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Admiral Byrd at Pitcairn, 1939



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# NEWS, NOTES and INTERESTING ITEMS

## FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR BOUNTY-PITCAIRN CONFERENCE IN CALIFORNIA

Final preparations are underway for Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 being staged Sunday, August 19 - Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center on the Pacific Union College campus in California's wine-rich Napa Valley. As of early May, scores of people had committed to attend, and it is expected that many more will register by mid-August.



*The Pacific Union College campus is set in a manicured garden along the main street of Angwin in California's beautiful Napa Valley.*

Two current Pitcairn residents, two others raised on the island, and a former Pitcairn commissioner will be present at the Conference. Fifteen speakers, hailing from Pitcairn, Australia, Norfolk Island and the US, will cover a wide array of topics relating to The Bounty-Pitcairn Saga. These include: "Ned Young, Creator of Pitcairn's Linguistic Landscape;" "Joshua Hill, Pitcairn's Self-instituted King;" "Did Fletcher Christian Ultimately Return to Cumberland?;" "Pitcairn's Survival by Ship;" "Illustrating the Bounty/Pitcairn Saga;" "Pitcairn's Island Neighbors;" "Growing up on Pitcairn;" "The Resourcefulness of the Islanders in Light of Their Isolation;" "A Retrospective on Seven Years as Commissioner for the Pitcairn Islands;" and "The Prospects for the Establishment of a Pitcairn Islands Marine Reserve."

Although by early May donations of US\$1,300 had been received, additional contributions are still sought for the Conference, a not-for-profit event. Please send your check in any currency, payable to "Pitcairn

Islands Study Group" to PISG Treasurer Bradley W. Brunsell, P. O. Box 12, Milton, MA 02186-0002, or donate online at [www.2012BPC.com](http://www.2012BPC.com), where registration information and complete details about the Conference program are available. Those without Internet access are requested to contact Herbert Ford, director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, at 1 Angwin Ave., Angwin, CA 94508-9713. Mr. Ford can also be reached by fax at 1-707-965-6504 and by telephone at 1-707-965-6625 or 1-707-965-2047.

## THE COMPASS THAT SAVED BLIGH?

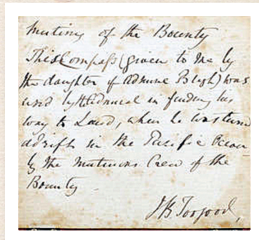
Cornwall, *Western Morning News*, Thursday May 3rd, 2012: "... the compass which was reputedly used by Cornwall-born Captain William Bligh to navigate nearly 4,000 miles across the Pacific to the safety of dry land has surfaced at auction.



The cased mahogany pocket surveying compass, three inches in diameter and bearing a label describing its remarkable history, has been given a modest pre-sale estimate of £2,000-£3,000 at a Bonhams

sale of scientific instruments in London today.

No description of the compass is recorded but it must have been readily portable in the confusion of



the mutiny. A paper label inside the lid reads: 'Mutiny on the Bounty. This compass given to me by the daughter of Admiral Bligh was used by the Admiral in finding his way to land, when he was turned adrift in the Pacific Ocean by the mutinous crew of the Bounty.'

It is signed 'J B Toogood' and has been passed by descent through the family of Jack B Toogood."