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Governor General's Message

It is with joy and humility that I greet you as your new Governor General. Thank you to Past Governor General LTC Larry King Casey, Jr. for appointing me to lead in this term. A stellar team has accepted the following offices.

Deputy Governor General	Douglass Mather "Tim" Mabee
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Plymouth Hereditary Society is pleased to announce that following the October annual meeting in Vermont Past Governor General LTC Casey provided a generous onetime donation to the Hereditary Society Community for perpetual listing of our society on the Patron page of the site. This gift has freed up some of our funds for other contributions to the greater Plymouth Colony area to aid us in support of recognition and preservation endeavors. Thank you to Past Governor General LTC Casey for making the opportunity for this special designation available to PHS!

Members planning to attend the Hereditary Fortnight in Washington DC next April please mark your calendars and attend the Joint Banquet and time of fellowship scheduled with the Winthrop Society on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square. Details will be available by early to mid March.

Also please advise if you have moved or have any other changes for inclusion in the Plymouth Hereditary Society 2017 Directory that is slated for publications and distribution about the same time as the call is sent to the April joint fellowship event.

All best wishes for a blessed New Year!

Carla Whitehurst Odom
Governor General

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2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Plymouth Hereditary Society

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Burlington, Vermont

Governor General LTC Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. called the annual meeting of the Plymouth Hereditary Society to order at 8:00 a.m. Following an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor General Casey. A quorum was declared. Alexander Bannerman, John Bourne, Larry Casey, Gayle Coan, Caroline Gray, Allen Gray, Pat Hugar, Tim Mabee, Gary Neal, Carla Odom, Jane Power, and Bernie Roback were present.

Reports were received from the Deputy Governor General, the Recording Secretary General, the Treasurer General, the Genealogist General, the Historian General and the Marshall General. The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were presented and approved without amendment. The Genealogist General reported that in 2015 8 life members and 6 annual members were accepted into the Plymouth Hereditary Society along with 20 supplemental memberships. During 2016, 6 life members and 3 annual members were accepted along with 18 supplementals.

The Governor General reported that since the last annual meeting the following actions had occurred:

1. IRS Form 990N Efile was completed for 2015 and filed on January 9, 2016
2. A new CD, #8281, was opened on January 18, 2016 in the amount of \$2,000. These funds were derived from Life Memberships 138L through 166L.
3. A \$500 VIP Grant was received from ExxonMobil Corporation on January 14, 2016.
4. Grants of \$250 each were made to the Richard Sparrow House and the Jabez Howland House of Plymouth, Massachusetts

At the conclusion of the officers' reports and upon motions duly made and accepted, the following actions were unanimously approved:

1. The payment of room share fee, estimated to be \$250, was authorized. This fee is associated with the April 2017 social meeting to be held during society week in Washington, D.C.
2. The addition of one-half of recent Life Membership fees to a CD coming due in 2016 was approved. The amount to be added is \$125 for each Life Membership.
3. A donation of \$50 to the Hereditary Society Community of the United States was approved.
4. Equal sharing of the cost to maintain the New England Hereditary Societies website (<http://newenglandsocieties.org>) was approved. The calculated cost for 2017 is \$10.27.

Governor General Casey announced that the 2017 Plymouth Hereditary Society social gathering will be held at the Army-Navy Club on April 15. The Governor General also announced that the 2017 annual meeting of the Plymouth Hereditary Society will be held on Cape Cod in October 2017. The specific venue of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Governor General Casey announced the appointment of Carla Whitehurst Odom as the Governor General for the coming term. He installed his successor and presented her with the insignia of the office and a token gavel.

Governor General Odom, on behalf of The Plymouth Hereditary Society, presented Past Governor General Casey with a gift in appreciation of his service.

With no further business coming before the meeting, Governor General Odom adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

Tim Mabee
Recording Secretary General

Plymouth Hereditary Society 2015-2016 Charitable Donations

At the Plymouth Hereditary Society's annual meeting on October 11, 2015 at Warwick, Rhode Island, the Society voted to contribute \$250 each to houses built in Plymouth Colony prior to 1691. These contributions are well within the objectives and purposes of our Society. One of which reads, in part, to "... preserve . . . relics pertaining to the genealogy and history of these men and women who, for a year or more, were resident in one or more of the 18 towns of the Plymouth Colony from 1620 to 1692."



Richard Sparrow House—1640

The Richard Sparrow house was erected in 1640 by Richard Sparrow. It is the oldest surviving house in Plymouth, Massachusetts and is located at 42 Sumner Street in the Plymouth Village Historic District.

The Richard Sparrow House is managed by Richard Sparrow House, Inc.. The Curator is Lois Atherton (508-747-1240).

The Richard Sparrow House is listed on the National register of Historic Places.



Jabez Howland House — 1667

The Jabez Howland House was erected in 1667 by Jacob Mitchell. John and Elizabeth Howland, both of whom arrived on the Mayflower in 1620, lived in this house after their house burned. John Howland died in 1674 and his wife, Elizabeth, lived here until the house was sold in 1680. This is the only existing house in Plymouth in which Pilgrims actually lived.

The Jabez Howland House is located at 33 Sandwich Street. It is managed by The Pilgrim John Howland Society Incorporated. Judith McAllister (508-746-9550) is the Curator

New Members

The Plymouth Hereditary Society welcomes the following 16 new members whose ancestors resided in Plymouth Colony:

Fabe Zachary Smith (157L) of Nederland, TX whose ancestor Rev. Joseph Hull resided at Barnstable.

Steven Basil Arnold (158A) of Yakima, WA whose ancestor John Howland was at Plymouth in 1620

Howard Ray Lawrence (159L) of Mokelumne Hill, CA whose ancestor John Strong resided at Taunton.

David Carline Smith (160A) of Pembroke, KY whose ancestor Henry Howland resided at Plymouth in 1632 and at Duxbury in 1636.

Roy Murlyn Smith (161A) of Charlotte, NC whose ancestor Henry Howland resided at Plymouth in 1632 and at Duxbury in 1636.

Craig Lee Montz (162A) of Miami, FL whose ancestor Joshua Barnes resided at Plymouth in 1632 and at Yarmouth by 1639.

Lewis Clayton Foster (163L) of Richmond, VA whose ancestor George Sutton resided at Scituate in 1635.

Betty Jean Shaffer Messinger (Mrs. Terry C.) (164A) of Houston, TX whose ancestor Thomas Blossom resided at Plymouth in 1629.

David Wade Morton (165L) of Manlius, NY whose ancestor Elgin (Hatherly)

(Downe) Hanniford resided at Scituate.

Martin Wayne Beerman (165A) of Omaha, NE whose ancestor Richard Warren was at Plymouth in 1620.

Jeffrey Mark LaRochelle (166L) of Kingswood, TX whose ancestor Edward Bangs resided at Plymouth in 1623 and at Eastham by 1645.

Martin Wayne Beeman (167A) of Omaha, NE whose ancestor Richard Warren was at Plymouth in 1620.

Hilda Marie Felton Pappas (Mrs. George G., Jr.) (168L) of Norwich, OH whose ancestor Myles Standish was at Plymouth in 1620.

Sumner Gary Hunnewell (169L) of Arnold, MO whose ancestor Benjamin Dexter resided at Barnstable in February 1670.

Nancy Engel Barstow (Mrs. Matthew John) (170L) of Rehoboth Beach, DE whose ancestor Patience Brewster resided at Plymouth in 1623.

William Franklin Cole (171A) of Silsbee, TX whose ancestor Matthew Fuller resided at Plymouth in 1640.

Some of the Burlington, Vermont meeting attendees visited Ethan Allens's home. If we missed you in Vermont, we look forward to seeing you on Cape Cod this coming October. Information on the October meeting will be sent out as it becomes available.



What is the Plymouth Hereditary Society?

The Plymouth colony was founded by the passengers of the *Mayflower* who traveled on its first voyage in 1620. It continued as a separate colony until 1691, when it was merged with the colony of the Massachusetts Bay to form the Province of Massachusetts. Consequently, in addition to the towns in the lower Massachusetts Bay, the new Province was comprised of Plymouth, Maine, Nova Scotia, and all land north of the St. Law-

rence.

Many people, if they give the subject any thought, appear to consider Plymouth Colony as consisting of the town of Plymouth, inhabited by *Pilgrims*, all of whom either arrived on the *Mayflower* or descended from those who did. In fact, there were scores of ships that arrived during these 71 years, with men and women who established 17 additional towns that increased the population

to more than 3,000 inhabitants. These ships brought settlers who would ultimately make enormous contributions to the colony.

By of example, twelve months after the *Mayflower* arrived, the *Fortune* put in at Plymouth harbor with 32 passengers aboard. Among them were individuals who would become important citizens of the colony, skilled in financial and legal matters, and having leadership qualities. But

because they arrived some 12 months after the first group, they generally have been overlooked. Within a few years, there were hundreds of pioneers, perhaps not as prominent, but certainly worthy of recognition and commemoration. These people were the heads of families, founders of towns, office-holders and commercial enterprisers.

Who May Join?

Men and women, over the age of 18 years, who are lineal descendants of men or women who settled in any of the 18 towns of the Plymouth Colony from 1620 through 1691 may be eligible for membership. Again, for purposes of this Society, the term “settler” refers to one who lived in the Colony for at least one year, although possibly in more than one town during that time.

For these reasons, individuals who settled in one of the 18 towns of the Plymouth Colony are considered *propositus* ancestors for membership. For purposes of this Society, the term “Settler” refers to one who lived in the Colony for at least one year, between the years of 1620 and 1692, although possibly in more than one town during that time. Plymouth Colony consisted of the following towns:

- Plymouth (1620)
- Scituate (1633)
- Duxbury (1637)
- Barnstable (1638)
- Sandwich (1638)

- Yarmouth (1639)
- Taunton (1639)
- Marshfield (1640)
- Rehoboth (1645)
- Eastham (1651)
- Dartmouth (1652)
- Bridgewater (1656)
- Swansea (1668)
- Middleborough (1669)
- Bristol (1681)

- Little Compton (1682)
- Freetown (1683)
- Rochester (1686)

The list of qualifying towns does not include the settlement of Weymouth, which, in 1621 at its first settlement was known as Wessagusset. This settlement was, in fact, its

own colony and in 1630 became part of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay.

The initiation fee is \$25. To it must be added either \$40 for annual dues and membership certificate or the lifetime membership fee of \$265, which includes the cost of the membership certificate.

