



The Allerton Family Journal

The Newsletter of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society

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Governor's Message:

How did your Allerton *Mayflower* line travel all the way from Plymouth, Massachusetts to your home town? Was finding it a surprise, or was the knowledge passed down through many generations?

For some, the journey was just up the road and generation after generation stayed in the New England area. For others, like those descended from Isaac Allerton Jr., the line went south early, to Virginia, while others like mine migrated in droves to Canada in the 1700's. An outline of my line can be found within.

I'm sure my story is familiar. I started tracing my genealogy around 1974, when we depended on writing letters to record offices, libraries and historical societies to research our families. When I began, I barely knew my grandparents' names; however within a year, I had the line back to the late 1700's and a library had mentioned that my Waterman ancestor was mentioned in the "Mayflower Index." Surprise!

Let's here your story!

Susan E. Roser

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Governor



Our Society held its Inaugural Meeting and Banquet on September 14 at the GSMD Congress in Plymouth. Our Governor, Susan Roser, presided over the meetings, and it was wonderful to connect with all our cousins from across the hemisphere.

Richard Pickering of Plimouth Plantation gave an outstanding performance as Isaac Allerton, complete with costume and East Anglian accent. For more pictures of the event, see pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

We are also seeking volunteers to contribute their Allerton lines so we can see where they have traveled since 1620. See Susan's line on page 4. Please send your line to Lisa at Lpennington@bakerlaw.com. Ancestor pictures are also welcome!

"People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors."

— Edmund Burke

THE PILGRIM ISAAC ALLERTON SOCIETY

Inaugural Meeting & Banquet

MEETING MINUTES

The inaugural meeting of the Society was called to order at 6:45 by Interim Governor Susan Roser. Thirty members and friends were in attendance.

The *Mayflower* Compact was read by Rick Denham.

The interim bylaws were ratified on a motion by Ken Carter and seconded by Donna Reay. It was moved by Ken Carter and seconded by Deborah Yingst "That the board has the authority to add the necessary language to our bylaws to enable our Society to apply for a 501(C)(3)." The motion carried.

The interim Board was ratified on a motion by Lea Filson, seconded by Rick Denham.

[Interim Board: Governor, Susan E. Roser; Secretary Linda Hart; Treasurer Judy Needham; Captain, David Hess; Elder, Ken Carter; Assistants; Assistants Judy Elfring and Lisa Pennington.]

Governor's Report

I would like to thank all those who answered the call to become one of our 34 charter members. It is because of your support that we were able to get the ball rolling. Please stand if you are a charter member. Now, please stand if you are a non-charter member. It is because of you that our membership has grown to 54! Thank you all.

I must also thank our interim board members who very generously agreed to give time out of their already busy schedules to get our Society up and running. In the past three years we have designed a website, membership certificate, application form and our bylaws which we will ratify today.

Linda Hart who designed our website will be stepping down as Secretary and webmaster, and Emily Palmer as Historian, and I would like to thank them for the enormous contributions they have made to our beginnings.

To those who will be continuing on our board, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation: Judy Needham, our Treasurer; David Hess, our Captain; Ken Carter, our Elder and Judy Elfring who continues as an Assistant. Lisa Pennington took on the job as Editor and is doing a fantastic job with our newsletter, *The Allerton Family Journal*, which she will continue. And - Lisa deserves a special thank you - she had our beautiful podium banner made up and has donated it to us. Thank you Lisa!

"Mr. Isaac Allerton hath given leave to all other creditors to be fully discharged before he receives anything of his particular debts to himself, desiring rather to lose all than other men should lose any." — *Hearing on Estate of Godbert Godbertson, 2 December 1633*

Joining our board today will be Rick Denham who has volunteered to be our next Historian and Deborah Yingst and Lea Filson who will join us as Assistants. Welcome!

Our Society has goals which we would like to see completed in the near future. The first is to have a memorial marker to the Allerton family placed in an appropriate spot in Plymouth. The ideal place would be the site of his 1627 house on Leyden Street. There is also the need for a gravestone for Mary (Allerton) Cushman, next to her husband's on Burial Hill.

These projects will require the support of our members and we will let you know when we're ready. I have already talked to the town, but I guess my first request was a little too ambitious. I know we already have Allerton Street, but I asked if there might be a pretty little park somewhere that needed a name – but alas, all the public places have been spoken for. So, it will have to be a marker. Please send me your thoughts and ideas on what type of plaque or marker you envision and what it should say.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$2,588.98

We had bills outstanding (sums, some of which were unknown at the time)

To Linda Hart for 7 months hosting Internet: \$55.93

Judy Needham 2 months hosting Internet \$15.98

Judy Needham PIAS Pens for favors, etc. \$167.50

Balance due for dinner, bartender, room \$ 1,162.02

(We had paid \$125 deposit; \$250 to Plimoth Plantation for Richard Pickering)

Current balance: \$1,189.55

Elections

The following are the nominees:

Governor - Susan Roser

Deputy Governor - Lisa Pennington

Treasurer - Judy Needham

Historian - Rick Denham

Captain - David Hess

Elder - Ken Carter

Assistants: Judy Elfring, Lea Filson, Deborah Yingst

It was moved by Lea Filson, seconded by Andrew Filson that the slate of nominees be elected.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

"Our history begins before we are born. We represent the influences of our past, and our ancestors live in us."

— James Nasmyth



My Allerton Line: From Massachusetts to Nova Scotia

By Susan Roser



Thousands upon thousands of New Englanders migrated to Nova Scotia as Planters beginning in 1760 and as Loyalists during and at the close of the American Revolution. The following is one line..

My Mayflower descent comes through **Mary Allerton**, daughter of **Isaac Allerton** and **Mary Norris**. Mary (ca1616, d. 1699, ae about 83) was about four years old when she traveled with her family on the *Mayflower* in 1620. She married ca1636, Thomas Cushman, (ca1607, d. 1691, ae about 84). They had 8 children; my descent comes through their son Elkanah born in 1651.

Elkanah Cushman³ died in 1727, ae about 77. He had married in 1677 as his first wife, Elizabeth Cole. Elizabeth died a few days after the birth of their third child who did not survive infancy. Of their three children, only one son, Elkanah, survived to adulthood.

Elkanah⁴ **Cushman** lived and died in Plymouth. He married in 1703, Hester Barnes. Elkanah was only 37 years old when he died in 1715, while Hester remarried and died in Plymouth in 1770 ae88. Elkanah and Hester had four children, one of which was Hannah.

Hannah⁵ **Cushman** was born in Plymouth ca1713. She was about 18 in 1731 when she married John Waterman who was 26. They both died in Plymouth, Hannah in 1767 ae54 and John in 1781 ae76. John and Hannah had twelve children; however, only four reached adulthood.

Elkanah Waterman⁶ was born at Plymouth in 1733 and was 21 when he married 18 year old Mary West in 1754. Their children were born there up to 1759 – and there ends the Plymouth connection for this line. After spending 139 years in Plymouth, the line would end up in Nova Scotia where descendants still live over 250 years later. Elkanah died in Jamaica in 1759, eight days after the birth of his third daughter. He was only 26. Mary was a widow at the age of 23 but lived until 1810, when she died at Petite Riviere, Nova Scotia at the age of 74. After the death of her husband in 1759, Mary (West) Waterman took her three young daughters and traveled with her parents, Silas and Mary West, to Nova Scotia as New England Planters. In 1758 Governor Charles Lawrence of Nova Scotia began advertising land to New Englanders to replenish the English population after the expulsion of the Acadians.

Elizabeth⁷ **Waterman** was born at Plymouth in 1759, eight days before the death of her sea-faring father. She accompanied her widowed mother and grandparents to Nova Scotia when she was a baby. She was a widow of 35 when she married her third husband, 41 year old Capt. Samuel Mann at Liverpool, Nova Scotia in 1794. Samuel came to Nova Scotia about 1782 from Elizabeth, New Jersey where he was born in 1753 and where he was very active as a Loyalist in the Revolutionary War. A sea-faring man, Capt. Mann sailed schooners and ships to Newfoundland, Labrador, the Azores and up and down the New England coast. Elizabeth died at Liverpool in 1807, age 48 and Samuel was 80 when he died in 1833 at Gabarus on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. **James Mann**⁸ was born at Liverpool, NS in 1802 and married his second wife Lydia Cann in 1828.

Their daughter **Elizabeth**⁹ **Mann** [picture above] was born at Gabarus, NS in 1833 and married Daniel MacGillivray in 1855. Daniel's grandfather, Donald McGilvery, was a Loyalist and served the whole of the Revolutionary War. Daniel died at Gabarus in 1881 ae47 and Elizabeth died there in 1903, ae70. Their son **Lewis Watson MacGillivray**⁹ was b. 1866, d.1951 and married in 1895 Annie MacDonald.

Their daughter **Florence Elizabeth Euphemiah**¹⁰ **MacGillivray** was b. 1906 and d. 1936 age 29, a month after the birth of her third child, she m. Alfred Richardson. Their son, my father, **Vincent Wright Richardson**,¹¹ is still kicking at 86! Born in Sydney, NS, he came to Ontario in the late 1940's, where he married in 1952, Ruth Adelaide Hiltz of Milltown, New Brunswick.

"Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced...."

—William Bradford

Painting on a Clamshell: Is This the Only Known Painting of Kingston's Allerton/Cushman Farmhouse?

By Lisa Pennington

I visited the site of the Allerton family's old farm in Kingston in September, 2014 during GSMD Congress. This land had been given to Isaac Allerton in about 1627 in the first land distribution.. It is still beautiful, and it still gently slopes to the Jones River, where Isaac would have caught his small ketch to sail to Boston, Plymouth and other locales. The "Old Wading Pond" is still there, and the natural spring still gushes clear water at the base of the pond. That spring is named "Elder Spring" after its' later owner, Elder Thomas Cushman, husband of Mary Allerton. The Allerton/Cushman family owned the land for almost 100 years: from 1627 to 1717, when son Eleazor Cushman sold it. There have now been 26 owners of the property over the last 388 years.

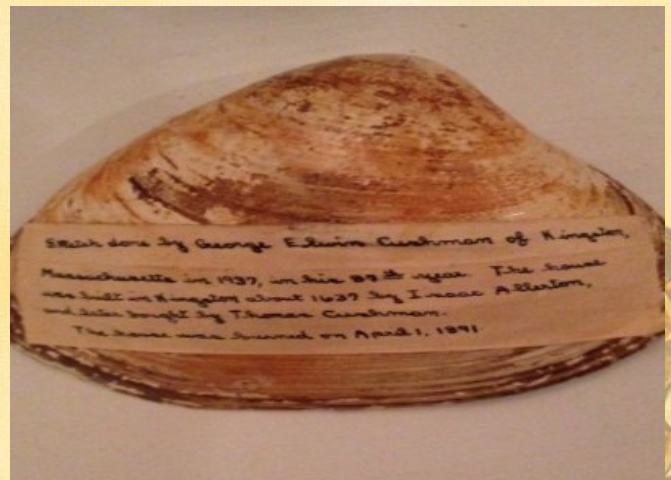
It was Jim Baker, former Director of Plimouth Plantation, who told me about a painting of the Allerton/Cushman house that was for sale on Ebay. He recalled that the sale had been months ago and the item was probably gone. I checked later that night and found that no one had bought it. I contacted the owner, who had no idea how she had come across the painting. The inscription on the back of the shell says it was painted from memory by George Elwin Cushman,* who was born in 1851 in Kingston, and must have known the house for much of his life. The house apparently burned on April 1, 1891 when he was 40 years old.

There are several things which support his rendering of the home. First, the property was excavated in 1972 by Plimouth Plantation. They found that the first house built by Allerton was about 20' by 22' and probably burned. Either Isaac Allerton or Thomas Cushman replaced the house, and built right on top of the first house. The structure in the painting also looks very much like the Maj. John Bradford house in Kingston and dates from the same period.

Many of our ancestors would have recognized this house, and the Allerton children would have many memories of growing up here and in Plymouth. I also think George Cushman would be proud that his cousins could see his beautiful work!



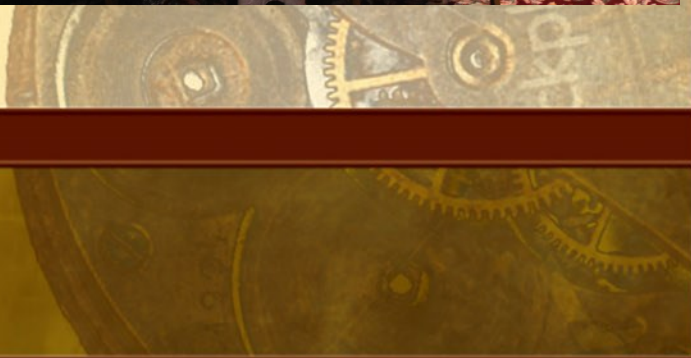
Front of the clamshell showing the farmhouse at the top of the hill facing the Jones River. The site of the house was excavated in 1972 by James Deetz of Plimouth Plantation. He discovered an early house built about 1627 by Isaac Allerton, and a later 17th century house built on top of it.



Inscription on the back of the clamshell: "Sketch done by George Elwin Cushman of Kingston Massachusetts in 1937, in his 87th year. The house was built in Kingston about 1637 by Isaac Allerton, and later bought by Thomas Cushman. The house was burned on April 1, 1891."

* George Elwin Cushman 1851-1939 > George S. Cushman 1812-1876 > David C. Cushman 1774-1857 > Joseph Cushman 1733-1822 > Joshua Cushman 1708-1764 > Robert Cushman 1664-1757 > Thomas Cushman, Jr. 1637-1757 > Elder Thomas Cushman 1608-1691 and Mary Allerton 1616-1699.

The Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society Banquet September 14, 2014 Plymouth, Massachusetts



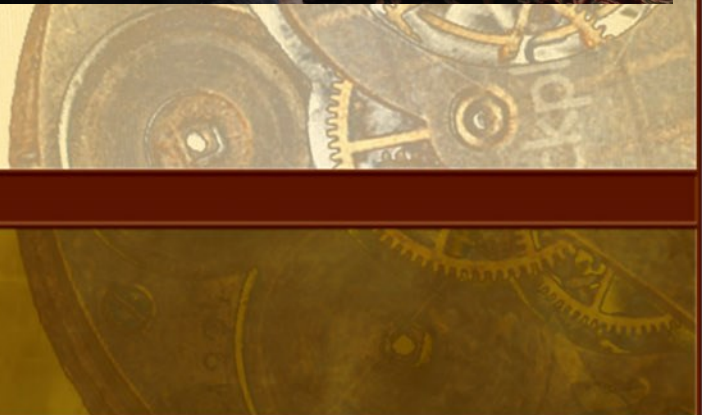


“Isaac Allerton” Talks to His Descendants

Richard Pickering of Plimouth Plantation gave an outstanding performance as Isaac Allerton, complete with authentic costume and an incredible East Anglian accent!

He is also working on a new interpretation of Isaac Allerton for the Plantation, and he has asked us to send any research we might have about Isaac or the Allerton family in order to accurately represent Isaac at the Plantation.

If you are planning a visit to Plimouth Plantation, this year would be a good time to visit. The Plantation is creating new exhibits, plays, films and character actors to enhance the visitor experience and accurately portray our ancestors' experiences.





Mary, Remember and Bartholomew Allerton?

One of the most moving activities at GSMD Congress is the march of all our members from the Mayflower House to Cole's Hill where the Pilgrims who died the first winter are buried.. The members encircle the Sarcophagus and our Governor lays a wreath on its base. We all join in prayers honoring the ultimate sacrifices our ancestors made to come to America.

These Junior Mayflower Society members were just about the same age as the Allerton children when they crossed the "vast and furious ocean." It made me realize that the real Allerton children probably came often to Cole's Hill to visit the grave of their mother, Mary Norris Allerton, who died Feb. 25, 1621.

Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness

If you have children, grandchildren or young friends interested in the Pilgrim story, you should purchase at least one copy of Cheryl Harness' book *Three Young Pilgrims*. (I have purchased numerous books so that my future grandchildren will each have a copy!) It is a wonderful book.

Here is a review from Goodreads.com:

"In these richly detailed pages, you'll meet three of the young Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower, Bartholomew, Remember, and Mary Allerton.

The handsome paintings help you imagine how they lived after landing at Plymouth, through the dark winter and the busy days of spring, summer, and fall.

Culminating with the harvest and the excitement of the first Thanksgiving feast, and featuring an illustrated epilogue that further personalizes the individuals and groups involved, *Three Young Pilgrims* makes history come alive. Based on the author-illustrator's extensive research, it conveys both information and emotion, capturing the feeling of seasons turning and moods changing, as, for the Allerton children, Plymouth becomes home."

