

# Mayflower



# Chronicles

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

May, 2005

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## Spring Meeting Saturday, May 7, 2005

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY

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

### Lt. Governor's Message

Well, as I sit to start this message, the sun is shining, the trees are budding, the grass is turning green, and some of the flowers are starting to come up from their long winter sleep. Also Anne and I are planning to have dinner outside on our deck for the first time this year as it is in the low 70's. It seems like it was a very long winter and I know that you all share with us the gladness that spring is here at last.

This means of course that Memorial Day is also close upon us. That is a very important day for our family as we have a long tradition of planting red and white geraniums on area family gravesites. We planted about three dozen last year and with all the trimming that has to be done, it sometimes can be quite a job. Did you know that according to Robert Heath's 1888 History of the Grand Army of the Republic, that on May 5, 1868 General John Logan issued "General Order No. 11" to inaugurate this observance in memory of the Union soldiers that had died in the Civil War. The May 30<sup>th</sup> date was selected to make it a spring month and late enough that it would be possible to find flowers in the New England and in the Northern most States of our country.

This letter is also a reminder to you that we are fast approaching our Triennial General Society Meeting in Plymouth, MA. The meeting dates are September 12 and 13, however there are activities that start on September 10<sup>th</sup>, including the Triennial Meetings of both the Elder William Brewster Society and the John Howland Society. There are also several other Pilgrim Societies that will be meeting on Sat. the 10<sup>th</sup> and Sun. the 11<sup>th</sup>, with the General Society Meeting starting on Mon. the 12<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a most important meeting, as the

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### Identity Theft

Our guest speaker will be George Murphy and he will be talking on "Identity Theft." The presentation will include slides. He is the New York State Trooper in charge of the I. T. Division.

This is a timely topic as you can tell with all the TV coverage of the problem.

Come and learn how you can protect yourself. The identity you save may be your own!

### Next Meeting

The Compact Day Meeting is tentatively set for November 6, 2005 at the Normanside CC, Delmar, NY

**Note:** This issue is being sent electronically to those that requested it at the last meeting. Hard copy is also being sent until we're sure the bugs are out of the process. If you wish electronic distribution, please email the Editor.

## Minutes, November 2004 Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Albany Colony, held on November 6 at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, was called to order by Lt. Governor Young at 1:05 PM. The Blessing was given by Betty-Jean Haner, substituting for Elder Manning Balcom. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, led by Rick Saunders. The Compact Day Proclamation issued by Governor Pataki for November 21, was read by Rick Saunders.

New members were introduced by Diana Bastian: Elizabeth Altenhofen, Jeanette Callaghan, Wendy Knox, Peter Lindemann, Eileen Patch, and Carolyn Ratta.

The head table was introduced by Lt. Gov. Young; followed by members who introduced themselves, and their guest(s), as well as providing home location and Mayflower ancestor(s).

Minutes from the May 2004 meeting were approved as printed in the November 2004 issue of the Mayflower Chronicles.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Betty-Jean Haner. A motion was made by Mr. Saunders, Sr. to donate \$25 from the Albany Colony to the Mayflower Library Fund in memory of our members who are recently deceased (2004). Bob Haff, seconded, and the motion was carried.

Our Albany Colony Roster has been completed and mailed out by Rick Saunders. A round of applause for a great job done by Rick.

Historian's report was given by Bob Haff, as presented in the Chronicles.

Chronicles Editor, Phil Bradway, would like to add more articles from members. This can be done through email.

Archivist – Susan Szewczyk brought the Colony scrapbook for viewing. Please submit newspaper articles pertaining to this group for the scrapbook to her.

Roll Call of Ancestors was taken by Captain Rick Saunders.

ROLL CALL –

John Alden 3	Stephen Hopkins 7
Isaac Allerton 4	John Howland 14
William Bradford 2	William Mullins 1
William Brewster 11	Henry Samson 2
James Chilton 2	George Soule 7
Francis Cooke 2	John Tilley 12
Frances Eaton 1	Richard Warren 7
Edward Fuller 6	William White 2

The John Howland/John Tilly line had the most present.

Members/guests present – 56 Junior members present – 1 Junior Program – The 23 Junior members in New York State are primarily located in the NYC area: 18 members

are ages 14 – 23; 5 members are age 10 and under. Note: one third of the children coming to America on the Mayflower died during the first year.

Old Business: No one responded to the appeal for someone to take over the coordination of the Plimouth Plantation play actors visiting Albany area schools and presenting to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. The Youngs are still looking for someone else to do this in the future.

New Business: There will be a trip to London to visit the “Mayflower Tavern.” Supposedly this tavern was built from the disassembled wood of the Mayflower ship.

Insignia – Mayflower insignia is meant to be worn at a Mayflower meeting or when representing the Society at a function; please do not wear insignia just as jewelry to church or elsewhere.

Dr. Jeffery Perez spoke about “Putting Albany on the Map” - a program on the Capital District Region being the Crossroads of American History. Dr. Perez is especially interested in studying maps. His slides demonstrate how maps in earlier years were used a great deal to provide information; not only to find a specific location, but illumination of an area or provide details of a story. In the 1700's, NYS maps showed towns such as Saratoga and Albany already named. These particular towns were most important during the American Revolution. During the 1800's the Erie Canal was built – a network of canals to access trade from West to East ending at Albany. In the 1900's the New York Central Railroad ran from the Midwest through Central New York along the shores of the Erie Canal through Albany to NYC. The first passenger train ran from Schenectady to Albany, along the Erie Canal to where the Mohawk River meets the Hudson River. Locomotives were built in Schenectady. Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (Troy) was established by engineers working on the Erie Canal needing additional trained professional engineers to assist with the projects. All this led up to industry and research being located in this area, continuing today and well on its way into the future. This was a most interesting presentation around our Albany area local history.

Our next meeting will be held May 7, 2005 at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY.

The Closing Prayer was given by Betty-Jean Haner and the meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Submitted by, Priscilla S. Davis, Secretary

*In spring more mortal singers than belong  
To any one place cover us with song.  
Thrush, bluebird, blackbird, sparrow, and robin  
through.... Robert Frost*

# Historian's Report

6 APRIL 2005

## ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP

	GN	NY	DATE
Thomas Paul Cadwell	74070	5148	15 Dec 2004
Lesley Grace Barringer Clemons	73991	5137	22 Nov 2004
Richard Palmer Scott	74237	5154	21 Jan 2005
Harold Wayne Sherman	74454	5168	24 Mar 2005
Janet McMurray Stewart	73961	5136	12 Nov 2004
Laura Sue Barringer Tozzi	73996	5142	22 Nov 2004
Walter Arthur Weston	74261	5156	1 Feb 2005

## TRANSFERED IN (From NY)

Henry Hopkins Livingston (Life)	24171	3141	3 Mar 1959
Richard Albert Scott	70770	4956	23 May 2002

## DEATHS REPORTED

Eleanor Strong Asher (Life)	18387	3161	26 Jan 2005
Beverly Blanchard Cook	66830	4802	5 Jun 2004
Joanna McGowan Koerner	59219	4456	31 Oct 2004
Burton Weir Mosher	70765	4951	3 Dec 2004

## RESIGNATIONS /DROPPED/ TRANSFERRED OUT

Theodore R. Diamond, Jr	57419	4382	dropped n/p 2004 dues
Susan Ripley FitzPatrick	60073	4488	dropped n/p 2004 dues
Kadi Beth Luchsinger	71756	5011	dropped n/p 2004 dues
John Faunce Roach	35723	3778	resigned
Sharon Elizabeth Williams	60 865	4525	dropped n/p 2004 dues

## WAITING APPROVAL FROM PLYMOUTH

Elizabeth Ann Johnson Gorman

## PAPERS OUTSTANDING

James William Bartlett	9 Sep 2004
James Miller Barton	11 Sep 2003
Robert Bradley Bennett	23 Feb 2005
Alison Bentley	11 Sep 2003
Mary Kathryn Rehfeld Boehm	23 Feb 2005
Robert Donald Bowles	9 Sep 2004
Anastasia Cromie	9 Sep 2004
John P. Delamater	2 Dec 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
Genevieve Baggerly Lentlie	2 Dec 2004
Peter Francis Mastrangelo	2 Dec 2004
Marie Ellen McDonald	23 Feb 2005
Jane Elizabeth Bowman McNett	9 Sep 2004
Melissa Cherryl Jones Nicolaysen	23 Feb 2005
Melvin Duffield Oliveira	23 Feb 2005
Dione Lee Robinson Ramsdill	23 Feb 2005
Scott William Sammons	2 Dec 2004
Florence E. Sell	2 Dec 2004
Glenna Shanahan	11 Sep 2003
Peter Smith	11 Sep 2003
Susan Tracy	11 Sep 2003
Stephanie Copes Varney	23 Feb 2005
Andrew Lorne Zachow	23 Feb 2005

## PRELIMINARY

MEMBERSHIP Life 10, Regular 176, Junior 28

ROBERT MORTON HAFF COLONY HISTORIAN

## NEW APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Jessica Claire Curtis Baade  
 Doris Sondra Erswell Carlson  
 Carol Ann Edwards Caruso  
 Geoffrey Robert French Cundall  
 Deborah Dufton  
 Heather R. Sacco Ficarra  
 Sandy Lynn West Flint  
 Margaret Forrest Holbritten  
 Barbara Jean Cross Littlebrant  
 Douglass Mather Mabee  
 Eugene Francis Mack  
 Nancy E. McDonald  
 Carol L. Brow McQuinn  
 Charles Moore  
 Eleanor Laraine Morris  
 James Edwin Rogers  
 Claudia Ann Hoke Russel  
 Kathleen Patricia McMahan Scheffler  
 Everett Allen Stockman  
 Christie J. Sullivan  
 Suzanne MacKenzie Swan

## Meeting Moments

All photos by  
John Van Steenburgh



## A True tale from a Dead Relative Collector

By Susan Szewczyk, Albany Colony Archivist.

I would like to tell you a “true tale” that happened to my father when he was helping me collect the necessary documentation for me to join the Mayflower Society.

My paternal grandmother Winona Smith Cobb was my family’s family historian. It was through her collection of family records of dates and places that I was able to join the Mayflower Society.

I needed a copy of my father’s great grandmother Maryann “Bartlett” Stout’s death record to put with my application. So, I called my dad who lived in Raymond, Maine where Maryann had died, and asked him to go to the local town clerk’s office to request a copy of Maryann’s death record. My father agreed to collect the record for me after I had given him the date she died which was June 23, 1965.

The following day he went down to the town clerk’s office in Raymond to request the record. He called me back later that night. I asked if he had received the record. He said, “Ah, no.” I asked “was there a problem?” He said, “Yeah, you could say that.” I then asked “what was the problem? Did they have a fire or something?” He said, “No, that wasn’t the problem.” So, I asked again “what happened?” The following is a true story!

My father said when he asked for the death record and told the lady the date, her response was the following. “Ah, yeah we have records for that time period, but there is a problem.” My dad asked, “What is the problem?” “She said, “Those record books are down in the vault downstairs.” Dad said, “So?” Well she said, “We can’t go down there.” “Why not dad asked?” And this is a direct quote. She looked my father straight in the eye and said, “None of the girls like to go into the vault, because strange things have happened.” My dad said, “Strange things? What do you mean?” She said “It’s haunted!”

“My father pulled his glasses down his nose looked her straight in the eye and said. “You’re kidding, right? Look, if you don’t have the time to do the record I can come back later, just don’t give me some bologna about the vault being haunted of all things!” She said, “Sir, I am not kidding strange things have happened down there and none of us goes down there, I am sorry but we can’t give you the record.” My dad just shook his head in amazement and left. I said, “You’re kidding?” he said, “Nope she was deadly serious.”

I said, I will call cousin Faith, she also lived in Raymond. She was serving on the town council. I knew SHE will get to the bottom of this bologna about a “haunted vault.” So I called Faith, I told her what happened and she was very upset. Maryann was her aunt. She said, “I will call you right back.” A few hours later, she called me back. She said,

“Tell your dad to go down to the town clerks office, the

record is waiting for him.” I said, “Thanks! I knew YOU would handle it.” So, I called my dad back. The next day dad went down to the clerk’s office again. Walked in and said, “Hi, I remember me?” She said, “Oh yes, you were here yesterday, we have your record for you Mr. Cobb, here you are, no charge.” My dad said, “I couldn’t resist, I had to ask.” “So, did you run into any ghosts while you were down there?” looking him straight in the eye she replied, “Nope, and you know what? We actually found some records we didn’t know we had!”



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General Society will be voting on a major change in our Society Bylaws. I have been serving on a Bylaw Revision Committee for the last several months, and it is quite clear that there is a very great need to get our Society rules and laws into a much more up-to-date format in order to be in compliance with current not-for-profit organization laws, as well as to be in compliance with MA laws, as MA is our State of Incorporation. The full text of these recommended revisions will be published in our next *Mayflower Quarterly* and I hope that you all will take the time to read them. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call me, as I would like your input as I expect to be part of the presentation at Congress and we will not have another Albany/Colony Meeting until Nov. It would be nice to be able to state that the document to be presented is without controversy, however that is not possible with so much that requires changing. Many issues were reviewed many times by the Committee and concluded or compromised for what we all agreed was in the best interest of our General Society for a very much-needed Bylaws update.

I would also urge everyone who is able to sign up now for these meetings as we would like to have a full New York State Delegation attend this historic meeting. Information to attend is in your last Quarterly. Please let both Sarah Morse our NYS Society Exc. Director or myself know that you have registered so that you may be officially listed as a delegate. We also need to know your plans as to dates, in order to plan our NYS Society Sun. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> New York Delegation luncheon.

Finally and just a little sadly for me, it has come time for me to step down and for our 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Lt. Gov., Rick Saunders to take over the leadership and direction of our Albany Colony. It has been my very great pleasure to have served you in this position for a little more than 10 years. At our last election, Rick was involved in several other organizations that required a great deal of his time and over the last two years some of those duties have lessened for him. In any event it is my intention to remain active in our Albany Colony but the May 7th meeting will end my tour of duty as your Lt. Gov. and I would very much like to thank not only the many Albany Colony Officers that have worked so hard to make our organization grow, but also all of the general membership of this fine organization for their help and corporation over these many years. I would like to wish Rick and his fellow officers continued great success and will offer my help and/or advice if and when called upon. Thank you all.

Art Young

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

## Roster Corrections

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## Meeting Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE  
LT. GOV. ART YOUNG, CAPT. RICK SAUNDERS

B. BLESSING  
ELDER MANNING BALCOM

C. INTRODUCE HEAD TABLE  
ART YOUNG

D. NEW MEMBERS  
DIANA BASTIAN NY CO.HIST.

E. SELF INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS :  
NAME – WHERE FROM – MAYFLOWER ANCESTOR

F. SECRETARY REPORT  
PRISCILLA SMITH DAVIS

G. TREASURER REPORT  
BETTY-JEAN HANER

H. HISTORIAN REPORT  
ROBERT HAFF

I. CHRONICLES  
PHIL BRADWAY

J. ARCHIVIST  
SUSAN SZEWCZYK

K. ANCESTOR ROLL CALL  
RICK SAUNDERS

L. JUNIORS  
RICK SAUNDERS NYS CHAIR

M. NEW OR OLD BUSINESS  
ART YOUNG

N. GUEST SPEAKER  
NEW YORK STATE TROOPER & DIVISION HEAD  
GEORGE MURPHY - **“IDENTITY THEFT”**

O. NEXT MEETINGS  
NOVEMBER 5 05 MAY ? 06  
{places to be announced}

P. CLOSING PRAYER  
MANNING BALCOM

ADJOURN AND A SAFE TRIP HOME EVERYONE

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**SPRING MEETING, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005**  
**Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY**  
**Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 p.m. Luncheon 1:00 p.m.**

There is a choice of entree, each served with Ceasar Salad and Strawberry Shortcake.

- (1) English cut Prime Rib of beef with Roasted Potato and Green Beans.
- (2) Breast of Chicken Forrestiere (in an exotic mushroom sauce) with Rice Pilaf and Green Beans.

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, April 30, to arrive no later than Monday May 2. For late reservations (NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER May 2), call Rick Saunders at 518-792-1412 (Glens Falls).

**Note:** The Normanside does not allow blue jeans and gentlemen must wear jackets

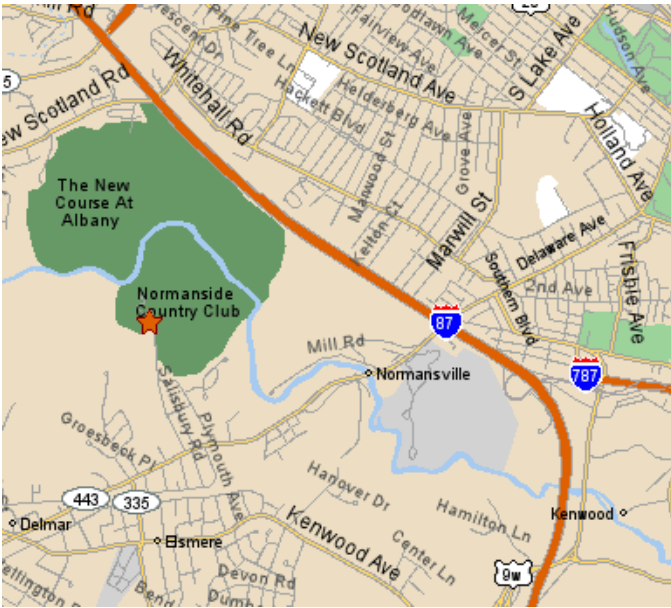
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Spring Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, May 1, 2004.

Please list names of persons with entree choices:

Prime Rib@ \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

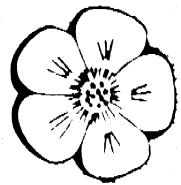
Breast of Chicken@ \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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



### 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



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