

# Mayflower Chronicles



## Colony Officers

### *Colony Governor*

David W. Morton

### *1st Dep. Colony Gov.*

Walley Francis

### *2nd Dep. Colony Gov.*

Dr. Sara L. French

### *Secretary*

Priscilla S. Davis

### *Treasurer*

Betty-Jean Haner

### *Captain 1*

Julia W. Carossella

### *Captain 2*

Douglas M. (Tim) Mabee

### *Historian*

Bette Bradway

### *Elder*

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### *Archivist*

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## **Albany Colony Fall Meeting Saturday, Nov 1, 2014 Noon Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY**

### **Colony Governor's Message – Compact Day Meeting**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Colony Governor over the next three years. Please know that I appreciate your kindness and confidence that someone from Central New York can fulfill the duties of this Albany Colony position. I was born in Auburn, NY. My wife and I met in college and currently live in Manlius, NY where we were married. Our son is a senior at the University of Virginia and our daughter is a freshman of Alfred University. I retired as Director of Social Studies, Fine Arts and Languages for the North Syracuse CSD.

As we approach Compact Day, let each of us reflect on the bravery and determination along with the hopes and dreams of our Mayflower ancestors. Of the 41 men who signed the Mayflower Compact, 21 died the first year. Yet, their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Plymouth is called America's first hometown. It also created America's first body politic laying the foundation for America's democracy and rule by law and order. Agreeing to the Mayflower Compact, our ancestors stated that they "...do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civic body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by the virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, and as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

Every three years the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has its Triennial Congress in Plymouth. The 40th Triennial Congress took place September 5th through the 10th. Several of our Albany Colony members were in attendance at the Congress and Mayflower Family Society Meetings. Our November 1 program will include brief reports by delegates from the Congress and those attending family meetings. Walley Francis, First Deputy Colony Governor, will also provide a brief update on the "War of 1812 Bicentennial" activities and the role of Plattsburgh in 1814.

**I look forward to seeing you at the Normanside Country Club on November 1st.**

**Colony Governor, Dave Morton**

Colony Governor

Dave Morton



**NEXT MEETINGS:**

May 2, 2015 and

November 7, 2015

## May 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Spring meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar NY, was called to order by Colony Gov. James E. Rogers at 12:30 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 Larry Van Brunt.

**Officers** present were introduced by Colony Gov. Rogers: 1<sup>st</sup> Dep. Colony Gov. David W. Morton; Secretary Priscilla S. Davis; Co-Captain Julia Carosella and Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr (Absent: Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner, Co-Captain Tim Mabee; Historian Diana Bastian, Archivist Eleanor Morris, Webmaster Karl Danneil and Editor Joyce Musco)

**New members** present were introduced: Priscilla Linville (John Alden) and Frank McIntyre (Stephen Hopkins)

**Self-introductions** by members and guests included: name, home location, and ancestors. Members & guests present – 33.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Nov 2013 meeting were approved as printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve as printed made by Art Young and seconded by Dan Meade. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report distributed. Motion to approve made by Larry Van Brunt and seconded by Kurt Kilmer. Motion carried.

## ROLL CALL of Ancestors

### Men

John Alden 6  
Isaac Allerton 0  
John Billington 0  
William Bradford 2  
William Brewster 10  
Peter Brown 0  
James Chilton 0  
Francis Cooke 0  
Edward Doty 1  
Frances Eaton 1  
Moses Fletcher 0  
Edward Fuller 1  
Samuel Fuller 0  
Stephen Hopkins 7  
John Howland 5  
Richard More 0  
William Mullins 1  
Degory Priest 1  
Thomas Rogers 1  
Henry Samson 0  
George Soule 1  
Miles Standish 1  
John Tilley 2  
Richard Warren 0  
William White 3  
Edward Winslow 0

### Women

Mary Norris  
Allerton 0  
Mary Brewster 3  
Elizabeth Fisher  
Hopkins 1  
Elizabeth Tilley  
Howland 5  
Joan Hurst Tilley 5  
Other wives &  
children 2

William Brewster  
descendants had the  
greatest  
representation 10

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Historian:** The report was approved as printed in Chronicles

**Chronicles:** The newsletter can found on the website

**Website:** The bylaws are not yet on the website

**Old Business - none**

**New Business:  
Nominating Committee**

New officers proposed are:

Colony Governor: David W. Morton  
1st Deputy Colony Governor:  
Walley Francis (nominated from the floor)

2nd Deputy Colony Governor: Dr Sara L. French

Secretary: Priscilla S Davis

Treasurer: Betty-Jean Haner

Captain (1): Julia Carosella  
(meeting arrangements)

Captain (2): Douglas "Tim" Mabee  
(Flag)

Historian: Bette Bradway

Archivist: Eleanor Morris

Elder: Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Motion made that the Secretary cast one Ballot for the slate of officers as presented .

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## Secretary Minutes

New Business continued

Plymouth 40th Triennial meeting to be held Sunday, September 7 to Tuesday Sept 9, 2014 at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel. Do make your reservation ASAP because the hotels are filling quickly. Detailed information will appear in the March/June 2014 issue of the Mayflower Quarterly. Arthur Young encouraged people to attend the family (ancestor) meetings and tours as well.

Delegates: David Morton, Jim Rogers, Walley Francis, Dave Patch, Art Young (also a NY State Society Delegate).

**Program:** The Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is being celebrated during the years 2012—2015. ‘The burning of Washington’ was presented by Dave Morton. The White House was burned by British forces during the war on August 24, 1814. A copy of a letter, written by the First Lady, Dolly Madison, to her sister, describing this disastrous burning of Washington was shared. President James Madison resigned during this war; James Monroe replaced him.

**Presentation:** Colony Governor Jim Rogers and Bette Bradway installed the new Colony Governor, David Morton. He was presented with the Mayflower medallion. Jim was presented with the Colony Governor’s pin.

**Future meeting dates:** November 1, 2014., May 2, 2015

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Priscilla S. Davis, Secretary

# November 1, 2014

## Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY

### Reception and Cash Bar 12:00PM Luncheon 12:30PM

*Tossed Salad, choice of Dressing, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert : Apple Pie, Coffee, or Tea* Price: **\$28..00**

We must have all reservations in the mail by October 25. Please make your check payable, \$28.00 per person, to ALBANY COLONY SOMD and mail with reservation form to: Betty Jean Haner 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205-3615

For late reservations (**NO RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER Oct 30**), call [Bette at \(518- 377-8938\)](tel:518-377-8938)



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Autumn Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, November 1 , 2014

Please list names of persons attending: (all entrees are \$28.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

“Pilgrims” “.....they knew they were pilgrims and looked not on those things, but lift up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits.” (The first time the group was called “pilgrims” was stated by William Bradford in his 1650 history “Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647” regarding their departure from Delfshaven, Holland in 1620. see also Hebrews XI 13-16)



# ALBANY COLONY

From March 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014

Membership Totals a/o February 28, 2014

12 Life

208 Regular

220 Members

## ADDITIONS (+10)

### Elected to Membership

Nancy Ann Boyle	86,990	NY5862	20 May 2014	George Soule
Pamela Jean Camp DeHont	87037	NY5867	10 June 2014	William Bradford
Harold Cecil Kilburn JR	87044	NY5865	06 June 2014	William White
Elaine Atwood Henderson	86586	NY5844	14 Feb 2014	John Alden
Mariruth Agnes Kim	87194	NY5881	31 July 2014	John Alden
Frederick Sewell Mackintosh	86,791	NY5854	02 Apr 2014	Stephen Hopkins
James Stuart Pitcher	86,991	NY5863	20 May 2014	Edward Doty
Johanna Frances Porr	86,913	NY5859	30 Apr 2014	John Howland

### Reinstated

Stephanie Revely

Joan B. Taylor

## DELETIONS (-3)

### Change Colony

Conrad M. Hansen Jr from Albany Colony to NY

Christopher R. Stearns from Albany Colony to NY

### Removed

Elizabeth F. DeRose

## APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL LINES

Dwayne P. Booth	William Brewster
Lynn M. Byron	Mrs Mary Brewster
Karen Havens	Myles Standish
Patricia Linville	Priscilla Mullins

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

All about.....John Howland excerpted from Mayflower Families, Vol. 23, Pt. 1, Family of John Howland compiled by Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield, 2006; Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1627 by William Bradford, 2006 edition; The Pilgrim Migration by Robert Charles Anderson, 2004; and Plymouth Colony Its History & People 1620-1691 by Eugene Aubrey Stratton, 1986.

John Howland has a special place for me. I grew up listening to family stories about how we descended from Pilgrims. Based upon what I had heard, and the fact that my great-grandmother's maiden name was Howland, I concluded that it must be John Howland. Yet, I had no proof. The confusion growing up was that my great-grandmother told my grandmother that although her name was Howland her ancestors were not on the Mayflower and were Quakers (e.g., Arthur Howland, John's brother). And further, that it was my great-grandfather, David Wade, who was descended from Mayflower passengers.

Once when I was waiting in a grocery store check-out line, I pulled an issue of "Yankee Magazine" in which the editor said that his favorite Pilgrim was John Howland. The editor's reasoning was that Howland fell overboard and survived, was at the 1<sup>st</sup> Encounter, was the manservant of Governor Carver and therefore probably stepped on the Rock first, lived the longest of the original male Pilgrims, married a Pilgrim and had 10 healthy Pilgrim children. Now that was a life!

This was enough for me to adopt John Howland as "My Favorite Pilgrim," and as a middle school principal, I would go into social studies classes around Thanksgiving time and tell students about the Mayflower voyage and the legend of John Howland. Teachers at first thought I was making up the story about John Howland falling off the Mayflower until I shared Governor Bradford's account:

"In sundry of these storms the winds were so fierce and the seas so high, as they could not bear a knot of sail, but were forced to hull for divers days together. And in one of them, as they thus lay at hull in a mighty storm, a lusty young man called John Howland, coming upon some occasion above the gratings was, with a seele of the ship, thrown into sea; but it please God that he caught hold of the topsail halyards which hung overboard and ran out at length. Yet he held his hold (though he was sundry fathoms under water) till he was hauled up by the same rope to the brim of the water, and then with a boat hook and other means got into the ship again and his life saved. And though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after and became a profitable member both in church and commonwealth." [Bradford, p. 59]

On February 9<sup>th</sup> 2008, after finding an obituary listing my great-grandfather's cousin as being a member of the GSMD, I contacted Sarah Morse, Executive Director of the NYSOMD, by e-mail who confirmed that my great-grandfather's cousin was a member of the GSMD in 1932 and asked if I would like to join.

Sarah Morse introduced me to Bette Bradway who taught me the art and skills needed for genealogy. On 25 June 2008, my GSMD application for John Howland was approved.

"John Howland was born at Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, England and died at Plymouth 23 February 1672/2 above eighty years. He was the son of Henry and Margaret (\_\_\_\_) Howland. He married at Plymouth before 25 March 1624 Elizabeth Tilley, who was baptized at Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, 30 August 1607 and died at Swansea 22 December 1687 aged eighty, daughter of John and Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley.

John Howland was elected Plymouth Colony Assistant 1 January 1631/2, 1 January 1633/4, and 1 January 1634/5.

In April 1634 John Howland was in charge of the Plymouth Colony trading post at Kennebec [now Maine] at the time of the Hocking incident. This is apparently the only known record of John Howland in Maine. It is unlikely that his family ever lived in Maine or that any of his children were born in Maine as has been suggested." [MF23 pt. 1:1]

Some authors have claimed that after the Maine incident, in which two men were shot and killed, John Howland "dropped out of" public service. The records fail to support this. In truth, John Howland was extremely active as a Deputy for the General Court and as a member of the Plymouth Church. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

“Deputy for Plymouth to Plymouth Colony, General Court, 1 June 1641, 28 October 1645, 1 June 1647, 7 June 1648, 8 June 1649, 4 June 1650, 5 June 1651, 3 June 1652, 7 June 1653, 7 March 1653/4, 6 June 1654, 1 August 1654, 8 June 1655, 3 June 1656, 1 June 1658, 4 June 1661, 1 June 1663, 1 June 1666, 5 June 1667.” [Anderson, pp. 279]

He was on the freeman list, and by 1633, if not earlier, was an Assistant, being reelected to this position in 1634 and 1635. In 1634 he was in charge of the colony trading outpost on the Kennebec River when Talbot and Hocking were killed. He received a good number of land grants, was elected a deputy for Plymouth, served on numerous special committees, and was an important lay leader of the Plymouth church. The Reverend John Cotton related how at his own ordination as pastor of the church in 1669 ‘the aged mr John Howland was appointed by the chh to Joyne in imposition of hands’. Howland died 24 February 1672/73 in his eightieth year, and John Cotton noted his passing, ‘He was a good old disciple, & had bin sometime a magistrate here, a plaine-hearted christian.” [Stratton, p. 311]

John Howland is buried in Plymouth on Burial Hill; his beloved wife, Elizabeth Tilley, is buried in Swansea in the Brown lot of the Ancient Little Neck Cemetery near what we know today as Riverside, East Providence, Rhode Island. With ten children, thousands of their descendants are found throughout this great country, perhaps the most numerous of any Mayflower passenger.

#### The History of Thanksgiving in the United States

The Pilgrims celebrated their inaugural successful harvest in the autumn of 1621. New Englanders regularly celebrated harvests with Thanksgiving feasts starting in the 1660s. President George Washington proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving for our young nation on November 26th 1789 to celebrate the formation of the government of the United States. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln unified the date of Thanksgiving for the individual states by designating the final Thursday in November. In December of 1941, FDR and Congress passed a law moving Thanksgiving up to the fourth Thursday in November, mainly to extend the retail shopping season before Christmas. Source: Wikipedia on Thanksgiving.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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**joyce052@aol.com**  
**and I will have your email address.**

# Photos from the May 3, 2014 Meeting





**ALBANY COLONY SOCIETY OF  
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**

**59-113TH STREET**

**TROY, NEW YORK 12182-2818**



**Directions—150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY**

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 for Normanside CC: 518-439-4505

**Notice of Websites**

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

Albany Colony Website

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsm/d/index.html>.

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emailed to you. Go green like our  
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