



The Shallop

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

Walkers Honored for Service



Ken and Polly Walker of Dover were honored at the Fall 2007 Luncheon for their many years of service to the Society. Both joined in 1991. A year later, Polly was elected to the Board, where she has served until her recent retirement. Always Ken was by her side assisting, and serving also with the gift table. Polly was also recognized for her leadership of the Nominating Committee for the 2005 slate of officers, which brought a number of new faces into leadership. Offering remarks and making a presentation was Corresponding Secretary Jo-Anne Cobban.

State Curator Russell Bastedo is May 17th Luncheon Speaker

New Hampshire State Curator Russell Bastedo will be the featured speaker at the society's spring luncheon on May 17th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Concord Holiday Inn. This event follows the workshop, and is open to the public (pre-registration required).

Mr. Bastedo received his BA degree from The Colorado College in 1962 and worked in international business for several years before turning to Museum Studies, receiving his MA degree from the University of Delaware in 1972. He has served as director and curator of Kenmor, the historic home of George Washington's sister Betty and her husband Fielding Lewis, in Fredericksburg, VA, and held the same position with what is now the Brooklyn (NY) Historical Society. Mr. Bastedo also worked on publicity related to the 1976 national bicentennial as a member of a group representing major historic attractions in the Richmond, VA/DC area.

He will discuss his work as curator of the many historical artifacts in the state's possession, a post he's held since 1997.

Genealogy Workshop Scheduled for May 17th Spring Meeting To Assist Proving Lineage to a *Mayflower* Passenger; Bring a Guest!

The New Hampshire Mayflower Society is sponsoring a genealogy workshop, to assist those seeking proof of lineage to a *Mayflower* passenger. The workshop will be held beginning at 10 a.m., one hour before the annual spring luncheon and business meeting, scheduled for May 17th at the Concord (N.H.) Holiday Inn. This will be an "Open Meeting," which means non-members of the N.H. Society will be welcome to attend the luncheon.

Society historians will be available to review paperwork and assist anyone with questions concerning *Mayflower* related ancestry, or who want help in making application to the New Hampshire society.

Pre-registration for the workshop is required, the costs of which is \$19.95, which includes the cost of the meal. Non-members may register by filling out the form on page seven using the special workshop registration line, and mailing it with payment and meal choice to Society Treasurer Robert F. Small at 89 West Road, Londonderry, N.H. 03053 by May 12. For further information, please email society historians at Historian@nhmayflower.org.

Old Family Letters Tell of 1915 Voyage to America

By Heather Rojo, N.H. Society Captain

Although I have many ancestors who came from England on the *Mayflower* or with the Winthrop Fleet, I also have ancestors who came to Massachusetts via Ellis Island in 1915. My grandmother, Bertha Louise Roberts, was just 19 when she traveled to America from Leeds, Yorkshire with her parents and older brother. Her parents were John Peter Bowden Roberts and wife, Emma Frances Warren.

John Roberts was a stationary engineer at a brewery in the gritty mill city of Leeds. His younger brother had removed to Beverly, Massachusetts sometime in the early 1890s. John's eldest daughter, Hilda, had married and also removed to Beverly in 1911. Her letters home described Beverly as a lovely seaside town, so they decided to sell everything they owned and join her there.

When I was growing up my grandmother Bertha was able to tell us quite a bit about her voyage. She remembered having her first romance while on board, with a young man who unfortunately traveled on to settle in Seattle. She remembered the music the band played, and the clothes she wore with vivid detail. As a child I could almost picture her on the trip.

One detail I loved to hear was about their trip from the train station in Liverpool to the dock that held their ship, the *Orduna*. It had been only about two months since the *Lusitania* had been sunk in the Irish Sea, and only a few years since the sinking of the *Titanic*. Everyone they met in Liverpool told them not to board the ship. People were lined up on the sidewalks begging them not to sail. It must have taken all their courage to climb the gangplank.

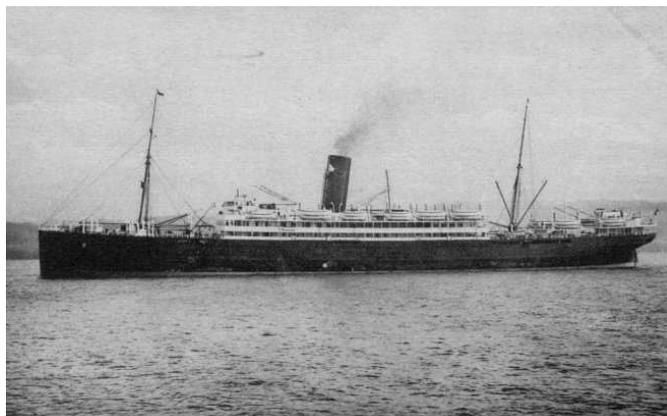
I recently found that my great-grandfather had written a journal during the voyage, now in the possession of my cousin in Maine. Written by an engineer, the journal describes his voyage in quite unimaginative language. Unfortunately, it does not contain all the colorful details my grandmother related, but it is interesting nonetheless (especially the spelling!).

"My First Sea Voyage"

Commencing from Leeds on August 7th, 1915

After taking leave of our friends for Liverpool when we boarded the S.S. *Orduna* for U.S.A. Setting our course by the North of Ireland to escape the submarines. Started out of dock 6 p.m. we was in the danger zone until late on Sunday 8th.

Sunday 8th -- After having a good nights rest we went on deck and had a good look around. We have just finished the 1st Lifeboat drill everyone on board had one and the signal blown we was informed that



The S.S. Orduna, built by Harland and Wolff, Belfast 1914, was a vessel of 15,507 tons, and was originally to be christened Ormeda, but this was changed before launching. In 1914 she was chartered to the Cunard Line. In 1918 she sank a German submarine with gunfire. She was transferred to the Royal Mail Line in 1921 for use on their Hamburg/Southampton/New York run. In 1941, she was requisitioned as a troop transport ship, and continued in that role until 1950. She was scrapped at Dalmuir that year. Caption and photo source: http://www.shawsavillships.co.uk/orduna_1.htm

would be the signal each passenger had a ticket given with the number of lifeboat not a very pleasant thing to sleep against our lifebelts however we was told we was out of the danger zone.

2nd day -- 217 miles

Mon 3rd day -- Rather rough this morning a heavy swell but the morning is fine. The boat rocks as she is lightly loaded (water ballast) there is a good deal of sea-sickness today. 336 miles

Tues 10th -- 5-30 I am on deck there is a great sea this morning spent some time walking just finding my sea legs went down to breakfast but was soon back on deck the sun is shining beautiful and the sea is calm and all kinds of sports are taking place later on in the

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Treasurer donates sum over several years**Bob Small Puts Money Where His Spreadsheet Is; Gives \$1000 for Scholarships**

Treasurer Bob Small of Londonderry delivering his financial report to the Society membership at the Fall 2007 meeting.

Londonderry businessman Bob Small, serving his first term as society treasurer, has completed a series of personal donations over several years to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, culminating in a total of one thousand dollars in March 2008. His name has therefore been engraved on the scholarship plaque, joining other thousand dollar donors, ready for display at the May 17th meeting.

Small, who is the first person to join the "Thousand Dollar Club" in such a manner, says no donation, however modest or large, is overlooked. He reminds members that he keeps records of every gift on an Excel spreadsheet to insure that individual donors are properly recognized, either with their names published in the *Shallop*, or added to the plaque.

Members who take advantage of the meal program by paying the one hundred dollars at society luncheons, also receive accrued credit, once the food cost is deducted. Small also says all donations to the society are tax deductible, and IRS receipts are available from him upon request.

From the Governor's Desk

Dear Cousins,

I am heading into the fall of my Governor's term of three years. Your Board has done a lot to keep your Society on track: Great web site, award winning *Shallop*, and a vigorous scholarship program.

But, the most important part is what you can do: Membership. We all should be encouraging those who think they have a Mayflower ancestor on their family tree to apply.

But the easiest and most direct way is for you to make Life Junior Members out of your grand children. So ask any member of the board how to do it and we will see that it is done.

It's that easy!

**General Society Congress
September 7, 8, and 9**

This year's general society Triennial Congress will be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts September 7, 8, and 9.

This is the legislative body of the General Society, made up of delegates from each state society. This is a great opportunity to participate in our national organization's governing process, and to also visit historical sites around Plymouth, and of course to meet many Mayflower "cousins" from across the country.

New Hampshire is allowed nine delegates, based on the society's membership. The delegation is lead by the state's Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG). Presently there are five open slots in the state delegation. Anyone interested in attending may contact Governor Johnson (DGG) or any board member.

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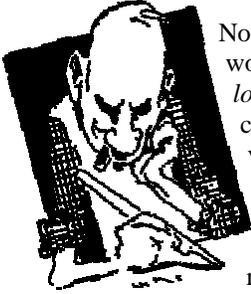
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From the Editor's Desk...

***Extra! Read All About It!
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and In Color!***



Now that the digital age is upon us, we would like to announce that the *Shallop* is now available to anyone with a computer and access to the internet via email. Instead of receiving your issue each spring and fall through the U.S. Mail in all its drab, black and white glory, you may now receive your issue in full color, hot of the digital press, as it were, in a PDF format, readable on virtually all computer systems.

Of course, the *Shallop* has been available since 2004 on our website at <http://nhmayflower.org>, many also in color. As you can see, we are pleased with our digital color editions, and would that everyone could appreciate how photogenic and handsome our members and guests look at our annual meetings and other activities, thanks to this new technology. Already many editors at sister state societies throughout the country receive the *Shallop* this way over the internet, and we receive many of theirs in return, in a modern continuation of what has been a long tradition of exchanging printed Mayflower society newsletters.

Some say this online delivery of publications and newsletters like the *Shallop* will replace the printed copies, and this truly might happen years down the road. However, don't despair if you find computers and all this web stuff inconvenient, incomprehensible, or just plain annoying. We are still printing the *Shallop* the old fashioned way, and they'll be delivered as always by your friendly neighborhood mailman (or should we say "mailperson?"), if you choose.

Still, if you can, we recommend the email edition. It's a handsome product indeed, and besides, it saves dollars on postage, which means we'll have more funds available for our scholarship program.

So, if you want the email edition *instead* of the printed copy, please email your request to the *Shallop* editor's email box at Editor@nhmayflower.org. Please put the word "Mayflower" in the subject-line to ensure your message is not deleted in error as junk email or "spam."

Here's to beautiful, digital color, and an end (someday) to stamp-licking and bulk runs to the post office. Ah, if only Governor Bradford with his quill pen could have seen down the line what 388 years would bring to his blood kin, online!

— The Editor



Governor Walworth Johnson, Jr. greets newly elected Board of Assistants members Carol Gagnon of Cumberland, Maine, and John Payzant of New Castle, N.H. Both will serve a three year term, expiring in 2010.

Would You Like to Help?

Officer and committee positions are available for the next three year term, (2008-2011). We are looking for people to serve on the Board of Assistants, and the following committees: Education, Scholarship and Publicity. We also need a Mailing Coordinator for the *Shallop*, a junior editor, as well as the officer positions of Elder and Surgeon and Co-Historian. Please contact the Corresponding Secretary for more information.

Long-Time Members Recognized

This spring, we honor 11 Society members of long standing. Ten have reached the 45 year mark, and one is a 46 year veteran. We extend congratulations for your years of membership and service to the New Hampshire Mayflower Society. Following their names are their state numbers, and dates of election:

Lucile F. Withington, Surprise, AZ (No. 274) - 5/23/1962 - 46 Years; **Alice M. Cappuccio**, Lancaster, MA (No. 283) - 2/26/1963 - 45 Years; **Natalie M. Cafarelli**, Clinton, MA (No. 285) - 2/26/1963 - 45 Years; **Rosamond R. Shepard**, New Braunfels, TX (No. 287) -- 06/29/1963 - 45 Years; **Elizabeth B. Walk**, Hanover, NH (No. 292) - 10/15/1963 - 45 Years; **Gordon W. MacIntosh, Jr.**, Woodstock, NH (No. 344) 1/1/1963 45 Years; **Ruth B. Van Dine**, Warwick, RI (No. 345) - 11/1/1963 - 45 Years; **David N. Prugh**, Sayre, PA (No. 346) - 11/1/1963 - 45 Years; **Kenneth C. Prugh**, Fresno, CA (No. 347) - 11/1/1963 - 45 Years; **Duane E. Prugh, Jr.**, Andover, MA (No. 348) - 11/1/1963 - 45 Years; **William A. Burns**, Manchester, NH (No. 294) - 12/20/1963 - 45 Years.

Historical Society President Discusses Impact of the American Revolution on His Ancestor and Rural New Hampshire

New Hampshire Historical Society President John Robinson was the guest speaker at the Fall 2007 Compact Day luncheon, held at the Concord Holiday Inn on November 3. Robinson used the example of his own ancestor, a Revolutionary soldier also named John Robinson, to convey a picture of life in central New Hampshire, and of the social and cultural forces at work in the region preceding, during, and after the War for Independence. Robinson, a retired Dean of Graduate Studies at Boston's Simmons College, now lives at the family homestead in Meredith, founded by his Revolutionary forebear, which has been in the family, uninterrupted since the 1790s.



Governors also encouraged the sense of a martial self-sufficiency among the citizenry.

Thus, well accustomed to ongoing warfare of one kind or another for nearly 200 years, Robinson's ancestor was likely not aware – along with everyone else – of the high significance of the cause he was joining when he enlisted as a drummer boy in Washington's army under General John Sullivan at Exeter in June of 1775, which was, of course a full year before the Declaration of Independence. Then, no one really knew what was at stake except that the British army was occupying Boston, and this was ominous. The ancestral Robinson was sixteen, and to him, this was probably just another call to meet a common threat, something young men of his age had been doing for generations.

Robinson suggested life in New Hampshire at the time of the Revolution had taken on a kind of "garrison mentality," due to the many conflicts with Indians people were exposed to as they settled in the wilderness, including the larger struggles of the era, such as the bloody King Philip's War, following the death of Massasoit, and the various Colonial Wars: King William's, Queen Anne's, and King George's, and the French and Indian War. While the Indians were one menace, certainly the British were another. Antagonism with British rule under New Hampshire's Royal



But of course, this was not just another conflict. In the end, the boy grew to manhood under arms, and was taken prisoner by the British twice during his more than six years of service, which included that famous winter at Valley Forge with Washington. Young Robinson also fought in the battles of Quebec, Hubbardton (VT), Monmouth (NJ), and Yorktown (VA). He was captured both at Quebec and Hubbardton, and in one case escaped, and in another, paroled.

After the war, young Robinson, a descendant of Mayflower passenger, Degory Priest, returned to Meredith to resume the difficult life of a farmer on the edge of what was still wilderness. He died in March of 1848, just shy of his 89th birthday, a military pensioner, a fact proudly noted on his headstone in a small graveyard on the Meredith homestead.

Robinson sees irony in the post-Revolutionary life for his ancestor, and his neighbors. Since his life differed little from that of his Colonial forebears, this "Revolution" for which he fought so long in the end had little practical effect on Robinson's personal life or fortune. As was the case for his Pilgrim ancestor, it would be left to future generations to assess and fully appreciate the role this soldier of the Revolution, and others like him, played in what turned out to be a truly great moment of history.

Dr. Robinson, whose father was a member of the Massachusetts Society, received his undergraduate degree in American Civilization from Brown University, and his Ph.D. in Education from Harvard. His wife Olga joined him as our guest at the luncheon. Dr. Robinson is submitting papers for membership in the New Hampshire Society, descending from Degory Priest. Dr. Robinson is pictured at left at the grave of his Revolutionary ancestor on his Meredith Farm.

You Know Your Daddy... But Who's Your Second Cousin Twice Removed?

If somebody walked up to you at a Mayflower society meeting someday, and said, "Hey there, I'm your third cousin, twice removed, give me a big fat hug!" Would you have any idea what they meant? Would you hug them? For some, a handshake would maybe suffice, but as to the relationship, this would have many people stumped.

We all know who our cousins are, they're the children of our aunts and uncles, but what's this third, fourth, twice, and even third removed business? Sounds far too convoluted, and something maybe only the society historian could understand.

Actually, it's quite simple once you realize it is really all about how you climb your family tree using the grandparents in any given generation as your guide.



For instance first cousins, that is the children of your aunts and uncles, share the same grandparents as you. Second c o u s i n s

share the same great-grandparents with you, but not the same grandparents.

Third cousins have the same great, great grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great, great, great grandparents, and so on.

When we use the word "removed," this indicates that two people are from different generations, and the number indicates how many generations.

You and your first cousins are in the same generation, that is, two generations younger than your grandparents, so you do not use "removed" in this case. But your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. That's because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents, and you're two generations younger. Got it? And so it goes. Twice removed means there is a two generation difference. For example, you are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins twice removed.

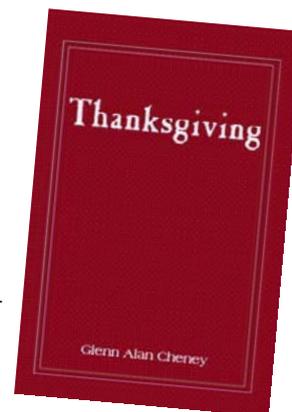
See, it's really simple, Now here's a challenge, figure out how many times you and some of your family members are removed from your *Mayflower* ancestor! — *Inspired by articles in the Tarheel Pilgrim, (N.C. Society), and Delaware Mayflower Lines, Spring 2007.*

Review

Another Book on the Pilgrims Is a Fresh, Good Read

If you are looking for a book that engagingly conveys the story of the Pilgrims in a neat well told chronology, Glenn Alan Cheney's *Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims' First Year in America* fits that bill perfectly.

Without pretension, Cheney's rendering of this familiar tale easily reveals the saga of a simple but determined, mostly godly people within the context of the unsteady European politics of the times, and the rampant religious intolerance and persecution from which they fled. It's all there, their struggles in Holland, the hair-raising journey by sea in a fetid, reeking ship, and the incredible difficulty they faced, including death, sickness, and misery, as they went about building a life for themselves in a harsh wilderness. Of course all this sacrifice ultimately paid off as this little settlement not only succeeded, but indeed laid the seeds for a new nation. And certainly not over-looked by any means in this account is the critical role played by area native Americans.



Cheney is a Hanover, Connecticut-based writer who has authored 21 books, but says he earns his living mostly "by writing articles about accounting and finance." *Thanksgiving*, he adds, "was inspired by a church sermon in which the pastor spoke about all the challenges and tragedies the Pilgrims faced. I hadn't known any of those facts, so I decided to do more research...It took me ten years to write the book because I'd keep going deeper and deeper into the research." Cheney has also taught creative writing at Fairfield University and Connecticut College.

Cheney presents the Pilgrims in a sometimes breezy narrative that often risks contemplating what might have been in the minds of these humble, sometimes naïve souls as they encountered challenges that to this day seem so extraordinary. No matter how often told, however, their story is an incomparable testimony to the truth that common people can do uncommon things, if given a mind to, and if they have the faith.

This book belongs in your library beside Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower*, and of course that venerable classic, George Willison's *Saints and Strangers*.

Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims' First Year in America, by Glenn Alan Cheney, New London Librarium, 2007, 296 pages, hardcover \$25.95; softcover \$15.95; available at <http://NLLibrarium.com>. — *Dean Dexter*

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evening it was cold and squally altogether a pleasant day was spent 327 miles 4th day

Wed 11th -- A rough sea and a stiff breeze and every appearance of a fine day the day has been spent very pleasantly plenty of amusements 5th day 377 miles

Aug 12th -- A fine morning and a calm sea promised to be a real good day most of the passengers are card playing, singing, and games a consort was held on board at night and some good songs was rendered and another good day was spent. 372 miles 6th day

13th -- The morning is very dull a mist over the sea at 5-30 a.m. A large iceberg appeared at Breakfast time we had a good view there was also during the day a lot of vessels in sight one bearing the French flag we are now nearing the banks of Newfoundland the afternoon is fine and clear and lots of large fishes darting out of the water. The ship is going so steady you can hardly imagine you are on a ship. The *Orduna* is a most splendid ship.

14th -- The early morning was very fine with a stiff breeze. Passengers coming and going on the deck. The afternoon is beautiful not a cloud to be seen the passengers seem to be having a fine and easy time a consort was arranged and a few songs was sung and a pleasant crossing was spent. 379 miles

Sun 15th -- A glorious morning The sun is very powerful and the passengers are seeking shady places. Discussions are taking place on various topics. There



John Peter Bowden Roberts and wife Emma Frances Warren, prior to their arrival in the U.S., with children Hilda Mary, back row, and Horace Warren and Bertha Louise, grandmother of the author. Photo circa 1898.

was news posted daily. A very good day has been spent. Scarcely a movement a calm sea we are nearing the end of our journey The first experience of my sea life civility from the officer of highest rank to the lowest The food is excellent 370 miles.

16th -- A splendid morning we are near to the coast Several vessels are seen from the deck we arrived at New York 11-30 a.m. and finished our trip on the 17th arriving at Beverly at about 9-30 am

No. of crew 350; Passengers 260; Length of the *S.S. Orduna* 650 feet

John Peter Bowden Roberts' Immigration Journal. In the possession of Susan Wilkinson Parker, his great-granddaughter, of Bradford, Maine.

Join us for our Spring 2008 Luncheon & Workshop
Holiday Inn, Main Street, Concord, a block from the State House
Saturday, May 17, 2008 11:00 a.m. (Workshop 10:00 a.m.)

Member/Guest*: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

**Not a member, registering for the 10 a.m. workshop:* _____

Dinner Choice*

Number of **Chicken Marsala**: _____ Number of **Baked Haddock w/Lemon Wine Sauce**: _____

*Includes salad, roasted red bliss potatoes, zucchini and summer squash, assorted dessert table

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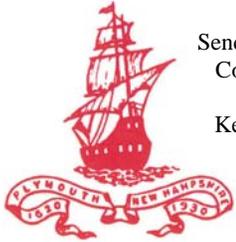
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Governor, meet the Governor! N.H. Governor John Lynch poses with N.H. Mayflower Society Governor Walworth Johnson, Jr. and wife Janet at the State House Executive Chambers after Mr. Lynch signed a Proclamation last fall honoring Compact Day 2007.

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