

The Fuller Society Newsletter

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Greetings From Your Governor

The Holidays are behind us, & I hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year.

First of all I would like to thank all who sent cards, prayers & good wishes for my recovery from lung cancer & hip replacement surgery. I am most appreciative.

Now is the time to begin looking forward to the year of 2017. This is a big milestone for the Fuller Society, as we celebrate 25 years in existence. Thanks to Mary Lee Merrill for establishing our great Society. It is difficult to imagine that we are celebrating 25 years.

Our reunion will be at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis, Mass. The final plans are in the works, but will be finalized by the next newsletter. Just set aside the dates of September 13, 14 and 15 so you don't miss out on our celebration and installation of new officers for the next 3 years.

Also do not forget to notify your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of the Bridgett Fuller Scholarship application included in this newsletter. A graduating senior is eligible to apply.

The village of Hyannis is situated in the town of Barnstable. In 1602, Bartholomew Gosnold was the first of the Old World explorers to view the area now known as Hyannis. Settlers from England incorporated the Town of Barnstable in 1639. What wonderful history can be found in this area.

The Cape Codder was originally built in 1972 in the heart of Hyannis, accessible to Route 6, Rt 132, 28, & 6A. The hotel has been recently renovated and many amenities added. We look forward to seeing you in Hyannis for our 25th reunion and 2017 Triennial meeting.

Best Regards,

Jane Engleman, Governor

Hyannis / Barnstable History

Since 1602 Hyannis has enjoyed a rich and powerful history. Early settlers of this area were primarily farmers. In 1690 Edward Coleman, Jr. built the first permanent residence at the head of Lewis Bay.

By the 18th century, over 200 shipmasters had dwellings in Hyannis as the area became known as “the Port” due to its central location and marine activities.

Since 1874 senators, dignitaries and presidents including President Ulysses S. Grant, President Grover Cleveland and of course President John F. Kennedy have visited or called Hyannis home.

The village of Hyannis was named after Iyannough, a sachem of the Cummaquid tribe.

Barnstable takes its name from Barnstaple, Devon, England. It was one of the first towns to be settled in Plymouth Colony, one year behind Sandwich, in 1638. Settlers from England incorporated the Town of Barnstable in 1639.

The early settlers were farmers, led by the Reverend Joseph Hull, the founder of Barnstable. A memorial tablet was dedicated there in 1939 (the 300th anniversary of the town's founding) marking the site of his home, and the rock from which he preached still stands along the highway there.

Reverend John Lothrop

Rev. John Lothrop arrived in Boston aboard the *Griffin* on 18 September 1634 with his children and members of his congregation from England.

He did not stay in Boston long. Within days, he and his group relocated to Scituate. The Congregation at Scituate was not a success. Dissent on the issue of baptism as well as other unspecified grievances and the lack of good grazing land and fodder for their cattle caused the church in Scituate to split in 1638.

Lothrop petitioned Governor Thomas Prence in Plymouth for a "place for the transplanting of us, to the end that God might have more glory and wee more comfort." according to Otis, Amos. *"Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families"*. 1888.

Thus as Otis says "Mr. Lothrop and a large company arrived in Barnstable, October 11, 1639 bringing with them the crops which they had raised in Scituate." There, within three years they had built homes for all the families and then Lothrop began construction on a larger, sturdier meeting house adjacent to Coggin's (or Cooper's) Pond, which was completed in 1644.

This building, now part of the Sturgis Library in Barnstable, Massachusetts is one of John Lothrop's original homes and meeting houses, and is now also the oldest building housing a public library in the USA.



Source: Wikipedia

2017 Dues Notice

Please check your mailing label for the last year you paid dues. If the year is 2016, your 2017 dues should now be paid. If you receive the newsletter via email, and would like to check your status, please email the Secretary at: LSHQuinter@aol.com

Dues are still \$10.00 Send dues to:

Linda Hoffman

42 Sugar Maple Lane, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Check payable to: The Fuller Society
or pay via PayPal on our website at www.TheFullerSociety.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

General Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed:

Thank you for your prompt payment of dues and your continued support of the Society's mission and educational goals!

The Fuller Society
2017 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Award Application

The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Awards are offered to 12th grade High School Students of *Fuller descent*. A total of \$1620 *may* be awarded with at least \$1000 to be awarded to the first place winner.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone : _____

High School: _____ Class Rank: _____ Of: _____

GPA (include grade transcript if available): _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List extra curricular activities, honors and awards on a separate sheet.

Are you a Fuller Society member? _____ **If you are not a member, list Name, Member # and relationship to your relative that is a member:**

An original essay of at least 500 words written by the student must accompany the application. See Page 6 for this year's essay topic.
A copy of your college acceptance letter must also be included.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail all documents by June 1, 2017 to:

Kay Walsh, Scholarship Chair
9241 W 143rd Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66221

“Thank you” to all who contribute to
The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship fund!



The essay topic for the 2017 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

The Mayflower Compact is often called the foundation of the U. S. Constitution. Discuss the areas in the Compact that are foundational to our current constitution. How does the Mayflower Compact impact our lives today?

You may not copy any text from outside sources. Sources must be cited in appropriate bibliographic form. Essays will be evaluated for content, organization, and grammar.

Failure to comply with any of the Fuller Society Scholarship rules will cause the application to be eliminated.



Lineage CDs

Edward *and* Dr. Samuel Fuller Lineage CDs

\$15.00 per CD—*please specify* Edward or Samuel.

Check made payable to: ‘The Fuller Society’.

Send to the Society Historian, Debbie Yingst at

PO Box 531

Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Fuller Website

www.TheFullerSociety.org

Did you know that dues can be paid on our website?

Please contact Debbie at: FullerSociety@aol.com
with any questions or concerns regarding the
newsletter or website.

Newsletters are not yet available—the website
is still under construction.
Sorry for any inconvenience!

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*Please consider receiving future
newsletters via email.*

The newsletter is more interesting in color!

*Do you have an article to submit for the
newsletter?*

*Would you like to share a story about one of
your Fuller ancestors or your Pilgrim
experience?*

*We are also looking for a newsletter
publisher!*

*If you are interested, please contact Debbie
at Fullersociety@aol.com.*

By-law Change

Article IX Amendments to By-Laws states: Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote, provided that the notice of such amendments is given in the announcement for the Annual Meeting. At the 2016 Board of Assistants meeting, a change to Article IV of the Fuller Society Bylaws was proposed and approved.

Article IV. Officers, Section 2: Election of these seven officers (Historian and Web Master excluded) shall be at the Triennial Meeting of the Society which is held in Plymouth, or within 100 mile radius of Plymouth just prior to the Triennial Congress of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants. The newly-elected officers shall assume their three year-terms on January 1 of the year following their election. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by Article V of these Bylaws.

The Board of Assistants recommends the removal of the following: *“just prior to the Triennial Congress of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants”*.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee consisting of Larry Shaw, Chair - Jane Keys and John Yingst present the following slate of officers for the term of 2018—2020.

Governor - Deborah Yingst

Deputy Governor - Kathleen Dugas

Secretary - Linda Hoffman *

Treasurer - Marcia Shaw *

Assistants - William Wenzel *

John Kemp *

Kimberly Skellie

* Incumbent

Voting for the proposed By-Law change and new officers will take place at the Triennial Meeting in Hyannis, MA.

Triennial Meeting Hotel Info

Meeting Dates: September 13, 14 & 15

Hotel reservations must be made by August 13, 2017.

Room prices for single or double rooms.

The 2017 Fuller Society Triennial Meeting will be held at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa * 1225 Iyannough Rd * Hyannis, MA 02601.

To make reservations, call 888.297.2200.

Weekday rate: \$139.00+tax. ~ Weekend rate: \$179.00+tax.

Mention the 'Fuller Society' group.

Note: A \$5.00 per room taxable resort fee will be applied which includes the use of the fitness center, heated outdoor pool, bon fires, unlimited local and domestic long distance phone calls, resort entertainment and business center.

Advance deposits are refundable for individual cancellations received at least 14 days prior to arrival.

To reserve online:

Go to www.capecodderresort.com.

Scroll to bottom right of home page where 'online reservations' box appears.

Enter arrival date, # adults and children in the boxes indicated.

Click on 'Check availability'.

Click on 'Group code' tab at top of page (Group code – Full0913).

Enter code and click 'Update'.

Click 'Confirm' in pop up box.

Click 'Book' on the room type you want to select and continue.



“In the Beginning”

In the Fuller Society newsletter dated June 1993, the announcement of the Triennial Plymouth meeting stated the meeting would be held at the Plymouth Sheraton Inn. Rooms were blocked at a cost of \$85 for a single and \$95 for a double plus tax. The dinner buffet cost was \$31.00.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Lewis Reed, Chairman, Emmagene Vos and Ralph Miller, Jr. prepared the following slate of officers for nomination for the term 1994—1997:

Governor—Mary Lee Merrill, Deputy Governor—Eugene Fuller, Corres. Secretary—Open, Treasurer—Clara Deily, Assistants—Ralph Miller, Jr., Suzanne Scott & Patricia Hill.

Dues were \$10.00 for Regular membership and \$150.00 for Life membership! Junior membership was a one time fee of \$10.00. *Does this sound familiar? Dues have remained the same for 25 years!*

The Society was chartered in the State of Maine on March 11, 1993.

There were 231 Regular members, 2 Life members and 5 Junior members.

The total revenue in the first four months of 1993 was \$1420.00.

Expenses were \$942.70. (It was expensive for Xerox copies and office supplies!)

The Balance of Assets was \$1357.85 as of April 30, 1993.

The newsletter stated the following:

Preliminary By-Laws have been written and will be voted upon at our Triennial Plymouth Meeting. A copy is available upon receipt of an SASE. (*I had to think about that one for a moment!*)

Samuel Fuller of Barnstable

Samuel Fuller, son of Edward Fuller, married Jane Lothrop, the daughter of Rev. John Lothrop on April 8, 1635 in Scituate, Plymouth County, MA. They were married by Captain Myles Standish in the James Cudworth house.

Samuel and wife Jane would raise their family initially at Scituate, before moving sometime shortly before 1641 to Barnstable, where he would live out the next forty years of his life. His probate records of 1683-1684 indicate that his wife predeceased him. He also bequeathed an Indian named Joel to his son John, which would make him the only *Mayflower* passenger known to have later owned a slave (Native American, in this case).

Their children were: Hannah, Samuel, Elizabeth, Sarah (died young), Mary, Thomas, Sarah, John, and a child whose name is not recorded but whom died 15 days after birth. Source: *MayflowerHistory.com*.

Pictured is a monument in memory of Rev. John Lothrop in the Lothrop Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.



Welcome, New Members!

Patricia Baird—TX

Charles Brown—NY

Katherine Wilson—TX



Beautiful English Tea Cloth

\$18.00 includes S & H

**** Only two left! ****



This beautiful blue and white tea cloth is being sold at St. Mary's Redenhall, the church where the Fuller brothers, Edward and Samuel were baptized.

My thanks to Brenda LeGrys for sending them to me for members of the Fuller Society to enjoy!

The design is dark blue printed on a 100% cotton white cloth and measures 30" x 18.5".

To purchase, please send a check payable to:

"Deb Yingst" - PO Box 531, Boiling Springs, PA 17007