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*Lillie Blanche Huckins Titus*  
May 27, 1854 - August 27, 1923  
Member # 2

### Meet Lillie: Founder and Preservation Pioneer

This lovely lady is Lillie Blanche Huckins Titus. Not only was she a founder of our beloved Society, she played a pivotal role in preserving and restoring a number of historic places. Please see page 50 for more about our illustrious Cousin Lillie.

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## From the President - Edward C. Howland

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that this *Howland Quarterly* finds you, your family and friends happy and healthy as 2023 draws to a close and 2024 begins.

As the days grow shorter and colder for those of us in the northeast US, I think back to what life must have been like on the *Mayflower* for Elizabeth and John some four hundred and three years ago. The cramped quarters, stale food, tired and exhausted sailors and settlers must have seemed overwhelming - and yet they had hope for the future. They came together as a 'civic body politic' and formed a government which has lasted now four hundred and three years.

The Board has been busy this fall getting organized for the year ahead. There are exciting changes ahead for our home site at Rocky Nook, and the Jabez Howland House. We have also begun planning for the naming vote which will take place in 2024. We are also hard at work on a number of other really exciting projects which will be announced in the coming year. It is an exciting time (as it always is) to be a Howland!

This *Howland Quarterly* is an incredibly special issue. Every five years, your editor, Gail Adams, compiles the history of our Society through the present day, and increases our knowledge as new and interesting facts come to light. Editing the *Quarterly* is a labor of love, and one that Gail has done with an expert hand for many years. These special issues are a truly monumental task, and I am so appreciative of the work and care that she takes. I have always loved receiving and reading each issue - and I hope that you will enjoy this very special issue as we look back over our remarkable history.

My best wishes to you all, and I look forward to seeing many of you in 2024!

Warmly,  
Edward "Teddy" Howland

# News and Announcements

The 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held August 23-24, 2024.  
More information will be in the March Quarterly.

Executive Director Peter Arenstam produced our July 2022 – June 2023 Annual Report.  
You may see it on our website.



## Dues and Donations Link

We have a link to pay our dues (both international and domestic):  
[https://pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org/Square\\_-\\_donation\\_\\_\\_Dues](https://pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org/Square_-_donation___Dues).

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## Honoring Our Past and Securing Our Future!



As we look forward to the next 125 years of The Pilgrim John Howland Society, we invite you to participate in preserving the rich heritage of Pilgrims John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley through your generous support.

Support can include encouraging family members to join, making a legacy gift in your will, donating using the envelope enclosed, using the QR Code above, online, volunteering your time, and as always, paying your dues.

We have a series of efforts underway to enhance our story. We look to enrich our Jabez Howland House and its archives, to place our Rocky Nook site on the National Register of Historic Places, to keep our shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* sailing, and to continue producing a quality publication, *The Howland Quarterly*.

These are all important parts of our story and we are all needed to keep them alive and in good condition for many generations to come.

**Thank you for your generosity in safeguarding our legacy.  
Let's keep this American story alive!**

## Hello From Henlow, England

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all from frosty Bedfordshire. How quickly we have moved from autumn sun to winter chill!

Firstly, congratulations on the 125th anniversary of the Society.

Of course, none of us can remember first-hand what life was like in 1897 but I can fall back on the shared recollections of my Grandmother who was born in 1887. Growing up in rural Norfolk, she was 10 years old in 1897 and had recently completed her schooling. Her father was a road mender and earned 6 shillings a week (38 cents). Out of this, he gave his wife 5 shillings for housekeeping money and spent the remaining shilling on 6 pints of beer. In those days beer was very weak (known as small beer) and was considered a healthier drink than water. What we would consider a large quantity today was really quite modest for anyone involved in manual labour and 12 pints a night was not uncommon amongst farm workers!

Naturally there were none of the modern conveniences such as gas, electricity and telephone in the countryside and water had to be fetched daily from the well. Unlucky if you were first there on a winter morning as you had to break the ice! My Grandmother also remembered the first motor car in the village, owned by the doctor. The law at the time required that motor cars had to be preceded by a man waving a red flag to warn the unsuspecting populace. One wonders if the motor really improved the good doctor's speed and efficiency.

Since my last letter, St Mary's church has finally acquired its new noticeboard.....

.....your valued assistance with this project is greatly appreciated by all.



The season of Advent is almost upon us and we begin our preparations for Christmas in earnest. We recently enjoyed a concert of Christmas themed music performed by the King's Men, a group of young gentlemen from the world-famous choir of King's College, Cambridge. Needless to say, it was sublime! The next event will be carols, mulled village Christmas tree (Santa Claus may well put in an early appearance) wine and mince pies to accompany the lighting of Henlow.

Thinking of mince pies led me to reflect on their chequered history. A Christmas treat since the Middle Ages, representing the Christ Child in the Crib, they were banned by Oliver Cromwell in the English Civil War and rejected by all good Puritans as Papistical and superstitious. I wonder if our Pilgrim ancestors ever enjoyed them, or did they take the Puritan line? Perhaps, like me, they recalled the memories of their Grandparents who, 125 years before, were living in very different times before the religious divisions in Great Britain and the terrible bloodshed that resulted. May we all strive, whatever our faith or tradition, to live peaceably with one another.

From all of us here, may I wish you a blessed, peaceful and holy Christmas.

Your friend and (distant) cousin,  
James Burgess

## Hello From Fenstanton, England

Hello dear friends, how are you?

When Gail wrote to me and said this edition would be a special 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue, it got me thinking.... What was life like in Fenstanton 125 years ago, or at any point where there are historical records? If you go to [www.fenstanton.org](http://www.fenstanton.org) you will find lots of information.

So 125 years ago roughly.....then and now.

If you have access to the internet then do use a search of Fenstanton maps and you will see how the village has grown in more recent times. But back in the 1890's village life may well have been similar to the previous hundred years and the years before that. Kelly's Directory of 1894 will tell you that the parish church would seat 475 persons, the vicarage had a net yearly value of £168, The Literary Institute had good reading rooms with a library of 200 volumes and the principle landowners had been Thomas Coote esq. D.L. J.P and Wright Ingle esq. The main crops were wheat and barley. The population of the village in 1891 was 975.

A story that relates to around the time of the first issue of your magazine, makes for interesting reading. St Peter and St Paul, whose feast day is 29<sup>th</sup> June was traditionally a time for a week of festivities. Granted to the Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton by Edward II there would be a "fair there yearly on the vigil and day of the Apostles Peter and Paul and six following days." There was a well attended service in the church in the morning and favourite hymns by the Clock Tower in the evening. A traveling fair would arrive for the next three days, with a small pony driving the roundabouts. But when the pony was replaced by steam roundabouts, with the advance of science, the Parish Council was asked to stop this, which they did – the year was 1897. Clearly some villagers were not fans of approaching technology. I wonder what they would make of things now.



*Here is a photo from back in the day, of the high street, with the clock tower behind you.*

*The high street looks very different now!*

*Until next time,*

*Rev Rosie  
St Peter and St Paul's  
Church, Fenstanton*

## Before the Society

This anniversary issue is dedicated to all those whose names are unknown to us, that sought to research and record the legacy of the Howland and Tilley families in America. We honor you and your efforts to preserve our family history.

One, whose name we do know, located the grave of John Howland at Burial Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts. John<sup>5</sup> Howland, president of the Rhode Island Historical Society from 1833-1854, placed the first headstone for the Pilgrim John Howland. In the book, *The Life and Recollections of John Howland*, he gives the complete story. John and his cousin, Dr. James Thacher, searched the early records at the Registry Office and went to Burial Hill to find the grave. There are many other Howland headstones in the area. One was from a Howland descendant that had said he “wanted to be buried near his immigrant ancestor.”

The wording of the first headstone was written around 1844. Since we did not know the parentage of Elizabeth Tilley until 1855, it had incorrectly listed her as a daughter of John Carver. In 1895, Eliza Woolsey Howland of Newport, Rhode Island was visiting the grave and decided it was time this error was corrected. She chose stonemason Phillip Stevens to carve the new headstone. It was placed on the grave in the Spring of 1897 and the old stone was buried under it as requested by the Howland family in Providence.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants was formed in 1896, a year before us and their first president, the Honorable Henry Elias Howland, was elected in 1897.

We have much to be proud of in our ancestors, John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley. Their descendants are many and have contributed to every facet of building our great country, from serving as President, to farming, architecture, art, and patriots in every war, just to name a few. May we enjoy our family history with pride as we continue to be a creative, productive and stimulating force for the coming generations.

I hope you enjoy this anniversary issue of the *Howland Quarterly*. I have done a thorough reading of every *Quarterly*, early books, minutes and other records from the Howland Society to create an accurate history. Please forgive any errors that may be discovered at a later date. –The Editor

Let us not forget so to live that those who come after us may feel that we, too, have been ancestors worthy to be cherished.



*The photo on the right is from the book “Pilgrim Plymouth: Indotype Views of Places of Local and Historical Interest, From Negatives by H.C. Dunham.” A.S. Burbank, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1890.*

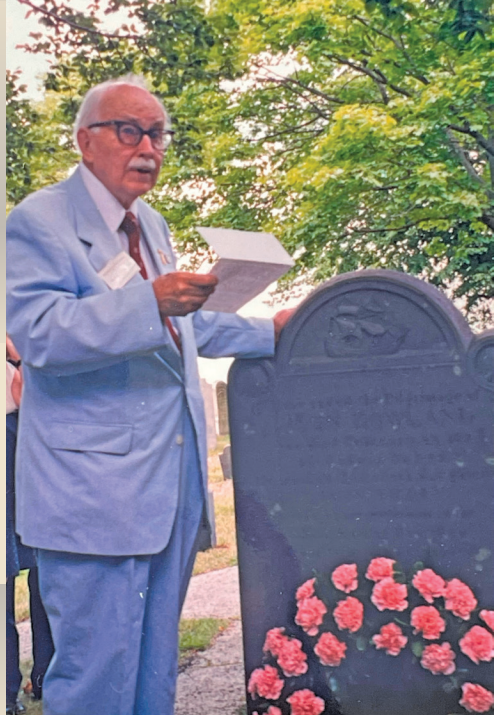
*The photo on the left is an early postcard.*

*These photos are of the first headstone that was buried beneath the 1897 “new” headstone.*





*This is a 1906 postcard of the corrected 1897 headstone, by A.S. Burbank, Plymouth, Massachusetts.*



*Harry Walen was President of the Pilgrim John Howland Society from 1987-1999. In 1997, both our Society and "new" headstone turned 100 and Harry gave a wonderful talk on their history.*



*Each year after our Annual Meeting, members go to Burial Hill to place a wreath at John's grave. The carnations are from the Memorial Ceremony held for our deceased members.*

# *125th Anniversary History of* **The Pilgrim John Howland Society** *1897-2022*

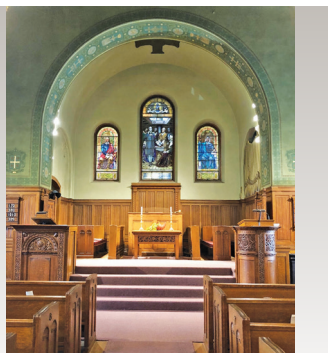
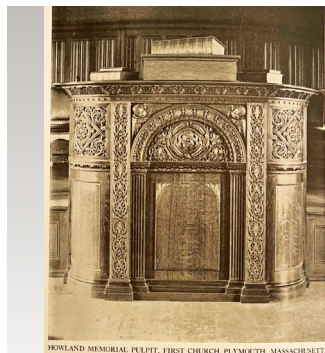
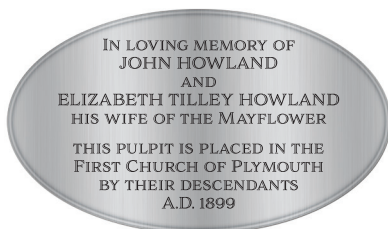
**1897-1899:** “The Society of the Descendants of Pilgrim John Howland of the ship Mayflower” was organized on May 18, 1897, at the Parker House in Boston, Massachusetts, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Lillie B. Titus. Henry N. Fairbanks was chosen as chairman. After the reading of the minutes of this organizational meeting, [exact date not specified] officers were elected for two-year terms: President, Charles A. Howland; Vice President, The Hon. Henry E. Howland; Treasurer, Delcevere King; Secretary, Lillie B. Titus; Historian, Richard H. Greene; Executive Committee: Henry E. Howland, George H. Leonard, Edwin S. Crandon, John C. Foote, and Mary Crocker Stevens. The Constitution of the Society set the objectives as:

“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 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 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.”

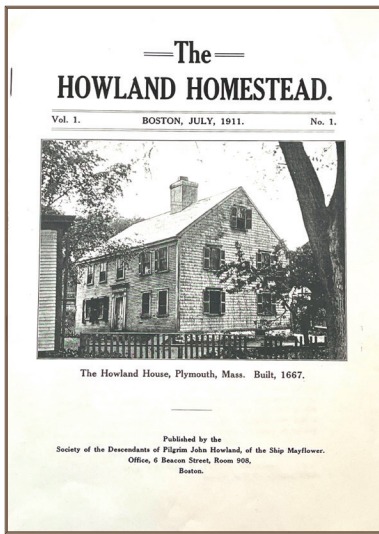
The first project of the Society was to place a Memorial Pulpit in the newly re-built First Church of Plymouth to honor John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland. Our Pulpit was installed and First Church was dedicated on Forefathers Day, December 21, 1899.

**1900:** At the February 21 Executive Board meeting, there was discussion about placing a silver tablet on the Pulpit at First Church stating that it was a gift of the descendants of the Pilgrim John Howland. Mr. George Henry Leonard offered to place the tablet at his own expense.

A motion was made to express appreciation to Mr. Leonard for paying for the Tablet. A committee was formed to create member certificates, insignia, and stationery for the Society. The committee of two were Lillie Titus and Mary Stevens.



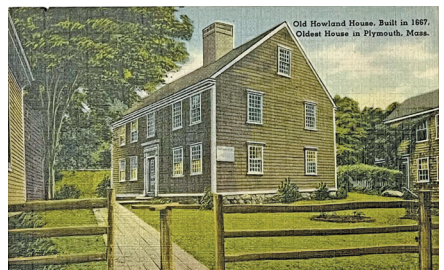
*The first project of the Society was to place a pulpit at the First Church in Plymouth. The photo on the left is from our 1926 Howland book, while the pulpit was still intact. We don't know the date or details, but at some point the ends were cut off, making two separate pieces. Director Lynda Hylander enjoyed posing for a photo by your Editor.*



*The Howland Homestead was the first publication of the Society. It ran from 1911 through 1913.*

September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the members discovered an old footstone at the grave of John Howland. They had thought the grave faced west and the lettering on the stone was on the face of the stone, but felt this discovery shows the grave must face the east and the inscription: **J.H. – E.H.** was the back of the stone. They were looking for the burial place of Elizabeth, who died in Swansea. They found no early burial records for Swansea and wondered where she was buried.

**1913:** The Jabez Howland House was renovated and is open each summer to visitors. In the April *Howland Homestead*, there is a call to raise funds to buy and remove the Livery Stable. It stands about 20 feet from our Howland House and is a fire hazard!



*On the left is the oldest known photo of Howland House. A notation says: "taken previous to 1880." Photo above is after the 1913 renovation, but before the 1923 razing of the livery stable in front of the House. Behind the House is the Miles property. Postcard c 1913-1922.*

**1902:** The First Annual Dinner with 43 members and friends attending was held at the Hotel Vendome in Boston, MA

**1903:** The Second Annual Dinner with 26 members and friends attending was held at the Hotel Vendome in Boston, MA [No other records were found for annual dinners until the July 1911 *Howland Homestead* which mentioned the August 4, 1910 Banquet]

**1910:** On August 4<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held to re-organize and elect officers. The Banquet was held at the Samoset House in Plymouth, MA.

**1911:** The Society filed for Incorporation and their first meeting was set for September 2nd at 12:00 noon at the Samoset House in Plymouth. The form was filed September 13, 1911. The *Howland Homestead* was published from 1911 through 1913.

**1912:** The Jabez Howland House was purchased on February 15<sup>th</sup>. While visiting Burial Hill after the



*This is the 1921 granite marker at Rocky Nook. The Great Hornbeam tree was estimated to be 300 years old, so well established when the Howland family lived there.*

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

**1921:** A Quincy granite Memorial Monument was dedicated at Rocky Nook on August 17.

**1923:** The old livery stable, 20 feet south of Howland House was bought and demolished, eliminating a fire hazard and providing parking. Lillie B. Titus passed away on August 27. It was through her untiring efforts that so much was done to preserve the memory of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. She is credited with founding our Society and served as secretary and treasurer for many years.



*This photo of the livery stable is from the April 1913 Howland Homestead. On the left we see a very small section of our Howland House with its new shingles shortly after the 1913 renovation. The unsightly and hazardous stable was right out our front door.*

**1924:** With the passing of Lillie B. Titus, a committee was formed to take over the affairs of the Society and arrange for an annual meeting, to be held the following August. It was noted that a By-Laws and Constitution revision is needed.

**1925:** A junior membership category was established for ages 16 and under. The name of the Society was changed to "The Pilgrim John Howland Society, Inc." On August 15, the By-Laws and Constitution were revised and the objects of the Society changed to:

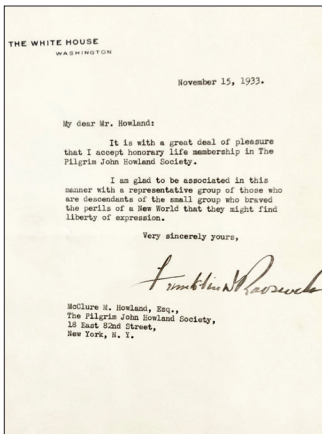
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**1926:** President Dr. William Howland edited and compiled a book for the Society: *“John Howland, A Mayflower Pilgrim.”* 1000 copies were printed.

**1927:** On December 12, the mortgage for the Livery Stable was paid off.



*This circa 1930 linen postcard shows Howland House with beautiful new landscaping. The house behind and to the right is the Miles property.*



land to live at Howland House, staying there each summer for many years to greet our members and visitors.

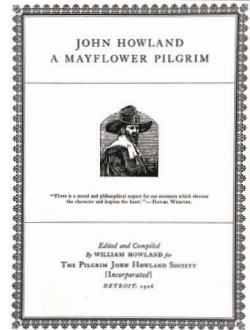
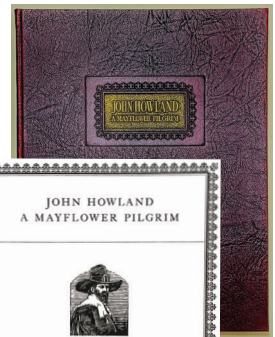
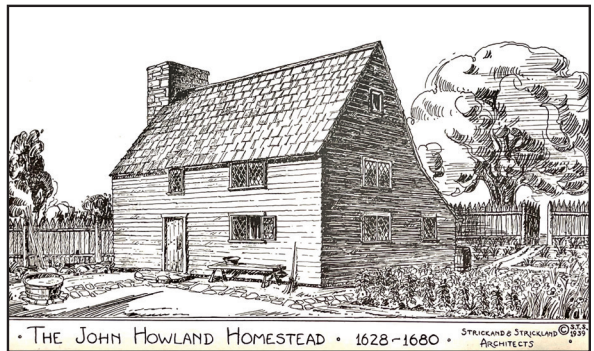
**1936:** The *Howland Quarterly* began publication. At the Annual Meeting, General Charles R. Howland suggested that we renovate Howland House to be “in the manner of the time when Jabez bought and occupied it.” President William Howland appointed a restoration committee and created a Building Fund. It was suggested that a wonderful Christmas gift would be a copy of our book: *“John Howland, A Mayflower Pilgrim.”* The deluxe copy is \$5 and the visitor edition is \$1.50.

**1929:** A motion passed to express thanks to Elizabeth Folsom for her efforts in trying to locate the grave of Elizabeth Tilley Howland. (It has not been located as of this date.)

**1932/3:** The 1933 Minutes stated that “due to financial conditions the meeting was postponed until 1933, but Howland House would remain open for the 1932 season.” The Board also recommended “unusual leniency” for members unable to pay their dues so they may remain members.

**1933:** The Miles property adjoining Howland House was purchased, razed, and the cellar filled in. A fence was then built. Vice President McClure Howland wrote a letter inviting President Franklin D. Roosevelt to become a Life Member, which he accepted.

**1934:** The Society enlisted the help of architect, Mr. Sidney Strickland, concerning reconstructing Howland House. He advised not doing it now, but to make architectural drawings for future use. Edwin J. Howland passed away on June 6. He was the last How-



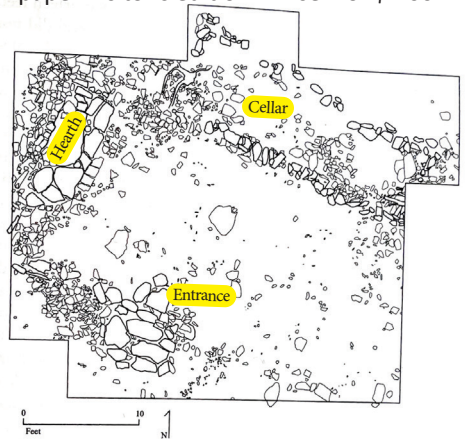
**1937:** Vice President McClure M. Howland discovered the Draper's records in London, England proving that John Howland's father was Henry Howland of Fenstanton. An endowment fund was set up for the reconstruction of Howland House to 1667 period. The cost was estimated at \$7,500. General Howland engaged Sidney Strickland to undertake archaeological excavations at Rocky Nook, home of John and Elizabeth Howland from 1638-1672 O.S. when John died. This work revealed the foundation of a house, the hearthstone, threshold, and several thousand artifacts including pottery, glass, buttons, armor and a pap spoon. (Digs were conducted in the fall of 1937 and 1938.) The Howland "House Committee" expressed issues they are having in furnishing our House: lack of funds and not wanting to offend those who furnished the rooms in earlier years, even if the items were not of the correct time frame. The secretary said that if anyone will send twenty-four cents to cover postage, he will mail them a set of four postcards of Howland House. A "family party" is being planned for next year for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society.

**1938:** After the reports of the Annual Meeting, Sidney Strickland gave a report with lantern slides on the excavation being done at Rocky Nook. After, they drove to Burial Hill, then Pilgrim Hall Museum to see our artifacts on display, and finally to Rocky Nook to see the excavated foundation, threshold and ten-foot hearth.

**1939:** On February 18, Sidney Strickland put on a large display of the valued artifacts from Rocky Nook. Especially notable is the 17th century pap spoon, and pieces of John Howland's tasset, said to be the only known piece of armor belonging to a Pilgrim. [As of this writing, it is still the only piece of Pilgrim armor we know of]. The April *Quarterly* announced the usual "family gathering" at the Samoset House with the Annual Meeting on Saturday. Sadly, the Samoset House burned down, so after decades of meeting there, a new location must be found. For the first time, our Annual Meeting was held at Howland House. The weather was perfect and "we will remember this meeting as one of our most successful in our history." The Historian noted that workmen found a coin near Howland House, with "Georgius II Rex" on one side and "Brittania 1753" on the reverse. A new book, "*The Howlands in America*" will be published this year. The DeLuxe edition, with imitation blue leather will sell for \$3.65 and the stiff paper Visitor's edition will sell for \$1.60.



*This photo is from our 1939 book "The Howlands in America" of the excavation done by Sidney Strickland at the Howland Homestead at Rocky Nook.*



Foundation of John Howland house (Structure 1). Shown above as reexposed in 1998 and 1999 by the University of Virginia. Originally uncovered by Sydney Strickland, 1937–1938.



*On the left is a photo of a piece of John Howland's armor, a tasset, found at Rocky Nook. The photo on the right is how it looks today.*



*Samoset House was our meeting place for decades, until it burned in 1939. This was the first year our meeting was held at the Jabez Howland House.*



*The Jabez Howland House, restored to the 1667-1750 period.*



*The oldest room, known as the east room, with the re-created lintel over the fireplace. The original was found under the stairs during the restoration giving the exact dimensions to make a new one.*

**1940:** In addition to U.S. members, we now have one each in Canada, Mexico and Scotland. In William McAuslan's report (historian) he says he recently visited what he thinks might be where Elizabeth Tilley Howland is buried: Little Neck Cemetery, Riverside, RI. He saw the grave of her grandson, James Brown, but was unable to find a stone for her. A new set of three postcards featuring the Howland Homestead, interior of the Jabez Howland House and the Howland Spring at Rocky Nook, are now available.

**1941:** During the restoration, under the old stairs, they found the original fireplace lintel from the east room which is the oldest room in the house. It was badly decayed, but gave them the exact dimensions and detail to duplicate it. The restoration of the Jabez Howland House "to the period when Jabez Howland purchased it" was completed and a re-dedication ceremony was held. A new booklet "*The Saga of John Howland*" by Charles Griffith Moses has been published by the Society.

**1943:** It was decided that there will still be an Annual Meeting, even though there are travel restrictions so most likely a low turnout. With these restrictions, Howland House will not be open this season.

**1944:** A new category of membership was approved called "Marriage and Parentage" so that spouses may become members. There was a resolution made at the Annual Meeting "to find the exact location of the grave of Pilgrim Elizabeth Tilley Howland and measures taken to erect a monument at that place in her honor and that a design be made and submitted at our next Annual Meeting." Herbert D. Miles discovered an original bond (1672) in the record files in Plymouth bearing the mark of Elizabeth Howland.



*Secretary John Barnard Howland invited the attendees of the 1946 meeting to “inspect and drink from this sacred spring.” This was the fresh water source at Rocky Nook.*

**1945:** The land northeast of our Rocky Nook property has been divided into lots for house sites and for sale. The Society purchased Lot 47 and 48. About six years ago, the Society hired a tree surgeon to take care of the great hornbeam at Rocky Nook. It was suggested that he be hired again to check on the many lovely elm trees at Howland House. Dr. William Howland, president from 1924-1945 passed away on May 1 and Brigadier General Charles R. Howland was elected president.

**1946:** We lost two officers this year. Our president, Bg Gen. Charles R. Howland passed on Sept. 21. He left a substantial legacy to be used to ensure perpetual care and possession of the Jabez Howland House and the Rocky Nook site. On April 25 William A. McAuslan, passed away. He served as historian from 1939-1946. He also served as Historian General for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. With the passing of the president, Sidney Strickland read his report at the annual meeting: He wrote that the late William McAuslan located the grave of Elizabeth Tilley Howland at the Little Neck Cemetery in Riverside (now East Providence), Rhode Island. Approval has been granted by local authorities to erect a monument. [Editor’s note: Definitive proof of her burial place has not been found]



*Brig. General Charles R. Howland, painted by Boris Kublanov*

**1947:** This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. Miss Edith S. Morissey, custodian of Howland House reported that we had our highest number of visitors, nearing five thousand! She also noted that electricity is needed for cooking purposes. McClure Howland was elected President. The first check (\$15,000) from General Howland’s estate has been received.

**1948:** President McClure reported we should receive approximately \$90,000 from Gen. Howland’s estate. Suggested uses: Elizabeth Howland’s marker, obtain a portrait of Gen. Howland to hang at Howland House, a monument for the four Howland sons, a memorial for John’s brothers Arthur and Henry, reconstruction of the house at Rocky Nook, research for ancestors in England, and increase membership. Mr. Strickland noted the cost of Elizabeth’s marker is \$1,200-1,500. Portraits, Inc. from NYC was hired to paint Gen. Howland’s portrait. A record was set: 5,500+ visitors at Howland House this year. There was an Associated Press announcement that a reproduction Pilgrim village is being planned for just outside Plymouth. [Editor’s note: This village came to be known as Plimoth Plantation]



*Elizabeth Tilley Howland's marker was dedicated on August 27, 1949 at Little Neck Cemetery in Bristol, RI. This is the photo from that day.*

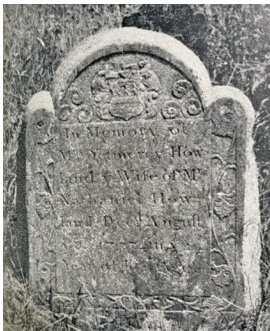
**1949:** Property across the road from Rocky Nook has been purchased. This is the site where John and Elizabeth's son Joseph lived. At the Annual Meeting, the painting of General Howland was unveiled. A Monument was placed on where we think the grave of Elizabeth Tilley Howland was located at Little Neck Cemetery.

**1950:** An additional 18 ½ acres of land at Rocky Nook was purchased for \$2,000. This is more of the Joseph Howland site. Howland House is insured for \$25,000, and the contents for \$5,000. Admissions to the House were 6,695 people.

**1952:** The Howland Society became a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A set of Kodachrome slides of Howland House were donated to their collection for educational purposes and for lectures. With their re-organization, (1956) the first president of the Trust was Richard Hubbard Howland, a descendant of Henry Howland. A proposal for a movie on



*Little Neck Cemetery was established in 1656. Elizabeth's headstone is located near the flag pole, making it easy to find. The small stones to the left are for her grandson James, who died in 1718.*

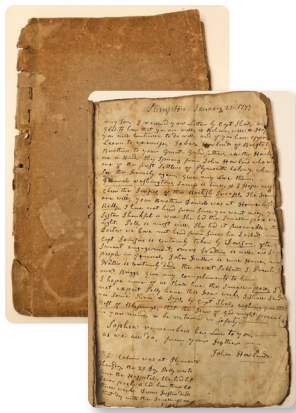


*Gloria Christensen located YetMercy Howland's grave in Bristol, RI. It is the only known headstone with a Howland Coat of Arms. We do not know if it is connected to the Pilgrim John Howland.*

John Howland was sent to MGM but was rejected. The *Howland Quarterly* is now only three times per year.

**1953:** Gloria McAuslan Christensen, historian from 1946-1951 and registrar from 1951-1987, is attempting to find the grave of YetMercy Howland in the Bristol, RI cemetery. Unfortunately, the grass and poison ivy are so tall it is very difficult to read the stones. It is of interest because it is said that the Howland Coat of Arms are on it, probably the first appearance in America.

**1954:** The *Quarterly* published a list of all the contents at Howland House room by room on the first floor. Pictures and a description of Howland House were sent to the *Ladies Home Journal* for their guidebook on Early American Homes. The Annual Meeting was set for September 11, but Hurricane Edna hit that day. They were able to meet the next day. Fortunately, both Howland House and our lovely elms survived both Hurricane Carol, August 31 and Edna September 11. Gloria Christensen located YetMercy Howland's headstone in Bristol. Sidney Strickland, our Rocky Nook archaeologist and Howland House architect passed away on July 10.



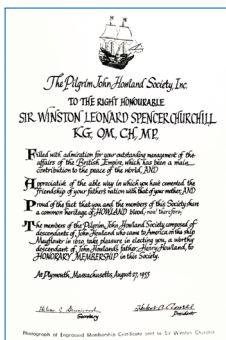
*This book of letters beginning in 1777 were donated by Mrs. Sherman in her late husband's name.*

**1955:** Sir Winston Churchill accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Member. He was a descendant of John's brother Arthur. The invitation and acceptance letters were published in the *Quarterly*.

**1956:** Gloria Christensen reported that we may soon have another *Mayflower* anchored at Plymouth Harbor! Warwick Charlton, an Englishman, is building a replica which will be sailing across the Atlantic this year. The Society purchased Franklyn Howland's "*Genealogy of the Howland Family*," which was owned by our member number one, Charles Allen Howland. The finance committee has authorized our Society to fund the construction of the Howland house for the First Street Project of Plimoth Plantation, at the Eel River Site as long as there is a sufficient showing of progress. The Howland Society was the first family to contribute. There were 10,900 visitors to Howland House, the largest number to date.

**1957:** President Crowell represents the Society on the Board of Governor's of Plimoth Plantation and attended the laying of the keel of the shallop to be used with the *Mayflower II*. The shallop was sponsored by the Massachusetts Mayflower Society and launched March 16, 1957. Richard Hubbard Howland, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation was elected as an Honorary member. At the September 7 Annual Meeting, the hearthstone was laid for the John Howland house at Plimoth Plantation. Three others have begun: Warren, Bradford and Brewster. After the ceremony, Henry Hornblower II, president of Plimoth Plantation, joined the Howlands for lunch. There were 12,481 visitors to Howland House this season.

**1958:** Coronet Instructional Films of Chicago included the Jabez Howland House in their series for teachers and students of the history of education. Howland House at Plimoth Plantation was the first house completed and furnished. It was made with pine and oak from the Plymouth area and the rushes for the roof from the Eel River. Mrs. Henry Bartlett Sherman of Providence, RI, in her late husband's name, presented a folio of letters dating from 1777 from the Rev. John Howland to his son James. The Executive Comm. voted to erect a monument for the children of John and Elizabeth at Burial Hill. There were 11,466 visitors to Howland House this season. About 600 attended the Thanksgiving Day open house.



*The Society presented Winston Churchill with a lovely certificate as an Honorary member.*



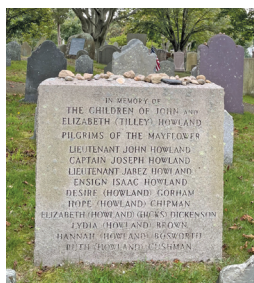
**L to R:** Helen Greenwood, Secretary, Ella Walters, Historian, Herbert Crowell, President, McClure Howland and John B. Howland, Vice President at the ceremony for the laying of the hearthstone for the Howland House, Plimoth Plantation in 1956.



*Howland House was the first to be completed, furnished and paid for at the "new" 1627 Plimoth Plantation.*

**1959:** James Deetz conducted excavations and studies at the Joseph Howland site at Rocky Nook. Thousands of artifacts were found. The final payment was made on our pledge for the 1627 Howland House at Plimoth Plantation. A memorial stone listing the children of John and Elizabeth Howland was dedicated at Burial Hill.

**1960:** Analysis must be done before a comprehensive report of the excavations at Rocky Nook can be done. One method of dating is the bore hole in pipe stems. 14 were found from the 1620-1650 period and 89 from 1650-1680. With the Strickland and Deetz digs, over 600,000 artifacts have been cataloged to date. The original headstone for YetMercy Howland was removed from the Bristol Cemetery to Plymouth. The John Stevens Shop in Newport, RI made a duplicate for the cemetery. This is the stone with a Howland Coat of Arms. (never proven to be ours).



*This memorial for the children of John and Elizabeth's children was dedicated in 1959.*

**1961:** A detailed article on the stoneware found at the Joseph Howland site was in the July *Quarterly*. The Peabody Inst. of Baltimore, MD borrowed Winston Churchill's Howland certificate for their display on "Calligraphy and Handwriting in America."

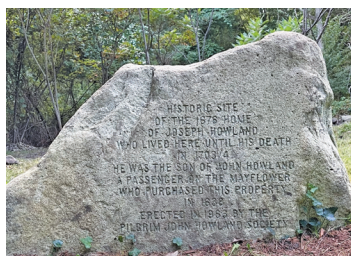
**1962:** This is our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the history, it was noted that our donation to fund the Howland House at Plimoth Plantation was \$25,000 and paid for from the bequest left by General Charles R. Howland. Miss Elizabeth Howland donated an early delftware bowl that had been in her family for over 300 years. This is the plate that Franklyn Howland's *Genealogy* says came over on the *Mayflower*. (This is not proven). Extensive clearing has been done at Rocky Nook with plans to place a marker at the Joseph Howland site.

**1963:** No date given, but "recently" Hope Howland Chipman's gravestone was recapped to protect it. It is one of only two known headstones for the Howland children. (The other is Isaac's). A marker was placed at Joseph Howland's site at Rocky Nook.

**1964:** The Society purchased four lots at Rocky Nook adjoining the John Howland site. One of the lovely elm trees at the Jabez Howland House has Dutch Elm disease. A firm was hired to examine all the elms and make recommendations.



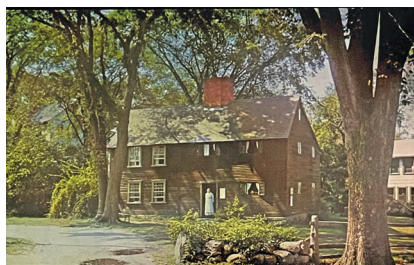
*The oldest known headstone for any of the Howland children is Hope Howland Chipman, who died in 1683. It is located at the Lothrop Hill Cemetery, Barnstable, MA.*



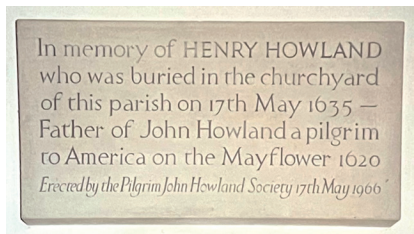
*In 1963 this marker was placed at Rocky Nook at the site of Joseph Howland's home.*



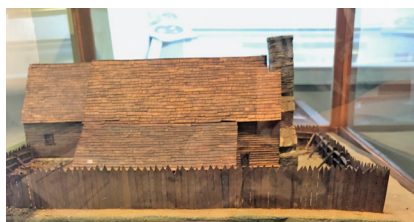
*This early delftware finger bowl was donated by Miss Elizabeth Howland in 1962.*



*This postcard, circa 1950-1963, shows the lovely, large elm trees. Sadly, they had to be cut down when they were found to have Dutch elm disease.*



*This is the plaque honoring John's father Henry, that was placed in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Fenstanton, England.*



*This model was made by Sidney Strickland of what he thought the Rocky Nook homestead would have looked like. It is still on display at the Jabez Howland House.*

Sidney Strickland making a model of what he thought the buildings at Rocky Nook would look like after he had done the excavations in the late 1930's. The date is not listed, but he died in 1954, so most likely 1940-1950. Lura Sellow made a poster to advertise Howland House around Plymouth. She also takes care of Elizabeth Tilley Howland's grave and places flowers on Memorial Day. Dr. Deetz held a dig at Rocky Nook for students at Brown University as a training course and field work. There were 12,835 visitors to Howland House this season.

**1969:** Plans are underway for the 350th anniversary in 1970. The celebration will last from September 1970 thru Thanksgiving 1971. Ellis Brewster Withington, owner of the mold that made the spoon found at the Rocky Nook dig attended the annual meeting and brought several spoons made from this mold for members to purchase.

**1965:** The Town of Plymouth ordered the Society to remove two elm trees, but it was hoped they could be treated. There was an interesting visitor to Howland House: Professor Sasaki from Japan. He loves history and translated William Bradford's "*History of Plimoth Plantation*" into Japanese. There are scratches on Elizabeth Tilley Howland's headstone that need to be taken care of. A Resolution was written by Robert Tatem to honor Winston Churchill as he passed away.

**1966:** Sadly, the elm trees have not responded to treatment and will be cut down. Several drawings have been submitted to the Church officials in Fenstanton for a plaque honoring John's father, Henry Howland. Howland House was found to have extensive damage from beetles and fungi. Funds from the Gen. Howland Endowment Fund will pay for the repairs.

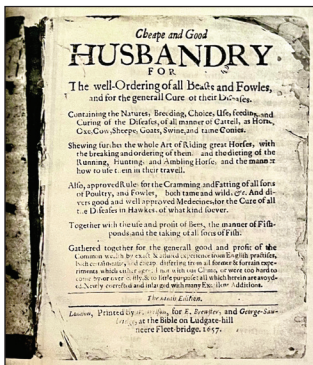
**1967:** The Society is celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Howland House and our own 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The July *Quarterly* featured an extensive report on the history of the House. The cost of the repairs from damage from beetles and fungi are approximately \$14,000, making the observing of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary be "practical and for proper maintenance." We have records scattered around various houses. A steel cabinet was purchased to house them and will be located at the Rhode Island Historical Society Library in Providence. Two elms were removed. Two more are dying. With removal of one near the street, we can have a larger entrance and more parking. The plaque honoring Henry Howland has been placed in Fenstanton. The Society paid \$200 to the City of East Providence for perpetual care for the Brown Lot at Little Neck Cemetery.

**1968:** The October *Quarterly* has a story about

**1970:** Opening ceremonies for the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims began in Plymouth with parades and speeches, including Gov. Sargent (MA) and representatives from England and Holland. Arista Imports gave the Howland Society a Royal Delft Pilgrim Fathers Commemorative Plate. An oak tree was planted for the anniversary, but didn't live. A maple tree was planted to take its place. In November several Howland's joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for a trip to England.

**1971:** The maple tree planted last fall is growing and dedicated as part of the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration. While in Holland, Abbott Nile acquired a 13-star period Flag and presented it to the Society.

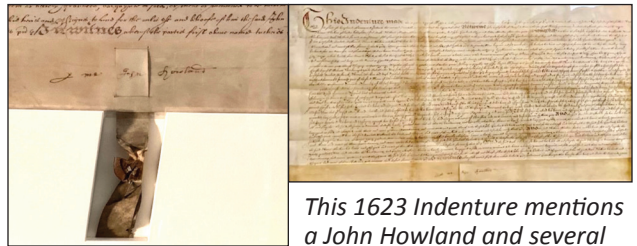
**1972:** This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society and a reception was held in New York City. Stacy B.C. Wood, in his son's name, donated a 1656 book: "*Cheape and Good Husbandry for well-ordering of all Beasts and Fowles...*" It is a compilation of seven books 1656-7. Gloria Christensen wrote about an interesting new member, Blanca Rodrigues Colomina. Her ancestor, Sarah Sabin, married Capt. Joseph Wilson, who was in charge of the privateer *Yankee* during the War of 1812. They moved to Cuba and stayed there for six generations until Castro came into power. Clinton Sellew noted the headstone for Isaac Howland and his wife Elizabeth, may be seen in Middleboro. It is the only known headstone for John Howland's sons. By-Laws were changed to allow a rotating Executive Committee. This season there were 15,245 visitors to Howland House.



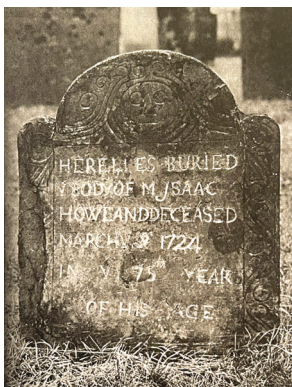
**1973:** An old photo of Howland House was found and is believed to be the oldest photo of the House. (see page 9). Stones were thrown into two windows, so screens will be installed.

**1974:** Howland House was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. John Howland Leeming left the Society a 1623 Indenture between a John Howland and several men in England. It is not known if this is our John, but several of the others mentioned have known associations with the Pilgrims and with Leyden, Holland.

Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr. donated this rare book in his son Joseph's name. It is a compilation of seven books dating from 1656-1657.



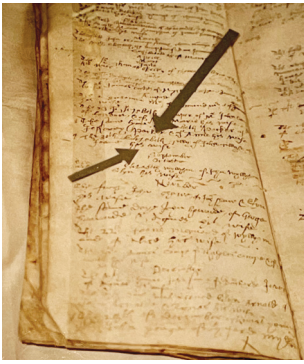
This 1623 Indenture mentions a John Howland and several names and places associated with the Pilgrims.



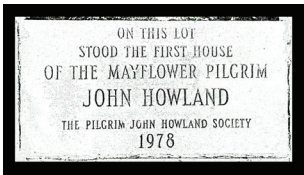
This is the only known headstone for a son of John Howland. It is for Isaac, who died in 1724 and is buried in Middleboro, Massachusetts.



This plate was a gift from Arista Imports. It was made by Royal Delft in Holland in honor of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.



*This is the record of Elizabeth Tilley's baptism on August 30, 1607. She was baptized at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Henlow, England.*



*This is the ground marker at John Howland's home on Leyden Street in Plymouth.*



*Bethia Gorham was born March 16, 1789 in Providence, RI to Jabez and Catherine Gorham. In 1800 she attended the Mary Balch School where she began this lovely silk and chenille on linen sampler. It was never finished.*

**1975:** There was a vote to include descendants of John's brothers Henry and Arthur as members of our Society. The membership declined. There were more new members (58) this year than any year since our founding in 1897.

**1976:** At the Annual Meeting, VP Robert Tatem spoke about the issues in Plymouth: bombing of Plymouth Rock, gasoline fire at Bradford and Harlow Houses, and forced entry at the Sparrow House. Our house and other historic homes have gotten private security for protection. Several members took a trip to England. Among the highlights were seeing the original death record, May 17, 1635, for John's father, Henry Howland, and his wife Margaret, July 31, 1629. The Church records begin in 1612, therefore, we cannot see a baptism record for John Howland. They also enjoyed a delightful cocktail party at the London home of Dulany Howland, son of PJHS past president McClure Howland.

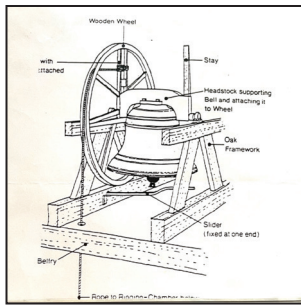
**1976-7:** Ongoing research has given us records for the Tilley family back to the 1400's in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England. Elizabeth Tilley was baptized there.

**1977-8:** Emma Gorham Higley purchased the Bethia Gorham sampler to ensure it stays in the family. Clinton Sellew located the original location for John Howland's home: 16 Leyden Street. A marker was dedicated on Sept. 8, 1978. An 8mm, color, silent movie was made of the dedication.

**1979:** VP Robert Tatem reported that almost one-half of our annual members donated this year.

**1980:** It was fortunate that a security system had been installed and recently upgraded since someone got through the window on the terrace side. The alarm was set off and they fled empty-handed before the police arrived.

**1981:** The Society agreed to sponsor a bell for the tower at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Fenstanton. It was cast and installed by Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London, with a dedication to follow next year.



*The Howland Bell was cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, whose Master Founders go back to 1420. Among the famous bells cast there are Big Ben, cast in 1858, and our Liberty Bell, cast in 1752. The bell on the left reads Whitechapel 1981. The photo on the right has John Howland in the top rings. The bottom has the inscription: "I ring to God's Glory for freedom and Fenstanton's joy."*

**1982:** The Howland Bell in Fenstanton was dedicated on May 2 with about 40 members present. The July 1982 *Quarterly* gave the complete story of this very special trip and fellowship with both Fenstanton (Howland) and Henlow (Tilley). After days of rain, dedication day was sunny and beautiful. As they entered town, the bells were being rung with a lovely peal over the countryside. Some Howlands were able to visit Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London where our bell was cast.

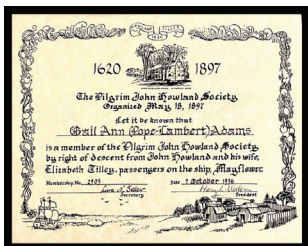
**1984:** Helen Greenwood resigned as treasurer and Merwin Almy was elected to this position.

**1985:** Merwin Almy printed a new roster for members, the first since 1970. We received a tape recording of the bells from St. Mary the Virgin in Henlow which was played at the Annual Meeting.

**1986:** We suffered the tremendous loss of Helen Greenwood. Her many years of service include treasurer from 1954-1984, secretary and editor of the *Quarterly* from 1951-1986. Lura Sellow became the secretary and Robert F. Huber became editor. To get new members VP Robert Tatem sends postcards to State Mayflower Societies for their new Howland members to let them know about our Society. We have grown and now must rent a tent for the annual meeting and Friday evening dinner on the hill at Howland House.

**1987:** We have several changes in this years' election: Harry Walen, president, Robert M. Beals, vice president and Judith Elfring, registrar.

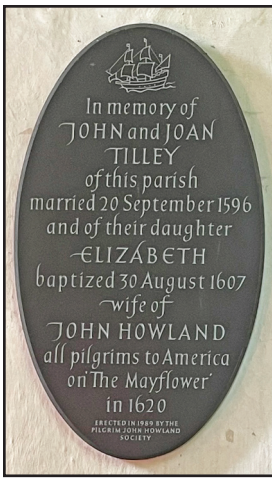
**1988:** Membership certificates are available, designed by our secretary, Lura Sellow. The Society received a \$68,000 bequest from Helen Greenwood's estate, which will be added to the Endowment Fund started with the bequest from Brig. General Charles R. Howland years earlier. Fifty boulders were placed at Rocky Nook to help prevent vehicles from coming onto the property.



*Secretary Lura Sellow created lovely certificates for our members.*

*Helen Greenwood, 1908-1986, served the Society for 35 years including treasurer, secretary and editor of the Quarterly.*





*This is the plaque at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England.*

**1989:** On April 30 a plaque was dedicated in Henlow, the ancestral home of the Tilleys honoring John, Joan and their daughter Elizabeth. Caroline Lewis Kardell, Historian General for the Mayflower Society found a Howland line for President George H.W. Bush.

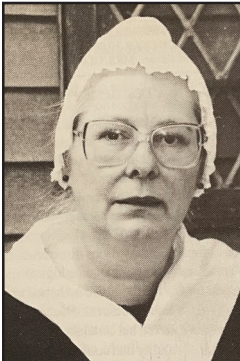
**1990:** Betty Styer wrote an eight-page booklet on Elizabeth Tilley and her ancestry back to the 1400's. The Society is selling tape recordings of the bells ringing at both Fenstanton and Henlow. The first volume of Elizabeth White's books on the Howland/Tilley family, the line through daughter Desire, has been published. Edith Bywaters, "unofficial secretary of the Howland Society" in Henlow passed away. Her funeral caused a major traffic jam causing some to abandon their cars and retrieve them later. Fred Almey, of Cardiff, Wales drove 180 miles to represent the Howland family at her funeral. She was always there to greet American visitors and is the one who helped when we asked for Elizabeth Tilley's baptismal record. (Record is on page 20)

**1991:** Due to ongoing vandalism at Rocky Nook, the Board is considering selling some of the property.

**1992:** Twenty-nine Howland's and spouses toured England, Netherlands and Germany.

**1993:** The Society received a bequest of \$48,000 from the estate of Elizabeth Buttler Schmidt Reed. Nancy Caliri was honored for her many years of service for Howland House. She over-saw major work in 1992 including new clapboards and shingles on three sides of the House, new window frames and sashes, and beautiful landscaping. With her retirement, Susan Shaw was appointed the new curator. Howland member Robert Allen Greene was elected as Governor General of the Mayflower Society.

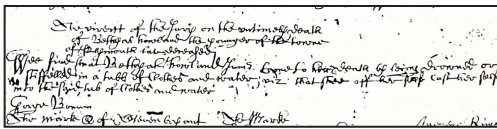
**1994:** Our Henlow contact, Jackie Painter, reports that work is being done at the Church to make better use of space. Toilet facilities were installed and a new upstairs room was created. (This would later be called the "Elizabeth Tilley" room). Howland members donated \$1,795 and the Society 1,000 Pounds to help with the leaky roof fund. A lovely letter of thanks was received from Jackie. 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. The flag belongs to the Tatem family.



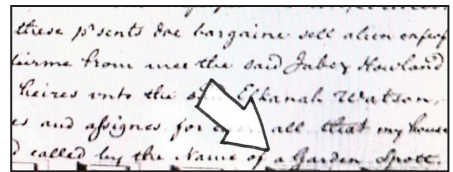
*Susan Shaw became a Howland House hostess in 1990 and appointed curator in 1993.*



*Howland Society President Harry L. Walen (center) received congratulations on his re-election from two other Howlands - Richard Howland Maxwell (left), the new governor general of the Mayflower Society, and Robert Allen Greene, the outgoing governor general.*



*This is the entry for the tragic drowning of little Bethyah Howland.*



*This is the 1680 deed for Jabez Howland selling his house to Elkanah Watson. The house and land are called "The Garden Spot." (See arrow lower right)*

**1995:** Curator Susan Shaw made an inventory of the contents of Howland House and uncovered historical documents relating to Jabez and Bethia Howland. One was a sad "wash day" tragedy as little two-year old Bethyah fell into the wash tub and drowned. In the 1680 deed Howland House is referred to as the Garden Spot. Anne Hemmens retired as head hostess and was succeeded by Barbara Gladstone. At the annual meeting, members approved a two-treasurer system: a general treasurer and a treasurer for membership. Members are still donating for the work at Henlow, now totaling over \$3,500. Members and guests took a trip to England, Isle of Man and Wales. Robert Tatem was dubbed the "old tire kicker" since on every trip, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1992 and 1995, each morning he would kick all of the tires on the bus to make sure they were ok! A committee was appointed to look into options to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1997.

**1996:** Howland Society member Richard Howland Maxwell was elected Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Robert "Bert" Tatem, a member for 70 years, having joined in 1926, was honored with a certificate for his many accomplishments in the Society. He wrote a lovely article for the June *Quarterly* with many memories of the early days of the Society. The 1997 Centennial celebration started this year with a field trip to Little Neck Cemetery in East Providence, RI to see the headstone in memory of Elizabeth Tilley Howland.

**1997:** The Pilgrim John Howland Society is 100 years old! A record was set for the number attending: 150 at the Annual Meeting and 137 for the luncheon at the Carver Inn. A Centennial History and complete roster, known as the "Red Book" was published. The annual meeting included a bus field trip to Provincetown to tour pilgrim sites. The return trip was by boat to re-trace the journey the pilgrims took to Plymouth. The Howland Bell in Fenstanton is fine, but the other bells, up to 300 years old need expert attention. Howlands stepped up and sent contributions. Former vice president Robert Beals and secretary Lura Sellow passed away.



*1997 Anniversary meeting: President Harry Walen conducts the meeting in the tent at Howland House, followed by the wreath laying at Burial Hill at John Howlands grave. Howland House hostesses took a break to enjoy the luncheon at the John Carver Inn. The Adams family (Gail, future editor and Rebecca, future scholarship chair) loved eating lunch at the Hearth and Kettle with a painting of "our house."*

**1998:** The only state we do not have a member in is North Dakota. Merwin Almy is offering a free Centennial Book to anyone who can sponsor a member there and a book for the new member as well. Jackie Painter (Henlow) reports after 18 months they finally have a Vicar. Scaffolding has gone up on the Church for the first phase to repair the leaky roof. Our members voted to send an additional 1,000 Pounds Sterling to help. President Walen invited junior member Kristen Kohley to sit in on the executive board meeting to be the unofficial representative of junior members. She is a seventh grader who did a major project on our ancestors that was featured in their local newspaper. The first archaeological dig at Rocky Nook in 38 years was conducted. A Field School sponsored by the University of Virginia lead by Derek Wheeler and Andrew Beahrs unearthed the foundation and hearth stones originally excavated by Sidney Strickland in the 1930's and James Deetz in 1960. Howland House got a new roof and furnace. Gloria Christensen, who served the Society as historian for five years, assistant editor of the *Quarterly* for 29 years and registrar for 36 years passed away.

**1999:** A record number of 45 went on a tour to England, Scotland, and the Netherlands. Harry Walen retired, and Bradford Gorham was elected as our new president. Howland House underwent some emergency repairs. The second University of Virginia Archaeological Field School excavated and was 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 making it impossible to sail on the *Mayflower*. He remained in England.



Emory Howland enjoyed some laughs with the "Ladies in Waiting" at our Elizabethan Banquet at Hatfield House.



Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Fenstanton.



The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. The building dates to c 1370.

Susan Shaw presented Jackie Painter, our Henlow contact, with a lovely coif. Jackie enjoys giving talks on Elizabeth Tilley and the pilgrims.



Dr. Jeremy Bangs and Alice Teal. Dr. Bangs gave an interesting talk on the Pilgrims and their time in Holland.



In Henlow, families "adopted" the reverse pilgrims for the day. My family has truly become family as we have met several times. You will recognize the names, since years after this trip, James Burgess became our contact and sends wonderful articles for the *Quarterly*. Left to right: Anne, Dominic, Edmund, James and Maria. -the Editor

**2000:** Robert Huber retired as *Howland Quarterly* editor and Gail Ann Adams was appointed editor. The University of Virginia discontinued the field school and Gail suggested we continue the digs with our members, supervised by a professional archaeologist. The Howlands rose to the occasion and had our first annual dig at Rocky Nook. Derek Wheeler agreed to come and supervise us. The dig was a success, and many artifacts were found. The Society donated another \$1,000 to aid historic St. Mary's in Henlow. President Gorham suggested having a shallop built to sail and commemorate John Howland's voyage to Cushnoc (Augusta, Maine) to set up a trading post. Peter Arenstam of Plimoth Plantation agreed to take on the project. Jay Lucas suggested we name the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley*.

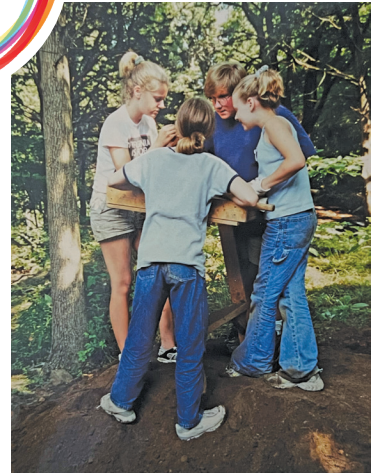


L to r: Edward (Teddy) Howland, John Howland and Sandee Clark digging for treasures.

The Howland cat came each day and sat on the clipboard protecting our data.



Digging crew gather at our monument at Rocky Nook. Front row: Chris Smith, Ashley Smith, Teddy Howland, Rebecca Adams (and cat), Jason Boroughs; Back: Tracy Perkins, Sandee Clark, John Howland, Mary Ann Feeney, Bonnie Smith; Standing: Derek Wheeler, Ingrid Smith and Jesse Sawyer. (L to r)



These four junior members are sifting the dirt and it looks like they have found something. Left, Rebecca Adams, VA, Bonnie Smith, NY, Teddy Howland, ME, Ashley Smith, NY. Many years later, one serves as a chair for a committee and two are the outgoing and incoming president of the Society. Young people truly are the backbone of our Society.

**2001:** The Society sponsored the second Howland member dig at Rocky Nook. Among the artifacts found were a 1723 Wood halfpenny, a pewter spoon, a thimble, and lead shot still on the mold, suggesting it was manufactured at the site. There are two states with no members: North Dakota and Mississippi. A prize of a British Millennium Stamp is offered by the editor if you will recommend a prospective member. Upon acceptance of their application, the editor will send you the stamp. In true pilgrim spirit, Sandee Clark retired from work, then hiked the Appalachian Trail! The building of our shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*, has begun!



2001 Second Dig

*L to r: **Sitting:** John Howland, Junior Members: Ashley Smith, Teddy Howland, Rebecca Adams, Bonnie Smith, Charlotte Mader. **Standing:** Jason Boroughs, Assist. Supervisor, Richard Clary, Chris Smith, Ingrid Smith, Jon Stubbs, Elizabeth Mader, Bill Heath, Terry Mader, Charlotte Snowden, Abby Gesner, Derek Wheeler, Supervisor.*



*Pilgrim Sandee Clark retired from work and hiked the Appalachian Trail.*



2001

*Peter Arenstam of Plimoth Plantation was the master builder for our shallop. It was in the crafts area so visitors may watch. At the time, Peter did not know he was a Howland descendant!*

*Charlotte Mader found lead shot still attached to the mold, suggesting it was manufactured at Rocky Nook.*



2001



*Our Cuban cousin's descend through Howland son Jabez, and his descendant, Sarah (Sally) Sabin Wilson. Sally moved to Cuba in the early 1800's.*

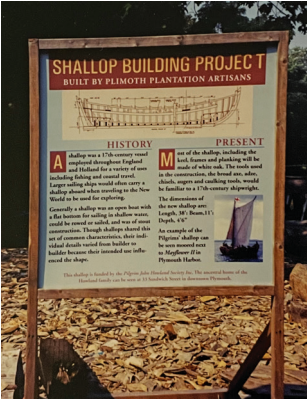
*Our youngest digger, Bonnie Smith, and most "senior" digger Richard Clary, both of whom descend through Hope.*



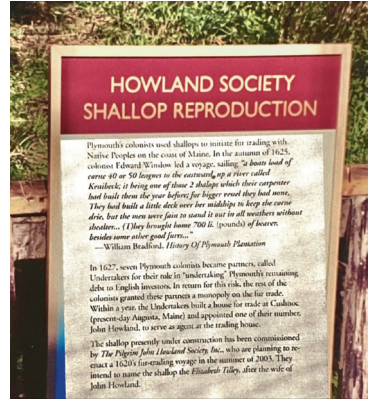
**2002:** Barbara Dillon retired as historian and John R. Howland was elected. The third annual dig at Rocky Nook yielded many interesting artifacts, including 1700's scissors and a buckle. We had a special group of members at our annual meeting of Cuban descent. Their Howland descendant ancestor went to Cuba in the early 1800's "for a short time," but ended up staying. Much progress has been made on our shallop, but she will not be ready to sail this year.



The summer of 2002, Peter Arenstam and Dave Wheelock hard at work on our shallop, "Elizabeth Tilley."



From 2001-2003  
 Plimoth Plantation built  
 our shallop in the arts  
 and crafts area so their  
 visitors could watch this  
 historic project.  
 Thousands of people  
 were able to watch a  
 boat being built using  
 17th century methods.



"End of the 2002 dig" summary by Derek. L to r: Jonathan, John, Teddy, Charlotte, Terry, Ingrid, Bonnie, Ashley, Richard, Rebecca and Derek.

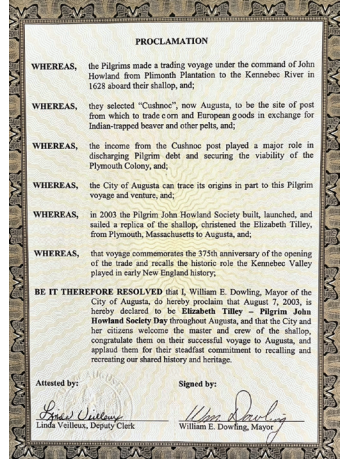


Supervisor Derek Wheeler showing Howland Dig Director Charlotte Mader how to use the transit. The transit is used to measure elevation and lay out the grid.

2002 Diggers: L to r: **Sitting:** Jonathan Stubbs, Jason Boroughs, Bonnie Smith, Ashley Smith, Rebecca Adams, Teddy Howland, Tracy Smith, Allison Tillack. **Standing:** Jesse Sawyer, Derek Wheeler-Supervisor, Chris Smith, Ingrid Smith, Richard Clary, John Howland, and Charlotte Mader.



**2003:** Robert F. Huber, past *Howland Quarterly* editor, left the Society \$100,000 to establish a new award: The Lura Sellow Mayflower Medal. From Bob: "The recipient shall be selected annually and will receive a medal, certificate, and a cash award. The winner is judged on their contributions to our Pilgrim traditions over a period of time and variety of activities." The first award was given to past president, Harry L. Walen. The shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*, is ready to sail to Maine where John Howland helped set up a trading post. Richard Howland Maxwell, vice president, passed away. Brad Gorham retired and Robert A. Greene became president. Charlotte Mader (later Gintert) was appointed director of the archaeological dig, and the fourth annual dig was held. Merwin Almy retired and Jean Albert was elected treasurer for membership.



The maiden voyage of the *Elizabeth Tilley* was from July 28 to August 7, 2003, making several stops including Cohasset and Rockport, MA, Isle o'Shoals (near NH), Kennebunkport, Portland, Popham Beach, Bath, Richmond, and Augusta, Maine. There was a crowd to welcome the sailors, an honor guard and from Old Fort Western, muskets fired in greeting. Jonathan Stubbs, Sandee Clark, Brad Gorham and Chris Smith carried the baskets of corn to trade for beaver pelts. A Proclamation was given by the Mayor of Augusta making August 7 "Pilgrim John Howland Day."



**2004:** After spending the winter at the Robinburg Marine Center in Georgetown, Maine, the shallow *Elizabeth Tilley* will be returning to Plymouth. The 2003 sailing crew pitched in to have a commemorative plate made for Peter Arenstam for building our shallow and for being our captain on the maiden voyage. Mike Haywood, an artist from England, visited Howland House with a painting of John Howland called *"Pilgrim Overboard."* The Lura Sellew Medal was awarded to Robert Tatem. The fifth annual dig was held at Rocky Nook, with Richard Clary as the new Custodian.



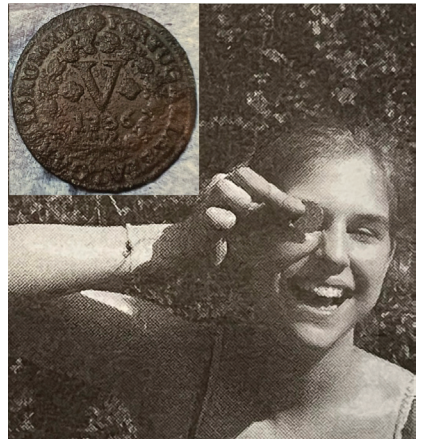
*John Howland and British artist Mike Haywood are holding a print of Mike's painting "Pilgrim Overboard."*

**2005:** The sixth annual dig at Rocky Nook moved across the road to the Joseph Howland site. The Howland Society joined a DNA project. Caroline L. Kardell wrote about challenges with the Howland line in England since "Henry lived in Fenstanton, but he nor his children were born there." She thinks perhaps Kent, but Tom Howland believes Essex. Stay tuned! We have a new website coordinated by historian John R. Howland and constructed by webmaster Joseph Howland Wood. The Alliance for Community Media awarded the 2005 video documentary *"The Voyage of the Elizabeth Tilley"* first prize in the non-professional category at the National Hometown Video Festival.



*Howland descendants at the 2005 dig at Rocky Nook: Jan Hetterly, Richard Clary, Jon Stubbs, Charlotte Mader Gintert, and John Howland.*

**2006:** Robert F. Huber, former *Howland Quarterly* editor, passed away. After 16 years, Susan Shaw retired from Howland House and Nancy Kerr was appointed the new curator. Dr. Mark Byford, a book collector from England, has a book (dated 1587) that once belonged to Jabez Howland and bears his signature, along with his son Josiah and Josiah's daughter YetMercy (the one with a Coat of Arms on her headstone). Your editor was happy to meet with Dr. Byford in London (in 2007) to see, touch and hold this wonderful book, clearly loved by our ancestors. The shallow, *Elizabeth Tilley*, sailed to Mystic Seaport, CT. While sailing, President Gorham decided to go for a swim, forgetting the boat is moving away at about three knots with no brakes. Similar to our ancestor of so long ago.... Brad grabbed a line that was trailing astern and was hauled in!



*In the 2006 dig, Bonnie Smith found a 1736 coin from Portugal minted during the reign of King Johannes the Fifth.*



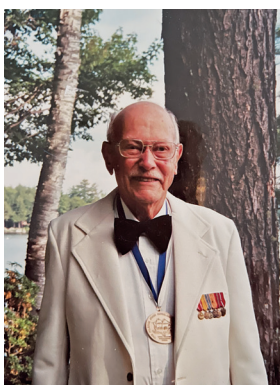
*Nancy Kerr served as a hostess and curator for Howland House.*

**2007:** Our shallop returned from Connecticut and sailed alongside the *Mayflower II* to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its building in England and sailing to America in 1957. Robert Tatem, a member since 1926 passed away. He and his family made many significant contributions to the Society, Howland House and Rocky Nook. Edward (Teddy) Howland and Gail Ann Adams were elected as first-time directors. The eighth annual dig was held at Rocky Nook. Among the treasures found were a piece of Westerwald ceramics c. 1700 and a nearly complete redware storage jar. Bobbi Hall and Nancy Kerr made Nantucket baskets using pieces of wood from the 18<sup>th</sup> century part of Howland House after repairs were done. A lovely new brochure about the Howland Society was printed.



*Mary Gorham Higley in 1923 as a bacteriologist. She had to ask her boss permission to bob her hair.*

**2008:** Caroline L. Kardell passed away. She was not a Howland but was a volunteer at Howland House and conducted DNA studies and research on the Howlands. Our shallop was filmed by WBGH Television in a feature about the Pilgrims. 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 that take place there. Henlow is our ancestral home of the Tilley's, with records going back to the 1400's. Howland House had many repairs this year including windows, floors, a new front door, improved wiring, A/C downstairs, and interior painting. Member dues rose for the first time in over 10 years, from \$12 to \$15 per year. Treasurer for Membership, Jean Albert, instituted having a silent auction at the annual meeting to raise funds. Over \$500 was raised! Howland House Curator Nancy Kerr passed away and Gail Dobbins stepped up as acting curator. Howland member Judy Swan was elected Governor of the Mayflower Society. Gabriella Cordeiro (soon to be Higgins) has been elected secretary and will assume her duties after her honeymoon. The ninth annual Rocky Nook dig (4th at the Joseph site) was successful. Many artifacts were found, including a thimble, a spur, a book clasp, trade beads and redware. The Rocky Nook dig crew enjoyed a sail on our shallop with Admiral Tracy Dieselman at the helm. Past president Harry Walen passed away. We have a new contact in Fenstanton: Candice Guite. Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., John R. Howland, et al, created a K-12 curriculum for teachers in the classroom. Our oldest member, Mary Gorham Higley, age 110, passed away. She was born Aug. 10, 1898.



*Bert Tatem, a 70 year member served as VP for 18 years.*



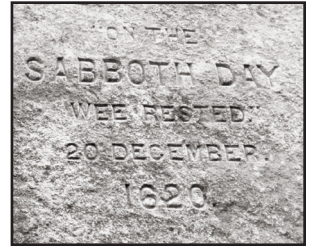


Herb garden at Howland House

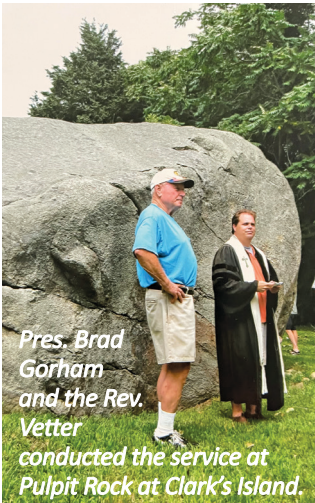


**2009:** Acting Howland House curator Gail Dobbins reported more work was done, including painting upstairs, re-braced the ceiling in the kitchen, and window repairs. Our shallop sailed several times this year including the Clark's Island picnic, the Antique Boat Show in Provincetown, and Plymouth Harbor for our annual meeting. For the first time, a non-Howland is serving as curator of Howland House: Judith McAlister. She is experienced and knowledgeable with historic interpretation, care, cataloging, preserving, and creating exhibits. One of her first projects is an herb garden with herbs known to be used in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Past Perfect was purchased for cataloging all the artifacts in the House. A commemorative stamp was created in the Netherlands for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pilgrims leaving England to settle in Leiden in 1609. Joanne Pratt and Richard Clary became first-time directors. Michael Goldstein provided a YouTube video of our shallop sailing and President Gorham's speech at Clark's Island. Rocky Nook dig

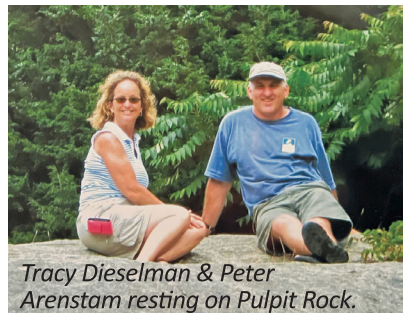
director Charlotte Gintert reported that the 10th annual dig was moderately successful. Nineteen units were opened - the largest in one season. Artifacts include a spoon handle (knop), mottled ware and Westerwald ceramics, a cast iron pot fragment, buckle and tobacco pipe bowls and stems. Jean Albert reported we have 1296 members. At her suggestion, we included dues notices in the *Quarterly*, rather than mailing, saving about \$500. Past secretary Barbara Adams passed away. The question of "What year was John Howland born" has been the topic of many discussions. We posed the question in



the *Quarterly* and received articles from Caleb Johnson, Eldon Gay, Pat Knies, and Olga Sinexon Brigham. The suggested dates range from 1592-1602, all with good conclusions. We may never be 100% certain. Howland House was open for Thanksgiving and served sage scones and hot cider. The sage came from our own garden. The hostesses made candles and wampum bracelet kits for visitors to purchase. Some of the visitors have been coming to Howland House for Thanksgiving for years.



Pres. Brad Gorham and the Rev. Vetter conducted the service at Pulpit Rock at Clark's Island.

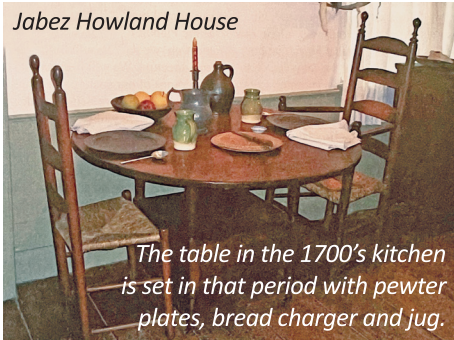


Tracy Dieselman & Peter Arenstam resting on Pulpit Rock.



*Rocky Nook 2010 dig was a record turnout.*

**2010:** The Mayflower Society changed their policy so you may join on a female line, allowing us to join on Elizabeth Tilley or her mother Joan. Treasurer for Membership Jean Albert reported that putting dues notices in the *Quarterly* worked so well and saved \$500, we will put the meeting notice in as well. Between both, that will save about \$1,000. Editor Gail Adams wrote a story



*Jabez Howland House*

*The table in the 1700's kitchen is set in that period with pewter plates, bread charger and jug.*

about Esther Howland, known to many as the “Mother of the American Valentine.” The article was also published in the September 2010, Vol. 76 No.3, edition of the *Mayflower Quarterly* and (2013) in the award-winning *American Spirit Magazine*. Esther’s brother was member number one of our Society. The shallop had several good sails this year. Howland House had preservation work done, including whitewashed walls and porch, plaster work and some interior painting. The quarantine room is going to become an exhibit room to display achievements of Howland descendants. Children visiting the House can try their hand at candle making, carding wool, and making bracelets with wampum beads. In addition to giving tours, the hostesses tend the herb garden, do research, clean the house and pick up the grounds. Merwin Almy passed away. He had served as treasurer and computerized our membership and mailing list. Clint Sellow passed away. He researched and wrote many articles for the *Quarterly*. He discovered the original site for Howland’s house on Leyden Street in Plymouth. Caleb Johnson researched and wrote a comprehensive study about John Howland and the Kennebec Trade House. Richard Clary, curator of Rocky Nook reported a record number of diggers this year at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual dig – over 30! Plimoth Plantation built a new Howland house and members were given a tour at the annual meeting by Richard Pickering. Jackie Painter, our contact in Henlow, is still giving talks on “That Mayflower Girl.”



*Richard Pickering and Eldon Gay discussed the prototype Howland home recently built at Plimoth Plantation.*

**2011:** Artist Ruth deWilde Major conducts research to paint various scenes of the Howlands' lives to be as accurate as possible. Her articles and paintings have been featured in the *Quarterly*. Howland House has new signage to be clearer that the Jabez Howland House is the "only house left in Plymouth where Pilgrims actually lived." The House has a new exhibit of the timeline of the Howland's in



*"Harvest Time at the Howland Homestead, 1650" by Ruth Major is hanging at the Jabez Howland House.*



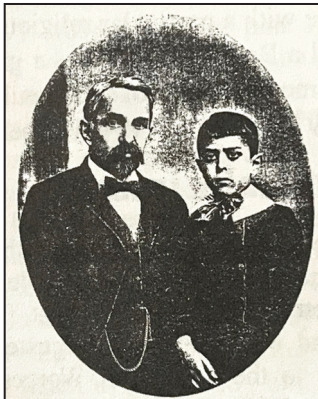
the new world. The 1700's room has a new table setting appropriate to that period. We have 12 interpreters, eight of which are Mayflower descendants: six from Howland, two Cooke, one Alden, and one Brewster, Rogers, and Hopkins. John R. Howland, archivist/historian, passed away. He was very involved in the DNA project, Rocky Nook digs, sailing our shallow, and helping prospective members. We had our 12th annual dig at Rocky Nook. Our contact in Henlow, Jackie Painter, had a cardiac arrest. She is recovering and we keep her in our prayers and are grateful to hear from her.



*The "quarantine" room at Howland House is now an exhibition room.*



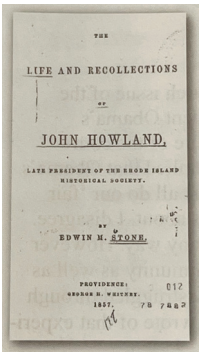
*At the 2005 dig John found this rare strawberry pattern spoon handle.*



*Editor Gail Adams' article on Esther Howland was featured in the Mayflower Quarterly (Sept. 2010) and American Spirit Magazine (Jan./Feb. 2013). Some call Esther the "Mother of the American Valentine." Her brother Charles Allen Howland was a founder of our Society and member number one. His son, Charles, Jr. is member number twenty-six.*



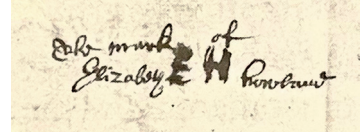
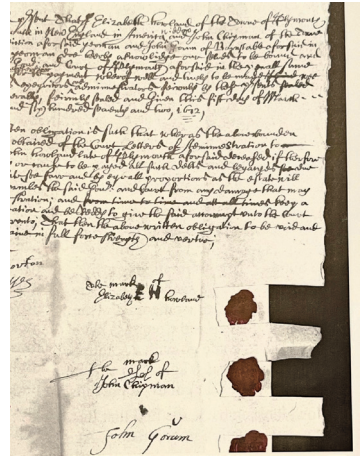
Joanne Hatch, a descendant of John<sup>5</sup> Howland, donated this 1841 painting. Editor Gail Adams donated the 1857 book about him to go with the painting.



items: a bond with Elizabeth Howland's mark, a document at Pilgrim Hall Museum with John Howland, Jr.'s signature (testimony involving the probate of land at Rocky Nook), and a painting of John<sup>5</sup> Howland. It was donated by Joanne Hatch of Rockport, MA. She is a direct descendant, and it has been in her family since it was painted in 1841. Editor Gail Adams donated a book about him: "*The Life and Recollections of John Howland, Late President of the Rhode Island Historical Society,*" by Edwin M. Stone, published in 1857. Howland House curator Judy McAlister reported of the last three years, 2010 was best

for visitors, 2011 was best for sales and 2012 best for highest number of tours. 2012 visitors came from at least 45 states and eight countries. Shallop Admiral Tracy Dieselman trained Michael Goldstein and now he can take the boat out without her, meaning we can have more sails! Editor Adams won First Place in an essay contest for the National Society of New England Women. Judy Elfring presented the Society with a plaque to record the recipients of the Lura Sellev Medal. To commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the editor has requested stories about Howland descendants who served in these wars. Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on the East Coast and our shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*, broke loose from her mooring in Plymouth Harbor, and headed straight for the *Mayflower II*. It was reported she was moving, under bare spars alone, almost as fast as if in full sail, heading for the one place that would assure her survival. The crew got her to a safe place and tied her up securely for the remainder of the storm. There was damage, but, thankfully, no structural damage.

2012: The by-laws were approved for a new member category: Friends of the PJHS. Many people help with cleaning and maintaining our shallop, volunteer at Howland House and other assorted tasks to help our Society. They may not be Howland descendants but contribute much and are interested in our history. Peggy Baker of Pilgrim Hall Museum wrote a detailed article (*March Quarterly*) on headstones at Burial Hill, including Howland stones and their history. August was busy with several sailings of our shallop, preparing Rocky Nook for more digs, and cutting more trails. Due to work to be done, there wasn't a dig this year. We have a new contact in Fenstanton: Rebecca Cumbers. The PJHS is on Facebook and Twitter. Historian/Archivist Eldon Gay reported on three important Howland



Historian/Archivist Eldon Gay re-discovered this 1672/3 bond that bears the mark of Elizabeth Howland and her sons-in-law John Chipman and John Gorum. (Herbert Miles discovered it in 1944, but long forgotten)

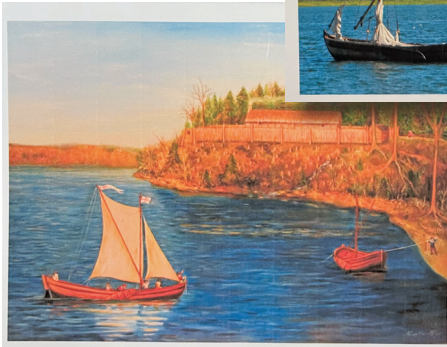


*New flat stones provided by President Gorham make the entry to Howland House much safer.*



*After 13 years supervising our Rocky Nook dig, archaeologist Derek Wheeler is retiring. His wife Emilie joined us this year as he gave a talk on our digs, past, present, and future.*

**2013:** Howland House had a busy year with visitors from 41 states and 13 countries. Items were added to the Gift Shop, children made candles, used the looming frame, and learned about colonial herbs from the garden. We have new notecards for sale using the artwork of Ruth Major and photos by Judy McAlister. The House received a new roof and now has no leaks! The stone entry path to the House was replaced with flatter stones so that the tripping hazard was removed. President Gorham donated the stones and brought them from his farm in Vermont. Rack cards were created with a description of Howland House on one side, and a map to the Rocky Nook property on the reverse. President Gorham appointed a "20/20 Vision" committee to begin planning for our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Historian/Archivist Eldon Gay is working with the Univ. of MA archaeology department to map out the Rocky Nook property using ground radar to detect foundations. For years Eldon has been looking for the spring and finally found its outlet by Fishing Rocks. He followed it back through the woods until the stream ended at the pond. This is the spring our members were invited to drink from in the early days of the Society. (Please see page 14). Derek Wheeler, our archaeologist from Virginia, has been supervising our digs since the very first one in 2000, announced he is retiring. He will be missed! At our annual banquet, he gave an in-depth talk on our digs – past, present, and future. David Landon (Univ. of MA) came to consult with Derek to plan for next year's strategy.



*Notecards were made from photographs taken by curator Judy McAlister and paintings by Ruth Major.*



*Scag Tree Old Colony Arborists trimmed our giant maple for free! This tree was planted in 1970 and dedicated as part of our 350th Mayflower anniversary celebrations.*



*"John and Elizabeth Howland Heading Home, Autumn 1650," by Ruth Major.*



*After our Annual Meeting, held at Plimoth Plantation, we celebrated with "John and Elizabeth" as they were married. Edward Winslow was the officiant.*

**2014:** There was a lot of work done at Howland House, including the garden, the stones around the driveway, outside painting, clapboards re-nailed, and rotten pieces of wood removed from the windows. Bobbi Hall donated a modern spinning wheel and several of the staff are learning how to spin. The House opened the week of Thanksgiving. Plymouth has one of the largest Thanksgiving parades, and it can be seen from the House. Visitors came from all over the world and our hostesses greeted them with hot cider, demonstrations on candle making and spinning. Our new admiral of the shallop, Michael

Goldstein, had a busy first year. He sailed the shallop near Duxbury for the opening of the Harbor on Memorial Day and to Sandwich for their 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over 2,000 people came to see the shallop and about 1,500 came on board. They also sailed to Clark's Island for the service and picnic. Several officers retired from their position and some took a new office. Director Ashley Smith suggested the scholarship for college students be raised to \$1,000. The Board approved the motion. Harold Ordway, Jr. passed away. He served as General Treasurer from 1995-2004 and made many sound decisions with our investments and endowment fund. After the annual meeting (held at Plimoth

Plantation) a re-enactment of the marriage of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley took place. Artist Ruth Major painted another scene: "John and Elizabeth Howland Heading Home, Autumn 1650." There was no dig at Rocky Nook this year. Joanne Pratt is working on updating our website to include announcements of upcoming events. Last year Jonathan Stubbs contacted

Scag Tree Old Colony Arborists to have work done on the very large maples at Howland House. Mr. John Scagliarini suggested we nominate our tree for the Arbor Day project. Our tree was accepted, so the work began on April 25 free of charge!



*Howland House Curator Judy McAlister was the first to join in our newest category: Friends of the PJHS.*

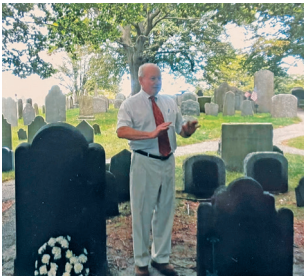


*Secretary Gabriella Higgins with husband Glenn and daughters Alyzabeth and Lilyana. Lily was often the youngest at the meeting.*



*The “Three Sisters” garden, with maize, beans and squash, aid in historic interpretation at Howland House.*

and took part in all our events. Past president Bradford Gorham passed away. He was a Marine, politician, lawyer, farmer, historian, sailor, and gentleman. It was he who proposed



*Bradford Gorham served as counsellor for 27 years, vice president for eight years, and president for 14 years. He loved his Howland family and was always ready to tell their story. There was no job too big or small; he was always there to lend a hand.*

**2015:** There is a new Mayflower Colony in California: Rancho Conejo Colony, and the first governor was a Howland: Robert Dempster. Director Ashley Smith reported we have awarded our first scholarship. The recipient was Andrea Read Thurston, attending Thomas College. We received the sad news that Martyn Saunders, our long-time contact in Fenstanton, England, passed away. The membership stands at 1,165 members, 72 junior members, 23 marriage and parentage, 60 marriage only and 20 friends. Howland House had visitors from 38 states and 11 countries. The *Quarterly* has been featuring articles on Howland descendants who served in the Civil War for the sesquicentennial. The “Three Sisters” garden, with corn (maize), beans and squash, was planted to aid in historic preservation and interpretation at Howland House. The neighboring property owner rebuilt the stone fence that faces our parking lot. Bones were found – horse bones. Were they from Jabez’ horses? It is near the area we believe his stable and blacksmith shop were located. There was a dig at Rocky Nook with Craig Chartier and Eldon Gay overseeing it. The dig uncovered what might be an English barn and a hearth and entrance to one of the dwellings. Shallop Admiral Michael Goldstein oversaw several sails including taking part in the *Pirates Ashore* event. Bernie Elfring, husband of our long-time registrar Judy Elfring passed away. For years he drove her down to Plymouth for our annual meeting

the building of our shallop to sail to Maine. He served our Society as counsellor, vice president and president. He wrote grants to obtain funds for our shallop, work on Howland House and more. He was not afraid to get his hands dirty and was always on hand to plant, build fences and remove trees.

**2016:** The Pilgrim John Howland Society has been granted “Organizational Partner” with Plymouth 400, Inc. as we prepare to celebrate our 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower*. The Board hired an accounting firm, Cozby & Co., to manage our books and process bills. Admiral Michael Goldstein oversaw several sails and our shallop, “*Elizabeth Tilley*” participated in “*Pirates Ashore*” in Plymouth. The Board announced dues will increase from \$15 to \$25 in 2017. To increase membership for 2020, the application/entrance fee will be waived until Dec. 31, 2020. PayPal has been added to our website for easier payments. Alice C. Teal, editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly* for 22 years and Howland board member passed away. Eldon Gay is developing a plan for outlining the site of John Howland’s home at Rocky Nook with signs and paths. A kiosk is being planned to provide information for visitors. Everett St. Louis made new signs for Rocky Nook including a sign to mark the location of Howland Spring. Richard Clary, curator of Rocky Nook reported the site is clean and secure. A dig was held the week before the meeting with almost a dozen volunteers. The foundations of several outbuildings are being found. Craig Chartier traveled to Virginia to pick up 20 boxes of artifacts from Derek Wheeler, supervisor of several digs. Added to the collection from Plimoth Plantation, there are about 110,000 artifacts from about 80 years of archaeology. Eldon discovered a new line to Desire Howland Gorham that was published in *American Genealogy*. The Howland House staff made a scarecrow for the “Three Sisters” garden to keep out the crows. They received some native tobacco seeds to plant from Steve Mattern, *Plimoth Gard’s* Captain. Several House staff studied and prepared a tour of the Howland site at Burial Hill. There are several Howland graves near John Howland’s grave. Duane Muzzy of St. Augustine, FL, gifted the Society with a model of our shallop that he built. It will be on display at Howland House. Docent Elizabeth Gould designed a new rack card to be placed at various places around Plymouth. President Jonathan Stubbs ordered a granite bench to be placed at Howland House in honor of Brad Gorham.



*As you enter the path to the Rocky Nook property, on your left is the large granite memorial from 1921. On the right is the kiosk providing maps and interesting information. Scholarship chair, Rebecca Adams Kaeberle, enjoyed learning more about this homestead from the kiosk.*



*(l to r) Historian/Archivist Eldon Gay, Vice President Everett St. Louis, and Rocky*



*Nook Custodian Richard Clary clearing and cleaning the area near the Spring. Everett made the signs to mark known locations including the Spring, the entrance to the house and the*



*hearth. Eldon and Richard spend many hours clearing paths, cleaning the site, marking trails and participating in the archaeological digs.*





*Michael Goldstein wears two hats: treasurer and admiral. He keeps us solvent and afloat with both!*

*Michael leads sails not only for our members, but events such as "Pirates Ashore" (giving passage to privateers to 'invade' Plymouth) and Pulpit Rock (first service, Dec. 20, 1620).*



**2017:** For the first time in our 120-year history, we have elected a woman president: Ashley Smith. She was a director for several years, participated in many of the digs at Rocky Nook, and served on various committees. 2017 is the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Jabez Howland House. A large sign was posted out front to entice visitors to stop by to see the only house left in Plymouth where *Mayflower* passengers stayed. The celebration for the House brought 476 visitors and 45 tours! There were over 3,400 visitors for the season. The archaeological dig at Rocky Nook yielded more buildings and many interesting artifacts, including a gun flint, bricks, shells, a lead seal with the initials RIL, a pipe bowl fragment from before 1650, 18<sup>th</sup> century pewter button, pottery, and more. Since being elected president, Ashley is stepping down as scholarship chair and she appointed Rebecca Adams Kaeberle. Michael Goldstein wrote a grant that yielded \$53,600 to fund a variety of projects including repairs for the shallop and Howland House. The YetMercy headstone (the only one with a Howland Coat of Arms) was moved inside Howland House to prevent further deterioration. Frank Drollett of Colonial Stone performed the work and John Dobbins made a cradle to store the headstone. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States entering World War I, so the editor asked for stories of Howland descendants that served in that war.



*Ashley Smith was elected our first woman president.*



*Brad's bench.*

*Archaeologist Craig Chartier brought artifacts from recent digs at Rocky Nook for members to see. His reports can be seen on our website.*



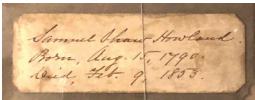
*YetMercy Howland's headstone was moved inside Howland House. John Dobbins built the "cradle" to house this interesting stone. The top has a Howland Coat of Arms, but no known connection to Pilgrim John.*





An "after the meeting" social gathering was held: "Paint and Sip." We took home a painting of Howland House, our own beautiful piece of art!

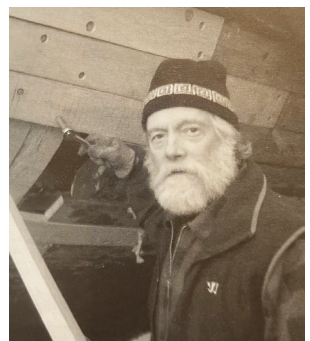
**2018:** Joanne Pratt is updating our website to include interactive capabilities between our members, the ability to register for our meetings, to pay our dues/make donations, and have digital copies of the *Quarterly*. We have about 100 visitors per day. The *Quarterly* editor asked all descendants who have ever served in any war, in any branch, or as a civilian, to share their stories and photos. Our shallop underwent extensive repairs for damaged wood, overseen by Jon Daley. After many years of fundraising and work, our Henlow, England contact, Jackie Painter, reported the roof at St. Mary's, where Elizabeth Tilley was baptized, is done! The congregation had a "deep cleaning" party, and the Church looks beautiful! The president and board would like to start having "outside the meeting" social gatherings. The first one, "Paint and Sip" was a success, and the participants went home with their own painting of the Howland House. Editor Adams donated a portrait of Samuel Shaw Howland, 1790-1853 and a limited edition print of the whale ship *John Howland*. Each quarter our registrar gives a report on our new members and which of the ten children of John and Elizabeth they descend from. For the first time, we had new members from ALL TEN! Among the interesting items found at this year's Rocky Nook dig was a brass mouth harp, giving an opportunity to hear a sound from the 17<sup>th</sup> century as our ancestors would have heard. Lynda Hylander worked with Hamilton Jewelers to create a lovely charm, medal, and lapel pin with our Society name and the Jabez Howland House.



Editor Gail Adams donated this portrait of Samuel Shaw Howland, 1790-1853.



This brass mouth harp was found at the dig at Rocky Nook enabling us to hear a sound from the 17<sup>th</sup> century that John and Elizabeth would have heard.



We are grateful to Jon Daley who oversees the maintenance of our shallop!



Lynda Hylander worked with Hamilton Jewelers to produce this lovely pin. It is available as a charm, medal, and lapel pin.



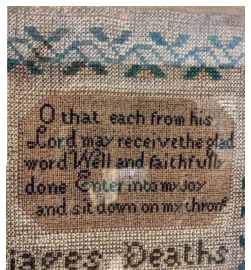
**2019:** The PJHS hired our first Executive Director, Peter Arenstam. He is well known to the Howlands as he was the master builder of our shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*. After almost 30 years, our contact in Henlow, England, Jackie Painter, is retiring. We have enjoyed her friendship, her kindness, and sharing all the news at St. Mary the Virgin (where Elizabeth Tilley was baptized) and our Tilley homeland. Jackie enjoyed donning her coif and pilgrim attire to give programs on our ancestors. Thank you to both Jackie and her husband Alan! Our new contact is James Burgess. We look forward to getting to know him and continuing our relationship with our friends across the pond. The PJHS has continued our partnership with Plymouth 400 and look forward to all the events planned for 2020. Andrew R. Whipple organized a trip to England for 2020 retracing the steps of our ancestors. Last year's "after the meeting" social was a success, so another was planned for this year. The gathering was at the Dirty Water Distillery. Lynda Hylander gave a hula demonstration and then taught us some dance movements and the history behind what they mean. Her husband Lance played the guitar and sang lovely songs to accompany the dancers. Mahalo to you both! Vice President Everett St. Louis built a fantastic parade float to promote our 400th anniversary, Howland House and the Howland Society. He has been in several parades. Eldon Gay found a new line to Experience Howland that has brought in several new members. Richard Clary reported that we purchased land at Rocky Nook that connects our property to the Howland Spring. Norman and Cindy Rollins donated a sampler that has been in their family for generations.



Lynda Hylander demonstrated Hula while her husband Lance sang lovely songs at our "after the meeting" social. In addition to teaching the movements, she taught us the meaning behind each one.



Everett St. Louis built this historic float and participated in many parades for several years, teaching about our family story.



Norman and Cindy Rollins donated a sampler, stitched by Harriet Howland, born 1804. It is on display at Howland House.

**2020:** The year started out like any other year, with the PJHS looking forward to celebrating our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary and trip to England. The March *Quarterly* listed many wonderful events with Plymouth 400, the Mayflower Society, our meeting, banquet, cocktail party, parades, a maritime salute in Plymouth Harbor, Colonial Crafts Days, and so much more. Then, a pandemic, COVID-19 hit. We were shutting down for a few weeks, then a few months. Everything was postponed. We remained hopeful, but it soon became clear, our year was not to be. The Board worked very hard to set up our first ever Zoom

**Howland Society holds our first virtual meeting**

**Ashley Smith**  
**President**



**Peter Arenstam**  
**Executive Director**



**Executive Director Peter Arenstam reported on our House**

**A new roof was installed**

**2020 logo bumper sticker**



**Jon Daley repaired our door**







**Our 2020 Season**



*The Officers and Board worked hard to make our Zoom meeting informative and keeping our traditions, such as wreath laying at Burial Hill.*

*The Pilgrim John Howland Society*  
Established 1897

Descendants of John Howland & Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower

*Peter Arenstam produced a beautiful new guidebook. It's a brief history of The Pilgrim John Howland Society and the properties it preserves.*

meeting. One advantage was having members attend who could not come to Plymouth, including our contacts in England: James Burgess and Tom Bartlett. Also, videos and pictures were created to go along with reports. During Admiral Michael Goldstein's report, we saw lovely pictures of our shallop, *Elizabeth Tilley*. Eldon Gay and Craig Chartier made a video of the Rocky Nook site, describing what they have been finding on the archaeological digs and where buildings were located. Peter Arenstam showed a video of the interior of Howland House narrated by Angelica Vendetti. (You can still see this video on YouTube. Search Howland Society, click on the H in a brown circle). Executive Director Peter Arenstam produced a lovely guidebook. Howland House participated in a Dendrochronology study. This is a method of dating timbers in buildings looking at the rings in the wood. Very interesting data, but not fully conclusive. The officers and board of directors began discussion on the possibility of a Society name change by adding Elizabeth Tilley to our name. A lengthy process was set up in the December *Quarterly*. Deborah Brownell was



*Eleanor Kaeberle became a member at six days old. She is with her mother, Rebecca Adams Kaeberle, Scholarship Chair and Grandma Gail Adams, editor.*

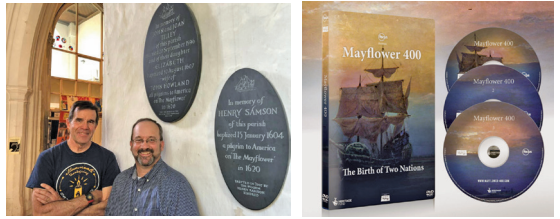


*Richard Clary served as custodian of Rocky Nook for many years, was on site for the archaeological digs, and was one of the very few who were on the entire maiden voyage of our shallop in 2003.*



*Margaret Warner, a house docent, Jane Murphy, Lois Nelson, Lance Hylander and Peter Arenstam held a ceremony at John Howland's grave for our virtual meeting. Lois placed white carnations for each departed member as their name was read.*

elected as treasurer. Director Andrew R. Whipple was named Editor-in-Chief of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. Richard Clary passed away. He served as custodian of Rocky Nook, was one of the few that was on the entire maiden voyage of the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* to Maine in 2003, was awarded the Lura Sellow Mayflower Medal, was a "digger" at the archaeological digs at Rocky Nook, and was always ready to lend a hand for whatever needed to be done. Eleanor Rae Kaeberle became our youngest life member at six days old.



*Andrew R. Whipple (r) went to England to check out the sites to arrange our trip. Here he is at St. Mary's in Henlow (where Elizabeth Tilley was baptized) with our tour guide Tom Bartlett. At our virtual meeting Tom told us about a new set of DVD's produced by Adrian Moss: *The Mayflower 400*. They are available at [www.Mayflower-400.com](http://www.Mayflower-400.com).*



**2021:** With the uncertainty of health issues, the Board felt, for the safety of our members we should meet via Zoom again this year. The trip to England was postponed to 2022. The dues are being raised for the first time in five years: Annual, Friends, and Marriage and Parentage are going from \$25 to \$35 per year. Zoom meetings and online discussions were held regarding the possibility of adding Elizabeth Tilley to the name of our Society. Ballots were mailed to 1,247 members. Per Massachusetts law, 831



*For the Maritime Festival, our Shallop, Elizabeth Tilley, was alongside the Mayflower II (on the left). Admiral Michael Goldstein welcomed visitors and gave them the opportunity to raise the Cross of St. George Flag.*



need to be received in the affirmative for it to pass. 700 votes were received: 594 affirmative and 106 negative. While the majority voted yes, 2/3 was not reached. Our shallop was not able to sail to the Clark Island picnic this year due to a tropical storm. A Dutch film company producing a multi part documentary used our shallop and filmed both from the water and via drone. To see this lovely drone footage, check YouTube: *The Shallop Elizabeth Tilley! 4K Drone Experience*. The Maritime Festival planned for 2020 was held and the PJHS participated fully by land and by sea. Our shallop was featured along side the Mayflower shallop. Admiral Michael Goldstein made sure visitors had the opportunity to raise the Cross of St. George with the tar coated halyard. Our float, made by Everett St. Louis was in more parades this year including the 60th annual V-J parade in Connecticut. This year's theme was: "Military Healthcare



Providers, Our Invisible Heroes." Photos appropriate for this period were added to our float. We won 5th place in the July 3 parade in Duxbury. To mark the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, we had a bronze plaque made and attached to a boulder from Rocky Nook, home of John and Elizabeth Howland. It was placed at the Jabez Howland House with lovely landscaping. An October storm brought our large maple tree down, with some branches hitting Howland House. Luckily, in 2014, this giant tree had been trimmed (see Page 36) most likely saving our beloved House.

*In honor of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims landing, a large boulder was moved from our Howland Homestead area at Rocky Nook and placed at Howland House. A bronze commemorative plaque was attached to the boulder and lovely landscaping completed the beautiful garden.*



*In the Fall of 2021, a storm brought down large sections of our Norway Maple. Arborist John Scagliarini and crew removed the remains saving large pieces for future use. This tree was dedicated during our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration back in 1971.*



**2022:** We are 125 years old! After two years “online” meeting, we met in person this year and had an archaeological dig at Rocky Nook. The trip to England took place in July. Arborist John Scagliarini and crew removed the large Norway Maple tree that was damaged in a storm last year. Many large pieces were saved for future use. John Wright and Kathleen Long donated two portraits painted in the mid 1800’s: Ann Mallory and Gilbert Smith, Jr. Ann is a descendant through Howland daughter Desire Howland Gorham. We have a new contact in Fenstanton, England: The Reverend Rosie Tallowin. Several Howlands had the pleasure of meeting her on our “reverse pilgrim”



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trip to England. Our monetary donation helped to provide a new noticeboard. It was installed September 8, just hours before Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away. Rev. Rosie wrote that it was a poignant moment to place the poster announcing her passing, but also fitting that a lovely new carved wood board would herald the news and call for prayers for her and the Royal Family. The dig at Rocky Nook yielded many artifacts including an old sheep’s tooth, nails, pottery, and 18th century pipe stem to name a few. As often happens in archaeology, what is found brings more questions than answers. With Eldon Gay at the helm, we are going forward with the process to place the Rocky Nook property on the National Register of Historic Places. Our shallow needs repair and has been out of the water all summer. The Board would like the repairs made so she may sail in 2023 for her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Everett St. Louis reported that he has completed the parade events promoting our story.



*In the Duxbury parade, Everett St. Louis’ float took 5th place. He changed some posters for the V-J parade to honor military healthcare providers. His grandniece, Grace, walked along side and Cathy drove.*

He brought the posters from the float to give to the members. There was a slide presentation and narrative of the trip to England. The travelers thanked Director Andrew R. Whipple for putting the trip together. Many said they would love to go back!

## Henlow and Fenstanton England 2022

For more stories and pictures please see the December 2022 Howland Quarterly



*We enjoyed a traditional English Tea in Henlow. The tables were beautifully decorated and the food delicious!*

*This is the oldest section of the St. Ives bridge crossing to go to the markets. It was originally wood (1107) and in 1425 stone. Our Howland ancestors surely walked here!*



*In Fenstanton we were treated to a lovely and delicious luncheon*



*In Henlow, James Burgess shared the wonderful history of this 13-14th century 'clamp front' chest.*



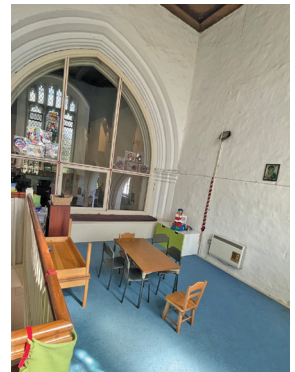
*Our donation helped to purchase this lovely new notice board in Fenstanton.*



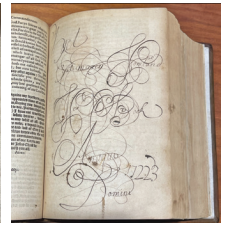
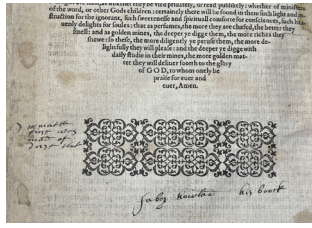
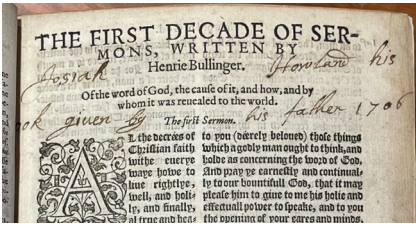
*The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Fenstanton. John's father, Henry Howland, is buried here.*



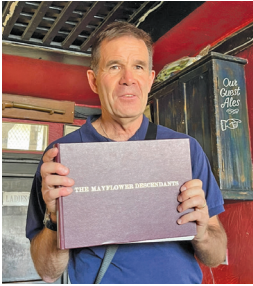
*The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Henlow. Our Tilley records go back to the 1400's, so generations of our ancestors viewed this beautiful 15th century tower.*



*The Elizabeth Tilley room overlooking the sanctuary at St. Mary's in Henlow is a wonderful place for the children.*



In London, Dr. Mark Byford gave a very interesting talk on early books, including the 1587 Bullinger book 'Fiftie Godlie and Learned Sermons.' This book is signed by three Howlands: Jabez<sup>2</sup>, his son Josiah<sup>3</sup>, and his daughter YetMercy<sup>4</sup>.



Guide Tom Bartlett with the Descendants Book.



Brelen, Kimberly, Sarah and Josh Adams.



2022 Tour group.



Bangers and mash was yummy!

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Schuller signing the Descendants Book. She was joined by her daughters Ashleigh Schuller Lee, Catherine Schuller, and Emily Schuller on this special trip.

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Gail Ann Adams.....2000-present

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**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
- 2018 Jean Albert
- 2019 Jon Daley
- 2020 None
- 2021 None
- 2022 Ashley Smith
- 2023 Tracy Dieselman

**Junior Member Writers  
Junior Members who wrote about  
“The Archaeological Dig” at Rocky Nook**

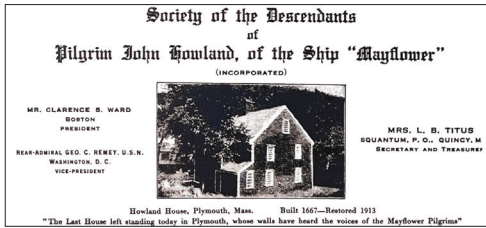
- 2000 Rebecca Adams, Virginia
- 2001 Ashley Smith, New York
- 2002 Charlotte Mader, Ohio
- 2006 Bonnie Smith, New York
- 2007 Pamela Harrison, Connecticut
- 2009 Alex Kimble, Connecticut
- 2011 Elizabeth Goldstein, Massachusetts
- 2018 Aubrey, Emelia, and Alexis Gay, Massachusetts

## Lillie

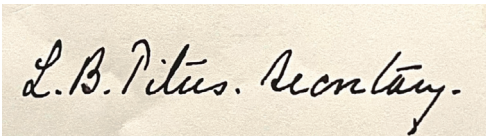


*The Shirley-Eustis House, the home of two governors, was built by Royal Governor William Shirley in 1747 and decades later owned by Governor William Eustis. By the early 1900's it was falling into decay and was set to be demolished.*

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*In 1900 Lillie and Mary Stevens were appointed to create certificates, insignia and stationery.*



*Lillie's signature on the Dec. 27, 1899 minutes.*

Shirley-Eustis House Association. As the first secretary she took on much of the daily operations and even used her own funds to begin preservation.

These are just a few of her contributions for historic preservation. In addition to that important work, she served our Society as secretary for 26 years, treasurer for 24 years and edited *The Howland Homestead* (1911-1913) for three years. About 10 months after she passed away, the Society set up a six-man committee “to take over the affairs of the Society, re-organize and elect officers.”

Lillie, we are so grateful to you for our beloved Society. We hope you are looking down and smiling as you see how beautiful “Our House” is, the exciting finds at the digs at Rocky Nook, along with the trails, signs, and beautiful care of the land, our shallow sailing as it educates our members and the public, and for our Quarterly, which brings all our news to our members, friends, and libraries.

Lillie Blanche Huckins was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts to James William Huckins and Anna Murray Smith. Her childhood home was less than two blocks from the residence of Mrs. Eustis, widow of Governor William Eustis. As a child, Lillie attended Sunday teas at the Eustis estate, no doubt contributing to her love of historic homes. In fact, many years later, she would be instrumental in preserving what was later known as the Shirley-Eustis House. In “*Legendary Locals of Quincy*” she is called “The Grand Lady of Squantum,” and “a crusader for preserving history.”

Fortunately for us, the Jabez Howland House was a top priority for her. In helping to found our Society, in the very first “Objectives of the Society,” was: “to preserve and if possible acquire possession of the Howland House in Plymouth.”

With her efforts the home was purchased, and restoration began. She traveled to Plymouth every day to check on the progress of the restoration. There was an old livery stable 20 feet from the front door (see picture on page 10) that was a real fire hazard. Lillie produced *The Howland Homestead* and put out a call for our members to donate so we may purchase the stable to remedy this situation.

Lillie oversaw many other projects including being organizing regent for the Adams Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution (not DAR, this group began in 1890 and disbanded in 1983). With her chapter, she spearheaded the building of the Abigail Adams Cairn at Penn’s Hill and was instrumental in restoration at the John Quincy Birthplace and to secure it as a meeting place for her chapter. She lobbied and was successful in bringing the USS Constitution back to Boston for public enjoyment. She helped found the

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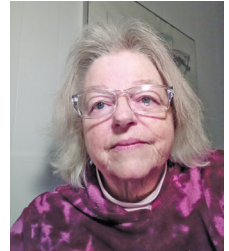
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## New Members

Registrar Jean Albert reports 10 new members this quarter. They come from four of the 10 Howland children, with Hope in the lead. They live in seven states, from sea to shining sea!

4099 Hope  
**Jeffrey Pruitt**  
New Orleans, LA

4100 Desire  
**Ann Staman Hollingworth**  
Amherst, MA

4101 John  
**Vincent Emery Cook**  
San Clemente, CA

4102 Hope  
**Susan Johnson Antonsen**  
Elizabeth, CO

4103 Hope  
**Susan Brenier Henshaw**  
Gig Harbor, WA

4104 John  
**Alexandra Joanne Cook**  
Los Angeles, CA

4105 Desire  
**Stuart Glen Rice**  
Rapid City, SD

4106 Hope  
**Kathleen Roberts Ribik**  
Woodenville, WA

4107 Hannah  
**Ellen Boates Clark**  
Glenview, IL

### FRIENDS

F-74  
**Stephanie Carr**  
Plymouth, MA

## From the Editor – Gail Ann Adams

This is the third anniversary issue we have produced. With the edition of the early minutes (1899-1934) and other early documentation, history has been expanded and corrected and more pictures were added. In addition, I read through the Howland Homestead (1911-1913) and The Howland Quarterly, which began in 1936. Rather than one long article, I chose to write entries each year as events happened. Often, I left the wording as it was recorded to get a flavor of the intent at the time it was written.

I have many to thank. First God, for helping with my lack of patience as this was a challenging time. Eldon Gay, who sent so many pages of our history and answered a lot of questions. Thank you to Peter Arenstam, Jean Albert, and Joanne Pratt for answering questions and looking “stuff” up for me. Christopher Canterbury, our graphic designer, and printer, thank you for all your help to produce a beautiful publication. To our contacts in England: James Burgess and Rev. Rosie Tallwin, The Quarterly would not be the same without your wonderful articles! Thank you both! And last, to my husband, Scott, who did not go on an extended five-month vacation to escape the mad woman.

This was a labor of love by many, and we hope you enjoy reading the history of our Society in this anniversary issue. Our Board looks forward to continuing our legacy with new and exciting projects being planned.

As we continue to enhance and tell our story, we ask that you consider a donation to help with the cost of printing this special edition. Thank you!

