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John Alden & Priscilla Mullins Alden

### John Alden and Priscilla Mullins Alden

John Alden (b.1599, d. 12 Sept. 1687) was a crew member on the 1620 voyage of the *Mayflower*. Also, he was one of the founders of the Plymouth Colony and the seventh signer of the *Mayflower Compact*. It is not clear as to who his parents were, but we know John Alden was not a Pilgrim, but



*Alden House, Duxbury, MA*

a ship-carpenter by trade. He had been hired to repair the *Mayflower* while she lay off Southampton, England and decided to journey when she set sail, becoming the ship cooper.

Although it is not known for sure, perhaps it was his hope to be prosperous in the New World, or perhaps he wished to follow the young Priscilla Mullins as she was heading to the New World with her parents. There seems to have been some competition between John Alden and Captain Miles Standish, who both seemed to fall for Priscilla throughout the long voyage of 1620.

While the story is not verifiable, many do believe it in fact happened. Shortly after arriving in the New World, Standish, “a blunt old captain, a man not of words, but of action,” according to Longfellow, took a liking to Mullins, “the loveliest maiden of Plymouth.” However, although Standish was fearless in battle, he was too shy to confront Mullins directly, so he sent his young



*“Speak for yourself John”*

friend, Alden. The soft-spoken Alden was “Fair-haired, azure-eyed, with delicate Saxon complexion. Having the dew of his youth, and the beauty there of. . .

After Alden had pleaded Standish’s case, Mullins said, “*Why don’t you speak for yourself, John?*” It was clear that Alden and Mullins were in love, but the couple was afraid of offending Standish. When they received word that the captain had been killed fighting Indians, Alden and Mullins agreed to marry. John and Priscilla ultimately married on May 12, 1622. At the end of the wedding, Standish, who had not been killed after all, appeared, and seeing what had transpired, gave the newlyweds his blessing and asked their forgiveness for his previous behavior.

That story plus Alden’s engagement with rivaling Indians who plotted to kill newcomers, is told elaborately in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem, “*The Courtship of Miles Standish*.” John and Priscilla had the following children who survived to adulthood. Elizabeth, John,

Joseph, Priscilla, Robert, Jonathan, Sarah, Ruth, May, Rebecca, and David. My ancestor is Elizabeth who married William Peabody (Peabody), a leader of Duxbury, MA.



Elizabeth Alden Pabodie (Peabody), was allegedly the first white woman born in New England in 1623. She married William Pabodie, a civic and military leader of Duxbury on December 26, 1644. All of their thirteen children were born in Duxbury before William and Elizabeth eventually



*Alden House Bedroom*

moved to Little Compton, Rhode Island in the 1680's. Their descendants were prominent in settling areas of Rhode Island and Connecticut. William died in Little Compton on December 13, 1707 and she on May 31, 1717. They were both buried in the cemetery on Little Compton Common.

The John Alden Families House in Duxbury, MA, established as a National Historic Landmark on October 7, 2008, was built in 1653. It is open to the public as a museum run by the Alden Kindred of

America, an organization that provides historical information about him and his home, including genealogical records of his descendants. They have the most descendants today of all the Pilgrim families.



*Elizabeth Alden Pabodie's Tombstone, Little Compton, RI*

*By Gail Raser  
Excerpted from Wikipedia December 2017  
and "John Alden and Priscilla Mullins" by David Johnson  
Photo Credit: Gail Raser*

### Governor's Message

Happy New Year. I hope everyone realizes that if we are accepted into the Rose Parade for January 1, 2020, it is fast approaching. Two years from this week we will be pushing petals, decorating a float and getting our pilgrim clothing ready to tell our Mayflower story to the world.

Your 2020 committee has been hard at work developing time lines and working with members who have shown an interest in our 2020 activities. I am so impressed with the talent we have. If you have a specialty such as costume design, public relations outreach knowledge, or fund raising skills, please contact us. Thanks to **Kathy Loftman** for her project management skills pushing us forward.

On Friday several of us will travel to the Pasadena area where the floats are being decorated. This viewing will give us a good indication of the fun we will have and the work involved. Be sure to read **Carole Curran's** message elsewhere in this issue.

When we started this new administration six months ago, I shared my goals with many of you. And I am pleased to say that we are making good progress. The first was 2020 fund raising and planning. The second was to find a junior chairperson which we did with **Cathey Graham** from the Mother Lode colony. She jumped right into her new role even as she is a new member. Thanks, Cathey!

The next is the re-writing of our By-Laws to be updated and more consistent with GSMD's. Thanks to **Sue Butler**, who is the new committee chair. With help from her committee, we are about ready to get legal review and then present to the BOA on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Policies & Procedures will also be updated with emphasis on assisting the Historians who will be very busy with new membership applications leading up to 2020. We polished up our Mission Statement which was approved by the BOA in October. Thanks to **Ruth Jackson** of Santa Barbara colony.

There are more goals, but no more room in this verbose letter! Stay tuned. **Sally Johnson** – has been very active at the national level as chair of the GSMD scholarships. We received a lovely letter from the General Society thanking us for our state's generous contribution to the First Parish Church Charitable Trust. Thanks to the entire **BOA** for approving this donation on our behalf. **Robert Dempster** and his Rancho Canejo Colony made a significant contribution to the schools in their area. Working with our treasurer, **David Grinnell**, this project should be completed in early 2018. **Beverly Nickerson** and **Dave Grinnell** have also added books to libraries in the Inland Empire.

The enthusiasm and excitement that abound in our very professional 2020 committees makes me proud to be associated with our Mayflower cousins. Hope you will decide to join us! And most importantly, we elected sixteen new members at our Dec 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. And 109 overall in 2017. Welcome aboard as we sail toward 2020 and the new world. I wish you good health and happiness in 2018.



*Marcia Huntley Maloney  
California Society Governor*



### Deputy Governor North

One of my goals in this position is to visit every northern California colony during my term. I was delighted to attend the Monterey Bay colony Compact Day celebration on November 4. Colony Governor Verona Flint was a consummate Mayflower hostess. I learned a great deal about the history of the Monterey Bay colony from their scrapbook, and had my first look at a 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative coin Verona brought to the meeting to share. That coin was issued by the Mayflower Society. How the times change! For 2020 every California colony is to have their own coin! Thank you, Verona, for the memory, and Scott Miller for all of your work on the colony commemorative coins. I look forward to attending colony meetings at other northern California colonies in spring and fall of 2018. Northern California colony governors, please let me know when your meetings are scheduled.



And BOA members, please put Saturday March 10 on your schedule. Our northern California meeting will be held in the new California Mayflower Society Library, 2201 Broadway in Oakland. Special attendees will be members of both the 2020 Committee and the Rose Bowl Float Committee presenting their plans and proposals for our consideration. See you there!

*Sally Johnson*  
*Deputy Governor North*

### Deputy Governor South

Welcome to the 398<sup>th</sup> year of our Mayflower ancestors landing on the Eastern Seaboard of North American from Hopkins Beach, Belize, also on the Eastern Seaboard. As we explored the Mayflower Bocawina National Park, we were reminded of the fortitude, courage and adventuresome spirit of the Pilgrims making their way in the New World. As we prepare for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage in 2020, it is important to recognize the price that was paid by our Mayflower ancestors so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. The Mayflower Compact is considered the first practice of democracy in the New World.



Our Mayflower agenda has kept my wife Gail and I very busy during the past year. As co-editors of the CA Mayflower Quarterly we edited four editions. We also traveled three times to Plymouth including one trip to Mystic Seaport to view the restoration of the *Mayflower II* where we had the opportunity to interview Matthew Barned, the lead shipwright on the restoration and several of the restoration workers. That trip also gave us the opportunity to visit the Brewster Neck Cemetery where Jonathan Brewster is buried.

Through the Elder William Brewster Society we were able to contribute to the restoration fund for this cemetery. It has been a privilege to attend colony meetings at all the southern colonies. Finally, based on my many years of experience as a SAR Registrar, I was able to respond to a number of issues concerning new Mayflower applications. I look forward to the proposed BOA By-Laws update to help resolve some of these issues.

*Ray Raser*  
*Deputy Governor South*

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### Are You Moving?

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

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### California Mayflower

Next deadline: April 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.

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

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Visit the California Society of Mayflower Descendants on the web at:  
[www.camayflower.org](http://www.camayflower.org)

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

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### CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2018 Meeting Schedule

**January 20, 2018** – South  
**March 10, 2018** – North  
**June 16, 2018** – South  
**August 18, 2018**-Email to accept new members  
**October 13, 2018** – North  
**December 9, 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 December 2017**

**Alameda Colony**

Cynthia Calhoon  
CA9216, G#92280 (LIFE)  
13<sup>th</sup> from THOMAS ROGERS

**Mother Lode Colony**

Andrew C. Sayko  
CA9218, G#74678, SC# 756  
14<sup>th</sup> from JOHN HOWLAND

Florence Hunt-Perrin  
CA9214, G#92224  
11<sup>th</sup> from JOHN HOWLAND

**Orange County Colony**

Beth O'Such  
CA9213, G#92223  
12<sup>th</sup> from JOHN HOWLAND

Ms. Madison Grogan  
CA9209, G#92184 (JR. LIFE)  
13<sup>th</sup> from PRISCILLA MULLINS

Mr. Nick Grogan  
CA9210, G#92185 (JR LIFE)  
13<sup>th</sup> from JOHN ALDEN

Sharon Willson  
CA 9223, G#92399  
12<sup>th</sup> from RICHARD WARREN

**Rancho Conejo**

Elizabeth Gattuso  
CA9217, G#92299  
14<sup>th</sup> from STEPHEN HOPKINS

**San Diego Colony**

Mrs. Cassandra Neel  
CA 9221, G#92347  
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Mrs. Kathleen Marshall  
CA9212, G#92222  
12<sup>th</sup> from RICHARD WARREN

Mr. Michael D. Carroll  
CA 9219 G#92345  
11<sup>th</sup> from JOHN ALDEN

**San Joaquin Colony**

Mr. Daniel L. Cabe  
CA9211, G#92198  
13<sup>th</sup> from GEORGE SOULE

**Santa Barbara Colony**

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CA 9220, G#92346  
11<sup>th</sup> from FRANCIS COOKE

Mrs. Marjory A. Friestad  
CA9208, G#92183  
11<sup>th</sup> from JOHN ALDEN

**Sequoia Colony**

Mrs. Holly Brown  
CA9222, G#92371  
12<sup>th</sup> from FRANCIS COOKE

**Member at Large**

Kermit Snelson  
CA9215, G#92264  
13<sup>th</sup> from MYLES STANDISH

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**Rancho Conejo Colony**

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**San Diego Colony**

Mrs. Robin Karnousky  
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11<sup>th</sup> from ISAAC ALLERTON

### California Mayflower Library Open House - October 21, 2017



*Myrtle Savage and CA Gov. Marcia Maloney  
greet members*



*Pat Friesen, Ron Madson, Linda H. Okazaki,  
Marcia Maloney*

The California Mayflower Society shared in hosting an open house of our new library location with members of the California Genealogical Society whose offices and library are across the hall from each other. The Genealogical Society presented a beautiful cake, finger foods and drinks. It was a good time of sharing between both societies whose goals are similar, to assist people to research their ancestors.



*The Board at work*



The October 21, 2017 Board of Assistants meeting was the first board meeting to be held in the new library location. It was a very well attended meeting and also an opportunity to get our business done and check out the library too. If you have a chance to go to the CA Mayflower Library in Oakland, I think you will appreciate the new facilities. The address is 2201 Broadway, Suite LL13, Oakland, CA.



*Board has a chance to check out the library*

## ***State News***

### **Education/Scholarship Secretary Report**

#### **Scholarship Deadline Coming Soon**

March 1, 2018 is the application deadline for both California Society state scholarships (\$5000, \$3000 and \$2000) and General Society of Mayflower Descendants national scholarships (\$6000, \$4000, \$3000 and \$2000).

California Scholarship information: <http://camayflower.org/index.php/scholarships/>

GSMD Scholarship information: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/scholarships>

Please encourage members of your family or other young people you know who are high school seniors and who are Mayflower passenger descendants to go to these websites for more information. Everything needed to apply is online.

#### **Two Mayflower Reading Recommendations Published in 2017**

*They Came for Freedom* by Mayflower descendant James Milbrandt (from Miles Standish and Edward Doty) is an ideal introduction to the Mayflower story. From the beginnings of separatist persecution in England to the real story of the first Thanksgiving, the author presents a wealth of information in a historical novel-like style. Though I know the history, I picked up many fascinating details. The engaging style, much like a historical novel, makes this book especially appropriate to share with the whole family.

*The Mayflower: The Families, the Voyage and the Founding of America* by British author Rebecca Fraser, uses the story of the Winslow family in America as the framework for recounting the Mayflower and Plymouth colony history. The story begins with the birth of Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow, born in Droitwich, England in 1595. In exact but exciting detail, the author explores the familiar historical facts from the perspective of the families who lived them, ending with the death in 1704 of Peregrine White, step son of Edward Winslow, born in 1620 while the Mayflower lay at anchor in the harbor at Cape Cod. This is a book to savor for readers already familiar with Mayflower history interested in knowing more, especially the history of King Philip's War and its aftermath.

This portrait of Edward Winslow is the only likeness of a Pilgrim made from life. It was painted by an unknown English artist in 1651 when the 57-year-old Winslow was joined in London by his son Josiah on the occasion of Josiah's wedding to Penelope Pelham.



*Edward Winslow*

*Sally Johnson*

*Education/Scholarship Secretary*

### **CA Mayflower Co-Editor's Report**

The winter edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly is in the formatting stage.

Most colonies have sent in their reports and we are focusing on what is going on in the state and the preparations for the 2020 celebrations. Many things are happening at the colony, state, and general society levels. We continue to request articles from members that have a historical interest to all Mayflower members. We will begin formatting our Spring edition on the first of April. We request timely submissions in word or pdf format.

*Ray and Gail Raser*  
*Co-editors*



## 2020 Committee

### Setting Sail for the Rose Parade

The 2020 Committee has met several times and we are thrilled to announce that, much like our ancestors, we are setting our sails for a remarkable journey. Four hundred years later, we are setting our sextant and plotting our route to have a float in Pasadena on New Year's Day for the Rose



*2020 Committee Members  
Scott Miller, Marcia Maloney,  
Kathleen Loftman,  
Carole Curran*

Parade. This is an ambitious goal, but one that we are confident can be accomplished. The preliminary application has been submitted and the 2020 Committee is moving forward. Soon, we will be meeting with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and float builders to work out the details. Please watch for updates in the CA Mayflower Quarterly! Each GSMD member can help too. Your time, talents and resources are so important to this project!

**Time:** Have you dreamed of decorating a Rose Parade float? If accepted, we will need an army of “petal pushers” to help between Christmas and New Years Eve in 2019. More information to be available later, but dreams can come true when you set your sights on the goal early.

**Talents:** We plan on costuming passengers and out-walkers for this international celebration. Could you help prepare authentic period-correct costumes for the participants? This is a great opportunity to educate the public on what the pilgrims REALLY dressed like!

**Resources:** The easiest way to participate is to contribute resources. Can you give \$20.20 annually to the Rose Parade Float in addition to your dues? How about monthly? Would you be willing to have automatic payments set up to contribute on a consistent basis toward seeing the Mayflower ship sail down Colorado Boulevard?

Just like Master Christopher Jones, our crew needs to be assembled to ensure our successful journey. Contact the 2020 Committee at [camayflower2020@gmail.com](mailto:camayflower2020@gmail.com) if you are willing to be a part of this amazing journey to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower embarking for a New World. 2020 Committee: Robert Dempster (Chair), Jennifer Anklesaria, Susan Astarita, Sue Butler, Carole Curran, David Grinnell, Sally Johnson, Kathleen Loftman, Marcia Maloney, Scott Miller, and Ray Raser.

*Submitted By Carole Curran*

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The 2020 Committee met in December and developed a plan for the upcoming 2018-2020 activities in support of our state 2020 celebration. The plan will be presented at the BOA meeting in January 2018.

On Friday, December 29, 2017, several of the 2020 committee members were hosted by Carole Curran in tours of and receptions for the decorating of the 2018 Rose Parade floats. We visited the decorating of the Fiesta floats and also the Phoenix floats. We watched as many enthusiastic workers decorated the floats with flowers, bark, seeds, and other living things. We also met several of the “movers and shakers” of the Tournament of Roses. The tours were inspiring and motivating and provided us a good understanding of what to expect when we will embark on decorating our own float for the 2020 Rose Parade. Based on everything we witnessed, this is going to be an exciting adventure. We hope you will plan to be a part of it!

*Submitted by Kathy Loftman*

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**Members Donation List**


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 Pinkos, Mary Jane  
 Popst, Robin  
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 Radke-Sproull, Susan  
 Ralston, Cheryl Lynn  
 Reed, Nancy  
 Reeve, Mary Elizabeth  
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 Richardson, Darrene G.  
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 Roscland, Katherine  
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 Sabin, Heather Dawn  
 Sarnoff, Elaine  
 Schnittgrund, Cynthia  
 Seligman, Fred M.  
 Shiloff, Joyce  
 Simms, Priscilla A.  
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 Slama, Joanne  
 Smith, Susan E.  
 Smith, William Dean  
 Smith-Woodcock, Barbara  
 Souza, John  
 Springfield, Christine  
 Staiger, Steven A.  
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 Stone, Diane S.  
 Storer, Robert N.  
 Swafford, Sarah L.  
 Swingle, Bonnie J.  
 Tatomer, William R.  
 Terry, Howard Baker  
 Thompson, John R.  
 Threadgill, Mary K.  
 Tice, Hayley  
 Trane, Frank H.  
 Trittle, Lawrence A.  
 Underhill, Kenneth Cope  
 Valette, Janet  
 Vallez, Suzanne  
 Wadleigh, Robert W.  
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 Ward, Marianne Therese  
 Warren, Larry M.  
 Weaver, Judith A  
 Wedge, Ralph  
 Welbourn, Allen  
 Welch, Guy

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 Willey, Beverly Smith  
 Williams, Roger  
 Wilson, Britt Wood  
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## Colony News

### Monterey Bay Colony

Monterey Bay Colony Celebrated our Compact Day gathering 4 Nov. 2017, with an attendance of thirty one members and guests. We enjoyed our spectacular Pacific Ocean view, having wonderful weather. James Chilton and Francis Cooke tied for having the most descendants present. We



were delighted to welcome Deputy Governor North, Sally Johnson and her husband Will, and Santa Barbara Colony Governor Ray Garrett as guests for the first time to one of our meetings. During the meeting Deputy Governor North Johnson emphasized the importance of Mayflower Scholarships.

Governor Flint passed around her 1920 silver coin which had belonged to her paternal grandfather Flint. These coins were designed and made to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. There was discussion about the coins

which are being designed for the California Colonies in honor of the up-coming 400<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Anniversary in 2020. Following the business meeting and traditional Thanksgiving lunch, guest speaker Patty Flint Hill, sister of Governor Verona Flint, entertained us with a program about the dying, spinning and weaving of various yarns made from wool, flax and other vegetation. She shared some history of how some colors of yarns evolved naturally, due to careful documentation of sheep breeding practices. These wools did not need to be dyed or processed. Some of her personal woven pieces were displayed, as was one of her spinning wheels.

Before adjournment, it was announced that our next meeting would be 17 February 2018. Our speaker will be Martha Slater, artist and retired teacher. Her program will introduce us to historic artists from the Southern States and their paintings.



*Verona Flint*

*Verona Flint  
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*

### Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony celebrated Compact Day on November 18 with 40 guests at the Cliff House in Folsom. Elder Jeff Record shared a reading by Edward Winslow, and Governor Kathy Gire offered a history of the Mayflower Compact. The speaker for this important day was Gary Noy, a descendant of Cornish hard rock gold miners and professor of history. He was selected as Sierra College Instructor of the year in 2005. His book "Sierra Stories" published in 2014 was winner of the Best Regional Nonfiction from the Next Generation Indie Book awards. Mr. Noy's latest book is "Gold Rush Stories: 49 Tales of Seekers, Scoundrels, Loss and Luck." Now semi-retired, Professor Noy continues to volunteer at a number of Sierra College historical projects. We wish our fellow Mayflower descendants a happy New Year and look forward to 2020 events with enthusiasm.

*Kathy Gire  
Mother Lode Governor*

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### San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony bought two garden benches to be placed in a conversational manner in the Rose Garden at Plymouth headquarters. We also bought a brick for the walkway there. Although we have close to 80 members, our attendance at meetings has dwindled. We have a lovely following of non-members which rounds out our meetings to 15 to 20 attenders. However, this last meeting had only 4 members in attendance. The nominating committee has not found a person to fill the Secretary position. Our next meeting will be May 5, 2018. We hope to have a new website up and running sometime this winter, as no-one has been able to get into the Rootsweb site since 2013. A February board meeting will tackle some of these difficulties and write up our plan for a scholarship, so students may apply.



*Benches in Plymouth Rose Garden Meeting*



*Collection of armor and weapons at Nov. 4*

*Susan Rae Oldfield  
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Governor*

### Redwood Empire Colony

Redwood Empire colony hosted San Francisco Peninsula and Alameda colonies at our Compact Day celebration on November 18 at The Spinnaker restaurant in Sausalito. We had almost 100 people in attendance. Our speaker was Vernon Smith, President of the Marin County Genealogical Society. His lecture explored the use of Y chromosome, mitochondrial and autosomal DNA in genealogical research. He suggested this link as a source for online information: [https://www.maringensoc.org/DNA\\_Interest\\_Group](https://www.maringensoc.org/DNA_Interest_Group)

Our next meeting will be February 10, 2018 at Cattlemen's restaurant in Petaluma. Our speaker will be Scott Miller, state Membership Secretary. He will be discussing the fascinating history of the manuscript of William Bradford's Of Plymouth Plantation. We welcome all Mayflower Society members and their families as guests to all of our meetings. If you would like to attend our meeting, please contact me at [skj1707@gmail.com](mailto:skj1707@gmail.com).

*Sally Johnson  
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*



### Orange County Colony

The Orange County Colony enjoyed one of the best-attended Compact Day celebrations in recent memory; 84 people attended! The program was outstanding, Dr. Stewart Davenport spoke about the success and failures of the Pilgrims and the Puritans. Our first-place scholarship winner, Forrest Westwater, expressed his gratitude and read a very well-written essay. His sister, Zoe Westwater, won third place but was unable to attend. Her grandmother, Sally Felling, read a beautiful note of thanks to the Colony members. We are so very proud of the young people that participated in the scholarship contest. Marlene Mandeville, Education Chair, and Marcia Maloney, State Governor, visited a local elementary school in Huntington Beach prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and shared the story of our Pilgrim ancestors! We also donated several hundred dollars-worth of books to their library!

Our next meeting will be held February 24, 2018, and we are delighted to announce that Gail and Ray Raser will share their wonderful trip to Leiden the summer of 2017. We're really looking forward to the breakfast brunch meeting and presentation!



*The Felling and Westwater family! Scholarship winner, Forrest Westwater, in the blue shirt and tie. Congratulations from the OC Colony*

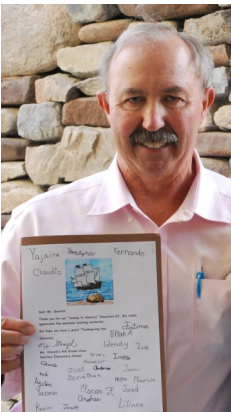


*OC Colony members celebrate Compact Day*

*Susan Astarita  
Orange County Colony, Governor*

### Santa Barbara Colony

After presenting a "Coming to America" to Ms. Stenzel's 4<sup>th</sup> grade Class at Sanchez Elementary School, in Santa Maria California, Governor Ray Garrett accepted a thank you card signed by every student in the class. Ms. Stenzel has invited some "Pilgrims" to visit her class next year at Thanksgiving! Through the efforts of Deputy Governor Peggy Homer Santa Barbara Colony was able to place another packet at the Manzanita Charter School on Vandenberg AFB. Our Colony territory has been inundated with fires. Chaplin Gregg Garrison has taken the initiative to send a card out to all members of the Colony sharing our wishes for their safety in this difficult time.



*Ray L. Garrett*

*Ray L. Garrett  
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*





### Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony held its Compact Day meeting on November 11, 2017 at the Menlo Circus Club. Forty-four members RSVP'd to enjoy each other's company and listen to Adrian Covert speak on the crucial role inns, taverns, and watering holes played in America's quest for independence. Past governors Louise DeDera and Philip Steward joined us but we did not have any new members in attendance. Member Alan Fitch lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Louise DeDera assisted by reading the Mayflower Compact.



*Dawn Newman &  
Speaker Adrian Covert*

Before the blessing, Deputy John Cellar honored our veterans by going around the room and having them introduce themselves and mention their military experience. Elder Jo Beth Folger gave a warm and moving blessing prior to our lunches of pan seared petrale sole with asparagus and rice or butternut squash ravioli with bleu cheese, crispy pancetta, and toasted pumpkin seeds. This lovely lunch was followed by cheese cake with fresh blueberries. Thanks to Nancy Collins for selecting the delicious lunch choices!



During the Ancestral Roll Call we discovered we had lines represented! Sequoia Colony's next meeting will be March 10, 2018 at the Menlo Circus Club. Speaker Paul Motter will give a lecture on the items the Pilgrims brought with them on the Mayflower and on their instructions prior to leaving England. This will be a joint meeting with the San Francisco Colony.

*Dawn Newman  
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

### San Francisco Peninsula Colony

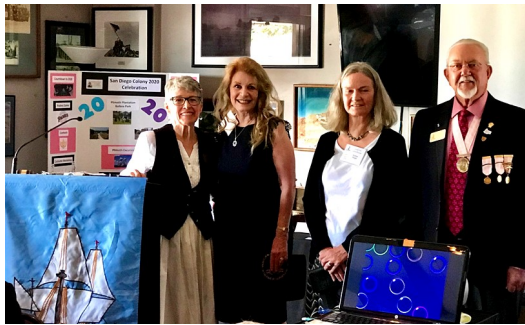
On Saturday, November 18, 2017, San Francisco Peninsula Colony met for our Compact Day meeting, held jointly as usual with Alameda Colony and Redwood Empire Colony who hosted this year. There was a terrific turnout with nearly 100 Mayflower cousins gathered at the Spinnaker waterfront restaurant in Sausalito.

San Francisco Peninsula Colony will meet for our winter meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Delancey Street Restaurant on the Embarcadero in San Francisco. Our speaker will be Mary Ames Mitchell. She will tell of her recent e-book "*Little Known Trivia, Legends & Mysteries About Exploring the Atlantic*". This is the story of Europeans and their attempts to cross the Atlantic westward to reach the riches of the Far East.

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

### San Diego Colony

Our San Diego Colony Compact Day meeting was enjoyed by all who attended on November 18, 2017 at the Officer's Club at MCAS Miramar. We enjoyed an early traditional Thanksgiving dinner and welcomed two new members and numerous others who are working on their applications.



*Membership Chair Anita Guenin, Cathy Smith, Kristine Wright, and SD Gov. Ray Raser welcome the new members.*

Member Bill Smith, a retired attorney from the office of San Diego County Council, presented on how the Mayflower Compact guided our Founding Fathers when they created the U.S. Constitution. Education Chairperson, Amy Conboy, presented the program that shared the power point and video presentations that she and Jennifer Anklesaria created and are presenting in local San Diego classrooms. We all enjoyed seeing the created lessons and learning something new. A nominating committee of Budd Leef, Kathleen Loftman and Anita Guenin was appointed. They will be presenting a slate of officers at the February meeting.

Amy Conboy reported that between herself and Jennifer, they have presented in ten (10) classrooms this year. These members are truly following the goal of the Mayflower Society, to educate people in our communities about the history of



*Amy Conboy presents her power point to colony members and guests.*



*Amy Conboy with students doing an interactive activity in their classroom.*

the Mayflower. They look forward to enlarging this outreach with a variety of programs and encouraging others to also share the programs they created.

Our Colony's 2020 Committee, chaired by Kathy Loftman, has also been busy working on a variety of plans leading up to 2020. Kathy, Cathy Smith and Ray Raser met with officials from the House of England to plan on a major event which will be held in Balboa Park in November 2018. This event has

been confirmed for the second weekend of November 2018, and will be our first chance at creating a cultural event in Balboa Park. Kathy Loftman hosted a 2020 planning meeting in her home on December 16 which was well attended by members of the state 2020 committee.

We are looking forward to our February 17, 2018 luncheon meeting at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad. Ray and Gail Raser will be presenting on the 2017 Mayflower Historical Sites Tour

*Ray Raser  
San Diego Colony, Governor*

### Los Angeles Colony

On November 4<sup>th</sup> of 2017 Los Angeles Colony had their Compact day at the Tam O'Shanter where those who had already had enough Turkey (and where expecting more) were able to dine on Prime Rib which the Tam is famous for. Our speaker that day was Dana Parker who was dressed and armed as a revolutionary War Minute Man. His performance was exceptional, and he has also performed for us as President James Madison. He regularly performs at Knott's Berry Farm, and gives tours of Independence Hall.



*Mr. Dana Parker receiving a certificate, and Queen Elizabeth's Letter by LA Gov. Franklin Smith*

At the meeting our membership was pleased to hear that our effort to spearhead a float in the Rose Parade (many years ago) has paid off with the California Board of Assistants voting to fund the float. Our membership originally pledged \$10,000 that up to now was the only money committed to the effort. It has yet to be announced if the float application has been accepted by the Tournament of Roses Association. One of our Colony member's Carol Curran is a past director of the of the Tournament of Roses Association and is working with the current State 2020 Committee of which I was the first Chair when the float was proposed years ago. The Los Angeles Colony was honored with the receipt of a second letter from her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth. attached.

Our next meeting will be at Taix French restaurant in Echo Park at 1911 W. Sunset Boulevard on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a long history of

having meetings at Taix which was founded in 1927 over 90 years ago. <http://taixfrench.com/>. Our speaker is a professional award winning Actress and preformed for us Last year as the famous historical song and dance entertainer Lotta Crabtree. LOTTA performed during the 49er period and across America when the railroads connected after the civil War. Judith Helton's performance included singing popular songs from Gold Rush times while playing nine different instruments. Her detailed research into those times makes her a true historian. In March she will be performing as Abigail Adams with handmade period clothing that the First Lady had in the years of the American Revolution in 1776. She will be bringing a number of props including a spinning wheel like Abigail had to make her clothing. This combination of fine dining and historical performance is RSVP to all members of the Mayflower Society and their guest's so make your reservation early as we may sell out. Contact [gov@lacolony.org](mailto:gov@lacolony.org)

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







BALMORAL CASTLE

August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Mr Smith.

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter and for the enclosures you thoughtfully included for Her Majesty to see.

The Queen was pleased to hear from you and it was kind of you to tell Her Majesty a little bit more about the Los Angeles Colony of Mayflower Descendants.

I am to send The Queen's good wishes to you and thank you, once again, for writing as you did.

Yours Sincerely  
Constance Gordon-Lennox

Lady-in-Waiting

Mr F Smith



### Rancho Conejo Colony

The November 11, 2017 meeting was held at Ottavio's Restaurant in Camarillo, California with forty-two people in attendance. Anne Fisher and Sandra Funcich were welcomed into the colony. Ray Raser, the Deputy Governor South for the State of California Mayflower Descendants, along with Robert Dempster, the colony governor, welcomed them and presented a colony certificate to each of them.



*Anne Fisher, Ray Raser, Sandra Funcich, Robert Dempster*

Dannie Lee presented an outstanding program entitled "Chasing the Genealogical Paper Trail: How to find Primary and Secondary Sources and Write an Analysis."

For her Mayflower application Dannie had to prove that Mary (Sabin) Ferrier was the daughter of William Sabin. She found no primary source for the link and had to write an analysis using numerous sources to prove the link. She made that analysis available to the members and prospectives.

The next meeting will be at Los Robles Greens Golf Course on February 10, 2018. The program will be presented by Cindy Borchard and Barbara Warren who went on the 'Historic Sites Tour' which followed the Pilgrim Trail in England and the Netherlands.



*Members and guests enjoying lunch*



*Presenter Dannie Lee*

*Submitted by Helen Wyers  
Rancho Conejo Colony, Assistant Governor*



### Inland Empire Colony

The November 11, 2017 meeting of the Inland Empire Colony was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by Governor Beverly Nickerson, at the Bob's Big Boy restaurant in Cali-Mesa. She welcomed the guests and introduced the officers. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Robert Nickerson, and the Veterans present were asked to remain



*Steve Lech & Beverly Nickerson*

standing so they could be honored, this being Veterans Day. The story of, and the reasons for the Mayflower Compact were read by Pat Rainier, and then all members read the Compact aloud. Membership Chairman, Nancy Schlachter had each member introduce themselves, and give the names of their Mayflower ancestors. The Mayflower Moment was given by Wayne and Cheryl Staples about their recent trip to Plymouth. Carol Marderosian gave the Blessing and lunch was served. Because November is our special month, a lovely turkey dinner was served. This is not a Bob's Big Boy regular menu item, but they provided it especially for our group. Several of us thanked the manager for this nice gesture.

The meeting was resumed at 1:00 P.M. with the introduction of Mr. Steve Lech, Historian and Author. He presented a power point program on the "Early History of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties." The program was very interesting and informational. The business portion of the meeting began with the Ancestor roll-call and count, by Nancy Schlachter, followed by the reading of the minutes by Cheryl Staples, and the Treasurer's Report by Wayne Staples. David Grinnell distributed copies of proposed By-Law changes, to be discussed in February. The meeting adjourned with the Benediction by Carol Marderosian. The February 10, 2018 meeting will be held at the Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in CaliMesa at 11:30 A.M. The speaker will be the well known Genealogist, Gena Ortega, who will talk about the ten best Genealogy web sites and the best libraries for genealogy research.

*Pat Rainier*

*Communications Secretary*

### Alameda Colony

Our February Luncheon meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Scott's seafood in Walnut Creek starting at 12 noon and featuring our own Roger Howland who will present *Almost Mutiny: Saints and Strangers and the Mayflower Compact*.

Roger will cover 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. A majority of his source information is based on William Bradford's book, "Of Plymouth Plantation" and "Morton's Relation", as well as several other sources. All are welcome to attend! Our following meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, again at Scott's seafood in Walnut Creek. Program still to be determined, and again, all are welcome to attend!

Lastly, we recently learned of the loss of a dear friend of Alameda Colony - Stanley Meeken. Stan and his wife Pat have been regular attendees of our meetings and supported the state membership requirements for many, many years. We have lost a dear friend and strong supporter of the society and of our colony, and we will deeply miss Stan. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and their family.

*Larry R. Youngman*

*Alameda Colony Governor*

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## Mayflower Junior Membership

Junior Memberships play a vital role in maintaining the interest of our youth in the Mayflower Society. We are thankful for our new junior membership chairperson, Cathey Graham and the enthusiasm she brings along with her professionalism. On these pages she shares with us about what a junior membership is, what youth receive along with their membership, and what she has been doing to communicate with California junior members.



### Setting Sail as a Junior Member

Junior membership in any Mayflower partner society is a way to remind a young person of his or her Mayflower Pilgrim heritage. Having proven descent through a Mayflower passenger is a great way to understand where you come from. Most Junior members under 18 are sponsored by a relative (i.e. Aunt, Uncle, Parent, Grandparent, etc.). Most partner societies have their own applications and specifications for applying and becoming a Junior member.

A Junior member is someone under the age of 18 that has joined one of the fifty-two partner societies, but has NOT completed an application to the General Society proving descent from a Pilgrim. Those who are Junior members may remain in that status until their 25th birthday. Although members who join as "Life" members before they become 18 are not technically Junior members, they are encouraged to take part with the Junior group.

### Membership Details

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a whole section (Section 6 of Article III) in its Constitution covering Junior memberships. It states that partner societies may establish Junior memberships for Juniors of any age up to 18 years and that these memberships may continue until the age of 25.

Any member in good standing with a partner society that offers Junior memberships may sponsor a Junior on behalf of someone under 18, if the Junior is related to a present or past member of the society through the line which the sponsor was approved for membership.

These Junior members are not members of the General Society because they have not filed documented lineage papers. They are not assigned a General Society or regular partner society membership number, only a Junior state number (e.g. J-25). They may not vote or hold office. The partner society determines what annual dues or fees are charged. No fees are paid to the General Society. Junior members do not receive the *Mayflower Quarterly* but they may receive their partner society newsletters.

Junior members may convert to Life membership at any age as long as the usual lineage papers are executed by the sponsor member on their behalf and the papers are approved by both the partner society and General Society Historians. They may not vote or hold office until they reach 18.

At age 18 a Junior member may transfer to full membership in the partner society where Junior membership is held provided the usual lineage papers are completed and approved. Transfer is encouraged before or at age 25 because Juniors who do not transfer at that point will be dropped by their partner society.

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### Questionnaire for California Juniors Contact Information

The California Mayflower Junior Committee is in the process of updating the records of its members. By obtaining the latest contact information from parents and/or sponsors, Juniors will receive historical stories, printed Pilgrim activities and California Junior newsletters. Additionally, Juniors will be notified of state and colony news and events, which will lead to lifetime friends, new cousins and information regarding available scholarships.



As Juniors discover more about the principled history of our Pilgrim ancestors, they will understand the importance of sharing that legacy. Just as you shared your ancestry with the Junior in your life, young members will continue the legacy by their membership in Mayflower Societies.

The following information will help us to get in touch, and *stay* in touch, with our great Juniors. Please provide as much information as you feel comfortable.

You may scan and email the information to the California Junior Chairman or you may send it by fax. Please add your Junior's name in the subject line of an email and send one completed form for each California Junior that you sponsor. Please email any questions and feel free to call.

Junior's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ California Junior Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior's Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior's Best Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Best Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Colony: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilgrim Ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Parent's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting your Texas Mayflower Junior,

Catherine Graham, California Junior Chairman  
Cathey.graham@gmail.com  
916-933-3449 | fax  
925-525-8443 | cell

*Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson, poet, descendant of Pilgrims John Tilley and Elizabeth Tilley

Revised November 2017



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**Letter sent to all Junior members, November 2017**

Dear California Mayflower Junior,

Mayflower Compact Day is celebrated November 11th. The signing of the Mayflower Compact in 1620 was the beginning of our government. We can take pride and time to remember our brave ancestors on this day. Reflect on how important the document was for them and our history. Read the Compact and list of those men signing the historical document. Those who signed were men, they would most likely have been 18 to 21 years and older to be able to sign THE COMPACT. Find your ancestor on the list.



All Pilgrim Biographies can be found on Caleb Johnson's MayflowerHistory.org Click on the Passenger List, then click on the name. The Biography will appear.

ENGLISH HOMES OF THE PILGRIMS, after reading about your ancestors, find their name on the Map of England. You will have a better understanding of where your ancestor lived before sailing to their new world.

Junior Membership Chair, of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California

**The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.  
Junior Membership Report**

- November 2017: 3- page educational greeting, in hand typed envelopes mailed to 486 Junior Members. My mailing included my return address, without which if address is no longer valid the sender, me, would never know.
- November 2017: 6 junior applications processed, certificates, sent + 2 birthday cards
- November 2017: 14 greetings returned, those with forwarded address resent, unknown address returns increase daily, research to find sponsors / parents
- December 2017: unknown address returns daily, list updating is begun
- December 2017: several applications reached me week before Christmas, these will be processed end of January 2018
- December 2017 – January 2018: some compliments have been forthcoming, several emails over the past six months inquiring why junior application is not processed.
- I refer inquiry to Oakland for information on the whereabouts of their application
- January 2018: I recommend article for juniors in each quarterly, each colony should have a junior committee to keep track of their juniors. Communication with members and juniors is key to juniors becoming adult members. Many of the "unknown address" juniors are eligible for scholarships.
- Moving forward, I am hopeful effort from each Colony will result in the juniors becoming important in the future.

Catherine Graham, 3130 Borgata Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
cathey.graham@gmail.com Tel: 916-939-4144

### Pilgrim Family Societies

Family Societies are organizations run by *Mayflower* descendants with a focus on a particular Pilgrim family and their lineage. Many descendants become involved with one or more Family Societies in addition to being a member of GSMD.

As a member of GSMD, you can easily join one of the Family Societies we partner with and endorse. GSMD endorses the following Family Societies:

**ALDEN- Alden Kindred of America.**

For more information, email Desiree Mobed at dmobed@alden.org

**ALLERTON- Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society**

For more information, email Lisa Pennington at lisapennington28@gmail.com

**BILLINGTON- Billington Family Society**

For more information, email Marsha Berland at berland47@3rivers.net

**BREWSTER- The Elder William Brewster Society**

For more information, email Gregory Evan Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com

**BROWN- Pilgrim Peter Brown Society**

For more information, email Sandra Sauers at s.sauers@sbcglobal.net

**DOTY- The Pilgrim Edward Doty Society**

For more information, email Donna Masaniai at dotysociety@gmail.com

**FULLER- The Fuller Society**

For more information, email Deb Yingst at FullerSociety@aol.com

**HOPKINS- Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society**

For more information, email Ken Whittemore at historian@pilgrimhopkins.com

**HOWLAND- The Pilgrim John Howland Society**

For more information, email Jean Albert at sjalbert03@gmail.com

**ROGERS- Thomas Rogers Society**

For more information, email Tracy Crocker at genealogist@tracycrocker.com or Donna Mangiafico at 912djm@gmail.com

**SAMSON- Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred**

For more information, email Scott Samson at scottssbsi@myfairpoint.net

**SOULE- Soule Kindred in America**

For more information, email Jeanette Taylor at jeanettetaylor092@gmail.com

**STANDISH- Society of Myles Standish Descendants, Inc.**

For more information, email Denise M. Ferraro at vice.president@mylesstandishsociety.org

**WARREN- Warren Cousins**

For more information, email Deborah Shea at dshea57@mac.com.

**WHITE- The Pilgrim William White Society**

For more information, email Prairie Counce at prariec@me.com

**WINSLOW- Winslow Heritage Society**

For more information, email Kathy Myers at jkmyers2@verizon.net  
Family Society Partnership

For an annual donation of \$250 to GSMD, a Family Society will receive GSMD marketing, discounts, and other opportunities including the following:

- GSMD will make the Family Society a part of its public relations and marketing efforts
- Display a link on GSMD's website to each Family Society's website
- Designate a meeting time during the GSMD meeting schedule at Congress
- Communicate and market news of Family Societies in GSMD Quarterly
- GSMD will make available information to new members about Family Society membership
- Family Societies will receive flyers for GSMD membership to include in their new member packets
- Of \$250 annual donation, \$100 will go to the GSMD Silver Books Project
- A GSMD endorsement symbol will be given to Family Society to display on their website and promotional materials
- Acceptance of your DNA tested members into the official GSMD Mayflower Society FTDNA Project (DNA kits must be 37 markers or higher and must match a Mayflower ancestor)

If your family society is interested in joining, please contact Membership Services Manager, Georgi Hess at membership@themayflowersociety.org or 508.746.3188.

### The Aldens in American Culture

From "Alden House History A Work in Progress 2014"

By James W. Baker

Today we are so accustomed to the fame of John and Priscilla, "America's First Couple," that the basis for their importance in American culture may be overlooked. Considered objectively, there is no particular historical justification for the Alden's primacy. We know very little about Priscilla's life beyond the relative prosperity of her origins in Dorking, Surrey, while John quondam cooper of the Mayflower, may have been a pious, civic minded and respected member of the Plymouth colony community, but hardly a candidate for mass appeal. Why are not the Bradfords, or the Howlands, or the Winslows as well-represented in popular culture as the Aldens? The Bradfords were far more important politically, but they seldom are given precedence in art or literature. John and Elizabeth Howland may be as beloved by their innumerable descendants as the Aldens are, but they remain by comparison, mere historical cipher. Edward and Susana Winslow were wealthy and the Winslows are by far the best pictorially-represented Pilgrim family, but they, too, get little recognition. It is the Aldens who have been accorded more attention by far.

The responsibility for their celebrity belongs to poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Just as Hiawatha (the historical Onondaga chieftain) and Paul Revere were given quasi-fictional immortality through his verse, John and Priscilla-and Myles-received their celebrity status from Longfellow's immensely influential romantic poem, *The Courtship of Miles Standish*. But there was more at work than literary triumph. The *Courtship* touched just the right romantic and domestic note at a time when the sober pieties of the Age of Reason were being superseded by the sentimental impulses of the Victorian era.

A lesser known story of the courtship was published in 1843. *The Rover*, a small weekly New York magazine published a version of the courtship story in verse attributed to "Moses Mullins, 1672."

#### "Ballad"

Miles Standish in the May-flower came  
Across the storm wave,  
And in the little band was none  
More generous or brave.

Midst cold December's sleet and snow  
On Plymouth Rock they land;  
Weak were their hands but strong their hearts,  
That pious pilgrim band.

Oh, sad it was in their poor huts  
To hear the storm-winds blow;  
And terrible at midnight hour,  
When yell'd the savage foe.

And when the savage, grim and dire,  
His bloody work began,  
For a champion brave, I have been told,  
Miles Standish was the man.

But, oh, his heart was made to bow  
With grief and pain full low,  
For sickness on the pilgrim band  
Now dealt a dreadful blow.  
In arms of death so fast they fell  
They scarce were buried,  
And his dear wife, whose name was Rose,  
Was laid among the dead.

His sorrow was not loud, but deep,  
For her he did bemoan,  
And such keen anguish wrung his heart,  
He could not live alone.

Then to John Alden he did speak,  
John Alden was his friend,  
And said "friend John, unto my wish  
"I pray thee now attend.  
"My heart is sad, 'tis very sad,  
"My poor wife Rose is gone,  
"And in this wild and savage land  
"I cannot live alone.

"To Mr. William Mullins, then  
"I wish you would repair,  
"And see if he will give me leave  
"To wed his daughter fair."

Priscilla was the maiden's name;  
Comely and fair was she,  
And kind of heart she was withal,  
As any maid could be

John Alden, to oblige his friend,  
Straightway to Mullins went,  
And told his errand like a man,  
And ask'd for his consent.  
Now Mr. Mullins was a sire  
Quite rational and kind,  
And such consent would never give,  
Against his daughter's mind.

He told John Alden, if his child  
Should be inclin'd that way,  
And Captain Standish was her choice,

He had no more to say.  
He then call'd in his daughter dear,  
And straightway did retire,  
That she might with more freedom speak,  
In absence of her sire.



John Alden had a bright blue eye,  
And was a handsome man,  
And when he spoke, a pleasant look  
O'er all his feature ran.

He rose, and in a courteous way  
His errand did declare,  
And said, "fair maid, what word shall I  
To Captain Standish bear?"

Warm blushes glow'd upon the cheeks  
Of that fair maiden then:  
At first she turn'd away her eyes,  
Then look'd at John again;

And then, with downcast modest mien,  
She said with trembling tone,  
*"Now prithee, John, why dost thou not  
Speak for thyself alone?"*

Deep red then grew John Alden's face;  
He bade the maid good bye;  
But well she read, before he went,  
The language of his eye.

No matter what the language said,  
Which in that eye was rife---  
In one short month Priscilla was  
John Alden's loving wife.



The *Courtship* was the first important Pilgrim story not associated with the Landing epic to achieve popularity.

The story of John, Priscilla and Myles gave a new humanity to the Pilgrims.

The images of the young pilgrim couple were seized upon in much the same manner that popular characters in movies or books are "merchandised" today. It was in this way that the Aldens' fame outstripped the other *Mayflower* passengers to make them become the most widely recognizable Pilgrims on earth.

### Jonathan Brewster and Brewster's Neck Cemetery

Jonathan Brewster, eldest child of Elder William Brewster and his wife Mary, was born in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England on August 12, 1593. In about 1610 he accompanied his family to Leiden, Holland where he married his first wife who died in Leiden. Jonathan did not accompany his father on the *Mayflower*, but joined him in 1621 when he came to America on the ship *Fortune*.



On April 10, 1624 in Plymouth, Jonathan married his second wife, Lucretia Oldham, the daughter of William Oldham and Phillipa Sowter. Her brother was John Oldham whose slaying led to the Pequot Indian War. Jonathan and Lucretia had eight children born in the Plymouth area.

He served in the militia and was a respected trader with the Native Americans. He struck a deal with the powerful Mohegan Sachem, Uncos, for an approximately 450 acre parcel on the Preston side of the Thames River, CT in about 1649. Jonathan established a

trading post on that location where he passed away on August 7, 1659. He was buried at that location in what eventually became Brewster's Neck Cemetery.

Brewster's Neck Cemetery was maintained for many years by a group formed by Brewster's heirs and eventually was maintained by the Town of Preston. A Jewish Cemetery and a CT State Hospital were established on the adjoining lands. Recently the state property was transferred to the Mohegans for their Riverwalk Casino project.

At the signing ceremony with the Town of Preston, Mohegan Tribal Council Chairman, Kevin "Red Eagle" Brown, stated, "Uncas granted a parcel of land to Jonathan Brewster. Uncas did that to encourage interdependence between the European settlers and the tribe."



When I visited the Brewster Neck Cemetery site in the spring of 2017, it was obvious that some vandalism and theft of stones had occurred. At the September 2017 meeting of the Elder William Brewster Society in Plymouth, a restoration fund was established for the Brewster Neck Cemetery. If you would also like to contribute to the restoration efforts, contact: The Elder William Brewster Society at: [www.brewstersociety.com](http://www.brewstersociety.com)





*Brewster Tombstone*



*The Historic Brewster Neck Cemetery*

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