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*The Seal of the Plymouth Colony
Designed in 1629.*

Regarding the cover:

Unknown author Samuel Adams Drake (1833-1905). *Nooks and corners of the New England coast.* p. 267. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1875.

The seal of the Plymouth Colony, designed in 1629. It depicts four figures within a shield bearing St George's Cross, apparently in Native-American style clothing, each carrying the burning heart symbol of John Calvin. The seal was also used by the County of Plymouth until 1931, and is still used by the town of Plymouth today.

From Wikipedia, January, 2022

The Purpose of a Seal

The seal of a nation or state is used today for **authenticating documents of high importance or high ceremony issued in the name of the sovereign or the chief executive authority**, such as the president or governor.

The Seal of the United States is called the Great Seal.

Origin of the Great Seal. By **the 18th century** it was typical for rulers of nations to authenticate important state documents by affixing a seal as a symbol of the governing power. Accordingly, when the United States came into existence, the Continental Congress acted to provide a seal for the new nation.

The Great Seal **symbolizes independence and self-government** and appears on official documents such as proclamations, treaties and communications from the President to heads of foreign governments. You will also find it on U.S. passports and the U.S. one dollar bill.

As soon as the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, the Continental Congress created a committee comprised on some of the nation's visionary Founders to design of a seal for the United States. Over the next six years, three different committees submitted ideas but none were accepted until Congress tasked their Secretary Charles Thomson to come up with a design on June 13, 1782. Thomson created a design, and a week later on June 20th presented it to Congress and it was approved that same day.



Governor's Message

Happy New Year from the California Mayflower Society! I pray your Holidays have been blessed and uneventful. I realize the COVID Pandemic is still actively in the news and new variants seem to be popping up every three or four months or so. I hope this disease goes away soon. Who



After the hybrid presentation with the Los Altos DAR. Please note those attending on Zoom at the right side of the screen.

would have thought in February 2020 that we would still be suffering from this pandemic in February 2022? We aren't used to having something last this long. America is a frenetic society, where we bounce from one thing to the next. Rarely, do we have anything grab our attention for longer than a few minutes. Two full years? This seems to be with us for the long haul. Please take care of yourself, stay safe and stay healthy.

Since the last Quarterly, I've been able to attend a couple groups, beside my own Colony. In October, I had the honor of visiting the NSDAR Los Altos Chapter to do a new presentation called, "400 Years of Thanksgiving – How Our American

Holiday Came to Be". Hosted by Donna Santistevan, Regent



At the Los Angeles Colony Compact Day, 11/13/21. Governor Scott Miller, with LA Colony Governor & Deputy Governor South, Dr. Robert Lincoln.

of the Los Altos Chapter, at the home of Juno Szalay, First Vice Regent of the Los Altos Chapter, this was their first in-person hybrid meeting they conducted since the beginning of the pandemic. It was such an honor to represent the California Mayflower Society with a different organization with much the same purpose of supporting our National Heritage. They listened intently to my presentation about Thanksgiving and asked many questions about the Society. We take it for granted that the nation has always associated Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims. Actually, it was not until 1841 that the first mention of the Pilgrims with "First Harvest Feast" appeared in a history book. As with virtually everything that has to do with the Pilgrims, nothing is really simple with them or their story. It is quite a story.

On November 13th, I attended the Los Angeles Colony Compact Day meeting. Hosted by LA Governor, Dr. Robert Lincoln, it was a great meeting with several new members being welcomed.



Los Altos DAR Chapter Regent, Donna Santistevan, CA Mayflower Governor, Scott Miller, and Los Altos DAR Chapter First Vice Regent, Juno Szalay.

The presentation was by Peter M. Small, a “Historical Impressionist”, who played George Washington. Peter told his story in character, brought forth many interesting facts about him, and helped to lay to rest several common myths associated with him.

Finally, as we move into 2022, there is so much we need to do. We have committees in operation to help lead us forward in several new areas. For you who are interested in helping out with our Bequest Program, or helping form a new Colony in Northern California, or in our State Education outreach, please let anyone on the Executive Board know. We would love to have you get involved!

*Scott Miller,
CA State Governor*

Deputy Governor North

As we close out 2021, four hundred and one years after the landing of our ancestors we remember their suffering with loss, as we have suffered the second full year of the pandemic. Hope springs eternal for us as Mayflower descendants as our colonies begin to hold in-person events. The joint Compact Day celebration of San Francisco Peninsula, Alameda and Redwood Empire Colonies was held at a lovely dockside restaurant in Richmond Marina Bay, central to the members of each Colony. San Joaquin Colony held their event in an Italian restaurant private room in Fresno. As Deputy Governor North, I was able to attend both events in person. It was my pleasure to be the speaker at San Joaquin Colony and Monterey Bay (virtually) this fall.

Hybrid meetings are “coming of age” for our Society and such was the case for the Board of Assistants event on October 15-16. This pandemic has taken its toll as evidenced by the sparse attendance at this in-person event. One topic of good news is the continued donations to the 2020 float project. It was announced at the meeting that these donations will go directly to the investment fund. Living in Richmond makes it easy for Marston and me to volunteer at the Society Library in Oakland. I believe an online catalog of the holdings would be a great benefit to the library to increase patronage. My project management background will aid the Society in bringing this to fruition in 2022.



*Kathy Watson
Deputy Governor North*

Finally, most non-profit organizations request donations at the end of year. Next year, we will be able to do the same as a bequest program will be established. Members will be able to bequest stock or cash to the CSMD in their will. It is a pleasure to serve the Society. I look forward to seeing you at your events either in person or with virtual communication. May you all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

*Kathy Watson
Deputy Governor North*



Deputy Governor South

In November, I attended two colony's Compact Day luncheons. I attended the Los Angeles colony luncheon at the Tam O'Shanter Inn on November 13, 2021 and a week later I attended the Orange County colony luncheon at the Elks Lodge. For both, it was nice to attend an in-person event after two years of ZOOM meetings. This was before the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. Our Mayflower ancestors had to overcome more challenges than just that first winter and so must we. Stay Safe. I have joined all seven of the Southern California colonies for 2022 and look forward to meeting with them all however that format may be.



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



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

CA BOA Virtual Attendees

Oct 2021



20 members joined the meeting online

California Mayflower Board of Assistants Meeting

October 16, 2021, Oakland, California

This October 2021 BOA meeting was the first in person meeting of the new administration that was voted in last June 2021. The meeting was also a virtual meeting for those who did not wish to travel and meet in person. Much business had been reviewed by the executive board on the previous day, and I will share some of the highlights of the day.



Standing: Diane Douglass, Dianne Sweeny, Erica Hahn, Gail Raser, Ray Raser, Harvey Soldan, Marcia Maloney, Miles Standish

Seated: Pat Friesen, Billie Mitchell, Kathy Watson, Scott Miller, Robert Lincoln, Mandy Dunkle

I think it's important, especially for the members in northern California to understand that the state sees there are a lot of people in the northern part of the state who are without a close colony to attend. According to recorded zip codes, the state is looking to form a new colony that would meet somewhere in the Redding, CA area. As Deputy Governor North mentions in her report, she is looking for a group of interested people who live in the area who would be able to get this colony going. Your efforts would help many people who would enjoy the fellowship meeting in person can bring.

Also, it is important to note that state scholarships continue, and it is hoped that you would communicate with your children and/or grandchildren about this opportunity. The student does not need to be a California Mayflower member, but the sponsor needs to be a CA member in good standing for the application to be accepted. Please review the guidelines available to you on our society website.

The state Mayflower library and office in Oakland is open on Fridays at this time. Also, California Mayflower now owns both camayflower.org and camayflower.com. You can go to either of these sites and it will go to the same site and work as one. This is an important matter when it comes to people not used to our .org site to be able to reach us when they go to .com also.

The Board of Assistants is holding only two in person meetings each year instead of four, and two virtual only meetings. Please check the website and your printed copies of the CA Mayflower Quarterly to assist you in keeping in touch with your board.

Thank you DGN Kathleen Watson for coordinating this in person and virtual meeting.



Counselor Erica Hahn



Gov. Scott Miller & Treasurer Harvey Soldan



DGG Ray Raser



Dianne Sweeny & Captain Miles Standish



Robert Lincoln, Pat Friesen, Dianne Sweeny & Gail Raser conversing

Photos by Ray Raser

Growth of Plymouth

Source Wikipedia. Jan 2022

A second ship arrived in November 1621 named the *Fortune*, sent by the Merchant Adventurers one year after the Pilgrims first set foot in New England. It arrived with 37 new settlers for Plymouth. However, the ship had arrived unexpectedly and also without many supplies, so the additional settlers put a strain on the resources of the colony.

Historical populations	
Date	Pop.
December 1620	99
April 1621	50
November 1621	85
July 1623	180
May 1627	156
January 1630	almost 300
1640	1,020
1643	approx. 2,000
1650	1,566
1660	1,980
1670	5,333
1680	6,400
1690	7,424
1691	approx. 7,000

Among the passengers of the *Fortune* were several of the original Leiden congregation, including William Brewster's son Jonathan, Edward Winslow's brother John, and Philip Delano (the family name was earlier "de la Noye") whose descendants include President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The *Fortune* also carried a letter from the Merchant Adventurers chastising the colony for failure to return goods with the *Mayflower* that had been promised in return for their support. The *Fortune* began its return to England laden with £500 worth of goods (equivalent to £78,000 in 2010, or \$118,799 at PPP), more than enough to keep the colonists on schedule for repayment of their debt. However, the *Fortune* was captured by the French before she could deliver her cargo to England, creating an even larger deficit for the colony.

In July 1623, two more ships arrived: the *Anne* under the command of Captain "Master" William Peirce and Master John Bridges, and the *Little James* under the command of Captain Emanuel Altham.^[28] These ships carried 96 new settlers, among them Leideners, including William Bradford's future wife Alice and William and Mary Brewster's daughters Patience and Fear. Some of the passengers who arrived on the *Anne* were either unprepared for frontier life or undesirable additions to

the colony, and they returned to England the next year. According to Gleason Archer, "those who remained were not willing to join the colony under the terms of the agreement with the Merchant Adventurers. They had embarked for America upon an understanding with the Adventurers that they might settle in a community of their own, or at least be free from the bonds by which the Plymouth colonists were enslaved. A letter addressed to the colonists and signed by thirteen of the merchants recited these facts and urged acceptance of the new comers on the specified terms." The new arrivals were allotted land in the area of the Eel River known as Hobs Hole, which became Wellingsley, a mile south of Plymouth Rock. In September 1623, another ship arrived carrying settlers destined to refound the failed colony at Weymouth, and they stayed temporarily in Plymouth. In March 1624, a ship arrived bearing a few additional settlers and the first cattle. A 1627 division of cattle lists 156 colonists divided into twelve lots of thirteen colonists each. Another ship arrived in August 1629, also named the *Mayflower*, with 35 additional members of the Leiden congregation. Ships arrived throughout the period between 1629 and 1630 carrying new settlers, though the exact number is unknown; contemporaneous documents indicate that the colony had almost 300 people by January 1630.

In 1643, the colony had an estimated 600 males fit for military service, implying a total population of about 2,000. The estimated total population of Plymouth County was 3,055 by 1690, on the eve of the colony's merger with Massachusetts Bay. It is estimated that the entire population of the colony at the point of its dissolution was around 7,000. For comparison, it is estimated that more than 20,000 settlers had arrived in Massachusetts Bay Colony between 1630 and 1640 (a period known as the Great Migration), and the population of all New England was estimated to be about 60,000 by 1678. Plymouth was the first colony in the region, but it was much smaller than Massachusetts Bay Colony by the time they merged.



A Voyage of Misfortune

The Pilgrims' failed attempt to pay their debts

One year after the Mayflower anchored at the future site of Plymouth Colony, the ship Fortune arrived with 37 more settlers. Remaining offshore for only about three weeks, the Fortune was made ready to sail on the return voyage to England and set out on 13 December 1621. Her holds were loaded with 500 pounds worth of goods, including furs, timber and other commodities, for



Beaver pelts, such as these being traded with Native Americans, were valuable commodities, and Fortune carried many of them

delivery to the Plymouth Council for New England in London in partial payment for the debts that was owed in exchange for the Pilgrims' original passage.

The Fortune's voyage was uneventful until the ship neared its destination. Rather than sailing into the English Channel, a navigation error sent the vessel toward the coastline of hostile France. The Fortune was captured by a French warship and its valuable cargo confiscated. Robert Cushman, who had negotiated the original deal with the Virginia Company for the Pilgrims' passage, was held in a prison on shore while the crew was under

guard aboard ship. The French detained the Fortune and her company for 13 days, and the unfortunate ship did not reach London until 17 February 1622. The loss of the valuable cargo was a major setback for the Pilgrims in the repayment of their debt.

Taken from: *PILGRIMS, the fascinating story of the new world's early settlers.*
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Marriage and family life

Edward Winslow and Susanna White both lost their spouses during the harsh winter of 1620–1621, and the two became the first couple to be married in Plymouth. Governor Bradford presided over the civil ceremony.

In Plymouth Colony, "courtships were usually initiated by the young people themselves, but as a relationship progressed toward something more permanent, the parents became more directly involved." Parents were concerned with the moral and religious qualities of the proposed spouse, as well as the financial means of each party's family. The first step toward marriage was generally a betrothal or pre-contract, a ceremony carried out before two witnesses in which the couple pledged to wed in due time. The couple's intentions were published several weeks or months after the betrothal was contracted. "A betrothed couple was considered to have a special status, not married but no longer unmarried either." Sexual contact was prohibited between a betrothed couple, but the penalty for it was one-fourth of what it was for single persons, and records indicate a relatively high number of babies born less than nine months after a wedding ceremony.



If you sailed on The Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern, Illustrated by Anna DiVito

Marriage was considered the normal state for all adult residents of the colony. Most men first married in their mid-twenties and women around age 20. Second marriages were not uncommon, and widows and widowers faced social and economic pressures to remarry; most widows and widowers remarried within six months to a year. Most adults who reached marriageable age lived into their sixties, so effectively two-thirds of a person's life was spent married.

Women in Plymouth Colony had more extensive legal and social rights compared to 17th

-century European norms. They were considered equal to men before God from the perspective of the Church. Women were, however, expected to take traditionally feminine roles, such as child-rearing and maintaining the household. Plymouth women enjoyed extensive property and legal rights, unlike European women who had few rights. A wife in Plymouth could not be "written out" of her husband's will and was guaranteed a full third of the family's property upon his death. Women were parties to contracts in Plymouth, most notably prenuptial agreements.

It was common for brides-to-be (rather than their fathers) to enter into contractual agreements on the consolidation of property upon marriage. In some cases, especially in second marriages, women were given exclusive right to retain control of their property separately from their husbands. Women were also known to occasionally sit on juries in Plymouth, a remarkable circumstance in seventeenth century legal practice. Historians James and Patricia Scott Deetz cite a 1678 inquest into the death of Anne Batson's child, where the jury was composed of five women and seven men.

Family size in the colony was large by modern American standards, though childbirth was often spaced out, with an average of two years between children. Most families averaged five to six children living under the same roof, though it was not uncommon for one family to have grown children moving out before the mother had finished giving birth. Maternal mortality rates were fairly high; one birth in thirty ended in the death of the mother, resulting in one in five women dying in childbirth. However, "the rate of infant mortality in Plymouth seems to have been relatively low." Demos concludes that "it appears that the rate of infant and child mortality in Plymouth was no more than 25 per cent".

Childhood, adolescence, and education.

Children generally remained in the direct care of their mothers until about the age of 8, after which it was not uncommon for the child to be placed in the foster care of another family. Some children were placed into households to learn a trade, others to be taught to read and write. It was assumed that children's own parents would love them too much and would not properly discipline them. By placing children in the care of another family, there was little danger of them being spoiled.

Adolescence was not a recognized phase of life in Plymouth colony, and there was no rite of passage which marked transition from youth to adulthood. Several important transitions occurred at various ages, but none marked a single "coming of age" event. Children were expected to begin learning their adult roles in life quite early by taking on some of the family work or by being placed in foster homes to learn a trade. Orphaned children were given the right to choose their own guardians at age 14. At 16, males became eligible for military duty and were also considered adults for legal purposes, such as standing trial for crimes. Age 21 was the youngest at which a male could become a freeman, though for practical purposes this occurred some time in a man's mid-twenties. Twenty-one was the assumed age of inheritance, as well, although the law respected the rights of the deceased to name an earlier age in his will.

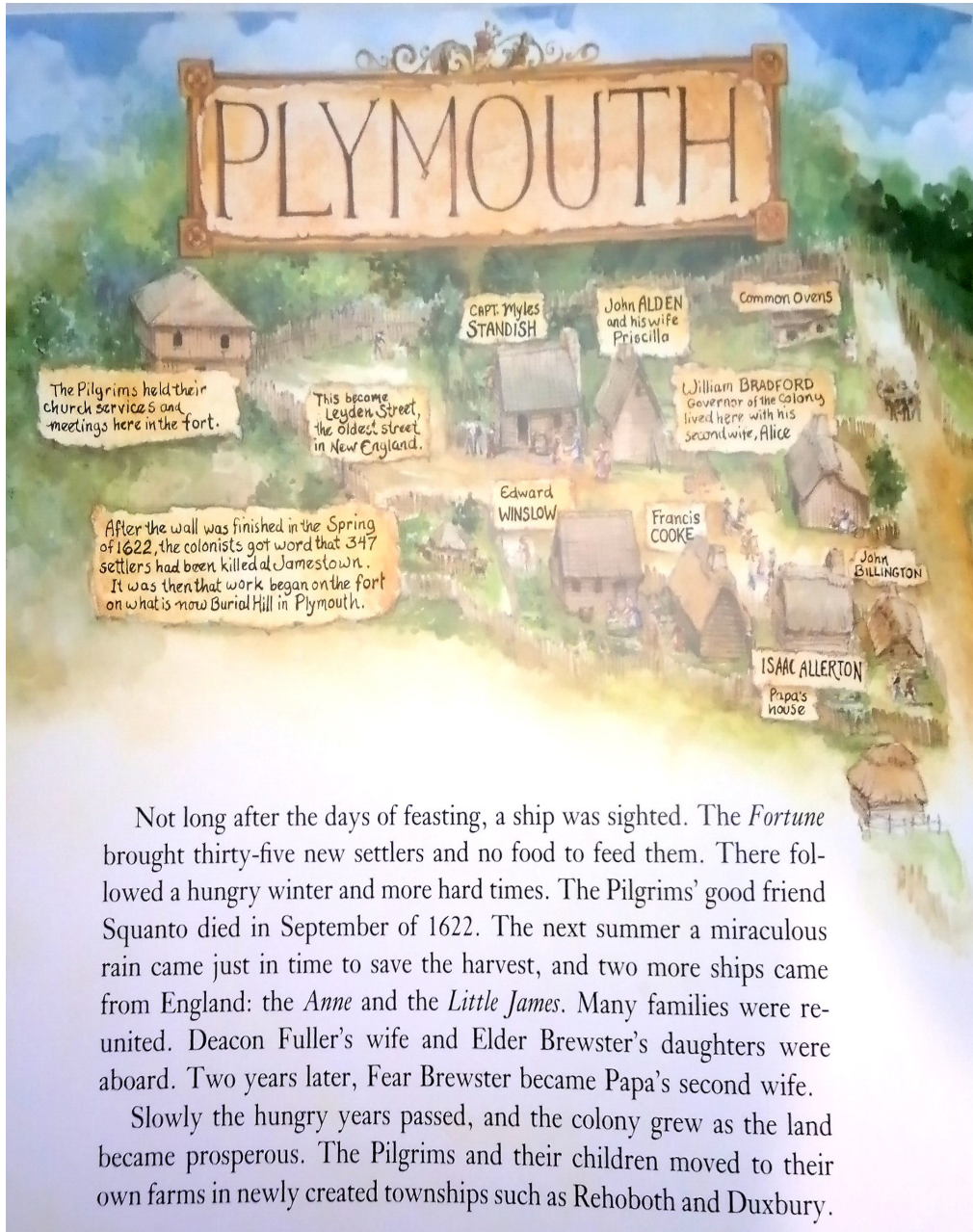
Actual schools were rare in Plymouth colony. The first true school was not founded until 40 years after the foundation of the colony. The General Court first authorized colony-wide funding for formal public schooling in 1673, but only the town of Plymouth made use of these funds at that time. By 1683, though, five additional towns had received this funding.

Education of the young was never considered to be the primary domain of schools, even after they had become more common. Most education was carried out by a child's parents or foster parents. Formal apprenticeships were not the norm in Plymouth; it was expected that a foster family would teach the children whatever trades they themselves practiced. The church also played a central role in a child's education. As noted above, the primary purpose of teaching children to read was so that they could read the Bible for themselves.

Excerpted from Wikipedia, January 2022

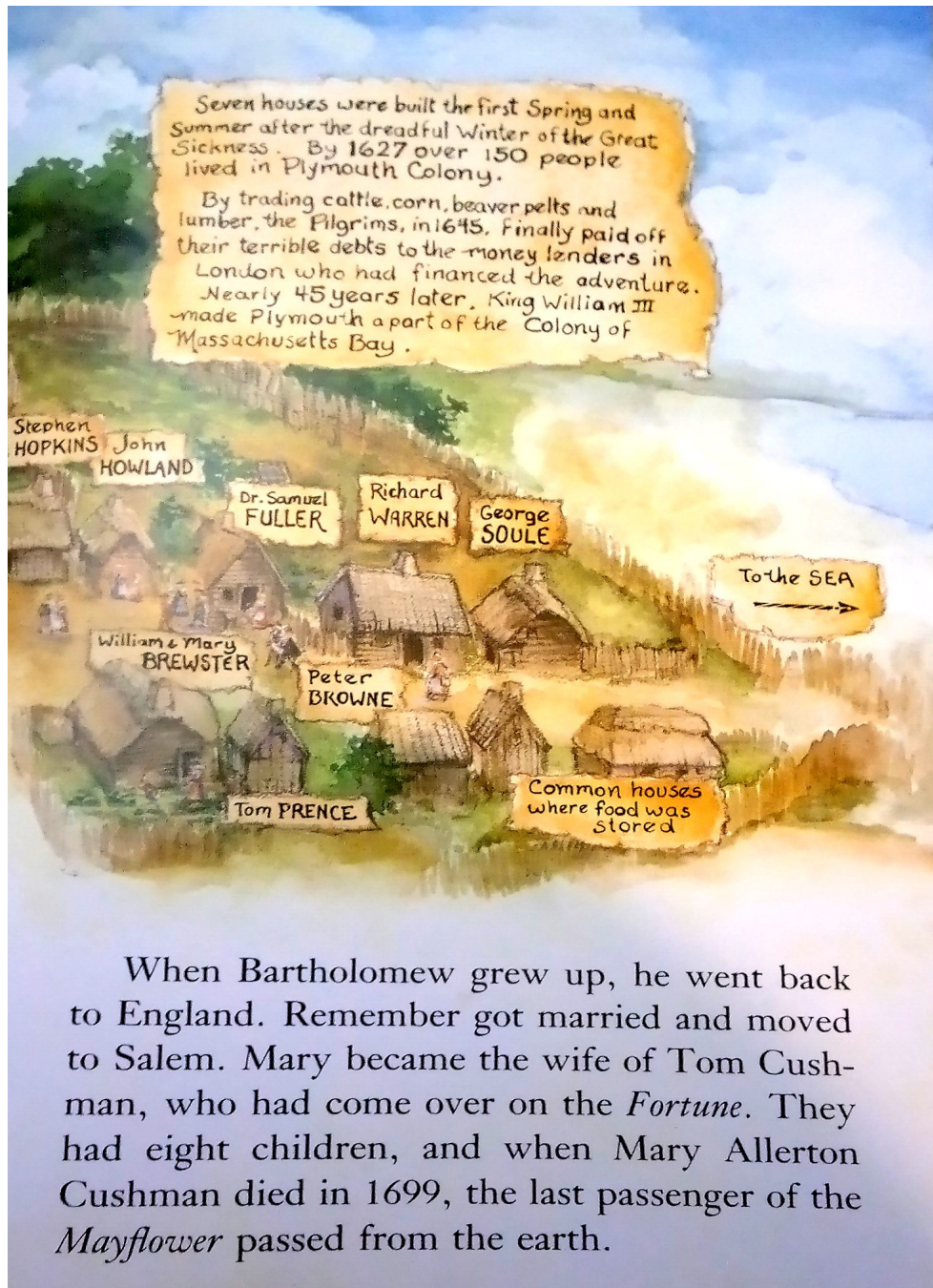
Three Young Pilgrims

By Cheryl Harness



Not long after the days of feasting, a ship was sighted. The *Fortune* brought thirty-five new settlers and no food to feed them. There followed a hungry winter and more hard times. The Pilgrims' good friend Squanto died in September of 1622. The next summer a miraculous rain came just in time to save the harvest, and two more ships came from England: the *Anne* and the *Little James*. Many families were reunited. Deacon Fuller's wife and Elder Brewster's daughters were aboard. Two years later, Fear Brewster became Papa's second wife.

Slowly the hungry years passed, and the colony grew as the land became prosperous. The Pilgrims and their children moved to their own farms in newly created townships such as Rehoboth and Duxbury.



Wisbech & Family of Love

Early English Ancestry and Religious Influences with possible later Generations in Holland and Plimoth Colony.

By Louise Walsh Throop

As more persons gain knowledge of their *Mayflower* ancestry, interest in ancestry in England grows. The English ancestry of passengers on the *Mayflower* often is hard to research as the late 1500s were a time of migration, often to areas with more liberal religious views. Thus we have Dorothy May, wife of William Bradford. Her grandfather was John May, oatmeal maker of Wisbech, England. John's wife was Thomasine Cross, whose second husband was Edward White (d. 1594), and whose grandson was Peregrine White---the first Englishman born in New England [see Stephen C. P'Neil, "The Life of Perigrine White" (Marshfield MA, 2020), front cover verso].

One of the least well known religious groups of the late 1500s was the Family of Love, inspired and led by Henry Niclaes [writing under the initials "H.N."]. Members of the group in Wisbech, England, in the Diocese of Ely, were identified there 1550-1615 [see Table 1 in Christopher Marsh's work, "The Family of Love in English Society, 1550-1630" (Cambridge, 1994) pp. 171-2]. These men are given below with possible surname descendants in New England before 1700 marked with one asterick and those few located in Plimoth marked with two astericks:

Thomas Baker*	John Cole**	Nicolas Gunton	Thomas Pierson*
Henry Barnard*	Robert Creak	John Hasell*	John Rayner**
John Bourne*	William Decon	Richard Hasel*	Edmund Rule
Robert Bridge*	Robert Diss	Thomas Lawrence*	Luke Saunders*
Thomas Bridge*	Thomas Diss	William Lawrence**	John Taylor*
William Bridge*	John Dunch	Henry Marsh*	William Taylor*
Oliver Bridgeman*	William Dunch	John May	William Titterington
William Carter*	John Essex	Thomas Overall	Robert Turtleby

As printing became more and more important in the 1500s, and as more and more persons learned to read, it is interesting to note one Thomas Basson, a native of Huntingdonshire, had emigrated from England and became a well-known printer in Leiden. He was a Familist, and appears to have given William Brewster his start as a printer in Leiden, ca. 1617. Using type borrowed from Basson, Brewster's works have a series of initial letters with minor defects and also the so-called "Brewster Bear" with its little bunch of leaves missing. It would appear Brewster was given permission by Basson to take from that printer's discard pile of type in order to start Brewster's printing program about 1617. Another printer, Gyles Thorp, of Amsterdam after 1605, also printed materials for an audience looking for a simpler church and more democratic church membership. When Brewster fled from Leiden with some of his printing crew, the easily identifiable type was carried by a printing associate, Edward Rabin, to Scotland who returned the type about two years later to the English printer in Amsterdam, Gyles Thorp.

As Thorp is an alternate spelling of "Throope," it would appear Gyles' great-nephew William Throop came to New England in the 1660s. Gyles and his brother William both married Smyth girls ca 1604/5. It would appear the connection between Brewster and the English printer Thorp was through the English minister John Smyth, originally of Nottinghamshire in England, and later a preacher in Holland, where he died in 1612. Thus it behooves genealogists to research church groups and their influencers when looking back to English ancestry. Perhaps the above surname listing could help.

**New Members from Sep 18
to Dec 31, 2021**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Lynn Locher
GS# 100665 CA# 10036
10th from Edward Doty

Frank Kaylor
GS# 101008 CA# 10058
11th from John Billington

Pamela McDonald
GS# 101112 CA# 10075
13th from John Billington

FOOTHILL COLONY

Eileen Roberts
GS# 100644 CA# 10034
13th from Edward Fuller

Jeanette DeHart
GS# 100814 CA# 10041
12th from Myles Standish

Marjorie Bean Moller
GS# 101075 CA# 10066
10th from Richard More

Judith Moller Esquivel
GS# 101074 CA# 10065
11th from Richard More

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Brian Honeyfield
GS# 100779 CA# 10040
12th from Peregrine White

Catherine Brockman
GS# 100909 CA# 10050
13th from William Brewster

Keith Knotek
GS# 101009 CA# 10059
11th from Edward Doty

Kathryn Jesse
GS# 101109 CA# 10072
12th from Thomas Rogers

Kian Jesse
GS# 101110 CA# 10073
13th from Thomas Rogers

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Bradford Pollard
GS# 100729 CA# 10037
12th from William Bradford

Sharon Brewster
GS# 101055 CA# 10064
12th from Richard Warren

Lorraine Sachs
GS# 101156 CA# 10082
12th from William Brewster

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Sheri Fenley
GS# 100910 CA# 10051
12th from John Alden

Robert D. Roberts
GS# 100730 CA# 10038
12th from Stephen Hopkins

MOTHER LODGE COLONY

Richard Vandenberg
GS# 100645 CA# 10035
11th from John Alden

Michelle R. Bumb
GS# 100603 CA# 10029
12th from Thomas Rogers

Kathryn Dublin
GS# 100880 CA# 10048
12th from John Tilley

Carolyn Herman
GS# 100911 CA# 10052
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Edward Nissen
GS# 101077 CA# 10068
11th from Francis Cooke

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Beverly Cochran
GS# 100763 CA# 10039
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Terri Brewster
GS# 100908 CA# 10049
13th from William White

Terralea Mae Pantzar Collins
GS# 100982 CA# 10056
13th from Edward Fuller

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY

Frieda Gockel
GS# 100831 CA# 10046
12th from Richard Warren

Yvonne Nelson
GS# 101116 CA# 10079
12th from Myles Standish

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Carol Graham
GS# 100605 CA# 10031
11th from John Alden

Daryle Baldwin
GS# 101031 CA# 10061
14th from Stephen Hopkins

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Elisabeth Usborne
GS# 101010 CA# 10060
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Ann Marie DiPietro
GS# 101007 CA# 10057
12th from Richard Warren

Andrew Newcomb
GS# 101076 CA# 10066
13th from William Brewster

Mark Muñoz
GS# 101113 CA# 10076
11th from Samuel Fuller

Julian Muñoz
GS# 101114 CA# 10077
12th from Samuel Fuller

Siena Muñoz
GS# 101115 CA# 10078
12th from Samuel Fuller

Diana (Detwiler) Knickrehm
GS# 101111 CA# 10074
11th from Myles Standish

SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY

Lorelie Gafford
GS# 101108 CA# 10071
11th from Edward Doty

David John Dolloff
GS# 101107 CA# 10070
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Theodore Warren Craig
GS# 101106 CA# 10069
11th from Mary Allerton

Elysia Pearce
GS# 101117 CA# 10080
12th from Francis Cooke

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Carolann DeMoss
GS# 100863 CA# 10047
12th from Edward Fuller

Maryann Garcia
GS# 100604 CA# 10030
12th from John Alden

SEQUOIA COLONY

James O'Brien
GS# 100606 CA# 10032
14th from James Chilton

John O'Brien
GS# 100607 CA# 10033
14th from James Chilton

Gerald Anthony Welch
GS# 100817 CA# 10044
10th from William Bradford

Brendan Thomas Welch
GS# 100816 CA# 10043
11th from William Bradford

Paul James Welch
GS# 100818 CA# 10045
11th from William Bradford

Timothy Raymond Esterheld
GS# 100815 CA# 10042
11th from William Bradford

John Chapman Bard
GS# 100931 CA# 10054
11th from John Alden

Michael Walker
GS# 100932 CA# 10055
12th from Richard Warren

Susan Jane (Connelly) Reeder
GS# 101032 CA# 10062
11th from John Alden



**Supplementals from
Oct 8, 2021 to Dec 31, 2021**

FOOTHILL COLONY

Donald St. John
GS# 81769 CA# 8383
14th from Edward Fuller

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Donald Morris
GS# 91532 CA# 9162
10th from Elizabeth Tilley
12th from Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins

Susan Brown
GS# 93607 CA# 9308
12th from Edward Fuller
12th from John Billington

Kathryn Checchi
GS# 99310 CA# 9852
10th from Edward Doty

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Sharyn Roberts-Hughes
GS# 88990 CA# 8982
11th from Isaac Allerton

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Kathy Ruiz
GS# 99360 CA# 9867
11th from William Brewster

Valerie Sim
GS# 95741 CA# 9509
12th from Priscilla Mullins

Deborah Sweeney
GS# 90622 CA# 9105
13th from William Bradford

Sylvia Baldwin Dilgard
GS# 99544 CA# 9898
11th from Constance Hopkins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Miranda Dunkle
GS# 94416 CA# 9388
14th from Richard Warren

Eric Olsen
GS# 93166 CA# 9268
13th from John Alden

George Davis
GS# 97774 CA# 9695
11th from Richard Warren
12th from Edward Fuller
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Mark Howard Rogers
GS# 99682 CA# 9916
12th from William Brewster

Linda Watts
GS# 99959 CA# 9941
14th from Isaac Allerton

Carolyn Bixby Youngs
GS# 81944 CA# 8400
12th from Mary (Norris) Allerton
11th from Susanna (Jackson) White
11th from Mary Allerton
10th from Resolved White

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY

Henry Austin Reniger III
GS# 100429 CA# 10007
11th from William Bradford
12th from Priscilla Mullins
13th from William Mullins

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Renee Neale
 GS# 97029 CA# 9593
 14th from William Brewster

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Alden Williams Owen
 GS# 100200 CA# 9976
 11th from Francis Billington
 11th from Francis Eaton

SEQUOIA COLONY

James O'Brien
 GS# 100606 CA# 10032
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Inland Empire Colony

David Charles Dahl 13 Feb 2021

Los Angeles Colony

Sandra Walker Craig 30 Oct 2021

Monterey Bay Colony

Joanne Slama 1 Oct 2021

Orange County Colony

Barbara Shumar 9 Jul 2021

Rancho Conejo Colony

Betsy Horne 17 Oct 2021

Redwood Empire Colony

Glee Caroline Murphy 29 Apr 2021

San Joaquin Colony

Jayne Scardello 7 Nov 2021

CA BOA Oct 2021

*Diane Douglass, Marcia Maloney, Erica Hahn, Billie Mitchell &
 Mandy Dunkle enjoy visiting*

GSMD News

The 2022 GSMD Scholarship Application is now available!



The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is awarding three High School Senior students' scholarships in the amount of: \$6000, \$5000, \$4000. A \$3,000 Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship will also be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a Mayflower descendant and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college. The parent or grandparent sponsoring a student should retrieve the required forms from 'TheMayflowerSociety.org' members section. Login is required to acquire the application forms.

A student is not eligible to apply if their parent or grandparent is not a member of the GSMD as of December 14, 2021. In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves.

State News

Happy New Year. I think most of us can agree that 2021 was a year full of challenges. Whether you were shopping for shoes and found out that they're all sitting on boats in the Long Beach Harbor or attempting your first visit to a restaurant in months—or maybe just hoping to see your family in person again—you were likely wondering when things would return to normal. So was I.

Even so, we've made it through, and it wasn't all bad. I finished a book and started a new job, published my website, and even gained a few Twitter followers. I hope you've found your own wins despite the trials of a pandemic. Here's to even more success in the next twelve months.

Our Society is starting 2022 at just over 2500 members. We added 228 new members and 11 transfers. We also welcomed 27 members back. Unfortunately, we had 83 members that notified us that they would not be staying with us. We wish them all the best and good fortune this year. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you again.

Kim Pike
Membership Secretary

Treasurer's Report

I am happy to report that, since my last report, all the Society's accounts have finally been transitioned. Scott, Susan, and I had many ups and downs to finally get the WIX account transferred, and all the Society's funds sent to our bank account. It always pays to keep on elevating your problem until you finally get to the right level of support, and they can give you the answers that you need to get the job done. Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues either by check, Paypal or WIX. Remember that it ALWAYS helps to include your Society member number on any checks to ease bookkeeping. The flood of payment emails and packets in the POB has finally gone down to a trickle. There were many days in a row when the POB was stuffed full, and the treasurer's email had at least 100 new messages.

If you haven't gotten around to renewing your membership, please take this opportunity to do so and continue our 21st century Mayflower Voyage of Hope and Discovery. I also want to thank all our members who included a donation with their annual renewal, the life members who sent in donations and the members who 'just' donated. Every donation is appreciated and will be put to good use. Donation appreciation letters will be sent out after all the dues have been entered – hopefully in late January. As a reminder the 15th of February as the deadline for reimbursement requests for 2021.

I hope that you are all doing OK in these continuing interesting times and have had a joyful holiday season. I look forward to when future opportunities arise for all the cousins to meet in person. Until then, stay well and continue to be mindful of changes that come.

*Harvey Soldan
Treasurer*



Historian Report

In October, the State Executive Board met in Oakland for the first time in person since being elected in June. We had a lot to discuss and work on and one of these items was our very first State Historian budget! This officer was really excited about the budget being approved and got to work immediately in helping the Historian team obtain much needed software, genealogical resources, and programs to help with our application process for our potential and current members.

One of our new software programs was a 10 user, free donation of Microsoft Office365. With these products, we're able to have a dedicated virtual program that gives us live video, recording tutorials, and all the software that comes with Office365 (like Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Our team is now equipped with all it needs to start preparing for GSMD's upcoming process of submitting applications electronically and I know this will be a wonderful feature to have in expediting the process and saving time and money. The GSMD has also appointed a new Director of Genealogy and Research Services in their Plymouth library. Her name is Dr. Erin Scheopner and she has a background in higher education, working with non-profits and local governments. She will be working to support the GSMD's mission of research, preserving our history and lineage, including education programs. She begins her new position in February 2022.

The anniversary of the 400th Thanksgiving brought on many inquiries over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and a massive amount of people interested in joining the Society. We received about 75-80 inquiries and a good portion of them were fruitful in moving forward with the application process.

For the month of December, our Historian Team submitted 55 applications almost beating our record of 66 applications for the month of December 2020! There has been a resurgence of applications being submitted by large families and it's exciting to see so many families coming together to share in their Pilgrim ancestry.

September 28th to December 31st, 2021: 51 new applications and 34 supplementals were approved

I want to give a very grateful thank you to our Historian team: Erica Hahn, Dianna Saario, Diane Douglass, and Ken Whittemore; for all their hard work and efforts! I'm excited for what new adventures we will have in the year ahead. I hope you all have a safe and blessed New Year. Happy New Year 2022!

*Mandy Dunkle
Historian*

The 2022 Annual Scholarship Contest is now open

Final applications must be received by March 1, 2022

Log on to: <https://www.camayflower.org/scholarships.html>

or search: Mayflower Scholarship Program



Calling all High School students who are either a member of the California Mayflower Society or are descended from a parent, grandparent, great grand-parent, aunt, uncle, grand aunt, grand uncle, great grand aunt or great grand uncle who is a living life member or dues paying member of the California Mayflower Society. Now is the time to begin the application process to compete and win one of the three California Mayflower Scholarship awards.

First place \$5,000
Second Place \$3,000
Third Place \$2,000

Everything you need to know about the scholarship program including the application instructions and the application form itself can be found by logging on to the link at the top of this page. For questions about this program feel free to contact: larrybeston@sbcglobal.net

Good Luck Everyone!!!

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Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Kim Pike at:
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She will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: April 01, 2022 . 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.

Spring issue	April 1st 2022
Summer issue	July 1st, 2022
Fall issue	October 1st 2022
Winter issue	January 2nd 2023

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Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:
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CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Spring 2022 Executive & BOA Meetings– South

Mar 18, EX BD 3:00-5:00 pm

Mar 19, BOA 10:00-12:30

Lunch

Long Beach Marriott Hotel

Long Beach Marriott Plaza Dr.

Long Beach, CA 90815

In person & virtual meeting

Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

Summer 2022 on-line

June 17-18, 2022: 10:00-12:00

Fall 2022 Executive & BOA Meetings North

October 14-15, 2022 –In person & virtual meeting

2023 Dates to Schedule

Jan 13-14, 2023: Mar 17-18, 2023: June 16-17, 2023

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Colony News

Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony held its first luncheon meeting in two years to celebrate Compact Day on November 20, 2021. Forty-nine members, prospective members, and guests enjoyed friendly conversation, new acquaintances, and good food at The Cliff House of Folsom, our long-time venue.



Certificates of Appreciation were presented (L-R) to Sharon Hawley-Crum for conducting the Roll Call of Ancestors for virtual meetings; June Epperly for her dedicated work as Colony Treasurer; and Tracy Zimmerman, Zoom Coordinator for virtual meetings. A certificate was also announced for Bonnie Brown, who was not present, acknowledging her many years as Email Coordinator.

Janet Levi was present and was acknowledged as a Past Colony Governor, having served from 1999-2001. It was announced that Jonathan Dickey, a former Colony member, was recently elected Governor of the Nevada State Society. Assistant Governor, Joe Moorehead, gave the program and members were pleased to learn of his appointment to the new State Society Investment Committee.

Treasurer June Epperly shared plans to retire in her home state of Missouri. The Executive Board was previously informed of this development and selected Sylvia Dilgard to fill the unexpired Treasurer's term; Colony members voted unanimously to ratify the selection.

This was the first in-person meeting conducted by the current team of officers, so they will critique the meeting at their next Executive Board meeting and will identify potential improvements that can be made before the next meeting, which is set for February 12, 2022. It will be another luncheon event, unless pandemic conditions necessitate a return to the virtual meeting mode.

*M. Elizabeth Ware
Mother Lode Colony Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

As luck would have it, our Annual Compact Day celebration with the San Francisco and Alameda Colonies fell on a time when the pandemic seemed to take a pause of sorts. We actually were able to enjoy a hybrid Zoom event, with a lovely well protected in-person site on the San Francisco Bay for those fully vaccinated and brave enough along with a well-engineered Zoom session for all others.

All attending enjoyed a most interesting and entertaining talk by Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Appointed Surgeon to the State Society. Dr. Bowdish provided a historical view of medicine and medical practices in the 17th Century by both the Pilgrims and the local tribes, relating some interesting parallels to conditions today. Also of great interest were the natural remedies learned from the local tribes, some of which have been 'rediscovered' in modern times.

For the enjoyment of all members (only, please) we have posted the video of Dr. Bowdish's talk on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/fyfUUia6AgM> and have posted the talk by Past State Governor Marcia Maloney on 'Children of the Mayflower' at <https://youtu.be/DxGPAyHRjFM> We hope you might enjoy these. They can only be found by using the specific links above.

At our next General Members Meeting we will be conducting a bit of an experiment as COVID continues to restrict us to virtual gatherings. Zoom video provides a great opportunity for personal interaction beyond merely staring at each other, so we have put out the call for attending members to participate in a little 'Show and Tell' following the main meeting with family tales and memorabilia. We'll let you know how it goes next issue of the Quarterly.

Wishing all a pleasant and rewarding New Year! Together, we can make it so!

John McNeill
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor

Monterey Bay Colony

Congratulations to the 14 new members admitted by application in 2021!

Cheryl Brothers, Jonathan Brothers, Gregory Edgar, Joann Glennon, Kenneth Hess, Laurie Hunt, Karen Morgan, Robert 'Bob' Roberts, Claudia Shaw, Romaine Veronda, Helen Verwold, Leona 'Lee' Ware, Shelley Ware, and Michael Whitaker. There were also 3 additional members by transfer-Carol Chetcovitch, John Light and Shirley Morgan. Welcome! There are four prospective members: Kent Griffin, Tom Bundy, Kris Hernandez and Kitty Nevin.

Kathleen Watson, Deputy Governor North and Governor of San Francisco Colony gave an outstanding presentation on the "400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Compact". Her husband, Mars-ton Watson, Mayflower State Parliamentarian, attended and gave many insights into the colonists and their tribulations. The attendees greatly appreciated getting answers to their many questions. Comments were made that members thought the presentation and question period was one of the best they had experienced.

Members are encouraged to attend the 41st Annual Virtual Ancestor Roundup Genealogy Seminar, Saturday, January 22 sponsored by the Commodore Sloat DAR Chapter, Monterey. Registration is \$25 and has a powerful program offering 17 classes via Zoom. Contact: 831-915-0143 or email DAR.AncestorRoundup@gmail.com

The next meeting is February 19. It is tentatively scheduled to be at the Pebble Beach Resort. With COVID, determination will be soon whether it will be a Zoom meeting or in person. We are impatiently waiting for an in-person meeting!

Gloria Gibbel
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor



San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony held its annual Compact Meeting on November 6, 2021 at the Andiamo Italian Restaurant in Clovis, Ca. With the retirement of our beloved Susan Rae Oldfield from her 4 years as governor of our colony, it was Dianna Saario who would assume governor



*Front row: Faith Haag, Bonnie Shakespeare, Dianna Saario.
Back: Dan Cabe, Larry Beston, Bev Wyman, Kathy Watson,
Alden Owen*

responsibilities for the colony. We had 19 members and guests in attendance. Dianna called the meeting to order and it began with the usual formalities including a prayer and an introduction of everyone in attendance. The guests and board members were delighted that Kathy Watson, Deputy Governor North of all 7 northern California colonies, was in attendance for the installation of the officers and to give us a presentation. She made the trip down from the Bay Area with her husband Marston Watson who is the California Mayflower State Parliamentarian and a mem-

ber of the Board of Assistants. The new slate of officers was presented by Faith Haag who made a motion to accept the slate and the motion was approved unanimously. Our 2022 board officers are:

Dianna Saario will be the Colony Governor and remain Membership Chair; Beverly Wyman will become Deputy Governor; Diane Nitta will become the BOA Delegate; Alden Owen will become Archivist; Faith Haag will remain Treasurer; Larry Beston will remain Secretary; Dan Cabe will remain Website and Newsletter Officer; Bonnie Shakespeare will remain Chaplain.

Dianna reported the good news to all that in 2021 we welcomed 16 new members, a nice improvement over last year and a forecast that 2022 is shaping up to be even better. Larry Beston urged everyone in attendance to get the word out and encourage high school seniors to enter the Scholarship contest. The details are now available on the following site:
<https://www.camayflower.org/scholarships.html>

The highlight of the meeting was Governor Kathy Watson's presentation whereby she shared her knowledge of Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins' history, his role and importance to Mayflower passengers, the voyage, the Compact and the development of Plymouth and the surrounding areas that were developed as the new home for so many. A very memorable presentation that caused many of us to go out and buy "Here Shall I Die Ashore" a wonderful book by Caleb Johnson. Thank you Mrs. Watson for your time, your travel and beyond all else your presentation. The meeting adjourned amidst lots of spirited talk and some very good memories.



Kathy Watson

*Larry Beston
Colony Secretary*

Inland Empire Colony



On November 13th our colony gathered at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning. Twenty-five members and guests were in attendance and four members attended on Zoom. We welcomed our newest member, Brian Honeyfield, to our colony. He is 12th generation from Peregrine White. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Wayne Staples and Bob Christopher led us in reciting the Pilgrim Pledge.

The Mayflower Compact and its Story was presented by Karen Schwartz, Sheila Bostater, and David Grinnell. In addition, we discussed an old English version of the Mayflower Compact from an article from The John Hopkins University called "Deciphering the Mayflower Compact." It was a key to understanding the verbiage of the time in which the Compact was written. For example, the word "dread" was usually used to imply deep awe or reverence. The Pilgrims did not want to anger the king, so they portrayed themselves as loyal subjects and used a

polite form of address. They did not fear him; more likely they did not like him because of his religious beliefs but were demonstrating respect.

Recording Secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples, read the minutes from the September meeting and they were approved as read, as was the Treasurer's Report given by Wayne Staples. Elder Carol Marderosian led us in prayer before we dined on a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Johnny Russo, owner of the restaurant, carved the turkeys at the buffet table.

Our Program Speaker was San Diego Colony's Jan Quigley who portrayed her 12th great grandmother Hester Mahieu Cooke, a Huguenot, and wife and mother of Mayflower passengers Francis Cooke and John Cooke. She came in period costume and talked with us about the lives of the women in Plymouth Colony. Only five women survived that first year. We also asked Jan about another organization to which she belongs called the Flagon and Trencher. It is for descendants of Tavern Owners and Innkeepers in 17th century America. Stephen Hopkins, Isaac Howland, Richard More and William Collier, whose daughter Sarah married Love Brewster, were all tavern owners, to name a few. We thanked Jan for her interesting presentation with a Mayflower Compact Christmas ornament. Kim Pike conducted the ancestor roll call. William Brewster and John Alden tied with 7 descendants each.

The fun continued with a lively Thanksgiving Trivia game. We discussed 15 Thanksgiving related questions. The questions involved turkey anatomy, the tradition of the turkey presidential pardon, the importance of pumpkins in the colony, and the history of Thanksgiving as an official holiday. Everyone learned much about this holiday and how it evolved to being celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Member Shirley Lader donated two period costumes. Two members were thrilled to get them and made a donation to our colony. After Carol Marderosian gave the Benediction, we adjourned. Our next meeting will be February 12, 2022 at Johnny Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning. Our speaker will be Francie Spears, educator and storyteller, from Palm Springs. Her topic will be "The Wives of the Founding Fathers."

*Susan Christopher
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

Santa Barbara Colony

Our Elder Marjorie Friestad, delivered a beautiful benediction at our Compact Meeting on October 30, 2021. The prayer reflected the struggles of the past couple of years tying into the first winter our ancestors survived. I hope all of you have been able to stay connected and not suffering from loneliness and isolation. Anyone can reach out to me about colony business or just to chat. The reading of the Mayflower Compact by Erica Williams daughter of, Treasurer, Jay Williams, took on eerie significance as well. Closing my eyes, I listened to the words and enjoyed the extraordinary words that are credited with being a key moment in the founding of our great Nation. We had great attendance for such short notice. The regular business of the Colony goes on without missing a beat. It was decided to wait until we receive the allotment for this year before making any further book purchases for our libraries we support. It was also decided that the April meeting will be online. The date has not been set yet. A discussion about keeping our 2 required annual meetings online and scheduling a fun activity once a year seemed promising.

One suggestion was Dana Adobe in Nipomo. We do have a member who is a docent there, Wanda Porter. There is also a Mayflower connection as a couple local Doty (my cousins) brothers married some granddaughters of Captain Dana in the early 1900s. Please share your thoughts with me on this concept. Keep your eye on local events and if you see the tall ships coming in to port let me know right away! Our best attended function was the tall ships in Morro Bay in 2014.

The new state treasurer is doing an outstanding job and sent a notice with a link to pay the dues. There is no grace period anymore the annual dues need to be paid by 12/31/21. If you have any questions contact me right away.

*Ray Garrett
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Foothill Colony

To commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving in Plimoth Colony in 1621, a program was created by Foothill Colony Governor Carole Curran and sent out to all Foothill Colony members a few days before Thanksgiving. Titled "What Was the First Thanksgiving Really Like?" this 20-minute program is available to other colonies either virtually, through online meeting platforms, or in person, pending speaker availability and reasonable travel.



The program gives a brief overview of the voyage and first year spent in the New World. Menu items and entertainment is also explored as well as the history of the Thanksgiving holiday which we enjoy today. Contact the Governor at: foothillmayflower@gmail.com

The next meeting of the Foothill Colony is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2 p.m. Nominations for Foothill Colony Board serving 2022-2024 will be voted on. Contact

Foothill Colony regarding location or ZOOM link if you are interested in attending.

*Carole Curran
Foothill Colony, Governor*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

San Francisco Peninsula Colony celebrated the 2021 Compact Day with Alameda and Redwood Empire Colonies sitting on the waterfront at the Richmond Marina Bay with ample parking and a private side entrance to our private room with a great view of all the boats and the bay. As usual we began with social time, meeting new people from the three Colonies and greeting old friends. Several members joined the event virtually. The room was set with banquet seating and white linens, but the best was actually comfortable chairs with plenty of space. We were all vaccinated and brought masks, but none of that seemed to affect the general good humor of the group.

Self introductions and a reading of the Compact started us off well as a brief business session was completed. A full range of beverages were offered, brought to us by good attentive servers. We all then settled down for the program, presented by Dr. Matt Bowdish, Official Surgeon of the State Society and a member of the Mother Lode Colony. Dr. Matt was introduced by his friend Past Redwood Empire Governor Wayne Skala. The speech is shown as the intro to the YouTube video. The program was made up of some excellent slides prepared by Dr. Matt, and his explanatory talk around those slides, providing both information and entertaining side comments. It was



quite clear that some serious research had been done on the health and medical practices of both Pilgrims and the local Indian tribes. Occasional comments by Dr. Matt were such as, “Who do you think was the primary provider of medical help in the 17th century?” “No, no, no...it was mothers!” Or, “Pandemics raged

through the tribes and colonists well before the Mayflower arrived, explaining the initial suspicion of the Mayflower arrival.”

However, I don’t want to spoil your enjoyment of the video linked below. The video is posted on YouTube as an unlisted work, which means it is ONLY found by knowing the specific link. These videoed programs are a valued asset of the Society for the benefit of members, so please do not share outside the membership and families. To watch the YouTube video simply just click on this link, or copy and paste it to your browser. <https://youtu.be/fyfUUia6AgM>

The program was followed by an excellent three course turkey dinner with ALL the fixings, including pumpkin or apple pie for dessert, which some had a bit of difficulty finding room for! This was a memorable Compact Day celebration enjoyed by all.

*Kathy Watson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony met to celebrate the signing of the Mayflower Compact on November 13, 2021 at the Tam O'Shanter Inn in Los Feliz. The colony board had arranged for the luncheon to use the Inn's outside patio area as a pandemic precaution. In planning, we had been concerned about cold weather but the Inn would provide heaters in that situation. Instead, it was an abnormally warm day for November. The luncheon was held under a large canopy where the shade made the temperature tolerable. It was the first colony meeting I was able to wear my pilgrim attire made for the 2020 celebrations. The wool pants and jacket were better suited for cooler weather but I enjoyed the opportunity.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Kimberlee Bradford. The colony members in attendance who had joined since Jan 1, 2020 were given a Mayflower Descendants Rose Float t-shirt. The Mayflower Compact was read by Colony Membership Chair Jan Dougall. Captain and Engagement Committee Chair Kimberlee Bradford announced a raffle, with tickets \$1 each. Three overflowing baskets were presented: a British Tea basket with a \$200 value; a Coffee basket; and a basket of Murray Jams and Shortbread. Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia provided a Necrology of recently deceased members with a lighted candle ceremony. Treasurer Susan Daniels led a memorial for past Colony Governor Susan Cairns, who died August 14, 2021, after which others shared their memories of Susan. Susan Cairns was a member of many different lineage societies. She was always happy to share her ancestry.

After reminding the attendees to especially recall the history of their specific Mayflower passenger ancestors, I conducted the Roll Call of Ancestors. Sixteen Mayflower families were represented. Stephen Hopkins was best represented with five lines of descent. The families of William Bradford, William Brewster, John Howland and John Tilley came in second in a four-way tie with four lines of descent each. Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia gave a blessing for the meal. The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for the meal. Afterwards, California Governor Scott Miller spoke briefly encouraging the attendees to become active participants in their colony. Next Historical Impressionist Peter M. Small, performed as the first president of the United States, George Washington.

The raffle winners were drawn. Heather Sabin won the coffee basket, with her saying her husband loves coffee. New member Sue DeLucia won the basket of jams and shortbread. And guest Kim Attebery won the beautiful British Tea basket. Captain Kimberlee Bradford also assembled gift bags for every attendee. Donations used for the baskets and gift bags were provided by the following businesses: Starbucks, World Market, Russell Stover, Dollar Tree, Murray's Jams, Walker's Shortbread. We appreciate their support.

Secretary Jan Dougall read draft minutes from the March 7, 2021, membership meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously. A reading of the Pilgrim Pledge was led by Secretary Jan Dougall. The Benediction was given by Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia. The next meeting is planned for March or April, 2022. Our colony spring meeting is usually held at the FamilySearch Library, but another venue may be needed given the pandemic if the library remains closed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

The next meeting of the Los Angeles colony will be held on April 23. After consideration of the spread of the Omicron variant, the Los Angeles colony board of officers decided to hold this meeting as a ZOOM meeting. The meeting will include a presentation by Christine Cohen on "Grand Army of the Republic - Researching Your Union Civil War Veterans". Ms. Cohen has presented to many genealogical groups and this should be an informative program. I will e-mail more details to the colony members"

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

San Diego Colony

Our San Diego Colony held its second *Plimoth Plantation West* event at Balboa Park in the *Hall of Nations* on October 30th, 2021. This event commemorated the 400-401st anniversary of the Mayflower crossing and the first Thanksgiving or Harvest Festival that our ancestors participated in the first year after their arrival. More than 250 guests attended the event, and 35 volunteers participated.



Our Compact Day meeting was held on November 20, 2021. Our presentation highlighted the special events that our colony members were involved in over the past three years commemorating the 400th anniversary:

- Petal clipping in San Diego for the Rose Parade
- Participating in the Rose Parade
- Attending a Bon Voyage Party commemorating the launching of the *Mayflower* from England
- Participating in the La Mesa Day Flag Day Parade and the Coronado 4th of July Parade



- Participating in the celebration at Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Hosting our Plimoth Plantation West events in 2018 and 2021

The meeting was held at the *Green Dragon Tavern and Museum* in Carlsbad. We served the “traditional” Thanksgiving Day dinner to our 79 in-person attendees and our 10 attendees who join us via Zoom, participating from England, Iowa, and San Diego. As is our tradition, many of our members and friends wore their 1620’s period attire to the meeting.

We received Thanksgiving proclamations from the:

- Governor of Massachusetts
- County of Plymouth, Massachusetts
- United States House of Representative Mike Levin
- United States House of Representative Scott Peters



In addition, we wrote our own proclamation which was read at the meeting. The Compact Day meeting and our society were featured in the *San Diego Union Tribune* newspaper the day before Thanksgiving. Local Mayflower descendants mark 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving.

Our winter meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 again at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. World recognized Mayflower historian,



Caleb Johnson, will be presenting on his Mayflower research.

Our spring meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2022. Colony member Amy Conboy will give a presentation on our ancestors' involvement in the King Philip's War. She will describe how the war impacted the Mayflower colonists, and her ancestors, in particular.

Members from all colonies are welcome to join in all our events. Our 35-page fall edition of the San Diego Colony *Pilgrim News* was published in November. It is full of interesting timelines and facts about what happened to our ancestors 400 years ago in the fall of 1621.



Members of the San Diego Colony of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, many wearing 1620s-period attire, gathered in Carlsbad to mark the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving. (Photo by William Peters)

*Kathleen Loftman
San Diego Colony, Governor*

Sequoia Colony

During a brief lull in the pandemic, the Sequoia Colony was able to hold our Fall meeting on



November 6th in person at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. We were grateful for a meal together, to see old friends, and to meet new members who recently joined the Society. Louise Throop spoke about her research on George Soule, William Brewster, and the Eaton family. She clarified a

common misconception that the Mayflower's broken mast was repaired using part of a printing press. There was no printing press on board the Mayflower. The broken mast was repaired



with a large bolt the Pilgrims had on board to build houses in their new home. She inspired us to think about and study our forebearers on the 200th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving.

*Sharon Winslow Erickson
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

Orange County Colony

New Year Greetings everyone! I hope you are all doing well. As you read this, we are just starting 2022. Though we are to still be facing some of the issues from the pandemic, we seem to be in a bit of a different place than we were last year. In fact, it appears we've all learned how to pronounce "Omicron". The OC Colony Compact Day meeting was on November 20th. We had 90 folks attend the meeting. 90! This was a record for us. My guess is that, as this was our first in-person meeting since February 2020, folks were ready to see people – real people – again.

What a joy it was to see everyone. The *Elks Lodge* in Santa Ana was a great facility. This may become our “go-to” place from now on. We also welcomed 12 new members!



Mr. Richard Pickering as William Brewster reading the Mayflower Compact. Mr. Pickering is the Deputy Director of the Plimoth Patuxet Museum in Plymouth, MA.

We also had a special presentation via Zoom in conjunction with the Oregon and Washington State Societies with Richard Pickering, Deputy Director of Plimoth Patuxet Museum, in Plymouth, Mass. He read the Mayflower Compact as William Brewster (in full character – see the picture). A wealth of knowledge and insights about the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags, Mr. Pickering kept us all in rapt attention for the hour that we participated in the call.

Our February Meeting will again be at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana on the 19th, from 10:00 – 1:30. We are hosting a very special screening of a PBS documentary, by Andrew Buckley, called “*Stephano*”, about Shakespeare’s drama, “*The Tempest*”. Believe it or not, “Stephano” may actually be Stephen Hopkins. I would like to thank Inland Empire Colony Governor, Susan Christopher, for bringing us this opportunity. This screening is open to all So Cal Colony members and will be following our Colony Meeting, at 2:00 pm in the Elks Lodge theater.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. But, if you want to come a bit earlier and join us for lunch, the cost will be \$49.00 for both the lunch and the screening. Please see the flier for the event in this Quarterly. If you have not received the information from your

Colony, please get with your Governor and he or she can send it to you or reach out to me and I’ll get it to you.

Finally, we are going to be having our Colony Elections coming up in our April Meeting. I’ve been the Governor for two terms now, so I will be passing on the torch. It has been such an honor to lead this awesome Colony!



OC Colony Compact Day Pilgrim Parade: (L-R) LA Colony Governor, Dr. Robert Lincoln, Carolyn Youngs, Former State Governor, Marcia Maloney, guests Bradley & Jennifer Webster, Scholarship Chair, Susan Knowles, OC Colony Governor, Scott Miller, State Secretary, Billie Mitchell.

*Scott Miller
Orange County Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

Compact Celebration: We celebrated the Mayflower Compact at our meeting on November 13, 2021. In that spirit, two members wore their pilgrim dress. The meeting was held both in-person at Los Robles Greens and via Zoom for our members at home; total attendance was 25 members and guests.

We remembered many anniversaries: three years since the Borderline Shooting, just across the street, the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Reagan Presidential Library and 400 years since the first Thanksgiving.



Our second in-person meeting!

The Opening Invocation was given by State Elder Tawny Welch; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holly Newcomb. We sang “America the Beautiful”, a favorite of President Reagan’s. New member Lolita Smith gave a thoughtful reading of the Compact.

Holly Newcomb read the roll call. Descendants of Alden, Allerton, Bradford, Brewster, Chilton, Cooke, Doty, Fuller, Howland, Standish, Tilley and Warren were in attendance.

Special Thanks to our Tech, Ross Kocen, who set up our hybrid meeting and continued to monitor those on Zoom.

Introduction of New Member: Lolita Smith (Standish) was introduced and presented with a Certificate and year-book. Due to the pandemic, we are not shaking hands.

The Winthrop Fleet: Deputy Governor Tawny Welch introduced former Governor Robert Dempster, and thanked Bob for his many contributions to our colony. Bob told us about “The Winthrop Fleet”, with a lurid description of trans-Atlantic travel in 1630, a mere decade after the Mayflower. And made us grateful for modern conveniences. Handouts included a map and how a sextant is used.

Plymouth Adventures: Deputy Governor Tawny Welch’s attended the General Board of Assistants meeting in Plymouth and gave an enthusiastic report about the dedication of the William Bradford Statue, eating a period Thanksgiving feast with limited utensils, the renovations at the Meeting House and Pilgrim’s Progress parade in period costume.



Display at our meeting about Mayflower Stamps and Caleb Johnson, author of Mayflower books prepared by Historian Anne Fisher.

Merchandise available: We are offering pendants and name badges for our colony scholarship. And we continue to raise funds for the Tournament of Roses float with coins and popup cards. Mayflower Wine is back! Our colony may lead the state for most wine.

Special Delivery for Thanksgiving: Librarian Darilyn Rice delivered Mayflower children's books to 8 elementary and 3 middle schools in Simi Valley.

Next Meeting: please join us for our next meeting on Feb. 12, 2022 at Los Robles Greens, where in honor of President's Day, Peter Small, re-enactor, will present Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President and Mayflower Descendant (Allerton, Cooke, Howland, Priest, Tilley and Warren).



Pilgrim dressed Holly Newcomb prepares to greet members before our meeting.

*Lorraine Kocen
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

Would you live in a log cabin?

No. The Pilgrims had never even seen a log cabin.

The houses they built in Plymouth were the same kind of houses they had lived in back in England. But the houses in Plymouth were much smaller. They had steep roofs, covered with a kind of straw called *thatch*.

There was no glass in Plymouth. The windows were made of paper or cloth. The paper or cloth was rubbed with fat to let some light in.

The first houses had only one big room with a room upstairs, called a *loft*. Some people slept in the loft.



If you sailed on The Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern, Illustrated by Anna DiVito

Shakespeare's Shipwreck Tracked to Santa Ana

Gumshoe historians connect the Bard to the Mayflower in historical documentary *Pocahontas* knew him. Squanto drank with him. Shakespeare wrote about him. And he is coming to Southern California. On February 19, Hit and Run History's *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck* will hold its West Coast premiere screening at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana on February 19. Two-time Emmy-nominated producer Andrew Giles Buckley and his crew are hot on the trail of Stephen Hopkins, a Virginia-bound castaway who found his way not only onto the decks of the Mayflower a decade later, but immortalized on stage as the drunken Stephano in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.



The 90-minute film follows the story of the only Mayflower passenger who had been to North America previously. A decade earlier, Hopkins was aboard a Jamestown-bound ship whose wreck on Bermuda inspired the Bard's final play. Shot on location, the intrepid Hit and Run History team retraces Hopkins' life crisscrossing the Atlantic, intersecting with two of the most influential Native Americans of the time, Pocahontas and Squanto. Wampanoag and Pawmunkey tribe members' involvement pulls the focus of Stephano onto the key roles of Native peoples in England before the Mayflower departure in 1620. Buckley, a Hopkins descendant, grew up hearing stories that New Plymouth's iconoclast tavern keeper may have the model of *The Tempest's* drunken and mutinous Stephano. In their Gumshoe Historian style, Hit and Run History seeks out the reality of a man who was everywhere at the founding of America. The film is being presented by the Orange County Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California.

The 90-minute film follows the story of the



The program starts at Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S Lyon Street on February 19 at 2:00 PM. After the film, Buckley will hold Q&A with the audience. For more information, see the Events page at: ocmayflower.org.



Made in partnership with Rhode Island PBS and the Cape Media Center, Stephano debuted early in 2021, expanding to WETA in DC, NHPBS and WCTE in Tennessee. It aired on PBS SoCal and KCET in December 2021.



Hit and Run History was awarded a pre-production grant for Stephano by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, and over 50 Cultural Council Grants for screenings in communities across Massachusetts.

Post-production funding came from crowdsourcing and Cape Air.

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*Stephano (centre), Trinculo and Caliban dancing on the sea shore, painting by Johann Heinrich Ramberg
Wikipedia, January 2022*

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