

# The Allerton Family Journal

*The Newsletter of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society*

## Governor's Message - Spring 2024



Warm greetings, Cousins!

Welcome to the newest edition of *The Allerton Family Journal*!

A warm thank you to Jean Carpenter for her willingness to be our newsletter editor and for all her hard work in crafting this publication. Thank you, Jean! It is our hope that we will publish two Allerton newsletters in 2024.

And, thank you for being a member of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society and for supporting our efforts to keep the legacy of Isaac Allerton and his family alive. We are a relatively new Family Society but the long Allerton family history in America and elsewhere is a story worth sharing and preserving. Thank you for helping to keep the memory alive.

I would like to briefly highlight five initiatives the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Board of Assistants aims to pursue in the next three years. First, installing a plaque honoring Isaac Allerton and his family in New York, Connecticut, or Massachusetts is a high priority. It is my hope we will be able to accomplish this task. Next, we would like to keep publishing our newsletter during the next few years and beyond. In addition, securing 501(c)(3) status is also something we would like to investigate during the current triennium. Next, expanding our membership is of keen interest to everyone. Finally, given that our story is so compelling and interesting, we would like to sponsor a number of webinars highlighting Allerton history during the next few years.

In order to tackle all these tasks, we need your support and engagement. I am most grateful for the time, treasure, and talent each of you offer to this Society and I look forward to your continued support as our projects unfold.

Let me close by saying how deeply privileged I am to be the Governor of this Society and eagerly look forward to serving you during the next three years.

May 2024 be a year of blessings to you and yours and may the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society continue to grow as this year unfolds.

Warmly,  
*Andrew R. Whipple*  
Governor, Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Allerton". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

# 2023 Triennial Meeting and Dinner

Twenty-five members and guests gathered for the Triennial Meeting of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society and banquet September 11th at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Many chose the Mayflower Chicken on the menu and found it quite tasty. The cousins who attended were treated to an engaging program about Mary Allerton Cushman by Rev. Dr. W. Beckett Soule, O.P. Mary was the longest living survivor of the Mayflower voyage. Her life encompassed the Plymouth Colony from its beginning to its dissolution. Each member in attendance introduced themselves by identifying from which child of Isaac Allerton they were descended. Most members were descendants through Mary!

One important task discussed at the triennial meeting involved identifying priorities of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society for the coming years. The unfolding discussion suggested that our high priorities included re-establishing the newsletter and installing Allerton Plaques in New York or Massachusetts.

The nomination and election of officers for the next three years was completed. The Former Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Lea Filson, was invited to swear in the twelve new officers.



**The following is a list of officers and the state where each resides:**

<i>Governor:</i>	<i>Andrew R. Whipple - Isle La Motte, Vermont</i>
<i>Deputy Gov:</i>	<i>W. Becket Soule - Maggie Valley, North Carolina</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Sally Woodroffe - New Preston, Connecticut</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Kristen Bryant Perella - Somerville, Massachusetts</i>
<i>Historian:</i>	<i>Linda Hoffman - Tinton Falls, New Jersey</i>
<i>Captain:</i>	<i>David Hess - Reno, Nevada</i>
<i>Elder:</i>	<i>David Russo - Jefferson, Massachusetts</i>
<i>Website Admin:</i>	<i>Jane Ordway Carman - West Roxbury, Massachusetts</i>
<i>At-Large 1:</i>	<i>Ila/Jean Carpenter - Fort Collins, Colorado</i>
<i>At-Large 2:</i>	<i>Cheryl Clark - Elmwood, Nebraska</i>
<i>At-Large 3:</i>	<i>Susan Abanor - New York, New York</i>
<i>At-Large 4:</i>	<i>Suzanne Goff - Kinnear, Wyoming</i>

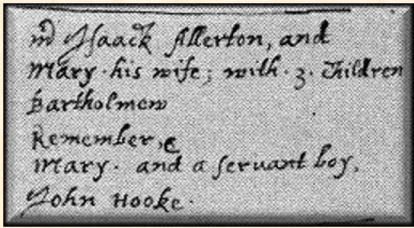




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The pictures below capture banquet members and guests enjoying their evening which included delicious food and the opportunity to learn about Mary Allerton Cushman.





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Many cousins contributed to the success of the evening but our Cousin Della Regenold uniquely stands out for all her organizational efforts in setting up the meeting. Thank you, Della! Thanks also to our newly elected Elder, David Russo, for offering the opening and closing prayers. Thank you to Kristen Perella, our newly elected Treasurer, for reading the Mayflower Compact and thank you to Gregory Blankenship for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lastly, the opening remarks by our incoming Governor, Andrew Whipple, were much appreciated. A good night was had by all.



David Russo Plimouth Archeological and Recovery displays



Signing of the Mayflower Compact on board the ship

We enjoyed listening to Rev. Dr. W. Beckett Soule, O.P.(Pictured below) as he engaged us in a visual presentation encompassing the life of Mary Allerton Cushman.



Mary Allerton Cushman family pedigree





# Isaac Allerton Family Plaques

By Kristen Perella and Andrew R. Whipple



Kristen Perella,  
Treasurer

Given the importance of Isaac Allerton's role in helping the Plymouth Colony survive, we feel it would be important to place a plaque on or near his verified homestead location.

As we know, and we are still discovering, Isaac Allerton had a pivotal role in the success of the Plymouth settlement. After he completed his efforts there, he went on to help build other communities:

Marblehead, Massachusetts and New Amsterdam (New York City) to name just two.

The Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society has an interest in placing a plaque or historical marker in one or two of the many locations connected to Isaac Allerton and his family. I was invited to chair the committee tasked with investigating where the current plaques and markers are located and to make suggestions as to where a plaque or plaques might be placed in the future.

With the extensive help of David Russo, our Society Elder, we have located three current locations where plaques can be presently found. Below there is a roadside plaque in Kingston, Massachusetts near 17 Spring Street.



Next, there is a plaque in New Haven, Connecticut in the Grove Street Cemetery.



Finally, there is a plaque in Hull, Massachusetts at the end of Point Allerton Avenue.



Years ago, there was a plaque installed in lower Manhattan in New York City but, unfortunately, the plaque is currently missing. See it below.



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## A Message from the Editor



Thank you for joining me on the newest issue of *The Allerton Family Journal*. It was a pleasure and an adventure to assemble our newest issue. The pleasure came from the opportunity to work with our new Governor Andrew Whipple. The adventure came from the challenge of creating an initial view for our next three years. It would not have

happened without guidance from Laurie Thompson (newsletter editor of the Colorado River Historical Museum) and Carley Rohrbaugh (Colorado State Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Specialist).

A little bit about me. My dad told me in 1980 that I had family members among the first arrivals to Plymouth Colony. Was it fact or fiction? The Covid years were the perfect time to do the required research. Turns out it was true; Isaac Allerton and his wife Mary Norris were my ninth great-grandparents. Their daughter Mary, the youngest Mayflower passenger, married Thomas Cushman. Six generations of Cushman's later Violate Philura Cushman married Edward Wiley. Their daughter Nancy was my great grandmother. The Wiley's were early homesteaders in the Dakota Territory. There's more to the Isaac Allerton connection that I'll fill you in on in the next newsletter.

If you have ideas for what you would like in the next newsletter, please email me at [jeancarpenter12@gmail.com](mailto:jeancarpenter12@gmail.com) and if possible please include texts and graphics. I look forward to hearing from you!

Be Kind,

*Jean Carpenter—Editor*

Fort Collins, CO



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Presently, the 1749 Court House Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts occupies the site where Isaac and his wife Mary initially made their home in Plymouth. Additionally, as one of the original families in Marblehead, Massachusetts, the committee is encouraging a marker be placed in this town. Placing a marker near the location of Isaac's original homestead in Marblehead near Gas House Beach next to Little Harbor would be most appropriate.

Though we know there will be obstacles to overcome and it will take some time to complete this project, we are excited to start this process. We look forward to celebrating with you in the future as we place a plaque in an appropriate location honoring Isaac Allerton, his wife, and their family. As this process unfolds, we will continue providing updates to our members.

### Goals of the Society

1. Meet together in Pilgrim fellowship every three years to coincide with the Mayflower Congress.
2. Perpetuate and honor the memory of Isaac Allerton and his family; his wives Mary (Norris) Allerton, Fear (Brewster) Allerton; and their children, Bartholomew, Remember, Mary, Sarah and Isaac Allerton, Jr.
3. Encourage continued research into the origins of Isaac Allerton and Mary (Norris) Allerton .
4. Encourage continued research into the descendants of Isaac Allerton and to discover descendants of his son, Bartholomew Allerton.
5. Assist descendants of Isaac Allerton in acquiring acceptable proof of eligibility for membership in the Society.