

TILLEY TIMES

ELIZABETH TILLEY COLONY NEWSLETTER

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Right on the heels of our observance of our Mayflower ancestors' landing four hundred years ago, we must recall those terrible months that followed...months that reduced their numbers considerably. Please see page 5 of this issue.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

January 3, 2021



Goodbye 2020 and HELLO 2021! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and is well. Our home was filled with baking cookies and pies with my son who came to visit from the Air Force, and this was the first year in many that I had all three of my sons at home with us for Christmas. We are truly blessed to have a happy and healthy family. I'm looking forward to 2021 being a great year of hope and renewed "normalcy" whatever that may be. Our November Zoom meeting was a success, and we plan to continue that method of meeting for the January meeting as well. With the vaccines rolling out, perhaps soon we can all meet again in person, but I want to ensure the safety of all our members, and that must be our main priority. Our January speaker will be Bernie Roback discussing the Colonial Salem Witches. What a wonderful presentation we will have. Looking forward to seeing everyone this Saturday January 9th at 11:00 a.m.!

God Bless,
Katherine Adamo, Governor
Elizabeth Tilley Colony

January TILLEY COLONY Meeting via Zoom 11 a.m.

Shortly before 11, please sit at your computer, and copy and paste this destination URL into your browser

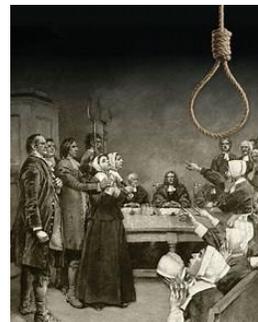
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(If needed, the meeting ID is 869 4764 7431; passcode is 833160)

Program via Zoom: Salem Witches with speaker Bernie Roback

Between 1692 and 1693, more than 200 people in colonial Massachusetts were accused of witchcraft—the Devil's magic—and 20 were executed.

Let's get the real story from Bernie.



An active genealogist for over 30 years, Bernie currently belongs to 30+ lineage societies, holding various positions over the years. At present, she is in her second term as registrar for her DAR chapter; is one of the state speakers for the Florida State DAR; serves as president of the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Inc.; Councilor-at-large for the Order of the Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Inc. and is a speaker for the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches.

Bernie says her pride and joy, in addition to her four grandchildren, is her collection of books, numbering over 350, and dealing mainly with the New England states and Nova Scotia. They consist of vital records, town histories, probate abstracts etc. In addition, she has downloaded countless other books from many other states.

MESSAGE TO ALL FROM FORMER TILLEY COLONY GOVERNOR REN CUSHING AND OUTGOING STATE HISTORIAN MURIEL CUSHING:

Dear Katherine and Elizabeth Tilley Colony members,

Ren and I want to thank you all for your very thoughtful contribution to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse fund and for the engraved brick paver that was donated in both of our names. The brick paver will be installed in the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway on the grounds of the Mayflower House in Plymouth, Mass. We will be sure to take a picture on our next trip to Plymouth. We have received the certificates from Governor General Jane Hurt and plan on having them framed to remind of us of our dear friends.

We are both overwhelmed and grateful to you all for your kindness. The Elizabeth Tilley Colony has always been dear to our hearts and we have such a wonderful feeling of love for all of the members.

We had hoped to thank you in person, but we have just been informed that there will not be a January meeting and realize that it may be a few months before we will be able to visit with you all for lunch and fun. We look forward to seeing you all at the next in-person meeting and hope that all are keeping safe and well.

Hugs,

Ren and Muriel Cushing

FROM OUR TILLEY COLONY HISTORIAN:

Howard Berna reports that we currently have 113 members.

Welcome to our newest member since the November issue: Susan Chapman of Sarasota (ancestor: EDWARD DOTY)

We had one new transfer in from New York: Susan Paige of Ellenton (WILLIAM BREWSTER) and one approved supplemental: Susan Whitworth, Lake Placid, FL (JOHN ALDEN)

Ten supplemental and one new application have been sent in since November, and there are still 11 applications in review pending further information.

One death was reported: Allis Edelman of Sarasota (STEPHEN HOPKINS, DEGORY PRIEST) (December 19, 2019).

As of January 1, 2021, the fees have increased for applications (from a total of \$115 to now \$165 with both initial and supplemental applications costing the same). Accounting for the costs of paid reviewers in Plymouth has generated this change. Colony Membership dues for FSMD are now \$54.

A **members' directory** was emailed to members in December. Please check your information and provide any updates to Howard: (berna_hj@msn.com)

DUES REMINDER!!

The 2021 DUES are now payable. If you have not yet paid your 2021 dues, please do so now. Please make your check for \$54.00 payable to the *Elizabeth Tilley Colony* and mail to our treasurer:

**Mary Lou Johnson
6651 Hauli Court
North Port, FL 34287-2449**



HELP IS ON THE WAY!!

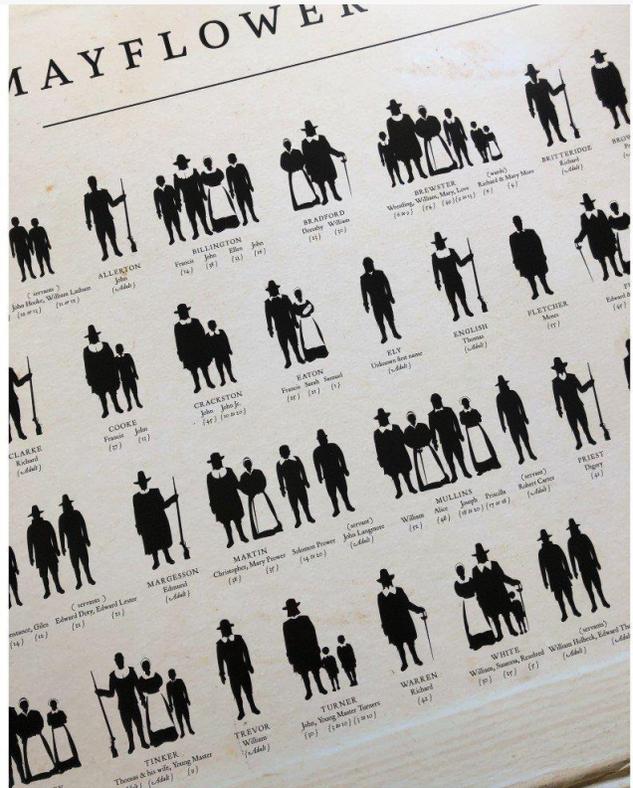
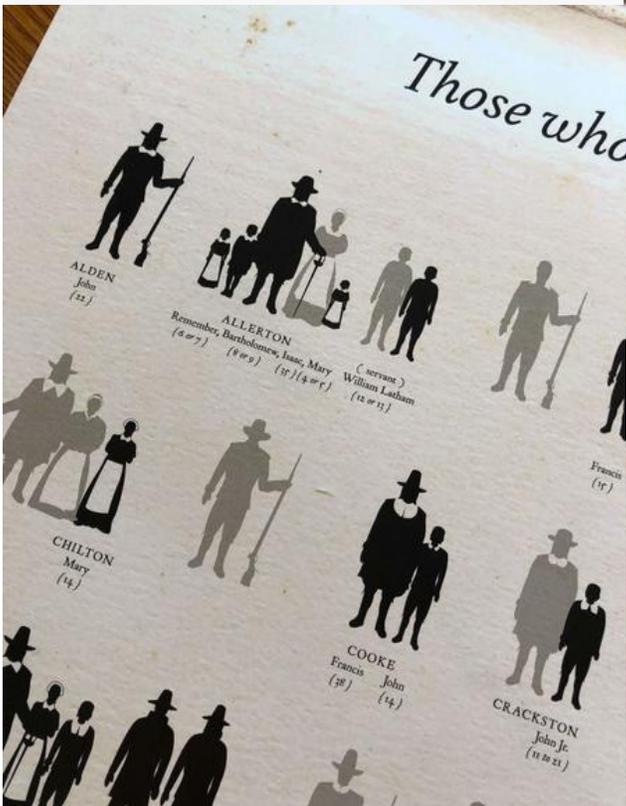
Be sure you get the COVID19 vaccine! As this issue of Tilley Times is distributed, all available appointments for vaccine in Sarasota County have been filled. Whatever Florida county you are in, if you fall within the over 65 category or are an essential worker, you are eligible. Check for your county health department online. In Sarasota, it is sarasota.floridahealth.gov. There is a connect to print out an application to bring with you to your appointment. Each afternoon, a new round of inoculations and locations will be posted. It is going to take a while, obviously, to get everyone vaccinated, but please be patient and stay informed.

We continue to encourage everyone to observe all the precautions to remain safe and well!



THE DEVASTATING WINTER OF 1620-1621

This large 24" by 36" poster, readily available online through the Pilgrim Hall Museum gift shop*, provides a graphic representation of those terrible months that followed our ancestors 1620 landing. The 102 passengers are first depicted in silhouette, some as individuals, some as couples or in small family groupings. The lower portion of the poster then shows "Those who made it to the first Thanksgiving in 1621", with the departed shown in gray silhouette.

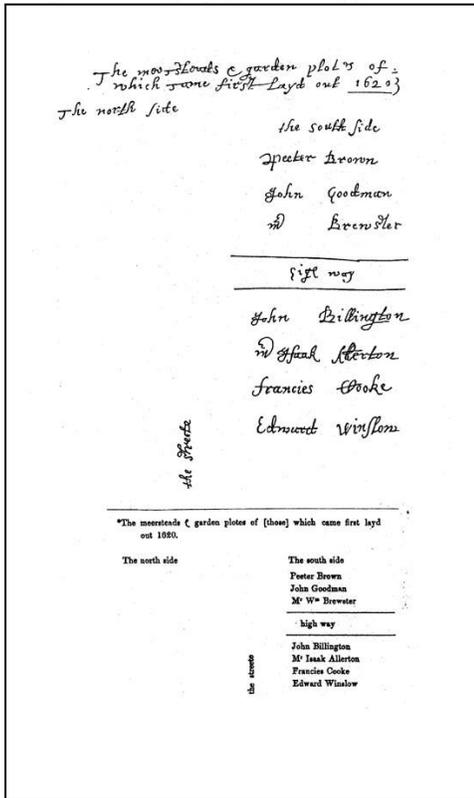


Of the 102 passengers, only 52 were alive by November 1621. Because 26 Mayflower families managed to survive their first winter in North America 400 years ago, there are an estimated 35 million descendants walking around today!

*Pilgrim Hall Museum gift shop (pilgrimhall.org) offers this large version for \$19.95 plus \$9.95 postage. It is also available in smaller sizes through Amazon.com.

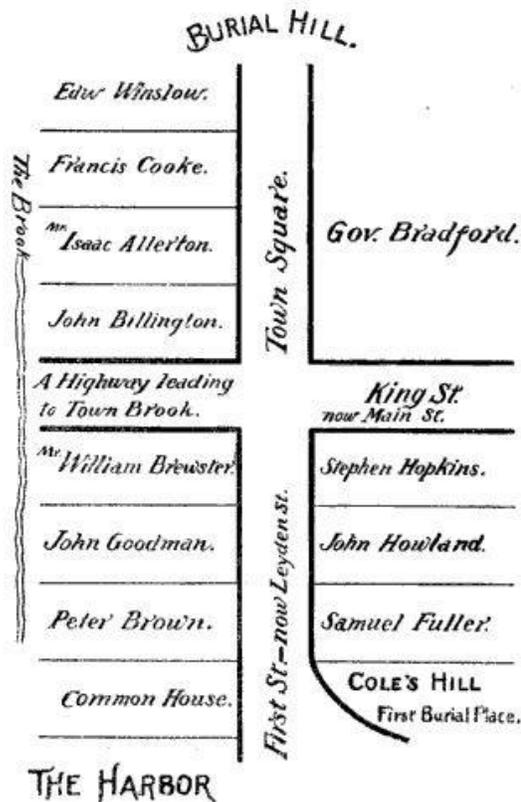
Tilley Colony Secretary Deborah Lansing comments "I think it is a great way to remind children and grandchildren about their heritage, so I'm planning to send my younger generations this item this year with a list of their seven ancestors."

And your address was????



At left, William Bradford's sketch, entitled "The meersteads & garden plots of which came first layd out 1620," is the only known map of the original town layout. This sketch is bound into the front of a manuscript volume entitled "Plimouths Great Book of Deeds of Lands Enrolled from Ano 1627 to Ano 1651." The first part of the volume is in the handwriting of Governor Bradford, as is the map. That volume is now reproduced in Vol. 12, Deeds, &c. Vol. 1, 1620-1651, of *The Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff and David Pulsifer (William White, 1855-61; AMS Press, 1968).

And looking from the opposite direction, we have this early recreation of the original layout:



Although the recreated village of Plimoth Plantation....now known as Plimoth Patuxet to honor its Wampanoag roots as well ours....could not be situated in its original location, every effort was made to present an accurate representation.



PLIMOTH PATUXET

COMMEMORATING 400 YEARS

1620-2020

RESEARCH AIDS

HURRAY!! Without a doubt, the biggest aid to researchers seeking info on Mayflower descendants...and possibly leads to new Plymouth ancestors, was announced this past November. This new database, **General Society of Mayflower Descendants Member Applications 1620-1920**, was a three-year collaborative effort between GSMD (General Society of Mayflower Descendants), NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogy Society) as well as FamilySearch. I had checked it out first on the paid site, AmericanAncestors.org, but have since learned that the database is available free to Mayflower Society members who can access it through mayflowersociety.org. From there, a guest membership to American Ancestors will allow you to access their site for this database and a limited offering of others. The indexes, including all names on the apps, will lead you to copies of the approved original applications of those who were born prior to 1920, so you will find applications much more recent. Thank you to the hardworking folks who continue to digitize these records!

Internet Archive/Open Library (<https://archive.org>) continues to be a personal favorite for research (and it's free). The amazing number of digitized books including many relatively obscure town histories, can provide hours of entertainment! This is not only a site for research, but it also houses numerous novels, textbooks, etc. Some books may be "borrowed" for a time, so that you have ready access. When researching a person, select "text contents" within the choices, and put quote marks around the full name (e.g., "Jeremiah Hughes"). In this sample, the search without quote marks will bring up any-and-all Jeremiahs. (I learned the hard way!)

Happy researching!

--dmw

