

# Mayflower Chronicles



## Compact Day Meeting Saturday November 5, 2011 Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 PM Luncheon 1:00 PM

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## Lt. Governor's Message November 5, 2011

### Lt. Governor's Message - Compact Day Meeting

Let me begin by thanking members of the Albany Colony for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Lt. Governor for the next three years. I know I thanked members who attended our May meeting, but I also wanted to include my thanks here to make it official.

My message was originally going to give you some of my background but this now can wait until a later edition. My message instead will center around what we are doing and have been doing this summer to lead up to our November 5th meeting at Normanside Country Club. In June we had a meeting that included; Editor of the "Mayflower Chronicles" Joyce Musco, Webmaster Karl Danneill, Archivist Eleanor Morris, my long time Kiwanis friend Dave Booker and myself. Dave is the Immediate Past Governor of the New York District of Kiwanis International and has been the Webmaster for our Sand Lake Kiwanis Club's weekly newspaper "The Sandpiper." My purpose for inviting Dave was his 10+ years experience in being the Kiwanis Club's Webmaster and he could probably answer questions that Karl, Joyce, Eleanor, and I might have in changing the formats of our Albany Colony web site and the "Mayflower Chronicles." We are in hopes that more color will be added to the "Mayflower Chronicles" by including more colored photos. Also, during the next few months we should begin to see some changes in the format of the Albany Colony web page.

Every three years The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has its Triennial Congress in Plymouth. This September the 39th Triennial Congress will take place between the 10th and 14th. (Joanne and I had planned on attending but during a postoperative doctor's visit on August 3rd I was informed I would not be able to drive or lift any weight over 10 lbs. so at this time we immediately made the decision not to register.) However, the good news is that we have five from the Albany Colony representing us at Congress; Bette Bradway and Priscilla Smith Davis will definitely be delegates, Nancy Potter is attending as a vendor and possibly at times as a delegate, and Art and Anne Young will be attending. Art is President of The Elder William Brewster Society and will be overseeing the business of the Society in addition to possibly serving as a delegate. Our November program will consist of brief reports from members attending as delegates plus a 16 minute DVD on the 1st Thanksgiving titled "One Small Candle" provided by Priscilla Davis. If a member attends a meeting and/or dinner of another group, such as the William Brewster Society, they could also make a brief report on this event if they wish.

I encourage members to attend our Compact Day Meeting in November and to invite other family members to attend. Also, if members see an office position open and think they would like to step up and help the club please notify any officer. Remember, the Albany Colony is only as strong as its membership.

Hope to see you at the "new" Normanside Country Club on November 5th

Lt. Gov. Jim Rogers



**NEXT MEETINGS:**

May 5, 2012 and November 3, 2012

### *May 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes*

The Spring Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, held at the Century House, Latham NY, was called to order by Lt. Gov. Rick Saunders 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 Bob Clemons.

Officers present were introduced by Lt. Gov. Saunders: James Rogers, 1<sup>st</sup> Dep. Lt. Governor; David W. Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dep. Lt. Gov.; Priscilla S. Davis, Secretary; Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer; Robert M. Haff, Historian; Robert Clemons, Co-Captain; Jacqueline Chamberlain, Co-Captain; Arthur F. Young, Jr., Elder. (Absent: Eleanor Morris, Archivist; Joyce Musco, Editor)

**New members** present were introduced: Jane Alessandrini (John Alden). Self-introductions made by members included name, home location, and ancestor. Members & guests present – 47.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the Chronicles. Motion made by BJ Haner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Mabee. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed by Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner and accepted as printed. Motion made by Art Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie Chamberlain. Motion carried. A motion was made to donate \$200 from the Albany Colony to the SOMD General Fund in memory of Dr. Robert L. French, Past Lt. Gov., who passed away March 29, 2011. Motion made by BJ Haner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Young. Motion carried. A motion by BJ Haner; was made to purchase a SOMD Walkway Brick to honor the Albany Colony as the first colony. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Young. Motion carried

Committee Reports: **Historian:** Bob Haff provided his final six-month report for the Colony, as he will not be continuing with this position. Our total membership is 203, as of 4/2/2011. Motion made by Bob Haff to approve the report as printed in the Chronicles; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Morton. Motion carried.

**Chronicles:** The next featured ancestor will be "James Chilton". Descendents, please submit information to our editor, Joyce Musco.

**Nominations Report:** Bette Bradway, Chairman & Past Lt. Gov., presented the following slate of officers: Lt. Gov.: James E. Rogers; 1<sup>st</sup> Dep. Lt. Gov.: David M. Morton; Secretary: Priscilla Smith Davis; Treasurer: Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captains: Julia W. Carossella (meal arrangements) & Douglas M. (Tim) Mabee (custodian of flag); Elder: Arthur F. Young, Jr.; Historian: Diana G. Bastian; and Archivist: Eleanor L. Morris. Committee included Arthur F. Young, Jr. and Rick Saunders (past Lt. Gov. is a member of the nominating committee). The Secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers as presented.

#### ROLL CALL of Ancestors

John Alden 3  
Isaac Allerton 3  
John Billington 0  
William Bradford 2  
William Brewster 10  
Peter Brown 0  
James Chilton 2  
Francis Cooke 2  
**Edward Doty 1**  
Frances Eaton 1  
Moses Fletcher 0  
Edward Fuller 2  
Samuel Fuller 0  
Stephen Hopkins 10  
John Howland 11  
Richard More 0  
William Mullins 0  
Degory Priest 3  
Thomas Rogers 2  
Henry Samson 0  
George Soule 3  
Miles Standish 0  
John Tilley 9  
Richard Warren 2  
William White 3  
Edward Winslow 0  
Mary (Norris) Allerton 0  
Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins 2  
Joan Hurst Tilley 10  
Mary Brewster 8  
Elizabeth Tilley 9

John Howland descendents had the greatest representation – 11, with William Brewster – 10 and Stephen Hopkins – 10 tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Website:** be sure to go to the website to print your directory

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd/index.html)

**Old Business:** The Albany Colony Membership Roster/ Yearbook is on the website.

#### **New Business:**

Triennial Mayflower Congress September 8 - 14, 2011 at Plymouth MA - Be sure to make your own reservations ASAP. Registration is due by August 6<sup>th</sup>. Colony Delegates proposed: Diana Bastian, Bette Bradway, Priscilla Davis, BJ Haner, Nancy Potter, Jim Rogers, Art Young. The secretary will inform Sarah Morse.

**Program:** Gov. General Judith Swan was to be our program. Unfortunately, due to airline flight cancellations, she was unable to arrive in Albany in time for our meeting.

**Announcements:** Tim Mabee promoted the Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Civil War and announced an upcoming Civil War Encampment honoring Elmer Elsworth, put on by the local area Sons of the Union Vets.

Nancy Potter displayed her box and slipcase sets made of archival materials designed for display and preservation of such items as hereditary society medals.

At the meeting conclusion, Rick Sanders passed on the Lt. Gov. pin & gavel to Jim Rogers.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 5, 2011 May 5, 2012

**Benediction** given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:35 PM.

# ALBANY COLONY

From March 1 to August 31, 2011

Membership Totals a/o August 31    13 Life  
199 Regular  
212 Members

## +++ADDITIONS

### Elected to Membership (14)

Jane Marie Northrup Alessandrini	83,079	NY5646	28Mar2011	John Alden
Mary Ann Hutchinson Anderson	83,118	NY5652	12Apr2011	Edward Doty
Sharon Ann Bell	83,067	NY5644	15Mar2011	Isaac Allerton
George Clarkson Colelough Jr	83,423	NY5669	19Jul2011	John Howland
George Richard Gilbert	83,449	NY5670	25Jul2011	Edward Fuller
Frederick George Goutremont	83,235	NY5657	20May2011	John Alden
Frederick Goutremont Jr.	83,084	NY5647	29Mar2011	John Alden
James Robert Hadley	83,450	NY5671	26Jul2011	John Alden
Eleanor Newton Holbriiter	83,361	NY5663	24Jun2011	William Bradford
Margaret Forrest Holbriiter	83,224	NY5655	17May2011	William Bradford
Raymond William LeMay 111	83,452	NY5673	27Jul2011	George Soule
James Eric Smart	83,033	NY5637	04Mar2011	John Alden
Richard Gamber Yale	83,390	NY5667	08Ju2011	William Brewster

### Transfer In (1)

Richard Gary Little	73,978	NY5630	01Apr2011	Francis Cooke
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### Supplementals Approved

Robert A.Deuel			24Jun2011	Francis Cooke
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## +++DELETIONS

### Died (1)

Robert L. French

**Compact Day November 5, 2011**  
**Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY**  
**Reception and Cash Bar 12:30 PM Luncheon 1:00 PM**

*Tossed Salad, choice of dressing, Dinner rolls with butter, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert : Pumpkin Pie, Coffee, Decaf, or Tea. Price: \$30.00*



We must have all reservations in the mail by Saturday, October 29 **Please make your check payable, \$30.00 per person, to ALBANY COLONY SOMD and mail with reservation form to: BJ Haner, 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205-3615.**

For late reservations (***NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER November 3***), call BJ Haner 518-869-8368.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Autumn Luncheon Meeting, Saturday Nov 5, 2011

Please list names of persons attending: (all entrees are \$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Hope to see you there!!!**

**Pilgrims Toast** *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*

## All about.....Elizabeth Tilley Howland

The author, David Wade Morton, Ed.D., 1<sup>st</sup> Dep. Lt. Gov. of Albany Colony, can be contacted at [dmorton4@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dmorton4@twcny.rr.com). David is a direct descendant of Elizabeth Tilley and John Howland of the *Mayflower* (1620) through their daughter, Lydia Howland, who married Lt. James Browne.

All about.....the latter years of Elizabeth Tilley Howland excerpted from Mayflower Families, Vol. 23, Pt. 1, Family of John Howland compiled by Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield, Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick, 2006, The Great Migration Vol. I A-B by Robert C. Anderson, 1999, New England Colonial Families . Vol. 1, Brown Families, compiled by Carl Boyer, 3<sup>rd</sup>, MayflowerHistory.com by Caleb Johnson and “Elizabeth Tilley Howland; a Widow for 15 Years” by Robert F. Huber, The Pilgrim John Howland Society.

Elizabeth Tilley Howland died on 22 December 1687. She was buried in the Browne Family section of the Ancient Little Neck Cemetery in Swansea, or what is today called Riverside, East Providence, Rhode Island. I visited her gravesite on 8 August 2011. Riverside reminds me of the Seabreeze section of the City of Rochester, NY. It has a lot of homes with small streets, several being one-way streets. I found the entrance to the cemetery by trial and error. Buried near Elizabeth were her son-in-law, Lt. James Browne, his brother-in-law, Thomas Willett, and his father, Gentleman John Browne. Other family members were clearly buried there but headstones were difficult to read or had disappeared over the years. Elizabeth’s monument had been placed there in 1946 by the Pilgrim John Howland Society, as they did on Burial Hill in Plymouth for her husband, John Howland, so many miles away.

“For 15 years—or almost 20 percent of her life—Elizabeth Tilley Howland was a widow. She never remarried after he husband and fellow passenger (John Howland) died on Feb. 23, 1672/3 and instead played the useful role of grandma while living with her daughter Lydia Browne in Swansea...The Browne household was ideal for a grandma. When Elizabeth was widowed, the Browne children included James who was 17 years old, Dorothy who was six, and Jabez who was a lively five. Daughter Lydia was born in 1633 so she was 39 when her father died. Elizabeth had barely settled in at the Brown home when King Phillip’s War erupted in 1673. She was forced to flee as Swansea became the storm center of the war. At one point the little community founded only a few years before was almost deserted as residents scurried to safer places such as Barnstable....Three of Elizabeth’s children—Desire, John and Hope—lived in Barnstable when the widow Howland moved there....The war didn’t last any great length of time....With fighting over, Elizabeth returned to Swansea where she kept busy helping with the cooking, sewing, cleaning, gardening—caring for family members,” (PJHS, R. F. Huber)

So why did Elizabeth leave Barnstable and return to Swansea? Some of the answers as to this question, I believe, are found with the Browne family.

Gentleman John Browne arrived in New England in 1635 with his wife, Dorothy, and his children John II, James and Mary. “John Browne was one of the colony’s wealthier inhabitants. He would probably have joined the Puritans in Massachusetts Bay had not a meeting with John Robinson in the 1620s caused him to choose Plymouth instead....In 1640, Brown helped found the town of Taunton; by 1645 he had move to Wannamoisett (in the vicinity of Barrington, Rhode Island), which became a part of Swansea in 1667,” (Philbrick, p. 185).

The Browne family was armorial and James once used the family seal on a land deed.

“James was one of the original members of the Swansea Church, but later helped organize the Baptist Church in Swansea....He was a local leader in the campaign against Philip....as Plymouth Colony Assistant and Lieutenant of the Swansea Military Company, James Browne played an important part in King Philip’s War. On 14 June 1675 he went to King Philip, then chief of the Wampanoags, with a friendly letter from Governor Winslow, and, finding the Indians hostile, warned the colony of impending war,” (MF23 pt. 1:5).

James nephew, Captain John Browne III who witnessed and signed the will of Elizabeth Tilley Howland, had married Anna Mason, the daughter of Major John Mason of the Pequot War and Deputy Governor of Connecticut.

James brother-in-law, Thomas Willett, married his sister, Mary Browne, and had established a prosperous trade with the Dutch in Manhattan. Due in part to this trade and his fluency in the Dutch language, Thomas Willett was asked and became the first English speaking Mayor of New York City in 1664. Yet in his later years, Willett and his family returned to Swansea.

Swansea at the time of Elizabeth Tilley Howland between 1673 and 1687 must have been a very thriving place to live in economically, politically, and socially. The Browne’s and Willett’s were certainly affluent and well-connected politically. So why did Elizabeth choose to return to Swansea? Was it simply because both Hannah Howland Bosworth’s and Lydia Howland Browne’s families returned after the war? Or did the Browne family in Swansea simply insist that she live with them? I’m not certain that we’ll ever know. Perhaps it was because Lydia had the least amount of children in her home. After all, Hannah Bosworth had 8 to watch! Continued on page 6



Whatever the reason, Elizabeth Tilley Howland chose Swansea as her home for her later year. In the research, I found her last will and testament cited over and over again. It reads more like a letter and through it she generates a warmth and kindness towards her children and grandchildren that we all wish to possess.

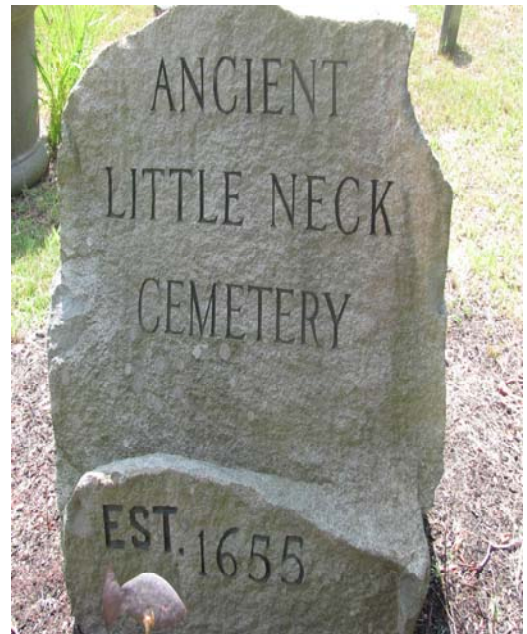
In her final will Elizabeth Tilley Howland gave her possessions to her children and grandchildren. She gave to James, “my great Bible,” and “Bequeathe unto my Daughter Lidia Browne my best featherbed & Boulster two pillows & three Blanketts & a green Rugg & my small Cupboard one pr of AndyIrons & my lesser brasse Kettle & my small Bible & my booke of mr Robinsons Workes called observations Divine & Morrall & also my finest pr of Sheetes & my Holland pillowbeeres....” (MayflowerHistory.com)

At the bottom of her monument in the Ancient Little Neck Cemetery, the Pilgrim John Howland Society printed the following quotation that Elizabeth Tilley Howland left for each of her children:

“It is my Will & Charge to all my children that they walke in ye Feare of ye Lord, and in Love and peace towards each other....”

An enduring message for all Howland and Mayflower descendants.....

Below are pictures taken by David :



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Rick Saunders,

Former Lt. Gov. Albany Colony

# Albany Colony Society of

## Mayflower Descendants

In the State of New  
York

## 2010 Membership List





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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 to the Normanside Country Club.

Go to the far side of Clubhouse. Phone # Normanside CC 518-439-4505

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green like our ancestors!!!

### Notice of Websites

General Society of Mayflower  
Descendants website  
[www.themayflowersociety.com](http://www.themayflowersociety.com)

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



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