

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut

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overnor's Message



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Was my great honor, along with deputy governor general Mary Brown, to head the Connecticut Society's delegation to the 38th General Congress of the General

Society of *Mayflower* Descendants on September 7 at Plymouth. The General Congress, held every three years, is a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintances, make new friends and learn more about all the work done by our Society. A full report of the proceedings of the Congress is contained in the December, 2008 *Mayflower Quarterly*. It does not, however, contain the Connecticut Society report, which is in this issue of *Gratings*, on page 8.

Judith Swan of California was elected Governor General at the General Congress and has indicated an ambitious program focused on education, records preservation and the Mayflower House. To that end she has established a Women of the *Mayflower* Committee to honor the female passengers. This is a long overdue initiative and we look forward to its full implementation.

We also look forward to the Society's efforts with regard to records preservation. Recent technological advances, coupled with the fact that some of our records are now more than 100 years old, make guidance on records preservation a high priority of the Connecticut Society as well as the General Society.

I hope you can join us for our semi-annual luncheon meeting to be held on April 25, 2009 at The Gallery in Glastonbury, CT. Our program chair, Polly Gunther, has put together an outstanding program featuring Dan Cruson's portrayal of Mark Twain. I have seen Dan in action so I know that you won't want to miss his wonderful presentation. Please see the separate article about the luncheon in *Gratings* and send in your reservation as soon as possible.

In closing let me say that your Society is a society of volunteers. If any of you would like to share your talents please let any of the Society's officers know. We would welcome your help.

Don Studley

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"It is better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt."

Mark Twain

HELP WANTED

Sally D'Amato

The Society is in need of someone to update and maintain its Web site. Please call or e-mail Don Studley if interested.

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR SOCIETY

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"Asways tess the truth; then you won't have to remember anything." Mark Twain

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DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WHITE

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In Memoriam

GRACE AMEDEN	10/13/2008
GERALDINE COON	08/26/2008
Marilyn Cruthers	12/20/2008
LILLIAN GUDZUNAS	09/06/2008
FRANCIS HUNT	11/10/2008
Susan Sweet	01/02/2008
MARY TOURTELLOTTE	05/09/2008
FAYE WALL	08/15/2008

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS. MAY GOD BE WITH THEM ON THEIR FINAL VOYAGE.

Mark Twain in Connecticut

An Illustrated Presentation by Daniel Cruson

The bi-annual luncheon of the CSMD will include historian Daniel Cruson's illustrated presentation of two important periods of beloved citizen-of-the-world Mark Twain's life, during which he lived in Connecticut.

Twain first moved to Hartford in 1871, where he settled in the artists' colony of Nook Farm on Farmington Avenue. Here he built a distinctive Victorian mansion and lived there for the next 20 years, his most productive period during which he wrote the classics *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, as well as the fanciful *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.*

Financial difficulties forced him to abandon his Hartford home to wander Europe, but he returned to Connecticut at the end of his life when he built "Stormfield" in 1908 in Redding. Here he would remain until his death two years later. This period contrasts dramatically with the Hartford period, as it was marked by physical decline and continued personal tragedy.

Mr. Cruson's illustrated presentation will focus on these two periods, showing the effect that Connecticut had on him as a writer and, more importantly, the impact he had on the communities in which he lived, including his unique architectural contributions. Since 2008 marked the anniversary of Twain's return to Connecticut and the inception of the Mark Twain Library founded by him in Redding, special attention will be paid to his interaction with the citizens of Redding and the surrounding towns of Fairfield County.

Our luncheon will be held April 25 at The Gallery, 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. See page 15 for details.

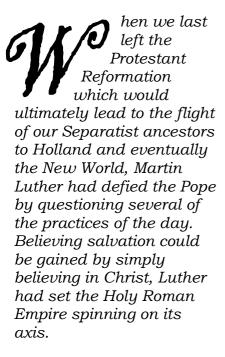
r.Cruson is a retired history teacher who designed and taught courses in anthropology and local history. His abiding interest in these fields has led him to do extensive research and writing on the history of the towns of central Fairfield County, including Easton, Redding, and Newtown, as well as conducting several archeological investigations in these towns in an attempt to learn more about the lifestyles of their past citizens, both

historic and prehistoric. His attempts to acquire more information about the early history and culture of this area has also led him to investigate deeply the subjects of rural slavery, vintage photography, early Connecticut architecture, colonial and post-colonial road building, and early cemeteries and their grave markers.



The Protestant Reformation in England Gives Birth to Early Separatist Leaders

By Elisabeth Edwards, editor



However, several hundred miles to the west in England and Scotland, the reformation had already begun, quietly and slowly, a century or so earlier, after the Great Schism of Western Christianity (1378-1416). The medieval world was crumbling, and with it the grip of the Catholic Church in Rome. Boundaries between countries were being questioned, and a new sense of nationalism was forming throughout Europe.

The Protestant Reformation is Born In England

In England, King Edward III was on the throne, and

the Black Death (bubonic plague) had just killed half the population of England in less than a dozen years. The death of so many caused a great upheaval in England, and a radical reorganization of the economy. In southeastern England, John Wycliffe (132?-1384) and his fellow Lollards, were calling for the reform of Western Christianity. They felt the Church should be as poor as it had been in the days of the apostles, and that the Scriptures, and not the priests, should be the authority of the Church. They taught that religious power and authority came through leading a pious life, and not through Church hierarchy. They also believed that Christ was the head of the church, and not the Pope. Wycliffe was also an early advocate for the translation of the Bible. All these ideas were considered heresy, and were cause for many trials and executions. In February 1395, a group of Lollards petitioned Parliament by posting their Twelve Conclusions of the Lollards on the doors of Westminster Hall. The conclusions cover areas such as the wealth



of the church, corruption, sacraments and icons.

The English reform movement crept slowly on, with men walking from town to town, speaking, attracting a few listeners. By 1520 when Martin Luther began his campaign in Germany, King Henry VIII was on the throne in England. A staunch Catholic, Henry criticized Luther, defended the Pope, and was rewarded by being declared "Defender of the Faith" in England. It was only five years later, when he wished to divorce his first wife, that Henry's relationship with the Pope was severed.

Henry VIII Starts the Anglican Church

When he was refused the divorce he requested, Henry broke ties with Rome and started what is known today as the Anglican Church in England. Although many of the practices were the same in the new church. it had no ties with Rome. In 1534, the Act of Supremacy made Henry the Supreme Head of the Church in England. Between 1535 and 1540 the Dissolution of the

Monasteries took place, during which shrines were destroyed and church property became that of the Crown, not of Rome.

Henry's Children Wreak Havoc

Following the death of Henry in 1547, his three children were in line to ascend the throne. First, the young Edward VI, raised to be a fierce Protestant, reformed the Church of England and introduced the Book of Common Prayer written in English. Upon Edward's premature death, his eldest sister, Mary I, the daughter of Henry's first wife, and a devoted Catholic, took the throne. Known as "Bloody Mary," she ordered the executions of hundreds of Protestants, often having the heretics burned at the stake. Upon the death of the childless Mary, her sister Elizabeth I came to the throne and, after years of religious war and destruction, allowed for the first real religious tolerance in her country. The "Elizabethan Religious Settlement" was the compromise between Protestantism and Catholicism, and lead to a relatively quiet period of time in England. Since none of Henry's children left heirs, the throne fell to his great-nephew, James, son of Mary Queen of Scots. James,

who would later be the commissioner of the King James Bible, became James I of England in 1603.

The Mayflower Separatists Organize

It was during the reign of James I that the story of the Mayflower Separatist truly begins in Nottinghamshire, at All Saints Church in Babworth. The Puritan movement had begun five decades earlier during the reign of Edward VI, with an aim toward cleansing the church of all hierarchy, ceremonial rituals, vestments and icons. Some early Puritans became discouraged at the lack of any real reform, and decided the only way to "fix" the church was to separate from it and begin anew. They were called Separatists to differentiate them from other Puritans who wanted to "purify" the existing church.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, eventual Pilgrim leader William Brewster (1566-1644) held the important position of postmaster and bailiff at his home in Scrooby, England. A Cambridge educated man and former diplomatic assistant to the Netherlands, he became impressed by the Separatist message of All

Saints Church pastor Richard Clyfton. Clyfton preached that all men had a right to discuss and interpret the Bible, that parishioners should take an active part in worship services, and that anyone could speak directly to God. In 1604, Clyfton was excommunicated from the Anglican Church for refusing to acknowledge the supremacy of King James and the authority of the church.

William Brewster Forms Separatist Church

Brewster, who had experienced religious reform during his time in Holland, broke from the church along with Clyfton. They were soon joined by Brewster's old friend and fellow Cambridge scholar, pastor John Robinson (1575-1625). Robinson had left the church when King James' edicts made life difficult for Anglicans with Puritan beliefs, and had joined John Smythe's Separatist congregation in Gainsborough. He soon joined Clyfton and Brewster in Scrooby, serving as Clyfton's assistant minister. In 1602 a small band of about 100 believers began meeting secretly at Brewster's home, Scrooby Manor, and in 1606 the congregation became the underground Separatist

Church of Scrooby. Among the group was the young orphaned protégé of Brewster, William Bradford (1590-1657), who had joined the group as a teenager.

Within a short time, King James and Parliament declared several religious laws, including a fine for refusal to attend the established church. For his beliefs. Brewster was summoned to appear before his local ecclesiastical court due to his "disobedience in matters of Religion." He was fined £20 (the equivalent of \$5,000 today), however he did not appear in court or pay the fine. At this point, Brewster and other Scrooby leaders considered leaving the country for the more tolerant Holland, but knew they would be unable to receive a license to leave because of their beliefs. It was at this point that they decided to flee England.

SeparatistsFlee England, Are Imprisoned

Late in 1607, Clyfton and his followers started off on foot, for the seacoast town of Boston. They had arranged for a ship to take them to Holland, but were betrayed by the ship's captain. Marched back to Boston in disgrace, their property

was seized and they were put to jail. After a month's imprisonment the greatest part of the charges were dismissed, and the Separatists were sent home (although many had sold or left their homes in anticipation of the move). Seven of the principal men, including Clyfton, Robinson and Brewster, were kept in prison. The men were all eventually released and were never tried in court.

Grit and Determination Reunite Separatists in Amsterdam

It soon became obvious that the group leaders faced imprisonment and torture if they did not change their ways, so in 1608 the scattered group reorganized and sought to flee England once again. This time they chose to depart aboard a Dutch ship from Killingholme Creek, about sixty miles up the coast from Boston. Keeping a low profile, the men traveled to Killingholme separately from the women and children. Due to their differing arrival times as well as bad weather conditions, their departure for Holland was soon in jeopardy. After about half of them had boarded the ship, a group of lawmen arrived on horseback to arrest the group. The ship quickly weighed anchor leaving

those left behind, including Robinson and Brewster, to scatter and hide. The women and children who were caught were arrested and questioned, but no charges were brought. The authorities eventually let them all go free. Over the next few months. those left behind were able to escape across the North Sea, but only in small groups to avoid detection. The congregation of the Separatist Church of Scrooby was eventually reunited in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Having overcome political and religious intolerance, threats of fines and imprisonment, and forced flight from their homeland, the small group of believers embraced their new home, trusting that God would see them through this time of trial and resettlement.

Next time: Life for the Separatists in Holland.

Report to the General Society

Deanna Anglovich, Recording Secretary

he Society of
Mayflower
Descendants in the State
of Connecticut has
enjoyed another
successful and productive
three years, with a total
membership, as of June, 2008, of
1374.

We continue to hold two general meetings a year and four meetings of the Board of Assistants. At the General Assistants meeting in September, 2007, we were recognized for having the most Junior members that went on to become regular members.

Our Scholarship program has now grown to three scholarships in the amount of \$1250 each. These are awarded to a graduating high school student that is a resident of Connecticut. The number of applications for these awards has grown immensely; going from 18 applications in 2007 to 100 in 2008.

We have continued to participate in the Massing of the Colors, an annual gathering of patriotic organizations in the state, and we will be hosting this event in the fall of 2009.

Your newsletter, *Nutmeg Gratings*, is published three times a year, and sent to all members. We now include a Juniors section in the newsletter.

Our Education and Juniors Committees continue to be very active, and have collaborated to provide entertainment and education for Juniors and other young guests that attend our general meetings. They have provided demonstrations of colonial toys and games, and colonial tableware and eating utensils. The Education Committee also continues with its Speakers Bureau, whereby volunteers speak in classrooms and at other meetings (usually in costume). They are always very well received.

Our members continue to be generous, and many have made donations to our society in addition to regular dues. Our life members also have donated to our general fund, scholarship fund, or technology fund. In turn, our society has gifted to the General Society. We donated \$500.00 to the MFIP project in memory of Caroline Lewis Kardell in April, and \$500.00 to the General Society in honor of Governor General Edward Sullivan, who joined us at our general meeting last October.

"The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession, what there is of it."

Mark Twain



LIBRARY CORNER

Lots of books for descendants of ALL ages!

Five Silly Turkeys by Salina Yoon. A laugh-out-loud fun book for toddlers, complete with touchable turkey feathers. You child will enjoy this book all year long. This board book sells for \$5.99, and can be found in bookstores and via the Internet on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Squanto's Journey by Joseph Bruchac with illustrations by Greg Shed. This book relates the story of the Separatists from the Native's point of view. Follow Squanto's harrowing journey as he is enslaved and brought to Spain, later returning and helping the Pilgrim's during their first hard years in the New World. This \$6.00 paperback can be found in bookstores and via the Internet on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce, A Pilgrim Boy (My Name is America series) by Ann Rinaldi. This historical fiction book for young adults follows the journey of indentured servant Jasper as the follows his master to the new world. Real Pilgrims such as Myles Standish and William Bradford appear. This \$10.95 hardcover can be found in bookstores and via the Internet on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

"Let us so live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry." Mark Twain.

Our People on PBS

We Shall Remain, a five-part series airing on PBS, will premiere April 13 with an episode entitled "After the Mayflower." Our ancestors, ragged, hungry and dirty, sit down to negotiate with Massasoit, leading sachem of the Wampanoag. For details, including trailer, list of cast and crew, and a look behind the scenes, go to http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/the_films/episode_1_about.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW JUNIORS

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Keegan Jarvis
Reilly Jarvis

Emily Elizabeth Wilder Isabella Anne Buttice Maria Madison Wilder Paul Carl Leninger III
Ryan Mcfadden
Kasey Jarvis
Skyler Domain
Abigail Harris
Nicole Harris
Zoe Carlson
Sarah Rees Jones
Laura Trapani
Eric Stefan Hagegard
Daniel Stefan Hagegard

LOST CHILDREN

The following children did not receive Thanksgiving greetings from the Connecticut Society, as their addresses are not on record.

Bruce, Alexander Collins, John Collins, Courtney Cragan, Alexander Cragan, Brooke Cragan, Oliver DeSilvia, Austin DeSilvia, Cole Holmes, Helen Holmes, Lucy Koffman, Abraham Koffman, Harry Koffman, Samuel Kogler, Margaret Neelis, Cameron Sotaski, Lindi Turner, Emmaline Walker, Melanie Walker, Nicolas

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Or e-mail mbrown51@snet.net.
Or phone
(860) 774-3458.

- We currently have 420 junior members.
- Sixty-two juniors were enrolled in 2008.
- Thirty-two juniors moved off the enrollment list as of January 1, 2009.
- Four of the 32 have elected to become adult members.
- Forty-six juniors will reach age 18 in 2009.

"Be careful about reading health books; you may die of a misprint." Mark Twain

The Education Committee has a copy of the curriculum, *Mayflower and Me*, available for loan. This notebook full of lesson plans and materials for K-12 with accompanying video was published by Education Committee of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For further information please contact Ellen Swayne (860-651-8113 or eswayne@comcast.net).

FIRST ANNUAL



Art/Writing Contest!

Hey kids, be the first to win a prize in the First Annual CTSMD Art and Writing Contest! The theme this year will be



My Pilgrim Ancestor(s) - And Here's Why!"

- ▶ Each applicant should submit an original piece of artwork or writing (story, poem, essay, song lyric, etc.).
- → The winner in each category will each receive a blue ribbon and a \$75 prize!
- ➡ Winning entries will be displayed at the April 25th luncheon. Winners who are present at the luncheon will be announced and will receive their prizes at that time (winners need not be present to receive prizes).Winning entries will also be included in the summer issue of *Nutmeg Gratings*!
- Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1.
- ➡ All entries should be mailed to: Elisabeth Edwards, 91 New Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Please include your name, address, grade in school, and name of school along with your entry. The categories are as follows:

Students in grades 1-5 Students in grades 6-8 Students in grades 9-12

Good luck everyone! Let your imagination rule, and maybe you will be one of the first winners of this great contest!

Many thanks to the Mayflower Newsletter for Utah for this great idea.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RICHARD WARREN XV?

by Mary Agliardo, editor

Richard Warren XV continues his worldwide Mayflower voyage arranged by Mayflower Tours. Upon leaving the Mayflower Hotel in Beirut, Lebanon in September, Richard Warren XV decided to return to the United States. After spending a quiet night at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., he decided to treat himself to a few days of relaxation at the Mayflower Inn and Spa in Washington, CT. While there, he got an urgent call from his cousin, Stephanie Hopkins to meet her ASAP. He left immediately. Unscramble the four jumbles to form ordinary words and then use the circled letters to form the name of Richard's destination.



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MATCH GAME

Match Column A to Column B

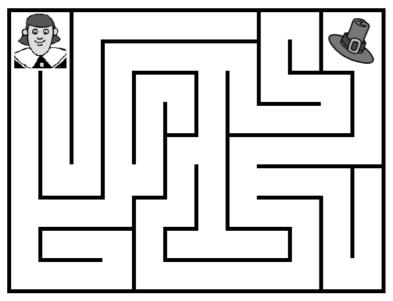
Column A Column B 1. Mayflower Compact A. First governor, signed peace treaty 2. William Bradford B. Early name for Thanksgiving 3. Massasoit C. Military advisor to Pilgrims 4. Squanto D. Second governor of Plymouth Colony 5. Myles Standish E. Leader of Wampanoag Nation, friend of Pilgrims 6. 66 days F. Child born aboard the Mayflower in 1620 7. John Carver G. A small sailboat, not a ship 8. Samoset H. The Mayflower sailed for this many days 9. Harvest Feast I. Native who introduced Squanto to Pilgrims 10. Oceanus Hopkins J. Lived with Pilgrims, taught them to plant corn 11. Shallop K. Rules the Pilgrims wrote to govern themselves

Answers on page 14.

The Pilgrims brought with them, on the main deck of the Mayflower, a shallop, which was an open rowing and sailing vessel used for exploring, fishing, and carrying cargo. Here's one for you to color.



Exploring the coast with the shallop



Help the Pilgrim find his hat

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Quiz Answers:

Where in the World is Richard Warren XV? Jumbled words: wonderful, mark, sassy, aroma. Richard Warren XV went to Mayflower, Arkansas.

Match Game: 1-K, 2-D, 3-E, 4-J, 5-C, 6-H, 7-A, 8-I, 9-B, 10-F, 11-G



"Denial isn't just a river in Egypt." Mark Twain.

Did You Know? According to legend it was Mary Chilton who first stepped ashore from the *Mayflower* at Plymouth Rock. Mary was only 15 in 1620, and unlike many, including her parents, she survived the first winter and later married John Winslow in 1624.

BI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY OF CT APRIL 25, 2009 AT NOON

Our luncheon will be held at The Gallery, 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Phone# 860-659-2656.

Directions to The Gallery

From I-84: Exit 55 is Route 2 East.

From I-91: Exit 25N (Glastonbury Route 3 North) Follow signs to Route 2 East.

Traveling on Route 2 East, Take exit 8 (Hebron Ave.), Take a Right at bottom of exit and a Left at the first traffic light. The Gallery is the second building on the left. Detailed directions and map are available upon request.

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PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOR EA	H ATTENDEE:	
Stuffed Chicken Breast	Baked Scrod with Lemon Butter & Bread	Crumbs
Roast Top Sirloin of Beef		
Children's meal (chicken	Vegetarian Delight ngers)	
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Dinners include: tossed salad, brewed coffee (regular or decaf	read and butter, vegetable du $jour$, red roasted potatoes, dessertand tea.	t, fresh
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Name:	New member?	
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