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Our banquet guest speaker was Paula Marcoux, an authority on 17th century ovens and baking. She made available her book "Cooking with Fire" for those interested in this lost art. The picture of the oven is a (cont. page 6 at top)



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From the President – Bradford Gorham

As I write, we are enjoying a wonderful New England autumn. I promise that it will be fine right through Thanksgiving. So, you must come and visit Howland House this fall. The House is now open from Memorial Day to Thanksgiving. It really is well worth the trip and a tour. Please come. We had a good Annual Meeting in mid-August. We thought that more of our members and friends would come prior to the start of school. Not so. But even with a reduced attendance we had a great time. Good friends, good program, good speaker. Next year we are going to try an autumn meeting: Friday September 30 – Saturday October 1. Please plan on coming.

There is a lot more to report, but I will wait on Teddy’s secretarial notes, so I don’t get things wrong, or backwards, etc. I close on a sad note. We have lost our friend Bernie Elfring. Of course, Bernie was more than a good friend. He was the heart and soul of our meetings. He was outspoken, sometimes even gruff, but always on point – and right. A man who loved a good time and good friends – and Judy’s “soul mate.” To say “he will be missed” sounds trite – but it is true. We all miss him.

EDITOR’S MAILBAG

Dear Ms. Adams:

I would like to make some corrections to the articles in the June 2015 edition of the *Howland Quarterly*.

Judy McAlister wrote about Whaling at the New Howland House Exhibit. She stated that Howland Island was named after Capt. Gideon Howland, and that that was the island upon which Amelia Earheart landed as she missed her destination.

Don Lago wrote about “The Curse of Howland Island.” He stated: “All we know for sure is that Amelia Earheart twice crashed on the way to Howland Island, and she vanished without a trace.”

I don’t believe either of these authors have read the recent (2012) book entitled “Amelia Earheart: The Truth at Last” by Mike Campbell. This book provides a wealth of new information and is a fully documented and researched history (*continued at right*)

News and Announcements

New Meeting Date

The **119th Annual Meeting** will be held September 30-October 1, 2016 in Plymouth, MA. So, plan now to come home to Plymouth for the meeting and then tour around New England and see the fall foliage!

Executive Board meeting

The Executive Board meeting will be held on April 16, 2016 in Plymouth.

Job Openings

Due to health concerns two officers have had to step down and these key positions need to be filled as soon as possible: **Treasurer** and **Registrar**.

For questions/information, please contact Jonathan Stubbs at: jonstubbs@aol.com. Please note that we are about to have the applications on our website which will help stream-line the process for the registrar.

Tilley's Trunk

On page 12, we offer several items from the Howland House Gift Shop. **The deadline to order for Christmas is November 20. Firm!**

Social Media

We are on Twitter @PilgrimJHowland and Facebook!

Our website is: www.pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org. Follow us for meeting information and upcoming events. Feel free to make suggestions on how we can make these outlets better. Email pjhsocialmedia@gmail.com to make a suggestion. We want to hear from you!

(continued from left) of what happened. She ended up in Saipan where she died after being tortured while a prisoner of the Japanese. Her plane, Electra, was found in a hangar on Saipan.

Otherwise, I enjoyed the articles describing how Howland Island got its connection to the descendants of Henry Howland after whom it was named. While looking to see if Bradford Gorham's new book: "John and Elizabeth Howland, Pilgrims on the Kennebec" was available on Amazon. com (it's not), I noticed that there is a book entitled "Of Pilgrims John and Elizabeth Howland" by Dale W. Adams written in 2008. I wonder if he is any relation to you.

Sincerely,

Justin Howland, M.D.



Our new "open" flag sign.

Outside at the Jabez Howland House 2015 SEASON

Judy McAlister, Curator

It is an old New England tradition to have front door wreathes to welcome visitors. Following that tradition we have a small wreath of Bitter Sweet on our door to welcome Fall visitors.

New "Open" Sign

After being made aware that our old striped red, white and blue "open" flag offended visitors from the Netherlands, when it came time to replace it we looked for one that was more colorful, attractive and not someone else's National Flag. See new flag at right.



Peg Warner and Gail Dobbins check the progress of the garden.

The Gardens

We had a lot of interesting things going on in our yard and gardens this season. Elizabeth Tilley Howland (Beth Ellis) at age 408 and Emily Bourne (Judith McAlister) at age 180 travelled to Bourne to tell the Howland Story along with BHS's Cast of Characters.

We planted Mullein and a Three Sisters Garden to help with our historic presentation of the period. Native Americans throughout North America are known for growing variations of Three Sisters gardens. To grow ours, John Dobbins prepared the flat-topped mound of soil for the cluster of the three crops: corn (maize), beans, and squash.

The three crops benefit from each other. The corn provides a structure for the beans to climb, no pole needed. The beans provide the nitrogen to the soil that the other plants use, and the squash spreads along the ground, blocking the sunlight with its large leaves and helping prevent weeds.

We had a few problems in the beginning with the crows and bunnies, and decided they were God's creatures too and had to eat. The third time, it was our turn, we used nets, poles and at times had to chase the crows away, they went, but not quietly.

Our garden was successful. We hope to hang the corn by our fireplace as we do the herbs we grow. Next year we are going to make our Three Sisters Garden larger and use the netting on the first crop. The bunnies and crows will have to sup elsewhere.



Mullein flower stock, ready to be dipped in oil and used as a torch.



Mullein was mainly used as a remedy for respiratory ailments. A tea or infusion made from the leaves was the most common way of preparing a remedy but there is some indication that smoking the leaves also brought relief.

Mullein flower stocks were used for lamp wicks or dipped in fat and used for torches. Mullein leaves and oil from the plant were used in poultices to treat everything from acne to sore throats and swollen glands to hemorrhoids and rheumatism.



Workers rebuilding the stone wall behind Howland House.

New Wall

This spring, our neighbor Andrew Kusmin contracted to rebuild his wall that faces our parking lot. It was an interesting project to watch with many challenges. The most exciting was when the work stopped – a very positive preservation measure – because some bones were found. They turned out to be horse bones; could they be from Jabez’s horse? His stable and blacksmith shop is said to be in that area, as were several later barns.

The workers worked through the hottest days of the summer, taking the old wall down, cleaning the stones and re-setting them into the lower wall. Then the upper wall was built with very attractive curbing stones, 100 pounds each.

When the wall was finished the landscaping began. The first level has Rosa Rugosa, a common feature of New England’s beach areas. This “beach rose” was introduced to the region in the 1770’s from Asia.

It would not have been here when Jabez lived but will be beautiful next summer and enable us to make Rose Hip Tea in the fall.



The finished wall with plantings of Rosa Rugosa.

We owe a great deal of appreciation for the dedication of our neighbor, Andrew Kurmin, in the careful and attractive restoration of the wall. Thank you Andrew!

(continued from caption page 1) 17th century reproduction of a cloam oven and the fragments are pieces of the oven found at the John Howland site at Rocky Nook in an archaeological dig. They are both on display in the crafts center at Plimoth Plantation.

The Howland Oven

*Courtesy of Craig Chartier, Director,
Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project*

When Sidney Strickland excavated the Howland House in 1938, he noted the lack of an oven and posited that Elizabeth Howland must have baked her bread on the floor of the hearth. Unknown to Strickland, a single fragment of a North Devon domed bread oven had been recovered. This oven fragment, measuring approximately 15 cm long by 10 cm wide by 3.7 cm thick (6" x 4" x 1 1/2"), was identified by Malcolm Watkins in the late 1950s. Watkins reported on the fragment in his work *North Devon pottery and its Export to America in the 17th Century* which was published in 1960. Watkins compared the Howland sherd with pieces from Virginia and to a whole oven obtained by the Smithsonian, and found that they were identical in composition and style.

Ovens such as these have been recovered from sites in the Chesapeake and are known to have been shipped to Virginia and Maryland (Grant 1983: 120; Watkins 1960). They were produced in North Devon, England from the sixteenth century until at least 1890 (Watkins 1960: 31). The form of these ovens, a roughly oval beehive shape in a variety of sizes with a trapezoidal framed opening onto which a wooden or pottery door was fitted, remained unchanged for the entire period. These ovens were made by producing molded slabs of clay which were then draped over a mold form. These draped sections were carefully joined, thus creating a vessel with seams that were either tooled or thumb-impressed to provide reinforcement (Watkins 1960: 31).

During the 1950s excavations in Jamestown, Virginia, over 200 fragments of one of these ovens were found. The oven was described by Watkins as being "One wholly reconstructed oven at Jamestown. Made in sections on drape molds: base, two sides, two halves of top, opening frame, and door. Side and top sections are joined with seams, reinforced by finger impressions, meeting at top of trapezoidal opening. The opening was molded separately and joined with thumb-impressed reinforcements. A flat door with heavy vertical handle, round in section, fits snugly into opening. Thickness varies from 3/4" to 1 1/2". Unglazed, although smears of glaze dripped during the firing indicate that the oven was fired with glazed utensils stacked above it." (Watkins 1960: 51).

The Jamestown oven was found in a ditch near the site of the May-Hartwell House and was probably used between 1650 and 1690. It has been reported (Watkins 1960) that an intact oven was identified in a standing house in the John Bowne House in Flushing, Long Island. The Bowne House reports that this is in fact not the case and that they do not have a clove oven but merely a standard brick oven.

These ovens appear to have been commonly added onto hearths, but they could also be free standing, as can be seen in an illustration of the French Huguenot Fort Caroline bread oven (1583) or could be placed on a cart (Ulrich von Richental's *Concilium zu Constanz*, printed at Augsburg in 1483). A few wealthier New England households also were noted as having bake houses associated with them. For example, John Barnes, a Plymouth merchant, was noted in 1671 as having a bake house within which was inven-

toried 1 Iron pott 2 tubbs 1 paile 1 old hogshed 2 old barrell and a halfe bushe amounting to a grand total of one pound. Edward Winslow was noted as having a “backhouse” at his house in Plymouth, which may either indicate that he had an privy, a storage building behind the house, or could be a misreading of the word bake house. I have never seen the original deed so I can not say for sure if the word is bake house or back house.

“[7th March 1645] Mr Edward Winslow doth acknowledg That for and in consideracon of the sum of thirty eight pounds allowed upon the said account in payment to Mr John Beauchamp Hath freely and absolutely bargained and sold unto Mr Edmond ffreeman All that his house scittuate in Plymouth wth the garden Backhouse doores locks bolts Wainscote glasse and Wainscote bedstead in the parlor wth the truckle bed a chaire in the study and all the shelves as now the are in eich roome wth yeard roomth and fences about the same and all & every their apprtenc... unto the said Edmond ffreeman his heires and Assignes for ever...”

A bakehouse would be another location where the ovens could be set up.

It is not known where the oven was used in John and Elizabeth Howland’s house. The fragment bears a catalog number but this number corresponds to a location on the other side of the house away from the hearth. This means that the oven may have been separate from the hearth or that pieces of the oven were shifted about when the house burned.

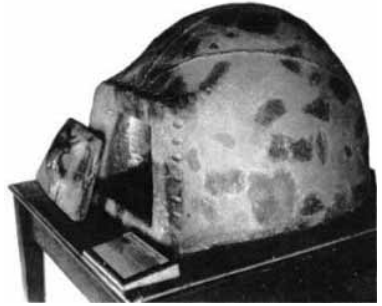
Today, these type of ovens are referred to as clome ovens. There is even a wikipedia page for them: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clome_oven.

Dr. Pococke, in 1730, noted that in Devonshire and Cornwall “they makke great use here of Cloume ovens, which are of earthen ware of several sizes, like an oven, and being heated they stop’em up and cover’em over with embers to keep in the heat.” (Watkins 1960:31).

Paula Marcoux, an authority on 17th century baking (<http://www.themagnificentleaven.com/About.html>) believes that clome ovens were common in early houses possibly right from the start of the colony. It may be time for Plimoth Plantation to have ovens in their houses instead of the communal ones and for early depictions of colonial houses to include these as features of their hearths.

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Jamestown oven re-created from the over 200 fragments found during an excavation.



The *Tilley*
delivers the Privateers.

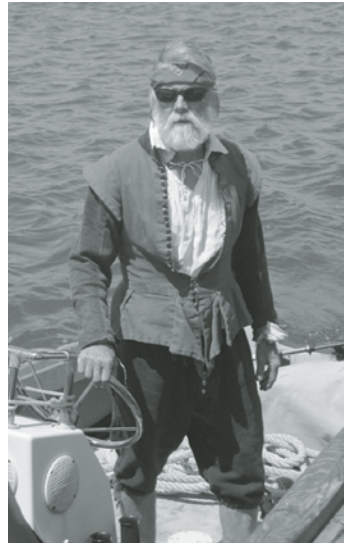
In 1646, English Privateers landed at Plymouth. These privateers had been preying on Spanish shipping in the West Indies under the leadership of Capt. Cromwell, with considerable success, and their arrival at Plymouth brought a welcome infusion of wealth to the struggling community during their 6-week stay. Being sailors, there was some rowdiness and drunkenness during their visit, and this led to the death of one of the privateer sailors at the hand of Capt. Cromwell (he hit the sailor on the head with the hilt of his sword, but was acquitted of murder by the Council), but all in all, the visit brought both much needed money and excitement to the colony.

On Saturday, the 16th of May, 2015, as part of “Pirates Ashore at Plymouth,” there was a re-creation of this 1646 landing of English privateers. Eight actors, in period costumes, boarded the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley*, captained by Michael Goldstein and assisted by Jon Daley (both also in period costumes), at Brewers Marine. The *Tilley* then bore off from Brewers, raised sail, and made a grand entrance, tying up at the Pilgrim Belle’s normal berth in Plymouth on the State Pier (across the Pier from where the Mayflower II is usually berthed). The privateers then came ashore where they were met by Miles Standish and the New Plimmoth Gard, while surrounded by a crowd of nearly a hundred enthusiastic spectators, who had marched down from the Mayflower Society House with police escort. The privateers and the Gard then marched back to the Mayflower Society House, where tents and exhibits had been set up. In addition to watching the Gard fire their flintlocks, excellent displays on how ships were navigated and performances of period music were open to the public. (Fortunately, this time there was no drunken disorderliness nor murder by sword hilt.)

In the crowd on the pier watching the arrival of the *Tilley* were Matthew and Betsy Sturm, two Alaskan friends of the *Tilley's* captain. They had come to Massachusetts for the graduation of their daughter from Boston Architectural College, and the timing worked for them to be in Plymouth on this special day.

Following the debarkation of the privateers and after an excursion to the Mayflower Society House, they then went aboard the *Tilley*, and with Michael and Jon, sailed the *Elizabeth Tilley* for about an hour. The wind was fair, strong and steady; once the sails were raised, the *Tilley* scooted along with “a bone in her teeth.” For the Alaskans, who had read the history of the *Tilley* on the John Howland website, this was a rare treat. By the end of the sail, both Alaskans, as well as Michael and John, were well-covered with tar from the rigging, had smiles on their faces, and sunburn from the warm May weather.

As an added treat, Michael then brought the two Alaskans to the Jabez Howland house, where Judy McAlister provided them with the very first tour of the season (and a first rate tour at that), and a fascinating narrative of life in Plymouth in the 1600s. Both Alaskans left sporting the newly designed *Elizabeth Tilley* T-shirts.



Actors and Alaskans, top to bottom:
 Jon Daley; 17th century colonist; Howland Admiral
 Michael Goldstein; Alaskan Betsy Sturm; Stephen
 Mattern, leader of the New Plimmoth Gard.

News from England: Henlow

8 Feb 2015

Dear Friends

February can be a very cold month here in England, but we just had a sprinkling of snow a few weeks ago, and it didn't come to much. The days are getting lighter, and there are only 28 days in the month!

Our most exciting enterprise here at St Mary's is the involvement of the children. Our monthly Sunday Club which takes place during the Sunday service started about 4 years ago (until my illness I was one of the teachers). We now have The Dolphins who meet on a Tuesday after school and do various activities.

Once a month Alan and myself and two others go into the local school (ages 5 to 9) and act out bible stories to the children (in costume!) They love this – and so do we! It's called Open the Book and is overseen by the Bible Society.

A few changes in the village in that there are few planning applications for new housing. Not a bad thing in itself provided the schools, health centres and utilities can cope. A lot of new people get very involved in village life, and people have to have somewhere to live.

Our new Sports Pavilion in the park was opened at the end of December by Alistair Cooke, former Captain of the England Cricket team – a great village event attended by a lot of people (mulled wine and mince pies). This will be a good asset to the village providing facilities for changing rooms, meeting rooms for village organisations, and looks so much better than the old building which was nearly falling down.

We wish you all a rather belated Happy New Year.

Love from

JACKIE AND ALAN PAINTER



1 Aug 2015

Dear Friends

It seems a long time since I last gave you an update on life in Henlow.

We have had quite a good summer. It was very warm into the middle of July, although rather cool at the end.

Summer of course is Fete time. Here in Henlow we held our Fete in June – a fine day although quite windy. We were able to have some things outside the church, although things that would blow away were held in the church! We made about £1,700, much of which was from a raffle with some really good prizes. I, as usual did my recycled jewellery stall, and Alan did his usual filling in where needed. A few weeks later the local school had their fete and again I did a recycled jewellery stall.

The big event was the Henlow Fun Day, held a few weeks ago. This was a whole day of activities on the playing field (all those who have stayed with us will know that we live opposite this). Each village organisation contributed something and consequently made some money out of it as well as it being a really good day.

The bellringers at church had their annual bellringing weekend recently, and were lucky enough to ring a peal at St Albans Abbey. *(continued at right)*

News from England: Fenstanton

4th September 2015

Dear Friends,

I hope that this finds you all well. After a pretty average, if not slightly cold and sometimes rainy summer, the children are back at school for the new academic year and there is a hint of autumn around the village. The trees are turning brown around the edges and there is a nip in the air. This happens to be my favourite time of the year, although I am struggling to believe how this year is just flying past.

After a busy start to the summer with the annual events that included the Village Sports Day and the school's Summer Fayre, there has been a period of inactivity when people have gone off on their holiday travels. We now look forward to lots of exciting events happening in the autumn and they include Harvest Festival, the Women's Institute's Vintage Tea, a Pimms & Pate afternoon, the Cycle Treasure Hunt, a Military Wives Choir performance and a Guitar Ensemble in the church. Most of these events raise funds for different organisations within Fenstanton and they are such a great way to bring the community together.

My family are all well and we have had a lovely summer, which started with a two week holiday to the Greek island of Rhodes followed by a weekend stay at Legoland Windsor. Little David and I have also enjoyed a day trip to the Science Museum in London, a day in Thetford Forest, a couple of visits to various indoor play centres and finished off with a camping trip to Norwich. It was sad to wave him off into school yesterday morning, but what wonderful memories we have made this summer.

In August it was an honour to welcome another of your cousins, Mrs Beverly Hayes-Hartnett, who with her husband Larry and daughter Stephanie, had a lovely morning touring the church and church yard, followed by a walk through the village to the King William IV pub for a delicious lunch. Please remember to let me know if you are visiting Fenstanton as it is always such a pleasure to meet members of your amazing family.

Best wishes for a peaceful Autumn.

REBECCA CUMBERS

(News from Henlow, continued from left)

On balance August is usually a quiet month in the village. Many people are on holiday. We have had quite a few days out this summer, and the time is really whizzing by.

There is quite a lot of building happening in the village. Many people are against this, but as we live in what was a new house 48 years ago, I really don't think we should begrudge other people new homes. Our main concern is that all building is attractive, and that we have the amenities (doctors, schools, telephone, gas, electricity and roads) to support them.

Once we get into September everything will start up again, so in my next newsletter I hope to have more news here from Henlow.

With every good wish

JACKIE AND ALAN PAINTER

Grandma Tilley's Trunk

The deadline to order for Christmas is November 20.



Howland Tote

Tote bag measures 12" tall by 11" across by 4.5" wide. White with blue trim and lettering. \$15



Howland Lapel Pin

Pewter with blue enamel. \$8

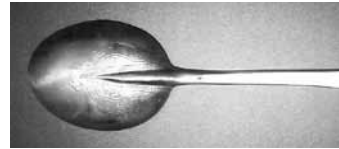
Howland Spoon

Reproduction of an uncommon spoon found at the Joseph Howland site in 1959. Our reproduction is cast from the same 1690 mold as the original found at Rocky Nook! \$30



Ceramic Mugs

White Howland House mug. Dark blue Shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* mug. \$10 ea.



Howland House and Shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* T-Shirts

Howland House and Shallop t-shirts come in assorted colors and sizes. Please call Gail Dobbins for availability. \$15 each.

Please order from:

Gail Dobbins, 9 Alderberry Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
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(508) 759-7389

All items are shipped by priority mail. Please call Gail Dobbins for the postage cost.

**Make checks payable to:
The Pilgrim John Howland Society (not PJHS).**

Eldon Gay Awarded Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal

At the August 2015 Annual Meeting, Richard Clary, Chairman of the Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal Committee, announced this year's winner: Eldon Gay.

Eldon has served as the PJHS Archivist-Historian since 2011 as well as participating in our archaeological digs at Rocky Nook. He spends many hours researching and writing all things Howland and has shown true Pilgrim spirit.

The Lura Sellew Medal project was founded by previous *Howland Quarterly* editor and board member Robert F. Huber in honor of PJHS past secretary Lura Sellew. Lura served as secretary from 1986-1997. She was an artist, founder of the Warren Cousins, and for many years kept the site of Elizabeth Tilley Howland's grave clean and with flowers. Mr. Huber admired her love of our Pilgrim heritage and how she passed this knowledge on to others. He created and sponsored this award to honor others who carry on this tradition to keep alive our Pilgrim heritage.



Richard Clary (right) preparing to put the Lura Sellew Medal on Eldon Gay.



Past recipients with Eldon (left to right): Gail Adams, Susan Shaw, Richard Clary, Bradford Gorham and Robert Allen Greene. Not in photo: Judy Elfring.



IN MEMORIAM **Bernie Elfring**

It with great sadness that we report the death of Bernard “Bernie” Elfring on May 19. He was the loving spouse of the PJHS long-time registrar, Judy Elfring. He faithfully drove Judy down to Plymouth from their home in Maine year after year. Bernie loved to joke around and always had a lovely smile on his face.

“Seeing Bernie Elfring was always a highlight of my time in Plymouth. His quick wit and sense of humor always made me laugh. I will always remember fondly the hours spent with him and Judy at Papa Gino’s over pizza and at the Cold Springs. He will be sorely missed.” – EDWARD HOWLAND

“Bernie Elfring always had a twinkle in his eye. He had a passion for family history, and he was passionate about his family. He always made sure we had doughnuts at board meetings. He was a wonderful man who is sorely missed.” – JOANNE PRATT

PJHS Awards First Scholarship

Ashley Smith, Chair



Andrea Read Thurston

Andrea Read Thurston is the inaugural winner of the Pilgrim John Howland Society Annual Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to go to a member in good standing for the furthering of their education. Winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Read will be attending Thomas College in the Fall to pursue a Masters in Business Administration. Read is the granddaughter of Judy and the late Bernie Elfring, two long-term and very dedicated members of the organization.

Applicants were asked to answer the question “What aspects of the Mayflower Compact are still relevant today?” Read thoughtfully responded, “For me, what aspects of the Mayflower Compact are still relevant is that it is the roots of my family. It has helped my family and I trace back our blood lines to find out where we came from and what our family is today.”

On what she will do with funds if awarded, “This scholarship will help me be able to reach my goal of completing my Masters in Business Administration, something my grandfather would brag about to his friends that his first granddaughter and the first grandchild go and further their education with a Master’s Degree.”

The Scholarship Committee was happy to award the scholarship to Read this year after reviewing a number of outstanding applications. The next call for applications will be publicized in the December *Quarterly*.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Held August 15, 2015, Plymouth, Mass.

The 118th Annual Meeting of the Pilgrim John Howland Society was held at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Saturday, August 15, 2015, with a robust 54 in attendance. President Bradford Gorham called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. Our meeting opened with a thoughtful Wampanoag prayer “Keihtanit Oom,” read by Christopher Smith. Curator of Rocky Nook Richard Clary recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Edward Howland sang the National Anthem. Vice-President Robert Allen Greene read the Mayflower Compact.

Edward Howland called the roll of members present. Six of the ten children: Desire, John, Hope, Lydia, Jabez and Ruth were represented, with no members from Elizabeth, Lydia, Hannah, Joseph or Issac. Desire had 11 members present, Hope 10, John five, Jabez two, and Ruth one. Edward also read the necrology, those members who had passed since the annual meeting. A moment of silence was had in their honor and it was asked to remember them all in prayers throughout the year.

Of those members present, John Rogers came to Plymouth from the furthest away, traveling with his wife Maria from Mexico City. The oldest member present was Edwin Cox, who turns 90 this year – this trip was a special treat in honor of his birthday. The youngest was Pandora Lombardi, at 11 months, with Keith Smith just behind at just shy of 12 months. The following members were first time attendees: Robert Caulkins, Carolyn Cox, Edwin Cox, David Cox, Dorinda Judson, Pandora Lombardi, Shauna Lombardi, Eleanor Noble, James Noble, John Rogers, Maria Rogers, Keith Smith and David Smith.

The officers reported that it was a busy year for the Society, at Howland House, Rocky Nook and on our shallop *Elizabeth Tilley*.

Howland House continued to return strong numbers, reported Curator Judy McAlister, with visitors from



The oldest and youngest attending the meeting were Edwin Cox, who turns 90 this year, and Pandora Rose Lombardi, age 11 months, here in the arms of her mother Shauna.



New members and first time attendees pose for a picture, l-r: Eleanor Noble, James Noble, Dave Lombardi, John Rogers, Shauna Lombardi, Pandora Lombardi, Maria Rogers, Robert Caulkins, Dorinda Judson, David Cox, Steven Carter and Douglas Rankin, II.

38 states and 11 countries so far this year, with 157 more individuals and 48 more tours than this time last year. Visitors leave the Howland House amazed at the depth of knowledge and skill that the guides have, and frequently remark how the tour is the best historic house tour they have ever had. Like many in New England, the winter was rough at Howland House, with the butterfly garden impacted severely by the snow. With assistance from the staff as well as John Dobbins however, it came back. New at the House this year is the Three Sister's garden, which will continually be refined over the succeeding seasons. This year's exhibition is on the whaling history of the Howland family, and although Judy

said that she could have filled a house with the information she found, she limited herself to the exhibit room.



Judy McAlister, Curator of Howland House, gives her report.



Banquet raffle gift basket, by Judy McAlister.

Rocky Nook under Curator Richard Clary was significantly active over the past year as well. The annual dig recommenced this year, under the guidance of Craig Chartier. This year, the dig uncovered what could be an English barn, as well as the hearth and entrance to one of the dwellings on-site. The decision was made to leave the hearth partially exposed, so that visitors could see what the hearth actually looked like. Historian Eldon Gay and Richard Clary have been busy clearing trails and planning signage so that visitors can walk around the features of the property and get a sense

of the history of our site. The site was active only between the 1630s and late 1700s, laying fallow until the Howland Society began acquiring pieces by purchase or donation in the 1920s. This gives historians a good range as to when people lived there and where.

Admiral Michael Goldstein reports that the Shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* also had a busy year, with many trips out in Plymouth Harbor. The *Tilley* sailed in the Pirates Ashore event around Plymouth Harbor, delivering them to the State Pier. There were many trips throughout the summer to Bug Light in Plymouth, around Plymouth and Duxbury Harbors as well as the traditional trip to Clark's Island. Over 30 members new and old came aboard the *Tilley* throughout the summer and it was another strong sailing season with many fresh memories.

Treasurer for Membership Gabriella Higgins reports that the Society has currently 1,165 members, with 583 life members, 479 annual members, 72 junior, 23 marriage and parentage, 60 marriage only, and 20 friends. There are however, 147 annual members that have not yet paid their dues. Gabriella reminds everyone to pay their dues early and often.

Secretary Edward Howland thanked the membership for their patience during his first year as Secretary. He reminded everyone that certificates of membership can be purchased for \$3.00, payable to the Pilgrim John Howland Society at his new address.

Acting Registrar Jonathan Stubbs reported 16 new members, one Marriage & Parentage and nine Friends of the Society for a total of 26 new members over the past year.

Treasurer Jonathan Stubbs indicated that Society at Year End (July 31st) currently has \$1,482,000 in investments, and took in \$6,549 in House Admissions, \$4,088 in sales, and \$6,560 in dues. We spent \$41,431 in salaries, \$188 in House Repairs, \$11,410 in Shallop repairs, \$18,426 for the *Quarterly* and the annual meeting cost \$457 last year.

Historian Eldon Gay is working on an article of American Genealogist which seeks to prove Experience Howland's line back to the Mayflower and have her line reapproved as an official line for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. He reports that the digitization project, which seeks to digitize 35,000 application index cards as well as 3,300 applications is going very well. The new registrar will be able to search and find information electronically. Lastly, Eldon uncovered and was able to trace the property lines of John Howland in Duxbury. There is also a new DNA coordinator, Raymond Wing, for our on-going DNA project to trace our ancestry.

Editor of the *Howland Quarterly* Gail Adams brought news from our English friends at Jamestown. As this is the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States (Civil War), she has been running a series on Howlands in the war, and has gladly accepted your stories and images. Although most of the Howlands fought for the Union, several members sent in stories from the Confederate side as well, which was exciting. This being the final commemorative year, this series is coming to an end. She reminded people that the *Quarterly* is the lifeblood of the organization, not only a record of our ancestry, but also of what we are doing now. So if you have something for "Howlands in the News" be sure to send it to her.

Lastly, President Brad Gorham reported that he and Christine visited Fenstanton and Henlow in May. They were feted by both Jackie and Alan Painter as well as Rebecca Cumbers. They were lucky enough to see Elizabeth Tilley's original baptismal record, and the bells of Fenstanton rang out a salute when they visited. It was in many ways as he said a "reverse pilgrimage."



New Directors were sworn in by President Bradford Gorham, l to r: Everett St. Louis (new), Jane Murphy, Ashley Smith, Gail Adams (these three re-elected) and Brad Gorham. Not in photo: New Director Emily Grant.

From the Nominating Committee: Ashley Smith, Gail Adams and Jane Murphy were nominated to be re-elected and Everett St. Louis and Emily Grant were nominated to fill open seats on the Board of Directors. Joanne Pratt made the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

From the Scholarship Committee: Ashley Smith was happy to report that Reed Thurson, niece of former Registrar Judy Elfring and the late Bernie Elfring was the winner of this year's scholarship. The award of \$1,000 is to a member to further their education at whatever post-secondary level they choose. They write an essay and from the applicants the committee selects the recipient. Thank you to all who submitted applications and be sure to look for the new application cycle in a future *Quarterly*.

From the Lura Sellew Medal Committee: Richard Clary, chair of the committee announced that Eldon Gay, a man who does not have a "disparaging word" for anyone and who is "wild with a wheelbarrow" was selected as this year's recipient. He receives a \$1,000 stipend and a commemorative medal.

This year we had special treat from Everett St. Louis who presented on his great-grandfather Charles Usher, and the Usher-Crandall-Summer connection through him to the Mayflower. Everett had given the talk at Tollandville, Connecticut and brought to us information and stories on his great-grandfather and his life, including Charles' love of hunting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM and was followed by the luncheon. In the afternoon members went to Burial Hill, sailed on the *Elizabeth Tilley*, visited the Planation or stopped by the Howland House to see the exhibit. It was a wonderful meeting and hopefully you can join us next year on 9/30 and 10/1 for the 119th annual meeting of the Pilgrim John Howland Society.



NECROLOGY

These names were read at the meeting and a moment of silence was held.

8/20/2014	Michael O'Mahony
8/30/2014	Iris Snell
8/30/2014	Marguerite Russell
8/30/2014	Lucy Jane Schuessler
8/30/2014	Carla Miller
9/1/2014	Priscilla J. Haines
11/17/2014	Florence Leon
12/1/2015	Mrs. Harold P. Williams
12/1/2015	Sally Ann Krigbaum
12/23/15	Greta Klingon
1/2015	Gerald H. Cohl
1/13/2015	Dorothy W. Schwaner
4/8/2015	Sheldon F. Craddock
5/19/2015	Bernard J. Elfring
6/3/2015	Ina Pearl Riggs Brundett

Left: PJHS Secretary Edward Howland placed a wreath at the grave marker of John Howland. Photo by Robert Allen Greene. Below: Edward Howland, Robert Allen Greene and Gail Ann Adams at the Howland gravesite.



Treasurer's Report

Pilgrim John Howland Society now has a total of 1,165 members: 583 life members, 479 annual members, 72 juniors, 23 Marriage and Parenting, 6 Marriage only, and 20 Friends of PJHS. There are 147 members who have not paid their annual dues. The Society has 37 members who have been members of the Society for over 50 years. The Society has collected over 379 member e-mail addresses.

ROLL CALL

Six of Ten Howland Children Represented at Meeting

The roll call is taken at each meeting for Howland descendants according to which child of John and Elizabeth they descend from. The following members were present when Secretary Edward Howland called the roll:

DESIRE

Edwin Cox – Michigan
David Cox – Florida
Cheryl Dooley – Wisconsin
Eldon Gay – Massachusetts
Brad Gorham – Vermont
Ruth Green – Massachusetts
Robert Allen Greene – Rhode Island
Amy Hall – Massachusetts
Paulette C. Kaufmann – New York
Harry Lamphier – Connecticut
Jane Murphy – Massachusetts
Eleanor Noble – Michigan
Joanne Pratt – Massachusetts

JOHN

Amy Hall – Massachusetts
Dorinda Judson – New Hampshire
Edward Howland – Massachusetts
Gail Adams – Virginia
Richard Gilmore – Massachusetts

HOPE

Richard Boulter – Massachusetts
Richard Clary – Massachusetts
Marcia Cressey – Massachusetts
Steven Goff – Massachusetts
Ron Nickerson – Massachusetts
Chris Smith – New York
Bonnie Smith – New York
Hudson Smith – New York
Ashley Smith – New York
David Smith – New York
Everett St. Louis – Connecticut
Jonathan Stubbs – Massachusetts

ELIZABETH – None

LYDIA

Ruth A. Lucchesi – Illinois

HANNAH – None

JOSEPH – None

JABEZ

Robert Caulkins – New York
Shauna Lombardi – New York
Pandora Lombardi – New York
John Rogers – Mexico

RUTH

Susan Shaw – Massachusetts

ISAAC – None

MARRIAGE AND PARENTAGE

Carolyn Bingham – Massachusetts
Richard Dooley – Wisconsin
Carole Howland – Maine
James Noble – Michigan
Ingrid Smith – New York
Barbara Stubbs – Massachusetts

MARRIAGE

Christine Gorham – Vermont

FRIENDS OF PJHS

Steve Carter – Connecticut
Jon Daley – Massachusetts
Judy McAlister – Massachusetts
Doug Rankin, II – Massachusetts

New Members

Acting registrar Jonathan Stubbs reports 26 new members, 16 regular members (three of those are life members), one Marriage & Parentage, and nine in the Friends category. The new members come from 11 states and one from Mexico. They descend from five of the 10 Howland children with Desire and Hope in the lead with six each. Welcome!

3396 Desire
John Ellsworth Rogers
Mexico City, Mexico

3397 Desire (Life)
Andrew Martin Grant
Braintree, MA

3398 Hope (Life)
Daniel Gowain Lower-Bosch
Falls Church, VA

3399 Joseph
John Edward Myers
Falls Creek, PA

3400 Desire
Roger Wesley Lane
Ann Arbor, MI

3401 Desire
Tom William Rueter
Anchorage, AL

3402 Hannah
Mrs. Christy Ann (Hubbs) Scott
Troy, MO

3403 Hope
Mrs. Pamela Jeanne (Hackett) Manning
Glenwood, IA

3404 Hope
Peter Lewis Chipman
Lynn, MA

3405 Desire
Kenneth Hadley Schroeder
Backlick, OH

3406 Hannah
Yvonne Davis
Las Vegas, NV

3407 Elizabeth (Life)
Gaia Winter
La Canada Flintridge, CA

3408 Hope
Catherine Ann Chipman
Lynn, MA

3409 Hope
Robert Lewis Chipman
Revere, MA

3410 Hope
Christopher Cook Chipman
Lynn, MA

3411 Desire
Donald Ernest Nelson
E. Bridgewater, MA

MARRIAGE AND PARENTAGE

A-8 **Patricia Chipman**
Lynn, MA

FRIENDS

F-12 **Steven Carter**
Middletown, CT

F-13 **Heather Pereira**
Fall River, MA

F-14 **Joseph Pereira**
Fall River, MA

F-15 **Stephen Mattern**
Plymouth, MA

F-16 **Peter Arenstam**
Plymouth, MA

F-17 **Catherine Iannuzzo**
Jamaica Plain, MA

F-18 **Lisa Pearson**
Jamaica Plain, MA

F-19 **Douglas P. Rankin, II**
Taunton, MA

F-20 **Mathew Vigneau**
Quincy, MA

From the Editor

We had a wonderful meeting this year! Paula Marcoux gave a very interesting talk on early ovens and I found that we have fragments of one from the Howland site at Rocky Nook. They are on display at Plimoth Plantation.

Eldon Gay alerted me to a new book about John Howland that was hot off the press on September 22, 2015. It is called *The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune* by P.J. Lynch, who has won several awards for his illustrations in children's books. I will feature it in the December *Quarterly*.

I hope you all have a lovely and very Blessed Thanksgiving – that is OUR Pilgrim time!

Sail Ann Adams