## The Fuller Society Newsletter

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#### **Governor's Message**

**Greetings from Governor Debbie!** 

It is hard for me to make the following announcement. The Annual Meeting is cancelled this year. There are just too many unknowns at this time. Many of the planned events in Plymouth to commemorate and celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower have been postponed until next year. We will plan to meet in the Plymouth area next year. The dates are tentatively (Check in) September 11 - 15 (Check out).

Our Fuller memorial gravestone is still in Vermont to be engraved. The factory was closed until just recently. Hopefully, the stone will be installed this year in the Nemasket Hill Cemetery in Middleborough, MA and we will dedicate it next year during the Annual Meeting. Although Edward and his wife had passed on by the fall of 1621, Dr. Samuel and young Samuel, Edward's son, were able to partake in the harvest celebration that year.

The Fuller Society tour to England was postponed. The Harleston 400 organization is hoping to be able to reschedule the tour for next year, most likely in July. There may be a few available spots so please let me know if you are interested.

The Harleston 400 organization is offering an online virtual tour of Harleston and Redenhall to the members of the Fuller Society. Please see page 6 in this newsletter for more information.

The present Fuller Society officers have all agreed to continue to serve until the election next year. The Nominating Committee report can be found on page 7 in this newsletter

I am pleased to announce that Wilson MacIntyre was the first place winner of the Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship this year. He will be attending the College of Charleston.

Congratulations, Wilson! Please see Wilson's picture on page 8 of this newsletter.

I hope and pray that our world will be a better place next year and that many of you will be ready to travel to Plymouth in September for our annual meeting and reunion! I'm sure that the dedication of the Fuller memorial gravestone will be one of the memorable highlights of our meeting. Of course, seeing our cousins and spending time together catching up and enjoying each other's company is always a highlight of our reunions.

Fuller Society members at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia at the 2019 Annual Meeting.



# 2020 Dues are now past due!

If you are not sure if you have paid your 2020 dues, please email Secretary Linda Hoffman 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: <u>The Fuller Society</u> or pay with a credit card on our website at www.TheFullerSociety.org

Name:	 -
Address:	 
Phone Number:	
Email:	 
Dues:	\$ _
Fuller Gravestone Donation	\$ _
Scholarship Fund Donation:	\$ _
General Donation:	\$ _
Total Enclosed:	\$



Have you visited the Fuller Society website yet?

The Fuller Society now accepts dues and donations online. No checks to write or stamps to buy!

A Members Only page features Members Only information including the Members Mini Medal.

The sign on is the same for all members.

The password is 'Plymouth'.

If you encounter any problems with the website, please email: Fuller Society@aol.com



Do you have an article you would like to submit for our newsletter? Would you like to share a story about one of your Fuller ancestors or your Pilgrim experience?

#### Go Green!

Are you still receiving the newsletter via US mail?
The newsletter is more interesting in color!
Please consider receiving future newsletters
via email.

Send an email to: FullerSociety@aol.com



The 2021 Fuller Society Annual Meeting will be held in the Plymouth, MA area.

Tentative Dates: September 11 (Check-in), 12, 13 & 14, 2021. Checkout on the 15th.

#### Virtual Tour of Harleston and Redenhall

The Harleston 400 organization is planning a virtual online tour of Harleston and Redenhall for Fuller Society members on July 18. I will be emailing the particulars when I receive them. The tour will be presented using the Zoom application and will be limited to 90 members participating. I will use the newsletter email list to send out the information so if you are receiving your newsletter by mail and are interested in this tour, please email FullerSociety@aol.com to let Governor Debbie know.



#### **Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee, Denise Wenzel, John Yingst, and Lawrence Shaw, have selected the following nominees for the offices indicated with terms of office beginning after the election at the 2021 Annual Meeting and ending December 31, 2023.

Governor - Deb Yingst

Deputy Governor - Kathy Dugas

Secretary - Linda Hoffman

Treasurer - Marcia Shaw

First Assistant - William Wenzel

Second Assistant - John Kemp

Third Assistant - Kim Skellie

Fourth Assistant - Ellie Lienau

We would like to thank these people for their willingness to fill these offices and hope that they will derive much enjoyment therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

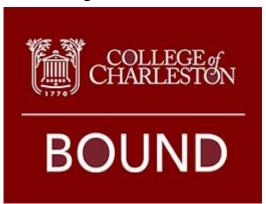
Lawrence Shaw, Committee Chair



Governor's Note: Thank you to Larry, Denise and John for the slate of future officers and a huge hoorah to our present officers for agreeing to serve until the 2021

Annual Meeting. Your dedication to the Fuller Society is very much appreciated!

Congratulations to our 2020 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship winner, Wilson MacIntyre! Wilson will be attending the College of Charleston.





Wilson is the son of Fuller Society member Amber MacIntyre. He is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of his high school swim team and is very involved in music and local theater.

We wish you all the very best in the future, Wilson!

#### Member Query—Alfred Francis Fuller

My name is Judy Godfrey and I am hoping that someone in the Fuller Society may have information about my Great Great Grandfather, Alfred Francis Fuller. I have hit a brick wall with him. I'm not sure if I am a direct descendant of the Mayflower Fullers, but based on my Ancestry DNA matches, I am at least related. Alfred was born somewhere between 1849 -1854 most likely in Connecticut, and he probably went by "Frank". His father's name was Alfred and his mother was either Susanna, Luranna or Lemanah. I don't have any information on him before his first marriage in 1877, but here is what I do have:

In 1877 he was living in Attleboro, MA and got married on Feb. 2 in Pawtucket, RI to Janette Ledingham. His Mother's name is listed as Susanna on the certificate, but on the Registry it is listed as Luranna. His birthplace is listed as Killingly, Ct, however, I have found no baptismal or birth record for him there. His age on this certificate puts his birth year in 1854.

On March 8, 1878 his son George Francis Fuller was born in Johnston, RI. By the next year, his wife had filed for divorce.

In the 1880 census, he was living in Thompson Ct. with Martha Wilbur.

On Nov 5, 1884, He married Martha in Killingly Ct. He listed his birthplace as Sterling Ct. However, there are no baptismal/birth records for him there either. According to his age on the marriage certificate, he was born in 1854.

In the 1910 census, he is listed as a widower living in Foster RI, with a birth year of 1852.

He died on June 6, 1914 in the Town Asylum in Scituate, RI. According to the death certificate, his birth date would be Oct 22, 1849 and his mother's name was Lemanah.

I have not been able to find any information on his parents or potential parents.

If you have any information that could help me, it would be greatly appreciated. You can reach me at mgodfrey@hvc.rr.com.



We reached our 2020 goal!
We now have 409 members!

Natalie Peterson—Junior Member Lynda Hylander—Kaneohe, HI Elizabeth Gibbons—Coeur D'Alene, ID Shauna Shapiro—Fairfax Station, VA Nicolas Shapiro—Pittsburgh, PA Charlene Dinan—Liberty Township, OH William Fuller-Crossville, TN John Payne—West Richland, WA Cynthia Brenner-Wilkes Barre, PA Ted Bialy—Pittsgrove, NJ Stewart Krug- Wilmington, DE Deborah Stopke-St. Charles, MO Sheryl Hibbs- Collierville, TN Jackie Driscoll—Larkspur, CO Judith Godfrey—Washingtonville, NY Donald Drake—Moyock, NC William Conrad—Indianapolis, IN Rose McIntyre—Cleveland Heights, OH

## And we welcome nore new Members

Robyn Johnson—Alexandria, VA Gail McCraney—Akron, OH Barbara Armes—Oro Valley, AZ Neal Clark—Bentonville, AR Tami Sneddon—Albany, OR Ernie Chapman—Waterloo, IL Timothy Norris—Austin, TX John Russell—Plano, TX Jane Cordaro—Fairport, NY James Webster—Tuolumne, CA Kim Brus-Millersville, MD Mearns Fuller—Severna Park, MD Jennifer Olson—Roseville, CA Allen Fuller-Winter Haven, FL



## The Fuller Society 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage Lapel Pin

Size is 1" x 1.25" One pin: \$30.00 and two pins: \$50.00 if shipped in the US. Payable on the web site on the Lineages & Jewelry page with a credit card. Please make checks payable to "The Fuller Society" and send to:

Deb Yingst PO Box 531 Boiling Springs, PA 17007

The proceeds from sales will be placed in the John F. Hoffman Fund for Society educational and historical projects.

#### For additional pins:

Contact Governor Debbie at FullerSociety@aol.com.

