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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy the summer.

This June I was privileged to attend the memorial services for two of our members, Judith "JLeigh" Howard and Reverend Don Pepper. JLeigh always impressed me with her boundless energy and enthusiasm while serving on the Board of Assistants. She displayed these attributes as one of Vermont's delegates to the General Congress in 2008. She was very proud of her Mayflower lineage. I knew Reverend Pepper best as our long time Elder. He was always prepared with the right words and a positive attitude. Don also had a keen interest in his Mayflower heritage. During my membership he twice presented programs at meetings. One on the Mayflower crossing, and one on the Elder William Brewster. Don was also known for his handwritten notes to members. Whether in a time of loss or to offer congratulations, Don's notes seemed just right. In this age of the computer, twitter, and Facebook it was nice to receive that personal touch.

I am looking forward to our meeting in October. This year's meeting will be held at the Quechee Club in Quechee VT. Our program will be a presentation by a costumed interpreter about the life and journey of Priscilla Mullins Alden. I hope to see many of you there.

In September Kathy Barrett as DGG and I as AG will represent Vermont at the GSMD Board meeting in Connecticut. We will report on the results in October.

Respectfully,
Randy Roberts, Governor

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MEETING

The Comfort Inn at Trolley Square, Rutland, VT (802-775-2200) has accommodations. When making reservations, mention that you want the Vermont Mayflower Society member special rate. There are also several hotels in White River Junction - Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn, and Holiday Inn Express to name a few.

89th ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 24 October 2015

Quechee Country Club

Quechee, Vermont

Directions:

The Quechee Club is conveniently located with nearby access to I-89 and I-91. Easy access to New Hampshire, Boston, Hartford, CT, and Burlington, VT.

For driving directions: In East Central Vermont, take Exit # 1 off I-89. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Route 4 West and travel approximately 4.2 miles. You will pass over the Quechee Gorge. At the flashing yellow light (four way intersection), turn right onto Waterman Hill. Proceed down the hill and through the covered bridge. Turn left onto Main Street, travel one mile to the Quechee Clubhouse (on left), bearing left at the fork in the road. Ample parking is available across the road from the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is a large RED building.

If there is a need to drop people off by the entrance, there is a drop off zone available at the entrance.

If you are coming from the west, you would take Route 4 East until you reach the flashing yellow light at the four way intersection in Quechee, turn left at Waterman Hill, and then follow the directions above.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS'

(Note Changes in Time)

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Board of Assistants Meeting

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Social Reception

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting

11:00 - Noon

Speaker - Plimoth Plantation Interpreters

Topic: "Immortalized by Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow's 1858 poem, The Courtship of Miles Standish, John Alden's marriage to Priscilla Mullins has been portrayed as one of the earliest romances in the American colonies. Although we will never know if Priscilla uttered the famous words, "Why don't you speak for yourself John?", her story is an important part of the American experience. After crossing the Atlantic as a passenger on the Mayflower, Priscilla was the sole survivor of her family after the harsh first winter in Plimoth Colony. During the program Priscilla Alden will tell the story of her journey, from the reasons her family came to America to the first years of the settlement."

12 Noon

Luncheon

The luncheon buffet menu includes Club Classic Caesar Salad with choice of two dressings, Garlic Bread, Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetable, Beef Bolognese and Penne Pasta, Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta, assorted Italian desserts, coffee and tea.

MINUTES OF 89th SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015
THE SUMMIT #104 MASONIC LODGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, VT

Governor Randy Roberts opened at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Mr. Ron and Lea Filson who is now the Governor General to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Elise Roessler gave the invocation. The flag salute was led by Pat DeWitt and the Mayflower Compact was read by Alan Cheever. The Governor General loaned Randy a Gavel during the meeting and he returned it after the closing. The gavel has special meaning as it is made from the wood of the Mayflower II.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 25, 2014 meeting were approved as published in *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Past Governor: Michael Dwyer made an announcement of a very special occasion being celebrated by Sharon Matyas (her 40th x 2) 80th Birthday. We all sang happy birthday to her.

Treasurer: Cindy Roberts presented the treasurer's report and stated that the largest expense for the Society continued to be the General Society dues but past due annual dues were lower compared to previous years.

Historian: Sharon Matyas reported seven supplements were approved by Plymouth while currently there are three applications and three supplements pending. There had been seven deaths in the Vermont Society since October, 2014. They were Norman Case, Judith (JLeigh) Howard, Ronald Junker, Warren Marsh, Miriam Herwig, Rev. Donald Pepper and Shirley Krum.

Juniors: Nancy West and Karen Carrara reported there were no new juniors since October, 2014 leaving the total of 159.

Scholarship Committee: Jonathan Giffin, the 2015 scholarship recipient will be attending the October meeting to read his essay. He is a descendant of Degory Priest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Meeting: Randy announced that the fall meeting will be held at The Quechee Club, in Quechee, VT. The meal will cost \$28.00 per person and an interpreter from Plimouth Plantation will be our guest speaker.

Board Updates: Randy introduced Seth Hopkins as our new Board Member to complete Elsie Roessler's term. Elsie Roessler was appointed by the Board to be the Elder of the Society, replacing Reverend Donald Pepper who passed away in May.

Plymouth Fall Trip: Randy checked into a trip for those interested in visiting Plymouth this fall. There is a bus company who gives tours but 30 people are the minimum number needed to sign up. Included would be 1 - 2 nights' stay. If you are interested there will be a posting where you can sign up at the luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

ROLL CALL:

John Alden 11	Isaac Allerton 3	John Billington 1
William Bradford 3	William Brewster 7	Peter Brown 0
James Chilton 1	Francis Cooke 8	Edward Doty 4
Francis Eaton 2	Elizabeth Fisher 0	Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 6	Samuel Fuller 0	Stephen Hopkins 6
John Howland 9	Joan Hurst 7	Richard More 0
William Mullins 9	Priscilla Mullins 4	Mary Norris Allerton 2
Degory Priest 3	Thomas Rogers 3	Henry Samson 1
George Soule 6	Myles Standish 4	John Tilley 8
Richard Warren 10	William White 4	Edward Winslow 0

BENEDICTION: The benediction was given by Elise Roessler

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

PROGRAM: A detailed presentation from Lea Filson our new Governor General. Lea Filson was presented with Gift Basket of Vermont goodies from Randy.

Lea welcomed all members of the Vermont Society and declared how honored and passionate she was about belonging to the Mayflower. Since 1897 there have been four women as Governor General and the membership continues to grow. Back in 1610 the pilgrimage started its venture with 1620 being the voyage. With our deep roots it's important for all of us to continue to keep this message alive.

Lea gave a very detailed presentation on all the changes happening in Plymouth. There are now more full-time staff positions, the website has been redesigned and the Society continues to expand internationally. Major fund raising projects are being held to restore and revitalize the Mayflower Society house. Also, work in partnership with new upcoming ways is being pursued related to DNA testing. All of these things will be open to all members as well as the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne H. Kennedy, Recording Secretary

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

AUGUST 18, 2015

WELCOME to these new members of our Society. Four people have joined our Vermont Mayflower Society since the May 2015 issue of *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

Timothy A. Leno VT # 1757 GEN 88,159
Graniteville, VT 13 - Stephen Hopkins

Susan Carbino Kehoe VT # 1758 GEN 88,283
Burlington, VT 12 - Stephen Hopkins

Linda L. Doll VT # 1759 GEN 88,372
Chester, VT 11 - Stephen Hopkins

Dennis McClure VT # 1760 GEN 88,474
Bradford, VT 12 - John Alden

Supplements:

Nathan Astin
14 - William Brewster

Alice A. Adams
10 - William Brewster

-Sharon Matyas, Historian

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES

There are still several members who have not paid their 2015 dues. The first notice was in last fall's *Green Mountain Pilgrim* and a reminder notice has been sent to those who did not pay at that time. In this copy of *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* to our members, we are enclosing an envelope with your mailing label attached which states your Paid Through Date. If it reads "Paid Through 2014" you will be dropped at the end of this year (2015) with your file noted as not in good standing. If you wish to not continue as a member, but want to remain in "good standing", it is recommended to pay the 2015 dues and send a letter of resignation. Your file will then be marked as resigned in good standing. If you are considering not renewing your membership for 2016, we would appreciate knowing before 12/31/2015. Remember the Society is charged by the General Society for the number of members on that date. The dues are still \$32 for one year or \$145 for five (5) years. With the receipt of this *Green Mountain Pilgrim*, you have your first notice that 2016 dues are due. Please use the enclosed envelope to submit your check or money order made payable to: Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants. Why not pay a membership for a relative or a friend, and give it as a Christmas present?

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences to the families of our departed members, may they walk hand in hand with their Mayflower Ancestors.

R. Warren Marsh + 30 April 2015 Member 3 years
VT # 1701 Age 71 GEN 84,345

Reverend Donald Pepper + 29 May 2015 Member 46 years
VT # 482 Age 85 GEN 31,707

Miriam Herwig + 29 May 2015 Member 42 years
VT # 605 Age 91 GEN 36,200

DONATIONS TO THE VERMONT GENERAL FUND

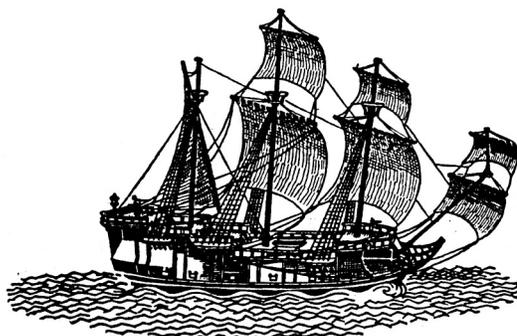
April 18, 2015 - August 20, 2015

Name	Donation Notes
VanWie, E. Kathleen	
Bartlett, Bonnie	In memory of Helen Bowen
Cook, Joyce	In memory of Frances Fleury and Irene Chayer
Walter, Charles	In memory of Dr Donald Pepper
Matyas, Sharon	
Haynes, Martha	
Barrett, Kathy	
Kennedy, Jeanne	In memory of Jleigh Howard

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS

A new Membership Booklet was printed in April 2015. Copies will be available at the October meeting. If you will not be at the meeting and would like a copy, please write to: Betsy Isham, Editor, 28 Lafayette Place, Burlington, VT 05401.

A contribution of \$2.00 to cover the cost of mailing is suggested.



HISTORIAN'S UPDATE AUGUST 2015

It has been really great here at the St. Lawrence River this year, and a couple days ago, it really got quite warm - high 80's which is about 10 degrees cooler than home. Now that the weather has been noted, I will fill you in on what I have been up to in the past three / four months.

Since I wrote last, I have traveled through the State in April as usual. However, considering we spent over eight days in the State, and had no one coming to visit at Montpelier, I am considering bypassing Montpelier this coming Spring. What are your thoughts? Let me know by or at the meeting in October. I have also been in Plymouth. They are teaching me the "new and improved" way of doing applications. Honestly, I can not see that much is really new, just the way it is typed and trying to get all Historians to use the same abbreviations in the right spot. Can you imagine 50 Historians doing the exact same thing? Well, I can't!

In June we were pleased to welcome our Governor General Lea Filson and her husband Ron to be our speaker in Williamstown. I had the pleasure of escorting them around our beautiful State and I believe they had a wonderful time according to her letter, I know I did!

We lost three members since April, one being Reverend Donald Pepper, our Elder. There were no transfers or reinstatements. With the new members added, we have 608 members as of right now. We have five applications in Plymouth, including two supplements. We also have three applications almost ready to be signed, as well as others in various stages of completion. I also have sent out at least 10 worksheets to be completed since April. Interest must be growing because of the Celebration in 2020, a celebration of the Pilgrims landing in Plymouth 400 yrs ago!

As you know if you need help with any application or supplement, let me know and I will be happy to help you. Hope to see you at the October meeting when our guest speaker will be an interpreter from Plimoth Plantation. I wish you all a Pleasant Fall, Autumn, that is, I do not want anyone to fall. It ain't pleasant! So until we meet again, I remain, Your Historian,

-Sharon A. Matyas, Historian

JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS

JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS Greetings!

Good news: Recently, we enrolled two new Juniors. A reminder--the cost for this membership is a one-time charge of only \$10, up until age 18, when they are eligible to become regular Society members. The new enrollees are:

No.	Name	Ancestor	Sponsor	Relationship
358	Peyton Avery Roberts	John Howland	Randy and Cindy Roberts	Gr. Uncle/Aunt
359	Aubrey Paige Roberts	John Howland	Randy and Cindy Roberts	Gr. Uncle/Aunt

We would like to hear from you! Juniors are sent birthday cards and other mailings throughout the year. Thanks to those of you who support the Juniors through contributions! Our e-mail contacts are Nancy West: benzvette@vermontel.net or Karen Carrara: gramkarenc@aol.com.

For your convenience, you may copy or cut this section, to use for Junior enrollment:

Name of child: _____ Birthdate _____

ANCESTOR: _____

Parent's Name and Address _____

YOUR Name and Address and Relationship to child: _____,

so we may thank you for being a sponsor. Please include a copy of the child's birth certificate and the enrollment fee of \$10, with the check made out to: Vermont Mayflower Society and mail to: Nancy West, 316 Hempstead Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

It is a pleasure to be part of the Vermont Society and serve as co-chairs for this important program.

-Nancy West and Karen Carrara, Junior Co-chairs

**2016 Vermont Society Mayflower Scholarship
Award \$500
Deadline May 15, 2016**

Reminders: The Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship is to assist **any** year of post secondary college education or vocational education.

- You do not have to be a high school graduate or college freshman!
- Applicants may be a regular **member for two years** attending **any** post secondary education, **OR**
- Former juniors as long as they were a **junior member for three years irregardless of their age now.**

The application and criteria may be found on the Vermont Society Web site.
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtsmd/index.html>



“SOFT COPY” OF *THE PILGRIM*

We would be happy to send you *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* soft copy instead of the usual USPS mailing. This would cut down on postage cost and copies printed for the Society. If you are interested, please provide a current and valid e-mail address to Bonnie Bartlett - brbartlett@myfairpoint.net.

ELECTIONS

The nominating committee consisting of Carolyn Adams, Winkie Roessler, and Randy Roberts are recommending the following members, Carol Schwenk and Nancy West, to the Board of Assistants for a three year term ending in 2018 at the October 24, 2015 meeting.

NOTE: Our by-laws do not allow nominations from the floor. Additional nominations can be made only by submitting (before the meeting) to the Recording Secretary, a nomination in writing signed by five members.

Reservation Form for October 24, 2015 Luncheon and Meeting

The cost of just the meeting to include coffee and pastries is \$5. The cost of the luncheon, meeting and coffee and pastries will be \$28. The luncheon buffet menu includes Club Classic Caesar Salad with choice of two dressings, Garlic Bread, Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetable, Beef Bolognese and Penne Pasta, Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta, assorted Italian desserts, coffee and tea.

Member Name _____ \$28.00 _____

Guest(s) Name _____ \$28.00 _____

Member **Meeting Only** _____ \$ 5.00 _____

Guest(s) **Meeting Only** _____ \$ 5.00 _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Contact Person: Name, Phone Number, or e-mail _____

Please make check payable to **VT Society of Mayflower Descendants** and send by **Saturday, October 17, 2015**
to: Cynthia Roberts, Treasurer, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701-944



Randy Roberts, Governor of VT Mayflower Society and Lea Filson, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at our June 2015 meeting in Williamstown, VT.

CHANGES TO THE VT BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

We want to thank and welcome two members who have started in new roles for our society.

Seth Hopkins is our newest member of the BOA. Seth lives in Brandon VT with his wife Olya and daughters Klara, Agatha, and Renata. Seth joined us as a member in 2014 and his daughters are all Jr. members. Seth is a member of the Brandon town Select Board as well as a member of the Vermont Society of Sons of The American Revolution. He was appointed by the Board of Assistants to complete the term on the Board of Elise "Winkie" Roessler.

Elise "Winkie" Roessler is filling the position of Elder for our society. Winkie was already serving our society as a member on the Board of Assistants. Winkie joined us in 2004. Winkie is the senior Warden for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lyndonville, as well as a Licensed Lay Minister, Eucharist Minister, and Visitation Minister.

Winkie and her husband Richard reside in Barton. She is also active in the Boy Scouts and has been certified as a National Camp Scout Chaplain. Winkie is a very active member of the Saint John de Crevecoeur Chapter DAR. She is past regent and currently serves as chaplain.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN
QUECHEE**