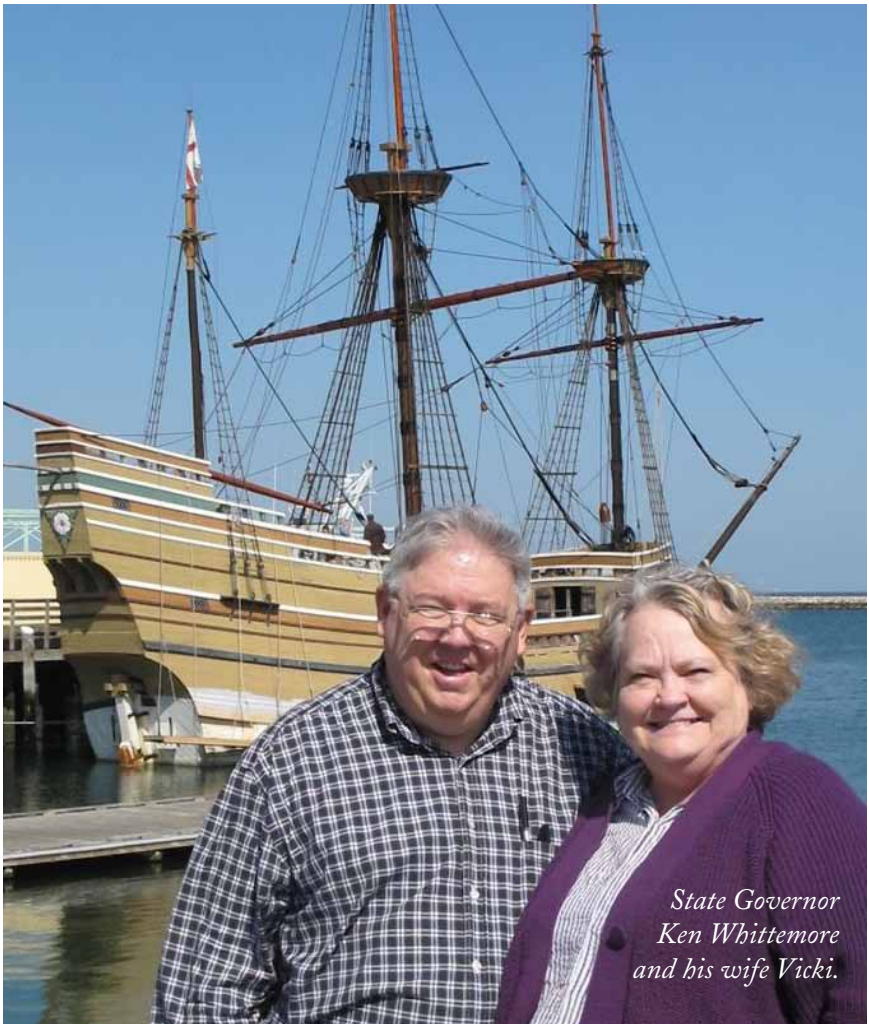




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*State Governor
Ken Whittemore
and his wife Vicki.*



Governor's Message

I want to begin by expressing appreciation for each of the officers and volunteers of the California Mayflower Society, and to each member for your individual worth, support and contribution to your colony officers and the State Board members. THANK YOU. Sometimes you may not feel appreciated for all we do, but you are appreciated and you are needed. We cannot do it alone, but together we can accomplish everything.

In early March, my wife Vicki, daughter Kenna and I went back to Plymouth, Massachusetts. I had an Executive Committee meeting to attend, so we made a mini-vacation of it. It was the same weekend the season opened for the Mayflower II and Plimouth Plantation. What a joy it is to visit those sites and feel the spirit of the past.

At the Plantation, Stephen Hopkins was in his house and I visited with him as he worked on repairing the inner wall of the house. As he worked putting the “mud” on the wall (like plaster), we talked about his children from a 1627 point of view. Because I have lines of descent from three of the children, Constance, Giles and Damaris, it was inspiring to me. It was a very good experience and helped me to be more appreciative of what our ancestors went through so that we might be and are today.

At the last State Board meeting, we organized a committee to plan for the 2013 State Membership meeting to be held on the *Queen Mary*, Long Beach, California, June 15, 2013. Governor General Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle is invited to be the speaker, so mark your calendars.

With seven children and nine grandchildren, I know it is very important and necessary to plan and prepare for the future, but let us not lose sight of the present. I encourage all of us to attend our



State Governor Ken Whittemore at Plimouth Plantation.

colony meetings and get involved in them now. Offer your help. Do what you can. You are needed and appreciated. The Boy Scouts of America teaches young campers to leave the campsite better than they found it. We need to do the same with our California Mayflower Society. “Leave it better than you found it.” That can only happen if YOU get involved.

—*Kenneth Whittemore, Governor*

COLONY NEWS

ALAMEDA COLONY

The Alameda Colony held its regular luncheon meeting on February 11, 2012 at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. We a choice of Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast or Grilled Atlantic Salmon. The pledge of allegiance was lead by our colony governor, Larry Youngman. The invocation was given by Colony Elder, Maggie Kane, and the roll call of ancestors was conducted by Samantha Youngman and Myrtle Savage. In attendance were 33 members and guests.

Our speaker was John Shellabear Gleed, bay area lecturer and teacher of genealogical research who spoke on “The Black Sheep in Your Family.” Rare is the family that has NO Black Sheep, and as NEHGS genealogist Rhonda McClure wrote, “Researchers take a little wicked delight in knowing that their past holds a colorful character or two to spice things up.” Often the offending behavior regarded as “Negative” is not described very clearly and your own Black Sheep is often the person in your family no one wants to talk about. Black sheep tend to fall in five categories:

- Black Hole (Violent Criminals),
- White Collar (Non-Violent Criminals),
- Scarlet Letter (Love Gone Wrong),
- Deep Purple (Mixed Marriages),
- Gray Areas (Other Issues).

Mr. Gleed provided a variety of research suggestions and tips to use when researching the often colorful and sometime notorious individuals in your family's past. The next colony meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2012.

—*Larry Youngman, Governor*

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

The Inland Empire Colony held its regular luncheon meeting on February 11 at Marie Calendar's in Redlands. Our membership recited the *Mayflower Compact* at the start of the meeting. We had a great attendance of our membership and especially of our newest members. Our "Mayflower Moment" was given by Pat Rainier. Franklin Smith, Governor of the Los Angeles Colony was our speaker. He presented us with a program of the General Assembly at Plymouth last fall. Members of other colonies are especially invited to join us for our next meeting on April 14 in Redlands. Our



speaker will be Wayne Rogers, a member of numerous genealogical societies including SAR. He is the current President of the Southern California Society of Cincinnati. His program will be "The History of the Society of the Cincinnati." Please email Rick Clark or Dave Grinnell for reservations and directions. Rick's email is at the back of this newsletter.

—Rick Clark, Governor

LOS ANGELES COLONY

On Saturday February 25th the Los Angeles Colony had a meeting at the Los Angeles Family History Library along with members from Santa Barbara, San Gabriel and Inland Empire Colonies. Invites were also extended to members at large who may have difficulty understanding Mayflower culture and operational procedures.

Our speaker that day was Mayflower Society Assistant Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson, whose topic of discussion was "The Mayflower Society in the Digital Age." She was speaking through the use of Skype video conferencing from her home in New Orleans. Her live video was projected onto a giant screen that was easy to see from

any part of the room, and meeting attendees were in turn able to ask questions after her presentation.

Our meeting was again catered by Stratos, who set up a wonderful buffet with roasted turkey in wine sauce and barbecued ribs. I could see by the number of people going back for seconds and thirds that the food was to everyone's liking.



Lea Filson via Skype.

In fact I received a call a couple weeks later from the LAFHL that the Beverly Hills Chapter of the NSDAR was asking about who we had used as our caterer so they could hire them for their own meeting at the LAFHL.

The Los Angeles Colony will be meeting at ? ~~ScW5SWMW~~ in Torrance on June 23rd, and Jim Blauer will be our speaker. His topic will be Genealogical Societies. Jim will be bringing his Mayflower market of books, jewelry, pictures, and more. For more information contact Franklin Smith ~~Yah2'Su'a' k'ad~~ Our Compact Day meeting will again be at The Tam O'Shanter November 3rd.

—Franklin E. Smith III, Governor

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

The General Membership meeting of the Monterey Bay Colony was held February 25, 2012 at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club (MPCC) Beach House on Pebble Beach. Colony members and guests enjoyed an excellent luncheon and program.

Rev. Rodney Yee, pastor of the Congregational Church in Almaden Valley, presented a very interesting program entitled "Pilgrim History, Christianity in Hawaii: Connecting the Dots." In his presentation, Rev. Yee detailed the introduction of Congregational Church religious beliefs into Hawaiian culture through New England missionaries.

The Colony welcomed three new members: Mr. Ian Magruder of Santa Cruz, descendant of John Alden; Ms. Amelia von Gerer of Santa Cruz, descendant of James Chilton; and Ms. Mary Basile of Gilroy, descendant of Edward Fuller.

Two members of the Colony have been elected Honorary Life Members by the State: Mrs. Gertrude Schweitzerhof and Mr.

Charles Allen.

With sadness, the Colony lost one member this February, LTC (Ret.) James C. Keesling, Jr. LTC Keesling was 100 years old and a descendant of William Bradford.

The next Monterey Bay Colony Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2012. The next General Meeting Luncheon is scheduled for May 5, 2012 at the MPCC Beach House on Pebble Beach. The guest speaker will be Mr. Howard Jones who will give a presentation entitled “The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing.”

—*Lisa Norris, Governor*

MOTHER LODE COLONY

The Mother Lode Colony’s March 24th meeting was held at Sudwerks-by-the-River. Our speaker was Mrs. Pamela Dallas, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and co-chairman of the National Genealogical Society Conference in 2004 and was held in Sacramento.

Mrs. Dallas discussed the importance of collateral information when researching our ancestors and shared hints about unusual places to glean valuable facts about our elusive relatives. Her PowerPoint presentation left us all eager to re-examine our *brick walls*.

Our colony is proud that the state organization has awarded member Mrs. Oleeta Myers of Redding, CA, a Life Membership. Formerly of the Sierra Cascade Colony, Mrs. Myers has been a dues-paying member for 39 years and is now 95 years of age.

Our next meeting will take place Saturday, May 19th, also at Sudwerks in Folsom.

—*Kathy Gire, Governor*

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

As governor of such a fantastic colony, I would just like to state that my four-year tenure as governor has been a real pleasure. The colony always been in fine shape financially, due to our treasurer, Sandy Calloway and her dedication, and the supplemental income brought in by our sales table, operated by James Blauer. We also would like to thank those of you who have patronized our table in the past.

We have had a past twelve months of interesting and informative programs, including a talk by astronaut John Phillips, himself a Mayflower descendant, another program by Judy Swan on the

Women of the Mayflower, my recent program on King Philip’s War, and we are looking forward to our April 28th program on the National Cathedral in Washington.

As many of you may know, we also donate books to the Huntington Beach library and to state and general society in honor of deceased members.

Without slighting anyone else, I would like to thank the entire board, in particular Erica Hahn, Sandy Calloway and June Lazich, for their hard work and their efforts in making the last year, as well as the rest of my governorship, so successful.

I believe the direction the colony needs is to attract younger members, by scholarships or whatever other method works.

And, as I leave after two terms in office as governor, I would like to thank everyone in the colony for allowing me to serve.

With all my thanks,

—*Carlton V. Phillips, Jr., Governor*

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

On Saturday, February 25, Laura Ackley shared a treasure-trove of contemporary photographs of those who attended the 1915 Pan-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco—who they were, how they got there and what they saw.

Our final meeting for this year will be Saturday, May 19 at Cattleman’s Restaurant in Petaluma. Speaker Tim Scheele will speak on the life and times of General Mariano Vallejo, focusing on his importance to, and his treatment by, California in its early years as a state and on the history and significance of the Petaluma Adobe.

—*Sally Johnson, Deputy Governor*

SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY

Our Yearly Planning meeting was held on January 21, 2012, at Delancey Street Restaurant in San Francisco. We discussed our schedule for the year and selected “best ideas” for our next programs. That includes plans for San Francisco Peninsula Colony hosting the annual Compact Day with Alameda Colony and Redwood Empire Colony on November 17.

Following lunch our guest speaker was Miles Standish, who appeared in original costume to tell the story of research of his pilgrim ancestor. He also told some of his own experiences as a State

Park Ranger with a recognizable name. The room was filled with Standish descendants resulting in many stories traded and photos taken.

On Saturday, March 24, we held our annual joint meeting hosted by Sequoia Colony at the beautiful Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

—James Ingwalson, Deputy Governor

SAN DIEGO COLONY¹



Left to right: Thomas Jefferson as portrayed by Peter Small. Gail Raser - Colony Secretary, Beverly Nickerson - Past Governor and Bud Leef - Webmaster Designate. San Diego Colony Historian/ Publicity Chairmen Ray Raser and Membership Secretary Joyce Shiloff.

The San Diego Colony celebrated its chartering over 60 years ago by publishing “Six Decades of History” a 45 page booklet compiled by Colony Historian Ray Raser. Copies were distributed to all members in attendance.

This was second year of our “Mayflower” Exhibit at the Annual Family History Fair and again our exhibit was one of most popular at Fair. Family History Fair held at Escondido LDS Church.

—Ray Raser, Historian & Publicity Chairman

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Since our last membership meeting in October 2011, there has been one board meeting and a joint meeting with the Los Angeles Colony, both in the month of February 2012.

Sadly, the colony lost one of its first governors. Joy Fitch Larson, Past Governor from 1979-1982, died on January 19, 2012 in Santa Barbara. A memorial service for her is planned for the next

1. I know this isn't in alphabetical order but the photos needed to be placed with the colony and it wouldn't fit the other way. MAM.

membership meeting.

All are welcomed to attend our next membership meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Sizzler Restaurant in Goleta. The social time begins at 11 a.m, and the cost is \$18.00 for a buffet lunch. The speaker is Alan Daurio, Co-President of the Dana Adobe Board of Directors. He will speak on the “History of the Adobe Past, Present, and Future.” For further information or to make a reservation please contact Judy Cardinal, Governor. Her email address is listed in the back of this newsletter.

—Judith Cardinal, Governor

SEQUOIA COLONY

The joint meeting of the San Francisco and Sequoia Colonies was held at the Menlo Circus Club on March 24, 2012. Our speaker for the meeting was Colleen Hicks who is the Director of the Marin Museum of the American Indian. Colleen discussed the similarities and differences between the Wampanoags on the East Coast and the Miwok Tribe of the west. Colleen brought to the meeting examples of the tools and items on permanent exhibit at the museum in Novato. Colleen's family history suites her very well for speaking on this subject as her paternal grandfather was a native American and her maternal great-grandmother was a Daughter of the American Revolution. Her presentation was both informative and entertaining.



Colleen Hicks, Director of the Marin Museum of the American Indian.

—Philip Steward, Governor

STATE NEWS

CALIFORNIA MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

Co-Editor Mary Mitchell reluctantly resigned her position due to Over-Extended Syndrome, so we are looking for an Adobe In-Design wizard to take her place. The State Board position requires about 16 hours every quarter: gathering data from the Board of

Assistants and Colony Governors and editing it to fit in the budgeted 20-pages. Email Mary if you are interested. (See address back pages.)

—*Mary Ames Mitchell, Co-Editor California Newsletter*

DATA PROCESSING

Microsoft bought Skype and is expanding their unlimited telephone premium calling to thirty-seven nations worldwide at about \$4.00 a month, including the ability to have multiple video conferencing up to ten lines at a time. Also, watch out for internet fraud by cleaning the cookies off your computers frequently. Never open links in strange emails or attachments unless you are sure you know who has sent it to you, back up your hard drive with an external drive, so you don't lose your data and do a full virus scan at least monthly.

—*Franklin E. Smith III, Data Processing South*



Image by Franklin Smith

Save the Date and Book Your Room!

California Society State Members Meeting

June 14-15, 2013

at the *Queen Mary*, in Long Beach

Speaker: Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle

The Board of Assistants is making preparations for the California Society State Membership Meeting on June 14, 2013. We've reserved a block of rooms starting at \$129 per night. Additional details, such as meals and meeting registration, will be announced later. Rooms will be available for Friday night, June 14, and there will probably be plans made for a no-host dinner Friday night. Our State Society will

meet on June 15 in one of the *Queen Mary's* conference rooms. Other activities will be planned. Room reservations are not needed to attend any of the events or the meeting.

For now, save the date, book your room and you might want to check out the *Queen Mary's* website (www.queenmary.com).

EDUCATION

Kathy Alvis Patterson, GS Education Committee Chairman informs us the Education Committee of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants is building a WordPress® Blog—still in the formative stages. <http://MayflowerEducation.WordPress.com>. They have contacted all State Society Education Committees to make us aware of their plans and of the opportunities for us to share their projects on our own site, either as news, or in one of the following categories: post-secondary education, middle schools and high schools, and children and elementary schools.

They have invited former GS and State Committee Chairmen, and members of our BOA to participate completing the website. They are also starting a google group for Mayflower Society Education Committee Chairs with the description: State Society Chairmen of the Education Committees of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Mission of the Education Committee of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants is:

- For our membership: to provide opportunities to the young and adult members of the Society to exchange, create and obtain educational information relating to our *Mayflower* ancestry.
- For the State Societies of the General Society: to advise, assist, publicize and connect the Societies as they develop their own educational projects.
- For educators on all levels: to provide instructional materials that will enhance the study of the Mayflower and the settlement of Plymouth Colony.
- For the general public, the media, other organizations and members of our own Society: to facilitate access to and the exchange of historically accurate information regarding the voyage of the Mayflower, the passengers and the first years of Plymouth Colony.
- For the Society website: to add to the General Society

website an Education Committee link with both access to accurate *Mayflower*-related educational materials, courses, and opportunities and also the open interchange of ideas and information.

SCHOLARSHIP

The March 1, deadline has passed and I received eight applications this year. One judge is committed and I will ask others to help.

We will announce winners at the June Meeting. After which I will notify all applicants as to whether or not they will receive one of our scholarships. We currently have a little over \$2000 in the Scholarship Fund, allowing for at least two Scholarships. If we donations increase to \$3000, we will give three scholarships.

—James F. Blauer, Education Chair/Scholarship Secretary

JUNIOR MEMBERS

I salute all of the wonderful Mothers, Fathers, Uncles, Aunts, Grandmothers, Grandfathers and the Greats who support the Junior Membership in the State of California and in so doing make their Junior Member and Life Junior Members aware of their Mayflower Heritage! Thank you. The beautiful certificate, the informative book and information I send helps to make them proud they are descended from one or more of the *Mayflower* passengers. I keep in touch with your Junior Member through the mail. Many Juniors are scattered throughout the world, so I depend on the sponsors and families to keep me informed of address changes, but I cannot contact some members and the mail I have sent has been returned. If you know of any of these Juniors, would you please inform me by mail or at the email address at the back of this newsletter. The Juniors for whom I need contact information are: Logan Wallace, Josiah Shockency, Molly Watkins, Mischa Jarboe, Madison Park, Karlene Bartlett, Colin Compton, Gracie Clark, Dillon Morgan, Romelo Cole, Alixandra Binney, Connor Bartholomew, Isabelle Bosworth, Dallas Greve, Bryden Wolfe, Jacob Schultz, and Elise Filter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The interest in Junior Membership and Junior Life Membership is constant and steady! At age 18 all Junior Members are encouraged to join the Society as a Regular Adult or Life Adult Member (those Juniors that are not already Life Members.)

Also, watch for my daughter Hannah Smith in the coming months on TV, radio and the newspaper defending religious liberty for people of all faiths. I know the Pilgrims would be happy that their descendant is helping to defend what they held most dear.

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Junior Membership in California! Watch for upcoming fun activities for Junior Members.

—Jane Stratford Clayson, Junior Membership Chair

WEBMASTER

I hope to start working on the graphic design for the California Mayflower website, which will include templates for colony websites hosted on the California Mayflower domain. It's a time consuming job that builds on itself with the website expanding as a result.


Again, watch out for fraud. I was recently contacted by an internet extortionist, or *cyber squatter*, who wanted to sell us a domain with a similar name, possibly to sell to people whose identity could be compromised if sold to pornographers or other groups seeking to falsely associate themselves with other peoples websites. Not to worry! There are new laws to protect people from this kind of scam.

—Franklin E. Smith III, Webmaster



Board of Assistants South. Standing from left to right: Kenneth Whittemore, Richard Bailey, David Grinnell, Marcia Maloney, Judy Swan, Rick Clark, Shawn Holt, Ward White, Iris Melton, Isella Dickey. Sitting left to right: Franklin Smith, Donna Cole, Jan Landt, Dotty Wilson, Susan Cairns, June Lazich.

*Welcome New Members*Elected January 21, 2012

**ALAMEDA COLONY****Mr Scott Douglas Stadler**

CA8567

12th from John Howland

Mrs Gail Carolyn (Cook) Stern

CA8555

13th from John Howland

Mrs Donna Marie (Fitzsimmons)**Weis**

CA8566

12th from William Brewster

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**Mrs Karen Marie (Barr) Schwartz**

CA8569

12th from John Alden

Ruth Eleanor (Condon) Taylor

CA8561

12th from Thomas Rogers

LOS ANGELES COLONY**Mrs Elaine Yvonne (Eastman)****Sarnoff**

CA8563

10th from Edward Doty

MOTHER LODE COLONY**Ms Wilma June Epperly**

CA8572

12th from John Alden

Mrs Evelyn Marie (Charter)**Jansen**

CA8554

10th from Priscilla Mullins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**Michelle Marie Reilly-Rhoten**

CA8558

14th from Edward Doty

Heather Noelle Reilly-Rhoten

CA8557

14th from Edward Doty

Mrs Nellie Jacqueline (Goold)**Young**

CA8562

11th from John Alden

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**Mr Troy Aaron Nelson**

CA8565

11th from Samuel Fuller

Mr Lucas Knowles Nelson

CA8564

11th from Samuel Fuller

SAN DIEGO COLONY**Miss Reese Lynn Davis**

CA8559 Jr Life

15th from Steven Hopkins

Bethany Joy (Beveridge) Dodds

CA8560

12th from John Howland

Mr Philip Williams Edmonds

CA8570

11th from William White

SEQUOIA COLONY**Mrs Pamela (Kroetsch) Marks**

CA8571

13th from John Billington

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY**Mr Bert Stephen Crane**

CA8556

11th from John Alden

Mr Jeffrey Adam Harrison

CA8553

12th from John Howland

Ms Emily Alice Sedgwick

CA8568 Jr Life


13th from William Bradford

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY**Sharris Ann (Whaley) Copeland**

CA8552

12th from Thomas Rogers

*New Supplemental Lines*Presented January 21, 2012

**MOTHER LODE COLONY****Greta Louise (Linman) Moore**

CA 7806

S#1878

11th from Edward Doty

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**Margaret Louise Shock**

CA 8443

S#1879

12th from John Alden

Judith Marie Haddock Swan

CA 5456

S#1880

11th from Love Brewster

SANTA BARBARA COLONY**Deborah Tacy (Allen) Pash**

CA 7938

S#1877

11th from John Howland

*Welcome New Members*Elected March 24 2012

**ALAMEDA COLONY****Ms Alice Ann Ganley**

CA8592

11th from Richard Warren

Mr Richard Dobbs Spight

CA8576

11th from Thomas Rogers

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**Mr Wayne Eagan Staples**

CA 8573

12th from Steven Hopkins

LOS ANGELES COLONY**Mr Jeffrey Michael Mills**

CA 8577

13th from Degory Priest

Miss Taylor Ann Thompson

CA 8582 Jr Life

12th from Myles Standish

Mr Trevor Lorenzo Thompson

CA 8583 Jr Life

12th from Myles Standish

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Mr Timothy James Fuhs
CA 8590
13th from Francis Cooke

Miss Danielle Christine Vallejo
CA 8578
13th from William Mullins

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Brian K Alexander
CA 8591
11th from John Howland

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Miss Julie Diane Herold
CA 8588
12th from John Alden

Ms Nancy Sayre Kane
CA 8589 Life
11th from Francis Cooke

Mr Mitchell Declan Thielen
CA 8587 Jr Life
13th from John Howland

Mr Jason Joseph Thielen
CA 8586 Jr Life
13th from John Howland

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mr Arthur James Woods Jr
CA 8575
13th from Francis Cooke

SEQUOIA COLONY

Mrs Elizabeth Brenton (Agate) Jamieson
CA 8579
11th from Edward Fuller

Robert Brenton Jamieson
CA 8574
13th from Edward Fuller

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY

Miss Laurel Kathryn Sedgwick
CA 8580 Jr Life
13th from William Bradford

Miss Cara Elizabeth Sedgwick
CA 8581 Jr Life
13th from William Bradford

Kathryn Helen (Heldridge) Tyson
CA 8584
12th from William White

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Mr Bobby Adkins Bartlett
CA 8585
11th from John Alden

New Supplemental Lines

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INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

John George Ripley
CA 8495
S# 1881
12th from Edward Fuller

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Carol Lee (Dikeman) Barr
CA 8548
S# 1882
12th from William Bradford

*In Memorium*

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mr Reginald Holt Humphrey
October 27, 2011

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

LTC James Clarence Keesling Jr
February 1, 2012

MOTHER LODE COLONY and
also SEQUOIA COLONY

Mrs Phyllis Jeanne (Wormley) Adams
February 3, 2012

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs Joy Darline (Fitch) Larson
January 19, 2012

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs Elizabeth Florence (Peterson) Phillips
November 23 2011

Mrs Nancy Elizabeth (Noyes) Saffo
December 12, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY

Ms Barbara (Steinberger) Davidson Stanton
September 15, 2011

SAN GABRIEL COLONY

Miss Mary Louise Petrie
February 27, 2012

SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Mr Dwight Hazeltine Barnes
February 4, 2012

Mr William Edward Chynoweth
March 12, 2010

Mrs Valerite Vivian Wile Howland
January 2, 2012