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Thanks to Everett St. Louis (center), shown with PJHS Historian Eldon Gay (left) and Richard Clary (right), we now have a sign identifying Howland Spring at our Rocky Nook property, home of John and Elizabeth Howland from 1638–1672.

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From the President – Jonathan Stubbs

Hello everyone I hope you have a good holiday season this year.

There is not much to report since the two *Quarterlies* are so close. I have ordered the granite bench which will be installed at the Jabez Howland House. This bench is in memory of our past president, Brad Gorham for his many years of leadership in our Society. I also ordered the two road side markers for the Rocky Nook property to make it more clear from the street where our site is located.

I have been working on the transfer of the treasurer files to Michael Goldstein. I find as I go thru the files that I find something new I need to tell Michael about. We are working to change the way we process the dues and donations. The payments will now go our accounting firm. We are looking at some donor software to automate this process.

In an effort to increase our membership we have waived the application fee until December 2020. Please see News and Announcements for more information.

I am happy to announce that we are now members of the Family Society Partnership with the Mayflower Society. They will now send a Howland packet to all who join the General Society on John Howland. We hope that many will join their cousins in the Pilgrim John Howland Society!

From the Editor

This is an anniversary *Quarterly* for me as my first issue as your editor was the December 2000 issue! Wow – how time flies! I have learned so much and made so many new friends in our Society. I belong to more than 30 hereditary societies and I can say that the Howland Society is in my top three for favorites!

As we enter this holy season and celebrate our Savior's birth, let us not forget those who came before us, seeking religious freedom. We must protect and hold dear what has been given to us. Merry Christmas!



News and Announcements

2017 Meetings

The **120th Annual Banquet and Meeting** will be held **September 8–9, 2017**. More information will be in the March and June *Quarterlies*. This will coincide with the Mayflower Society meeting which will be September 8-12, 2017.

The **Executive Board** will meet on **April 29, 2017** at the Mayflower Library.

Scholarship Winner Essay

In the September *Quarterly*, Ashley Smith, chair of the scholarship committee, presented our 2016 winner, Sharon Perrone. Please see page 4 for Sharon's essay.

Shallop Update

FROM ADMIRAL MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

The *Elizabeth Tilley* has been brought in from its mooring and is now in a slip at Brewer's Marine, where it will rest over the winter. Its mast is off, and there is a new frame for its cover, replacing the old frame that was ruined last year. Visitors to Plymouth can probably see the *Tilley* this winter by going to the parking lot of



Brewer's Marine (14 Union Street, Plymouth, MA) and looking for the *Tilley*, but it should have its mast down and plastic shrink-wrap over its protective frame.

Alice Teal Memoriam

The editor regrets not having space for pictures in the Alice Teal Memoriam on page 5, but plans additional tributes in the March 2017 *Quarterly*. Please send your memories to: gailsline@aol.com (subject line: Alice Teal) by February 1, 2017.

Dues News

Effective July 1, 2017, Annual Dues will increase to \$25 (currently \$15) and Lifetime Membership will increase to \$300 (currently \$245).

ALL application/entrance/initiation fees are suspended from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020 in honor of our upcoming 400th anniversary! All you need to pay is your first year dues of \$25! NOW is the time to get your family members in!

Our Website Now Has Paypal

What a convenient way to make a donation!

How is the Compact relevant to me personally?

When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, they were ill, exhausted, and hundreds of miles from their intended destination. They had no settlement to join, no warm welcome, and no information about the new world in which they were about to establish a life. They were outside the bounds of the law and patent that brought them to the New World. And the very real question arose: how were they to govern themselves? How were they to organize and maintain peace until a new patent arrived? How were they going to retain solidarity and survive the challenges of the unknown?

The Mayflower Compact was a document of few words, but great worth. Before the Pilgrims stepped off the ship, they collectively drafted and signed the agreement that would hold them together across class and religious differences and established a civil covenant of self-governance.

As a student and an agricultural biologist, I often feel lost, directionless, and disorganized. In order to be creative, design experiments, and solve problems, I must strip preconceived notions about science and food production to get at the heart of the challenge I am undertaking, much like the Pilgrims had to abandon traditional notions and norms of society to survive the harsh New World. I would not be able to make any progress in moving forward with my research without the input from my peers.

I work in a soil science laboratory with ten other students and staff, and the ability to work together for the good of the whole under self-motivated direction is evident in our daily lives. We all work on separate projects, but we share the same space. This requires open and frequent communication, as well as project support, on a daily basis. We maintain this high level of communication and support to keep each other safe, both physically and professionally. For example, sometimes we work with toxic chemicals in the laboratory, and need assistance to contain any spills or report any accidents; on these days I will always lend a hand, even if it does not advance my own research, because it is important to me that my colleagues are safe. And when I have a long day of work in my agricultural research plots, a call for help usually yields more hands than I can manage! There is a common understanding that when one person succeeds, we all benefit; when one fails, we all suffer.

Nature, too, knows this to be true, and I find it ever-more evident in my research. I study legumes, which are a group of plants that partner with soil bacteria to capture nitrogen from the atmosphere for growth. This symbiosis is natural: the legume feeds excess sugars that it produces from sunlight to the bacteria, which colonize its roots, and the bacteria uses this sugar to provide energy to capture nitrogen, which it returns to the plant. These types of symbioses are evident throughout all of nature. Not only do plants and microbes interact, but studies show that planting a diversity of species in an agricultural systems leads to higher productivity and overall resilience, because each species can fulfill a niche that keeps the natural ecology healthy and functioning.

While human logic may tell us that in order to thrive, we must cut out all competition and fend for ourselves, my experience working in a strong team and the natural evidence of thriving ecosystems tells me otherwise. I succeed with the assistance of my colleagues, who challenge me, question my approaches, and make me stronger. In nature, the loss of a single species can cause an ecosystem to unravel. We find that the whole is truly more than the sum of its parts.

The forces that drove the Pilgrims to establish a civil society are no different than the forces that drive me today, as we all face unique challenges to keep our communities safe and advance our societies. On every scale – local, regional, or global – we are all in this together.

IN MEMORIAM
Alice Carnite Teal (1927-2016)

Looking back in 2016 and reflecting on those Howland members who have passed on, my thoughts turned to Alice Teal. I know my greatest accomplishment as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was my very first appointment of Alice Carnite Teal to be Editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly*, in September 1993 on the very night of my installation banquet.

The *Quarterly* was having problems with its content and in need of a refreshing change. Alice's Dad was a printer and she learned the publishing trade at an early age. She worked in public relations for many years doing freelance work for newspapers plus other hereditary organizations. She was highly recommended by several sources and I jumped at the opportunity. Later I appointed Rev. Richard Howland Maxwell as Assistant Editor along with Caroline Lewis Kardell to cover the genealogy. After Rev. Maxwell's untimely death in November 2003, Harry P. Folger was appointed Assistant Editor.

Alice and her support team went right to work with the February 1994 issue showing the Winslow House and Gardens in color and Mayflower II on back. After that each cover was different with color photos from places and buildings within the Pilgrims' experience both in England and Holland and on board the Mayflower II with Master Christopher Jones, etc. The content inside was equally refreshing with a good balance on the Pilgrims' history, genealogy, ancestral pilgrimage, new discoveries and lineages, book reviews and state and family society news. The publication was transferred from the Midwest to Rhode Island and later to Massachusetts.

Alice was soft spoken and lovely to work with, we got on famously and she always kept me informed of progress. I never wished to interfere in the publication and with Alice as Editor I never had to. She was a good ambassador to the other Pilgrim societies in Plymouth and always visited them when in town.

In 1994 Marilyn and I along with Alice traveled to England and Holland on a tour with many Howlands and had a great two weeks. With Alice's' previous experiences in England and our tour guide we gained so much of the Pilgrims' experience by retracing their footsteps in Holland as well as England. We dined in many of the same places including their last meal together in Delfshaven, Holland and visited many churches associated with the Pilgrims,

Unfortunately, our society has changed and dedication like Alice Teal is not to be found. There will never be another Mayflower Editor with her 22 years of total devotion to the Pilgrims and our Mayflower Society.

The Howlands and all Pilgrim descendants will miss Alice and her wonderful 22 years as Editor (She was a descendant of Hope Howland). I am pleased to be a member of the Howland Family and consider Alice as one of my closest Howland cousins. Next time in Plymouth I shall have dinner by the fireplace at the John Carver Inn and remember the many times we talked, long after I was out of office.

– Robert Allen Greene, PJHS Vice President

News from England: Henlow

16 October 2016

Dear Friends

I cannot believe that it is time for us to put pen to paper (or fingers to computer keyboard) to wish you well and update you with all that is going on here.

First of all, we hope you enjoyed your summer and if you went away from home that you enjoyed the break. We have had a very nice summer here this year, and so personally we have tried to get out quite a bit and make the most of it.

Things started up in Henlow in September as that is when the new school year starts.

On 18 September St Mary's church held its Gift Day. This is an opportunity for members of the public to call in at the church, have a cup of tea, look around the church if they are not familiar with it, and give us a donation of money. Amazingly enough, people do! As an additional draw this year we had 2 sessions of teddy bears parachuting from the church tower. The children were encouraged to bring their teddies and parachute (a large hanky or carrier bag), and then they were launched from the top of the tower – the teddies not the children – and everyone was given a certificate to say that their teddy had achieved this great feat. It was a dull, cold day, but the enthusiasm of the various children involved was not dampened and I think the teddies enjoyed it, too!

A team from both churches in the village (Methodist and Anglican) go regularly into the Lower School to act out Bible stories. This is called "Open the Book". We had a visit from the Bishop of St Albans in September, and he was most impressed! The children love it, and we who do it love it too.

Time passes on and we are getting towards the flu season, so the local health centre started doing flu jabs for over 65s and other vulnerable people. Basically, anyone who wishes can have a jab, but mostly those not in special risk groups have to pay a nominal charge. As you know we have a National Health Service offering health care at the point of need free of charge. Yes, we do sometimes have problems, funding and staffing, but I think we often forget what a wonderful service we have. The care that I have had at the specialist heart hospital has been superb.

At the beginning of October we had our Harvest Festival Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. This was a lovely occasion. Also at that time the school were invited to go to St Albans Abbey to join in a Harvest Service for all the church controlled schools in the diocese. The diocese of St Albans covers Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire and is the administrative arm of the Church of England. Schools in the UK are under government control but have a board of Governors who make decisions and monitor events and standards. The Church of England have some schools in their jurisdiction, so they are run as all schools are but have some church people on their governing body and have a religious background.

We now have Halloween – not celebrated as much here – Firework Night (commemorating the attempt by Guy Fawkes in 1605 to blow up parliament) which is usually celebrated here in Henlow by a village bonfire, hot dogs, hamburgers and fireworks, Remembrance Sunday – a big village event at the War Memorial and then in church, and then we have the run up to Christmas! Watch this space!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

JACKIE AND ALAN PAINTER

News from England: Fenstanton

4th November 2016

Dear Friends,

This really is my favourite time of the year with the beautiful colours, the nip in the air and the anticipation of all that the autumn and winter is going to bring. We have enjoyed decorating the house and trick or treating for Halloween and look forward to celebrating Bonfire Night tomorrow where we gather around big bonfires and watch magnificent fireworks displays to “remember, remember the 5th of November.”

The village has been very busy with lots of events and we now turn to preparing ourselves for the coming festive season.

My family are all well and we went to France for the school half term holiday to visit with my Dad and step-Mum who live there. It was a nice trip and we especially enjoyed our long ferry journey from Portsmouth to St Malo and back again. I am having quite a major operation on 30th November and hope that I will be recovered enough to enjoy celebrating Christmas and the New Year.

Please remember to visit our village website – www.fenstanton-village.co.uk – where you will be able to read our village magazine, *Spectrum*, which is delivered free of charge to every household. It is a great source of information for all of us.

I would like to end, as I do this time every year, by sending Seasons Greetings to you all from myself, my family and the village of Fenstanton. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

REBECCA CUMBERS

New Members

PJHS Registrar Jean Albert reports 13 new members this quarter. They all descend through Howland children Desire and Hope. The new members come from eight states from sea to shining sea! Welcome cousins and friends!

3466 Desire
Christine Marie Higgins
Temple Hills, MD

3467 Hope
Susan Marie Smith
Poland
Oakview, CA

3468 Hope
Allan Day St. Louis
Tolland, CT

3469 Desire
Anne Marie Colette
Hastings Lieb
Medina, OH

3470 Hope
Melvin Leonard St. Louis
Avondale, AZ

3471 Hope
Vickie Jo Swanstrom
Barry
Azle, TX

3472 Desire
Kip Pryor Johnson
New Boston, NH

3473 Desire
Michael James Johnson
New Boston, NH

3474 Desire
Mae Kathryn Johnson
New Boston, NH

3475 Desire
Stephen Higley Johnson
New Boston, NH

3476 Desire
Willow Leona Johnson
New Boston, NH

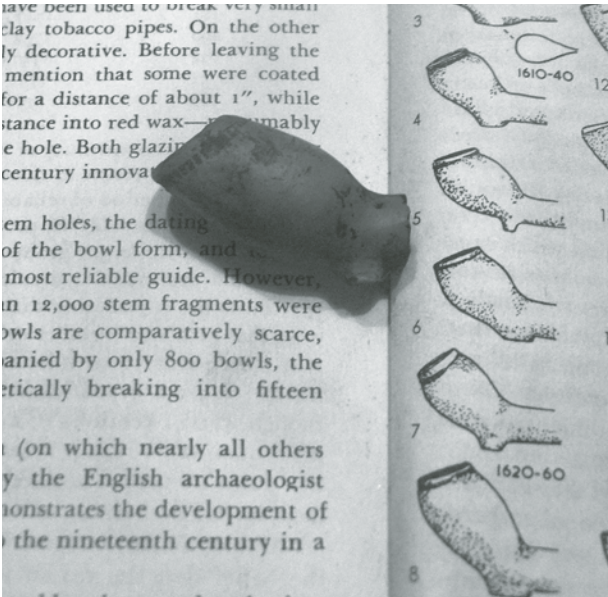
F-22
Honor Conklin
Albany, NY

F-23
William J. White
Falmouth, ME

Report on the 2016 Excavations at the John Howland Homesite: Looking for Strickland's Barn

Craig Chartier

Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project



This pipe was found by Craig Chartier's son, the youngest member of the dig at age four, during the refilling of the squares.

THANKS

I would like to thank the following participants in the John and Elizabeth Homestead 2016 Dig whose hard work allowed us to accomplish the goals we had set out for this year's dig.

– Eldon Gay, *Historian*

Craig Chartier,
Archeologist
Jonathan Stubbs
Richard Clary
Nancy Toll
Susan Hicks
Harry Graff
Greg Lott
Judy Macioci
Christine Spaulding
Peter McCormack
Ken McCormack
Lois Nelson
Jane Murphy
Jessica Poland
Tatiana Kamarskaya
Dennis Randall
Judy Randall

Thought was first given by Sidney Strickland about excavating the walls and cellar of John and Elizabeth Howland's house at Rocky on August 28, 1937, and the initial excavations were carried between September 20th and October 16th of that year. Strickland identified foundation walls for what he thought was a barn, south of the house foundation in 1937 and 1938, eventually finding a building measuring 17' north to south by 30' east to west.

Fieldwork this year was designed to attempt to locate the four walls of the possible barn and to confirm or refute Strickland's dimensions and interpretation. A total 16 units were opened along the lines where it was predicted that the building's walls would be located and succeeded in identifying the western and southern foundation walls. These were found to measure approximately 2' wide and were set into the present ground surface approximately 6". The biggest surprise of the excavation was the identification of at least two, and possibly three, postholes along the southern and eastern sides of the building. When a building was constructed in this manner (like the first house at Plymouth were believed to be as well) the posts eventually rot and were often sawed off above ground level and stones inserted to provide the support that the rotted post could not. Further evidence of modification to the building in the last quarter of the 17th century came in the form of a layer of clay that was encountered within the western portion



This is the front of the barn that Strickland described in his notes. Notice the stones in the top of the picture, which is the entrance to the house.

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of the building below which a dense layer of gravel was found, upon which were several sherds of a Staffordshire Slipware cup with a brown dot decoration, a type of ceramic produced in England after 1675 and imported to the colonies until ca. 1775. The presence of this ceramic beneath the clay floor indicates that it had to have been laid some time after 1675.

A total of 1493 artifacts were recovered this year, of which, 516 were pieces of modern bottle glass and 558 were fragments of brick. Prehistoric material was found scattered across the excavation area, but two concentrations were identified, one in the western portion of the excavation area and a larger one in the east both yield material dating to the Late Archaic Period (6000-3000 YBP). Along with the lithic artifacts, one piece of Native pottery decorated using the edge of a bay scallop shell. Historic artifacts included hand wrought nails and bricks (one of which bore the impressions of the mason fingers); coarse redware ceramics; a complete 1620-1660 style tobacco pipe bowl; animal bone fragments; wine bottle glass; a fragment of a cast iron kettle; a hearth chain link; and an iron table knife.

The 2016 field work confirmed the presence of a large building to the southeast of the Howland house that appears to date to the same time period as the house and which appears to have continued to be used after the house ceased to be, possibly by John and Elizabeth's son Joseph (who lived across the lane) or by their grandson James. The building may be an English barn with a door at least on the north side, and possibly on the south as well. It would have been originally used to thresh grain and store hay, and may have later been used as a threshing and grain storage barn. The complete report on this and all of the other excavations at the Howland Site can be found at www.plymoutharch.com.

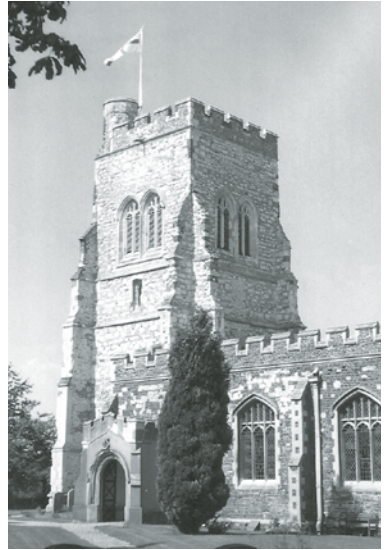
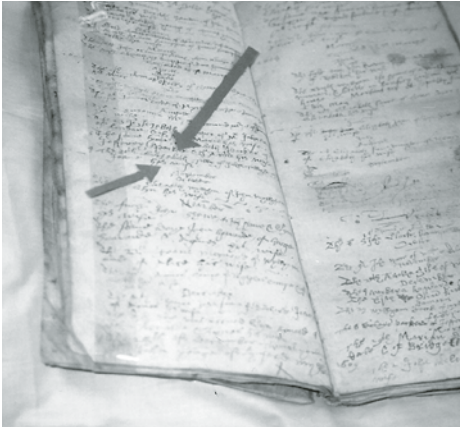
Meet Your New Board Member: Matthew Vigneau

It is my privilege to join the Pilgrim John Howland Society on its Board of Directors. I have been a volunteer on the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* for the past few years and hope to use my experiences working for museums and non-profits to help the society continue the important work of preserving and presenting the story of the Howland family.

I grew up in nearby Duxbury where my interest in studying pre and post contact New England was born. I received a BA in History from Ithaca College and an MLA in Museum Studies with a concentration in Collections Management from Harvard University. I have since spent my professional career working to improve the state of and access to material culture with such organizations as the Alden Kindred of America, Inc., The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and currently at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.



We are grateful to share Eugene Zubrinsky's research on our Tilley ancestors in the article beginning on page 11.



Above: The August 30, 1607 baptismal record for Elizabeth Tilley at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Henlow (pictured at right). Photos by Gail Adams and Jackie Painter.

Eugene Cole Zubrinsky's article "A Fresh Look at the Parentage of Mayflower Passenger Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley: With Her Mother's Identity and Family of Origin" appeared in *The American Genealogist* 85(2011):1-8 and is reprinted with permission from the author and Dr. Nathaniel Taylor, editor and publisher. "An Addition to the Tilley-Hurst-Marshe Ancestry" appears in that journal's October 2016 issue (vol. 88, no. 4, published in December) and is also presented herein with permission.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am very grateful to Mr. Charles Ward for alerting me to this article and for taking the time to contact me and for obtaining the permission for us to reprint it.

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A FRESH LOOK AT THE PARENTAGE OF *MAYFLOWER* PASSENGER JOAN (HURST) (ROGERS) TILLEY

With Her Mother's Identity and Family of Origin

By Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, FASG

Since this journal's 1976 publication of Robert Leigh Ward's article that identified, using F. G. Emmison's published *Bedfordshire Parish Registers*, the English ancestry of several *Mayflower* passengers, it has been widely accepted that one of them, Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley, widow of Thomas Rogers and wife of John Tilley, was the daughter of William and Rose (—) Hurst of Henlow, Bedfordshire.¹ This conclusion has been accepted despite a potentially conflicting paragraph appended to the Ward piece's Hurst section and the expansion upon that passage in 1998 by Carl Boyer,² who made explicit what Ward had barely hinted: The matter of Joan Hurst's parentage was not fully resolved. The present article settles this largely unnoticed issue and provides additional information about Hurst's parents and maternal relatives.

Letting a list of Henlow parish records speak for him, Ward did not supply a rationale for constructing the Hurst family of Henlow with William and Rose Hurst as Joan Tilley's parents, nor has anyone since.³ He concluded his account of the Henlow Hursts by labeling as "still unknown" their relationship to a contemporary William Hurst of the neighboring parish of Langford, who also had a daughter Joan.⁴ Boyer took this as his point of departure and observed that statements in

¹ Robert Leigh Ward, "English Ancestry of Seven Mayflower Passengers: Tilley, Sampson and Cooper," TAG 52(1976):198–208, at 204; see also Caleb H. Johnson, "The Manorial Records of Henlow Grey: New Information on the Tilleys, Coopers, and Hursts," *The Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):125–34, at 128.

² Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205; Carl Boyer 3rd, *Ancestral Lines: 206 Families in England, Wales, the Netherlands, Germany, New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania*, 3rd ed. (Santa Clarita, Calif., 1998), 328–30 (hereafter cited as Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*).

³ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205.

the two Williams' respective will transcriptions⁵ and the failure to find another adult William Hurst in the Henlow vicinity appeared to indicate that the namesake son of William Hurst of Langford was the godson of William Hurst of Henlow.⁶ Boyer further offered that the former man's date of marriage (below) was sufficiently close to the latter's (presumably estimated from his children's vital-event data) as to suggest that the two were cousins.

Boyer noted the marriage in the parish of Arlesey (bordering on Henlow and Langford) on 9 February 1567[8] of William Hurst and Jone Hemmynge, "daughter of Richard Hemmynge" [*sic*: Edmund Hemynges].⁷ The will of Willyam Hurst of Langford, dated and proved in 1589, identifies both his wife and eldest daughter as Joane and his eldest son as William;⁸ the first to sign as a witness was Willyam Hemminge, probably the widow's brother.⁹ This Hurst family's proximity to Henlow and apparent kinship with the Hursts there led Boyer to repeat another researcher's statement (in a 1988 letter) that the available evidence did not permit a conclusion as to which Joan Hurst had married Thomas Rogers. The question has lingered since: Was it perhaps the Langford couple's daughter Joan, rather than William and Rose Hurst's daughter of that name, who married first Rogers and then John Tilley?

Precluding the possibility of a direct answer is that extant Langford parish records and bishops' transcripts do not begin until 1602 and 1603, respectively. But comparing the registered copy of the will of William Hurste of Henlow with the Boyer volume's transcription of it reveals four significant errors in the latter.¹⁰ The second of these (as ordered below) bears upon the question above. First, in introducing the transcription, Boyer gives the will's probate date as 20 January 1571/2

⁵ Apparently forwarded to Boyer by a correspondent in 1988, the transcriptions had been made by a third party earlier that year at the Bedford Record Office.

⁶ Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 328.

⁷ Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 328; Arlesey, Bedford, Parish Register, 1538–1693 ("awoman [*sic*] child of Edmund Hemynges called Jone was baptized the 4 of Marche 1542[3]") [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #826,449].

⁸ Registered wills, Archdeaconry of Bedford [22:73], Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service, ABP/R22/73 [photocopy]; Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 329–30 [transcription]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):205 (abstract). Boyer asserts that, since Joan Hurst and Thomas Rogers did not marry until 1593, widow Joan (Hemmynge) Hurst of Langford constitutes a third possibility as Rogers's wife. This is highly unlikely: While Rogers's baptismal date is unknown, John Tilley was baptized on 12 or 19 Dec. 1571, almost four years after the Hurst–Hemmynge marriage (TAG 52[1976]:203 says 19 Dec., but in the original record (Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]), the second digit could just as easily, if not more so, be a 2 as a 9).

⁹ Arlesey parish register, 1538–1693, "A man Child of Edmund Hemynge Called William Was baptized the 17th daye of June 1540" [FHL film #826,449].

¹⁰ Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC] 27 Holney, The National Archives [TNA] PROB 11/53 (digital copy <www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline>; downloaded Dec. 2009).

(presumably as provided by the transcriber). The original, Latin wording of the record's probate section, however, expresses the date as *vltimo Die mens[i]s Junii Anno Domini mill[es]imo Quingentesimo Septuagesimo primo*: the last day of June 1571. Since the will was written on 3 June 1570, the corrected probate date reduces from about nineteen and a half months to thirteen the period within which the Henlow man's death can be estimated to have occurred.¹¹

Second, testator Hurst's godson was not William Hurst (as transcribed) but William Huls. While this does not resolve outright the issue of Joan Tilley's parentage, it does nullify Boyer's inference of a close connection between the Langford and Henlow Hurst families. This, in turn, weakens the possibility that the Henlow Hursts might have facilitated an acquaintance between the Langford Hursts and the Tilleys, a longtime Henlow family.

Third and fourth, the names of the will's first two witnesses, transcribed as John [Marthe?] and Arth[ure?] Cockett, are actually written as John Marshe and Arthur Cockett. Marshe, a yeoman of Chipping Barnet (about twenty-five miles south of Henlow) in Hertfordshire, and Cockett, a gentleman of the neighboring parish of South Mimms, Middlesex, were among the original governors of the Barnet grammar school, beginning in 1573; Cockett married Elizabeth, daughter of — Marsh of [Chipping] Barnet.¹² Henlow manorial records dated in 1587 indicate that Henry Hurst "the elder" (probably William's father or brother) had in 1585 surrendered copyhold lands to the use of Arthur Cockett and John Marshe.¹³ It is therefore significant that among the earliest Barnet marriage records is that, dated 15 June 1560, of William Hurst and Rose Marshe.¹⁴

On 13 June, 7 Edw. VI [1553], "John Marshe senior and Joan his wife and John Marshe junior" of Chipping Barnet purchased two messuages there with

¹¹ Ward had dated Hurst's death as "before 1571" ("English Ancestry," TAG 52[1976]:204).

¹² Will of John Marshe, yeoman, PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117, witnessed by Arthur Cockett's son Owen [digital copy]; Frederick Charles Cass, *South Mimms* (Westminster [London], 1877), 35 (hereafter cited as Cass, *South Mimms*); Cass, "Queen Elizabeth's School at Chipping Barnet, A.D. 1573–1665," *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society* 5(1881):1–91, at 26, 48, 65; Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):130; W. P. W. Phillimore, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*. . . . Harleian Soc. Pubs. 27(London, 1888):39 (hereafter cited as Phillimore, *Visitation of Worcestershire*). Chipping Barnet is now part of Greater London, and South Mimms is in Hertfordshire.

¹³ Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):129–30, 133; Johnson, "Re: Henlow Grey Manorial Records," e-mail to the author, 10 Feb. 2011, with translations from the original Latin, citing Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service, L26/698.

¹⁴ [Chipping] Barnet, Hertford, Parish Register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2 (negative), more legible than #991,347, item 11 (positive); baptisms begin 1603, burials 1592]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online <www.hertsdirect.org/ufs/ufsmain?formid=HALS_INDEXES> (accessed Jan. 2011; first name-search attempt often fails).

garden and orchard.¹⁵ And there on 3 November 1561, Joan Marshe married Roger Marshe (relationship to John Marshes unknown).¹⁶ Their grantor deed of lands at East Barnet, dated 28 February 1561/2, describes Joan as the wife of Roger Marshe and executrix of the will of John Marshe of Chipping Barnet.¹⁷

John Marshe's will was dated 2 December, 1 Eliz. [1558], and proved on 15 February 1558[/9] upon the oath of *Johanne Rell[i]c[t]e et executrics*. The will first states his surname as *Marche* and is therefore catalogued under that spelling; *Marshe*, however, predominates in the document thereafter.¹⁸ It mentions wife Jone (executrix); children *John Marche* (under 24), *Rose Marshe*, *Margarett Marshe*, *Elizabeth [surname omitted]*, and *Jone Marshe* (all unmarried) [emphases added]; brothers *William Marshe*, *Richard Marshe/Marche* (overseer), and *Allyn [surname omitted]*; "ev[er]y one of my servannts dwellinge w[i]t[h] me at the daye of my deathe"; brother *Richard's* children *John*, *Robert*, *Margarett*, and *Jane*; *Agnes Norryrs*, daughter to *Valentyne Norryrs*; *Christopher Browke*; *John Shadle*; witnesses were *Valentyne Norryrs*, *Richard Marche*, *William Rolfe*, *Christopher Browke*, and others unnamed.

While Marshe's will fails to state his occupation or social position, his bequests (and multiple servants) indicate a man of substance. He bestowed houses and lands in the parish of Hendon (nearby, in Middlesex); the house in which his brother William then dwelt; "pett felde[s]" [i.e., peat fields]; a parcel of land and appurtenances called *Myllys Crofte*; and "my house that I dwell in w[i]t[h] the landes therto belonginge and all my Freholde lands and houses w[ith]in the lordship of Barnett." Specified monetary legacies totaled over £90, and bequests of other personal estate included ten cows (total); a "salte of silver and gilte w[i]t[h] the cov[er]inge belonging to ytt"; a "greate brasse panne whiche my father gave me"; twelve silver spoons, of which "six of my beste . . . [have] maydes heads gilted in the endes"; a silver goblet; a mazer;¹⁹ two coats (with the implication of others); a jacket "bounde about" with lace; two gowns; a camlet [goat's hair and silk] jacket; and a satin doublet. From the will's reference to "all maner of

¹⁵ Frederick Charles Cass, *East Barnet* (Westminster, 1885), 22: *duo mesuagia cum gardino pomario &c.*

¹⁶ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online.

¹⁷ Artificial Collection of Title Deeds and Estate Papers . . . of Several Hertfordshire Manors. . . , Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, DE/Z120/43591 (abstract <www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/records.aspx?cat=046-dez120&cid=-1#-1>).

¹⁸ PCC 38 Well[e]s, TNA PROB 11/42A [digital copy].

¹⁹ The *Oxford English Dictionary* [OED] describes a *mazer* as a "bowl, drinking-cup, or goblet without a foot, . . . often richly carved or ornamented and mounted with silver and gold or other metal."

Brwenge vessels withall the kilderkyns [i.e., casks] and all other ymplements belonging to the brewhouse,” it is apparent that Marshe was a brewer.²⁰

The woman identified in the will of William Hurst of Henlow as “Rose my wief” was unquestionably the aforementioned Rose Marshe,²¹ daughter of John Marshe of Chipping Barnet, probably with his widow, Joan.²² The will’s witnesses John Marshe and Arthur Cockett were Rose’s respective brother and brother-in-law (her sister Elizabeth’s husband).²³ This information, however, is irrelevant to the ancestry of *Mayflower* passenger Joan Tilley without confirmation that William and Rose Hurst were indeed her parents, as Ward presented them.

Evidence that the Langford and Henlow Hursts were on intimate terms having proved false, all that remains to recommend the Langford couple as Joan Tilley’s parents are a daughter’s name, compatible chronology, and rough proximity. The evidence favoring the Henlow Hursts, by contrast, is comparable as to name and chronology; superior with respect to proximity (Joan Hurst and Thomas Rogers married at Henlow, as did widow Joan Rogers and John Tilley); and extends well beyond these categories. Though seemingly equivocal at first, onomastic evidence points to the Henlow couple as Joan Tilley’s parents. John and Joan Tilley gave their first two daughters (baptized in 1597 and 1601/2, respectively) the same name as that of William Hurst’s wife, Rose.²⁴ But this was also the name of one of John Tilley’s sisters (baptized in 1574, living in 1612).²⁵ These two facts are not of equal weight, however. That the name *Rose* heads the Tilley daughters’ birth order is far more likely to have been in honor of an immediate family member (the girls’ maternal grandmother) than a collateral relative (particularly one younger than their father and still living, as was the girls’ paternal aunt).²⁶

²⁰ In John Marshe’s deed of Barnet lands to Edward Taylor, Esq., dated 22 Dec., 1 Eliz. [1558], the grantor is described as “Brewer of [Ch]ipping Barnet” (Percy M. Thornton, *Harrow School and its Surroundings* [London, 1885], 398–99).

²¹ Many online family trees and database submissions give Rose’s maiden name as *Marshe*, along with the marriage date presented here. Most, however, mistakenly put the marriage at Henlow, and all lack corroboration.

²² Augmenting the evidence above is that William Hurst of Henlow had a son John and a daughter Joan (Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):204).

²³ Among the witnesses of the will of John Tilley’s great-great-grandfather Henry Tilly [*sic*], dated in 1520, was William March (Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):199); the significance of this is undetermined.

²⁴ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):198, 203. The only known records of the two Rose Tilleys are of their respective baptisms.

²⁵ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):198, 201–2, 203.

²⁶ Similarly, the Tilleys’ naming their only other daughter *Elizabeth* (eventual *Mayflower* passenger and wife of John¹ Howland) was more likely in recognition of John Tilley’s mother than of Rose (Marshe) Hurst’s sister Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Cockett (see Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):201, 203; Cass, “Queen Elizabeth’s School,” *London and Middlesex*

The will of John Tilley's paternal grandmother, Agnes Tille [*sic*], discloses an important link between the Tilleys and Hursts of Henlow. Written and proved in mid-1582, the will names yeoman John Rushe to supervise its execution.²⁷ Rushe, who had married widow Rose Hurst at Henlow on 4 February 1571[2],²⁸ was simultaneously stepfather of Rose's daughter Joan Hurst and "trustie freind" of a woman whose grandson would marry Joan (Hurst) Rogers.

Caleb Johnson recently discovered Henlow Grey manorial records indicating a "close association" between Henry Hurst of Henlow, whom Johnson deemed William Hurst's probable father, and William Tilley, John Tilley's grandfather.²⁹ The two men served together as jurors at several manorial court sessions beginning in 1547 and continuing through the 1550s. Johnson did not mention the Hursts of Langford and simply repeated Ward's assertion that Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley was the daughter of William and Rose Hurst. That this is now virtually certain assures that Johnson's findings and the new data presented herein concerning Joan Tilley's family history are valid contributions to *Mayflower* genealogy.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY: MARSHE

JOHN^B MARSHE, a prosperous yeoman and brewer of Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire, died a resident of that parish between 2 December 1558 (will) and 15 February 1558[9] (probate). His widow and the mother of his children was JOAN —, whom he married in the mid-1530s.³⁰ She married next, in Chipping Barnet on 3 November 1561, Roger Marshe.

Arch. Soc. Trans., 5:48, 65; PCC 38 Well[e]s, TNA PROB 11/42A [digital copy]. It has been said that the reference to "Elizabeth nowe my wife" in the will of Robert Tilley (John Tilley's father) suggests that she was not the mother of his children (Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):126; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):201 [will transcr.]). The word *now*, however, was not meant to indicate that a man had been married previously but "to limit the inheritance rights of any *future* wife in case the 'now wife' should die and he should remarry" (Val D. Greenwood, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. [Baltimore, 2000], 39).

²⁷ Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):200–201.

²⁸ Henlow Parish Registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):204.

²⁹ Johnson, "Manorial Records," *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(2010):128–31; Ward, "English Ancestry," TAG 52(1976):200, 201, 202–3.

³⁰ "Feet of Fines for Hertfordshire: Tudor Period," *The Herts Genealogist and Antiquary* 1(1895):310, "1561. Mich[aelmas] Term. 3 and 4 Eliz. . . . Joan Marshe widow and John Marshe son of said Joan: Valentine Norrys and Joan his wife; Lands at Chepyng Barnett."

Children of John^B Marshe (as named in his will), all probably with wife Joan (—):

- i JOHN^A MARSHE, b. after 1534 (under 24 on 2 Dec. 1558), d. Chipping Barnet, between 8 June 1610 (will) and 11 Feb. 1610[1] (probate),³¹ m. Hitchin (six miles south of Henlow), Herts., 17 April 1570, KATHERIN(E) ANDREW.³²
- ii ROSE MARSHE, b. say 1538 or later (last recorded child bp. 1582), bur. Henlow, Beds., 23 July 1601;³³ m. (1) Chipping Barnet, 15 June 1560, WILLIAM HURST [see below]; m. (2) Henlow, 4 Feb. 1671[2], JOHN RUSHE.
- iii MARGARET MARSHE, m. Chipping Barnet, 27 Oct. 1565, EDWARD CRAWLEY.³⁴
- iv ELIZABETH MARSHE, bur. South Mimms, Middx., 12 Jan. 1604[5?];³⁵ m. probably Chipping Barnet, ca. 1559, ARTHUR COCKETT, gent., son of Anthony Cockett (*Edward, Esq.*) and his wife, Margaret Hopton (*Sir Arthur Hopton, Knt.*).³⁶ Elizabeth was unmarried on 2 Dec. 1558; while her sisters' marriages (except Rose's 2nd) are recorded in the Barnet parish register, which begins in 1560, Elizabeth's is not.
- v JOAN MARSHE. It was probably she (rather than her mother) who married in Chipping Barnet, 24 June 1576, MICHAEL UNDERWOOD.³⁷ The unnamed wife of Michael Underwood was bur. 8 May 1600.³⁸

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY: HURST

WILLIAM^A HURST was born, say, in the mid-1530s and died a resident of the parish of Henlow, Bedfordshire, between 3 June 1570 (will) and 30 June 1571 (probate). His father was probably Henry^B Hurst, a landed yeoman who first appears in the manorial records of Henlow Grey in 1535.³⁹ William's mother was perhaps Agnes, who (as Agnes Hurst) was buried at Henlow on 17 November 1569.⁴⁰ William married in the parish of Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire, on 15 June 1560, ROSE

³¹ PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117.

³² PCC 18 Wood, TNA PROB 11/117, wife Katherine; Hitchin parish register, 1562–1665 [FHL film #991,383, item 7]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online.

³³ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):204. Nicholas, son of John Rushe, was bp. Henlow, 12 Nov. 1582; Robert Rushe, perhaps an unrecorded son of John's, married and died there in 1609.

³⁴ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 1 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online.

³⁵ Cass, *South Mimms*, 35, 113; Cass, “Queen Elizabeth's School,” *Transactions*, 5:48. South Mimms burial records have not been published; if they are available on film, it is only at London Metropolitan Archives, which holds the original parish registers.

³⁶ Phillimore, *Visitation of Worcestershire*, 39; Cass, *South Mimms*, 35, 113; Cass, “Queen Elizabeth's School,” *Transactions*, 5:48.

³⁷ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 3 [FHL film #993,728, item 2]; *Marriages (1538–1922)*, Hertfordshire Names Online. The first bequest in the will of William Hurst of Henlow is of £5 to Agnes Underwood (PCC 27 Holney, TNA, PROB 11/53 [digital copy]; Boyer, *Ancestral Lines*, 328).

³⁸ Barnet parish register, 1560–1682, 20 [FHL film #993,728, item 2].

³⁹ Johnson, “Manorial Records,” *Mayflower Quarterly* 76(1976):128–29.

⁴⁰ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):204.

MARSHE, daughter of John Marshe with probably Joan —, his only known wife. Rose also had several children with John Rushe, her second husband.⁴¹

Children of William^A and Rose (Marshe) Hurst; all precisely dated vital events occurred at Henlow:⁴²

- i HENRY HURST, bp. 10 June 1561, bur. 26 July 1608; unmarried.
- ii JOHN HURST, bp. 8 May 1563, bur. 31 Oct. 1565.⁴³
- iii AGNES HURST, bp. 17 Aug. 1565; m. 26 Jan. 1588[9], WILLIAM ALBONE.
- iv JOAN¹ HURST, bp. 13 March 1567[8], d. Plymouth, Mass., late 1620 or early 1621;⁴⁴
m. (1) 18 June 1593, THOMAS ROGERS; m. (2) 20 Sept. 1596, JOHN¹ TILLEY.

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CORRECTIONS TO TAG

“A Fresh Look at the Parentage of *Mayflower* Passenger Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley: With Her Mother’s Identity and Family of Origin,” by Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, FASG:

85:3, 7 [January 2011; pub. November 2011]: Thanks to a tip from TAG reader Hal Bradley, the author has determined that Arthur Cockett, gentleman, and Elizabeth Marshe married at St. Michael Bassishaw, London, on 25 August 1569 (Arthur William Hughes-Clarke, transcr., ed., *The Registers of St. Mary Magdalen, Milk Street, 1558–1666, and St. Michael Bassishaw, London, 1538–1625*, Publications of the Harleian Society, Registers, vol. 72 [London, 1942], 113, online at https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2118405).

⁴¹ Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴² Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]; Ward, “English Ancestry,” TAG 52(1976):204.

⁴³ Using Emmison’s transcription of the Henlow parish register, Ward listed John (bur. 31 Oct. 1565) as the Henlow Hursts’ first child and Joan (bp. 8 May 1563, d. soon) as their third, the first of two daughters so named (“English Ancestry,” TAG 52[1976]:204). The name in the original 1563 record of bp., however, is not *Joan* but *John* (Henlow parish registers, 1558–1812 [FHL film #826,473, item 1]). Immediately above this entry is the baptismal record of Joane, daughter of Richard [Hemminge].

⁴⁴ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620–1633* (Boston, 2004), 462.

Howland House Update

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are excerpts from the report given by Judy McAlister, Howland House Curator, at our annual meeting this year.

Our job is to show the Jabez Howland House and tell the Howland story which we all are very pleased to do. It is a very interesting and accomplished family to talk about, our nation would be very different without them.

New Programs

Tours of Rocky Nook with Historian Eldon Gay and Curator Richard Clary. They had about nine-10 visitors each time, and our two board members did a great job.

Tours of Howland site on Burial Hill with Interpreters Beth Ellis, Elizabeth Gould and Mary Sicchio from Howland House. They had nine the first one and 12 the second time. This project became a team effort of the Howland House staff, they prepared for several weeks researching, studying, making signs, had a special tour with Eldon, secured permits from Cemetery Management, Town of Plymouth and three of the interpreters presented the programs at the cemetery.

Both these programs were well received, after each we had several call telling us what a great tours they were and many calls about when we would do it again.

Gardens

Added more plants to the butterfly garden and expanded the Three Sisters Garden. Bethia, our "scarecrow" sits outside on the bench; she comes out each fall. This year she sits with corn stocks from our three Sisters Garden

We have native tobacco seeds to plant next year, donated by Stephen Mattern, Plimoth Gard's Captain.

New Exhibits

In the 1667 Hall, we have displayed some native tobacco drying, and it is much stronger than the southern tobacco. Stephen Mattern, grew it here in Plymouth and donated some add to our interpretation of the Pilgrims' story.

We added a bit more to our Esther Howland Exhibit, including pictures of the street signs in Worchester with the hearts for the start of valentine cards made in Worchester by Esther. Esther was known as the "Mother of the American Valentine."

More Howland seamen, with crew lists showing their hair and eye color as well as their height.

The connection of the Shenandore Pirate, the Confederate Captain that would not accept the end of the war and continued to capture and sink many ships for 8 months. He had and Howland connection, no he was not a descendant, but we have a list of the Howlands that were on ships he captured. After accepting the end of the war he went to work as Captain for the Pacific Mail Company owned by Howland and Aspinwall. When he entered San Francisco the seamen and merchants recognized him as the one who did so much damage to their Whaling and Merchant ships, he had to flee for his life. Thus ended his Howland connection.

The model of the shallop *Elizabeth Tilley* is also on exhibit with pictures of the construction at the Plimoth Plantation. *(continued)*

Safety Issues

During training each year we review several safety issues including:

Telling folks, especial the tall ones to watch for low spots, reminding them as they approach each danger spot; Reminding folks to use the hand rails; Always be aware of exits near you and how many are on your tour. We have a plan for when the alarm goes off. We have guidelines for any incident where anyone is injured.

The staff is also trained in preparing the house and artifacts for impending storms.

When the house is closed for the season, it is checked every week by a staff member; we have a schedule to cover all weeks.

The check includes all the rooms and areas of the house as well as the exterior.



Collections

The Rocky Nook Archeology collection that Derek Wheeler had worked on in Virginia, was collected by Craig Chartier and is being Cataloged by his lab. A large part of the Rocky Nook collection is stored at Plimoth Plantation.

Most of the artifacts at the Howland House are those on exhibit; they are all in the Past Perfect Museum Catalog completely, easily searched and inventoried every year in the fall, with location and condition, and notes are made if they are moved or if the condition has changed since the prior season. Mary Sicchio has been adding photos from the collection to each catalog file, and this is an additional program. Mary had the older copy of the Multi Media program and put it on our computer, at no initial cost to us, but that too has to be updated.



Left and middle: Our scarecrow, Bethia, sits in the garden on a bench watching over her butterfly garden! Right: Elizabeth Gould designed our new rack card. In addition to being a docent at Howland House, she is a graphic design major at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the granddaughter of Howland House Curator Judy McAlister.