



"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met yet" *William Butler Yeats*

Mayflower Chronicles Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York
COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2018
ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, 300 WORMER ROAD, VOORHEESVILLE, NY 12186
SOCIAL HOUR 12:00, LUNCHEON MEETING 12:30



Colony Governor's Message

Each year at our November luncheon meeting, Albany Colony celebrates **Compact Day**. The **Mayflower Compact** was the first agreement for self-government in the New World. As we enjoy our luncheon meeting November 3rd, it is fitting that we reflect upon this covenant made by our Mayflower ancestors.

This year, Albany Colony mourns the loss of one of our own, our beloved Bette Bradway. When she entered the room for our luncheon meetings, I always felt the spirit of our Mayflower ancestors was present. Bette was our teacher, our friend, our cousin and our trusted advisor. Jim Rogers and I, along with many other Albany Colony officers and members, frequently called and relied upon Bette for counsel and advice. We will miss her dearly.

Our November 3rd luncheon/meeting presentation will be "**Barns of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains**" by **Ted Hilscher**, Catskill attorney-at-law, Town Historian, New Baltimore (Greene County), and Associate Professor of U.S. History at Columbia Greene Community College.

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our *Mayflower Chronicles* and to 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 Albany Country Club on November 3rd.

NEXT MEETINGS:

May 4, 2019
&
November 2, 2019



Dave Morton

Colony Governor

"Although in many ways unremarkable and certainly not revolutionary, this brief contract (the Mayflower Compact) is one of our Republic's foundational documents and was an example of Puritan pragmatism. These men and women, faced with a silent coast with nothing to anticipate but hardship and fresh despair, bound themselves together into a community of far-flung Englishmen committed to prospering and preserving their natural-born right of self-determination."

Joe Wolverton, II, J.D.



Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

Remembers Bette Bradway

1937-2018

"The world needs strong women. Women who will lift and build others, who will love and be loved. Women who live bravely, both tender and fierce. Women of indomitable will."

Amy Tenney

Bette (Innes) (Stelman) Bradway joined the New York State Mayflower Society in January 1976 and was elected the Albany Colony Historian (then called "Registrar") one month later. She was Lieutenant Governor of the Albany Colony for seven years from 1988-1994 (two three-year terms plus completion of the previous Lieutenant Governor's term for one year), and she held one office or another with the Albany Colony until 2001.

Bette became the New York State Mayflower Society Historian in 1988. She served in that capacity for fourteen years and assisted more than 800 applicants with completing their papers. Bette was qualified as a "Certified Genealogist" by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in 1988, and was re-certified (as required) every five years after that. In September 2002, she was elected as the Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and served in that position through September 2005. The position as General Historian at that time was as a volunteer with a free bedroom in Plymouth. From 2005 until 2018, she was Co-Historian of the New York State Mayflower Society.

Bette had several articles published in the Mayflower Quarterly, and had an article on the Southhold, Long Island Rackett Family (one of her husband Phil's families) published in the New York Genealogical & Biographical Record. Along with her Mayflower Society memberships, Bette belonged to the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, the Jamestowne Society, the National Society of Women, the Genealogical & Biographical Record, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Bette was the daughter of Robert and Lucille (VanBrocklin) Innes and graduated from Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady, New York, class of 1955. Bette has two sons, one of whom is a member, and her granddaughter, who is a Junior member. They are descended from William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins. After the untimely death of her first husband, Henry J. Stelman, in 1966, she met and married Philip H. Bradway, who was also a very active New York Society and Albany Colony member, also with a Brewster line. Phil died in 2012.

Bette was a retired Registered Nurse, having graduated from nursing school in Buffalo in 1958, and she spent most of her nursing career in Orthopedic Nursing. When she had time, her hobbies included amateur ("ham") radio, sewing, gardening, playing the organ and cooking.

Dave Morton

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell

Colony Officers:

Colony Governor –
David W. Morton, Ed.D

1st Dep. Col. Gov. –
Walley G. Francis

2nd Dep. Col. Gov. –
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Secretary –
Sandra P. Zerrillo

Treasurer –
Betty-Jean (B-J) Haner

Asst. Treasurer –
Walley G. Francis

Co-Captain –
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Co-Captain –
Priscilla S. Davis

Historian –
Paul S. Johnson

Elder –
Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Archivist –
Kristen L. Moore

Chronicles Editor –
Sylvia S. Magin

Email: SylviaSMagin@aol.com



ALBANY COLONY

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

May 5, 2018 – MEETING MINUTES

The Spring Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY on Saturday, May 5th. The meeting was called to order by Colony Governor David W. Morton at 12:05 p.m. 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 2nd Deputy Colony Governor Douglas (Tim) Mabee.

Officers present were introduced by Col. Gov. Morton: 1ST Deputy Colony Gov. Walley G. Francis; 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Douglas (Tim) Mabee; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captains Priscilla Davis and Tim Mabee; Historian Paul Johnson; Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., and Archivist Kristen Moore.

New members present were introduced: Silvain Martinage (John Howland) and Constance Pratt (John Howland). Self-introductions by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present 37 and guests 19 = 56. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 4, 2017 meeting were printed in the *Chronicles*. The minutes were filed as printed. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Betty-Jean Haner. The report was filed for review by the Audit Committee. **Audit Committee Report:** Tim Mabee, Wally G. Francis and Kristen Moore are the current members of the Audit Committee. The committee met prior to the meeting to review the treasurer's records. Tim Mabee, Audit Chairman, reported that the books are in order. A motion was made by Arthur Young and seconded by James Rogers to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: The Historian's Report was published in the last issue of the *Chronicles*. The report was filed as printed. **Chronicles:** Colony Gov. Morton thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to production of the *Chronicles*. **Website:** Webmaster Karl Danniell reported that the old website that was hosted on Web Roots crashed last year. Since that time he and his committee have been exploring new sites that will allow our colony to upload the extensive amount of data files that need to be featured on the website. Each *Mayflower Chronicles* is a massive file and has to be supported by a very special type of host that can accommodate all of the color pictures that are found in each issue. Karl explained that some of the new sites under consideration charge \$150.00 - \$200.00 per year to maintain. Colony members present felt strongly that the expense was warranted due to the tech world that we live in. Colleen Harris shared with the group that Ancestry.com provides help with websites for a very reasonable fee. More research will be done prior to the next meeting.

Longevity Certificates: Prior to this meeting, Chronicles Editor Sylvia Magin created special longevity certificates to honor members of the Albany Colony who were celebrating milestone anniversaries. Secretary Sandra Zerrillo presented certificates to the following members who were in attendance: Betty-Jean Haner - 50 years; Kurt Kilmer - 40 years; Priscilla Davis - 30 years; Arthur Young - 25 years; Harriet Berard - 25 years; and Sherret Chase - 20 years.

Old Business: Colony Gov. Morton reported that a brand-new Albany Colony List-Serve has been created. The new email address is: albanycolonymayflower@gmail.com. This new email address will allow the very large files of the *Chronicles* to be emailed to the members. Another feature of this new address is that it can be transferred from one Governor to the next when there is a change in leadership. Gov. Morton expressed his thanks to Kristen Moore and Karl Danniell for all of their hard work with this project.

(Continued)

"The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence; the past is a place of learning, not a place of living."

Roy T. Bennett

ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS (Newly Approved Version #3)

John Alden and wife Priscilla Mullins Alden - 3
Isaac Allerton, wife Mary Norris Allerton and children Bartholomew, Remember, Mary, John - 1
John Billington, wife Elinor and sons John and Francis - 1
William Bradford and wife Dorothy May Bradford - 7
William Brewster, wife Mary and children Love and Wrestling - 5
Peter Brown - 0
James Chilton, wife Susanna and daughter Mary - 2
Francis Cooke and son John - 2
Edward Doty - 4
Frances Eaton, wife Sarah and son Samuel - 3
Moses Fletcher - 0
Edward and Mrs. Fuller and son Samuel - 1
Samuel Fuller - 0
Stephen Hopkins, wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins and children Constance, Giles (Damaris and Oceanus) - 5
John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 10
Richard More, wife Mary and Ellen and Jasper - 0
William Mullins, wife Alice and children Priscilla and Joseph - 1
Degory Priest - 0
Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 2
Henry Samson - 0
George Soule - 3
Miles Standish and wife Rose - 0
John Tilley, wife Joan Hurst Tilley and daughter Elizabeth - 4
Richard Warren - 1
William White, wife Susanna Jackson White and sons Resolved and Peregrine - 2
Edward Winslow and wife Elizabeth Barker Winslow - 0

John Howland's descendants had the greatest representation—10

Program: "A Brief History of the New York State Library and the Genealogy Material that is Currently Housed on the 7th and 11th floors" was presented by Arthur Young, NYSL Genealogy Assistant. The New York State Library was established in 1818 by Governor DeWitt Clinton to serve the Government of the State and is one of the largest libraries in the world by numbers of items held with over 20 million print items and more than 50,000 digital items. Genealogy information and materials are housed on the 7th and 11th floors and are readily available to the public for research purposes.

Benediction was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:30 p.m.

Sandra D. Zerrillo, Secretary

"In April, Bradford had decided that each household should be assigned to its own plot to cultivate, with the understanding that each family kept whatever it grew. The change in attitude was stunning. Families were now willing to work much harder than they had ever worked before. In previous years, the men had tended the fields while the women tended the children at home. "The women now went willingly into the field", Bradford wrote, "and took their little ones with them to set corn." The Pilgrims had stumbled on the power of capitalism."

Nathaniel Philbrick



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Albany Colony Membership Totals as of August 31, 2018:
Regular Members **238**, Life Members **13**, Total Membership: **251**

New Members ~ Welcome to Albany Colony!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Mary Drown Allen	NY 6243	05/03/2018	Degory Priest
Ryan William Carpentier	NY 6228	03/20/2018	James Chilton
Lyman Nephi Christensen	NY 6261	07/20/2018	William Brewster
Patricia Ann Chubbuck	NY 6266	08/28/2018	Edward Doty
Alissa Mary Cottrell	NY 6256	07/13/2018	Peter Brown
Garret Benjamin Cottrell	NY 6257	07/13/2018	Peter Brown
Jenna Margaret Cottrell	NY 6258	07/13/2018	Peter Brown
Michael Gerard Draper	NY 6232	03/30/2018	Thomas Rogers
John Wesley Eisenhauer	NY 6265	08/24/2018	William Bradford
Arlene Frances Gebow	NY 6267	08/28/2018	Thomas Rogers
Marjorie Turrell Julian	NY 6255	07/10/2018	George Soule
Gloria Jean Marceau	NY 6225	03/09/2018	Stephen Hopkins
Julia Parrott Maynard	NY 6237	04/17/2018	Isaac Allerton
Annette Deligato Morse	NY 6250	06/16/2018	George Soule
Mary Hren Oxaal	NY 6226	03/09/2018	John Howland
Cheryl LaMola Pierce	NY 6244	05/03/2018	William White
Thomas Lynn Potter	NY 6227	03/09/2018	John Alden
Vicky Zapf Stefanik	NY 6264	08/14/2018	John Howland

Supplemental Lines Added ~ Marilyn DeLorio - John Howland, Jessica Hadamik - John Billington

Deceased ~ Bette I. Bradway, Harriet B. Grady, Sarah B. Light, LaEtta T. Monsees, Cathy W. Neuner

Resigned ~ Norman M. Walter, Gary A. Yale

Removed for Non-Payment of Dues ~ John W. Becker, Paul R. Osgood, Michael W. Broad, Nancy A. Potter, Barbara Jean Cross, Linda M. Seitz, James R. Hadley, Joan B. Taylor, Frank D. Mannolini, Jr., Stephen D. Solar

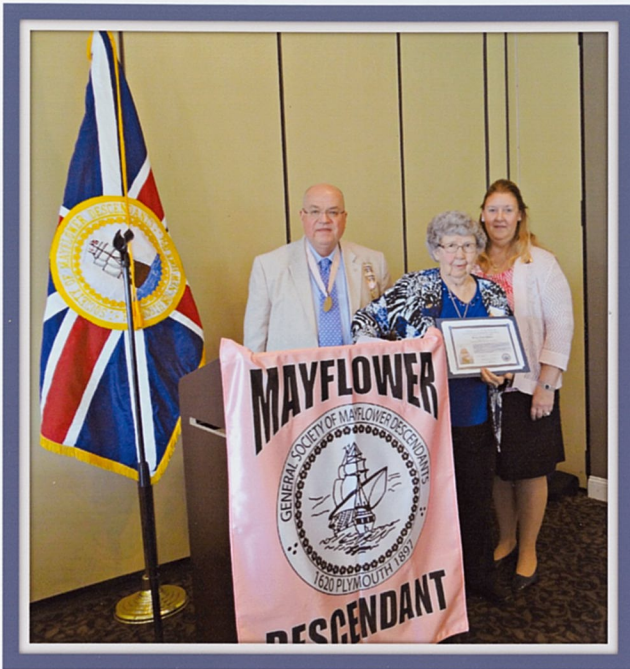
Paul S. Johnson, Historian

For potential members: wondering how to go about it? The GSMD (General Society Mayflower Descendants) website states:

"The good news is that advanced research techniques, improved genealogy library collections and computerized resources have made it easier to track down your Pilgrim roots. If you are interested in joining us, *you will need to provide evidence of your lineage from one of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Anyone who can prove this ancestry may join.*

"[Fill out our Mayflower Lineage Match form](#) - We will compare your proposed lineage with the approved papers in our files to determine what portion of your line is already documented - and give you instructions on how to proceed.

"For becoming an approved official member at GSMD, your first step is to contact one of our 53 Member Societies and work with the historian of that Society on your application. All members apply through a Member Society. Each Member Society has its own structure with its own governor and officers, including at least one historian who can help you figure out lines and gather documents."



At our May 5th meeting six of our long-time members were honored with the presentation of longevity certificates by Governor Dave Morton and Secretary Sandra Zerrillo. Congratulations to them and to all the other honorees who were not able to be with us in person but who would soon receive their own certificates in the mail.



Treasurer **Betty-Jean Haner**, Albany, NY, a member since **1967**, received a certificate for more than **50** years.

Kurt Kilmer, Hudson Falls, NY, a member since **1978**, received a certificate for **40** years.



Thank you to **Colleen Harris**, who generously donated the elegant blue and gold document covers for the longevity certificates.

Thank you, too, to **Jim Rogers**, for taking some of the photos used in this issue of the *Chronicles*.

Apologies to **Richard H. Avery** of Constable, NY, a member since **1981**, listed in the fall *Chronicles* as a member for "more than 25 years," when it should have read "more than **35**."



Co-Captain **Priscilla S. Davis**, Cobleskill, NY, a member since **1987**, received a certificate for more than **30** years.

Colony Elder **Art Young**, Delmar, NY, a member since **1990**, received a certificate for more than **25** years.



Speaking of longevity, at the close of our meeting we learned from his daughter Helen that **Sherret S. Chase** would be celebrating his **100th birthday** at the end of June. From your Mayflower cousins, our very warmest wishes and sincerest congratulations!

Sherret S. Chase, Shokan, NY, a member since **1994**, received a certificate for more than **20** years.



Harriet P. Berard, Warnerville, NY, a member since **1991**, received a certificate for more than **25** years.



Two new Colony members: **Constance Pratt**, at left, holding a book about Mayflower passenger John Howland entitled "*The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower*" and **Silvain Martinage**, at right, as he is being introduced to his Mayflower "cousins."



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams





"We inherit from our ancestors gifts so often taken for granted. Each of us contains within this inheritance of soul. We are links between the ages, containing past and present expectations, sacred memories and future promise."

Edward Sellner





"How little do my countrymen know what previous blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!"

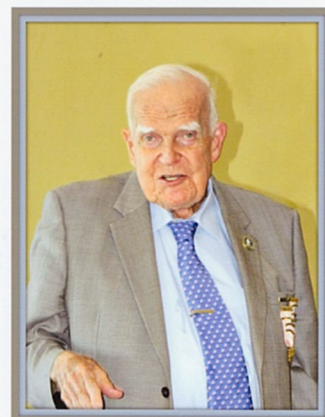
Thomas Jefferson



At the close of the luncheon and business meeting on May 5th, Elder Art Young presented a talk on the genealogical resources available at the New York State Library in Albany. He also provided us with a comprehensive and informative written description of the voluminous collections of materials stored there, explaining how to navigate the different areas of the building and how to locate specific types of information.

The State Library, created in 1818 at the urging of Governor DeWitt Clinton, is the third oldest in the nation. As Art explained, it is one of the largest libraries in the world by number of items held with over 20 million items, along with collections of historic documents and artifacts.

In observance of its 200th birthday year, the Library is celebrating with various offerings of public interest through November. It is a real treasure trove and a magnificent resource for serious genealogical and historical researchers (like those of us here!) who are fortunate enough to live in upstate New York.



The First Thanksgiving

Who among us would not cry “foul” (or should I say “fowl”) at Thanksgiving to encounter anything other than a glorious, plump, golden roast turkey with all the customary delicious accompaniments of the modern annual celebratory feast?

Yet we would be hard pressed to recognize the menu at the “First Thanksgiving.” That would have taken place sometime in September or October of 1621, and while the first bountiful harvest celebrated by our Mayflower ancestors supplied corn, squash, beans, peas, and barley for their feasting (and for the cold, lean months ahead), nothing remotely resembling the meaty Butterball turkeys we all know and love would have been presented. Nor did they have potatoes, or bread stuffing, though they may have used herbs, nuts, cranberries, and wild onions, and they did have plums, melons, grapes and other vegetables and fruits.

Culinarians at today’s Plimoth Plantation suggest that duck or goose was the mainstay, although then-plentiful passenger pigeons, pheasants, swans, and yes, scrawny wild turkeys could have supplemented the offerings. The small birds were probably both boiled and roasted, giving them rich flavor, and eels, fish, and shellfish were also available. Massasoit and ninety Wampanoag braves who joined the Pilgrims for that communal celebration brought with them five deer to be roasted for the feast. Kathleen Wall, Colonial Foodways Culinarian for Plimoth Plantation, has said that venison would have been an extraordinary gift, as at that time it was a tradition “reserved for nobility and gentlemen.” In order to determine the foods that could have appeared at that “First Thanksgiving,” heavy reliance has been placed on “period cookbooks and journals, Wampanoag oral histories, paintings from the time, and archaeological evidence.”

It was no “one and done” meal, of course; that original harvest festival literally continued for three straight days, along with games and contests of skill, with feasting and socializing which would have been unaccustomed merriment for those hardworking Puritan folk, but which surely encouraged nascent friendships among the natives and the newcomers. Presumably the men did the “heavy lifting” but the cooking and serving were “women’s work”, and while eighteen adult women had stepped ashore in the New World in November 1620, by the fall of 1621 just four of them survived to prepare all those meals. There were a few teenage girls who must have pitched in to lend a hand, and together with their men and children, there was a large contingent indeed of hungry souls gathered together in gratitude to their God that autumn so very long ago.

Pilgrim Edward Winslow, who has been honored as “the first European to negotiate a peace treaty with Indians,” wrote this description in a letter:

“Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed upon our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.”

Robert W. Laird, who was at one time a “deputy editorial page editor” of the New York *Daily News*, closed an excellent November article he had published several years ago (which I had saved) with this thought:

“The significance of Thanksgiving depends on who you are and what you want to emphasize. For some, it’s a patriotic parable. Others stress the religious aspect. Still others see it as a political tale; the Pilgrims risked everything to flee European intolerance and oppression, and Thanksgiving symbolizes the rightness of that choice. And many see it as a lesson about cooperation among people of diverse cultures—thus the importance of the Indians at the feast.”

Sylvia Story Magin



“I think it’s important to remember that these men are not perfect. If they were marble gods, what they did wouldn’t be so admirable. The more we see the founders as humans, the more we can understand them.”

David McCullough



Fall Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, November 3, 2018
 Social time (cash bar) 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch and Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.
 Please join us at
Albany Country Club
 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186-5330



"They fell upon an ungenial climate, where there were nine months of winter and three months of cold weather, and that called out the best energies of the men, and the women too, to get a mere substance out of the soil, with such a climate. In their efforts to do that they cultivated industry and frugality at the same time, which is the real foundation of the greatness of the Pilgrims." *Ulysses S. Grant*

Please join us for a delicious traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.
 Your guests are always welcome.

The menu includes Harvest Bisque, Roast Turkey, Stuffing,
 Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce,
 Rolls and Butter, Pumpkin Pie, and Coffee or Tea.

Your check for **\$28.00** per person should be made payable to "**Albany Colony SOMD**"
 and be mailed with the reservation blank below to:

Betty-Jean Haner, 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205-3615

Reservations *must* be in the mail by October 27. For late reservations call Betty-Jean at 518-869-8368.

But please note that **no** reservations can be taken after October 30.

"The very basic core of a man's living spirit is his passion for adventure. The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun."

Christopher McCandless

Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Fall Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2018. **All entrees are \$28.00.** Please list below the names of persons attending.

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Signed: _____

I cannot attend, but I wish to donate to the Albany Colony \$_____

We look forward to seeing you at the Albany Country Club on Saturday, November 3, 2018.