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WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY



Currier and Ives

“**OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOOD**” was written as a Thanksgiving poem by Lydia Maria Child in 1844. It is also known as “The New-England Boy’s Song About Thanksgiving Day”. The poem was eventually set to a tune by an unknown composer. The song version is sometimes presented with lines about Christmas, rather than Thanksgiving.

According to an article on Wikipedia, “the original piece had twelve stanzas, though only four are typically included in the song.

Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house we go;
the horse knows the way to carry the sleigh through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house away!
We would not stop for doll or top, for 'tis Thanksgiving Day.
Over the river, and through the wood—oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose as over the ground we go.
Over the river, and through the wood—and straight through the barnyard gate,



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We seem to go extremely slow, it is so hard to wait!

Over the river, and through the wood—When Grandmother sees us come,
She will say, "O, dear, the children are here, bring a pie for everyone."

Over the river, and through the wood—now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done? Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!"

Over the years various versions of the song were adopted and Grandmother's house replaced Grandfather's house. What version will you sing with your family this Thanksgiving?

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Let us remember Edward Winslow on Thanksgiving Day who, in a letter to a friend, described what we now refer to as "the First Thanksgiving".



*"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."*



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- Volunteer to develop and oversee the Winslow Heritage Society Junior's Program;
- Volunteer(s) to develop and oversee a fundraising program for the Winslow Heritage Society 2020 Project to plant a Liberty Tree in Brewster Gardens, Plymouth;
- Volunteer to develop and maintain a Winslow Heritage Society "Shop of Products" to be advertised and sold over its web page.

The above described positions were discussed at the WHS Annual Meeting on October 13. Anyone interested in heading up one of these projects please contact Kathy Myers at [jkmyers2@verizon.net](mailto:jkmyers2@verizon.net), or by phone (814) 371-5128. **ALL VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!!**

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New Member

Matthew Drinkwater, descendant of John Winslow



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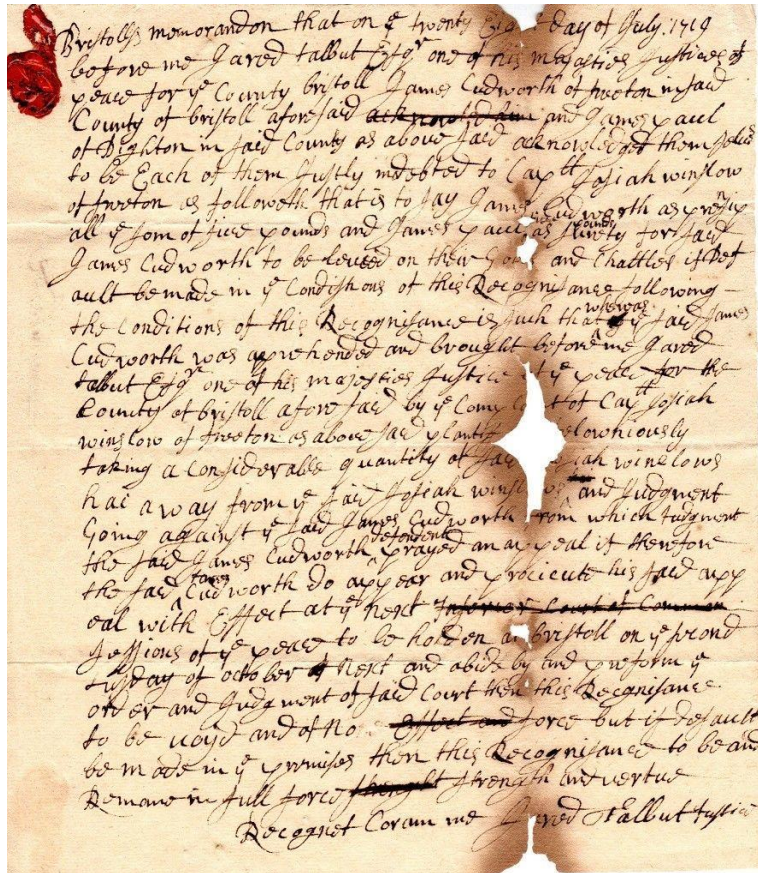
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KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE!!

By John White, WHS Historian

This is a document dated 1719, Dighton, MA, recognizing James Cudworth of Tiverton and James Paul of Dighton being apprehended for stealing hay from Captain Josiah Winslow of Tiverton and now must appear in court signed by Jared Talbot.



Captain Josiah Winslow [Kenelm2. Kenelm1] b. 7 Nov 1669 Marshfield d. 3 April 1761 Freetown. He was a constable 1696, surveyor of highways 1699, Moderator of annual town meetings 1702, 1708, 1712 and 1716; Assessor in 1702, 1703, 1705, 1707, 1710, 1713 and 1722; Selectman 1702-1704, 1707-1710; Town Treasurer 1704; Grand juryman 1721. He was the first lieutenant of the Assonet Company of Militia and 9 Feb 1725 Commissioned Captain. He was the committee to determine upon building a meeting-house; moderator to act on this matter 2 Feb 1709; Town agent for building the first church edifice in Freetown.



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Highlights from the Annual Meeting, October 13, 2018:

Amendments to the WHS By-Laws: Judy Quinn reported the 6 proposed amendments to the WHS By-laws were included in the Winslow Heritage Society Newsletter (Vol. 5, No. 4). Five of these WHS By-Law updates were proposed to remove the fixed dues denominations in the By-Laws and would provide flexibility to the WHS Board in order to maintain future society viability. Also, a new “Honorary Membership Category” was added to Article III, Section 9. The changes to the by-laws were approved. The updated by-laws can be viewed on www.winslowheritagesociety.org

WHS Web Page: WHS webmaster, Judy Quinn, Web page www.winslowheritagesociety.org reported that WHS is averaging 806 unique visits over a 30 day period with 1,816 page views. This is up 8% since her last report.

Worcester Cathedral Donation: A letter of thanks was received from the Dean of the Worcester Cathedral, in Worcester, England, thanking WHS for its contribution for a day of music in remembrance of Edward Winslow. Edward Winslow attended the King’s School, which is affiliated with the Worcester Cathedral. The letter also included an invitation to Winslow Heritage Society members to consider a tour of the Worcester Cathedral during the commemorating activities of the Mayflower 400 in 2020. Additional information may be had at www.mayflower400uk.org/visit/worcestershire.

Secretary’s Report: Bruce Fensley provided an update on membership. He also gave a warm welcome to the newest members that joined WHS this past year. Bruce noted WHS looks forward to member involvement in the Society and sharing our common heritage. Many of the new members discovered the Winslow Heritage Society through the Web page and Face Book. If asked that for those who may hold memberships in other genealogical societies, please inform the members of these societies about the Winslow Heritage Society and encourage them to join if they have Winslow ancestry. WHS has an introductory paragraph about the Society which can be submitted to other society newsletters. If any members have changes in their mailing addresses, email addresses or phone number, please send your changes to Bruce Fensley at b0408fensley@gmail.com.

Historian’s Report: John White reported that since the 2017 WHS meeting, 27 new applications have been reviewed, researched, and approved. The breakdown of the new members are: **2** - Descendants of Josiah Winslow; **8** - Descendants of John Winslow; **14** - Descendants of Kenelm Winslow; **1** - Descendant of Edward Winslow; **2** - Members from the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants. John also reported there are currently 11 applications that have been placed in suspense or have been denied; - One new application (currently a GSMD member) is in process; - 3 new membership prospects have reached out and are being reviewed. Lastly, John White has been named Historian for New Hampshire Mayflower Society.

Treasurer’s Report: Alice Zimmerman reported a WHS 2018 Meeting Balance - **\$4,564.41**



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I'll have a piece of that mincemeat pie to top off my Thanksgiving meal! Well, maybe if you are from New England or from the Northeast; however, it is not popular in every region of the country. Thought by some to be a traditional Christmas pie, it has an interesting history.

Some sites say the Crusaders brought back spices from the Middle East that were used in early meat pie recipes. Over time, the pie moved from being a true meat pie (in the English sense) to more of a desert. It is said that Oliver Cromwell banned it from the Puritan diet because of its connection with Christmas.

According to Wikipedia, "Mincemeat is a mixture of chopped dried fruit, distilled spirits and spices, and sometimes beef suet, beef, or venison. Originally, mincemeat always contained meat. Many modern recipes contain beef suet, though vegetable shortening is sometimes used in its place. Variants of mincemeat are found in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, northern Europe, Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States."

"English recipes from the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries describe a mixture of meat and fruit used as a pie filling. These early recipes included vinegars and wines, but by the 18th century, distilled spirits, frequently brandy, were being used instead. The use of spices like clove, nutmeg, mace and cinnamon was common in late medieval and renaissance meat dishes. The increase of sweetness from added sugars, and those produced from fermentation, made mincemeat less a savoury dinner course and helped to direct its use toward desserts."

One popular brand of mincemeat in use today contains water, corn syrup, raisins, dried apples, molasses, corn starch modified, distilled vinegar, dried orange and lemon peel, salt, spices, beef, fruit pectin, and natural flavors. And there is always the traditional pumpkin pie. Maybe a piece of each?



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THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S CORNER

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By Judy Quinn

PROJECT UPDATE

At this time of Thanksgiving I am very grateful for all of you Winslow cousins who have taken DNA tests and uploaded your results to Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). It doesn't matter which company who may have tested with. All tests are up loadable. As I mentioned in the September newsletter, because we have all taken different tests, i.e. YDNA, mtDNA and/or atDNA it's impossible to compare these tests to each other. But, all of these tests are important in the research being done to identify the DNA of our Mayflower ancestors.

There is work being done at the Mayflower Project to identify direct lines through male YDNA to our male Pilgrim ancestors. There is also work being done to identify direct lines through female mtDNA to our female Pilgrim ancestors. The third test, atDNA, will also help contribute to identifying our ancestor lines.

If any members reading this have not tested – please consider giving yourself a holiday gift and ordering a test! If you have tested, please upload whatever results(s) you may already have to the family tree DNA website and become a part of this exciting research!

I have received many inquiries asking which test a member should take first, especially if they are only able to take one. Ask yourself which of your parents has the Winslow ancestor? If you are a male and your Winslow ancestor is on your father's line – take the YDNA first. If your Winslow ancestor is on your mother's line – take the mtDNA and/or then the atDNA test. If you are a female – take the mtDNA test and/or then the atDNA. If you have already taken an atDNA test and can't afford another test...please upload those results. All results are important!

Males can take the (female) mtDNA test if you are interested in your mother's female line and interested in knowing her haplo group. Of course both males and females can take the atDNA test if you're looking for cousins in both of your parents' ancestries.

The Winslow Project now has 28 men and 38 women participants and growing! Don't forget to also choose the Mayflower Project, as well as any others you may be interested in.

Judy can be reached at: Judyq47@yahoo.co



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JUNIOR MEMBER NEWS



WHS Junior members, **JOHN AND JOSH WILBER**, escorting the presentation of a memorial wreath at the Moore County Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Southern Pines, NC on this past Veterans' weekend. The Colonial Soldier is SAR Compatriot Rod Herbig of Southern Pines, NC. (submitted by Bruce Fensley).

Thanksgiving Riddles

When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

In the dictionary.

Why did they let the Turkey join the thanksgiving band?

Because he had the drumsticks.

Why did the turkey cross the road?

To prove he wasn't chicken.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims.

Why didn't the turkey finish its dessert?

Because it was stuffed.

What smells the best at thanksgiving dinner?

Your nose.

What kind of key do you use on Thanksgiving?

A Turkey.

Where did pilgrims land when they arrived in America?

On their feet.

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside.

Where do Turkeys go to dance? *The Butter Ball.*