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

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Archive Official Deborah Moore Named New Society Historian



State Genealogy Coordinator Deborah Moore, outside her office at the state office park in Concord.

There's nothing like a friendly face and helping hand when confronting the daunting task of gathering documents to prove one's ancestry. To qualify as a member of a lineage organization such as our own Mayflower Society is often like going on a treasure hunt...a hunt mostly for paper!

But a friendly, helping hand is just what you'll find if your hunt for ancient kin should bring you to the New Hampshire state archives in Concord. Here, Deborah Moore holds forth, assisting people from across the state, and around the world as they research their family roots. Deborah's official title is Genealogy Coordinator, Division of Vital Record Administration, office of the N.H. Secretary of State, a position she has held since October 31, 2003.

This year Deborah made her debut as not only one of our newest members, approved on November 20, 2008 (State No. 1168, William Brewster), but was sworn in as our new society historian at the Spring meeting, after the historian's office suddenly became vacant.

Fall Speaker to Discuss 'Trials' of First Plimoth Families

Marlene Brigida Baldwin of Keene will present a program with slides entitled: "Our First Families: Trials and Triumphs of Plimoth Plantation," at the Society's November 7th Compact Day Luncheon.



Ms. Baldwin, a native of Plymouth, Massachusetts, worked four summers as a guide at Plimoth Plantation, where she learned to "love history, antiques, genealogy, and the English language," she says. Marlene received a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire, majoring in British literature and teaching,

later doing graduate work at Keene State, and Boston University. Ms. Baldwin taught English for over 25 years in schools at Durham, Milton, Hopkinton, and Swanzy. She retired in 2003 from Monadnock Regional High School, Swanzy, where she taught Senior English, and served as senior project coordinator in the English Department, and costume coordinator / designer for productions in the Fine Arts Department.

Ms. Baldwin and her husband, Harrison, a retired guidance counselor, are the parents of four grown children, and have eight grandchildren.

"As a past governor general once said, and I agree, the historian holds one of the most important office in the society because he or she must prepare all applications for General Society approval," Governor Dean Dexter, said. "We are so fortunate to have someone of Deborah's caliber to serve in such an important post. We are delighted to welcome her to both our society and board."

Dexter noted outgoing Historian Anne Vadikan, "set a high bar to follow," and expressed gratitude for Anne's dedicated work over the years.

Deborah can be reached by email at this address:
historian@nhmayflower.org

Dr. Charles Clark Recounts two Cases of 'Mistaken Identity'



Dr. Charles E. Clarke, speaking at the May 2009 luncheon at Concord's Red Blazer Restaurant.

Speaking at the Spring luncheon, retired University of New Hampshire history professor Charles E. Clark recounted the details of a celebration on the seacoast in 1823 to mark the bicentennial of the settlement of the City of Portsmouth. Yet, instead of focusing on that event, the festivities involved much toasting, song and oratory involving the 'Pilgrim Fathers' of Plymouth, Massachusetts, essentially ignoring what he termed New Hampshire's own "rather pedestrian" beginnings, which centered on the commercial sea trade.

This focus on the Pilgrims was again repeated in 1923 at a similar Port City celebration mainly because, Dr. Clark suggested, New Englanders continued to find it appealing to relate to the Pilgrim story, the romance of which was very much in vogue across the country at the time. The result of this, he concluded, was a kind of "mistaken identity," from which the inhabitants of the Granite State suffered, since most had either emigrated from, or had family roots in the Bay State. Dr. Clark's appearance was made possible by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

In the business portion of the meeting, eight amendments to the society by-laws were presented by Governor Dexter, proposed by the Board of Assistants, and were approved for submission to a final vote, and adoption at the Fall 2009 annual meeting (See Page Four).

Captain Heather Rojo, chair of the Scholarship Committee, introduced this year's award winners Abigail Connor of Litchfield, who attended with her parents, and Peter Smith, Jr., of Loudon, who was represented by his grandmother, Mrs. Star Smith.

Past Governor Carlton Bradford conducted an induction ceremony and administered the oath to the incoming officers, elected last November.

In His Own Words:

Elder Harry Hadaway

I was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts and spent my childhood there through middle school. Our family moved to Washington N.H. in 1961. I knew that I was related to Pilgrim Governor William Bradford because my great-great grandmother was Hannah Barns Bradford. About 25 years ago I took an interest in finding out who my ancestors were. My wife and I took a trip to the Plymouth town clerk's office and started tracing



my maternal and paternal ancestors, and eventually found 18 different passengers on the *Mayflower*.

I looked into joining the Mayflower Society at that time, but the documentation required seemed a little daunting, so I decided to put it off until retirement. About two years ago I received an email from

Jan Infante, who inquired about a common ancestor. It turns out she is a paid proofer for the General Society, and she assisted me in documenting my line to Richard Warren. That led me to join the New Hampshire Society about two and a half years ago. I am also a member of the Nickerson Family Association of Chatham, MA.

For organizing my family history, I have used the following genealogy programs: PAF, Family Tree Maker, and Legacy. My favorite is Legacy because it has the most options of any program I have used, especially the availability of research guidance and many different types of reports.

So far, my wife and I have traced about 10,000 ancestors in our combined families. My hobbies are genealogy, photography, hiking, and canoeing. I hope to do a lot more on my genealogy research when I retire in July of 2011.

I am currently a member of the Concord Interfaith Council, and am the Chairman of the Bow Zoning Board of Adjustment. I have worked in the real estate appraisal profession my entire career. I am currently the Chief Right of Way Appraiser in the Appraisal Section of the N.H. Dept. of Transportation.

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Society junior member, and non-member share honors

Two Win 2009 Scholarships



Two scholarships were awarded in ceremonies at the Spring 2009 luncheon. Pictured at left, is Mrs. Star Smith, grandmother of Junior Member Peter Smith, Jr. of Loudon, accepting on his behalf. Peter was competing in a fencing tournament and unable to attend. Mrs. Smith read a letter of thanks from Peter. In the photo at right is Abigail Connor of Litchfield, a non-member, with her parents. Scholarship Committee Chair, Heather Rojo introduced the winners, while Treasurer Bob Small presented each with a check for \$500, as Governor Dean Dexter looked on. Peter is seeking to qualify for the Olympics in fencing and is attending Drew University. Abigail is at UNH, and aspires to become an English teacher. Both are freshmen. Dexter thanked the scholarship committee for doing "a great job with a tough assignment," which also included Elder Harry Hadaway and Bob Small.

John and Carolyn Payzant Chair 2010 Governor General Visit Events

Deputy Governor-Designate and Mrs. John Payzant of New Castle will head the planning committee in preparation for Governor General Judy Swan's visit to New Hampshire during next year's Spring luncheon.

The event will be held Saturday, May 8 at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club, and will feature a meal choice of Baked Fillet of Haddock with Lemon Herb Bread Crumbs, or Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Demi-Glaze. Luncheon price is \$25 per person.

"It's not everyday that the New Hampshire Society plays host to the Governor General, and this historic location and beautiful facility is a fitting place to duly honor the Society's national leader," Governor Dean Dexter said, in making the announcement.

Nearby is the famous Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, where delegates from Russia and Japan were guests of the State of Hampshire in 1905 while negotiating an end to the Russo-Japanese War at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, known as the Treaty of Portsmouth.

Governor General Swan, who will be in the second year of her three-year term, will also be a house-guest of the Payzant's during her stay in New Hampshire. She is a resident of Huntington Beach, California.



John and Carolyn Payzant at their home in New Castle, over-looking Portsmouth Harbor. John is retired from the construction business, and served as a founding director and treasurer of the Seacoast Science Center, and is a member of the Rockingham Planning Commission. He is also a board member and treasurer of his homeowners association, on which Carolyn also serves. Carolyn is founding president of the N.E. Society of Botanical Artists and serves on the national board. A member of the Board of Assistants, John will be nominated as Deputy Governor at the fall meeting.

Eight Bylaw Amendments Scheduled for November Vote

The following is a description of eight amendments to the Society Bylaws, proposed by the Board of Assistance at the May 9, 2009 Spring membership meeting, and accepted unanimously to be presented for final vote at the Fall meeting on November 7, 2009. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Red Blazer Restaurant, Manchester Street, Concord. Please mail the coupon found on Page 7, to the Treasurer by the deadline.

Amendment 1: To insert a Conflict of Interest policy mandated by New Hampshire state law. This would require officers and board members to disclose and make a matter of record annually, in writing, any possible conflicts of interest involving transactions over \$500, and requires a super-majority vote of the Board to accept such proposals, and to advertize in a newspaper of general circulation such transactions over \$5000.

Amendment 2: Provides for the Society treasurer to be answerable to the Board of Assistants, instead of to the Finance Committee, as is present policy.

Amendment 3. Allows for the posting of meetings of the Board of Assistants and general meetings of the Society by the secretary and/or governor to be "digitally conveyed," via email, internet web posting or other such means; allows a quarterly board meeting to be waived; allows the board to organized within two months following the triennial election of officers, instead of within one month.

Amendment 4: Provides for the Society Finance Committee to be advisory to the Board of Assistants, instead of functioning autonomously.

Amendment 5: Removes the policy-making function of the Membership Committee, and makes it advisory to the Board and Historian. Note: membership policy and protocols in practice are promulgated by the General Society.

Amendment 6: Provides that the Nominating Committee be appointed by the governor, in consultation with the Board of Assistants, instead of elected by the general membership, similar to the process of the General Society.

Amendment 7: Inserts the language of the Oath of Office, administered to each incoming officer and board member, into the Bylaws.

Amendment 8: Provides for the Board of Assistants to have final approval of Society investment policy and trust funds, instead of the Finance Committee, which becomes advisory only.

The governor will also ask for a vote to permit corrections to the Bylaws of a purely typographical and formatting nature, that do not address policy.

Ancestry Online with Heather Rojo A 'Baaad' Ancestor is Good, Too!

The International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists website (IBSSG) is a very interesting support group for those who can trace a direct family line to a thief, deserter, town drunk, or any other type of anti-social character. For those of you too shy to admit such relationships, the



Black Sheep Society has a "Tender Lamb" category, which will keep your identity a secret! Qualification for IBSSG membership is granted on the mailing list blacksheep@rootsweb.com by posting your relationship to the family "black sheep," and why you think he or she is the black sheep of your family. Pri-

ivate submissions can be made to the Tender Lambs coordinator. There are no dues. The coordinators of the lists were happy to accept my email questions, which were answered privately.

I posted a question to the coordinators, "What benefit would Mayflower Society members find by joining IBSSG?" I quickly received several emails from members. The first person who contacted me was a John Billington descendant! "I feel in no way responsible for the actions of my ancestors, and I would NEVER try to hide them in the proverbial closet," she said.

Anyone who has worked on a family tree knows there are always relatives no one wants to talk about, and finding information can sometimes be a daunting task. The International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists is here to help you with this task, and to provide a social network to share the humorous and human side to the stories behind your ancestors.

My own family tree contains several nasty accusers at the Salem Witch trials, a pirate, an inmate at the "Danvers Insane Asylum," Baker Nason, who killed his brother with an oar halfway across the Piscataqua River in 1693, and youthful Mayflower passenger Ned Doty, accused of dueling, deceit and slander, among other assorted offenses. Ned Doty evidently later settled down and overcame his juvenile antics to become an average member of the Plymouth community, since not many records are available on him after his marriage. Sometimes the records of our "black sheep" ancestors are much more interesting than the records of our more polite, law abiding family members!

Access the International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists online at <http://ibssg.org/blacksheep/>

Assistant Editor Heather Rojo holds the office of Society Captain and chairs the Scholarship Committee.

General Society Board Meets at Annapolis for Annual Meeting



Governor General Judith H. Swan with Past Governor and Deputy Governor General (DGG) Walworth Johnson, Jr., and Governor and Assistant General (AG) Dean Dexter at the General Society Board of Assistants meeting at Annapolis. Photo, courtesy of Bob Dow, DGG, Maine Society.

The General Society held its annual Board of Assistants meeting at Annapolis, MD, September 11-12. Representing the N.H. Society were Governor Dean Dexter and Past Governor Wally Johnson.

Included in the business session was adoption of the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$761,900, down nearly \$50,000 from the previous fiscal year. The savings mostly reflects cost adjustments relative to the printing contract of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. A floor amendment submitted by Gov. Dexter and adopted by the assembly, requires the printing and mailing contract be competitively bid. Dexter has been asked by Treasurer General Carroll Goslee of Kentucky, to serve on a committee to over-see the bidding procedure. The *Quarterly* cost nearly \$133,000 to print and mail last fiscal year. Other business included adopting a conflict of interest statement, required by the IRS, and a privacy policy. A plan to make "house-keeping" changes to the Society Constitution was tabled, pending further study.

Annual reports by General Officers were presented. It was learned the Society has weathered the current economic climate well, since changing investment managers last year, with an increase of a million dollars, for a total currently under management of \$5 million. It was also announced the General Society will accept membership with documented descent from all *Mayflower* passengers, beginning January 1, 2010.

From the Governor's Desk

The members of our Society have shown great generosity in supporting our Memorial Scholarship Fund, particularly when it was re-constituted in 2002-2003. Before that time, member involvement in these awards mainly consisted of annually sending a check off to the University of New Hampshire, where an academic committee would choose a winner. If we were fortunate, the Society might eventually get a thank-you note from the scholar. So our members understandably were disconnected from the process, and in turn funding support was next to non-existent.

Presently, however, the Society is very much involved in the scholarship program. Applications are available online at our website, students send their paperwork directly to a committee of our members, where each packet is carefully evaluated. Applicants who are junior members, or related to our members, are given additional weight, but worthy non-members often are awarded a scholarship, as was the case this year. All winners are invited to attend the Award Luncheon, with their parents, each spring.



Donors are listed in this newsletter, and thousand dollar donors also have their names engraved on a plaque, which is displayed at every meeting.

This fall, it is with great pleasure to add the name of Clare Lighthall to the plaque as a thousand dollar donor. Clare, who is pictured here, is a former Treasurer and member of the Board of Assistants under Past Governor Shirley Thivierge. She is the mother of our Councilor, Atty. Peter M. Lighthall, and is descended from George Soule, with State No. 801.

Joining Clare on the list of donors on Page 6 are others, who have made smaller contributions as well. Every bit counts.

Originally established by member Ethyl M. Gerrish, who left a bequest to the Society in her will, we hope others will find it possible to similarly leave legacy bequests to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This coming year, I will ask Society members and the Board of Assistants to consider how we might specially honor those who choose to leave such bequests, in a way that will fittingly commemorate the impact such generosity will have on talented young people of the future.

— Dean Dexter

General Society Plans 'Junior' Plymouth Tour



The Plymouth Rock canopy undergoing repairs in downtown Plymouth, Massachusetts, September, 2008, as seen from Coles Hill, first burial site of the Pilgrims.

The General Society is planning a sight-seeing tour of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and surrounding areas in June, 2010 for Junior members, ages 15 – 25. Parents are, of course, also welcome.

Gather in "America's hometown" to see historical sites and get to know junior members from other states!

The tour will be held only if enough junior members wish to participate

Details and a registration form will be published in the spring *Mayflower Quarterly* if a minimum of 20 members sign up. Please let planners know right away whether you plan to attend at: dayquacks@aol.com or debgeorgantis@yahoo.com – Deb Yingst, Junior Member Committee Tour Chair.

Great Prizes for Junior Member Essay Contest!

Winners get their choice of a \$30 I-Tune Music Card, or a \$30 Dollar Gift Card at Barnes & Noble or Borders!

The contest is simple. There are two categories: For Grades Nine through 12, write a 350 word essay in answer to the following question, "What is the Mayflower Compact, what role did it play in history, and why is it important?"

For Grades Five through Eight, write a 250 word essay in answer to this question: "Would you have liked to come

Turned Down With a Flick of the Wrist

During the era of our proper Pilgrim ancestors, young people were strictly chaperoned while relating with the opposite sex, their conduct scrutinized by parents, neighbors, and often the whole community. What we now call "dating" could be quite complicated, since people did not casually date as they do today. They in fact "courted," that is, such interaction was all about the intention of marriage.



Anyway, in those days a young swain would often use what was called a "courting mirror." When visiting a lass, while the chaperones sat by the fire close by, he would place the small mirror face up on the table in front of her as they shared herb tea and honey, or perhaps some hot cider.

If she was interested in the young man, she would let it stay as is. If not interested, she would turn the mirror over, thus is the genesis of the phrase, to be "turned down." Ouch. — DD

Priscilla, The Courtship of Myles Standish, a painting by Laslett John Pott, 1885

to the New World on the *Mayflower*? If so, why? If not, why? Deadline for submission of your essay is November 9, 2009,

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A Turkey Dish (Only?) Your Ancestors Would Love

Whether you serve your Thanksgiving turkey the way your good old grandma did, slow-roasted in the oven, or deep-fried in peanut oil outdoors to a golden, crispy brown, a big favorite today, we bet few cook it like our *Mayflower* ancestors did — stewed! Here's a 1620-era recipe adapted for our day. This is actually a great dish, but maybe not for Thanksgiving Day, lest your unsuspecting holiday guests accuse you of going too far with this stuff!

Take a 10-12 cut into 10 yourself a big your outside member, use peanut oil!



ancestry
pound bird, pieces. Get pot. If using cooker, re-water, not

Ingredients: the turkey, including the big juicy neck; 2 tbsp sea or kosher salt; 3 large sliced onions; tied bundle of fresh herbs (such as sage, thyme, parsley, marjoram, sweet basil), or two tbsp of the dried herbs; 1/3 cup red wine vinegar or cider vinegar; 1 stick salted butter; 2 tbsp sugar; one tsp black pepper corns; 1/4 tsp ground cloves.

Preparation: Rinse turkey, place in pot, cover with cold water and add the salt. Cover pot and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce temperature to keep the broth at a slow simmer. Occasionally skim away any froth that appears. After an hour, remove the turkey, set aside to cool.

Raise the heat until the broth comes to a full boil. Continue to boil uncovered, until reduced by half. When the broth is reduced, add the sliced onions, herbs, vinegar, butter, sugar, peppercorns, and cloves. Simmer for about 20 minutes, until the onions are soft. While the broth is simmering, cut the cooled turkey into generous pieces. The neck is for the chef (or the cat)!

Cut thick (one inch) slices of home-made bread (or fresh from the bakery), toast and fry to a golden brown.

Before serving, taste the broth and adjust the seasoning. Place the meat into the broth and "let it take a walme or two," that is, let it simmer gently for a couple minutes. Pour the turkey and sauce into a serving bowl. Pass the "sippets" (toasted bread slices) to serve as a base for the turkey and to sop up the sauce. Serve with a glass of wine or, better, a cold beer like old Cousin William Brewster would have done, and enjoy!

In Memoriam

We regret to announce the following members have passed away since publication of the last Shallop:

Dorothy Florence (Rathbun) Schumann of Charlestown (State No. 674), April 10, 2009. *Ann Louise (Hiltwein) Moulton* of Alton (State No. 757), June 16, 2009. *Maxwell Edward Hunt* of Loudon (State No. 1054), August 27, 2008. *Frances Stearns Kennett* of Silver Lake, February 22, 2009 (State No. 211), honored as a 50-year member in 2006. *Natalie Cappuccio Cafarelli* of Clinton, MA, (State No. 285), March 14, 2009.

Jane Harris Lamy of Manchester, NH (State No. 914), July 14, 2009.

Join us for our Fall 2009 Compact Day Luncheon Red Blazer, Manchester Street, Concord, off I-93 Exit 11 Saturday, November 7, 2009 11:00 a.m.

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We Welcome New Members To Our Ranks

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to fellowship in the New Hampshire Society:

Katelyn Marie Klefos of The Woodlands, TX, from junior to adult member, February 27, 2009, Stephen Hopkins, State No. 1173. Katelyn is a 2008 Society scholarship winner.

Alan James, Glendale, AZ, April 15, 2009, Isaac Allerton, State No 1174.

Monica Tivey, Manchester, NH, April 15, 2009, Myles Standish, State No. 1175. Monica was a 2008 Society scholarship winner.

Donald S. Hall, Moultonborough, NH April 15, 2009, William Brewster, State No. 1176.

Robert S. Coy, Richmond, NH, May 12, 2009, John Howland, State No. 1177.

Carlyn Mehaffy-Coy, Richmond, NH, April 23, 2009, John Howland, State No. 1178. Carlyn was the third 2008 Society Scholarship winner, to join as an adult member this year.

Clarence E. Tenney, Swanzey, NH, April 26, 2009, John Alden, State No. 1179.

Judith L. White, Keene, NH, July 6, 2009, Isaac Allerton, State No. 1180.

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