

Editor's Introduction



The first three articles of this issue stem from a long-term BigY DNA project on the Fuller family of New England. In their article, **The Fuller Family of Redenhall, Norfolk, England: Initial Report on the Fuller Big Y DNA Project**, genetic genealogists Pamela R. Paschke and Raymond T. Wing, through an extensive testing of Fuller men at the Big-Y level, present their findings, including their effect on the parentage of Dr. Matthew Fuller of Plymouth Colony. This example certainly shows the great value of BigY studies when enough qualified descendants can participate. Following this report is **Matthew Fuller of Barnstable in the Plymouth Colony: Was He a Mayflower Descendant**, a short article by Donald G. Blauvelt with an intriguing new theory on Matthew's origins. My article, **The Fuller Big Y DNA Study: An Update on the Paternity of Lt. John Sprague**, likewise examines how this Fuller study affects my previous research on the kinship of Sprague and Fuller families in Plymouth Colony.

A new serial genealogical series by Edward Charles Horton begins with **Descendants of Giles¹ Rickard of Plymouth Colony**. The premier installment covers the first, second, and beginning of the third generation. The children of Rickard females are included within their father's sketches. Within this installment are numerous *Mayflower* intermarriages into the progeny of passengers Alden, Allerton, Billington, Brewster, Cooke, Doty, Eaton, Fuller, Hopkins, Howland, Priest, Rogers, Soule, and Warren.

Deborah Wentworth Lansing's article, **The Parents of Mary Taylor, Wife of Josiah⁴ White of Sutton, Massachusetts: A William White Line**, presents a new identification for the parents of the article's subject, correcting previously published *Mayflower* literature, through the use of probate, deed, and church records on the Taylor families of Reading and Sutton, Massachusetts.

Lael Montgomery and Rhonda R. McClure conclude their article, **A Search for Lydia (Winslow) Montgomery's Father Reveals a Lost Branch of Winslows in Eighteenth-Century Lincoln County, Maine**, covering descendants of Doctor Nathaniel³ Winslow (*Kenelm*²⁻¹), who left present-day Massachusetts for Maine in the mid-eighteenth century.

P. Ross Gorman's article, **Pessimisms Abound: *Mayflower* Descendant and Revolutionary War Soldier Nathaniel Tilden's Arrival in Maine and the Question It Poses for the "Rooster Tale,"** explores the accuracy of a story repeated in later histories concerning a family descended from Richard Warren that moved from Canton, Massachusetts, to the "wilds" of Maine in the early nineteenth century.

Descendants of Ruth Coffin (Worth) Porter of Guilford County, North Carolina: A John Howland Descendant, by Richard Hall, uses a recently discovered nineteenth century framed family tree and other sources to document four generations of John Howland descendants in North Carolina, including the writer William Sidney Porter, better known by his pen name O. Henry.

Moving further west, Jeffery Allen Record's article, ***Mayflower* Diaspora: Descendants of George Alfred Young of Willimantic, Connecticut, and Butler County, Kansas—Howland, Warren, and Hopkins Lines,** covers the Young and Sprague families who migrated from New England to the Midwest and finally California. The article ends with the author's paternal grandmother, an adoptee whose paternity was recently established in part by autosomal DNA testing.

Following recent press coverage on the historic appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the *Boston Globe* interviewed my colleagues and me on her ancestry and that of her husband, whose family was the subject of a book published by NEHGS on the descendants of Judge John Lowell of Newburyport, co-authored by Scott C. Steward and me. In **Notable *Mayflower* Descendant: Patrick Graves Jackson, Husband of Ketanji Brown Jackson,** I outline the four descents of Patrick Graves Jackson from John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland.

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