

"When our hearts turn to our ancestors, something changes inside us. We feel part of something greater than ourselves." Russell M. Nelson



# Mayflower Chronicles

## Albany Colony

### Society of Mayflower Descendants

Fall Luncheon Meeting November 4, 2017  
At Albany Country Club



### Colony Governor's Message

Please note: Our November 4th Luncheon Meeting will be held at :  
Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186



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, the first democratic government to be established in the Colonies.

The Mayflower passengers agreed to choose their leaders and make their own laws, which they agreed to follow. This had never been done before, here or in England. It established a "Civil Body Politic" (a temporary government) until one could be more permanently established. It allowed for the creation of "just and equal laws . . . for the general good of the Colony."

John Carver was elected as their Governor. All male passengers signed the Compact 397 years ago in Provincetown Harbor. As we enjoy our luncheon meeting on November 4th, let us reflect upon this covenant made by our Mayflower ancestors.

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Our November 4th luncheon meeting presentation will be "Dutch Foodways," an exploration of the social, cultural, and economic role of foods in Old and New Netherland. Our presenter will be Shelby Mattice, Curator of the Bronck Museum, Greene County Historical Society. Shelby, who has a degree in anthropology from SUNY Albany, is an active researcher with special interest in the social history of the 17th to mid-19th centuries. She completed the cataloging of the entire object collection of the GCHS and is currently converting the Society's collection records to a computer-based system. She's a multi-talented individual with diverse interests and, considering our Mayflower forebears' sojourn in Holland, her program should be a fascinating one.

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our *Mayflower Chronicles*, and to Karl Daniel for keeping the Albany Colony website up to date.

(<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsm/>)

I look forward to seeing each of you at Albany Country Club on November 4th. Our next meetings: May 5, 2018 and November 3, 2018.

*Dave Morton*, Colony Governor



"If your descent is from heroic sires, show in your life a remnant of their fires." Nicholas Boileau-Despreaux

## Colony Officers:

**Colony Governor —**  
David W. Morton, Ed.D

**1st Dep. Col. Gov. —**  
Walley G. Francis

**2nd Dep. Col. Gov. —**  
Douglas (Tim) M. Mabee

**Secretary —**  
Sandra P. Zerrillo

**Treasurer —**  
Betty-Jean (B-J) Haner

**Captain (1) —**  
Douglas (Tim) M. Mabee

**Captain (2) —**  
Priscilla S. Davis

**Historian —**  
Paul S. Johnson

**Elder —**  
Arthur F. Young, Jr.

**Archivist —**  
Kristen L. Moore

**Chronicles Editor —**  
Sylvia S. Magin

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*"Every true history must force us to remember that the past was once as real as the present and as uncertain as the future."*

*George Macaulay Trevelyan*

## May 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes



The Spring Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, held at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY, was called to order by Colony Governor David W. Morton at 12:00 noon. 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: Secretary Priscilla S. Davis; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captains Julia Carosella & Tim Mabee; Historian Bette Bradway; Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. and Chronicles Editor Sylvia Magin. (Absent: 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Gov. Walley G. Francis; Archivist Eleanor Morris, and Webmaster Karl Dannel.)

**New members** present: Carol Felson (Francis Eaton); Denise Hadamik (John Howland); Jessica Hadamik (Richard Warren), and Kristen Moore (Edward Doty.) Self-introductions made by members included name, home location, and ancestor(s). Attendees 47, Members 27, Guests 20.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 2016 meeting were printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve made by Larry VanBrun, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Rogers. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by B-J Haner. Motion to approve made by Art Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Zerrillo. Motion carried.

If anyone would like to receive a membership card, please sign up to receive it.

**Historian:** Bette Bradway presented the report as printed in the Chronicles.

### Roll Call of Ancestors:

John Alden—2	Samuel Fuller—0	Richard Warren—3
Isaac Allerton—1	Stephen Hopkins—5	William White—2
John Billington—0	John Howland—9	Edward Winslow—0
William Bradford—4	Richard More—0	<u>Wives &amp; Children (8)</u>
William Brewster—9	William Mullins—1	Mary Norris Allerton—1
Peter Brown—0	Degory Priest—0	Mary Brewster—6
James Chilton—1	Thomas Rogers—0	Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins—1
Francis Cooke—2	Henry Samson—0	Elizabeth Tilley Howland—6
Edward Doty—4	George Soule—3	Joan Hurst Tilley—3
Frances Eaton—3	Miles Standish—1	Giles Hopkins—1
Moses Fletcher—0	John Tilley—3	Constance Hopkins—1
		Priscilla Mullins—1

William Brewster & John Howland tied for the greatest representation of descendants - 9

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Chronicles:** Editor Sylvia Magin noted that her home computer had crashed this past winter resulting in the loss of her pictures from our Fall Luncheon Meeting. She substituted items from other Mayflower colonies and her own pictures for the Spring issue.

**Website:** Presently the website is accessible in spite of the aging software. The Chronicles newsletter can be found on our Albany Colony website. Although the Albany Colony hoped to be linked with the New York Society, it has been determined this cannot be done.

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**Nominating Committee Report:** Chairperson Bette Bradway presented the following officers to be elected for the term May 2017 – 2020: Colony Governor – David Morton; 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Colony Governor – Walley Francis; Treasurer – Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captain (flag) – Douglas (Tim) Mabee; Elder – Arthur Young Jr.

The following officers were nominated from the floor: 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Colony Governor – Douglas (Tim) Mabee; Secretary – Sandra Zerrillo; Co-Captain (arrangements) – Priscilla Davis; Historian – Paul Johnson (appointed by Col Gov. at meeting); Archivist – Kristen Moore.

The election was by voice vote for the final ballot as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** It was noted that the officers did previously approve the purchase of new software for the website, via an email vote.

**New Business:** The 41<sup>st</sup> Mayflower General Congress will be held September 8-13, 2017 at Plymouth MA. The delegates attending are: Walley Francis, Jim Rogers, and Priscilla Davis.

**Program:** “*Hereditary Societies – the What, How & Why of Joining*” was presented by panelists Dave Morton and Tim Mabee. They shared some interesting as well as difficult circumstances experienced while researching their own heritage toward finding eligibility in the 73 societies to which they belong!

There are more than 400 hereditary societies. Becoming a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is just the beginning. Many people become interested in (addicted to) knowing more and more about their ancestry leading up to one’s eligibility (or not) to join more hereditary societies and meet new “cousins”. Google Online Hereditary Societies to gain more information about furthering one’s own research and about the many different societies that exist.

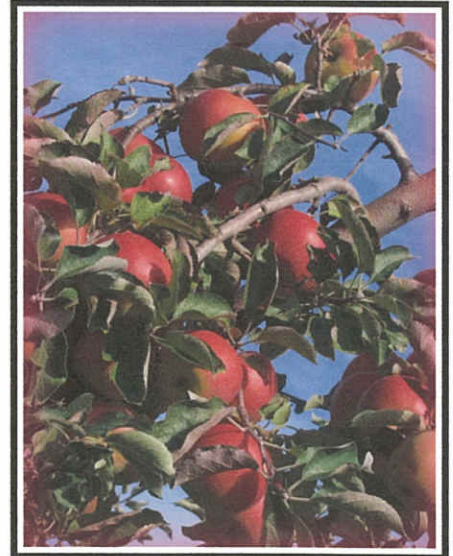


**Benediction** given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:48 PM.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 4, 2017; May 5, 2018; Nov. 2, 2018; May 3, 2019.

*Priscilla S. Davis*, Secretary

*“October is the month for painted leaves...as fruits and leaves and the day itself acquire a bright tint just before they fall, so the year nears its setting. October is its sunset sky; November, the later twilight.” Henry David Thoreau*



*“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.” Melody Beattie*

## Historian's Report for Albany Colony

Current Membership as of August 31, 2017

13 Life Members, 225 Regular Members = 238 Total

<u>New Members—Welcome!</u>	<u>GSMD</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Suzanne Soule Arnold	91,209	NY6111	10 Mar 2017	George Soule
John Lewis Bosworth II	91,305	NY6126	31 Mar 2017	John Howland
David Henry Dalmaso	91,558	NY6149	31 May 2017	Degory Priest
Laura Barrett Donlan	91,268	NY6124	24 Mar 2017	Richard Warren
Carol Ann Terko Felsen	91,227	NY6120	20 Mar 2017	Francis Eaton
Sandra MacChesney Hughes	91,982	NY6178	29 Aug 2017	John Alden
Sharon MacChesney Hughes	91,983	NY6179	29 Aug 2017	John Alden
Michael Howard Long	91,408	NY6130	25 Apr 2017	Stephen Hopkin
Silvain Louis Martinage	91,923	NY6172	15 Aug 2017	John Howland
Leila Hankey McCullough	91,194	NY6108	07 Mar 2017	William Brewster
Karen Williams Mihan	91,903	NY6170	11 Aug 2017	Edward Doty
Kristen Lynn Moore	91,176	NY6106	06 Mar 2017	Edward Doty
Christina Donlan Raineri	91,267	NY6123	24 Mar 2017	Richard Warren
Mark William Swimelar	91,769	NY6159	14 Jul 2017	William White
Margaret Rae Veerkamp	91,527	NY6145	23 May 2017	William Bradford
Henry Alfred Whipple	91,448	NY6138	05 May 2017	John Alden

Reinstated Members - David J. Beisler, Georgi Lynn Winter

Supplemental Lines - Linda C. Akins (Edward Doty), John L. Bosworth (John Alden),  
Carol T. Bradford (William Brewster)

Removed for Nonpayment of Dues - Myrtle N. Hadley, Sheila L. Hadley

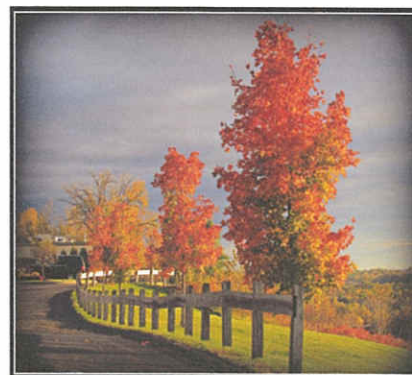
*Paul Johnson*, Historian

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual . . . It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit." Vince Lombardi

### Editor's Note ~

If your *Chronicles* comes to you in the mail, I have an idea to share,  
Because I believe you are being deprived, and I wanted to make you aware.  
You're missing out on the wonderful colors of the email version we send  
To those with computers (or *very good friends*, who have email access to lend.)  
It's true we save money with email; that itself is a very good reason,  
But I know that you'd really enjoy it much more in the glorious full colors of the season.  
So if there is an email address you could use for the *Chronicles*, I'd recommend it;  
You'd be pleased at the difference it makes (I am sure) so just tell us where we should send it!

SSM





*Fine food, stimulating conversation, and great fellowship ensue when Pilgrim cousins and guests assemble for a luncheon meeting such as this one in May 2017 at the Normanside Country Club. There's always great table talk and the opportunity to make new friends. Many thanks to Jim Rogers and to potential member Colleen Harris for some of the photos.*



*"one of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating."*

*Luciano Pavarotti*





Teamwork: coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford

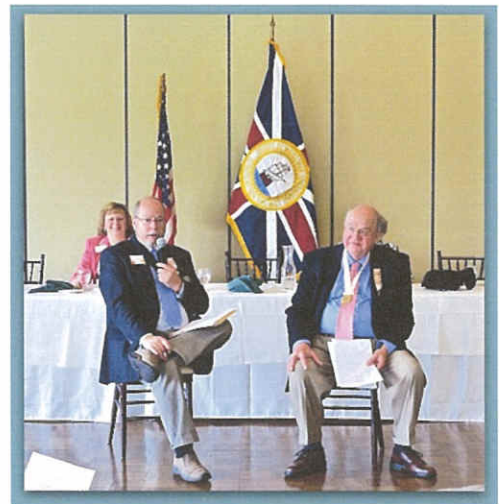




"Breaking bread together is one of the oldest and most unifying of human experiences." Barbara Coloroso



*Tim Mabee and Dave Morton provided us with a great program following the May luncheon meeting, sharing facts, fun, and foibles associated with the memberships they each maintain in numerous heritage societies.*



41st Triennial Congress at Plymouth—photos courtesy of Jim Rogers



Members gather at the Society House for the procession to Cole's Hill for ceremonies and the laying of a wreath at the Pilgrim sarcophagus



Our own Pilgrims Jim Rogers and Priscilla Davis

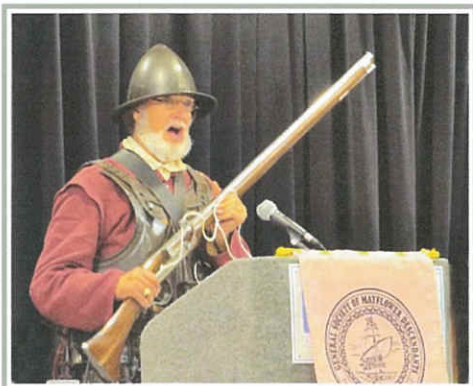


Dignitaries, speeches, recognition at the Society House

Signing of the Mayflower Compact—one of several beautiful stained glass windows in First Parish Church



Pilgrim Procession to Cole's Hill



Splendid sartorial garb—unidentified participants



Pilgrims' progress—an exceptionally fine turnout



Members of the newly formed Mayflower Guard



Services at First Parish Church



## The Amazing Achievements of Sarah Josepha Hale—"The Godmother of Thanksgiving"

*"Men have the power—women have the influence"*

The "Godmother of Thanksgiving?" Sarah Josepha Hale didn't invent Thanksgiving, of course; in 1621 our Pilgrim ancestors, in overwhelming gratitude for deliverance and survival after that ghastly first year of loneliness, starvation, backbreaking toil, despair, and disease that had taken half of their number in an early death, celebrated a three-day festival of thanks along with their Wampanoag benefactor/friends.

She didn't create the holiday, either; President George Washington had inaugurated an annual day of thanksgiving. And she didn't institute it as a national holiday to be celebrated at the same time every year in every state; President Abraham Lincoln managed that—but she could claim that she made him do it. Who Sarah was, and how and why she accomplished it, make a wonderful story. Let me tell you about it.

Sarah was born in 1788 in New Hampshire, and today they are so proud of her up there that the New Hampshire Historical Society sells her likeness in their museum shop and on the Internet as a "Bobblehead Doll." Her father was Revolutionary War Captain Gordon Buell, so Sarah was what the DAR would call a "Real Daughter," although the Daughters of the American Revolution wasn't organized until after her death.

Sarah's mother, Martha Whittlesey, an intelligent woman who home-schooled her children, passed on to them her love of learning and of books. College for girls was not an option at that time, but Sarah's brother Horatio was going to Dartmouth, and realizing what a bright younger sister she was, and being the kind of big brother he was, he spent his summer vacations sharing his college textbooks and his growing body of knowledge with her, in effect providing her with a fine education comparable to that of a college graduate.



When she was eighteen Sarah landed a position teaching boys and girls at a local private school, continuing until her marriage at the age of 25 to a young lawyer named David Hale, truly a kindred spirit. He, too, tutored his wife, strongly encouraging her creative endeavors as they spent many evenings reading and studying together. Tragically, in 1822, after only nine years of marriage, Sarah lost her wonderful husband to pneumonia, leaving her with four young children and a newborn baby to support, but she was neither helpless nor unprepared. Sarah was a fine writer, and she had already authored a number of poems while her husband was alive, so, with financial assistance from her late husband's local Masonic Lodge, she set about launching a literary career, publishing her first, and then a second book of poems.

Her first novel, "*Northwood, A Tale of New England*", was published in 1827 and was noticed by a clergyman named Rev. John Blake who was just then starting publication of *The Ladies' Magazine*. He persuaded her to move to Boston and become his Editor. She seized the opportunity, placed her older children with relatives, and in 1828, Sarah and her youngest son moved to Boston to begin what would become an astonishing career.

In 1836 a Philadelphian named Louis Antoine Godey bought *The Ladies' Magazine*, merging it with a new journal he was starting and hiring Sarah to continue to edit what became the *Godey's Ladies' Book*. She proceeded to turn a rather insignificant journal that published tiresome "watery romances" and reprinted articles from English periodicals into a smash hit, filling it with fashion plates in color and helpful articles on a wide range of topics of tremendous interest to women. Its circulation increased many times over and established Sarah as an important arbiter of influence and appeal over women.

Sarah remained a prodigious and prolific writer and editor for forty years, using this "bully pulpit" to advance her particular causes and continue her dedicated crusade, and this is where this amazing lady comes into her own.



Sarah was a proponent for women in the workplace, but only as teachers and in the medical field, and she advocated women's rights, but she was no feminist. She helped make writing a profitable profession, publishing works by such authors as Edgar Allen Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, as well as female authors, and paying her authors well.

In 1840 she sent a female reporter to London to report on the Queen's wedding, and the resulting publicity in *Godey's* is believed to have begun the vogue for the white wedding gown. Very much opposed to slavery, although not an abolitionist, she was strongly devoted to the Union, and that may account for her most persistent campaign and thus her most notable achievement. Sarah Hale's relentless pursuit of one specific goal was to have Thanksgiving celebrated as a National Holiday on the same day every year. When George Washington was President he had set aside Thursday, November 26 to be "*a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.*" Although the Continental Congress had proclaimed a national Thanksgiving back in 1777 and all 13 colonies celebrated it, by 1815 it had basically fallen out of favor, the Southern states mostly ignoring it completely and the others each deciding separately whether or not to even celebrate the holiday, and if so, when.

In Sarah's time the nation was suffering from a growing disconnect, with the issue of slavery becoming more and more divisive, and in her first year as editor of *Godey's*, she suggested that Thanksgiving "*might, without inconvenience, be observed on the same day of November, say the last Thursday of the month, throughout all New England, and also in our sister states....It would then have a national character.....a festival which will never become obsolete, for it cherishes the best affectations of the heart— the social and domestic ties. It calls together the dispersed members of the family circle, and brings plenty, joy and gladness to the dwellings of the poor and lowly.*" Sarah was persistent in the use of her editorials as a platform to espouse her many causes, and in support of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Sarah insisted that Thanksgiving must be "*fixed and perpetuated*". In her September 1863 letter to Abraham Lincoln, as she phrased it, she had "*placed the papers before the Governors of all the States and Territories—also I have sent these to our Ministers abroad, and our Missionaries to the heathen—and commanders in the Navy.*"

Her crusade took two decades, along with a great deal of "ink." And that's another point: the first practical typewriter was invented around 1869, so all Sarah's prolific letterwriting was done in her delicate hand. For fifteen years Sarah wrote editorials in *Godey's Lady's Book* every autumn, promoting Thanksgiving as a national holiday on a set date. She wrote impassioned letters to five Presidents in succession: Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and lastly Abraham Lincoln, who finally signed the desired proclamation in September 1863.

Sarah went on to publish almost fifty novels and poems during her lifetime, along with numerous nonfiction titles, cookbooks, articles and books on household advice. Amazon's "*Legacy Reprint Series*" offers reprints of several of her books as being "culturally important". (You can discover some of those amazing titles on line.) She strongly advocated physical education for children and higher education for women, co-founding *Vassar College*, supporting *Emma Willard School* in Troy, and founding the *Boston Seaman's Aid Society* for the benefit of seamen's widows and orphans.

M. Baker, Director and Librarian at the *Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum*, wrote a lengthy article in 2007 referring to Sarah Josepha Hale as "**The Godmother of Thanksgiving.**" With good reason, since it was also Sarah who may be largely responsible for the traditional turkey dinner. In her novel *Northwood*, she not only described in exquisite detail a fine Thanksgiving feast starring roast turkey with stuffing and gravy and pumpkin pie, but in *Godey's Ladies' Book* she included the recipes for the turkey and the pie! Thank you, Sarah Josepha Hale!





# Compact Day Luncheon Meeting Saturday, November 4, 2017

**Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road  
Voorheesville, NY 12186**

**Reception and Cash Bar 12:00, Luncheon at 12:30**



You and your guest(s) are most cordially invited to join your Mayflower cousins for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner: Harvest Bisque, Roast turkey, Stuffing, Mashed potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter, Pumpkin Pie, Coffee or Tea.

Please make your check for **\$28.00** per person payable to **Albany Colony SOMD** and mail it with the reservation blank below to: **Betty-Jean Haner, 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205-3615.**

Reservations *must* be in the mail by Saturday, October 28.

For late reservations—and no reservations will be taken after October 31—call Betty Jean at (518) 869-8368.

(Please note that *all* calls even within the same 518 area must now include the area code.)



*Taken on Ridge Road, East Greenbush, after a heavy rainstorm*

"History ought to be a source of pleasure. It isn't just part of our civic responsibility . . . it's an enlargement of the experience of being alive, just the way literature or art or music is."

*David McCullough*



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me  
at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017  
at the Albany Country Club. (All entrees are \$28.00).

Please list the names of the persons attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Looking forward to seeing you at the Albany Country Club on Saturday, November 4, 2017.*

### Directions to Albany Country Club

**From Downtown Albany** - I-787 North to I-90 West to Exit 1 - Route 20/Western Avenue. Continue from ★ below.

**From Schenectady** - I-890 South to NYS Thruway/I-90 East on NYS Thruway/I-90 to Exit 24. Bear right going through tollbooth. Follow signs, immediately after toll plaza for Route 20/Western Avenue. Continue from ★ below.

**From Troy** - I-787 South to I-90 West to Exit 1 - Route 20/Western Avenue. Continue from ★ below.

**From East** - Mass Pike/I-90 West to NYS Thruway/I-87 North to Thruway Exit 24. Bear right going through toll plaza. Follow signs immediately after toll plaza for Route 20/Western Avenue. Continue from ★ below.

**From North** - Northway/I-87 South to end of expressway at Route 20/Western Avenue. Right onto Route 20/Western Avenue. Continue from ★ below.

★ *Continue 2.5 miles, Left onto Route 155. Continue 2.5 miles, turn right on Wormer Rd. Turn right at top of hill, continuing on Wormer Road. Club entrance ¾ miles on right.*



*"The closer we study their lives, and the better we know their deeds, the more profound is our admiration and the greater our reverence for the Pilgrim fathers. Between the drafting of their immortal charter of liberty in the cabin of the Mayflower and the fruition of their principles in the power and majesty of the republic of the United States of today is but a span in the records of the world, and yet it is the most important and beneficent chapter in history. To be able to claim descent from them...is to glory in kinship with God's nobility."*  
Chauncey Depew

### R.I.P., Massasoit Ousameequin—again.

Massasoit Ousameequin, the great Indian sachem to whom our Pilgrim forebears owed so much, has finally been laid to rest—again. The year after the Mayflower colonists landed, they signed a treaty with Massasoit, leader of the Wampanoags, ushering in 54 years of peace until his death in 1661. He was buried in what is now Warren, Rhode Island. Unbelievably, in 1891, the construction of a railroad disrupted his eternal rest, condemning his remains and funerary artifacts, and those of 41 other native individuals, to various private collections and seven different museums, and looting, treasure hunting, and archaeological digging are said to have continued in the area after completion of the railroad.

According to Ramona Peters, Coordinator of the Wampanoag Repatriation Confederation, after the 1990 passage of the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*, the Wampanoags realized that the return of the remains and artifacts might be possible, and her group devoted more than two decades to their recovery and collection. It was just this past May 13, 2017, that "658 objects from 42 burials" (reported by *Cape Cod Today*), were respectfully returned to the historic Wampanoag burying ground, what is now Burrs Hill Park (the "Royal Burial Ground") in private traditional sacred ceremonies conducted by the three Wampanoag tribes: The Acquinnah, the Mashpee, and the Assonet Band.

One jarring note: the Pokanoket Tribe of Bristol County, acknowledged by proclamations from various town councils in Rhode Island as indigenous peoples and direct descendants of the great Indian sachem—but not being a federally recognized tribe—were deliberately excluded from participation in the solemn reburial proceedings. In fact, some reports suggest that they were not even aware the event had occurred until they read about it afterward in the newspaper. Their initial reaction was a bitter and public protest. The Pokanoket sagamore, Po Wauipi Neimpaug, was quoted in a press release as saying that the Pokanokets were insulted by the omission, that it was a breach of protocol, and that they will do a formal interment ceremony of their own at a later date. As Pilgrim descendants we're glad that he now rests in peace.



Sylvia Story Magin

*"How fascinating history is—the long, variegated pageant of man's still continuing evolution of this strange planet, so much the most interesting of all the myriads of spinners through space."* George Macaulay Trevelyan