must receive your reservation by Tuesday November 1st

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member's address \_\_\_\_\_

Member's telephone number or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Broiled Haddock \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Roast Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Junior luncheons at \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to the:

NH Mayflower Society

Send to:

Jo-Anne Cobban  
9 Mayflower Drive  
Keene, NH 03431

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**Name and/or Address Changes:**

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