

WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

Please note information regarding the upcoming Winslow Heritage Society Annual Meeting can be found on pages 6-12.. This includes directions on call in participation in the meeting, minutes from last year's meeting, proxy for voting, and elections for 2020-2023.

From the Editor: I am very pleased that we have two WHS members who have contributed to this issue. Ruth Major on the exciting news of her recent book publication; and David Appleton's interesting article on The Evolution of an Emblazon. I encourage members to submit articles for future publication.

“The Art of Joinery, From Winslow to the Connecticut River”

By Ruth Major, Descendant of brothers Kenelm and Josiah Winslow (and their 17th Century Marshfield neighbors at Green Harbor, Thomas Waterman and Robert Bourne.)

David Parsons Holton's "Winslow Memorial," informs us that **Kenelm Winslow** was a “Joiner by trade,” “6 Jan 1633-34, when Samuel Jenny was Indented to him as an apprentice; but he is elsewhere and generally called a ‘planter,’ and was somewhat engaged in the shipping interest.” (1.) p. 73

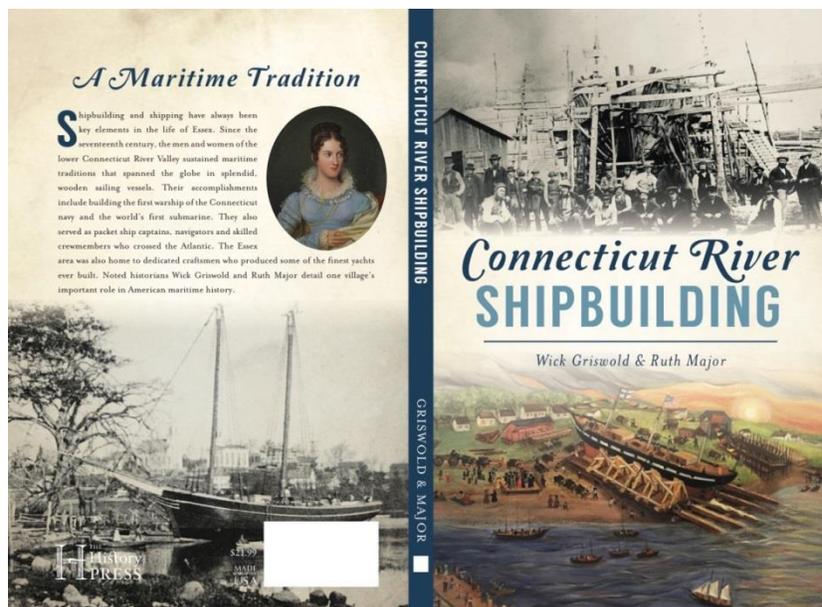
Additional references to the Winslow's association with shipbuilding includes information on Kenelm's son, **Job**, “He is styled “Lieutenant” and was a shipwright by occupation.”(Ibid p. 80.) As a writer and fine artist, I appreciate fine craftsmanship and artistry. Whether it be a painting, a piece of fine furniture or a beautiful wooden sailing vessel, I especially appreciate looking at a piece that has been skillfully crafted and joined by hand. Recently, while researching I was amazed and thrilled to find an article online entitled, “Connecting a London-Trained Joiner to 1630's Plymouth Colony,” by Peter Follansbee. As I read the article, my heart leapt for joy when I realized the author was writing not only about finely crafted furniture, but also my ancestor, Kenelm Winslow, and his apprentices, one of whom was the son of my ancestors, John and Sarah Jenny of Plymouth, MA. Mr. Follansbee wrote:

*“A recent study undertaken to identify New England joiners who first trained in London has begun to bear some interesting fruit. The records of the **Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers of London** provide the earliest written proof of a London connection to a New England joiner. The joiner in question is **Kenelm Winslow**, who arrived in Plymouth Colony in about 1631.” (2.)*

Mr. Follansbee goes on to explain that 1621 to 1628, records from the Master's and Warden's account books provide evidence of Kenelm finishing his apprenticeship in London under the tutelage of Abraham Worthington. *"It was standard practice for an apprentice finishing his time to make a payment to the Company, along with a gift of a spoon."* The standard term for London apprentices was seven years, and the term was completed when the apprentice was age 24 but not before. Apprentices in New England had different terms from those agreed upon in London. Samuel Jenny, eldest son of John and Sarah Jenny of Plymouth, was apprenticed to Kenelm Winslow in 1633-4 for four years *"to learn the 'joiners occupacon."* The shorter length of training in New England was due to the fact that in Plymouth, leaders determined apprentices would be given four-year apprenticeships. A young person would finish his training by the age of 21 and be able to join the work force as a trained artisan. It is interesting to note that by 1660, this decision was reversed in favor of the longer training requirement. (2.)

Samuel Jenny's apprenticeship with Kenelm Winslow was excellent preparation for a young man whose father was, in 1636, authorized to "erect a mill for grinding and beating of corn upon the brook of Plymouth." John Jenny operated the mill until his death in 1644, when Samuel Jenny took over the operation of their Jenny Grist Mill. (3.)

As a joiner, Kenelm was able to use his skills and talents **making furniture** such as storage chests, chairs, desks and tables or **house and outbuilding construction**, including windows, doorways, stairways and flooring. Joiners were also sought after to work in **shipbuilding**. I am keenly aware of the great respect and need for joiner work especially with regard to wooden shipbuilding, as I have just finished co-writing a book with Wick Griswold entitled, Connecticut River Shipbuilding. Our book may be pre-ordered on Amazon and is due to be released by Arcadia/The History Press on October 5th of this year, (pending the status of the Coronavirus.)



If there is one position in a shipyard I have come to appreciate immensely, it is that of the **JOINERS**, an elite group of highly regarded and well trained artisans.

History writer, Ellsworth Grant researched and wrote about shipbuilding. He referred to joiners as one of three main groups of craftsmen who worked in the shipyards. He mentioned that the 1850 census revealed

that ship joinery was “a select, family- monopolized business.” In Middlesex County, which included 13 Connecticut towns. The 17 ship-joiners listed in the county belonged to only four families. Joiners were given fair wages but better conditions than others working in the shipyards. Unlike the carpenters and caulkers, joiners were required to have specialized skills and training and often worked indoors. Some joiners became masters and operated their own joinery businesses. Joiners with enough clients were able to take on apprentices who would presumably provide assistance and eventually add more clients to company rosters. Some joiners augmented their incomes by making specialized tools for their trade. All joiners were at liberty to work on houses and outbuildings, furniture and cabinetry, and/or vessels. (4.)



“Launching of Schooner *James A. Phelps* from David Mack’s Shipyard, Essex, CT, October, 1870” by Ruth Major

I have been corresponding with Master Shipwright Paul Kilpin in Western Australia for about two years, and he has taught me a lot about wooden ships and shipbuilding. Paul offered to make me a half-hull model of one of my ancestor’s ships constructed in 1841 in Essex, Connecticut. Using traditional methods, Paul is hand carving sections of the model from American grown wood and gluing the sections together prior to sanding and painting the half-hull like the ship hull was actually painted. I asked Paul to explain the work of a Joiner, and he wrote back about joiner apprentices, tasks assigned to Joiners, the types of joints they use and the tools they work with. He gave permission to share the information. Think of Kenelm and Job Winslow as you read this last section...

Regarding apprentices, Paul wrote that 12 to 14 year-old boys would start out their apprenticeship sweeping and cleaning, and caring for tools and equipment, running errands, etc. Despite their desire, (and in order to increase their desire,) “boys” were not given tools for about three years. Apprentices lived with their master joiners until they fulfilled their apprentice obligation or were sent to another master, perhaps to learn a different skill. Small boats were worked on first in order to avoid ruining longer and more valuable lengths of timber. After three more years, apprentices graduated to “hands-on” ship joinery.

Joiners were responsible for doing the “detailed work of connecting pieces together.” This might include setting in paneling in a door or setting” the countersunk dovetails of the deck beams into the shelving timbers.” When the hull was launched and it came time for the vessel to be finished off, that’s when the joiners’ art was on full display.

Fresh from the blacksmith and tool shops, with their precision tools sharpened and oiled – adzes, double-handed long saws, axes and several sized chisels, hand saws, blades, angle gouges and gougers - off to the ship the joiners went. With his collection of fine sharpened tools and detailed drawings, the joiner set about making and setting the flooring, cabins, furniture, windows, furniture, doors and paneling along with any other detailed finished pieces the owners ordered. Joints were made secure and durable by skilled joiners who were masters in art of making details. According to Paul joiners would create the wooden details “using tongue and groove, mortise and tenon, dovetailed corners and anything else that got the job done!” (5.)



Master Shipwright, Paul Kilpin sanding a half-hull ship model

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“Launch of the Orphan” by Ruth Major



NEW MEMBERS

ANDREW RAYBOLD WHIPPLE, DESCENDANT OF JOHN WINSLOW

CATHERINE ANNE HALL GRAHAM, DESCENDANT OF KENELM WINSLOW

From Secretary Bruce Fensley: The US Mint has just posted TWO Mayflower 400th Anniversary coins in their catalog for this Fall.

The US Mint will produce Two Mayflower 400th Anniversary coins this Fall.

1. A Gold Reverse Proof coin. Product # 20XC - No denomination or cost listed yet.
2. A Silver Reverse Proof Metal. Product#- 20XD. No denomination or cost listed yet.

Folks can go to "catalog.usmint.gov", scroll thru the catalog to the these coins and select to be notified by email for availability dates.

There will be a limited quantity produced.

PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2020, AT 2:00 PM EST



WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY

PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, committee reports, and proposed officers and committee chairs referenced below.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2019, attached: ___ Yes ___ No

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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 TO BE COUNTED.***

Officers serving terms from 2020-2023

Governor, Kathy Myers;
Deputy Governor General, Judy Quinn;
Bruce Fensley, Secretary;
Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer;
Betty Mapes, Chaplain;
Craig Faylor, Historian

Committees appointed by Governor:

By-Laws, Judy Quinn;
Education/Research, Jessica Winslow
Finance, Alice Zimmerman
Junior Membership, Susan Winslow Garcia
Newsletter, Vacant;
Nominations, Judy Quinn, Bruce Fensley;
Membership, Vacant
Webmaster, Judy Quinn

Anyone wishing to volunteer to chair the Newsletter Committee or Membership Committee should contact Judy Quinn at jq47@yahoo.com or Bruce Fensley, b0408fensley@gmail.com

**TO CALL IN TO THE FREE TELECONFERENCE MEETING,
DIAL (712) 770-5505**

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 September 26, 2020, is not mandatory; however, advance notice of your intention to participate in the teleconference will assist Secretary Bruce Fensley organize for the meeting.**

**Winslow Heritage Society
6th Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Conducted by Teleconference
October 19, 2019
2:03pm – 2:58 pm EST**

I. Call to order

The 6th annual meeting of the Winslow Heritage Society was called to order by Governor, Kathy Myers, on September 19, 2019, at 2:01 pm EST.

II. Invocation

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

Job 3.8

I would seek unto God, and unto God I 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 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 decisions for our beloved Society, and will prove pleasing in Your sight. Amen

III. Attendance, Bruce Fensley, Secretary

Members present: Bruce Fensley, Kathy Myers, John Myers, Judy Quinn, Tom Gregory, Jessica Winslow, and Alice Zimmerman.

Six Proxy Votes were received: Janice Platt Hunold, Meg E. Wilber, Cameron Winslow Foster, Deborah Brownell, Elaine Laubach, and Beverly J. Nelson, .

WHS Officers Through 2020

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

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
Membership Chairperson - **Vacant**
Junior Membership – **Vacant**

III. **Nominating Committee, Bruce Fensley**

Nominations: We currently have a vacancy for the WHS **Historian/Genealogist, Junior Membership** openings. Anyone interested or willing to fill this vacancy, please contact Bruce Fensley (b0408fensley@gmail.com).

IV. **Minutes of the 2018, WHS Annual Meeting on September 13th Via Teleconference**

2018 WHS meeting minutes were distributed to all WHS members via the Winslow Heritage Society Newsletter (Vol. 5, No. 4).

A correction to the 2018 Minutes was submitted by Secretary, Bruce Fensley.
A Typo/Correction to the 2018 WHS Minutes.

On the last line of the Treasurer’s Report, It read “2017 Meeting Balance: It should have read “WHS 2018 Meeting Balance - \$4,564.41”

A motion to approve the 2018 WHS ‘revised’ meeting minutes was made by Judy Quinn & seconded by Alice Zimmerman. The 2018 meeting minutes were approved by all present with the noted correction.

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

2019 Treasure’s Report was presented as follows:

	2018 Meeting Balance -
\$4,564.41	
	2018 Additional Receipts(Memberships/renewals, Winslow Charms)
\$450.00	
	2018 Additional Disbursements ((Postage, Supplies)
(\$327.28)	
	2018 Year End Balance
\$4,687.13	
	2019 Total Receipts (Memberships/Renewals)
\$1,170.00	
	2019 Disbursements (Office supplies, Jeweler Charms, Refunds)
(\$656.41)	
	2019 Meeting Balance
<u>\$5,200.72</u>	

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report by Bruce Fensley & seconded by John Myers This motion was approved by all present.

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

WHS currently has 64 members, and 10 Junior members for a total number of 74. The 64 adult members consists of 42 - Life Time Members and 22- Regular Members.

We welcome all our new WHS members that joined us in 2019. 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.

We continue to encourage all WHS members that are also members of other genealogical societies, to inform those members of other genealogical 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 for all members to inform other societies and for their newsletters.

Please remember to have changes to your mailing address, email address or phone number. Send these changes to Secretary, Bruce Fensley, 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. This past year, we lost contact with one of our WHS members and we were able to reconnect with this member and resent our WHS Newsletter. Our efforts to reconnect this member to our society were much appreciated by this member.

If we don't have your current correct contact information on our members file, we will not be able to send you important WHS information. Please remember to update the WHS with changes in your; Mailing Address, Email Address and your telephone number.

During our review and approval process for our WHS membership applications, Kathy Myers realized that many folks haven't prepared their family records for a genealogical society before and some will tend to get overwhelmed. Kathy has prepared and is now doing public presentations for research and document preparation. Patriot to Passenger is a new initiative by the Mayflower Society that links Patriots (Revolutionary War) with Pilgrims. The project will assist those with Revolutionary War connections learn whether or not they have Mayflower roots. So far, there are approximately 270 pages of names. After a presentation to one local historical society, four people are pursuing their Mayflower roots, and one has submitted her application to Plymouth.

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

- * **Historian/Genealogist**
- * **Junior Membership**

If anyone has the; skills, experience, background, or interest in filling one of these positions, please contact Bruce Fensley at b0408fensley@gmail.com. or Judy Quinn at judy47@yahoo.com.

A motion was made by Judy Quinn to accept the Secretary's Report and seconded by John Myers. This motion was approved by all present.

VII. **Historian/Genealogist Report, Kathy Myers & Judy Quinn**

a. Historian's Report, Judy Quinn (acting)

Since October 1, 2018 until the present time, there have been twelve email inquiries into membership in the Winslow Heritage Society. Once the request is made, the process has been to send a blank lineage/membership form with instructions how to proceed.

Following the October 13, 2018, annual meeting, six new members have been welcomed into the Society. Three are Kenelm Winslow descendants, one John Winslow descendant, one Josiah Winslow descendant, one William Brewster descendant.

When former Historian, John White, resigned his position, he provided the WHS Governor with all the files he had developed during his tenure. At that time, there were 5 applications that required additional documentation that had been pending in excess of one year, with no response from the applicants. Governor Kathy Myers contacted each applicant by letter, returning the annual membership fee, explaining that the review of application fee was non-refundable. Since that time, one person has indicated continued interest in joining the society and plans to submit the additional required information.

Currently, one person is actively pursuing membership and is expected to be approved in the near future.

b. DNA Report – Judy Quinn

Winslow DNA Project @Family Tree DNA. Of the 28 male haplo groups listed, (which include E,G, I & R) the members are as follows: E=2; G=3, I=17; R=6. There are those with the Winslow surname in three of the four groups. We now have a total of 94 participants in the project

When the project was no longer administered by World Families, we no longer had a lead Administrator. Judy Quinn continues to be the co-admin, but now we have a new person. Gail Riddle, who is able to put the results into the colorful charts that you will see when you log on. There will be more information coming in the future.

Any questions regarding this process or the Winslow Project, can be directed to Judy Quinn at judy47@yahoo.com.

IX. Education /Research Committee, Jessica Winslow

Jessica has obtained 4 new articles from a Droitwich visit for future WHS Newsletters.

Two articles by Brandon Fradd's book "The Winslow Families of Worcester, 1400 – 1700" This book contains the use of "broadside and of family interactions".

Jessica is also investigating a book by Penelope Pelham Winslow "Plymouth Colony First Lady". Re-imagining a life of women in 17th Century Plymouth.

X. New Business**a. Plymouth 400th Commemorative Celebration.**

Kathy Myers spoke with the folks at the Plymouth 400th Anniversary organization and obtained the listed 2020 events. For more detailed information, please go to www.plymouth400inc.org and www.themayflowersociety.org.

1. April 24, 2020 - Opening Ceremony at Memorial Hall, Plymouth, Ma
2. June 27 - 28 2020 - Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary in Plymouth, Ma.
3. August 01, 2020 – The Wampanoag Ancestor's Walk., Plymouth, Ma.
4. September 14, 2020 – The Official State House Salute to the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower arrival at the Massachusetts State House, Boston, Ma.
5. September 12th - 19th 2020 - The General Society of the Mayflower Descendants 400th Congress. Plymouth, Ma.
- 6 September 19th - 20th 2020 – Embarkation Festival. The Grand Cultural & Arts Festival of the Settlers and the Wampanoag people. Plymouth, Ma.

b. Federal Government Observances

1. The US Mint will be producing a silver Mayflower 400th commemorative "medal" in 2020. The release date will be posted on the US Mint website in Q-1 of 2020. According to the information we received, the US Mint will only be producing 50,000 medals, it will not be circulated, and will probably be available in late Summer 2020. If you are interested in obtaining one of these silver medals, please keep your eyes on this release. Also, Britain's Royal Mint will be releasing a silver commemorative coin for the Plymouth 400th Anniversary.

2. The US Postal Service will be producing a Mayflower 400th Commemorative Stamp in 2020. We have been told that the release date for this stamp will be posted on the US Postal Service website in the Philatelic Catalog in Q-1 of 2020. Use this link www.usps.com. Click on the “collectors zone”, then select the “Philatelic Catalog”. You can view this catalog on-line in Q-1 2020. Right now, you can only view the 2019 available commemorative stamps.

c. WHS is looking for a **Membership Chairperson** to develop a public outreach program to provide more WHS news and society information to public genealogical societies, etc. Anyone interested or willing to fill this vacancy, please contact Bruce Fensley (b0408fensley@gmail.com).

XI. Old Business

a. WHS 2020 Commemorative Project.

The proposed 2019 WHS 2020 Commemorative Project that included planting a Liberty Tree and placing a WHS plaque in a prominent location in Plymouth required a minimum of \$4,500. This proposal required a volunteer to oversee a fund raising program activities. We weren't able to recruit a volunteer for this proposal and the WHS treasury did not have sufficient funds for this proposal.

The members at our meeting agreed to the following WHS 400th commemoration plan.

1. Purchase a walkway Brick (\$150) in the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway with an inscription “WHS Society 2020”.

2. Submit a WHS donation for \$100 for the Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA.

This WHS Plymouth 400th commemoration proposal was approved by members during the meeting.

b. WHS Web page and Facebook page:

The WHS Web Site

The WHS webmaster is Judy Quinn Web page www.winslowheritagesociety.org. The WHS Website is averaging 282 unique visitors per month, with 758 average page reviews.

The Newsletter pages have been updated and is now organized in two pages. One is the Newsletter Archives (2014 thru 2017) and the second is more current newsletters (2018 & 2019).

The Descendants of Edward Winslow Sr. page now includes 6 pages representing Edward (Pilgrim), John, Josiah, Kenelm, John Howland and William White. Members must give permission for their ancestors to be included.

Anyone having suggestions or recommendations that would make the WHS website more; interesting, attractive, informative, or easier to use, please contact Judy Quinn at judyq47@yahoo.com .

c. WHS Facebook Page

Kathy Myers maintains the Facebook page which can be found on Facebook at “winslow.heritage.society”. Kathy reports that we are enjoying many inquiries about the Winslow Heritage Society through many of the other family societies within the GSMD.

XII The Benediction: Submitted by WHS Chaplin, Betty Mapes, Read by Kathy Myers**Ecclesiasticus 6:33:**

If you love to listen, you will gain knowledge, and if you incline your ear, you will become wise.

Let us Pray

Lord give us,
Eyes to see beyond ourselves,
Ears to hear the ideas of Others,
Understanding to comprehend differences,
Courage to face challenges;
Strength to do Your will,
Love for on another, as Your love for US.

In your Holy Name, We Pray. Amen

XIII Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Myers and seconded by John Myers. The motion was approved by those attending the meeting. Governor Kathy Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm EST.

Is That a Bicycle Tire on the Crest? The evolution of an emblazon

**By David B. Appleton,
descendant of John Winslow**

In doing some research for a presentation some while back, I noticed a phenomenon that was new to me. (Or, at the very least, it was something that I had not noticed before.) In reviewing a number of different emblazons of the coat of arms and crest of an American family over a period of some decades, one component in depictions of the crest had changed, from a reasonably identifiable element to become something that was unidentifiable, bearing nearly no resemblance whatsoever to what had been originally intended.

An affectation seen in some drawings of coats of arms: “Hanging” the shield (the coat of arms) from the crest or, for example, a tree, by its gige (sometimes spelled guige), “The leather strap by which the shield of a knight was slung across the shoulder, or across the neck and shoulder.”¹ An example of this is this bookplate of the Rev. D. B. Thompson, where the shield is hung by its gige from a branch of a tree. (Fig. 1) **[Ed. Note: Figures appear at the end of article]**

You also see a coat of arms hung by its gige from a peg or some other item, as in these carved stone coats of arms from Florence, Italy, the first on the exterior of the Cathedral there, and the second on the exterior of the Santa Maria Novella church. (Figs. 2 and 3) Both clearly show the gige, with its buckle, looped over pegs: one ending in a lion’s face, the other plain.

Yet another rendition (also on Santa Maria Novella) shows the shield hanging from a peg, but the gige is less identifiable as such, consisting as it does of a strap (or two straps) without showing the buckle. (Fig. 4)

¹ *Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary*, 1913, C. & G. Merriam Co., <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/Gige>

In all of these examples, it is clearly the shield of the arms which is being hung from the gige. But now we come to the arms and crest of the Winslow family here in what became the United States of America. Here, the intent was pretty clearly to have the shield hanging on its gige from the crest, the stump of a tree sprouting branches.² Unfortunately, not only did early renditions fall short of the mark, they also led to an evolution of emblazonments which grew progressively farther from that original intent (*i.e.*, to hang the shield from the stump in the crest by its gige).

Even early on, both blazon and emblazons of the arms and crest separate the gige from the shield entirely, having it looping around the crest, but cut off by the torse, not extending down to the shield. For example:

“On a stump with growing twigs, a strap with buckle.” Grave slab of Josiah Winslow (d. 1680), his wife Penelope (d. 1703, and their son Isaac (d. 1738). (Bolton, p. 183) (Fig. 5) We find a similar depiction in the illustration of the arms of Chauncey Rose Winslow in Matthews (p. 13a) (Fig. 6), and in this colored painting found on the website of the Winslow Heritage Society (Fig. 7). In all of these depictions, the gige is still shown as a strap and buckle; it is just no longer attached in any way to the shield:

Then the identification as a strap and buckle disappears, and the gige becomes an arch only. (Fig. 8, from the *Genealogy of Edward Winslow*)

The next rendition has what is still a strap and buckle, but removes it completely from any even potential connection to the shield by having it completely encircle the crest. We find this in the blazon from Crozier (p. 139): *A stump of a tree with branches proper encircled with a strap and buckle*. Renditions of this version (Figs. 9 and 10) demonstrate quite clearly.

In its next phase, the gige becomes an annulet encircling the stump. (Figs. 11 and 12) Bolton (p. 183) blazons this as: *On a sprouting stump an annulet sable*.

Finally, the “annulet” is then further transformed to become what has been described as a “donut” (Fig. 13, from stonecarver.com) or a “bicycle tire inner tube” which has been “ring-tossed” onto and around the crest (Fig. 14, from Matthews, p. 40b,).

Conclusion

So, there you have it. The transformation of a gige, a strap holding a shield or from which a shield is hung, to a donut or bicycle tire, all because the artists (and the people who later blazoned their depictions) lost the connection from the physical strap for hanging an actual shield to “something” on the drawn or carved rendition of a crest.

Figures

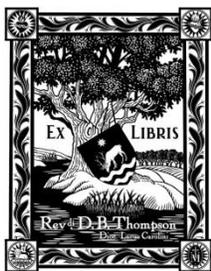


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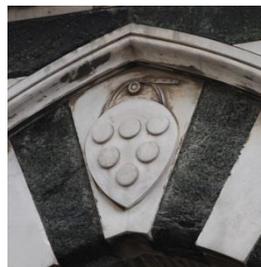


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² The motto, *Deceptae flores* or *Decoptus floreo* is said to have as its meaning “Truth crushed to earth shall rise again”. The Latin-to-English translators I tried do not support this meaning.



Figure 5

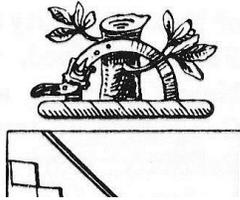


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Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14

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**THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S CORNER,
JUDY QUINN**



The Significance of Big-Y Testing to Determine Direct Lineages

The Big Y-700 test is available at Family Tree DNA. It is a direct line paternal test designed to explore deep ancestral links to our further most paternal ancestor. The test examines thousands of known branch markers as well as millions of places where there may be new branch markers.

The Big Y 700 is intended for those who have an interest in advancing science. It does actually include two tests: one that can help make those more distant ancestral connections of great interest to those of us perusing a specific lineage and one that helps with more recent connections. The test includes two kinds of DNA markers: STRs and SNPs. It is not a test used for matching yourself to one or more men with the same surname in the way that the Y-STR tests do, such as the Y-37, Y-67 or Y-111 tests.

The Winslow DNA Project at Family Tree DNA currently has the Big Y 700 results from at least three Winslow descendants. Two are from Kenelm and one from Governor Edward Winslow. Equally important is the fact that two descendants of Kenelm descend from two different sons (Nathaniel & Job).

The two Kenelm descendants have a mutation not found in the Gov. Edward descendant sample. This mutation, I-BY108126 has been proven to occur in Kenelm himself, and would then be found in all of his Y-DNA descendants (but not found in any of the Y-DNA descendants of his siblings). Thus, any male Winslow who tests positive for BY108126 would be proven to be a descendant of Kenelm and any male Winslow who tests negative for this mutation would NOT be a descendant of Kenelm, but would rather be a descendant of another brother.

All three of these results were positive for a group of mutations under I-BY71464. These SNPs are all (currently) only found in descendants of Edward Winslow (husband of Magdalene Oliver – father of the Pilgrims). If, in the future we receive other Winslow descendant Big Y test results, we should be able to discover other mutations unique to the other Winslow brothers. This is very exciting news!

A huge thank you to Raymond Wing, Administrator of the Winslow DNA Project for his invaluable research and his insights into these results.

For those of you only interested in finding “more cousins” or interested in possible health issues, you might want to test at 23 & Me or test at Ancestry if you already have an Ancestry Tree and want to connect with relatives you didn't know you had. Family Tree DNA will gladly accept your results as a transfer by simply downloading your results from your testing company to your device and then uploading to Family Tree. All DNA results – male yDNA, female mtDNA or an Autosomal atDNA test are a valuable aspect of the important research being completed at all of the family groups @ familytree.com.

Please do not despair if your results do not currently seem to match the Winslow line or if you are a female. Our DNA is present in the database and is available for future discoveries regarding not only the Winslow's but other Pilgrim ancestor lines as well and does help to determine ancient paths of migration. We are all a part of this history!

The Winslow project has grown from 14 participants in 2014 to 125 today. Much is being learned everyday thanks to the participation of all of you.

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THE JENNY GRIST MILL, PLIMOTH

On page 2 of this newsletter, in an article by Ruth Major, Ruth writes of Samuel Jenny, apprentice to Kenelm Winslow, and the fact that Samuel's father, John Jenny was authorized to erect a mill in 1636. This replica of the original mill stands in Plymouth today. Note the town brook running through, one of the reasons Plymouth was selected as the site for the new colony.



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