

# Mayflower Chronicles



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## **Albany Colony Compact Meeting Saturday, Nov 7, 2015 Noon Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY**

### **Colony Governor's Message November 7, 2015**

Last year, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proclaimed November 21, 2014 in the Empire State as **MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY**

The Proclamation from the Executive Chamber for the State of New York states that:

"It was 394 years ago, on November 21, 1620, that forty-one of the Pilgrim fathers endorsed the document-having landed outside any civil jurisdiction and fearing their group might separate, they agreed to organize a 'civil body politic' and 'to frame just and equal laws'...."

"The signing of the Compact established, for the first time in North America, that all men are recognized as being *equal* before the law and this fundamental concept became the basis of the government of the Plymouth Colony and the principal idea upon which the Declaration of Independence was set forth and sanctioned by our American forefathers 156 years later...."

From this humble beginning, Plymouth Colony created one of the most legalistic colonial systems the world had ever seen. The Mayflower Compact laid the ground work for a "civil body politic;" the signers also agreed "to frame just and equal laws." Our Mayflower and early Plymouth Colony ancestors accomplished both equally with strength and perseverance. Along with the Compact, Governor William Bradford kept an accurate log and identified the passengers on the *Mayflower* and events that occurred each year following the settlement at Plymouth. His visionary commitment cannot be underestimated.

Our Mayflower ancestors recorded births, marriages, deaths, probate records, land records, court records and financial records. Additionally, they created The 1623 Division of Land, The 1627 Division of Cattle, The 1633 and 1634 Tax Lists and The 1643 Able To Bear Arms (ATBA) List. The names of women were also included in the Divisions of Land and Cattle. As a result, we have a vast treasure of vital records and legal records in which to trace our own Mayflower ancestry and to learn more about the life and time of our ancestors.

I'd like to thank Joyce Musco for creating this issue of our Mayflower Chronicles and Karl Danniell for keeping the Albany Colony website up-to-date. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd/>

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Normanside Country Club on November 7th.

**Colony Governor, Dave Morton**



Colony Governor

Dave Morton

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**May 7, 2016**

**and Nov 5, 2016**

## May 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Spring Meeting of the Albany Colony SOMD, held at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY, was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:30 PM. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Co-Capt Tim Mabee.

**Officers** present were introduced by Colony Gov. Morton: 1<sup>st</sup> Dep. Colony Gov. Wally Francis; 2nd Deputy Gov. Dr. Sara L. French; Secretary Priscilla S. Davis; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner, Co-Captain Julia Carosella & Tim Mabee, Historian Bette Bradway, Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr, Archivist Eleanor Morris, Webmaster Karl Danneil, and Editor Joyce Musco  
Guest: Rev Dr Thomas F. Pike, Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

**New members** present were introduced: Jackie Pillsworth (James Chilton) Self-introductions by members and guests included: name, home location, and ancestors. Members & guests present 33.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Nov 2014 meeting were approved as printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve as printed made by Art Young and seconded by Sara French. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report presented by B-J Haner. Motion to approve by Jim Rogers seconded by Judy Fox. Motion carried.

## ROLL CALL of Ancestors

### Men

John Alden 2  
Isaac Allerton 1  
John Billington 0  
William Bradford 3  
William Brewster 4  
Peter Brown 0  
James Chilton 2  
Francis Cooke 1  
Edward Doty 0  
Frances Eaton 1  
Moses Fletcher 0  
Edward Fuller 1  
Samuel Fuller 0  
Stephen Hopkins 5  
John Howland 6  
Richard More 0  
William Mullins 1  
Degory Priest 2  
Thomas Rogers 1  
Henry Samson 0  
George Soule 1  
Miles Standish 0  
John Tilley 6  
Richard Warren 2  
William White 2  
Edward Winslow 0

### Women

Mary Norris  
Allerton 1  
Mary Brewster 6  
Elizabeth Fisher  
Hopkins 2  
Elizabeth Tilley  
Howland 6  
Joan Hurst Tilley 4  
Other wives &  
children 3

William Brewster  
descendants had the  
greatest  
representation 6

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Historian:** Bette Bradway reported that 5 new members have joined the Albany Colony during the past year. The report as printed in Chronicles was approved.

**Chronicles:** The Chronicles can be found on the website. Only 60 hard copies of the most recent issue had to be mailed.

**Website:** No report

**Old Business:** The 400th Year Anniversary (1620-2020) of the Mayflower Voyage is coming up. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Education Scholarship money that is awarded to our schools comes from the New York State Society, not from the colonies.

Program Committee formed to secure programs for future meetings and determine the honorarium: Wally Francis, Chair; Sara French, Sylvia Magin and Eleanor Morris,

**New Business:** By Laws need to be updated; Linda Akins and Priscilla Davis will work on them.

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## Secretary Minutes (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

### New Business continued

Issue to be resolved– when there are two people eligible for the position of Colony Gov, the voting should be done without the nominees present. Or can one follow the other?

Officers Reception for Gov. Pike will follow today's meeting at the home of Elder Art Young.

**Program:** Wally Francis introduced Eileen Patch author and presenter, 'Civil War Letters by Sgt. George Magusta Englis to His Mother'. Eileens Living History Presentation was fascinating as she told it in the first person. George wrote about his Civil War experience and Eileen described each day in great detail.



**Future meeting dates:** November 5, 2015, May 7, 2016

**Benediction** given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.



# Nov 7, 2015

## Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY Reception and Cash Bar 12:00PM Luncheon 12:30PM

*Turkey Dinner, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce*

*Dessert: Apple Pie Coffee, or Tea 28\$*

We must have all reservations in the mail by Oct 30. **Please make your check payable, \$28.00 per person, to ALBANY COLONY SOMD and mail with reservation form to: Bette Bradway 1119 Hedgewood Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309-4602** For late reservations (***NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER Nov 5***), call **Bette** at (518- 377-8938)



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, November 7 , 2015

Please list names of persons attending: (**all entrees are \$28.00**) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend/ I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope to see you there!!!**

“Pilgrims” “.....they knew they were pilgrims and looked not on those things, but lift up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits.” (The first time the group was called “pilgrims” was stated by William Bradford in his 1650 history “Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647” regarding their departure from Delfshaven, Holland in 1620. see also Hebrews XI 13-16)



# REPORT OF THE ALBANY COLONY HISTORIAN

From February 28, 2015 to 1 September 2015

Membership Totals a/o 1 September , 2015

12 Life

210 Regular

220 Members

## **ADDITIONS (+14)**

### **Elected to Membership**

Jacqueline N. Pillsworth	87,940 NY5910	James Chilton	20 Mar 2015	paj40@earthlink.net
Stephen Atwood	87,941 NY5911	William Brewster	23 Mar 2015	satwood@woodracing.com
William Howard Havens	87,969 NY 5913	John Howland	26 Mar 2015	havens17@tweny.rr.com
Norman Carey Jackson	87,997 NY5917	Thomas Rogers	02 April 2015	njack97@yahoo.com
Paul Richard Osgood	88,088 NY5919	Giles Hopkins	27 April 2015	prosgood@gmail.com
Paul Stephen Johnson	89,102 NY5922	John Howland	30 April 2015	pjihncabri@aol.com
Gordon Donald Sheret	88,251 NY5929	William Bradford	30 May 2015	gsheret@gmail.com
Marsha Anne Powell	88,288 NY 5931	Richard Warren	05 Jun 2015	powellm@tc3.edu
Robert Bosworth MacChesney	88,349 NY 5934	John Alden	15 Jun 2015	jmacches@nycapp.rr.com
Marilyn Flo Hovey Delorio	88,375 NY5937	William Brewster	22 Jun 2015	mdelorio@yahoo.com
David J. Beisler	88,416 NY5944	Isaac Allerton	29 Jun 2015	dbeisler@mac.com
Helen Ann Laing Bramley	88,565 NY5946	John Tilley	03 Aug 2015	jhbramley@yahoo.com
Linda Laing Davis Riddell	88,566 NY5947	John Tilley	03 Aug 2015	thegreatmimi@yahoo.com
B. Joseph Opalka	88,620 NY5952	George Soule	13 Aug 2015	

### SUPPLEMENTALS APPROVED

Carol T. Bradford, John Alden, 9 June 2015

John Nichols, Elizabeth Tilley, 15 Jun 2015

Christine Standish, John Howland 30 Jun 2015

### PAPERS PENDING IN PLYMOUTH

Jesse Eisenheim, William Brewster

Christine Standish, John Tilley Supplemental

### DELETIONS

Elizabeth "Betty" Schwarting, Death 27 June 2015; Descendant of John Alden

Floyd Dewitt, Resigned 03 Apr 2015. Descendant of Henry Samson

Building Plimouth Plantation, Part II: by Sara L. French, Ph.D. (drsarafrench@gmail.com)

As I wrote in the first installment of this investigation, “The Pilgrims in America worked hard to create a settlement and way of life that reproduced English society, albeit with a new religious structure.” In this next section, I will trace the ways our ancestors worked to create a built environment to support the religious philosophy they espoused. Their ideals of peaceful, permanent settlement were often confounded by the reality of moving into a place where their indigenous neighbors were unsure of their intentions and their politics, were hampered by language barriers as well as cultural differences. During the uncertain times of the first two to three years, energy in the settlement was devoted to creating a secure environment and building the common meeting places that served both government and religious functions. When the *Fortune* arrived in late November of 1621, bringing more mouths to feed and no food, the surviving settlers from the Mayflower faced the daunting task of feeding and housing thirty seven more people in seven houses and four common buildings (Philbrick 124). The ship stayed only two weeks but the pressure on the Pilgrims’ scanty resources was significant and resulted in food rations being cut back for everyone,

Not long after the *Fortune* departed, laden with goods to repay part of the Pilgrims’ debt to their backers, all the able-bodied men were called to undertake the herculean task of building a wall around the town. Feeling an attack by the Naragansetts was imminent, the group ‘impaled’ the settlement— building an 8 foot high wall of stripped tree trunks more than a half mile in diameter (Philbrick 127). The work force comprised less than 50 men, living on nearly starvation rations, divided by religion and without draft animals to haul the ten to twelve foot tree trunks. Despite significant conflict about working on Christmas Day of 1621, the wall was completed in March of 1622. Philbrick writes “ A new sense of order and control had been willed upon the wilderness. Plymouth was now an entity, a circumscribed place, its streets and houses darkened by the shadows of its margins.” Despite this somewhat poetic flight, the settlement of straggling houses and a few larger common buildings had more clearly resembled a native village until this point— un-walled and bordered by cultivated fields. With the wall, the American wilderness began to look more like an English town.

By the spring of 1623, the utopian vision of communal food production died; each household was assigned gardens and fields of its own. This change, perhaps not solely responsible for a better yield, has generally been described as the turning point in the settlements early history and the end of near starvation. Women would oversee kitchen gardens, providing vegetables and herbs. The success of the first barley crop in 1621 allowed the Pilgrims to brew beer— a crucial part of their first feast of thanksgiving. Wives and daughters were in charge of providing this dietary staple to the community. Although water was plentiful and clean, beer was considered more healthful and nutritious. The job of brewing involved carrying a lot of water and crafting barrels for the finished product—jobs shared by women and men.

As the Pilgrims built or expanded their homes, planted their gardens, gathered their crops, and tended to the business of creating a community, they were working to create a permanent settlement without realizing how closely it conformed to the world they had left. The ‘wilderness’ described by William Bradford upon their arrival was literally becoming “New England”.

# Photos from the May, 2015 Meeting



Thanks to John Musco and Jim Rogers for the photo submissions

You can find more archived pictures and previous Chronicles on our webpage

Albany Colony Website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd/index.html>.

**ALBANY COLONY SOCIETY OF  
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**

**59-113TH STREET**

**TROY, NEW YORK 12182-2818**



**Directions—150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY**

Head North on US 9W East from exit 23 (I 87 & I 787),

Turn LEFT onto Delaware Avenue (Highway 443 West),

Go 3.6 miles and turn RIGHT onto Salisbury Road.

Look for a sign at the traffic light on Delaware & Salisbury

with an arrow to the Normanside Country Club.

Go to the far side of Clubhouse.

Phone for Normanside CC: 518-439-4505

**Notice of Websites**

General Society of Mayflower Descendants  
website [www.themayflowerdescendants.com](http://www.themayflowerdescendants.com)

Albany Colony Website

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsm/d/index.html>.

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ancestors!!!