



Mayflower Chronicles

Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

Spring Luncheon Meeting

May 3, 2025 – 12:00-3:30 p.m.

Chieftans Restaurant, 584 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY



Colony Governor's Message for May 3, 2025

The first non-Mayflower passenger to serve as Governor was **Thomas Prence**, who arrived on the *Fortune* in 1621. Prence was the second longest serving Plymouth Governor at 20 years (William Bradford was first at 30 years). He quickly became active in colonial affairs and was known for his strong religious beliefs and leadership abilities. Prence was a devout Puritan and enforced stricter religious policies, including cracking down on Quakers and other dissenters.

By his marriage to Patience Brewster, daughter of Elder William and Mary Brewster, Prence was very much a part of the *Mayflower* family. After Patience's death in 1634, he married 3 more times to Mary Collier, Aphia Quick and Mary (?).

His daughter Elizabeth, whose mother was either Mary Collier or Aphia Quick, put his rigid beliefs to the test. Elizabeth Prence married Arthur Howland, Jr., son of Arthur Howland, John Howland's brother; both Howlands were Quakers. As a result of their marriage, Prence disinherited his daughter, in spite of which Elizabeth still had many descendants.

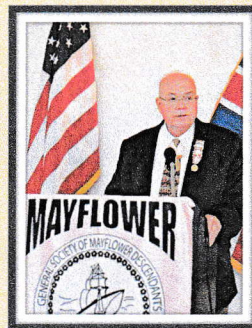
Our *Mayflower Chronicles* editor descends from William Bradford and your Colony Governor descends from Thomas Prence, through his daughter Elizabeth (Prence) Howland.

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our *Mayflower Chronicles* and to Jim Pratt for keeping the Albany Colony website <https://www.nyacsmd.org> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NYACSMID> up-to-date.

Our May 3rd luncheon/meeting presentation at Chieftans Restaurant will be:

"The Life & Times of John Alden" By *Peter Lindemann*

I look forward to seeing each of you at Chieftans Restaurant on May 3rd!



Our next meetings: November 1, 2025
and May 2, 2026

Dave Morton
Colony Governor

"Sometimes we cross paths with unexpected people and end up with really great and true friendship. We learn and evolve a lot when we meet new people with different experiences. So as an adult be open to new friends and relationships to enjoy life with your best of people." *Author unknown*

Colony Officers:

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2nd Dep. Col. Gov. —

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Historian's Report

Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants

Albany Colony's Membership Totals as of March 15, 2025

Regular Members 246, Life Members 16, Total Membership: 262

New Members (5) Welcome "Aboard!"

ADDITIONS:

NEW MEMBERS (5)

<u>Name and Ancestor</u>	<u>NY Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
Aria S. Avery (Edward Doty)	6838	03/12/24
Mary K. Luft (Edward Fuller)	6892	09/17/24
Harold Warren Lewis (Resolved White)	6906	01/28/25
Victor G. Welsh (Stephen Hopkins)	6908	02/18/25
Hunter Cameron (John Howland)	6909	03/04/25

Reinstated (2)

Alexander J. Bertke

William B. Bertke

Transfers in (1)

Victor A. Twaddell (from New York City)

TERMINATIONS:

Deceased (5)

Richard G. Lillie (died 08/26/24)

Arthur F. Young, Jr. (died 01/08/25)

Daniel J. Mead (died 01/31/25)

Robert E. Clemons (died 03/10/25)

Gloria E. Small (died 03/10/25)

Resignations (0)

Transfers Out (2)

Kari A. Johnson (to Buffalo)

Alisan S. Donway (to Pennsylvania)

"Best Historical Site"

"Plimoth Patuxet Museum is pleased to announce that it has been named 'Best Historical Site' by Boston Magazine's New England Travel Awards. The designation crowns a trio of travel and tourism recognitions that Plimoth Patuxet earned in 2024, including 'Best Open-Air Museum' by USA Today Ten Best Readers' Choice Awards, and South Shore Home Life & Style's Best of South Shore 2024 Award in the 'Best Museum' category.

"Boston Magazine asked readers to nominate their favorite places across New England in 20 different categories. At the conclusion of the nomination period, Boston Magazine's panel of travel experts reviewed submissions and selected a winner in each category. Out of the numerous nominees, Plimoth Patuxet was selected as the 'Best Historical Site.'

"Since its founding more than 75 years ago, Plimoth Patuxet has welcomed millions of people through its doors and has been a global leader in the world of living history. The Museum's exhibits, programs, and events continue to reflect a commitment to innovation and scholarship in telling the stories of the 17th century in all their complexity. Plimoth Patuxet Museum is open seven days a week, 9 am—5 pm, through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day." *Plymouth Patuxet website*

Albany Colony Remembers Arthur F. Young, Jr.

May 1929—January 2025

*"There are some who bring a light so great to the world
that even after they have gone, the light remains."*

Author unknown

The Mayflower Society—especially Albany Colony—lost a beloved member and significant leader early this year: Colony Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., of Delmar, who joined the New York State Mayflower Society in 1990, passed away this past January.

Art was our Lieutenant Governor from 1995 until 2003, and he became Albany Colony Elder in May, 2017. He was our Colony Director, Elder, and former Governor, and Director and Elder of the NYS Society. His children are all members of Albany Colony: Susan McCormick, of North Greenbush, Elizabeth Waidelich, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and David A. Young of Ravena, who is our current 2nd Deputy Colony Governor. Art's wife, Anne, has been a faithful attendee at our Colony Luncheon Meetings.

In January, Justin Abelow, Governor of New York Colony, on behalf of the Board of Assistants, provided members with the following rather astonishing compilation in an email message (slightly edited here to conserve space):

"Art was dedicated to country and community, believing in service to others and belonging to many non-profit organizations throughout the Capital District . . . including: CDTA Board member for 20 years; President of the J.O. Wells Albany Memorial Hospital Nursing Education Foundation; Director, Elder and former Governor of the Albany Colony of Mayflower Descendants; Sons of the American Revolution member; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War member; President and Director of the Elder William Brewster Society; Director and Treasurer of the Capital District Pop Warner Federation; Junior Chamber International member; Pilgrim John Holland Society member; Thomas Stanton Society member; Founders of Jamestown Society member . . . Director and Chairman of Adirondack Swimming, a U.S. Swimming member, a 40-year Certified Swim Official for High School and College swimming, a Deck Official at four Olympic trials, and was recently inducted into the Adirondack Swimming Hall of Fame.

"In addition to Art's volunteer activities, he had strong civic and political interests, and was heavily involved in the local and county Republican political organizations for more than 20 years."

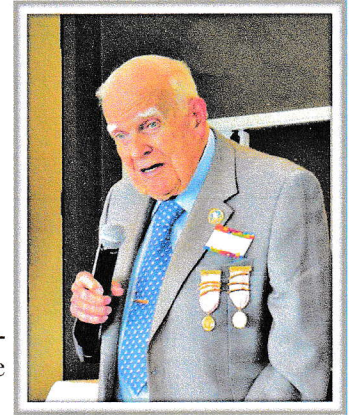
Colony Governor Emeritus Stephen Madsen offered the following message: "Seeing Art Young was always one of my favorite parts of meetings of the Board of Assistants of the New York Mayflower Society. Art served for many years as both the Elder of the New York State Society and the Elder of the Society's Albany Colony . . . always an active participant in our State Society meetings, bringing his wise perspective to our various deliberations.

"His dedication to the Society's mission of maintaining the memory and values of the Pilgrims was perhaps best shown by the fact that he faithfully attended meetings of the State Society in New York City, taking the train down from Albany to New York . . . for every meeting even when he had reached an advanced age and travel had become challenging for him. . .

"He was a wonderful man, exemplifying the faithfulness, hardiness and intrepidity of the Pilgrims. He will be deeply missed, and fondly remembered. . ."

Your *Chronicles* Editor and any other descendants of William Bradford share a minor connection with Art Young as very distant cousins! Art was descended from Alice Carpenter Southworth and her first husband, Edward, while Bradford's descendants are from his second marriage to Alice Southworth in 1623. As you probably know, Bradford's first wife, Dorothy, died in a fall from the Mayflower while still in Plymouth Harbor in 1620. When he got word a couple of years later that Alice, his former sweetheart, had been widowed, he sent for her to come from England to be with him, and the rest is history!

At our upcoming Spring Luncheon Meeting on May 3rd, Art Young's son, 2nd Deputy Albany Colony Governor David A. Young, will accept in his father's honor the 35-year Membership Longevity Certificate that Art was entitled to receive in 2025.



Minutes of the November 2, 2024 Meeting
Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants

The **Fall Compact Day Meeting** of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, New York on Saturday, November 2nd. The meeting was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America led by 1st Colony Deputy Gov. & Co-Captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee. The Mayflower Compact was read by Co-Captain Priscilla Davis.

Note that a quorum was present. A motion was made by Art Young, seconded by Lisa O'Brien to ratify the actions of our officers, committees and our society since our last regular meeting that was held on May 4, 2024. **The motion was approved.**

Officers present were introduced by Colony Gov. Morton: 1st Deputy Colony Gov. & Co-Captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Treasurer Lisa O'Brien; Co-Captain Priscilla Davis; Historian & Archivist Paul S. Johnson; and Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

New members present were Diane Fleenor (William Bradford). **Self-introductions** by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present - 35 & guests - 16 = 51. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 4, 2024, meeting were printed in the *Chronicles*. The minutes were filed as printed. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Assistant Treasurer Carol Felsen. The report was filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: The Historian's Report written by Paul S. Johnson was printed in the November 2024 issue of the *Chronicles*. The membership counts as of September 15, 2024, are: 250 Regular Members & 15 Life Members for a total of 265. The report was filed.

Chronicles: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to publishing the issues of the *Chronicles*. Sylvia reported that she still must mail approximately 50 black & white print copies of the *Chronicles* to members who do not have email. So please, if any members don't have email please notify Sylvia Magin.

Website: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Webmaster Jim Pratt for his work in maintaining the Albany Colony website and face book page. These are members only sites, so please contact Jim if you wish to gain access.

ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS

John Alden and wife Priscilla Mullins Alden - 4	Edward and Mrs. Fuller & son Samuel - 1
Isaac Allerton, wife Mary Norris Allerton & children: Bartholomew, Remember, Mary, John - 2	Samuel Fuller - 1
John Billington and wife Elinor & sons John and Francis - 1	Stephen Hopkins and wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins & children Constance & Giles - 5
William Bradford and wife Dorothy May Bradford - 4	John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 7
William Brewster and wife Mary & children Love and Wrestling - 6	Richard More - 1
Peter Brown - 0	Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 0
James Chilton and wife Susanna & daughter Mary - 2	Henry Samson - 0
Francis Cooke and son John - 4	George Soule - 3
Edward Doty - 3	Miles Standish - 2
Frances Eaton and wife Sarah & son Samuel - 2	John Tilley and wife Joan Hurst Tilley (and daughter Elizabeth) - 6
Moses Fletcher - 0	Richard Warren - 3

John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland descendants had the most representation – 7

Old Business:

Meeting House Tray - Colony Gov. Morton displayed the Meeting House Tray that the Albany Colony received in recognition of the \$1,000 donation that was made to support the preservation efforts of the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth, Massachusetts and read the thank you notes that were received from the General Society. A discussion ensued to determine what we should do with the tray. At this time, it was decided that the tray would remain as property of the Albany Colony, and it will reside with the current Historian/Archivist.

Voting for May Meeting Venue – Colony Gov. Morton requested Victoria Young to distribute a ballot that included several venue choices to be considered for the next meeting that will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The members voted and the ballots were tabulated. The next meeting will be in Cobleskill, New York.

(Minutes continued)

New Business:

Officer Candidates for 2025-2028 Term of Office – Colony Gov. Morton appointed Sylvia Magin to serve on the Nominating Committee and requested that all candidates notify her of their intention to serve as an officer for the next three-year term 2025-2028.

Motion #1: A motion was made by Paul Johnson, seconded by Helen Rees to make a \$25.00 donation to the Education Committee of the General Mayflower Society in the name of each recently deceased Albany Colony Member. Two (2) donations in the names of Brian Cook, and Lynne Byron will be sent by the Albany Colony Treasurer to the General Mayflower Society. Total expenditure will be \$50.00. **The motion was approved.**

Program: "Protecting New York Legacy at Peebles Island State Park" presented by Sara Center, a William Bradford Descendent and granddaughter of *Chronicles* Editor Sylvia Magin.

The Peebles Island Resource Center, located in Peebles Island State Park, is a scenic, 158-acre green space at the confluence of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. Established in 1972, the Bureau of Historic Sites provides technical support to New York's state-owned parks and thirty-six (36) historic sites. Headquartered at the Peebles Island Resource Center, a rehabilitated factory complex, with over 3,000,000 objects in their collection, the bureau helps to safeguard New York's rich heritage through a variety of projects and programs that document, preserve, and interpret historic, cultural, and natural resources at state parks and historic sites.

During her presentation, Sara highlighted the responsibilities of the Collection Management Bureau that oversees the 36 historic sites throughout New York State. These include managing the acquisitions paperwork, loan agreements, courier service to and from sites, storage of items that belong to the individual historic sites, deaccessioning of items and digitization of items. Approximately 5% of the one million items in the collection are currently being displayed, so this new digitization program will allow the public to view the remaining 95% of items that may never have been available to be viewed by the public. To close the program, Sara shared her favorite experiences while working in the Collections Management Bureau. These included handling a document signed by George Washington, dated 1776 and transporting President Grant's robe from Peebles Island to the Grant Cottage so it could be put on display for a special exhibition.

At the conclusion of the program, Colony Gov. Morton thanked Jim Pratt for his technical support making this presentation possible and for offering to video the program so it can be uploaded to the Colony Website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meetings: – May 3, 2025 & November 1, 2025

Benediction was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Sandra A. Zerrillo, Secretary

Congratulations on your Membership Longevity!

Thirty-Five Years (1990)

Arthur F. Young, Jr. (dec'd January 2025)

Thirty Years (1995)

William Sanford Gay

Twenty-Five Years (2000)

Shaun P. Bastian

Paul T. Gugerty

Sylvia Story Magin

Twenty Years (2005)

George E. Berry

Elizabeth Ann J. Gorman

Nancy Elizabeth McDonald

Eleanor L. Morris

James E. Rogers

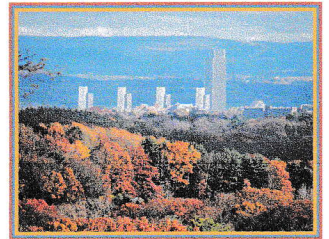
Kathleen M. Scheffler

"Finding the path our ancestors walked is not always easy, but the rewards of the journey make the effort worthwhile." Jayne McGarvey

"A primary goal of the Mayflower Society is to educate the public about the role of the Pilgrims in the early history of what would later become the United States of America. There are Mayflower societies in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Today, it is estimated that up to tens of millions of Americans have at least one ancestor who was among this group of early settlers. Any person able to document their descent from one or more of the Mayflower Pilgrims is eligible to apply for membership."
GSMD website

Colony Member Sara Harmon tells us we should know that 2025 is a year of Cicada emergence, that these insects have been annoying people here as far back as the Pilgrims, that **USA Today** and Facebook have had articles including information about the Pilgrims' continuing experiences with these nasty creatures. While Cicadas are not considered dangerous they are a real nuisance.

Our **Fall Compact Day Luncheon Meeting** was held at the elegant Albany Country Club up on the hill in Voorheesville. It was a beautiful fall day, and beyond the colorful foliage nearby, the tall towers of the Empire State Plaza, some twenty miles away in Albany, were clearly visible from the windows of our spacious dining room.



Diane Fleenor, the only one of our new members who was present with us at the Fall Luncheon Meeting, stood to be recognized, and she was warmly welcomed by the group.



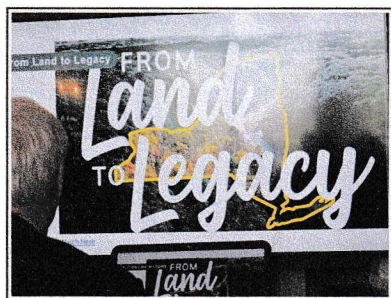
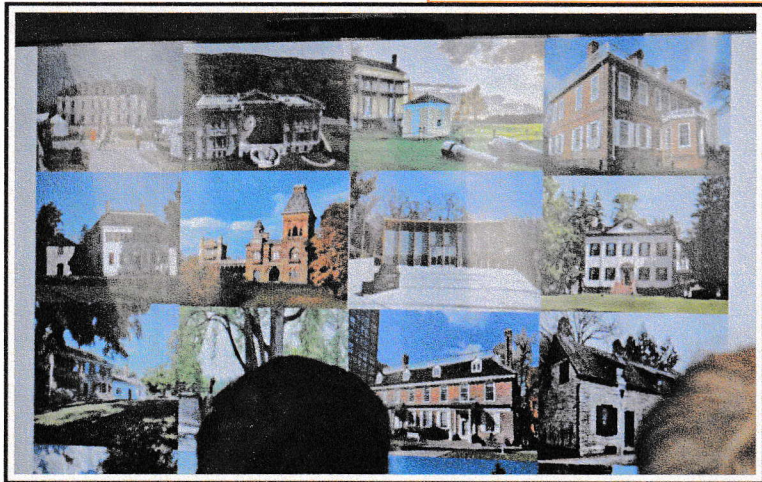
"The table is a meeting place, a gathering ground, the source of sustenance and nourishment, festivity, safety, and satisfaction."

Laurie Colwin



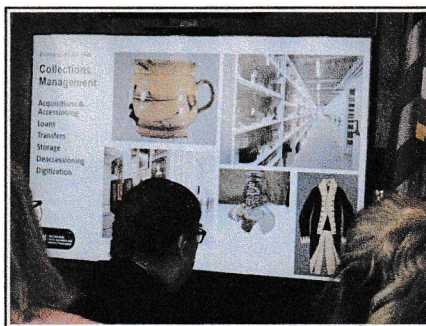


Your Chronicles Editor introduced her granddaughter, Sara Center, as our program presenter for the day. Jim Pratt, our Colony WebMaster, took photos as usual but handled all the technical aspects of the project as well, operating the PowerPoint slide show while creating a video of Sara's program which he downloaded to the Colony websites for public viewing along with all the photos of the day. Many thanks to Jim for his invaluable assistance!



Photos of numerous historic sites and artifacts in the State were displayed and discussed in detail by Sara as the program progressed, and she invited listeners to ask any questions they might have. Additional information on her program can be found in the Minutes of the Fall Meeting, as well as on our Colony websites.

A few days after our Fall Luncheon Meeting, our presenter, Sara Center, told your *Chronicles* Editor, "I did share the experience with my boss and co-workers, and they reiterated that if a group from the Mayflower Society ever wants a tour to just let me know." Colony members and guests might want to keep that in mind if you're interested!



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Center



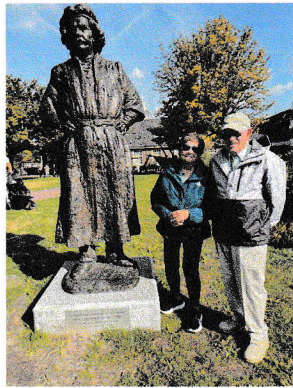
Mayflower Heritage Tour

12 Day Tour to England and the Netherlands

Helen K. B. Rees

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) annually offers a tour throughout Holland and England, organized by Feat Travel. With local historians as our guides we traveled by bus, canal boats and ferry as we followed the trail of our Pilgrim ancestors as they fled from England to Holland, and then back again from 1608 to 1620, in an effort to escape religious persecution.

In September my husband and I flew to Amsterdam several days early, so that we would be over the jet lag and be ready for our tour. We also enjoyed a bit of leisurely time in Amsterdam to see some of the sites, like the Maritime Museum and the Rijksmuseum, both of which I would recommend but which were not part of the official tour itinerary.



Rembrandt's statue in Leiden's Memorial Park with Helen & Dave Rees

Our tour days were packed with visits to landmarks, historic homes, relevant churches as well as special Pilgrim archives. This trip focused not only on individual Pilgrims, but also on the massive religious socio-political movement behind this pivotal immigration. Walking through jails, courtrooms, launch sites, cobblestone streets, related textile industries and country churches, all generated in-depth discussions on Pilgrim life. An unexpected connection was the realization that Rembrandt and Shakespeare were contemporaries of the Pilgrims and lived in areas where they lived, at the same time. It appeared that Rembrandt lived on the same street as Mary Chilton when they were both children in Leiden, so it would be logical

to assume that they knew each other and may even have played together. An unexpected thought.

The tour's arrangements covered lovely historic inns and hotels as well as more traditional ones. A series of knowledgeable local guides provided specialized knowledge of each area we visited and often knew the secrets to good eating establishments! The understanding of the historic and tumultuous times that the Pilgrims



Mayflower descendants at Plymouth harbor, the 3rd and final departure point for the Pilgrims

lived in, as well as some of the

lesser-known stories about their adventures, made this trip especially memorable for me.

I also feel that I have a much better handle on the Pilgrims' actual history as well as the genetic traits that allowed them to survive their travails. Their determination and persistence allowed them to finally reach the new world and to survive that first winter. This appears to be a trait that has passed down through various Mayflower family trees, as most of the 26 members of our tour were members of the Mayflower Society. So it was a



Helen & David Rees relaxing in the hand-carved pew in the All Saints Church at Babworth



Tour guide Miraka (2nd from right) sharing a favorite apple pancake lunch spot in Leiden

determined and persevering group that faced climbing to the top of windmills and churches, and also lugging suitcases to upper floors in historic inns without elevators.

The vigorous itinerary followed the Pilgrims' trail but it also took advantage of being close to other English sites that were appropriately historic, such as Anne Hathaway's cottage, London Tower and Windsor Castle. An obvious effort was made to provide a real understanding for each local area as we visited locations where the Pilgrims had traveled. We ended our tour in London and enjoyed a delicious farewell dinner at a 400-year-old restaurant next to the Pilgrims' London departure port.

As one of our California Mayflower descendants said, "The quality of the guides, hotels, dining, and access to related sites belies the reasonable cost of the trip. This tour is highly recommended for anyone with any British ancestry or interest in history."

For more information contact feattravel for their most recent trip information @ <https://feattravel.com/tour/mayflower-heritage-tour>.



Mayflower descendants at the Mayflower Pub in London, where the Pilgrims first set sail on the Mayflower for the new world



Mayflower descendants in the Pilgrim Fathers Church in Delfshaven, the port from which they departed Holland in 1620



Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

Spring Luncheon Meeting May 3rd, 2025

Chieftans Restaurant, 584 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY

Social Time (cash bar) 12:00 Noon – Lunch and Meeting 12:30

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Please join us ~ guests are always welcome!

Meal options:

- 1) Beef Brisket sliced with Mashed Potatoes & gravy or
- 2) Chicken Capreze with a garlic/lemon/tomato topping & cheese (optional)

All meals include:

Tossed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette Dressing, Vegetable Medley,
Rolls and butter, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Desert Cake

Program:

“The Life & Times of John Alden”

By Peter Lindemann

Please make your check for \$47.00 per person (includes gratuity) payable to
“Albany Colony SOMD “ and mail it with the reservation blank below to
Carol Felsen, 26 Pinewood Rd, Guilderland, NY 12084 (518-452-1729)

Reservations must be received by Friday, April 25th

Directions to Chieftans Restaurant:

From the East, take I-88 to Exit 22 (Cobleskill/Middleburgh), follow State Route 7 West three (3) miles to center of town. Restaurant is on your left, parking just before.

From the West, take I-88 to Exit 21 (Warnerville/Cobleskill), follow State Route 7 East about four (4) miles to center of town. (Veterans Park on right before traffic light.) Travel one block. Restaurant is on your right with parking just beyond. More parking across the street; there is also on-street parking.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the May 3rd Luncheon Meeting:
(Please list below the names of persons attending and their entrée choices)

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Signed: _____

I cannot attend, but it will be my pleasure to donate to the Albany Colony \$ _____

We look forward to seeing you there!