



Mayflower Chronicles

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Compact Day Meeting
Saturday May 2, 2009
Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY
Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 pm Luncheon 1:00 PM

LT. Governors' Message May 2, 2009

Probably like many of our members, I look forward to the Mayflower Quarterly and the news of the Society and our ancestors. However, I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Elbridge M. Smith, a Howland/Tilley cousin who, although a member of the Hawaii Society, frequented our meetings through the years. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife, Edna, son Elbridge W. and daughter, Susan Smith Davis (our Secretary), and their families. His wisdom and smile will be missed.

Colony elections will be completed at our May meeting, and subsequent to that meeting we will be putting together the 'new' Albany Colony Membership Roster, since the last one was completed in 2004, we are overdue. Although this will be printed, we will also produce it as an electronic version that could be emailed to members, or possibly posted on line (?), in order to reduce costs.

Please take a look at the Albany Colony website which is being created by Karl Danneil [<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsm/>]. This site links to both the New York Society site and the General Society site. Thank you Karl! Perhaps this will allow us to draw additional members who are searching on the internet as they do their genealogy.

New members is an area that all members can assist with, either by suggesting membership to other family members, children, cousins or friends working on their ancestry. Members can also promote the colony at genealogical workshops, or set up your own "Meet the Mayflower Descendants" program at a local library (especially if they have copies of the Mayflower silver books). The colony has Brochures available, both professional and homemade, which I will bring to the meeting as well, should any member think they can use them for recruiting efforts.

Finally, we will have samples of the neckties available from the New York Society and displayed in the New York newsletter (in black and white), at our meeting as well as order forms. These are much better seen in person and living color. Prices are \$50.00 which includes postage and handling.

I hope to see many of you on 2 May,
Rick Saunders

NEXT MEETING May 2, 2009

Future dates: November 7, 2009,
May 1, 2010, November 6, 2010

November 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The Fall Compact Day Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar NY, on Saturday, November 1st. Lt. Gov. Saunders called the meeting to order at 1 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-Captain Robert Clemons.

The Proclamation was presented by First Deputy Lt. Gov. James Rogers and endorsed by NYS Governor David Paterson.

Officers were introduced by Lt. Gov. Saunders.

New members present were introduced: Sara French (Edward Fuller), Nancy Meyer (James Chilton), Dave Morton (John Howland), Pam LaFontaine (William Bradford); and Transfers Nancy Mc Nabb and Nancy Yale.

Guests from the Hawaii State delegation were introduced: former National Education Chairman and Deputy Governors General Elbridge M. Smith, current Hawaii State DGGELbridge W. Smith and Historian Elbridge Z. Smith (& prospective member Edna W. Smith).

Self introductions by members included: name, location, ancestor.

Secretary's Report: minutes from the May 3rd meeting were amended from the printed version in the Spring 2008 issue of the Chronicles to include the introduction of new member Dr. Sara French; motion to approve made by Phil Bradway and 2nd by Bob Haff. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: approved as printed (Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner unable to attend). Moved by Richard Saunders, Sr. and 2nd by Jim Rogers. Motion carried.

Moment of silence was held in respect for deceased member Rev. Bruce Atkinson who passed away October 17, 2008. Motion made by Dick Saunders for a donation (\$25 each) to be sent to the General Society In memory of deceased Colony members: Albert Crocker, Richard DeKay, Mable McMahan. Motion carried.

Historian Robert Haff reported additional approved supplements, as printed in the Chronicles.

Bylaws Committee (Bob Haff, Art Young, Duane Booth): no report.

Chronicles Editor Joyce Musco suggested printing articles about each of our ancestors in the newsletter as this might be helpful to those doing research.

Old Business – none

New Business – Website is set up & can be accessed by using Google. Type in "Albany Colony Website"; it comes up with the rootsweb address, just click on that to check it out. Then you can use the heart icon for your favorites and click on that to add the page to your favorite sites. Suggestions for site include: meeting dates & location w/ directions, colony officers, email addresses, and in memoriam.

Yearbook/directory – roster last printed in 2004. It is time to update & reprint. Bob Haff proposed a committee be formed and publish it after the next election of officers. Duane Booth agreed to assist.

ROLL CALL of Ancestors:

John Alden 3
Isaac Allerton 3
John Billington 0
William Bradford 6
William Brewster 7
Peter Brown 0
James Chilton 4
Francis Cooke 3
Edward Dory 0
Frances Eaton 1
Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 2
Samuel Fuller 0
Stephen Hopkins 5
John Howland 10
Richard More 1
William Mullins 1
Degory Priest 1
Thomas Rogers 0
Henry Samson 0
George Soule 4
Miles Standish 0
John Tilley 9
Richard Warren 7
William White 2
Edward Winslow 0
Mary (Norris) Allerton 1
Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 1
Joan (Hurst) Tilley 8

Howland/Tilley descendants had the greatest representation – 10

Meeting Members/ guests present 54

Nominating Committee – Bette Bradway & Art Young will present slate of officers for election at May 2009 meeting.

Program: 38th Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants held in Plymouth, September 2008. Rick Saunders provided a slide show of some Congress events. Rick and Bette Broadway shared some updates about the national organization including the application fee increase 1/1/09 to \$125 and the supplemental fee also increases. Finances of the General Society have been unknown to the membership, but that is expected to change with the new administration. The expansion of headquarters has been determined to be too expensive at this time. The next Congress to be held in Plymouth may be moved to a different location to accommodate more members.

Announcements: Program proposed for the next meeting to be the "Plymouth 2007" DVD, prepared by Jim Rogers, about the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Mayflower II.

Drawing for the maple syrup, Plimouth Plantation brooch, and a plaque netted \$131 for the treasury.

Future meeting dates set:

May 2, 2009,

November 7, 2009

May 1, 2010,

November 6, 2010

Benediction given by Elder Young

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Priscilla Smith Davis

ALBANY COLONY

Robert M. Haff, Historian

From October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

+++ADDITIONS

Elected to Membership (9)

R. Bradley Bennett	80,001	5456	21 Jan 2009	John Alden
Barbara A. Bliven	79,640	5437	05 Nov 2008	William White
Elizabeth S. Gumustop	79,904	5451	31 Dec 2008	William Bradford
*William G. Howe	80,024	5457	26 Jan 2009	Stephen Hopkins
Douglas M. Mabee	79,935	5453	07 Jan 2009	William Brewster
Jeanne Marie Perry	80,392	5467	03/30/2009	William Bradford
Linda M. Seitz	79,617	5435	27 Oct 2008	Edward Doty
Christopher R. Stearns	79,903	5450	31 Dec 2008	William Bradford
Robert William White	79,968	5454	16 Jan 2009	Richard Warren

Transferred In (1)

Nancy Anne Potter	78,280	5428	October 15, 2008	frm OH2908
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Supplementals Approved

Robert E. Clemons	James Chilton	12 Nov 2008
Rae C. Halpin	William Bradford	11 Feb 2009
Ann F. Lundberg	Stephen Hopkins	12 Mar 2009
David Wade Morton	William Brewster	15 Oct 2008
David Wade Morton	Stephen Hopkins	23 Dec 2008
David Wade Morton	Francis Eaton	16 Mar 2009
Nancy Anne Potter	Stephen Hopkins	04 Feb 2009
James E. Rogers	William Mullins	09 Feb 2009
Charlotte R. Stearns	Wm. Bradford #2	30 Sep 2008
Charlotte R. Stearns	Wm. Bradford #3	16 Mar 2009

+++DELETIONS

Deaths (8)

Elizabeth Baker Altenhofen
 Bruce Coburn Atkinson
 Mary Louise Steele Bungay
 Wanda LaPierre Canaday
 Anna C. Cleveland
 *William Gerow Howe
 Mary Lois Oppenheim
 Wesley A. Webber Jr.

Resigned (2)

Mary Katherine Rehfield Boehm
 Rae Carpenter Halpin

Dropped/Non-Payment of Dues (19)

Alexander J. Bertke
 Ellen Cook Bertke
 William B. Bertke
 Hans M. Boehm
 Ann Connor Burrito
 John W. Connor
 Matthew S. Connor
 Jane Bradford Cook
 Brenda R. Denman
 Heather Sacco Ficarro
 Mary M. Huested
 Leah C. Johnson

Gerald W. Maslin

Margaret Bailey Nichols
 Ruth J. Ryan
 Regina C. Simonson
 Roger Philip Soule
 Almond deForest Warren

Transfer Out (1)

Frederick Carl Nelson

Membership Totals a/o March 31, 2009

14	Life
<u>175</u>	<u>Regular</u>
189	Members

I thought we could do a series of articles written by descendants of each of our forefathers. I started with Warren as an example of a couple ways to write. Next newsletter I'd like to start alphabetically with **John Alden** so if there are any descendants of John Alden that would like to write something please send or email to me and it will be published next Chronicles. Many thanks to Lynn .

Richard Warren

Written by a descendent of Richard Warren Lynn Keyes from Valley Falls, NY

Suddenly the plans changed. The Warren family was to travel together to the New World, but there was a problem with the ship. "What do you mean we can't come?" Elizabeth may have asked. "Leave them alone?" might have been Richard's astonished remark. Can you imagine leaving your wife and five children alone while you embarked on a journey of unspeakable peril, albeit excitement? What must those conversations between loving husband and wife, conversations which would shape a new land, have been like? Was he frightened? Was she angry? Were they excited? Elizabeth and Richard Warren were the participants in a discussion that ultimately helped found this country we now call home. I am proud to say the Warrens, my grandparents many times removed, had the courage to make the choice that Richard would continue on the adventure.

Am I romantizing? Maybe. In his writings in *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, William Bradford speaks of the possibility that Elizabeth and the children were initially to have made the trip with Richard, but when the much smaller Mayflower was substituted for the Speedwell, they were left behind. He says, "But others, in regard of their own weakness and charge of many young children were thought least useful and most unfit to bear the brunt of this hard adventure; unto which work of God, and judgment of their brethren, they were contented to submit." So it's possible and even probable that the group made the decision for the Warrens; Elizabeth and the children were to go back to London, Richard would go on alone. Join me in the romance as we think of that last kiss, the tender embraces between father and children, waves from the deck of the departing ship, tears unshed while figures grew smaller as the distance between grew longer. As we know, Elizabeth and children Mary, Anna, Sarah, Elizabeth and Abigail joined Richard three years later in the New World, where the births of Nathaniel and Joseph completed the family. I am descended from Nathaniel and his wife, Sarah.

I believe Richard was a Renaissance Man; ahead of his time, viewing Elizabeth as a strong, capable partner. Years before, he had trusted her to raise his children if the unthinkable happened and he never saw them again, and he trusted her again to control his property after his death, in 1628. In a move highly unusual for the day, Elizabeth took over the management of his land. I wonder if Richard recognised Elizabeth's talents and gave her the confidence to use them. Or maybe she believed in her own abilities and didn't need anybody's permission! In 1652, however, Elizabeth was having conversations very unlike those loving words she shared with her husband some decades prior. These were terse conversations with her son Nathaniel; full of demands, refusals and acrimony. Nathaniel wanted all the land his Mother had deeded to family members returned to him, it's rightful owner, as his Father's heir. Apparently, Elizabeth's answer was a resounding NO, so Nathaniel sued her to get the land! One of the first lawsuits in the Colonies! Not only did Elizabeth win the suit and keep all her land, but Peggy M. Baker writes in *A Woman of Valor: Elizabeth Warren of Plymouth Colony* that the arbitration panel told Nathaniel to forever cease all or other claims.... Elizabeth had won!

The character traits the Warrens passed on still live in my family, as I imagine they do in yours. We're brave people, ready for a challenge, up for a fight if we think we're right, with a bit of the self serving scalawag thrown into keep us humble. Thank you, Richard and Elizabeth. We're still here!

Some Famous People descended from Richard Warren Written by a descendent of Richard Warren Joyce Musco - Troy
President Ulysses, S. Grant, President Franklyn D. Roosevelt, Alan B. Shepard-1st American in space, Sarah Palin, Grandma Moses, Wright Brothers, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Richard Gere, Joanne Woodward, Henry David Thoreau, Julia Child, Johnny Carson, Amelia Earhart, Orson Welles, William Jennings Bryon among others

SLATE OF OFFICERS

To be elected May 2, 2009

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Secretary: Priscilla Smith Davis

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Co-Captains: Jacqueline Chamberlain

Robert Clemons

Elder: Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Surgeon: Duncan F. Winter, M. D.

Archivist: Vacant

For all new members and old: Please consider volunteering to fill any positions that are vacant. We only meet 2 times a year so it is not unduly time consuming and it is a good way to become involved. Many Thanks!!

SPRING MEETING MAY 2, 2009

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY

Reception and Cash Bar 12:30PM Luncheon 1:00pm

Appetizer Fresh Fruit Cup: assorted fresh seasonal fruit served in a champagne glass with raspberry drizzle.

Entree choice of - a. **Chicken Saltimbocca**: Sauteed chicken breast topped with sliced Prosciutto and mozzarella finished with a sage Marsala wine sauce.

b. **Pork Chop**: Grilled Boneless pork served with a pan sauce of apple and fennel.

c. **Lemon Sole**: Delicate sole filet rolled and dill dusted, finished with a chardonnay lemon sauce.

Dessert Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream: Baked granny smith apples topped with a brown sugar oatmeal crust.

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make your check payable, \$25.00 per person, to ALBANY COLONY SMD and mail with reservation form to: Betty Jean Haner, 53 New Shaker Road, NY 12205-3615 For late reservations (**NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER April 30**), please call Richard Saunders(518) 792-1412 (Glens Falls)

Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Fall Luncheon Meeting, Saturday May 2, 2009

Please list names of persons with entrée choices: (all entrees are \$25.00) _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed

Signed _____

I cannot attend/ I wish to donate _____

Hope to see you there!!!

"To the Pilgrims- a simple people, inspired by an ardent faith in God, a dauntless courage in danger, a boundless resourcefulness in the face of difficulties, an impregnable fortitude in adversity; thus they have in some measure become the spiritual ancestors of all Americans. To the Pilgrims." Pilgrims toast from Mayflower Quarterly June 2008



Directions

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 directing traffic to the Normanside Country Club

Go to the end. Phone # Normanside CC 518 -439- 2117

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if you want to have the
newsletter emailed to
you Go green like our
ancestors!!!

Notice

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