

# The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants Inc.

**\*\*\**Dispatches from Downunder*\*\*\***

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## **Mayflower Musings - April 2025 - Governor's Message – Bill Elliott**

Over the last 10 months we have been running Pilgrim 101 training, using materials prepared by Beth Lambright and Bruce Harrington of the Oregon and Washington State Mayflower societies. Those of us who were able to attend have learnt a lot about our Mayflower heritage and history, from the Pilgrims early days in and around Scrooby in England through until 1621 covering the first year or so of their arrival at Plymouth. The 5th Pilgrim 101 was held on Saturday morning, 12 April at 10 AM Australian Eastern Standard Time. The session was entitled “Natives, Neighbours, and Negotiating Peace” This recorded lecture was given by our current Member at Large Beth Lambright, who represents Australia and most of the Western USA Mayflower Societies on the GSMD board. On Saturday Beth was able to be online with us and provide answers and illumination for our questions.

We expect to shortly have a member's section of our website from where those of you who are not able to attend the online sessions will be able to watch these presentations at your own convenience.

We have been alternating each month between the Pilgrim 101 sessions and our Cousins Coffee mornings and both have been well attended. For example on Saturday we had 12 members online.

At the end of the presentation Beth was able to share some good news with us. This session was the last one originally prepared for the Oregon and Washington state societies, but now Beth and Bruce are planning to prepare at least two more lectures to help us build our knowledge. So we can expect to have the 6th lecture in the series held on Saturday, 14 June 2025 at 10 AM eastern time for us to eagerly anticipate.

In the meantime, please add 17 May at 10 AM- to your calendar for the next Cousins Coffee. We are fortunate that David Baker has been ably leading the discussions and posing discussion questions for each of our Cousins Coffee meetings. We look forward to the opportunity to share our time together and discuss our thoughts on our Mayflower ancestry. See you then !!

Bill Elliott

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## From Member at Large - Beth Lambright

Today, April 5th, is the day that the ship **Mayflower** left on her return trip to England with Captain Christopher Jones and his crew in 1621. The crew was smaller in number as some of them had died in the “General Sickness” during the winter of 1620—1621 (17 of them) and one of his men, John Alden the ship’s Cooper, elected to stay in Plimoth Colony. This nondescript wooden vessel, that had never before been over the ocean, had completed her assignment to bring our ancestors to the New World.

In addition to delivering them there, she ended up being their residence until March 21, 1621 when the last of them were finally able to move into houses built on land. Although never named by William Bradford in **Of Plimoth Plantation**, years later her name would be discovered and we, as descendants, would name our Society after this small boat. Her return with good weather and westerly winds allowed **Mayflower** to arrive back in

England on May 6, 1621, less than half the time of the initial trip. However, her main beam had suffered a severe crack during the journey of the Pilgrims across the ocean and once back in England she was deemed so damaged that she never again crossed the Atlantic. Captain Christopher Jones died on March 5th of the following year of 1622. In 1624 **Mayflower’s** remaining owners (including Jones’ widow) asked the Admiralty Court for an appraisal of the ship that had apparently been lying in the Thames unused and deteriorating. The evaluation took place at Rotherhithe and found she was in disrepair. No further records exist about what happened to our famous ship, but at some point it is likely she was broken up and her timbers sold off. It is amazing to think that **Mayflower** only ever made **ONE TRIP** across the ocean that was never even recorded in London port records, and yet it was one of most important journeys any group of English emigrants ever made in the history of the world.

And to us, the descendants of her passengers, it is the story of our families and our country.



## **DATE CLAIMER - 2025 AGM**

**AUSMD Inc. Annual AGM - Saturday, 23 August 2025 at**

**Parliament House, Brisbane, Queensland**

**Plan for activities to extend over the 3-day event from 22, 23 and 24th August.**

This year's AGM will be held at the Queensland Parliament house complex, courtesy of The Speaker, Hon. Pat Weir MP, and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend to mirror the very successful 2023 AGM weekend attended by then Governor General Jane Hurt.

While the actual AGM will be held on Saturday morning followed by a luncheon, we will begin our activities on the Friday at lunchtime, with lunch in the Parliamentary Dining Room, a very grand venue dating from 1867. On Friday evening there will be a yet to be announced in formal get-together and the actual AGM meeting will begin in the Dandiir room in the Parliamentary annex complex from 9 AM Saturday. Lunch at the end of the meeting will be held on the Parliament River deck with stunning views of the river and Brisbane Southbank complex. We will have some activities on Sunday morning, but these are yet to be arranged, and also an informal gathering for those who are interested in meeting for dinner on Saturday evening.

More details will be available shortly, but please mark this gathering on your calendars and begin planning to be in Brisbane with us between 22 and 24 August 2025 !!

We hope that you can join us.

For more information, please contact [secretary@mayflowersociety.org.au](mailto:secretary@mayflowersociety.org.au)



### **The Winslow family name from Plymouth Colony to the Colony of New South Wales**

Andrew C. Wells – Historian, Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants

From all the passengers aboard the Mayflower in 1620, William Bradford recorded ten who travelled alone. This doesn't mean they weren't married or had children. The Speedwell which was intended to accompany the Mayflower, had to be abandoned due to not being found seaworthy. Some of the passengers who were to have been aboard for this historic voyage, had to wait until the following year to travel aboard the Fortune. Others arrived in 1623 aboard the Anne. The Swan in 1622 and Little James in 1623 were primarily supply vessels, although perhaps had a passenger or two.



These are the Pilgrim ships at the beginning of the Puritan great migration period from 1620-1640. The later part of which saw the colonization of the West Indies, in particular Barbados with a vast abundance of sugar.

Volume XII of the Records of the Colony of New Plymouth concern the division of land in 1623 for which lots were drawn amongst those who had arrived on the Anne or earlier. From this single document we learn the heads and sizes of all households, as each family member was accorded one acre. Some of the ten males who travelled alone aboard the Mayflower were now deceased, such as Moses Fletcher who holds the distinction of passenger with the least number of descendant memberships in the General Society. He left a second wife and ten children from a previous marriage behind in Holland. Through daughter Prescilla/Priscilla Fletcher and her marriage with Dutchman Thomas Coit/Koet as presented by Robert S. Wakefield in the Mayflower Quarterly, Vol. 41 are fourteen memberships. Moses was excommunicated from the Anglican Church along with James Chilton's wife for performing illegal burials.

Surprisingly, the second least number of memberships are through Gov. Edward Winslow. He arrived in the company of younger brother Gilbert who returned to England between the 1623 division of land and 1627 division of cattle. There are only 110 memberships, all though his son Josiah. Their brother John was supposed to be on the Mayflower, although due to the need to make room for provisions transferred from the Speedwell, he arrived instead on the Fortune in 1621. Two other brothers, Josiah and Kenelm, followed aboard the White Angel in 1631, settling in what would become Saco, Maine. In contrast to just 110 memberships through Gov. Edward Winslow, there are more than 2,600 through his brother John. John Winslow married between the 1623 division of land and 1627 division of cattle to Mary Chilton, youngest daughter of James Chilton, a tailor. James was perhaps the oldest passenger aboard the Mayflower. He died 18 Dec 1620 during what William Bradford wrote as being "the first infection"; his undetermined wife died shortly afterward. James was the only signer of the compact who died at Cape Cod. Their daughter Mary survived, an orphan at age thirteen. We do not know with whom she stayed prior to the 1623 division of land, although possibly the Alden or Standish families. She was allotted three acres between John Alden and Myles Standish, one for herself and one for each deceased parent. John Winslow and Mary Chilton had ten children together, of which a son Edward Winslow was born about 1635, having died 19 Nov 1682 at Boston in his 48th year.

Edward Winslow first married Sarah Hilton with whom he had three children before she died at Boston, 4 Apr 1667. With second wife Elizabeth Hutchinson whom he married 8 Feb 1668 at Boston, there were five more children including a son Edward Winslow born 1 Nov 1669. Elizabeth's paternal grandmother was Anne Marbury, a certified "gateway ancestor". Thus, descendants of Edward and Elizabeth have a well-documented ancestral lineage through the Raleigh family back to medieval noble and royal families of western Europe. Edward Winslow Jr. married his first of three brides, Hannah Moody, 30 Jun 1692 in Boston. All but the last of eleven children were hers, including youngest son Isaac Winslow born 2 May 1709 in Boston who died 23 Mar 1777 in New York City. He was a graduate of Harvard University in 1727 and received a second degree there in 1730. Isaac and his first wife Lucy Waldo were married 14 Dec 1747 in Boston. Being a merchant, Isaac and family lived in Boston until 1752, followed by a year in Milton, then Boston again and lastly Roxbury after 1755. This was a loyalist family of eleven during the war of American independence; leaving Massachusetts in March 1776 for Halifax, Nova Scotia and eventually New York. If Isaac was not loyal to the crown, we wouldn't have the story of his daughter Hannah Winslow, a ruined Irish castle, British army officers, and prominent Australian descendants including the 31st Governor of New South Wales (curiously the first Governor born there).

British officer John Wall married during the war in 1777 New York City to Hannah Winslow. He obtained a commission for son Charles William Wall who served in the army at many different locations as reflected in the family bible record of their births and deaths. The youngest three children born in Sydney, after arriving aboard the *Mangles* in Dec 1822. Charles was then a Major of the 3rd Foot Regiment and as highest-ranking officer was commander of the British armed forces in Australia for 2+ years until his commander Lieutenant Colonel William Stewart eventually arrived in 1825. Several children of Charles survived to adulthood and three daughters have many descendants.

James Wall married before 1720 to Mary Thompson whose parentage is not recorded. They had one son and one daughter Elizabeth who married Ford Lambart, 5th Earl of Cavan. Son and heir was Charles William Wall (1720-1769) who attended Trinity College, Dublin, being admitted 24 Aug 1739 and attaining a B.A. degree in the spring of 1743. On 8 Jan 1744 at St. Marie's, Dublin he married Letitia Hodson, daughter of William Hodson of Tuitstown, County Westmeath. Letitia was likely an orphan as the marriage settlement does not mention either parent. Her dowry was £1,500 secured by mortgage of family lands in County Meath. She also brought to this marriage, interest in some Oxmantown property which had been settled on her through grandmother Mary Swift. Charles was a landlord of this period in Ireland, poor in health and essentially unable to stop the disrepair of the family estate which included Coolnamuck Castle. His eldest son and heir, James William Wall, lived primarily in Dubin and could not retrieve the family fortunes. After the famine of 1847-49 left the family in debt, they were forced to sell property; the castle in ruins by the 25 May 1852 public auction, although the mansion house remained intact.

Charles William Wall's third born son John Wall was an officer in the 45th Regiment of Foot. As an Ensign he was stationed in America on 1 Mar 1771 and promoted to Lieutenant 22 Nov 1775. After the war of American independence, he served in Ireland. His name appears on the half-pay list of the 6th Foot from 1803 to 1817 when he died. John married Miss Winslow 4 Dec 1777 in New York City. He and siblings were legatees in the County Cork will of their mother dated 14 Jan 1790. John and Hannah's son Charles William Wall served in the 35th Regiment of Foot, being commissioned 23 May 1797. In 1800 he was promoted to Lieutenant, then Captain in 1805, Brevet Major in 1819 and Substantive Major in 1821. He was in Wellington's army in 1815 as the senior Captain of his Regiment. Although not engaged in the Battle of Waterloo he was awarded that medal. He transferred to the 3rd Foot and was promoted at the Sydney Barracks 25 Mar 1826 to full Lieutenant Colonel in this Regiment. The family then moved to Bathurst where they took up residence in what was called Government House. He retired from the army by selling his commission 24 Apr 1827 because the Regiment was ordered to go to India and he wanted to stay in New South Wales.

Charles William Wall kept a family bible with detailed records of the places of birth for all the children, as well as infant deaths. Quite a remarkable list of places where he served, and wife Anne (Atkinson) Wall gave birth. Chichester, Delancey Barracks in Guernsey, Ostend, Malta, Chichester Barracks, Wexford, and the last three children at Sydney. With the 6 Aug 1846 marriage in Sydney of daughter Letitia Wall to Robert Henry Woodward, came some notable descendants. The Hon. Sir Edward Woodward, AC, OBE, QC and grandson of distinguished NSW Governor, Lieutenant General Sir Eric Winslow Woodward KCMG, KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO, KStJ, wrote a manuscript 15 Sep 1992, titled *A Long Line of Soldiers* which is held at the library of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He chronicles the family from the days of the Norman conquest being knightly vassals of Roger de Beaumont, as a military history.

Five of the nine children born to Charles William Wall and first wife Anne Atkinson survived to adulthood, with three having numerous Australian descendants. Eldest son Edward John Wall died intestate 31 Jul 1874 in Parramatta with a sizable estate of £281-8-6 inherited by his four sisters in equal ¼ shares, two of whom were deceased, thus further divided amongst nephews and nieces. As three brothers of John died young, the male Wall line in Australia ended here. Rosanna Caroline Wall (1818-1850) married 4 Oct 1845 at St. John's Church, (then Field of Mars in Parramatta District prior to the licensing of All Saints Church) to John Neil McKenny leaving three children. Letitia Wall (1824-1915) married 6 Aug 1846 at St. John's Church to Robert Henry Woodward leaving twelve children. Elizabeth Jane Wall (1828-1862) married 8 Apr 1846 at St. John's Church to William Forster, Esq. leaving six children. Can you claim this heritage as your own?

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## Member Profile template link

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**The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Inc.**  
**COUSIN'S COFFEE ONLINE!!!**  
Mark you Calendar!

**WHEN: Saturday, 17 May 2025**  
**TIME: SATURDAY - AUSTRALIA**  
8:00 AM (Perth)  
10:00 AM (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne)  
**TIME: FRIDAY- USA**  
5:00 PM (Los Angeles, Phoenix)  
Friday 7:00 PM (Chicago)  
Friday 8:00 PM (New York)

Coffee Cousins Conversation for May 2025:  
"Why Ancestry Matters to Us"

"Why is ancestry such a powerful concept? Why does it matter to us?  
Why does the long stretch of history matter? What meaning do we  
find behind it? How does it tell us something about ourselves?"



The next Cousin's Coffee will address why we are all here  
in the Society. Our Mayflower ancestry, its importance  
to us, and the other ancestries that we also bring to the  
table in a brilliant milieu. How do our ancestors, long  
dead, affect us in the present?

Join us for some interesting perspectives between some wise members who've  
lived long, seen a lot, done a lot, and yet their thoughts keep coming back to  
the Mayflower.

Meeting Online via TEAMS  
(find log in details in the email)

Hope to See  
you There!!



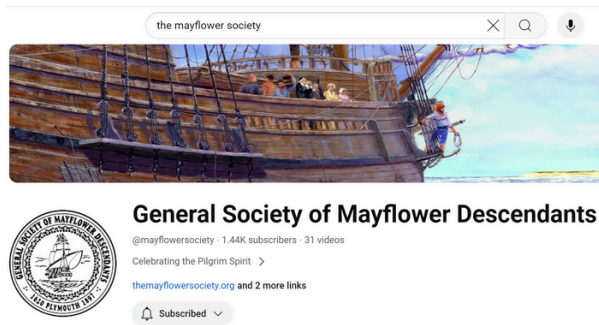
## Monthly Activities for AUSMD Members - Cousins Coffee

Be sure to join us for the next Cousin's Coffee on  
Saturday 17th May 2025 - RSVP to receive the link  
to the meeting via

[secretary@mayflowersociety.org.au](mailto:secretary@mayflowersociety.org.au)

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**Did you know the General Society of Mayflower Descendants have a YouTube channel?**

You can locate it via -

<https://www.youtube.com/@mayflowersociety>

You will find many interesting videos including some recipes where you can recreate the food of the Pilgrims.

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### Juniors membership news

Don't forget to check out all the resources on our [AUSMD website](#) or through the [General Society of Mayflower Descendants](#)

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### Members celebrations this quarter

#### Birthdays

Terrance Patterson - 4th April  
Philip Koether - 8th April  
Margaret Patterson - 11 April  
Thomas Clynes - 11th April  
Warren Magee - 12th April  
Marty Beerman - 23rd April  
Judy Arnold - 24th April  
Susan Abanor - 24th April  
Deborah Domain - 15th May  
Pierce Holstrom - 19th May  
Ann Chauvet - 5th June  
Evangeline Isham - 8th June  
Matilda Lea - 26th June  
Lily Granger - 29th June  
Violet Granger - 29th June





### Anniversaries

Steve & Judy Arnold - 1st April

Thomas & Marion Clynes - 11th April

Andrew & Jeanette Wells - 13th May

Philip Koether & Marc Curyer - 27 June

Congratulations to all!



### Quarterly Membership Overview as at April 2025

Total Membership			
Regular Members:	52	Australian Residents	33
Associate Members:	13	USA Residents:	17
Junior Members:	6	Overseas Residents:	2

Members by Family Groups			
John Alden	1	John Howland	9
John Billington	2	William White	3
William Bradford	3	Priscilla Mullins	1
William Brewster	3	Richard Warren	8
Stephen Hopkins	3	Thomas Rogers	1
James Chilton	3	Myles Standish	1
Edward Fuller	3	George Soule	9
Isaac Allerton	1		

### Welcome to New Members for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2024

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