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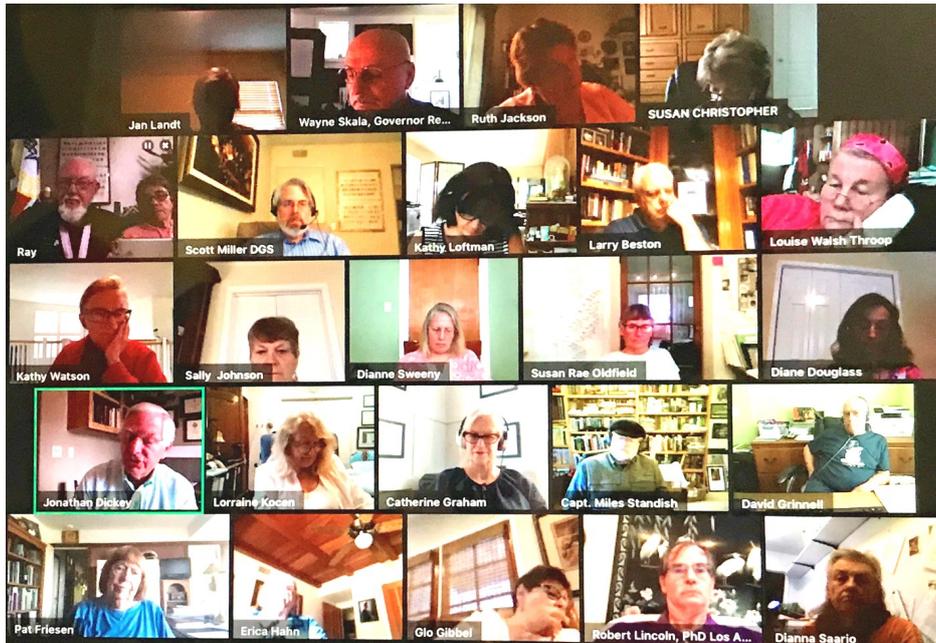
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California Board of Assistants Virtual Meeting

June 20, 2020



Our regularly scheduled June meeting held on the third Saturday of the month, was a virtual meeting held on “Go To Meeting”. It’s good to know that our members are still able to talk, see each other, share ideas and make decisions during this time when social distancing is required. Of course there is a learning curve and we don’t get to have social interaction, but it is better than our ancestors had when they were out of contact with each other. Not all members at the meeting are on the screen above, as the screen can only hold so many photos and some members were on audio only, therefore no picture.

We will continue with our virtual meetings until the time we can join together physically again. We might even consider choosing to have virtual meetings for some of our meetings as a time and money saver instead of always traveling.

At this time, we are receiving forwarded mail from the Oakland office, but even more, the calls to the office are being forwarded to my cell phone to be answered. I am now receiving an average of 3 calls a week and forwarding the caller’s information to the appropriate person, or people, to handle these questions. Therefore, as you can see on the front cover, our home is the official CA Mayflower Office for the time being.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong.

Gail Raser
CA Mayflower Administrative Assistant 2020

Governor's Message

As we deal with the many challenges of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, our 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the Mayflower is again a struggle for survival. Although our ancestors endured many hardship and challenges, we today are their legacy of survival and we can find inspiration today in their survival. Virtual meetings are now our means of interaction. So far, I have participated in a number of these virtual meetings with GSMD officers and CA Mayflower officers. I watched the entire May 16, 2020 historically informative program of the opening of Leiden400 on TV.



Due to the California State mandate, our Oakland library/office has been closed and all mail is now forwarded to our new California Mayflower address in Escondido. Our California's administrative assistant, Gail Raser, has generously agreed to handle all of the California Mayflower mail and telephone calls and in turn forward them to the appropriate designee.

My experience and one of my mottos in life has always been "out of every adversity, there are some greater benefits." One of the benefits of having the phone and mail forwarded to our home office is that we are able to respond right away to the CA Mayflower questions and concerns. We are also now able to not only receive these concerns right away, but also able to better make the appropriate referrals.

I have been able to communicate with our CA Mayflower Counselor Jonathan Dickey on a frequent basis and really appreciate his professional advice and suggestions. The SMDCA is very fortunate to have the benefit of Jonathan's professional advice and suggestions in a very timely manner. Jonathan is assisting all of our California Colonies in reviewing and bringing their bylaws up to date to conform to the SMDCA bylaws. July 31, 2020 has been established as a deadline for each of the Colony Governors to respond to their progress in updating their colony bylaws. This is a very important matter as one of our CA Colonies had not updated their bylaws for decades.

I am also very appreciative of our state historian, Erica Hahn, and her team of assistants and colony membership chairpersons. As you can see, we are making great progress with new members and they are working tirelessly on processing the applications.

Due to the pandemic, all of the 400th anniversary Plymouth meetings and celebrations have been cancelled and rescheduled to a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving in 2021. Hopefully we will be able to gather together in Plymouth for this historic event.

I recommend you reach out to your fellow Mayflower families and offer your encouragement. Together we will survive this 2020 challenging pandemic voyage.

Ray Raser
CA Mayflower Governor

Deputy Governor South

Hello, my fellow Pilgrims. Wow, what a few months it has been. Our March BOA Meeting and the Rose Parade Float seem like they occurred a century ago. I can hardly believe how much turmoil the State and Country have endured these first 6 months of 2020. Now, if you've been hiding in a cave, you may have missed that we are still in lock-down from the Corona Virus Pandemic that hit America with force in early March. Our first death from the disease occurred in late February and, since that time, we have had over 118,000 people perish from the disease around the Nation, as of this writing. Further, we have been watching the tumultuous protests, riots and looting that has gripped us all around the country, with the largest cities in convulsion. The unjustified death (murder) of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer has thrust the nation into another pandemic of sorts - one of mistrust, anger and social decay.

But I think we need to remember that America, more than anything, is an "idea", a "goal" that we continually strive to attain. When we say that we are seeking a "more perfect Union", what we mean by that is that we are always seeking to create a more just and equal society that elevates every human being to their God-given right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". This "idea" is never quite attained, but we are always getting closer to it with each succeeding generation. This "idea of America" began with our Ancestors in Plymouth. It was just a spark of an idea at that time. Today, we are a "more perfect" nation (though not perfect...yet). No other nation...let me say that again - "NO OTHER NATION!" - is as just and open and free as this nation. We tend to forget that sometimes, especially when we see such injustice and violence. Though painful, it is times like this that we make the greatest strides towards more justice, fairness, openness and freedom for everyone. It is this "idea of America" and our deep heritage that we must pass on to succeeding generations. This is why we joined the Mayflower Society and why we meet and share among each other our pride in our ancestry and country. It is time we spread the news and tell the truth about America. It is our right and privilege to declare this to a nation that is hungry for the truth. This will be our part in ensuring that the next 400 years will be successful and "more perfect" than we are now.

Now, back to some brief business. All of the So Cal Colonies either delayed or cancelled their April/May Annual Membership Meetings due to the virus. The OC Colony moved theirs to July to have their Colony Board Elections and to make some updates to their By-Laws. The OC Meeting will be on-line to avoid gathering in such a large group. The Foothill Colony is conducting their online meeting at the end of June.

Finally, we did rationalize all of the donations given for the float and have come up with the best list we could of all of the "Gem-level" donors who gave so generously to the Rose Parade® Float, "The Voyage of Hope 1620". There were 36 donors who gave from \$400 to \$25,000. Each of their Colonies has been made aware of their members who gave. Fulfilled by each Colony, as a special "Thank you" from the State, each Gem-level donor will receive a full set of the State Challenge Coins, a set of the two Lapel pins (Colony and State) and a specially designed "Gem-level Donor Pin", which is being manufactured specially for us. Our Governor, Ray Raser, will be sending those out to each person with a special note. Thank you so much for your generosity for all of you who gave. According to your State Treasurer, we raised more than enough for the float and came out in the black! This is quite an achievement and we have a lot to be proud of. For colonies that still have State merchandise to offer for donations, please continue to do so to help our other endeavors through the end of the year. We'll be collecting all remaining coins, pins and the like to put on our State Marketplace then.

*Scott A. Miller
Deputy Governor South*

An Unexpected Turn of Events

By Catherine Graham, Deputy Governor North
April 2019 - May 2019

With so many aspects of life on pause, it seems overwhelming. I'm grateful for my past travels. The news, flights aren't welcome from U.S. into European Union this summer, the virus. So, though I don't feel it is safe to travel during the pandemic, based on professional and personal experience, now we're banned. European airports are not welcoming Americans because of the corona virus as of June 27th. Borders between many states, and countries are closed.

I have my memories from last year, April 2019, milestone celebration. Beginning with midnight flight from Sacramento International airport, non-stop to Newark, New Jersey, best chance to not lose luggage until the return May 5th, to U.S. Air time less than six hours, arriving into Newark airport, we collected luggage and Uber to Renaissance Hotel, in under fifteen minutes. After check-in, we immediately went to our room (by booking prior night early morning access is guaranteed with credit card).



Statue of Liberty – UNESCO
World Heritage Centre
*Made in Paris by the French sculptor
Bartholdi, in collaboration with
Gustave Eiffel, this towering
monument to liberty was a gift from
France on the centenary of American
Independence, inaugurated in 1886,
the sculpture stands at the entrance to
New York Harbor and has welcomed
millions of immigrants to the United
States.*

Pleasanton, where we raised our three children.



Catherine Graham

We fell asleep immediately knowing a 1:00PM wake-up call, will ensure we arrive by car, at Manhattan Cruise Terminal by 2:00PM for process at security check points prior to boarding ship. We were welcomed on board early to enjoy a late lunch on ship while passengers are boarding ship, and until our luggage was delivered into our stateroom. Ship departs port at 5:00PM. I was looking forward to passing the Statue of Liberty.

First week's ports were, April 7, Saint John's (Bay of Fundy), New Brunswick, CA., April 8, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA., April 10, St. John's Newfoundland, CA., was cancelled due to Arctic storm, unsafe seas, and dangerous conditions, too dangerous to approach ports to disembark. It took five days to reach Guernsey, an island in the English Channel off the coast of Normandy, one of the British Channel Islands. After rough seas we were able to continue three weeks in France, Spain, and Portugal. We choose this itinerary for the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Our favorites.

About Me

In 2004, we moved to the gold country, we enjoy the foothills. My husband and I lived most of our adult lives in the East Bay,

I'm a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Mother Lode Colony Elder, State Deputy Governor North, the D.A.R. El Dorado Chapter, California, 1st Vice Regent. Each a non-profit 501 c organizations, non-political, non-religion based, and Col. Edward Jessup Branch, The United Empire Loyalist Association, Canada. www.uelac.org

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www.camayflower.org; ,<https://dar.org>

3 W's:

Wear a Mask.

Wash your Hands

Watch your Distance

World Heritage

"Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.

Places as unique and diverse as wilds of East Africa's Serengeti, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and the baroque cathedrals of Latin America make up our world's heritage.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. This is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972."



Halifax Cemetery Gates



Fundy – UNESCO World Heritage – Biosphere Reserve Located on western side of Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, Canada, the area is renowned for its Acadian mixed wood forests, rugged coastline extreme tidal ranges, salt marches as well as terrestrial and marine biodiversity.

The area also has a rich cultural heritage starting with the original M'kmaq aboriginal inhabitants. First settlers from France and other European countries, during colonial times

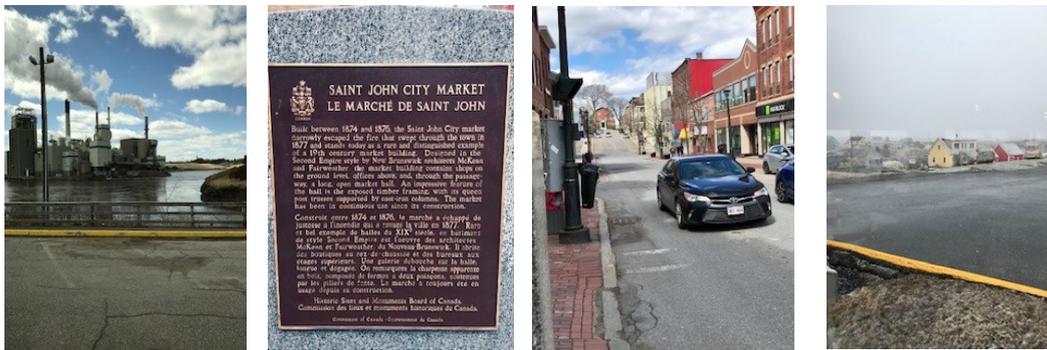


Arthur Graham

St. Martin, a quaint fishing village known for its Victorian architecture, lighthouses, and covered bridges. The area was settled by British loyalists in 1783 and in time became a major shipbuilding community.



Saint John, Old City Market, which was constructed in 1876 and narrowly escaped the devastating Fire of 1877, Canada's oldest continuously operating farmer's market.



Ship's balcony covered with ice and snow left by Artic storm, change of course for five days.



Summer Specials on 400th Anniversary Merchandise!



California’s project to commemorate the 400th Anniversary was truly remarkable. In fact, it was one of the few successful projects with both a national and international viewership. Now that summer is upon us, there is still time to celebrate the 400th Anniversary through 2021. The 2020 Committee has slashed the suggested donation prices on many of the items! Now is the time to do some early shopping for Compact Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas! Operators are standing by to fulfill your order, as supplies last.

- Official Tournament of Roses Float pin - ~~\$15.00~~ NOW ONLY \$8.00**
- State Anniversary lapel pin - ~~\$16.20~~ NOW ONLY \$10.00**
- “Who’s Your Pilgrim” T-shirt - ~~\$25.00~~ NOW ONLY \$15.00**
- Rose Parade Challenge Coin - ~~\$40.00~~ NOW ONLY \$20.00**
- Challenge Coin Full Set - ~~\$200.00~~ NOW ONLY \$120.00 SAVE \$80.00!**

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!!! - Limited Stock Available

Special Appreciation goes to Beth Stone, Foothill Colony, for volunteering to fulfill your order.

Visit camayflower2020.com for more information.

All proceeds will go to support all of the many activities within the California Mayflower Society.



Submitted by Carole Curran

2020 Scholarship Winners

The three winners of the 2020 Scholarship program have each been contacted by me by phone as well as a congratulatory letter. When we last emailed each other, there was the possibility of a tie for 3rd place. As it turned out, there was a tie and I was the tie breaker. How the tie breaker was decided may be of interest to you. Here is how it happened.

In March when I mailed the applications and judging forms to each of our three judge/evaluators I began to think about how difficult it would be for the Chair to be the all-wise Solomon in the event that there might be a tie several weeks down the line. So, what I did was in mid March I evaluated all 9 applicants *as though I was a judge* and filed away my results in the event a tie breaker was needed. Back then, there was no pressure to decide a winner; only the need to do a thorough job of evaluating. When the results of our 3-judge panel were in and the tie for 3rd was evident, I merely went to what my contingency voting had for scoring and that then became the tie breaker. Unless I think of a better or more fair way to break a tie, I will do the same next year.

Our winners are: **First Place \$5,000: Madison Grogan** lives in Fountain Valley and a member of the Orange County Colony, the winner of the Mayflower Design and Essay contest for our Rose Parade float and a brilliant student, had equal to the highest GPA of all applicants and an impressive list of honors and offices held, She is heading to Babson College in Wellesley, Mass (world renowned for its entrepreneurial business program.) Scott Miller calls her a “genius.”

Second place \$3,000: Julia Johannsen lives in McLean, VA and is the great niece of Jane Carolyn Atwater O’Brien a Mayflower member from Orange County. Her GPA of 4.5 was equal to the highest of all applicants and her application presented over a page and a half of honors received, elective offices, extra-curricular activities and community service involvement. She is currently finishing her senior year at Stanford Undergraduate University and will enroll in biochemical engineering at Stanford University in the Fall.

Third place \$2,000: Jonathan Maas lives in San Luis Obispo and is the son of member Nathaniel William Maas, a member of the Santa Barbara Colony. His GPA was a very high 4.4. Honors received include the Eagle Scout Award, AP Scholar with honor, MVP SLO HS boys varsity volleyball team, President, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club and many more. He will attend Cal Poly SLO in the Fall with a major in either Civil Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

I have attached both essays composed by each of our winners. Looking over some past Summer Quarterlies it’s apparent that as editors you have chosen to print the “Mayflower Ancestor Letter” rather than the “personal essay” which, to me is such a great idea since it likely resonates with our members so beautifully. However, I am sending the other essay in the outside chance that the Quarterly had space to print both especially given that the quality of all three personal essays are so wonderfully composed. If space doesn’t allow at least you both can get to see for your own enjoyment what these young, future leaders wrote about.

Best regards and stay well,

Larry Beston

Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

November 9, 1623

Madison Grogan First place winner

Dearest Sarah,

These past years in the New World have brought much struggle, but it is with a hopeful heart that I write to you.

We arrived in Plymouth three years ago. The men said we landed far north of Virginia but that we would anchor here and build our lives. The voyage, so long and hard, had left many of us eager for land, but dissent began to brew among us. Because we were settling outside of Virginia, there was no law, and the Strangers aboard the *Mayflower* seemed eager to live by their own independent government.



Madison Grogan

However, the men devised a document which they called the *Mayflower Compact*. The Compact has created a system of government that ties us with England yet gives us the freedom to create “just and equal laws.” For certain we would have perished if not for the foresight of our leaders. I, only a child at the time, was not fully aware of the effects that this momentous signing would bring. Now, three years later, I see that it is by this document that we live in a self-governing community. Landing in Cape Cod gave us a home, but the *Mayflower Compact* gave us freedom. There is no amount of words that can express what it is like to finally worship in our own way and among our own brethren. I am certain that the spirit of our Compact will pass to our children and grandchildren. I believe that the *Mayflower Compact* will be our legacy here, and that we have started something truly special in the New World.

It is with great sadness that I tell you that my life here has not been easy. The first winter was the hardest. By now it is likely you know of the great tragedy that has befallen our family: of all of us, I am the only one who remains. Father, Mother, and brother Joseph are all with God now. I do not know why I alone survived; I only know how hard it was to be all alone in the New World with only God by my side.

I have recently been married to a man named John Alden. He was the cooper on our long voyage, but decided to remain alongside us after landing. Perhaps he, too, contains the fire for liberty that is so deeply rooted in the people here. Together we will start a family, and for the first time I feel truly happy.

I will never know what my life would have been like if I had never set foot on the *Mayflower*. However, what I do know is this: here, at Plymouth, something new was born. The New World was christened with the coming of freedom, and that is a gift I would not exchange for the world.

Yours truly,

Priscilla Mullins Alden

Madison Grogan

Personal Essay

Growing up American, the word “freedom” was always embedded in my life. From studying the American Revolution in school to watching July 4th parades, the concept of democracy and liberty is something that I hold dear. I have been raised with a firm belief in self-government and the right to personal freedoms, including the freedom of religion that the Pilgrims valued deeply.

It is for this reason that the story of the *Mayflower* resonates strongly within me. The *Mayflower Compact* shaped the future of the United States by establishing a culture of democracy. The Pilgrims could have created a dictatorship, but they chose freedom, and this choice has defined the American experiment for four hundred years.

When America was ready to create its own union, the Revolution began in the North. One of the most significant reasons for this was the culture of freedom that had already been instilled in the New England people, largely the result of their Pilgrim ancestors. The decision made by the Pilgrims to sign the *Mayflower Compact* and create their own laws as a community is the fundamental idea behind the United States, and Plymouth is in many ways the birthplace of American freedom.

Researching the *Mayflower Compact* has given me the opportunity to recognize the importance behind my personal freedoms. As an American citizen, I have a duty to my federal, state, and local governments to vote and actively engage myself in democracy. Just as my Pilgrim ancestors before me, I must work to support fair laws that benefit the general good of society. My Pilgrim ancestors created the framework that gave me the opportunity to participate in government, and for that I will be forever grateful.

In studying the *Mayflower*, I have also formed a deeper respect for my Pilgrim ancestors, especially Priscilla Mullins. Priscilla faced many challenges in the New World, including the death of both her parents and her brother. To be a woman with no property and no husband must have been extremely difficult for a teenager. I cannot imagine the strength it took for her to persevere and overcome tragedy, and I hope every day that I possess the same willpower and determination to succeed. Priscilla embodies the story of many Americans who come from tragedy, and her voice is echoed in the struggles of many young women today. As I grow older, I want to emulate her resilient spirit and carry her story with me wherever I go.

In landing in Plymouth and signing the *Mayflower Compact*, the Pilgrims laid the foundation for a nation of freedom and the right of each individual to worship as they choose. In a time period filled with autocracy, the Pilgrims created a culture of democracy. For the rest of my life, I will hold my head high, knowing that a part of me is a part of them, and that I, just like the Pilgrims, can commit myself to a society in which the people have the power to create change.



Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

Julia Johannsen

Dear Uncles,

I pray this letter finds you well. After two months battered by the great winds on journey to Virginia, we have finally spotted land. No words can describe the comfort of the sight before us, but gladdened as I am to once again see God's earthly creations, I cannot yet rejoice. The western winds have blown our vessel well north of the Virginia colony and deposited us at Cape Cod hook. Since then we have wasted several days of depleting rations on fruitless efforts to reach Virginia's shores. To deepen my worry, there is talk among the strangers of mutiny. They whisper that the contract we hold with the Virginia Company is void, claiming their right to take the land that calls to us starboard of the Mayflower.



Julia Johannsen

Mutinous speeches have eaten away at the unity forged over our voyage, a bond which now more than ever is imperative to our survival. The winter winds have begun to bite, I feel the air freshen now as the sun sets beyond the land west, and with promises of hardship ahead I must keep my people together. There is hope in the face of this division, and I have joined my comrade William Brewster in the drafting of a compact that he believes has the authority to maintain the unity necessary to survive the new world. With such disparity of belief upon this vessel, we must find ourselves brought together by loyalty to our king and our Christian faith. But all the same, the land before us is not England, and with dangers unknown, our authority and rule must not rest within the land an ocean's voyage away but within the people of this very ship. Tomorrow we will gather the men of the Mayflower and present to them our Compact. Tonight I will retire to my quarters in uncertainty for the last time and pray that the strangers see in William's document our salvation.

If you are receiving this letter then our venture was a success. I wish love to you both and pray for the safe arrival of many more letters.

God's Grace,

William Bradford

Julia Johannsen

Personal Essay

Few times in history does order emerge from chaos. In terms of science, Newton's second law claims that the world is perpetually moving toward greater entropy, the order of the universe itself is disorder. A few moments choose to challenge this science, finding in the deepest chaos of man the ability to form coherence and harmony.

I won't deny, I've always preferred science to history. The orderly and logical world of chemical equations and biological processes comforts me; the rules are all clear. But in some moments mankind defies these rules, finding humanity stronger than any natural law or boundary. A chaotic turn of events, the winds blowing the Mayflower off course from Virginia, led not to the expected strife and conflict but to the first democratic document of America. The Strangers and Saints, like two immiscible compounds, formed strikingly different groups with conflicting agendas. Then in a turn of fate, oil and water combined into one and the Mayflower compact was signed.

Science and logic pointed to disunity as the most likely outcome. But these formulaic approaches forgot one very important factor: humanity. The rules of the natural world apply to humanity on a molecular level, but not on a fundamental one. Time and time again, men and women have conquered the worst odds, made inventions beyond our wildest dreams, and broken the rules. The Mayflower compact serves as a reminder of the resilience of mankind in the face of hardship, a reminder that the rules don't apply. As a Chemical engineer I will be testing the frontiers of science, pushing for a better life and a better society with innovations impossible mere seconds before they occurs. The Mayflower compact reminds me that although the world operates on scientific law, humanity cannot be held back. Every time I doubt myself I remember the times in history in which my ancestors faced every sign of disaster and turned around to create new hope and harmony. The Mayflower compact to the pilgrims was merely a document to keep them alive through winter, but it became the fundamental basis for the constitution, and the first democratic document in America.

So when science despairs me, when the rules and equations seem to tangle around my body and halt any progress, I'll remember where humanity broke free of those rules. The pilgrims created their own codes and their own unity in the Mayflower compact. So I will create my own rules, challenge the chaos and the entropy around me just like the Pilgrims did, and with the resilience of my ancestors holding me up, I will work to make the world a better place.



Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

Jonathan Maas

My dear and loving aunt,

Although I was saddened that I received no additional letter from you on the two ships just arrived, I resolved to keep you aware of the many felicitous changes that have occurred since I last set pen to paper.

It is by the goodness of God and with great joy that Priscilla has been recently delivered of her child, a daughter, whom we have given your name, Elizabeth. We pray that if it be the will of God, that she should find favor and grow into fullness here in the land he hath brought us.

We have found sure and true companions among those covenanted and bound together over the two years hence. This ordinance has held fast and our neighbors have dealt justly with even me, a stranger heretofore in their company. Following the arrival of *Anne* and *Little John*, God has seen fit to add ninety more to our number and a division of land has occurred. Three acres were granted to our family. Our lot lies on the north side of town adjoining the gardens of those who came on the *Fortune*. We hope for God to prosper the work of our hands and multiply the bounty of our field. If you being well again, it would be our pleasure to have you voyage and enjoin with others of our friends whose company we much desire, for we shall have enough after harvest to make provision for us all.

Firm is the hope of Captain Standish to soon reestablish the colony at Wessagusset. The Indian Prince Pecksout whom Standish dispatched shall trouble them no more and we desire to possess a new covenant of peace with the peoples about us and again yield to the protection of our sovereign Lord King James.

I forebear further writing as I doubt not that if you be well, we shall soon hope to see you in body and beseech the Lord for safe conveyance into our presence. Relying on His faithful hand Plymouth in New England, this 26 of August, 1623.

Your devoted nephew,
J. A.



Jonathan Maas

Jonathan Maas

Personal Essay

A little over 400 years is the distance in time between my birth and that of my ancestor John Alden. It would seem incredulous that two individuals separated by such a distance should share any connection. Nevertheless, he and I are inseparably linked by bonds of both blood and belief.

When I was young, the lives of the Pilgrims seemed removed from my experience until one summer when we drove to New England. We visited places like Plymouth Rock, Pilgrim Hall, Burial Hill, and Plimoth Plantation. Before this trip, my imagination of these people was rather academic. Afterward, the realization that these were indeed real people with real lives, who faced real dangers, and labored to produce a new home in a new land became a reality to me. So what lessons have I acquired from the life of my ancestor? John Alden possessed particular characteristics and traits upon which I would wish to model my own life. We know little about John's early life, but we know he was useful with his hands and possessed skill. He was a ship's cooper and likely carpenter, so useful that he was encouraged by the Pilgrims to stay and join them in the New World.

He was one of the signatories of the Mayflower Compact, which showed that he was willing to commit to others, learn from them, and cooperatively work together. This act demonstrates that John was willing to form associations with trusted individuals and his later life revealed that he was able to maintain loyalty to his commitments. His willingness to sign was also an early indicator of his ability to take calculated risks. This aspect of personal courage would be again demonstrated in his action to personally assume colony debt as an "Undertaker" when the Merchant Adventurers disbanded, and even later when he participated in the pioneering settlement of Duxbury.

John's character would mature from a reasoned risktaker to a trustworthy leader and public servant. It can be assumed that he possessed the confidence of his fellow colonists based upon his record of elected offices held first in Plymouth and later in Duxbury and he proved himself an honest leader of modest means never enriching himself through his position.

Like my ancestor, I would hope that I would be able to acquire useful skills. I plan to study engineering in college so that I can be beneficial to those around me. Like Alden, I am comfortable taking calculated risks, but I also desire to mature as a person who commits to others and shows myself trustworthy in providing sacrificial service to those in my community.

At the end of his life, Alden left a godly legacy as a man of service and faith. In a memorial broadside following his death it was said of him, he was "a man for God, and for his country's good, in all relations wherein he stood." If the same could be said of me, I would leave this world happily imitating his example.



From a Small Mayflower, My Family Grew

By Deborah Jane Clary Cochrane

The earliest beginnings of my family in America are rooted in the arrival of the Mayflower in 1620. From these, my 8th, 9th and 10th great grandfathers and grandmothers, descended Americans now



numbering in the hundreds of thousands, if not millions. I think it's important to know who these forebears were, and not just their names and significant dates in their lives. The reasons for their departure from England are well known. Some of the details are a little more obscure.

John Alden

John Alden was twenty-one years old when he was hired to be the cooper for the Mayflower voyage. In 1622 or 23 he married fellow passenger Priscilla Mullins, whose parents and brother perished during the first winter at Plym-

outh. He, along with Myles Standish and several others, founded the town of Duxbury, MA. The Alden House is still standing in Duxbury. He died in 1687 at age 89. Our link to John is via his daughter Sarah, who married Alexander Standish.

Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris Allerton and Mary Allerton

Isaac Allerton was born in Suffolk, England, and was apprenticed to a London blacksmith before moving to Leiden, Holland and marrying Mary Norris. Isaac and his wife and 3 children sailed on the Mayflower in 1620. We are related through his daughter Mary, who married Thomas Cushman. Isaac was an assistant to Governor Bradford at Plymouth, but made some ill-advised business decisions, and after 1634 moved to New Haven, CT.

William Brewster, Mary Brewster and Love Brewster

William Brewster was born in Nottinghamshire, England about 1566. He spent time at Cambridge University, and served at the court of Queen Elizabeth I as an assistant to one of her secretaries of state. Brewster was instrumental in establishing a separatist church, and moved to Leiden, Holland in 1609. When the Leiden church congregation decided to establish a colony abroad, Elder Brewster was chosen to go. He continued his work as church elder in Plymouth, dying in 1644 at age 80. We are descendants through two of his sons: Jonathan and Love.

Francis Cooke

Francis Cooke and his son John sailed in 1620 on the Mayflower, leaving behind his French Walloon wife Hester le Mahieu and four other children. He had been in Leiden, Holland since at least 1603, for reasons unknown. His wife and other children voyaged to Plymouth in 1623 on the ship Anne. We are related through his son Jacob, who married Damaris Hopkins.

Stephen Hopkins, Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins and Constance Hopkins

From Hampshire, England, Stephen was born in 1581. He sailed on the ship Sea Venture to Jamestown, Virginia in 1609, but was shipwrecked in what is now Bermuda. News of these events is believed to have inspired Shakespeare's writing of *The Tempest*. A mutiny organized by him and others resulted in a death sentence, which was commuted, and he made his way to Jamestown.

Back in England by 1617, a widower, he married Elizabeth Fisher. In 1620 the family embarked on the Mayflower voyage. In the Plymouth colony he occasionally ran afoul of the authorities, incidents involving the sale and service of alcohol. His daughter Damaris, the second with that name, was born in 1627 or 1628 in Plymouth. My 8th great grandmother. We are related as well though daughters Deborah Hopkins and Constance Hopkins.

John Howland

On the Mayflower, John Howland was a servant to passenger John Carver. He was swept overboard and rescued. He served as a member of the party that explored Cape Cod before the landing in Plymouth, and quickly rose to prominence in the new colony. He was placed in charge of the colony's fur trading post at Kennebec, Maine. Before 1627 he had married Elizabeth Tilley, and they had 10 children, including my 8th great grandmother Hannah Howland.

William Mullins, Alice Mullins and Priscilla Mullins

The Mullins family sailed on the Mayflower with a manservant, but during the first year in Plymouth, William, Alice and the servant Robert Carter died. Daughter Priscilla married John Alden, and we are descended from their daughter Sarah Alden and her husband Alexander Standish.

Myles Standish

Myles Standish was a military officer hired by the Pilgrims as a military advisor. He played a leading role in the administration and defense of Plymouth, acting as the first commander of the Colony militia, and for his entire life. In the 1640s he moved to his Duxbury farm, and was primarily an advisor to the military forces. His wife Rose died in January of 1621, and he married second wife Barbara in 1623. Their son Alexander was my 8th great grandfather. Myles died of "the stranguary" in 1656.

John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley and Elizabeth Tilley

John Tilley was born in County Bedford, England in 1571, and sailed on the Mayflower with his wife, daughter, brother Edward and Edward's wife. All but daughter Elizabeth died the first winter, although John had participated in the exploration of Cape Cod, including the "First Encounter" with Indians in the freezing cold of December. Elizabeth is our link through her marriage to John Howland.

Nineteen individuals, Mayflower passengers, to whom all of us in this family are related. Astounding, really. An ancestor not numbered among these is Robert Cushman, who was to be a passenger aboard the second ship, Speedwell. When the Speedwell sprang a leak and couldn't make the voyage, Robert Cushman remained in England to function as the group's financial agent and to send them supplies. He and son Thomas arrived in Plymouth a year later on the ship Fortune. When his father returned to England, 12-year old Thomas was left in the care of Governor William Bradford. His father never returned to Plymouth, dying three years later in London. Thomas Cushman married Mary Allerton in 1635 or 36, and one or more Cushmans appear in every family line from the above passengers, all the way down to me. The one who appears in every single line is Zeruiah Cushman, who married Nathaniel Palmer House in Leeds, Maine in 1799, and died there in 1819. It is this relationship to her, my 3rd great grandmother, that connects me to all nineteen of those Mayflower souls.

**New Members Approved
June 20, 2020**

Alameda Colony

Greg Scott Nelson

GS# 96905 CA# 9584

12th From George Soule

Laura Kay Shannon Groneberg

GS# 96961 CA# 9587

13th Generation from William Brewster

Janice Yumiko Earl

GS# 97121 CA# 9600

13th Generation from John Howland

Robert Michael Earl

GS# 97122 CA# 9601

12th Generation from John Howland

Jess Eldred Lucchese

GS# 97123 CA# 9602

13th Generation from John Howland

Matthew Robert Lucchese

GS# 97124 CA# 9603

13th Generation from John Howland

Peter Joseph Lucchese

GS# 97125 CA# 9604

13th Generation from John Howland

Diane McCain

GS# 97126 CA# 9605

12th Generation from John Howland

Rosemary Garrett-Young Sweetwood

GS# 97272 CA# 9629

13th Generation from John Howland**Foothill Colony**

Robert Charles Brown Jr

GS# 97181 CA# 9618

13TH Generation from Stephen Hopkins**Inland Empire Colony**

James Milton Greenway

GS# 97127 CA# 9606

11th Generation from Thomas Rogers

Gary Michael Kukura

GS# 97295 CA# 9631

10th Generation from Edward Doty

Barrett Balch Maass

GS# 97297 CA# 9633

12th from John Alden

Donna Virginia Reid

GS# 97299 CA# 9635

11th Generation from Mary Allerton

Jaina CA#therine Maidel Ericson

GS# 97369 CA# 9642

10th Generation from Edward Doty**Los Angeles Colony**

Lon Earl DeYoung

GS# 97150 CA# 9612

13th Generation from William Brewster

Michael Earl DeYoung

GS# 97151 CA# 9613

14th Generation from William Brewster

Kelly Ann (DeYoung) Moore

GS# 97152 CA# 9614

14th from William Brewster

Steven Scott Benning

GS# 97271 CA# 9628

12th Generation from George Soule

John Alden Brubaker

GS# 97330 CA# 9636

12th from John Alden**Mother Lode Colony**

Charity Anne Dean

GS# 96997 CA# 9591

13th Generation from William Brewster

Charlotte Anderson

GS# 9714 CA# 9609

10th from John Howland

Carole Prentice Fortune Ebert

GS# 97239 CA# 9624

13th Generation from James Chilton

Patricia Ann Templeton Moore

GS# 97298 CA# 9634

13th Generation from Richard Warren

Karen Lynne Kelley Martin
GS# 97370 CA# 9643
11th Generation from John Howland

Jane Leslie McBride Moran
GS# 97402 CA# 9647
12th Generation from John Alden

Mary Wright Ketscher Basso
GS# 97428 CA# 9651
11th Generation from George Soule

Orange County Colony

Debra Elayne Morrison
GS# 96962 CA# 9588
12th Generation from William Brewster

Clarice Olson
GS# 97030 CA# 9594
10th Generation from Francis Eaton

Jeana Karolyn West Kawamura
GS# 97091 CA# 9599
13th Generation from Thomas Rogers

Joanne Buto
GS# 97149 CA# 9611
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Nikki Jeane (Mitchell) Palmer
GS# 97154 CA# 9616
13th Generation from Richard Warren

Susan Rodgers Taylor Brashier
GS# 97180 CA# 9617
12th from William Brewster

Laura Lee Fox Steele
GS# 97209 CA# 9623
13th Generation from Edward Fuller

Bonnie Mae Nelson Christensen
GS# 97366 CA# 9639
12th Generation from Richard Warren

Victor Thomas Christensen
GS# 97367 CA# 9640
13th Generation from Richard Warren

David Warren Eaton
GS# 97368 CA# 9641
11th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

Ann Fulcher Washington
GS# 97372 CA# 9645
11th Generation from Isaac Allerton

Thomas Edward Walley
GS# 97373 CA# 9646
10th Generation from George Soule

Jane Elizabeth Rethlefsen Schrenzel
GS# 97403 CA# 9648
12th Generation from John Billington

Janice Jean Baker Seib
GS# 97427 CA# 9650
13th Generation from Richard Warren

Rancho Conejo

Ronald James Hall
GS# 97090 CA# 9598
12th from Isaac Allerton

Heather Joy Coyle Kerrigan
GS# 97183 CA# 9620
14th Generation from Richard Warren

Troy Richard Munday
GS# 97371 CA# 9644
14th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

Redwood Empire Colony

Connie Palmer Benz
GS# 96923 CA# 9585
11th Generation from John Alden

Pamela Ann Tuttle Collins
GS# 96996 CA# 9590
13th from William Mullins

Julie Rae Flieger
GS# 97182 CA# 9619
12th from William Brewster

Vickie Lynn Flieger Settle
GS# 97184 CA# 9621
12th Generation from William Brewster

Ann Elizabeth Jackson
GS# 97240 CA# 9625
12th Generation from Richard Warren

Ronald Lee McGinnis
GS# 97242 CA# 9627
13th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

San Diego Colony

Tisha Marie McMurry Carney

GS# 96924 CA# 9586

12th Generation from John Alden

Jimmy Elsworth Taylor

GS# 96963 CA# 9589

13th Generation from William Brewster

Linda Marie Slagle

GS# 96998 CA# 9592

13th Generation from Francis Cooke

Renee Neale

GS# 97029 CA# 9593

11th Generation from Miles Standish

Dayle Robert Koechert

GS# 97056 CA# 9595

12th Generation from Edward Fuller

Jennifer Moulder

GS# 97129 CA# 9608

14th Generation from William Brewster

Lawrence Deane Hart

GS# 97294 CA# 9630

13th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

Deborah Jean Coon

GS# 97331 CA# 9637

11th Generation from John Alden

Richard Paul Weiss

GS# 97332 CA# 9638

13th Generation from Richard Warren

Glen James Sullivan

GS# 97426 CA# 9649

10th Generation from Thomas Rogers

Natalie Reagan Cushman

GS# 97429 CA# 9652

12th Generation from Miles Standish**San Francisco Peninsula Colony**

Mia Elizabeth Lindell

GS# 97296 CA# 9632

12th Generation from Henry Samson**Santa Barbara Colony**

Jeannine Marie Visbal

GS# 97058 CA# 9597

13th Generation from James Chilton

Elizabeth Badart

GS# 97148 CA# 9610

12th Generation from Edward Fuller**Sequoia Colony**

Julianne O'Brien

GS# 97057 CA# 9596

13th Generation from James Chilton

Christine Morris

GS# 97128 CA# 9607

14th Generation from Richard Warren

Timothy Charles McBride

GS# 97153 CA# 9615

12th Generation from Samuel Fuller

Gwendolyn Faye Lockwood

GS# 97241 CA# 9626

12th Generation from Edward Fuller**No Colony Affiliation**

Ronald William Barnes

GS# 97208 CA# 9622

11th Generation from George Soule**Reinstatement Requests****Mother Lode Colony**

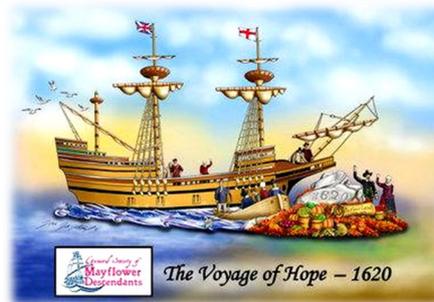
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GS# 81400 CA# 8348

11th Generation from Stephen Hopkins**Redwood Empire Colony**

Jack Rhodes

GS# 79604 CA# 8532

10th Generation from Edward Doty

**Supplementals Received
since March 2020**

Alameda Colony

Robert Allen Davis
GS# 95935 CA# 9521
12th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

Inland Empire Colony

Sandra Jeanne Mortensen Carr
GS# 95521 CA# 9485
12th from Francis Cooke
12th from Richard Warren

Mother Lode Colony

Lynda Raye King
GS# 81400 CA# 8348
11th Generation from John Alden

Dr. Linda Susan Randolph Line
GS# 95665 CA# 9499
12th from John Howland
12th from Joan Hurst Tilly
11th from George Soule
11th from Samuel Fuller
12th from Edward Fuller
12th from Mrs. Edward Fuller

Orange County Colony

Billie Lou (Sanford) Mitchell
GS# 90896 CA# 9124
12th Generation from Patricia Mullins

Anthony Paul Brewster
GS# 75647 CA# 7789
11th from William Bradford

Lisa Louise Schumacher
GS# 87255 CA# 8853
12th Generation from Degory Priest

Rancho Conejo

Holly Comstock Newcomb
GS# 94706 CA# 9424
11th Generation from John Alden

Redwood Empire Colony

Ronald Kilby
GS# 84513 CA# 8615
12th Generation from Stephen Hopkins

Roger Culver Whiting
GS# 93953 CA# 9340
13th Generation from Isaac Allerton

San Diego Colony

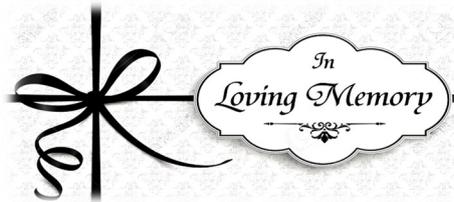
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GS# 93975 CA# 9344
12th from Peter Brown

Sequoia Colony

Diane Elizabeth Zion Douglass
GS# 89245 CA# 9005
10th Generation from Patricia Mullins

Christine Ann Bassett
GS# 93052 CA# 9461
12th Generation from Hopkins

Jonathan Cobb Dickey
GS# 88428 CA# 8942
11th Generation from Thomas Rogers

**Alameda Colony**

Sarah Elizabeth McCombs Ball - April 02, 2019

Inland Empire Colony

Beverly Jean Small Nickerson
April 05, 2020

Los Angeles Colony

Melissa Lovelady - June 11, 2020

Monterey Bay Colony

Lois Weston Weeth - April 2019

Mother Lode Colony

Debra Jane Prewett Baer - March 05, 2020
Charles Gordon Spice, Jr. - May 28, 2020

San Diego Colony

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Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Sally Johnson at:
sallycamayflowermemsec@gmail.com

She will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: Oct 01, 2020 . 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.

Fall issue	October 1st 2020
Winter issue	January 2nd 2021
Spring issue	April 1st 2021
Summer issue	July 1st, 2021

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www.camayflower.org

Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:
www.themayflowersociety.org

CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2020 Meeting Schedule

June 20, 2020 - Online Meeting

August 20, 2020 - Email meeting to accept new members

October 17, 2020 - TBD

December 05, 2020 - Email vote accept new members

January 15, 2021 - TBD

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State News

Co-Editor's Report

The 2020 spring edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly was sent to the printers upon completion of formatting, about the middle of April. The editors contacted the printing company since the Shelter-in-Place order had been set and we wanted to verify that people were working. Our contact, William Russell, confirmed that although it may take a little longer to accomplish, the printing and mailing would be completed in the shortest time possible. Things seemed to be going smoothly and we were pleased to receive our printed copies in the mail about the first of May.

Since late May, we began hearing from some members that they had not yet received their printed copy of the Spring Quarterly. It seemed to be coming from members in the north part of the state, but we wanted to make sure. We sent a question to all colony governors asking them to check with their membership as to any missing Quarterlies. We heard back from a number of colonies that this issue never arrived at some member's homes.

Upon calling the printing company in So San Francisco, we found out William Russell "had returned to his homeland," and was given the name of the person who is supposed to be the owner of the company. When asked about the shipping of the last Quarterly we were told they had all been sent to the San Bruno Post Office and therefore it was out of their hands. We then asked if there were any remaining spring Quarterlies in their shop and with a call back were informed there were over 100 copies remaining. We asked them to ship them to us so we could get them out to members who never received a copy.

THEREFORE, Ray is researching finding a new printing/ mailing company. Since Donna transferred ownership in January 2019 we have had a harder time communicating with them. If you hear of members not receiving their copy, please let us know.

As it is now, the next edition will be due on July 1, 2020. Please feel free to share about your colonies even though we are aware you are not meeting physically and probably will not have photos to share. We will share both state and national Mayflower Society news as to what is happening during the historical time in history.

*Ray and Gail Raser
Co-editors*

Junior Membership Report

During the second quarter of 2020 there have been four new Junior Members added to The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California.

*Amy Conboy
Junior Membership Chair*



Membership Secretary Report

In this 400th anniversary year, our Society is growing significantly. At the June 20 online meeting the BOA approved 69 new members accepted by Plymouth since our March meeting; there are also 2 reinstatements and 21 supplementals. New members and supplementals continue to be approved by Plymouth almost every day. Unfortunately, we do not yet have full information on most of them.

Closure of Plymouth offices due to the pandemic caused a two-month delay in sending us approved membership applications. This has affected the preparation of updated membership rosters. I have sent rosters to all colonies that show new members approved by Plymouth using information we have on file from the application process. Plymouth offices are now reopened there so we are gradually receiving the delayed applications. I will send further updates as Plymouth provides the complete applications.

Treasurer Susan Oldfield and I continue to work together to make our records current and accurate. To try to bring our dues payments current, we sent dues reminders in May and June to those not current in their dues. We appreciate everyone who responded and thank you for realizing that, despite our best efforts, there will be inaccuracies and discrepancies in our records.

We do have one request. If you have membership or financial questions or concerns, please email us at: Membership Secretary: sallycamayflowermemsec@gmail.com
Treasurer: MayflowerMaiden75@outlook.com

Rather than contacting membership in Plymouth. All inquiries to Plymouth about California membership or financial issues are forwarded back to us. We are always glad to answer your questions.

And a special thank you to the many members who have updated their contact information.

Sally K. Johnson
Membership Secretary

Counselor's Report

As Counselor I continue to advise and consult with the Executive Committee and the BOA on various matters. In the past quarter, I have worked with our two Deputy Governor Generals to prepare standardized bylaws for consideration by the Society's 14 Colonies, I've also worked with the State Governor on certain matters related to the operation of the Oakland Library, and matters related to the 2020 Rose Parade. I've assisted the State Treasurer in finalizing a 2020 budget, and in considering the impact of recent stock market trends on the society's investment fund. Finally, I've made a proposal for how the society might generate needed funds to replace monies spent on the Rose Parade.

Jonathan Dickey
Counselor



Treasurer's Report

Dear Members of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California,

This time last year, I was anticipating my approval to be Treasurer of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc. It has taken quite awhile to get a handle on the many aspects of this job. There are several different "Threads":

One Maintaining the bank accounts, bank reconciliations and reports.

Two Processing dues which is a non-stop job from November thru January. Luckily, Sally Johnson, Membership Secretary, and I are now on the same online spreadsheet. Previously, it was a matter of comparing two different (non-compatible) spreadsheets from the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary.

Three Compiling data from all the colonies for IRS reports. A BIG Thank you to David Grinnell for writing the actual IRS reports.

Four Issuing checks for expense reimbursements and 2020 activities. Issuing checks for first year dues to people whose applications were denied. This will slow down considerably since we take the application fees at a much later point in the process: at the point we believe they will pass muster in Plymouth.

Five Writing detail on my Quick Books that will describe the transactions made.

Six Keeping up with member addresses in Quick Books and notifying Sally of any changes. I am in the process of changing the "customer" list from First name first, to Last name first. You would be surprised how many Williams, Susans, Priscillas, Patricias, Marys, and Roberts there are. It is very time consuming to search by first name when recording dues or issuing a check. Eventually, they will all be listed by last name. A bid bugaboo is when I get a check from Sarah Jones and finally figure out she's listed as Mrs. Robert Jones! Those have all been changed to the member's name, not her husband's.

Seven Doing research on status of members, in reference to their dues, or reinstatement.

Eight Generating reports for many people. Now that the Rose Parade Float is a *fete avompli*, this has slowed down quite a bit.

Nine Of course filing. I make copies of all checks received. That has been very helpful when doing search requests.

Ten And then there is the BOA approvals thread. Here, we send applications to Plymouth for approval. We are charged for these when they arrive in Plymouth. This is where Plymouth wants to raise the fee by 50 bucks (Amendment 2, Article XII). Plymouth will then charge 125.00 per application. Their bookkeeping on this needs to be reconciled with our records, as we are expected to send in money in advance. So, if 10 apps are sent in for approval, that would be 10 x \$75 (currently) plus an additional 750.00 so we have a credit balance with them.

In actuality, they ask for money twice a year and I need to be able to agree with their report. In January, they asked for \$6,000.00 or so and I gave them an additional \$6,000.00 so we have a credit balance.

Historian Erica Hahn and the Assistant Historian Mandy Dunkle are creating a spreadsheet of the apps sent to Plymouth so I can reconcile more easily. We sent the apps in with Ledger #'s. Their reports come back with GSMD #'s and CA#'s (not Ledger #'s). Luckily, the dates are listed as well, so I can compare dates and names. I really think this is a two person job. In a firm as large as this, there would be a receivables clerk, payables clerk, secretary and accountant. I enjoy doing the work, but I do have a life and have had to put rose trimming, sewing, stained glass, genealogy, carpentry and doing things with my husband on hold. Which, I don't think is very healthy. I think most of the executive board would feel the same.

I have asked a new member who lives in Visalia if she would be interested in volunteering to help with filing, and during the dues season, she could help with opening envelopes and writing the CA#'s on the checks. Also, stamping the backs of checks and compiling for a deposit. I've found 15 checks in a deposit works best with Quick Books. She has agreed to help, but will now have to wait until the Covid scare is over. She is the only member within an hour's drive. Thank you, Dianna Saario, for helping me several times, even though you live an hour and a half away.

If you think you'd like to take over this job in June, 2021, I think you should have another volunteer at your beck and call. One good piece of news: When we cashed out the \$71,275.41 CD, we expected to use \$25,000.00 of it to make the final payment to Fiesta Floats. We only used \$14,742.08 because more donations had come in. I decided to use the remainder as a reserve account for the monies we hold in LIFE, and application fees paid, but not yet approved. This is working out very well. It means those monies aren't sitting in Wells Fargo checking where we would spend them. That TIAA account accrues more interest as well.

Susan Rae Oldfield
Treasurer

GSMD Virtual Meeting

June 20, 2020



Online opening Leiden400

From leiden400.nl/onlineopening

On Saturday May 16, the digital opening of the Pilgrim Year Leiden400 took place! The organization took the viewer on a city walk through the historic city center, interviewed directors, curators of museums and other partners involved while explaining the fascinating story of Leiden in the Golden Age and the role of the Pilgrims during this period.

The opening was streamed live via YouTube, Instagram and 14 different (inter)national Facebook accounts, which allowed foreign organizations and international partners to treat their followers on an extraordinary journey back in time in times of lockdown.

As the opening was live, viewers could ask questions via the Facebook account [Mayflower400NL](https://www.facebook.com/Mayflower400NL). In 3.5 hours, the broadcast received 4,645 responses, questions, likes and shares, which Susan Suer of Heritage Leiden tried to answer as best as possible.



The digital opening led to the following locations:

Museum of Ethnology

Exhibition: [FIRST AMERICANS: Honoring indigenous resilience and creativity](#)

Museum De Lakenhal

Exhibition: [Pilgrims to America – and the limits of freedom](#)

This exhibition is an account of the extraordinary journey of the Pilgrims early in the 17th century. They started out from England and spent almost 12 years in voluntary exile in Leiden, before going on to colonies the world of the Native Americans. This exhibition focuses on the decisions the Pilgrims made during their journey, with the emphasis on a historical, factual representation of their story. What were the limits that the Pilgrims encountered in their search for freedom, and what does the historical account of the Pilgrims have to say about our liberties we enjoy today?



Time travelling is impossible, is it not? Or seeing Holland through the eyes of the Pilgrims? Digital technology can help. The Hidden City Foundation aims to unlock the past with help of Virtual Reality. Life in 1620 can be seen at a number of Pilgrim-related locations in Leiden. Commissioned by Herit-

age Leiden, [very realistic 360 reconstructions](#) have been developed and you can now see the cobblestone alleys, crooked facades and canals on site and walk along the churches where the Pilgrims lived in the early 17th century.

Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk (chapel of the former St. Catherine's hospital)**Leiden American Pilgrim Museum**

Located in a beautifully preserved house built ca 1365-1370 near the clock tower of the Hooglandse Kerk, the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum tells the stories of the founders of New England, the Pilgrims. Furnishings from Pilgrim times show aspect of daily life, while event involving the Pilgrims themselves are illustrated with a remarkable collection of sixteenth and seventeenth-century maps and engravings by such artists as Gerard Mercator, Adrian van de Venne,

Adriaen van Ostade and Jacques de Gheyn.

Stadhuis (City Hall) of Leiden

William Brewstersteeg (William Brewster Alley). *William Brewster lived and worked near the Pieterskerk. Brewster's house has nearly disappeared through later enlargement, but the blank end wall can still be*



identified by the contrast of its bricks with those added later. Brewster set the type here for several of the books he clandestinely published in Leiden; Edward Winslow helped Brewster and no doubt lived in this house before his marriage. Also in this house Brewster taught English to university students.

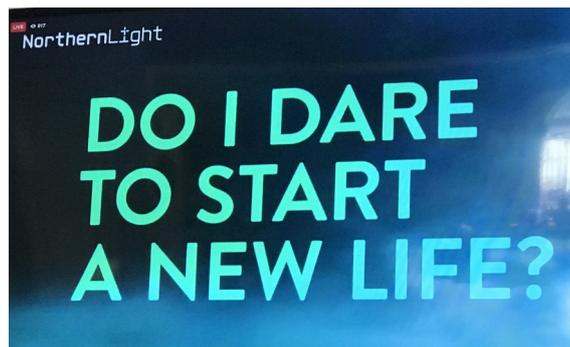
Pieterskerk Leiden

The Pieterskerk has been the central touchstone of Leiden for almost 900 years. For many American, Leiden-and especially the Pieterskerk- are inseparable from

the Pilgrims. One of the leaders of the Pilgrims, John Robinson, lived opposite the Pieterskerk, in what is now the Jan Pesijn Courtyard. The Pilgrims often joined him to hold their services. Robinson was buried in the Pieterskerk in 1625. Memorial plaques in the baptistery and on the outer wall on the south side of the church are dedicated to him. The baptistery also includes a small permanent exhibition on the Pilgrims. It is said that American Thanksgiving is based on the Leiden 3-October celebrations. Every year, Americans in the Netherlands celebrate Thanksgiving in the Pieterskerk.

Jean Pesijnhof (Jean Pesijn Courtyard)**Hortus botanicus Leiden** (Botanical Gardens)**Monument Pilgrims to the New World**

The Pilgrims left Leiden from this spot. They sailed the Vliet towards Delfshaven, where the Speedwell was waiting to bring them to England to set sail to the New World together with the Mayflower. This monument by artist Gert van der Woude was placed in 2003. It symbolizes the uncertain step taken by the Pilgrims in travelling to the New World. The names at the base are of 'Leiden Pilgrims' who took under this journey between 1620-1647.



Colony News

Los Angeles Colony

Like probably everyone else, the Los Angeles colony is waiting to see how the future of the coronavirus pandemic unfolds. The colony has traditionally had our November Compact Day luncheon at the Tam O'Shanter in Los Feliz. This year we will have to see what gatherings the conditions will allow.

I would like to try to update the e-mail addresses for the Los Angeles colony. Many members may have joined years ago when the application process did not include recording e-mail addresses. Also, some members may have changed e-mail addresses and forgotten to notify the Mayflower Descendants. The colony does not have valid e-mail addresses for many of our members. If you have not gotten e-mails from me (drllincoln@yahoo.com), then I may not have your current e-mail address. In that case, please, send me an e-mail so that the colony and state societies records can be updated. More e-mails with colony news are sent than are sent via postal mail due to the postage cost.

Four hundred years ago in July 1620, some passengers that eventually made the voyage to Plymouth in the Americas, traveled on the Mayflower down the River Thames to the south coast of England. On July 22, 1620, they met the Speedwell coming from Holland with additional members of the party to go to America. Thus, every day now is four hundred years from a day when our ancestors were fully engaged in the journey we commemorate. Think of them.

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

Santa Barbara Colony

The Santa Barbara Colony is fortunate to have Ron Zell, a retired teacher as our Chaplain. Ron is a former Santa Barbara County teacher of the year. As Chaplain his prayers have been historically accurate to the way the Pilgrims prayed. His program "Revolutionary Faith" chronicles how our ancestors in Plymouth contributed to the faith needed to create this nation of ours. I was delighted to recommend his program when asked by Monterey Governor Gloria Gibbel. I hear he is scheduled for the November meeting and hope it takes place. Ron also volunteers his time with Remembering Our Fallen- California and has a traveling display of all our heroes who have died in the fight against terror since 9/11/2001.



Ray Garrett & Ron Zell

*Ray Garrett
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

What the women of Plymouth taught us 400 years ago is today a template of how we can survive the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Since we were unable to hold our regular May Colony meeting, I thought it a good idea to reach out to our fellow members via email, the U S post office and our quarterly publication. First off, I sincerely hope you are all well and staying as safe as you can during these trying Covid19 virus Pandemic times. As you know, many of our members are seniors, who are more vulnerable to this virus and even more isolated than most. I hope you are continuing to reach out to one another, be it a Mayflower member or your neighbor, friend or relative via phone call's emails etc. It is so important that we remind ourselves to stay connected, especially with those we know who live alone or are caring for a loved one. Your single phone call to that person, might be the only personal contact that person has all day.

The very fact that we are all descendants of the Mayflower survivors is a testament not only to our strong genes but to our basic mind sets, desire and determination to help one another no matter whether we 'agree' with our neighbor or not. This brings to mind a post I recently read by Caleb Johnson, (Mayflower History.com) Titled "WOMEN OF EARLY PLYMOUTH. In this he mentions "By the time of the famous Thanksgiving there were only four women left to care for the colony's fifty surviving men and children. The four women were Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Hopkins, Mary Brewster and Susanna (White) Winslow. When you think about these four women & the fact that some were religious Puritans, while others were 'strangers' placed on board by the English investors, one has to ask, what made them so focused, so determined? Perhaps the answer is in the fact that they saw the bigger picture, help one and you help all. When one is caring for an ill person or child, your concern is in helping them and not in their religious or political upbringing or views.

Let's think about that mind set today, 400 years later. Perhaps we should all take a step back when next we view our 24/7 TV news. During this current pandemic, this is the time for us to focus on so much that we have in common & not in our so called 'differences'. Think about what's best, 'For the good of all'. "Shelter in Place" is a perfect example. I for one have to remind myself not to react to some frustrated news grabber, who seems to relish pitting one group against another (both sides of our political divide are guilty of this). I also wonder what my 'Grandmother' Eleanor Billington was thinking when she and the other surviving women were dealing with their unknown future? Perhaps they were simply doing what they knew best, caring. Something you too can do when you call that person who lives alone.

Please stay safe, be well. Be thankful to those who are serving on the front lines today, just as our foremothers did so many centuries ago.

PLEASE NOTE:

NEXT MEETING; Due to the uncertainty of just when it will be possible for our Colony to safely meet in person, we are looking into perhaps meeting via an on line ZOOM meeting in late Sept or early Oct. If it is determined by our State & County to be safe to meet in person this fall, we will do so after our Colony Board votes to do so.

*Wayne Skala
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony

Our Spring Colony General Meeting was held through Zoom on May 9, 2020. Governor Budd Leef called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The primary purpose of the meeting was to elect our new colony officers. CA Governor Ray Raser presided over the installation. Our new San Diego Colony officers for 2020-2022 are:

Governor: Kathleen Loftman; **Assistant Governor:** Judith Reale; **Recording Secretary:** Amy D’Lima; **Corresponding Secretary:** Bill Peters; **Treasurer:** Jan Quigley; **Elder:** Ken Whittemore; **Delegate to State:** Gail Raser; **Historian:** Bev Willey; **Membership Chair:** Mary Celine Scott; **Education Chair:** Amy Conboy; **Hospitality Chair:** Sonja Itson; **Decorations Chair:** Jim and Susan Mattern; **2020 Chair:** Kathleen Loftman; **Web Master:** Budd Leef; **Parliamentarian:** Bill Smith



Governor Leef’s Executive Board provided him with a token of their appreciation for his leadership. “We would like to thank Budd Leef for his great leadership over the past 2 years. He has been a terrific Governor during good times and difficult times. He has a great sense of humor and has kept smiles on all our faces. He doesn’t get overly excited; he was willing to deal with the issues that came up. He provided a grounded, practical look at every problem. He was steadfast and true to his course of action.



Budd has a light touch—he is fun to work with, supportive, and he stands up when it matters. He always appreciates other’s efforts, and is pleasant and easy-going. Even in some of the more difficult moments, he always had a sense of humor to lead us through. Thank you, Budd, for all you have done for us as our fearless leader these past two years.”

The 2020-2022 San Diego Colony Executive Board met on Saturday, June 27, 2020 to discuss our plans for the future. Sadly, the parades in which we had been selected to participate have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Our plans for Plimoth Plantation in Balboa Park are also likely to be cancelled in November. However, our sponsors, the House of Spain, have agreed to sponsor us in 2021, when our theme will focus on our ancestors surviving the first difficult year and celebrating their survival and successes.

These few cancellations provide us the opportunity to look at different options for our commemoration of the 400th anniversary. In September, we plan to hold a Mayflower Bon Voyage party, around the 6/16 of September when the Mayflower finally left England 400 years ago, and we will hold our traditional Compact Day meeting in November commemorating 400 years after it was written. We have candidate programs and venues, and what we finally decide will be determined later this summer when we have more information about the ground rules of meeting in groups. Given the health and safety issues and the uncertainty of the future, our future meetings will likely be held both online and (hopefully) in person.

In addition to our meetings, we are planning to create a Colony Directory this year, and in 2021 we plan to create a San Diego Colony 400th Anniversary cookbook.

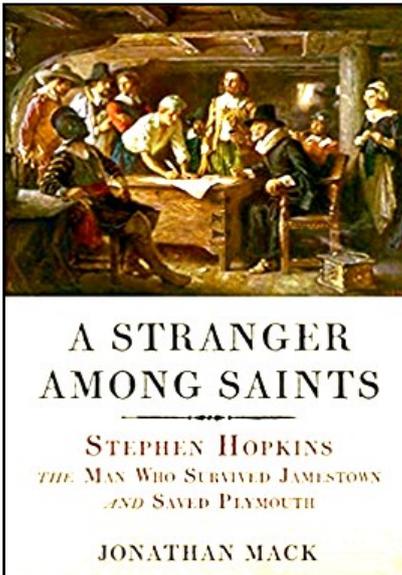
Our Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives for 2020-2022 are:

- **Mission Statement**
 - To govern our San Diego Colony over the next two years, focusing on our 400 year commemoration and engaging our members
- **Goals & Objectives**
 - Commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage, recognize our ancestor's struggles and the celebration of their first year in the Americas
 - Reach out to our San Diego Colony members
 - Increase our Colony membership
 - Communicate and hold events in new ways
 - Have fun!

Kathy Loftman
San Diego Colony, Governor

Calling All Stephen Hopkins Descendants!

Submitted by Budd Leef



We have an author in our midst (and another book calls us). A new book by San Diego Colony Member, Jonathan Mack, has recently been published (Chicago Review Press). Titled *A STRANGER AMONG SAINTS - The Man Who Survived Jamestown and Saved Plymouth*, Jonathan's biography of Stephen Hopkins follows his life, adventures, and eventual destiny with the 'Saints' of the Colony. As many Society members know already, Hopkins' life is really a story for the ages.

Jonathan discovered his Mayflower roots while casually reviewing the lines of his distant relations. Once the shock of the reveal had subsided, his further research revealed a Pilgrim ancestor's life complicated with all of the twists, turns, and complexities of a Shakespeare tale. The result of his family curiosity is now available for us all to read. HUZDAH to you, Jonathan!

His book is available in Hardcover, Kindle and Audible formats via [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com), and [target.com](https://www.target.com).



Orange County Colony

Hello, my fellow Pilgrims. Wow, what a few months it has been. Our February Meeting and the Rose Parade Float seem almost like a dream. Did they actually occur?

Our April Annual Meeting was postponed to July 18th and will now be online. We are slowly getting used to this “GoToMeeting” thing. However, there are other things that are still happening that don’t have anything to do with a virus or a riot. In this edition of the California Mayflower Quarterly, you will meet two outstanding young ladies from (or sponsored by) the OC Colony who won a California State Scholarship this year. Of note, Madison Grogan, who came in first place in the California Scholarship, winning \$5000, also came in first place in our OC Colony Scholarship contest, winning an additional \$1500. She graduated with honors - a Coronet Award in Spanish and the Prix d’Honneur, top female graduate award - from Fountain Valley High School in May. She also has received several awards from her NSDAR Huntington Beach Chapter and the CA State DAR. Madison will be attending Babson College, back east in Massachusetts, near Boston.



*Madison Grogan, on
Float Judging Day.
12/31/2019*

The second place CA State Scholarship Winner, Julia Johannsen, was sponsored by her Grand Aunt, Jane O’Brien, from the OC Colony. She won \$3000. She is from Virginia, and will, ironically, be coming out west to attend Stanford University.

We are so proud of both them and wish them the best in their continued education. We think you’ll be impressed with their essays in this volume. These two young ladies will be great ambassadors of our Pilgrim legacy to a new generation.

The OC Colony Board has not officially voted, but there is near consensus on our conducting our upcoming Compact Day Meeting in November online. Social distancing greatly limits our ability to have the typically large gathering that we usually have. Also, many folks are avoiding any large gatherings for the rest of the year. We are going to officially announce it after we vote, but we need to anticipate that it will be online. This will really be disappointing, as we had planned a great meeting to further commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.

Finally, we have BIG NEWS about our upcoming 400th Anniversary Gala. Due to circumstances beyond our control and with the approval of the OC Mayflower Board, the OC 2020 Committee deliberated and came to the conclusion that we needed to change the date of our Gala. There were just too many unknowns due to the Covid19 virus and the current state of civil unrest. Furthermore, we want everyone to feel safe and happy. Therefore, the Committee recommended that I meet with the Bowers Museum. They were most gracious and we agreed to reschedule our event to next year. We have already announced this news to our ticket holders. We have not officially announced the date, but we will do so following our July meeting. More info to come, as things get more settled down and planning is more completed. We hope you will plan on joining us for our first-class event that will truly bring honor to our forefathers and deepen our understanding of the special place they hold in history.

*Scott Miller
Orange County Colony, Governor*

Foothill Colony

Just as the Foothill Colony got off to a strong start, everything was put on hold when we had to cancel the April meeting. In the meantime, Robert Charles Brown Jr., of Rancho Cucamonga has joined our ranks as a brand new member! Congratulations, Robert, and welcome aboard! I am thrilled to announce that Past State Society Governor Marcia Huntley Maloney also joined the Foothill Colony and we have several applications that are currently being reviewed in Plymouth. The Foothill Colony Board met online recently, along with Deputy Governor South, Scott Miller. We are considering projects to work on for this fall and are researching completing the Mayflower Silver Books collection at the Southern California Genealogical Society in Burbank. With numerous members in our colony with pilgrim attire, we are hopeful that we can resume programs in libraries and community organizations soon. Governor Carole Curran and Recording Secretary Jane Wong are planning several programs at local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their 2020-2021 scheduled meetings. Updates to the Foothill Colony Bylaws are in full swing to be able to include online meetings, if in person meetings are still restricted.

Board members include Governor Carole Curran, Deputy Governor Harvey Soldan, Delegate Mark Cross, Recording Secretary Jane Wong, Treasurer Donald St. John, Captain Duke Romo, Elder Sue Griffin and Colony Member Chair Heather Sabin. Beth Stone and Lori MacDonald are also part of the Colony Membership Team.



Carole Curran



Duke Romo



Donald St. John



Beth Stone



Lori MacDonald



Heather Sabin



Jane Adele Holt



Harvey Soldan



Sue Griffin

*Carole Curran
Foothill Colony Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

On May 30, 2020, Governor Lorraine Kocen welcomed 19 members and guests to our historic first Zoom meeting which stretched to Idaho to include our member Julie Hale. It is hard to believe how quickly the world has changed since our last meeting due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19). We met those challenges by meeting electronically.

The invocation of Chaplain-elect Shari Worrell included thanks for being allowed to shelter safely at home and asked for support for those fighting this virus. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by both Captain Yvonne Knerr and Captain-elect Anne Fisher. We sang "America the Beautiful" and read the Mayflower Compact together.

Recording Secretary Tom Perkins gave a summary of the minutes of our last meeting, which were approved. Tom then read the Roll Call; descendants of thirteen Mayflower passengers were in attendance.

Prospective member Roy Hoar was introduced.

Governor Lorraine Kocen hoped everyone had a chance to enjoy our exhibit "[The Mayflower: Story of a Voyage Across Treacherous Waters](#)" at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, which ended a little early due to the COVID-19 statewide shutdown.

Our first colony college scholarship of \$500 will be awarded this fall, funded by the sale of Mayflower pendants, name tags, and other items. Due to the school closings, we extended the application due date to October 15th, 2020. Sally Cicuto, scholarship committee chairperson, has received 5 applications so far. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors as well as first and second year college students.

Lorraine thanked our officers who are completing their terms:

Don Morris, Deputy Governor: for organizing our meetings with amazing presenters and lots of promotion. Our attendance has soared to more than the number of our members!

Tom Perkins, Recording Secretary: for taking the minutes of our general and board meetings, and keeping track of our roll call.

Donna McCullough, Chaplain: for thoughtful and inspirational prayers to open and close our meetings. Donna is a charter member of our board.

Barbara Warren, Treasurer: for returning to her position and keeping accurate reports to keep our colony running during a time of massive fundraising. Barbara is a charter member of our board.

Sharon Martin, Librarian: for her work with our school library book donation project and ensuring we will have a complete set of the Mayflower silver books at the Thousand Oaks library. Sharon is a charter member of our board.

Helen Wyers, Colony Membership Chair: for welcoming our prospective members and guiding them through their genealogical journey to membership. Helen was our former Deputy Governor and did a wonderful job with finding interesting speakers and locations for our meetings. She is also a charter member of our board.

Yvonne Knerr, Captain: for leading us through our pledge of allegiance at each meeting. Yvonne is also a charter member of our board.

Nominations from the floor were then requested. There being none, Holly Newcomb, chair of our nominating committee, read the proposed slate of officers:

Position	Proposed
Governor	Lorraine Kocen
Deputy Gov-Programs	Robert Dempster
Assistant Deputy Gov.	Tawny Welch
Recording Secretary	OPEN
Corresponding Secretary	Vicki Cooper-Lane
Chaplain	Robert Dempster
Treasurer	Holly Newcomb
Historian	Anne Fisher
Librarian	Darilyn Rice
Colony Membership Chair	Tom Perkins
Other Positions	
Captain	Anne Fisher
Scholarship Chair	Sally Cicuto
Publicity	Tawny Welch

Robert Dempster in pilgrim dress, installed our new officers. Program: The Mayflower Presidents, Almost 50 years of the American Presidency Governor Lorraine Kocen gave a presentation about the nine presidents who are Mayflower descendants including three generals and the president with the longest term in office.

Benediction: new chaplain Shari Worrell closed the meeting with thanks for allowing us to meet electronically and requesting the strength to meet the challenges ahead until we can meet again.

Next Meeting: We invite you to our next meeting on August 8, 2020 via Zoom. Our speaker will be former Governor Robert Dempster. Please contact Governor Lorraine at; Lorraine @vcnet.com for the Zoom link.

Lorraine Kocen
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Our last meeting was a joint venture with the Sequoia Colony on March 7th at the Menlo Circus Club. Due to the pandemic, we rescheduled our May meeting, in hopes that we could all meet on September 26th. Now that doesn't appear possible, so we are exploring other options including a virtual meeting in the fall. Never give up... Compact Day comes in November!

On a positive note, our CMC is working tirelessly on new applications. She is currently working with twelve prospective members whose applications are in various stages from just starting to being finalized. In addition, there are two applications that are out for applicant signatures, and three applications are in the que in Plymouth.

Please visit our website for more details about our Colony www.mayflowersf.org. If you are not receiving our emails, please either contact me or email your contact info to: sfmayflower@gmail.com.

Alexandra Kromelow
San Francisco Peninsula, Governor

Inland Empire Colony

Not having had a meeting in the last few months there is not too much to share. So far, I have e-mailed to all our members a self-made Mayflower trivia quiz to keep our Mayflower ancestors in our thoughts and to stimulate some research. I also sent out Mayflower fact sheets to help with future reference. David Grinnell contributed his own boredom buster-- "find the Mayflower name game. Sounds easy, right? Oh, no. It was extremely difficult!

As everyone, we all look forward to the time when we can schedule an in-person meeting. We are anxious to meet our five new members: Jaina Ericson, from Edward Doty; James Greenway, from Thomas Rogers; Gary Kukura, from Edward Doty; Barrett Maass, from John Alden; and Donna Reid, from Mary Allerton.

*Susan Christopher
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Three members of the San Joaquin Valley Colony attended the virtual meeting of the BOA on June 20, 2020 via the Go To Meeting network. Besides myself, as Scholarship Chair, also attending was Dianna Saario, Deputy Governor and Susan Oldfield Colony Governor. We all feel that it is an interesting and productive way to meet, given the social distancing rules of corona virus pandemic. In our colony we refer to the people who have applied for membership and are awaiting approval as IPA's or In Process Applicants. We have 20 IPAs and Dianna Saario, our CMC, is confident that the men and women will be approved and boost our memberships.

Our colony is proud to announce that Dan Cabe, our webmaster and newsletter editor of "The Pilgrim Pride" has been approved to be an official member of our Colony Executive Committee. Welcome, Dan. It has been decided that the November 7th Mayflower Compact meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Colony is going to be held at a different location this year. Instead of a restaurant, Governor Oldfield is inviting our colony members to attend the meeting and lunch at her home near Visalia. The plan for social distancing has been determined and this will no doubt be a memorable event. Members will receive details later.

*Larry Beston
San Joaquin Valley Colony Secretary*

Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony will meet July 11th at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. In lieu of a speaker, Diane Douglass, Sequoia Colony Membership Chair and Delegate will be giving a report on the June GSMD meeting she attended online. Mary Andeen will read the Mayflower Compact and give remarks on the significance of that document. There are 16 colony members signed with reservations for the meeting and it will be a pleasant to see members again at the recently re-opened Allied Arts Guild. The colony will be electing a new governor at the July 11th meeting.



The November meeting is scheduled for Allied Arts Guild on Saturday the 7th, and Sequoia Colony plans another joint meeting with the San Francisco Colony for March 2021.

*Louise DeDera
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

Mother Lode Colony

There is no way to know what we will be doing when summer is over this year, but I am hopeful that the two speakers who agreed to come to us here in Placer County will still be able to continue to visit us. (They have costumes too!).

We will check with the Cliff House and hope that we can continue to come to them. I am proud that one of our members was chosen to participate in the Mayflower Scholarship Awards. She is Carolyn Hatling, and she also represented our Colony for the recent election as well. Thank you, Carolyn! We hope our members are doing well and that we are able to return to our routine before long.

Be safe!

Kathy Gire
Mother Lode Colony, Governor

Monterey Bay Colony

Past Governor Verona Flint attended the 100th birthday party of Grace Bishop, a charter member of the Monterey Bay Colony. Mrs. Bishop has been a member of the MBC for 58 years! Verona thoroughly enjoyed her visit with Mrs. Bishop and her family whom she had not seen for some time.

Many thanks to Mona Berman and her husband, Mel for typing the Membership Directory. Prospective member Romaine Veronda and her husband, Don are currently printing and assembling the directory. As soon as it is received it will be mailed to the members.

The Monterey Bay Family History Center in Seaside has received the Silver book collection. When the FHC is open the collection will be cataloged and added to their library. The Director of the Family History Library, David Rencher, recently announced there is no date set for reopening the Library in Salt Lake City nor the local family history centers due to the upsurge in the COVID-19 situation. Safety of their personnel is a priority.

Eight Mayflower applications have been sent to the Assistant State Historian to be approved and forwarded to Plymouth. Before the pandemic it was taking eight months for approval, since there was some time away from headquarters the approval time may be longer. Five more applications are currently being processed.

The Compact meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, in the Library, at the Monterey Peninsula County Club. Social time is 11:30 with the meeting starting at noon.

Gloria Gibbel
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor



Beverly Jean Small Nickerson

*By Daughter Nancy Wood
With additions by Gail Raser*

Beverly's family history goes back to the Pilgrims' arrival in 1620. She was directly descended from several families, including the Mullins, Aldens, Warrens, and Billingtons. Her grandparents and great grandparents moved from the east coast to California in 1883. Her father was born in



*Beverly Nickerson &
Dorothy Schwaner. November 1998*

Orange, and her mother in Perris, California. The Smalls moved to Riverside in 1900. Beverly and her older brother were born and raised in Riverside. She met her future husband, Bob, in her senior English class.

After graduating from high school, Beverly attended the University of California at Santa Barbara, majoring in Home Economics and minoring in Art

History. Following graduation, she taught Home Economics until her marriage to Bob in 1950. After a brief employment with the Southern California Gas Company as a home economist in Los Angeles, Beverly and Bob moved to Redlands, where he attended Redlands University and she taught junior high school home economics. Upon Bob's graduation, he joined Sears Roebuck. During those years the family was transferred and lived in several Bay Area locations, as well as in Massachusetts, and then to El Centro, Santa Barbara and Hacienda Heights, California. Beverly stayed home to raise their two daughters, Nancy and Suzanne. She was instrumental in forming many local cuisine groups during these years and continued cooking and entertaining until her death.



*San Diego Colony 50th Anniversary
Nancy Wade, Norma Gberrity, Priscilla Wood,
Jeanne Cady, Beverly Nickerson, &
Dorothy Schwaner*



*Sue Johnson &
Beverly Nickerson
Plymouth, MA*



*CA Members Meeting June 2013
Barbara & Rick Bailey, Bob & Beverly Nickerson, Gail & Ray Raser*



Beverly began teaching adult education cooking classes while in Hacienda Heights. She attended cooking classes with James Beard and Marcella Hazan, as well as culinary schools in Italy and



GSMD Congress 2014

Jim Blauer, Ray & Gail Raser, Pat Friesen, Ken Whittemore, Bev & Bob Nickerson

France. It was during this period of time that Beverly deepened her interest in family genealogy and joined many organizations, including the DAR, Mayflower Society, Colonial Dames, Daughters of 1812, and the Genealogical Society. Beverly took active roles in all her many groups. She was proud to hold the position of Governor in two Mayflower regional colonies. Beverly and Bob traveled extensively prior to, and throughout their retirement, both in Europe, Mexico and throughout the United States. In their later years, while living in Oceanside and finally Hemet, they

attended several Mayflower Congresses in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Beverly and Bob were very proud of both of their Mayflower heritages. Between the two of them, their children have 15 direct descendants. Her favorite trip was the Mayflower Historic Sites tour and was thrilled to have visited so many locations of Separatist importance. Her favorite national trips were to Plymouth and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congresses. The last Congress they attended was in 2017 when she was 89. Beverly was also proud of the fact that both Bob and



GSMD 2017

Marvia Maloney, Marina & Scott Miller, Erica Hahn, Donna Cole, Sally & Will Johnson, Bev & Bob Nickerson



2017 GSMD meeting Plymouth, MA
Bob & Bev Nickerson, Gail Raser.

she had served as Governor of the San Diego Colony: Bob in 2000-2001 and Beverly in 2006-2008. After selling their Oceanside home and moving to a new one-story home in Hemet, they became members of the Inland Empire Colony. At the age of 90, Beverly became the governor of the Inland Empire Colony and worked hard to assist in the growth of that colony. As governor she would attend as many CA BOA meetings as she could and Bob would always come with her. On a personal note from Gail Raser, Bob and Beverly were always encouraging Ray to get involved first at the San Diego Colony level and later at the state level.

After Ray was governor in San Diego, she encouraged me to also serve a term as governor so we could be the second husband/wife couple who had both served as colony governors.



CA Delegation GSMD 2017

When we attended GSMD Congresses, Bob and Beverly always made sure we were having a good time, got involved and we spent at least one lunch together. Daughter Nancy says, “I will always be grateful to both Mom and Dad for their love of history. My sister and I grew up going to so many places of historical significance, it cemented my love for all things historic. I ended up teaching high

school US History and Government for more than two decades.”

Beverly passed away on April 5, 2020, and was laid to rest in the Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA. Beverly leaves behind her husband of sixty-nine years, Robert; daughter Nancy Wood; daughter, Suzanne (Pete) Merchlewicz, granddaughter Kristen; grandsons Justin and Cody; and great-granddaughter, Madeleine.



Nancy Wood, Bev, Nancy's late husband Will, and Suzanne Merchlewicz



Beverly, daughter Nancy, granddaughter Kristen, Bob and great-granddaughter Madeleine



*Excerpted from San Diego Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants “
Six Decades of History”*

Edited by Ray Raser, Pg.44

39th Triennial Mayflower Congress from Plymouth

By Beverly and Bob Nickerson



Beverly Nickerson

We had a wonderful week in Plymouth MA Sep. 2011. Beverly dressed in costume for the “Pilgrims Progress Parade” then Bob and Bev attended the opening ceremonies at the church, followed by the “Brick Dedication” ceremony in the Mayflower House Gardens. They took pictures of their brick and then enjoyed the lovely reception planned by Judy Swan which followed. In early evening they took the special tour of Mayflower II and had a chance to meet with their old friend Richard Pickering, now Director of Plimouth Plantation. Richard was on the Pilgrim 375th Anniversary Trip to England with Bob and Bev in 1995.

Bob and Bev attended a number of ancestral meetings and dinners that week including the 1627 Edward Doty dinner at Plimouth Plantation, and their meeting Saturday morning at the Radisson, the John Howland meeting and luncheon at Plimouth Plantation, the Edward Fuller meeting and dinner at the John Carver Inn and the Stephen Hopkins meeting Sunday morning at the Radisson. They also attended the John Alden “Open House” and toured the old Alden home of Bev’s ancestor. Monday evening they enjoyed the special reception at the Pilgrim Hall Museum plus toured the museum.

Saturday afternoon we both attended the special 3 hour presentation by Caleb Johnson and his English researcher, Simon Neal who introduced new material on “The Wives of William Mullins and Stephen Hopkins”, followed by a short program by Jeremy Bangs ... We also heard Johnson and Neal speak at the Richard Warren meeting. We enjoyed talking to some of the delegates from other states that we had met at the General Assistants Meeting a year ago Sept. in San Diego, including Susan Roser who was selling her new book “Mayflower References” at Congress.

Our last Mayflower event was the Mayflower banquet in Taunton, MA where again we connected with old friends and met some new ones at this special dinner. The committee invited Jeremy Bangs from Leiden, Holland to be our key-note-speaker. We own a copy of this recent book “Strangers and Pilgrims Travelers and Sojournes” telling about the years our pilgrims lived in Holland but he did not speak on this subject, instead he told of the many books written about our pilgrims over the years and showed a few slides.

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