

WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

As a lover of genealogy, I must admit I have never run into a situation quite like this, but anything is possible! This was found on Facebook in January, 2018. Kathy Myers, editor

I am my own grandpa!

Many many years ago when I was twenty three,
I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.
This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red.
My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed.
This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife.
To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy,
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.
My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad and so became my Uncle,
Though it made me very sad.
For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my step-mother.
Father's wife then had a son, who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandson, for he was my daughter's son.
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue,
Because, although she is my wife, she's my grandmother too.
If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild.
And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild.
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw.
As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!



Figure: Re-enactor Susanna (Jackson) White-Winslow

An Announcement from WHS Historian, John White

I had the honor to review the book by author, Sue Allan* titled ***In Search of Susanna White-Winslow*** which will be available from 9 April, shipped direct from www.domtom.co.uk, priced at £15.99.

First, let me set the tone –

Late Spring/Early Summer, 2017, there were rumors of a new family line being discovered in England. All family societies began chatting on social media and no one knew anything specific; however, every family society had its own ideas or thoughts as to what it could be, but nothing concrete. I received an 11th hour clue when I was invited to dinner with Caleb Johnson by the Governor of the Pilgrim William White Society. In addition, the Governor requested I take minutes of the historic unveiling. Wait! I'll get back to that! Bottom line is everyone knew nothing. The secret was tightly held.

In September, 2017, at the 41st Mayflower Society General Congress in Plymouth, MA, a new family line was unveiled to the delegation in a presentation by Caleb Johnson. This had the entire audience at the end of their seats...They wanted more information!!! Sue Allan was unable to attend. She contributed much to the quest and memorialized the entire events leading to this day.

Fast forward 4 Months later –

Sue Allan and I are communicating about her book and she gave me the privilege to read the final edition prior to going off to print – an absolute high honor!! Yes, an opportunity was provided to me for

comments prior to publishing. I was mesmerized with her voyage from one clue to the next, as if being present with the team of Caleb Johnson, Sue Allan and Simon Neal sifting through historic records. Easily, you visualize the lives of these ancestors as it unfolds in the pages on your hands.

This easy to read book is an instant Mayflower classic and will be highly sought after for any Mayflower descendant. It contains history, lineage and documents. Obviously this is an important publication for the White and Winslow family societies, but not so fast!! There is another Mayflower link.

But, as of that is not enough, there is more!! There is much of Edward Winslow. Yes, we have heard of his death "at sea" which is in the Silver Book. *In Search of Susanna White-Winslow* has the actual detailed account of his death. This is jaw dropping...it brought me to learn more of this great man who is underrated in American history.

In closing, the White and Winslow line is strong on its own merits; add Chilton and it's a spectacle! This latest find will rewrite the Silver Books for many families. I highly recommend this book.

Keeping History Alive!!

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Sue Allan

~~~~OUR HOMETOWN, DROITWICH~~~~



“**Droitwich Spa** (often abbreviated to *Droitwich*) is a town in northern Worcestershire, England, on the River Salwarpe.

The town was called Salinae in Roman times, then later called Wyche, derived from the Anglo Saxon Hwicce kingdom, referred to as ‘Saltwich’ according to Anglo Saxon charters, with the Droit (meaning ‘right’) added when the town was given its charter on 1 August 1215 by King John. The ‘Spa’ was added in the 19th century when John Corbett developed the town's spa facilities. The River Salwarpe running through Droitwich is likely derived from Sal meaning ‘salt’ and weorp which means ‘to throw up’ i.e. ‘the river which throws up salt’ which overflows from the salt brines.

The town is situated on massive deposits of salt, and salt has been extracted there since ancient times. The natural Droitwich brine ...is ten times stronger than sea water and rivalled only by the Dead Sea.”¹

Edward Winslow, Sr., father of the Winslow brothers who came to America on the Mayflower or during the Great Migration, was involved in the salt trade in Droitwich. Because of his involvement in salt, St. Peter’s Church, where the Winslow baptism records are recorded, “...are the only ones recorded with dates of birth accompanying, as if to make it clear that here was a loyal Anglican who brought his children to be baptized within the three days desirable, an Anglican whose religious life could have been suited easily under any local Vicar of Bray.”² This is significant in that Edward, Sr., was a tenant of Robert Wintour, Esq. who owned 25 salt “boileries” and who had been implicated in the Gunpowder Plot against James I of England. By recording the dates of baptism in the Church of England, Edward was distancing himself from Wintour and making clear where his loyalties were. Wintour paid the price and was executed at the Tower of London January 30, 1605/6.



Distinctive gate leading to St. Peter’s Church

(photo by John Myers)

¹ Wikipedia – *Droitwich Spa, England*

² *Edward Winslow, King’s Scholar and Printer*, by George G. Wolkins

The photo below shows an archaeological dig conducted in 1983 to open one of the old salt pits.



(photo by John Myers)

Brine baths have existed in Droitwich since the 1830s, see the photos below, one older and one more recent, of people floating in the salt---you don't need to know how to swim! The baths, which were last owned by BMI Droitwich Spa Hospital were closed in 2009 due to the fact that they were no longer "fit for purpose" because the water pumps and pipes had become heavily corroded. A fund drive was underway to relocate the baths.





(Photo by Pinterest.com)

Salt literally leaches out of the old buildings. The photo below was of a restaurant known as Bullocks which was sinking into the salt at the time of this photo, and which was later taken down. It shows the view down the high street in Droitwich.



(photo by John Myers)

A very photogenic baker's window



(photo by John Myers)

Since 2006, Droitwich Spa has held a Salt Festival. The photo below was taken from the 2017 schedule which was held in September. More information can be found at <http://www.saltfest.co.uk>




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NEW MEMBERS

- Kathleen S. Muckala, descendant of John Winslow**
- Melinda L. Anderson, descendant of Josiah Winslow**
- Craig Martin Failor, descendant of Kenelm Winslow**
- Marston Watson, descendant of Edward Winslow**
- Teresa Doty Berge Killingsworth, descendant of Kenelm Winslow**
- Sharon Linda Beck Gilley, descendant of Kenelm Winslow**
- Wilbert Tyndall Waters, descendant of John Winslow**

Do you like to write, have photos or an anecdote to share? WHS newsletter is pleased to welcome guest authors and contributors.

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WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY IS SEEKING IDEAS FOR A 2020 PROJECT! INSIGNIA, PLAQUES, MARKERS?? IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SECRETARY, BRUCE FENSLEY, b0408fensley@gmail.com

DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S CORNER 

Please consider having a DNA test and joining the Winslow DNA Project if you have not already done so. We now have a total of 51 members! If you have already completed a test at Ancestry, 23 and Me or now including My Heritage, you can download your results to your device and then upload them to FTDNA. The transfer itself is free, and \$19 will unlock myOrigins, the Chromosome Browser and ancient Origins. For more information on this process, visit the FTDNA website @: www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/learn/autosomal-dna-transfers .

**Judy Quinn, DNA Project co-administrator
Deputy Governor, Winslow Heritage Society**