



California Mayflower

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**CA Mayflower Board of Assistants Meeting South
March 22, 2014**



L to R: Erica Hahn, Jan Landt, James Blauer, Rick Clark, Gail Raser, Ray Raser, Izella Dickey, Jane Lazich, Dottie Wilson, Franklin Smith.

Note!!! The CA Mayflower June State Board of Assistants Meeting will be held on Saturday June 21, 2014, at 10:30 am in the Sala del Lago Banquet Room at the El Fornaio Authentic Italian Restaurant and Bakery located at 18051 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA 92612

Cover photo by Jane Ordway Carman taken at 2008 Plymouth Congress

Governor's Report

22 March 2014

I hope this meeting goes forward without hitches. Larry Youngman was in the Oakland Office and updated computers and their programs, cables were attached and in place, tests were completed so we are a go with Skype.

This past weekend I attended a two day planning meeting to work on the GSMD Strategic Plan. We hope to have a final draft for presentation at Congress in September.

The Governor General's request for States to support the Connecticut Bylaws changes to increase dues and sent Applicant Fees with Applicant Signed Papers was mentioned at the last meeting with e-mail sent out explaining the Treasurer General's views but no discussion or vote took place because of poor communications. These are two separate proposed Bylaws changes we need to decide how we feel and want to vote as a State.



Proposed Policy Changes:

1. Historians must be elected officers to be officially recognized by the Historian General and in the GSMD Directory, can we make a policy change until the June 2015 Membership Meeting where we can correct the Bylaws.
2. Voting on Preliminary Applications and voting to accept new members approved by the State Historian and General Historian. Make this a policy change.
3. Mission, Vision and Values with a Strategic plan to follow.

Proposed Bylaws Changes:

Remove two members recommending a new applicant Changing number of meeting per year to possibly only two, one North and one South Several others to be suggested by Bylaws Committee..

Also we need to look at current Committees and their usefulness and changes for improvement, ie. Juniors, Education and Scholarships and Constitution, 2020 and Bylaws.

There have been requests to form a Speaker list for the Colonies to draw from, this might be an assignment for the Education Committee.

As always I appreciate your help and dedication to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California. Each one of you is vital and needed.

THANK YOU

Kenneth Whittemore
Governor

Report of the Deputy Governor North

March 22, 2014

I attended the joint Sequoia Colony and San Francisco Colony meeting held March 1, 2014 held at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. It was a pleasure meeting the Colony Governor, Peggy Reid, and the other members of the Sequoia Colony. I am a member of the San Francisco Colony in addition to the Redwood-Empire Colony so I already knew most of the San Francisco Colony members in attendance. Peggy Reid happens to live in Rohnert Park which is in Sonoma County near where I live in San Rafael and I talked her into joining Redwood-Empire for a joint membership. I intend to do the same for her colony.



The luncheon was delicious and the program very interesting. Marsha Mather-Thrift, the executive director of Rosie the Riveter Trust, spoke on the Rosie the Riveter WWII/Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond. It was a most enjoyable day.

Again, I'd like to encourage all Northern California colonies to put me on their mailing lists so I can try to make arrangements to attend one of their meetings.

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Friesen
California Deputy Governor North*

Report of the Deputy Governor South

March 20, 2014

Unfortunately, I will be out of town on Saturday and in Ireland in June so unable to attend next two BOA meetings. I will keep in close touch with Ken to ensure I am apprised of all business discussed.

June Lazich kindly agreed to be hostess and make arrangements for the June annual meeting on my behalf. She is the expert in this area anyway!



Judy Weaver, our PR chairperson, is in charge of the Southern CA Genealogical Society Jamboree in Burbank this year. As you all know, the presence of our Society at this event is productive and important. Thanks to Judy and Ray Raser along with other staffers this year.

In February I prepared and presented a *Children of the Mayflower* program for the OC colony. As a result, I will present it again in May at the San Diego colony meeting when I install the new officers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Huntley Maloney
California Deputy Governor South*

The First Pacific Coast Celebration of the Landing of the Pilgrims By Franklin E. Smith

The first recorded celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims took place on Tuesday October 29, 1850, the day California celebrated its admission into the United States, becoming the 31st State of the Union. There was a parade through San Francisco that began with a thunderous artillery salute by the United States Army. In the square a crowd had assembled to watch the American flag run up the staff which was copied in all parts of the city. Ships from around the world stood offshore dressed up for the occasion. The streets were filled with a joyous multitude as the military, fire, civic companies, and societies prepared to march. In this procession



was a newly formed society called The New England Society of San Francisco, and is said to have been "out in large force." They carried "a beautiful banner of blue satin, fringed with satin. A representation of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock was very well executed. Over the picture was inscribed *Religion, Liberty and Law*, and on the reverse *Sons of the Pilgrims on the shores of the Pacific - New England Society of San Francisco.*"

The procession was followed by an oration by Supreme Court Justice Nathaniel Bennett who possibly was a Mayflower descendant. Then an Ode was sung by those assembled from a flyer handed out before the event that was written by Mrs. Wills of Louisiana by request of the Committee of Arrangements. It was sung to the tune of the *Star Spangle Banner*.

Rejoice! hear ye not o'er the hills of the East,
The sound of our welcome to liberty's Union!
Pledge high! for we join in the mystical feast
That our forefathers hallowed at freedom's communion!
Then with hands high in air, our allegiance we swear,
Which time, nor dissension, shall ever impair:
And the Band of the Union, oh, long may it be
The hope of the oppressed and the shield of the free!

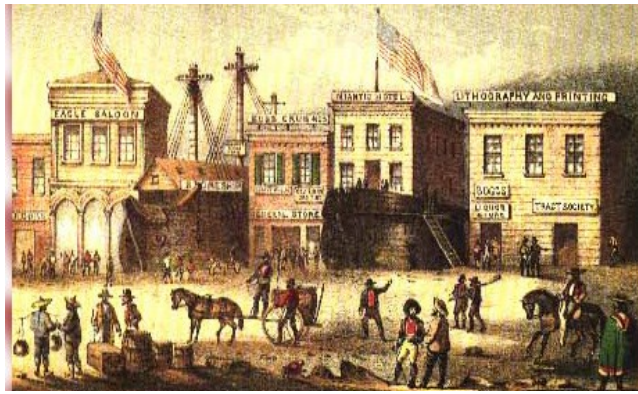
Though afar on the verge of the ocean we lie,
Our hearts are as true as the sun that shines o'er us,
Our treasures we bring of earth, ocean and sky,
Our souls that exalt to join freedom's full chorus.
Should foes o'er the land our justice withstand,
'Neath our own stripes and stars, we are found heart and hand:
For the bond of the Union, oh, long shall it be
The hope of the oppressed and the shield of the free.

Like the star that once rose over Bethlehem's height,
And shed o'er creation the light of its beaming,
May the "bride of the west" through the earth pour her light,
Nor set while one heart can be cheered by its gleaming.

So shall nations afar, point to nations the star
 In peace softly shining, though dreadful in war:
 In the bond of the Union, oh, long may it be
 The hope of the oppressed and the shield of the free.

The genealogies of the members of the New England Society of San Francisco are said to be descended from the *Mayflower* Pilgrims. So this celebration was not only of a political nature, but also of Mayflower descendants. A ball was held that evening to finalize the festivities.

On December 22, 1852 the New England Society of San Francisco held a Mayflower celebration at the American Theatre with an address by the Reverend T. Dwight Hunt who was the Pastor of the Congregational Church. Reverend Hunt had arrived in Yerba Buena (San



Francisco) on October 28, 1848 from Hawaii where he had been doing missionary work. Within a month he was giving services at a schoolhouse on Portsmouth Square. The Congregational Church's first building was dedicated on July 29, 1849. Rev Hunt's address is a celebration of the pilgrims that runs about twenty pages long, so I will simply give you the ending;

"Sons and Daughters of New England! You are the representatives of a land which is a model for every other. You belong to a family whose dead are the pride of the living. *Preserve your birth-right.*

By virtue, that frowns on vice; by integrity, that scorns a bribe; by industry, that honors labor; by patriotism, that lives for coming generations; by religion, that builds national grandeur on intelligence, justice, and truth, lives worthy of your ancestry.

Here is our colony. No higher ambition could urge us to noble deeds than, on the basis of the colony of Plymouth, to make California the Massachusetts of the Pacific."

The president of the New England Society of San Francisco (NESSF) at that time was General James Wilson from New Hampshire. Gen Wilson served two terms as a Congressman for NH, and was highly regarded for his speeches against slavery. A friend of Lincoln, Daniel Webster, Senator Clay, and Winthrop, he was one of the favorites of Washington society. Due to health problems he came to California for the climate in 1850, and engaged in law and mining.

The vice president of NESSF was Stephen P. Web of Salem Massachusetts where he was elected Mayor in 1841. In San Francisco he was elected Mayor in 1854 and 1855. He was an avid writer whose writings are considered a valuable contribution to the history of that time as an eye witness account.

In the NESSF among the many bankers and businessmen was Fredrick Billings who joined two other lawyers to form Halleck, Preachy, and Billings. At one point F. Billings served as California Attorney General, and named the town of Berkley. He is most famous as part owner and President of Northern Pacific Railway, and having the city of Billings Montana named after him.

This article is too short to list all the many Mayflower descendants in California during the 49'er Gold Rush, but I can list

a few interesting people who were in California during the Spanish and Mexican time period. In 1838 William Sturgis Hinckley, descendant John Howland, of the *Mayflower*, arrived in Yerba Buena (San Francisco) he was a ship's Master, a trader and would become Alcalde (Mayor) of Yerba Buena in 1844. He was a personal friend of Governor Alvarado and was instrumental



in the surveying, mapping and planning the town which was the first ever done.

An artist by the name of James Alden (descended from John and Priscilla) joined the United States Navy in 1828. One of his tours of duty was aboard the *USS Constitution* on its trip around the world. In 1842 he was sent to the Sacramento River to do some surveying and charting. His paintings are some of the earliest views of California. His watercolors and sketchbooks include Yosemite Valley, and many other parts of the state. After a busy career that included several commands during the Civil War he retired a Rear Admiral and spent his last few years in San Francisco. Today his artwork is highly prized.

In 1822 a British sailor by the name of William Richardson jumped ship when it visited the Bay of San Francisco. He became a Mexican citizen and married the daughter of the Commandant of the Presidio. He was given a land grant in 1835 at Yerba Buena Cove and erected the first dwelling there where he would trade with the increasing number of ships that were arriving. A year later Jacob Leese (an American) was also granted waterfront land just south of Richardson where he built a frame house just in time to celebrate the Fourth of July. Invitations went far and wide and included Mariano Vallejo who was the Mexican Commandant of Northern California and would later become a California State Senator.

In conclusion, it is hard to say if there were any Pilgrim celebrations before 1850, but with the knowledge that British and American settlers were there before the 1840's, they would almost certainly have been born protestant, then living in a catholic society. It is certainly possible that the 4th of July celebration in 1835 was a sign of interest by the Californians in learning about the life styles of the many Yankee ships with which they were trading. The 1850 celebration by the New England Society of San Francisco was the 230th anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims. In 1870 there was a Forefathers Day celebration at the Mechanics Pavilion in San Francisco that was the 250th anniversary of the pilgrims landing.

Two Important Announcements for Juniors

The 2014 CALIFORNIA JUNIOR MEMBER ACTIVITY will be in the South this summer. It will take place on Saturday, July 19 at the San Diego Zoo.

It is a California Historic Park established in 1901. We will be given a 10% discount for a group of 15 or more. The price will be \$32.40 for ages 3-11 years of age. \$41.40 for 12 years and older. That price includes entrance to the park, a 35 minute guided bus tour of the zoo, express bus service-hop on, hop off, a gondola ride over the zoo and all exhibits and shows. It is a great deal and will be a lot of fun!! **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.**

Please RSVP to me, Jane Clayson PO BOX 2061 Folsom, CA 95763 to make your reservations

ANNOUNCING: The Second Annual Composition Event of the California Mayflower Society, Junior and Lifetime Members in Grades 1-12

The Topic Is: Pretend That You Are Writing In Your Diary About Your Life In Plymouth

The Reward And Prize Is Having Your Composition Published In The *California Mayflower* Newsletter And The Compositions Will Also Be Displayed At The California Joint Meeting, June 21, 2014

Please Mail Your Entry No Later Than May 1, 2014 To:

Jane Clayson
Po Box 2061
Folsom, Ca 95763



IN MEMORIAM**Alameda Colony**

Mr. Kendall Carlton Cole
Mrs. Lorraine Donna (McCullough) Hughe
February 5, 2014
Mrs. Ann Bradford Wheeler McNealy

Los Angeles Colony

Mr. Charles Warner Gates II
June 2013
Ms. Cheryl Jolene Strawn
April 29-2013
Mrs. Harriette (Knowlton) Wulfeck
March 20, 2013

Mother Lode Colony

Mrs. Evelyn Hildegard (Hallett) Marinovich
Sandra Sue (Thompson) Taylor
January 1, 2014

Orange County Colony

Mr. Rex Darrell Knock
February 24, 2014
Mrs. Lynn Diane (Langlois) Nye
February 17 2014

San Diego Colony

Mr. David Wellington Johnson , Jr
July 28, 2013
Mrs. Marcia Alden Jackson Thaxton

Sequoia Colony

Mr. John Alden Williamson II
Dec 2012

No Colony Affiliation

Mr. Robert Dunlap
18 March 2014
Mr. Luzerne Stuart Holcombe

New Members Elected on
January 18, 2014

ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr. ROGER ALLAN PRINCE
CA 8787
12th from Isaac Allerton

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mrs. ANNE HEWITT (VEAZIE)
SONNER
CA 8785
11th from John Howland
Mrs. KAREN DENISE (FARNUM)
SURMANI
CA 8788
12th from John Alden

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Mr. DAVID BRUCE TOMICICH
CA 8783
11th from Edward Doty

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs. MARCIA ANN (DAWE) GIB-
SON
CA 8786
11th from John Alden

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs. ROBIN ELAINE KARNOUSKY
CA 8784
12th from Samuel Fuller

Supplementals for
January 18, 2014

LOS ANGELES COLONY

DIANE LEWIS (CLARK) NORTON
CA 8066
11th from Francis Cooke

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

CAROLYN LYNETTE (PRATT)
CLARK
CA 8725
11th from James Chilton

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

WAYNE EGAN STAPLES
CA 8573
12th from Constance Hopkins

SEQUOIA COLONY

SHARON ELAINE (WINSLOW) ER-
ICKSON
CA 7508
11th from Thomas Rogers

New Members Elected on
March 22, 2014

ALAMEDA COLONY

LARRY RICHARD BARR
CA 8791
12th from Edward Fuller
BARBARA GAIL (CREIGHTON)
WILLS
CA 8804
11th from John Howland
SCOTT READ HUNTSMAN PhD
CA 8809
11th from Isaac Allerton

INLAND EMPIRE

CAROLYN JEAN (STOW) BURRELL
CA 8807
12th from William Brewster
RICHARD PINNELL RODRIGUEZ
CA 8790
13th from Francis Cooke

LOS ANGELES COLONY

CATHERINE EDITH (MYHAVER)
SINAI
CA 8795
13th from John Alden

JUDY LEANN (CHAMBERLAIN) DE
LUCA
CA 8797
12th from Peter Brown
KATHLEEN MARIE (SHEA) PINNEY
CA 8803
13TH FROM William Brewster

MOTHER LODGE COLONY

ERIK MICHAEL ARRYGUE
CA 8792
13th from Stephen Hopkins
JESSICA MARIE ARREYGUE
CA 8793
13th from Stephen Hopkins
JOANNE ANITA (SMITH) MELLO
CA 8794
12th from Richard Warren
LENORA AGNES LYNN PATTER-
SON
CA 8810
11th from George Soule

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

JEFFREY CLAYTON AUSTIN
CA 8798 LIFE
13th from Francis Cooke
NICOLE LEE AUSTIN
CA 8799 LIFE
13th from Francis Cooke
VICKIE LEE (RENKEN) AUSTIN
CA 8800
12th from Francis Cooke
ELSBETH SHIZUE MURATA
CA 8802
13^h fom William Brewster
ROBERT JAMES GOOD
CA 8806
11th from John Alden

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

VIRGINIA MORDEN (SMITH)
HOELTER
CA 8805
11th from William Brewster
DANIEL EDGAR HUNTSMAN
CA 8808
11th from Isaac Allerton

SANTA BARBARA COLONY
AMANDA ROSE CHAMBERLAIN
CA 8796 LIFE
13th from Peter Brown

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY
KATHRYN ANN MASON MD
CA 8801
12th from John Alden

Supplementals for
March 22, 2014

Deborah Tacy (Allen) Pash
S# 1942
CA 7938 76968
12^{rh} from FRANCIS COOKE

Margaret Louise Shock
S# 1943
11^{rh} from FRANCIS COOKE

Marlene Hazel (Nash) Mandeville
S# 1944
11th from JOHN ALDEN



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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: July 1st 2014. Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:
camayflowereditor@gmail.com

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

Summer issue	July 1st 2014
Fall issue	October 1st 2014
Winter issue	January 2nd 2015
Spring issue	April 1st 2015

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CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2014-15 Meeting Schedule

June 21, 2014 Joint meeting South, Irvine, CA
August 16, 2014 EMAIL to accept members (not a meeting)
October 18, 2014 North Combined Meeting
December 6, 2014 EMAIL to accept members (not a meeting)
January 17, 2015 Video Conferencing South
March 21, 2015 Video Conferencing North
June 19-20, 2015 Board and Membership Meeting NORTH

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STATE NEWS

Education Trophy/Procedure Manual Chair Report

I would just remind Governors to be sure to report any changes in your colony officers' names, addresses, phone numbers and emails to me, Pat Meeken and Jane Carman, so we can keep the Records/Roster and Procedure Books updated. I would also remind colonies that each membership meeting a trophy is awarded to the Colony who has shown excellence in Educating their communities about our Mayflower Society and the Lives and Contributions of our Pilgrim Forefathers and Mothers. Please think of interesting projects to attain this award!

June Brainard Lazich
Honorary State Governor

Investment Chairman Report

March 2014. One year later, on December 31, 2013, our balance was \$1,073,065, an increase of \$76,903. As we have done for many years, we continue to perform ahead of the S&P. As of March 4, 2014, our investment value is \$1,227,844. We are invested in staples, technology, telecommunications, utilities, consumer discretionary, energy, and finance.

Judith H. Swan
Investment Chair

Reports submitted by Franklin Smith

Secretary for Data Processing South

Since the last meeting I have helped a number of people with their computers including Governor Whittemore whom I helped select a new desktop system, and advised where to go to remove some malware that had infected his laptop. I also helped James Blauer install Skype and obtain an auxiliary sound system for his laptop. We all know what a disaster the last board meeting was due to problems with our office computer communications system using Skype! Because of this I made repeated attempts to correct the problems. Even though I had other plans I changed my schedule to be available to fix and test the Skype system.

It appears to be a work in progress, and now Pat Friesen has taken charge of the problem. I did purchase a new Bluetooth audio system for my smart phone for a teleconference with a room full of people as a backup, and remain available for consultation on updating and utilizing the dedicated Skype office laptop which I originally bought and setup.

Chair for the 2020 committee

I have been in contact with the tournament of Roses organization, and have obtained an outline of their procedures to put a float in the Rose Parade. The minimum cost for a float is around \$250,000. Efforts to obtain sponsors is ongoing. A number of Mayflower members have expressed interest in participating in this project, but it is still in the planning and fundraising stage. if anyone wishes to sponsor or promote our interest in sponsorship please contact me.

Chair for the Monument Committee

Jane Clayson has contacted her Assembly person for the Sacramental area, and received directions to the state agency responsible for a monument proposal. It now requires the compilation of a historical presentation to advance the proposal. This is ongoing, and a portion of my transcript will be in the next Newsletter under the title of the first Mayflower celebration on the West Coast.

Monterey Bay Colony

Our February 15th general/luncheon meeting was held at the Beach House on Pebble Beach. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a "sweet" program presented by Scot Lund, CEO of Lula Lund Chocolates in Monterey. He is the grandson of Lula Lund, who started her candy making in the same era as Mary Sec. It was a very informative talk with several "samples" served to explain the different types of candies made!

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on April 19th. At our May 31st general/luncheon meeting, we hope to have the fifth edition of the "Signers of The Compact Who Left Descendants" book ready for distribution. We also hope that later in the year we can make copies available to our sister colonies.

Connie L. Moore
Monterey Colony, Governor

Mother Lode Colony

In the past quarter, the Mother Lode Colony had two gatherings, both at Sudwerk Brewhouse Grille in Folsom, CA. The first was on January 25th, and Junior Membership Chair, Jane Clayson, announced plans for the 2014 summer activity which will take place at the San Diego Zoo on July 19th. She also declared that the Junior Essay Contest, which originated last year, will also occur this year with the topic "Pretend you are writing in your diary about your life in Plymouth." Speakers at our gathering were Jeff and Debbi Preston of El Dorado Hills, CA. The Prestons had recently visited the fabulous Galapagos Islands and shared with us photos and descriptions of adventures on their excursion. There are unique species in the Galapagos, many of which fascinated Charles Darwin when he was exploring the world.

Our second meeting occurred on March 29 with a different type of program. We picked 8 members who were willing to speak about an ancestor they had discovered in their research for Mayflower passengers. The subject was not be a passenger but a different ancestor who had an unusual life or accomplishment. Those who stepped up with fascinating tales were Jeff Record, Kathy Gire, Eric Nielsen, Arline Lisinski, Betsy Samson-Andrews, Dave Black, Jerry Weston, and Carolyn Hatling. The subjects of the talks ranged from a crowned head of Scotland, to a young man who fought on both sides of the American Revolution, to a tiny little person who was a circus performer and wife of the legendary Tom Thumb. To quote Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the places you'll go ..." as you work your way through family history.

Our next meeting at Sudwerk will be May 24th, and then we take our summer hiatus. We look forward to resuming our meetings in September when Pat Friesen will join us and talk about the Congress in Plymouth that she will have attended and fill us in on what is new with the California Society.

Kathy Gire,
Mother Lode Colony Governor

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

On March 1, 2014, San Francisco Peninsula Colony met with Sequoia Colony for our annual joint meeting. The event hosted by Sequoia at the beautiful Menlo Circus Club, with a terrific speaker, was very well attended.

The next meeting of the San Francisco Peninsula Colony will be May 10, 2014, at Delancey Street Restaurant on the Embarcadero, in San Francisco. Our guest will be Dr. Scot Guenter, professor at San Jose State University, who will speak on how the Mayflower Compact influenced civil religions in America.

*Jay Ingwalson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

We had a good turnout for our February 15, 2014 meeting which was held at the Woodward Park Library in Fresno. We have decided to rotate our meeting places during the year in order to accommodate our members who must travel from out of town in order to attend.

Our guest speaker for the February meeting was Roger Howland who is a volunteer assistant historian with the California Society of Mayflower Descendants library. Mr. Howland gave a fascinating program entitled: Alien Abduction, Slavery and Plague, and What they have to do with Plymouth. He shared the timeline and details of the early encounters between the Indians of Cape Cod and European explorers which began a full 120 years before the pilgrims arrival in 1620. Many of these negative and hostile early encounters influenced the Indians fear and distrust of ships and their inhabitants. Shortly their arrival, the pilgrims were fortunate to have met Samoset and Squanto who were able to foster trade and goodwill between the Wampanoag and the pilgrims and to facilitate a long term peace that lasted a generation.

*Cindi Valenzuela, Secretary
San Joaquin Valley Colony*

Santa Barbara Colony

We had a great meeting Saturday, April 5th! Our "Cousin", Myles Standish, was our Speaker! He was in character as our ancestor and shared many wonderful bits of information about the life of Myles Standish. The Alden cousins among us realized if Priscilla hadn't asked John Alden to speak for himself our ancestor might BE Myles Standish!

Present day Miles shared that he was born in Oakland, went to school in Oakland, spent most of my summers in the Sierra, got six college degrees after high school, worked for California State Parks for 42 years (mostly as a ranger) and now is retired and recently took the California Bar. He continues to volunteer for State Parks and for their 150th Anniversary this coming year he will be in the role of Galen Clark, California's first state park ranger, throughout the State.

And had 20 members and 6 guests at our meeting! Next meeting October 4, 2014. All are welcome to attend! Contact Colony Governor, Ruth Jackson, at jxnruith@hotmail.com for details.

*Ruth Jackson
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Los Angeles Colony

On February 15th 2014 the Los Angeles Colony had a meeting at the Family History Library on Santa Monica Blvd in West Los Angeles. The meeting was catered by Stratos Catering with the usual buffet. Our Speaker was author and Plymouth historian James Baker who has over twenty books published. His presentation was made using Skype, and projected onto a wall size screen. The picture and audio was sharp and clear, and came from his home in snow covered Plymouth. His presentation included a power point display, the topic being the History of Thanksgiving. This is the third time we have done this with past speakers Paul Bumpus in our general Society office in Plymouth Massachusetts, and Assistant Governor General Lea Filson from her home in New Orleans Mississippi. Colony members and Guests enjoyed being able to do genealogical research before and after the meeting. Dr McBride who is the Director of the Family History Library gave us a review of the latest additions to the Family Search online Search engine. It was a great meeting!

Our next colony meeting is scheduled tentatively for June 21st at Marie Calendars in Torrance. Colony member and author Don Lynch will be speaking on the Pilgrim descendants that were on the Titanic.

Don Lynch was born and raised in the Northwest where he began researching the Titanic while still in high school. In the four decades since he has traveled to museums and archives throughout the United States, Canada, England, and Ireland to conduct his research. He has met and interviewed twenty passengers from the Titanic, as well as numerous relatives of survivors and victims'. For many years he has been the official Historian for the Titanic Historical Society.

In 1992 Don wrote the text for the book "Titanic - An Illustrated History" which went on to spend twelve weeks on the New York Times' best seller list. Director James Cameron hired Don as the historian for his movie, "Titanic," and in the Summer of 2001 hired Don as consultant to his "Ghosts of the Abyss" project, where they dove to the Titanic in a Russian submersible to film the wreck for his 3-D, large format documentary. Don wrote the text for the companion book, "Ghosts of the Abyss," and most recently was a contributor for the James Cameron book, "Exploring the Deep – The Titanic Expeditions."

Franklin E. Smith III
Los Angeles Colony, Governor

Inland Empire Colony

The Inland Empire Colony held its regular luncheon meeting on Feb. 8 at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Calimesa. Our membership recited the Mayflower Compact at the start of the meeting. We had a great attendance of our membership and especially of our newest members. Our "Mayflower Moment" was given by David Grinnell. Our speaker was Doug Westfall. He is an author and publisher of many historical times. We have had him several times and he is a great speaker. His picture is included. His topic was about the history of the California missions, the history of California and the California Flag. Our next meeting on April 12 is at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Calimesa. This will be our colony's 40th anniversary. We will go over the history of our colony with help from the past District Governors that are still members of our colony. We love to have visitors. Please come if you can.

Please email Rick Clark at rick_clark1@verizon.net or Dave Grinnell at dvytca@gmail.com for reservations and directions.



Rick Clark,
Inland Empire Colony, Governor

San Diego Colony Report

Ray Raser

San Diego Colony Governor

The San Diego Colony continues to represent the Mayflower Society in the Greater San Diego area with community interaction. Our Colony was represented at the Family History Fair held March 1, 2014 at the Family History Center in Escondido. We had an exhibit that attracted a lot of activity from attendees. A number of our Colony members staffed the exhibit and answered many inquiries. A dozen attendees signed up to receive more information about membership.



***Budd Leef, Gail Raser,
Belle Bohn at Escondido
History Fair***

Our February 15th Colony meeting was held at the Kearny Mesa Ramada Inn Convention Center. Assistant Governor Belle Bohn introduced the speakers, Recording Secretary Kathleen Loftman and her husband, Russ Loftman. Russ spoke about the three primary weapons of our pilgrim forefathers, describing the weapons and how they



***Kathleen Loftman presents
Mourning and Mourning
Jewelry***

worked and displaying two of the three weapons. Kathleen gave an interesting and informative presentation called "Mourning and Mourning Jewelry." She spoke about the history of mourning, traditions, and mourning jewelry from the time of our pilgrim ancestors through the end of the 1800's. A slate of officers for 2014 – 2016 was presented to the Colony. The new officers will be elected and installed at the May 17, 2014 meeting at MCAS Marine Corps Officers Club.

Our speaker will be Deputy Governor South, Marcia Maloney, presenting a program on the children of the *Mayflower*.



***Membership Chair Joyce Shiloff, new
member Mary Boehn,
SD Colony Gov. Ray Raser***



***Emily Boehn at New York 2013
Mayflower Ball***

Santa Barbara Colony

We had a great meeting Saturday, April 5th! Our “Cousin”, Miles Standish, was our Speaker! He was in character as our ancestor and shared many wonderful bits of information about the life of Myles Standish. The Alden cousins among us realized if Priscilla hadn't asked John Alden to speak for himself – our ancestor might BE Myles Standish!



Miles Standish

Present day Miles shared that he was born in Oakland, went to school in Oakland, spent most of my summers in the Sierra, got six college degrees after high school, worked for California State Parks for 42 years (mostly as a ranger) and now is retired and recently took the California Bar. He continues to volunteer for State Parks and for their 150th Anniversary this coming year he will be in the role of Galen Clark, California's first state park ranger, throughout the State.

We had a memorial for our Founding Colony Governor, Geraldine Wheeler.

And had 26 members and guests at our meeting! Next meeting October 4, 2014. All are welcome to attend! Contact Colony Governor, Ruth Jackson, at jxnruith@hotmail.com for details.

Ruth Jackson
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor

Redwood Empire Colony

The last meeting of Redwood Empire Colony was held 22 Feb. 2014 at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Petaluma with 25 persons in attendance. A member of our colony took inventory of the Silver books at Sutro Library in San Francisco a while ago and one of our members agreed to deliver the books to Sutro. Mary Mitchell is finding her time too busy to continue with the

nametags and our secretary, Candace McGuire, has agreed to take over that responsibility. Diane Stone, a Monterey Colony member, spoke about *Mary of the Mayflower*, her recently published book about Mary Chilton. Her program was well received and we all enjoyed meeting her and her husband, Tom.



Our next meeting will be 10 May 2014 and our own member, Don Dickinson, will be showing us a slide show and speaking of his trip to Scrooby and Leiden.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Friesen
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor

Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony held its annual joint meeting with the San Francisco Colony on March 1st. We had a near record crowd, and along with the Sequoia and SF Colony attendees, we were delighted to also have with us, Pat Friesen, Deputy Governor North. Our speaker was Marsha Mather-Thrift, Executive Director of the Rosie the Riveter Trust, for the Rosie the Riveter / WWII Home Front Museum in Richmond. It was quite amazing to learn, and see in her slide presentation, just how much pioneering history took place in the buildings that encompass this National Historical Park, and in its surrounding areas, and as is currently represented by its Museum! Our next meeting will be our annual Pot-luck, Sunday July 13.



Pat Friesen, Deputy Governor North, Nancy Foley, SF Colony Deputy Governor, Marsha Mather-Thrift, Jay Ingvalson, SF Colony Governor

*Peggy Reid
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

Orange County Colony

The February informal brunch meeting was a great success and well attended. No formalities, a very good presentation by State Deputy Governor South, Marcia Maloney, on Children of the Mayflower, which she is now going to take on the road. Two of our members, Carolyn Youngs and Roberta Scherbarth, shared their discovery of having native ancestry. Roberta has a full presentation on Youtube.

Our second annual scholarship essay contest is launched. We will award grants in April. April of course is our formal meeting. We have a very interesting speaker coming, retired USC Professor Edwin Perkins whose academic field is colonial economics. April also brings us elections. We have a terrific board, all incredibly hardworking. I wish I could name them all, all 10 of them, but then this little note would have to have another paragraph. Amazingly they are all willing to stand for reelection.

*Sincerely
Erica Hahn
Orange County Colony, Governor*

CA MAYFLOWER MEMBER'S HERITAGE

My Cole & Throop Mayflower Heritage by Erica Hahn

Clara Cole was born in 1867 in Mt. Pleasant Iowa. Her father was the Rev. William Ramey Cole, a Unitarian minister who made a considerable amount of money in manufacturing and selling lightning rods. Her mother was Cordelia Throop, an ardent reformer and prohibitionist, who spent her life traveling the country promoting her causes. Her life is the subject of an article, which appeared in the Fall 1996 issue of *Iowa Heritage*, called "Save Them Before They Fall, Cordelia Throop Cole and the WCTU's Social Purity Movement," by Megan Hailey-Dunsheath.

Clara was one of seven children of the Coles. Her sister, Olive, was interested in genealogy, contributed to a book on the Ramey ancestry, and ultimately published a book of her own on her mother's genealogy, *George Addison Throop and Deborah Goldsmith, Ancestral Charts, The Old Traveling Bag*, Call Printing Company, East Saint Louis, Illinois, 1934.

Clara was my grandfather's mother, and copies of the book were distributed throughout the family, so even as a child I was dimly aware of it. In 2004 I finally came to own a copy and for the first time read it carefully. Although it does include ancestral charts, the book is really the love letters of George Throop and Deborah Goldsmith.



Sarah Stanton Mason Throop

George was the scion of a family descended both from the Mayflower and officers in the American Revolution, but by 1830 to some degree had fallen on hard times. Deborah was far worse off. She was penniless and was now making her way in the world as an itinerant portrait painter, which means she would go to a household and stay there painting members of the family, then travel on. She met George when she was in his family's household to paint portraits. They fell in love, but she feared the match was not a good one. She was two years older than him, and they were not of the same religious faith. Obviously they did marry and produced two children. Through Olive's research, the Mayflower line was established, and Clara, by now the wife of a surgeon living in Cincinnati, Ohio, joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

When I started researching this family and trying to confirm Olive Cole's work. I found on line at HeritageQuest, a book, called *Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Ohio, organized 1898* for the year 1913. Entry no. 73 was Clara Cole Carothers, Gen. No. 3269, Ninth from Richard Warren. Her membership obviously predates Olive's book by more than 30 years. At this point I concluded I should honor the memory of these people by making my own application.

The person who worked with me in gathering my documentation was Myrtle Savage, at that time the Co-Historian of the CA Mayflower Society. What I did not realize is that she would be able to access Clara's original application or what would turn up in that application. The documents in the application are various affidavits, but the most moving affidavit was written by Sallie M. Goldsmith, copied by G. A. Throop in an affidavit written by him in 1892.

"I will try and answer some of your questions concerning your dear Mother. I can recall the many pleasant hours I had with her. Never did I love a sister any better than I did Deborah—She was a devoted Christian exemplary conscientious and amiable. You may be proud of such a mother.

Your Father & Mother were married at Sanford Boone's, Hamilton (New York). Who married them I cannot remember. It was a Baptist minister. At the time they were married I had a babe six weeks old born the 16th of November 1832. I think they were married New Years 1833 but cannot remember exactly.

You want to know how they looked and I wish I could describe them. To look at them one would think a cloud never would darken their horizon. I can truly say she was lovely.

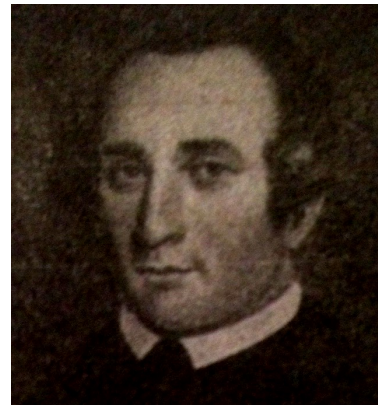
After the marriage ceremony was performed Sanford Boone placed two chairs in the middle of the room and said, "Tracy and Sally sit there." What was to be done I did not know. Sanford took my baby in both hands and facing the company said, "In the Presence of these gentlemen and ladies, I name this child Sanford Boone Goldsmith." There was a clapping of hands."

This eyewitness description of the marriage ceremony of my great-great-great grandmother was enough to bring me to tears. I applied for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants without really knowing what I would gain, and what I did gain was not so much the acknowledgement that I was descended from Richard Warren. What I really gained was a present time connection to a woman not descended from the *Mayflower*, but equally worthy of being remembered.

Erica Hahn, Gen.74666, State 7681, Thirteenth from Richard Warren



Deborah Goldsmith

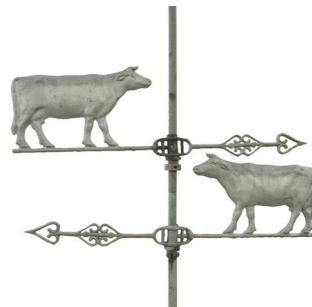
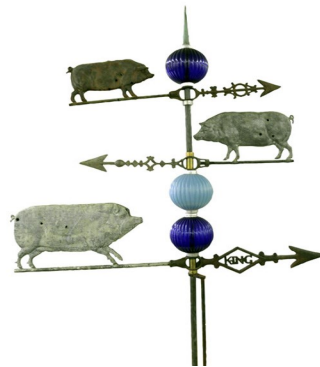


George Throop

The Cole Brothers Pump and Lightning Rod Company

Robert W. Lovett, Harvard University

A familiar figure on the roads of the Middle West during the second half of the last century was the lightning-rod salesman with his wagon. In an area frequently visited by thunder storms, there was a ready market for the latest adaptation of Franklin's protective device. Even in frontier towns, new buildings were not long unequipped with rods, their points tipped with platinum and perhaps ornamented with glass balls. The preservation of two record books, a ledger, and a few letters enables us to tell the story (or at least part of it) of the firm largely responsible for the widespread acceptance of this method of protection against lightning. Cole Brothers, of Mount Pleasant in southeastern Iowa, was a family company, but the fact that its owners were four brothers does not mean that the minutes of their meetings are any less frank or complete. One must only regret that the surviving volumes start after the business had been under way for some time and stop many years before the firm disbanded. However, the story of the intervening years in the life of the company reveals not only steady growth, despite temporary setbacks, but also the interplay of personalities. An enterprise responsible for a product in common use by our ancestors (one which shows signs of returning popularity) is for a moment illumined.



The lightning rod was invented in 1749 by Benjamin Franklin
Rev. William Ramey Cole was Erica Hahn's ancestor.
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