

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA



2023 MEETING

November 27, 2023

On Monday, November 27, 2023, the John Howland Colony will meet at 11:00 am at the Fiesta Cancun Mexican Restaurant, 260 Douglas Ave. Altamonte Springs Fl. Just off Highway 436 near I-4. We will meet in the back room for our meeting and lunch. We will order from the menu and the restaurant will add 20% to the check. Each check will be separate. Please RSVP by November 20 to Jackie Arsenault jackie.arsenault@comcast.net. We honor our heritage in 2023 and endeavor to connect our lives and our values to the ideals advanced by our Pilgrim ancestors. If anyone has a topic for discussion at our next meeting, please send Jackie an email, so she can add it to the agenda.

Our colony's namesake, John Howland, was nothing if not resilient. As a young, indentured servant of John Carver, he survived a fall into a ferocious sea during a gale. He held onto the ship's lanyard rope until he was pulled back aboard by two sailors. John became a capable businessman, purchasing a trading post in Maine. With his wife, Elizabeth Tilley, he had 10 children and 88 grandchildren. A few years ago, at the National Society Annual Meeting, the program was entitled "From Arrival to Survival". Under Hank's tenure, we arrived; now, with determination, it is time for us to survive and prosper.

John Howland was born in Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, England around 1592.[6] He was the son of Margaret and Henry Howland, and the brother of Henry and Arthur Howland, who emigrated later from England to Marshfield, Massachusetts. Although

Henry and Arthur Howland were Quakers, John himself held to the original faith of the Separatist Pilgrims. During the voyage on the Mayflower, there was a turbulent storm during which Howland fell overboard. He managed to grab a topsail halyard that was trailing in the water and was hauled back aboard safely.

In 1620 he signed the Mayflower Compact and helped found the colony. During his service to Governor Carver in 1621, Howland assisted in the making of a treaty with the Sachem Massasoit of the Wampanoag. In 1626, he was a freeman and one of eight settlers who agreed to assume the colony's debt to its investors in exchange for a monopoly on the fur trade] He was elected deputy to the Plymouth General Court in 1641 and held the position until 1655, and again in 1658. In 1624, he was considered the head of what was once the Carver household when he was granted an acre for each member of the household including himself, Elizabeth Tilley, Desire Minter, and a boy named William Latham. In the several years after becoming a freeman, he served at various times as selectman, assistant and deputy governor, surveyor of highways, and as member of the fur committee.

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