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PILGRIM 400 ANNIVERSARY REVIEW (YOU WILL BE QUIZZED!)

We have come to the end of three important Pilgrim Anniversary Years. In 2007 we remembered the first but unsuccessful attempt in 1607 by the Pilgrim Separatists to flee religious persecution by the Church of England of King James I and to settle in tolerant Holland, from Scotia Creek near Fishtoft, Lincolnshire, England. In 2008 we celebrated the anniversary of accomplishing a successful but difficult departure from Immingham, Lincolnshire, England, and arrival in Amsterdam. Finally, in 2009, aptly named “the Year of the Dutch” (“Het Nederlandse Jaar”) we commemorated their arrival on May 1, 1609 in Leiden, Holland, where they would spend the next eleven years before sailing to the New World. Both Immingham and Leiden held major celebrations. Two tours were organized in the US to Leiden, one by our General Society’s Historic Sites Committee and another by the Pilgrim Society. Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs, director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum played a major role in organizing the activities in Leiden. Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall director Peggy M. Baker and curator Stephen O’Neill also took part by orga-

was lent by Pilgrim Hall for display in the Lakenhal Museum. Have you ever seen this at Pilgrim Hall?

The Lakenhal Museum reciprocated by lending Pilgrim Hall its 1650 *View of Leiden* by Jan Van Goyen. The Leiden Regional Archives lent the 1609 Record Book that includes permission granted to Pilgrim Pastor John Robinson’s request for the Pilgrims to settle in Leiden. At the Archives Mrs. Baker was given the honor to launch a new Pilgrim Archives website that they had designed. An anonymous collector lent Pilgrim Hall a fragment of a tile from the home of Pastor Robinson.

Closing out the Leiden celebration was the dedication of a plaque in both Dutch and English on the ruins of the Walloon/French Reformed Church “Vrouwekerk” that had been used by some of the Pilgrims. If you are a Francis Cooke descendant, this is where your great⁷ grandfather married Hester Mahieu. Your PA Mayflower Society contributed money towards the casting and mounting of the plaque that was designed by Dr. Bangs. You can see Dr. Bangs at the ruins at <http://www.sail1620.org/history/commemorations.html>.

Finally, to cap off this series of three Pilgrim 400 anniversaries, our General Society published Dr. Bangs’ long awaited history *Pilgrims Strangers and Pilgrims – Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*. The title is from a quote by Robert Cushman in 1622 and is the first known use of referring to the Separatist group as Pilgrims. If you have any questions about your Pilgrim ancestor(s) you should be able to find the answers in this book. If your library does not have a copy, ask them to get one.

Now the town of Plymouth, MA, and our General Society are starting to plan for the Quadricentennial of the Pilgrims’ 1620 arrival: “Plymouth 400.” The various state societies will soon be doing the same.



The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth by Jennie A. Brown-Combe. Courtesy of Pilgrim Hall Museum

nizing a special 6-month exhibition “The Dutch Connection” at the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, MA, that closes on December 31st. A large “history painting” *The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth*, painted by Jennie A. Brown-Combe in 1914 perhaps in Honesdale, Wayne Co., PA,



17th Century Dutch Tiles.



T HIS IS A NEWSLETTER FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS BUT WHAT IS A JUNIOR MEMBER?

Answer: The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a whole section (Section 6 of Article III) in its Constitution covering Junior Memberships. It states that States Societies *may* establish Junior Memberships for juniors of any age up to 18 years of age and that these memberships may continue until the age of 25. *Any member* in good standing in any State Society having such a category of membership may make application for (i.e. may sponsor) a Junior Membership in behalf of any person under 18 who is related to a present or past member of the Society by blood through which line the sponsor was proved for membership. These Junior Members are NOT members of the General Society: they themselves have not filed documented lineage papers. They are NOT assigned a General Society or regular State Society number, only a Junior State Number (e.g. SMDPA J-25). They may not vote or hold office. The State Society determines what annual dues or fees are charged. No fees are paid to the General Society. Junior Members do not receive the *Mayflower Quarterly* but they do receive the PA Society newsletters.

Junior members may convert to Life Membership at any age as long as the usual lineage papers are executed by the sponsor member on their behalf and the papers are approved by both the State and General Historians (i.e. genealogists). They may not vote or hold office until they reach 18. At age 18 a Junior Member may transfer to Regular membership in the State Society where Junior membership is held provided the usual lineage papers are completed and approved. Transfer is encouraged at least by age 25 because if they don't, at that age they will be dropped by the State Society.

Perhaps now you understand why this four-page newsletter has articles like the lead article this month and an original Sudoku but also a maze and coloring page. Since publication of the *JR PA Mayflower* began in 2001 we have tried to bring our Junior members information about their Pilgrim ancestors and events related to them whether in England, Holland or Plymouth Colony. Pilgrims featured have been Alden, Allerton, Billington, Bradford, Brewster, Brown, Chilton, Doty, Eaton, Hopkins, Howland, More, Samson, Soule, Standish, and Winslow. Feature articles have covered Cushman, Delano, Massasoit, the *Fortune*, the *Mayflower*, clothing, duels, the Dutch visit, earthquake, escape from England, fire, hurricane, locust plague, the move to Leiden, murder, pirates, Plymouth namesakes, sickness, timekeeping, whaling, and women on the *Mayflower* and their children.

What would you like to see included? Please see box at right.



Here is a Dutch stamp that was designed especially for "Leiden 400." In the main newsletter's Fall issue you saw the Pilgrim on a bike. He was just part of a block of five stamps titled "Mooi Nederland" (Beautiful Netherlands) which are shown here. The stamps all bear the name "Leiden" which they honored and are of the 39 Eurocent value. They were issued on February 1, 2006 and were the eleventh block in the "Beautiful Netherlands" series. Can you spot the bike?

A FACEBOOK FOR ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS

The General Society Junior Chairperson, Debra Miller, who is also an SMDPA member, has created a FaceBook page for all Junior Members. The name of the group is Mayflower Jr Members (2009). She would like all Junior members to participate in the discussion group and to hear from other Junior members. She also urges Junior members to attend our Susquehanna and Western Colony meetings with their sponsors to spark interest and participation.

JUNIORS TOUR NOTICE! The GSMD Junior Member Committee is planning a sightseeing tour of Plymouth, MA and surrounding areas in June 2010 for ages 15 – 25. (15-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult). All parents welcome. Gather in America's hometown and experience this unique opportunity to get to know Society Junior Members from other states! Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors! Details and a registration form will be in the spring Mayflower Quarterly provided there is a minimum of 20 participants. Please e-mail dayquacks@aol.com

ANSWER TO THE ROBERT CUSHMAN CRYP-TOGRAM: But now we are all in all places strangers and pilgrims, travellers and sojourners. [1622] Can you figure out the key to the substitution?

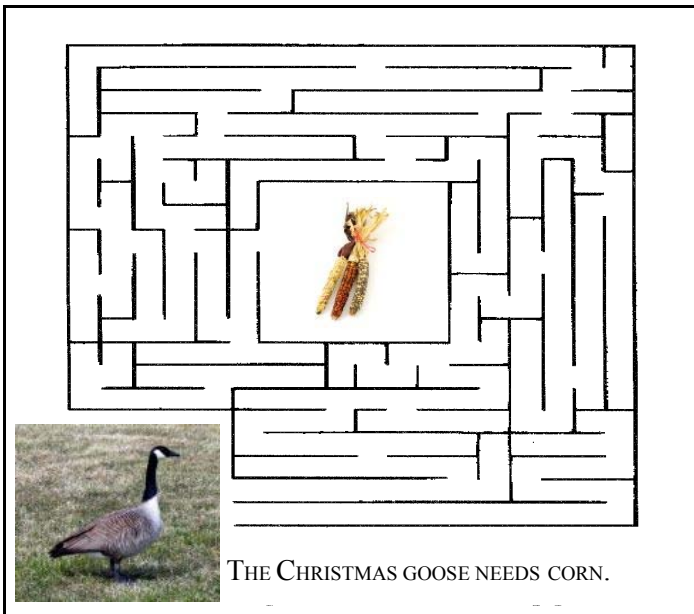
Any comments or suggested topics for the feature articles of this newsletter? Perhaps an article for consideration? If so, please contact Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr., Editor, "JR PA Mayflower," 1530 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147-6218 or by e-mail at sbcwj@comcast.net.

QUIZ: WHICH ITEMS ARE ASSOCIATED IN THE TWO COLUMNS? DRAW CONNECTING LINES.

- A. 1607 a. Pilgrims arrive Leiden from Amsterdam May 1.
- B. 1608 b. "Leiden 400" celebrates Pilgrim arrival.
- C. 1609 c. Plymouth Quadricentennial.
- D. 1620 d. Jan Van Goyen paints *View of Leiden*.
- E. 1622 e. Scotia Creek escape failure.
- F. 1650 f. Pilgrims first see Cape Cod
- G. 1914 g. Robert Cushman uses "pilgrim"
- H. 2009 h. Pilgrims' escape from Immingham.
- I. 2020 i. Jennie A. Brownscombe's *First Thanksgiving at Plymouth*. (Pilgrim Hall Collection)

ANSWERS: A = e, B = b, C = h, D = a, E = f, F = g, G = d, H = c, I = i.

THE CAPTAIN OF MAYFLOWER II IS COMING TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 23, 2010!
 Captain Peter Arenstam is also the author of *Felix and His Mayflower II Adventures* which is the story of the the real mascot kitten of *Mayflower II*. The Captain will speak about the ship.



THE CHRISTMAS GOOSE NEEDS CORN.

A ROBERT CUSHMAN CRYPTOGRAM
 INK MAV VT FHT FLL WM FLL BLFRTJ JKHF METHJ
 FMS BWLEHWGJ, KHFO TLLTHJ FMS JADANHMTHJ.

ANSWER: Unused letters from the 16 x 20 Pilgrim 400 Wordsearch: Scotia Creek, Lincolnshire. Can you locate that place on a map? It is near Fishtoft SE of Boston, England. They were imprisoned in Boston for trying to leave England without permission.

PILGRIM 400 16 X 20 WORDSEARCH

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PILGRIM 400 16 X 20 WORDSEARCH The following words are found in the lead article of this issue. The unused letters answer the question "From where was the Pilgrims' first escape attempted?" **The words:** AMSTERDAM, ANNIVERSARY, BAKER, BANGS, BROWNSCOMBE, COMMEMORATED, CONNECTION, CUSHMAN, DUTCH, ENGLAND, EXHIBITION, FISHTOFT, FLEE, FRANCIS, FRENCH, GENERAL, HISTORIC, HOLLAND, HONESDALE, IMMINGHAM, JAAR, JAMES, JAN, LAKENHAL, LINCOLNSHIRE, MAY, NEDERLANDSE, PAINTING, PLYMOUTH, QUADRICENTENNIAL, REFORMED, ROBINSON, SCOTIACREEK, SEPARATIST, SITES, SOJOURNERS, STRANGERS, THANKSGIVING, TILE, TRAVELLERS, VAN, VROUWEKERK, WAYNE, YEAR

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The "09" Sudoku puzzle uses nine non-repeating letters instead of numbers. The answer is below.

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D	L	V	U	H	J	M	S	N
S	U	M	N	L	V	D	J	H
M	S	J	L	D	N	V	H	U
N	H	D	V	U	S	L	M	J
U	L	V	H	J	M	S	N	D

"09" SUDOKU CLUES: One column spells our Governor General's name. Words: AND, DAY, HANDY, HAS, HAY & SUN

A PAGE TO COLOR

Perhaps these are your Pilgrim ancestors having their dinner.

Write the name of your Pilgrim "father" and "mother" above their heads. Which child is the one from whom you descend? Write her or his name too.



From *Plymouth Plantation Coloring Book* Drawings by Die Modlin Hoxie. Courtesy of Plymouth Plantation.