The following article and photos have been submitted by Winslow Heritage Society Charter Member, Gordon Winslow, recounting his experiences in meeting Douglas Kenelm Winslow, author of “Mayflower Heritage”. We thank Gordon for sharing this with us. (editor)

MEETING THE MASTER

............text and photos by Gordon Winslow.................

In the 1960s my focus on genealogy grew exponentially with no hesitation to pursue “stubborn” lines nor persons that others were timid to engage. And so it was that I wrote to Douglas Kenelm Winslow, the author of “Mayflower Heritage” and well known expert on the origins of the Winslow family in the U.K., in 1968 when I had an opportunity to visit London. I was totally taken back when he invited me to stay at his residence for a few days when I
informed him that I would be going to London for three weeks, in that we were relative strangers. Here is an excerpt from his letter dated 21 May 1968:

“Dear Namesake, Kinsman, Cousin, Gordon or Sir,....I always feel gently at a loss as to how I should address those of my own name, and at least we are long separated ‘clansmen’ of the same actual root stock...my wife and I greatly look forward to your visit...Now let me give you a little more background about me than you may possess. I am 63 this year and alleged to be rather Pickwickian. Anyway, I am a tubby local Councillor, and in business locally in public relations and other things...we have just moved into an apartment over our growing business – was on the spot in 1771 as an inn named “The Three Compasses”...We are not wealthy but comfortable. We use hire chauffeur driven cars as we do not drive ourselves...But if you want to ferret a bit among Winslow books and documents I can set you at our dining room table...The “Winslow Memorial” is somewhat inaccurate.”

In all his correspondence he never used his first name, it was always Kenelm Winslow.

D. Kenelm Winslow and daughter, Susan
Dining room table in his Richmond home.
Mayflower II

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From my Journal entry the following is transcribed:

On Monday, July 22, 1968, I took a cab to Richmond, Surrey, from Enfield where I had been staying, to the home of D. Kenelm Winslow where I would be staying for a few days. Upon arrival he set me up on his dining room table and I began to photograph his genealogical data which he had researched for over 40 years on the early roots of the Winslow family. He left me along to my work and returned to his business where his wife worked, a business which was some sort of mail-order operation, exactly what I never inquired. He returned about midmorning to check on me, then again just before noon when he served us both a glass of sherry before lunch which we had at a pub. Afterwards we walked around town and had a few scotches. He returned to work but came home again midday for tea and then again after work
with his wife, (Helene Whitehead born in Oakland, CA, whom he met during the war) when we had another sherry before supper. After supper we all went to Lt. Commander Winslow’s daughter’s home. Susan and her husband were very hospitable. His name was Patrick O’Leary (real name Declan O’Leary) and worked for his father-in-law. On our return home we stopped at an old pub located on the Thames.

On Tuesday morning the Commander woke me in my attic bedroom which they had prepared for my visit and made me breakfast since the Mrs. Did not wake as early as he did. Within an hour I was photographing more of his material. Today was the first rain I had seen since arriving in England. After the usual sherry, I walked to a Wimpy for a Wimpy Burger (Wimpy is the brand name of a chain of fast food restaurants). Early in the afternoon the Commander and I walked to a beautiful “Green” overlooking the Thames where we stopped in a pub on our return. This evening I was his guest at the Richmond town council lasting three hours of which he was a councilman. After the meeting a reporter asked me a number of questions. (Prior to the meeting the Commander told me to tell any reporter that he was well known in the United States as being an expert on the history of the family, etc.) We then enjoyed some refreshments of beer, cherry pie, cake, cookies, tea and coffee.

On Wednesday morning Pat drove me to where I could catch a bus to Worcester. After a short time we stopped at Heathrow airport where we picked up a group of passengers of which there was a most attractive girl resembling the Queen when she was younger. The girl sat next to me and had a most enjoyable conversation until she departed at Oxford at two in the afternoon. Late in the day I arrived in Worcester and checked into the Crown Hotel which the Commander had made reservations. My first objective was to secure a car and driver for tomorrow since I was unsure of what the weather would be. In the morning the car arrived with a driver who happened to be a Canadian who had come to England during the war and married an English girl. The driver had no idea how to get to Kerswell Green Farm in Severn Stoke, Kempsey, but after a time we found it, where I was well greeted by Mrs. Peter Rinell with whom the Commander had notified that I was coming. The Rinells had a 30 year lease on the house built by my ancestors some six centuries before and now owned by the Duke of Dudley. (The Commander said that if there were any additional information on the Winslows in England it might be found with the Duke).
Mrs. Rinell allowed me to photograph the entire outside of the home as well as the pool, then gave me a guided tour of the interior of the house. They had torn away part of the inside wall upstairs to show how the wall was built with woven reeds. She told me I was the first visitor in two years so she was pleased to accommodate my visit. After the house tour it was approaching tea time, so I left to see another Winslow home called Cleeve Cottage located in Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris owned Cleeve Cottage which was much smaller than Kerswell and much older. After a tour of the home which the Commander had arranged, I returned to Kerswell for tea which was outstanding. To my amazement I had two cups of tea, two sweet rolls, six slices of bread with butter and jam and a piece of cake. After tea I bid farewell and returned to the Crown Plaza where I had dinner with two textile salesmen. After, we all went to an old pub.

Thursday I bought some books and maps. On my return to the hotel I had a phone message from a local newspaper asking for an interview. A reporter arrived shortly after with a photographer. They wrote me up for
my genealogical research which Commander D. Kenelm Winslow had so informed them. I asked Mrs. Rinnel to send the article which she did. I returned to London by train.

From the Commander I returned with a copy of the first parish register from Kempsey, all his correspondence pertaining to the North Carolina Winslows, a picture of John Winslow of the Kearsarge, a reprint of the Mayflower Company, miscellaneous notes and pamphlets on Governor Edward Winslow plus over 300 photos of his research. 

Note: Gordon Winslow can be reached at winsgw@gmail.com

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WINESLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINESLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, AT 2:00 P.M., EST.

I, ____________________________________________________________, (print name)

Heritage Society, whose address is________________________________________________________,

hereby authorize Bruce Fensley, acting Secretary of the Winslow Heritage Society, to vote “yes” on my behalf at the above referenced meeting for all general business and to vote specifically as marked for the following reports/proposed amendment to the by-laws:

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of September 8, 2014, as printed in this newsletter: ___Yes  ___No

2. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report, September, 2015, as printed in this newsletter:   ___Yes  ___No

3. Accept an amendment to the by-laws (detail sent via e-mail of 7/31/2015) which will add wording to include a membership category for those who “can prove lineage to the ancient lines of Winslows”.  ___Yes  ___No

Date: ________________________________ (signature)

Print this page, complete the requested information, and send the form to Bruce Fensley, Secretary, by e-mail b0408fensley@gmail.com or by mail: 103 Belmont Ct., Southern Pines, NC 28387. PROXY MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10 TO BE COUNTED.

Officers through 2017
Governor, Kathy Myers;
Deputy Governor General, Judy Quinn;
Bruce Fensley, Secretary;
Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer;
Betty Mapes, Chaplain;
Kathy Myers and Judy Quinn, acting Historian/
Genealogist

Committees appointed by Governor:
By-Laws, Judy Quinn;
Education/Research, Vacant;
Finance, Vacant;
Junior Membership, Vacant;
Newsletter, Kathy Myers;
Nominations, Bruce Fensley;
Webmaster, Vacant

Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve as Historian or to chair one of the vacant committees may contact Kathy Myers jkmyers2@verizon.net or via phone: (814) 371-5128.
TO BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Minutes
Winslow Heritage Society Annual Meeting
Radisson Hotel, Plymouth MA
September 8, 2014
2:00pm-3:05pm

Present: Kathy Myers, John White, John Myers, Marylen Jackson, Judith Brister, Peter Johnson, Ellie Johnson and Robert Allen Greene.
Proxy votes received and submitted: Judith Quinn, Prarie Counce, Alan Johnson, Donna Crosby, Linda Larkin and Betty Mapes.

Call to order
Meeting called to order by Governor Kathy Myers at 2:00 p.m.

Invocation
Betty Mapes, Chaplain provided the invocation – Psalm 32.8

New Business
 Adoption of bylaws – Motion to accept by Marylen Jackson and seconded by Judith Brister. Motion passed.

Election of Board of Assistants:
Kathy Myers, Governor
Judith Quinn, Deputy Governor
John White, Secretary
Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer
Donna Crosby, Historian/Genealogist
Betty Mapes, Chaplain

By-Laws Committee: Judith Quinn
Education/Research: John White, Chair; Donna Crosby
Finance:
Junior Membership:
Newsletter:
Nominations:
Webmaster:
Motion to accept election of Board of Assistants by Judith Brister and seconded by Robert Allen Greene. Motion passed. Discussion on filling vacancies. If anyone is interested in filling a vacancy contact Kathy Myers.

Treasurer’s Report, September 8, 2014, Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer

Balance 8/6/14: $3,206.60
Deposits from membership/applications $40.00
$3,246.60

Less:
Deposit, printing, CW Graphics, certificates $267.00
$2,979.60

Donations Received:
Judith Quinn $20.00
Balance 9/3/14 $2,999.60
Treasurer’s report was accepted without objection

**Secretary Report, John White**

Welcome to the Winslow Heritage Society’s inaugural meeting. This is a very exciting time as this is a great opportunity to continue the legacy of our forefathers. The Winslow Heritage Society will be discussed at the Pilgrim William White meeting for inclusion of new members (their meeting is directly after this meeting in Plymouth). Susanna White married Edward Winslow; therefore it is natural to include those members as well. Ideas are being solicited for direction of education and research which include: DNA testing, stories of the Winslow children, trials and tribulations of your research, disproving stories, members will be solicited to write about 1 ancestor of interest for others to share, copies of documents that members have will be solicited to share with the Society.

The secretary is requesting a list of all members, and emails, to focus on their direct descendants to caucus individuals for information on their lines to share with all Society members. It is with this information that others can use because some members may have hit a road block in their lineage research. Hopefully, this attempt will be beneficial to all in need of information. The secretary will write up a press release to be included in the future Mayflower Compact Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants quarterly newsletter. The fact that we are including all 5 brothers will get excitement and new members.

The Winslow Heritage Society received the following book donations which were handed over to the education/research committee:

*The Winslows of West Brewster, Glimpses of a Cape Cod Family: 1660’s-1930’s* – written and donated by Judith Mcloud Brister
*Winslows of Careswell in Marshfield* – written by Cynthia Hager Krusell, assisted by Betty Magoun Bates, donated by Cynthia Krusell.
*Marshfield a Town of Villages, 1640-1990* written by Cynthia Hagar Krusell and Betty Magoun Bates, donated by Cynthia Krusell.

Certificates for members were discussed and will be available upon finalization.

**Historian/Genealogist Report, Donna Crosby**

Although Donna was unable to attend the meeting, she is a valued asset to the Winslow Heritage Society and is available for your individual research issues.

**Charter Members**
David Appleton, Stephen Atwood, Gloria Barron, Judy Brister, Kevin Clark, Prarie C. Counce, Donna Crosby, Jessica Ashley Loncaric Curry, Bruce Fensley, Cameron Foster, Carol Freeman, Robert Allen Greene, John E. Idenden, Jr., Marylen Jackson, Alan. S. Johnson, Kay Kennett, Linda Larkin, Betty Mapes, Guy V. Moellendorf, John Myers, Kathy Myers, Beverly Nelson, Judy Quinn, Betty Read, Judy Swan, John White, Meg E. (Fensley) Wilbur, Gordon Winslow, James W. Winslow, Susan Amy Winslow, Mildred Candy Young and Alice Zimmerman.

**Junior Members:**
Henry Andrew Myers, John Frederick Myers, John Wilbur and Joshua Wilbur

**Recently approved member:** Judith Ann Read Elfring

**Other Business**
Members talked about their individual lines;
Focus on membership was discussed;
Will meet annually at a time and location to be announced.

**Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm by a motion from Robert Allen Greene and seconded by Judith Brister. Motion passed. 

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Treasurer’s Report, by Alice Zimmerman, to be presented for approval October 24, 2015

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Winslow Heritage Society is pleased to welcome the following new member:

- **Ruth Whitney Major**, ancestor, **Kenelm Winslow**, approved August 24, 2015;
- **Ruth Whitney Major**, ancestor, **Josiah Winslow**, approved September 13, 2014

This is the first supplemental application presented for approval to the Winslow Heritage Society

“LETTERS, WE GET, ....WELL....e-mail

Thursday July 2, 2015, 7:43 P.M. e-mail received from the current owners of Kerswell:

“Good evening, Kathy: Forgive our isolation....we have had ill health and yes we were and are the owners to your ancestral home and would have met you in 1995. Your home/our home has been ours since 1989.

How lovely to think you have such family love to unite the Winslow family to research your heritage and take pride in being at the forefront of American history...making a nation that sustains and promotes the cause of liberty and democracy...to search a tranquil land where one can be oneself the very reason your beloved ancestor set sail that eventful day.
How proud you must feel...

Part of our home was on display in your Pilgrim House museum some years ago for Edward’s anniversary. I believe Katy was the curator’s name who travelled over to take back part of the original “cruck” (beam) that formed part of the structure of our/your home. We were invited as honorary guests of the Mayor of Boston (?), but could not make it.

I trust you and yours are well and your efforts to sustain a manageable and viable Winslow Society has come to fruition.

All our love,
Kind regards
Roger and Mary Lethem

Due to the insertion of meeting information in this newsletter and the space it has required, the Deputy Governor’s Corner will not appear this month. The next article, entitled A Discussion Regarding Haplotypes and Haplogroups, will appear in its entirety in the next issue. You will find this article a fascinating study including the findings of those participating in the Winslow DNA Project. “I can tell you that the majority of folks in our Winslow DNA Project are in the H haplogroup. (Judy Quinn)”

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANNUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015 AT 2:00 EST

TO CALL IN TO THE FREE TELECONFERENCE MEETING,

DIAL (641) 715-3580

ACCESS CODE: 343902

ON-LINE MEETING ID: b0408fensley

(If anyone has a problem connecting, Customer Service telephone number is: (844) 844-1322)

Reserving a space by October 15 is not mandatory; however, advance notice of your intention to participate in the teleconference will assist Secretary Bruce Fensley with the attendance record (see page 1).