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Official Seal of Watertown, MA

Watertown

Watertown was one of the first Massachusetts Bay Colony settlements organized by Puritan settlers in 1630. Archeological evidence suggests that Watertown was inhabited for thousands of years before colonization.

Watertown, first known to settlers as Saltonstall Plantation, was one of the earliest of the Massachusetts Bay Colony settlements. Founded in early 1630 by a group of settlers led by Richard Saltonstall and George Phillips, it was officially incorporated that same year.

In 1632 the residents of Watertown protested against being compelled to pay a tax for the erection of a stockade fort at Cambridge; this was the first protest in America against taxation without representation and led to the establishment of representative democracy in the colony. About 1632 the first gristmill in the colony was erected and in 1662 one of the first woolen mills in America was built here.

Excerpted from Wikipedia, March 30, 2024.

In Tribute of My Mayflower Friend and Governor

In Memory, of Katharine Briggs "Kathy" Gire who passed away on January 25, 2023. Mrs. Gire was an Alden and Brewster descendant and served as governor of the Mother Lode Colony for over a decade. Kathy was instrumental in breathing new life into the colony, but she was more than this. She was also my friend.



There will be those who say it's inappropriate for some former colony elder to pay tribute here in the Quarterly. I can only ask for your indulgence. A great soul, Kathy championed the efforts of the Mayflower Scholarship Committee and greatly enjoyed her work as a participating judge with the scholarship essays.

Kathy should also be remembered for her work on the Mother Lode Colony's signature emblem and her ability to curate interesting and topical speakers on a wide range of genealogical subjects. I will also remember a kind "cousin" who always listened and never failed to lend a keen wit and sense of humor to any situation.

In addition to being a valued member of the Mayflower community, Kathy was a volunteer working at the polls on almost every election day, providing an outstanding example of local community involvement and good citizenship. She wrote and edited for the Sun Senior News and helped alongside her local Neighborhood Watch team. She embodied the very essence of a good citizen in this world and country.

On a personal note, one day Kathy and I discussed what had brought us to the Mayflower Society. She explained to me that while she qualified for several other lineage societies, for her there could be no other than the GSMD. She explained that she joined the GSMD because "we" are a unique group with the highest standards.

Standards met. Cheers to a life that exemplified all those standards and more. Rest in peace, dear governor. You will be missed.

*By Jeffery Record
Former Elder Mother Lode Colony*

Governor's Message

Pilgrims,

The first quarter of 2024 was a real challenge for the California State Society. While we successfully prepared and submitted the annual report, the membership count section reported that the Society will pay GSMD dues for members who had not yet paid dues in California for 2024.



Governor Kathy Watson

This was caused by an ineffective dues collection for 2024. Only one email notice was sent to all members on October 9, 2024. Many members did pay dues from this notification, but many more did not. There was no follow up and the normal postal mail notice was not sent as a printing issue was not resolved. To add to this dilemma, a volunteer staffing issue needed to be addressed. In early February, Colony Governors were requested to remind members to pay. We started February with over 1,000 members owing dues. By the March Board of Assistants, that number had dropped to just under 600. Thank you, Governors, for your efforts, but we are not there yet. As of this writing, 553 members have not paid!

Please reflect on your dues status for 2024. Look for your receipt of payment of dues **after** October 1, 2023 (if before this date, those were your dues for 2023). When found, take a deep breath, and be satisfied that your dues have been paid. If not found, then use the envelope in this MQ to submit your dues for 2024. The Board of Assistants met in March to report on recent activities. The most exciting news was the scholarship drawing brought in \$1,230 to the scholarship fund. The drawing of two original paintings took place and the winners were notified. Speaking of scholarships, more applications are being evaluated than in the recent past. The BOA confirmed appointments of Nancy Lucchese as Membership Secretary, Lorraine Kocen as Elder and Ben Hobbins as Recording Secretary then approved hosting of a 2028 GSMD BOA meeting in Northern California. Look for more details in the near future. Finally, the Decision 2025 Committee reported their findings on the financial implications of operating a library which is not used. The committee will next work on deaccession of holdings which are readily available in digital form.

Kathy Watson
Governor



Deputy Governor North

Hopefully, these wonderful seasonal rains will soon be a thing of the past and we all can enjoy the resulting greenery and our lovely warm California sunshine. Many Historians have long held the belief that if our Mayflower ancestors and the other colonial immigrants had landed on the



Diane Douglas

west coast, our country's population would primarily exist from California to about the Mississippi River. Being a northeast coast transplant myself, I wholeheartedly agree with this theory.

We held our March 16th Board of Assistants meeting in San Jose for the very first time. Those who attended in person seemed to like the venue (The SpringHill Suites San Jose Airport), the ease of access, the safety of San Jose, and the socializing – we are indeed a fun group! Many BOA members attended online via Teams and the Executive Board appreciates your flexibility in giving Teams a try. Our Society gets Teams for free with our Microsoft Office subscription so permanently switching from Zoom to Teams for our online and hybrid meetings makes fiscal sense going forward.

The Decision 2025 Committee has made limited progress since February. Our focus this year is the deaccession of our Library holdings and the Committee feels that we need to meet in person at the Oakland Library to categorize and sort the holdings in a timely and efficient manner. We had to cancel our two planned March meetings at the Oakland Library due to the very bad rainstorms we had up here in the north. We have rescheduled these meetings for April.

I have had the pleasure of attending some northern colonies meetings this quarter: the February Monterey Bay meeting, the February Redwood Empire meeting, and the March joint San Francisco and Sequoia meeting. I hope to attend the upcoming April 13th Mother Lode meeting and will be attending the 50th Celebration San Joaquin Valley Colony meeting on June 8th. (Alameda – I will visit soon!)

My takeaway from the meetings I have attended is that each colony is indeed unique yet the enthusiasm for our Mayflower heritage and the sharing of our stories is strong across all the colonies. I have enjoyed meeting in person many colony members & “new found” cousins as well as sharing State Society news. I have also learned interesting facts from each of the colony meeting programs. If you are able to attend your colony's meeting, I urge you to do so. The agendas and programs are informative and the people are very welcoming and kind.

Diane Douglas
Deputy Governor North



Deputy Governor South

I attended the Orange County Colony meeting in February in Santa Ana. Their speaker was Donna Watkins whose presentation was titled "John Holmes, the Messenger of Plymouth Colony". John Holmes, as Messenger for the colony, was responsible for the jail, whipped those sentenced to that punishment, and hung two people including the speaker's ancestor, Alice Bishop, who was hung for murdering her four-year-old daughter. I have now been to four colony meetings where Donna Watkins spoke: San Diego, Foothill, Los Angeles, and finally Orange County. For each colony, she has prepared a different presentation on Plymouth Colony topics based on her research using the Plymouth Colony court records. They all were interesting and gave additional insights into the lives of our Plymouth colony ancestors. She is also the author of two books on Plymouth colony available on Amazon.

I attended the California Society Executive Board and the Board of Assistants meetings in San Jose in March. The California Society is very fortunate to have many officers who provide a lot of talent and time to keeping our Society one of the best run Societies in GSMD. The meetings are also a nice opportunity to meet and talk with the other officers including Governors and Delegates from colonies. I encourage colony officers to attend in person when possible as it is the best way to get an understanding of the Society's business and plans. If you would like to become involved in the State Society, let your Colony Governor know or contact California Governor Kathleen Watson or one of the California Deputy Governors.



Robert Lincoln

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph. D.
Deputy Governor South*

Leave a Lasting Legacy

As you plan for your future and your estate, please remember to include the California Society of Mayflower Descendants as a commitment to the future of the Mayflower Society in California. Join the "One Small Candle" legacy membership. All information and forms can be found on our state website.



State News

State Board of Assistants Meetings March 15-16, 2024

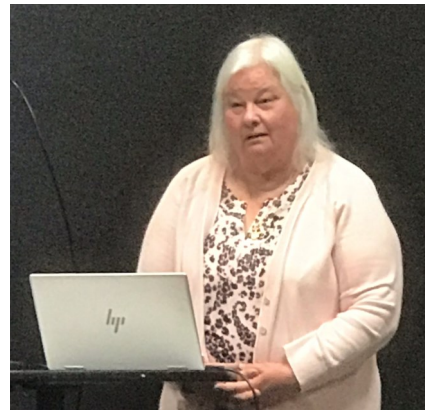
The March Board of Assistants meeting gave us the opportunity to meet in person for business and fellowship. The executive board met on Friday afternoon and the general board met on Saturday morning. Opportunity was also provided for those who did not find it convenient to travel to join us electronically. It was nice to meet at a new location, this time in San Jose. Thank you to Deputy Governor North, Diane Douglass for making the arrangements for this event.



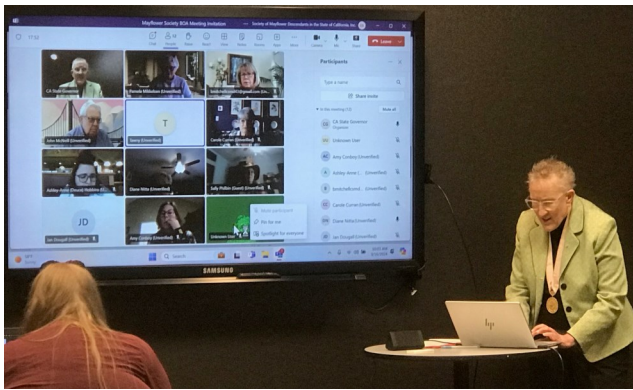
*Front Row: Miranda "Mandy" Dunkle, Robert Lincoln, Kathleen Watson, Diane Douglass, Marston Watson.
Center Row: Erica Hahn, Lisa Cole Shaw, Gail Raser, Lorraine Kocen, Nancy Lucchese, Catherine Graham.
Rear Row: Ray Raser, Stephen Douglass, Miles Standish, Sharon Erickson.
Present but not in photo: Harvey Soldan*



*Lorraine Kocen, Marcia Maloney, Mandy Dunkle,
Catherine Graham, Erica Hahn, Lisa Shaw*



Nancy Lucchese, Membership Secretary



Zoom attendees



Opportunity drawing



*Governor Kathy Watson & Counselor
Erica Hann*



Sharon Erickson & Marston Watson



Harvey Soldan, Gail & Ray Raser, Robert Lincoln and Miles Standish

Scholarship Report

March 1, 2024 marked the deadline for scholarship applications. I am pleased to share with our Executive Board and our BOA, that 12 applications were received from graduating seniors. I must express my gratitude to all the colony governors for sharing our state scholarship information with their members. The word definitely reached our college bound students.

On March 5 the applications were mailed out to our four judges. Larry Baston, Faith Haag, Karen Gough, and Marston Watson are our judges representing the Northern, Central, and Southern colonies of California. The graduating seniors are all remarkable students who submitted outstanding essays. The first essay focus was on the impact of the women in Plymouth colony. The second essay reflected their personal thoughts following their research and how it may have impacted future goals. Our judges are extremely qualified. They will have some difficult decisions to make in the next few weeks. We will share our results at our June meetings.

Billie Mitchell
CSMD Scholarship Chairman

State Historian's Report

I'm looking forward to warmer days and summertime adventures. As our season slows down in the next few months, things have slowed down in the news reporting, too!

We continue to work diligently on applications and have had a sudden surge of new preliminary applications coming through for new members. With those inquiring, we've been getting a lot of very tricky lineages to work with! These take a little (sometimes more) time to work with and make sure they are "Plymouth Ready" so they will be solid enough to meet the General Society's standards. I'm so thankful for my team of Assistant Historians, Diane Douglass and Diane Saario for their help in getting the workload we have completed and sent off efficiently. You're so appreciated, ladies!

The Indexing platform program is doing well, and I know that I look forward to its completion. This will allow the State Historians an expedited way to process our applications and to submit them in a timely manner. If you haven't signed up and would like to help, please email: GSMDCertify@themayflowersociety.org.

The Silver Book Committee in Plymouth has released their new set of books that feature solely an index of names that are found in all the currently published silver books. This is a helpful tool if someone is wanting to find someone directly and isn't sure which passenger book/volume they may be located in. A set is available to review in our State Society's library in Oakland and available to purchase at the GSMD store.

Mayflower Lineage Match Reminder: As a member, you do not pay and register for a Mayflower Lineage Match program found on the GSMD website. This is a service that is not applicable to you, and you would only need to contact me for help with your supplemental (historian@camayflower.org).

New Member applications do not need the Mayflower Lineage Match program, either. This is a separate service that costs \$75 for the public to inquire about their plausible lineages. You may choose to take part in this service, but it is not part of the application process and the money spent does not go towards your application fee.

As always, if you have any questions or need help with anything, please let me know.

Application Updates: Year to Date (2024), we've had 56 new member and 29 supplementals approved. Applications submitted between January 1st and March 31st: 49 new member and 16 supplementals.

*Mandy Dunkle
California Mayflower Historian*



Editor's Statement

We were able to physically attend the BOA meeting in San Jose, CA this March 16th. We wish to thank the colonies for putting together their colony histories for the winter quarterly. We look forward to receiving all your submissions.



Ray and Gail Raser, Coeditors

CAMAYFLOWER and GSMD America 250th Birthday Report

By Ben Hobbins

SEALs Unveiled: Beyond the Mission

March 5th, 2024, Vice Chairwoman Ashley Anne Hobbins and Chairman Ben Hobbins participated in organizing and sponsorship duties while representing the California and the GSMD America 250 Birthday Committee and other combined efforts of the bloodline organizations involved in partnering at the Reserve www.thereserve.com event in Indian Wells.



With over 500 in attendance, the Navy SEAL Museum SD Reserve event was organized principally by the SEAL Sand Diego and UPT-SEAL Fort Pierce FL Museums and the Reserve, and in collaboration with assisting, historic patriotic bloodline organizations. The event was MCed by Reserve CEO Mike Kelly and moderated primarily by the panel of retired hero Navy SEALs that included Master.

Chief (SEAL) Rick Kaiser (USN Ret.), Captain (SEAL) Bob P. Schoultz (USN Ret.), (SEAL) Jeffrey J. Bramstedt USN (Ret.), Jackie Perry, longest serving SEAL spouse in Naval Special Warfare.

250 Birthday Committee Chairman Ben Hobbins introduced the Mayflower Society 250th Birthday project along with introducing the joint support and combined America 250th efforts of the SAR, DAR, NFALTP and SUVCW/DUVCW, MOL-LUS/DOLLUS, OFPA and 17th Century Colonial Dames partners present honoring the US Navy and its Navy Special Warfare operations as a whole across the world.



A SEAL Tactical Air Drop of Sky Diving SEALs criss-crossed the skies over the sands of Indian Wells, within clear viewing range of the BNP Paribas Tennis Tournament, capped by a perfect landing on the Reserve Country Club event grounds. There was more, an expansive SEAL Museum tactical equipment display was made available to attendees to handle and try out; there was also a pistol firing range simulation tent, that flashed as Reserve attendees fired at the targets on the simulation range.





LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Are you detail oriented? Are you skilled at Data Entry?

The GSMD is looking for you to join their Indexing Project!

The GSMD is looking for volunteers to serve as Indexers of their verified Membership Applications in their database for their launch of their new, automated *Easy App Generator*.

The *Easy App Generator* will help every Member Society Historian and those who prepare new member or supplemental applications to more quickly and accurately create them.

All that is required is a good internet connection, a nice viewing screen or multiple monitors on your desktop computer or laptop computer and some time to spare on this important project.

The more volunteers we get, the faster the project will be completed and we can launch the *Easy App Generator* for our Historians to use.

**Please contact us at: GSMDCertify@themayflowersociety.org
for more information and to sign up!**

Membership Awareness

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has so much to offer all members according to your interests. As either a new or a long-time member, you might enjoy jumping on your computer and doing a Member Orientation. You will first want to create a member account, free of charge, which allows you access to members only information.

May I suggest you begin with the Three-Part Member Orientation.

Part I: The Mayflower Society History and Structure

Part 2: Member Societies, Scholarships and Insignia

Part 3: Partnership and Publications

Heritage Tours Opportunity

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\$500 non-refundable deposit
Due Jan. 26, 2024
* 5 more monthly payments

Included:
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*11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 9 dinners
*Luxury Netherlands Transportation with entrance on board
*All tickets and entrance fees
*All Taxes and Grand Fee Surcharges
*Tour Director and Licensed Local Guides

Not Included:
*Airfare, travel from and to the USA
*Booking modifications to available at no charge
*Meals that are not specified on itinerary
*Travel Insurance
*Tips for Tour Manager, Bus driver and Ship-on-Tour Guides

Full Itinerary and Registration Information on Reverse Side



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Sept. 12-24, 2024



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July 13-18, 2024

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Plimoth Patuxet
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Lisa Shoemaker - historic sites chairperson and professional tour director
historicalsites@mayflowersociety.org

<https://feattravel.com/tour/mayflower>

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**New Members from
Jan 01, 2024 to Mar 29, 2024**

ALAMEDA COLONY

William Robert Delameter
GS# 105492 CA# 10629
11th from John Howland

FOOTHILL COLONY

Tara Cirone Alvino
GS# 105211 CA# 10601
11th from George Soule

Richard Robertson Smith
GS# 105495 CA# 10632
13th from Richard Warren

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Barry William Opdyke
GS# 105448 CA# 10625
11th from Samuel Fuller (son of Edward)

Susan (Seeley) Abel
GS# 105477 CA# 10626
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Angela (Crumrine) D'Agostino
GS# 105478 CA# 10627
12th from Richard Warren

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Grace (Poole) Benn
GS# 105213 CA# 10603
12th from William Brewster

Edward Keasbey III
GS# 105367 CA# 10611
12th from John Alden

John Mitchell Rajcic III
GS# 105387 CA# 10612
13th from Francis Eaton

Constance (Stuve) Rajcic
GS# 105388 CA# 10613
11th from Francis Eaton

Natasha Krista Loring Operacz
GS# 105564 CA# 10641
13th from William Brewster

Stefani Loring (Hiatt) Operacz
GS# 105565 CA# 10642
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Leslie Drisko (Brown) Chalmers
GS# 105589 CA# 10646
12th from John Howland

Robin Leigh (Bacon) Petro
GS# 105605 CA# 10650
11th from John Alden

Jenna Shea Pitula
GS# 105629 CA# 10657
12th from George Soule

Michael Scott Tanner
GS# 105630 CA# 10658
14th from John Alden

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Jon William Wroten
GS# 105307 CA# 10607
11th from William Bradford

Maurice Alfred Kruth
GS# 105493 CA# 10630
11th from Edward Fuller

Sarah Jane (Pressey) Simpson
GS# 105494 CA# 10631
12th from William Brewster

Jean Marie (Beach) Baldo
GS# 105603 CA# 10648
11th from Samuel Fuller

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Tracy Lee Charles
GS# 105214 CA# 10604
13th from William Brewster

Janice Gail Gerber
GS# 105256 CA# 10605
11th from Francis Cooke

Norman Dennis Chapman
GS# 105406 CA# 10614
11th from Richard Warren

Alexandra Joanne Cook
GS# 105418 CA# 10616
12th from John Howland

Vincent Emery Cook
GS# 105431 CA# 10618
11th from John Howland

Marilyn (Leeper) Hart
GS# 105419 CA# 10617
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Diane (Leeper) Culp
GS# 105432 CA# 10619
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Cheryl Lyn Hart
GS# 105433 CA# 10620
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Trent Conrad Hart
GS# 105434 CA# 10621
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Tyler Daisy Hart
GS# 105435 CA# 10622
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Zoey Lyn Hart-Poteat
GS# 105436 CA# 10623
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Marie (Leeper) Stover
GS# 105437 CA# 10624
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Christopher Jacob Want
GS# 105631 CA# 10659
12th from William Bradford

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY

Michael Don Bradbury
GS# 105342 CA# 10610
12th from Isaac Allerton

Kristine Lynn Kittredge
GS# 105417 CA# 10615
13th from James Chilton

Heather (Slattery) Corsini
GS# 105491 CA# 10629
15th from Thomas Rogers

Christian Don Godin Corsini
GS# 105549 CA# 10638
12th from John Howland

Joseph John Godin Corsini
GS# 105550 CA# 10639
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Thomas Cole Godin Welch
GS# 105551 CA# 10640
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Lisa Whiting Renshaw
GS# 105535 CA# 10635
13th from Stephen Hopkins

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Crystal (Howard) Tolentino
GS# 105321 CA# 10609
13th from Henry Samson

Lorraine (Houde) Aho
GS# 105512 CA# 10634
13th from Richard Warren

Alanna Lee Wargula
GS# 105568 CA# 10645
12th from Richard Warren

Stephen Scott Lewis
GS# 105604 CA# 10649
12th from George Soule

Edward Charles Strum
GS# 105606 CA# 10651
12th from John Alden

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Gered Beeby
GS# 105212 CA# 10602
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Susan (McMahon) Bunn
GS# 105320 CA# 10608
11th from George Soule

James R. Richmond
GS# 105566 CA# 10643
11th from Thomas Rogers

Laura Beth Richmond
GS# 105567 CA# 10644
12th from Thomas Rogers

SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY

Dale Anthony Richner
GS# 105257 CA# 10606
11th from Henry Samson

Alden Rae Mallory
GS# 105624 CA# 10652
13th from John Alden

Anna Walsh Mallory
GS# 105625 CA# 10653
13th from John Alden

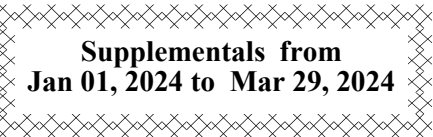
Margaret Sanderson Rae
GS# 105626 CA# 10654
12th from John Alden

Mary-Anna Sanderson Rae
GS# 105627 CA# 10655
12th from John Alden

Janet Sanderson Rae-Dupree
GS# 105628 CA# 10656
12th from John Alden

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Rivé Douglass
GS# 105590 CA# 10647
11th from George Soule


**Supplementals from
Jan 01, 2024 to Mar 29, 2024**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Jean Bradbury
GS# 104296 CA# 10477
12th from George Soule

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

William James Frederick
GS# 91333 CA# 9150
13th from William Mullins
12th from Priscilla Mullins

Susan (Smith) Brown
GS# 93607 CA# 9308
12th from John Howland

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Cecelia Boskin
GS# 53209 CA# 4953
11th from John Howland

Janice Anne Dougall
GS# 90076 CA# 9047
11th from Richard Warren

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Leona (Huntley) Ware
GS# 99212 CA# 9845
11th from Constance Hopkins

Shelley Ware
GS# 99213 CA# 9846
12th from Constance Hopkins

Christopher Lee Tittle
GS# 73647 CA# 7551
13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Jon William Wroten
GS# 105307 CA# 10607
11th from Richard Warren

Lynn (O'Farrell) Whealton
GS# 104362 CA# 10490
12th from Constance Hopkins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Mandy Dunkle
GS# 94416 CA# 9388
13th from John Cooke
14th from Joseph Rogers

Louise (Beaudette) Thornton
GS# 103668 CA# 10416
11th from John Alden

Laura (Fox) Steele
GS# 97209 CA# 9623
14th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
14th from John Tilley

Tracy Lee Charles
 GS# 105214 CA# 10604
 13th from Stephen Hopkins

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY

Tawny Godin Welch
 GS# 95877 CA# 9518
 13th from Mrs. Mary Brewster

Heather (Slattery) Corsini
 GS# 105491 CA# 10629
 14th from Joseph Rogers

Carol (Stingel) Dalrymple
 GS# 99353 CA# 9860
 11th from Richard Warren
 10th from George Soule
 9th from Myles Standish

Kathleen (Gates) Holland
 GS# 103340 CA# 10370
 11th from John Howland
 11th from Elizabeth Tilley
 12th from John Tilley
 12th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Kenneth O'Farrell
 GS# 104361 CA# 10489
 12th from Constance Hopkins

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Amy Conboy
 GS# 84452 CA# 8608
 11th from Elizabeth Tilley

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Eric Samuel Ball
 GS# 104765 CA# 10546
 12th from Thomas Rogers



In Loving Memory

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Katharine Briggs Gire
 Jan. 25, 2023

Harriet Greenacre
 Jan. 23, 2024

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Juanita Dickson
 April 29, 1938

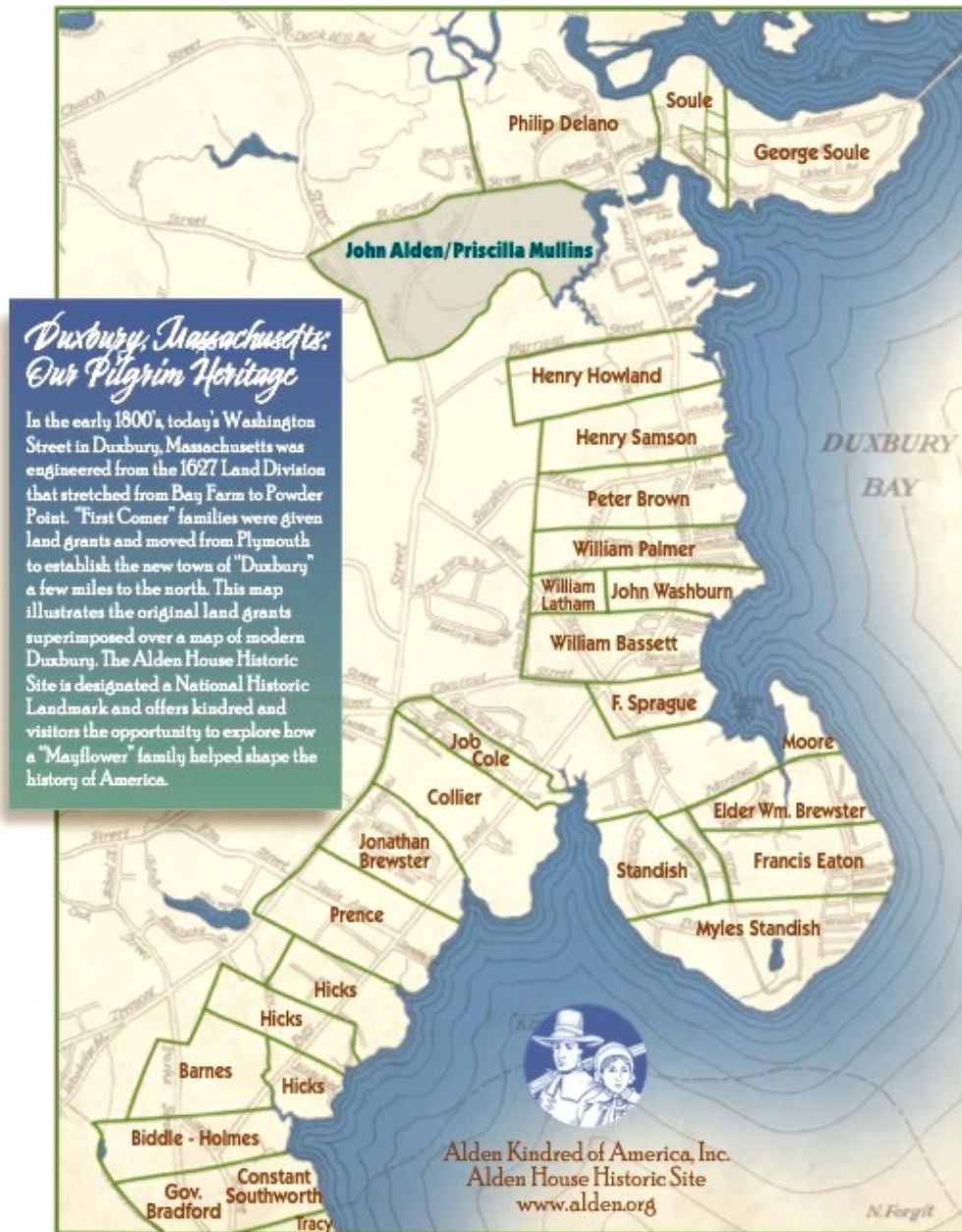
SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Warren Warner

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

John Bullard Irish
 Feb. 2, 2024





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Submitted by Catherine Graham

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She will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: **July 01, 2024** . Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:
 newseditor@camayflower.org

Submissions to the California Mayflower Quarterly must be in digital format, either in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Queries relevant to Mayflower families will be published pending space availability. PLEASE limit them to 75 words. Include your membership number and contact information.

NOTE the deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Summer issue	July 1st 2024
Fall issue	October 1st 2024
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CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2024 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

Summer 2024 - June 14 & 15 - (Virtual)

Fall 2024 - October 18 & 19 - (South) in person Burbank

Winter 2025 - January 17 & 18 - Virtual

Spring 2025 - March 21 & 22

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Colony News

Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony and the San Francisco Colony held a joint meeting on Saturday March 2, 2024 at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. There were 28 attendees, including San Francisco Colony Governor Eunice Brabec and State Governor Kathy Watson. Our Ancestral Roll Call recorded a total of 76 proven descendants from 25 Mayflower passengers.

Our planned speaker had an accident and was unable to attend. Instead, with a little preparation, members of both colonies passed the microphone and told STORIES FROM OUR FAMILY TREES. We asked members to think of a favorite ancestor or a story from their family tree that they could summarize in 3-5 minutes. It was delightful!

Members shared diverse stories. One member shared a rubbing of an ancestor's gravestone. And one guest (not a Mayflower descendant) told the story of her ancestors' connection to the Speedwell. Many thanks to Nancy Collins who has helped arrange our luncheons for many years, and to Louise DeDera who helped arrange this one. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1st at the Allied Arts Guild.

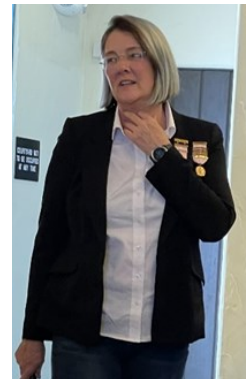
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*Kathy Watson (California Governor) and
Eunice Brabec (San Francisco Governor)*



*Mary Andeen (Sequoia Colony
Elder) showing the rubbing*



*Dawn Newman (Former
Sequoia Colony Governor
and current Sequoia
Colony Treasurer)*

*Sharon Erickson
Sequoia Colony, Governor*



Monterey Bay Colony

Monterey Bay Colony held our February Luncheon at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club Beach House on February 17, 2024. This has been a favorite spot for the Colony in years past and we were grateful to member Marilyn Riehl for sponsoring us.

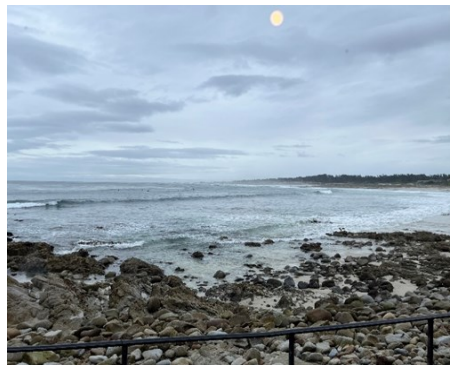


Members were welcomed by Colony Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Karen Craig. Governor John Reed opened the meeting with introductions including Governor North Diane Douglass.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clark Magruder and the Roll Call of Ancestors was made by Colony Secretary Bob Roberts. Our Nominating Committee Chair Claudia Shaw presented the slate of officers for next term. Congratulations to Shelley Ware Governor, Clark Magruder Assistant Governor, Karen Craig Treasurer, John Reed Secretary, Bob Hellam Elder, Kris Hernandez Colony Membership Chair, and Mike Whitaker Delegate. Our program titled “Servants and Children of the Mayflower” was presented by a panel of our very own colony members: Karen Craig, Mike Whitaker, and Kris Hernandez. This was one of the finest presentations we have had in a long time.



Our next meeting will be held at the Corral de Tierra Country Club and we are thrilled to have as our speaker GSMD Governor General Lisa Pennington.



*John
Reed
Governor Monterey Bay Colony*

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony will meet for our Spring meeting at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library (formerly the Family History Library) on April 27. The lunch will be catered by Stratos. Colony members were emailed the RSVP form. If you did not receive yours and would like to attend, please email me at drrlincoln@yahoo.com.

July 4, 2026, will be the 250-year anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. There will be many activities marking that date and the Revolutionary War events that followed. There will be a multi-year anniversary effort through 2033 marking the 250-year anniversary of the British surrender at Yorktown. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a Patriots to Passenger Project to document the Revolutionary War Patriots who descend from Mayflower passengers. This project will be emphasized during the anniversary period.

Our speaker for the April 27th meeting will be Heather Porter, M.S., who will give a presentation on "Representations of the American Revolution in Popular Culture." This presentation will examine the importance of studying popular culture and the many ways that the American Revolution and its history has been portrayed in popular culture from books, films, television, musicals, games, and even action figures. Ms. Porter is an accomplished line producer and coordinating producer. A member of the Producers Guild and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, she has produced over 200 hours of television and worked on numerous projects across genres. Her recent credits include *RuPaul's Drag Race*, *Chefs vs Wild*, and *Ted Bundy: The Survivors*. When not on set, Ms. Porter works on academic pursuits including publishing numerous articles in journals and academic texts, teaching, and has co-edited two books to date. Her research focuses on quantitative analyses of images of violence, intelligence, and female representation in the science fiction and fantasy genres.

For the Los Angeles Colony Compact Day in November 2024, I am honored to report that we will have an extra special celebration. Famed Mayflower researcher Caleb Johnson will speak in person at our meeting. Caleb Johnson is the author of several books on Mayflower subjects including *Here Shall I Die Ashore* about Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins. Caleb Johnson's website <http://mayflowerhistory.com> is a premier site for information about the Mayflower passengers. Caleb Johnson will speak on "Latest Discoveries in Mayflower Passenger Origins." As the Los Angeles Colony Board of Assistants anticipate extra interest in attending Caleb Johnson's presentation, we will move the Compact Day luncheon from our normal Tam O'Shanter location to the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. Not only can the Valley Hunt Club accommodate more attendees, the Club itself is a special place. Members of the Valley Hunt Club started the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1890. This Compact Day celebration will be held on Sunday, November 17.

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph.D.
Los Angeles Colony Governor*

San Francisco Colony

The San Francisco Colony has a new Governor that is adjusting to that leadership role. We met with the Sequoia Colony in March at Allied Arts in Menlo Park. We also have a new meeting site in South San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Club. More to report in the future, I am sure!!

*Eunice Brabec
San Francisco Peninsula, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

Spring is in the air and it is a time of renewal, growth and the celebration of the Inland Empire Colony's 50 Anniversary. We had over 35 member and guests attend our February meeting at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning, CA. Our new Elder, Ashley-Ann Hobbins was installed and our new member Steve Yates was welcomed. Everyone enjoyed Jan Ralston's presentation of "Leiden and its Connection to the Mayflower Pilgrims". She visited Leiden on one of her many travels and guided us on her tour of the city as the Pilgrims would have experienced it.



Guest Speaker, Jan Ralston

The 2024 Membership Directory was distributed to the membership by Sheila Bostater who did a fantastic job making it easier to read and adding a list of numbers to identify member supplemental Mayflower ancestors. Thank you to Sheila for your contribution the Colony.



New member Steve Yates & Gov. Pam Mikkelsen



1983 Membership Certificate

A new procedure last fall for sending out renewal notices didn't go as planned a very large number of members do not show as paid for 2024. If you did not pay and wish to renew your membership please do as follows: Send a \$75 check to the California Mayflower Society, PO B 1088, Glendora, CA 91740.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Sheila decided to take a break and not renew her membership. Barbara Matulich jumped right in and volunteered to become the new Membership Chairwoman. Barbara has experience in membership rolls and has helped perspective members find their ancestry line. Thank you, Barbara.

The Board of Assistants meeting was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024. One of the biggest topics was Membership dues.



Mayflower Ship



Go through the CA Society web page (<https://www.camayflower.org/>) and select the link for renewing (camayflower2020.com). Be sure to include your CA membership number.

We look forward to our future gatherings to get to know each other better, learn more about Mayflower ancestors and to celebrate the Colony's 50 years. May each of you spread the Pilgrim "Light" and make everyday a Happy Day!

*Pam Mikkelsen, Governor
Inland Empire Colony*

Orange County Colony

We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary on April 20th, 2024. Our first known gathering occurred on April 27th, 1974 with about 12 people to form and organize the Orange County Colony. Mrs. Laurie Musso was the chairman of the organizing committee. We are excited to celebrate this milestone for our colony. We have created a new 50th anniversary pin and will be giving them away at our April meeting. We have Beth Lambright, General Society Member at Large and Education Committee Chairman and our State governor Kathy Watson joining us for our meeting. Scott Miller, past Colony and State governor will be a presentation on "An accidental find leads to a monumental discovery— God's Province in the Return of the Bradford Journal". I have seen this presentation before and it is very moving and inspirational.

Our last meeting was February 24th at the Elks Club in Santa Ana, we had a great turnout and a great speaker, Donna Walkins, presentation was "John Holmes, the Messenger of Plymouth colony". Amy Conboy, the State Junior Membership Chair, came and presented our colony with a certificate for signing up the most Juniors for 2023. Two new members were given new member packets.



Donna Watkins &
Lisa Shaw



Amy Conboy & Lisa Shaw



New Members
Nancy Konkolewski, Tracy Charles,
Virginia Krone & Lisa Shaw

*Lisa Cole Shaw
Orange County Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

Where does the time go? We have already leapt into SPRING! I hope you put that extra day to good use! Full disclosure, I did not attend our Ranch Conejo Colony meeting on February 24. It was my granddaughter's First Birthday party! I am sure you understand! On top of that, we were all in great anticipation of the impending birth of my second grandchild, Dylan Rose born 2 days later, on the 26th!



*Deputy Governor Terri DeMey
Thanks John Garafolo for his service*

I have it on good authority that the meeting was a success! Attended by 35 lovely souls at our 'regular' venue! Kristine Kittredge was there! Membership chair Don Morris introduced her as our newest member and presented her certificate. It's a family affair for Kristine, she joins her sister Kathy who came aboard in August.

Speaking of families, in March my 3 sons and a daughter-in-law all became members of the Society! Rancho Conejo has added

7 to our rolls since Compact Day! Huzzah!

The slate for the new term was presented, to be voted on and installed in May. Some positions are remaining in place with some new faces on board as well, love that!

Our Robert E Dempster Scholarship will be closed by the time you read this. It is thrilling to be able to honor our first Colony Governor and Captain of our ship, Bob Dempster. We will award a \$3000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior at our meeting in May.

We regularly honor a member's Mayflower passenger with a captivating slideshow and biography. This time Edward Doty was highlighted by his 9th great-grandson Don Morris.

Following lunch author John Garofolo presented "Dickie Chappelle, Female Photojournalist". John has written a highly rated book about Dickie, available on Amazon. You might want to look it and her up. A profile in courage, Dickey Chapelle was one of history's most fearless conflict journalists—the first American woman photojournalist to die on the job. Our next meeting is Saturday, May 18 at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. In the meantime, life continues apace. Wishing you joy in the newness of spring.



*Yvonne Nelson & Cheri Kennaley,
new candidates for the board*



*Tawny Welch
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

Alameda Colony

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, the quarterly meeting of the Alameda Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California was held in a virtual setting. The meeting was called to order by Colony Governor Sally Philbin. Rev. Marsha Davis read the Invocation and Dale Brandes lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The reading of the Mayflower Compact was done by Captain Dale Brandes.

Colony members were asked to put their ancestors' names with the number of lines associated with each ancestor in the chat for a report out later in the meeting. Elder's Report: We were pleased to hear from Elder Marsha Davis that there had been no deaths in the Colony since the last meeting.

We all celebrated Richard Warren as being the passenger with the most progeny in the meeting. At our meeting in April, Alameda Colony will be electing a new board for the next 2 years.

Governor Philbin introduced the speaker, Louise Throop who gave an in-depth program on her research into the family history of George Soule, including DNA information and a Richard Warren connection. We will be holding a hybrid meeting on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 11am for food ordering, with the meeting beginning at 11:30.



Mayflower Library Research in Northern California: We invite and encourage anyone who finds themselves In Northern California to check out one or more of these amazing research libraries that are available for your use.

- **California Mayflower Library, Oakland**
- **California Genealogical Society Library, Oakland**
- **Family Search Library, Oakland**
- **Napa Valley Genealogical Society, Napa**
- **Santa Clara Public Library [on second floor], Santa Clara**
- **Sonoma Public Library, Sonoma**
- **Sutro Library, South San Francisco**

Each of these Libraries has access to the Silver Books! If you find yourself near Oakland, CA stop in at any of these Oakland Libraries. Of special note is the Mayflower Library staffed by Nancy Lucchese on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm and Fridays from 10am to 4pm. She is also available by special appointment. Email her at: lucchesepeter@comcast.net or call at: 510-451-9599 to set up a time when you can go into the Mayflower Library in Oakland.

*Sally Philbin
Alameda Colony, Governor*

Foothill Colony

Thank you to all Foothill Colony members who cheerfully paid their dues this year! Throughout the dues season, we only had two members resign. But we gained some new members to offset the loss. Welcome aboard to new members Christine DeRosa, 14th from William White; Tara Lyn Alvino, 12th from George Soule; and Richard Smith, 14th from Richard Warren.

We are excited to welcome our guest speaker, Former Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson to our April 14, 2024 in Pasadena. Mrs. Filson will join us via ZOOM from Plymouth, Massachusetts. As President of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust, Lea will share information on the accomplishments and future plans for the Mayflower Meetinghouse, an exciting new public venue in the heart of Plymouth to teach about our Pilgrims and the Mayflower.

Join us in person with an appetizer buffet for a \$10 donation, or via Zoom for only a \$5 donation. After the program and meeting, those joining in person will enjoy appetizers and a unique fundraiser to benefit the Mayflower Meetinghouse and California State Scholarships.



Lea Sinclair Filson, President of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust

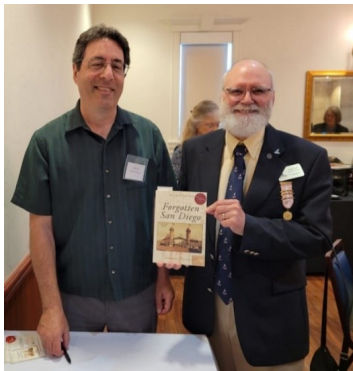
After the Pilgrims arrived in 1620, subsequent ships brought additional colonists and livestock to Plymouth. By 1627, they decided to distribute the livestock among one another through a lottery system. The colonists were divided into twelve companies consisting of about 12-13 people per company. The "Division of Cattle 1627" document names all the members of each household, including the names of women and children, making it essentially a complete census of Plymouth in 1627. Cattle were distinguished and named based on characteristics, as well. Reminiscent of the "Division of Cattle 1627," Foothill Colony invites you to donate to the "Division of Décor 2024," a silent auction, fundraising activity. Attendees will bid on the donated items they would like, and the highest bidder will be the winner of the item. Suggestions include new (or gently used) Pilgrim or Thanksgiving decorations, something homemade, a Mayflower porch flag or jigsaw puzzle, wine basket, baked goods or even a GSMD hat. Anything related to the Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, Mayflower or autumn would work. For more information, contact the Governor.

*Carole Curran
Foothill Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony members enjoyed themselves immensely at our February meeting held at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. Sadly, this Governor was injured and unable to attend. Our Colony never misses a beat and past Governor Budd Leaf stepped in, as well as many others, to welcome our speaker and all our attendees.

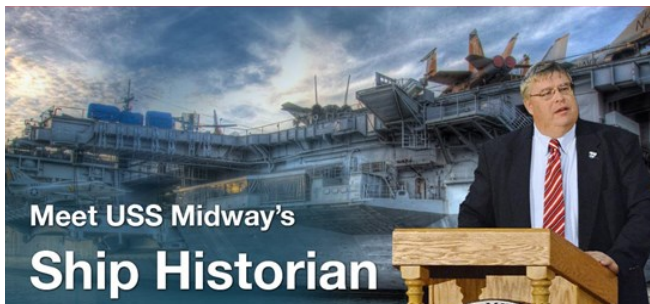




The program was given by David Marshall, who is President of the highly respected preservation firm of Heritage Architecture & Planning in San Diego, on his newest book, *Forgotten San Diego*. It features over 200 unique and interesting historical postcards that vividly capture San Diego County's forgotten past from 1890 to 1990. David is

quite the historian, and everyone enjoyed his presentation despite technical issues with the audio visual equipment. At least the venue got the food right!

The Colony Nominating Committee worked diligently to find candidates for our May election



and new Board. We are pleased that we have a fantastic group of volunteers who will be elected in May. It will be a nice celebration, and we will award our Colony scholarship winner. At that meeting, we are honored to present the well known **USS Midway Historian, Karl Zingheim.**



Karl is presenting a program on Memorial Day. He is a San Diego native, and a 1986 graduate of the US Naval Academy. After his service, Karl helped establish the Exhibits Department for the USS Midway Museum and is the staff historian.

he conducts courses in Cold War history and has appeared on the television series "Dogfights!". Karl brings history to life. He gives his listeners the gift of all great story tellers, we are transported to the moment.

*Judith Reale
Governor, San Diego Colony*

Mother Lode Colony

Our Winter Luncheon Meeting was held at Timber's at the Lodge, in Roseville, with an over capacity turn out, of members and guests. Our speaker was Rick Hanson, author of several books. He shared his knowledge and experience with the audience, with samples of his personal and creative expertise, in a variety of volumes for us to examine. Especially of interest was the wide variety of projects he suggested to encourage us to publish our origins and family history. He discussed sources and tips, to begin, and everyone enjoyed the information he shared with us on his own local history. His idea to start with a smaller size project and progress to larger ones as experience grows, was proven by his books, and enjoyed.



Left to Right: Membership Chair, Mary Basso, Elder, Helen Maclaren, Secretary, Sharon Melberg - Scheer, Governor, Catherine Graham, Assistant Governor, Carl Olson, Treasurer, Sylvia Dilgard

Our colony voted to donate from the Mother Lode colony account, \$400.00 to the State scholarship fund. Winners will be announced June 2024. In addition we voted to donate \$500.00 to the Meetinghouse fund. We need the Meetinghouse to be completed for all to visit, this foundational message of the beginning of America. Anyone at any time can contribute to the Meetinghouse fund. Be sure to read your GSMD Quarterly and your California Quarterly to learn what is happening and online webinars to learn history of our ancestors.

According to long time colony members, the Mother Lode Colony had been meeting at the same restaurant, in Folsom for over twenty years. Shortly after our meeting in Roseville, Sacramento MSN News reported the Folsom restaurant had closed, a reporter noting voicemail said permanently. I was grateful we had reserved last November, April 13, for our Roseville Meeting, in addition to our February meeting, which received many compliments.



*Painting by Adam Willaerts Painter from North Netherlands (1577-1664)
The Departure of the Pilgrims from Delfshaven on their Way to America . Wikipedia, Catherine Graham*



*Betsy Samson-Andrew gives Colony Gov.
Catherine Graham Mayflower Banner*

October 10, will be the 60th Anniversary of our colony. I encourage any member who was a member back then, write a few sentences, a paragraph, of any memory they have, and send it to me. We can then put together something of our history for the CA Quarterly Fall edition, for all to enjoy. We have a framed charter we will publish at the time, and will attempt to list all governors to date, camayflower.org is our state website, you can find our meeting dates for the year, our contact information, there, along with state officer information.



*Catherine Graham
Mother Lode, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Fifty for 50! The San Joaquin Valley Colony is gearing up for its 50th Anniversary Celebration. We'd like to see 50 members, guests, and friends of the colony in attendance. This luncheon celebration will be held June 8th, 2024, at Sunnyside Country Club located at 5704 E. Butler Ave. in Fresno. The country club garden room, with its floor to ceiling windows, offers a panoramic view of their beautifully landscaped property, an elegant dining room, and full-service dining.

Come join our honored guest speaker, Author *Donna Watkins* – 9th Great-granddaughter to Alice Bishop. Other notable attendees will be a founding member *Mr. Dale Thomas*, CA Governor (North) - *Diane Douglas*, CA Historian - *Mandy Dunkle*, and Oregon Governor - *Beth Lambright*. The meet and greet will begin at 10:30 am, followed by lunch service and presentations.

Our board of directors are diligently seeking founding members, from 1974, or their families. If you have any information about a founding member, their family, or photos, please email *Diane Nitta* at tdnitta@gmail.com.

To make a reservation, Contact *Mark Storch* at 760.793.3725 or email him at kb2jx@earthlink.net. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a gourmet meal with your choice of beef, chicken, or a vegetarian option and a complimentary drink of coffee or tea.

Donations to the San Joaquin Valley Colony are used to fund scholarships and other sponsored programs. A donation of \$50 for our 50th Anniversary would be greatly appreciated. Contact *Diane Nitta* for details. Dust off those old bell bottoms, hop into your Ford Pinto, and reminisce with us about 1974!



*San Joaquin Valley Colony Governors Bob Soule
and Evelyn Forbes holding 1974 Charter*

*Diane Brueggemann
San Joaquin Valley Colony Historian*

Santa Barbara Colony

As I contemplate on the governor's message for this season, I find myself reflecting upon the character of our first governors, John Carver and William Bradford. They were the type of rare leaders who were practical, yet applied principle – even in a challenging environment. They set the style of governance for not only the colony, but established the precedence for our future nation. John Carver helped draft and William Bradford became one of the first to sign the Mayflower Compact – a very egalitarian document for its time (signed by every male, no matter what their station) that balanced fealty to the sovereign yet introduced a majoritarian model to decide upon daily matters.

This was very forward-thinking for Europeans of that age. Both Bradford and Carver established relations with the Wampanoag and initiated a peace that both Bradford and Massasoit kept as long as they both lived. It was their influence that helped define the nature of the colony and basic rights and may have helped Plymouth avoid the unfortunate history that befell the northern neighbor colony in places like Salem. Bradford preserved our history in a detailed journal that gave us an insight into the early life of the colony. Bradford's and Carver's principles, service to the colony, and willingness to periodically share and relinquish power led the way for those great leaders with images depicted on Mount Rushmore that would follow.

Jay Williams
Santa Barbara Colony Governor

Redwood Empire Colony

Members of the Redwood Empire Colony met for our February 24th gathering in Santa Rosa. A narrated version of the play, FREEDOM'S SONG, that was written by our own treasurer and playwright, Antoninette Kuhry, and presented in 2019 and revised for this meeting. Antoninette agreed to produce this special edition of her play and the book that followed. Per author Kuhry: This play concerned the Separatist's search for a place to practice their religion as they thought best. With the English Crown and the hierarchy in concert oppressing their citizens, this group of people was forced to escape first to Leiden, Holland then ultimately to New England. The play uses a Greek Chorus to move the scenes along and comment on the action.

The play's action begins on board the Mayflower, but quickly flashes back to the court of Queen Elizabeth in 1576. This is where we started in the narrated version. Elizabeth and Archbishop Grindal are meeting and Elizabeth tries to make it clear that the people have no right to speak in Church. The Crown is in charge. Grindal questions this. Elizabeth shouts: "Do as we command or you will see the consequences!"

The Queen and court are very concerned about the threat to Elizabeth's rule from her cousin Mary Queen of Scots. Meanwhile, separatist, William Brewster, becomes an aide to William Davison, a minister to Elizabeth, Davison tries with other officials to convince Elizabeth to sign a warrant for Mary Queen of Scots' execution. When Mary is executed, Elizabeth contends, though she had signed the warrant, that she did not mean for the execution to be carried out. Needing a scapegoat, Davison is sent to the tower.

The scene changes to a group of separatists meeting in 1607 at Brewster's home. John Robinson is now their pastor. Brewster tells the group that, having been at court as a young man, he saw firsthand the corrupting influence of power. Those like themselves who wanted to worship as they chose were being frightened and threatened. It was decided to move to Holland.

In 1609 when the band of separatists are in Leiden, Holland, Pastor Robinson describes their mission. "Dear friends, we have come to Leiden to worship as we see fit. Like Abraham, we look for a city having a foundation whose builder and maker is God."



Freedom's Song in 2024

A publishing enterprise is started with Wm. Brewster in charge, young Edward Winslow assisting and Thomas Brewer as a funder. I saw Thomas Brewer as a comical fellow. He warns Winslow of the danger of their printing operation and quotes alliteratively from the writing of Martin Marprelate, that "no lord bishop . . . is to be tolerated in any Christian commonwealth" . . . for they are "proud, popish, presumptuous, profane, paltry, pestilent and pernicious prelates."

Fore several reasons it has become too difficult to remain in Leiden and it is decided to go to America. Mrs. Chilton explains this to her daughter Mary who ultimately understands and agrees.

When the Mayflower arrives late in the year there is concern about the non-separatist travelers and whether they would all be working together. Seeing this, a document was drafter that would state how they would govern themselves. It has been called the Mayflower Compact.

The play ends by looking forward to the results of this compact and what the pilgrims achieved in the formation of the US democracy which is stated clearly in the First Amendment to the US Constitution:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

It was a pleasure to present another version of FREEDOM'S SONG and thanks to my actors for their participation. Antoinett J. Kuhry.

The audience reaction was evident by a long round of applause, and personal thanks to Antoinette and her group of actors. Many members commented that the play provided a special clarity to the historical accounts and role of related person in the Mayflower saga. The play was followed by brief Conly business, including the appointment of Brant Bradford to the post of Deputy Governor. Thank you for stepping forward Brant.



Former Colony Governor Wayne Skala & State Governor Pat Friesen enjoyed the play.

*John McNeill
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*



*Three secrets on the *Mayflower* and Warren Descendants Alert!
DNA tests needed!*

by Louise Walsh Throop

Sometimes in genealogical research, we use some of the techniques of detectives: gathering clues and seeing where they lead. Sometimes luck helps too.

The current 'silver' book for the descendants of William Brewster [MF 24(2014):32] gives a passage from Bradford's "History of Plymouth Plantation [1620-1647]" (Boston, 1898) p. 492 [see also: https://archive.org/details/bradfordshistory0000will_b9e7/page/492/mode/2up]. This passage reads, describing William Brewster after his death in 1644:

"He was tender harted; and compassionate of such as were in miserie, but espetially of such as had been of good estate and ranke, and were fallen into want & poverty, either for goodnes & religions sake, or by ye injury & oppression of others, he would say, of all men those deserved to be pitied most."

It is likely that Brewster's own life experience made him empathetic toward those who had 'fallen' from 'good estate and rank.' He had been on a diplomatic mission to the Low Countries with William Davison and had seen how the upper class lived. As a church leader he exhibited empathy, the superpower of leadership.

We know that the four More children were taken from their mother and given to "good Christian families" departing on the *Mayflower* in the summer of 1620. It is painfully obvious that the children were sent away in the hope that their embarrassing presence in the More estate would be forgotten, and, given the high death rate of young children in England, that they would die young--- never to return to claim a portion of the More estate. Thus the presence of the More children was the first secret on the *Mayflower*. It was published about 60 years ago.

When William Brewster needed to transfer from the *Speedwell* to the *Mayflower* for the Atlantic crossing, he was using his patronymic name, William Williamson [see John G. Hunt, "Master Williamson of the Mayflower" NGSQ 62(2):88-90 (June 1974)]. He needed to escape from the minions of the King who were looking to take him into custody. Again, this secret was published some 50 years ago.

Brewster's presence with his print crew was the second secret on the *Mayflower*. It was probably not a coincidence that he was given the two More children so the Brewsters could qualify for the six spaces left by the departure of Elizabeth Warren and her five daughters [CMQ 46(2):10-11 (Spring 2022)]. Most importantly, the More children were in the care of a church leader: being "a good Christian family."

Nathaniel Philbrick's 2007 book, "The Mayflower Papers: selected writings of colonial New England: William Bradford, Mary Rowlandson, Benjamin Church, and others," edited and with an introduction and notes by Nathaniel Philbrick and Thomas Philbrick (312 pp.), contains in the section from William Bradford, "The Eighth Chapter" [paragraph 3, pages 8-9], a description of the parting of the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* [in Plymouth harbor September 6, 1620]:
"....they made another sad parting, the one ship going back for London, and the other was to proceed on her voyage. Those who went back were for the most part as were willing to so do. But others, in regard to their own weakness and charge of many small children, were thought least useful and most unfit to bear the brunt of this hard adventure; unto which work of God and judgment of their brethren they were contented to submit." [

[See also: William Bradford, "History of Plymouth Plantation [1620-1647]" (Boston, 1856) p. 69; <https://archive.org/details/historyofplymouth00brad/page/n.179/mode/2up> [frame 180/1000].

"Weakness" referred to health issues.

From the *Mayflower* passenger list, we see that all the families on the final, successful Atlantic crossing included three or fewer young children. So the Warren family with five daughters, all under 11 years of age, would have been seen by church leaders, just transferred in Plymouth harbor off the *Speedwell*, as an impediment in the work to build houses, erect a fort, and move cannons up a hill. Elizabeth Warren was probably newly pregnant in the summer of 1620 and could have suffered an early fetal loss in the two months the two ships were sailing back and forth--leaving Elizabeth physically "weak," perhaps anemic.

Now we have a hint Brewster may have known Richard Warren and the More children were descended of landed gentry, but not able to claim a 'good estate and rank.' Getting land in the new colony must have been a reason for Richard and Elizabeth Warren to join the church group in their trip west to a new colony.

So it appears Richard Warren on the *Mayflower* had the third secret on that ship: that he was descended from landed gentry. As found in other printed passages where Brewster was involved [see Edward Rabin's rendition ca. 1622 of the earlier death by accidental fire of his printer master, Johannes Sol, along with his toddler daughter---with no names mentioned], so no names were mentioned. Johannes, a local Dutch printer baptized in Haarlem, apparently assisted Brewster and Winslow in printing "Perth Assembly," along with his teen-aged brother---now known as George Soule. George was part of another secret on the *Mayflower*: with his English name he was conforming to the group's myth that all the ship's passengers, including William "Williamson," were "poor English farmers." Researchers of English families now know that about 40% of persons in England now have European ancestry.

William Brewster and his family of four persons needed a 'cabin,' as befitted a respected leader. To qualify for the slightly private quarters, reserved for couples with small children and/or a pregnant wife, he was given the two youngest More children, including Richard More. (This Richard was the lone survivor of the four More children, all under 10 years of age in 1620.) It appears Richard Warren stayed in the cabin with the Brewster party, making seven in that group for apparently four bunk beds. [Note: none of the family groupings evident in the *Mayflower* passenger list exceeded eight persons, so we can assume four bunks in each 'cabin' with boards nailed on open edges for the safety of sleeping children in the pitching and wallowing ship.]

Another clue is that the presumed father of the passenger, another Richard Warren, was baptized in Little Clacton, Essex 18 February 1564/5 with no father named---an indication this father Richard Warren was base born in 1565 [see CMQ 47(2):38 (Spring 2023)]. Thus it might be that the unnamed mother in this record was a Warren. A presumed sister Elizabeth Warren was also baptized in Little Clacton, Essex, again with the father not given, but she died shortly in 1567. The putative father of Richard and Elizabeth was apparently an orphaned teenager and possibly a student in the St. Osyth priory, next to Little Clacton but in a different diocese.

Richard Warren's father appears to have been base born of an early [1066 AD] Essex family as indicated by a y-DNA match in subclade E-M35, a relatively rare genetic grouping in England and Europe. Thus that description by Bradford of Brewster would appear to point to both the four More children and to Richard Warren---all were apparently in the same 'cabin' space for the Atlantic voyage. Coincidence?? Most probably not.

The coming year could be interesting. We wait to see what more y-DNA testing of Warren men will reveal about the parentage of passenger Richard Warren's father and paternal grandfather.

It is probably no random coincidence that one of the three founding families of Essex, living in western Essex near London from about 1066 AD and only about 50 miles from Little Clacton, has the same rare y-DNA subclade, E-M35, and that this family was known to have Puritan leanings. A preliminary check of this y-DNA111 match found a difference in the two results of only 19 STRs. Since the computer threshold at FamilyTreeDNA for reporting y-DNA111 matches is for about four generations with only 10 or fewer non-matching STRs, it appears a non-matching count of only 19 ---for about 17 generations back in a y-DNA111 test result---would indicate a common male ancestor, some 475 years ago.

Warren men with known lineages through passenger Richard Warren's second son Joseph are needed for a y-DNA test. At least two Warren men descended through either this son Joseph or his brother Nathaniel Warren are needed to confirm that the E-M35 subclade extends back to Richard Warren, passenger. Please volunteer by contacting lwthroop@aol.com. For information on how to donate funds for this Warren y-DNA research, contact the same email.

Autosomal DNA testing can be another useful tool in genealogical research. All descendants from any of the daughters or sons of passenger Richard Warren can participate, especially persons with multiple lineages back to Richard Warren, passenger. When very short, matching stretches of chromosomes are found, those stretches can be attributed to a common, not-so-recent ancestor. Because of the time frame involved, it appears anyone with two or more known lineages back to Richard Warren can help with an autosomal DNA test. Results from Ancestry or 23andme can be transferred to FamilyTreeDNA and/or GedMatch, where the results can be compared. A preliminary report of this author's autosomal results from 23andme in 2023 indicates West European Ashkenazi ancestry, attributed to three Warren lineages. Fortunately, two other different European Ashkenazi groups also appear in this author's results, and are attributed to known ancestry in the 1800s without which the small amount of West European Ashkenazi results, traced back to the 1500s, would never have been reported by the lab.



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