



California Mayflower

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Pilgrim Hall Museum Plymouth, Massachusetts

Orange Co. Colony Ice Cream Social



Governors Erica Hahn, Orange Co. Ray Raser San Diego and Franklin Smith Los Angeles



Dottie Wilson, Donna Cole and Erica Hahn



Governor's Message

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as Governor of the CA Mayflower Society. In size California is the second largest Society (2,637) after Massachusetts (3,392, membership numbers Dec 31, 2011). Many of our colonies are as big in membership as some other state



societies. Since our last meeting I attended the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants meeting in Mount Laurel, New Jersey on September 8, 2012. I was asked to serve as Acting Elder General for the meeting.

On Thursday, September 6, I participated in the Executive Committee Meeting. It was decided to do very little last minute emergency activity business as in the past, with the meeting on Saturday. Reports were held for the Saturday meeting. Thomas Colligan was named new Interim Executive Director.

Saturday was the Board of Assistants Meeting and reports from the Officers and Committee Chairs were read. The Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts was on a Skype telecast. Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle made the proposal to make a change in the Constitution and Bylaws that will be voted on in 2014 at Plymouth Congress: to add the three elected officers: Surgeon General, Captain General and Elder General to the Executive Committee. I was able to do some personal family history searching in cemeteries in Mt Holly, New Jersey.

I had the privilege of presenting Patricia Frisen "The Outstanding Service Award" from GSMD Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle. It was announced at the Mount Laurel Board of Assistants Meeting September 8, 2012. Congratulations to Pat for a job well done.

Back in California I have continued to move forward with the plan to organize and implement a Website committee. I would like to publically recognize and thank Frankin Smith for serving as our Webmaster for the past year. In an effort to move from good to better the necessity of a committee was recognized. I have asked Jane Ordway Carman and Mary Ames Mitchell to be Co-Chairs of the newly formed Website Committee. Other members of the committee and Webmaster will be named in the near future.

My original goal of Unity in the California Society is still a primary goal. We have not had the smooth term I had hoped for, but Unity is achievable if we all put the Society ahead of any personal agenda. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to the CA Mayflower Society, for your time, talents and support to the Society.

*Kenneth Whittemore,
Governor, CA*

CA Deputy Governor North

Deputy Governor North Pat Friesen was presented the Mayflower Outstanding Service Award from GSMD Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle. The Presentation was made to Pat by CA Governor Ken Whittemore on behalf of the Governor General



CA Deputy Governor South

On August 19th, I attended the well-attended and successful Orange County Colony ice-cream social in San Clemente. It was at the beautiful sea side home of treasurer, Sandy Calloway's daughter. The Board all contributed the food and supplies so it was a free event.

September 6, 7, 8 and 9th, I spent traveling and attending the General Society's annual meeting in Mt. Laurel, NJ. I was DGG representing California. Ken's report will discuss more details regarding business conducted there.

September 19, Erica Hahn, OC Colony Governor and I traveled to Torrance to deliver good news to one of the leading members of a founding family of Torrance. The City was celebrating its 100 birthday and the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society presented a "Who Do You Think You Are" program to the mayor, a major chef in town, and the Post founding family. Research and much work on Erica Hahn's part along with their genealogist and Myrtle Savage proved that Mrs. Post is a Mayflower Descendant. Mrs. Post and her family were totally surprised. Erica and I went on stage in our Mayflower clothing and presented her with the following letter. Our clothing made a great hit with all and we stayed during the reception to talk with and hand out information regarding our Society. There were almost 300 people present. Our outreach program through Jamboree is working. There were several other prospective members there.



Letter to Founding Family of Torrance, CA that is Celebrating its Centennial

September 19, 2012

Dear Beverly Jean Hopkins Post:

As you have seen, the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society has traced your ancestry to four passengers of the Mayflower ship which made the journey from Plymouth England on September 6, 1620 arriving at Cape Cod now in Massachusetts on November 11, 1620. The four passengers are: Isaac Allerton, John Howland, his wife, Elizabeth Tilley and Richard Warren.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California has had the four lines of descent examined by our state co Historian, Myrtle Savage, who confirms that these lines are all likely to be valid lines which would qualify you for membership in the Society.

We now happily invite you to take the next step of beginning the formal application process. Please complete the included preliminary review form for whichever of your ancestors that you wish to designate and send it with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Historians
California Mayflower Society
Basement Level,
405 14th Street
Oakland, California 94612-2704

As Ms. Savage has already done the preliminary review, you should expect in short order to receive the official application form. You will at that point need to submit supporting documentation such as birth certificates, marriage records, death certificates for some of the more recent generations, but lucky for you, the SBCGS has already done most of the work for you!

We will be very pleased to welcome you into the Society. As you know, our ancestors, the passengers of the Mayflower, founded the first colony of English speaking people in America who intended to make their lives here. They also drafted the first written compact of government. Their courage informs all subsequent American history.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants was founded in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1897 to honor their memory. The California state Society was founded in 1908.

We, your cousins, celebrate with you today, your discovery of your Mayflower heritage.

Sincerely,

*Marcia Maloney,
Deputy Governor South*

**MEMBERS ELECTED ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Mrs Martha Jeanne (Strickland) Duboce
CA8618

10th from George Soule

Mr Johnnie Clark Igleheart CA8638

13th from John Alden

Ms Sara Elizabeth Linton CA8641

13th from John Howland

Mr Gregory Joji Mayeda CA8633

14th from John Howland

Kathleen Anne (Todd) Watson CA8621

12th from Steven Hopkins

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Mrs Lori Ann (Bingham) Marino CA8630

12th from Francis Cooke

Ms Julia Christine Marino CA8628

13th from Francis Cooke

Ms Jessica Anne Marino CA8629

13th from Francis Cooke

Mr Robert William Renken CA8627

12th from Francis Cooke

Mr John Howard Renken CA8626

12th from Francis Cooke

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mrs Julia Christine (Field) Fikse CA8619

13th from Richard Warren

Mrs Karen (Colden) Kisvarday CA8637

11th from John Alden

Mr Larry Rexford Vass CA8617

10th from Francis Cooke

Mrs Rachel Joanne (Force) Atciniega CA
8643

11th from William Bradford

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Mr Daniel Curtis McMIndes CA8640

11th from George Soule

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Cynthia Carol Cuddeback CA8620

9th from Edward Doty

Miss Meaghan Marie Dugas CA8632 Jr. Life

13th from George Soule

Mrs Candice Ann (Sawusch) Sawusch-Pytlik
CA8625

12th from William Bradford

Mrs Mary Roberta (Allard) Scherbarth
CA8631

12th from Thomas Rogers

Mrs Sylvia Selena (Willets) Srigley CA8636

11th from Peter Brown

Mrs Jeanne Elizabeth (Smith) Swoboda
CA8622

10th from William Bradford

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Elaine Jean (Wedge) Nierman CA8634

11th from Myles Standish

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs Grace Elinor (Johnston) Anderson
CA8642

11th from Steven Hopkins



SAN DIEGO COLONY

Leslie Ann Crawford CA8644
11th from Samuel Fuller

Mr Douglas Paul Fisher CA8623
11th from Samuel Fuller

Mrs Carol Lynn (Kimmerle) Gibbons
CA8639
11th from Richard Warren

Mrs Lucy Tower (Small) Hopkins CA8624
10th from Steven Hopkins

SEQUOIA COLONY

Ellen Stewart Jamieson CA8635
12th from Edward Fuller

**SUPPLEMENTALS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2012****INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Mrs. Linda Rae (Angell) Close
CA 6939
S# 1888
12th from Mary Norris

Mrs. Linda Rae (Angell) Close
CA 6939
S# 1895
13th from Richard Warren

Mrs. Joan (Howard) Renken
CA 7479
S# 1890
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Mrs. Karen Marie (Barr) Schwartz
CA 8569
S# 1893
13th from William Bradford

Mr. Wayne Eagan Staples
CA 8573
S# 1894
11th from Stephen Hopkins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Ms Margaret Louise Shock
CA 8443
S# 1892
11th from Stephen Hopkins

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs. Belle Johnson Bohn
CA 7939
S# 1891
13th from William White

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mr. Warren Stebbins Warner, Jr.
CA 5482
S# 1889
12th from John Tilley





Colony News

Alameda Colony

Myrtle Savage reported their next speaker would speak on the care and preservation of historical documents.

Larry Youngman
Governor, Alameda Colony

Inland Empire Colony

The California Mayflower Descendants Inland Empire Colony held its meeting on Sep 8, 2012 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Redlands. We had the largest attendance that we have had since last November. There were 35 members and guests in attendance to our new location at the Old Spaghetti Factory. David Grinnell gave the Mayflower Moment on Royalty connections to our Pilgrim Ancestors. Member Pat Rainier agreed to give the Mayflower Moment for November. Our guest speakers were Patrick Henry (Homer Spears) and Betsy Ross (Linda Spears). They gave a terrific performance on the lives of these revolutionary heroes. Patrick Henry gave the entire speech to the Virginia meeting of the state congress on "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death". It was a very inspiring speech. Betsy Ross gave us the history of our first flag and the 5-pointed star. During our business meeting we had a report from all of the officers and an update from the committee on Expenditures and how we could use funds to help educate the youth of the Inland Empire on our ancestors.

Rick Clark
Governor, Inland Empire Colony

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony is pleased to announce our Compact Day meeting will have a special presentation by Mr. Benjamin Franklin (in costume) of the International Printing Museum in Torrance, California (<http://www.printmuseum.org/>) on Saturday November 3rd at the Tam O'Shanter inn (<http://www.lawrysonline.com/tam-oshanter>). We are also planning a return to the family history library in February of 2013 (<http://www.lafhl.org/index.htm>). The Los Angeles Colony is preparing to digitize all its records, and a book of the History of the Mayflower Society in Southern California is also being compiled and edited. It contains newspaper clippings, Mayflower newsletter and bulletin extracts, as well as pictures and letters from the founding of the Southern Division of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California in 1916 by Col. Holdridge Ozro Collins. This is a long term project, but most of the documentation has already been acquired.

Franklin Smith
Governor, Los Angeles Colony

Monterey Bay Colony News

The Monterey Bay Colony Executive Board met September 29, 2012. The November General Meeting and Compact luncheon will be held November 10, 2012 at the MPCC Beach House on Pebble Beach.

The speaker will be Mrs. Diane Stevenson Stone, author, illustrator and Monterey Bay Colony member. She will give a presentation entitled "Mary of the Mayflower, A Young Pilgrim's Story of Trials and Triumph." At the luncheon new Colony officers will be installed. A proposed slate of volunteers collected by the Nominating Committee for officer positions will be presented and nominations will be taken from the floor from any member wishing to volunteer for a Board position. The Colony membership present will then vote and the new Colony officers elected will be sworn in.

Lisa Norris
Governor, Monterey Bay Colony

Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony met September 22, 2012 at the Sudwerk-Riverside Restaurant at noon. There were 17 in attendance. The speaker cancelled and so a member of the colony, Helen MacLaren, filled in and gave a short talk on her search for the Stephen Hopkins Damask rose on Cape Cod. It was an interesting presentation.

The Mother Lode Colony was deeply saddened by the passing of Floradell Ogle on July 24, 2012. She was a true Pilgrim in every sense of the word-- A treasure, who will always be remembered.

The speakers were requested by Floradell to speak at the celebration of her life, September 8, 2012. They were: Roger Dickinson, Assembly member 9th District, who awarded a certificate to her family and adjourned the Assembly early in Floradell's memory. Jim Simpson, North Highlands Visions Task Force, Jane Clayson, Mayflower Society, Mother Lode Colony Past Governor, Susan Broderick, DAR, Bill Pettite, Historian of the year-2004 and Steven Bourasa-Son. Keith Weber was the Master of Ceremonies. There were open comments from family and guests. We all sang her favorites, America and America the Beautiful as we did in the Mother Lode Colony with violin accompaniment by Jane Clayson.

"A Rosie Story" video is on the internet to view and download.

Compact Day is November

Kathy Gire,
Governor Mother Lode Colony

Orange County Colony

We are doing great. On August 19 we held an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social which was well attended. It was held at the home of member Margaret Jedynak, in San Clemente overlooking the sea on a perfect summer afternoon, organized by her mother Sandy Callaway who, is our treasurer. The whole family got into the act including Sandy's five year old granddaughter who set up a lemonade stand and raised several dollars which she donated to the colony. Afterwards we held a Board meeting attended by several first time Board members and guest Franklin Smith who is our volunteer webmaster. Plans are apace for Compact Day.

Compact Day November 17, 2012. 11:00 AM
JT Schmidt's Restaurant and Brewery
2610 E. Katella Avenue, Anaheim CA 92806-5903
[714-634-9200](tel:714-634-9200)

Erica Lis Han
Governor, Orange County Colony

Redwood Empire

The Redwood-Empire Colony met on September 10 at The Club at McGinnis Park. Twenty attended the meeting including three guests from the San Francisco Colony – Linda and Gus Longley and Jay Ingwalson. Toni Kuhry, a member of the colony and Will Johnson, husband of the Redwood-Empire Colony Deputy Governor and retired music professor from Sonoma State University, presented an informative and fun program. Toni sang, Will played the keyboard and they both talked about "Pilgrim Music: Myths and Realities". The program was well received. Our next meeting will be Compact Day hosted by the San Francisco Colony November 17. Our treasurer, Dallis Manwaring, died July 27 and we are fortunate that Antoinette Kuhry has volunteered to fill her position until the next election of officers.

Pat Friesen,
Governor, Redwood Empire Colony

San Francisco-Peninsula Colony

The San Francisco-Peninsula Colony will host the Alameda and Redwood Empire Colonies for our yearly combined Compact Day celebration in November. Our guest speakers will be Bart van Bolhuis, Consul General of the Netherlands in San Francisco and Dr. Jeroen Dewulf, Director of Dutch Studies UC Berkeley. Many of our Pilgrim ancestors spent up to two decades in Holland before embarking on their Mayflower journey to Plymouth. Our speakers will describe our shared Pilgrim history and what life was like in Leiden circa 1609-1620. The Colonies will gather on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Marines' Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street at Mason in San Francisco. If you would like to attend, please email your request to mayflowersf@hotmail.com.

Linda Longley
Governor, San Francisco Peninsula Colony

San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony held its organizational 2012 – 2014 board meeting on July 14, with most of the new board members in attendance. We are honored to have as veteran members of our board, CA Governor Kenneth Whittemore as Elder, CA Captain, Rick Bailey as advisor, and Jan Landt, former Colony Governor and former CA Mayflower Editor, as our state board representative. Governor, Ray Raser, presented a pendant and lapel pin that he had designed for the San Diego Colony. The board approved these for sale to our members as a fundraiser. The lapel pin features the symbol of the historical San Diego Presidio with a replica Mayflower ship.

Ray also represented Mayflower at a Temecula Valley Genealogical Society symposium that was well attended our next meeting will be the Compact Day luncheon, November 17, 2012 at the Marine Corps Officer's Club at MCAS, Miramar. Rudy Shappee, noted author and director of exhibits of the USS Midway Museum will be speaking on life and food in 1620 aboard the Mayflower.



San Diego Colony Board Meeting

L-R: Kathy Loftman, Carole & Robert Anderson, State Gov. Ken Whittemore, SD Colony Gov Ray Raser, Belle Bohn, Jan Landt, Gail Raser.

Standing: Kathleen Norris, Sue Stout-Pierce, Anita Guenin

Ray Raser,
Governor, San Diego Colony

Santa Barbara Colony

The Colony is pleased to report that the funding for the Silver Book Collection in the San Luis Obispo Library is now completed. This is the fifth local library that has received funding for the Silver Books, and plans for additional libraries will be discussed at our next meeting. Other agenda items at the October meeting are the formation of a nominating committee for a new slate of officers in April 2013, and the planning of a possible joint meeting with the Los Angeles Colony in February 2013 at the Family History Center.

All are welcomed to attend our next membership meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11 A.M. at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Goleta. Dr. Ann Plane will speak on "How Thanksgiving Came to Be". The costs is \$18, and please contact Judy Cardinal, Governor for information/reservations Her email address is listed in the back of this newsletter.

Sequoia Colony

"The Sequoia Colony held their annual potluck on July 22 in the lovely tree-filled backyard of the home of one of our members! There was no program, but it was a beautiful day to have a short business meeting, share dishes, and simply spend some time together. Peggy Reid, Deputy Governor, was voted in as the new Governor, replacing Phil Steward who has admirably held this position since 2009. Our Compact Day meeting will be November 10 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

*Peggy Reid,
Governor, Sequoia Colony*



State News

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The total state membership to date is 2703. Since our March meeting three members have passed away, two have been reinstated and two have transferred out. We are electing twenty-eight new members today and they are included in the total count. There are also eight supplementals which have been approved by Plymouth.

With regard to San Gabriel Colony, there are still 102 members left in that colony. I have transferred 16 to LA, 1 to Santa Barbara, 7 to IE and 3 to OC. All total, I have heard from only 27 members. I wish to know what is the pleasure of the board regarding the remaining 102 persons. Do you wish for me to transfer all of them to LA? LA now has 356 members. Adding 102 will give them a new total of 458.

*Pat Meeken
Membership Secretary*

Junior Membership

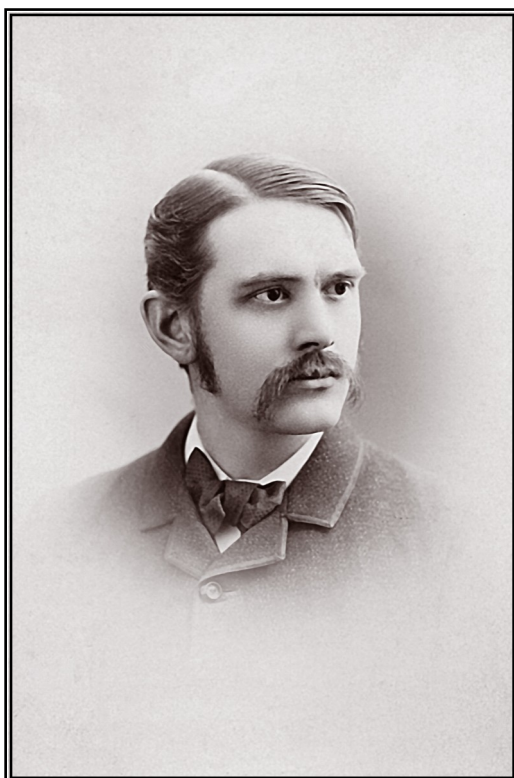
The Junior Memberships and the Junior Life Memberships keep coming in at a steady pace! It is remarkable to me at this very hard economic time that a Junior Membership and particularly Junior Life Memberships are so very important to Sponsors to give to their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I am formulating plans for the Junior Members activity next year. The essay and poem contest for grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 will also be in 2013.

*Jane Stratford Clayson
Junior Membership Chair*

Dr. Charles Mills Gayley
Descended from Thomas Rogers.
California Mayflower's first Governor
For 25 years, and World renowned English
professor, author, poet, and songwriter.

On January 11 1908, Professor Charles Mills Gayley was elected the first Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California. A constitution was adopted and the initiation fee was fixed at \$5 with the annual dues set at \$3. Life memberships required board approval and cost \$50. Charles did not start out as a life member, and of course he had no idea he would be governor for 25 years.

His deputy governor George Willig Spencer of Berkeley would pass away three months after being elected, and the only Charter member from Southern California Mr Curtiss Crane Gardiner of Pasadena would pass away a few months later. The Century Club in San Francisco would be the main meeting place for newly organized Mayflower Society.



It was built as a woman's club in 1905 symbolizing the "Woman's Century", and Mrs. George Hearst was the first President. It survived the 1906 earthquake and fire, and was the temporary home of the California Supreme Court. It is still there today, and available for rental.

Charles was born in Shanghai, China Feb 22, 1858. His father was Samuel Rankin Gayley a Presbyterian minister born in Ireland Oct 18, 1826, his mother Sarah Sophia Mills was born Dec 1, 1837 in Guilford, New York.

Her mother was Sophia Roxanna Rogers from Granville, Massachusetts, and Sarah's grandfather was Samuel Rogers a direct paternal descendent of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower.

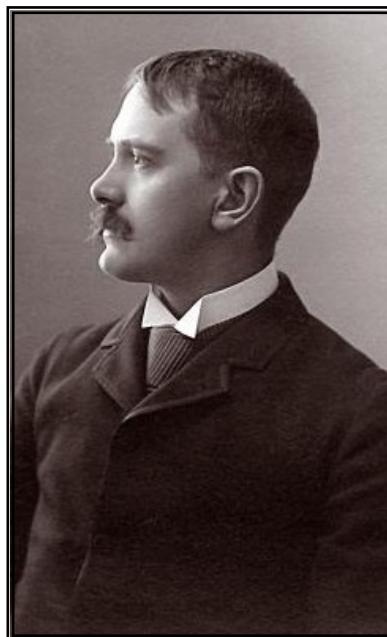
Samuel and Sarah Gayley were missionaries in China where their three children were born. Samuel and two of his children died of cholera

and dysentery. Sarah decided to leave China with her four year old son Charles, and visit Samuel's parents in Ireland.

Upon reaching Ireland she found out that Samuels parents had both passed away. It was the time of the American Civil War and she decided to stay with her brother-in-law in Ireland. She would later remarry a cousin of Samuel's, the Rev Andrew Brown. Charles's education was quite remarkable.

At the age of nine he was sent to Blackheath (London, England) Preparatory School for the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London for a period of seven years. While there "In 1873-4 he was prizeman in the Oxford and Cambridge junior and senior local examinations. In 1874 he won the Mark Clarke Memorial Fellowship. In the following year he left Blackheath to enter the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, Ireland, and while there obtained the distinction of senior Prizeman in English and Classics."

Charles's family decided that being an American, he should further his studies at the University of Michigan where he received his Doctorate. He became a High School principal for a couple years, and then returned to the University of Michigan as a Latin Teacher. It was at this time that his poetry was recognized and published. He was also writing for several news publications and producing plays.

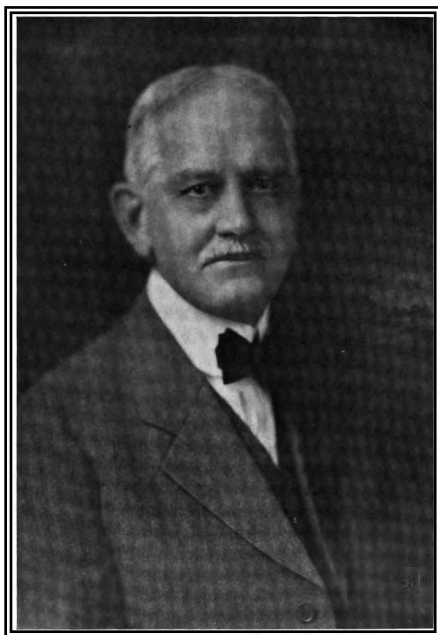


In 1887 he became the assistant professor of English at the University, and his popularity with the students was highly recognized. So much so that when Professor Albert Cook of the University of California in Berkeley decided to move East it was Prof. Gayley who was asked to become the new chair for the English department. Gayley accepted and his career took off. At Berkeley his orations were so popular that they had to move them out of the classroom, and into the outdoor Greek theater to accommodate all the students and guests who wanted to listen. He became famous as a literary critic, scholar, he served as Dean of faculties, he was the university's examiner, and was a visiting professor at Oxford. He was also a director of the Commercial Bank of Berkeley.

While in Michigan Gayley married the beautiful Sallie Pickett Harris, the daughter the Rev Samuel Smith Harris who was the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan. Originally from Alabama Samuel served as an officer on the staff of General Bragg CSA during the Civil War, and had received a law degree just before the outbreak. Sallie would outlive her husband by seven and a half years in 1940. She was survived by her daughter Mrs. Betty Gayley Stephenson, and two grandchildren, Charles Gayley Stephenson and John Alston Stephenson. The services for Mrs. Gayley were officiated by Edward Lamb Parsons, the Episcopal Bishop of California.

At the very first Compact meeting on Nov 21th 1908 at the Century Club Governor Gayley gave an address appropriate for the occasion. It was the 288th anniversary of the signing of the compact and he had just come back from having visited Leyden, Holland. It would be very interesting to read Governor Gayley's speech written before modern technology would make cultural changes. At

the meeting new certificates from the general Society would be available for \$3 (unframed) and insignia for \$12.



It is interesting to note that Gayley was largely responsible for bring the Psi Upsilon fraternity to the University of California Berkeley in 1902. Gayley had been a member since 1878.

President William Howard Taft also became a member in 1878. In the California Bulletin #21 dated after Feb 19, 1910. Governor Gayley addressed the dedication of the Provincetown Monument on Cape Cod urging that as many members as possible attend as the California delegation of the Mayflower society on August 5. President Taft was to be the speaker. At one time Taft thought he was descended from the Frances Cooke line, but this was disproved years later. At a dinner of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society in 1914 President Taft was the speaker, and was awarded an Honorary Membership.

Being Governor of the Los Angeles Colony I am always looking for really good speakers, but I can't help but be just a tiny bit jealous of Gayley being Dean of Faculty and having an almost endless number of academic speakers at his fingertips both resident and visiting. On September 23, 1912 he had the President of the University of California Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler speak on being a Mayflower Descendent to 130 members and guests.

Today Gayley is remembered in many ways; from the bust that was sculpted by William Manat, by Gayley street through the center of the University of Berkeley, by the prolific number of writings who's titles alone fill six pages, by The English Department's annual Gayley Memorial lecture, by The English-Speaking Union of the United States (a non-profit group Gayley founded for scholarships), and not least by The Society of Mayflower Descendents in the State of California for 25 years of outstanding service as our first governor.

Franklin E. Smith III
Governor of the Los Angeles Colony of Mayflower Descendents in the State of California.

Source Wikipedia

Sojourn in Leiden

By Ray Raser

The group that would come to be known as the Pilgrims were brought together by a common belief in the ideas promoted by Richard Clyfton (groups not in communion with the Church of England) led by Robert Browne, John Greenwood and Henry Barrowe. Unlike the Puritan group who maintained their membership in and allegiance to the Church of England, Separatists held that their differences with the Church of England were irreconcilable and that their worship



*"The embarkation of the Pilgrims" 1857
by the American painter Robert Walter Weir at the
Brooklyn Museum in NY*

should be organized independently of the trappings, traditions and organization of a central church. William Brewster, a former diplomatic assistant to the Netherlands, was living in the Scrooby manor house, serving as postmaster for the village and bailiff to the Archbishop of York. Having been favorably impressed by Clyfton's services, he had begun participating in Separatist services led by John Smyth in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

At about the same time, Brewster arranged for a congregation to meet privately at the Scrooby manor house. Beginning in 1606, services were held with Clyfton as pastor, John Robinson as teacher and Brewster as the presiding elder. The congregation had decided to follow the Smyth party to Amsterd. Scrooby member William Bradford, of Austerfield, kept a journal of the congregation's events that would later be published as "Of Plymouth Plantation". Of this time, he wrote:

"But after these things they could not long continue in any peaceable condition, but were hunted & persecuted on every side, so as their former afflictions were but as flea-bitings in comparison of these which now came upon them. For some were taken & clapt up in prison, others had their houses besett & watcht night and day, & hardly escaped their hands; and ye most were faine to flie & leave their howses & habitations, and the means of their livelihood"

Migration to Amsterdam

Unable to obtain the papers necessary to leave England, members of the congregation agreed to leave surreptitiously, resorting to bribery to obtain passage. After a failed first attempt, arrangements were made in 1608 with a Dutch merchant to pick up church members along the Humber estuary at Immingham near Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

The ship quickly departed before the women and children could board; the stranded members were rounded up but then released without charges. Ultimately, at least 150 of the congregation did make their way to Amsterdam meeting up with the Smyth party. Permission to settle in Leiden was secured in 1609. With the congregation reconstituted as the English Exiled Church in Leyden, Robinson now became pastor; Clyfton, advanced in age, chose to stay behind in Amsterdam.

Leiden

In Leiden they lived in small houses behind the "Kloksteeg", opposite the Pieterskerk. The success of the congregation in Leiden was mixed. Leiden was a thriving industrial center, and many members were well able to support themselves working at Leiden University or in the textile, printing and brewing trades. Others were less able to bring in sufficient income, hampered by their rural backgrounds and the language barrier; for those, accommodations were made on an estate bought by Robinson and three partners. Of their years in Leiden, Bradford wrote:

"For these & other reasons they removed to Leyden, a fair & bewtiful citie, and of a sweete situation, but made more famous by ye universitie wherwith it is adorned, in which of late had been so many learned man. But wanting that traffike by

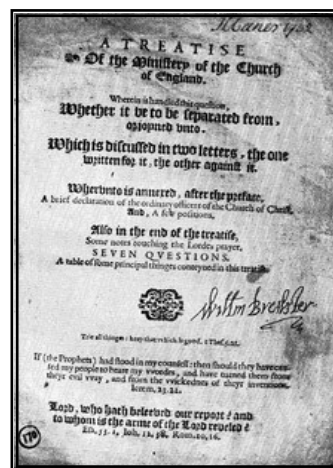
sea which Amerstdam injoyes, it was not so beneficiall for their outward means of living & estats. But being now hear pitchet they fell to such trads

& employments as they best could; vaelewing peace & their spirituall comforte above any other riches whatsoever. And at length they came to raise a competente & comfortable living, but with hard and continuall labor.



The Leiden American Pilgrim, Museum, Hooglandsekerk

The Netherlands was, however, a land whose culture and language were strange and difficult for the English congregation to understand or learn. They found the Dutch morals much too libertine. Their children were becoming more and more Dutch as the years passed by. The congregation came to believe that they faced eventual extinction if they remained there



Title page of a pamphlet published by William Brewster in Leiden

Brewster had been teaching English at the Leiden University, and in 1615, Robinson enrolled to pursue his doctorate. There, he participated in a series of debates, particularly regarding the contentious issue of Calvinism versus Arminianism (siding with the Calvinists against the Remonstrants). See the Synod of Dort. Brewster, in a venture financed by Thomas Brewer, acquired typesetting equipment about 1616 and began publishing the debates through a local press.

Board of Assistants – Officers and Committee Chairs

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Are You Moving?

Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Pat Meeken at: pmeeken@msn.com. 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: January 2, 2013. Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at: camayflowereditor@gmail.com.

Submissions to the *California Mayflower* newsletter 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 new deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Winter issue – January 2nd

Spring issue – April 1st

Summer issue – July 1st

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Attention!!!

Be an active junior member in the California
Mayflower Society.

2013 is the year for our first ever junior member
activity!!!

This will be a great opportunity to meet and share
experiences and fun with your cousins!!!

Express your interest by emailing me at:
violinjane@yahoo.com

Don't miss this amazing event!!!!

Junior membership fee is \$25.
Junior life membership \$720

The first annual writing contest for juniors will be this spring!!!

The categories are:

- Students in grades 1-3
- Students in grades 4-6
- Students in grades 7-9
- Students in grades 10-12

The topic will be announced in January.

Thank you again for your tremendous support of our junior
members!!!

*Jane Stratford Clayson
Junior Membership Chair
State of California*

The Mayflower Compact

In ye name of God Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyall subjects of our dread soveraigne Lord King James, by ye grace of God, of Great Britaine, France, & Ireland King, defender of ye faith, &c.

Haveing undertaken, for ye glorie of God, and advancemente of ye Christian faith and honour of our King & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly & mutually in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant, & combine ourselves together into a Civill body politick; for our better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte, constitute and frame such just & equall Lawes, ordinances, Acts, constitutions & offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of ye colonie: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Capz-Codd ye -11- of November, in ye year of ye raigne of our soveraigne Lord King James of England, France & Ireland ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.

John Cunn
William Bradford
Edward Winslow
William Brewster
Samuel Allerton
Myles Standish
John Alden
Samuel Eaton
Christopher Mottis
William Mullins
William White

Richard Warren
John Howland
Stephen Hopkins
Edward Tilly
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James Cooke
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John Byrd
Thomas Fuller

John Turner
Thomas Eaton
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John Caraboten
John Cullerton
Thomas Hildner
John Bunker
Casper Smith
Thomas Wilson
Elihu Worsen

Samuel Mearns
Peter Barrow
Richard Burdett
George Burdett
Richard Clark
Richard Dandine
John Blin
Thomas Taylor
Edward Dory
Edward Blin

In Memoriam



San Diego Colony Member
Edwin "Duke" Snider
 Descendant of Edward Fuller
 Dodger Hall of Famer passed away in
 Escondido, CA on Feb 28, 2011.
 "The Duke" was a long time avocado
 rancher in Fallbrook, CA.

Alameda Colony

Mrs. Marjorie (Adams) Scmelzer
 April 26, 2012

Los Angeles Colony

Mrs. Nina (Parker) Gardener
 April 20, 2012

Mother Lode Colony

Mrs. Floradell Ogle
 July 24, 2012

Orange County Colony

Mr. Joseph Lazich
 August 13, 2012

Redwood Empire Colony

Dr. Charles Louis Hoffman
 August 11, 2012

Redwood Empire and San Francisco Colony

Ms. Dallis Jean Dunlap Manwaring
 July 26, 2012

**Society of Mayflower Descendants
In the State of California
Members Meeting
With
Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle**



**On the
Queen Mary
June 14-15 2013 in Long Beach**

**A block of rooms has been reserved starting at \$129
The meeting is on the 15th, and does not require rooms.
Details and registration will be announced later.
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