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CALIFORNIA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE COIN SET

*Celebrating the
400th Anniversary
Of the Voyage of the Mayflower*

400th Anniversary
1620-2020
Of the Voyage of the Mayflower

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY
EST. 1843

SAN DIEGO COLONY
EST. 1769

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY
EST. 1810

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY
EST. 1843

SANTA BARBARA COLONY
EST. 1782

ALAMEDA COLONY
EST. 1848

LOS ANGELES COLONY
EST. 1781

MOTHER LODGE COLONY
EST. 1848

SEQUOIA COLONY
EST. 1850

MONTEREY BAY COLONY
EST. 1850

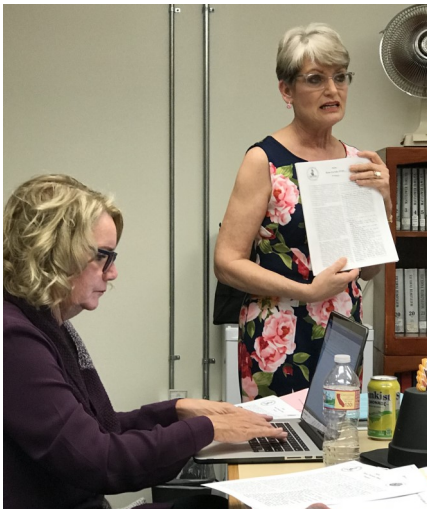
SAN FRANCISCO-PENINSULA COLONY
EST. 1847

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY
EST. 1850

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY
EST. 1850

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CA Board of Assistants March 10, 2018



Your California Mayflower Board of Assistants at work in CA Mayflower Library, Oakland, CA.



*Susan Astarita , State Secretary,
Carole Curran, 2020 Committee*

The Colony Coin Set may be obtained for a suggested donation of \$162 per set or \$20.20 per individual coin.

Please contact your Colony Governor to make tax-deductible donation or contact the California State Treasurer at: calmayflotreas@gmail.com

Co-Editors Ray & Gail Raser

Governor's Message

I am so very pleased with the excellent attendance at our Board of Assistants' meetings both North and South. Together we are able to accomplish good things. The BOA meeting in March will address new procedures for our Historians. We are, after all, primarily a lineage society dedicated to preserving our Mayflower ancestors' lives and deeds and educating their remote posterity and others. For this reason, we feel the need to improve our efficiency in anticipation of many new membership applications in 2020 and beyond.

The next task is the re-writing of our By-Laws to be more consistent with GSMD's. **Sue Butler**, chair, reports that the By Laws are ready for another presentation at our March Board of Assistants meeting. The first writing was discussed at our January BOA in the South. We are making progress!

Education/Scholarship chair, **Sally Johnson**, shared a letter with me from a parent of her state scholarship applicant. It almost brought me to tears. She will share that with you in her report. Special thanks to **Wayne Staples** of the Inland Empire Colony for obtaining a full set of silver books for the Beaumont library. As we know, this is an important project and we appreciate the time it takes.

Exciting news from our Tournament of Roses (TOR) chair, **Carole Curran** who states she has been receiving wonderful contacts from around the county as a result of our article in the GSMD Mayflower Quarterly. People volunteer to come to CA to help decorate float, make the new authentic clothing, and donate money. You can imagine the logistics of getting so many Mayflower cousins together. But not to worry! Carole has a very professional team lined up who has experience coordinating events, booking hotels, transportation and the myriad of other details involved. We can't wait to get our invitation from the TOR which should come late this year or early 2019. In the meantime, the 2020 team is meeting with float builders, clothing designers and even researching comfortable period-style shoes in which to walk in the parade! Excitement builds!

And speaking of donating: our State Quarterly publication has also garnered some nice financial support for 2020 and the float. I was amazed at the many donations we received in 2017 which was published in the most recent CA Quarterly. Thank you all! If you do donate to 2020 and the parade, please so designate on your check. Shortly we will have easier ways to donate online according to **Scott Miller**. He will be working with our treasurer, **David Grinnell**, to establish these procedures. Speaking of **Scott**, he is to be commended for the wonderful work he is doing with the 2020 committee. The new challenge coins he has designed for each of our 13 colonies are striking. Watch for the junior contest he designed as well.

And, once again, accolades go to **Gail and Ray Raser** for the production of our wonderful Quarterly. Pictures tell a thousand stories and I love the colors. What a team! We are truly lucky to have them.



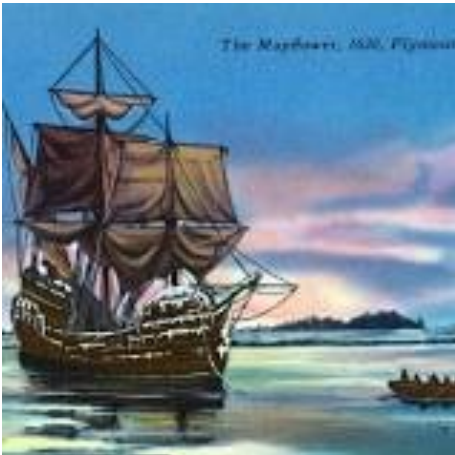
*Marcia Huntley Maloney
California Society Governor*

Deputy Governor North

As my next visit to northern California colonies I attended the Mother Lode Colony meeting February 24 in Folsom. There I met many Mayflower cousins and learned much more about this colony. Especially impressive was their speaker Steve Beck, chief historian at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. Steve's presentation was a wonderful combination of informative, engaging and entertaining. I was glad to discover that he makes presentations in the bay area as well I'm sure our colony will have him as a speaker soon.

I will attend other northern California colony meetings in the Spring or Fall of this year and hope to begin attending southern California colony meetings as well.

Our 400th anniversary is fast approaching. Elsewhere in this Quarterly you will find a lot of information about how every individual can be a part of our celebration. Enthusiasm for our fast developing plans for a Mayflower Float in the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade is building. Recently I received a \$2020 check from a member of one of our colonies who is delighted to support the float. As 2020 proposals are being discussed and developed in our northern California colonies please share your ideas and plans with me so I can keep us all informed.



We are approaching our 111th year as a state Mayflower society. As your Deputy Governor North, I feel privileged to be involved in the updating of our society by-laws and procedures. My years as Executive Director of an Educational Foundation taught me that the successful functioning of a volunteer organization depends crucially on good operating procedures. When the proposed revised bylaws are sent to all members, I urge you to attend the membership meeting in June where they will be discussed and voted on by all members present.

Sally Johnson
CA Deputy Governor North



Deputy Governor South

Favorable comments have been received in regard to the arrangements made for the January Board of Assistants meeting in Orange County. Proposals were made in regard to updating our CA Mayflower by-laws and progress continues. As a member of the GSMD Historic Sites Committee, it was a privilege to participate in the 2017 Historic Sites Tour of England and Holland. On February 10, 2018 I attended the Rancho Conejo Colony meeting where a presentation about the tour was made by members Barbara Warren and Cindy Borchard. After the meeting I met with Colony Governor and 2020 Chairman Robert Dempster in regard to CA 2020 activities.

On February 17, Gail and I presented a power point on the Mayflower Historic Sites tour to the San Diego Colony in a combined meeting with San Diego SAR at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. It was my privilege as San Colony Governor to preside at the joint meeting with eighty-six paid attendees. After the Colony meeting I attended a 2020 Meeting in the Green Dragon that was well attended by Mayflower members.

On February 24 we also presented to the Orange County Colony and look forward to presenting at

Inland Empire. On January 30 I attended a CA Mayflower Executive Board meeting in Orange County hosted by Governor Marcia Huntley Maloney. It was a productive meeting that was held in an informal setting.

Acknowledgement was received from GSMD that the membership for Gail and myself in the Governor General's 1620 Club has been acknowledged for the 2017-2018 years. I attended an executive board meeting March 9th and a General BOA meeting March 10th at the CA Mayflower Library in Oakland. We are making progress in regard to updating our CA Mayflower Bylaws and assisting new members.

March 31, 2018 we attended the LA Colony meeting held at the historic Taix Restaurant on Sunset Blvd in LA.



*Ray Raser
CA 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: July 1, 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.

Summer issue	July 1st 2018
Fall issue	October 1st 2018
Winter issue	January 2nd 2019
Spring issue	April 1st 2019

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 2018 Meeting Schedule

June 16, 2018 – South

10:30 Members Meeting Bylaw voting (see announcement and Bylaws in this issue)

August 18, 2018-Email to accept new members

October 13, 2018 – North

December 09, 2018-Email to accept new members

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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.

New Members
Elected March 10, 2018

Alameda Colony

Susan Marie DeLeeuw
CA 9247 G 92751
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Inland Empire

Thomas James Richer
CA 9251 G 92773
13th from FRANCIS COOKE

Mother Lode Colony

Erica Elizabeth Klomp
CA 9243 G 92724
14th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Ms. Toni Dale Ryan
CA 9255 G 92849
12th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

Redwood Empire

Janet Gammell Hunt
CA 9239 G 92625
11th from RICHARD WARREN

San Diego Colony

Jonathan David Mack
CA 9241 G 92657
13th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Andrea Hope Bouvier
CA 9245 G 92736
12th from EDWARD FULLER

Robert Keith Alden
CA 9252 G 91397 FL 5355
10th from JOHN ALDEN

Louise Thaxter Lecklitner
CA 9254 G 92834
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Rancho Conejo Colony

Julie Suzanne Hale
CA 9253 G 92833
11th from WILLIAM BRADFORD

San Francisco Colony

Barbara Jean Cooley
CA 9240 G 92643
13th from JOHN BILLINGTON

David James Hyndman
CA 9246 G 92737
12th from ISAAC ALLERTON

San Joaquin Colony

Carolyn Hope Wilson
CA 9250 G 92754
12th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Santa Barbara Colony

Gregory Lawrence Barbour
CA 9242 G 92675
11th from HENRY SAMSON

Sequoia Colony

Kenneth Robert Lajoie
CA 9248 G 92752
11th from JOHN HOWLAND

Mary Gail Seffens
CA 9256 G 92850
13th from JAMES CHILTON

Member at Large

Douglas Eaton MacMillan
CA 9244 G 92725
11th from WILLIAM WHITE

Karen Leigh Spradlin
CA 9249 G 92753

12th from
RICHARD
WARREN

Supplementals

Los Angeles Colony

Georgianne Marie Baker Seko
S 2092, G 86752, CA 8813
12th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Mother Lode Colony

Elizabeth Ruth Valentine
S 2091, G 85591, CA 8705
11th from JOHN HOWLAND

Orange County Colony

Cathy Lyn Sherman
S 2085, G 91776, CA 9179
13th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Cathy Lyn Sherman
S 2086, G 91776, CA 9179

Christopher Craig Sherman
S 2084, G 91777, CA 9180
14th from ELIZABETH FISHER

Christopher Craig Sherman
S 2087, G 91777, CA 9180
14th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Rebecca Lyn Sherman
S 2088, G 91778, CA 9181
14th from ELIZABETH FISHER

Rebecca Lyn Sherman
S 2089, G 91778, CA 9181
14th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Stephen Wayne Dixon
S 2090, G 82652, CA 8453
13th from RICHARD WARREN



Alameda Colony

John Doyle Savage
January 1, 2017

Judith Lee Stuart Derrick
June 2, 2017

Inland Empire

Pauline Mosselle Ambrose Boatright
February 8, 2017

Los Angeles Colony

Mildred Lucille Pearson Dabney Vander
Hoeven –May 29, 2016

Mary Ellen Mohler
April 03, 2018

Monterey Bay Colony

Elisabeth Folger Armstrong Skou
July 18, 2017

Mother Lode Colony

James Victor Sterling, Jr.
December 25, 2016

Mrs. Francis J. Quinn
June 9, 2017

Orange County Colony

Robert Reisdorf
September 30, 2016

Richard H. Williams
February 26, 2017

Mrs. Robert S. Martin
December 16, 2017

Hazel Elizabeth Johnson Reidy
September 11, 2017

Redwood Empire Colony

Alice Florence Carpenter Lawson Count
January 29, 2013

San Diego Colony

Ralph H. Gustafson
March 11, 2017

Elizabeth Burrage Barber Lusk
February 22, 2018

San Joaquin Colony

James R. Porter

Hope Jean Van Amburg Meadows
June 23, 2017

Santa Barbara Colony

Janet Louise Rubey Brewer
July 25, 2017

Leann Marie Bowden Purdum
December 22, 2017

Jean L. Waters Robertson
December 26, 2017

Sequoia Colony

Barbara M. Browne
May 1, 2017

Colony Not Identified

Maynard Theodore Carr
January 28, 2015

Nita Barbara Powell
March 3, 2015

Edwin C. Welch

State News

Introduction of our new legal counselor Jonathan C. Dickey, Esq., for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.

Jonathan Dickey is a member of the Sequoia colony. Until his retirement in 2017, Jonathan was in private law practice for forty years, most recently with the international law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He primarily represented technology companies in Silicon Valley, advising Boards of Directors and defending companies in complex litigation



Jonathan C. Dickey, Esq.

matters. He graduated from Harvard College in 1976, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1979.

Jonathan is a fifth generation California, and a long-time resident of Silicon Valley where he currently resides. For the past several years, Jonathan has been actively involved in organizing events for the SAR Silicon Valley Chapter that help fund the Chapter's ongoing educational initiatives. In addition to his position with SVSAR, Jonathan is a member and officer of the Sequoia Colony of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, as well as the Nevada State Society of Mayflower Descendants. He replaces Mike Phelps who has served us for many years as state governor, counselor and represented us on the GSMD BOA as well. Mike no longer has the time to devote to Mayflower. We wish him well. And we are very fortunate to have Jonathan Dickey step up to assume his duties.

Jonathan has deep ancestral roots in New Hampshire.

Welcome aboard, Jonathan!

California Mission Statement

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

- To provide and maintain a comprehensive library for the purpose of research for our members and prospective members.
- To aid in genealogical research related to the descendants of the Mayflower passengers.
- To educate young scholars by providing scholarships, on a competitive basis, to our children and grandchildren.
- To preserve and protect documents and items related to our Mayflower ancestry as well as genealogical documents related to our members.
- To continuously educate and inform the general public of the Mayflower legacy by providing speakers to other organizations; schools and to individual Colonies.

Junior Membership

- California Society Junior & Junior Life members total 483
- 14% have unknown addresses
- Teen juniors are more likely to have outdated contact information
- Teens may not know how to become an adult member
- All colony members can assist locating juniors
- Ask for help, printed pieces are available to email or pass out at meetings
- Select an active Mayflower Descendant Colony Member in each colony
- Remember privacy and permission requirements pertain to all juniors

It is true that many people no longer use email, they've moved on to text and instant messaging, and others want direct mail only.

Look for upcoming details regarding junior 2020 Rose Parade float design contest!

*Catherine Graham
Junior Membership*

Scholarship Secretary

I was delighted to see two California applicants for the national GSMD scholarships. This year the quality of California application essays is exceptional. By learning more about their Mayflower passenger ancestor's life and experience, our young Mayflower cousins have taken an important step on the road to becoming active adult members of our Mayflower family.

The California Scholarship Committee--Nancy Foley, San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Kathy Gire, Mother Lode Colony and Robert Dempster, Rancho Conejo colony are now evaluating our applicants. California Scholarship recipients will be announced at the June meeting of the Society. Each recipient's Mayflower essay and an article about their future plans will appear in the Summer California Quarterly. GSMD Scholarship recipients will be announced in July and will appear in the Fall Mayflower Quarterly.

*Sally Johnson
Scholarship secretary*

Editors Statement

The California Mayflower Quarterly Winter 2018 edition was published in January. Featured articles included John and Priscilla Mullin's family and Jonathan Brewster and Brewster's Neck Cemetery. Reports from most state officers along with a report on the CA Mayflower Library open house. All colonies provided an update on their various activities.

We look forward to April and publishing the 2018 spring edition. We encourage the submission of articles of interest to Mayflower members.



*Ray and Gail Raser
Co-Editors*

The Voyage of Hope

As the passengers of the Mayflower set their eyes on the western horizon in 1620, their hearts and minds were filled with hope. Hope for a new beginning, hope for freedom, hope for the future of their families, and hope for a new world. They knew that the Atlantic crossing would be challenging, they would all have to work together to be successful. Each came equipped to meet those challenges, some alone, some with their families, men, women and children united with one common goal.

Mayflower descendants today are setting their eyes, once again, on the western horizon looking towards Pasadena, California in 2020. The tasks to participate in the Rose Parade may seem daunting at first glance, but each one of us, are equipped to meet those challenges. Together, individuals, families, men, women and children will once again be united in one common goal: Sailing the Mayflower on New Year's Day!

Members of the California Mayflower 2020 Committee gathered at the Board of Assistants meeting in Oakland in March to present this project. Project Manager **Kathleen Loftman** (San Diego Colony) shared the timeline for various events that are being worked on. If the tasks were laid out end-to-end, they may very well stretch from Plymouth, Massachusetts to Pasadena, California! Rose Float Chair **Carole Curran** (Los Angeles Colony and Honorary Director of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses)



shared about the Rose Parade, the organization, media coverage, float builders, float awards and the upcoming float design and essay contest. Fundraising Chair **Scott Miller** (Orange County Colony) circulated samples of the California 400th Anniversary Challenge Coins and the ways that individuals and colonies can work together to raise need-

ed funds for the 2020 Celebration. Celebration Ball Chair **Sue Butler** (Orange County Colony) shared about the plans for a celebration ball to be held in May 2020.

In March, the 2020 Committee Chair **Robert Dempster** (Rancho Conejo Colony), **Carole Curran** and California Governor **Marcia Maloney** met with the two largest float building companies. Fiesta Parade Floats and Phoenix Decorating Company supply most of the professionally built floats for the Rose Parade.

Just like our ancestors who planned and prepared for their voyage of hope, 400 years later we are planning and preparing for our voyage of hope. Will you join us? Plan on helping in your local colony and ask your Colony Governor how you can be involved. Help prepare by purchasing a Challenge Coin or organizing a 2020 fundraiser in your area. Send a contribution with "2020" in the memo portion to **California Mayflower Treasurer David Grinnell, 3501 Desert Creek Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262-9754**. We also love to hear from our enthusiastic members, so if you have any questions or comments, please contact the California Mayflower 2020 Committee at: camayflower2020@gmail.com

Submitted by Carole Curran

So What are Your Plans for 2020?

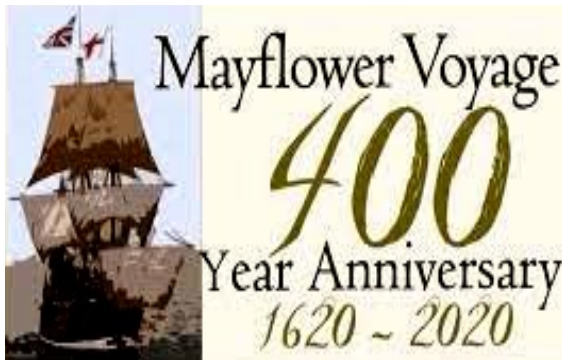
We have the unique opportunity and honor to witness and celebrate the 400th anniversary of the crossing of the Mayflower and the arrival of the pilgrims in the new world. This event will take place in 2 years and 6 months!

So what are you going to do in your colony to celebrate the upcoming event? We on the California 2020 Planning Committee are anxious to hear from each of our California colonies. We hope that by sharing ideas and plans, other colonies will become inspired and start their planning.

So what can your colony do?

- Hold a special event (dinner, luncheon, tea)
- Solicit a speaker to talk about the Mayflower crossing, the Compact, or Plimoth settlement
- Present in classrooms
- Present to other historical societies (and perhaps recruit new members!)
- Participate in a local parade
- Receive recognition at a public event (ball game, horserace, etc.)
- Recruit new members
- Donate to a state or national project
- Create a local colony project (contribute books to a library or school, provide a plaque for a monument)

We are asking each of the California colony governors to provide us with your tentative plans and ideas by the BOA meeting on June 16, 2018. We are looking forward to hearing from you about your ideas. Remember, there are only 30 months remaining to plan and execute your plans.



Here is what one of our colonies is planning for this year:

The San Diego Colony is planning their first 400th anniversary event for Compact Day, November 11, 2018. It is called "Plimoth Plantation West—In Anticipation." The event will be held at the world famous Balboa Park and is sponsored by the House of England, one of the House of Public Relations International Cottages that was built in 1935 for the California Pacific International Exposition.

The Plimoth Plantation West is focused on outreach and education. There will be multiple interactive displays showing aspects of what was happening two years before the famous voyage and the life and demographics of the travelers. In addition, roving enactors representing the Mayflower passengers will greet guests and talking about their upcoming voyage. San Diego colony invites you to join and participate in their upcoming event. Brochures are available from Kathleen Loftman at loftman@earthlink.net. Please send your name, address, colony, and the number of brochures you would like to receive. We look forward to you joining us!

Submitted by Kathleen Loftman

Mayflower 2020 Commemorative Gifts

Just two short years from now, we will be marking the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony. This is an exciting opportunity to commemorate the pilgrims and the Mayflower landing and to share their inspirational story. As we draw closer to 2020, there will be opportunities where we will need your financial support.

Stanley London has partnered with the San Diego Colony and the California Mayflower Society to help raise money to fund these events. Stanley London offers replicas of maritime instruments used during Mayflower times. Each instrument is engraved to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage. These timeless keepsakes make great gifts, and your purchase will help support our colony's educational and historical projects.

The items may be ordered from the California Mayflower Society website at:
<http://www.brasscompass.com/Mayflower-San-Diego-Colony.htm>.



Boxed compass with commemorative Mayflower artwork



Open faced pocket watch style compass



Solid brass nocturnal with hardwood stand



Piano Finished mahogany desk clock with magnetic compass

Remember to stay connected to the General and State Societies:

National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting Place project: Go to GSMD website for updates.

www.themayflowersociety.org

Facebook page. Remember, our state has a Facebook page. Sign on and join the discussions.

GSMD coin project: This Bill is now co-sponsored by several pilgrim-related organizations including the GSMD. Massachusetts Representatives and Senators have introduced the Bill in Congress. For more details go to:

<https://coinweek.com/modern-coins/modern-coins-congress-proposes-400th-anniversary-mayflower-commemoratives/>

From Diane Stevenson Stone, author of *Mary of the Mayflower* and a member of the Monterey Bay Colony.

Sent February 15,2018

As a native Californian growing up near Pasadena, I worked on the Rose Parade floats as a 16 year old—and continue to take so much pride every year in this beautiful parade on New Year’s Day.

When I read about the plans to commemorate the 400th Anniversary with a 2020 Mayflower Rose Parade float, I was so excited, sensing Carole Curran’s enthusiasm in her article about the 2020 Committee. It will surely make a huge national and international impact.

Please let me know how I might be able to assist. For now, I am enclosing a “2020” contribution towards any needed support for the development, materials and/or design of this wonderful float.

Diane enclosed a check for \$2020.



Help the California Mayflower Society “GO GREEN!”
 Recycle your Cans, Plastic Bottles and Glass Bottles,
 then donate the proceeds to support the
 California Mayflower Society’s

2020 Rose Parade Float

Turn in your donation to your Colony Treasurer designated
 for **“California Mayflower 2020 Fund”**

100%* of the proceeds will be used to support the 2020 Rose Parade Float.

*If California Mayflower is denied application for a float in the 2020 Rose Parade, all funds will be applied to other California Mayflower Society 2020 activities or monuments as deemed appropriate by the California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants.



**Donate your pocket change today to support
 the California Mayflower Society’s**

2020 Rose Parade Float

Put your “change in the jar” at each Colony Meeting or
 turn in your donation to your Colony Treasurer
 designated for **“California Mayflower 2020 Fund”**

100%* of the proceeds will be used to support the 2020 Rose Parade
 Float in the purchase of flowers and plants used for decorating the float.

*If California Mayflower is denied application for a float in the 2020 Rose Parade, all funds will be applied to other California Mayflower Society 2020 activities or monuments as deemed appropriate by the California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants.

The California Mayflower Society Challenge Coins Have Arrived!



Individual Colony Challenge Coin:

\$20.20 donation

Full Challenge Coin Set:

\$162.00 donation

Individual Colony Lapel Pin:

\$16.20 donation

400th Anniversary Lapel Pin

\$16.20 donation

Set of two (2) Lapel Pins:

\$30.00 donation

Support the California Mayflower Society's 2020 activities! Get your Individual Colony Challenge Coin or the full Set of 14 coins for a Donation to the CA 2020 Fund. Or get a wearable Lapel Pin version of the stunningly beautiful Coin.

All proceeds from your donation above the cost of the items will be applied to the "CA 2020 Fund".

Get yours from your Colony Governor or Treasurer or at your regularly scheduled Colony Meetings.

We thank you for your support as we raise funds for the upcoming 2020 Celebration!

COLONY: _____	DATE: _____	Receipt Number: 00501
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
"CA STATE 2020 FUND" DONATION RECEIPT		
The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California is a registered 501-c(3) Non-Profit Organization, EIN # 94-0878460. All donations above the reimbursement of the costs of the items received on this form will be specifically applied to the "CA State 2020 Fund" to support all projects voted on by the Board of Assistants for the upcoming 2020 Celebration sponsored by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California.		
	DONATION EACH	TAX DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT/EA:
COLONY CHALLENGE COIN (EACH)	\$ 20.20	\$ 15.20
COLONY CHALLENGE COIN (SET)	\$ 162.00	\$ 82.00
400th ANNIVERSARY LAPEL PIN (EACH)	\$ 16.20	\$ 12.20
COLONY LAPEL PIN (EACH)	\$ 16.20	\$ 12.20
LAPEL PIN SET OF TWO	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.00
DIRECT "GEM STONE" DONATIONS (Each receives a FREE Challenge Coin Set AND Lapel Pin Set automatically AND a specially designed Lapel Pin signifying the level of donation. Gem Level Lapel Pin will be mailed to member at a later date). Also, each Gem Stone Donor may be offered the ability to participate in the upcoming 2020 Rose Parade, based on the criteria established by the CA State 2020 Committee. If invited to participate in the 2020 Rose Parade, you agree to follow the criteria and rules established by the CA 2020 Committee. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles may sponsor a Junior relative who is a Mayflower Descendant, whether a Junior Member or Junior Life Member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California or not, at the "Topaz Level" (\$400), giving them the ability to be invited to participate in the 2020 Rose Parade. Please mark below your willingness to participate in the 2020 Rose Parade, if invited to do so with all other requested information.		
DIAMOND LEVEL (Each Gem Level: Per person)	\$ 10,000.00	
SAPPHIRE LEVEL	\$ 5,000.00	
RUBY LEVEL	\$ 2,020.00	
AMETHYST LEVEL	\$ 1,620.00	
EMERALD LEVEL	\$ 1,000.00	
TOPAZ LEVEL (For Juniors 6 - 18 yrs Only)	\$ 400.00	
"PENNIES FOR PETALS" DONATION		
"RECYCLE 2020" DONATION		
OTHER DIRECT DONATION (Not listed above)		
Note: Colonies, please accept donations in the form of CASH or CHECK, then send a check through the Colony Treasurer to the CA State Treasurer designated for the "CA State 2020 Fund" with a copy of this form. Members can also donate directly to the CA Mayflower Society Website via PayPal: http://camayflower.org/index.php/membership-renewals/		
Member info:		EXTENDED TAX DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT:
NAME: _____		TOTAL: _____
CA STATE #: _____ GS #: _____		CHECK AMOUNT: _____
		CASH RECEIVED: _____
		CHANGE: _____
(Colony Treasurer, please send the below information to CA 2020 Committee)		
(For "Gem Stone Donor" Only) If invited, I or my sponsored Junior(s), is/are willing to participate in the upcoming 2020 Rose Parade (if the Tournament of Roses approves of our application for a Rose Parade Float) and I and/or my sponsored Junior(s) will agree to adhere to the criteria and rules as established by the CA 2020 Committee for all invited participants.		
COLONY: _____	NAME: _____	
NAME(S) OF ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2020 ROSE PARADE (EACH MUST PROVIDE A "GEM-LEVEL" DONATION)	CA STATE #: _____ GS #: _____	
_____	CONTACT INFORMATION: PHONE: _____	
_____ (ADDRESS): _____	_____	
NAME(S) OF SPONSORED JUNIOR(S) (TOPAZ LEVEL DONATIONS ONLY)	(EMAIL): _____	
_____	CONTACT FOR SPONSORED JUNIOR(S): PHONE: _____	
_____ (ADDRESS): _____	_____	
_____ (EMAIL): _____	_____	
You will be contacted at a later date if you and/or your sponsored Junior(s) is/are invited to participate in the 2020 Rose Parade		
SIGNED: _____	Colony Governor or Treasurer Signature: _____	

California Mayflower Society

Junior Members and Junior Life Members All Aspiring Artists Wanted!

Design the Mayflower Society 2020 Rose Parade Float!

The 2020 ROSE PARADE FLOAT DESIGN & ESSAY CONTEST

is open to all CA Mayflower Society Junior Members and Junior Life Members up to age 18, in good standing.

**The Rose Parade Float Design & Essay Contest
begins June 1st and ends August 31st at midnight.**

(Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.)

**The WINNER will
RIDE ON THE 2020 MAYFLOWER SO-
CIETY ROSE PARADE FLOAT!**

*(Contingent upon the Tournament of Roses accepting our applica-
tion for a Rose Parade Float)*

For application, rules and important information for you and your parent or guardian, please contact Cathey Graham, CA Mayflower Junior Membership Secretary right away
at: cathey.graham@gmail.com

**CA Mayflower Society Board of Assistance Meetings
January 20, 2018 at Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, California**



Front: Gail Raser, Kathleen Norris, Donna Cole, Marcia Maloney, Susan Cairns, Pat Friesen,
Susan Astarita

Back: Robert Dempster, David Grinnell, Sally Johnson, Ray Raser, Sue Butler, Scott Miller,
Wayne Skala, Bob Trapp, Cathey Graham, Franklin Smith

****** Special Membership Meeting, June 16, 2018******

**Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, CA
17941 Von Karman Avenue**

10:30 - All membership meeting to review and vote on the revision of the By Laws.
This meeting is only to vote on the by law revisions. You may come and vote in person, or
mail in your vote as found at the end of the By Laws in this publication. Bring your parking ticket
to the meeting for free validation.

12:00 - Lunch (if you wish to stay for the lunch and board meeting, please send in reservations by
June 8, 2018, send to camayflowereditor@gmail.com). You may pay your \$40.00 at the door.

Names): _____

Meal Choice: Chicken Tostado____ or Cobb Salad____ with drink and dessert

1:00 - State Board of Assistants meeting



BYLAWS - Revision Proposal

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc., current bylaws are posted on the Members' website. <http://camayflower.org/>
 On March 10, 2018, Oakland, California, the California Board of Assistants voted in favor of the proposed bylaw revision printed in this publication. The proposed revision is also posted on the Members' website. The Special Membership Meeting being called on June 16 prior to the Board of Assistant's meeting is exclusively for voting on the proposed revision. No other business will be conducted.
 Voting is being conducted according to current Bylaw, Article IX, Section 2.

Proposed Bylaw Revision**BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.****ARTICLE I****NAME**

The name of this Society shall be *The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.*, hereinafter referred to as the *State Society*.

ARTICLE II**OBJECTIVES**

To perpetuate the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers;
 To maintain and defend the principle of civil and religious liberty, as set forth in the Compact of the "Mayflower, For the glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith and honor of our country;"
 To cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of American freedom, and to oppose any theories or actions that threaten their continuity;
 To transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and the steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers and an undiminished heritage of liberty and law, to those who will come after us.
 To promote the interests that are common to all the Member Societies of Mayflower Descendants which can best be served by a state body;

ARTICLE III**ORGANIZATION****SECTION 1: Members**

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc., shall consist of the Colony Societies within the State now existing and such other Colony Societies as may from time to time be duly organized under the authority of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc., Board of Assistants.

SECTION 2: Government

The Government of the State Society shall be vested in the State Membership consisting of the Officers of the State Society, and all State Society members in good standing who are in attendance at the State Membership Meeting.

Board of Assistants: When the State Membership is not in session, the Board of Assistants shall consist of the Officers of the State Society: Governor; Deputy Governor North; Deputy Governor South; Secretary; Treasurer; Historian; Membership Secretary; Counselor; Elder; Captain; Surgeon; Colony Governors or Colony Delegate; Honorary Governors; all of whom shall be members in good standing of the State Society.

Executive Committee: When the Board of Assistants is not in session the Executive Committee shall consist of the following State Officers: Governor; Deputy Governor North; Deputy Governor South; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Historian; Membership Secretary; Elder elected by the State Society membership. The Executive Committee shall have the power to take action on any matters that may arise, which, in the judgment of the State Governor should be acted upon before the next meeting of the Board of Assistants.

State Society Officers: The Officers of the State Society shall be a Governor; Deputy Governor North; Deputy Governor South; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Historian; Elder; one Colony Governor or Colony Delegate, from each Colony within the State of California.

Term Limits: State officers shall be elected for a term of 2 (two) years or until their successors are elected. A majority of those in attendance at the State Membership Meeting shall elect. The term of office shall begin at the close of the State Membership Meeting in an odd year when elections have been held.

No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms unless such candidate has been authorized by the Board of Assistants.

General Authority: The State Society Governor shall have authority in all State Society questions, and in such matters as may be referred to him/her by the Colonies.

Appointments: The State Governor shall make all appointments (Article VII, Section 3 below). The following appointed positions shall be Captain; Librarian; Surgeon; Counselor; Parliamentarian and/or Advisor.

All other positions and committees (Article VIII) shall be by appointment of the State Governor except the Nominating Committee. (see Article VI, Section 1, a, b, c)

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Qualifications

All persons over eighteen years of age who descend from a passenger on the *Mayflower*, on the voyage which terminated at Plymouth, New England, in December 1620, shall be eligible for membership; and all persons, so descended, who are younger than eighteen years of age, shall be eligible for Junior Membership pursuant to Article IV; provided however:

- a. that no person shall be eligible for membership in The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc., regular, junior, or life - who is pledged to or advocates, the overthrow, by force or violence, of the Government of the United States, or that of any State or Territory; or who has been found guilty of other treasonable practices; or who is not of good moral character; and this Society shall have the right to expel from its membership any person for any of these causes; and any action arising under this provision
 - i. shall be undertaken by the State Society, and provided further;
 - ii. that no one may become a member of this Society unless personally acceptable to it.

SECTION 2: Preliminary Application

Every application for membership in this State Society shall be made on a preliminary application form provided by this Society. Such application shall bear the autograph signature of the candidate.

SECTION 3: Preliminary Application Terminated

After the preliminary application has been approved, the lineage papers shall be issued. If the lineage papers are not filed with this State Society within one year after the approval of the preliminary application, such approval shall lapse, and the Board of Assistants shall, at its discretion, cancel such approval and direct the rejection of the application.

SECTION 4: Lineage Approved by State Historian

No Person shall be a member of this State Society until his or her line of descent has been approved by the Historian General; provided, however, that if an irreconcilable difference of opinion shall exist between this Society and the Historian General as to the eligibility of an applicant for membership, such applicant may make an appeal to the Appeals Committee of the General Society, and the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final. All applicants must comply with the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Article IV, Membership, Section 4).

SECTION 5: Dual Membership

Any member may hold membership in more than one Member Society, and if so, shall be eligible to represent such Member Society as a delegate to the General Congress, and the State Membership Meetings. Any member holding membership in more than one Member Society shall be eligible to hold any elected office within this State Society, providing the member is within good standing of this State Society.

SECTION 6: Transfer and Re-instatement of Membership

A member of this State Society may transfer to another Member Society upon written application of such member to the Member Society to which transfer is desired and meets all requirements of the General Society. (Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Article IV, Section

7)

SECTION 7: Junior Membership

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California may establish Junior Membership for juniors of any age up to eighteen (18) years, which memberships may continue until the age of twenty-five (25) years, in accordance with the General Society (Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Article IV, Section 8)

Any member in good standing in this State Society may make application to this State Society for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age, who has a prime facie proven lineage, this term meaning that the junior whose application is submitted is linearly related to a present or past member of the General Society by blood through the line through which such member was approved for the General Society. Application for Junior Membership shall be submitted on the form provided by this State Society for that purpose and be accompanied by payment of the entrance fee.

SECTION 8: Conduct

Any member, for cause or conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Society, may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Assistants.

ARTICLE V

FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1: Entrance Fee

The Board of Assistants shall determine the entrance fee.

SECTION 2: Dues Deadline

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year, and annual dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of January in each year and shall be considered delinquent on 30 June of that year.

When an applicant is elected to membership during the last three months of the year, their dues shall be deemed to be paid for the following year.

SECTION 3: Annual Dues

The annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Assistants.

SECTIONn 4: Life Membership

Life Membership shall be available to any applicant or member in good standing by the payment of the designated fee scale established by the Board of Assistants.

A member in good standing may make application for Life Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age, with the payment of twenty times the annual dues, in effect at the time of application, together with the regular entrance fees, and production of pedigree papers executed by the member in behalf of such minor, and duly approved according to the requirements of these bylaws, and the Board of Assistants shall have power to elect such minor a Life Member.

All Life Members are exempt from payment of annual dues.

A member in good standing, of the age of seventy or more years who has paid dues to this Society for not less than fifteen years and due to circumstances is unable to pay dues, may make written application to the Board of Assistants to be excused from further payment of dues, and upon receipt of such application, the Board of Assistants may constitute such person as an Honorary Life Member, without payment of any fee. The Board of Assistants, on its own initiative, without application by such member, shall have the power to designate a member meeting the above requirements, as a Life Member.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: Nominating Committee

It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate, whose consent to serve has been obtained, for each office to be filled: Governor; Deputy Governor North; Deputy Governor South; Secretary; Treasurer; Historian; Membership Secretary; Counsellor; Elder; Captain; Surgeon.

The Nominating Committee will consist of 3 (three) members in good standing of the State Society.

On every even year at the November Board of Assistants Meeting, the election of the Nominating Committee will be conducted.

The committee will be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Assistants. At least one member of the Board of Assistants shall be included on the Nominating Committee.

Any person who plans to or has expressed interest in seeking nomination to serve as Governor or Assistant

Governor North or South may not be elected to the Nominating Committee.

When the Governor currently serving is from Southern California, his or her immediate successor as Governor shall be nominated from Northern California; likewise, when the Governor currently serving is from Northern California, his or her immediate successor as Governor shall be nominated from Southern California. As used herein the name "Southern California," shall mean that portion of California that lies south of the northern boundary lines of San Luis Obispo, and San Bernardino Counties, and the

southern boundary line of Kern County, and the name "Northern California," shall mean the portion of California that lies north of the boundary lines of San Luis Obispo, and San Bernardino Counties, and the south boundary line of Kern County.

In as far as practicable, the Nominating Committee should consist of members from both "Southern California," and "Northern California."

At the March Board of Assistants Meeting preceding the Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall report on those nominated to serve as Officers.

SECTION 2: Elections

The election of all State Officers will be conducted at the State Membership meeting every odd year.

A ballot listing the Office with the name of the candidate/s with space wherein members can write in the name of any other member in good standing will be available at the Membership meeting in an election year.

The Governor will call for nominations from the floor for each position. Once all nominations have been conducted the Governor will announce the close of nominations and ballots may be cast. In the event a candidate is running unopposed in any office, a motion may be made from the floor to conduct a voice vote.

Candidates will be elected for a two (2) year term by majority vote of the membership present at the State Membership meeting. The election becomes final when the State Governor announces the results of the election.

The two (2) year term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the newly elected officers have been elected.

The State Officers shall serve until the next State Membership Meeting where elections are held. The State Governor will not serve two consecutive terms without the unanimous vote of the State Membership.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, by the Constitution and By-laws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, by parliamentary authority, State Governor, and by such other duties as shall be ordered by the State Society.

The Governor, two Deputy Governors, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Membership Secretary, and Elder shall be elected to serve a 2 (two) year term, and will serve on the Executive Committee.

The Board of Assistants shall consist of the Officers of the State Society: Governor; Deputy Governor North; Deputy Governor South; Secretary; Treasurer; Historian; Membership; Counsellor; Elder; Captain; Surgeon; Colony Governors or Colony Delegate. All of whom shall be members in good standing of this State Society.

Honorary Governors are elected for life by the Board of Assistants and will serve on the Board of Assistants as a voting member for life.

SECTION 3: The Governor shall:

Preside at all meetings of this State Society, Board of Assistants, and of the Executive Committee, and shall have the general supervision of the affairs of this State Society.

Be the chief executive officer of this State Society and shall have the general responsibilities, powers, and duties of management usually vested in the Chief Executive Officer of a corporation.

Appoint all committees and committee chairs except the nominating committee.

Be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Transmit State Society's Annual Report to the Secretary General not later than February 1st, including the number of members and any matters of interest in the State Society's history; also making any suggestions which it may deem profitable for the General Society to consider.

During his or her term of office as Governor of this State Society, shall be the nominee to the General Society for the office of Assistant Governor for California.

Appoint an Advisor and/or Parliamentarian.

SECTION 4: The Deputy Governors North and South shall:

Perform the duties and responsibilities of the State Governor in his/her absence or inability to serve.

All other duties listed under the Procedure Manual and at the request of the State Society Governor.

SECTION 5: The Recording Secretary shall:

Record the minutes of all State Membership, and the Executive Committee, and Board of Assistants meetings.

Be custodian of all records.

Be custodian of the State Society seal.

SECTION 2: Officer Insignia

Governor's Medal, and the Governor's Gavel, being the property of the State Society, shall be in the possession of the Governor during his/her term of office.

The two Deputy Governor's Pins and Medals, being the property of the State Society, shall be in the possession of the two Deputy Governors during their term of office.

Upon retiring, the Governor shall be presented with the Past Governor's Pin to be ordered by the Treasurer in advance of the State Membership Meeting.

Send all State Society meeting notices for distribution via State Editors or electronically.

Perform all other duties listed under the Procedure Manual and at the request of the State Society Governor.

Send new membership certificates to all new members.

SECTION 6: The Treasurer shall:

Have charge of all funds of this State Society and keep its accounts under the supervision of the Board of Assistants.

Be bonded or insured at the expense of the State Society.

In the fall of each year, distribute to each annual member a statement of dues payable by January 1.

Make payment to each delegated representative (Assistant Governor & Deputy Governor) attending the General Board of Assistants meetings and/or the General Society Triennial meeting in Plymouth an amount determined by the Board of Assistants to defray travel costs.

Work with State Membership Secretary and the Colony Membership Chair.

Order the Past Governor's Pin in advance of the State Membership Meeting.

Provide at the request of the Board of Assistants, the Financial Records of the Society shall be reviewed or audited by an internal Audit Committee or an external Public or Certified Accountant. In such case, the Treasurer will cooperate with the Committee or Auditor.

Distribute a copy of the Audit Committee's report or the auditor's report to the Board of Assistants within 15 days of receipt, if a review or audit was conducted.

Report as may be directed by the Board of Assistants, at the State Membership Meeting and Board of Assistants meetings and at other times as may be requested.

Perform all other duties listed under the Procedure Manual and at the request of the Governor.

SECTION 7: The Historian shall:

Be the official genealogist of this State Society, and shall examine, approve or reject applications, and report to the Board of Assistants his or her findings upon all claims of descent made by applicants for membership, or by members for supplemental lineages.

Receive all payments from applicants to be delivered to the Treasurer.

Prepare all formal pedigree papers, submit a list to the Board of Assistants for election or approval. And shall have custody of all such papers and correspondence, which shall be subject at all times reasonably convenient, to inspection by the Executive Board, or any committee appointed for that purpose.

Persons may be appointed by the Board of Assistants as Assistant Historians, to be under the supervision of the Historian. Assistant Historians may be compensated for their Genealogical skills at a rate determined by the Board.

Work with State Membership Secretary and Colony Membership Chairs.

SECTION 8: The Membership Secretary shall:

Maintain Membership files of the Society, updating and verifying address changes and other information.

Notify the Secretary General of all address changes not emanating from that office.

Notify Colony Governor, and Colony Registrar liaison of all address changes not emanating from the Colony.

Render a detailed report of the State Society membership on the first day of January of each year to the General Society as instructed by the Secretary General.

Create other reports as the Governor or the Board of Assistants may prescribe.

Work closely with State Treasurer, and Colony Membership Chairs to ascertain correct membership status.

SECTION 9: The Elder shall:

Officiate when called upon at any meeting of the Society.

Send Birthday cards to 90+ year-old members.

Prepare a necrology of deceased members to be reported at the State Membership Meeting.

Send condolence cards to family of deceased members.

All other duties listed under the Procedure Manual and at the request of the State Society Governor.

SECTION 10: The Past State Governors

May be elected by the Board of Assistants, Honorary Governor for life.

Honorary Governors shall have a vote on the Board of Assistants.

The immediate Past Governor of this State Society shall be the nominee to the General Society for the office of Deputy Governor General for California.

ARTICLE VIII**COMMITTEES****SECTION 1: Appointments**

The following positions shall be appointed by the State Governor: Librarian; Investment Chair; Junior Membership Chair; Education Chair; Scholarship Chair; Public Relations Chair; Parliamentarian and/or Advisor, as well as all other positions and committees as: Data Processing Chair; Webmaster; California Quarterly Editors; Bylaws Chair; Gene Fortine Trophy Chair, and any other appointments deemed to be necessary by the State Governor, except the Nominating Committee. (see Article VI, Section 1, a, b, c)

The State Governor may appoint other Chair positions as deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. New Committees

New committees must be approved by the Board of Assistants.

ARTICLE IX**MEETINGS****SECTION 1: Members (as stated in ARTICLE III, Section 2a)**

The Government of the State Society shall be vested in a State Membership Meeting that shall consist of the Officers of the State Society, the Board of Assistants, and all State Society members in good standing who attend the State Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2: State Membership Meetings

The State Membership Meeting shall be held during June of every odd year; however, the Executive Committee shall have the power to set the date at some other time during the first six months of the calendar year, whenever it may deem the convenience and interests of the Society so require the date and place to be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Notice of State Membership Meetings at which proposed amendments are to be voted upon shall be mailed to all members and/or posted on the Members' website, along with the text of the amendment, at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3: Board of Assistants

Meetings of the Board of Assistants shall be held between the months of January through October. The Board of Assistants shall meet in the city and on the date scheduled for the biennial June State Membership Meeting every odd year. Insofar as practicable, the meetings of the Board of Assistants shall alternate between Northern California, and Southern California.

Voting by the Board of Assistants may be conducted by electronic means (Article IX, Section 8)

SECTION 4: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Assistants, or the State Membership shall be held at the written request of five or more members of the Board of Assistants, or at the call of the Governor. A minimum 30 (thirty) day notice, including the business to be transacted at the special meeting, must be given by mail and/or email to all members of the Board of Assistants.

Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Governor, or upon written request by 3 (three) members of the Executive Committee. Except in cases of emergency, 3 (three) day notice shall be given including the business to be transacted at the special meeting.

SECTION 5: Voting Eligibility

All members in good standing of this State Society shall be eligible to vote at the State Membership Meetings.

All members of the Board of Assistants in good standing of the State Society shall be eligible to vote at the Board of Assistants meetings.

All members of the Executive Committee in good standing of the State Society shall be eligible to vote at any Executive Committee meeting.

SECTION 6: Quorum

At all State Membership Meetings 10 (ten) members in person shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7: Electronic Voting

The Board of Assistants may use email voting or other electronic communications media to conduct business as reasonably necessary between regular meetings. Email voting must meet the following requirements.

A majority of members should have access to electronic communications.

The State Governor, Deputy Governor, or State Recording Secretary may be the Chair for conducting business between meetings via email voting within their respective areas of authority.

A 72 (seventy-two) hour notice with the date and time of meeting, the issues for consideration, and any motions to be discussed and presented for voting, is required prior to the electronic meeting.

Any discussion/responses must be sent to member's email addresses by "reply all" and retain the original subject line and include original issue under consideration.

The Chair shall send the email that states the motion calling for the vote within a time period requiring a yes or no response.

Within a timely manner after the previously-set deadline for voting, the facilitator shall send an email stating the results of the motion (approved or failed). Votes may not be cast after the pass or fail announcement has been made.

The State Secretary shall maintain a record of email motions and voting results and will read motion results into the minutes of the next Board of Assistants meeting.

SECTION 8: Reporting

Verbal reports of the Officers, Board of Assistants, Committee Chairs, and Colony Governors may be required at any meeting. The State Governor may request reports to be submitted in writing, to the Recording Secretary for filing prior to the meeting. These written reports will not need to be given verbally at the meeting but will be made available to the membership for review.

SECTION 9: Attendance

Unexcused absence by an officer at three or more consecutive Board of Assistants meetings shall be considered a resignation

SECTION 8: Colonies may not partake in any projects or events that conflict with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, this State Society, or other Colonies.

SECTION 9: Each colony is a subsidiary or division of the State Society and shall adhere to all provisions of these Bylaws and the authorization of any colony and its power to continue may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Assistants for failure to comply with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

FACILITIES

Section 1: The State Society shall maintain an office at some convenient location. Records, files, office equipment, books, and supplies shall be kept in good order and in safekeeping under the supervision and direction of the State Governor, as assisted by such persons as may be designated by the Governor.

ARTICLE X

COLONIES

SECTION 1: Organizing new Colonies

Twenty or more members of this Society, residing in any geographical region of the State of California may associate themselves as a local colony for social purposes, or for other objects that may promote the interests of the Society. Upon receipt by the State Secretary of a written petition to the Board of Assistants for the authorization for such a colony, signed by at least twenty members residing in any geographical region and accompanied by a copy of its proposed By-Laws, which in all respects must conform to the provisions of these By-Laws, the Board may, in its discretion, formally authorize such a colony.

SECTION 7: Colony Minutes

The Minutes of all meetings of each colony shall be transmitted to the State Society Secretary within 30 days after draft minutes are adopted.

SECTION 2: Name of Colony

A local colony shall be known as "The ____ Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of

California” according to the name of county in which such colony is formed, or some other appropriate name may be adopted as may be approved by the Board of Assistants.

SECTION 3: Colony Membership Eligibility

No member shall be admitted into a local colony until after he/she has become a member of the California State Society. Any member who resigns from the California State Society, or transferred/suspended, or dropped from the rolls, thereupon ceases to be a member of a colony. It shall be the duty of the State Membership Officer to notify promptly each colony of all cases of resignation, transfer, suspension, or dropping from the rolls, affecting membership of such colony. Any colony once formed may associate with itself, as members thereof, any member of the California State Society, whether resident of its county or not. No member of the California State Society residing within the limits of a county in which a colony is formed shall be excluded from membership in the colony.

SECTION 4: Colony officers

Each colony shall have a presiding officer, to be designated as Colony Governor. Other officers shall consist of Assistant Governor; Elder; Secretary; Treasurer; State Board of Assistants Delegate, and may choose such other officers as it may desire.

No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms as Colony Governor unless such candidate has been authorized by the State Society Board of Assistants.

Each Colony Governor shall appoint a Membership Chair to work with Prospective Members, the State Membership Secretary, and State Historian.

The Colony Membership Chair will assist new Prospective Members with collecting appropriate documentation to support their membership application.

Each Colony Governor may appoint Committees and Committee Chairs as they may desire.

SECTION 5: Colony Bylaws and Rules

Each colony may adopt its own Bylaws, Rules or Resolutions, provided the same, in all respects, conform to the Constitution, Bylaws, and rules of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and these State Society Bylaws, and rules and resolutions as the State Society may adopt from time to time.

No entrance fee shall be collected by the Colony.

SECTION 6: Colony Assignment

All members of the State Society shall be registered as members of the colony serving the area in which they reside, unless the member expresses in writing to the Membership Secretary, that he desires to join a different colony or that he does not desire to be affiliated with a colony.

The Treasurer shall annually pay a sum of money to each colony for each member in good standing registered to it. The Board of Assistants will determine the per-capita amount to be paid. Any Member desiring to be registered in more than one colony shall annually pay the State Treasurer for each additional colony membership the per capita amount fixed by the Board.

SECTION 2: The Genealogical Library of the State Society shall be developed and maintained for the purposes of providing the Historian with such accurate documents as may be necessary to verify Mayflower descendant lineages. In addition to the State Historian, all members of the State Society may use the Genealogical Library, as well as non-members who wish to pursue genealogical research.

SECTION 3: Consistent with the stated purposes, the scope of the Genealogical Library shall be defined as the acquisition and maintenance of records, histories, biographies, memorabilia and such other materials that are relative to those geographical areas, and their peoples, settled by Mayflower passengers, and the descendants of Mayflower passengers. The Library shall, at the direction of the Board of Assistants, distribute Pilgrim-related materials to non-profit organizations such as schools and libraries.

ARTICLE XII

SEAL

The seal of the State Society shall contain a representation of a sailing vessel of the seventeenth Century, and around it the name of the State Society, then the words *Plymouth 1620* and *California, 1907*.

ARTICLE XIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the State Society in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws, and any rulings of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, or of this State Society.

SECTION 2: Approval Process

The Executive Committee will submit all amendments, alterations, and/or revisions that they deem appropriate to the Board of Assistants who determine by majority vote, all amendments, alterations, and/or revisions to these bylaws for presentation to the membership, OR the Executive Committee may submit all amendments, alterations, and/or revisions to the Bylaws Committee for their review and consideration, and report back to the Executive Committee.

All proposed amendments, alterations, and/or revisions to these Bylaws must be made available to the membership 30 (thirty) days prior to the State Membership Meeting or Special State Membership Meeting where the membership will vote for or against the proposed amendments, alterations, and/or revisions.

A two-thirds vote of those present at the State Membership Meeting or Special State Membership Meeting shall be required for the adoption of any amendments, alterations, and/or revisions.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1: This State Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Assistants at any meeting regularly called or by majority vote of the general membership upon written ballot, conducted by the Board of Assistants.

SECTION 2: Upon the dissolution by such formal action of the Board of Assistants or of the membership, or by operation of law or otherwise, the Board of Assistants shall first provide for the payment of all outstanding debts and obligations of the Society, shall deliver all books, records, genealogical papers of the Society into the care, custody or control of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and shall turn over all remaining assets to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants if it then is in existence and is tax exempt under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, but if it does not have such tax exempt status, under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, some other educational association having tax exempt status.

SECTION 3: No assets of this State Society shall inure to the benefit of any individual member of this State Society, nor shall any such funds, assets, or monies be delivered or divided up amongst said members at the time of dissolution.

-----Instructions for voting:-----

There are three (3) ways to vote: 1. Vote by mail (USPS) or, 2. Mail in your proxy designating the Recording Secretary, or the Membership Secretary to vote on your behalf or, 3. Vote at the Special Membership Meeting. DEADLINE: for mail in ballots and Proxy voting must be received by June 8th, 2018 .

Voting by United State Postal Service (USPS):

MAIL IN BALLOTS MUST BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE WORDS "BALLOT" ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE. PLACE THE BALLOT ENVELOPE INSIDE A MAILING ENVELOPE.

Mail (USPS) Ballots and Proxy votes to:

Secretary Susan Astarita
7 Nerval

Newport Coast, CA 92657-1037

NOTE: ALL BALLOTS & PROXY VOTING MUST HAVE YOUR NAME & RETURN ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE MAILING ENVELOPE. BALLOTS AND PROXY VOTES RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 8, 2018 WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

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Mark ballot with a check mark ✓ or an X	
Approve Bylaw Proposal	
Against Bylaw Proposal	
PROXY Voting - Circle one	
Proxy	Secretary Susan Astarita
Proxy	Membership Chair Scott Miller

Ballots not properly completed will not be counted.

Colony News

Monterey Bay Colony

Our Monterey Bay Colony was not the only gathering at beautiful Pebble Beach on 17 February 2018. It seemed as though the perfect weather encouraged, literally, hundreds of people to spend time on the beach adjoining the Beach House. It was rewarding to know so many people shared the magnificent view which we are privileged to enjoy during our luncheons. Our past Governor Marilyn Riehl filled in securing our venue, in the absence of Betty Lou Lawrence who is recuperating from a fall. We all wish Betty Lou well and a speedy recovery!



Speaker Martha Slater with former Colony Governor Mark Washburn

The Scholarship for a history student at Gavilan College is in place. Applications will be read and reviewed and a recipient will be chosen in mid April. The College will be holding their annual award ceremony in mid May. This is another opportunity to get our Mayflower “face” out there. In the past, two scholarships have been awarded to Monterey Peninsula College under the guidance of past Governor Cynthia Colby.

After our delicious lunch we were honored to have Martha Slater as our guest speaker with her informative and colorful power-point presentation about artists from the Southern States. Many customs during the Civil War period are depicted in art. In her own rights, Martha is an artist with works hanging in Arizona galleries. She is a retired school teacher, an active member of United Daughters of the Confederacy and a former Gavilan N.S.D.A.R. Chapter Regent. She enthusiastically spearheads the Gavilan DAR/DNA splinter group of members interested in our DNA genealogy. Our next Mayflower luncheon meeting will be 5 May 2018, with author Elizabeth Barratt sharing historical background about William Hatton, a dairyman in Monterey County in the 1880s and 1890s.

*Verona Flint
Monterey Bay Colony*

Alameda Colony Report

Our well-attended February Luncheon meeting was held on February 10th at Scott’s seafood in Walnut Creek starting at 12 noon and featuring our own Roger Howland who presented ***Almost Mutiny: Saints and Strangers and the Mayflower Compact***. Roger covered the Saints leaving England in 1607-1608; recruitment of the Strangers and their backgrounds; conflict aboard the Mayflower; settlement outside their patent and the potential problems that could be generated from doing so; what happened in Bermuda in 1609; and the resolution of the danger in 1620 in Provincetown harbor.

Our April 14th meeting had Sally Philbin speaking on the reminisces of one of the Royals who joined the rest of the Mayflower passengers to the new world. Bob Trapp additionally spent time providing an overview of our ***Society’s 2020 Celebration*** plans; including the Rose Parade float, our California Society Anniversary coins, and plans related to 2020 trips to England and the Netherlands. We wish all of our Mayflower cousins a wonderful summer and look forward to reconnecting in the fall at Scott’s Seafood in Walnut Creek on Saturday, October 27th.

*Larry R. Youngman
Alameda Colony Governor*

Orange County Colony

The Orange County Colony had a wonderful breakfast brunch meeting at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley, California. Scott Miller, assistant governor, provided an update on the activities of the State and Colony 2020 Committees. Many wonderful activities are planned over the next few years to honor the 400-year celebration in 2020. Marleen Mandeville, Colony Scholarship Chairperson, reported there have been several submissions to our annual scholarship competition! The Colony also welcomed five new members! The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Gail and Ray Raser of their trip to Europe summer of 2017 with the General Society travel group! What a fabulous trip and an excellent presentation!



Ray and Gail Raser



Susan Astarita, new members: Ann Garrett, Nick Grogan, Beth O'Such, Cathy Sherman, Sharon Wilson, Scott Miller

*Susan Astarita
Orange Colony, Governor*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

On March 10, 2018, San Francisco Peninsula Colony met with Sequoia Colony in our annual joint meeting. Sequoia Colony hosted at the beautiful Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. There was a good turnout who enjoyed a fine program. Our next colony meeting will be on Saturday, May 19, at Delancey Street Restaurant in San Francisco. The scheduled speaker is Alan Fitch who will share the story of his family in the period prior to the American Revolution. His family heritage includes the Governor for several years of the Connecticut Colony.

We are already well into the planning for Compact Day 2018. It's our colony's turn to host Alameda and Redwood Empire colonies as we rotate that responsibility. It's always a great time to share with our Pilgrim cousins in the Bay Area.

*Jay Ingvalson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony Governor*



Santa Barbara Colony

Fire and Rain! (James Taylor)

Santa Barbara Colony Mayflower member Gavin Garrison captured this scene, from his front porch, at the height of the Thomas Fire! The Thomas Fire was the largest fire in the history of the State of California! Shortly afterward rains in the burned areas caused massive mudslides killing 21 people. My thanks to Governor Marcia Maloney who did email me to check in on how the folks in our Colony are doing. Our Colony Chaplin Gregg Garrison (future Governor) survived to present an outstanding program on using DNA to apply for membership in Genealogy Societies. He is also a member of Jamestown, SAR, Cincinnati and many others.



It is with a heavy heart that I report that Leann Purdum, sister of our Past Governor Tami Wilkening, and longtime member of our Colony, has succumbed to cancer. Yes! She had a Billington line! (smile) The Santa Barbara Colony has updated the 5 libraries in our area. All five now have complete sets including the Ventura County Genealogical Society. The funds available from the State allowed us to proceed with this project and the state labels are printed! Delivery photos will be in the next newsletter. The Santa Barbara Colony is teaming with the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society to provide 2020 programs in our area! We are getting the 2020 fever here on the Central Coast

*Ray Garrett
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony held a board meeting at Governor Susan Oldfield's house. She served lunch. The scholarship idea was tabled until a board meeting in September as it was deemed too late in the year for any current high school seniors. The by-laws were amended successfully with an e-mail and snail mail vote by members. Two genealogical libraries will have their collection of Silver Books updated and a third library is yet to be determined. Member Betty Dearing donated quite a few books to our Colony and we have donated them to the Mayflower library in Oakland.



Susan Oldfield, Dianna Saario

A big thanks to Betty! Governor Susan Oldfield and Deputy Governor Dianna Saario are pictured at the LDS Community Family History Event. Many people stopped at our table and signed up for more information. At our May 5 meeting, Bill Melton, a wagon and buggy restorer, will talk about transportation from 1750 to the early 1900's. We will welcome two new members.

*Susan Oldfield
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

The February 10, 2018 meeting of the Inland Empire Colony was called to order at 11:30 A.M. after the Social Gathering, by Governor Beverly Nickerson. She introduced the officers, greeted members and welcomed guests. Former Governor, Rick Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and Pat Rainier led members in the reading of the Mayflower Compact. There were no new members, but Anna Anderson was introduced as a prospective member. Nancy Schlachter read members names and they gave the names of their Mayflower Ancestors. The Mayflower Moment was given by Pat Rainier on the reasons why it is not feasible that Stephan Hopkins committed the mutiny on the Mayflower voyage. Elder, Carol Marderosian gave the blessing, and lunch was served. At 1:00 P.M. the meeting was reconvened and Governor Nickerson introduced the speaker, Gena Philibert-Ortega, who gave a very helpful program on "Websites Every Genealogist Should Know", which included handouts with the websites listed.



*Gena Philibert-Ortega
Genealogist*

At 1:45 P.M. the business portion of the meeting was resumed with the reading of the November 11, 2017 minutes, by Secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples, and the Financial Report by Treasurer, Wayne Staples. It was announced that Nancy Schlachter will be making a new colony Membership Directory. The revised By-Laws were presented by David Grinnell, and were accepted. It was noted that the Inland Empire Colony donated a number of Silver books to the Beaumont Public library and the colony is donating \$150.00 to the Calif. Mayflower Scholarship fund. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2018. This meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. with the Benediction by elder, Carol Mardarosan.



Presentation of Silver Books and Delano books to the Beaumont Library District.

*Wayne Staples, Treasurer Inland Empire Colony, his wife Sheryl Ralston and Lauren E. Dickinson,
Director of the Library.*

*Pat Rainier
Publicity Chairman*



Beaumont Library District

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January 9, 2018

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California,
Attn: David Grinnell, Treasurer
2201 Broadway, Suite LL13
Oakland, CA 94612-3017

Dear Mr. Grinnell,

Yesterday, Wayne Staples and his wife, Cheryl, delivered a full set of Mayflower Society books for our collection on behalf of the Inland Empire Colony. We understand that the cost of these materials was underwritten by the state chapter.

We truly appreciate this gift and, as we discussed with Mr. and Mrs. Staples, these volumes will have a prominent place in our proposed new expansion. Wayne arranged for the local newspaper to be here to document the contribution. It will generate good PR for the Library!

This letter is to acknowledge the donation and to express our gratitude to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California for the gift. Groups like yours help us to provide excellent service to the community.

Thank you for your support of Beaumont Library District!

Best regards,

Luren E. Dickinson
Director

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles colony meeting on March 31 was held at the historical Taix French restaurant in Los Angeles. Our speaker was the outstanding Judith Helton whose performance as Abigail Adams was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. Her knowledge of politics and people of that time period along with her spinning wheel demonstration was captivating.

We have booked the West Los Angeles Family History Library for our next meeting July 21st. It will be catered by Stratos, and we will have James Brewster (a descendent) of Family tree DNA as our speaker. He was the speaker at the Mayflower Congress last year, and he will bring us up on the latest developments. FTDNA is the largest DNA testing company in the world, and they are working with the Mayflower General Society on a Mayflower Descendants DNA group.

We have booked November 3rd at the Tam O' Shanter for our Compact Day meeting.



Judith Helton

*Franklin E. Smith III
Los Angeles Colony, Governor*

Mother Lode Colony

Fifty people came to our February 24th meeting at the Cliff House in Folsom. They were rewarded with a talk by a very knowledgeable local historian named Steve Beck who works at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento. Steve spoke about "The Real Wild West: Early Days of the Gold Rush." Our meeting place is only 22 miles from Coloma and Sutter's sawmill in Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park where gold was first discovered along the south bank of the American River.

We were honored to have our Deputy Governor North Sally Johnson and her husband Will join us for our meeting. Sally was gracious to give us a short talk about 2020 events that are being planned. Our members will be meeting next on May 19 at noon at the Cliff House. Our speaker is Holly Bennett of Penn Valley, an author of three books, Holly will speak about the saga of the Donner Party. We will have the California Mayflower Society Commemorative Challenge Coins on display at this meeting. There are fourteen different colonies with individual coins representing some aspects of that colony. The individual coins are priced at \$20.20 with a complete set also available. The coins are great!

We wish you a good summer. We will resume our meetings in September.

*Kathy Gire
Mother Lode Colony, Governor*



Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony held its annual joint meeting with the San Francisco Colony on March 10, 2018 at the lovely Menlo Circus Club. We had 51 members and guests in attendance and 20 lines were represented. We were honored with the presence of California State Co-Historian and Past Governor Linda Longley, San Francisco Governor Jay Ingwalson, and former Sequoia Colony Governors Patsy Fish, Louise DeDera, and Phil Steward. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Ingwalson and Dawn Newman read the Mayflower Compact. Topics on the agenda included 2020 activities, the revival of the Sequoia Colony education committee, fundraising efforts, additions to our website, and officer changes. Our new officer position of Education and Public Affairs will be chaired by Jonathan Dickey. Mr. Dickey has already been very active generating ideas on how to use the Sequoia Colony education fund. His outreach resulted in San Francisco Maritime National Park Association Education Coordinator Alice Watts and her husband Bob being in attendance at our meeting. Mr. Dickey's departure from the Treasurer position leaves an opening that Dawn Newman, who is stepping down from the Governorship, will fill. Louise DeDera has graciously accepted the opportunity to take over the Governor position (again!)

Our speaker was member Jeff Moore. Mr. Moore has spoken before the Sequoia Colony on several occasions and his newest lecture is one he created and previously presented to local Italian heritage club Amici D'Oro. This lecture outlines the part that Italians played in very early American history through the Revolutionary War. The annual Sequoia Colony Summer Social has historically been held outdoors but given the extreme heat of the last two events, we are currently reviewing options for holding an indoor meeting. The Sequoia Colony Compact Day meeting will be held on November 10, 2018 at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.



Jonathan Dickey Reporting



Elder Jo Beth Folger and Dawn Newman

*Dawn Newman
Sequoia Colony, Governor*



San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony hosted our February 17, 2018 meeting with 86 attendees at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. Also attending were members of the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution who provided the Posting of the Colors. The colony board was introduced by Governor Ray Raser and Elder Joyce Shiloff did a memoriam to honor our passed members. A buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all, followed by a power point on the Mayflower Historic Sites Tour of England and Holland presented by Ray and Gail Raser. Nominating committee chairman Budd Leaf presented a slate of officers that will be voted on and sworn in at the May meeting.

A San Diego Colony 2020 meeting was held immediately after the colony meeting with over thirty attendees. The San Diego Colony with appointed chairperson Kathy Loftman is leading the way with their planning of activities to celebrate the landing of the Mayflower 400 years ago in 2020. See information in this publication. Our next meeting will be held on May 19, 2018 at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad. The Mayflower II restoration project is scheduled as the subject of the May meeting. All are welcome with a reservation made a week in advance.

Just a note to all San Diego members, if you are not receiving information about our meetings, please send us information about how to reach you electronically :
mayflowersandiego@gmail.com.



Judith Reale, Michael Carroll: new member, Lee Baker: prospective member, Gov. Ray Raser, Deborah Parks: prospective member, Nancy Assaf: new member, Marty Gabe: prospective member, Cassandra Neil: new member.



Gail & Ray Raser presenting



SAR Color Guard & Kathy Loftman with Mayflower Flag

**Come join us in Celebrating
Plimoth Plantation West, In Anticipation 1618-2018
Balboa Park, San Diego International Houses**



Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sponsored by:

**Mayflower Society San Diego Colony
and
House of England**

*Ray Raser
San Diego Colony, Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

Thirty two members and guests attended our Winter meeting on February 10 at Cattlemen's in Petaluma. Scott Miller, State Membership Secretary and a very active member of the Mayflower Float committee, energized us all with his presentation of the Commemorative Coin project. But the main feature of the meeting was Scott's engrossing presentation on the history of the manuscript of William Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation*. This was Mayflower history at its finest. Long thought lost, the remarkable story of its rediscovery and its eventual return to Massachusetts in 1897 were an important stimulus to the creation of the Mayflower Society in 1893. Thank you, Scott, for a truly inspiring, day!

Next Redwood Empire meeting will be May 5 at McInnis Park Club Restaurant in San Rafael. Our speaker, Adrian Covert will present information from his book *Taverns of the American Revolution*, the first visual and narrative account of the American Revolution told through tales about the Colonial-era taverns and alcoholic beverages that shaped it. Contact Sally Johnson at skj1707@gmail.com if you would like to attend our meeting.

*Sally Johnson,
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

A small crowd of 27 members and guests gathered on February 10th for our first meeting of 2018 at the Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. Our opening prayer was led by our Chaplain, Donna McCullough, including a prayer for our Governor's brother William Dempster, who passed away a few days before, a resident of Colonial Jamestowne. It should be noted that we have changed the title of our spiritual leader from "Elder", which some members may find inappropriate. Captain Yvonne Knerr led the pledge, and our choir director, Virginia Gunderson led a spirited singing of "God Bless America". Our Colony Treasurer reported a balance in our accounts of \$ 3,147.00. One of our colony members is an anchor and newscaster for station KTLA, and was uniquely qualified to read the Compact. Good news reporting from Glenn Walker!

Descendants of 10 Mayflower passengers were present. Our very special guest was Deputy Governor South, Ray Raser. We also had four prospective members, who we hope will become full fledged soon.



*Barbara Warren, Ray Raser and
Cindy Borchard*

Gov. Bob reported on the 2020 Rose Parade float, and the Challenge Coins were discussed which will be distributed in the coming weeks, all great news as we come closer to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival on these shores. Nancy Perkins suggested we explore "Go Fund Me" as a way to generate funds for the float expense. The General Society is also heavily involved in a major fund raiser to cover the cost of renovating the colonial church in Plymouth.



Foundation, Cindy Goldberg

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Mayflower and Pilgrim books which we have ordered for distribution to our local school libraries, a very ambitious project for the Society, and one we hope to duplicate for other school districts, a major step toward fulfilling the objectives of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. At our next meeting in May, we will vote on a set of by-laws to govern our colony in the years ahead. This has been a major effort, led by our Assistant Gov., Helen

Wyers. Also at our May meeting, we will elect a new set of officers, who will lead us in continued growth over the next two years. We appreciate those who have volunteered to serve.

After nearly four years of rotating meetings throughout our area, we have decided to hold all future meetings at the Los Robles Greens. We outgrew other locations where we have met. Now you can officially mark the Rancho Conejo Colony meeting place in Thousand Oaks, please come and visit us, all are welcome.

Our program for the day, featured some of our members who were part of a tour of Mayflower sites in Europe and



Helen Wyers, Sue Butler, Loraine Kocen

England. Cindy Borchard and Barbara Warren tag teamed their wonderful slide show, sharing with us the sights of our heritage, part of "The 43" on a marvelous history tour. The group included Deputy Governor Raser and wife Gail. I hope everyone will

one day visit the source of our heritage in person, and feel the excitement of seeing where are ancestors had been. Next meeting May 5th, hope we see you then, and bring a friend



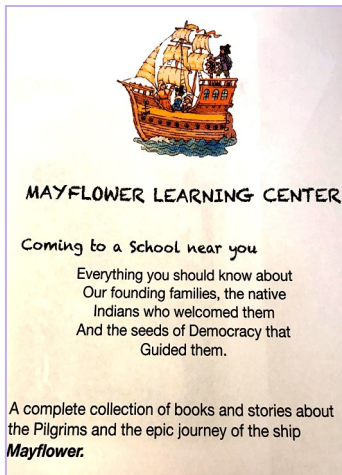
Bob Dempster & Ray Raser

*Bob Dempster
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

Mayflower Learning Center

Coming to a school near you.

A complete collection of books and stories about the pilgrims and the epic journey of the ship Mayflower are being donated to every primary and secondary school library in the CUSD. Thanks to a generous donation from the California Society of Mayflower descendants, multiple copies of nearly every book on the subject of the Mayflower and the Pilgrims, will soon be available at local school libraries. The school's librarians picked the books on the subject, and how many copies they



wanted. For the CVSD, there will be over 1000 books, more than 25 titles, all in a library suitable format. Working through the local Mayflower colony, over \$ 17,000 was donated to the Conejo Schools Foundation, to allow the purchase of all the books on the librarians wish list. Creating the Mayflower Learning Centers was an idea of Helen Wyers, a Mayflower descendant and member of the Rancho Conejo Colony. This project will be a pilot program, the goal is to extend this concept across the entire State of California, and possibly the nation, according to Robert Dempster, Governor of the Rancho Conejo Colony. Six of the one hundred and two Mayflower passengers where his ancestors.

As public school curriculum moves away from early America History to focus on more recent events, the early stages of our Nation's history maybe be lost to young students. The goal of the Mayflower Society is to perpetuate our founding and honor those brave men and women who overcame extreme danger to create our nation. The books in this collection will also pay tribute to the native Indians who welcomed them and guided them as they established a colony in Plymouth, in what would become the state of Massachusetts. For more information on this project and the Mayflower Society, contact Robert Dempster, 805-504-5140

Did John Billington Get A “Bum Rap” For Murder In 1630?

By Wayne Skala

As a descendent of John Billington, I wondered how my ancestor could have had a fair trial. The Billingtons were an outspoken family to be reckoned with for sure. They were not Puritans but rather ‘strangers’ who the ‘investors’ under Weston had recruited to be aboard the Mayflower in 1620. The more I read on this subject, the more I am reminded of “History is written by the victor’s & or survivors.

A few historic insights should be considered.

- There were no horses at Plymouth Plantation until later in the decade.
- There are no surviving court records prior to 1633.
- The only written accounts are the “found” accounts by Bradford, Winthrop, W. Hubbard and Thomas Morton. All say Billington was executed.
- Morton states “choked” at Plymouth. Choke was slang for hanged.
- It’s unknown what weapon was used. Bradford only stated that Billington used a gun.

So, below are two ‘takes’ on how historic ‘facts’ evolve. The first was written in 1990 by Wallace Thompson a Delaware Mayflower member. The 2nd was written by Roger Howland, our Ca. State Librarian & Assisting Historian with additional info by Caleb Johnson.

A more recent update on the Billington/Standish conflict should be noted. I have a wonderful friendship with Sally Johnson, Deputy Governor, Ca. who descends from Miles Standish. We are both looking forward to walking proudly together at Plymouth in 2020 with so many of our other Mayflower descendants.



Wayne, Keith Sr. & Keith Jr Skala (father, son, grandson), 13, 14, 15th generation descendants of John Billington, taken outside & inside of the recreated Billington house, Plimoth Plantation, MA

Looking Back at Billington's End

By Roger Howland, 6/21/17

The story regarding the end of John Billington has telltale signs of a more modern invention rather than a true relation regarding his end. Hanged for certain. Drawn and quartered, highly unlikely; a punishment more likely for high treason rather than a mere murder. The drawing of a prisoner concerned being bound and dragged behind a horse, then hanged until near dead, then hoisted up and disemboweled while still living and then quartered and beheaded. A very nasty way to go and more common in the high middle ages although still employed in merry old England at the time of Charles I. Generally not employed for women who were just burned at the stake.

Also, the use of a Blunderbuss as the murder weapon is probably not accurate. Often attributed to the Pilgrims, they were in use in the 18th century, not the 17th. The firing mechanism for a blunderbuss is a flintlock which did not come into common use until the time of the French and Indian war. At the time of our pilgrim fathers, the most common weapons were a matchlock on either a musket or fowling piece. Miles Standish had the most modern weapon of its type and was recorded by Bradford as a snaphaunce, the forerunner to the flintlock but the frizzen was not attached to the rest of the lock. Muskets were being modified from matchlocks to snaphaunce and dog locks about 50 years later at the time of the King Philips War (1675-76)

“Thought you would want to know”. Roger

John Billington, Sr.

Birthdate:

circa 1580 (50)

Birthplace:

Spaulding, Lincolnshire, England

Death:

September 30, 1630 (46-54)

Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts (Execution by hanging for murder of John Newcome)

Place of Burial:

Massachusetts

Immediate Family:

Son of John II Billington and Anne Billington /
Newton Husband of Eleanor Armstrong,

"Mayflower" Passenger

Father of Francis Billington, Mayflower passenger

and John Billington, Jr., Mayflower Passenger

Brother of Samuel Billington

Half brother of Samuel Mottram

From Geni: John Billington, "Mayflower" Passenger



A BUM RAP FOR JOHN BILLINGTON?

By Wallace Thompson

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Delaware

November 17, 1990

Many people know something about John Billington, but few have assembled the limited supply of facts about his life and death and thoughtfully considered his place in Plymouth history.

John Billington is notable in Plymouth's history because the references we have on his life reveal more about personality traits than we find for perhaps any other member of the original colony.

The evidence suggests that he was a non-conformist who resented arbitrary authority and limitations on his personal freedom. But he didn't brood about it. He was short tempered, perhaps prone to bitterness, and he fought for his ideas. These traits brought John into conflict with Myles Standish and particularly provoked Governor Bradford.

Billington was a Londoner who joined the Mayflower venture as a "Stranger". In Pilgrim terms "Saints" were members of the separatist movement which initiated the emigration, and "Strangers" were those who signed on for other reasons. The Billington family consisted of John and wife, Ellen, with sons John Jr. and Francis. We don't know what trade John pursued, but at least his resources were sufficient to book a "cabin" on the Mayflower while most of the party merely had deck space. If you've visited the Mayflower replica in Plymouth harbor, you probably learned that "cabin" meant a tiny curtained area between decks without any other amenities. Apparently it was sufficiently private to permit one of the young Billington sons to play with a gun and some gunpowder without interference from others. An opened keg of powder was nearby. The boy fired the gun striking terror in the ship and certainly reinforcing the notion the Billingtons were a wild lot.

Recently I visited Plymouth Plantation and the Mayflower replica in the harbor. In Plymouth the year was 1627. At the Plantation I met several members of the Company. When I inquired for John Billington the response was always evasive at first followed by a tirade about that scoundrel. Aboard the ship I chanced to meet Ellen Billington. Most of the others were working ashore. I asked her about John's troubles in getting along with the community. She became instantly defensive. She maintained that he was a good man and unjustly persecuted. She scoffed at my suggestion that John could wind up at the end of a hangman's rope.

Well, as many of you know, he did just that some years later in September of 1630. But along the way there are a number of recorded events suggesting that John's explosive temper and rebellious nature paved his way to the gallows as much as the murder itself for which he was tried.



Wayne, Keith Sr. & Keith Jr Skala (father, son, grandson), 13, 14, 15th generation descendants of John Billington, and my nephew Michael Licamele, a 14th generation descendant in front of the brass plaque at the site of the original "Billington house"

Even aboard ship there was an aborted mutiny in which Billington was reportedly involved. (Another of my forebears, Stephen Hopkins, was associated with mutiny on an earlier voyage.) The powder keg incident didn't help the Billington case. Later young John Jr. wandered off into the woods and was lost for almost a week. The community didn't appreciate the major effort it had to make to find him safe among Indians out on Cape Cod. And Francis did his exploring inland to the west where he discovered a large pond still known as Billington Sea. These kids were venturesome! But they were survivors. The Billington household was one of only four in the colony which completely escaped the epidemic which wiped out half the colony in that first winter. One might wonder if there was some bitterness in the company that these least deserving members had the best of good fortune. In the first year at Plymouth, Billington, the hot-head, alienated the establishment by attacking Myles Standish with "opprobrious speeches". Standish had ordered Billington to military duty and Billington's response to this first draft in the New World was the equivalent of "Hell no! I won't go!" For this he was sentenced to "have his neck and heels tied together".

Three years later, the Lyford affair brought further condemnation down on John. Oxford-trained Rev. John Lyford had been sent to Plymouth to deal with a serious lack of scholarship in the community. Lyford was outwardly humble and ingratiating. He soon had a following of complainers and malcontents who became a threat to the authority of Governor Bradford, Elder Brewster and Captain Standish. Bradford, in a covert action, intercepted some seditious letters Lyford had written to the plantation's backers in London. Eventually, Lyford was brought to trial. When the letters were introduced as evidence, Lyford broke down and confessed, repented and named Billington as one who had abetted him. That didn't help Billington's standing at Plymouth. Just weeks later, Lyford resumed his rantings. Well, the record shows that Bradford, in particular, had it in for Billington. Most of the anecdotes about Billington are taken from Bradford's journal – the powder keg affair, the Lyford episode to name only two. Bradford, characterizing the passenger list, describes the Billingtons as "evidently an ill-conditioned lot and unfit for the company of planters", and he says: "I know not by what friend shuffled into their company". But one historian had a more balanced view. He wrote: "The family was radically bad throughout but they have had not a few worthy descendants." Billington just couldn't keep his mouth shut, and that led Bradford to describe him as "a knave, and so will live and die". Prophetic, wasn't he?

It was true Billington to get into a quarrel with one John Newcomen in 1630. Newcomen was a new-comer to Plymouth. Apparently Billington got out his blunderbuss and went after Newcomen who ducked behind a tree, but still couldn't avoid the blast delivered from Billington. In accordance with a 1623 Plymouth statute, Billington was tried before a jury of 12 honest men and found guilty of "willful murder by plain and notorious evidence". Bradford's will faltered at the prospect of Plymouth's first execution, so he asked the Bay Colony's just-arrived Governor Winthrop if the Bay Colony concurred that Billington "ought to die and ye land be purged from blood". Governor Winthrop obliged with the desired answer, and John was duly hanged, drawn and quartered.

That ends my story, except to leave some questions. Might John Billington have died of natural causes after a full life, but for his continuously noxious personality and record of community affronts prior to 1630? Is it not possible that John Newcomen provoked Billington's attack? Consider that ten-year record of disdain and hate by William Bradford and Myles Standish (whom Billington referred to as Captaine Schrimpe), might not that have predisposed the jury to the supreme penalty.

Just possibly, John Billington got a bum rap.

Paget Valerie Brewster

By Beverly Nickerson

Bob and I have watched the television series, “Criminal Minds”, for many years. Recently, I decided to look up information about the actors in this series. I learned that the character, Emily Prentiss, is named Paget Brewster and was born in Massachusetts. My interest was really peaked now because of her Brewster name and birth location.



Paget Brewster

Paget’s line goes from William Brewster and wife Mary to son Love, who married Susan Colliar. David Grinnell, our state Treasurer, recently found a new line for my Bob from William Brewster’s daughter, Patience Brewster, who married Governor Thomas Prence. Further research revealed Paget Brewster descended from our Mayflower passenger, William Brewster, who was her 9th generation great grandfather. On different family lines, Paget is a 10th generation from John Alden, 11th generation from Richard Warren, and 12th generation from Francis Cook. King Edward 1 of England was her 21st great grandfather. She also descends from Thomas Franklin, Benjamin Franklin’s father. Paget is a 1st cousin eight times removed from Thomas Franklin. I descend from Benjamin Franklin’s mother, Abiah Folger, who was born on Nantucket.

Now we go even further back, not only with my Bob’s lines, but also to one of my lines, where Paget connects with Robert de Ros, a Magna Carta surety who was Paget’s 22nd great grandfather. She descends from Hugh de Bigod, a Magna Carta surety who was Paget’s 24th great grandfather, then to Robert Fitzwalter and, even further back, to Saher de Quincy, both Magna Carta sureties. On a side note, this group of men that supported the king also spelled Magna Carta with a “Ch”. My husband belongs to the Somerset branch of Magna Charta through Surety William Mallot.

Back to Paget Brewster’s immediate family, her father is Galen Brewster, born 31 December 1942 in Boston, Suffolk County, MA. Her mother, Hathaway Tew, was born 2 September 1947 in Boston. Galen Brewster’s line goes back to his father, George Washington Wales Brewster, Jr. b. 1907, wife Joan Ryerson; father George Washington Wales Brewster b. 1866, d. 1939, wife Ellen Mackenzie Hodge; George’s father, Benjamin Brewster Jr. b. 1826, d. 1907, wife Ann Wales Emmons; Benjamin Brewster b. 1799, d. 1861, wife Sarah “Sally” French; Benjamin’s father, Cyrus Brewster b. 1769, d. 1718, wife Nancy Dewit; Cyrus’ father, William Brewster b. 1714, wife Esther Sabin; Benjamin Brewster b. 1688, d. 1752, wife Elizabeth Witer; Benjamin’s father, William Brewster b. 1645, d. 1723, wife Lydia Partridge; William’s father, Love Brewster, wife Sarah Collier, and last, Love’s father, William Brewster, who sailed on the Mayflower with his wife, Mary (last name unknown), and two sons, Love and Wrestling. The daughters came over later.

Paget’s mother is Hathaway Tew b. 2 September 1947. Hathaway’s father was John Bechtel Tew b. 19 April 1916, wife Valerie Hathaway; John’s father, James Dinsmore Tew b. 1882, d. 1964, wife Elenor Edith Bechtel; James’ father, Harvey William Tew b. 1832, d. 1911, wife Susan Goodrich; his father, William Henry Tew b. 1808, wife Rhoda Burnham; his father, William Tew b. 1769, wife Priscilla Fish b. 1776, Nantucket; William’s father, Henry Tew b. 1729, d. 1780, wife Elizabeth Hathaway; Henry’s father, John Tew b. 1686, wife Sarah; John’s father, Henry Tew b. 1654, d. 1716, wife Dorcas; Henry’s father, Richard Tew no birthdate, wife Mary Clarke; his father was Henry Tew.

Paget and her younger brother, Galen, grew up north of Boston in the literary town of Concorde, MA, the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thorough, and Louisa Mae Alcott. Her father, Galen Brewster, was a school administrator; mother Hathaway worked as a government official. In Paget's late teens, she moved to New York City and enrolled in the famous Parsons School of Design. During her first year at Parsons, Paget realized her heart was not in design and drifted into acting. Around 1993, she moved to San Francisco and enrolled in acting classes. Between 1994 and 1995, Paget hosted a late night talk show called "Paget", which lasted for 65 episodes. In the fourth season of the NBC series, "Friends", Paget was noticed for her role as "Cathy". She went on to play many minor television roles. Paget became well known after accepting the role of "Emily Prentiss", an FBI agent, on the CBS series, "Criminal Minds", which she played for six seasons. Paget left the show, but has now returned as the star of the series. On March 13, 2013, Paget became engaged to musician Steve Damstra, who performs with the bands, "Folded Light", and "Whirlwind Heat". They were married in Los Angeles on November 29, 2014

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American Ancestors Invites Mayflower Passenger Descendants to Commemorate their Pilgrim Heritage with Name and Photo

Interactive Website Reveals Authoritative Accounts of the Lives of Pilgrims and Mayflower Crew Drawn from Years of NEHGS Research

November 19, 2017—Boston, Massachusetts—The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has launched a new interactive website that presents the most authoritative biographies to date of the Pilgrims who set sail for a new world 397 years ago—available for free for the first time. The site invites their living descendants to engage with the past by becoming a part of modern Mayflower history.

Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org—the world’s first online gallery of Pilgrim descendants—NEHGS is documenting the ever-increasing diaspora of an estimated 30 million living descendants of the original Mayflower passengers around the world. Descendants are invited to commemorate their connection and heritage to these venerated figures of our nation’s history by placing their name, photograph, and other identifiers in an online gallery—immediately joining a virtual community of people worldwide who share Mayflower ancestry. Participation is free.

The website’s content is the result of years of study by scholars at NEHGS—the country’s founding genealogical organization—and provides authoritative biographies of each Mayflower passenger. Data presented is culled from profiles created through the renowned Great Migration Study Project at NEHGS—the definitive source of reference for early immigration to New England.

In a unique section of “Meet the passengers,” the website lists the names of 108 passengers and crew members and highlights those known to have left descendants, allowing participants to link directly to the Pilgrim who is part of their family tree. Those who are uncertain about their genealogical relationship to the Pilgrims may access other resources offered by NEHGS to explore a possible family relationship to them. It also leads to resources that may help with one’s search for other ancestors from this era to the present.

A world map illustrates the location of Pilgrim descendants from all over the world—and allows users to click on each for more information from the descendant’s own profile. The site provides an experience that both educates and engages participants in becoming a living part of the Mayflower story.

The new website from NEHGS is part of the organization’s preparation for the commemoration in 2020 of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s passage and landing on American shores, and is the NEHGS portal for all 2020-related announcements and events. As the year 2020 approaches, NEHGS envisions that participation in the online gallery will include thousands of living Pilgrim descendants from around the world as the website itself expands to include additional features commemorating the Mayflower experience.

NEHGS, with its national headquarters located in Boston’s Back Bay, is the oldest and largest genealogical society in America. NEHGS serves more than 250,000 members and millions of online users engaged in family history nationally and around the world. It is home to a world-class research library and archive, and an expert staff. NEHGS offers an award-winning genealogical research website at AmericanAncestors.org with 1.4 billion records and maintains a publishing division which produces original genealogical research, scholarship, and educational materials, including the Mayflower Descendant, a quarterly journal of Pilgrim genealogy and history.

An international guide to the Mayflower 400th anniversary in 2020

By *D. Brenton Simons*

March 29, 2018

Pictured: "Mayflower Descendant: A Journal of Pilgrim Genealogy & History," a publication of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in association with the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

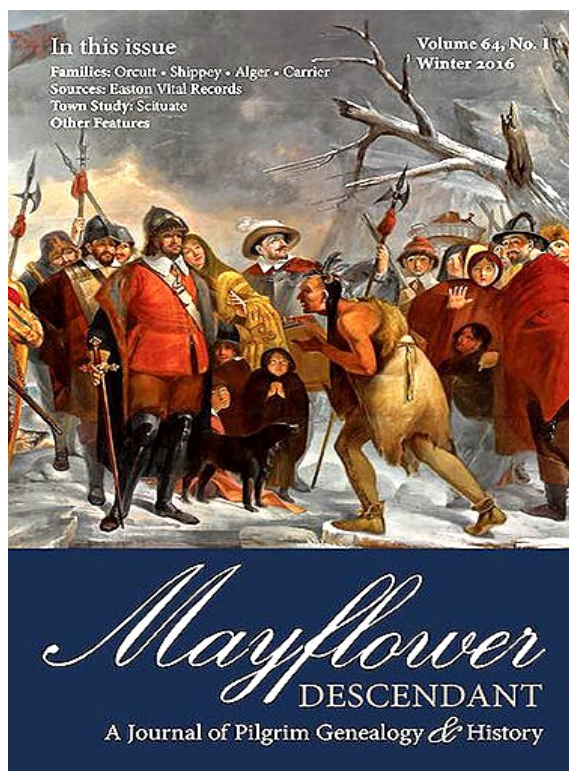
As we approach the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing of 1620, I am excited to guide the New England Historic Genealogical Society in developing a range of programs, activities, publications, and tours that commemorate this historic landmark. In these efforts, I am aided by many fine colleagues, including Ryan Woods, Susan Fugliese, Ginevra Morse, Robert Charles Anderson, and others.

Today, I want to give you advance notice of something special in the works: we have broken our magazine format for the first time in eighteen years to produce a completely Mayflower-themed commemorative issue of "American Ancestors" -- currently at press.

This issue is the first international guide to 2020 events and activities, and includes highlights of programs and activities being planned by NEHGS and American Ancestors, Plymouth 400, the Wampanoag Nation, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plimoth Plantation, New England Beginnings, Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Alden House Historic Site, as well as our overseas partners at Mayflower 400 (UK), the Harwich Mayflower Heritage Centre (UK), and Mayflower 400 in Leiden and Heritage Leiden (The Netherlands).

The purpose of this issue is to educate our more than 250,000 members and the public about this commemoration sufficiently far in advance so that they may plan to participate in it. Whether or not you are a Mayflower Descendant, this story played an important foundational role in the formation of our democracy and in the history of our nation.

I am also honored to serve as a board member of Plymouth 400, Inc., which is organizing a series of major signature events and ceremonies for what will be an international commemoration. As I write this post, we are preparing to host an exhibit developed by Plymouth 400, "Our Story: 400 Years of Wampanoag History" at NEHGS, and we are putting the final details together for our tour next year to Leiden where we will examine firsthand the John Robinson congregation there and walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims during their Dutch sojourn. I look forward to saying



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