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Massachusetts Bay
Company Seal

WHEREAS, Governor John Winthrop and the Puritan colonists who came with him to plant the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630 were the most important and influential single group of Europeans ever to arrive in North America; the Winthrop Society is dedicated to preserving their memory, philosophy and tradition, and transmitting their example of courage, faith, civic duty, and integrity."

— excerpt from the *Winthrop Society Charter*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cousins and fellow members, I bid you greetings!

August 25, 2004 marks the ninth anniversary of the enactment of our Charter and the birth of the Winthrop Society. Nine years sounds like a hefty stretch of time, especially on a personal basis, as entire phases of one's life may take less time. Even so, I am struck by the enduring sense of newness that pervades the Society today: new projects, new faces, and new historical discoveries. Although we are a relatively young organization, we are capturing the cycle of renewal indispensable to a society's long-term survival. We are not starry-eyed in aspiring to the centuries-long endurance of other venerated societies.

The most immediate example of that forward dynamic is this, our second issue of the Winthrop Society Newsletter. It officially qualifies the Newsletter as an honest-to-goodness periodical! We have the organizational skills of Barry Cotton, the logistical skills of Verna Maleski, and the artistry of Carol Taylor, to credit in part for its success. The next step is to move to an electronic, email-friendly format for those of you with Web access. You will be learning more as we go forward.

On a grander scale, another new tradition is taking shape - a very first general meeting of the Winthrop Society. It will take place in Boston



over the weekend of September 12, 2004, coinciding with the City of Boston's annual Charter Days celebration. If you wish to attend, please contact our Chairman, Barry Cotton. We look forward to seeing you in Boston and participating with other Society members celebrating those whom our Society was inaugurated to honor.

An important Winthrop tradition, especially relevant this year, is the election of a new slate of Officers. We are accepting nominations for all seven positions on the Board. In addition to submissions by mail and email (to Vice President Joan Keller), we hope to meet some of those who are interested at the Boston meeting. Then the new ballot will be formed and mailed out to the membership for voting.



Boston, UK Seal

Your involvement is highly valued; please give serious consideration to both attending and volunteering for office. The Winthrop Society is experiencing unprecedented growth and outreach. To be a part of this momentum promises great reward!

Yours in Patriotism,
Charlie Banks
Acting President

ANNUAL MEETING • BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS • SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

The Winthrop Society will hold its first Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the First & Second Church of Boston on 66 Marlborough Street. The Charter Day service follows at 11:00. The church website and directions are on the internet at www.fscboston.org. Society members are asked to park on the street if possible or use the Boston Common Parking Garage on Charles Street. Vouchers will be available. For more information on Charter Day events visit:

www.ksg.harvard.edu/rappaport/charterday



Study of Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter of 1629

2004 Charter Day Calendar of Events

The 2004 Charter Day celebrations extend a full week with events that appeal to all interests. Unless otherwise noted all events are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, September 7 (Charter Day)

"The Good City: Boston in the 21st Century". Paul Grogan, President of the Boston Foundation, will discuss themes from the recently released book "The Good City: Writers Explore 21st Century Boston. 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston.

Wednesday, September 8

The Bostonian Society welcomes visitors to the Old State House Museum, located at the corner of State and Washington Streets. 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. State stop on the MBTA Blue & Orange Lines.

Thursday, September 9

"Boston's Bastion: The Founding Generation and the Massachusetts Bay Charter". Illustrated lecture with Francis J. Bremer, Editor of the "Winthrop Papers" for the Massachusetts Historical Society. This event is cosponsored by the Massachusetts State Archives / Commonwealth Museum and The Winthrop Society. 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the State Archives at Columbia Point across from John F. Kennedy Library. Free shuttle bus from JFK/U-Mass Red Line Station. Free parking.

Friday, September 10

"Summis Primi: The Founding Generation and the "Athens of America". A panel discussion at Boston Latin School, 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur, the Fenway, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Barry Cotton of the WS will moderate.

Saturday, September 11

Happy Birthday Boston. A birthday party at the Boston Public Library at Copley Square featuring cake and ice cream and various events for kids and families from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12

"Founders' Day Gathering". A Puritan Service at Boston's oldest religious institution established in 1630 featuring remarks by Eve LaPlante, author of American Jezebel: The Anne Hutchinson Story. 11:00 a.m. First & Second Church of Boston, located at the corner of Berkeley and Marlborough Streets, in Boston's Back Bay.

"Boston Founders" Trail Walking Tour

The Founders Trail Walking Tour has been created by the Partnership of the Historic Bostons which celebrates the historical links between Boston, Massachusetts and Boston, Lincolnshire, UK. Prof. Will Holton and Stephen Busby created this venue.

The Founders Trail tour provides a glimpse of Colonial Boston in its first few decades. The tour begins at 1:00 at the Boston Common Information Booth and lasts about two hours.

Please remember to wear comfortable walking shoes.

A \$15 donation is suggested.



Planning to attend the Annual Meeting - Hurry!

Please contact Barry Cotton, 2305 Barton Creek Blvd, #29, Austin, TX 78735 bacotton@austin.rr.c



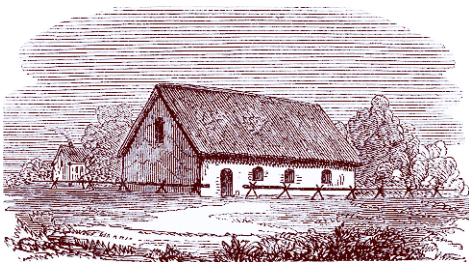
❖ The New Boston Founders Trail

Boston was recently in the news for hosting the Democratic National Convention and, as usual, the local history that was mentioned focused on the American Revolution. Almost 150 years before 1775 are largely overlooked; natives and visitors think of the "Freedom Trail" walking tour as covering Boston history adequately. The early Colonial legacy was largely ignored during the D.N.C. except in an ad taken out by the City of Boston: "We started the first public school, the first public library, oh, and that whole democracy thing."

Governor John Winthrop's Puritan founders of Boston accomplished the first and third of those key developments: the Boston Latin School was founded in 1635 on the model of the Boston Grammar School in Boston, England; and democracy was born in their elected government and in the congregational form of church governance in which each congregation managed its own affairs, including hiring and firing its minister.

Several years ago, Steve Busby, a Boston tour guide and active member of The Partnership of the Historic Bostons, suggested developing a "Boston Founders Trail" to highlight the critical roles played by the Puritan founders of Boston. John Winthrop's small Town of Boston would be evoked in a two hour walk linking locations and memorials to people and events that shaped Boston, Massachusetts, and the nation to come.

The Partnership committee greeted the Founders Trail idea enthusiastically and Will Holton, a Professor of Sociology at Northeastern University and tour guide, began working with Steve Busby to develop the concept. The walking tour would be shorter than the familiar "Freedom Trail," making a loop through the key parts of early Colonial



First Church, Boston, in the 17th century



Boston extending from the original town center near today's Faneuil Hall to Boston Common, the southwest edge of the settlement into the 18th century. The new walking tour was copyrighted in 2002.

The "Boston Founders Trail" was launched in 2003 on Charter Day Sunday with about 30 people in two groups, led by Steve Busby and Will Holton. The totally positive comments focused on how much rich Boston history came before the Revolution that is essential for understanding the American democratic system and culture.

The statue of John Winthrop holding the Massachusetts Charter is a few blocks from the "Boston Founders Trail" proper, but it can be seen along with the tour. Governor Winthrop's statue is beside the First and Second Church in Boston (Unitarian). It had previously stood in Scollay Square near today's Government Center MBTA station.

A "Boston Founders Trail" tour can start either at the Boston Common (Park Street MBTA station) or at the Old State House (State MBTA station), making a loop ending at the starting point. Starting from the Common, the first site is the Founder's Monument on the Beacon Street side. This bas relief depicts John Winthrop's first meeting with William Blaxton (or Blackstone), a hermit who came from Lincolnshire and lived alone in a cabin near this site before welcoming the Puritan settlers to his peninsula in 1630. Starting from the Old State House, the first site on the trail is the location of the first Meeting House, used for both religious and political meetings.

Founders and other early leaders featured on the "Boston Founders Trail" include Governor John Winthrop, Reverend John Cotton, Governor Richard Bellingham, Anne Hutchinson, Governor Thomas Dudley, Anne Bradstreet and her husband Governor Simon Bradstreet, Lady Arbella Johnson and her husband Isaac Johnson, and more.



Are Your Ancestors in Boston?

Many of the founders of the Colony were from Boston. These emigrants from "the Old World" brought with them a tradition of hard work and self-reliance. Described as "sturdy" independent people who had learned the more demeaning tasks of the "open guilds" of these 'fen dwellers' of the Old World, they had learned to handle their own affairs.

Join the Historic Boston Society

Contact: Prof. Will Holton
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Walking Tour Prof. Will Holton ❖

Participants on the tour see home sites and, usually, plaques commemorating these early Bostonians.

Governor Winthrop's two homes in Boston were near the first Meeting House and beside the Great Spring that provided much of the Town's water for about 200 years. The Great Spring was on Spring Lane, off today's Washington Street near the intersection with School Street. Winthrop's house there was opposite the home of William and Anne Hutchinson; in 1637, he would lead the court case to have Anne banished from Boston for heresy because she led discussion groups that critiqued the sermons of some ministers.

Four of the 17th century governors of the Massachusetts Bay Colony had lived in or near Boston, Lincolnshire, near the east coast of England.

❖ Thomas Dudley, who had been the steward (business manager) for the Earl of Lincoln, became the second Governor of Massachusetts and was elected to that office four times. Dudley's son-in-law, Simon Bradstreet, became Governor as well, later in his life, from 1679 to 1792.

❖ Richard Bellingham had held the posts of Recorder and Member of Parliament in Boston, Lincolnshire; he served four terms as Governor of Massachusetts, dying in office in 1672.

❖ John Leverett, who came to Massachusetts as a teenage boy with his parents and graduated from the Boston Latin School, was Governor of Massachusetts in the 1670s.

❖ The Reverend John Cotton had to go into hiding in England in 1631 after serving as Vicar of St. Botolph's Parish Church in Boston, Lincolnshire since 1612. After his wife died in England, Cotton remarried and came to America in 1633 when his first-born child, Seaborn Cotton, was born during the voyage. In the new Boston, Cotton became the "Teacher" of the Puritan church and the leading theologian in the Colony.



Boston Latin School, c. 1700s

Anne Bradstreet, daughter of Thomas Dudley and wife of Simon Bradstreet, came to Massachusetts in 1630 as a young married woman of 18. Highly educated in the household of the Earl of Lincoln where her father worked, Anne became the first published poet in America when a book of her poems was published in London in 1650 (without her knowledge). Her work is studied and highly respected today.

The "Boston Founders' Trail" tour also includes key institutions and locations of 17th century Colonial Boston: the first Meeting House, the first and second sites of the Boston Latin School, the King's Chapel Burying Ground, the Town Dock, the first Town House, King's Chapel, the Old Granary Burying Ground, and Boston Common.

We hope that, in coming years, the "Boston Founders Trail" will educate many local people and tourists about the very important early Colonial history of Boston

For additional information or to arrange a guided tour, please contact Will Holton: (617) 373-3853 / w.holton@neu.edu.



Steve Busby Leads a Founders Trail Tour





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Membership Report, May-July 2004

Membership continues to grow steadily. In just two months, eleven new members have joined and six supplemental ancestors have been approved. Please welcome the following new members:

- ❖ Mary Langworthy – Gov. Thomas Dudley
- ❖ Christine Riddle – Isaac Allerton
- ❖ Rogers Finch – John Finch
- ❖ Norman Crafts – Griffin Crafts
- ❖ Theresa McDonald – Lieut. William Spencer
- ❖ Amanda Moore – Gov. John Winthrop
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The following members that have submitted three or more supplemental ancestors (More than one ancestor settled in the MBC - see our website for further information).

Donald Johnston (5): ❖ William Smead, 1630 ❖ Robert Bartlett, 1632 ❖ Thomas & Elizabeth Ford & daughter Abigail, 1630 ❖ Thomas Woodford, 1632 ❖ Mary Blott, 1632 ❖ Judith Stoughton Smead, 1630.

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JoAnn Fagan (3): ❖ John & Mary Cogeshall, 1631 ❖ Nathaniel Dickinson, 1630 ❖ The Rev. George Phillips, arrived aboard the Arbella, 1630.

Robert Giffin (3): ❖ Deane Winthrop arrived aboard the Arbella, 1630 ❖ William Royall, 1628 ❖ Rev. Josse Glover, adventurer; died en route, 1638.

If I have omitted anyone with three or more approved supplemental ancestors, please send me an email and I will include you in my next report.

See you in Boston!



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ing documentation for your
supplemental ancestor,

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The first meeting of the Winthrop Society will be held at the First & Second Church of Boston beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2004. Our meeting has been scheduled to coincide with Boston's annual CHARTER DAY celebrations and the Winthrop Society is one of this year's sponsors.

For a complete calendar of events, please visit www.ksg.harvard.edu/rappaport/charterday/calendar

● TREASURER/Verle Bresson

Winthrop Society Profit & Loss Statement 1 Jan 2004 - 30 Jun 2004

Beginning Balance 1 Jan 04	\$	6,298.82
Application Fees		265.00
Supplemental Fees & Certificates		.00
Annual Dues Renewals		1,350.00
Annual Dues (New Applicants)		1,380.00
Lifetime Dues*		655.00
Rosette Sales		110.00
Winthrop Society Journal Sales		35.00
Overpayment		60.00
Total Receipts		\$10,438.82

* Actual total for 6 mo period was \$940 less \$285 transfer for prior Lifetime Dues Members annual due renewal

Bill Notices & Rosette Mailings	\$	96.48
Fed. of Gen. Societies Dues		65.00
Newsletter Copying & Postage		277.62
Misc. Check Fee		6.00
Contribution to Historic Boston		500.00
John Beardsley: WS Journal Copies		33.00
W. Gates: Overpayment		60.00
		1,038.10

Net Receipts Jun 30 2004 including
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Balance per Statement 06/30/04	\$9,600.72
Less Outstanding Check #123	200.00
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Text formatted in Microsoft Word or compatible software can be sent via email to Carol Taylor at capecodvisions@adelphia.net.

The Winthrop Society's Board maintains the right to accept and/or edit articles for publication or web site archiving unless otherwise arranged with the author.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometime taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet, ca. 1612-1672

To my Dear and Loving Husband

**If ever two were one, then surely we.
If ever man were lov'd by wife, then thee.
If ever wife was happy in a man,
Compare with me, ye women, if you can.
I prize thy love more than whole Mines of gold
Or all the riches that the East doth hold.
My love is such that Rivers cannot quench,
Nor ought but love from thee give recompence.
Thy love is such I can no way repay.
The heavens reward thee manifold, I pray.
Then while we live, in love let's so persevere
That when we live no more, we may live ever.**

Anne married Simon Bradstreet, a graduate of Cambridge University, at the age of 16. Two years later, Bradstreet, along with her husband and parents, emigrated to America with the Winthrop Puritan group, and the family settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts. There Bradstreet and her husband raised eight children, and she became one of the first poets to write English verse in the American colonies. Bradstreet penned many of the poems that would be taken to England by her brother-in-law, purportedly without her knowledge, and published in 1650 under the title *The Tenth Muse, Lately Sprung Up in America*
Source: WWW: <http://www.poets.org>





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Did you know...



On his first voyage to the Colonies on the *Lion* in August 1631, the younger John Winthrop brought with him his new wife, several relations, the customary food and needs for subsistence, and cattle, of course. Even though the ship was overloaded, Winthrop insisted it carry *“a barrell of bookes.”* The good fortune of the New York Society Library is that the books first brought to the Colonies in the overladen vessel and others collected by Winthrop and his descendants were given to the Library by Francis Winthrop in 1812. They have formed its valuable and much-prized Winthrop Collection ever since.

Source: BOOKS IN THE WILDERNESS, The Winthrop Collection at The New York Society Library
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