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120th Anniversary Issue



President Ashley Smith

The PJHS has over 120 years of history. We continue to research our ancestors, study the past and build for the future. 2017 had the milestone of electing our first woman president!



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From the President - Ashley Smith

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and 2019 is off to a great start! The board is very excited to begin 2019 with interviews for the new Executive Director position. We hope to have someone in place by the end of the winter, with plenty of time to get the Jabez Howland House up and running for the 2019 season. We're also in the midst of working with our Plymouth partners to finalize the 2020 schedule of events that we will be participating in. General information about planning for Plymouth 400 can be found at <https://plymouth400inc.org/plymouth-400-american-story-national-legacy>. More specific information about what PJHS will be doing will be posted on the PJHS website at <https://pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org>. Please make sure your contact information remains accurate in order to stay up to date regarding these exciting opportunities. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to board members regarding suggestions or ideas you might have about 2020, or anything else going on in the Society.

Thank you to Gail Adams, your dedicated Editor, for all the work she did on the 120th anniversary issue you are about to enjoy. It's hard to imagine what this publication would be without her!

Looking forward to the year ahead with all of you.

Best,
Ashley

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*A little more than 100 years after arriving in the new world,
John and Elizabeth Howland had more than 500 known descendants...*

.....10 children

.....84 grandchildren

.....485 great-grandchildren

News and Announcements

Executive Board Meeting

The **Spring Executive Board Meeting** will be held May 4, 2019.

Annual Meeting

The **122th Annual Meeting** will be held August 9-10, 2019.

The **Rocky Nook Dig** will be held August 5-8, 2019.

Contact Eldon Gay for more information at: elgay@verizon.net

The deadline for the **2019 Scholarship** is June 1, 2019.

Please contact Rebecca Adams at: rebecca.amy.adams@gmail.com

Did you know you may pay your dues and make donations via **Paypal** on our website?

Correction

#3651 Richard Seidita lives in Canton, CT, not OH.

News From England, Henlow

Dear Friends,

November 2018

When I last sent you an update we were enjoying an unprecedented heatwave which lasted from about June to September. The grass turned brown, and everyone and everything wilted. We Brits moan a lot about the weather – too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry – and so we complained about the heat! Even now at the beginning of November when I am writing this, we are having much warmer temperatures than the norm – it must all be to do with global warming!

At the beginning of September things went back to the normal pattern with the start of the new school year. We also had our Fete at St Mary's. We raised about £900 in all, which included a Grand Draw (a big raffle). It was also a very enjoyable occasion taking place in and around the church. We hit on this idea for a location a few years ago, as it means that we have shelter if wet, and can be outside if fine. Actually, it was a bit of both on that day but a good time was had by all!

Now we are well into commemorations for Remembrance Sunday which this year is actually on the 11th – Armistice Day – and is also the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Last Friday there was a lovely concert in the church with the local choir, the Henlow Singers, joining forces with the choir from the local school to present World War I songs, and patriotic songs – with audience participation – and it was a very enjoyable evening. The Young People's Group had made poppies out of the bottoms of plastic bottles (painted red) which were stuck in the ground by the church porch, and the local Knitting Group made a "Poppy Fall" of knitted poppies which the words "Thank You". All stunning to look at. There are two metal silhouettes of a soldier with a rifle in Henlow, and in the church there are clear plastic silhouettes of a seated soldier in the pews – one for each person in Henlow who died in the First World War. The theme is "There but not there". On the day, there is the usual service at the village war memorial and laying of wreaths by various organisations, followed by a service in church. Very moving!

After Remembrance Day, we then have the run up to Christmas – School parties, concerts, special carol services and so on. I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. We would like to finish by wishing you all a very happy Christmas, and a blessed and peaceful year in 2019.

With love from us both
Jackie and Alan Painter

120th Anniversary History of **The Pilgrim John Howland Society** *1897 – 2017*

1897: “The Society of the Descendants of Pilgrim John Howland of the ship *Mayflower*” was organized on May 18, 1897, at the Parker House in Boston, Mass. through the efforts and vision of Mrs. Lillie B. Titus for the following purposes:

"To perpetuate the memory of our ancestors, John Howland and his wife, Elizabeth Tilley, who, braving the perils of the deep, were among that little band of Pilgrims who landed from the Ship 'Mayflower' on Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620; to preserve and publish any manuscript relating to the families of John Howland and his wife; to erect and keep in good repair a memorial to their memory in the Pilgrim Church at Plymouth; to assist in prosecuting research in England and Holland to discover their ancestry; to preserve and if possible acquire possession of the Howland House in Plymouth, and to endeavor to acquire a better knowledge of the causes which led them to emigrate to the new world."

1897: Before the Society was officially organized, a new headstone for John Howland was placed at Burial Hill in the Spring of 1897. Since this is before the history of the Society, it is not covered here. We will have this story in the March 2019 *Quarterly*.

1899: The first project of the society was a Memorial pulpit in honor of John and Elizabeth Tilley Howland, which was presented to the newly re-built First Church of Plymouth.

From the October 1947 *Quarterly*: The silver tablet, attached to this pulpit has the following inscription:

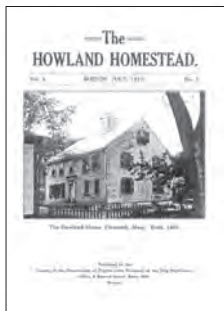
**In loving memory of
JOHN HOWLAND
and
ELIZABETH TILLEY HOWLAND
his wife
of the Mayflower
this pulpit
is placed in the First Church
of Plymouth
by their descendants
A.D. 1899**

1911: The Society was incorporated Sept. 13, 1911. From 1911-1913 the *Howland Homestead* was published, a precursor to the *Howland Quarterly*.

1912: Howland House was purchased on February 15.



The first project of the Society was this pulpit, given to First Church, Plymouth, in 1899 in honor of John and Elizabeth Howland.



Precursor to the Quarterly, the Howland Homestead was published from 1911-1913.



The oldest known photo of Howland House, circa 1880. The Society purchased the house in 1912.



Howland House after the 1913 renovation and before the 1941 restoration to its 1667-1750 time period.

1913: Howland House was renovated. It has been open each summer to visitors ever since.

1920: The Society bought the site of the John Howland home at Rocky Nook, a small part of the 100 acres purchased by John Howland from John Jenney in 1638.

1921: A Quincy granite boulder marking the Rocky Nook site was dedicated.

1923: An old stable 20 feet south of Howland House was bought and demolished, eliminating a fire hazard and providing parking. Mrs. Lillie Titus passed away. She was referred to as the “guiding spirit” during the early years of the Society.

1925: The name of the Society was changed to “The Pilgrim John Howland Society, Inc.” In the same year a Massachusetts trademark for “Howland House” was registered.

1925: On August 15, 1925, the Constitution and By-Laws were revised and the objects of the Society shall be:

“To perpetuate the memory of our ancestors, John Howland and his wife, Elizabeth Tilley Howland, who, braving the perils of the deep were among that little band of Pigrims, who landed from the Ship Mayflower on Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620; to preserve and publish any manuscripts relating to the families of John Howland and his wife; to erect and keep in good repair a memorial to their memory in the Pilgrim Church at Plymouth; to assist in prosecuting research in England and Holland to discover their ancestors; to retain possession of and keep in good condition, the properties known as the Howland House at Plymouth, Mass., and Rocky Nook, located at Kingston, Mass.”



The 80th anniversary of the dedication of the 1921 granite marker at Rocky Nook. The 2001 dig crew shown: (standing) Jason Boroughs, Richard Clary, Chris and Ingrid Smith, Jonathan Stubbs, Elizabeth Mader, Bill Heath, Terry Mader, Charlotte Snowden, Abby Gesner, and Supervisor Derek Wheeler; (sitting) John Howland, Ashley Smith, Teddy Howland, Rebecca Adams, Bonnie Smith and Charlotte Mader. (Photo by Gail Adams)



*This tasset, part of John Howland’s armor made c. 1603-1620, was found in the fire-place area of the homestead during Sidney Strickland’s dig in 1939. It is the **only** piece of armor belonging to a Mayflower pilgrim known to exist. (Photo by Gail Adams)*

1925: A junior membership category was established for ages 16 and under.

1926/7: An indebtedness of \$2,000 was raised and the mortgages were paid.

1933: The Miles property adjoining Howland House was purchased and the building was removed.

1933: Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted McClure Howland's invitation for Life Membership in the PJHS.

1937: Howland Society Vice President McClure Meredith Howland discovered the Draper's records in London, England, proving that John Howland's father was Henry Howland of Fenstanton.

1937: An endowment fund was set up for the reconstruction of Howland House to the 1667 period. Cost estimated at \$7,500.

1939: General Howland engaged Sidney Strickland to undertake archaeological excavations at the site of Howland's home at Rocky Nook. John and Elizabeth lived there from 1638-1672 when John died. This work revealed the foundations of a house, the hearthstone, threshold, and about 4,000 fragments of pottery, glass buttons, armor, and a pap spoon.

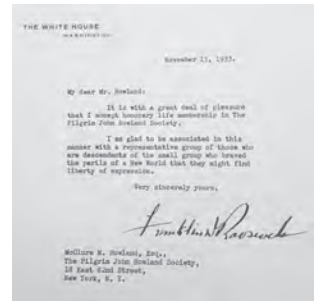
1941: The restoration of Howland House was complete and re-dedicated. The cost was approximately \$7,500.

1944: A new category called "Marriage and Parentage" was approved so the spouses may become members.

1944: A resolution was made at the Annual Meeting "to find the exact location of the grave of Pilgrim Elizabeth Tilley Howland and measures be taken to erect a monument at that place in her honor and that a design be made and submitted at our next annual meeting."

1945, 1959, and 1964: six lots and 18 1/2 acres were acquired at Rocky Nook, land on which Joseph Howland's home has been located.

1945: Brigadier General Charles R. Howland was elected president; and when he passed away in 1946, he left a substantial legacy to be used to ensure perpetual care and possession of the Jabez Howland House on Sandwich Street, Plymouth, and the Howland home site at Rocky Nook.



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First Parish Church cut off the two ends of the very large pulpit to make a lectern.



In 1941, the restoration of Howland House back to its 1667–1750 period was completed.



This monument was dedicated on August 27, 1949 at Little Neck Cemetery in Riverside, Rhode Island, in honor of Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland.



The John Howland house was the first house to be completed, furnished and paid for at the 'new' 1627 Plimoth Plantation in 1958.

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Churchill in 1965, a handsome resolution written by Robert Tatem was sent to Baroness Churchill.

1962: Miss Elizabeth Howland donated a very early Dutch delftware plate that had been in her family for over 300 years. It is at Howland House. This is the plate mentioned in Franklin Howland's *Geneology* as having come to Plymouth on the *Mayflower*. (Not proven, but it is of the period).

1949: A monument was placed on the grave of Elizabeth Tilley Howland at Little Neck Cemetery, a very picturesque, secluded graveyard located in Riverside, Rhode Island - the southern section of the city of East Providence; and perpetual care (for the gravesite) was provided.

1950: An additional 18 1/2 acres of land at Rocky Nook was purchased for \$2,000. It is located across the road from the Homestead property. (Now known as the Joseph Howland site)

1952: The Howland Society became a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The first president of the Trust was Richard Hubbard Howland, a descendant of Henry Howland.

1956: The Howland Society contributed \$25,000 toward the "Plimoth Plantation" to build the replica of John Howland's first house on the "First Street" of Plymouth. Other Pilgrim families followed the Howland lead in these donations. We were the first Society to contribute.

1959: James Deetz, later of Brown University, working for the Howland Society and Plimoth Plantation, made excavations and studies at the Joseph Howland home site at Rocky Nook. One hundred thousand artifacts were found at the Deetz dig, including the Howland Spoon. It was learned subsequently that Lothrop Withington, Jr., a Howland member, and his son, Ellis Brewster Withington, had in their collection of antique spoon molds the one from which the Howland King William spoon appeared to have been made. After two centuries a mold and spoon had been brought together again. A memorial stone listing the Howland children was dedicated on Burial Hill.

1960: Permission was obtained from the town of Bristol, Rhode Island, to remove the original 1737 gravestone of Yet Mercy Howland from that town to Howland House for its preservation. The stone is significant because no earlier display of the Howland Coat of Arms in this country has yet been discovered. The stone was replaced in Bristol by a replica.

1961: Sir Winston Churchill, who had been elected and honorary member of the Howland Society in 1955, lent his certificate of membership to the Peabody Institute Library, Baltimore, MD., for its exhibit of "Calligraphy and Handwriting in America." "Following the death of Sir



The Howland Spoon, found at Rocky Nook during the archaeological dig in 1959 conducted by James Deetz, was found at the Joseph Howland site. To the right is a spoon made from the Withington mold – the same mold that was used to make our 1690 spoon.

1966: A plaque honoring John Howland's father, Henry Howland, was hung in the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Fenstanton, England. Henry Howland and his wife attended this church, and its churchyard is the site of their graves. The plaque was dedicated in 1976 when a group of Howland members toured Pilgrim sites in England.

1966-67: In observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the house, extensive repairs to Howland House were made. Fire and burglar alarms were installed, and a floodlight for surrounding land was acquired.

1970: A large maple tree was planted in celebration of the three hundred fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

1972: Clinton Sellow noted that the gravestone of Isaac (2) Howland and his wife Elizabeth may be seen in Middleboro, Mass.; and the stone for Isaac is, as far as is known, the only existing stone of one of John Howland's sons.

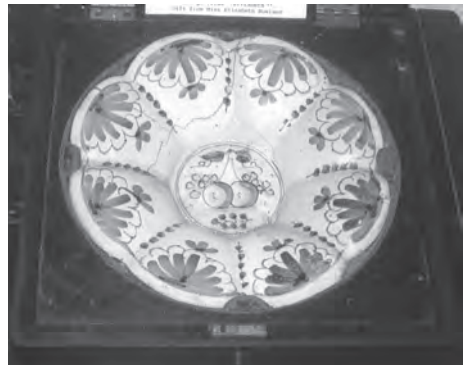
1974: Howland House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Park Service, through the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Also this year, John Howland Leeming left the Society a 1623 Indenture between a John Howland and several men in England. It is not known for sure that this is our John, but several of the other parties involved have known associations with the Pilgrims and Leyden.

1975: The membership declined to make eligible for membership the descendants of Arthur and Henry Howland, brothers of John. This was a unanimous decision.

1976: Records of the Tilley family forbears were found showing that the family came from Henlow where the baptism of Elizabeth Tilley is *(continued on page 9)*



The square marker in the center was dedicated in 1959 in memory of John and Elizabeth's ten children. The tall dark monument to the right behind it is the gravestone for John Howland. (Photo by Gail Adams)



This very early Dutch delftware bowl was donated to the Howland Society in 1962 by Miss Elizabeth Howland. It had been in her family for over 300 years. (Photo by Gail Adams)

registered at St. Mary the Virgin Church on August 30, 1607. The Tilley records go back to the 1400's.

1978: Clinton Sellew established the fact that John Howland's original home was located on Leyden Street in Plymouth and a marker was set in the sidewalk at the spot. An eight millimeter, color, silent movie was made by the historian of the dedication of the marker. The film also contains candid, informal shots of the meeting that year.

1982: Robert Tatem initiated and completed a project in which Society members gave sufficient funds to present a bell to the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Fenstanton. The bell was christened "John Howland." A tape recording of the ringing of the bell with the others in its ring was made. The trip also included a visit to St. Mary the Virgin Church in Henlow, home of the Tilleys.

During the decade 1972-1982 the Society took part in the five generations project of the Mayflower Society with Elizabeth Pearson White of Illinois in charge of the Howland research.

Loans of artifacts had been made to exhibits at Pilgrim Hall, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Brockton Art Center, and the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Mass. Numerous gifts of furnishings, books, old deeds, etc., have been received throughout the life of the Society, too numerous to list here. One outstanding bequest, however, was \$5,000 from Elizabeth Nye Wilbur, who died in May 1982.



This plaque at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Fenstanton, England, was dedicated in 1976. (Photo by Gail Adams)

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The oldest known headstone for any of John Howland's children is for his daughter Hope Chipman, who died in 1683. (Photo by Lura Sellew)



The only gravestone known to exist for any of John Howland's sons is for Isaac Howland, who died in 1725. (Photo by Clint Sellew)

A few others included a gift from Mary Higley who embroidered a copy of a sampler showing the children of Benjamin (5) Howland which had been located in an antique shop and then owned by a non-Howland. Mrs. Higley, (Mary Emma Gorham) also donated a Gorham sampler in 1982. (In 1962 this Gorham sampler was in the possession of Margaret Gorham Edwards.)

A slaw bed, dating from 1640, was acquired for Howland House. It had belonged to Mercy and Philip Barnes of Plymouth, who made it available to the Society.

1984: We received a donation from former Sen. Sam Ervin of his autographed book, *Humor of a Country Lawyer*.

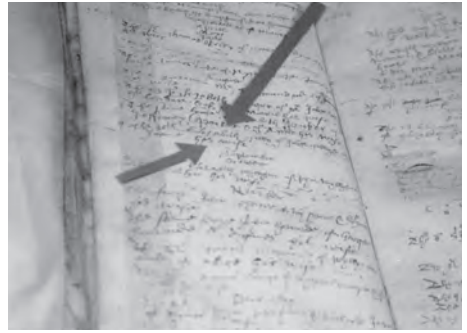
John Barnard Howland was elected president emeritus and a citation with calligraphy by Lura Sellew was presented to him. Abbott Nile was elected to succeed him.

1985: Helen Greenwood resigned the treasurer's post and Merwin Almy was elected to serve. A roster of members was printed, and compiled by Mr. Almy; and it was offered for sale to the members. This was the first official roster printed since 1970. There were over 900 members.

1986: We suffered the tremendous loss of Helen Greenwood. Lura Sellew undertook her secretarial duties, and Robert Huber assumed her editorial duties.

Since membership in the Pilgrim John Howland Society has grown from the original 22 to nearly 1,000 descendants of the Pilgrim John Howland, attendance at the meeting has necessitated the renting of a tent to house the annual meeting and the pre-meeting Friday evening buffet. A dedicated public address system has been provided for the meeting by Robert Tatem to alleviate the competition of the traffic noise on Sandwich Street. Tom Brigham assists Mr. Tatem in the maintenance of the system.

1987: Harry Walen was elected president, Robert M. Beals, vice president and Judith Elfring, registrar.



The August 30, 1607 baptismal record for Elizabeth Tilley at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Henlow, England. (Photo by Gail Adams)



Clint Sellew's research led to the discovery of the original Howland home site. This 1978 sidewalk marker commemorates the site, on Leyden Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Howland descendants Clint and Lura Sellew. Lura was Society Secretary from 1986-1997.



Plaque honoring the Tilleys, dedicated in 1988 at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Henlow, England. Our Tilley line can be traced there to the mid 1400's. (Photo by Gail Adams)



Robert F. Huber, then-editor of the Quarterly, received the George Washington Medal of Honor in 1993 from the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge for "excellence in public communications."



Richard Howland Maxwell, Harry Walen and Robert Allen Greene all served the PJHS as president and in many other capacities. (Photo by Robert Huber)

1988: A plaque was dedicated in Henlow, the ancestral home of the Tilleys honoring John Howland's wife Elizabeth Tilley and her parents John and Joan Tilley.

Membership certificates became available, designed by Secretary Lura Sellew. The Society received a \$68,000 bequest from the Helen C. Greenwood estate, which was added to the Endowment Fund. Fifty boulders were placed at Rocky Nook to prevent destructive vehicular traffic through the property. Caroline Dorst announced her resignation and Barbara Dillon was elected the new Historian.

1989: Howland House underwent extensive repairs.

1990: Robert Allen Greene, was elected Captain General of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants.

The first volume of Elizabeth Pearson White's, *John Howland of the Mayflower*, tracing five generations through daughter Desire, was published. The Howland Society's Executive Committee honored Gloria Christensen, long time registrar, by electing her a lifetime honorary member.

1992: Twenty-nine Howland members and spouses celebrated John Howland's 400th birthday at Fenstanton. This was one of several trips to Europe arranged by Robert F. Huber.

1993: The Society received a bequest of \$48,000 from the estate of Elizabeth Buttler Schmidt Reed from San Francisco. Nancy Caliri was honored for her dedication, expertise, and record of achievement in the administration of Howland House for 16 years as curator. Susan Shaw was appointed new curator. Robert Allen Greene was elected Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Volume 2 of Elizabeth Pearson White's *John Howland of the Mayflower*, tracing five generations of descendants through son John was published.

1994: The Flag flown at the Annual Meeting at Howland House was the same Flag flown at the 1921 dedication of the granite marker at Rocky Nook. It belongs to the Tatem family.

1995: Curator Susan Shaw made an inventory of the contents of Howland House and uncovered historical documents pertaining to Jabez and Bethia Howland. A model of Howland House at Plimoth Plantation was presented to the Society by Swift Godshalk. Anne Hemmens retired as head hostess at Howland House and was succeeded by Barbara Gladstone. At the annual meeting, a two-treasurer system was approved: a new treasurer for membership and a general treasurer.

1996: Robert "Bert" Tatem, a member for 70 years, was honored with a certificate for his many accomplishments in the Society. Howland Society member, Richard Howland Maxwell was elected Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The 1997 Centennial Celebration started with a field trip to Elizabeth Tilley's gravesite in East Providence, Rhode Island.

1997: A Centennial history and complete roster of members was published. Howland Society members and guests traveled to Provincetown by bus, which included visiting Pilgrim sites along the way and returned by boat to retrace the journey of the Pilgrims from Provincetown to Plymouth. A Centennial awards banquet completed the celebration. Former Vice President Robert Beals, and Secretary Lura Sellev passed away. Barbara Adams was elected new secretary.

1998: The first archaeological dig at Rocky Nook in 38 years was conducted. Rocky Nook was the home of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley from 1638-1672. A Field School sponsored by The University of Virginia lead by Derek Wheeler and Andrew Beahrs unearthed the foundation and hearth stone originally excavated by Sidney Strickland in the 1930's and James Deetz in 1960. Howland House gets a new roof and furnace. Former registrar, Gloria Christensen passed away.

1999: A record 45 society members went on a tour to *(continued on page 13)*



Susan Shaw, Hostess and Curator of Howland House for more than 13 years.



For Whom The Bell Tolls, it tolls for... the 45 Howlands arriving in Fenstanton, England. The 'reverse pilgrims' joined one of several trips organized by Robert Huber. (Photo by Gail Adams)



No Howland trip would be complete without a visit to the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, where John's father Henry and his wife Margaret are buried.



Howlands gathered for a group shot in front of old Jordan's Barn in Jordans Village in South Buckinghamshire, England, thought to be made from the timbers of the Mayflower.



You never know who you will meet on a Howland trip to England! Emery Howland and Juel Luscomb enjoyed their chat with Queen Elizabeth I.

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Society donated \$1,000 to aid historic Henlow Church. President Bradford Gorham suggested having a shallop built to sail and commemorate John Howland's voyage to Cushnoc (Augusta, Maine) to set up a trading post to help pay off the debt of the colony. Peter Arenstam of Plimoth Plantation, agrees to take on the project. Jay Lucas suggested the name *Elizabeth Tilley* for the shallop. Nancy W. Caliri, former curator of Howland House passed away.

2001: We had the second annual archaeological dig by members. Many artifacts were found including a 1723 Wood halfpenny, a pewter spoon, a thimble and lead shot still on the mold, suggesting it was manufactured at the site.

2002: Barbara Dillon, historian, retired and John R. Howland was elected as new historian. The Society had its third annual archaeological dig at Rocky Nook. Artifacts include 1700's scissors and a buckle. The 2002 meeting was attended by a special group of cousins of Cuban descent. In the early 1800's a Howland descendant went

England. Harry L. Walen retired and was elected President Emeritus. Bradford Gorham elected new president. Howland House undergoes some emergency repairs. The second University of Virginia [Field School] archaeological dig continued work on the site. They were surprised to find evidence of a wooden floor. With the new information a "rock-by-rock" outline is being put into the computer to generate a site map of the structure.

The first proven English line to a *Mayflower* passenger was found by Joy Forster of Bedfordshire, England. She descends through Elizabeth Tilley's brother Robert. He had been apprenticed until 1625, therefore could not sail with them in 1620 and remained in England.

2000: Robert F. Huber retired as *Howland Quarterly* editor and Gail Ann Adams was appointed editor. The Univ. of Virginia discontinued the field school. Gail Adams suggested we continue the digs with our own members, supervised by a professional. The Howlands rose to the occasion by having our first annual archaeological dig at Rocky Nook. Derek Wheeler, now of Monticello in Charlottesville, VA, agreed to come supervise our members. The dig has been a big success and lots of artifacts were found. Howland



Gail Ann Adams was appointed editor of the Howland Quarterly in 2000.



“The Cuban Connection.” About 200 years ago a Howland descendant moved to Cuba. Some of their descendents came back to Plymouth in 2002 to see where it all began. (Photo by Gail Adams)

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 to Cuba for short time but ended up staying. Many are back in America and came to see where it all started.

2003: Robert Huber, past *Howland Quarterly* editor, established a provision in his will giving \$100,000 to the Society to fund a new award: The Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal. A recipient shall be selected annually and will receive a medal, certificate and cash award. The winner shall be judged for their contributions to our Pilgrim traditions. The first award was given to past president, Harry L. Walen. The shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* is completed and her maiden voyage was to Augusta, Maine where John Howland was in charge of a trading post. Richard Howland Maxwell, vice president of the Society passed away. Bradford Gorham retires and Robert A. Greene, becomes the new president. Charlotte Mader (later Charlotte Gintert) is appointed director of the archaeological dig; fourth annual dig. After 22 years, Merwin Almy has retired and Jean H. Albert elected treasurer for membership.

2004: The *Elizabeth Tilley* sailed back to Plymouth. Mike Haywood, an artist from England, visited Howland House with a painting of John Howland overboard. The Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal was awarded to Robert M. Tatem. Harold Ordway retired and Jonathan Stubbs was elected new general treasurer. The fifth annual archaeological dig at Rocky Nook was a success. Richard Clary was appointed curator of Rocky Nook.

2005: The sixth annual Dig moved to the Joseph Howland homestead across the street from the John Howland site. The Howland Society joined a DNA project; Howland Society has it's own website (www.pilgrimjohnhowland-society.org). Bradford Gorham became president again and Robert A. Greene vice president. Judith Elfring received the Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal. The Alliance for Community Media awarded the 2005 video documentary



The coveted Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal, an award established by Robert F. Huber in honor of Howland secretary Lura Sellew. Recipients will be those who exemplify Pilgrim traditions. (Photo by Jean H. Albert)



Charlotte Mader Gintert was appointed Director of the Archaeological Dig at Rocky Nook in 2003. With her is Derek Wheeler of Charlottesville, Virginia. Not a Howland descendant, Derek is a professional archaeologist, who came to Rocky Nook every year since the University of Virginia Field School in 1998, serving as supervisor of the 'member' digs until 2013.



Robert "Bert" Tatem, a member for over 80 years, is shown here proudly wearing the Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal. He and his family made many significant contributions to the Society. (Photo by Marie Skowron)

"The Voyage of the Elizabeth Tilley" first prize in the non-professional category at the National Hometown Video Festival.

2006: Robert Huber, past *Howland Quarterly* editor passed away. After 16 years, Susan Shaw retired and Nancy Kerr was appointed curator of Howland House. Dr. Mike Byford, a book collector from England, discovered in his possession a book that once belonged to Jabez Howland, son of John Howland. The book is dated 1587 and has the signatures of Jabez, then his son Josiah in 1706 "given by his father" and finally by Josiah's daughter YetMercy, who signed it in 1722/3. This is the same YetMercy with the headstone dated 1737 with the earliest known usage of the Howland coat of arms in this country. It is wondered if this old book came on the *Mayflower*? The Shallop "*Elizabeth Tilley*" sailed to Mystic Seaport, Connecticut. Susan Shaw received the Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal. The seventh annual dig was held. Artifacts included a 1736 coin from Portugal and a Bartmann Krug medallion which would have been affixed to a vessel in the 17th or 18th century.

2007: The Shallop "*Elizabeth Tilley*" returns from Connecticut and sails alongside *Mayflower II* to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the *Mayflower II*, built by Britain, and sailed to America in 1957. Robert M. Tatem, 97, passed away. He had been a member for 80 years. The Tatem family has made many significant contributions to the Society, Howland House and Rocky Nook. Edward "Teddy" Howland and Gail Ann Adams are elected as first-time directors. The eighth annual dig was another success yielding, among other artifacts,



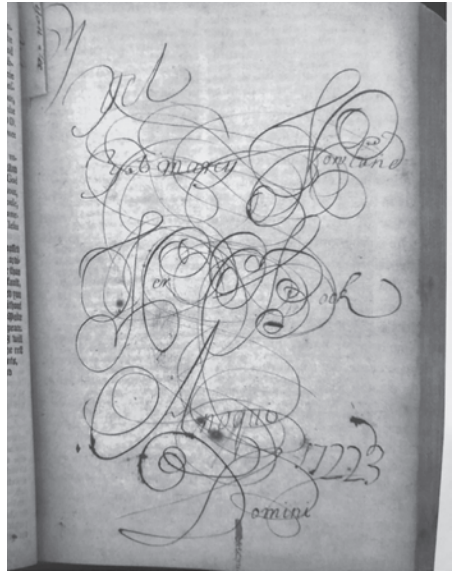
John Robert Howland (left), then-PJHS historian, with Mike Haywood of Great Britain. Mike painted a lovely series about the Mayflower, the pilgrims, etc, including "Pilgrim Overboard" the story of John Howland going overboard during a storm. See more paintings at www.mikehaywoodart.co.uk (Photo by Carole Howland)



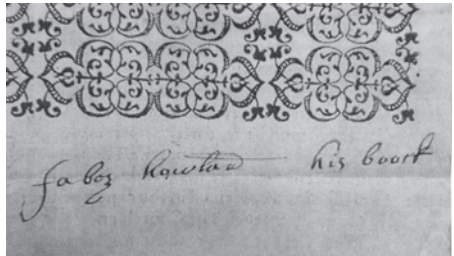
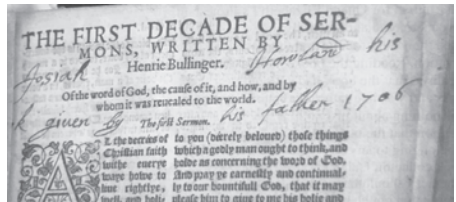
Ruth Major, dressed as Elizabeth Tilley, steers the shallop on its voyage from Connecticut to Plymouth in July 2007. Ruth is an artist and her paintings of the Cushnoc trading post and other Howland-related locations have been featured in many Howland Quarteries.

a piece of Westerwald ceramics dating to around 1700 and a nearly complete redware storage jar. Bobbi Hall and Nancy Kerr made Nantucket baskets using pieces of wood that came from the 18th century part of Howland House after repairs were done. A lovely new color brochure of the Howland Society was printed. Contributing to this effort was Edward “Teddy” Howland, Jonathan Stubbs, Jeff Comeau and John R. Howland.

2008: Caroline Lewis Kardell, past Historian General for the Mayflower Society passed away. She was not a Howland but she was a volunteer at Howland House and did a lot of research on Howland descendants. The shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*, was filmed by WBGH Television in a feature about the Pilgrims. It was the first of a five part series. Jackie Painter, our contact in Henlow, England told us about a DVD series “A Year in the Life of St. Mary’s Henlow” with all the events taking place. Henlow is the ancestral home of the Tilleys with records for their line back to the 1400’s. Howland House had lots of work done this year. Windows repaired, floors restored, a new front door, improved wiring, A/C downstairs and interior painting. Membership dues rose from \$12 to \$15 per year – the first increase in over ten years. Secretary Barbara Adams announced she is retiring after ten faithful years of service as secretary for the PJHS. Jonathan Stubbs was awarded the Lura Sellow Medal for his outstanding work as treasurer. Treasurer for Membership Jean Albert instituted having a silent auction at the Annual Meeting to raise funds. It was very successful and over \$500 was raised. Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin is a Howland descendant and if this ticket wins, another Howland will be near the top in the nation. After Howland House curator Nancy Kerr passed away last year, hostess Gail Dobbins stepped up as acting curator. She does not want to continue next year, so candidates are being interviewed. PJHS *(continued on page 17)*



Your editor had the privilege of meeting Mark Byford in England to see and hold a book from 1587 with signatures from John Howland’s son Jabez, his son Josiah, and his daughter YetMercy.



At the 2007 Rocky Nook dig, PJHS treasurer Jonathan Stubbs unearthed a piece of Westerwald ceramics dating to around 1700. (Photo by Gail Adams).

Nantucket Baskets



Nantucket baskets made by Bobbi Hall and Nancy Kerr incorporated wood from the 18th century part of Howland House, removed for repairs. (Photo by Gail Adams)



Harry Leonard Walen, 93, died August 22, 2008, in Exeter, N.H. He was born June 26, 1915.



Nancy Kerr, head hostess for Howland House, passed away in 2008.

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member Judy Swan of California has been elected as Governor General of the Mayflower Society. She has five lines to John Howland. Harry Folger, III was elected as Assistant Governor General and Paul Bumpass as Historian General. Gabriella Cordeiro, soon to be Higgins, has taken the job of secretary. After her honeymoon, she will be ready to take on her duties. The ninth annual Rocky Nook dig was successful. This is the fourth dig at the Joseph Howland site. It is across the street from the John Howland property. Artifacts include a thimble, a spur, book clasp, trading beads and redware jug pieces. About 15 participated in the dig. The Rocky Nook crew enjoyed a sail on the *Tilley*. President Emeritus Harry Walen passed away on August 22. He served as president from 1987-1999. Nancy Kerr, head hostess for Howland House passed away on July 8. They will both be missed greatly. Peter Arenstam, builder of our shallop, wrote two children's books: *The Adventures of Nicholas*, a young mouse with his journey's



Cushnoc, by Ruth DeWilde Major.

across Maine and Massachusetts. The long awaited volumes from Elizabeth Pearson White *Five Generations* books came out: Volume 3: *Hope* and Volume 4: *Elizabeth*. Gail Adams, editor, went to England and met Mike Byford, the owner of the book mentioned in Elizabeth Tilley Howland's will: *Mr. Tindale's Works*. This book was signed by Howland's son Jabez, his son Josiah and his daughter Yet Mercy. The editor was able to hold this book and touch these pages. Knowing that John and Elizabeth held this book was an indescribable honor! Ruth Major agreed to sell her painting "Cushnoc" to the PJHS. She spent much time researching to make it as historically accurate as possible. We have a new contact in Fenstanton, England: Candice Guite. Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., Joan Miller, Debra Miller, and John R. Howland helped to create a K-12 curriculum that can be used by teachers in the classroom. Our oldest Howland member, Mary Gorham Higley passed away. She had celebrated her 110th birthday



Mary Gorham Higley's 1926 wedding photo.



Judith McAlister, new Howland House Curator.

..... Elizabeth Tilley sailing and Brad Gorham's speech at Clark's Island, which can be seen at: http://faculty.babson.edu/goldstein/personal/pilgrim_john_howland_society.htm

Rocky Nook dig director Charlotte Gintert reported that the tenth annual dig was moderately successful. Nineteen units were opened – the largest number in one season. Jonathan Stubbs found a spoon handle (knop). Ceramics such as Westerwald, delft and mottled ware were found; a cast iron pot fragment, buckle and tobacco pipe bowls and stems were found. Alex Kimble, age 10, wrote "The Dig: A Junior's Perspective" for the *Quarterly*. At the Annual Meeting Jean Albert, Treasurer for Membership reported we have 1296 members. She instituted including dues notices in the *Quarterly* to save postage – about \$500 savings! Barbara Adams, retired PJHS secretary, won the Lura Sellow Medal. Sadly, later this

earlier this year and was born August 10, 1898.

2009: Edwin Wagner Coles passed away on January 2. He was one of the main researchers for the Elizabeth White Five Generations books. Howland House acting curator Gail Dobbins reported more work done on the House – repair and painting to the upstairs, re-braced the ceiling in the kitchen and window repairs. The shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* sailed several times this year – including a Clark's Island picnic, the antique Boat Show in Provincetown, and the Plymouth Harbor for our Annual meeting. A new curator was hired for Howland House: Judith McAlister. She is not a Howland but she comes with much experience and knowledge in historic interpreting, care, cataloging, preserving and creating exhibits. Among her first projects was an herb garden with herbs known to have existed in the 17th century. A computer program: Past Perfect was purchased for the cataloging of all artifacts in the House. A commemorative stamp was created in the Netherlands for the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims leaving England to settle in Leiden in 1609. Joanne Pratt and Richard Clary became

new Directors as Jay Lucas and Alice C. Teal retired. Michael Goldstein provided a Youtube video of the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* sailing



and Brad Gorham's speech at Clark's Island, which can be seen at: http://faculty.babson.edu/goldstein/personal/pilgrim_john_howland_society.htm



Above: New digger Chris Mindle found a spur (2008). Left: Dig Supervisor Derek Wheeler of Virginia soaks up some sun.



The new herb garden at Howland House includes historic herbs used for all kinds of remedies.

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year she passed away. Four Howlands won awards: Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr. won the Governor General's Commendation and Appreciation Award; Gregory Thompson was recognized for numerous volunteer hours in technological preservation; Alice C. Teal won the



Brad Gorham and The Reverend Vetter at the Pulpit Rock Service at Clark's Island.



Tracy Dieselman and Elizabeth Goldstein.

Distinguished Service Award for her work as editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly* and Joseph Howland Wood received the first John Mortimer Hunt Distinguished Pilgrim Award from the Pennsylvania Mayflower Society. Joe is the creator and webmaster for PA's award winning website: www.sail1620.org. Caleb Johnson wrote an interesting article on the probable year of John Howland's birth being closer to 1598-99 rather than the supposed "about 1592." (Dec. issue)

Howland House was open for Thanksgiving and served sage scones and hot cider. The sage came from our own herb garden. The girls working as hostesses made wampum bracelet kits for visitors to purchase. They also made candles. Some of the visitors have come several years for Thanksgiving.

2010: Beginning January 1, the Mayflower Society will change their policy allowing all passengers to be used to join, not just those who signed the Mayflower Compact. Therefore, you can now join on Elizabeth Tilley (or other females). Treasurer for Membership Jean



Sailing to Clark's Island July 26, 2009.



Richard Gilmore and Catherine Miller prepare the shallop for sailing.

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The Rocky Nook dig crew enjoys a sail on the Elizabeth Tilley.



This buckle and spoon handle were found at the 2009 Rocky Nook Dig. The latter, called a knop, was found by Jonathan Stubbs.

Albert's test plan last year for putting dues notices in the *Quarterly* worked so well, that this year we will do it again AND send the meeting notice via the *Quarterly* rather than a separate mailing. This will save the Society about \$1000 per year in postage. Editor Gail Adams wrote a comprehensive article on Esther Howland, Mother of the American Valentine, along with stories about her family – such as her brother Charles Allen Howland, a founder of the PJHS and member #1. Several of the editor's collection of Esther's valentines were featured. Your editor was honored

to have this article in the September 2010, Vol. 76 No. 3 edition of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. (In 2013, a version of this article appeared in the award winning *American Spirit Magazine*). The shallow *Elizabeth Tilley* had several sailings this year – Manomet Beach, Clark's Island Picnic, Provincetown and our Annual Meeting in Plymouth Harbor. Howland House had preservation work done, walls and porch whitewashed; plaster work was done and some rooms painted. Two of hostess Gail Dobbins' granddaughters are volunteering, not only as hostesses but as candle makers. The Quarantine Room is going to be used as an exhibit room to display achieve- (continued on page 21)



Left: A valentine made by Esther Howland.



Right: Esther Howland, Mother of the American Valentine.

Right bottom: Esther's brother Charles Allen Howland was a founder of the Pilgrim John Howland Society and holds member number 1. His son, also Charles Allen Howland, was member number 26.





A traditional Easter Garden created at our ancestral church, St. Mary's in Henlow. (Photo by Jackie Painter)



Treasurer Jonathan Stubbs and Don Severy on the Tilley.



The eleventh annual dig in 2010 had a record turnout.



Richard Pickering (left) explains the prototype Howland home to Eldon Gay as he gave the PJHS a tour after our Annual Meeting.



John R. Howland, with wife Carole and son Edward (Teddy) Howland, proudly wears his Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal.

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ments of Howland descendants. Children visiting the house can try candle dipping, carding wool and making bracelets with wampum beads. The hostesses not only give tours, they also care for the herb garden, do research, clean the house and pick up the grounds. Merwin F. Almy passed away March 12. He computerized our membership and mailing list and served as treasurer from 1985-1995 and treasurer for membership from 1995-2003. Clint Sellew passed away on July 24. He was a member for over 40 years and wrote many articles and stories for the *Quarterly*. He did lots of research and is the one who found the site of the original John Howland house on Leyden Street in Plymouth. There is a marker in the sidewalk at this site because of Clint. Samuel Greene, grandson of PJHS vice president Robert Greene, won first place in a national networking contest "Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders Skills Challenge." Caleb Johnson wrote a comprehensive study about John Howland and the Kennebec Trade House (June). At the Annual Meeting John R. Howland was awarded the Lura Sellew Medal. John serves as the PJHS Historian-Archivist and is very active in research, networking with prospective members and the DNA project.

Plimoth Plantation built a new house for John and Elizabeth Howland. At the Annual Meeting members were given a tour of the new house by Richard Pickering. The house is a structure that is representative of a true first home built



Jonathan Stubbs lends a hand in building the “new” Howland House at Plimoth Plantation.



Plimoth Plantation is involved in ongoing research to create authentic colonial structures. The new Howland house is a prototype of a “quick and temporary” house.



John R. Howland holding the very rare straw-berry top spoon handle. He participated in the digs, sailing and served as Archivist/Historian of the PJHS for many years.



The kitchen table in Jabez Howland House had a new setting in 2011.

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by pioneers developing a new colony. An in depth story by Paula Peters of Plimoth Plantation is in the December *Quarterly*.

2011: Ruth DeWilde Major, artist, continued research to paint various scenes in the Howlands’ lives. The March *Quarterly* cover featured her rendition of “Harvest Time at the John Howland Homestead 1650” and her article “Words PAINT the Picture” includes highlights of John Howland’s life. Howland House has new signage to be more clear that this is the Jabez Howland House and that this is the “only house left in Plymouth where pilgrims actually lived.” There is a new exhibit on the timeline of Howland’s life in the new world. The table in the 1700 kitchen is set this year as it would have been in that period. The House has 12 interpreters – eight are Mayflower descendants, six (continued on page 23)

Right: Exhibit at Howland House on women's history – Esther Howland, Mother of the American Valentine.

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from Howland, two Cooke, one Alden and one that has Brewster, Rogers and Hopkins. Kendra Haines wrote an interesting article on Mara Sargeant Grace, a descendant of Howland, who was called “A Heroine of the Battle of Bunker Hill.” (Rev War). Junior member Elizabeth Goldstein wrote “The Rocky Nook Dig: A Junior’s Perspective” for the twelfth annual dig. After the Annual Meeting Peggy Baker took members on a tour of Burial Hill to talk about the various headstones and what the carvings mean. (See the March 2012 *Quarterly* for her article on Howland headstones). On June 18 the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* was used in an all day event at Rock Harbor, Namskaket Creek and Cape Cod, Massachusetts for a re-enactment of the 1626 rescue of the Sparrow Hawk. Bradford recorded the event in his history “Of Plimoth Plantation.” The *Tilley* also sailed to Manomet, Clark’s Island, and Plymouth Harbor. Janet L. Downing was elected Governor of the District of Columbia Mayflower Society with Timothy Fin-ton as Deputy Governor in the WDC Society. Lee Martin wrote a detailed article on the Gorham’s of Ohio. On September 12, John R. Howland of Maine passed away. He served as Archivist/ Historian and was very involved with the DNA project and helping prospective members. Jackie Painter, our contact in Henlow, England, suffered a cardiac arrest and was in a coma for a week. She is recovering and we are very grateful that she can continue to keep us updated on events there and we wish her all the best.

2012: The By-laws change was approved: We are adding a new category of membership: Friends of the Pilgrim John Howland Society. Rationale: Many people spend countless hours cleaning and maintaining our shallop, volunteer at Howland House and other assorted tasks to aid this Society. They



Above: Banquet speaker Richard Pickering, a director at Plimoth Plantation.



Above: Simon Neal (l), British researcher, and Caleb Johnson, speaker, at the Warren Cousins meeting, held prior to the Howland banquet.



Steven Albert and Richard Clary entertain attendees at the 2011 Annual Meeting.



Left: Exhibit room at Howland House on the “Life and Times” of John Howland.

Right: Our new contact in Fenstanton, England, Rebecca Cumbers with David and David.

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are not Howland descendants but contribute much and are interested in our history. Peggy Baker wrote a very detailed article on headstones at Burial Hill, including the history of the carvings and the known Howland headstones. The earliest extant Howland stone is that of Captain Thomas Howland, born 1675, died 1739. Certainly earlier Howlands are buried there but no markers survive. August was busy with several sailings of the *Elizabeth Tilley*, and preparing the Rocky Nook property for more digs, including cutting new trails. There was no dig this year. Robert Allen Greene won the Lura Sellew Medal. We have a new contact in Fenstanton, England: Rebecca Cumbers. The PJHS in addition to having a website, is now on Facebook and Twitter. Ashley Smith of New York, a director for the Society, is responsible for our new “social networking.” We lost two long time members this year – Carolyn Huber, wife of past *Quarterly* editor Robert Huber and Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., a member for over 50 years. Historian/archivist Eldon Gay secured important items: a bond with Elizabeth Howland’s mark and a painting



In 2012, a new desk in the Contact Station replaced an artifact table formerly in use at Howland House.



A group of old Howland headstones on Burial Hill, near the marker for John Howland.



A new plaque honors Lura Sellew Medal recipients.



Editor Gail Adams won First Place in an essay contest sponsored by the National Society New England Women.



Judy McAlister, Curator of Howland House, was the first member of the category "Friends of the Pilgrim John Howland Society."

of John Howland of the fifth generation. Editor Gail Adams donated a book about this Howland: *"The Life and Recollections of John Howland, Late President of the Rhode Island Historical Society,"* by Edwin M. Stone, published in 1857. The painting of this John Howland was donated by Joanne Hatch. Susan Shaw is working on indexing all the past issues of the *Quarterly*. Howland House curator Judy McAlister reports that of the past three years, 2010 was best for visitors, 2011 was best for sales and 2012 best for the highest number of tours. 2012 visitors came from at least 45 states and eight countries. The "admiral" of the shallop, Tracy Dieselman, reported that Michael Goldstein has been trained and can now take the boat out without her, making the shallop available for more sails. Shallop t-shirts and mugs are available for sale. Editor Gail Adams won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the National Society of New England Women. At the Annual Meeting, Judy Elfring presented the Society with a new plaque to record all the winners of the Lura Sellew Medal. To commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, the editor has requested stories of Howland descendants that served in these wars. On October 29, hurricane



In 2012, the Finance Committee met on Oct. 13 to discuss the financial future of the Society. Jonathan Stubbs, Barbara Stubbs, Michael Goldstein, Christine Gorham, Ashley Smith, Joanne Pratt, Robert Allen Greene and Brad Gorham.

Sandy wreaked havoc on the East Coast. During the storm, the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* broke loose from her mooring in Plymouth Harbor. She headed for the *Mayflower II* and with quick work of their crew, she was assured survival. There was damage to her rudder but thankfully, no major structural damage.

2013: Howland House had a busy year with visitors from 41 states and 13 countries. More items were added to the Gift Shop, children made candles, used the big looming frame and saw the colonial herb garden. One new item for the Shop, are note cards from paintings by Ruth Major. Howland House received a new roof and we are happy to report no leaks! President Brad Gorham started a committee called



Secretary Gabriella Higgins, with husband Glenn and daughters Alyzabeth and Lilyana.



New note cards are for sale at Howland House featuring paintings by Ruth Major.

“20/20 Vision” to prepare for the big 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower* in 1620. In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the editor asked members for stories of their ancestors who participated in any way. At the Annual Meeting, we poll the members present to see who is the youngest and oldest. The youngest was the daughter of our secretary, Gabriella Higgins. Please see the picture of little Lilyana in her Pilgrim attire! The 2013 Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal was presented to President Brad Gorham. The PJHS is now on social media: Facebook and Twitter!



Joanne Hatch donated a painting of John Howland of Rhode Island (1757-1854). Treasurer Jonathan Stubbs accepted on behalf of the Society.



Headstones from soldiers in the Confederate Army and the certificate for GAR Lt. Chipman, as part of the series on the Civil War:

2014: There was a lot of work done on the grounds around Howland House -- the garden needed work along with the stones around the driveway. The outside of the House was painted. All the trim was painted and rotten pieces of wood were removed from the windows. Many of the clapboards were re-nailed. Hostess Bobby Hall donated a modern spinning wheel and several staff are learning to spin! The House usually closes in October but opened the week of Thanksgiving. President Brad Gorham and many others visited. Plymouth hosts one of the



After the 2014 Annual Meeting Plimoth Plantation held a re-enactment of the wedding of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. The officiant was Edward Winslow.

Jean Albert retired as Treasurer for Membership, after over 10 years; and Gabriella Higgins retired as secretary after 7 years. Edward (Teddy) Howland accepted the secretary position; Lee Martin took registrar, Gabriella Higgins accepted the Treasurer for Membership job and Jane Murphy became a Director. Director Ashley Smith suggested we have a \$1,000 scholarship for a college student, which the Board approved.



The 2014 Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal was awarded to Editor Gail Adams, here with 2013 winner Brad Gorham and 2011 winner Richard Clary.



Rocky Nook Custodian Richard Clary gave an interesting presentation on the history of the property.

largest Thanksgiving parades, which can be seen from Howland House. Tracy Dieselman, Admiral of the shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*, stepped down and handed the reins over to Michael Goldstein. He sailed the shallop near Duxbury for the opening of the harbor on Memorial Day and to Sandwich for their 375th anniversary. Over 2,000 people came to see the shallop and around 1,500 came on board. They also sailed to Clark's Island. There were several officer changes: Registrar Judy Elfring retired after 27 years;



After all the ivy was removed and repairs made, we have beautiful stone garden walls!

Editor Gail Ann Adams was the 2014 Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal winner. The Society was saddened to report that Harold Ordway, Jr. passed away. Harold served as General Treasurer from 1995-2004. The speaker at the Annual Meeting Banquet was Darius Coombs, Associate Director, Wampanoag Indigenous Program, Plimoth Plantation. After the Annual Meeting, held at Plimoth Plantation, they had a reenactment of the wedding of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. Artist Ruth Major painted another scene from the life of the Howlands titled: "John and Elizabeth Howland Heading Home, Autumn, 1627."

2015: We received the sad news that Martyn Saunders, our long-time contact in Fenstanton, England passed away. The membership now stands at: 1,165 members, 72 junior members, 23 marriage and parentage members, 60 marriage only and 20 friends. Howland House had visitors from 38 states and 11 countries.



As part of our series on the Howland descendants in the Civil War, this is Col. Thomas C. Gower of the Confederate States of America from South Carolina.

The exhibit room features the many maritime accomplishments of our Howland ancestors. The focus for next year will be on merchants, shipping,

builders, and the owners and their families. The *Quarterly* continued to share stories for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Most have been Yankees, but we find we do have some Confederates! There is a new Mayflower Colony in California, the Rancho Conejo Colony. The new Governor is Robert Dempster, a Howland. (The charter is Sept. 2014). The Annual Meeting Banquet featured Paula Marcoux, an authority on 17th century ovens, who spoke about "Cooking with Fire." The 2015 Lura Sellev Mayflower Medal was awarded to Historian, Eldon Gay. The PJHS, lead by Director Ashley Smith, awarded our first scholarship. The winner is Andrea Read Thurston, who is attending Thomas College to pursue a Masters in Business Administration.

Howland House has a new "open" sign to welcome our visitors. A Three Sisters Garden was planted to help with historic preservation and interpretation. Corn (maize), beans and squash were planted. The neighboring property owner rebuilt the stone fence that faces our parking lot. Bones were found -- horse bones -- and we wonder if they were from Jabez' horses? That is near the area we believe his stable and blacksmith shop were located. We were sad to learn of the passing of Bernie Elfring, husband of our

Exhibit rooms at Howland House showcase many accomplishments of Howland's in the shipping industry.



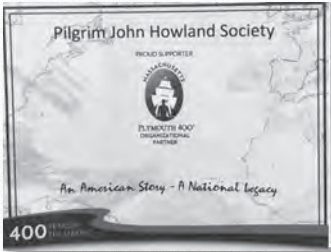
With great sadness, the PJHS lost our long-time president, Brad Gorham. This is in 2003 when we sailed the shallop, Elizabeth Tilley, to Maine. Brad was presented this Beaver Pelt from Jay Adams.

long time (over 27 years) registrar, Judy Elfring. He faithfully drove her to the annual meeting for many years. A new book "*The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune,*" by children's book author P.J. Lynch was published. The PJHS lost one of our most faithful members: our President, Bradford Gorham. Brad was a Marine, politician, lawyer, farmer, historian, sailor, gentleman, dad, husband, grandpa. He was the one who proposed the

idea of building a shallop to sail to Maine as our ancestor John Howland did. He worked hard for our Society, serving as counsellor, vice president and president. He was not afraid to get his hands dirty and was always on hand to plant, build fences and remove trees. He participated in the Rocky Nook Dig for many years and wrote grants to get the funds to build the shallop and make repairs on Howland House. He will be greatly missed.

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2016: The Pilgrim John Howland Society has been granted “Organizational Partner” with Plymouth 400, Inc. as we prepare to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower*. The officers work hard to run the Society, but it was determined that the best course for treasurer is to hire an accounting firm, Cozby & Co., to manage our books and process bills. Historian Eldon Gay is developing a plan for outlining the site of John Howland’s home at Rocky Nook by placing signs and creating paths on the site. A kiosk is being planned to provide visitors



The PJHS became an Organizational Partner with Plymouth 400!

with information. The 2016 scholarship was awarded to Sharon Perrone, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. She anticipates completing her Masters of Applied Sciences in 2017. The Annual Meeting Banquet speakers were Privateer reenactors on “*The Lot of the 17th Century Sailor.*” Board member Everett St. Louis made new signs for the Howland homestead at Rocky Nook. Duane Muzzy made a model of the shallop which is on display at Howland House. The shallop sailed and participated in “Pirates Ashore” in Plymouth. There was also a sail to Clark’s Island with Admiral Michael Goldstein and several members. Richard Pickering, a Director at Plimoth Plantation, was on hand to portray Elder William Brewster. The Board announced that the dues will increase from \$15 to \$25 starting in 2017. It was also announced that to increase membership in anticipation of our 400th anniversary, the application/entrance fee will be waived until December 31, 2020. Our website now has Paypal, making it easier for our members to pay dues and make donations. We received the sad news that Alice Carnite Teal passed away. She was a Howland Board Member for many years and the editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly* for 22 years. Historian Eldon Gay discovered a new line to Desire Gorham that was published in *American Genealogy*. Board member Everett St. Louis made a new sign to mark the location of Howland Spring. Howland House staff made a scarecrow for the Three Sisters Garden to keep out the crows. We received some native tobacco seeds to plant



Our president, Brad Gorham, center, helped to repair the wall back in 2001, along with Harold Ordway, Tom Hall and Victor Fox.

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Come rain or shine, we visit John Howland’s grave. Secretary Edward Howland and Editor Gail Adams.

next year from Stephen Mattern, Plimoth Gard's Captain. Several of the Howland House staff studied and prepared a tour of the Howland site at Burial Hill. There are several Howland graves near the marker placed for



Two pictures of Howland Spring: Everett St. Louis (center), with Eldon Gay (left) and Richard Clary (right) made a sign to identify the Howland Spring. The photo below is from the 1945 Howland Quarterly with a note that they invite members to come to the Annual Meeting and drink from this Spring!



Ashley has been a member most of her life and came to Plymouth as a child. She was among the first of the Howland "diggers" for the archaeological dig. New to the board is Everett St. Louis, who was elected to serve as vice president. We also have two new Directors this year: Lois Nelson and Catie Chipman. They are very excited to serve our Society. Howland House had another productive year, with over 3,400 visitors. This year is the 350th anniversary of the house. A big sign was put outside to entice visitors to come to the only house left in Plymouth where a *Mayflower* passenger stayed. The celebration for the Houses birthday in August brought 476 visitors and the docents gave 45 tours!

John Howland. Additions were made to the exhibit on Esther Howland, known as the Mother of the American Valentine, including pictures of the street signs with hearts in Worcester, Massachusetts where she lived. Howland House docent, Elizabeth Gould, designed a new rack card of the many aspects of the Howland Society to be placed at various sites around Plymouth. President Jonathan Stubbs ordered a granite bench in memory of Past President, Bradford Gorham.

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2017: President Jonathan Stubbs, who has also served as Treasurer, is retiring. The Society thanks him for all his years of service. He will be available to help and give advice. For the first time in our 120 year history, we have elected a woman president, Ashley Smith.



Everett St. Louis made signs for the Howland homestead at Rocky Nook so visitors can easily find the foundations of house and hearth.

The gardens at Howland House. Bethia, the scarecrow, sits on a bench watching over her butterfly garden!



The garden and other outside activities continue to be popular, especially for children. Our archaeological dig continued with a concentration on finding foundations of buildings. This yielded more buildings than previously thought. We found lots of bricks and shells. Some more notable items include a gun flint and a lead seal bearing the initials RIL dating from the 17th century. Also found were a nice first half of the 17th century pipe bowl fragment, an 18th century pewter button, a piece of a late 17th c-18th century staffordshire slipware pottery and a bit of a redware vessel (possibly a jug or pitcher). Ashley Smith announced this years scholarship



This is the kiosk Eldon Gay installed at the Howland homestead at Rocky Nook.



Jonathan Stubbs (left) presented retiring Robert Allen Greene with a 17th century reproduction pitcher.

winner: Dana Outcalt. She is a student at Ohio State University majoring in Anthropological Studies. With Ashley becoming president, she will no longer chair the scholarship committee and appointed Rebecca Adams to be the new chair. General Treasurer Michael Goldstein reported that the Society is in good shape. He wrote a grant and we were awarded \$53,600 to fund a variety of projects, including repairs for the shallop, Howland House and other projects. Michael

is also the Admiral for our shallop and lead several sails including Clark's Island and Plymouth Harbor. Many repairs will be done this year.



This granite bench was placed on the grounds of Howland House in honor of our late President Brad Gorham.

The Board approved a plaque to be placed at Rocky Nook in honor of Eldon Gay for all the work he has done. It will read: "The Pilgrim John Howland Society gratefully acknowledges Eldon Gay for his preservation efforts at our historic Rocky Nook homestead."



Incoming president Ashley Smith presented retiring president Jonathan Stubbs with a lovely picture of Howland House.

The 2017 Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal was awarded to Peter Arenstam, builder of our shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*. Peter was on the 2003 maiden voyage of our shallop and has sailed her many times. The Annual Meeting Banquet speaker was Plimoth Plantations Hilary Goodnow, who spoke about the role of women in 17th century society and discussed how "living history" at Plimoth Plantation



Rebecca Adams (Virginia) Scholarship chair (left) and President Ashley Smith (New York) take turns steering the shallop. They first met as kids doing the archaeology dig at Rocky Nook many years ago.



After the Annual Meeting several members enjoyed a lovely afternoon of sailing. Admiral Michael Goldstein (center) was on hand to train his new crew. Lee Martin and Rebecca Adams prepare to hoist the sail.



The YetMercy headstone has been moved inside Howland House for preservation.

provides new insights into every day life. The YetMercy headstone (originally at her grave in Bristol, Rhode Island) had been moved to Howland House for preservation. The stone was wearing and has been moved inside the House to prevent further deterioration. Frank Drollett of Colonial Stone performed the work and John Dobbins made a cradle to hold the headstone. The editor asked for any Howland descendant who served in any war to submit stories for our descendants to enjoy. After all, the Quarterly is OUR history!



Members present who were on the Elizabeth Tilley's maiden voyage in 2003: Peter Arenstam, Eldon Gay, Dick Clary, Tracy Dieselman, Gail Adams, Robert Allen Greene, Rebecca Adams, Ingrid Smith and Jonathan Stubbs.



Past Lura Sellew Mayflower winners join this year's recipient, Peter Arenstam. Left to right: Peter Arenstam, Eldon Gay, Gail Adams, Dick Clary, Robert Allen Greene and Jonathan Stubbs.



After the Annual Meeting, Howland Descendants gathered at the graveside of John Howland at Burial Hill.

Portions of this 120th Anniversary History were prepared by
Howland Society Historians:

Ella Elizabeth Dimmick Walters, 1951-1975

Caroline Howland Elliott Dorst, 1975-1988

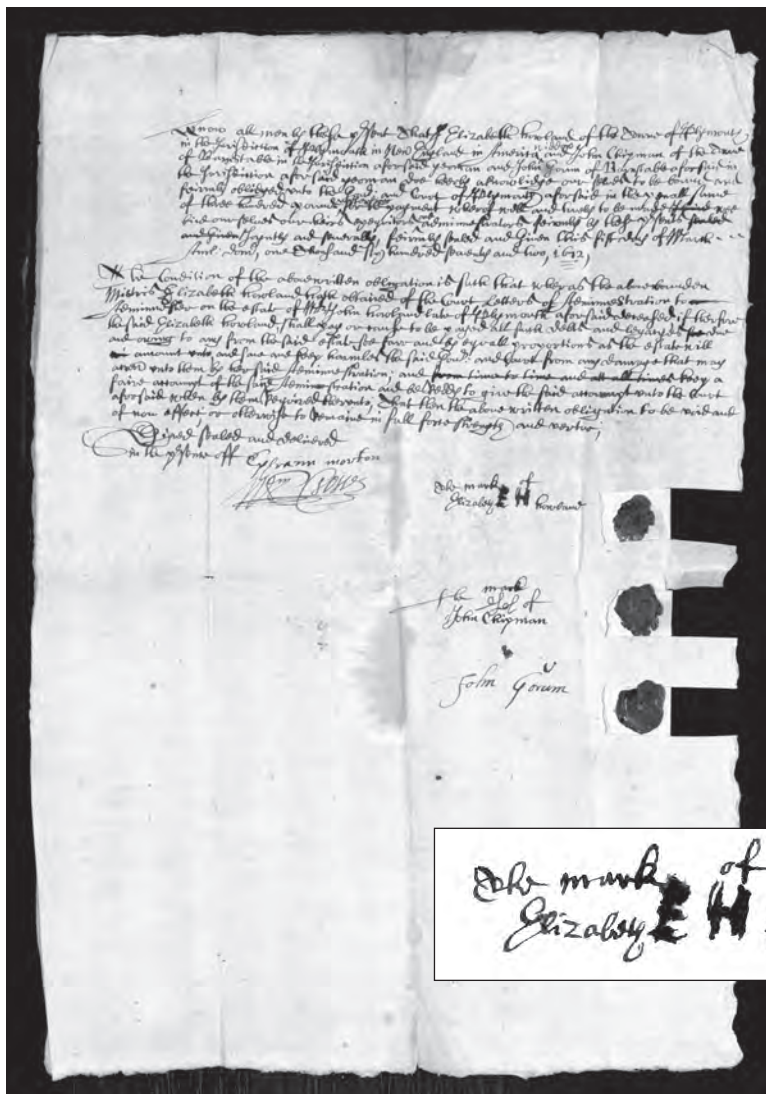
Barbara Sampson Dillon, 1988-2002

John Robert Howland, 2002-2011

Eldon Gay, 2011-present

And, by your editor, who updated, corrected and expanded the contents,
including photos, for a more complete history of our Society.

*In 2012, Eldon
Gay located
the 1672/73
bond that
bears the mark
of Elizabeth
Howland and
her sons-in-
law, John
Chipman and
John Gorum.*



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Robert Allen Greene 2017

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Abbott H. Nile 1984-1987
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(Richard died in Nov. 2003)
Bradford Gorham 2004-2005
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Robert Allen Greene 2016-2017
Everett St. Louis 2017-present

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Harold Ordway 1995
(In 1995 split into General & Membership)

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(Honorary Member) 1954-1978
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Susan Shaw 1993-2006
Nancy Kerr 2006-2008
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Richard Howland Maxwell 2000-2003
Richard Clary 2004-present

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Howland Quarterly

John B. Howland 1936-1951
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Robert F. Huber 1986-2000
Asst. Gail Ann Adams 1999-2000
Gail Ann Adams 2000-present

ADMIRAL OF THE SHALLOP ELIZABETH TILLEY

Tracy Dieselman 2005-2014
Michael Goldstein 2014-present



Lura Sellew Mayflower Medal Winners

2003	Harry Walen
2004	Robert M. Tatem
2005	Judith Elfring
2006	Susan Shaw
2007	None
2008	Jonathan Stubbs
2009	Barbara Adams
2010	John R. Howland
2011	Richard Clary
2012	Robert Allen Greene
2013	Bradford Gorham
2014	Gail Ann Adams
2015	Eldon Gay
2016	None
2017	Peter Arenstam

Junior Member Writers

Junior Members who have written articles for "The Dig."

2000	Rebecca Adams, Virginia
2001	Ashley Smith, New York
2002	Charlotte Mader, Ohio
2006	Bonnie Smith, New York
2007	Pamela Harrison, Connecticut
2009	Alex Kimble, Connecticut
2011	Elizabeth Goldstein, Massachusetts

New Members

PJHS Registrar Jean Albert reports 16 new members this quarter. This includes one each in the Marriage and Parentage and the Friends categories. The new members descend through six of the 10 Howland children with Desire in the lead followed by Hope. They come from 11 states, from sea to shining sea! Welcome!

3680 Hope
Marcia Murray Holsrom
San Jose, CA

3681 Joseph
William Stevens Bowne
Kingstowne, VA

3682 John
Gary Dean Howland
Redding, CA

3683 Hope
Colleen O'Donnell Stevens
Bath, ME

3684 Hope
Theresa Anne Brown
Brunswick, OH

3685 Desire
Beryl Kathleen Smith Trautman
Belton, TX

3686 Desire
Amy LaVonne Chase Dempsey
Omaha, NE

3687 Hannah
Jacqueline Quinn Lynch Parks
Falls Church, VA

3688 Hannah
Richard Standish Lynch
Vermilion, OH

3689 Desire
Barbara Shaw Hanno
Petersham, MA

3690 Desire
Stephen Patrick McCabe
West Newton, MA

3691 Joseph
Robert Raymond Crowell
Marion, OH

3692 Lydia
Claudia Ruth Woodward Jakus
Clarkston, MI

3694 Desire
Raya Robinson
Gilbert, AZ

MARRIAGE & PARENTAGE

3693
Mary Ellen Richardson Foley
Colbert, GA

FRIEND

F-36 Henry Howland descendant
Diane Kepus
Sanford, FL

From the Editor

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This issue has been a labor of love taking over a year to put together. I have gone through all the past histories, *Quarterlies* and many other sources to – hopefully – compile the most correct and informative history to date. Pictures have been added along with more information. I am thankful to all the past historians for their contributions. I am also grateful to Christopher Canterbury, our *Quarterly* graphic designer and printer for all his help in putting this issue together.

I hope you enjoy this history of our Society!

