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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

It is exciting to announce a new venue for our meetings. We visited and dined at the Adams Mill in Manchester, CT. The food was excellent, and the meeting room will fulfill all of our needs to a "T". There is parking right near the door, and there are no stairs. It is bright with lots of windows and a good working public address system. I think you will enjoy the meal choices. Thank you to Mary and Bob Wassung and Bill and Bev Warner for investigating this site with me.

David Grant and I are working on a power point presentation to be shown to our local learning-in-retirement groups. We are focusing on the *Mayflower* voyage – its precedent events and the actual trip. This is the first in a series that we are designing. If you have a civic, patriotic, or educational group that would enjoy our presentation, please let me know.

The September meeting of the General Society in Plymouth will be an exciting event. If you care to be a delegate, please contact me at mbrown@ct.metrocast.net or Nola Johannes at nolaj@cox.net. Two of our members have been nominated for national office. Donald Studley will again be a candidate for Treasurer General and Midge Hurtuk is a candidate for the newly reconfigured Historian General post. The meeting takes place the weekend after Labor Day, with the business meetings on Sept. 8th and 9th. Join us in promoting, voting, and celebrating.

I have been presenting several programs, one of which is on the women of the Plantation. These women may conjure thoughts of spinning and weaving and keeping the kettle on the hearth bubbling, but this is actually a misconception. The

Pilgrim women did not spin and weave. There was nothing to spin or weave. The European Guilds were composed of men, and men were the only ones to do these tasks. If men allowed women to work the looms, they risked losing their guild memberships. When subsequent ships arrived in Plymouth, they brought with them supplies, including clothing, and one tried to find something that would fit. The women sewed and were able to mend and perhaps do minor alterations.

Women's time was spent gardening and caring for the chickens and animals that were brought over later. Food preparation took a great deal of time as they cooked over open fires. The corn was ground in large mortars with pestles, and bread was baked in the communal oven when it was fired up, perhaps once a week. The small game and fish brought in by the men was boiled and served as a stew or pottage, a thick soup or stew made of vegetables and meat. When you are hungry, everything tastes good.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our October meeting. You will enjoy the new venue.

Sincerely,

Mary Brown,
Governor



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Pauline Blondin, 4/19/2014
Nancy J. Wicander Johnson, 4/22/2014

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased members. May God be with them on their final voyage.

2020 Logo Merchandise



A.	Coffee Mug, 15 ounce	\$ 15	E.	Pen, Ballpoint	\$ 5
B.	Water Bottle, 24 ounce	\$ 5	F.	Lapel Pin	\$ 10
C.	Bumper Sticker, 3 X 5 in.	2 / \$ 5	G.	Money Clip	\$ 10
D.	Car Magnet, 3 X 5 in.	\$ 5	H.	Tie Tack	\$ 10

The 2020 shop is up and running on our website ctmayflower.org.

Orders will be processed quickly. If anyone wants to order the car magnets or bumper stickers, they can save the postal charge online by sending a check for \$5 made out to CT Mayflower Society, along with a self addressed, stamped envelope. Mail to Bill Warner, Box 232, Thompson, CT 06277.

2014 Scholarship Winners

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut awards three annual scholarships of \$1,620 each. Any high school senior graduating from a CT secondary school, public or private, and who is a resident of CT is eligible for these scholarships. One need not, however, be a member of the CT Society of Mayflower Descendants. With reference to the Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham and Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg scholarships, special consideration will be given to applicants who are either members or junior members of the CT Society, or who are the child or grandchild of one of our members. These applicants, unlike the Jordan Konov Scholarship, need not be CT residents. The Konov scholarship is open to CT residents only. Academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, and community service are considered in the review of each application.



Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship

Miss Christina Hart Wadsworth
Atherton, CA 94027

Christina attends Menlo School in Atherton, CA where she is a highest honors student, with an SAT Score of 2310 (out of a possible 2400) and is a member of the student council and *Coat of Arms*, the school newspaper. She volunteers for many charitable organizations and is a tutor. Her father is a member of the Connecticut Mayflower Society. She is planning to attend

Stanford University.

Miss Wadsworth's statement to members: "To the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut, the scholarship committee, and Mr. Warner - thank you. Thank you for working tirelessly to continue the Pilgrim legacy, for being role models to young adults, for enabling students like me to follow our dreams. And because of your incredible generosity and support, next year I will follow my dream to Stanford University. I simply cannot thank you enough, and I am especially grateful to receive an award that truly reflects the Pilgrims' courageous actions.

"I am the first of my Wadsworth and Hart lines, in the 377 years since the founding of Hartford, to not have been a native of the State of Connecticut, but it holds a special place in my heart.

"Next year, I will attend Stanford's School of Engineering to pursue a Bachelor's of Science in computer science and a Minor in Economics. After college, I aspire to enter the business world as an influential woman in technology, and one day, I hope to be in a position to give back to my community, as you have done for me. Thank you again; I will always be honored to be a recipient of the Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship."



Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg Scholarship

Mr. Brandon Kinnie
Griswold, CT 06351

Brandon attends Griswold High School, where he is a member of the Lacrosse Team and the string orchestra and is a high honors student. He is an active member of student council and participates in cross country and track teams. He is also a junior affiliate member of the Mayflower Society. College plans are undecided, but he intends to be an engineering major.

Mr. Kinnie's statement to the members: "As many of you know, my name is Brandon Kinnie. I am currently a senior at Griswold High School and will be graduating in less than two months. Thank you, Mr. Warner and the scholarship committee, members of the CT Mayflower Society, and the originators of these wonderful endowments. I am truly honored and grateful for the generous assistance you have provided. This will help me on my adventure of higher learning.

"The Bernice A. Livingston Rieg scholarship is particularly meaningful to me. I, too, have my roots firmly rooted in the family farm. May I have the compassion, foresight, and determination to emulate the achievements of Mrs. Rieg in my own way.

"My *Mayflower* ancestor is Richard Warren. I am a recent member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants. My grandfather was a member of the society and my father is a current member. My three younger siblings are all junior affiliate members.

"I have always enjoyed building and constructing objects. This has helped me realize that I want to go to school for engineering. This chance will be greatly utilized, as I will learn as much as I can to better the world we live in. Thank you so much for this great opportunity that you are helping me realize."



Jordan Konov Scholarship

Miss Emily Rose Ogland
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Emily attends Williams School in New London, CT, where she is a straight A student with an SAT score of 2170. She obtained highest honors every semester. She is a ballet dancer and an equestrian rider, a math and science tutor, and the co-editor of her school's literary magazine. She volunteers for United Way Youth Board and Salvation Army Kettle Drive. College and major are yet to be decided.

Miss Ogland's statement to the members: "I am humbled to be chosen for a Mayflower scholarship, and I am profoundly grateful for it – not only for the award, but for being able to help my parents with the great expense they will be undertaking for my sake. Their devotion to my education is a legacy that I hope will flourish

throughout my life, and I want to thank the Society of Mayflower Descendants for helping me to make that possible. Although I do not have Pilgrims among my ancestors, my family has – as do all Americans – an immigration story. My father came from Norway when he was a young boy, and he had to learn, as had the Pilgrims, how to find his way in a new world. The courage, perseverance, and modesty that this requires are always to be honored and are essential to effective cooperation. This is all the more important today when factionalism and discord are so dishearteningly prevalent. It is also central to genuine learning.

“I do not yet know what my course of study will be. I will find out when I get there. So many fields are fresh with excitement. This year history has intrigued me, although I love biology, too. French and Latin have sustained my interest, but literature has recently inspired me with its deep perspective on human nature. My parents had hoped that I would see this, and I am old enough to begin to agree.

“In just a few months, I will be entering a college where the liberal arts and sciences flourish. (Ed.: by April 26, 2014, Emily hoped to have made a decision about her college matriculation.) I know that I will find the excitement of new things, in what, at present, is a land of the unknown. I am reminded of the Pilgrims, who undertook their arduous discovery with faith and sincerity, as they ventured to find what the future would bring. While a young person of today cannot compare her own situation with their unimaginably great hardship, as I stand here to accept this award, I am deeply humbled by their example.”

Something to Consider: Life Membership

Have you considered life membership for yourself or a family member? The general society dues will be increasing, and as a result our state dues will reflect this new rate. If you sign up for life membership prior to the dues increase, you will save yourself a bit of money, assure a continuing membership throughout your life, avoid the annual dues notice, and never have to worry about future dues increases, especially as those increases might impact a budget governed by a fixed income. Life membership status also alleviates the work of our membership chair when she sends our dues invoices. The rates are age-based as follows: age birth to 17 - \$900; age 18-54 - \$750; age 55 and up - \$600. These rates will increase this fall. If you are interested in converting or enrolling a family member, please contact Joan Prentice at jowp32@hotmail.com. Thank you for considering this option.

Mary Brown

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

By Midge Hurtuk, Historian

I frequently get inquiries from parents, grandparents, and grandaunts and -uncles about gifting juniors or young members with life memberships. It's expensive, but those inquiring are motivated by wanting the family history to stay alive and continue into future generations. Some of you may also be thinking about converting to life memberships for yourself. If so, now would be a very good time!!

Life fees are based on a multiple of regular (annual) dues. When you commit to the fees for a life membership, we/your Society commits to a lifetime of paying those annual dues. For this reason, when annual dues go up, the life fees go up.

Plymouth has not raised the annual fee we pay for each member in about 15 years. They will be proposing an increase at the September Congress – and we anticipate that it will be approved. Connecticut's dues will increase as of October 1. This means that our life fees will increased.

My reason for explaining this now is that you have a little window in which to arrange for a life membership at the current lower rates if this is something you have been thinking about doing. The new fee schedule will go into effect with the fall vote. Until that point, you can convert a regular membership to a life membership at the current rates.

Here are the differences in fees:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Pending Fee</u>
Birth to age 18	\$900.00	\$1,050.00
19-55	750.00	875.00
Over 55	600.00	700.00

If this is something you want to do, get in touch with me (mhurtuk@aol.com or 860 872-2181) no later than the end of August.



RECIPES NEEDED!

Ellen Swayne, Education Committee

The Education Committee is putting together a cookbook of recipes using corn. We are looking for any favorites from your file, ranging from cornbread to popcorn to casseroles to whatever you would like to submit. Please send your recipes to Ellen Swayne at eswayne@comcast.net or 43 Seminary Rd, Simsbury CT 06070 by August 1. Thank you very much.

Art/Writing Contest 2014

Thanks to all participants for their thoughtfulness, creativity, and hard work. Here are their efforts for all to enjoy.



In the New World

by Lillian Sharpe

A long time ago in 1620 my ancestors arrived in a new world--

sick from the long journey in the Mayflower across the ocean that hurled and swirled.

In Plimoth, the winter weather was bad and many people died, but there was much work to do.

Houses had to be built, men had to go hunting, and sick people had to be cared for too.

Houses were made of wood and sun-dried reeds. The floors were made of dirt or wood.

The houses weren't as sturdy, clean, or big as they were in England, but it kept them safe & warm. That's good!

Unlike England there were no stores to buy supplies, food, or clothing.

They had to make everything by hand and it took a lot of work and sewing.

They cleared 20 acres of land and planted Indian corn, barley, and peas in the field.

They put fish in with the seeds to get a bigger yield.

Hunting was hard in the winter because animals were hard to find.

Squanto helped them hunt. He was very kind.

Squanto was a Wampanoag, a Native American tribe.

His fellow Wampanoag friends, well they are hard to describe.

They wore different clothes, spoke different languages, and had dark skin.

The Wampanoags did not go to church, and the Pilgrims thought this was a sin.

The Wampanoags had never heard of the Bible or Jesus, the son of God.

The Pilgrims wanted to worship on their own in their new homes near Cape Cod.

John Alden, John Howland, and Peter Browne signed the Mayflower Compact.

They wanted democracy and that's a fact.

Life was very different in the new world of theirs.

God helped them and listened to their prayers.

HOW MY ANCESTOR'S LIFE CHANGED IN THE NEW WORLD

From the best of my memory, life was simple. We could sit cozily around the fireplace and be warm. We could have the most wonderful gatherings as a family, but then everything changed. When I placed my feet on solid ground after a long journey to this New World, everything was different from home. Most of my family was still in England, I felt very alone. There was no shelter for others or me when we arrived except for the Mayflower. Finding food was almost impossible especially with the snow and cold like I've never seen before. Eventually some of the men were able to build a crude shelter. I wasn't big enough to help but I could keep watch for dangers. That's something I never did back in England. That first winter I became very sick. Somehow I managed to pull through and get back to being healthy. I wasn't the only one to get sick others did too. Almost everyone got sick, with so few survivors. When it became spring, we survivors had much work to do. Soon after, we made friends with different people who lived in the woods. They taught us to fish and hunt animals. I caught a rabbit on my own and everyone was impressed with me and I was proud of myself. Being friends with these people and learning how to hunt gave us so much food that by harvest time we decided to have a feast. It was a momentous day. Looking back on our first year in this new world, I thought to myself; "I survived the harsh winter, made new friends, and learned new things." This made me wonder; "Life is harsh here, it may be an easier life across the sea, but that doesn't mean this place couldn't end up being like home." "Life here is harsh and different but it will get easier especially when the rest of my family joins me. "Life is good here."



Makayla Kinnie

Spring 1621

Dear Family,

The New World is so different from home. Each moment I spend here the more anxious and scared I feel. Over here there are no busy streets that are made up of cobblestones. Our roads are only dirt paths where we have walked over many times. In addition, the sounds or lack thereof, is absolutely unnerving. It is so quiet here nothing like the hustle and bustle of home. At night it is only the crickets and occasionally some wolves calling out in the woods. It frightens everyone to know that there isn't only wolves out in the woods but savages as well.

Life out here is pretty harsh. We had to start with nothing due to the lack of buildings and the lack of resources. Besides having problems building we are also facing much sickness. Many people have gotten ill, delaying the work of building our shelters. The houses here are simple and contain only one or two rooms. Each day we have to work hard to make our own food and housing. Most houses are made from the trees we have chopped down and straw from the marshes. I am currently working on our home and it is very simple but will still be big enough for our family. When I am done with building our home then I must develop a farming area so then we can have crops for food.

You will never believe how clean it is here! There are no smoke filled skies in the morning other than our cook fires. The air also smells like flowers instead of offal from the cities we came from and it is very peaceful. It surprises me in how much beauty one place can hold and yet still seem as though it is dangerous. The meetinghouse has finally been finished and it is spring. When we first arrived here it was late autumn and when winter came it took many lives due to the sickness that spread fast. It seems that the whole place has come to life and the earth is beginning to awaken from its long slumber.

We have already gone hunting for deer and I must say it is fairly hard. The women and young children stay behind while us men hunt for deer. I saw one off in the distance but to no avail I simply could not catch it. With farming I have seen better days, due to the fact that this land is extremely hard to work. I wish I could see your faces right now and that you could see this beauty. It truly is mystifying. I shall miss you all my family until your safe arrival.

Sincerely,
Richard Warren

*"How My Ancestor's Life Changed In
The New World"*

*Cold, dreary, windy, bleak
Some kind of warmth we all shall seek
No fire to warm us, no shelter at all
Nothing but sickness and cold befalls*

*We stay on the ship with little to eat
No room to stretch and of course, no heat
Friends, family dying left and right
Of sickness and starvation of fear and fright*

*No more English houses and busy streets
Nor praying in fear and being discreet
No royalty to control us and to decide our fates
With only hope, a better future awaits*

*An unknown world unchanged by man
With thick groves of trees and serene land
Very unlike what I used to know
With England's noise and city's glow.*

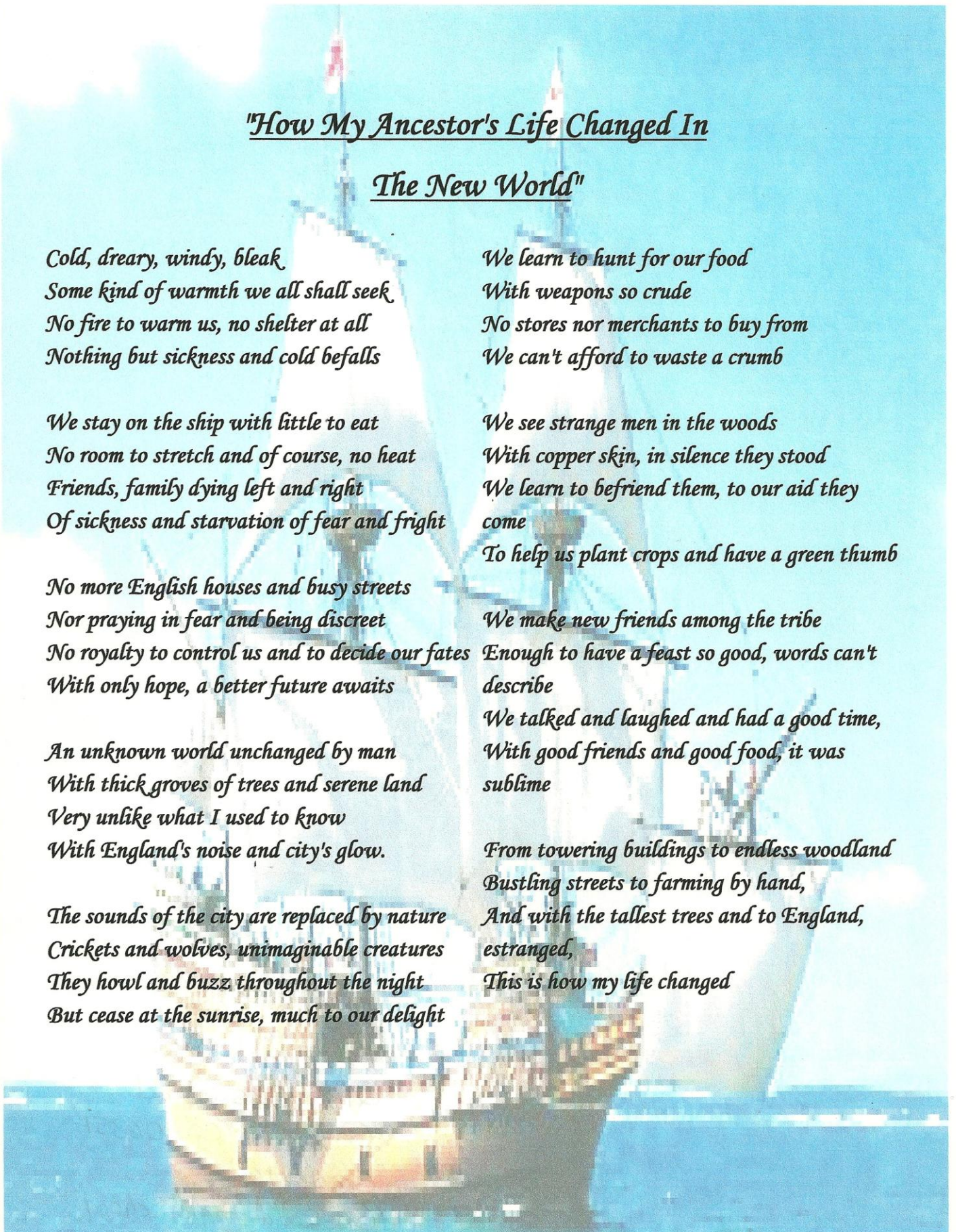
*The sounds of the city are replaced by nature
Crickets and wolves, unimaginable creatures
They howl and buzz throughout the night
But cease at the sunrise, much to our delight*

*We learn to hunt for our food
With weapons so crude
No stores nor merchants to buy from
We can't afford to waste a crumb*

*We see strange men in the woods
With copper skin, in silence they stood
We learn to befriend them, to our aid they
come
To help us plant crops and have a green thumb*

*We make new friends among the tribe
Enough to have a feast so good, words can't
describe
We talked and laughed and had a good time,
With good friends and good food, it was
sublime*

*From towering buildings to endless woodland
Bustling streets to farming by hand,
And with the tallest trees and to England,
estranged,
This is how my life changed*



While we're enjoying one of our summer favorites, we might think of how we came to have corn on the cob. A Native American named Squanto taught our Pilgrim forefathers how to plant corn. No info yet on who invented the butter and salt combo that enhances its flavor so deliciously.

The following is excerpted from Biography.com.

Early Life and Capture

Born circa 1580 near Plymouth, Massachusetts, Squanto, also known as Tisquantum, is best remembered for serving as an interpreter and guide for the Pilgrim settlers at Plymouth in the 1620s. Historians know little about Squanto's life. A Patuxet Indian born in present-day Massachusetts, Squanto is believed to have been captured as a young boy along the Maine coast in 1605 by Captain George Weymouth, who had been commissioned by Plymouth Company owner Sir Ferdinando Gorges to explore the coast of Maine and Massachusetts, and reportedly captured Squanto, along with four Penobscots, because he thought his financial backers in Britain might want to see some Indians.

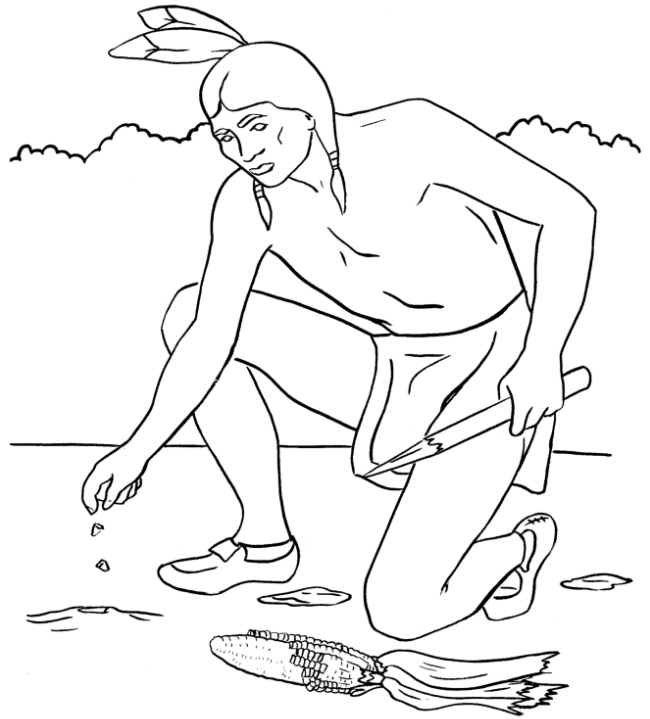
Weymouth brought Squanto and the other Indians to England, where Squanto lived with Ferdinando Gorges, who taught him English and hired him to be an interpreter and guide.

Interpreter and Guide for the Pilgrims

Now fluent in English, Squanto returned to his homeland in 1614 with English explorer John Smith, possibly acting as a guide, but was captured again by another British explorer, Thomas Hunt, and sold into slavery in Spain. Squanto escaped, lived with monks for a few years, and eventually returned to North America in 1619, only to find his entire Patuxet tribe dead from smallpox. He went to live with the nearby Wampanoags.

In 1621, Squanto was introduced to the Pilgrims at Plymouth, and subsequently acted as an interpreter between Pilgrim representatives and Wampanoag Chief Massasoit. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims and Wampanoags celebrated the first Thanksgiving after reaping a successful crop. The following year, Squanto deepened the Pilgrims' trust by helping them find a lost boy, and assisted them with planting and fishing.

Embroidered in the politics emerging between the settlers and the local tribes, Squanto died of a fever in Chatham, Massachusetts, circa November 1622, while acting as a guide for Governor William Bradford.



The Indians showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn.



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