

THE PRAIRIE SCHOONER
NEWSLETTER
OF
THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER
DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



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THE HIGHLIGHTS

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Happenings

The 76th annual meeting of the North Dakota Mayflower Society was held in Bismark at the State Historical Museum. If you have not visited this museum, I highly recommend it.

It was a perfectly beautiful fall day with a sunny sky and dry, clear roads for those of us who traveled to Bismark from around the State.

It was our first attempt at having a Hybrid meeting (both in person and by Zoom). Except for a couple of technical errors, it was a great success. We will have it again at the 2024 meeting in Fargo on Oct. 6, 2024.

Thanksgiving-decorated tables served as a backdrop to a light lunch with

homemade apple crisp and chocolate drop bars.

The program included each member being able to tell the group about their journey in finding their Mayflower roots.

Awarding of door prizes, donated by a member, finished off our gathering.

Minutes from the meeting are in this newsletter (Annual Meeting Report on page 6).

From the Governor's Desk **Sandy Roe**

Newsletter Fall 2023

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving,

It is that time of the year when some question the “truth” of the Thanksgiving holiday and the part the Mayflower Pilgrims played.

Some say the story about the Pilgrims and the Natives sharing a Thanksgiving meal did not happen, at least not in the way it has been depicted in past history books. I say past because “history” is changing in new publications. Also, the story of how the Pilgrims and local Native people maintained a peace agreement for over 50 years has been down played and at times ruled total false as well.

As there were no daily publications written in the early years of New England settlement by Europeans, we have only William Bradford's remembrances to go by. Since Bradford had nothing to gain by what he wrote, it is believed by many historians to be factual.

Yes, times changed. New generations of settlers arrived in New England

and relationships between the Native populations and the Europeans became strained and broken. However, one can not truthfully say this change was the fault of the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in the year 1620.

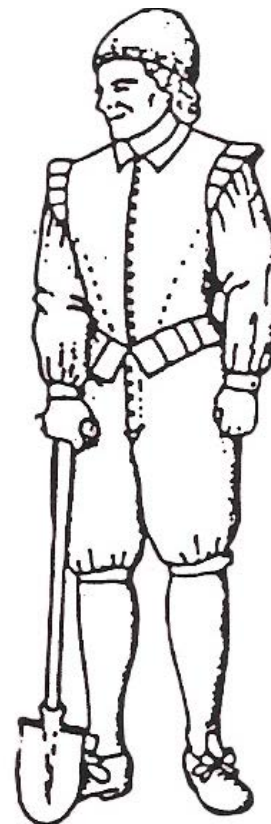
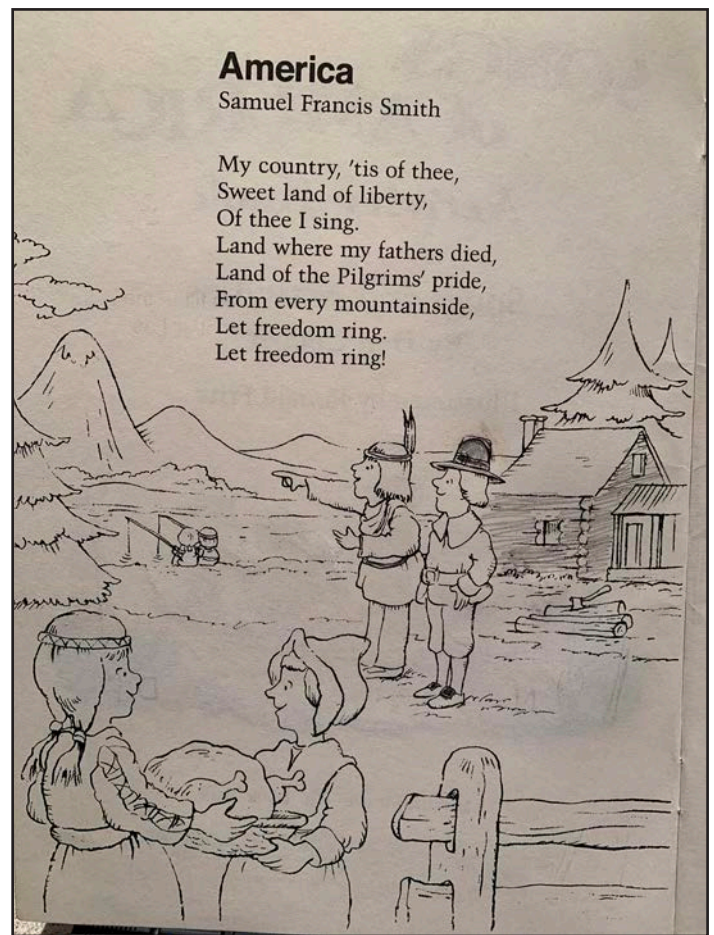
So why was the Mayflower Compact so important? The Agreement between the Settlers of New England, now known as the Mayflower Compact, made by the passengers of the Mayflower, set forth the first governing document of the Plymouth Colony. It established the principles of a self-governed body, an idea which was not practiced in European societies. The Mayflower Compact developed the idea of law made by and for the people. This idea lies at the heart of democracy and made a significant contribution to the creation of a new democratic nation and the Constitution of the United States.

Do you belong to a Family Society? It is very interesting meeting cousins you never knew you had! It is also a good way to share facts and stories about your joint ancestors. See the following pages for lists and contacts of Family Societies.

No matter where you celebrate this year or what is on your table, (yes, butter the Lefsa) I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Thanksgiving.

Sandy Roe

North Dakota Society Governor



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<u>Pilgrim Family Society</u>	<u>Website/Contact</u>
Alden Kindred of America, Inc.	alden.org
Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society	isaacallerton.com
Billington Family Society	billingtonfamilysociety.com
Governor William Bradford Compact	mygwbc.org
The Elder William Brewster Society	brewsterfamily.org
Pilgrim Peter Brown Society	pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org
Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society	pilgrimfranciscookesociety.org
The Pilgrim Edward Doty Society	edwarddoty.org
Eaton Families Association	eatongenealogy.com
The Fuller Society	thefullersociety.org
Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society	pilgrimhopkins.com
Pilgrim John Howland Society	pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org
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Thomas Rogers Society, Inc	thomasrogerssociety.com
Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred	PilgrimHenrySamsonKindred.org
Soule Kindred in America, Inc	soulekindred.org
Society of Myles Standish Descendants	mylesstandishsociety.org
The Warren Cousins	thewarrencousins.com

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<u>Pilgrim Family Society</u>	<u>Website/Contact</u>
The Pilgrim William White Society	thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org
Winslow Heritage Society	winslowheritagesociety.org
The Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth, Mass	bartlettsociety.com
Delano Kindred	delanokindred.us
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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Dakota

76th Annual Meeting

October 8, 2023

North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum Bismarck, ND

Business Meeting

The 76th Annual Meeting and Meal was presided over by Governor Sandy Roe.

North Dakota Governor Sandy Roe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. There were 13 members present with four members on Zoom. There were five guests.

Members attending were: Sandy Roe, Rachel Roe-Longtine (Zoom), Sandy Sidler, Diane Resvick, Marti Bobertz, John Baird (Zoom), Connie Norheim, Kristin McDonald, Martha Downs, Alison Harries, JoAnn Buriak, Kevin Cramer, Clint Wanek, Dianne Billey, Paul Nather, Nancy Johnson (Zoom), Linda Hippen (Zoom). Guests were: William Tooley, Dave Roe, Lloyd Billey, Sue Nather, and Kristin Bader.

Officers Reports

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the 75th Annual Meeting were read. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer report was given. Checking account beginning balance was \$7093.36. Ending balance was \$7517.20. CD was \$8,186.55

for a total assets of \$15,703.75

The treasurer's books were audited October 1, 2023.

Historian's Report

The Historian reported we have 114 members. She is working on several supplementals.

Education Chair Report

Education Committee reported Mayflower talks given by Sandy S. in October, Connie to P.E.O., Sandy R. and Rachel in November, and we had a table at the Heritage Workshop in September in Fargo.

Junior Report

Some books selected for new Juniors were shown. We are encouraged to get more Juniors to join.

Newsletter Report

Rachel needs any updated emails. Also pictures of family and Thanksgiving celebrations.

DGG Report

43rd Congress was attended by Marti. Every three years it is in Plymouth. It includes tours, business meetings, and elections. There are family organizations for each Pilgrim.

Next year 2024 it will be in Ashville, NC

Then 2025 Austin, TX.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Three deaths of members have been reported in the past year: Angela Kokott, Nancy Englerth, and James Billey.

Fundraising

We have packs of Mayflower playing cards for a \$10 donation. South Dakota donated \$260 by getting playing cards at their meeting. A thank you card will be sent with each donation.

Information was given about a South Dakota member who will make individual family certificates for a small fee with the balance going to the Society.

Fee Increase

Discussion on the fee increase for applications and supplementals. We currently charge \$150, with \$125 going to Plymouth. Marti moved we increase it to \$175, with \$150 going to Plymouth, starting January 1st 2024. Kris seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Discussion on dues increase. It was decided not to increase dues at this time.

The discussion of sending a memorial to Plymouth for each of the three deaths. A motion by Sandy S. to send \$25 each to the Silver Book Project. It was seconded by Connie. Motion approved.

Next year's meeting will be in Fargo on October 6, 2024.

Nomination of Officers

After some discussion it was moved a unanimous ballot of the same officers to continue for three more years.

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Historian: Marti Bobertz

Elder: Ross Reinhiller

Captain: Delores Langseth

Surgeon: John Baird

Counselor: Bradley Myers

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Sandy Sidler

Secretary

The Program was a Roll Call of Pilgrims with members telling how and why they joined the Mayflower Society. Pilgrims included Bradford, Fuller, Alden, Mullins, Cooke, Brown, Billington, Howland, Doty.

Many thanked and gave credit to Marti for her work as Historian.

Door prizes were given.

ANNUAL MEETING



North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum Bismarck, ND



IN MEMORIAM



Nancy Englerth

November 18, 1932
~ May 18, 2023

Nancy Englerth, 90, passed away on May 18, 2023, at St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, ND.

Nancy Murdoch

Englerth was born November 18, 1932 in Lidgerwood, ND, the daughter of Eldred Murdoch and Elizabeth Grinstead Murdoch. She attended grade school there but moved to Mandan where she finished her schooling. She attended Mandan High School and Bismarck Junior College in North Dakota. In 1954 she graduated from the University of Washington and in 1969 she received a MA from the University of Hawaii.

She married Edward J. Englerth, Jr. on September 14, 1953. They had two children, Alison, born in Massachusetts, and Rachel, born in Liberia, Africa.

Nancy spent many years teaching and living various places around the world: Washington state, Montana, North Dakota, Hawaii, and Kenya and Liberia in Africa. She taught many different levels, from preschool to college. She and her family spent 10 years in Africa working for the Episcopal Church and World Neighbors.

In 1974, after returning from Africa, she began working for Meyer Broadcasting Company and remained there until her retirement. In her later professional years, she completed a Computer Information major at the University of Mary and taught

beginning database and spreadsheet courses at Bismarck State College.

Nancy was an active member of Zonta Club, attending three international conferences in Canada, Helsinki, and Hong Kong. She was also a member of St. George's Episcopal Church and participated in the Wednesday Night Prayer Group for many years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband. She is survived by her two cherished daughters, Alison Harries of Bismarck, North Dakota and Rachel Fay of Edgewood, New Mexico; and four adored grandchildren.

A joint memorial service for Nancy and Edward Englerth (Ed died during the COVID epidemic, when funerals were not allowed) will be held at St. George's Episcopal Church 601 N 4th St. Bismarck, ND at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023.

In honor of Nancy, memorials are preferred to Gbarnga Lutheran Mission.

IN MEMORIAM



Dennis DeVault

July 11, 1941 ~
October 5, 2023

Dennis Robert DeVault, 82, of Sun City, Arizona, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2023.

Born on July 11, 1941, in Abilene, Texas, he was raised in Tucson, Arizona where he attended Tucson High School and graduated from the University of Arizona. In 1959, he enlisted in the US Navy, serving aboard the USS Mahan until 1962 when he was honorably discharged and enlisted into the Reserves. Dennis spent his later years making the most of life with his partner Sandee Holiday. They lived and loved fully, enjoying adventures and travels together.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Muriel Dorothy DeVault (Sutherland) and Robert Martin DeVault; as well as brother Bruce Martin DeVault. He is survived by his children, Kimberly Jo DeVault, 54, and Brian Douglas DeVault, 51.

Dennis enjoyed genealogy, crossword puzzles, reading, dancing, pickleball, golf, bowling, and karaoke with friends. He was known for his authenticity, kindness, and humor, leaving an enduring impact on those fortunate enough to know him.

Services will be held on Monday, November 6.

Circle of Honor & Procession led by Patriot Guard Riders of Arizona, Military Honors & Internment National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Legion and/or the Patriot Guard Riders of Arizona. The family is especially grateful for the thoughtful care provided by Mountain View Hospice, AZ Life Assisted Living, and the Patriot Guard Riders, whose compassionate support helped guide Dennis through his peaceful journey

Our purpose as North Dakota Society members is to continue this legacy through purpose, preservation of historical facts, and the education of others so our descendants understand and appreciate the sacrifices their ancestors made to ensure basic freedoms. Together as a Society, we have the resources to accomplish these goals.



HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR NEWSLETTER

Become involved by emailing newsletter editor Rachel Roe-Longtine at reroe20@gmail.com

- ▶ Pictures
 - ▶ How about those Thanksgiving dinner pictures of the family around the table?
 - ▶ Get all of the cousins together for a Junior Membership photo
- ▶ Family activities or travels relating to the Mayflower, Plymouth, the Pilgrims
- ▶ Interesting books or information about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, Plymouth you have read about and wish to share

Check out our Society website for more pictures and information about the ND Society at: ndmayflower.org

We also have a private Facebook page: North Dakota Mayflower Society

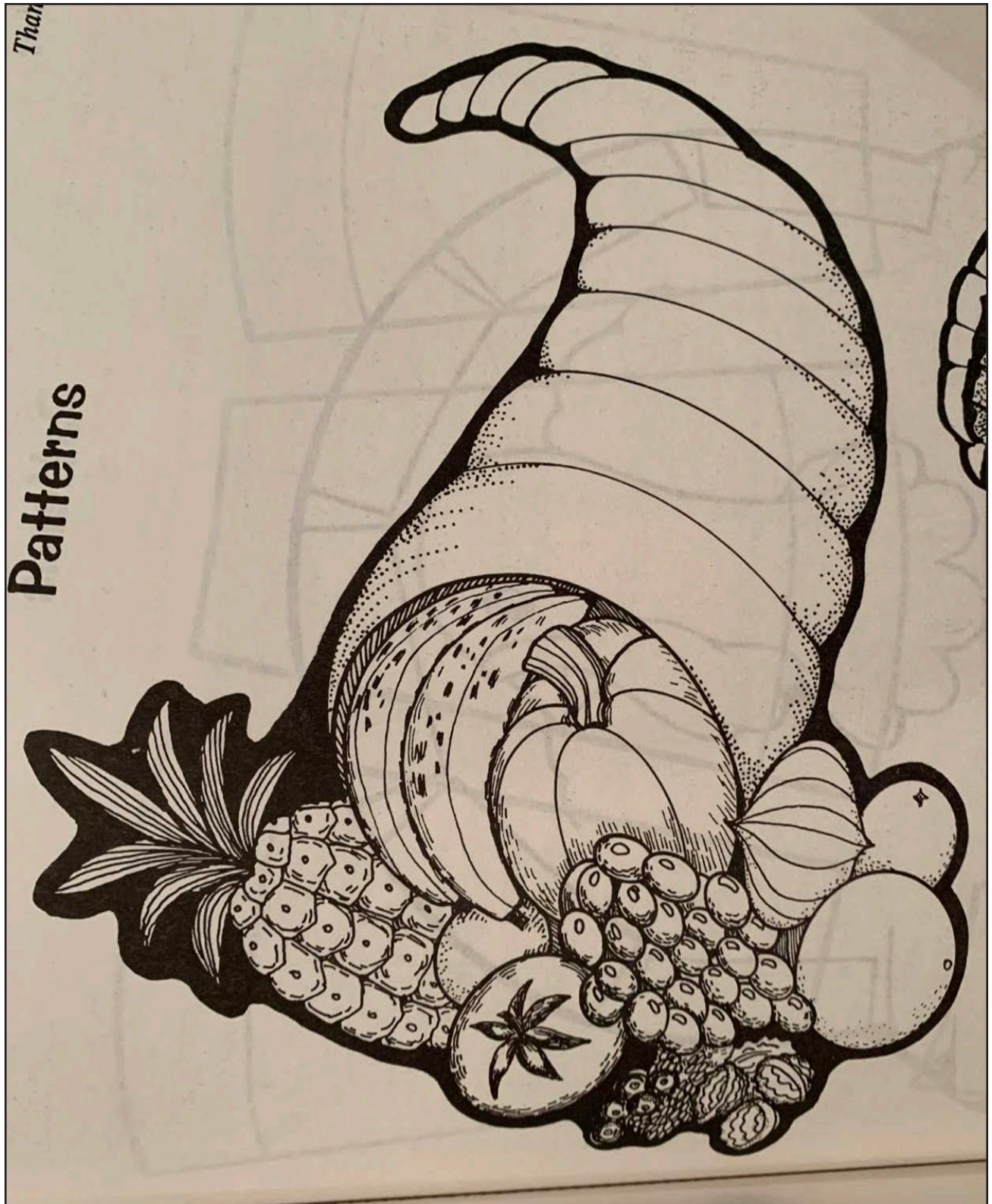
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