



California Mayflower

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General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congress
September 8-10, 2011 in Plymouth Massachusetts - Pilgrim Progress
(Many Pilgrims brought their own costumes.
The rest were provided by the Mayflower Society.)



Some of the California Society members who attended Congress: left to right, back row: Ray Raser, Candace McGuire, Donna Cole, Marcia Maloney, Jim Blauer, Judy Weaver, Franklin Smith. Middle Row: Beverly Nickerson. Kneeling: Pat Friesen, Susan Christopher and Lisa Shaw. Among the missing: Ken Whittemore, Mike Phelps and Judy Swan.

Governor's Report



I would like to begin by thanking all those who supported me during my surgery period. I am grateful for your concern and prayers on my behalf and my family's. At the June General Membership Meeting I had hoped to attend in Northern California, but at the last minute the doctor said I could not fly. I was only able to attend via Skype from my home. The picture of me, or rather the monitor image of me with the Governor's Medal, still haunts me but makes me laugh.

From June to September seems like a short period of time, but a lot has happened. In July Ward White came to my home to take the financial records and start his new role as Treasurer. He is a good, honest, dedicated man and I believe he will serve the society well.

On September 7, Vicki and I flew to Providence, Rhode Island, rented a car and drove to Plymouth, Massachusetts for the triennial Mayflower Congress. We went early to attend the family society meetings for the Doty, Fuller and Hopkins Societies. I strongly feel that we need to support the family societies. Thursday we went to Plimoth Plantation. I love to go there and walk back in time to 1627 and talk with our ancestors. Three years ago, in 2008, I visited the Hopkins House and talked with Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins. It was a moving experience for me. I got all choked up.

This year was just as great. I walked into the Brewster House and the Cooke House. In the Brewster house I thought of how Resolved White lost his father the first winter and his mother remarried William Brewster. So he lived in that house. Moving down the street I entered the Cooke House and there was Hester Cooke, wife of Francis (one of my ancestors)! She introduced me to Jane Cooke, who had just recently married Experience Mitchell (two more ancestors). We saw the small houses they survived in to make a new home in a new world. Because of their lives we are here today to celebrate our descent from those hard working survivors. On Sunday after the procession from the Mayflower House to the church, we attended the Opening Ceremony and the Roll Call of Ancestors. From the church we went to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new brick walkway in the garden behind the Mayflower House. Congress started Monday

morning. There was a lot of business and some sticky issues, but it progressed.

I decided to run for Member at Large (nothing to do with my size!) and become more involved with the General Society. I passed out candy with my name printed on it and had a lot of support from our California members. I was nominated from the floor by California Deputy Governor South, Marcia Maloney, and elected to represent the western states. There are three Members at Large on the Executive Committee: one from the east, one from the west and one more from either. I hope to encourage better relations between members from all states as well as California members.

Here in California we have our own challenges: we will be considering the formation of new colonies or boundary changes, and we will continue to strive to educate our members and the public about the proud heritage that we all share.

—*Kenneth Whittemore*
State Governor



Ken and Vicki Whittemore



Judy Swan swearing in the new General Board of Assistants. Our Ken is on the far left being sworn in as Member at Large.

Welcome New Members
Elected September 24, 2011



ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr Weldon Emerson Church
CA8505
10th from Richard Warren

Mrs Karen Ruth (Folger) Rankin
CA8515
11th from Degory Priest

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Carolyn Jean Hoyt
CA8525
9th from John Howland

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Jennifer Renee Beveridge
CA8523
12th from John Howland

Mr Todd Michael Doty
CA8514
10th from Edward Doty

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Mrs Sandra Helen (Folger) Wallace
CA8518
11th from Degory Priest

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Mr James Robert Glenn
CA8512 Life
14th from William Brewster

Mr Donald David Jaquint
CA8507
12th from William Bradford

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Ms Paula Kay (Schmenk) Brady
CA8508
10th from William Bradford

Ms Lee Christine Gullett
CA8509
12th from William Brewster

Loretta Lee (Graham) Shepherd
CA8524
11th from Thomas Rogers

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs Peggy Louise (Ridley) Homer
CA8513
11th from John Alden

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mr James Hilton Buley
CA8519
11th from Steven Hopkins

Talyn Mikel Durst
CA8520 Jr Life
15th from James Chilton

Rylan Makena Durst
CA8521 Jr Life
15th from James Chilton

Mrs Anita Louise (Curran) Guenin
CA8511
13th from Steven Hopkins

Mr Robert Newton Storer Jr
CA8522
10th from Miles Standish

Dr Wallace Howard Wulfeck
CA8516
13th from Richard Warren

SEQUOIA COLONY

Mrs Pamela Ann (Beebe) McKell
CA8510
12th from Francis Cooke

Mr Miles Kenneth Standish Jr
CA8506
10th from Myles Standish

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY

Sarah Katharine Wulfeck
CA8517
14th from Richard Warren



More photos taken by Jim Blauer at Congress in Plymouth: Governor Judy Swan cutting the ribbon at the dedication ceremony for the new brick walkway in the Mayflower Garden, the Mayflower II and Plymouth Rock.

New Supplemental Lines
Elected September 24, 2011



ALAMEDA COLONY

Lucille Lang Day
CA7894
S1868

11th from Samuel Fuller

Wendy Jo Plank-Davis
CA 8315
S1869
12th from Francis Eaton

GOLDEN EMPIRE

Susan M Christopher
CA8312
S1866
12th from Richard Warren

INLAND EMPIRE

Mary Jill Bays
CA8377
S1867
13th from William Brewster

SEQUOIA COLONY

Robert Monroe Gardner
CA8388
S1870
10th from John Alden

COLONY NEWS

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

The Inland Empire Colony held its regular luncheon meeting on Sept. 10 at Marie Callender's in Redlands. Our "Mayflower Moment" was given by Shirley Lader on the children that were on the *Mayflower*. Kerry Bartels, an Archive Specialist at the National Archives in Riverside, gave the program "Introduction to the National Archives." His program was excellent and very informative on how the National Archives can help members in their research. Members of other colonies are especially invited to join us for our next meeting on November 12 in Redlands. Our speaker will be Jean Wilcox Hibben on "Ancestors and Heroes". This will be very appropriate for this important month. It will be about our ancestors that arrived on the *Mayflower*. Please email Rick Clark at rick_clark1@verizon.net or Dave Grinnell at dvytca@gmail.com for reservations and directions.

—Rick Clark
Colony Governor

LOS ANGELES COLONY

We had a fantastic meeting at the Los Angeles Family History Library. The attendance was from all over southern California including: Santa Barbara, Bakersfield, Riverside, San Diego, Orange County, San Gabriel and more. Newly elected State Governor Kenneth Whittemore attended for his first meeting and gave a short address. Past State Governors Donna Cole and June Lazich were there, and Los Angeles Colony Deputy Governor Ward White had his first meeting after being elected State Treasurer. Special thanks was given to Dr. McBride of the LAFHL for having us there and making our meeting so great.

The catered event included a logo (Library/Colony) commemorative cake. Library staff were invited to enjoy lunch with us, and one visitor to the library claiming Mayflower ancestry, but not yet a member was permitted to share in the Mayflower experience. Our speaker was Paul Bumpas the Mayflower Historian General in Plymouth talking to us on a big screen using Skype. I asked the last

question about how the weather was and he said it had been great all summer. Little did we know that Hurricane Irene would change things drastically.

Our next meeting for Compact Day (November 5) will be at the Tam O'Shanter with Peter Small portraying President John Adams. San Gabriel Colony will be with us, and it is always a great meeting. The Tam O'Shanter is the oldest Restaurant in Los Angeles. It is in a Tudor style building with staff in full Scottish costume surrounded by English and Scottish antiques. It is owned by Lowrys and famous for its prime rib. All colonies are invited with a RSVP to gov@lacolony.org.

—Franklin Smith
Colony Governor



Mayflower Group at the Family History Library in West Los Angeles.

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

The Monterey Bay Colony Executive Board met September 24, 2011 at the lovely home of our Treasurer and Delegate, Verona Flint. The November General Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon will be held November 5, 2011 at the MPCC Beach House on Pebble Beach. The speaker will be Dr. Scot Guenter, Professor of American Studies and Coordinator of American Studies at San Jose State University. He will give a presentation entitled "The Role of the Mayflower Compact in American Civil Religions."

Monterey Bay Colony welcomes a new member, Sandra Helen Folger Wallace, a descendant of Degory Priest. With sadness, the Colony lost two members this summer: Jeanette Weld Otter, a descendant of Stephen Hopkins, and Jane Beebe Harris, a descendant of William Bradford.

MOTHER LODE COLONY

The Mother Lode Colony celebrated Fall with a meeting on September 17 at the Sudwerk-Riverside Restaurant in historic Folsom on the American River. We welcomed two new members, and member Don Hoyt stepped in for absent Elder Jeff Record with the invocation.

After lunch, we heard from Mrs. Phoebe Astill, a member of a 5th generation pioneer family of the neighboring town of Roseville. She has served as the curator of the Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum for the past seven years. Mrs. Astill showed many pictures of historic Roseville which was settled in 1851 and boomed when the Southern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1906. We were especially intrigued by photos and descriptions of moving large multi-story houses from a nearby town by jacking them up onto sledges pulled by mules and horses to their new location, the beginning of the town of Roseville. There are still many members of those pioneer families living in the area, and next year, the museum building will celebrate its 100th birthday.

Governor Gire announced the dates of the meetings for 2012 and declared that our 2011 Compact Day celebration will be November 12th at noon, also at Sudwerk. The fall foliage along the American River should be in full color then to add to our festivities.

—*Kathy Gire*
Colony Governor

ORANGE COUNTY

We are the largest colony in the state of California and continuing to grow. There has been a corresponding increase in interest in our activities. We have always had interesting programs, and this year is no exception. Our guest speaker for our April meeting was NASA astronaut John Phillips, a descendant of eight Mayflower families. His presentation was unique in that it not only concerned our pilgrim forefathers or related matters, but his experiences during three trips to the space station—one of six months duration with both ascent and descent in the Russian Soyuz (rather than the shuttle).

We had our picnic in June and a good time was had by all.

Our colony is in sound financial shape. A sum of money left to us by a recently deceased long time member is now available for scholarships or other similar uses. Our Sales Table operated by Jim

Blauer at meetings and other gatherings provides additional revenue. Please patronize this table.

Governor Smith of the Los Angeles County colony has done a great job getting our web site up and running with his time and talents. Check it out at www.ocmayflower.org. Though still a work in progress, you will notice a huge difference from a year ago. We are very pleased. Thank you, Governor Smith.

Marcia Maloney, Dotty Wilson and Erica Hahn represented us at the Genealogical Jamboree in LA County. Next year we invite other colonies to participate. It is a lot of work, but a lot of fun.

This year was tough for many members, with deaths or serious illnesses. But with everyone pulling together, and Providence seemingly on our side, it all came together. We are blessed with a fantastic board, and I'd like to especially thank Erica Hahn for stepping in as Acting Assistant Governor. Without her, things would not have come together as well as they have.

We had a good turnout of colony members at Congress in Plymouth in September considering the distance and expense. We look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Our Compact Day meeting will be held November 19 at JT Schmidt's in Anaheim across from the Pond. We hope for our usual fine turnout. The cost is \$28.50 per person, and our very own Judy Swan will speak on "Women and the Mayflower." Please come, and have a good time.

—*Carl Phillips*
Colony Governor

SANTA BARBARA COLONY



Ruth Jackson and Debbie Pash.

The Santa Barbara Colony will hold its next membership meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Goleta. Author Diana Johnson will speak on "The Founding of Jamestown". By-law changes will also be presented at this meeting.

Three members enjoyed the August joint meeting with the Los Angeles Colony held at the

recently renovated Los Angeles Family History Center. Our Colony is looking forward to future joint meetings with the Los Angeles Colony.

The Colony is very proud to have been awarded the Eugene Fontine Education Trophy. State Delegate Priscilla Draper, a past Colony Governor, received this award at the June Board of Assistants meeting.

Governor Judy Cardinal will be on a lineage society panel on October 7, 2011. The presentation will be held at the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Library where the Colony has been recognized with plaques for their \$2000 donation for a library table.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Goleta. A Docent from the Dana Adobe will speak on the history of the Adobe. All are welcomed, Contact Judy Cardinal at (805) 967-2134 or judithcardinal@verizon.net.

—*Judith Cardinal*
Colony Governor

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

We met on September 17 in the Cypress Room at the Rooster Run Golf Course in Petaluma. There were seventeen members and eight guests in attendance representing sixteen Mayflower passengers. Colleen Hicks, Executive Director of the Marin Museum of the American Indians, gave an interesting talk comparing the Coast Miwok Indians with the Native Americans in Plymouth. I was installed as Governor since I was unable to attend the previous meeting. I attended Congress in Plymouth and it was fun to see previous Redwood Empire members Terry Schrieber and Charles Wharton, both of whom have transferred to different states.

Our next meeting will be Compact Day at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito on November 19. The San Francisco and Alameda Colonies will join us for this meeting. Our speaker will be Richard Torney, who will share pictures and information about



*Speaker Colleen Hicks,
Executive Director Marin
Museum of the American
Indians.*

the San Francisco earthquake from the perspective of his great-grandfather, Lt. Col. George Henry Torney.

—*Pat Friesen*
Colony Governor

SEQUOIA COLONY

On July 16, the Sequoia Colony held their summer potluck meeting at the home of Mary and Mel Britton. This picnic, in an informal setting, provided a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with other colony members. During the meeting, Mary Andeen and Eunice Brabec shared with other members their experiences doing genealogy research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Both were at the library during the early summer and the information was very informative and provided helpful tips for those who may make use of the Family History Library in the future. As always, the Britton's were gracious hosts and provided a beautiful setting for us to get together.

—*Philip Steward*
Colony Governor

STATE NEWS

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The Board of Assistants approved a change for the deadline dates for the *California Mayflower* since our board meetings have been falling after the deadlines in the past. Dates will be the first of the month except January, which will be the second—two weeks after the previous deadline (e.g. October 1 instead of September 15). A deadline summary is printed at the back of this newsletter.

Please note a previous omission. Los Angeles Colony Governor Franklin Smith was appointed Chairman of Data Processing South some time ago, but due to an oversight was not listed with the other Board of Assistants in the *California Mayflower*. Governor Smith has been very instrumental in setting up the video-conferencing system that has allowed the southern colonies to communicate with the assistants in the northern colonies during board meetings. As Governor of the Los Angeles Colony, he has been hosting the

meetings for the southern colonies for these video-conferenced meetings.

—*Mary Ames Mitchell*
California Mayflower Co-editor

Membership

The total state membership to date is 2702. Pomona Valley Colony has been disbanded. Members who did not elect another colony have been transferred to the San Gabriel Colony. Twelve members of the San Gabriel Colony have notified our Membership Chairman Pat Meeken that they would like to be Members at Large. Any member who desires to be a Member at Large must first have his/her application accepted by a colony. As of September 14, 2011, 201 members are delinquent on their dues. If the dues are not paid by 31 December, the members will be dropped.

We have two exciting new members! Possibly the youngest, or one of the youngest new members at five months is **Reese Lynn Davis**. And we are very pleased to welcome **Karen Ruth (Folger) Rankin**, who is the great-granddaughter of Henry Folger, the founder of the California Mayflower Society.

Pat Meeken
—*State Membership Secretary*

Scholarships

Our three scholarship award students sent the following thank you notes:

Dear Society of Mayflower Descendants,

I want to make it known how much I appreciate being chosen as a winner of the Mayflower Scholarship. I will be attending the University of California at Irvine in the Fall and this scholarship is helping to make that happen. I plan to continue my study of Psychology in grad school in order to make a comfortable living for myself. I'm also hoping to have a part time job and this award is going to help lighten my load. Again. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am truly honored.

Sincerely,
Julia Hillendahl

Dear Mayflower Society,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. My parents thank you too. [They] make too much to qualify for [the scholarships] based on need, which puts the entire \$30,000 on [our] shoulders. These funds will help tremendously. Thank you again,
Erica Williams



Erica Williams
read her essay
to the Redwood
Empire Colony in
September.

Dear Mr. Blauer,

I am sincerely grateful for having received a scholarship from the California Society of Mayflower Descendants. As I have begun the necessary preparations for moving away—the Bronx will be a world apart from Palos Verdes. The financial assistance you and the society have provided has been much appreciated, and it will provide for the incidental purchases that will no doubt be a part of moving out for the first time. And of course I will strongly consider joining the society one day. Roots are after all, what keeps us anchored.

Best wishes,
Austin Thomas

—*James Blauer*
Scholarship Chairman

Data Processing South

Since the last meeting I helped Past State Governor Donna Cole buy a new computer and install Skype. We have had a number of successful Skype calls since then. So now her home can be used for Skype meetings. During my three weeks in Massachusetts doing genealogy I was Skyping with people (including Donna) across the country with no problems.

It appears that at the last board meeting on September 24, too many people talking at the same time caused problems with Skype. I recommend plugging a Smartphone into a portable audio system (ghetto blaster) as a backup in case the Skype audio becomes too distorted. Smartphones are also useful when there is no Skype at all and shouldn't cost anything because many people already have Smartphones with headphone jacks. I am planning to set up Skype at Deputy Governor South Marcia Maloney's home. This will provide a

fourth location for the southern meetings.

—*Franklin Smith*
Data Processing South Chair

Webmaster

I'm back from Massachusetts and busy working on the new website. I took a lot of photos and videos while I was at Congress in Plymouth for the new site. As I complete the numerous details, I will post the work in progress for review by the Board of Assistants. The new site will have a new domain name: www.CaMayflower.org (not case sensitive). "Dot.org" is better for non-profit organizations, whereas "dot.com" (dot company) should be reserved for commercial use.

—*Franklin Smith*
Webmaster

Junior Membership

Calling All California Mayflower Members—Check around your home and see if you can locate any youngsters or teenagers. They can be found on the computer or lying on their beds with iPod attached to their ears. You can also check the refrigerator. They are often found hanging out there at all times of the day and night. The California Mayflower Society would like to make them Junior Members.

Birth certificates are not needed! Lineage does not need to be proven. All you need to do is fill out a one-page application that asks for information you already know and on which you confirm that the kids you are recommending are your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. We will check our records to see if you are a Mayflower descendent.

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Can you find: Degory Priest, Edward Winslow, Francis Cooke, Issac Allerton, John Alden, John Carver, Myles Standish, Richard Warren, Stephen Hopkins and William Bradford in this word puzzle?

Word puzzle from the Massachusetts Mayflower Society newsletter.

—*Jane Stratford Clayson*
Junior Membership Chairwoman

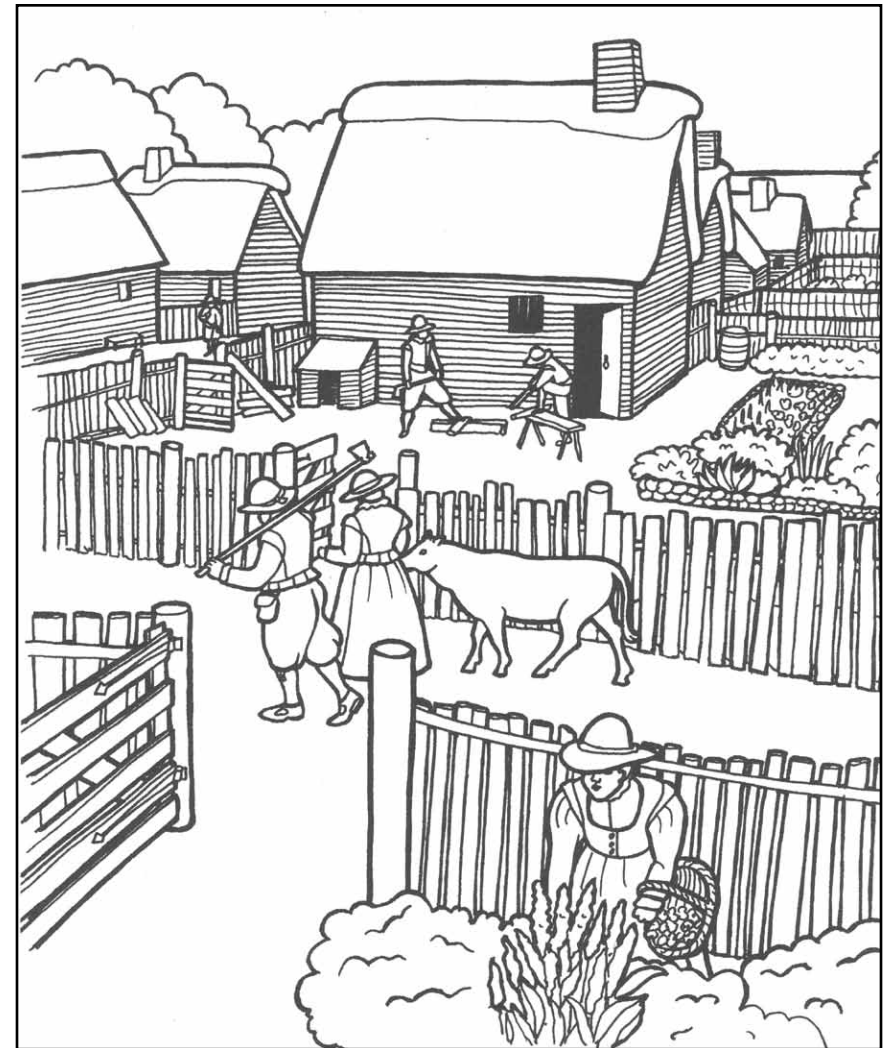


Illustration available on the Plimoth Plantation web site: www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/coloring-pictures

What does this coloring picture tell you about your ancestors?

Help our young cousins receive the gift of heritage. A one-time fee of \$20 can make them Junior Members. Applications are available online at <http://www.mayflowersociety.com/kidform.htm>.



In Memoriam

ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr Robert Randall Shearer
18 June 2011

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Mrs Jane Beebe Harris
04 June 2011

Mrs Jeanette Idabelle (Weld) Otter
02 June 2011

MOTHER LODGE COLONY

Mrs Rama Brolyer Moretti
04 August 2011

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Miss Georgia Jean Waldo
22 September 2009

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Thomas Christopher Webster MD
14 August 2011

SEQUOIA COLONY

Mr George Rodman Hobbs, III
28 June 2011

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY

Miss Jane Newhall
27 July 2011

2020 Committee

State Governor Ken Whittemore approved the formation of a committee to plan an event in California for the upcoming anniversary of the sailing of the *Mayflower*. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please notify Governor Whittemore via email: kenwhittemore@gmail.com

State Board of Assistants Meeting Dates - 2011

10:30 Board Meeting, Lunch 1 PM

North Location: Oakland Mayflower Office. Southern TBD.

Date

November 12, 2011
January 21, 2012
March 24, 2012
June 16, 2012
September 22, 2011
November 10, 2012
January 19, 2013
March 23, 2011
June 14-15, 2013 Membership

Location

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Congress photos from Donna Cole, top to bottom: Pilgrim's Progress; Church Guard; LA Colony Governor Franklin Smith, State Treasurer Ward White and Co-editor Donna Cole at the Congress meeting.

