

# WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY



**Information regarding the Winslow Heritage Society Annual Meeting to be held October 19 will be found on pages 5-10.**



## THE WORCESTERSHIRE BEACON

By Kathy Myers

On several of trips to our “hometown”, Droitwich, our good friends, Betty and Wilf Ackrill, took time to take us to view many areas of interest that would have also been of interest to our ancestors. On one such trip, they took us to the Malvern Hills.

I remember climbing that hill with my husband and the Ackrills. It was quite steep, and near the top there were benches which laughing we sat on. I say laughing because they were on a side hill slope! It’s a wonder we didn’t fall off! But the view across the hills to the Severn Valley below was breathtaking. It made me wonder if our Winslow ancestors had climbed these very hills to glimpse the magnificent view that we were seeing.



(photo by John Myers)



(photo by John Myers)



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At the very top of this long hill, stands a monument known as the Worcestershire Beacon. Beacons have an interesting history in Britain, fires used to mark momentous events and momentous celebrations.



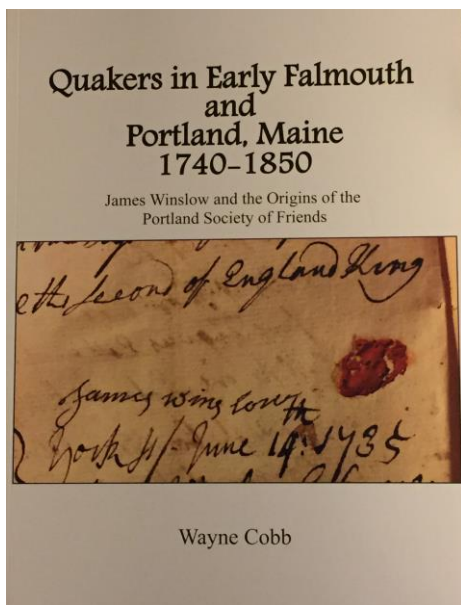
File photo of Worcestershire Beacon

The Malvern Hills, managed by the Malvern Hills Trust, are a range of hills along the Worcestershire Herefordshire border, with a small area touching northern Gloucestershire.

The Worcestershire Beacon is known locally as The Beacon. An ancient site, bronze age artifacts have been found there. As a signaling beacon, it has been lit on many occasions to warn inhabitants of invading forces as well as for celebrations. Some examples are: 1588 as a chain of warning fires across the land warning that the Spanish Armada was attempting to invade England; in 1856 to announce the end of the Crimean War; Queen Victoria's Golden and Diamond Jubilees in 1887 and 1897; for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953; on Millennium night, December 31, 1999, a nationwide event; and for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee in 2002 and 2012.

It is amazing to realize that some of the same villages that lit beacons to warn of the Spanish Armada exist today and have recently lit beacons in celebration of the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

In 1921 an amateur archaeologist, Alfred Watkins, while visiting the Worcestershire Beacon, came up with a theory he termed Ley Lines. In his theory he believed there was an apparent alignment of places of geographical and historical interest such as ancient monuments, ridge-tops and fords. It's an interesting theory, but is a subject for another time.



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**The Deputy Governor's Corner, by Judy Quinn, judyq47@yahoo.com**

Having your DNA tested and then dealing with the results can be very confusing for some. The interpretation of results may vary depending on the company that you choose to test with. The good news is that the terminology and Types of DNA used by the testing companies is universal. The types of DNA include Mitochondrial DNA, Y-DNA, Autosomal DNA and X-DNA.

**Mitochondrial DNA** is the genetic material found in the mitochondrial within your cells. This material is passed from a female to her daughters AND to her sons, however, only the daughters will pass it to her children. This pattern of inheritance reveals the direct maternal line from your mother's mother's mother, etc. Men and women can test for their mother's mitochondrial DNA.

**Y-DNA** is from the Y chromosome. This material is passed from males to only their sons. This pattern of inheritance reveals the direct paternal line from you father's father's father. This test is used to trace paternal ancestry and can only be completed by men.

**Autosomal DNA** is genetic material located within the cell nucleus. Humans have 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes – also called autosomes, and a pair of sex chromosomes – women=X,X and men=X,Y. These 22 pairs of chromosomes include the recombined DNA from each parent. Each parents' DNA was recombined from each of their parents and so on. Women AND men can test autosomal DNA. At Family Tree DNA the test is called Family Finder.

**X-DNA** - Your sex is determined by the X and Y sex chromosomes - chromosome pair number 23. Males inherit a Y chromosome from their father and an X chromosome from their mother. Females inherit an X chromosome from their father, and an X chromosome from their mother. Results for this are included in an autosomal DNA test.



The following terminology is taken from the Family Tree DNA website:

**“Ancestor:** Someone from which you descend. Grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.

**Descendant:** Someone who comes from a specific ancestor. You are your grandparent's descendant. Your children and grandchildren are your descendants.

**Direct:** Descending along a straight gender line, maternal or paternal, Mother's mother's mother or father's father's father.

**Locus:** A specific location in your genetic code. In a genetic map of our DNA, the locus tells us where to find any base.

**Marker:** A gene or a DNA sequence which has a known location on a chromosome. This includes any single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP), short tandem repeats (STRs) and any location in the DNA that is

associated with a trait or disease. In genetic genealogy, the result of testing various markers helps determine the closeness of a match.

**Mutation:** A heritable change that occurs in genetic material. It may lead to a different number of repeats of a certain sequence or a change in one of the bases in a sequence.

**Match:** The result of comparing two testers using the same type of DNA test who have a common ancestor at some past point in time.

**Haplogroup:** A major branch on either the maternal or paternal tree of humankind. Haplogroups are associated with early human migration and geographic region or regions.

**Phylogenetic Tree:** Both mtDNA and Y-DNA are arranged in evolutionary trees that illustrate how the mutations and haplogroups are related to each other.

**Recombination:** The mixing of the DNA on each chromosome that you receive from your mother and your father, much like shuffling two decks of cards together.

**Short Tandem Repeat (STR):** Sequences of nucleotides that repeat at certain positions on the chromosome. Counting the number of times those repeats occur at a panel of locations allows comparison between people to determine degrees of relatedness.

**Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP):** A change in your DNA code at a specific point, or locus. Referred to as a SNP, pronounce “snip.” Found in all four types of DNA, they’re particularly useful in Y DNA in tying genealogy to geographic origins.”

The Winslow DNA Project at Family Tree DNA has grown from 14 members to 87!! That is up from 66 members in November 2018. Thanks to all of you who have either tested with Family Tree and/or have uploaded your results to the project. It’s not too late to participate!

Judy Quinn, Administrator, Winslow DNA Project

References: Family Tree DNA website



**Matthew Drinkwater, descendant of William Brewster  
Deborah Carol Brownell, descendant of John Winslow  
Thomas Bradford Gregory, descendant of Kenelm Winslow  
Janice Platt Hunold, descendant of Josiah Winslow  
Capt. Michael John Winslow, USN (Ret.), descendant of Kenelm Winslow**

*The Winslow Heritage Society continues to grow. Thanks to all who support us!*

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019, AT 2:00 P.M. EST. MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE. TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT SECRETARY BRUCE FENSLEY, b0408fensley@gmail.com BY OCTOBER 12. A PROXY FOR THOSE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE WILL BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION

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 12 is not mandatory; however, advance notice of your intention to participate in the teleconference will assist Secretary Bruce Fensley organize for the meeting

PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING



WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY TO BE VIA TELECONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. EST.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Winslow
(print name)
Heritage Society, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_

hereby authorize Bruce Fensley, Secretary of the Winslow Heritage Society, to vote yes on my behalf at the above referenced meeting for all general business, approval of Meeting Minutes, committee reports, and proposed officers and committee chairs referenced below.

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 12, 2019, TO BE COUNTED.

Officers serving terms from 2017-2020

- Governor, Kathy Myers;
Deputy Governor General, Judy Quinn;
Bruce Fensley, Secretary;
Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer;
Betty Mapes, Chaplain;
Historian/Genealogist, Vacant

Committees appointed by Governor:

- By-Laws, Judy Quinn;
Education/Research, Jessica Winslow;
Finance, Alice Zimmerman
Junior Membership, Vacant;
Newsletter, Kathy Myers;
Nominations, Bruce Fensley/Judy Quinn;
Webmaster, Judy Quinn
DNA Committee, Judy Quinn

**Winslow Heritage Society  
5th Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Conducted by Teleconference  
September 13, 2018  
2:01pm – 2:43 pm EST**

**I. Call to order**

The 5th annual meeting of the Winslow Heritage Society was called to order by Governor, Kathy Myers, on September 13, 2018, at 2:01 pm EST.

**II. Invocation**

**Submitted by WHS Chaplain, Betty Mapes.** Read by Kathy Myers

**Job 5:8** I would seek unto God, and unto God I would commit my cause.

**Let us pray:**

O Father, hear our prayer. Our hearts are filled with thanks for the many blessings made possible by Your love. May we, Your humble servants, prove worthy of the trust given us and may we ever be mindful of the needs of others. Grant us the ability to listen with open minds and to deliberate with sincerity, knowing that respect for one another will lead us into right decisions for our beloved Society, and will prove pleasing in Your sight.

With grateful hearts, we pray in Your name.  
Amen

**III. Attendance, Bruce Fensley, Secretary**

**Members present:** Bruce Fensley, Marjorie Winslow-Kulba, Kathy Myers, John Myers, Judy Quinn, Kathy Watson, John White, Alice Zimmerman.

**Two Proxy** votes were received and submitted: Elaine S. Laubach, and Meg E. Wilber.

**WHS Officers Through 2020**

Governor - Kathy Myers  
Deputy Governor - Judy Quinn  
Secretary - Bruce Fensley  
Treasurer - Alice Zimmerman  
Chaplain, - Betty Mapes  
Historian/Genealogist - John White

**Committee Chairpersons appointed by the Governor**

- WHS Newsletter – Kathy Myers
- Nominations Committee – Judy Quinn/Bruce Fensley
- DNA Committee – Judy Quinn
- Finance – Alice Zimmerman
- Webmaster – Judy Quinn
- By-Laws Committee – Judy Quinn
- Education/Research – Jessica Winslow
- Junior Membership – **Vacant**

**IV. Nominating Committee, Bruce Fensley**

**Nominations:**

We currently have a vacancy for the Junior Committee. Anyone interested or willing to fill this vacancy, please contact Bruce Fensley (b0408fensley@gmail.com).

**V. Minutes of the 2017, WHS Annual Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the GSMD Congress – 1620 Hotel, Plympton Room**

2017 WHS meeting minutes were distributed to all WHS members via the Winslow Heritage Society Newsletter (Vol. 5, No. 4).

A motion to approve the 2017 WHS meeting minutes was made by Judy Quinn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Myers. The 2017 meeting minutes were approved by all present and those who voted by proxy.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report, Alice Zimmerman**

2017 Treasure’s Report was presented as follows:

WHS 2017 Meeting Balance -	<b>\$2, 428.10</b>
WHS 2018 Receipts(Membership renewals, Winslow Charms)	\$2, 685.00
WHS 2018 Disbursements (Charms, WHS Mtg Room, GSMD Endorsement)	\$548.69
WHS 2017 Meeting Balance -	<b><u>\$4, 564.41</u></b>

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report by Bruce Fensley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Quinn. This motion was approved by all present.

**VII. Secretary’s Report, Bruce Fensley**

WHS currently has 64 members, and 8 Junior members for a total number of 72. The 64 adult members consists of 37 Life Time Members and 27 Regular Members.

A warm welcome to all our newest members that joined the WHS this past year. We look forward to your involvement in the Winslow Heritage Society and sharing our common heritage. Many of our new

members discovered the Winslow Heritage Society through our Web and Face Book websites.

If you hold memberships in other genealogical societies, please inform the members of these societies about the Winslow Heritage Society and encourage them to join us, if they have Winslow ancestry. Kathy Myers has created an introductory paragraph about the WHS to submit in other society's newsletters.

If any members have changes in their mailing addresses, email addresses or phone number, please send your changes to Bruce Fensley, [b0408fensley@gmail.com](mailto:b0408fensley@gmail.com). We maintain a complete list of WHS members with their contact information. This information is kept strictly private and will not be released or shared without your concurrence. If we don't have your current contact information on file, we will not be able to send you important WHS information.

WHS is searching for a member to volunteer for the following position:

- \* Junior Membership -

If anyone has the skills, experience, background, or interest in filling this position, please contact Bruce Fensley at [b0408fensley@gmail.com](mailto:b0408fensley@gmail.com) or Judy Quinn at [judy47@yahoo.com](mailto:judy47@yahoo.com).

#### VIII. **Historian/Genealogist Report, John White, Judy Quinn**

##### **a. Historian's Report, John White**

Since our 2017 WHS meeting, 27 new applications have been reviewed, researched, and approved this past year. The breakdown of the new members are:

2 - Descendants of Josiah Winslow,

8 - Descendants of John Winslow,

14 - Descendants of Kenelm

1 - Descendant of Edward Winslow

2 - Members from the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants

- We currently have 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 to the WHS Governor and are being reviewed.

Lastly, John White is the Historian for New Hampshire Mayflower Society. He is always looking for new WHS applicants while researching these applications. He then suggests the Winslow Heritage Society to appropriate applicants with Winslow lineage.

##### **b. DNA Committee – Judy Quinn**

In 2014, We had 14 members in our DNA Project.

As of October 2018, We have 66 members in our DNA Project! 28 Men and 38 Women. 19 with the Winslow surname

Any questions regarding this process or the Winslow Project, can be directed to Judy Quinn at [judy47@yahoo.com](mailto:judy47@yahoo.com).

**IX. Education /Research Committee, Jessica Winslow**

Not Present

**X. New Business**

**a. WHS 2020 Commemorative Projects**

Kathy Myers and John White proposed a WHS 2020 Commemorative Project that would plant an Oak Tree in Brewster Gardens (Winslow House, or other location). The project will include a 15' Oak Tree, a bronze plaque, with the Mayflower Compact and Winslow Heritage Society engraved on it. The estimated cost for this 2020 Project is \$4,500. There is currently an attempt to obtain cooperation from the Plymouth Lions Club to coordinate the planting and follow-thru care on this project. The location of the Brewster Gardens would provide increased public visibility and interest in the Winslow Heritage Society.

This committee project would require a fundraising activity that could include adding the name of the donor to the plaque or a certificate award, based on the denomination of the project donation. Kathy Myers took an action to include more details about this proposal in the next WHS Newsletter.

**b. Amendments to the WHS By-Laws, Judy Quinn**

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.

A motion to approve these By-Law Changes was submitted by Alice Zimmerman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John White.

All By-Laws amendments were approved by the members present and votes by proxy.

**XI. Old Business**

**a. WHS Web page and Facebook page:**

**The WHS Web Page**

The WHS webmaster, Judy Quinn, Web page [www.winslowheritagesociety.org](http://www.winslowheritagesociety.org). Judy reported that we are averaging 806 visits over a 30 day period. Which is up 8% since her last report. We have had 1,816 pages viewed, with an average of 2.253 pages per visit. There was a discussion about investigating the possibility of offering more Winslow Society items for sale on our WHS Web page. New member, Kathy Watson offered to help out with the WHS Web Page. Anyone having suggestions or recommendations that would make the site easier to use, more interesting, attractive, informative, please contact Judy Quinn at [judyq47@yahoo.com](mailto:judyq47@yahoo.com).

**WHS Facebook Page**

Kathy Myers maintains the Facebook page which can be found on Facebook at [winslow.heritage.society](https://www.facebook.com/winslow.heritage.society) . Kathy reports that we are enjoying many inquiries about the Winslow Heritage Society.

**b. Worcester Cathedral Donation:** Kathy Myers shared a letter that she received from the Dean of the Worcester Cathedral, in Worcester, England, thanking the WHS for our contribution of \$130.00 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 the Winslow Heritage Society members to consider a tour of the Worcester Cathedral during the commemorating activities of the Mayflower 400 in 2020.

**XII The Benediction:**

**Kathy Myers**

**Numbers 6:24:26**

Let us pray, The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Amen

**XIII Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Myers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Myers. The motion was approved. Governor Kathy Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:43 pm EST.

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**An Injured Wife’s Broadside**

**By Jessica Winslow**, Education and Research Chair, [jessicawinslow@gmail.com](mailto:jessicawinslow@gmail.com)

It is hard to imagine life without social media, so how did our ancestors satisfy our human needs for communication, gossip, and keeping up with the news? In many cases they turned to reading “broadsides,” which Wikipedia defines as,

...a single sheet of inexpensive paper printed on one side, often with a ballad, rhyme, news and sometimes with woodcut illustrations. They were one of the most common forms of printed material between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, particularly in Britain, Ireland and North America and are often associated with one of the most important forms of traditional music from these countries, the ballad.

In researching my ancestry, I came across some startling information about Generation 6 in *The History of the town of Middleboro, Massachusetts*, by Thomas Weston (1906).

Mr. Zebedee Sproat was a man who showed much taste in beautifying this place; he planted many trees about the house, and laid out a terrace garden with choice trees and shrubs, which remained until a late day. Tradition has come down that he was a very unpopular man. After the Revolutionary War, he committed many offences against the public and his family, and later was drummed out of town as a slight punishment for the many wrongs which he had done. It is said that a daughter-in-law of Judge Oliver joined in the procession which followed him as he left town. The story of the wrongs he inflicted upon his wife, Hannah Sproat, was published as a broadside in accordance with the custom of the time.

A reproduction of the broadside is included in the book. Although it is undated, I estimate it was printed sometime in the late 1780s. It begins with:

**The FAITHFUL and LOVING WIFE's  
GARLAND**

Being a serious and solemn Warning and Caution to all false and treacherous HUSBANDS, who are often led astray from their Families, by the delusive and flattering Arts of designing Women.

[Sung to a MOURNFUL TUNE]

Hannah describes how Zebedee at first seemed “a pleasant man” and they spent nearly twenty years “in peace and joy.” However, he becomes “more strange and churlish” and eventually “leaves my bed at nights, And after others goes.”

Hannah is banished and bids farewell to her children:

20. From Friends and Neighbors banished,

And from my children dear,  
And all my hopes are vanished,  
Of being happy here.

21. He drove me out with wretched spite,

In a most cruel form,  
And would not shelter me one night  
From a most tedious storm.

...

25. Farewell my SAM—LUCINDA

Farewell my little KATE;  
Since I can't longer live with you,

No more to hear you prate  
 26. PETER and SALLY farewell too,  
 I pray you may be bless'd;  
 I love you all though drove from you  
 And JUDITH with the rest,

Hannah Walker (1747-1815) and Zebedee (1742-1810) Sproat (also spelled Sprout) were married in Middleboro, MA, on March 23, 1771. Their children were Samuel (1772-1849), Peter (1774-), Lucinda (1777-), Sarah (Sally (1777-), and Catherine (1780-1855). Zebedee married Joanne Peirce on December 14, 1793 in Middleboro. Hannah married Silas Wood on April 14, 1793. Zebedee had previously married Elizabeth Robeson on May 17, 1762. This marriage appears to have ended in divorce as well, since Elizabeth married Nathan White on February 11, 1787.

Hannah's broadside is listed in a compendium published in 1922, *Broadsides, ballads, &c. printed in Massachusetts, 1639-1800* by Worthington Chauncey Ford (1922). The author cites the original as being located at the Massachusetts Historical Society. The broadside developed in sixteenth century England as a way to publicize royal proclamations, acts of Parliament, and notifications from local officials. Its use spread to personal topics because of its low cost and ease of distribution. In Massachusetts broadsides were adopted to address political issues, announce births, deaths, and executions, and for governmental purposes. In addition, ballads evolved in this format for personal use. Hannah's broadside states it is to be "Sold by the Travelling-Traders. ( Price Five Pence.)" Broadsides virtually disappeared by the early 1800s, replaced by the newspaper. But the role that broadsides played in our ancestors' lives continues to be realized in today's pervasive social media!



Weston-History of Middleboro-broadside

**FRIENDS OF BURIAL HILL**

Have you heard about this organization, Friends of Burial Hill, in the town of Plymouth? Information can be found about this group at <https://friendsofburialhill.org/> The following photos of their work were posted on Facebook July 7, 2019.



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**MAYFLOWER II NEWS**

WHS Secretary, Bruce Fensley, has drawn our attention to a Facebook post by the Mayflower Society noting that Plimoth Plantation has announced that after a three year restoration, the Mayflower II will return to her berth at State Pier in May 2020. NBC, Boston 10, has also announced that the Mayflower II will join the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor for a 6 day maritime festival, May 14-19, sponsored by Mayflower Sails 2020, prior to sailing back to Plymouth. The free event will feature tours of the ship, live music, VIP speakers, and food and beverages for purchase.