

# Mayflower



# Chronicles

Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

November, 2004

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## **Compact Day Meeting Saturday, November 6, 2004**

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY

Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 p.m. Luncheon 1:00 p.m.

### **Lt. Governor's Message**

Even as I write this, the Fall Season is upon us in Up-State New York. The leaves are mostly turning—the Halloween candy and costumes are in all of the stores—VT is almost past it's full peak—and we are all having turkey at our Semi-annual Meeting at the Normanside Country Club on November 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope that most of you will be able to attend.

First Deputy Rick Saunders, who is also our New York State Juniors Chairman, has put together our very first attempt to increase our Junior Members involvement in our Mayflower Society programs. Junior Members have always been invited to our regular meetings and events but Rick has put together a special program for our Juniors, that all members are invited to, at 11:00, just before our 12:30 Luncheon Meeting. If this works out well, I would hope that Rick could arrange for a more Statewide program in conjunction with our May 2005 Meeting. Dr. Pat Stanford, the National Juniors Chairman has offered to come to New York and it could work out to have her come visit us next May.

Attention Parents and Grandparents – Please consider enrolling your children and grandchildren as Junior Members of our Mayflower Society. The membership is growing in that area and we are planning to have more junior events in the future. Encouraging our children and grandchildren to become aware of the proud heritage, of which we are a part, will not only honor our Pilgrim fathers but will also help us to grow

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### **Capital District Role in American History**

Our speaker will be Dr. L. Jeffrey Perez who resides in the Albany area with his wife and 2 children. Doctor Perez has worked for the New York State Legislature, State University of New York and is presently employed at the New York State Charter Schools Institute. Doctor Perez has a PHD in American History and his topic will be “Some Significant Roles Played by the Capital District in American History.”

### **Next Meeting**

The Spring Meeting is tentitively set for May 7, 2005 at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY

## Minutes, May 2004 Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the Albany Colony, held on May 1 at Normanside Country Club, Delmar, was called to order by Lt. Governor Young at 12:55 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Blessing was given by Elder Manning Balcom.

New members were introduced by Diana Bastian: Henry Adams, Jr.; Jane Bradford Cook; William Bradford Cook; and our newest member Richard Brewster De Kay.

The head table was introduced by Lt. Gov. Young. Members introduced themselves, and their guest(s), providing home location and Mayflower ancestor.

Minutes from the November 2003 meeting were approved as presented in May 2004 issue of the Mayflower Chronicles. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Betty-Jean Haner. An explanation, by Lt. Gov. Young, regarding the recent National dues increase was followed by a history of our Albany Colony dues, provided by Bette Bradway.

The Historian's report was approved as presented in the Chronicles by Bob Haff. Charlotte Russell was named an Honorary Life Member.

Chronicles Editor, Phil Bradway, expressed appreciation for articles from members.

Archivist – no report.

Roll Call of Ancestors was taken by Captain Rick Saunders.

### ROLL CALL

John Alden 2	Stephen Hopkins 5
Isaac Allerton 2	John Howland 8
William Bradford 2	William Mullins 2
William Brewster 9	George Soule 3
Francis Cooke 1	John Tilley 8
Edward Doty 2	Richard Warren 4
Edward Fuller 1	William White 1

The William Brewster line had the most members present.

Junior Program – new Albany Colony Chairman, Duane Booth, was introduced by State Chairman Rick Saunders. National Chairman, Dr. Pat Stanford, has provided a book to help colonies work with the Junior Mayflower members.

Members with potential family Junior members are encouraged to enroll and pay the \$75 Junior membership fee as this prepays the application fee for those who continue on to become regular Mayflower Society members in the New York Society..

Junior members present today – 4.

Summer Meeting – Mary Lynne Wolfe volunteered to organize and chair the August trip and suggested touring Old Kingston, as it has been restored.

2004 Albany Colony Roster Booklet – Rick Saunders provided copies for everyone.

“Coming to America” educational material for teachers of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders is still available for \$10/set from Plymouth, announced by Elbridge M. Smith, past National Chairman of Education.

May 17, WMHT Public Television will air a program on the Early Settlers in New England.

Plimoth Plantation Adventure will be June 18,19, 20 in Plymouth.

Dr. Ward Stone, noted pathologist with NYS Environmental Conservation at Five Rivers, Delmar, was our speaker. His roots are in nearby Columbia County. Growing up there by a “clean” stream, he decided he wanted to save the environment. As we destroy the farmlands with large building lots for large houses for only a few people, we upset the wild life, and cause ecological change. Dr. Stone was very informative about preserving the present in order to protect our future. He is always searching for ways to teach people to trod lightly on this earth. We need to not use too much of it so there will be enough for future generations.

Our next meeting will be held November 6, 2004 at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Manning Balcom and adjourned at 3:25pm.

Submitted by,

Priscilla S. Davis, Secretary



# Historian's Report

2 OCTOBER 2004

## ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP

	GN	NY	DATE	PASSENGER
Lillian Eva Dewey Barringer	73546	5104	4 Aug 2004	Richard Warren
Ellen Flaherty Cook Bertke	72869	5068	25 Feb 2004	William Bradford
William Bradford Bertke	73601	5109	4 Aug 2004	William Bradford
Jeanette Adaline Wheeler Callaghan	73242	5087	12 May 2004	Henry Samson
William Bradford Cook	72839	5064	10 Feb 2004	William Bradford
Wendy Ann Wellman Knott	73243	5088	12 May 2004	Henry Samson
Lothrop Lee, Jr.	73547	5105	4 Aug 2004	John Alden
Genevieve M. Baggerly Lentlie	73713	5120	14 Sep 2004	George Soule
Heather Lee Brown Lewis	73137	5082	15 Apr 2004	William Brewster
Lynnell Alayne Denison Marquis	72866	5065	18 Feb 2004	John Howland
Carolyn Louise Van Brocklen Ratta	73484	5101	16 Jul 2004	William Brewster
Robert Bullis Salisbury	72867	5066	18 Feb 2004	John Alden
Theresa Lynn Whittaker	73099	5079	8 Apr 2004	James Chilton
Shirley Maybra Lawton Yetter	73338	5095	7 Jun 2004	Richard Warren

## REINSTATED

Kathleen Fitzgerald Purmell	60579	4510	Apr 2002	William Brewster
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## SUPPLEMENTALS APPROVED

Mabel Grennell McMahon			27 Feb 2004	William Bradford
James Hersey Wick			12 Feb 2004	Richard Warren
James Hersey Wick			18 May 2004	William Bradford

## PAPERS OUTSTANDING PRELIMINARY

James W. Bartlett	9 Sep 2004
James Barton	11 Sep 2003
Alison Bentley	11 Sep 2003
Robert Donald Bowles	9 Sep 2004
Anastasia Cromie	9 Sep 2004
Rhian Margaret Ellis	9 Sep 2004
Jean Elizabeth Earley Hicks	9 Sep 2004
Jeffery Hudson	11 Jun 2003
Carl P. Krize	9 Sep 2004
Pamela Lenox	11 Sep 2003
Jane B. McNett	9 Sep 2004
Glenna Shanahan	11 Sep 2003
Peter Smith	11 Sep 2003
Susan Tracy	11 Sep 2003
Barbara Sweeney Wellman	12 Dec 2002

## NEW APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Jessica Claire Curtis Baade
James William Bartlett
Regina Marie Bures
Carol Ann Edwards Caruso
Geoffrey Robert French Cundall
John P. Delamater
Deborah Dufton
Elizabeth Gorman
Margaret Forrest Holbitter
Barbara Jean Cross Littlebrant
Douglass Mather Mabee
Eugene Francis Mack

Peter Francis Mastrangelo  
 Carol L. Brow McQuinn  
 Jane Elizabeth Bowman McNett  
 Charles Moore  
 Eleanor Laraine Morris  
 James Edwin Rogers  
 Claudia Ann Hoke Russell  
 Kathleen Patricia McMahon Scheffler  
 Florence E. Sell  
 Everett Allen Stockman  
 Christie J. Sullivan

## Resignation/Drop/Transfer

Esther Brownell Allison	44834	4019
Dorothy B. Candors	63035	4630
Kathryn Sharp Pontius	29078	3474

## DEATHS REPORTED

Elizabeth Taylor Evans	57735	4390
14 Jun 2003		
Carol David York	46552	4055
11 Feb 2004		

## MEMBERSHIP

Life 10 Regular 176 Junior 28

**Robert Morton Haff, Colony Historian**



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 John Van Steenburgh  
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**Meeting  
 Moments**

## Jaunts and Haunts – November 2004

by Diana G. Bastian

Wandering around cemeteries on Thanksgiving Day is not the way most people celebrate the holiday. However, things have a way of just happening...

In 1997, my every spare moment was spent researching the Calkins-Thew family link to William Brewster. Several trips were made to Clinton Co. NY where both families had settled.

One trip, my daughter Jamie and I stopped in Wilmington NY to meet a newly found cousin. Entering Myrtle's kitchen was like stepping back in time. An old stove greeted us. I'd seen one years ago in the farmhouse of friends of my parent's. Myrtle's stove was even older...and obviously still being used. The stove had a "water reservoir" on one end to heat and keep water warm. Jamie and I noticed the new microwave in a corner of the room... UNPLUGGED. A big woodshed was located on the opposite side of the wall behind the stove. Firewood is still chopped in the shed and placed in the wood box via an opening in the wall between the kitchen and the shed. The house was passed down through Myrtle's family. Jamie was very quiet.



Over the next 7 years, Myrtle and I kept in touch. Last summer her daughter Linda (from Utah) and myself decided to team together to publish a Thew Family genealogy. Linda, her husband David, and myself met for the first time at Myrtle's house 2 days before Thanksgiving. Linda and I both arrived at her Mom's house with laptops in hand. We presented a striking contrast to Myrtle's home with the old stove that would roast yet another Thanksgiving turkey for dinner.

Thanksgiving morning, I heard Myrtle moving around downstairs. I watched as she removed a round iron plate with an iron handle and placed kindling wood in the stove to get a fire going. David went out in the woodshed to chop wood...and stacked it in the wood box. Times have sure changed..

Once Myrtle put the turkey in the old oven...Linda,



David and I headed to a cemetery in the small town of Haselton. While Linda was taking pictures of headstones, I wandered around. Towards the back of the cemetery, there was a fellow digging. After watching a few minutes, I realized he "might" be digging a grave.

Curiosity got the best of me, so I strolled over to find out. Yes indeed... Greg was digging a grave by hand. Asked why they didn't use backhoes like I've seen done. He said backhoes can cause damage to neighboring graves, so many times they simply dug them by hand. It takes "...bout 3 hrs" to dig a full size grave 6 ft deep. Greg can tell how deep to go because his shovel is 6 ft long...from the top of the handle... down to the point of the blade.

Linda and David came over to join us. The town of Haselton is in view of White Face Mountain... and gets lots of snow and very cold weather. We asked if they dug graves in the winter. Many cemeteries in snowy areas are not open for winter burials.

"Yes we do," replied Greg. In a small town it's very difficult to say NO to a burial when a family is looking for closure. They try to be as "accommodating" as possible. There

were times they'd used pickaxes and jackhammers. Took 3 days to dig one grave. The frost line was very deep. The ground was so hard, they dug down the length of the blade on the shovel. The shallow grave was then filled with wood and fire started to thaw the ground below. Once the fire went out, they dug deeper. With the frost line still a problem, more wood was thrown in the grave and the fire restarted. I began wondering if our Pilgrim ancestors had had to dig a grave the same way.

Linda asked Greg if someone at home was cooking Thanksgiving dinner. Greg nodded. He'd gone deer hunting and stopped to dig this grave before heading home. The new grave only had to be 2 ft x 2 ft... for a cremation.

We said goodbye and headed home. Myrtle was just setting the table. The kitchen was filled with delicious aromas coming from the old stove. And I'm positive our ancestors bowed their heads along with us. Our heads bowed in prayer is a fitting way to say thanks to Pilgrim ancestors who had the courage to follow their dreams and left behind a heritage to be proud of.

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even stronger as a Society. Please contact our Albany Colony Historian, Bob Hoff if you wish an application.

It gives me great pleasure, to announce that our Governor, George Pataki, has again at our request proclaimed November 21, 2004, as MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY, in the Empire State. I have copies of his Proclamation, for both our New York State Mayflower Society Office and for our sister New York State Colony in Buffalo. The Mayflower Compact was the basic agreement for governing the Colony and perhaps the predecessor document for our United States Constitution, was signed in Cape Cod Harbor on 11 November 1620, before anyone left the ship to set foot on dry land. Our ancestors were the first successful colony of men, women, and children to start this great nation. They were Englishmen who according to the Mayflower Compact, undertook the movement of their families to our country "for the Glory of God and the Advancement of the Christian faith," and we should be ever mindful of those facts. We need not and should not compromise our English heritage, language and religious freedom. Let us always remind each other of, where, when, why, and by whom this great country of ours was started.

For those of you that have lines that go back to the Elder William Brewster, you might be interested to know that Anne and I will be going to London at the end of October and while Anne does some sightseeing with our grand-daughter who has a college semester in London, I hope to find a researcher that will turn some of those old moldy archive pages and try to prove at long last, who the parents were of the Elder William Brewster's wife Mary. I am still not sure that she wasn't a Wentworth as was long believed until John Hunt questioned the age issue and wrote his "Mary Who" books that indicate that her parents were Wyrall. Right time, right place, right age, right station of life, but so also, as our own former LT. Governor, Bob French has pointed out to me, was

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a Mary Southworth as to time frames, etc.

I have a copy of the "Speedwell Passenger List" of 1620, which included 66 passengers. All but 3 of them continued on to America in the 1620 Mayflower after the Speedwell returned to England and was declared unfit to make the voyage. This might make a good quiz show question. My records indicate that they were Dr. Thomas F. Blossom, Mary Cushman, and William Ring. I have not been able to find a list of the passengers that were on the Mayflower before the two ships returned to port when the Speedwell developed leaks that made her unfit to sail. However, the 102 passengers on the 1620 Mayflower did include all but the above 3 people that were on the Speedwell passenger list.

I am disappointed to report to you that no one has volunteered in response to my plea for help to take over the 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade school visits of the Plimoth Plantation role players to the Capital District Area. However, the Plantation has agreed to grandfather us and not add the requirement of hotels to the program. This seems also to have been grandfathered to our New York City Program. On that basis, Anne and I have again indicated that we would house the play actors, and I have made arrangements with 6 area schools in Albany,

Bethlehem, North Greenbush and Troy for this most worthwhile and children educational program to continue in our area. We will have two "pilgrims" from the 1620 Mayflower at our area schools on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. It is however time for others in our Colony to get involved.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day and I hope that every registered voter will go to the polls. The right to vote is not only a privilege but also an obligation of being an American. In our last Presidential election, less than 50% of registered voters cast their votes. I know and understand many peoples' reaction to all of the local and national media negative points or slanted information or outright lies about the people that run for office, but we still must make the best choice that we may and not let unqualified people become elected to our government, no matter their party or support. Please everybody vote on 2 November.

Last but not least I wish you all an interesting and hopefully successful Halloween and it would be just great to see everyone at our meeting on Sat. 6 November.

Art Young  
Lt. Gov. Albany Colony, DGG NYS Society  
CG General Society

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**COMPACT DAY MEETING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2004**

**Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY**

**Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 p.m. Luncheon 1:00 p.m.**

We will be having a traditional turkey dinner including Roast Turkey, stuffing & cranberry sauce; mashed potatoes; Salad, fresh vegetable and finishing with pumpkin pie. The cost is \$18.00 per person

Please make your check payable to "Albany Colony" and mail to:

BETTY-JEAN HANER, 53 NEW SHAKER ROAD, ALBANY NY 12205-3615.

We must have all reservations in the mail by Saturday, October 30, to arrive no later than Monday November 1. For late reservations (NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER November 1), call Betty-Jean 518-869-8368 or Rick Saunders at 518-792-1412 (Glens Falls).

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, November 6, 2004.

Please list names of persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Dinner  
\$18 per person

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

Youth Members  
(Names and Ages) \_\_\_\_\_



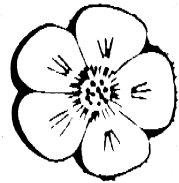
### Directions

Head NORTH on US 9W EAST), from exit 23 (I 87 & I 787). TURN LEFT onto DELAWARE AV (Hwy 443 WEST). Go 3.6 miles and TURN RIGHT onto SALISBURY RD.(look for a sign at the traffic light on Delaware and Salisbury with an arrow directing traffic to the Normanside CC). Go to end. If all else fails, the phone number of the Normanside is 518-439-2117



### Looking for Holiday Gifts?

The General Society has all sorts of neat things to go under the Christmas tree (or on it, for that matter). Check out the limited edition Holiday Ornament on the society web site <<http://mayflower.org>>.



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