

# Mayflower Chronicles

### **Albany Colony**







Louisa May Alcott

### Colony Governor's Message May 6, 2023

Who were the Governors of Plymouth Colony? The first elected governor was John Carver, who died in the spring of 1621. Probably the most famous was William Bradford, who served more terms and for more years than any other governor. Edward Winslow achieved the friendship of Massasoit; he was the only governor to die outside the New World; he died at sea off Jamaica in May 8, 1655. The first non-Mayflower passenger governor was Thomas Prence, who sailed on the Fortune (1621). The first governor who was the son of a Mayflower passenger and the only one to be born in the New World was Josiah Winslow, who led the colony through the King Philip's War (1675-1676). The last governor was Thomas Hinckley, who served a longer single term than any other.

The following is a list of governors and dates of service; our thanks to the Pilgrim Hall Museum for:

#### "Leadership in Plymouth Colony"

1620 John Carver	1638 Thomas Prence
1621-1632 William Bradford	1639-1643 William Bradford
1633 Edward Winslow	1644 Edward Winslow
1634 Thomas Prence	1645-1656 William Bradford
1635 William Bradford	1657-1672 Thomas Prence
1636 Edward Winslow	1673-1678 Josiah Winslow
1637 William Bradford	1680-1692 Thomas Hinckley

Our May 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting presentation at Chieftans Restaurant will be: "<u>Aboard the Mayflower-</u> What you Didn't Know" by Anna Marie Collins, Adjunct Professor at Union College and SUNY Cobleskill.

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our *Mayflower Chronicles* and to Jim Pratt for keeping up to date both the Albany Colony website and our FaceBook page. We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 6!

Our next meetings:

November 4, 2023 May 4, 2024



Dave Morton

Colony Governor



Colony Officers:



Colony Governor — David W. Morton, Ed.D

1st Dep. Col. Gov. — Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

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### Minutes of the November 2022 Meeting Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Fall Compact Day Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, New York on Saturday, November 5th. The meeting was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:05 p.m. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America led by 1st Colony Deputy Gov. & Co-Captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee. The Mayflower Compact Day Proclamation, signed by NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, was read by 2nd Deputy Colony Governor David Young. Colony Gov. Morton thanked Colleen Harris for providing the Thanksgiving favors for the luncheon that featured homemade maple sugar candies.

Officers present were introduced by Colony Gov. Morton: 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Colony Gov. & Co-Captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Colony Governor David Young; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Assistant Treasurer Carol Felsen; Co-Captain Priscilla Davis; Historian & Archivist Paul S. Johnson; and Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

New members present were introduced by Co-Captain Priscilla Davis: Dr. Bertine C. McKenna (William Brewster); and Krista H. Sickler (Edward Doty). Self-introductions by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present - 46 & guests - 23 = 69. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 7, 2022 meeting were printed in the Chronicles. One error was noted, and the minutes were filed as corrected. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Assistant Treasurer Carol Felsen. The report was filed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Historian: – The Historian's Report written by Paul S. Johnson was printed in the November 2022 issue of the Chronicles. The membership count as of September 30, 2022 is: 279 Regular Members and 14 Life Members for a total of 293. The report was filed. *Chronicles*: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to publishing the issues of the *Chronicles*. Sylvia reported that she still must mail approximately 65 black & white copies of the *Chronicles* to members who do not have email. So please, if any members have email and would like to receive the full color version of the *Chronicles* please notify Sylvia Magin. Website: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Webmaster Jim Pratt for his work in maintaining the Albany Colony website and face book page. These are members-only sites, so please contact Jim if you wish to gain access.

#### **ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS**

John Alden and wife Priscilla Mullins Alden - 2

Isaac Allerton and wife Mary Norris Allerton & children Bartholomew, Remember,

Mary, John - 2

John Billington and wife Elinor & sons John and Francis - 2

William Bradford and wife Alice Carpenter Southworth - 4

William Brewster and wife Mary & children Love and Wrestling - 8

Peter Brown - 0

James Chilton and wife Susanna & daughter Mary - 2

Francis Cooke and son John - 3

Edward Doty - 5

Frances Eaton and wife Sarah & son Samuel - 3

Moses Fletcher - 0

Edward and Mrs. Fuller & son Samuel - 1

Samuel Fuller - 2

Stephen Hopkins and wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins & children Constance & Giles - 7

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#### Meeting Minutes and Roll Call of Ancestors (continued)

John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 8

Richard More and wife Mary & Ellen and Jasper - 1

William Mullins and wife Alice & children Priscilla and Joseph - 0

Degory Priest - 1

Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 0 Henry Samson - 0

George Soule - 4

John Tilley and wife Joan Hurst Tilley & daughter Elizabeth - 3

Miles Standish - 0 Richard Warren - 3

William White and wife Susanna Jackson White & sons Resolved and Peregrine - 4

Edward Winslow and wife Elizabeth Barker Winslow - 0

[William Brewster with wife Mary, & children Love and Wrestling descendants and John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland descendants tied for the most representation - 8]

Old Business: None New Business: None

Program: "Early Boats on the Hudson" presented by History Buff and Retired Coeymans Elementary School Teacher Dick Brooks. Mr. Brooks gave a fascinating talk about the Hudson River that focused on many different types of boats that have navigated this 323-mile waterway from the early 1600s to the modern day. Mr. Brooks' presentation began with how the very first inhabitants traveled the river in hollowed-out canoes made from hardwood trees; and traveled through time to include Henry Hudson's voyage; the era of the Hudson River Day Line that transported as many as 6,000 people a day, and the North River Steamboat of Clermont, regarded as the world's first vessel to use steam propulsion for commercial water transportation.

Next Meetings: May 6, 2023 & November 4, 2023. Benediction given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. Meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m.

Sandra a. Zerrillo, Secretary

"But the closer we study their lives, and the better we know their deeds, the more profound is our admiration and the greater our reverence for the Pilgrim fathers. Between the drafting of their immortal charter of liberty in the cabin of the Mayflower and the fruition of their principles in the power and majesty of the republic of the United States of today is but a span in the records of the world, and yet it is the most important and beneficent chapter in history. To be able to claim descent from them . . . is to glory in kinship with God's nobility. " **Chauncey Depew** 

### Sweet Treats

Members and guests at our Fall 2022 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting at the Albany Country Club discovered little maple sugar candies at each place at the table, courtesy of potential member Colleen Harris, who, Amish-raised in Pennsylvania, is a tal-

ented candymaker along with her numerous other skills. And in that connection, Colleen offers as "food for thought" the following excerpts from an article on maple sugar in early America by Linda Joyce Forristal, author, food and travel editor, professor.

"Maple syrup and maple sugar . . . were the New World's first natural sweeteners. Long before European settlers arrived with the European honeybee to make honey, American Indians dwelling in the Northeast were setting up sugaring camps among the plentiful sugar maple trees each spring. These camps produced an indigenous nutrient-rich sweetener high in minerals . . .

"The Indian process of sugar making . . . employed hollowed out logs, heated rocks for evaporating the sap, and . . . birch bark containers for collecting the sap and storing the maple sugar. Most of the tribes boiled and crystallized the sap . . . onto a granulated maple sugar, bypassing the syrup stage as syrup was harder to store, ending up with a more transportable sweetener. Although the Indians couldn't scientifically analyze maple syrup, they recognized it as a valuable food commodity ...

"Maple sugar became less popular and almost disappeared from the American culture (with the rise of cheap white sugar produced by slavery in the West Indies.) Hoping to keep America independent and not reliant on cane sugar or beet sugar imported from other countries, Thomas Jefferson . . . as much a connoisseur of fine food as a statesman, championed the native maple sugar tree. In 1808 he wrote, 'I have never seen a reason why every farmer should not have a sugar orchard, as well as an apple orchard.' Ironically, even though white cane sugar began to undersell maple sugar, the popularity of maple syrup started to grow which helped preserve the American maple tradition."

From "Maple Sugar: A Gift from the Indians to the Pilgrims" by Linda Joyce Forristal

### Historian's Report

Albany Colony's Membership Totals as of February 28, 2023 Regular Members <u>277</u>, Life Members <u>14</u>, Total Membership: <u>291</u>



#### New Members ~ Welcome to Albany Colony!

<u>Name</u>	NY Number	<u>Date</u>	Ancestor
Douglas Stewart Hayes	6680	07/08/22	John Alden
Krista Heather Sickler	6691	08/16/22	<b>Edward Doty</b>
Karen Leigh Welch Sportello	6706	09/13/22	John Billington
Robyn Marie Lisozzo Hosley	6717	10/21/22	John Billington
Sara Paul Harmon	6720	10/28/22	Edward Fuller
Jason Gerhart Stark	6721	10/28/22	Stephen Hopkins
Shea Cooney Farrell Carr	6726	11/15/22	George Soule
Pamela Dean Smith Piraino	6738	12/16/22	Stephen Hopkins

**Resigned** - Suzanne Arnold, Mary Elizabeth Mack, Sherry Thurston, Ross Williams, Diane Wills

Transferred Out - Priscilla Linville (to Connecticut)

Deceased - Eleanor Nasner (August 24, 2022), Lewis A. Ward (October 25, 2022), Lawrence Van Brunt (November 25, 2022)

Paul S. Johnson, Historian



## Albany Colony Recognizes and Congratulates 2023 Longevity Memberships!



Fifty Years (1973) None this year

Forty-Five Years (1978) Kurt H. Kilmer of Hudson Falls, New York

Forty Years (1983)

Thirty-Five Years (1988)

Thirty Years (1993)

None this year

None this year

Twenty-Five Years (1998) Jacqueline F. Chamberlain of Johnson City, New York

Marilyn M. Keyes of Valley Falls, New York

Twenty Years (2003) June Bradford Cook of Utica, New York

Eileen M. K. Patch of Endicott, New York

Kenneth J. Warner, Jr. of Auburn, New York Sandra A. Zerrillo of Slingerlands, New York Kadi B. Luchsinger of Fayetteville, New York

"Finding the path our ancestors walked is not always easy, but the rewards of the journey make the effort worthwhile."

\*\*Joyce McGarvey\*\*

### Constitution and Bylaws of the Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

### Proposed Bylaw Change

Article VII - Executive Committee

**Existing Bylaw:** 

Section 5.

A quorum at Executive Committee meetings shall be six (6) officers.

Proposed Bylaw: Section 5.

A quorum at Executive Committee meetings shall be a majority of officers.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried at our Executive Committee Zoom Meeting on January 29, 2023, that the above Bylaw change be brought before the Albany Colony Membership at the May meeting for consideration. Note: This proposed change will be voted on at the November meeting.

Rationale for change: Our attempt to have an Executive Committee Conference Call on October 4, 2022, failed, due to a lack of a quorum of officers. Five (5) officers participated, but our current quote requires six (6). A quorum of six worked when eleven officers will filling eleven offices, as we had in 2010. It doesn't work now (i.e., 2023) as a quorum of six is often difficult to achieve with only nine officers holding eleven offices.

2010: 6/11= a majority required to meet

2023: 6/9=2/3 required to meet

Robert's Rules of Order (12<sup>th</sup> ed.): The quorum is a majority of the members of the board unless a different Colony Governor, Dave Morton quorum is provided for by the bylaws, Chapter XI, 40.5.

### 2023 Life Membership Information

2023 Albany Buffalo Colony Life Membership Contribution \$ 1,500.

In place of yearly dues, a member may instead choose a "Life Membership", which covers lifetime membership in both the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the New York Society of Mayflower Descendants. Life Membership contributions are 100% tax deductible (as our organization is a 501(2)(3).

When a Colony member decides to choose a Lifetime Membership, the contribution may be paid on line at: www.mayflowernewyork.org)

Or payment may be made by check to the New York office. To pay by check, please make it out to the "Society of Mayflower Descendants" and send to at the following address:

> **Society of Mayflower Descendants** 20 West 44th Street, Room 505 New York, NY 10036-6603

The Executive Director of the NY SOMD will acknowledge the contributions with a LIFE confirmation letter to the member with a copy to Albany Colony and enclose a LIFE member certificate.

Colony Governor, Dave Morton

If you've wondered about the various explanations of why the Mayflower landed at Cape Cod instead of New York Harbor, as originally intended and authorized, a version offered in the 2006 book "How Did it Begin? The Origins of Our Curious Customs and Superstitions," by the Drs. R. and L. Brasch (he a researcher for Encyclopedia Britannica), insists it was beer! They say: "People soon recognized many qualities in beer. It nourished them and, so they imagined, saved them from the plague. It buoyed up their spirits and relieved fatigue. Water became stagnant and deteriorated on long trips across the seas, whilst beer not only kept its taste but remained wholesome. Beer even made history. It was because their casks were almost empty that the Pilgrim Fathers, sailing on the Mayflower, decided to cut the voyage short and look for a port ahead of schedule. 'For we could not take time for further search and consideration, our victuals being much spent, especially beer." (Chronicles Editor)

Scenes from the November 5, 2022 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting at the Albany Country Club - thanks to our Webmaster Jim Pratt and to potential member Colleen Harris for some of the photos that appear on these three pages.











Fine food, stimulating conversation, greeting friends and meeting new ones; an interesting business meeting, then an intriguing program about the Hudson River; if you missed it you missed a real opportunity!









































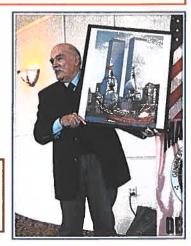


Our November 5th program presenter, Dick Brooks, shared the history of the early boats on the Hudson River, beginning with the indigenous peoples' hollowed-out canoes, describing the various types of steamboats, including the Hudson River Day and Night Lines, and finishing with a riveting description of his never-to-be-forgotten river experience when he and other leaders were on a teaching mission with a group of twelve middle-school students. They were aboard the replica ship Half Moon in New York Harbor participating in the recreation of the 1609 voyage of Henry Hudson, when they witnessed the destruction of the World Trade Center in the unprovoked terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.





This is a sample of what Mr. Brooks and the group would have seen that day.





### America Was Founded on the Pilgrims' Ideals

Kudos to author **Peter W. Wood**, President of the National Association of Scholars, for his new book, "1620: A Critical Response to the 1619 Project" (Encounter Books--by written permission). Additional kudos to the New York Post for its multiple articles promoting Mr. Wood's book and exposing the fallacies set forth in the aforesaid "1619 Project." First promulgated by a special issue of the New York Times Magazine on August 18, 2019, the "Project" has been heavily expanded and promoted by the Times, but the negative public response has been overwhelming: Mayflower Descendants and others have been contacting Mr. Wood by letter, phone, text, and email, applauding his expose' of the corrosive

ideas perpetuated by the New York Times. The following paragraphs are brief excerpts from the new book and from articles in the New York Post and reprinted in the New York Post on line ("America wasn't founded on slavery - but on Pilgrims' ideals.") Multiple appreciative responses to the book are quoted in the Post's subsequent articles. Mr. Wood comments that even the Governor of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants wrote him, saying "This was the first time in recorded history that free and equal men had voluntarily 'covenanted together' to create their own new civil government.' Mr. Wood responds modestly that "After my article went viral, I heard from several Mayflower descendants who said they were happy to see their ancestors celebrated, especially during the current cultural demolition of our nation."

"In August 1619, a pirate ship, the White Lion, stopped at Jamestown and traded 20-some captive Africans for food. The Africans were treated as indentured servants and soon released. Fifteen months later, in November 1620, an English ship blown off course on its way to Virginia ended up off the barren coast of Massachusetts. It landed more than 100 men, women and children. Those voyagers founded Plymouth Colony. Which event mattered more?

"Last year, the New York Times declared that the arrival of the captives in Virginia was the 'true beginning' of America — an America that the Times characterized as a 'slavocracy.' The Times calls its campaign to promote this story 'The 1619 Project.' In my new book, '1620; A Critical Response to the 1619 Project,' I argue that the arrival of the Pilgrims along with dozens of non-Pilgrims ('strangers' as the Pilgrims called them) aboard the Mayflower is the real beginning of America.

"Why? Because before this mixed group stepped ashore, they signed an agreement, which we now call the May-flower Compact. In that document, they set aside their deep divisions and voluntarily joined together to govern themselves with 'just and equal laws.' This was the very beginning of principled self-government among European settlers in the New World. The Mayflower Compact is not quite 200 words long, but those words pack almost as much meaning as . . . the Declaration of Independence . . . (or) the Gettysburg Address.

"The Mayflower Compact . . . has the advantage of being . . . the first time a mutually suspicious collection of settlers decided, without compulsion, to respect one another's rights. Plymouth enacted its own laws, elected its own leaders, and after a winter of severe hardship, thrived as a peaceful self-governing community. Meanwhile, Virginia was run by a private company in England that allowed the settlers some limited choices. Jamestown's place in American history is secure, but it never became the model for American independence or a template for self-government.

"Americans have so long cherished the story of the Pilgrims surviving in the wilderness with the help of Native Americans that we sometimes forget why this tiny colony was so important to our history. It is because they invented a prototype of our republic. The New England town became the very model of American self-reliance and ordered liberty. Plymouth also lived in peace with its neighbors, the Wampanoags, in a treaty that was unbroken for more than 50 years.

"As pioneers of later generations carved new towns out of the wilderness, they looked back to Plymouth as the ideal of how to form a moral community based on equality. The signers of the Mayflower Compact were both Pilgrims and Strangers, young and old, prosperous and poor . . . masters and servants. We can see this now in the seeds of the egalitarian America that would eventually shake off British rule and the yoke of Old Europe's class system.

"By contrast, the arrival of those pirates in Jamestown with their twice-stolen African captives laid no foundation at all. Slavery was already present in the Americas but it wouldn't take root in the English colonies until more than half a century later. The New York Times portrays slavery as starting in Jamestown in 1619 and spreading from there to become the bedrock of American society. That's a false history, a myth. The . . . Mayflower Compact truly is the precursor to 1776, and Plymouth the archetype of American self-government."

Mayflower descendants and the other Americans have author Peter W. Wood, publisher Encounter Books, and the *New York Post* to thank for their righteous crusade perpetuating the honest retelling of American history!

(Chronicles Editor)

### The Mayflower |

"Mayflower II is a reproduction of the 17th-century ship Mayflower . . . built in Devon, England during 1955–1956, in a collaboration between Englishman Warwick Charlton and Plimoth Patuxet (at the time known as Plimoth Plantation), a living history museum. The work drew upon reconstructed ship blueprints held by the American museum, along with hand construction by English shipbuilders using traditional methods. Mayflower II was sailed from Plymouth, Devon on April 20, 1957, recreating the original voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, under the command of Alan Villiers . . . Mayflower II arrived at Plymouth on June 22 . . . towed up the East River into New York City on Monday, July 1, 1957, where Villiers and crew received a tickertape parade. The ship was listed on the US National Register of Historic Places in 2020.

"The ship was . . . financed by private donations in England and Plimoth Plantation. It represented the alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States for collaboration during the Second World War. The ship is considered a faithful generic reproduction within a few details (electric lights added and ladder replaced with a lower-deck staircase), with solid oak timbers, tarred hemp rigging, and hand-coloured maps. It is 106 ft. . . long by 25 ft. . . wide, 236 tons displacement, three masts (mainmast, foremast, mizzen), a bowsprit and 6 sails.

"The ship . . . sailed to Providence, Rhode Island in 2002. In December 2012, Mayflower II was towed to dry dock at Fairhaven Shipyard in Fairhaven, Massachusetts for Coast Guard inspection as well as repairs. The repairs took longer than originally planned because unexpected damage was discovered during the inspection. . . Mayflower II returned to her berth in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on August 7, 2013. In December 2015, the ship arrived at the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard in Mystic, CT for restoration. The ship returned temporarily to Plymouth for the 2016 summer season and . . . returned permanently in 2020, just in time for the 400th anniversary of the pilgrims' arrival."

From Wikipedia "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit "



"New York extends a warm, wild welcome to Mayflower II" in this truly extraordinary photograph taken by B. Anthony Stewart and published on the National Geographic website. It originally appeared in a great book entitled "Men, Ships and the Sea," by "Capt. Alan Villiers and Other Adventurers on the Sea," prepared by the National Geographic Society Book Service, "A Volume in the Story of Man Library," second printing, 1963.

### **Albany Colony**

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York
Spring Luncheon Meeting May 6, 2023
Chieftans Restaurant, 584 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY
Social time (cash bar) 12:00 Noon-Lunch and meeting 12:30



Program: "Aboard the Mayflower - What You Didn't Know" Presenter: Anna Marie Collins

### Please join us ~ Guests are always welcome!

The delightful Luncheon Buffet will include Tossed Green Salad with choice of Dressings,
Roast Pork with Gravy, Boneless Chicken Francaise with Lemon Butter, Roasted Red Potatoes,
Fresh-Roasted Vegetables (Chef's choice), Rolls and Butter, Dessert Cake,
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade.

Please make your check for \$35.00 per person (includes gratuity) payable to:

"Albany Colony SOMD " and mail it with the reservation blank below to:

Carol Felsen, 26 Pinewood Road, Guilderland, NY 12084-9760

Reservations must be received by April 28

Directions to Chieftans Restaurant, 584 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY:

**From the East:** Take **I-88** to **Exit 22** (Cobleskill/Middleburgh) Follow State Route **7 West** three (3) miles into center of town. Restaurant is on your left, parking just before.

**From the West:** Take **I-88** to **Exit 21** (Warnerville/Cobleskill) Follow State Route **7 East** about four (4) miles into center of town. (Veterans' Park on right before traffic light.) Travel one block. Restaurant is on your right with parking just beyond the restaurant. More parking across the street; there is also on-street parking.

"Food is life . . . its power to delight is immediate . . . sharing it bridges cultures, making friends of strangers pleasantly surprised to learn how much common ground they ultimately share." Anthony Beal

Please reser	ve places for me at the May 6 Luncheon Meeting:
(P	lease list below the names of persons attending)
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My check for \$	is enclosed. Signed: