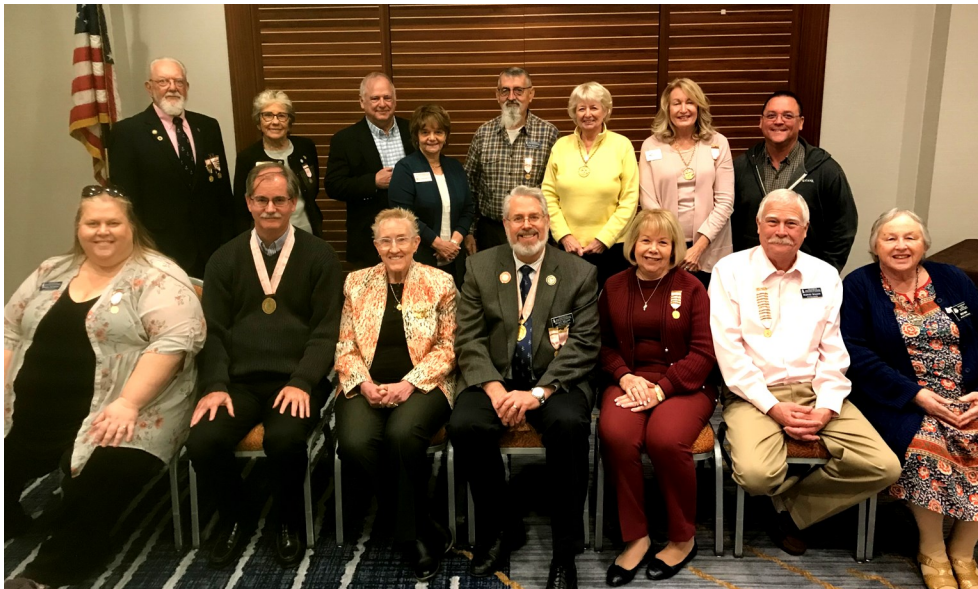




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## *Board of Assistance Meeting, March 2023, Long Beach*

*Front: Historian-Mandy Dunkle, Deputy Gov. So.-Dr. Robert Lincoln,  
Deputy Gov. No.-Kathleen Watson, CA Gov.-Scott Miller, Secretary-Billie Mitchell,  
Treasurer-Harvey Soldan, Counselor-Erica Hahn,*

*Rear: DGG & Co-Editor-Ray Raser, Co-Editor-Gail Raser, Dr. Robert Christopher, Inland Empire  
Gov.-Susan Christopher, Gary Soldan, Advisor-Marcia Maloney, Rancho Conejo Delegate &  
Audit Chair-Lorraine Kocen, Technology-Richard Grogan.*

## *March Board of Assistants Meeting*

The California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants meeting was held March 14, 2023 at the Marriott Long Beach Airport. The executive committee met on Friday afternoon to review programs in progress and actions needed to be presented and voted on by the board.



*First time attendee, Foothill Colony, Don St. John with Gov. Scott Miller*

Every colony in the state should always be represented at these meetings as much business is conducted which is not always brought up in the published format of the quarterly. There is really no excuse that a colony is not represented since the technology team, headed by Richard Grogan, puts this meeting in zoom format for us. It is a pleasure working together with these members who have the good of the society at heart and exhibit a positive team-work attitude.



*Member Attending by Zoom*

It was brought to the attention of the editors that we might publish a list of upcoming colony meetings so when members travel, they might connect with other colonies in the state. If you can get to another meeting, please make sure you contact the colony governor to find out how to make reservations. This information was gathered from colony reports submitted for this edition of the quarterly.

Mother Lode Colony: April 15, 2023  
 Orange County Colony: April 22, 2023  
 Inland Empire Colony: April 22, 2023  
 Los Angeles: April 22, 2023  
 Foothill Colony: April 29, 2023  
 Santa Barbara Colony: April 29, 2023  
 San Diego Colony: May 20, 2023  
 San Joaquin Valley Colony: June 03, 2023  
 Sequoia Colony: June 24, 2023

It is our hope to have a complete list of all upcoming colony meetings in the next edition.

## Governor's Message

I pray your year has been blessed so far. If you are living in the mountains, I'm sure you've gotten snowed in and are still seeing the white stuff outside as you read this edition of the *California Mayflower Quarterly*. We've had record snow in the local mountains here in Southern California, such as up in Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. But in Lake Tahoe, they've had over 54ft of snow (with more coming)! Yikes! We in the flat lands have surely gotten our fill of rain. Maybe our State Governor, Newsom, can finally lift the "drought" status of California and lower our taxes some (I won't hold my breath, though). As I write this, a couple more days of storms are about to roll in.

The first quarter of 2023 was packed for me. In January, we had our Executive Board and BOA meeting on Zoom. I attended the Orange County Colony Meeting in February. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of doing my new presentation, "400 Years of Thanksgiving – How Our American Holiday Came to Be" for the Redwood Empire Colony up in San Rafael - just north of San Francisco. I also swore in the newly elected Board for the Colony. John McNeill was elected for his second term and welcomed a couple new members on the Board. Finally, we just had our in-person Executive Board and Board of Assistants Meetings at the Long Beach Airport Marriott. It is so nice to actually get together with real people, rather than be some disembodied head on a computer screen.



After swearing in the new Redwood Empire Colony Board  
L-R: RE Colony Governor, John McNeill, Deputy Governor &  
BOA Delegate, Wayne Skala, Elder, Sally Johnson, Treasurer,  
Toni Kuhry, Secretary, Linda Wallace, and CA State Governor,  
Scott Miller

For those of you who may not know, my term as Governor is coming quickly to an end. The Nominating Committee has come up with a solid slate of candidates to fill each of the roles in the upcoming term that begins in June. Thankfully, the bulk of the existing Executive Board have agreed to remain, with a couple new members joining. There will be great continuity with this past Administration. You will see the list of candidates presented later in this *Quarterly*. We invite you to attend our upcoming Membership Meeting in person, June 17<sup>th</sup>, following our BOA Meeting. It will be held up north in Emeryville, near Berkeley. At this meeting you will hear a very special presentation given by Former Governor General, George Garmany, who will honor us with his presence for the weekend. You will be able to vote on some important Bylaws updates that are listed later on in this *Quarterly*. Finally, you will be able to vote for the new Executive Board, who will represent you the next two years. Former Governor General, George Garmany, will swear in the new Board, which is such an honor. I'm not going away, though. Of course, I will always be one of the Honorary Governors, joining the rest who preceded me. I will continue to represent the State as the Deputy Governor General (DGG) at the General Society Congress in September and General Society Board of Assistants meetings for the next couple of years.

By the way, I encourage anyone who would like to join us to sign up for the Triennial GSMD Congress in September in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Make your plans today for the special tours, Family Society gatherings, Pilgrim Walk, Congress and hanging out with cousins from all the other Member Societies from September 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth.

This is a special time to go back there. We also have about 45 slots in our State Caucus, so you can represent your Colony as part of our Caucus as a Delegate. When voting on the issues that come up, we usually break up in our respective caucuses and vote among ourselves to determine how we should vote on them on behalf of the State. Speak to your Colony Governor about how you can become a delegate and join us. Then go to the GSMD Website ([themayflowersociety.org](http://themayflowersociety.org)) to the Member's Only page to sign up for the Congress and Events. If some of the tours have filled up, you can get on a waiting list. If a significant number of folks are on the list, they may open up more busses or opportunities for you. In any case, please do plan on joining us for the Congress in September, if you have the time and want to have fun with us.



*Gail Raser, CA Quarterly Co-Editor and CA State Governor, Scott Miller, at the CA State BOA Meeting, Long Beach Airport Marriott*

I have so enjoyed representing you as Governor these last couple of years. Of course, when I was elected back in 2021, we were just emerging from the COVID lockdowns and still not quite on a solid footing. That year we celebrated the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thanksgiving back in Plymouth at the 2021 GBOA Meeting. What an honor that was. In fact, those of us who rode on the Rose Parade Float, who were in Pilgrim outfits, got to go on the *Mayflower II* 401 years after our Pilgrim ancestors were on the *Mayflower I*! I definitely thought of my ancestor, Governor William Bradford, being on that ship sailing across that vast, tumultuous

ocean and then standing on the deck in that same harbor looking at the untamed wilderness of the very place we were looking at that we now call the town of Plymouth. It was not a foregone conclusion that they would survive, but they did and we are here today celebrating them! That was so cool!

We have accomplished so much in this term. As part of our responsibility to fulfill the recommendations from the Audit Committee, prior to my election, we hired a CPA to handle our IRS and State taxes, which was a big thing, since in the past, it was always handled by our State Treasurer. Since we are a large organization with over 2600 active members, it was time we had a professional handle our annual taxes to keep us fully compliant with our non-profit (501c3) status. Another very important accomplishment was the forming of our Investment Committee to help guide our portfolio manager with our investments. We adopted an official Investment Policy. And, though in the past it was ably managed for years by our previous Investment Manager, Former Governor General, Judith Swan, it was determined that we needed to put the substantial portfolio under the guidance of a larger committee of five members (four appointed Committee Members and the State Treasurer) with staggered four-year terms for continuity. And, given the tumultuous financial time we've been through this last year, we can confidently say that we have limited the effects of the market downturn and have kept our losses to a minimum with the help of the Committee and our Investment Manager, who have taken their roles very seriously. There will be a full Investment Committee update later on in this volume, for those who are interested. If you are interested in serving on this committee and you have the expertise, please speak with your Colony Governor or with Kathy Watson, who will be appointing a couple members after her election to begin their four-year terms beginning in October.

One of my primary goals when I got elected was to start a bequest program to help us raise more significant funds for the State.

Though we always welcome individual donations for our various outreaches and programs, we really need to raise more substantial funds to support our large organization. With Kathy Watson's leadership and creativity, we successfully launched our legacy program last October and have officially begun to accept bequests from members who want to leave a significant and lasting gift for the State Society to help us continue our operations and outreaches.

Please read about the leave a legacy below and on the state website. Please consider including us in your will or living trust. You will become one of our honored, "*One Small Candle Legacy Members*", and will receive a special pin to proudly wear to meetings showing your honored status.

Finally, let me say, "Thank you!" You trusted me with your vote in 2021 to be your Governor. I hope that I have lived up to and, even, exceeded your expectations. I know we have not been perfect in everything. There have been a few bumpy times. But I can confidently say, my Executive Board – Kathy Watson, Deputy Governor North, Dr. Robert Lincoln, Deputy Governor South, Billie Mitchell, Secretary, Harvey Soldan, Treasurer, Erica Hahn, Counselor, Kim Pike, Membership Secretary, Mandy Dunkle, State Historian, Tawny Welch, State Elder, including Deputy Governor General, Ray Raser, and Marcia Maloney, State Advisor – have gone above and beyond for you and *The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.* It has been one of the best teams I have been a part of. In fact, my entire Board, Appointed Chairs and Board of Assistants Members, who have ably represented your colonies these last two years, have all been a joy to work with. What an honor it has been for me to work with such dedicated and excellent people to guide and support this organization we all love. I am confident the incoming Administration will take the Society to even greater heights the next two years! In conclusion, I would like to make a special call-out to the two folks who have kept us all informed with these beautifully designed *California Mayflower Quarterlies* – Co-Editors, Ray and Gail Raser! These *Quarterlies* have been outstanding all of the years you have been doing them, but particularly these last two years! I applaud you both! Thank you and Pilgrim Blessings to you all!

*Scott Miller,  
Governor*

### *"Leave a Legacy"*

Planned gifts are an excellent way to leave a meaningful legacy to California Society of Mayflower Descendants. Your generous gift will aid in genealogical research, educate young scholars, and preserve and protect documents.

When you remember the California Society of Mayflower Descendants in your will or trust, or as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy, or as part of a gift that pays you income during your lifetime, you are ensuring future connection and community among Mayflower descendants.

To get started, visit the "Leave a Legacy" on our state website which contains all the details.

### Deputy Governor North

The northern California Colonies are preparing to welcome all members to the Hilton Garden Inn, Emeryville, for the State Society membership meeting. This is an opportunity for all members to elect the State Officers and network with pilgrim descendants from all parts of the state.

There will be two events on June 17: a Board of Assistants meeting and a General membership meeting with guest speaker, Former Governor General George Garmany. Check out the announcement in this quarterly and book your room at the hotel.

State Secretary Billie Mitchell, an accomplished artist, is donating two Mayflower related paintings for an opportunity drawing which will take place in October. The paintings will be on display to pique interest; all ticket proceeds will go to the State Society scholarship fund.

We look forward to welcoming you to Emeryville!

*Kathleen Watson  
Deputy Governor North*

### Deputy Governor South

I attended the San Diego Colony meeting on February 18 after getting through terrible traffic on the way south from Los Angeles. I thoroughly enjoyed the program by author Donna Watkins. She talked about the Plymouth justice system in the early years of the colony providing many examples. Her examples included various crimes and punishments, both those relatively minor (at least in our modern perspective) and those more severe. I enjoy talks like those of Ms. Watkins' in that they give us insight into the everyday lives of our ancestors. It is hard four hundred years later to imagine their lives without our modern biases. What is especially interesting to me is what was important to them. Often this contrasts significantly to what we four hundred years later view as important. Their justice system gives some insight into these priorities. For example, it was important to them that the members of their community conformed in many small manners of everyday life as deviating could be viewed as a sign of evil influences. Privacy was not important since that would hinder others from helping to be on the guard for these evil influences. It is hard for us to think about welcoming such snooping as a benefit to us by helping keep us on the right path.

On March 17, I attended the California Society Executive Board meeting in Long Beach. It was an active three-hour meeting covering many items to keep our Society running so successfully. We are fortunate to have several officers who spend considerable time working on our behalf. The next day, I attended the California Society Board of Assistants meeting also held in Long Beach with roughly equal numbers attending in person and via a ZOOM link. The cost of meeting at airport hotels has greatly increased in the recent years following the pandemic. Going forward, we will look at other venues that may be a little less convenient but hopefully can bring the costs down so more can come attend in person.

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

## State News

### **Nominations for Voted Positions for California Mayflower Society**

The nomination committee submitted a full slate of officers to the board in March. Since that time some issues have come up with two of the officers to be voted on, and a brief description of those jobs is included. Please enjoy the bio's of the members who have been willing to serve for us for the next two years. We appreciate their commitment of time and energy to serve our society. Voting will be in person in June or via zoom for all California members in good standing. You must pre-register for the zoom meeting.

#### **Kathleen Watson Governor**

Kathleen Watson is a 10th generation descendant of Mary Chilton and Stephen Hopkins. She and her husband, Marston, have been married 29 years and live in Richmond, CA. She retired as an



*Kathleen Watson*

Information Technology Project Manager and shares her technical skills with many organizations as a volunteer. In 2002, she was certified as a Project Management Professional. She is also a past Director of Toastmasters International, a public speaking and leadership organization.

In 2012 while researching at the New England Historical & Genealogical Society Library, she identified two Mayflower ancestors: Stephen Hopkins and Mary Chilton. Both have been proven with the general society. Presently, Kathy volunteers at the library in Oakland and co-chairs the California Society website in addition to serving as Deputy Governor North and San Francisco Peninsula Colony Governor. In her capacity as Deputy Governor North, she developed the "Leave a Legacy" program for members to choose to name the California State Society in their estate. Marston, 10th generation from Edward Winslow, authored the Winslow Silver book and the Descendants of Royal Families series. Kathy enthusiastically joins him in this hobby.

#### **Diane Douglass Deputy Governor North**

Born and raised in Plymouth County Massachusetts, Diane has been in Northern California for over 38 years. She has a BSEE in Electrical Engineering from Brown University and moved to Silicon Valley immediately after graduation to begin her career at Intel in microprocessor design. Diane met her husband, Steve, at Intel and they have been married for 35 years. Diane "retired" from Intel in the mid 1990's to raise her 3 (now grown) children.

While raising her children (which she believes is way more complex than microprocessor design!), Diane has held a variety of leadership positions at the local schools and in her community.



*Diane Douglass*

She has been Treasurer for the school PTA, Membership Chairperson for the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, Vice President of her neighborhood club's Governing Board, President of her neighborhood's Tennis Club, and Director of Events for a local, non-profit animal rescue.

Diane's interest in genealogy was sparked by her mother's desire to join the Mayflower Society. Diane has since found and proven descent from 10 Mayflower passengers on her mother's side. In researching her husband's ancestors' journey to California in the 1800s, Diane discovered and has proven that her husband descends from 5 Mayflower passengers – 4 of whom they share in common! Diane's paternal side immigrated to the US from Poland in the early 1900s and Diane plans to begin the challenging task of researching her Polish roots and heritage soon.

Diane joined the Mayflower Society in 2016 and has since held the positions of Colony Membership Chairperson and Board of Assistants Delegate for the Sequoia Colony, her home colony. She was appointed a California Mayflower Society Assistant Historian in 2020, a position she truly enjoys. She loves assisting applicants with researching and preparing their GSMD applications as well as welcoming new members to the California Mayflower Society and to the Sequoia Colony. Diane looks forward to the opportunity to serve our State Society and to assist our State Governor and the northern colonies as Deputy Governor North.

### **Dr. Robert Lincoln** **Deputy Governor South**

Dr. Robert Lincoln first started researching his genealogy twenty-five years ago to determine his relationship to President Abraham Lincoln (answer is none). But he has traced his descent from over 160 early New England immigrants to Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island including the Mayflower passenger, Thomas Rogers. He has been a member of the California Society of Mayflower Descendants for over twenty years. Dr. Lincoln is currently serving in his second term as the Los Angeles Colony Governor and his first term as California State Society Deputy Governor South. He has held various officer positions for the Order of Founders and Patriots in America (OPFA) in California and the Society of Colony Wars (SCW) in California. Dr. Lincoln completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science and a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, all from UCLA. He has worked on airborne radar system software development and system integration for over forty years. Dr. Lincoln retired in 2017 as a Senior Fellow from the defense contractor Raytheon. He continues as a consultant a couple of days a week for his former programs. Dr. Lincoln and his wife, Marguerite, have been married 41 years and live in Glendale, CA. They have two adult children, Bobby and Danielle.



*Robert Lincoln*

#### **Recording Society Secretary (open)**

Record the minutes of all State Membership, and the Executive Committee, and Board of Assistants meetings. Be custodian of all records and State Society seal. Send notices for State Society meetings electronically, and perform all other duties listed under the Procedure Manual at the request of the State Society Governor.



### Harvey Soldan Treasurer

Born in Queens, New York, New York in 1955. Grew up in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maryland. Graduates from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD with a Bachelors in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. After a short stint at the Université Catholique de Louvain, at Louvain la Neuve, in Woluwe-St-Lambert, in Brussels, Belgium (2 ½ years), I returned to the US, got an engineering job at Raytheon and was giving a temporary posting to Santa Barbara. That posting lasted 3 years and then I was hired by Disney to be the Fantasyland ride and show engineer. After one of the not infrequent mass layoffs at Disney, worked as a contractor in several DOD and commercial Los Angeles aerospace companies. I then started working at The Jet Propulsion Laboratory and have been here for 37 years, rising to the role of Technical Group Supervisor for the NASA's Deep Space Network as well as the Chief Engineer for my section. The Deep Space Network tracks almost all of the spacecraft, US and others that voyage beyond.



*Harvey Soldan*

In CA, I have lived in Santa Barbara, Goleta, Gaviota, La Verne, Azusa, Ontario, Riverside, and now am happily in Glendora.

I grew up 'knowing' that I was a Mayflower descendent. My paternal grandfather (Henry Morton Soldan) had done much of the research in the 1950s and was a member of the New Jersey Mayflower Society. His mother, Abigail Morton Murdock, grew up in the ancestral Murdock home in Middleboro, MA which had been in the family since the early 1700's. My grandfather had correctly proven lines to John Alden/William Mullins, William Brewster, John Howland/John Tilley, Miles Standish, & Richard Warren. He only filed for John Alden & Miles Standish. He identified a line to Henry Sampson, but it proved to be to Abraham Sampson. About 23 years ago my father decided that, to honor his father, he wanted to prove out all of the lines that he could and file for GSMD approval for himself and his children. I was not only the only grandchild that showed interest in our family, and also a computer 'whiz', so he asked me to research and find out whatever I could. I verified what my grandfather had done on the John Alden/William Mullins, William Brewster, John Howland/John Tilley, Miles Standish, & Richard Warren lines. And I found and proved lines to James Chilton, Thomas Rogers, a true line to Henry Sampson, and two more lines to John Howland. I hope to eventually get Mayflower certificates for Priscilla Mullins, Mary Brewster, Love Brewster, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, Mrs James Chilton & Mary Chilton.

For the past one plus years I have served as the Treasurer for our society my goal is to streamline our accounting processes and data storage and collection to pass on a much simpler job for the next Treasurer. As always, I look forward to meeting more of my Mayflower cousins and swapping discovery stories and especially any family lore, proven or not.



## Mandy Dunkle

### Historian

As a California native, I am the fourth generation in my family born in Orange County, California. I have a deep-rooted love of genealogy and of my family history ever since I discovered my great-grandmother's research as a child. My husband, Joe, and I have been married for 15 years and have one daughter, Amelia, who is 10 years old.

I am descended from **John, Elinor, and Francis Billington** – who's lineage I provided to join the Mayflower Society in 2018. In 2019, I was appointed as the first Colony Membership Chair (CMC) to the Orange County Colony and in December of that year, became an Assistant State Historian for our State Society. I have also proven my descendancy from **Richard Warren, Francis Cooke, Edward Fuller, and Thomas Rogers**...along with their spouses and children that sailed on the Mayflower.

I'm also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), U.S. Daughters of 1812, and the Senior Society President, Orange County Children of the American Revolution chapter. In addition to helping those with their Mayflower lineage, I spend my time homeschooling my daughter, traveling, singing, gardening, bird watching, a Girl Scouts troop helper, and volunteer research with the DAR. I look forward to my second term as California State Historian and working with our new BOA.

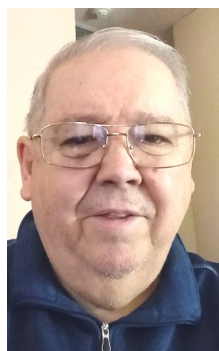


*Mandy Dunkle*

## Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.

### Elder

Kenneth Robert Whittemore, Jr. was born and grew up in Endicott, New York, Leaving New York and going to Brigham Young University to start college, it was there that Ken developed a life-long interest in family history. He graduated from Binghamton (New York) State Hospital



*Ken Whittemore*

School of Nursing with a diploma. Returning to Utah he married the love of his life, Vicki Smith of Lehi, Utah. Over the years they became the parents of 4 sons and 3 daughters: Jared, Robe, Melissa Tricoli, Deon Mattson, Edward, Kenna Albert, and David; and now 12 grandsons and 8 granddaughters. He joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and started a 28 year career in the Navy that would take them all over the world. He was diagnosed with Chronic Mylogenic Leukemia (CML). He is in medical remission and plans to serve the Society many more years. He also earned a M.S. degree in Health Science Management from Chapman University in 1983.

Ken joined the District of Columbia Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1976 on his maternal Edward Doty line and became a Dual member of the California Society in 1988. He has found 8 additional lines to Francis Cooke, Edward Fuller, Stephen Hopkins, and William White. In addition to his position as California State Governor he has served in San Diego Colony Governor, Alameda Colony Governor, CA Treasurer, CA Deputy Governor South, CA Elder, CA Membership Secretary, and Elder General.

### Erica Lis Hahn Counselor

Erica Lis Hahn was admitted to the California State Bar in Dec. 1993, bar no.57201, current status inactive. For most of my career I was an Administrative Law Judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. I have been a member of the California Mayflower Society since 1995. I have held many positions in the California Mayflower Society, including Orange County colony governor, co-historian/assistant historian from Dec 2018 to Jan. 2020 and State Historian from Jan. 2020 to June 2021. I have been the California State Counselor from June 2021 to present.



*Erica Lis Hahn*

### Membership Secretary (open)

Maintain Membership files of the Society, updating and verifying address changes and other information. Work closely with State Treasurer and Historian to ascertain correct membership status. Create other report as necessary for General Society and State Society. (This person needs to be proficient on the computer). See Article VII, Section 8 of State Bylaws for complete details.

More on **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](mailto:lucchesepeter@comcast.net) or call at: 510-451-9599 to set up a time when you can go into the Mayflower Library in Oakland.

*Submitted by Alameda Colony*



**The Society of Mayflower Descendants In the State of California, Inc.**

**BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
June 16-17, 2023**

**JUNE 16 SCHEDULE:**

3:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Board  
Dinner on your own

**JUNE 17 SCHEDULE:**

8:30-9:45 a.m. Board of Assistants  
10:00 a.m. Membership Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Luncheon

California Mayflower Society Members are invited to attend the State Membership Meeting June 16-17, 2023.

Elections for the New State Officers will be held and all attendees, who are CSMD members-in-good-standing are eligible to vote. New officers will be installed at the luncheon.

Former Governor General, **George Garmany**, will be our special guest, presenting "*New England Captivities: Terrorism at the turn of the 18th Century.*"

**REGISTER NOW! Continental Breakfast/Luncheon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CSMD Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Guests Count x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checks payable to "Society of Mayflower Descendants"  
 Mail to: Dianna Saario  
 40708 Balch Park Rd. #A  
 Springville, CA 93265-9749

**MEETING LOCATION**



**Hilton Garden Inn**  
 1800 Powell St.  
 Emeryville, CA 94608  
 Mayflower Rate: \$149  
[MAYFLOWER SOCIETY \(hilton.com\)](http://MAYFLOWER SOCIETY (hilton.com))  
 June 16-18, 2023

**GUEST SPEAKER**



George P. Garmany, M.D. from Northern Colorado, served as Governor General of the General Society from 2017 to 2020.

**ORIGINAL ART OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**  
 OCTOBER 2023  
 PROCEEDS TO SCHOLARSHIP S



## The Fortine Trophy

Every two years an important award with a trophy is presented to the California colony who has best represented and achieved the goals of the Mayflower Society through its activities and outreach programs during the previous two years. The award is presented at our state meeting in June.

As a helpful reminder, our mission statement best describes our objectives.

*The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc. is dedicated to preserving the history of our Mayflower heritage through education and research:*

*To provide and maintain a comprehensive library for the purpose of research for our members and prospective members.*

*To aid in genealogical research related to the descendants of the Mayflower passengers.*

*To educate young scholars by providing scholarships, on a comprehensive basis, to our children and grandchildren.*

*To preserve and protect documents and items related to our Mayflower ancestry as well as genealogical documents related to our members.*

*To continuously educate and inform the general public of the Mayflower legacy by providing speakers to other organizations, schools and to individual Colonies.*

I have emailed a questionnaire to all governors. The due date to return them electronically is April 15<sup>th</sup>. You will want to begin discussing your activities with your colony members because you will not want to omit important accomplishments.

Eugene (Gene) Fortine was a beloved member of the California Society. He served in various capacities in the state, GSMD and was also DGG and GOVERNOR GENERAL. We therefore honor him with this award. Unfortunately Gene left us to move on to greener pastures. But his sweet wife Pat, who was very active in supporting Gene has been able to be at our meetings to present the award. It is very exciting to be on the winning colony. See beautiful trophy picture attached.

The committee looks forward to reading and discussing your entries. Good luck to you all.



*Marcia Huntley Maloney  
Fortine Award Chair*

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*Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws*

for the June 17, 2023, membership meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.

Proposed revisions relating to emergency Membership meetings

**Article V****FEES AND DUES****Section 2: Dues Deadline**

Add

b. Effective July 1, 2022, when an applicant is approved by the GSMD during the last six months of the year, his/her dues shall be deemed to be paid for the following year.

Rationale: This language was approved at an emergency Membership meeting on Dec 10, 2022. As it turns out, under the current Bylaws, there is no authority to hold an emergency membership meeting outside of the regular scheduled membership meetings. It is proposed to ratify the change that was approved last December.

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**ARTICLE IX****MEETINGS****Section 4: Special Meetings**

Add

c. Emergency Membership Meetings may be called by the Governor and majority vote of the Executive Board for the purpose of conducting emergency business that requires a vote of the membership and cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled Membership Meeting, which occurs every odd year. A minimum of 30 (thirty) day notice, including the business to be transacted at the emergency meeting, must be given to all CA Society Members through direct email and/or through their respective Colonies to join the meeting via electronic means. Only members in good standing shall be able to vote on any business that comes before the membership at the emergency meeting.

Rationale: Experience has shown us that occasionally we need to make amendments to the bylaws on an emergency basis outside the regular membership meetings.

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Proposed revisions relating to delinquent dues

**Article V FEES AND DUES****Section 2: Dues Deadline**

Change

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual dues shall be payable in advance due on the first day of January in each year and will be considered delinquent if not paid by 31 **January**.

Change from .... will be considered delinquent if not paid by 31 March.

Rationale: The current language allows a member to remain in good standing even if he/she has not paid that year's dues by 31 March, but we need to report to Plymouth our members in good standing by February. Thus, we have to report to Plymouth members who have not paid the year's dues and pay a fee for each even though the member has actually not paid his/her dues for the year. This change would allow us to consider a member delinquent before we need to report our members in good standing to Plymouth.

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**Article V**  
**FEES AND DUES**

**Section 4: Delinquent Dues**

Change

When a member has not paid the annual dues by **31 January** of the calendar year in which the payment was due, he/she shall be dropped from the rolls of this Member Society and from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Change from .... When a member has not paid the annual dues by December 1 of the calendar year ....

Rationale: The current language allows a delinquent member to stay on our rolls until December 1, but we need to report to Plymouth our members on our rolls by February. Thus currently, we have to report delinquent members to Plymouth and pay Plymouth a fee for each even though the member is delinquent. Furthermore, the current language allows a delinquent member who is not paid up by December 1 to ride and receive the benefits of the state membership almost a whole year without payment of dues.

In this change we would drop the member from our rolls as soon as the member is delinquent.

Add

**A member may be reinstated pursuant to the procedure set out in the Standing Rules, including payment of the most recent year of unpaid dues.**

Rationale: This change adds language to authorize a reinstatement procedure.

Article V

**FEES AND DUES**

Section 4: Delinquent Dues, as amended, would read:

*When a member has not paid the annual dues by 31 January of the calendar year in which the payment was due, he/she shall be dropped from the rolls of this Member Society and from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. A member may be reinstated pursuant to the procedure set out in the Standing Rules, including payment of the most recent year of unpaid dues.*



*Nancy Lucchese donated two of these Mayflower 400th Anniversary blankets to Alameda Colony purchased from the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.*

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### Investment Committee Report

They say that timing is everything. In the fall of '21 the State Executive Board was at work developing a Policy for the establishment and operations of an Investment Committee composed of a selected number of Society members to supplement the work done for many years by Former Governor General Judy Swan supported by an investment advisor. Over a few months time the policy was completed, and the new Investment Committee appointed by Governor Scott Miller.

Those of us who were appointed were prepared to follow in the footsteps of Judy Swan and to manage a fairly consistent path for the Society's portfolio of investments, protecting the capital involved and providing sufficient income to fund certain elements of the annual budget of the Society. The markets had been calm and generous in prior years and all expected 'more of the same'.

Within weeks of the forming meeting of the Committee, the Federal Reserve Board shocked the investment world with a rate increase and suggestions on more to come. The markets reacted by dropping by 20% in the following months, and our task changed dramatically. The goals remain the same, but the volatility of the market environment and constant revision of forecasts and rates made fulfilling those goals an extraordinary dance. There was to be much greater work than planned, and we were short-handed besides! (more about that later).

What we've been doing since the summer of '22 is carefully sharing the load among our members by separating the investments by S&P Sectors, then each of us taking responsibility for tracking certain sectors and all equities within them to assure we are well informed of the details of the market conditions for both general sectors and companies within them. It is a tedious task that must be done regularly to assure the safety of the funds and optimization of the returns to be achieved. The resulting activity includes buying or selling equity holdings as their individual positions are affected by volatile changes and company actions, and keeping a careful eye on the effects of interest rate changes.

Specifically, we have maintained sector proportions while shift between equities within the sector to assure long term performance and income, reduced positions in certain sectors that appeared to be at risk in the 'new economy' and placed almost all fixed income investment and cash in short term Treasury Bills to lock interest income at the highest levels, The only big event we have missed so far was the recent banking debacle, and even in that we have succeeded in minimizing the losses by staying with the major banks who have already recovered quite well. We intend to continue this work going forward in anticipation of the much-expected recession. The fixed income short term holdings provide liquidity for investment in equities as the market recovers, hopefully in late '24, and we can then return to our historical focus on equities and growth. The end result of all that is a portfolio balance on February '23 almost exactly the same as that of February '21 with a lot of bumps in between. That, of course, is net of funds provided to the Society of over \$100,000.

In the meantime, you can thank the following for taking on this rather daunting task. The Committee includes: Lorraine Kocen, our Recorder, with a strong background in business and organization, Joe Morehead, who supports with professional work in economics and John McNeill (Chair) who serves the same role in another affiliation and has solid business experience as well as managing his own family investments. We are also blessed with the service of Harvey Soldan, CAMAY Treasurer, who keeps us well connected with the Executive Board, and on track with the Society's needs. As you may see the quality of the team is excellent, but we are SHORT-HANDED and really need your HELP. Each of us is carrying an extra workload for lack of a complete team and cannot continue this long-term. If you or someone you know is interested in serving our Society in this way, PLEASE let us know. With good sharing of the load it is not a job but more like a shared interest, with monthly meetings and most communications done electronically.

*John McNeill*  
*Investment Committee*



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## State Historian's Report

As I write this report, many of our members have been dealing with so much weather in the form of rain and snow (or both!) that I hope you are all safe, healthy, and have been able to weather the storms.

RootsTech in Salt Lake City was live and online this year. I heard that the GSMD booth seemed active, and I hope this was a good opportunity for people to connect with others in person after a three-year hiatus. I attended virtually, but the speakers were wonderful, and it was really interesting to hear their stories of new family connections and how genealogy helped with that.



Our State Society has been working along as application requests start to come in, but not as fast of a rate as they use to. We have caught up so much, that we are now looking for new ways to encourage new applications and supplementals to help keep our membership active and keep preserving lineages to the Mayflower passengers. With Spring upon us, most of our colonies are getting ready to close out another term around April/May and won't be back to having regular meetings until November. This is a great time to reach out into your communities, local libraries, genealogical societies, etc. to help promote the Society and encourage membership! Does your community have a summer

festival or county fair? Can your colony attend and help by having a booth to answer questions and provide details on how to apply? Here in Orange County, there is a Scottish festival that is put on annually and will be held in late May at the OC Fairgrounds. Many of our members will be going and I think it's a great time to make new connections! I know how much we all enjoy having our colonies active and engaging and I know that I enjoy seeing old friends and new faces when I attend my colony's gatherings. I hope to welcome more to our (and your) colonies in the near future.

The GSMD has proposed an increase in our new and supplemental applications originally at an amount that was an 100% increase from our current rate, but after many concerns raised by State Societies, was decided to propose a \$50 increase and to be voted upon at the September GBOA in Plymouth. This officer was not convinced by the financial outlook and budget plans that were provided to justify the increase (after it was just increased 2 years prior) and can say that many others agree with this statement. Hopefully, we will be able to have more State Societies agree when it's time to vote and keep the current fees in place to allow the incoming Historian team a chance to make improvements and therefore bring in additional income to offset any costs that may arise in that department.

Our State Society has submitted the following total applications between January 1st and March 31st : 37 new member applications and 39 supplementals.

January 6th – March 31st, 2023: 58 new applications and 28 supplementals were approved.

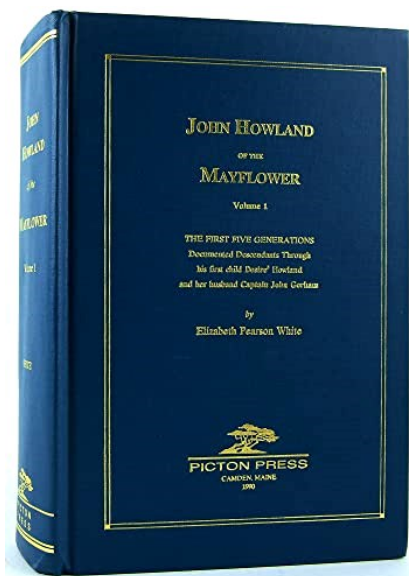
*Mandy Dunkle*  
*California State Historian*

## *The John Howland of the Mayflower books*

*by Erica Hahn*

Everyone is familiar with the “Silver Books” published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, but there is also another set of books which the Society treats as equivalent but does not publish, the four volume set called *John Howland of the Mayflower*.

They were written by Elizabeth Pearson White and published by Picton Press in the early 1990s.



They remain in copyright. However, Picton Press has since gone out of business, and they are no longer being published.

Since these books are not being published any more, they have become quite rare. Used copies of each volume can be found for sale on the internet, but they are expensive. For instance Amazon is currently selling volume 1 through daughter Desire at \$424. Volume 2 through son John is a bargain at \$264. Volume 3 through daughter Hope does not appear to be available for purchase anywhere. Volume 4 though daughter Elizabeth can be purchased through Amazon at \$345.

The Society has issued volumes of the other children of John Howland as silver books.

There was an interesting development in the last year or so. Internet Archive, which operates as a digital library, acquired copies of all four volumes, digitized them and allowed people who have registered with the site, one at a time, to borrow digital copies of the books for an

hour at a time. Our historians have been using the digital copies.

Then there was another development in March. A federal district court judge in New York in a case brought by four publishing houses ruled that the practice of IA of making digital copies of copyrighted works to lend out was a violation of the copyright. This decision was at the trial court level, and there will be appeals, but observers think the decision will be upheld. Thus for our purposes access to digital copies of the Howland books will probably cease.

The GSMD has announced plans to publish Silver Books for these four children. Although the text in the Picton volumes is under copyright, the basic data is not. (For instance, contemporary wills, town records, and deeds are in the public domain.) However, that may well take a while, so in the meantime the historians are back to using the physical copies of these books for Howland research. Fortunately, the California Society owns three sets.



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*General Society of Mayflower Descendants  
General Congress 2023*

**September 8-12, 2023, Plymouth, MA  
with 1620 Club Activity on September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**All attendees are required to register and wear the official registration badges to all event, tours, and meetings.**

**Register through the GSMD website**

*All events take place at the Hotel 1620 unless specified. Please note that all tours leave from Hotel 1620, Plymouth Harbor.*

*Please visit the GSMD website for information about Family Society events.*

Friday, Sept. 8, 2023: 8:30-2:00. Tour to Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Credentials pick-up in Hotel 1620 Lobby

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Open for committee meetings

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm Credentials pick-up in Hotel 1620 Lobby

8:30a.m.-5:00 pm Tour of Pilgrims Path

9:00a.m. –4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (EC Officers Only)

12:00 pm- 4:00 pm Whale Watch Captain John

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Mayflower II Event

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023: 9:00 am – 11:00 am Credentials pick-up Hotel 1620 Lobby

10:00 am- 12:00 pm: Historians Meeting

12:30 pm Pilgrim Progress line-up Mayflower Society House driveway

1:00 pm Pilgrim Progress from the Mayflower Society House

2:00 pm Opening Ceremony at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

3:00 pm Garden Reception

6:00 pm General Board of Assistants Meeting, required for officers,  
(including DGGs and AGs to be seated for Congress) in Hotel 1620 Ballroom

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Open for Committee Meetings

Monday, Sept. 11, 2023: 8:00 am to 9:00 am Credentials pick-up Hotel 1620 Lobby

9:00 – 4:00 First Business Session of General Congress

12:00 – 1:30- Lunch Break on your own

8:30- 5:00 pm tour of Beautiful Newport

6:00 – 9:00 pm Open for Committee Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023: 9:00-4:00 Second Business Session of General Congress

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Break ( Available at Hotel 1620)

8:30- 4:30 Tour of Historic Boston

6:30 – 10:00pm General Congress Reception and Banquet

Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston (Formal Attire)

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023: 1620 Club events by special invitation only

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### Are You Moving?

Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Kim Pike at:  
 membershipsecretary@camayflower.org

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.

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### California Mayflower

Next deadline: July 01, 2023 . 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 2023
Fall issue	October 1st 2023
Winter issue	January 2nd 2024
2023Spring issue	April 1st 2024

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Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:  
[www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

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### CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

#### Summer 2023 Executive & BOA Meetings North

June 16 & 17, 2023 - Emeryville, CA

See registration on page 12

Executive Board Meeting– June 16, 3:00pm - 5:00 pm

Board of Assistants Meeting– June 17, 8:30 am - 9:45 am

Membership Meeting (Elections) June 17, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
 (Lunch following)

**Fall 2023** - October 20, 21, 2023

**Winter 2024** - January 19 & 20

**Spring 2024** - March 15 & 16

**Summer 2024** - June 14 & 15

**Fall 2024** - October 18 & 19

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**New Members from  
Jan 06, 2023 - Mar 28, 2023**

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Kevin O'Brien  
GS# 103667 CA# 10415  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

John Simmons  
GS# 103789 CA# 10424  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Pamela Meeds  
GS# 103883 CA# 10435  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Debra Jo Giordano  
GS# 103904 CA# 10439  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Linda von Studnitz  
GS# 103976 CA# 10449  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**FOOTHILL COLONY**

Martha Lukasik  
GS# 103240 CA# 10365  
10<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Virginia DeAngelis  
GS# 103863 CA# 10432  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Nancy Horton  
GS# 103665 CA# 10413  
12<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

Stephen Yates  
GS# 103790 CA# 10425  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Lori Ann Yates  
GS# 103791 CA# 10426  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Breannon Mott  
GS# 103812 CA# 10428  
14<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

Joan (Davidson) Anderson  
GS# 103881 CA# 10433  
11<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley

Jane (Davidson) Wilson  
GS# 103882 CA# 10434  
11<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley

James Shurtz  
GS# 104097 CA# 10462  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Lawrence Shurtz  
GS# 104098 CA# 10463  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Mary Ann Weber  
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13<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Constance Forslund  
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13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**MONTEREY BAY COLONY**

Thomas Bunting  
GS# 103664 CA# 10412  
11<sup>th</sup> from Samuel Fuller

Blakeman Holiday  
GS# 103975 CA# 10448  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Michael Griffin  
GS# 104031 CA# 10452  
12<sup>th</sup> from William White

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Jonathan Proft  
GS# 103617 CA# 10409  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Daniel Proft  
GS# 103616 CA# 10408  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Michael Reid  
GS# 103618 CA# 10410  
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Susan Broderick  
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12<sup>th</sup> from William White

Matthew Cook  
GS# 103709 CA# 10417  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Mary J. Sayles  
GS# 103757 CA# 10419  
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Janet Olson  
GS# 103788 CA# 10423  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Bruce Brown  
GS# 103953 CA# 10440  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Logan Brown  
GS# 103954 CA# 10441  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Kaitlin (Brown) Osborn  
GS# 103955 CA# 10442  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

#### **ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**

Louise Thornton  
GS# 103668 CA# 10416  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Diane June  
GS# 103666 CA# 10414  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Sharon Bryant  
GS# 103897 CA# 10438  
13<sup>th</sup> from William White

Diane Parker Andrew  
GS# 104066 CA# 10456  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Stephen Reed Broadhead  
GS# 104067 CA# 10457  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Grace Luppi  
GS# 104068 CA# 10458  
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Cecilia Luppi  
GS# 104069 CA# 10459  
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Paul Jan Nelson  
GS# 104082 CA# 10461  
12<sup>th</sup> from Degory Priest

Stephen Cook  
GS# 103990 CA# 10450  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Penny Winchester  
GS# 103957 CA# 10444  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

#### **RANCHO CONEJO COLONY**

Dawn Knowles  
GS# 103787 CA# 10422  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Lynnette Van Orden Moore  
GS# 104108 CA# 10464  
11<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

#### **SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Chloe Ann Thompson  
GS# 103885 CA# 10437  
15<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Spring Hunsinger  
GS# 103786 CA# 10421  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

Madelyn Martin  
GS# 103827 CA# 10430  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Billington

Dale Amato  
GS# 104056 CA# 10455  
11<sup>th</sup> from Myles Standish

Jeffrey Fischbeck  
GS# 104046 CA# 10453  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

Leslie Fischbeck  
GS# 104047 CA# 10454  
13<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY**

Nancy Ann Nordman  
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Robert Julian  
GS# 103848 CA# 10431  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Richard Cook  
GS# 103991 CA# 10451  
10<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

#### **SANTA BARBARA COLONY**

Randolph Lee Rea  
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13<sup>th</sup> from William White

Margaret Lindaman  
GS# 103811 CA# 10427  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

#### **SEQUOIA COLONY**

Karin Young  
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12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Paul B. Van Buren  
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10<sup>th</sup> from John Howland



#### **ALAMEDA COLONY**

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Jarrod Zgragen  
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11<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins

11<sup>th</sup> from George Soule  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins

#### **MOTHER LODE COLONY**

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Aleene Reisinger  
GS# 103487 CA# 10385  
12<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley  
13<sup>th</sup> from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

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13<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
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**SEQUOIA COLONY**

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 11<sup>th</sup> from Mary Brewster

**2023 Scholarship winners:**

We had 5 scholarship applicants and 4 winners this year. I have personally talked with each winner and advised each winner's colony governor.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Landon Lassahn; his grandmother is a member of Santa Barbara Colony

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Jordan Garcia; his mother is a member of San Joaquin Valley Colony

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Colin Martin; his grandmother is a member of Rancho Conejo Colony

**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Mason Goulart; his sister is a member of Rancho Conejo Colony.

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Carolyn Young  
 Joel McDaniel 11 Mar 2023

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Carolyn Sanford Du Brin 24 Sep 2022

**MOTHER LODE COLONY**

Kathy Gire 25 Jan 2023

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Mike Burgess Sep 2022  
 Mary Heitzman 2 Nov 2022

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY**

John Alden Erb 4 Nov 2022

**SANTA BARBARA COLONY**

Patricia Dawn Banker 14 Jan 2023  
 Regina Burhenn 7 Mar 2023

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Lester Vansel Douglass 2 Jan 2023



# Colony News

## San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Colony members enjoyed hearing from speaker Donna Watkins in a virtual meeting on 21 January 2023 at 10:00. Donna presented a case from the “Weaker Vessels” volume: Servant Boy John Walker. He died at the hands of his master and mistress. This case is one of many historical accounts that Donna can speak with knowledge. The Colony can attest to Donna’s skill in presenting virtually. Colony business was conducted following the presentation New members were recognized and John Alden descendants topped the Pilgrim roll call. It is tradition for San Francisco Peninsula Colony to join Sequoia Colony for a March event at the Menlo Circus Club. A combined thirteen members and guests from the San Francisco Peninsula attended the March 11<sup>th</sup> event to hear Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Rakove speak.

Americans believe that the early colonists came to the New World in search of religious liberty. What we often forget is that they wanted religious liberty for themselves, not for those who held other views that they rejected and detested. By the mid-18th century, the colonists agreed that everyone possessed a sovereign right of conscience. In Rakove’s book *Beyond Belief, Beyond Conscience*, he tracks the unique course of religious freedom in America.

*Kathleen Watson*  
*San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

## Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony gathered for a luncheon meeting - our first of the year - on February 11, 2023. Members, prospective members, family, & guests were invited to attend. Forty-five people were present, at The Cliff House of Folsom. The Valentine Meeting featured a program on Mayflower romance. The Ancestor Focus on Priscilla Mullins & John Alden, so Mullins/Alden descendants were encouraged to attend & participate in a post meeting Cousins Conversation. In addition to an interesting program, of love stories, the Nominating Committee presented the slate



*Photo by Sylvia Dilgard*

of officers for the coming 2- year term; a vote was taken. The installation of officers took place, created by and orchestrated by our colony’s Governor. I’m sure the format will become a tradition of our colony for years to come. We are thankful for Elizabeth Ware, Governor, her dedication, organization skills, and creativity, to further growth and participation during the once in a life time

constraints of Covid lock- downs we have faced during term of she and her team of officers. Our new officers are: Governor, Catherine Graham; Assistant Governor, Carl Olson; Treasurer, Sylvia Dilgard, Secretary, Sharon Melberg- Scherr; Membership Chairperson, Mary Basso; Elder, Helen MacLaren. Our spring meeting is April 15, 2023, when the Mother Lode. Colony, gather at The Cliff House of Folsom, 9900 Greenback Lane, Folsom, 95630. Program: Your Mayflower Journey “ A hosted discussion on tips for genealogy websites and your role helping as a family historian to support you”.

Time: 12:00 Noon - 2:00PM. Ancestor Focus: 2:00- 2:30PM. Reservation: All reservations and Menu selection must be received by April 7, 2023. Mail check to Treasurer Sylvia Dilgard, 901 Ambort Way, Woodland, CA., 95695. You may contact Sylvia at sdilgard@att.net. We look forward to seeing our Mayflower Descendants and guests. Note, the Mother Lode Colony Meeting schedule for 2023: April 15; September 9, November 4.

*Catherine Grabam  
Mother Lode Colony, Governor*

### Orange County Colony

Orange County Colony Governor, Lisa Cole Shaw March 2023 We had a wonderful meeting on February 18th, 2023 at the Santa Ana Elks Club. We enjoyed the presentation from Adryn Sumner form the Alden Kindred of America on John and Pricilla Alden and how they are making a series of 5 documentary's on these famous pilgrim ancestors. Every time I listen to a speaker or presentation I always learn something I never knew. It was exciting to hear all about their building campaign to build the Center for Living History to share the legacy of our Mayflower Pilgrims.

Please check out the website at [www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org) For information and how



to donate toward this project to preserve, share, and teach the significance of the Pilgrim Story. We had fun with wearing our pilgrim hats. The sale profits for the hats is going to the Center for Living History. We



*Lisa Cole Shaw*

had 5 new members attend and receive their new member packets. Welcome to our colony!



*Hat Contest!*

We had 4 entries for our scholarship essay and we look forward to announcing the winners at the April meeting!



*Karen Gough, Donna Cole, Lisa Shaw*



We have signed up author Tara Nurin Writer, Reporter, Educator, to speak at our April meeting and it will go along with the scholarship theme. Author, *A Woman's Place Is in the Brewhouse: A Forgotten History of Alewives, Brewsters, Witches, and CEOs*; release date: Sept. 21, 2021 by Chicago Review Press. Please put April 22nd on your Calendars for our next meeting.

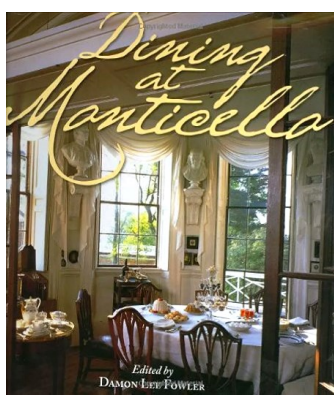
*Lisa Shaw  
Orange County Colony, Governor*

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## Inland Empire Colony

Fourteen members and seven guests were welcomed to our February 12th meeting at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning by our Colony Governor. All present introduced themselves and their guests. Wayne Staples led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Mikkelson led us in the Pilgrim's Pledge.

For the "Mayflower Moment" Carol Marderosian discussed the book "The Weaker Vessels", a book focusing on the role of women in the colonies of the 1600s. One of the most interesting facts was the notion that the women were encouraged to snoop on one another and report. The November minutes were read by recording secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples, and approved.



Treasurer Wayne Staples reported on our financial situation.

In the absence of Membership Secretary, Kim Pike, Bob Christopher conducted the ancestor roll call with John Alden winning the top position of descendants present. Carol Marderosian said the blessing and we enjoyed our Italian lunch.

In the month of February our thoughts often turn to Valentines cards, flowers, chocolate, and oh yes, our U.S. Presidents. With that in mind, we invited our dear friend Francie Spears back to visit us and delight us with her program "Thomas Jefferson's Table". We learned that Jefferson was a vegetarian so at his dinners at Monticello many vegetable dishes from his several gardens were served. He did include some meat dishes for his guests. Hot water or sand was used to keep the food hot. Because he had lived in France, he also served French cuisine. Many dignitaries, such as Daniel Webster, attended his dinners and wrote letters about them; giving us insight as to what was served and the nature of conversations after dinner. Jefferson was very interested in agriculture and grew seven kinds of cherries to find the sweetest. His favorite was the Canadian cherry. The guests would linger after dinner for conversation, estate wine, and often music. Jefferson played the violin. Jefferson also was the first to introduce ice cream and waffles to this country. An example of the lovely metal dinnerware that was used at that time was passed around for close examination. When Jefferson's wife died, his daughter or Dolly Madison filled in as First Lady.

Several members reported that the Silver Books that our colony had donated to various libraries are no longer available there. All were encouraged to check their local libraries for the status of these books. A letter may be written to ask that the books be returned to us if the library can no longer house them. Our meeting continued with a *Mayflower* and Plymouth Colony trivia game. Divided into five random teams, we collaborated to come up with the answers to twenty questions. All participants were rewarded with Hershey's kisses for their efforts. Elder Carol Marderosian gave the Benediction at 2:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning, CA. California State Governor, Scott Miller, will install our new officers for the 2023-25 term. We will also welcome guest speaker and author, Donna A. Watkins. She will discuss her books "The Weaker Vessels" and "Diverse Gashes".

*Susan Christopher*  
Inland Empire Colony, Governor

## Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia and San Francisco Colonies came together in March for our annual joint meeting at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. Eunice Brabec from the San Francisco colony read the Mayflower Compact. The ancestral roll call, taken by Sequoia colony's Diane Douglass, included 97 proven descents from 27 Mayflower passengers.

Our program featured speaker Jack Rakove, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and emeritus professor of history, American studies, political science, and (by courtesy) law at Stanford since 1980. Discussing his book *Beyond Belief, Beyond Conscience*, Professor Rakove traced the unique course of religious freedom in America from colonial times to the present, and the development and radical significance of the free exercise of religion in America.



*Professor Rakove*

As Professor Rakove outlined, today's Americans tend to believe that the early colonists came to the Americas in search of religious liberty. What we often forget is that they wanted religious liberty for themselves, not for those who held other views that they rejected and detested. Yet, as denominations and sects multiplied, Americans became much more tolerant of the free expression of rival religious beliefs.

By the revolutionary era, the colonists generally agreed that everyone possessed a sovereign right of conscience. In a move that went beyond simple "tolerance", most of the states removed the state sponsorship of churches and gave constitutional recognition to rights of conscience. The first amendment to the Constitution codified that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". In denying the government the authority to act, the first Amendment confirmed the limits on government and the moral autonomy of individuals.

It's a history particularly relevant to Mayflower descendants whose families lived that history. Our ancestors fled England, many of them separatists from the Church of England; others seeking economic fortune. They came together, both "saints" and "strangers", to jointly sign the Mayflower Compact and build the colony. Although they initially established a state-supported church in New England, they later evolved (along with their country) to an understanding of the radical importance of religious freedom for all. Our thanks to Professor Rakove for his explanation of this history.

The Sequoia Colony's next meeting will be Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. It will feature our members sharing more stories of their favorite ancestors. More details to follow on the Sequoia Colony website at [sequoiacolony.org/](http://sequoiacolony.org/).

*Sharon Winslow Erickson  
Sequoia Colony Governor*



### Monterey Bay Colony

Monterey Bay Colony Membership Chair and past Colony Governor Glo Gibbel made two presentations on January 21st at the annual DAR Ancestor Roundup at the LDS Church in



Seaside. Her topic covered GSMD documentation requirements to become a member of the Society, and how they differ from DAR and other similar organizations. This was a great outreach opportunity. Colony Governor John Reed manned the recruiting table. We are grateful to Lisa Shaw and the Orange County Colony for loaning us the backdrop. It was a hit with the DAR!



*Secretary Bob Roberts*

We held our winter meeting on February 25, 2023, at the beautiful Pebble Beach & Tennis Club courtesy of our long-time member Diane Stone and her husband Tom. We had 30 members and guests in attendance.



*Assistant Governor Shelley Ware*

Assistant Governor Shelley Ware led us in the pledge of allegiance and the “Did You Know?” segment of our meeting explaining the California Mayflower Scholarship Program. Secretary Bob Roberts conducted the roll call of ancestors with William Brewster most represented. Our outstanding speaker was Donna Watkins who spoke on the women and children of the Mayflower. This was one of the most interesting talks in recent memory and it brought up some discussion including that by State Captain Miles Standish.



*Donna Watkins*



*Captain Miles Standish*

Colony Governor John Reed made a presentation to two assemblies at for kids grade 5 -13 at Hidden Hills Ranch in Prunedale, CA. He took the kids back in time to 1620 to meet William Brewster who described what it was like to live in under religious persecution and travel on the Mayflower to the new world.



*Colony Governor John Reed*

*John Reed  
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*



### Rancho Conejo Colony

March certainly came in like a lion, I'm not certain it went out like a lamb! I hope you have weathered these storms and join me in welcoming SPRING...whole heartedly!

Our February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended, 42 in all, a number of whom were visitors from other colonies! It was wonderful to meet them and enjoy their fellowship. In addition to a couple of Associate members from Santa Barbara we met Kimberlie Bradford, Captain and Cynthia Carver Svezia, Elder of the Los Angeles Colony. We agreed to try to attend each other's events more frequently!

Membership Chair Don Morris introduced our new member Kathleen Holland and welcomed her with a huge smile and her certificate!



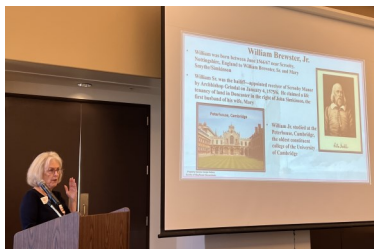
*Tawny Welch & Cynthia Carter Svezia*

Illness forced our scheduled speaker, our fearless leader Governor Scott Miller to cancel, he was missed! Happily the equally fearless and unflappable Carole Curran, Foothill Colony Governor, stepped in at the last minute and presented her marvelous program "The Mayflower- a ship and its passengers that shaped America". Not only were we riveted by her colorful and informative talk, an added attraction was that she gave it in full pilgrim garb, greatly admired by all. I hope it inspired some to get busy with their own!



*Terri DeMey presents Certificate of Appreciation to Carole Curran*

After tending to our usual Ritual and business items, our now routine feature "My Mayflower Ancestor" focused on William Brewster, presented by his descendant Holly Newcomb. I know we all look forward to this each meeting, it's a terrific way to get a good dose of Mayflower history with great visuals



*Holly Newcomb gives William Brewster presentation*

(thanks to Deputy Governor Terri DeMey for her tireless work on the Power Point) and great information given from the heart. We are huge supporters of our state society scholarship program. The merits of our wonderful State Scholarship are extolled at every meeting and members were listening! We are honored to have 2 State Scholarship winners this year! Colin Martin, grandson of our member Sharon Martin, earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a \$2500 scholarship. The Goulart family now has its 3<sup>rd</sup> winner, a trifecta! Mason Goulart is the first winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> place scholarship of \$1000! His sister Nicole (our Colony member) and brother Grant have all won scholarships in past years! Congratulations to the Martin and Goulart families, you did us proud!

We are about to 'roll-out' our Colony's own "Robert E Dempster Memorial Scholarship", details will be announced at our May meeting. Wishing you a Spring of peace and renewal,

*Tawny Welch  
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

### Santa Barbara Colony

Santa Barbara Colony has many exciting things happening this year! We will have a live meeting on Saturday April 29th from two locations one in Arroyo Grande for SLO County members and the other in Santa Barbara for our southern friends, connected through a zoom link. At the meeting a video of State Scholarship first place winner Landon



Mary Deesy & Noel Van Slyke

Lassahn reading his essay will be viewed! One of most exciting moments as Governor, for me, was when Larry Beston called me and told me Landon had won first place with an incredible entry! The reason was because Wendy Crawford one of our newer members contacted me to get entry information.



Susan Cox & Ray Garrett

I am so honored when Colony members reach out to me. I consider it a privilege and thank our members for trusting me these past few years as we have weathered some storms together. Our



other big news is the nominating committee has done a great job of lining up Candidates to fill the boards new term. Through the guidance of Book Committee Chair, Tami Wilkening, Santa Barbara Colony continues to provide new editions to 5 libraries in our area. In the pictures are Noel Van Slyke presenting 4 volumes to Mary Deesy co- Liberian at Camarillo library. Ray Garrett presenting to Susan Cox of SLOGGS for Arroyo Grande library. Marj Friestad presenting to Sanyun Head Librarian Laurie Hannah and book chair Kris Klukkert.

Ray Garrett  
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor

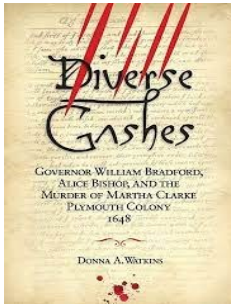
### Foothill Colony

Foothill Colony will be gathering together on April 29, 2023 at 10 a.m. The program “Love Among the Pilgrims” will be presented by author Donna Watkins. Donna has published numerous articles in magazines, journals and newspapers. She has also written *Weaker Vessels: the Women and Children of Plymouth Colony* and *Diverse Gashes: Governor William Bradford, Alice Bishop and the Murder of Martha Clarke, Plymouth Colony, 1648*. Alice Bishop is her ninth-great-grandmother. Donna’s career included work as a librarian at the Pasadena Public Library. After years of helping patrons find books in public libraries, she has turned to writing her own. Donna has an undergraduate degree in American Studies (CSULA), and she holds graduate degrees in Library and Information Management (USC) and American Studies (CSUF). Fundraising efforts continue to support the California State Society Scholarship Fund. New member and descendant of passenger Francis Cooke, Jinny DeAngelis, created a quilt entitled “Mayflower Passage” to support this endeavor.



Donna Watkins





Every \$10 contributed to the Foothill Colony scholarship fundraiser will be eligible for the opportunity to win this beautiful full/queen sized quilt. Checks may be sent to **Foothill Colony**, 315 W. Scenic Dr., Monrovia CA 91016 with a note in the memo for scholarship. Zelle payments are also accepted when sent to **foothillmayflower@gmail.com** and the drawing will be held at the April meeting. Join us in person at the Assistance League of Pasadena at 820 E. California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91106.

*Carole Curran  
Foothill Colony, Governor*

### Redwood Empire

You would think, with COVID still hanging around and the weather so beastly raw that meetings would be hard to fill well. We discovered that is not the case with Mayflower descendants at our rainy March meeting in San Rafael. Even State Governor Scott made a bumpy flight to join us. As the meeting began the heavens erupted with buckets of rain and strong wind, but we persisted. The unusual 'first course' was soon served to ease the chill that many still felt. A hot cup of minestrone was never before so welcomed.

Following the reading of the Compact we received an excellent and most relevant presentation by Governor Miller on the origins and development of thanksgiving into a national holiday, complete with a series of historical images and text. The presentation brought all to consciously remember the conditions and principles in the history of the Mayflower, so well embedded in the Compact that served to guide our forebears in the establishment of this particular service that has further guided the development of our nation over the centuries. Thanksgiving has a much deeper meaning than most expect. A good exchange of thoughts



*L-R: John McNeill, Wayne Skala, Sally Johnson,  
Toni Kubry, Linda Wallace, and Scott Miller*



was then enjoyed as we prepared for our lunch, and lunch conversation was heightened by our State Governors presentation and comments. Following the meal, we then conducted a short schedule of Colony business, including the election of officers for '23 and '24.

With the retirement of Deputy Governor Roger Rochlen and Secretary Carol Freisen we welcomed the election of Wayne Skala as Deputy Governor and Linda Wallace as Secretary to a strong team. We were then honored to have Wayne, Linda and the re-elected incumbents all sworn in to their offices by State Governor Scott Miller.

The remainder of the day was then filled with a well-received 'conversation with the Governors' as Governor Scott and I stood forward and fielded any questions from the gathering. This was a candid, sincere and sometimes funny exchange to help all understand some of the current events beyond and within the Colony. Member comments suggest that we should do this again.

*John McNeil  
Redwood Empire 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. The program was full of the grim and fascinating details of the murder of Martha Clark. Author Donna Watkins discussed her book *Diverse Gashes*, Governor Bradford, Alice Bishop, and the Murder of Martha Clarke Plymouth Colony 1648. She also gave us, from the court records, many other astounding case histories. Our ancestors were



*Donna signing books for Colony Members*

not shy about doling out punishment! As much as I revere those intrepid travelers, I'm glad to be living in this century, where we have no whipping, branding, or time in the stocks and or those letters!



*DGS Robert Lincoln & Reene Neale in Pilgrim attire*



*Welcoming new Pilgrim Cousins!*

We are really delighted by our increasing membership and all the new energy it brings to our Colony. Many of our new

cousins have jumped right in to volunteer in various areas. We honored several in February with a special greeting and gift.



*Dr. Susan Hector*

This was our first non-zoom meeting, all in person and a return to the much loved buffet. All our members were thankful for the change. We love zoom technology and will always use it when needed to share a great program, but this was welcome for the ease of setup and the shared camaraderie.

Turning to spring, we are focused on our Colony Scholarship which we hope to award to a worthy student at our May 20th meeting. At that same meeting we will feature Dr. Susan Hector who will give us a program on "Textile Production in the American Colonies 1620 – 1783"

Dr. Hector has set the scene of her presentation with this description: "We've seen the dramatic images of General Washington standing in a small boat or leading his troops on a rearing horse. In addition to developing military strategies and gathering diverse Colonial militias into a cohesive fighting force, General Washington had to manage the supply chain for goods he needed to keep the battles going. Can you imagine him sitting at his desk, head in hand and frustrated, over the lack of cloth for soldiers' uniforms and tents? For sails? Many of his letters relate his constant but fruitless search for appropriate textiles. Couldn't he simply buy or order cloth for uniforms, tents, and ships' sails? No.

Dr. Hector's presentation will describe the limited types of textiles produced in the Colonies as a result of America's dependence on imported textiles and the methods used to increase production of homespun and handwoven fabric to clothe the growing population. She will also demonstrate how wool was spun into yarn on a spinning wheel at home before the establishment of textile mills following American independence.



We are also eagerly awaiting our return to the La Mesa Flag Day Parade, "A Salute to Old Glory" on June 3, 2023. This is a great community parade with a short route that makes it very pleasant. Other lineage societies also take part, the San Diego Chapter, NSDAR and the San Diego Chapter, SAR both in period dress.

*We welcome the beautiful spring days and the promise of events to come.*

Our combined group has a great presence. Here is a picture pre covid, from our last parade, as we decorated our cars and prepared to walk and hand out leaflets about the Mayflower Society and our Colony.

### Los Angeles Colony

The next meeting of the Los Angeles Colony of Mayflower Descendants is scheduled for April 22 at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Center (formally called the Family History Library) located at 1591 E. Temple Way on the west side of Los Angeles. There will be a catered lunch by the wonderful caterer Stratos who we have used before for our events there. Our speaker for the meeting will be Past California Society Governor Marcia Maloney. Marcia will give a presentation on the "Children of the Mayflower". Members of the colony should have received emails for the meeting including one with the RSVP form. If you did not receive it, email me at [drllincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:drllincoln@yahoo.com) so I can update our records.

As part of the meeting, we will elect the officers for the colony for the next two-year term. The nominating committee of the Los Angeles Colony has provided a slate of officers for the next term. The nominees are Governor: Dr. Robert Lincoln, Assistant Governor: Jan Dougall, Treasurer: Susan Daniels, Elder: Cynthia Carver Svezia, Captain: Kimberlee Bradford, Surgeon: Judy Law-Torok, and Colony Membership Chair: Heater Porter. The position of Secretary is open. Let me know if you would be interested in becoming more involved in the colony as our Secretary or if you would first like more information on the role.

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

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## San Joaquin Valley Colony



*Kevin Doyle & Karen Rinaldo*

Please Join Us for a Joint Presentation  
The First Thanksgiving – 1621 & In the Wake of the Mayflower

Saturday, June 3 rd.  
Sunnyside Country Club  
5704 E Butler Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727

Meet & Greet 10:30/Meeting 11:00/Lunch (\$30) and Program 12:00 – 2:00

The San Joaquin Valley Colony of the California Mayflower Society is proud to welcome Cape Cod artist Karen Rinaldo and her co-author Kevin Doyle to our colony. Their presentation will discuss Karen's painting, *The First Thanksgiving – 1621* and the book she and Kevin co-authored, *In the Wake of the Mayflower*.

Ms. Rinaldo is a well-known visual historian. In 1994, the NACCC, The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, "The Pilgrims Church" commissioned her to create the first historically accurate painting of the first Thanksgiving. The painting is presently on exhibit at Pilgrim Hall Museum. The information in Karen's painting was judged "historically accurate" by the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian and Mayflower scholars.

The painting was inspired by the book *In the Wake of the Mayflower* by co-authors Karen Rinaldo and Kevin Doyle. The book tells the story of the Pilgrim adventure in an easy-reading vignette that provides in-depth research about unique people, places, and events. Written in 2020 for the 400-year commemoration of the Mayflower's arrival, the book focuses on the early events of the Pilgrim's journey and their mutually beneficial relationship with the native Wampanoag tribe that lasted for 50 years before differing interests culminated in King Philip's War. The vignettes in the book have been deemed well researched" and an easy read. Wampanoag Chief Flying Eagle was pleased that finally someone is looking at this period of history with a positive eye". For more information contact: Diane Nitta [tdnitta@gmail.com](mailto:tdnitta@gmail.com), there is the possibility of this event being a hybrid meeting, RSVP by 20 May 2023 Mark Storch [kh2j@earthlink.net](mailto:kh2j@earthlink.net)



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### Alameda Colony

On Saturday, Feb. 28, 2023, the regular meeting of the Alameda Colony was called to order by Colony Governor Sally Philbin at the home of Nancy Lucchese with fifteen in attendance. Member David Michael Stringes was elected as Deputy Governor for the colony. Bob and Christie Trapp, Membership Chairs reported that there were 30 new members in 2022, and 3 new members in January 2023 with two transfers in progress. After lunch, Bob Trapp gave a program on "The Children on the Mayflower" including detailed information on each child.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, the Alameda Colony hosted the 2022 Compact Day gathering of the Alameda, Redwood Empire and San Francisco-Peninsula Colonies. About 30 attended. At the end of the meeting two Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary blankets purchased from the MA Mayflower Society and donated by Nancy Lucchese, were given to two hopeful attendees. The attendees enjoyed a wonderful panel presentation on the history of the CA Mayflower Library, what it still has to offer and how to best take advantage of the information it contains. The panelists were Patricia Friesen, Nancy Lucchese, and Dianne Sweeney.

*Sally Philbin*  
*Alameda Colony, Governor*

### *Richard Warren, and some 50 years of research*

*by Louise Walsh Throop*

Twenty years ago Edward J Davies published his finding of the 1610 marriage record of Richard Warren, passenger on the *Mayflower* [TAG 78(2):81-86]. He included a transcription of the 6 April 1613 will of Augustine Walker, yeoman of "much" Amwell, Hertfordshire, which detailed or implied four daughters: Elizabeth Warren wife of Richard, Anna Holland wife of Thomas, Mary Johnson, and a deceased daughter [Dorothy (Walker) (Grove) Adams; see TAG 78(4):274-5] who had apparently married Symon Adams. By the terms of this will, Elizabeth (Walker) Warren was to receive all of her father's "goods and chattells" after the death of her step-mother Mary, which occurred shortly after the death of her father: Mary was buried 26 December 1614 and Augustine was buried 18 August 1614. Elizabeth's first three daughters were named in Augustine's will--Mary, Anna and Sarah--thus apparently repeating the first names of her two living sisters.

Map checking is an early step in genealogical research! Note that Elizabeth Walker was baptized in Baldock, North Hertfordshire, in 1583. Baldock has a long history of producing beer and was a medieval marketplace. It may have been that Augustine Walker, her father, transported beer to London and found it convenient to relocate before 1613 to Great Amwell in order to be nearer his buyers in London. If so, a connection might have been made between the merchant Richard Warren and Augustine Walker's son-in-law Symon Adams and his father Symon Adams, draper of London. Symon Adams, citizen and draper of London, was named overseer in the 1613 will of Augustine Walker [see TAG 78(2):85-86 (April 2003)].

In the past 45 years genealogical research methods have radically changed. Around 1980 Ruth Berg Walsh, past Governor of the New Jersey Mayflower Society, made four research trips--each one month long--to London in order to look for the parents of Richard Warren [MQ 51 (3):109-112 (August 1985)]. Work by a researcher in Salt Lake City revealed several Richard Warrens, but none fit the dates and locations of my two parents' *Mayflower* ancestor.

In the past 20 years, electronic databases have become accessible to anyone with computer access to the internet. One database recently checked is an index to 1586 parish records in Essex, England. On the other hand, this index so far has included parish records for only 159 towns in Hertfordshire, England. This indexing pattern of the 1500s records in this English database does not help research into Great Amwell, East Hertfordshire, where Augustine Walker apparently lived before 1615. These two shires surround London to the north and east. Residents of East Hertfordshire are said to go to nearby Essex for recording documents.

One relatively new tool in genealogical research is DNA testing. See the current results for *Mayflower* passengers summarized recently in this quarterly [CMQ 47(1):36-37 (Winter 2023)]. Richard Warren, *Mayflower* passenger, is the only one testing in haplogroup E-M35. This grouping indicates a possible Ashkenazi heritage in the all-male line. But religious heritage does not always follow genetic lineages. This heritage might explain the absence of children's baptismal records or even the absence of a father's name in some baptismal records (when the unnamed mother apparently had been baptized). This heritage might also explain the naming of at least two daughters after living relatives. An infrequently used research tool, based on the inheritance of physical traits, may be relevant in the search for Richard Warren's ancestry. Scientific researchers are beginning to correlate facial recognition points with genetic research.

A parallel piece of research is found on a website, MayflowerFaces.com, which is currently found on archive.com with its domain name for sale. A quick search of the Warren entries on this website found many portraits with the same interesting features: long straight nose, narrow nostrils, dark hair and eyes, as well as a sloping forehead. The one man listed with the Warren surname, lawyer Winston Warren (b. 1838, Plymouth MA), had six lineages through both parents. He was in the 8th to 10th generation from Richard Warren and had the sloping forehead often found in persons of Ashkenazi descent. Another person in this database was Ann "Nancy" Bowman Bradford, who was in the 7th and 8th generations from Richard Warren with apparently no other Mayflower ancestors. Her portrait also reveals a long straight nose and sloping forehead. Perhaps more attention should be paid to 1800s portraits of ancestors with multiple lineages back to *Mayflower* passengers.

The road for documented genealogical research is often meandering, being based on what turn out to be unwarranted assumptions made by the researcher. Thus Ruth Berg Walsh assumed an ancestor of Richard Warren was knighted. More recent research by this author assumed a connection to guilds in London [CMQ 46(4):18-21 (Fall 2022)]. Several more possible fathers of Richard Warren were recently investigated by this author, keeping in mind the known male haplogroup and also the tendency for immigrants to name a well-known large city as their origin, instead of naming a nearby tiny country hamlet. After about the fifth try for the parentage of Richard Warren, the following family grouping was developed after a thorough search of the freereg.org database for Warren in Essex, England between 1520 and 1620.

**Richard [Richi/Richus] Warren**, baptized 18 Feb 1564/5 St. James Church, Little Clacton, Essex, England [no father given], possibly a young child at bap., so b. ca. 1560 buried 17 April 1597 St. John and St. Giles Parish, Great Easton, Essex, England married 23 September 1582 St. Mary The Virgin Parish, Newport, Essex, England  
**Joha[ne?] [Johanna/Joanne] Hadsley**, daughter of Thomas and Lucia (Constable) Hadsley, and baptized 30 June 1561 Newport, England [Thomas and Lucia married 22 Sept. 1559 St. Mary The Virgin Parish, Newport, Essex, England]

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Joha remarried 25 November 1600 St. Mary's Parish, Debden, Essex, England to **William King**. Their Warren children were:

1. **Richard [Richus] Warren**, baptized 22 September 1583 St. Mary The Virgin Parish, Newport, Essex, England. Married 14 April 1610 Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England [see TAG 78(2):82 fn 10] Elizabeth Walker, who was baptized -- September 1583 Baldock, Hertfordshire, England [see TAG 78(2):84 fn 25]

2. Mathew [Matheus] Warren baptized 9 Match 1584/5 St. Mary The Virgin Parish, Newport, Essex, England

This family is connected to London by the burial record of William King on 1 May 1602 in St. Nicholas Parish, Harwich, Essex, England with this unusual comment: "A maryner dwelling about London, which came out of the east country [of Essex?]." A sailor from "about" London brings to mind the story of Christopher Jones, master [we would say "captain"] of the *Mayflower* [see CMQ 46(2):9-11]. Jones was from Harwich, in Essex, and removed to Rotherhithe (next to London) about 1611.

One observation is the gradual progression of the earlier Richard Warren inland from his baptism in the coastal town of Little Clacton to his marriage and children in Newport, followed by his burial in Great Easton in 1597. The coastal area of and around Great and Little Clacton had a strong tie to London. Clacton manor was held by the bishop of London from 1346 until 1545, when it was exchanged with the Crown for land in Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. In 1548 Clacton manor was granted to Princess (later Queen) Mary, and in 1553 to Thomas Darcy, with Mary acquiring other lands in compensation. The manor was held continuously by Lord Darcy's descendants until 1857 ["The Victoria History of the Counties of England: A History of the County of Essex. vol. XII, Pt. 1 St. Osyth to the Naze" (Univ. of London, 2020) p. 241].

Research in Essex records has failed to find any pertinent Warren wills, so this Warren family was probably landless and moved frequently---an indication of recent immigration from Europe. The veil of secrecy surrounding the escape of William Brewster and his printing crew from Holland to North America apparently descended on Richard Warren in 1620 once Brewster moved into Warren's cabin on the *Mayflower* and Richard Warren's wife and family were left behind to make room for Brewster's family (see CMQ 47(4):20). Mourt's listing of Richard Warren [apparently based on notes from Winslow and Bradford] as a merchant "of London" would have been part of this veil of secrecy. The promise of receiving land in the new colony drew some to embark on the *Mayflower*. It would appear Elizabeth and her husband were motivated by the prospect of being landowners. Elizabeth, widow of Richard Warren, made certain all her children owned land in early Plymouth Colony.

Thus it may be the *Mayflower* passenger, Richard Warren, was a grandson of an immigrant from Europe---perhaps from Regensburg? The history of Regensburg, in Germany, known earlier as Ratisbon, includes the expulsion of all 800 Jews on 21 Feb. 1519. Their dwellings were destroyed, as was their graveyard, and Jews were not allowed to return until 1669 [Wikipedia: "History of the Jews in Regensburg," seen 9 March 2023].

Or was the *Mayflower* passenger the grandson of a landed Essex family, having modern test results of E-M35? Having a father who was an illegitimate son of landed gentry would help to explain Richard Warren's ability to be a financial investor in the voyage of the *Mayflower*. An illegitimate father's family connections could explain Richard's entrance into London as a merchant, his marriage to a remarkable woman of similar "almost" landed gentry social level, and their dream to qualify for land in the 1620s.

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