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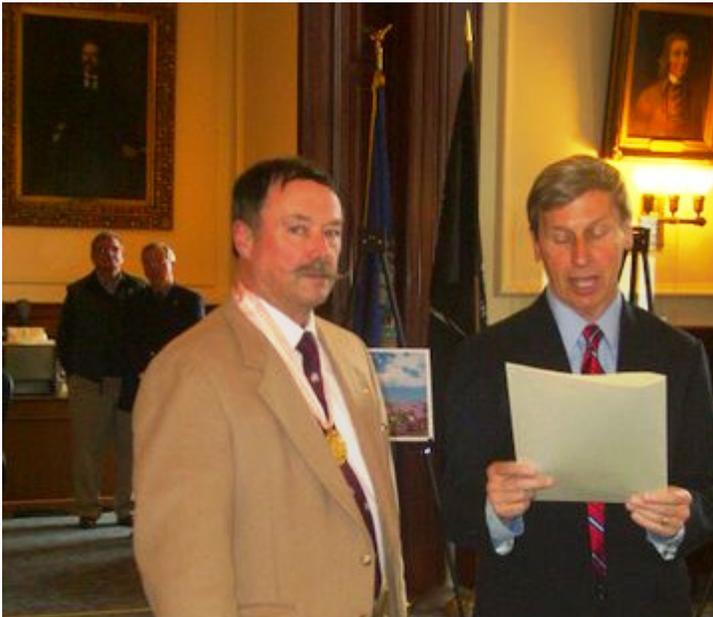
"Ye sshallop being got ready they Set out againe. . ." —Bradford's History

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Spring 2007

Compact Day Proclamation Signed



Society Governor Walworth Johnson, Jr., left, at the State House Executive Chambers as N.H. Governor John Lynch reads a proclamation commemorating Compact Day, November 2006.

Memo From the Governor :

Remember Our Scholarship Fund!

Dear Mayflower Cousins:

This is the 50th Anniversary of the arrival of Mayflower II in Plymouth. This along with the Pilgrim Hall and Museum modernization will make it a good time to revisit and see what has transpired since last there. So find the old walking shoes and go enjoy some of your "Heritage." Please review the *Mayflower Quarterly*, December 2006 issue, and see what is going on at the Plimoth Plantation, and around the town of Plymouth.

We are very pleased with your response to our ongoing Scholarship Fund campaign. It is not too late to send along your donation with your meeting reservation. Or better yet, take advantage of our \$100 donation option and receive two luncheon tickets on us.

Remember to tell your friends about the Mayflower Society. See if

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Dr. Peter Wallner, Biographer of Franklin Pierce, to speak at Spring Meeting May, 19th



Dr. Peter A. Wallner, author of a new two-volume biography of New Hampshire's only president, Franklin Pierce, will be our guest speaker at the Spring meeting, May 19th, at the Concord Holiday Inn. Dr. Wallner, who earned his Ph.D. in U.S. History at

Penn State, moved to New Hampshire several years ago to expressly research and write the Pierce biography.

Franklin Pierce New Hampshire's Favorite Son, was published in 2004 and deals with Pierce's birth in Hillsborough to his election to the presidency in 1852. The second volume is due in June, and will deal with Pierce's presidential years and later retirement to New Hampshire.

Dr. Wallner, who for thirty years taught history and served as a school administrator in Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, is a resident of Manchester and has recently been appointed director of the New Hampshire Historical Society's library.

Here is my review of Dr. Wallner's first volume, as it appears on Amazon.Com and NHCommentary.Com:

Book Review

This is the story about a handsome, gifted son of a colorful Revolutionary War veteran
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Bring a Guest for the Special Program, May 19th!

Scenes from the November 2006 Compact Day Luncheon



Photos by the Editor

A Welcome to New Members

We are delighted to welcome and publish the names of the following new members, accepted since the Spring 2006 edition of *The Shallop*:

Dwight Delon Brown, William White, Spofford, NH; **Diana Pollard Connell**, James Chilton, Hampton, NH.

Henry Cushman, John Howland; **Jonathan Stevens Cushman**, John Howland; **Steven Sherwood Cushman**, John Howland, all of Killington, VT.

Doris Fogelman, Stephen Hopkins, Hollis, NH; **Carol Ann Lakin Gagnon**, Edward Doty, Cumberland, ME; **Mary Josephine Roberts Goodrich**, Isaac Allerton, Alton, NH.

Joan Lee Hannah, Francis Cooke, Sugar Hill, NH; **Holly Stevens Horner**, Thomas Rogers, Amherst, NH; **Howard Jed Irish**, James Chilton, Richmond, VT.

Marcia Loring Huntley Maloney, Richard More, Tustin, CA; **Dawn Thomas Roy**, John Howland, Swansey, NH.

Leslie Anne Sheedy, Myles Standish, Pittsfield, NH; **Patti Jean Vespa**, Stephen Hopkins, Laconia, NH.



Board Member Profile:

Corresponding Secretary Jo-Anne Cobban



Jo-Anne Cobban

Corresponding Secretary Jo-Anne Cobban of Mayflower, Drive, Keene, N.H. has been a member of the New Hampshire society since August, 1990. She says her interest in her roots developed as a child when she would ask her parents and grandparents about their ancestors. Later in life, as she researched her husband's genealogy, she developed an interest in her own, and was surprised at what she found. Presently she has uncovered 12 Mayflower ancestors. She joined under Edward Doty, and has supplemental certificates for Samuel Fuller and William Brewster. She has also served as society treasurer for two terms. Jo-Anne is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ashuelot Chapter Auxiliary to Union Veterans of the Civil War, and several historical societies.

Fall Program: Life in the 1620's



Museum trained historical educators, George Chapman and Vickie Fisher of Fitzwilliam, N.H. presented the Fall 2006 Compact Day program at the Concord Holiday Inn in November. Mr. Chapman's credits include portraying Pilgrim John Billington for four years at Plimoth Plantation. The couple offered a picture of life in the Pilgrim colony of the 1620's, which included a visual presentation and dialogue in the period vernacular.

Quiz Question

What was the name of the Indian who spoke the English language who welcomed the Pilgrims?

Email your answer to editor@nhmayflower.org. Answer in next issue.

Previous Issue's Quiz Question:

What was the name of the second ship sailing with the Mayflower, but had to turn back, and why?

Answer: The Speedwell. It was forced to return due to leaking caused by over-masting. — A thank-you to Al Moulton (alan.moulton@comcast.net) Email recvd: 10.6.06

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New Software and the Internet Can Enhance Your Search for Mayflower Ancestors

By Past Governor Edward Fuller Holden

The first cardinal rule of genealogical research is to start with the present and work backwards chronologically. Hopefully, therefore, you will be able to "pick the brains" of parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. Search for birth, death, marriage and baptismal certificates and other church records. Obtain obituaries. Look for family members' diaries and photo albums.



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you can spark their interest. Get them to visit our web site for a membership application.

One more word about the scholarship. Please consider a generous gift to the fund today, while it's on your mind. All one thousand dollar donors have their names engraved on the Memorial Scholarship plaque, displayed at each meeting. Other donors will be noted in the *Shallop* newsletter. Please write a check today and mail with the coupon below.

All scholarship information is available at our website, including application materials. Remember, all applications must be in no later than March 31, each year. Winners will be introduced at our Spring meeting on May 19th, at the Concord Holiday Inn.

Lastly, we need to fill vacant positions on your Board of Assistants. Would you please step forward and offer to fill the shoes of Elder and Surgeon positions, which remain open. Drop me a note or see me in May at the meeting.

Sincerely,


Governor

When you have exhausted all of these possibilities available from kinfolk sources, extend your search to public resources. For instance wills, and sometimes deeds, can provide very valuable information about family relationships.

Within recent years, Ancestry, a resource available on the internet, has provided the ancestor hunter with almost unbelievable advances in the field of genealogical research by making many computer programs available to the family historian. Members of the public have access to the Library edition of Ancestry, available, courtesy of Bill Gates. This resource is in a large number of public libraries in New Hampshire, as well as the State Library in Concord.

Probably the most frequently used and highly valuable program in this extraordinary array of resources is the availability of all the existing census records of the United States from 1790-1930. The census of 1850 was the first enumeration in which all family members were listed, along with their relationships to the household head, including each person's age in that year, and the state in which he or she was born. Thus by checking family members from the 1930 census back to the 1850 census, it is frequently possible to find ancestors who were born prior to 1800.

Gaps in a lineage may occur for any span of years, but in a search for Mayflower ancestry, gaps are very likely to appear between the middle 1700's and the early 1800's. The most easily available and accurate information in searching for Mayflower ancestors living prior to about 1750 is the 23-volume set of "Silver Books," and the 17 soft cover "In Progress Booklets" published by the Mayflower society. These thoroughly documented resources have been painstakingly indexed. Thus for example, if you traced your ancestry back to Zacheus Barnes, born in Plymouth on April 8, 1743, a search through the indexes of the Silver Books

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I wish to contribute to the N.H. Mayflower Society Memorial Scholarship Fund

___ Enclosed is a \$1000 donation. My name (or the person I am honoring, or both) should appear on the Scholarship Plaque as follows: _____

___ Enclosed is my contribution of _____ in support of the current scholarship appeal.

Name _____ Address _____

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

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New Hampshire Historical Society



President Franklin Pierce

and governor, who seemingly with little effort became Speaker of the N.H. House at age 27, then a congressman, senator, general in the Mexican War, was among the most celebrated lawyers in his home state, turned down a presidential appointment to be U.S. attorney general, only to later become President himself. All this by age 48.

With such a life, of course, came much suffering. Wouldn't you know it. With the talent and success, there was a flow of self doubt, inner torment, struggles with faith and the bottle, a difficult marriage, and huge personal grief. With the eloquence, brilliant mind and good looks was also stubbornness and political vindictiveness. It's a familiar story that always fascinates. Bright boy from a powerful, connected family makes it big, really big, but it all ends sadly.

This story about Franklin Pierce is wonderfully and freshly told by author Peter A. Wallner, whose college mentor was the biographer of another president of the same era, Philip Shriver Klein (*President James Buchanan: A Biography*, Penn State Press, 1962; reprinted: American Political Biography Press, 1995). Drawing on documents unavailable to previous biographers, Wallner's *Franklin Pierce, New Hampshire's Favorite Son* is actually the first of a two volume project, covering the years from birth, to the election of 1852, to just before entering the White House. The second volume, dealing with the presidential years, is due for publication in June of 2007. If it's like the first, the set will be an important new look at an easily passed over, but critical period.

Let's face it. As presidents go, Franklin Pierce has not had a huge following since his one-term administration ended in 1857 (he was not renominated by his own party). Our 14th president along with the seven others between Jackson and Lincoln, rest in a kind of historical blur amid the years leading to the Civil War. Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan...not much there to inspire generations of school children, or historians for that matter (possibly excepting Polk). That's why it's so interesting, even surprising to see such a high quality, readable work about one of these to emerge. More proof that anyone capable of getting elected to the White House must certainly have a great story, if only it can be told

Proposed Changes to Society By-laws to be Voted at November 2007 Annual Meeting

It is moved to hereby amend language in the society's By-Laws to reflect gender neutrality (i.e., in all places where language refers to "he," this word shall be replaced with "he or she") and to correct errors of a purely typographical nature. It is further moved to hereby amend the following Articles as indicated (underlined words denote amended language):

(Found on Page 5) Amend Article IV Meetings, Section 1, Insert an additional sentence at the end of the paragraph to read: Publication and mailing of such meeting notice as annotated in the foregoing in the Society's newsletter, or posted on the Society's website, shall constitute an official Call of Meeting and satisfy any requirement of legal notice as directed by these By-Laws, if circulated or posted at least two weeks in advance.

(Found on Page 6) Amend Article V, Section 2 amend the first and following sentences to read: and Deputy Governor General of the General Society. Vacancies in such offices shall be filled as necessary by vote of the Board of Assistants, as described in Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph 3. Thereafter, the Recording Secretary or Corresponding Secretary shall certify to the Secretary-General the names of the candidates chosen or of vacancies filled.

(Found on Page 6) Amend Article V Officers and their Election, Section 3, Paragraph 2 to read: The offices of Governor or Deputy Governor of the Society shall not be eligible to succeed themselves for a three-year term, unless either has served less than one-half of an existing three-year term. The terms of this Paragraph may be waived upon recommendation of the nominating committee and ratified by a majority of those present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board of Assistants.

(Found on Page 7) Amend Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 4 replace the second sentence to read: He or she shall as a member of the Membership Committee assist with the record keeping of the membership and the mailing of society material as directed and approved by the Board of Assistants.

Amend Article V, Section 5, Paragraph 6, beginning at second sentence to read: The Historian shall be a member of the Membership Committee; in its behalf he or she shall receive the preliminary applications for admission to the Society, and shall process them in such manner as dictated by rules established by the General Society. She or he shall examine the lineage papers and any necessary supporting documents that have been submitted by applicants for membership and, if found satisfactory, shall have them put in the form for submission to the Historian General for approval in the name of the General Society. When the process is completed, the Historian will notify the newly elected member of his or her election, notify and forward information to members of the committee or its designee/s for distribution of material prepared by the Society. The Historian shall conform to the procedural rules that the Membership Committee shall have established, subject to the approval of the Board of Assistants and conformably to the regulations of the General Society.

All other language remains without amendment, subject to gender/typographic correction.

well enough to appeal to an audience outside of academia. In this, Peter Wallner has truly delivered, and in doing so has given all who love American history, especially those interested in the Antebellum Period, a great gift indeed.

Franklin Pierce, New Hampshire's Favorite Son, by Peter A. Wallner, Plaidswede Publishing, 2004, P.O. Box 269, Concord, New Hampshire 03302, 321 pages including notes, bibliography, index. — Dean Dexter

Remembering Plimoth, Welcome New Juniors!



Elizabeth Helen Dexter
Junior Editor

Hey there cousins, we've got some new junior members to welcome, according to Mrs. Anne Vadakin, our new junior chairperson! It's great to see young people join the Mayflower society. I remember when I was very young, my parents would take me and my brother and sister to Plimoth Plantation. I always loved going on board the *Mayflower II*. I couldn't imagine crossing the ocean living in such a tiny ship. What a mess when they got sea-sick!

But what I always looked forward to on these trips to Plymouth was when we got a room at a local hotel where our parents let us swim in the pool all evening, then having Chinese take-out in our hotel room!

After spending the day among the re-enactors and seeing the food the Pilgrim's ate, and the huts they lived in with those smoky fire-places, I'd feel so lucky to be in a nice modern hotel with all the comforts — including cable and movies on demand! Our ancestors really paid a great price for what they believed in.

Anyway, let's welcome the following new junior members who joined since publication of our 75th Anniversary Roster:

Megan Dillon and Kathryn Dillon (Brewster); Ryan Rockett (Brewster); Kayla Schmitz (Rogers); Peter Smith, Jr., Margaret Fair, Ella Truesdale, Augusta Truesdale, Charles Truesdale, Alden Truesdale (Alden); Michaela George (S. Fuller); Kate-Lynn George (Brewster); Megan Lighthall, Jennifer Lighthall (Soule); Laura Pellerin (Hopkins); Monica Tivey (Standish).

Do you have cousins who haven't joined yet? Request an application online or from Mrs. Anne Vadakin, POB 1620, Portsmouth, NH 03802 and sign them up!

We share a great heritage, let's keep it alive in our generation!

-Lyzzy



Many Children made the Mayflower Voyage

Here is a list of children who were passengers on the *Mayflower*:

Allerton family: Bartholomew, age 8-10: Remember, age 6-8; Mary, age 4 and a baby who died on the *Mayflower*. The Allerton's young servant boy, John Hooke, also died the first winter.

Billington family: John, Jr. age 14-16; and Francis, age 11-14.

Brewster family: Love, age 9 and Wrestling, age 6.

Carver family: A servant girl whose name is not known, age 18; William Latham, age 12-15; Desire Minter, age 18 and Jasper More came with the Carver family. Jasper died the first winter.

Chilton family: Mary age 15.

Cooke family: John, age 10-15.

Crackson family: John, age 10-15.

Eaton family: Samuel, age 6 months to 1 year.

Edward Fuller family: Samuel II, age 4-8.

Hopkins family: Constance, age 15; Giles, age 13; Damaris, age 3 and Oceanus, who was born on the *Mayflower* at sea, but died the first winter.

Martin family: Solomon Prower, stepson.

More Children: Placed with the Winslow family: Richard More, age 6-14; his sister Ellen More and an unnamed brother, both died the first winter. Their brother Jasper was placed with the Carver family (above).

Mullins family: Priscilla, age 18 (of the famous Hawthorne story); and her brother Joseph, age 6 who died the first winter.

Rogers family: Joseph, age 14-15.

John Tilley family: Elizabeth, age 13-15; cousins Humility Cooper, age 8-14, and Henry Simpson, age 6.

Tinker family: a son, name and age unknown, who died the first winter.

Turner family: three children, name and age unknown, died the first winter.

White family: Resolved, age 5 and Peregrine, born on the *Mayflower* at Cape Cod.

Ages are approximate, estimated from numerous sources and The Truth About the Pilgrims by Francis R. Stoddard, published by Clearfield Co., 1997.



Join us for our Spring 2007 Luncheon
Holiday Inn, Main Street, Concord, a block from the State House
Saturday, May 19, 2007 11:00 a.m.

Member: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Name of Guest/s: _____

Dinner Choice*

Number of **Stuffed Chicken Breast**: ____ Number of **Steak Tips Stroganoff**: ____

*Includes soup du jour, potato and vegetable, pound cake with seasonal fruit for dessert

Number of meals at \$19.95 each: ____ Number of Junior meals at: \$12.00 each ____

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

Total amount enclosed: \$ ____

Please make checks payable to: **N.H. Mayflower Society, c/o Robert F. Small, treasurer**
89 West Road, Londonderry, N.H. 03053

The Treasurer must receive your reservation by May 1st!

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reveal that Zacheus Barnes was descended from Pilgrim Richard Warren. .

Some resources available to close lineage gaps include both public and private libraries, genealogical societies, internet programs, professional genealogical researchers, indexes, collections of vital records, and family histories. Hopefully it will be possible in a future issue to explain such resources in detail.

Edward Fuller Holden served as governor of the N.H. Mayflower Society from 1990-1993, and is currently staff genealogist for the N.H. State Library. He is a past editor of The Shallop.

Letter to the Editor

Remembering a Long-time Board member

Edith Gaudes of Manchester, a Life Member, New Hampshire Society No. 293 and General Society No. 27622, died February 15, 2007 in Manchester at the age of 88. She was a longtime board member of our society. She was the last surviving child of the founder of Blake's Creamery and the Manchester restaurant in which we held board meetings during my administration.

— Ed Holden

In Memoriam

We remember the following society members who have passed away since publication of the Fall 2006 *Shallop*:



Miriam Johnson Carreker of White River Jct. Vermont, a descendant of John Alden, elected to the society in 1988. Died 8/10/2006. Curtis Scott Leonard, Jr. of Makawao, Hawaii, John Alden, elected 1978. Died 9/17/2005. George Martin Parmenter of Brooksville, Florida, William Bradford, elected 1982. Died 10/25/2006. Richard Gordon Smith of Intervale, NH, John Howland, elected 1980. Died 5/5/2006. Edward Nelson Wright, Sr. of Portsmouth, NH, elected 1982. Died 8/14/2006. Edith Gaudes of Manchester, Edward Fuller, elected 1963. Died 2/15/2007.



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Keene, N.H. 03431-2422

Join us on the Web at <http://nhmayflower.org>

We're Looking for a few good People!

Your New Hampshire Mayflower Society is looking for members who would like to get involved. We need people interested in helping with junior membership, publication of the *Shallop*, fundraising and the scholarship committee. We also have two vacant officer positions (elder and surgeon.). If interested, please contact Governor Johnson or any other officer (email addresses are available on our website at www.nhmayflower.org).



Remember: Donate \$100 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund and dinner for two at the May 19th meeting is on us!

Copies of By-Law Amendments Available

Amendments to the Society by-laws on Page 7 appear in a smaller typeface due to space considerations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause readers. Copies in a larger typeface will be available at the Spring meeting, by accessing our website, or upon request by writing the Corresponding Secretary. – *Editor.*

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