



The Shallop

"The shallop being got ready they set out againe. . ." —Bradford's History

Expands Award for the first time:

Society Grants Three Scholarships



Introduced at the May luncheon was Wilma Jewell, age 94 of Jaffrey, elected to the society in 1978, descended from De-gory Priest. With her is daughter Deborah Stewart, who be-came a member in August (General No. 77,854).

John Robinson, N.H. Historical Society Board President, to Speak November 3rd



N.H. Historical Society Board President John Robinson of Meredith will speak at the Fall Compact Day luncheon at the Concord Holiday Inn, November 3rd. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. A former Dean of Graduate Studies at Boston's Simmons College, John is a *Mayflower* cousin. His topic will be: "Quebec to Yorktown: a N.H. Private in the Revolution."

The New Hampshire Mayflower Society made history this year by awarding three five hundred dollar scholarships for the first time, instead of one, or two awards at most, which has been the tradition.

"This is a big step for us because we are a small society," Scholarship Chairman Dean Dexter said. "But if we are willing to invest in our young people, especially those who embrace the spirit of adventure, sacrifice, and courage as seen in the lives of our nation's founding families, then our society will continue to be a force for good, long into the future," he said.

The 2007 winners are Kelly O'Halloran, daughter of member Diane O'Halloran and her husband Kevin of East Kingston, N.H.; Marissa Hancock-Huttel, daughter of member Gail Hancock-Huttel and husband William, of Woodstock, VT; and Joseph Vittum, of Matthews, NC, grandson of member Shirley Vittum of West Chesterfield, NH.

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N.H. Society Wins Third Place in 2007 National Junior Member Contest at Orlando Meeting

Good news from the September, 2007 General Society of Mayflower Descendants meeting, held this year at Orlando, Florida. The New Hampshire Society was awarded third place in the junior membership category for growth in percentage of junior members enrolled between June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007. The award included a fifty dollar prize. Thanks to Anne Vadakin, acting junior chair, and Jo-Anne Cobban, corresponding secretary, for generating interest among young people and for compiling and submitting the numbers to the national office.

*New Study on New Hampshire's Only President****Author Says Pierce Support of Kansas-Nebraska Act Doomed his Reputation, But it was a 'Reasonable' Decision, given the Stakes***

By signing the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, Franklin Pierce, New Hampshire's only president, probably averted an immediate civil war, buying the nation a much needed six years to prepare for a conflict that was inevitable. This according to Pierce biographer Dr. Peter Wallner, who addressed the society at its spring luncheon on May 19th at the Holiday Inn at Concord.

Admitting that Pierce is often rated as one of the nation's worst presidents, mostly because of his decision to support the act, which ended the Compromise of 1820, prohibiting slavery in the northern states (above the latitude 36°30' north), Wallner believes Pierce had little choice. Wallner explained the Kansas-Nebraska Act allowed the settlers of the territory to decide whether or not to accept slavery into the new states (popular sovereignty). Given the stakes, Pierce's decision was reasonable, "though not a happy one," the author said.

By initially supporting, then signing the Act, Pierce alienated northern Democrats, and doomed his political future, and his place in history. It was a decision, however, that Pierce never regretted making, Wallner said. "We should look at what would have happened if Pierce had not supported the act," the author suggested.

Wallner noted the Act was authored by Stephen A. Douglas, the powerful Illinois Democrat, in an effort to open the west to expansion, and make a way for the eventual construction of the Transcontinental Railway, linking the eastern states to California, which had already attained statehood.

Without the plan, the southern states would have never allowed the new territories into the union as non-



slave states, thus halting the western expansion, which had already gained popularity.

If Pierce had opposed the law, Wallner stated, the Democrats, the only true national party at the time, would have fractured, and the southern states would have immediately seceded, an action many had been

threatening since 1850, if not before.

Wallner said presidents like Pierce are in a different category than ones like Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, who had great events thrust upon them, and by addressing them successfully, attained greatness. Pierce had no such crisis at which to react, but rather had to make tough decisions as they came his way.

The author of a two volume biography on the 14th president, Wallner's second book, *Franklin Pierce, Martyr for the Union*, which focuses on the White House years and after, had not yet been released.

Following his remarks, however, Wallner visited with members and signed copies of his first volume (*Franklin Pierce, New Hampshire's Native Son*, published in 2005), which chronicled the president's birth to his election to the White House, and were also available for purchase.

Currently the director of the New Hampshire Historical Society Library, Dr. Wallner moved to New Hampshire expressly to do research on Pierce, and to write the biography, which is only the second serious study of the 14th president. — *Dean Dexter*.

From the Governor's Desk...

Dear Cousins:

Tell a friend that you are a proud member of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society.

The current world news reminds us that we are very fortunate to have "close" relatives that gave us the Mayflower Compact, that later led to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. So let us all put the "thanks" in Thanksgiving. Read some of the new histories on the Mayflower and her Pilgrims, and be proud of your heritage.

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Mayflower Society Historians Accept Substantial Circumstantial Evidence to Prove Father-Daughter Link

In applying for Mayflower Society membership, my niece, Mary, submitted the lineage I had sent successfully to Plymouth thirty years ago. However, the requirements for proving Mayflower descent are much stricter now than they were three decades ago, and rightly so. Thus the Historian in the state society to which Mary sent her application rejected it on the grounds that in generations eight and nine, we had not proven that Martha R Fuller, who married Jacob Shepard, was the daughter of John Fuller.

So I went to work in an attempt to prove that Martha was John Fuller's daughter. I could not find any vital records, deeds or wills to link father and daughter. But I was able to discover a sufficient amount of circumstantial evidence to convince both the State Historian and the Historian General that Martha R Fuller, who married Jacob Shepard, was indeed the daughter of John Fuller, descendant of Mayflower passenger, Edward Fuller. The items below list the facts I was fortunate enough to discover, which, taken *in toto*, resulted in Mary's becoming General Society Member #77523.

Item A –John Fuller [Generation 8] Bristol, Maine married Eleanor Chapman.

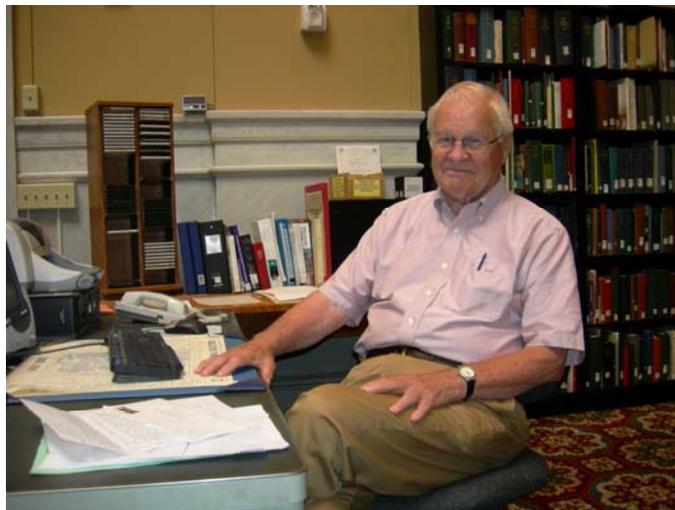
Item B –Eleanor Chapman was the daughter of Joseph Chapman and Martha [Rollins] Chapman. Eleanor's birth followed that of her brother, James. (See Item E. and F).

Item C – Jacob Shepard married Martha R. Fuller [eventually accepted as Generation 9]. If Martha was

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Representing New Hampshire at the General Society's Board of Assistants meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida, September 15, 2007 were Corresponding Secretary Jo-Anne Cobban and Captain Heather Rojo.



Former Mayflower Society Governor N.H. State Library Genealogist Edward Fuller Holden at his desk in the former state Supreme Court Chambers, across from the State House on Park Street. He is available to the public there for consultation on ancestry search.



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This is the first year all recipients are affiliated with the Society, either by being a junior member, or being related to a member. Although the awards committee must give preference to society members or relatives of members, the scholarship is open to non-affiliated applicants. Recent winners in previous years have not been affiliated.

Here's a little information about our winners: Kelly is a freshman at Fordham University, majoring in English, and is a graduate of Brooks School, N. Andover, MA; Marissa is a freshman at the State University of New York, Ulster, studying Humanities and Social Science, and plans a career in Special Education. She is also a relative of past Governor Joanne Tuxbury. Joseph is a sophomore at Central Piedmont Community College, studying psychology, and has the distinction of graduating from high school at the age of 15.

Each winner was presented with a check and certificate commemorating their high achievement. Assisting in presenting the awards was Society Governor Walworth Johnson, Jr.

It's not too early to apply for the 2008 award. The deadline for submission is March 31. Application forms and directions on how to apply are available on the Society website at <http://nhmayflower.org>.

— See photo on Page 4

2007 N.H. Mayflower Scholarship Winners



This year the N.H. Mayflower Society awarded three \$500 scholarships for the first time, all to students affiliated with the Society. 2007 Winners were Joseph Vittum (Stephen Hopkins), whose picture is held by Grandmother Shirley Vittum, Kelly O'Halloran (John Alden), and Marissa Hancock-Huttel (John Alden). Making the presentations were Scholarship Chairman Dean Dexter, left, and Governor Walworth Johnson, Jr.

A Little About the Society's Memorial Scholarship...



Ethyl Gerrish

The N.H. Mayflower Society's Memorial Scholarship was founded with a generous bequest from the late Ethyl M. Gerrish of Dover, a longtime society member who served as our Recording Secretary from 1974 to 1976. She was also active in other lineage organizations on the state and national levels, serving as state regent of the N.H. DAR. Upon her passing, Mrs. Gerrish remembered many of these organizations with bequests, including her gift to the N.H. Mayflower Society.

The scholarship was first awarded in 1994 through an arrangement with the University of New Hampshire. In 2002, the scholarship program was reconstituted under the administration of Governor Carlton Bradford, and is now overseen by a Scholarship Committee, appointed by the governor. Application material for the scholarship is only available online at the Society's website (<http://nhmayflower.org>). The deadline to submit applications is March 31 each year. Preference is given to relatives and members of the N.H. Society. The names of donors of one thousand dollars or more, given in a lump sum or cumulatively, are listed on a Memorial plaque displayed at each meeting of the society.

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Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to NHMSD Scholarship Fund, and mail to Robert F. Small, treasurer, 89 West Road, Londonderry, N.H. 03053.



Governor Johnson welcomes new members at the May meeting, Roger Floyd (Myles Standish) and Doris Fogelman (Stephen Hopkins) both of Hollis. Joining them are Historian Anne Vadakin and newly appointed Co-Historian Dorothy Goldman. We regret to report the untimely passing of Mr. Floyd on June 29, 2007, just shy of two months after this photograph was taken. Our sincerest sympathies go out to his family.

Our Day Trip to Plymouth With Cousins from England

A few years ago, I learned that I had a second cousin living in Plymouth, England, very near to where my mother was born. He and I corresponded by mail and phone for several years. Last October he and his wife came to visit us here for 10 days. They put us in charge of sightseeing. Since they live in Plymouth, England, we felt that going to visit Plymouth, MA to see Plymouth Rock and the *Mayflower II*, would be at the top of the list. They had heard when the *Mayflower II* was being built and saw it before it set sail from the Barbican 50 years ago.

We picked them up at a hotel in Boston and headed South. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day



weather-wise. We went first to the Plymouth Rock in its grandiose setting (our photo at left). Our next stop was to the wharf where *Mayflower II* was docked. Of course, we decided to go aboard, giving us the picture of how life was for our ancestors when traveling on the seas to America. The crew being in period clothes, made it all so realistic to us. Next we drove up to Burial Hill to see the monument erected for our ancestors who died that first winter. From there we went to see the beautiful home that is The Headquarters for the General Society. We had a wonderful dinner at a restaurant overlooking the *Mayflower II* and the harbor. We drove to the entrance of Plimoth Plantation, but did not have time to go in before heading back to Boston. We all decided that our day in Plymouth was very enlightening and enjoyable. — Ken and Polly Walker

Sarah Eaton, Generous Donor to Scholar Fund, Remembered

We regret to announce the passing of Sarah Abigail Perkins Eaton of Lexington, MA on August 16, 2007, at the age of 91. Mrs. Eaton was descended from William Brewster (State No. 496, Gen. No. 38,817), and joined the N. H. Mayflower Society November 28, 1975. In notifying the Society of her passing, her son Robert Brewster Eaton writes, "As a high school student, Sarah excelled in American history. During her 54 years in Lexington, she was an enthusiastic guide at the Hancock-Clarke House. Always a reader of history, she most recently read *Mayflower*, by Nathaniel Philbrick. Sarah was always very proud of her membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants."

Mrs. Eaton's interest in the Society remained strong until the end, having just this year made a donation of \$1000 to the scholarship fund. Her name was engraved on the Memorial Scholarship Plaque in time to be displayed at the Spring 2007 meeting. Our sincerest condolences go out to her family. -- Editor



Two Members Honored on Centennial Birthdays



This year we are delighted to honor two society members who have reached their one hundredth birthdays. Evelyn Keene of Booth Bay Harbor, ME (State No. 1081, Gen. No. 73,559), descendant of William Brewster, and Alice Cappuccio of Lancaster, MA (State No. 283, Gen No. 27,116), descended from John Alden. Mrs. Keene turned 100 on August 3, 2007, and Mrs. Cappuccio reached that milestone on October 28, 2007. Each received a handsome certificate from the General Society, and a letter of greetings from the New Hampshire Society.

Door Prize Offered at November Meeting

We are bringing back a tradition of offering a door prize at our November 3rd annual meeting! This year's prize is a copy of *The Plymouth Colony Cookbook*, published by the Plymouth Antiquarian Society. "Preserving authentic 17th and 18th century cooking lore and wisdom, treasured recipes, a list of staples carried on board the *Mayflower*, and much more." Everyone attending will have a chance to win. So make your reservations now!

Welcome Judy Eriksen, New Junior Chair



Elizabeth Helen Dexter
Junior Editor

I would like to welcome our permanent Junior Membership Chairman, Mrs. Judy Eriksen of Merrimack (see photo below). She replaces Anne Vadakin, who's been doing double-duty as Junior Chair and Historian. Thanks Anne!

Mrs. Eriksen is no stranger to this job, plus she's even related to two past governors! She writes: "I remember my mother Harriett Gray Partington Governor (1981-1984), telling me that I was now a member of the Society. Actually all I did was sign the application. But I became very involved as the Junior Chairman when my mother and stepfather Richard J. Partington (1978-1981) were Governors. I sent out birthday cards to all the juniors as well as certificates to the new juniors. I am happy to be able to help again as the Junior Chairman.

"After graduating from high school in 1976, I attended college full time for 2 years graduating with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. Wanting to get out into the work force I was hired by Raytheon Company. I continued my education nights for 6 more years to attain my Bachelors Degree in Industrial Management. I worked at Raytheon for 21 years from working in assembly and ending my Raytheon career in 1999 as Test Equipment Proposal Manager.

"I am also a member and current Treasurer/Registrar of the Colonial Dames XVII Century and New England Women, a member of the Piscataqua Pioneers, Daughters of American Colonist, and Dames of the Court of Honor. I am also the current Regent of the Matthew Thornton Chapter DAR. I am also serving the State Society as the VIS Chairman. My husband Fred Morse and I are currently developing websites for the DAR chapters in the state.

"We have lived in Merrimack, NH for 17 years and for the past 3 years have spent the winters in Homosassa, Florida."

With this issue, my column and work as junior *Shallop* editor ends, as this fall I'm off to college. It's been fun, and maybe someday we can put together a Mayflower Fall Dance for our young members, like we talked about. What a fun tradition that would be! Maybe someday. Here's hoping! Bye.



-Lyzzy

Yes! We've Got many Cousins...and Some are Famous!*

It's interesting how many hundreds of thousands of people are descended from the 29 *Mayflower* passengers who left descendants (from a total of 102 passengers). This includes many people of note, such as actors, artists, and presidents.



For instance, did you know that actress Marilyn Monroe was a *Mayflower* cousin (John Alden)? And that actor Richard Gere is descended from six passengers: Samuel Fuller, Francis Eaton, Francis Cooke, George Soule, Degory Priest, and Richard Warren?

Eight U.S. presidents are also cousins. Our 32nd President, Franklin Roosevelt, is descended from five passengers (John Tilley, Isaac Allerton, Degory Priest, Francis Cooke, Richard Warren).



John Adams and son John Quincy Adams, the second and sixth presidents: (John Alden), Zachary Taylor (William Brewster), Ulysses S. Grant, (Richard Warren), James A. Garfield (John Billington), George H.W. Bush and George W.

Bush, presidents 41 and 43 (Francis Cooke and John Tilley).

Here's Marilyn Monroe's line through 10 generations, maybe you're a cousin: John Alden – Elizabeth Alden – Sarah Pabodie – Sara Coe – Micah Tompkins – Uriah Tompkins – Lydia Tompkins – Charles Gifford – Frederick Gifford – Charles Stanley Gifford – Norma Jean Baker (a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe).



Welcome New Junior Members!

Congratulations to these new junior members: Ilana C. Winawer (Stephen Hopkins) #375, sponsored by Grandmother Doris Fogleman. Amanda Nicole Floyd (John Howland) #376, sponsored by Grandfather Roger Floyd. Tucker Read Thayer (William Bradford) #377, sponsored by Grandfather Bradley Read Thayer.

*Sources: Thanks to Washington State Society's *Evergreen Log*, Summer 2006; *Ancestors of American Presidents*, Gary Boyd Roberts/NEHGS (Boston) w/ Carl Boyer III, Santa Clarita, CA, 1995.

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the daughter of Eleanor [Chapman] Fuller, might not the **R** stand for Rollins, the maiden name of Eleanor Fuller's mother, and thus the probable maternal grandmother of Martha R [Fuller] Shepard?

Item D – Next to Jacob Shepard's gravestone, his wife's name appears on her gravestone as Martha **R** Shepard who died in 1874 at age 66. 1874 – 66 = 1808, which was four years after the marriage of John Fuller and Martha [Rollins] Chapman, the probable parents of Martha R Fuller.

Item E – The first three lines of page 275 in the 1840 Federal Census of Appleton, Maine, list James Chapman, John Fuller and Jacob Shepard in that order. The ages of the members of the Jacob Shepard family indicate the strong possibility that Jacob Shepard and his wife are a generation younger than the John and Eleanor (Chapman) Fuller, and the James Chapman families, enumerated just previous to the Shepard family.

Item F – Again in the Appleton 1850 Federal Census, the John Fuller family and the Jacob Shepard family, appear in adjacent households, numbered 341 and 342. Comparing the ages of John and Martha Fuller, and those of Jacob and Martha Shepard, and the placement of their homes in these census records, indicates the strong possibility of a two generation family relationship. Martha's name in this census contains the middle initial, R. James Chapman is listed as head of

nearby family 349. James' ages in both the 1840 and 1850 census records place him in the same generation as, Eleanor (Chapman) Fuller, who, in all probability was his sister, Eleanor, the wife of John Fuller.

Item G – John and Eleanor (Chapman) Fullers' gravestones state that they died in 1851 and 1870, respectively. Jacob and Martha R Shepard (as she is named on the stone) died in 1872 and 1874 respectively. Although the Fuller and Shepard lots are not adjacent, they are in close proximity to each other in the Appleton Cemetery.

It may seem odd that while the data in this body of evidence is exclusive to the State of Maine, all the facts, except for the gravestone inscriptions, were obtained from sources in the Genealogy Room at the New Hampshire State Library.

Although our State Library's resources emphasize New Hampshire, history and families, our collections are far from limited to the Granite State. In future issues, we hope to provide information about the family history collection in our state library, and our efforts to help eager ancestor hunters trace their lineage. For information about our services, visit us at 20 Park Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-6823, or email me at eholden@library.state.nh.us.— Edward Fuller Holden

Mr. Holden, a descendant of Edward Fuller, is a past Governor of the N.H. Mayflower Society and former Shallop Editor. He is staff genealogist at the N.H. State Library.

*Join us for our Fall 2007 Compact Day Luncheon
Holiday Inn, Main Street, Concord, a block from the State House
Saturday, November 3, 2007 11:00 a.m.*

Member: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Guest/s: _____

Dinner Choice*

Number of **teriyaki chicken**: ____ Number of **seafood stuffed Sole w/lobster sauce**: ____

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More About Mayflower children...

Continuing on the subject of *Mayflower* children from our last issue. According to the writings of Gov. William Bradford, Christopher Martin and his wife came with two servants, Salomon Prower and John Langemore. Through early court records in England, we summarize that Salomon Prower was the son of Christopher Martin's wife, and therefore his stepson. He was older and so has not been considered a child on the Mayflower. Christopher Martin was not a Separatist, but was part of the commercial venture of the colony. Humility Cooper and Henry Sampson (age 16) were related to Ann Cooper Tilley, the wife of Edward Tilley, who both came on the Mayflower; both died the first winter.

The John Tilley family consisted of John, his wife Joan Hurst Roger Tilley, and daughter Elizabeth. Only Elizabeth survived the first winter, later marrying John Howland of the Mayflower; They had 10 children. — *Anne Vadakin, historian.*



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