

# WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY



## Thanksgiving Proclamation, 3 October 1789

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

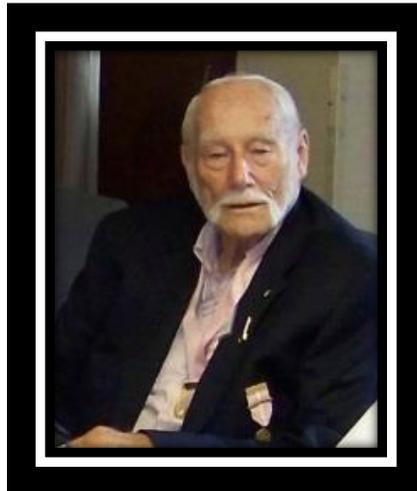
Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

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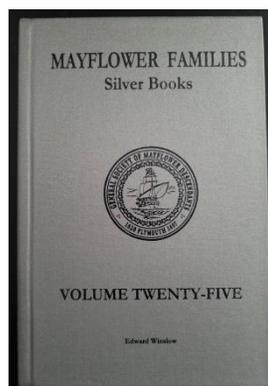
**Robert Allen Greene** at the Inaugural Meeting of the Winslow Heritage Society, Plymouth, MA, September 8, 2014

**ROBERT ALLEN GREENE**, 91, of East Greenwich, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Marilyn R. (Felthousen) Greene for sixty-one years. A Past Governor of the Rhode Island Mayflower Society and former Governor General of the Mayflower Society, Bob belonged to many organizations and lived an active life. He was a charter member of the Winslow Heritage Society.

His full obituary can be read at <https://www.hillfuneralhome.com/obituary/robert-greene>.

*New Edward Winslow Silver Book now available*

Available through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the recently completed Volume 25 features 8 generations of Edward Winslow descendants, naming the 9<sup>th</sup> generation.





## The Deputy Governor's Corner by Judy Quinn

### "Do You Descend from Neanderthals?"

It has been approximately 32 years since DNA helped to establish the fact that we all share a common family tree. All people outside of Africa are descended from ancestors who left that continent more than 60,000 years ago. The first modern humans ventured into Europe through the Middle East some 45,000 years ago.

At that time there was a thick layer of ice covering all of Europe and there were some species of wildlife where it was warm enough for them to survive. Neanderthals, who had adapted to the cold and harsh conditions, migrated hundreds of thousands of years earlier. It had previously been thought that all Neanderthals had died out to extinction and were replaced with modern humans. We now know that is not accurate. DNA research indicates that there was interbreeding between modern humans and Neanderthals.



There is evidence that admixture between the two groups is reflected in all modern non-African populations but not in the genomes of sub-Saharan Africans. Any of you who may have DNA tested with 23andMe (and hopefully uploaded those results to Family Tree DNA) will already know how many Neanderthal variants you have. I personally have 278. I'm sure many of you have DNA that reflects even more variants. According to recent research, about 2 percent of the typical European genome contains Neanderthal DNA, whereas the typical African genome has none. Europeans living today have varying admixtures of bloodlines from Africa, the Middle East and Russia.

In comparison to modern humans, Neanderthals had shorter legs and were stockier with bigger bodies and angled cheekbones, prominent brow ridges and wide noses. Females were approximately 60-61 inches tall (I am 59 inches tall) and males were approximately 65-66 inches tall.

The term "Neanderthal" comes from the German Rhineland where in 1856, specimens were first being discovered. Archeology has been transformed as today the new field of paleogenetics



is able to sequence the entire genome of humans who lived tens of millennia ago. During 2018, more than a thousand prehistoric genomes were determined from bones that had been dug up years before and preserved in museums and labs. Any notion that Europeans are “genetically pure” has been proven not correct. The European continent has been a melting pot since the Ice Age and continues to this day.

Research during future millennia will reveal even more varying admixture for those of us “Americans” living in our own melting pot. If it were only possible for all of us to see those results!

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### Highlights of the Annual Meeting of Winslow Heritage Society

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Winslow Heritage Society was held by teleconference on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 in the afternoon (eastern time). A full report by Secretary, Bruce Fensley, will appear in the newsletter prior to next year’s annual meeting.

Betty Mapes, Chaplain, provided the invocation and benediction read by Governor Kathy Myers. Reports were received from Treasurer, Alice Zimmerman; Secretary, Bruce Fensley; Historian/DNA Committees, Judy Quinn; and Education/Research, Jessica Winslow.

Governor, Kathy Myers, reported that the hoped for project of planting a Liberty Tree in Brewster Gardens, Plymouth, for the 2020 celebrations has not materialized due to a lack of funding. Other options were discussed and it was concluded that the Winslow Heritage Society will place a memorial brick in the Mayflower Society House Garden Walkway, as well as make a contribution to the Save the Meetinghouse Campaign.

Plans for the 2020 celebrations were discussed. Additional details can be had a [www.plymouth400inc.org](http://www.plymouth400inc.org) or at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). Bruce Fensley noted that the U.S. Mint will produce a coin for the 2020 celebrations in a limited number (50,000) to be released by late summer. Those interested should check out the mint’s web page for further information. A commemorative stamp has been designed, but no release date has been set.





## Morris Dance in England

By Kathy Myers

It was while my husband and I were on one of our many trips to our Winslow “hometown”, Droitwich, Worcestershire, that we experienced Morris Dance, an old English folk tradition.



( Photo by John Myers )

According to an article posted on Wikipedia, “Morris dance is a form of English folk dance usually accompanied by music. It is based on rhythmic stepping and the execution of choreographed figures by a group of dancers, usually wearing bell pads on their shins. Implements such as sticks, swords and handkerchiefs may also be wielded by the dancers. In a small number of dances for one or two people, steps are near and across a pair of clay tobacco pipes laid one across the other on the floor. They clap their sticks, swords, or handkerchiefs together to match with the dance.”

It appears that this form of dance was popular in other European countries such as Germany, France, Italy and Spain. Interestingly, “... by the mid-17th century, the working peasantry took part in Morris dances, especially at Whitsun [Pentecost]. The Puritan government of Oliver Cromwell, however, suppressed Whitsun ales and other such festivities. When the crown was restored by Charles II, the springtime festivals were restored.”

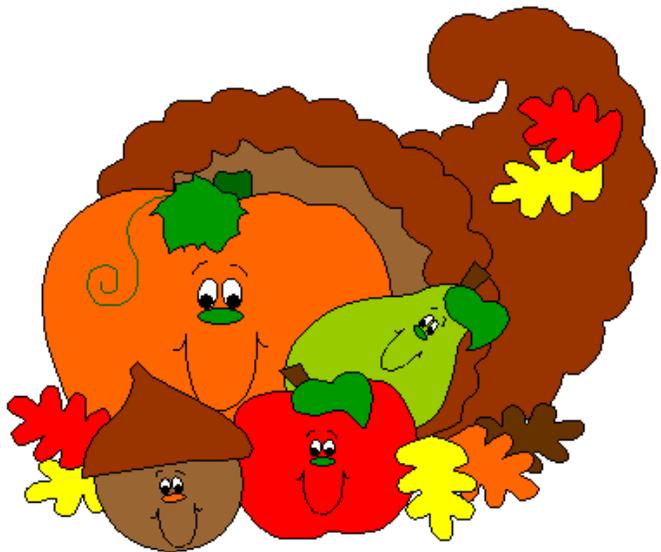
Morris Dance varies in different sections of the UK. For those interested in learning more about this tradition, log on to a Facebook page, Morris Dancers of England, which shows various costumes and styles of dance. Another page can be found at [www.morrisdancersofengland.co.uk](http://www.morrisdancersofengland.co.uk)

# Thanksgiving Word Search

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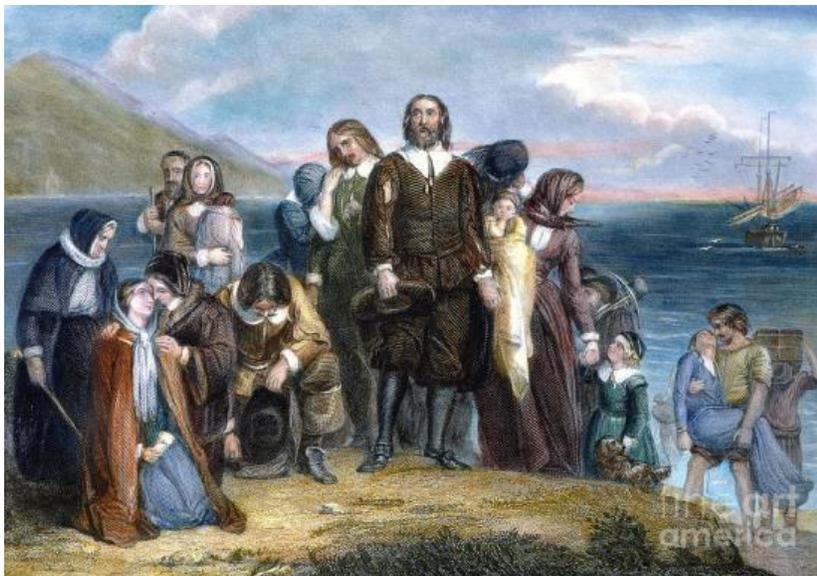




**THE DESOLATE WILDERNESS,** the words of William Bradford

*Published each year in the WSJ since 1961*

Being now passed the vast ocean, and a sea of troubles before them in expectations, they had now no friends to welcome them, no inns to entertain or refresh them, no houses, or much less towns, to repair unto to seek for succor; and for the season it was winter, and they that know the winters of the country know them to be sharp and violent, subject to cruel and fierce storms, dangerous travel to known places, much more to search unknown coasts.



From the Editor: As we move toward the 2020 celebrations, it is amazing to consider the events of nearly 400 years ago when, of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower, only half survived the first winter. Current estimates are that there are approximately 30 million descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims in the US (roughly 10% of the population), with another 5 million around the world.

