

Winslow Heritage Society Newsletter

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DECERPTUS FLOREO
ALTHOUGH CUT OFF, I FLOURISH

Greetings from the Governor.

As we end one season and begin a new, it reminds me of how change is inevitable. Like our Winslow ancestors who endured a torturous migration in hopes of a better life, only to find they must begin again in a strange and cold world; one in which they probably didn't quite expect. It became a new way of life which held many difficult challenges and hardships. Some family members survived, and some did not. However, those that did, persevered and grew stronger and continued crafting their new world with their own traditions while respecting those that came before them. The same can be said for those that came after. Our families grew and developed and moved many times to lands where finally we are now. Life continues to change, and always will as family members come and go, whether it be across the miles or on to their spiritual resting place. Change is inevitable. This quote by Virginia Wolfe is so apropos, "*And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves.*" We shall always remember those brave and courageous souls that have gone before us but know there will always be more to come.

Wishing you all a great and enjoyable fall season!

With much appreciation,
Craig Failor, Governor

What's NEW...

Showcase your Winslow.

Our gallery is active!

[WINSLOW ANCESTOR GALLERY](#)

Have a great photo or portrait of your Winslow ancestor you would like to share? Please feel free to send it with a short bio to the Society Email and we'll post it on our website.

Our gallery is active in a new tab under the History Heading entitled:

"Winslow Ancestor Gallery"

at winslowheritagesociety.org

New Book just published - written by Liam Donnelly, Titled "*Edward Winslow's English Origins. Vol 1: Road to Kempsey*". See a brief synopsis is below.

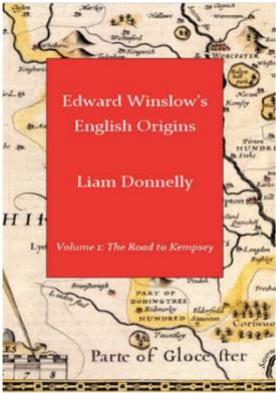
A **Welcome** to our new members:

Kenelm Winslow descendants:

- Sondra L. Harper
- Eileen Matley Prys

By Liam Donnelly

Edward Winslow's English Origins



The Road to Kempsey: Volume one of two, by Liam Donnelly, a new publication 2022 History remembers Edward Winslow as a leading figure in the foundation of New England: still in his early twenties in 1617, Edward joined the English Separatist church in Holland. By June 1620 this devout group of Pilgrims resolved to make the arduous expedition to the New World, landing in Plymouth Massachusetts in November, and the Mayflower Compact was signed on arrival to establish terms of governance within ultimate allegiance to the English Crown. Edward was selected to foster relations with local native American leader Massasoit Sachem, and the resultant friendship based on mutual respect and cordiality contributed greatly to the Pilgrim's very survival in the early arduous winters and include the establishment of the enduring festival of Thanksgiving in 1621.

Edward served three terms as colonial Governor, and by 1643 became a commissioner of the United Colonies. Finally leaving Plymouth in 1646, Edward represented its interests as Governor General before promotion under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell to become one of England's leading diplomats, widely respected both for his ability and integrity. Edward successfully concluded peace between Holland and England through the 1654 Treaty of Westminster before being sent to handle related diplomatic issues in the West Indies. Taken sick on the voyage in 1655, Edward was buried at sea with full military honours. By any reckoning Edward Winslow had enjoyed a spectacular career, but historians have always struggled to explain his family origins. Evidence shows that he was born in Droitwich in 1595 and educated in Worcester, and that that he was grandson of Kenelm Winslow. Historian Eugene Stratton was noting in 1986 that no one has been able to discern Kenelm Winslow's ancestry with any certainty. Brandon Fradd's 2007 study including the Kempsey Manor Court books establishes that the Winslow family had resided in Kempsey in Worcester for some generations stretching back to the early 1430s, but no earlier, and Fradd's proposal that the family may have originated near Bromyard is not substantiated by evidence. Fortunately, the real truth is easy to establish when underlying facts are re-checked.

One persistent obstacle has been that successive historians have accepted and systematically recycled inaccuracies about the Winslow family narrative. While hundreds of references to Winslow family members are found in medieval records up to 1432, no fewer than twenty of the twenty-seven Winslow individuals share the same three forenames: John, William and Thomas, a fact not universally appreciated. Furthermore, crucial evidence such as the Gesta of St. Albans Abbey has been ignored, and the invaluable Winslow Manor Court Books were not published until recently. Author Liam Donnelly has spent fifteen years re-examining the prime evidence and impartially collating the extant medieval prime records in search of the truth. Now the Winslow heritage can be traced back to the 1250s, the family surname derives from the Buckinghamshire town of Winslow where the Winslows acted as leading local feudal landowners, later expanding into St. Albans and Hunsdon in Hertfordshire, and to Hempstead in Essex as well as into London. An extensive Winslow medieval social network connected them to the judiciary and the military, and to royal circles where several occupied offices of prominence. Many colourful Winslow characters can be identified. Thomas Winslow receives royal pardon for homicide due to his meritorious service in France; while William Winslow, operating at senior level in the military, is attended by the king's physician after a botched suicide attempt. Agnes Poure's husband is William the prominent Salisbury lawyer excommunicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury; John Winslow is humiliated by the Abbot of St. Albans before a meteoric rise to prominence in the City of London, at which point he switches career and joins King Richard on military campaign in Ireland as a member of the royal entourage. Meanwhile another William Winslow, son-in-law of dowager Queen Joan's adviser Sir John Tibbay,

is renting farmland from Shakespeare's John Falstaff before his premature death during the Agincourt Campaign, while Sir John Tibbay has the misfortune to be murdered.

What is especially apparent is the close-knit structure and the tremendous family loyalty that the Winslows share, evident in the aftermath of the Black Death of 1348-49. What emerges strongly from the individuals' life stories is the background to why the Winslows moved to Kempsey in Worcestershire around 1430. All the pieces of the jigsaw start to interlock, including reasons why the family Winslow later begins to disperse from Kempsey and engage in the Droitwich Salt industry, and why they still retained strong links with London and St Bride's church. The qualities and merits of Edward Winslow himself are evident and have justly deserved recognition. But equally gratifying is to find that the Winslow family had possessed these attributes from the earliest times, and that Edward was continuing an illustrious tradition that Winslows had long enjoyed. A truly remarkable family indeed. Copies of Liam's book are available for £20 plus postage: contact him through Winslowgov@icloud.com.

The Winslow Connection... *a brief history of my Winslow lineage*

By Catherine Hall Graham

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The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.

Mother Lode Colony

CAPT. NATHANIEL³ WINSLOW, (Nathaniel², Kenelm¹) born 29 July, 1667, Marshfield, Massachusetts; died 13 March 1736, married and was buried there, in the Winslow burying ground [with first wife Lydia]. Administration was granted 30 March, in the year 1736. *"He resided principally in Marshfield, though certain deeds of land indicate that he was in Shawomet, or Swansea, at least a portion of the time from 1700 to 1709"* [Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D.]. He was called *"Captain,"* probably from the fact that he *"commanded, early in the last century, the sloop Seaflower, engaged in freighting oak wood from Careswell Creek to Boston. The price then, at Careswell, was seven shillings per cord."*

He married at Marshfield, by Rev. Samuel Arnold, 1692, to Lydia Snow, born 1672, daughter of Josiah Snow and Rebecca (Barker) of Marshfield, and great granddaughter of Anthony and Abigail (Warren), who was the youngest daughter of Richard Warren who came on the *Mayflower*. She died April 1716, aged 44 according to her gravestone.

He married second, 17 February 1717/ 18, Deborah (Barstow) Bryant, of Scituate, born 26 December 1687, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Lincoln) of Scituate, and widow of John Bryant [m. 1 Jan. 1706 / 7], of Scituate. She died Marshfield, 28 November 1778, aged 97. The names and dates of birth of his children were copied from an old Daybook of his, by his own hand, now in possession of Miss Thomas.

His children, born in Marshfield, were:

- i " Our first child", b. 19 Jan. 1693.
- ii Lydia, b. 24 Jan. 1694; d. 1785; m. 10 Dec.1718, Joseph Thomas.
- iii Thankful, b. 2 Feb. 1696; m. 27 Oct. 1725, Nathaniel Keene of Pembroke.
- iv Snow, b. 13 May 1698; m. Deborah Bryant; m. second, Lydia Crocker.

- v " Our little girl," b. 9 Nov. 1701.
- vi Oliver, b. 24 Nov. 1702; m. Agatha Bryant; m. second, Bethiah Prior.
- vii Nathaniel, b. 20 Feb. 1704; d. 27 Feb. 1707, Marshfield.
- viii Deborah, 21 Mar. 1708; m. Job Crocker
- ix Patience, 29 June 1710.
- x Nathaniel, b. 9 Sep. 1712; d. 19 June 1786; m. Lydia Ford.
- xi Ruth, b. 30 Dec. 1719; m. Benjamin Barstow, of Hanover, or Pembroke;
she had no children, but left her estate to her nephew, Nathaniel Thomas of
Marshfield.
- xii Abiah, b. 4 Dec. 1722; m. 16 July 1741, Dea. Nehemiah Thomas.
- xiii Allithia, b. 4 Nov. 1723; d. Marshfield, 13 May 1724.

[1] David - Parsons Holten, A.M., M.D. and his wife, Mrs. Frances K. (Forward) Holton
Winslow Memorial
Family Records of Winslows and Their Descendants in America, With the English
Ancestry as Far as Known; Kenelm Winslow.
New York: D.P. Holten, M.D. Publisher, 1877 [Forgotten Books, this book is a
reproduction, Copyright 2018 FB &cLtd.ISBN 978- 0- 331- 11529-1

[2] Massachusetts Boston Transcript Register 1904 page _____, errs in said statement "Lydia's
mother, Rebecca, maiden name was Baker, it is Barker. This is a case of earlier published genealogy
being correct.

[3] The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1847 - Marriages of Marshfield,
Mass. page 348.

The Winslow Heritage Society Annual Meeting to be held on October 16, 2022 at 2:00p.m. EST via
Zoom. The draft minutes, agenda and proxy form were sent earlier this month. If you did not receive them,
please let us know. We have received some RSVPs and a few proxy forms to-date. Next year should be the
Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. A discussion of this topic will be
conducted at the annual meeting.

Mark your Calendar...The Mayflower Society is producing a lecture series: "*The Winslow Family and
Plymouth Colony*" will be the topic on November 21, @ 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. It will be hosted by Rebecca Fraser
and Michelle Marchetti Coughlin. Go to www.themayflowersociety.org/event/lecture for more information.

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Anyone interested in joining in the fun? We have some openings....

- Fundraising Chair
- Junior Membership Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Membership Chair
 - Historian

Contact us at Winslowheritagesociety1@gmail.com

Have any stories or articles for future Newsletters?
If so, please forward, in Word, to our email address.

We would love to feature your **Winslow Connection** in a future newsletter. Send your lineage information and a couple of photos to the Society email. *Best as a Word document.*

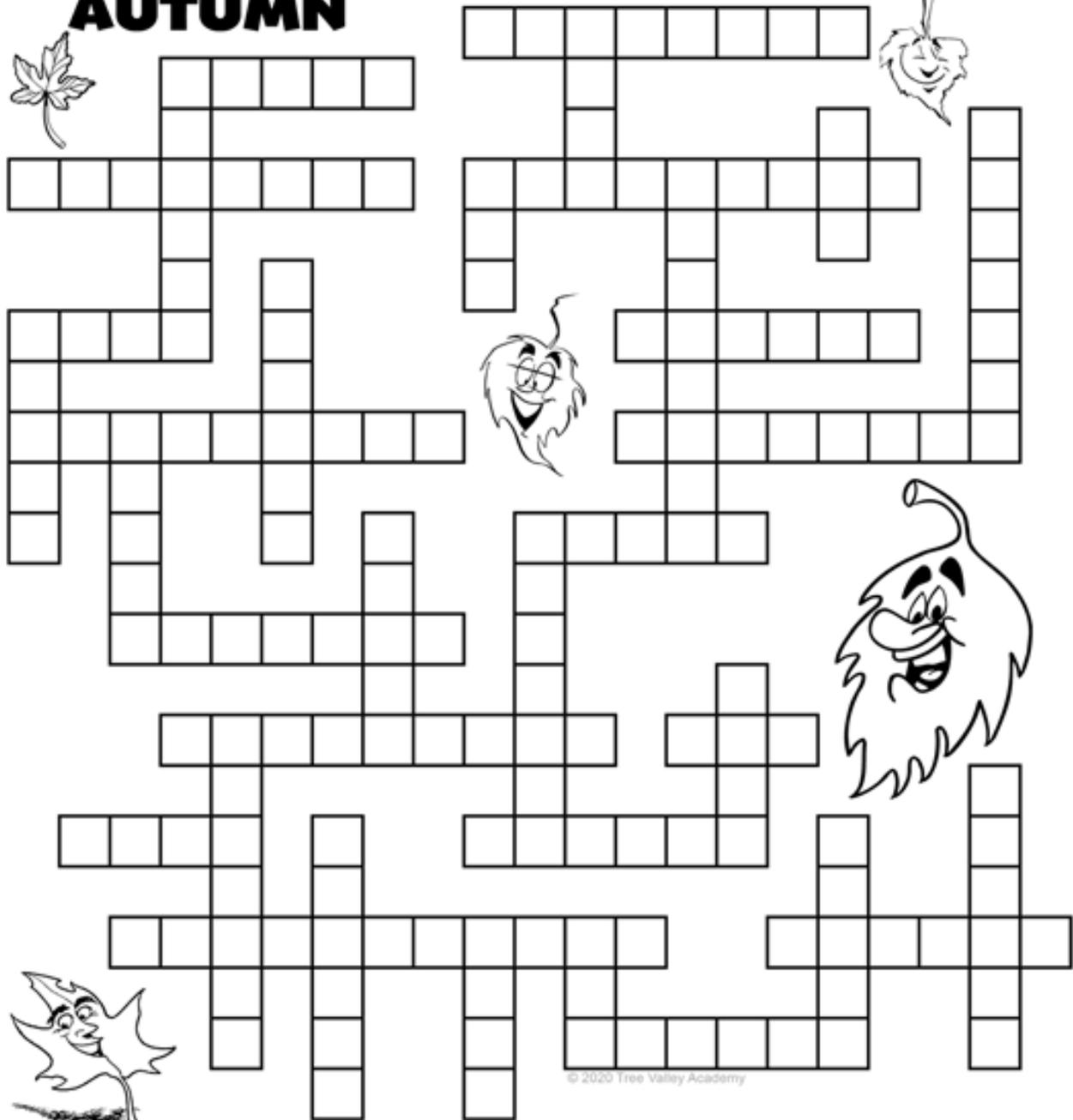
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