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California Mayflower Society Members at GSMD Banquet
2017 Congress

General Society of Mayflower Descendants
41st Mayflower General Congress
 September 8-13, 2017, Plymouth, MA



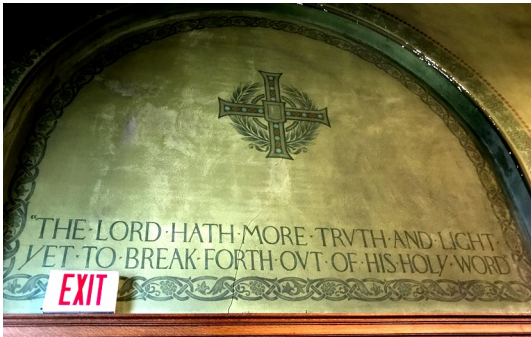
CA Pilgrims
 Erica Hahn, Beverly Nickerson, Joyce Wangerin,
 Marcia Maloney, Pat Friesen, Sue Butler,
 Gail & Ray Raser, Scott Miller



Pilgrim Parade



GSMD Gov. Gen. Lea S. Filson



Elder General Ken Whittemore



Delegates Bob & Bev Nickerson, Gail Raser



Delegates Myrtle Savage & Jim Bauer



*Delegates Sally Johnson, Marcia Maloney,
Pat Friesen*



New General Society Officers 2017-2020

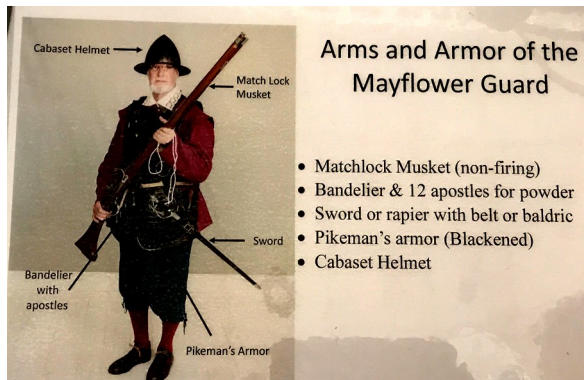


Delegates Jane Ordway Carman & Ray Raser



*Surgeon General Naomi Mann &
Elder General Ken Whittemore*

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Arms and Armor of the Mayflower Guard

- Matchlock Musket (non-firing)
- Bandelier & 12 apostles for powder
- Sword or rapier with belt or baldric
- Pikeman's armor (Blackened)
- Cabaset Helmet



Vickie & Ken Whittemore, Dona Cole and Amy Shaw



Marcia Maloney, Marina & Scott Miller, Erica Hahn, Donna Cole. Seated: Sally & Will Johnson, Beverly & Bob Nickerson.



Newly elected GSMD Gov. Gen. George Garmany presents gift to former GSMD Gov. Gen. Lea S. Filson



Elder Gen. Ken Whittemore & CA Co-Historian Pat Friesen

Governor's Message

Your California delegates have returned from a very fun, productive and interesting 41st General Congress in Plymouth. We were well represented with twenty delegates present. While the Pilgrim Progress march to Cole's Hill and the First Parish Church for Congress opening is my favorite time, much business was conducted as well. We enjoyed dressing in our Pilgrim clothes and paying tribute to those passengers who perished that first winter. The beating of the drums as our Governor and the color guard led us through the Plymouth streets was thrilling.

Our ancestors must know we were there to honor them! Sadly, Mayflower II was not in the Harbor and it seemed strange. She is undergoing a major retrofit in Mystic seaport. But she will be all fixed up and back in port before our 2020 celebrations begin. And the weather showed off for us as we visited with the ancestors at Plimoth Plantation and THE ROCK as well as other monuments and Town Brook. The Mayflower House, gardens and library were spectacular. I found my family brick in the garden.

Official business conducted included election of officers, turnover of the deed for the First Parish Church to be held in trust until money is raised for an endowment, DNA and 2020 progress meetings. Partnerships between NEHGS, who is scanning our Silver Books and Family Tree DNA and GSMD were announced, as well as awards given and reports heard. If you have tested with Family Tree DNA, please consider joining the Mayflower DNA project. More details on GSMD webpage.



Erica Hahn, Marcia Maloney, Sue Butler

As to 2020, our proposed Rose Parade float committee is moving full steam ahead. What better way to communicate to the world what that Pilgrim voyage in 1620 meant in establishing our country 400 years ago. Millions watch the parade every year. An estimated 35+ million are descendants of the original passengers. Hopefully more pilgrim cousins will reach out to us. With Robert Dempster as committee chair, you will soon be hearing more about this important educational project and other 2020 projects. We are confident we will achieve the necessary funding to get accepted into the parade. Many of our colonies have been busy discussing more ideas for 2020 and fund raising. We hope you will all be on board!

If friends and family who qualify are not yet members of the Society, tell them to get on board! Applications are pouring in in anticipation of the upcoming celebrations. What better time to be a member! We have lots to be proud of and lots of work to do. The excitement and enthusiasm of your BOA needs your support as we march full steam ahead. Please share any thoughts and ideas you have with a member of the Board or myself at torriecat@cox.net.

Last, but not least, we are having an open house in our new office and library in Oakland **OCTOBER 21ST**. Please try to attend if possible. October is National Genealogy month and the offices of the California Genealogical Society across the hall will be open as well that day. Time is 2:00 p.m. Pat Friesen and our Historians have worked awfully hard to relocate and make the library a pleasant place in which to research. I am proud of the outstanding job you all do in providing Silver books to libraries and presentations to schools. Let's share ideas with other colonies. Use this Quarterly as a vehicle to communicate with each other. Happy Autumn and Happy Compact Day! Dress up, smile, speak to schools and groups and *have fun* as you pay tribute to our pilgrim ancestors who endured such difficulties and through it all started our great country almost 400 years ago.

*Marcia Huntley Maloney,
California Society Governor*

Deputy Governor North

I am newly energized by the enthusiasm that permeated the 41st Mayflower Congress in Plymouth. In these challenging times, we indeed have, (to quote from an old hymn) a story to tell to the nations—a story about coming together for the common good.

Like our Mayflower ancestors, we have much to learn from each other, and others as well. With that in mind, I have now contacted the Governor or other representative of each of the seven northern California colonies—Alameda, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Redwood Empire, San Francisco Peninsula, San Joaquin Valley and Sequoia—and am making plans to attend a meeting of every colony in the coming months. I will share what I learn in my coming reports.



*Jane Ordway Carman & Deputy
Governor North Sally Johnson*

As I write this report, I am also gathering speaker information from the California Quarterlies online and will soon be sending colony Governors a list of their past speakers and a request for speaker suggestions from that list or any other sources. I will post a prospective speaker list on the state website when this project is completed.

Junior Membership Secretary Cathey Graham and I are working together to make sure Junior Members of our society who are high school juniors or seniors receive information about our 2018-19 California Scholarship program and the national GSMD Scholarship program. Be sure to check out my Education/Scholarship report for current California and national Mayflower scholarship information.

As we move toward our quatercentenary (Yes that is the word for a four hundredth anniversary), I am deeply grateful to be a part of the Mayflower family. I welcome any thoughts you have about how best we can bring more people on board.

*Sally Johnson
Deputy Governor North*

Deputy Governor South

Greetings from Leiden, Holland as a member of the GSMD Historic Sites Committee. It is a privilege to participate in this 14-day historical pilgrimage. It has been enjoyable for Gail and myself to become better acquainted with Mayflower members from around the country and Canada, including GSMD Deputy Governor Susan Roser and husband Hugh, GSMD Activities Chair, Linda White, Ohio Governor Sandy St. Martin and husband Steve, Idaho Governor Deb-

bie Lasher Hardy and her son Gregg, Massachusetts Deputy Governor Barbara Kelly among others. There were five members on the tour from California. We were also able to share many ideas and experiences to enhance the Mayflower Society's programs. The immediate challenge is editing the many hundreds of photos and materials for a power point presentation.



Gail Raser & Dep. Gov. So. Ray Raser

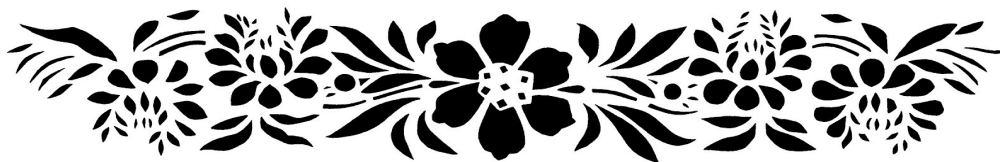
Prior to the Historic Sites tour we attended the 41st Mayflower General Congress in Plymouth and the 1620 Club tour of Duxbury and the Plymouth Registry of Deeds office. The day concluded with an evening banquet with guest speaker Richard Pickering, Deputy Director at Plimoth Plantation presenting. CA Governor Marcia Huntley Maloney, Gail and I shared a table with GSMD Governor General George Garmany Jr. his wife and Pat Fortine with granddaughter, and enjoyed casual visiting.

Another highlight of the 41st Congress was attending the services at the historic First Parish Church where the announcement was made of the agreement for GSMD to take custody of the church for a three year period that would become permanent if

GSMD can raise an endowment of Three Million Dollars by Congress in 2020. The CA Society pledged \$10,000.00 to such effort. The GSMD 2020 Committee distributed copies of a letter for signature to be sent to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee requesting the US Postal Service mark the 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the *Mayflower* with a commemorative stamp to be issued in 2020.

I look forward to attending the Board of Assistants meeting and the new CA Mayflower Society Library open house this month in Oakland.

*Ray Raser
Deputy Governor South*



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Are You Moving?

Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Scott Miller at: samiller777@1791.com
He will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: January 2nd 2018 . Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:
camayflowereditor@gmail.com

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

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

Winter issue	January 2nd 2018
Spring issue	April 1st 2018
Summer issue	July 1st 2018
Fall issue	October 1st 2018

Visit the California Society of Mayflower Descendants on the web at:
www.camayflower.org

Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:
www.themayflowersociety.org

CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

October 21, 2017: North and open house for new library and office-Oakland

December 09, 2017: Email vote to accept new members

January 20, 2018: South

All dates are subject to change if necessary

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A Reminder to Members:

This is just a little "housekeeping" note, but if you move and stay in California and would like to attend a colony closer to your home, you need to notify our membership chairperson of your change of address and colony. In that way, you will receive meeting notices and information from this colony. Also, it only costs an extra \$2.00 to join another CA Colony. Some members enjoy being members of numerous California Colonies for the low price of \$2.00 per additional colony per year.

State News

Secretary Data Processing South

If you are a Yahoo (Verizon) user there is a bit of sad news if you haven't already read about it. In 2013 it was hacked and is now estimated to be the largest breach of data ever reported affecting three billion accounts. It is attributed to greater use of online storage AKA the cloud. "So far this year, hacks have made up more than half of the reported data breaches, more than any year in the past decade" CNBC News. Attackers accessed email addresses, passwords, birth dates, and personal information. There are 41 consumer class-action lawsuits in the U.S. and still rising according to Reuters. You should change your passwords from time to time, but if you store your data on the cloud there is no guaranty it will be safe. It would even be a good idea to back up your banking data on your own external hard drive.

Franklin E. Smith

Monument Committee Chair

I have been collecting endorsements for a monument on the state capitol grounds from state representatives, and have corresponded with Jerry Brown's staff. Everyone I have talked to with the exception of Jerry Brown's staff have been positive on the topic. I can only assume that Jerry has a dislike for nonprofits and or hereditary societies. On the bright side he will be out of office in 2018 and the incoming Governor will be more receptive to the constituency of the state with a historical record.

Franklin E. Smith

Our Newly Updated Website www.CAMayflower.org

If you have visited our website lately, you might have noticed a slightly different look. We converted the site that I created using Adobe DreamWeaver software to a WordPress site. DreamWeaver is complicated to use. WordPress is more user-friendly. We also needed to provide a way for our members in California to renew their membership via PayPal via our website. We did that during the conversion process. The images haven't changed, nor has the structure. It may take a while for Google's spiders to find our pages, so be sure to type the url directly: www.camayflower.org.



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- Genealogical Resources in California
- Junior Membership
- State Colonies

Welcome

Welcome and thank you for visiting the official website of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California. We are one of fifty (50) state societies plus one in the District of Columbia and one in Canada under the umbrella of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) headquartered in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Public Relations Chair

As many of you know, last year Governor Marcia Maloney and I engaged in a project to donate updated Silver Books to the genealogy library of the Southern California Genealogy Society. We personally inventoried their holdings to determine what was lacking, then arranged for a donation of the updated volumes. It was a very successful project, we got some publicity at the Society and at Jamboree we could tell prospective members where to find current Silver Books. Thanks also to Treasurer David Grinnell who has done the ordering and made sure the various financial ducks were properly aligned.

As a result I am now continuing the project. This year we made a donation of two updated Silver Books to the Carlsbad City library's genealogical library, and Deputy Governor North Sally Johnson and I visited the Sutro genealogical library, a part of the California State library, in San Francisco in August and have now started the process to donate a number of Silver Books to update their collection. In both these libraries, even though they were genealogical libraries, the librarians did not know what the Silver Books were.

Last year I did a 20 minute PowerPoint talk called "Why the Mayflower Matters" for my Rotary Club. It went over very well, so I have contacted several other Rotary Clubs in the area to offer the program and have had interest, although nothing booked yet. I know I am not the only Mayflower member who is also a Rotarian and gives talks, but if you are not familiar with Rotary, it is a fantastic service club. The clubs mostly meet once a week and they need speakers every week, so it is a nice opportunity to tell our story. I can let you have my PowerPoint if you wish. I am also booked to talk about the Mayflower at a couple of genealogical societies. Again many of us do these talks, and I thank you all. And don't forget, you might want to contact an elementary school in your area to donate children's books and do a presentation.

Finally I am so excited by the GSMD collaboration with the New England Historical Genealogical Society and FamilySearch to get our fifth generation of the Silver Books and older membership applications accessible and indexed online. This should be sure to be a boost to Membership Chair Scott Miller's Find the Pilgrim in You project, and we have started planning how to promote this new tool.

Erica Hahn

Scholarship/Education

Calling all high school seniors who are descended from a Mayflower passenger. Now is the time to begin the application process for one of the three California Mayflower Scholarships: \$5000, \$3000 and \$2000. There is no residency requirement for either applicants or qualifying California Mayflower Society ancestors. Eligibility requirements, application information and everything needed to apply for a 2018-2019 California Mayflower Society Scholarship is now posted on the California Mayflower Society webpage. The address is <http://camayflower.org/index.php/scholarships/>

And don't forget about the four national GSMD scholarships: \$6,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Information and application materials for these scholarships is on the GSMD website at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/scholarships>. Current information for the national scholarship will be posted soon. This year I am both national Scholarship Committee chair and California Scholarship Secretary, so I'm a one stop source for information about either scholarship.

Sally Johnson, Education/Scholarship Secretary

Fall 2017 Editor's Report

The Summer 2017 edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly was completed in July, posted on the State Website, and mailed out to all California Mayflower members. We appreciate the comments that come from membership and appreciate any input on how to make it better. Everyone really enjoys the full color format and we are glad the Board approved the color copy.



*Ray & Gail Raser CA Quarterly Co-Editors
Plymouth, MA*

We are focusing on the September General Congress in Plymouth in this edition. There were many activities and several new exciting announcements at Congress. We hope that those who were not able to attend will especially enjoy seeing the pictures in this publication.

We always appreciate stories from each of the 13 colonies in California and enjoy having photos that complement the stories. Members also are encouraged to submit articles and we will do our best to fit them in as space allows. Our next deadline will be January 1, 2018!

*Respectfully submitted,
Ray and Gail Raser, Co-Editors*

2020 Committee Report

The California 2020 Committee, held a short meeting after the regular board meeting of the Orange County board. Our primary mission was to develop a plan to cover the Mayflower oriented Float in the 2020 Rose Parade in Pasadena on January 1, 2020. At the most recent congress in Plymouth, Gov. Maloney reported there was considerable National interest in the project. It was agreed, that California Mayflower would be assuming leadership on this project, in the name of the General Society. We were pleased to have advice on this matter from Carole Curran, an honorary director of the Tournament of Roses. We have filed an application for a float with the Tournament. We have been advised that for consideration by the Tournament, there must be universal consent within the Mayflower Society, internal conflict on this subject would be detrimental to our success. Further, the Tournament is very partial to sponsorships by national organizations, especially those with some international membership. We feel strongly, that Mayflower has a very good opportunity to win one of the few open invitations for sponsorship of a float.

There was considerable discussion on how to finance sponsorship, with a wide number of ideas on fund raising, leading to the conclusion that there are no barriers to success.

While we have 13 colonies in California, we have only heard of active 2020 programs from San Diego. We encourage every colony to create a 2020 committee, and establish ways to observe the 400th anniversary in your area. Please contact me if you are looking for some ideas. I will be distributing some thoughts on this subject in the coming weeks.

*Bob Dempster
2020 Committee Chairman*

Junior Membership Chair

I'd like all California Mayflower Descendants, who have sponsored or hope to sponsor a Junior Member, to remember, how wonderful the opportunity is for a junior to be a junior member. Not only are we descended from courageous ancestors with remarkable histories, we are also taking on the challenge of Mayflower Juniors! Like the one hundred two passengers aboard the Mayflower, we have various talents, but share the same goals. Centuries following the 1620 voyage, we continue to better ourselves and now we volunteer to positively influence and inspire the next generation of Mayflower descendants. The GSMD Junior Committee has and will continue to provide suggestions by routinely sending little-known factual Pilgrim stories and ideas for crafts, games, puzzles and projects, all of which will help build memberships and life-long friendships. Sharing the great resources, with our California Junior members will be fun.

In order for all the fun to connect, current contact information for sponsor or Junior member is very important. If a parent or grand-parent enrolled an infant in 1999, in the Junior member program, chances are the address has been updated several times, hopefully. This is especially important as juniors approach 18th birthday. At age 18, a junior may become a regular member, provided all lineage papers are completed and approved in the usual manner. Junior members who take no action upon reaching the age of 25 will be removed from the rolls. Junior Life Members will pass into adult status and we'll want to follow this, so again, current contact information will be necessary to welcome the occasion.

The GSMD offers scholarships, to qualifying juniors attending four-year College, and two-year College. Family societies have scholarships also. If you have questions about the junior membership program for your colony, contact me, cathey.graham@gmail.com, (916) 939-4144. If you are a parent or grand-parent, remember our California Scholarships, contact CA Education / Scholarship Chair, Sally K. Johnson, skj1707@gmail.com, (707)-763-6907.

Catherine Hall Graham

Partnership with Mayflower

At 2017 Mayflower Congress, a proposal was made for NEHGS and FamilySearch to partner with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to digitize the extensive records of the GSMD, including the data from the approved applications. However, documentation of the last 100 years, or living members, will not be available.

**FAMILY SEARCH/NEHGS
PARTNERSHIP WITH GSMD
Should the General Society of
Mayflower Descendants partner with
Family Search and NEHGS to digitize
and index member applications to be
shared on each organization's
website?**

Also, the "Silver Books" and fifty years of published Mayflower scholarship from the Mayflower Quarterly will be searchable online for members of NEHGS and GSMD. This historic legacy was ratified by the assembled delegates at Congress.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.
Financial Statement as of August 31, 2017

By David Grinnell

Beginning checkbook and certificates of deposit balances 1 January 2017	\$340,391.37
Other current assets 1 January 2017	\$5,230.59
Marketable Securities 1 January 2017	\$1,312,818.72
Computer, Library, Scholarship Funds 1 January 2017	\$1,188.50
Total Assets 1 January 2017	\$1,669,629.18
Liabilities 1 January 2017	\$166,770.75
Total Fund Balances 1 January 2017	\$1,502,858.43
 Add: Membership Receipts	 \$72,421.00
Donations	\$6,995.30
Miscellaneous	\$15,934.28
Realized investment income	\$30,853.84
Unrealized investment income	\$73,893.81
Total receipts	\$200,098.23
 Less: Membership expenditures	 \$59,423.58
Financial expenditures	\$47,529.79
Public Relations expenditures	\$10,614.91
Scholarship awards	\$5,000.00
Total expenditures	\$122,568.28
 Excess Receipts over Expenditures	 \$77,529.95
Ending checkbook and certificates of deposit Balances 31 August 2017	\$312,182.15
Other current assets 31 August 2017	\$10,084.15
Marketable Securities 31 August 2017	\$1,383,718.44
Computer, Library, Scholarship Funds 31 August 2017	\$7,180.65
Total Assets 31 August 2017	\$1,713,165.39
Liabilities 31 August 2017	\$132,777.00
Total Fund Balances 31 August 2017	\$1,580,388.39



Colony News

Orange County Colony

The Orange County Colony will celebrate Compact Day, Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the Mesa Verde Country Club. We're looking forward to a wonderful presentation from Stewart Davenport, a professor from Pepperdine University. He will speak about the first decades of Plymouth and Massachusetts history, roughly 1620-1660. As recipients of the Gene Fortine Trophy, the OC Colony, supports scholarships for our college age students annually. The first-place winner, Forrest Westwater will attend and share his winning essay with our Colony members. His sister Zoe received the third-place award!

Twelve of our OC Colony members attended the 41st General Congress in Plymouth this September. I know they will have many interesting stories and updates to provide OC Colony members during Compact Day! I'm very proud we had such wonderful representation at Congress!

Many of our Colony members attended the State Member Meeting in June at Carlsbad. We are so very proud to have our own, Marcia Maloney, now serving as State Governor! We know that Marcia will lead the State in a very positive direction. Congratulations Marcia!



*Susan Astarita,
Orange Colony, Governor*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Following the summer recess our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017. A long standing tradition is for our colony to join with two other Bay Area colonies to observe Compact Day together as an extended Mayflower family. We rotate hosting and this year's host will be Redwood Empire. Alameda Colony will join us in Sausalito at the waterfront restaurant Spinnaker.

After the holidays, San Francisco Peninsula Colony will meet for lunch on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Delancey Street Restaurant in San Francisco. Details of that meeting will be forthcoming.

*James A. Ingwalson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

Sequoia Colony

The July 2017 Sequoia Colony Summer Social was hosted at the lovely residence of Linda Tice daughter of Deputy Governor John Cellar and Barbara Cellar. Though the day proved to be quite warm (in the 90s) the shade structures and light breeze provided enough of a respite from the heat to enjoy the company, the lunch, and the presentations. This is the second year utilizing boxed lunches and they have proven to be a good choice for the event.

The meeting began with a reading of the previous meeting's minutes by Secretary Pam McKell. Treasurer Jonathan Dickey followed up with a treasurer's report and comments about Sequoia Colony's efforts to develop a more active education committee. During lunch, the 33 members in attendance were asked to brainstorm about how to use monies earmarked for education. Sequoia Colony members were also asked for input on how they would like to see Colony photo archives made more accessible. After lunch, Alan Fitch of the Silicon Valley Sons of the American Revolution presented information on the (then) upcoming Fall Benefit and on speaker Dr. Dean Snow, author of "1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga". The proceeds of this event are earmarked for scholarships and educational purposes.



*Summer Social
featuring speaker Jeff Moore*

Hayley Tice, winner of a \$3000 2017 California Scholarship, read her award winning essay wherein she wrote a letter home to England as though she was Edward Doty doing the writing. (Her essay is on page 16 of the Summer 2017 California Mayflower Quarterly.)

Jeff and member Sally Moore gave a very interesting presentation on the evolution of the American Flag. Their presentation was made especially interesting as it was accompanied by full size flags!

On September 16, 2017 the Silicon Valley Sons of the American Revolutions and Sequoia Colony saw over 80 people attend their co-sponsored Fall Benefit featuring author Dr. Dean Snow. The convivial group enjoyed a terrific barbecue while slides with Revolutionary content (accompanied by fife and drum music) were broadcast in the background. The silent

auction was a success in generating monies for scholarships and educational purposes. Dr. Snow's presentation captivated the audience with a program that began by juxtaposing drawings of Battle of Saratoga troop movements with modern-day photographs of Saratoga National Historical Park. Dr. Snow continued with a detailed explanation of his archaeological digs that took place in the park in the 1970s and how those digs inspired him to write his book "1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga". Overall, it was a very successful and enjoyable event. See the below link for more information about Dr. Dean Snow and the Battle of Saratoga.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?416213-1/technology-1777-battle-saratoga&start=7>

The Sequoia Colony will hold its Compact Day meeting on November 11, 2017 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

*Dawn Newman,
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Our Compact Day meeting will be held Saturday, November 4th at the High Sierra Grill House in Fresno. Our presenter will be Amy Farrell. Amy is a lifelong history buff, historical re-



Amy Farrell

enactor and the author of *Joyful*, *the Love Affair of Joan of Arc*. You may have seen her at a Renaissance Fair or the Highland Games. She fights in full armor with steel swords and battle-axes in historic medieval battles both here in the USA and abroad. She will be bringing her collection of armor and swords and speaking about the armor and weapons of 16th and 17th century Europe, as well as, the customs of chivalry.

*Cindi Valenzuela, Secretary
San Joaquin Valley Colony*

Santa Barbara Colony

Our compact meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at High Sierra Grill and Bar in Goleta. The program on Outlawry on the Central Coast will be presented by Author and Speaker Jim Gregory. Some crimes from the 1880's on the Central Coast made the front page of the New York Times. Chaplin Gregg Garrison will read the Mayflower Compact. Governor Ray Garrett shared how the Silver Books can be used not only to prove a line but also to learn about the missing links. While researching his line he learned that Samuel², was one of the first to leave Plymouth Colony and settled in Piscataway, New Jersey. Many New Englanders came down for free land offered by the New Jersey Governor.

*Ray L. Garrett
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony had an important historical character visit our meeting on September 16. Former minister Don Baldwin of Nevada City joined us as John Muir, a well-known Scottish-American naturalist, author, and advocate for the preservation of wilderness. He loved the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains and is closely associated with Yosemite National Park. We had over forty members and guests at the meeting, and we greatly enjoyed the presentation done in an understandable Scottish accent!



Photo of Don Baldwin as John Muir

Our final gathering for this year is Compact Day scheduled on November 18 at the Cliff House in Folsom. Our speaker is Gary Noy, a local college history professor of history who will speak about "Fires and Floods" during the Gold Rush.

*Kathy Gire,
Mother Lode Colony Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

The Rancho Conejo Colony, the newest, and we think the greatest colony in California, (any challenges to this statement will be settled with a friendly game of Tidally Winks) held its quarterly meeting August 12, 2017 at Los Robles Greens, Thousand Oaks. 40 members and guests were welcomed by Gov. Bob. The invocation from Elder Donna McCullough was from a prayer credited to our beloved President,



Dee Rickards

George Washington. Our pledge lead by Captain Yvonne Knerr was followed by a reading of the Compact by Chuck Lombard and a singing of "God Bless America" lead by Jennifer Beveridge. A great way to start a meeting. We shared minutes of the last meeting, a treasurers report and the roll call. We had descendants from 16 Mayflower passengers present, I'm sure our ancestors were well pleased. We welcomed three new members and four prospective. Each new member received an attractive member certificate (suitable for framing of

course) and were officially welcomed as each member of the colony stood in line and shook the hand of every new member. A wonderful way to welcome our cousins into the world of Mayflower. One of the guiding spirits behind the creation of our colony was Dee Rickards. Her tireless efforts helped make the dream of a local colony a reality. Helen Wyers and Gov. Bob recently met with Dee, at a local nursing home, and presented her with a Life Member certificate, as well as a plaque to recognize her status as "Governor Emeritus" of the Rancho Conejo Colony. Regrettably, shortly after our meeting, Dee passed away. Dee was a John Alden descendant. Among the many organizations that were blessed by Dee's leadership, were the Santa Barbara Colony, where she served as Governor and the Jamestown Society. As we speak, she is no doubt meeting with our ancestors and talking about creating a Heavenly Colony.

Following lunch, we were pleased to welcome Woody Woodburn, a local author and an award winning columnist for the Ventura County Star, who shared his experience following a recent visit to Plymouth. Woody was a sport's columnist for many years and a friend of the UCLA legendary basketball coach, John Wooden. It was a lot of fun hearing his stories. After his presentation, we were able to buy some of his books. Our next meeting will be November 11, 2017 in Camarillo at Ottavio's Restaurant.

*Robert Dempster
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*



Redwood Empire Colony

Pat Friesen and Sally Johnson from our colony attended the 41st Mayflower Congress in Plymouth. As always, it was a great opportunity to meet old Mayflower friends and make new ones and to learn about the continuing activities of the national society. Redwood Empire Colony is hosting members of San Francisco Peninsula Colony and Alameda Colony at our joint Compact Day celebration on Saturday November 18. The event will be held in the Banquet Room of the Spinnaker Restaurant at 100 Spinnaker Drive in Sausalito. Social hour is from about eleven-thirty until noon, lunch from noon to one, and the program at one. The cost per person is \$45.

Our speaker is Vernon Smith, President of the Marin County Genealogical Society, who will speak on the topic of Y Chromosome and Mitochondrial DNA. As you know, the General Society has an FTDNA Mayflower Project in progress in cooperation with Family Tree, the DNA testing company, whose purpose is to establish genetic links between Society members and Mayflower passengers and to identify the DNA of our Pilgrim ancestors. We hope that Mr. Smith's talk will encourage Bay Area Colony members to participate in this project. Anyone GSMD member, junior member or prospective junior member is welcome at our Compact Day. Please contact Sally Johnson (skj1707@gmail.com or 707-763-6907) to make a reservation.

*Sally Johnson
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

The September 9, 2017 meeting of the Inland Empire Colony was called to order by Past Governor, Merrill Darlington in the absence of Governor Beverly Nickerson, who was at Congress in Plymouth, along with Susan Christopher. Merrill asked everyone to introduce themselves. When past Governor Rick Clark arrived he took over the presiding of the meeting and asked Elder, Shirley Lader to give the opening prayer. Pat Rainier led the recitation of the Pilgrims Pledge, and Carol Marderosian presented the Mayflower Moment on the John Alden house, which she



Elder, Shirley Lader presents the program, "Mayflower Passengers, Henri Samson and The Tilley Family" and Past Governor, Rick Clark

had visited in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Lunch was served at 12:00 P.M. The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 P.M. by Rick Clark who introduced Elder, Shirley Lader who gave the program. Elder Lader spoke about "Mayflower Passenger, Henri Samson and the Tilley Family". Rick Clark added a few comments about his ancestors Francis Cook and the Rev. Richard Buck, who officiated at the wedding of Pocahontas and John Rolfe. Nancy Schlachter conducted the Roll Call of Ancestors. The answer to the question for the free lunch, "Had another village previously occupied the land the Pilgrims settled on: if so, what was its name." Shirley Lader answered Patuxet correctly. But, she was already receiving a free lunch for being the speaker. Membership Chairman, Nancy Schlachter announced that we have 3 new members, but they were not present. We did lose one member, Beverly King Burnett, who passed away in June. It was moved, seconded and passed that we create a Facebook Group for the Colony. Elder, Shirley Lader gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

*Pat Rainier
Publicity Chairman*

Los Angeles Colony

We will be meeting at the Tam O'Shanter on November 4th, and will have Dana Parker as our Speaker doing a reenactment of a Minute Man Revolutionary Soldier. Dana has performed for us before as President James Madison much to the delight of our members. In other news I sent a second letter to Queen Elizabeth on the genealogical relationship between Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, and the Howland family which I am also related too. She responded thanking me for the enclosed information.



*Franklin Smith at
2017 Congress Banquet*

*Franklin E. Smith
Governor Los Angeles Colony*

Alameda Colony Report

Our February Colony luncheon was held on October 14th at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek with another wonderful lunch followed by a terrific presentation by Elaine Christian and Marie Calin Debevoise detailing the stories of their Civil War Ancestor, Charles B. Smith and the contributions of legendary women who served as nurses for the Union Army.

Our search for a less-expensive luncheon location has been eye-opening and reinforced that Scott's is quite comparable to other locations in Contra Costa county. We encourage our members on limited incomes to try and participate in two meetings a year instead of three, keeping your annual cost the same as it was 10 years ago. Feel free to email MayflowerAlamedaColony@yahoo.com if you would like a copy of our cost comparison and analysis. Our next Colony meeting will be held on February 10th, 2018 at Scott's in Walnut Creek.

*Larry Youngman
Alameda Colony, Governor*

Mayflower Library in Oakland

California Mayflower Society has moved to 2201 Broadway, Suite LL13, Oakland. We are right across the hall from California Genealogy Society (CGS) and we have become best friends. October is "Genealogy Month" and Mayflower Society along with CGS are inviting you to visit our new library and office the afternoon of October 21 to help us celebrate. Open House 2:00 –4:00 pm. Put the date on your calendar!

San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony is looking forward to its next meeting for Compact Day on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar Officer's Club. If you are in the San Diego area, please join us. Reservations are required. Many of our members have been busy over the summer months working on our goals of education and new members. Amy Conboy and Jennifer Anklesaria have been working on preparing Mayflower lesson plans and training colony members to present lessons in local classroom. They will be offering training for all interested colony members.



*Gail & SD Colony Governor
Ray Raser at Plymouth 2017*

Our membership chairperson, Anita Guenin, reports she has been helping several prospective members with their challenges of membership. She has been using some ideas from her own application process to encourage others and support them in their membership quest. She also makes sure they are invited to attend our meetings even before they have a completed, accepted, application. Wayne Rogers represented our Colony at the Family History Fair in Sun City on Saturday, September 16. His presentation was on the Mayflower Society and the Mayflower and Democracy. Our San Diego Colony Secretary, Kathy Loftman, serves as our 2020 Chairperson and continues to be active in planning for our Colony's special 400th anniversary recognition and celebrations.

Our Colony was represented at the General Congress in Plymouth, MA with three of our members in attendance: myself, former Colony Governor Gail Raser, and former Elder General, CA State Governor, and Colony Governor, Kenneth Whittemore. Several exciting things were shared with us at Congress, with a full report in another articles in this issue. After Congress, Gail and I were part of the Mayflower Historic Sites tour of England and Holland. We will be sharing our pictures and report at upcoming meetings.



*San Diego Colony Elder Joyce
Shiloff's Great Granddaughter*



*Ellen Fancy, Kathy Loftman, Kathleen Winchester,
CA Captain General Rick Bailey*

*Ray Raser
San Diego Colony, Governor*

**New Members Elected
August 2017**

Alameda Colony

Darrene G. (Small) Richardson
CA#9177 G#91674
12th from JOHN ALDEN

Robert Stevens Thompson
CA#9192 G#90399
(transfer from WA)
10th from JOHN HOWLAND

Diana West Thompson
CA#9193 G#91241
(transfer from WA)
12th from RICHARD WARREN

Inland Empire Colony

Barbara Cynthia Matulich
CA#9173 G#91629
12th from JOHN HOWLAND

Vickie Lynn (Dorman) Boyd
CA#9176 G#91673
12th from RICHARD WARREN

Regan Bradford Doughty
CA#9186 G#91851
13th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

Los Angeles Colony

Hardage Greenwood McAree
CA#9191 G#91891
11th from JOHN ALDEN

Orange County Colony

Ayden John Adams
CA#9174 G#91657(Jr.Life)
14th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

Cathy Lyn (O'Hoy) Sherman
CA#9179 G#91776
13th from FRANCIS COOKE

Christopher Craig Sherman
CA#9180 G#91777
14th from FRANCIS COOKE

Rebecca Lyn Sherman
CA#9181 G#91778
14th from FRANCIS COOKE

John Lindsay Barber
CA#9182 G#91792
12th from JAMES CHILTON

Ryle Brandt Adams
CA#9187 G#91877 (Jr.Life)
14th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

Lindsay Thomas Troupe
CA#9194 G#91929
13th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Winnie Marie Troupe
CA#9195 G#91930
12th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Rancho Conejo Colony

Danielle Christine Lee
CA#9172 G#91628
13th from JOHN BILLINGTON

Redwood Empire Colony

Deborah Jan (Clary) Cochrane
CA#9183 G#91793
11th from ISSAC ALLERTON

Jessica Clare Prendergast
CA#9188 G#91878
13th from JOHN HOWLAND

Sara Nichole Prendergast
CA#9189 G#91879
13th from JOHN HOWLAND

San Diego Colony

Charles Thomas Boyd
CA#9175 G#91672
11th from GEORGE SOULE

Robert Wilbur Buckley III
CA#9178 G#91755 (Jr.Life)
14th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Stephen John Pattison
CA#9184 G#91794
11th from ISSAC ALLERTON

Curt Quentin Harris
CA#9190 G#91890
12th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

San Francisco Colony
John Ames Abbott
CA#9185 G#91809
12th from ISSAC ALLERTON



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Mother Lode Colony
ELIZABETH RUTH FREEMAN
VALENTINE
S#2059 CA#8705 G#85591
11th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

BARBARA ROENE SMITH-
WOODCOCK
S#2063 CA#9066 G#90238
12th from FRANCIS COOKE

GRETA LOUISE (LINMAN)
MOORE
S#2064 CA#706 G#75804
11th from PRISCILLA MULLINS

JOSEF DAVIS MOOREHEAD
S#2065 CA#8902 G#87933
12th from WILLIAM MULLINS

Orange County Colony
STEPHEN WAYNE DIXON
S#2062 CA#8453 G#82652
11th from PETER BROWNE

Rancho Conejo Colony
FREDRICK BARKER LAND
S#2061 CA#8755 G#86026
11th from THOMAS ROGERS

Redwood Empire Colony
JAMES DOUGLAS MOXOM
S#2066 CA#9023 G#89585
13th from EDWARD DOTY

San Diego Colony

ELAINE ANN (MANTER)
GIFFORD
S#2068 CA#9107 G#90655
12th from MRS. SUSANNA CHILTON

San Francisco Colony

FRANCES ANN TAYLOR
S#2060 CA#8668 G#85174
11th from WILLIAM BRADFORD



Alameda Colony

Robert George Smits
March 11, 2017

Monterey Bay Colony

Maurice Hyde Gardner
August 27, 2017

Jane Vallejo
June 1, 2017

Rancho Conejo Colony

Dee Richards
September 2017

Redwood Empire Colony

Lenora Joyce Basford Gemell
September 3, 2017

New England before the sailing of the Mayflower

By Erica Hahn with assistance from Jim McCall

I admit that despite many clues I never thought much until recently about what role Europeans played in New England before the Pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. All I knew was that their native friend, Squanto, greeted them in English, having been kidnapped and carried off to Europe years earlier. Tragically, when he returned, everyone in his village had died of a European disease. Where his village once stood was now the colony of Plymouth Plantation. We also know



that our ancestors agreed to the Mayflower Compact, signed in 1620 off Cape Cod, because they somehow missed arriving in “Northern Virginia” which was the area of their land patent.

So when did Europeans first reach New England? Where did the name New England come from? How about Cape Cod? How about Plymouth? And was there competition? The answers to these questions actually lie in

Jamestown, the first English language colony to survive, founded in 1607.

The key founder of Jamestown was an Englishman called Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, born in 1571. He pursued a seafaring life. Before Jamestown, in 1602 he attempted to found a colony in “northern Virginia” in what is now New England. He made it to the area and named the peninsula he reached, Cape Cod because well there was a lot of cod. He named an island there for his dead daughter, Martha’s Vineyard. On another island off the cape, now called Cuttyhunk Island, he and his people built a fort, but after a month they abandoned the colony.

'Gosnold at Cuttyhunk, 1602' by Albert Bierstadt, 1858

The English by this point were quite keen to colonize in North America and as a result two rival joint stock companies were chartered, the Virginia Company of London, based on where its organizers lived which had jurisdiction in what is now the American South up to what is now New York, and the Plymouth Company, based on where its organizers lived, which had jurisdiction in what is essentially now New England.

In Dec 1606, Gosnold managed to pull together enough backing via the London Company, which he helped found, for another try and this time set out for what would be the Jamestown Colony. He died there in August 1607. In 2003, what was probably his long-forgotten grave in Jamestown was discovered by archeologists. There was another try at establishing a colony in Maine, the “Popham colony” in 1607, the same time as Jamestown. The Popham Colony was sponsored by the rival Plymouth Company, organized by John Popham and Ferdinando Gorges, and led by George Popham. Both John and George Popham died the first winter and a year later the colony was abandoned.

In 1609 Captain John Smith who had been the president of the governing council of Jamestown colony left Jamestown after injuries and in disgrace. But in 1614 he set sail again for the New World, with two ships, this time to Maine and Massachusetts. After his departure, some of his company took native people as captives including Squanto. (There is uncertainty as to whether this was the second time Squanto was taken captive. He may originally have been taken captive in 1605 by an agent of Ferdinando Gorges.)

In 1616 in England Smith published a book called "A Description of New England." It is believed that this was the first time the name of New England was used for the area.

Smith included the map shown here and gave place names to various locations along the coast



This map, *New England Observed*, of 1616 is provided courtesy of the Osher Map Collection at the University of Southern Maine and is part of John Smith's *Description of New England*

of Massachusetts including New Plimouth near Cape Cod. It was not his original choice of names for the coastline, but actually proposed by the heir to the throne, Prince Charles to whom he showed a draft of his book.

Religious separatists in Leiden, the Netherlands, now known as the Pilgrims, must have poured over that book. It was they who chartered two ships including the Mayflower for their voyage to the New World.

It is unclear where the diseases that decimated the native people came from, but we know that in the years after the visit of John Smith and before the Pilgrims arrived a number of fishermen, French as well as English, frequented New Eng-

land's waters. Cod was a very valuable commodity.

In 1619 in London the Leiden separatists entered into a deal for a land patent with the London Company in the jurisdiction of the London Company, ie no further north than New York, as well as ships with the same company. When the Pilgrims started negotiations, they were soundly cheated by their original investors. To satisfy new backers, a consortium of London financiers known as the Merchant Adventurers, they had to include "strangers" as laborers among the passengers. Many of the passengers on the Mayflower were not separatists but instead strangers.

John Smith made several attempts to return to New England, all failures. He then offered his services to the Leiden separatists, but they turned him down. By accident or design, the Mayflower's arrival on Cape Cod was considerably outside the jurisdiction of the London Company and their patent. The following year in 1621 the Pilgrims obtained a new patent from the newly reorganized Plymouth Council for New England. One of the strangers was Stephen Hopkins, who came on the Mayflower with his second wife, some of his children, and two servants. Stephen was unique in that he was the only passenger who had ever been to the New World before. In 1609 he had come on the "third supply", then spent 9 months on Bermuda after a shipwreck of the lead ship, the Sea Venture, before the castaways built two smaller ships to get to Jamestown.

He then spent several years in Jamestown. A letter regarding “Eliezer Hopkins” arrived in Jamestown in 1614, probably bringing the news his first wife had died, and so he returned to England. Thus he is a qualifying ancestor for both the Jamestown Society and the Mayflower Society.

And not to forget the Canadian connection: The English were not the only Europeans interested in the area. The French made several attempts to colonize in New England, mostly minor settlements for fishing and hunting as well. Their first real North American colony was established in 1604 at St. Croix, an island at the extreme northern edge of what is now Maine.

St. Croix failed due to disease and in 1605 the founders moved what remained of it to what became Port Royal Habitation in modern Nova Scotia. A second French attempt in New England was a Jesuit mission called Saint Sauveur founded in 1613, also in northern Maine. Two months later, forces launched out of Jamestown wiped out both Saint Sauveur and Port Royal in 1613. Thus Jamestown made New England safe for English Protestants. And so, in 1620 English Protestants, ie the Pilgrims, started successful colonization of New England.

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My Mayflower Tattoo

By Jane Ordway Carman

I have been a member of the Mayflower Society, originally in Massachusetts, since 1980. I transferred my Massachusetts membership to California in 1988. Since that time, I have always held an office in the San Francisco Peninsula Colony. From 2003, I have proudly served on the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California Board of Assistants.

The people I have met in the California Mayflower are true friends and family. The best people. People I love. I decided as a tribute and honor to my friendships, within our society, and as a tribute to my ancestors, to get a Mayflower tattoo! I never thought in my wildest dreams I would ever get a tattoo! But I did & I love it. I had help from our Governor General Lea Filson, our Secretary General Susan Roser and our insignia chair, Deb Yingst in picking out the right flowers. Here is the picture of my Mayflower flower.



Below is a sample of a letter you are encouraged to mail to encourage a commemorative stamp to celebrate 2020. Please copy, sign and add your address below your signature.

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Sir or Madam:

In 2020 and 2021 the United States will commemorate some of the most iconic events that led to the formation of our country. The date 1620 is so well established in American culture that it is literally carved in stone at Plymouth Rock. I request that the US Postal Service mark the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower with a Pilgrim-themed commemorative stamp to be issued in 2020.

The Pilgrims left England and the Netherlands in pursuit of better lives in the New World plus a degree of religious freedom unknown in England at that time. They established the first permanent colony in New England, and their founding document, today called The Mayflower Compact, established the principle of self-government without supervision from external authorities. After arriving, the group signed an agreement with their neighboring Native Americans, a peace that lasted for over fifty years. All of these were extraordinary events with significant impact on American culture, typically celebrated today at the Thanksgiving holiday. They clearly fulfill the eleven criteria established by the USPS for commemoration on U.S. stamps.

The stereotypical image of a Pilgrim includes black garments, conical wide-brimmed hats with buckles, wide belts, and funny black shoes. You may know that modern scholarship has shown that Pilgrim dress was much more colorful than his image would convey. The USPS introduction of thermochromatic ink on the recent solar eclipse stamp provides a wonderful model of a stamp that could be educational and eye-catching to consumers. Without warming, it would show the traditional "black and white" image of Pilgrim dress, but when it is warmed their true colors could show through. Although the CSAC does not direct the artwork for stamps, such a rendition will take months or years to develop. I therefore request that the CSAC approve a Pilgrim-themed stamp in 2017 to allow enough time to create a high-quality artistic final product.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

The First Parish Church Plymouth, Massachusetts

By Gail Raser with excerpts from Wikipedia 10/10/2017

Founded in 1620 by the Pilgrims in Plymouth, the First Parish Church is the oldest church congregation in the United States in continuous operation. It is located at the base of Burial Hill on the town square off Leyden Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



*First Parish Church, Plymouth, MA
2017 GSMD Congress Service*

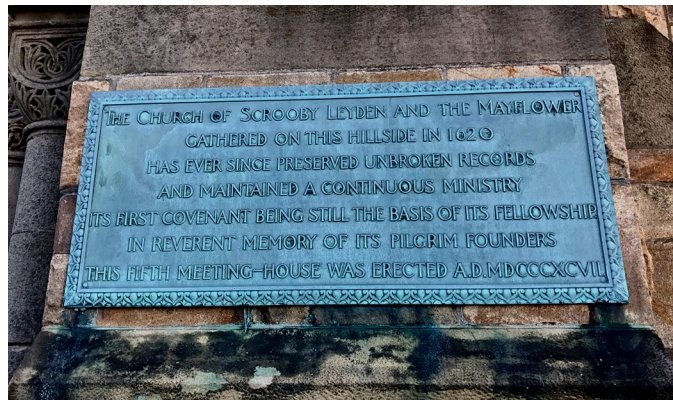
The congregation was founded in the English community of Scrooby in 1606 by the Pilgrims, a group of Protestant Christians. After they emigrated to North America in 1620, the Separatist congregation established a church in Plymouth which became a parish church of Massachusetts's Congregationalist state church.

The congregation is currently affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association and has 64 members as of 2016. The current building was completed in 1899 and was listed on the National

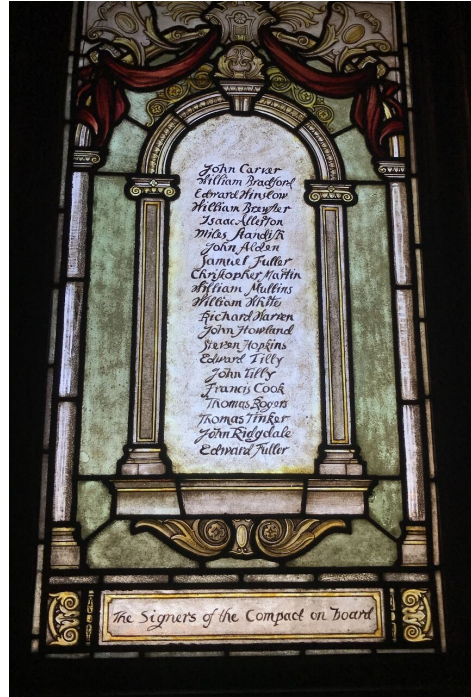
Register of Historic Places in 2014. It has Tiffany stained glass windows illustrating the Pilgrim story. The sanctuary features carved quarter-sawn oak and is one of the finest examples of hammer beam construction in the United States.

The opening service of the 41st Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was held in this church on Sunday, September 10, 2017. It was during this service that it was announced to those present, by a representative of the congregation, that the congregation had voted that morning to agree to sell the church building to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants due to the fact this small congregation can not afford to maintain the church.

Due to the historic nature of this church and its connection to all descendants of the Mayflower, the General Society desires to purchase this building to preserve it, make it a venue for Mayflower activities like the Mayflower House, and allow the congregation to continue to hold services in it.



I am sure we will hear a lot more about this in the future, but the goal right now is to raise the 3 million dollars by Congress of 2020, at which time the church would be deeded to the General Society.



GSMD Gov. Gen. Lea S. Filson receives letter of agreement from church congregation.

Governor General's 1620 Club Tour

By Gail Raser

Members of the 1620 Club were invited to attend an historic tour on September 13, the day after Congress closed. Our first stop was in Duxbury, MA at the Myles Standish Burial Ground, America's oldest cemetery. Although the cemetery has gone through periods of neglect, it is now well



Alden Homestead Duxbury

maintained, sitting on its one and one-half acres plot on the corner of Chestnut Street and Pilgrim By Way, Duxbury, Massachusetts. The Myles Standish grave marker stands in the center of the Standish family plot surrounded by 19th century canons purchased from the Boston Navy Yard. Stones were placed by the Alden Kindred of America in 1930 to mark the approximate location of John and Priscilla Alden's graves.

The tour then moved on to the Alden House Historic Site. The Alden Kindred of America has maintained the Alden House and the property upon which it rests are part of the original land grant given to John and Priscilla Alden in 1627. It was designated a National Historic Landmark



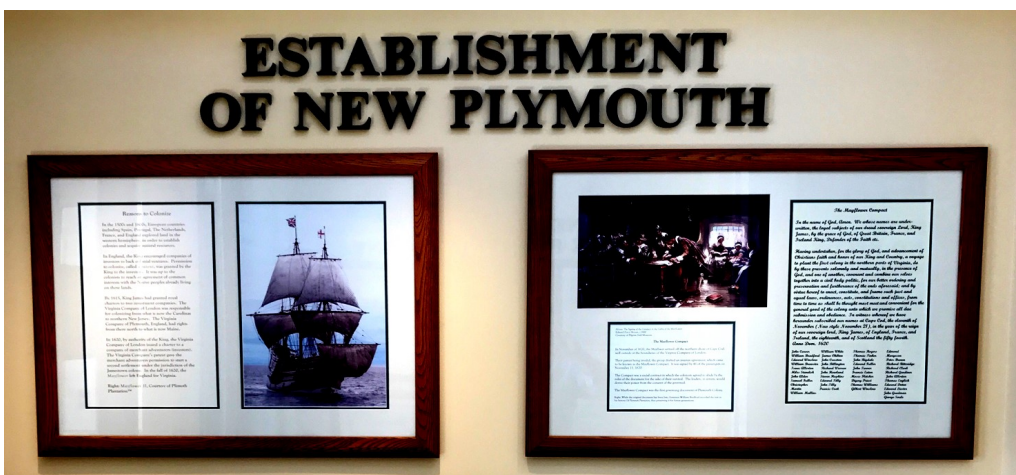
in 2009. The first house built on this site, about 760 feet southeast of the Alden House Historic Site, was professionally excavated and documented by historical archaeologist, Roland Wells Robbins in 1960. The original house had a foundation of 10 ½ feet by 38 feet. Many bricks and fragments of brick were found in the area, but no indication of a chimney base was found.



After lunch on the Alden House property, the group moved on to the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. We had a very informative tour of the Registry of Deeds. Registrar, John R. Buckley, Jr. Esq. reported the following on their website. “Last week approximately fifty members of the Mayflower Society, from as far away as Florida and California, visited the Registry of Deeds. After



a brief tour of the Registry building, they were shown several original documents of significant historical interest from the Plymouth Colony Records. These documents included our first deed in the handwriting of Colonial Governor William Bradford, the will of Myles Standish and the 1623 vote of the Colonial Court which established the right to a trial by a jury for civil and criminal cases in America.” The evening ended with a dinner and program at the Hotel 1620. It was a day enjoyed by all attendees.



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