

# Plymouth Hereditary Society

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## COUNCIL 2010 – 2012

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The second weekend in October of 2010 found several of the New England Societies gathering together to honor their ancestors who lived in the area hundreds of years ago. For many of us, it began in Vermont at the Hildene Mansion home of Robert Todd Lincoln. The First Families of Vermont was holding their inaugural meeting and had invited members and guests to join in the beauty of the mansion.



We all enjoyed a wine and cheese tasting, a tour of the mansion, and a delicious dinner.

On Saturday, October 18, 2010 the societies met together in Roxbury, Connecticut where the meetings were held in the historic Christ church. The Plymouth Hereditary Society Governor General, Alex Bannerman, opened the meeting, and reports were given by each of the officers. The meeting ended with the appointment of the new Governor General and the exchange of the Governor General insignia.



The historic Christ Church



The exchanging of the Governor General Insignia from Alex Bannerman to Gayle Mast Coan

When all the meetings had concluded, we followed Timothy Field Beard to the village green near the church. Taking place on the green was the rededication of the Col. Seth Warner Memorial Monument. Though born in Roxbury, Col. Warner became famous after moving to Vermont and becoming the commander of the Green Mountain Boys during the Revolution. The rededication, led by the SAR Branch #10, concluded with Tim Beard, former OFFCT Governor General, placing a Connecticut State Flag at the base of the monument followed by a 21 gun salute.



After lunch at an 1847 inn and winery and the afternoon activities, we all met in Woodbury at the oldest, continuously operating inn in Connecticut for our final dinner. It proved to be a wonderful ending activity to a weekend of meetings, dining, and fellowship.



The four new Governor Generals appointed for the 2010 – 2012 term as pictured from L to R are: Lynn Mast Long for The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company, Inc., Gayle Mast Coan for Plymouth Hereditary Society; Karen Avery Miller for The Order of the First Families of Connecticut, and Nancy Webber Davis for The Order of the First Families of Massachusetts.

## PLYMOUTH HEREDITARY SOCIETY PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

This October, at our annual meeting, the following three proposed changes to our bylaws will be brought before the members present for a vote. The changes to be voted on are highlighted in red, and then the section is given again as it would read if the change is adopted. The rationale for the change follows the rewritten section.

### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section 2. Term of Office. Charles Owen Johnson shall serve as Governor General from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2004 to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2006. He will be succeeded as Governor General from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2006 to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2008 by Alden Atwood. All subsequent terms of office shall be from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in an even-numbered year to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership held in the next even-numbered year. **Men and women shall serve in alternating two-year terms as Governor General.** Each Governor General shall appoint all the various officers set forth in Section 1, above, to serve at his or her pleasure. Although a Governor General may not immediately succeed himself or herself, he or she may again serve later as Governor General. All other officers may serve additional consecutive terms, at the pleasure of the Governor General. A retiring Governor General shall name his or her successor, and there shall be no election of officers.

With the sentence removed, section 2 would then read:

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Rationale: It has become exceedingly difficult to fulfill the requirement of alternating men and women for the position of Governor General. There are members willing to serve but may not be the gender required by the present bylaws. This change will allow a smooth transition from one administration to the next.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 3. Emergency Telephone **and E-mail** Meetings. When it is deemed impossible to hold a meeting of the Council in person and there is urgent business to be conducted, such business may be transacted by telephone **or by e-mail**, provided all members of the Council shall be notified of the occurrence and a majority of the Council shall express their approval of the transaction. This action shall be noticed at the next meeting of the Council and reported to the next meeting of the General Membership.

With the words in red added to the section, the paragraph would read:

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Rational: Since the Society only meets once a year, it is conceivable that important business could arise that would require attention either immediately or before the next annual meeting would occur. This allows for the unexpected business of the society to be handled in a timely matter.

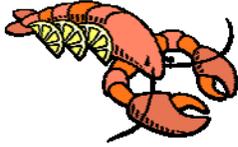
## Article IV, OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

L. Succession. In case of multiple death, resignation or other permanent absence or inability to act, the line of succession to the office of Governor General is as follows: 1) Deputy Governor General, 2) Recording Secretary General, 3) Corresponding Secretary General, 4) Treasurer General, 5) Chancellor General, 6) Genealogist General, 7) Chaplain General, 8) Historian General, 9) Marshal General, and 10), 11) and 12) Councilors-at-Large in the order in which they became members of the Society. Should any successor to the office of Governor General serve less than a year and a day, **the rule of gender alternation does not apply and** the successor may appoint himself or herself or any other member to a full two-year term as Governor General.

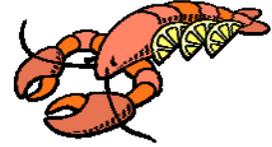
With the words in red removed, the paragraph would read:

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Rationale: If the proposed bylaws change on elimination of gender alternation is adopted, wording in this paragraph will need to be changed to reflect that adoption.



## Bar Harbor, Maine October, 2011



The second weekend in October has been set aside for our next annual meeting. Earlier in the summer, you should have received the information about the meeting and all the activities that have been planned. If you did not receive that information, please contact me by phone: 708-798-1817 or e-mail: [gcoan59065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gcoan59065@sbcglobal.net) and I will see that you get the information. The planning committee and Chairman Nancy Davis are looking forward to seeing you in Bar Harbor. Lobster dinners, a National Park visit, museum tours and short meetings have all been planned for your enjoyment. Be sure to bring your cameras to capture the beauty of the area.

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### New Members

Welcome to all the new members:

Approved

Ancestor

#129 LTC Lawrence King Casey	21 May 2011	Rev. Joseph Hull
#130 David Lawrence Grinnell	21 May 2011	Cooper
#131 (Ona) Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson	21 May 2011	Eld. John Strong
#132 Heather Elizabeth Welty Speas	21 May 2011	Stephen Hopkins
#133 Patsy Jo Erwin Hugar	21 May 2011	Peter Wright
#134 Pamela Moffitt Green	21 May 2011	Thomas Prence
#135 (Susan) Kathleen Graham Lomax	21 May 2011	Christopher Wadsworth

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If anyone would like to submit an article on their ancestor, I will be honored to include it in the next issue of the Plymouth Newsletter. I feel it is an honor to have been appointed your Governor General for these two years, and I, along with the Council, will work to improve our Society and increase our membership. Hope to see you all in Bar Harbor.

Gayle