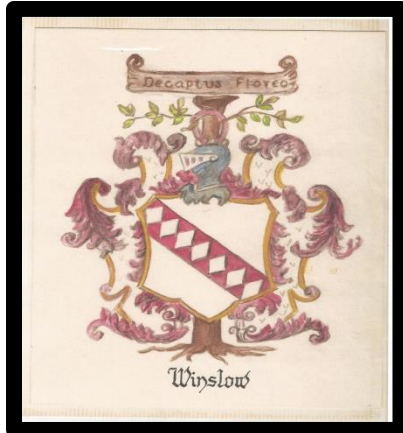


# WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY



*This lovely artist's rendering was provided by Janet Valles, a member of the New Mexico Mayflower Society. It was painted by her grandmother, a descendant of John and Mary Howland Winslow. Thanks to Janet for sharing this.*

## *Welcome*

Welcome to the first issue of the Winslow Heritage Society's Newsletter. The Society is making progress in forming an organization that will perpetuate the history and honor the memory of the Winslow brothers who first stepped foot in America during the "Great Pilgrimage" beginning with the Mayflower in 1620.

Membership will be open as follows: (1) Those who can prove lineage to any descendant of Edward Winslow, Sr. (1569-1631); (2) Those who can prove lineage to any Mayflower Pilgrim and has an interest in the history of the Winslow family; (3) Those who wish to have an association with the Winslow Heritage Society but are not biologically descended from Edward Winslow, Sr. or a Mayflower Pilgrim; Junior membership for those under the age of 18. Membership information is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

**CALLING ALL COUSINS:** The proposed By-Laws for the Winslow Heritage Society will be acted on in September. For those who are able, we are planning a meeting of the Society during the 40th Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to be held September 7 to September 10, in Plymouth, MA. For those unable to attend, voting will be by proxy. Possible dates for this organizational meeting are Saturday, September 6, or Monday, September 8.

In order to make reservations for a meeting room in the Plymouth area, Kathy Myers would appreciate hearing from those who may be interested in attending this first meeting of the Winslow Heritage Society.

Please contact Kathy at [jkmyers2@verison.net](mailto:jkmyers2@verison.net); by phone at (814) 371-5128; or by mail: 2540 Beechtree Road, Falls Creek, PA 15840. **HOPE TO MEET YOU IN PLYMOUTH.**



**ENGLISH VILLAGE, PLIMOTH PLANTATION**



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....**

Do you have a question or comment for the Newsletter editor? Contact information for the acting Editor appears below under "Writer's Corner". Letters and answers will appear in the next issue.

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**WRITERS' CORNER**

*We have an interest in articles about the Winslow family, the Pilgrims, the Pilgrim experience, the "Great Migration", or genealogical research. Articles may be submitted to the acting Editor, Kathy Myers, 2540 Beechtree Road, Falls Creek, PA 15840; [jkmyers2@verizon.net](mailto:jkmyers2@verizon.net)*

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Kathleen M. (Kathy) Myers.....

**The Other Winslow Family**

*As the granddaughter of a Winslow, I grew up with the knowledge that "our family came on the Mayflower". My Pilgrim roots came down through my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandmother, Beulah Keene, who married Carpenter Winslow, a descendant of the other Winslow, Kenelm. Kenelm..."The second brother of Governor Winslow...was at Plymouth before 1633, and it is believed by some that he arrived there in 1629." Eventually Grandfather Kenelm made his home in Marshfield, MA. Unlike Uncle Edward's family who had few surviving descendants, Grandfather Kenelm's family multiplied and increased to which the two volume "Winslow Memorial" by Holton, published in 1877 bears witness.*

*Growing up "Winslow" not only made me curious about our fore bearers in England, but also what family traits we may share with our famous Uncle Edward.*

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My grandmother, Eva Winslow Smith, daughter of William K. and Mary M. Johnston Winslow, was born in Benezette Township, Elk County, Pa, on October 16, 1875, the oldest in a family of six (4 sons and 2 daughters). Her gr. gr. grandparents and their extended families emigrated in approximately 1818 from Maine to Gaskill Township, Jefferson County, just outside of Punxsutawney, PA., today known as the Weather Capital of the World and the home of Punxsutawney Phil. Many of their descendants still live there. By 1828 Grandma's great grandparents and their families relocated to Benezette Township.

The farming community where she lived along with many other Winslow families was referred to in the early years at Mt. Pleasant. But it was her great uncle, George Wait Winslow, born in

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Maine and transplanted to Mt. Pleasant, who is credited with naming the area Winslow Hill, a name that continues and is widely known in our region of PA.

Grandma married in 1904 and my father, Bruce Winslow Smith, was born October 7, 1906. He was her only surviving child. Since I had no aunts or uncles of my own on Dad's side of the family, life consisted of weekly trips to Benezette to visit his aunts, uncles, and cousins, all Winslows, who lived near one another. And they all knew they "came on the Mayflower."

When I was a little girl, Grandma worked as a housekeeper, and when she retired somewhere around her 80<sup>th</sup> year, she came to live with us. It was in her old trunk in the attic that I found the program from a Winslow Reunion held in Punxsutawney, PA, in 1911. On the front was the Winslow Coat of Arms, inside was a genealogical chart showing our descent from Kenelm Winslow of England, and the events of the day on the back cover. That program gave me a life-long interest in genealogy.

Over the years, I wrote letters to genealogical societies and picked up bits and pieces of information from relatives. Yet, somehow, I felt that I wasn't quite "Winslow" enough and those of Uncle Edward's family were the "real" Winslows. I determined that by going to England I would gain a better understanding of who we Winslows are. And go I did, many times over the years.

(Part 2 continued in the next newsletter)

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A new publication is available from one of our Winslow cousins.....

*The Winslows of West Brewster*  
*Glimpses of a Cape Cod Family: 1660s-1930s.*

Written and printed by Judith McLoud Brister, 2014

This book attempts to follow the Cape Cod Winslow family as it pioneered, populated and put its distinctive stamp on West Brewster, Massachusetts from the 1660s to the mid-1900s, when the Winslow surname disappeared from this neighborhood. Sources include early histories of Cape Cod, more recent academic research, federal census, church records, the Winslow family genealogy (*Winslow Memorial*), newspapers, the minutes of Brewster town meetings from 1803-1828, and assorted family letters and documents. The book includes genealogical charts by generation.

Winslow cousins can obtain copies at cost by contacting the author: [jbrister1@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jbrister1@nyc.rr.com).



### Membership Information

The objectives of the Society are to perpetuate the history and honor the memory of the Winslow Brothers who first stepped foot in America during the “Great Pilgrimage” beginning with the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620.

Life and regular memberships are open to those who can prove lineage to any descendant of Edward Winslow, Sr. (1569-1631) and to anyone who can prove a direct descent from any Mayflower Pilgrim.

Junior memberships are available up to the age of 18 years for any junior having a lineage from Edward Winslow, Sr. (1569-1631) or any Mayflower Pilgrim.

Friends of the Winslow Heritage Society applications will be accepted for those do not have a direct biological line to the Winslow family or Mayflower Pilgrims but who are interested in the history of the families. This may be spouse, etc.

Application Fee: One time, non-refundable fee of \$20 for Life and regular members.

Dues: \$100 Life member; \$20/yr. Regular Member; \$15/yr. Friends; Juniors, \$10 onetime fee.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make the Winslow Heritage Society a successful organization, there are opportunities for volunteers to fill positions on the Board of Assistants. The following is a list of those offices filled on an interim basis, and vacant offices.

Governor, Kathy Myers;  
Deputy Governor, Judy Quinn;  
Secretary –  
Treasurer-  
Historian/Genealogist, Donna Crosby;  
Chaplin -  
Assistants:  
By-laws Committee:  
Education:  
Finance:  
Junior Membership:  
Newsletter:  
Nominations:  
Public Relations/Website:  
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