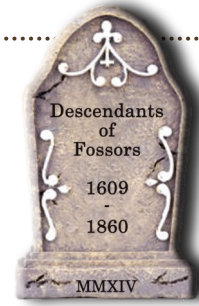


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Newsletter of Descendants of Fossors, 1609-1860

Issue 3 — March 2024

Chief Coroner's Chat

Dear Members,

Thank you for placing your trust in the 2023-2026 Board to lead this unique society. We each have promised to do our very best to uphold the purposes of our group. Our Appointed Officers are Sexton (Chaplain), Sumner Hunnewell (Newsletter); and Parliamentarian, Suzanna Rawlins. Many thanks to these members for agreeing to serve.



We want to express our sincere appreciation to Director General Melissa Fischer and her Board for their outstanding leadership and service to our society. In 2023, Melissa was aptly honored by the membership with the title of Honorary Director General. Congratulations!



Jane Power, Melissa Fischer, and Sue Gray

Minutes from the 2023 Biennial Meeting are included in this newsletter. As we meet biennially, no Fossors meeting will be held in 2024. Our members have been cordially invited to be the guests of the *National Society Descendants of Early Quakers* and *National Society Founders of Places of Worship in America*, at their breakfast meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 8:15 a.m., at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. Please see the invitation included on page 8.

In June 2024, Fossors will be ten years old! Our most capable *Keeper of the Epitaphs (Registrar)*, Kimberly Nagy, MD, had maintained a brisk pace in approving our New Member Applications and Supplementals. The last member number assigned is 107. Numerous new members and Supplementals have been approved during this year. Please spread the word about *Descendants of Fossors* with your genealogy-focused friends. The search for an ancestor's activities and services to aid others in the very important and universal final stage of life is both interesting and enlightening. In addition, members and their friends adore the unique *Membership Certificate* and *Insignia*, cleverly designed by Alex Bannerman. Please strive to help those Applications and Supplementals to continue arriving on Kim's desk.

In support of our purposes, Fossors has supported the *American Board of Funeral Service Education* with a donation of \$500 for a scholarship for university students who are studying mortuary science. In appreciation of *the Army and Navy Club*, a donation of \$100 has been made to the Employees' Emergency Fund.

Many thanks to you, the members, for promoting the purposes and goals of *Descendants of Fossors*.

Robin Towns
Director General, *Chief Coroner*



Descendants of Fossors 2023 Meeting Highlights



1 Jane Power, Robin Towns, Sandra Staley, Linda White, and Pat Gallagher

2 Robin Towns and Melissa Fischer

3 Robin Towns

4 Pat Gallagher, Robin Towns, and Linda White



In Memoriam

044C Camille Rycroft Redfern Lowery - December 4, 2018

007F Kathy Deegan - June 2020

041C Nancy Ellen Ivie Stringfellow - January 3, 2023

016C David Lawrence Grinnell - April 18, 2023

075 Alice Strouse Ellinsberg - May 31, 2023

010F John Hallberg Jones - June 5, 2023

014C Ona Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson - November 18, 2023



Descendants of Fossors 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes

06 APRIL 2023 — ARMY AND NAVY CLUB, WASHINGTON D.C.

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Chief Director Melissa Fischer.

She welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

President Karen Markey Janczy, Founders of Places of Worship in America, asked members to rise for the Opening. Chaplain Barbara Greeley gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Nicki Birch.

The table blessing was given by Chaplain Barbara Greeley.

First Director Melissa Fischer asked everyone to enjoy breakfast. The meeting was re-convened after breakfast at 9am for the Fossors meeting.

At 8:45 a.m., Melissa Fischer recognized presiding officers of other national societies.

The Fossors meeting re-convened at 9am. Registration of attendees served as a Roll Call. A quorum was met.

The following members were asked to approve the minutes for today's meeting:

Ann Henninger

Suzanna Rawlins

Officer's Reports:

Chief Director: The Descendant of Fossors was granted recognition in May 2020 in the National Gavel Society. She thanked her Board for their support during the Covid pandemic.

She also thanked Honorary Chief Director Jane Power for advice and Sue Gray for her help in setting up the meeting.

1st Deputy Coroner Robin Towns: Mrs. Towns thanked everyone for their help.

2nd Deputy Coroner Alex Bannerman: He submitted the following report: All orders for certificates and insignia were filled.

Recording Secretary Sandra Staley: The minutes will stand as my report.

Treasurer Nancy Cobos: The budget will be completed by the next administration, so it reflects their wishes.

Registrar Patricia Wasilik: 40 new members were approved in the past 4 years. The last number issued was 92.

Parliamentarian David Stringfellow: No report.



Chaplain Linda Kay White: She conducted the memorial service for two members: Nancy Stringfellow and Nancy Johnson Coglan.

Ms. Fischer thanked the officers for their reports.

Business Meeting:

The website was designed by Heather Miller who is not a member of the Society. A motion was made by Jane Power to present Ms. Miller with a token of the Society's appreciation.

Motion seconded and passed. A gift card of \$150.00 was presented.

The Army Navy Club kindly rolled our deposit from 3 years ago to today. A motion was made by Nan Ackerman to present \$100. To the Army Navy Employee Emergency Fund.

Motion seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Sue Grey to send a donation to the American Board of Funeral Service Education \$500.00 to the scholarship fund which provides for university students studying mortuary science. Motion seconded and passed.

By Laws: The Nominating Committee was appointed by Chief Coroner Fischer: Sumner Hunnewell, Patricia Gallagher, and Cricket Crigler accepted the appointment.

Sumner Hunnewell presented the report:

Director: Robin Towns

1st Deputy Director: Sandra Staley

2nd Deputy Director: Linda White

Stone Engraver: Pat Gallagher

Keeper of the Epitaphs: Kim Nagy (Registrar)

Caretaker: Ann Wilkerson

Gatekeeper: Nancy Cobos (Corresponding Secretary)

Ms. Fischer asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none the nominations were closed.

Mr. Hunnewell moved the slate be elected as presented. There was no discussion, so the motion carried as presented and the slate was elected. New officers were installed by Jane Power, Founding Director.

Newly elected Chief Director Robin Towns thanked members for their support.

A motion was made by Jane Power and seconded to make Melissa Fischer Honorary Chief Director. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Sandra Staley, Recording Secretary



From the Keeper of Epitaphs

Kimberly Nagy, M. D.

New Members

- 053C Martin Wayne Beerman. *Ancestor*: William Comstock, Sexton.
054C Jared James Nathan. *Ancestor*: Thomas Gardner, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
055C Barbara Jean Allison. *Ancestor*: Ezekiel Barnett, Land donation - Alabama.
056C Carole Joan Vercellino. *Ancestor*: Tobias Bickel, Land donation - Pennsylvania.
057C Kimberly Kay Nagy. *Ancestor*: Andrew Warner, Coroner's Jury - Connecticut.
058C Michael John Rowley. *Ancestor*: Philip Stech Sr., Land donation - Pennsylvania.
059C Diane Coleman-Horne. *Ancestor*: Alexander Standish, Coroner's Jury - Plymouth.
060C Karen Lynne Pogoloff. *Ancestor*: Phineas Pratt, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
061C Patricia Ellen Gallagher. *Ancestor*: Duke Hamilton, Land Donation - Georgia.
062C Christina Marie Twardowski. *Ancestor*: Robert Russell, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
063C Josoeeph Hugh Smith. *Ancestor*: William Vinson, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
064 Douglas James Richardson. *Ancestor*: Isaac Gill, Gravedigger.
065 Jeffrey Allen Myers. *Ancestor*: George Paartridge, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
066 Aline Cleveland Kent. *Ancestor*: Oliver Cromwell Cleveland, Coroner - Georgia.
067 Adam Robert Boyce. *Ancestor*: Thomas Paine, Coroner's Jury.
068 Karen Markey Janczy. *Ancestor*: Richard Waterman , Coroner's Jury - Rhode Island.
069 Bree Morse Berner. *Ancestor*: Benjamin Fell, Coroner's Jury - Pennsylvania.
070 Deborah A. Domain. *Ancestor*: Ephraim Tinkham, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
071 Margaret Hurrie. *Ancestor*: John Johnson, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
072 Robert Allan Hurrie. *Ancestor*: Joseph Hills, Undertaker - Massachusetts.
073 Allyson Lee Moyer. *Ancestor*: Richard Jarrett, Coroner's Jury - Virginia.
074 Lynda Paulette Moreau. *Ancestor*: Thomas Foulke, Land donation.
075 Alice Strouse Ellinsberg. *Ancestor*: Seth Whitlock Wood, Land donation.
076 Ann Warren Wilkerson. *Ancestor*: Francis Cooke, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
077 Brenda Kay Stewart Reeder. *Ancestor*: John Skinner, Gravedigger.
078 Benjamin Ganson Webster. *Ancestor*: Edward Converse, Coroner's Jury.
079 Joan Graham Nathan. *Ancestor*: Nathaniel Putnam, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
080 Glenda Jeane Harkins. *Ancestor*: Andrew Warner, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
081 Shirley Jean Arendt. *Ancestor*: Kenelm Winslow, Coroner's Jury.
082 Regina Ragan. *Ancestor*: Robert Abernathy, Coroner's Jury - Virginia.
083 Donna Cole. *Ancestor*: Kenelm Winslow, Coroner's Jury.
084 Frances Joy Huskey. *Ancestor*: William Bassett, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
085 Nancy Coghlan. *Ancestor*: Thomas Dent, Coroner - Maryland.
086 James Benjamin Hobbins. *Ancestor*: Walter Woodworth, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.



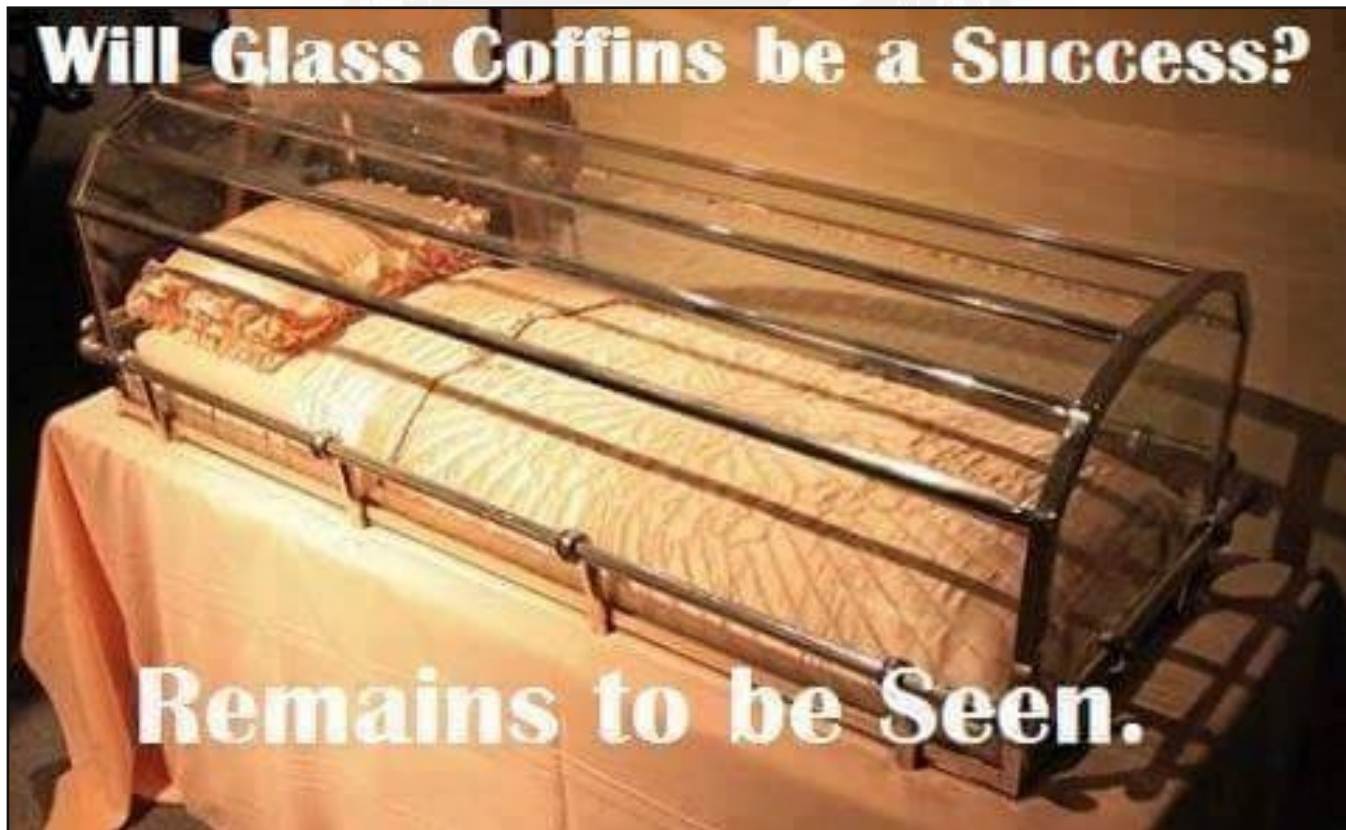
- 087 Matthew Stephen Whisman. *Ancestor*: James Crawford, Land donation.
- 088 Lucy Nicholas Birch. *Ancestor*: William Phelps, Coroner's Jury - Connecticut.
- 089 Susan Bolton Gray. *Ancestor*: Thomas Tilden, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 090 Ronald William Barnes. *Ancestor*: Peter Tallman, Coroner's Jury - Rhode Island.
- 091 Susanna Rawlins. *Ancestor*: John Garner, Coroner's Jury - Virginia.
- 092 Dorothy Lupariello. *Ancestor*: Nicholas Snow, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 093 Janet Ann Walker. *Ancestor*: Benjamin Franklin Dumas, Land Donation - Georgia.
- 094 Julia Lynn Hesler. *Ancestor*: Tobias Selvey, Coroner's Jury - Virginia.
- 095 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Nicholas Snow, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 096 Jeanne Buntaine Bedard. *Ancestor*: John Jenney, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 097 Victoria Maxine Johnson. *Ancestor*: Ralph Chapman, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 098 Douglas James, JR. Gilham. *Ancestor*: Nicholas Snow, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 099 Wayne Allen, Jr. Courreges. *Ancestor*: Thomas Odell, Sr., Coroner - Maryland.
- 100 Charleen Ann Mullenweg. *Ancestor*: Jacob Pyeatt, Coroner - Arkansas.
- 101 Mary Charles Armstrong. *Ancestor*: Francis Gray, Coffin Maker - Maryland.
- 102 Brenda Jo Dorsett. *Ancestor*: William Exum, Sr., Coroner's Jury - Virginia.
- 103 Ora Jane Johnson. *Ancestor*: William Thompson, Donated land - New Jersey.
- 104 John W. Knox. *Ancestor*: Thomas Cox, Coroner - Tennessee.
- 105 Elizabeth Ann Hawn. *Ancestor*: Nicholas Phillips, Donated land - Massachusetts.
- 106 Susan Kay Erlick. *Ancestor*: William Collier, Coroner - Massachusetts.
- 107 Cielle Clemenceau. *Ancestor*: Alexander Doniphan, Coroner - Virginia.

Supplemental Applications Approved

- 054C.1 Jared James Nathan. *Ancestor*: Allen Perley, Coroner's Jury.
- 054C.2 *Ancestor*: Nathaniel Putnam, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 065.1 Jeffrey Allen Myers. *Ancestor*: Henry Rowley, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 070.1 Deborah A. Domain. *Ancestor*: Richard Wright, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 071.1 Margaret Hurrie. *Ancestor*: William Hilliard, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 072.1 Robert Allan Hurrie. *Ancestor*: Humphrey Turner, Coroner's Jury.
- 072.2 Robert Allan Hurrie. *Ancestor*: Richard Norman, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 078.1 Benjamin Ganson Webster. *Ancestor*: Emanuel Buck, Gravedigger.
- 095.1 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: William Buckland, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.2 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Humphrey Turner, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.3 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: John Dunham, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.4 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: John Hall, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.5 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Henry Cobb, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.6 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Richard Higgins, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.7 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: James Hurst, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.8 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: William Perry, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
- 095.9 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Josias Cooke, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.



- 095.10 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: John Doane, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.11 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: William Lumpkin, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.12 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: George Watson, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.13 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Edward Bangs, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.14 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Nicholas Stowers, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.15 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: William Dodge, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.16 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: George Partridge, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.17 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Abraham Pierce, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.18 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: John Shaw, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.19 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Kenelm Winslow, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.
095.20 Amy Karen Hall. *Ancestor*: Thomas Harris, Coroner's Jury - Massachusetts.



Courtesy of Melissa Fischer



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(Fossors meet in odd numbered years only)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
The Army and Navy Club, 17th St. NW
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Articles within the scope of the Society are gratefully accepted.

