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Compact Day Meeting Saturday May 14, 2011

Century House Latham, NY

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

Lt. Governor's Message

This spring brings many changes affecting our Colony, and, I hope, a bright future. First, the Normanside Country Club that we have used as our meeting place, closed, and then was sold, leaving us with some concerns about where to meet. Although we will be meeting at the Century House Restaurant in Latham, we understand that the Normanside has been purchased and may once again, be utilized for our meetings.

Second, we had tentatively scheduled the Governor General Judith Swan to join us, and then found that the date may not be good, on top of other factors, so we decided to adjust our date by one week to accommodate her schedule. I am glad to report that She will in fact be attending the Albany Colony Meeting on May 14th. Finally, we have our Colony elections to be held in May, my term(s) comes to an end, and then in the following months a new Colony Directory will be distributed electronically.

By now, you should have received notice in the Mayflower Quarterly, of the Triennial Mayflower Congress to be held in Plymouth, MA September 8th - 14th, 2011. If you are interested in attending, register early with the General Society and make your hotel reservations also as soon as possible in order to guarantee your spot. We always have a great time! Please let me know if you are interested in being a Delegate from NY so that we can make sure you receive the proper credentials. Delegates attend the business meetings, etc. while just attending as a guest you do not need to attend the meetings, but are still able to participate in the Banquet, activities and guided trips. Finally, a great big Thank You to all our officers and members who have supported the Colony during my term as your Lt. Governor, and I hope you will please join me in continuing to support the new Officers and the Colony into the future.

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,

Rick Saunders, Lt. Governor, Albany Colony SOMDSNY

OUR SPEAKER JUDITH HADDOCK SWAN, GOVERNOR GENERAL AND OUR HONORED GUEST We are pleased to announce that our Governor General will be able to visit the Albany Colony for this May meeting. Judy was elected to this office in September 2008, so she is completing her 3rd year as our Governor General, one of only a few women who have held this General Society office. Prior to this, she was the Treasurer General for two terms. She will entertain and educate us with her program "The Women of the Mayflower."

Future Meetings : November 5, 2011 , May 6, 2012

November 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The Fall Compact Day Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, held at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar NY, on Saturday, November 6th was called to order by Lt. Gov. Rick Saunders at 1:05 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 Mayflower Compact Day Proclamation for November 21st by NYS Governor David Paterson was read by First Deputy Lt. Gov. James E. Rogers.

Officers present were introduced by Lt. Gov. Saunders: James Rogers, 1st Dep. Lt. Gov.; David Morton, 2nd Dep. Lt. Gov.; Priscilla Davis, Secretary; Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer; Jacqueline Chamberlain & Robert Clemons, Co-Captains; Robert Haff, Historian; Arthur Young, Jr., Elder; Eleanor Morris, Archivist; Karl Danneil, Webmaster and Joyce Musco, Editor.

New members present were introduced: Sharon Bell (Isaac Allerton) and Carrolyn Davies (Gov. William Bradford).

Self-introductions by members and guests included: name, location, ancestor. Members & guests present – 49.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 1st 2010 meeting were presented as printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve as printed made by Art Young and second by Bob Haff. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Betty-Jean Haner distributed and read the report. Motion to approve made by Dick Saunders and second by Manning Balcom. Motion carried.

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

Chronicles Editor Joyce Musco announced the two ancestors to be featured in the next issue of the Chronicles would be William Brewster and Peter Brown. Descendents of either ancestor please submit something for publication.

Nominating Committee Report – Bette Bradway, Chairman, presented the following slate:

Lt. Gov. – James E. Rogers;

1st Lt. Gov. – David Wade Morton;

2nd Lt. Gov. – vacant;

Secretary – Priscilla Smith Davis;

Treasurer – Betty-Jean Haner;

Elder – Art Young;

Archivist – Eleanor Morris;

Historian – Diana F Bastian;

Co-Captains – vacant.

Surgeon – Duncan F. Winter MD

Elections will take place at the May 2011 meeting. Anyone interested in the vacant positions, let Bette Bradway know.

Old Business Website – The Albany Colony Membership Directory has been published on the website. The new book will be published when the newly elected officers become official.

ROLL CALL of Ancestors:

John Alden - 3

Isaac Allerton - 4

John Billington - 1

William Bradford - 6

William Brewster – 8
Peter Brown - 1

James Chilton - 4

Francis Cooke - 5
Edward Doty - 3

Frances Eaton - 2

Moses Fletcher - 0

Edward Fuller - 0

Samuel Fuller - 1

Stephen Hopkins - 6

John Howland - 9

Richard More - 0

William Mullins - 2

Degory Priest - 0

Thomas Rogers - 2

Henry Samson - 0

George Soule - 6

Miles Standish - 2

John Tilley - 9

Richard Warren - 6

William White - 0

Edward Winslow - 0

Mary (Norris) Allerton – 0

Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins - 1

Joan (Hurst) Tilley – 9

Wives & Children - 6

**John Howland/John Tilley/
Joan Hurst Tilley
descendants had the
greatest representation-9**

Future meeting dates set:

May 7, 2011 (later changed to 5/14/11) November 5, 2011 and May 5, 2012

Priscilla S. Davis,
Secretary

New Business -. Members are curious about the first Albany Colony Association created. After some discussion, it was determined the NY Secretary of State should have original records containing such info. Eleanor Morris suggested that the American tradition of Thanksgiving could be a program topic in the future.

Program – “Mayflower Lineages: Connecting the Generations” Mr. Paul Bumpus, Historian General, presented a very interesting program on the Mayflower Society and included its library and gardens in Plymouth, MA. He stated that the use of DNA has proven only three new lines so far. Mr. Bumpus studied the Bylaws, which state that only descendents of passengers on the Mayflower can be admitted for membership into GSMD. He presented this perspective to the Board and it was accepted. With this acceptance, he was able to open up the female lines whereby all passengers including the women and children are now permissible as approved ancestors. The Historian General is the caretaker of the property. Paul's power point pictures of the headquarters and library gardens were beautiful. We can be very proud of our headquarters. Mr. Bumpus is responsible for the creation of the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway Project to help maintain the beauty of the garden and grounds. Commemorative bricks are available for a donation of \$150 per brick. Donations must be received before April 30, 2011, as the dedication ceremony will take place during the Triennial Congress in Plymouth in September 2011. For further details refer to the September 2010 issue of the Mayflower Quarterly.

At the conclusion of the program, a motion was made by BJ Haner and second by Priscilla Davis, that the Albany Colony donates \$150 for a brick for the Garden Walkway Project. Motion carried.

Lt. Gov. Saunders thanked Historian General Bumpus for a very interesting program about our Society.

Benediction given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

SPRING MEETING May 14, 2011
Century House, Latham ,NY
Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 PM

Salad: Tortellini Maribou - - Spinach Tortellini Tossed with Roasted Red Peppers, Artichoke Hearts, Black Olives in a Pesto Cream Sauce. **Entree - choose one.**

Chicken Basilico _____ Pan-Seared Breast of Chicken Topped with a Sundried Tomato Basil Cream Sauce.

Lemon Broiled Scrod _____ Atlantic Whitefish Topped with Bread Crumbs, Lemon Butter and Chardonnay.

Sirloin Steak _____ Topped with Roasted Garlic and Cabernet Demi-Glace.

Dessert: - - Poundcake, Strawberries & Whipped Cream

Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Spring Luncheon Meeting, Saturday May 14,2011

Please list names of persons attending: (all entrees are \$32.00) _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed I cannot attend/ I wish to donate _____

BJ'S away so please send your reservation and check to **Bette Bradway 1119 Hedgewood Lane, Niskayuna,NY 12309-4602 Phone (518) 377-8938 or email bbradway@nycap.rr.com Must be received by May 11,2011**



Albany Colony from October 1,2010 to March 31,2011 13 life 190 regular

Additions (9) Elected to Membership:

Jane Marie Northrup Alessandrini	82,079	NY5646	28 Mar 2011	John Alden
Johnathan Andrew Andrezejek	82,714	NY5619	30 Nov 2010	John Howland
Charles Douglas Ball	82,852	NY5626	28 Dec 2010	William Brewster
Charles Douglas Ball Jr	82,946	NY5632	01 Feb 2011	William Brewster
Sharon Ann Bell	82,067	NY5644	15 Mar 2011	Isaac Allerton
Frederick Goutremout Jr.	83,084	NY5647	29 Mar 2011	John Alden
Brenda Lynn Benedict Saban	82,715	NY5620	30 Nov 2010	Richard Warren
Virginia May Smith Simonsen	82,541	NY5612	15 Oct 2010	William Brewster
James Eric Smart	82,033	NY5637	11 Mar 2011	John Alden

Deletions(4): Mary Frances Callanan-death Joyce Titus Ktratz-Sumner-transfer to VT 1681

Beverly Anne Emsley-resigned Eliazabeth Anne Oswald- trans to NY Soc

Junior Membership:(1) Celia Farrington Salisbury g-d Robert B.Salisbury

Approval for Supplemental(3) Christine Standish (Wilk) for Thomas Rogers 06 Dec 2010 & George Soule 10 Oct 2010

Georgiana Collier Schelke for Degory Priest 09 Nov 2010

.The writer and compiler, David Wade Morton, Ed.D., 2nd Dep. Lt. Gov. of Albany Colony, can be contacted at dmorton4@twcny.rr.com. David is a direct descendant of Elder William and Mary Brewster of the *Mayflower* (1620) through their son, Jonathan Brewster of the *Fortune* (1621), who married Lucretia Oldham of the *Anne* (1623).

All about.....Elder William Brewster... excerpted from Funk & Wagnalls New Practical Standard Dictionary, 1962; Plymouth Colony, Its History & People 1620-1691 by Eugene Aubrey Stratton, 1986; Saints and Strangers by George F. Willison, 1945; Mayflower Families In Progress, William Brewster of the Mayflower and His descendants for four Generations compiled by Barbara Lambert Merrick, 3rd Ed., 2000; & Mayflower -Nathaniel Philbrick, 2006.

William Brewster is one of the few Mayflower passengers to appear in our collegiate Funk & Wagnalls dictionary found in every educational library in the nation. It reads, **Brewster, William**, "Elder Brewster, 1560-1644, one of the Pilgrim Fathers." (Funk & Wagnalls, p. 168) He was that, i.e., a father, and what names he and Mary chose for their children! (Wrestling, Love, Fear, Patience and my ancestor, Jonathan)

When we think of the life of William Brewster visions come to mind of village of Scrooby and his followers (i.e., his congregation) meeting in his home; his several attempts and final escape to Holland; his imprisonment; and his "underground" printing in Leiden and sending barrels of "propaganda" throughout England to the amusement of King James. As we all know, this became the basis for a Hollywood script. We know a great deal about his life in England and the 12 years he spent in Leiden Holland. Yet, upon arriving in the New World his life becomes more and more mysterious. "For all that we know about him, there is much more that we do not know; for example, we do not know the dates of his birth and death." (Plymouth Colony, p. 251) Nor do we know the maiden name of his wife, Mary.

As a result, I have therefore focused upon his character. For it is his actions and deeds that form the basis of our American Character. He is reknown to all Americans as one of our Founding Fathers, and rightfully so. The following four compiled sources describe the character of Elder William Brewster that permeated early Americana and form the basis for many of our present American values and ideals. Nathaniel Philbrick describes Brewster's deeds as he writes of that first winter in Plymouth:

"In the days ahead, so many fell ill that there were barely half a dozen left to tend the sick. Progress on the houses fell to a standstill as the healthy ones became full-time nurses—preparing meals, tending fires, washing the "loathsome clothes," and emptying chamber pots. Bradford later singled out William Brewster and Miles Standish as sources of indomitable strength:

"And yet the Lord so upheld these persons as in this general calamity they were not at all infected either with sickness or lameness. And what I have said of these I may say of many others who died in this general visitation, and others yet living; that whilst they had health, yea or any strength continuing, they were not wanting to any that had need of them. And I doubt not that their recompense is with the Lord." (Mayflower, pp. 85-86) And yet through this time of sickness and the deaths of so many loved ones, the Pilgrims found strength in Brewster and their leaders. No one talked about returning to England. No one seemed to even entertain the idea of returning to England that first winter.

Some argue that Brewster was the founder of the Congregationalist Church in the New World. Others argue that that would be impossible as Brewster was not an ordained minister. Both statements are true. Brewster certainly had a following or congregation in England, Holland and the New World. A congregation today is made up of family, friends and neighbors often in search of an ordained minister. In this sense, Brewster indeed was the founder the Congregational Church.

William Brewster continued as elder of the Plymouth church until he died. Bradford summed up his work: "He would labour with his hands in the fields as long as he was able; yet when the church had no other minister, he taught twice every Saboth, and both powerfully and profitably, to the great contentment of the hearers, and their comfortable edification. He did more in this behalf in a year, then many that have their hundreds a year doe in all their lives....He had a singular good gift in prayer, both publick and private, in ripping up the hart and conscience before God, in the humble confession of sinne, and begging the mercies of God in Christ for the pardon of same." (Plymouth Colony, p. 251)

William Brewster was also a nice man, a man of great character. "Though a strong and zealous Puritan, Brewster was far from being sour of mien, solemn in manner, or harsh and intolerant in his views. On the contrary, he was 'of a very cherfull spirite, very sociable & pleasante amongst his friends.' Unlike so many of his bretheren, who were apt to be contentious and stridently opinionated, he was peaceable by nature and soft-spoken, 'of an humble and modest mind,' given to deprecating his own ability and overrating that of others." (Saints and Strangers, pp. 46-47)

"He was tender harted, and compassionate of such as were in miserie, but espetially of such as had been of good estate and ranke, and were fallen unto want & poverty, either for goodness & religions sake, or by ye injury & oppression of others; he would say, of all men these deserved to be pitied most. And none did more offend & displease him then such as would hautilly and proudly cry & lift up themselves, being rise from nothing, and having little els in them to commend them but a few fine cloaths, or a little riches more then others." (MFPF, p. 3)

Of my ancestor, Jonathan Brewster, who was William and Mary Brewster's eldest child, we know a great deal. We know when he arrived in the New World on the *Fortune* in 1621, who he married (i.e., Lucretia Oldham of the *Anne* 1623), where they lived (Plymouth and Duxbury) and where they removed to (i.e., Preston City, Connecticut). I have visited their gravesite at Brewster Neck on Route 2A next to the old State Hospital in Preston, Connecticut, next to Norwich and the Mohegan Sun. I have even seen the location of their home on the east side of the Thames River. Yet, we know not the maiden name of his mother, Mary, or when or where his parents are buried. Thanks to Governor Bradford, we can still read accounts of his deeds, his character and his spirit. Elder William Brewster's legacy has left us a something even greater than knowing dates, locations and maiden names. He left us the foundation for our own American Character; to love our neighbor and to care for each other through good and difficult times. And, to be strong.

Editors note: Just for Fun: from the website www.mayflowerhistory.com famous relatives of William Brewster are:

Zachary Taylor, Sarah Palin, Bing Crosby and Cokie Roberts among others and Ashley Judd from TV'S Ancestry.com

The Real Plymouth "Rock" By Sylvia Story Magin continued from last Nov 2010

Their horrific first year in the hostile wilderness brings the Pilgrims to the brink of starvation and they suffer much illness and death, which decimates their number. Half will be gone by springtime, and if not for the assistance of some of the Native Americans, the colony's survival is doubtful. Smith tells us of the Indian called Squanto, "From the day of his . . . arrival . . . Plymouth was his home and Bradford his closest friend. Without his services as translator, agriculturist and advisor, Plymouth and the Pilgrims would have been but a footnote in American History." Pilgrim John Carver, age 54, is elected the first Governor of the new colony, but lives to serve only a year, and Bradford, 31, is unanimously chosen to succeed him, quite a vote of confidence since the group includes older men. Plain spoken but articulate and a natural administrator, Bradford will be re-elected year after year, for a total of thirty almost consecutive years. After ten years he begins to record his recollections of events at Plymouth, a detailed history which he will continue until 1650. Unfortunately for posterity, their beloved Governor is close-mouthed about his own role in whatever successes the colony achieves; his literary talent, however, shines through in *Of Plimouth Plantation*. He also co-authors Mourt's Relation with Pilgrim Edward Winslow, and his writing style in both is quite lyrical. Philbrick declares *Of Plimouth Plantation* to be "the greatest book written in seventeenth-century America."

Three years will have passed when Bradford receives word that a long-time friend in England, Edward Southworth, has died, and the lonely young Governor eagerly writes to his widow, Alice Carpenter Southworth, asking her to come to Plymouth and marry him. Her fortitude must have been the equal of his temerity, for it surely would be with great trepidation that she would sail toward what Bradford himself called a "hideous and desolate wilderness," and become his wife. For this lady's indomitable spirit I am personally grateful, for while Bradford's son John later came to our shores and married Martha Bourne, they remained childless. All of William Bradford's descendants spring from his union with Alice, with whom he will have three children. Their daughter, Mercy, dies as a young woman, and their son Joseph marries but leaves no heirs. Their son William and his wife, however, will produce a family of fifteen children.

Bradford's own insecure childhood must have had a significant impact on the eventual size of his household. The family circle includes the three children, William, Mercy, and Joseph, and Bradford sends to England for his son John when the boy is twelve. Alice's sons, Constant and Thomas Southworth (whom he will adopt) join them, along with her nephew, Nathaniel Morton. For a few years Patience Morton also resides with them, along with her sister, three brothers, and her mother. From the start Plymouth Colony looks after its own, assigning orphans and singles to families, so the Bradfords will also house four orphan boys: Joseph Rogers, Thomas Cushman, William Latham, and Samuel Godbertson, and one of them, Thomas Cushman, will also be adopted by Bradford. It is Governor Bradford who decides to abolish their futile practice of communal farming and assign to each Pilgrim family its own plot of land, thereby encouraging individual initiative. He writes in *Of Plimouth Plantation*, "This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious." Or as Philbrick puts it, "Bradford's decision to abandon a collective approach to farming was the beginning of the capitalistic miracle that would become the United States." Nevertheless, due to numerous and varied setbacks it will take years for the Colony to retire their debt to the Merchant Adventurers and throw off the shackles that bind them.

Despite having fled religious persecution most of his life, Governor Bradford himself holds a "narrow, partisan view of religion." According to George McMichael's *Anthology of American Literature*, "He considered Quakers, the 'darkness of Popery', and the Indians, as instruments of the anti-Christ . . . He saw the Separatists as God's elect . . . and the . . . Pilgrim experiment as a duplication of the trials of the children of Israel in the Bible, the book to which he had devoted his life." William Bradford is a righteous man; his lifelong conviction is that he, and his Colony, are doing the work of God. Life in the Colony is divided into three distinct areas; religious and political activities and business operations do not overlap, and the Pilgrims scrupulously control that separation. Smith states, "As long as Bradford was in control at Plymouth the separate administration of church and state were (sic) maintained." The New England-style "meeting house" system of government which he establishes, in which individuals have a voice in determining their own destiny, will resonate down the years.

Smith tells us that Bradford was a thinker, a man of God, a diplomat, a businessman, and a man of action. He declares that Plymouth Plantation originates "the civil marriage service, outright ownership of land . . . a classless society in an age of rigid class distinctions, and government by free association of the governed." Great emphasis is placed on contracts freely established. There are no lawyers among them, so the laws they enact provide simple, basic justice, "plain dealing." Their first recorded law establishes trial by jury. They decree capital punishment for the most serious offenses, pass laws to control sexual behavior and the use of alcohol, and they institute a system of recording property deeds, so vital to this community of newly entitled landowners. By the time of Bradford's death in May 1657 at the age of 69, the Colony has grown into twelve separate towns during his lengthy tenure as Governor. There have been periods of happiness and joy, of victory and even of prosperity, but it is impossible to describe in this limited space all of the triumphs and travails experienced by the Pilgrims during the years of growth and the expansion of the Colony into the surrounding countryside. They have done battle with Indians and Englishmen. They have survived immense challenges: near starvation and sickness, death and despair, conflicts and skirmishes, invasion and power struggles with outside influences, betrayal and economic collapse, and all manner of hardships and privations.

As Bradford Smith puts it, "Plymouth staggered through one crisis after another throughout its whole seventy-two years . . . Only when the old leaders dropped off did Plymouth succumb to the less democratic influence from Massachusetts Bay." The Colony is finally absorbed into the larger entity in 1691. Smith refers to "Plymouth, whose influence has been beyond all proportion to its size. And at Plymouth, the influence of Bradford was beyond reckoning." He sums it up best in this way: "The real rock upon which Plymouth was built was not this boulder, but Bradford himself."

Editors note: Just for Fun: from the website www.mayflowerhistory.com famous relatives of William Bradford are: Noah Webster, Clint Eastwood, Christopher Reeve, George Eastman, George McClellan and Debrah Simpson among others.

Directions

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From North and South: Take I-87 (Adirondack Northway) to exit 7. Follow signs to Route 9 Latham. Turn right at light. Take Route 9 North. Hotel is one mile on right.

From East and West: Take I-90 (New York Thruway) exit 24 to I-87 (Adirondack Northway) exit 7. Follow signs for Route 9 North. Hotel is one mile on right.

Notice of Websites

General Society of Mayflower
Descendants website
www.themayflowersociety.com

Albany Colony Website
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd/index.html>.

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