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These four women, together with young daughters and male and female servants, would go on to cook the first iconic Thanksgiving feast. She would marry again, to widower Edward Winslow, and have five children - their's would be the first marriage in the new Plymouth Colony on May 12, 1621. Susanna would certainly have been one of the more prominent figures in the new



Historian Sue Allan (third from left) with American descendants of Susanna White outside Scrooby Manor.E

settlement, married to Edward, who was a leader in the community.

She is buried in Winslow Cemetery in Marshfield, Massachusetts, where today there is a large stone memorial bearing her name along with her children and second husband.

In recent years new evidence has surfaced that links Susanna to Nottinghamshire, where it believed she lived at Scrooby Manor. Evidence uncovered by local historian and expert in English Separatists, Sue Allan, indicates that Susanna resided at Scrooby Manor in North Nottinghamshire before making the epic journey to New England in 1620.

“The origin of Susanna Winslow has long been a mystery as, until now, we’ve been unable to identify her maiden name and birthplace,” said Sue Allan.

“Identifying the origins of the female pilgrims is a real

challenge as there is generally so little information recorded about them - women had very few rights at that time, but they are so significant when painting the picture of the Pilgrim history.”

But a poignant letter penned by her second husband Edward Winslow in 1623 provided an important link between Susanna and the Jackson family, including leaseholder of Scrooby Manor, Richard Jackson.

Sue continued: “The letter we uncovered was the missing link we needed to conclude that Richard Jackson was in fact Susanna’s father and prove her Nottinghamshire origins. This is really exciting - Susanna was a very important figure; not only was she aboard the Mayflower ship, she was also pregnant during the voyage and gave birth to the first child to be born once the Mayflower reached the New World. After her first husband William White died that first winter, Susanna underwent the first marriage in New England - to Edward Winslow who became three times Governor of the Plymouth Colony.”

Elizabeth Hopkins

Elizabeth gave birth while at sea, to a boy she aptly named Oceanus - who would tragically die aged two after the Pilgrims had settled into a life of hardship in their new surroundings. She survived the first winter to cook the first Thanksgiving feast but little is known of her origins or what would become of her.

She married Stephen Hopkins on 19 February 1617/8 at St Mary Matfellow Church in Whitechapel, and had a daughter Damaris born somewhere in England around 1618. They were part of a group of Pilgrims known as the ‘Strangers’ who were not part of the congregation of Separatists living in Leiden, Holland.

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The Strangers who made up more than half the Mayflower passengers were merchants, craftsmen, skilled workers and indentured servants, and three young orphans. All were common people, and about one-third of them were children - and they were crucial to the colony's success.

They would have initially boarded the Mayflower in Rotherhithe, before they met up with the leaking Speedwell in Southampton. They would stop again in Dartmouth and Plymouth before setting off for America.

Priscilla Alden

Priscilla was not one of the 18 women recorded to have crossed the stormy Atlantic - she was just a child at the time, one that had a hard start to her new life. Her father William Mullins died on February 21 while the ship was docked for four months. His wife and daughter (and Priscilla's mother and brother) Alice and Joseph died in the first winter, meaning Priscilla started life in the New World as an orphan at the tender age of 18.

She was originally born in Dorking, Surrey, and went on to marry John Alden in what is thought to be the third marriage in the Plymouth colony. Priscilla was one of the surviving women, who became a family, and fought through the hardship to help the colony eventually thrive.

She is probably the best known from the poem *The Courtship of Miles Standish* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. According to Longfellow's legend, John Alden spoke to Priscilla Mullins on behalf of Miles Standish, who was interested in the lovely young woman. But she asked, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

By 1627 they were living in a house on the hillside, across from the Governor's house and near the fort. John Alden served in various offices in the government of the Colony. He was elected as assistant to the governor and Plymouth Court as early as 1631, and was regularly re-elected throughout the 1630s. Priscilla would become a leading figure in the colony.

Visit to [Mayflower 400 UK](#) for article with images and the interactive passengers list.

For more information about Sue Allan, historian and tour guide, visit [The Mayflower Maid](#) on-line.

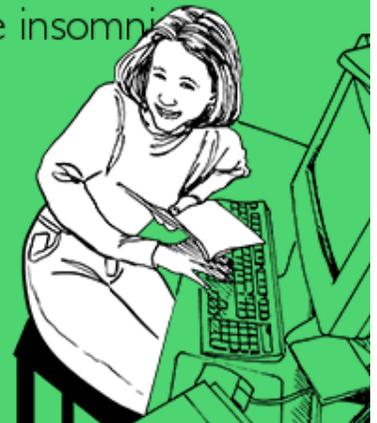


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On April 19th 1975, wearing a colonial outfit his mother had sewn, a 9 yr. old boy walked alongside his father from Lexington to Concord. It was the same route many of his 'minutemen' grandfathers had taken 200 years earlier responding to the Lexington Alarm. His knowledge of his family's history, and his participation in that event, instilled in him a passion for history, and a life long quest to discover his family's place in the story of America.

In my classroom, I know that my personal connections to whatever subject matter we are discussing translate into deeper understandings for my students. It is the answer to the age-old question of 'Why are we studying this?' and 'Does this matter?' History matters. It was folks like us, many years ago, without truly understanding the impact of their decisions, which caused a momentous change in the course of human history.

As we prepare to commemorate our great moment in American history, it is important that we understand our own story – and perhaps try to learn even more. History is not static – and is constantly being re-interpreted with the addition of new scholarship. I recommend, as a starting point, reading *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick and *Of Plymouth Plantation* by William Bradford. National Geographic's *Saints and Strangers*, as well as PBS American Experience's *The Pilgrims* are two excellent visual portrayals of the lives of the Pilgrims. PlimothPlantation.org has wonderful education material – for all ages. I am certain that other Society members can recommend additional resources as well.

Soon, the spotlight will be upon the story of the Pilgrims. *Our Story*. A story that is ... literally... a 'bedrock' of our nation – self-governance, equality,



and religious freedom. Like that day my 9 yr. old self understood his connection to the foundation of our Republic - we, as the Society, will be asked to remind today's generations why the story of the Pilgrims is relevant to our current world. It is important that our Jr. members, the Society's future, claim our heritage as their own, and know how the stories of the Pilgrims' struggles, the voyage of the Mayflower, and the signing of the Compact played a role in the formation of our Nation.

As part of understanding our own history, The Oregon Mayflower Society and WMS are partnering together to bring Vicki Oman, a phenomenal Plimoth Plantation re-enactor, to our Annual Spring Luncheon, **Sunday April 26, 2020**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to have a slice of Plimoth history to begin our 400th Commemoration. Look for more information in the Fall Newsletter.

Bruce David Hamilton
31st Governor

Stepping Down but not Out!

Thank you Lynn!



Lynn Pittier has decided to step down from her Board position and we'd like to recognize her many contributions to our Society over the years.

Lynn joined the Washington Society in 2009 and became a Life Member. She has been active from the time she joined - serving as our Historian beginning in 2011 -2013, serving on our Board of Assistants, and she and her husband went back to Plymouth for the General Society Congress meeting at least once.



Lynn is a force behind the scenes to help organize the Society luncheons and always has a welcoming smile greeting our members and guests - in costume!

We'd like to take this time to express our gratitude to have such a dedicated and hardworking member and friend.



Washington Wanderings

By Barb Doughty Maghirang

Last summer on another one of my day trips, my goal was to find the grave of my sister-in-law's axe-murderer great-uncle. Although he's not my ancestor, who can resist researching a little bit about a skeleton in the closet?! He was easy to find in Kansas since the story was in all the local newspapers at the time and I eventually tracked him to the Park Hill cemetery in Vancouver, Washington, under a different name. I wonder if his wife ever knew about his earlier life??

After taking the usual headstone photos and documenting the location, I still had a whole afternoon to kill. (Pun intended!) I had passed Fort Vancouver on my way to the cemetery so I decided to do some exploring.

The Fort Vancouver National Historic Site includes four major sites for visitors to explore: a reconstruction of the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Vancouver, the U.S. Army's Vancouver Barracks, Pearson Air Museum, and the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon. Of course I had to pick the hottest day of the summer for this trip, so I only wandered around the fort and gardens. I was able to watch the blacksmith shop and the fur trading store demonstrations, stroll through the fort's formal English-style garden, and climb up in the corner tower.

Fort Vancouver was established by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1825, and served as the headquarters and supply depot for a vast network of fur trading outposts in the West.

New Members Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations on tracing your family's history to a 1620 passenger of the ship Mayflower emigrants from England and Holland, Signers of America's first self-governance agreement (the Mayflower Compact) and present at America's first Thanksgiving!

WA#	First Last	Ancestor(gen#)	City
1832	Jim Anderson	John Tilley (15)	Newark, CA
1833	Sandra Anderson	John Tilley (14)	Alameda, CA
1834	Sarah Arnold-Daniels	Edward Doty (11)	Renton, WA
1835	Tom Pickford	John Howland (12)	Tacoma, WA
1836	Jerrilyn French	John Howland (12)	Everett, WA
1837	Lisa Christison	William Bradford (11)	Sammamish, WA
1839	Margaret Bette Hulst	William Bradford (11)	Everett, WA
1840	Kathy Looser	Francis Cooke (13)	Mountlake Terrace, WA

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1838	Traci Schultz	George Soule (14)	Olympia, WA
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New supplementals since last summer's newsletter:

Society Member	Ancestor (gen#)
Bruce Harrington	William Brewster (14) & Mary Brewster (14)
Lynn Pittier	Francis Cooke (12)
Valerie McClung	John Howland (12)

Junior Members Welcomed:

A great gift for newborns and juniors (in and out of state.) Junior members receive a birthday card annually through their 18th birthday. Birthday cards are mailed first class, with "Return Receipt Requested," to ensure addresses are updated. Sponsors may request application forms and send address changes to this email address:

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Sponsor	Junior Member	Ancestor
No new Jr. Members		



In Memoriam

Charles Snow (Peter Brown 10) October 9, 2018

The Washington Mayflower Society donates to the Seattle Public Library in memoriam of deceased members. These funds are intended to be used for books and materials in the Genealogy Collection.





National Park Service Photo

Named for Captain George Vancouver, the fort was located on the northern bank of the Columbia River in present-day Vancouver, Washington. Fort

Vancouver was the first terminus of the Oregon Trail (water route along the Columbia River.) In 1866, the fort burned to the ground so what you see today is a reconstruction built on the footprint of the original fort.

When I got back home later that day I promptly went to their website to learn more about Fort Vancouver. I didn't get a chance to visit the Vancouver Barracks but the website had a lot of information about it and the Post Cemetery.

As the first U.S. Army post in the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Barracks served as a major headquarters and supply depot and some pretty famous men were stationed there at various times, including Ulysses S. Grant.

Revolution, you can probably envision a bit of the army life inside the fort.

If you visit, the fort is located at 1501 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. You can check the National Park Service website for hours, directions, fees and additional history.

Four soldiers who received the Congressional Medal of Honor are buried at the Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery. They are William W. McCammon, James

M. Hill, Moses Williams, and Herman Pfisterer.

And guess what occupation Herman had? Drum roll please.....

Private Herman Pfisterer, from Brooklyn, served as a bugler with the Company D, 14th U.S. Infantry at Vancouver Barracks. And if you were able to attend the Spring Meeting and hear Cousin Viren Lemmer's exciting presentation on music of the American Revolution, you can probably envision a bit of the army life inside the fort.

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I had to force myself to discontinue my research on Herman since he's not one of my ancestors but

perhaps he is a relative of another Mayflower cousin. If he is and someone wants to share, please let me know. We love hearing stories of our cousins, near and far, famous and infamous, so don't be shy!



If you have visited an interesting place in our great state, share your fun! If you have a child or grandchild that would like to be a "published author" too, let us know. Maybe they can get credit for a school project in the next school year?

Happy Wanderings!
Cousin Barb Doughty Maghirang

Welcome Cousins!

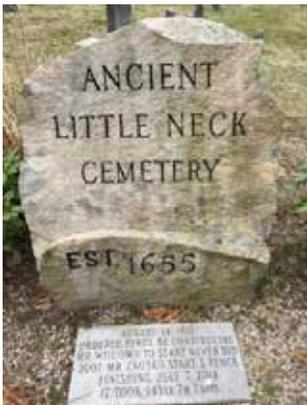
Once again, we had a fantastic Spring Meeting at the Tacoma Yacht Club, with 102 attendees. Hmmm, that 102 number sounds familiar.....that was the number of passengers on the Mayflower ship! Can you image us on a boat not big enough for 102 passengers?



Sailing off to a place we've never seen, not knowing what laid ahead, that we were leaving behind everything, and likely would never see our relatives again? I wonder what stories they could have told us.

At the end of April I was lucky to be able to take a quick trip to Rhode Island with my dad (Doing what everyone does, right? Tromping through cemeteries!), we visited the gravesite of one of our Mayflower ancestors, Elizabeth Tilley Howland. I sure wish I could ask her what her life was like.

I remember what it was like just camping for a few weeks with my family when I was a teenager. Despite my idea at the time that it was a horrible ordeal (insert eye-roll!!) I know it was nothing compared to what our ancestors went through.



In early April, Cousin Allen suggested the "Women of the Mayflower" article for our main feature, so when my dad and I took a late afternoon side visit to Plymouth, I was excited to spot the fountain of the

"Monument to Women of the Mayflower." I had seen pictures of this fountain before but seeing it in person is much better!

This fountain is on a corner almost directly across the street from Plymouth Rock and was erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution, dedicated in 1925. A female Pilgrim statue arises out of a shallow pool.

The back of the fountain records all of the adult women as well as the girls who sailed on the Mayflower - even those whose first names they did not know at the time. The names are arranged alphabetically in two groups. The women in the first group have surviving descendants, while those in the second group left no descendants.

And there is my Mary Chilton and Elizabeth Tilley! Both about 13 years old. The Pilgrim women must have endured things we can only imagine. They had to learn a new way of life while facing a new country, and probably without much guidance - no YouTube videos on how to pluck a chicken or how to make a quilt or how to help deliver a baby!



Can I image my 13-year self, being in their shoes? No way - I didn't know anything about life at that age, as I quote a famous line from a particularly popular TV series these days - "You know nothing, Jon Snow."

I have a lot to learn about our Mayflower history. If I was asked, I couldn't come up with a 30-second elevator speech about our Society or even a simple blurb about my Mayflower ancestors. Educational presentations like Cousin Viren's at the last meeting is one way to expand our knowledge, besides the entertainment factor.

It's essential to record and share our stories and experiences for our future curious cousins to promote our Society and its goals and objectives. Don't be shy



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to talk about our group to anyone who will listen, even if you only use your 30-second elevator speech. Let us know what is happening in your part of the state. And perhaps we can figure out a way to set up podcasts of our meetings so all our cousins will feel a part of this great group of cousins.

Have a wonderful, safe, and fun summer and hope to see you at the Summer Meeting!



Cousin Barb Doughty Maghirang
Evergreen Log Newsletter Editor

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Washington State Society of Mayflower Descendants 2019 Summer Family BBQ

Sunday, July 21, 2019

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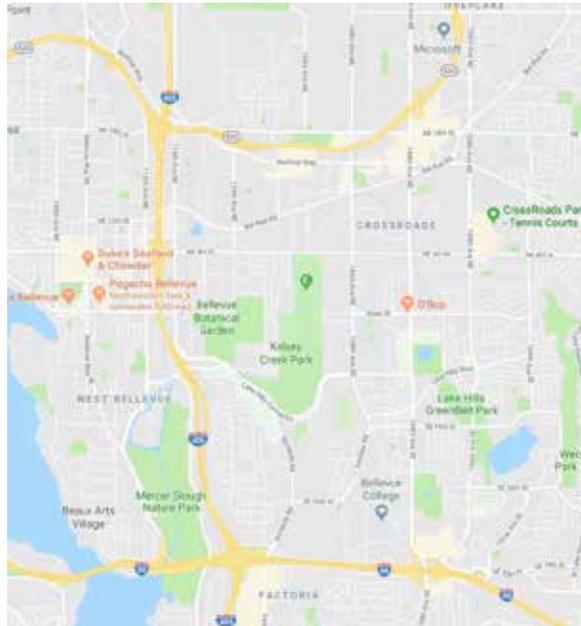
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Speaker: Jane Ritchey

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Summer BBQ Visitor Announced - Martha Washington!



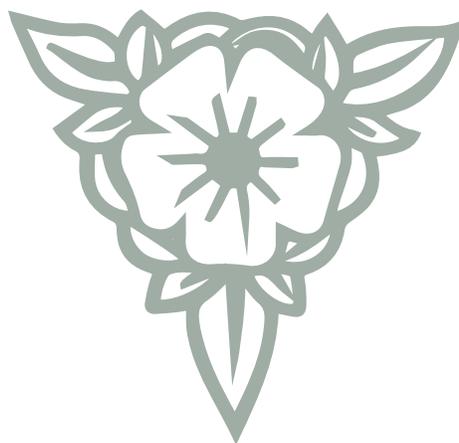
Martha Washington is portrayed by Washington Mayflower member Jane Ritchey who is honored to present a founding mother and gracious hostess. Jane has been portraying Martha Washington for three years for the George Washington Society, the Northwest Colonial Festival, on the Lady Washington Tall ship and at various Daughters of the American Revolution events and parades. She has also participated with SAR compatriots over the last 10 years. Audiences, question and answer

sessions, simple presentations and photo opportunities are all part of presenting Martha Washington. A regular hostess at the George Washington Inn and Estate and at the Washington Lavender Farm in Port Angeles are some of her regular duties. Her wardrobe is made to historic standards and hand sewn herself.

A Note from the Treasurer

The following people seem to be among the missing. If you know someone on this list, please contact them and ask them to contact Martha Music, the treasurer, at 360-275-3457 or treasurer@washingtonmayflower.org.

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