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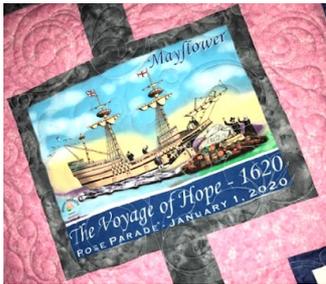


*"The Voyage of Hope -1620 Quilt"*

## “The Voyage of Hope – 1620” Quilt Completes Coast to Coast Journey From South Carolina to California

By Melana A. Maxie, Governor & AG, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina said farewell to “The Voyage of Hope – 1620” quilt during their Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon held this April in lovely Aiken, South Carolina. The quilt was then launched on a journey from the east coast to the west coast.



Close up of T-Shirt Front

At the 2021 GBOA meeting in Plymouth the South Carolina and California Societies had adjacent booths. SMD-CA had so many T-shirts left over from the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade that they were giving them away and accepting donations. As a quilter, Melana Maxie is always looking for a new challenge, so she volunteered to make them a T-Shirt quilt which they might raffle or auction as a fund raiser.



“The Voyage of Hope – 1620” Quilt

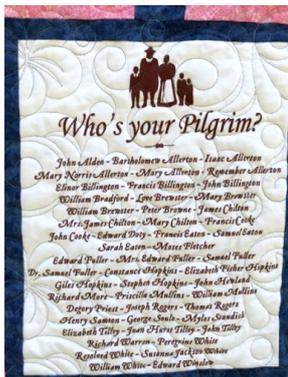


Palmetto Log Editor Deborah Hill, Deputy Governor Debi Bacon and Governor Maxie prepare the “Voyage of Hope – 1620” quilt for its journey to CA

The Rose Bowl Parade float was titled “The Voyage of Hope – 1620” and the quilt is named accordingly. The grey represents the stormy skies the Mayflower and her passengers traveled under during the perilous journey. The blue represents the treacherous seas that the Mayflower sailed through to reach the New World. The pink represents the Mayflower. It was hard to decide what to do with the same T-shirt over and over, but Governor Maxie eventually came up with the design shown. She claimed she spent more time thinking about how to make the quilt than actually making it! The quilted stitch design is “Hawthorne”, which is fitting because in England the English Hawthorne is known as the “Mayflower”.



Sunlight Highlights the Quilting Design “Hawthorne”



Close up of T-Shirt Back

There are over 170,000 stitches in the quilting alone. The backing of the quilt uses a luscious fabric called ‘Minky’. It is soft and velvety to the touch. The print has little flowers resembling Mayflowers. The multicolored flowers bring in all the colors of the quilt and T shirts.

It is hoped that SMD-CA can find a use for “The Voyage of Hope – 1620” quilt. It will surely bring happiness to the lucky person that receives it and gets to enjoy snuggling under its cuddly warmth for many years.

**Opportunity Drawing for the Stunning “T-Shirt Quilt”**

Opportunity Drawing for the Stunning “T-Shirt Quilt” At our Board of Assistant’s Meeting in June, it was decided that we would offer everyone who wants to participate in an opportunity drawing for the quilt made for us by Melana Maxie, Governor and AG of the South Carolina Mayflower Society. In the above article, Governor Maxie describes her inspiration for the quilt with many pictures. It is a beautiful quilt and will be a keepsake for many years to come. All of the funds for the opportunity drawing will go towards our California Mayflower State Scholarship. One of the suggestions at the meeting was that we increase the amounts of the scholarships for the 2023 year.

This opportunity drawing will help us do that. Each ticket for the drawing is \$20.00, with 6 tickets available for a donation of \$100.00. If you would like to make a larger donation than \$100, say \$200, please copy the tickets below and we will enter 12 tickets in the drawing. Please make your check payable to: “The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California Inc” and send to our State Treasurer, Harvey Soldan. (Harvey Soldan, Treasurer, PO Box 1088, Glendora, CA 91740-1088). Please fill out each ticket you would like to purchase with your Name, Address and Phone number you can best be reached at ON EACH TICKET and submit the appropriate number of tickets with your donation (1 for \$20.00, 2 for \$40.00, up to 6 for \$100 or more). Please submit the ticket(s) WITH YOUR PAYMENT. Please print clearly so we can read your entry. We will have the official unveiling of the Rose Parade T-Shirt Quilt and opportunity drawing at our upcoming State Board of Assistants Meeting on October 15th in Oakland. You do not need to be present to win, but a completed ticket is required, so that we can contact you and arrange to send you the quilt.

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## Governor's Message

Greetings Pilgrim Cousins! I hope your summer is blessed. I know many are still going through the "COVID"-thing. I am just getting over a bout of it. I successfully avoided getting it for 2.5 years, but, alas, one of my co-workers came to work sick and blessed me and several others with it. For about a week I was miserable. Now, I'm just more tired than normal. I survived and, for that, I'm thankful. In April, I passed on my OC Colony Governor torch to Lisa Shaw, who was serving as my Deputy Governor. In the picture at left, you can see me with my outgoing Board after I



*State Governor, Scott Miller, thanks his outgoing Administration of the OC Colony for the 2018 – 2022 Terms. L-R: Elder, Ric Olsen, Deputy Governor, Lisa Shaw, Treasurer, Maggie McDonald, Recording Secretary, Deidra Adams, Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Konkolewski, CMC, Mandy Dunkle, Scholarship Chair, Susan Knowles, Education Outreach Chair, Billie Mitchell, Parliamentarian, Donna Cole, Adviser & Mentor, Marcia Maloney, and Former OC Colony Governor, Scott Miller*

gave each one a Certificate of Appreciation and my heartfelt thanks for the four years we spent together leading the Colony through the Rose Parade and the pandemic of the last couple of years. I was so blessed to have such a great team to work with. Even in the roughest times, we all pulled together and kept the Colony going and growing. I know the Colony is in great hands.

Also, I have been invited to install two new administrations for a couple So Cal Colonies. Carole Curran was re-elected Governor of the newest of our Colonies, the Foothill Colony. This is the second Administration of the Colony, as it was just started in 2019. Here you can see her new Administration and continuation of the success this Colony has had in its first couple of years. Interestingly enough, this was only their second in-person meeting ever. Their first one was when the Colony was formed and Carole started her first term. Then the pandemic shut everything down and everything went Zoom. I'm so honored to be asked to officiate the installation of her new Administration in-person!

I was also invited to install the new Administration of Judith Reale of the San Diego Colony. The meeting took place at the *Green Dragon Tavern and Museum* in Carlsbad, in Northern San Diego County.



*State Governor, Scott Miller, installs the new Foothill Colony Administration of Carole Curran ('22-'24 Term). L-R: Governor, Scott Miller, Colony Governor, Carole Curran, Deputy Governor, Donald St. John, Treasurer, Cindy Riggs and Recording Secretary, Donna Rigel. (Not pictured, Elder, Mary Kenny).  
Photo Credit: Gage Heves.*

We presented outgoing Governor, Kathleen Loftman, a special proclamation, designating May 21<sup>st</sup> and “for all time” to be known as the “*Governor Kathleen Loftman Appreciation Day*” to celebrate her accomplishments during her term in office, which were many.



*State Governor and Assistant General of the South Carolina Mayflower Society, Melana Maxie, hands off her beautifully made Tee-shirt Quilt to the California Society. Made from the Rose Parade Tee-shirts, the quilt is stunning and will make a beautiful keepsake for anyone winning it in our State Scholarship Opportunity Drawing in Oct. 2022 at our Oakland BOA Meeting.*

Finally, we received a beautifully made quilt from the Governor and State AG of the South Carolina Mayflower Society, Melana Maxie. She was in the booth beside us at last year’s GBOA Meeting in Plymouth. We were doing everything we could to get rid of our Rose Parade T-Shirts that we took back there, since we had over 600 of them. We were accepting donations for them and, finally, were handing them out to those who attended the meeting. We offered a couple to her and she asked if she could take a bunch of them to make us a Tee-shirt Quilt out of them. Of course, we said “yes!” We received the quilt in May and have decided to offer it for an Opportunity Drawing, with all of the proceeds going to our State Scholarship. Wow! It is nice! In this Quarterly, you can read an article from Governor Maxie about her inspiration for the Quilt and how to enter in an Opportunity Drawing for it. Please consider giving us a donation for our State Scholarship Program to enter the opportunity drawing, as we would like to increase the scholarship

amounts for the 2023 year. All of the donations will help us do that. Above is a picture of Governor Maxie handing off the Quilt to the California Mayflower Society. More pictures of the quilt are in her article. It is a stunning quilt and will make a great keepsake for the person who wins it.

*Scott A. Miller  
CA State Governor*

### **Deputy Governor North**

Governor Scott Miller encouraged Colonies in the north to have an opportunity of viewing the documentary “*Stephano*” from Hit and Run History and Andrew Giles Buckley, a Stephen Hopkins descendant. Membership Secretary Kim Pike provided a list of Hopkins cousins who belonged to a northern California colony which was used to extend invitations to attend a virtual event.

Some facts gleaned from the 11 June 2022 event:

1. As of February 2022, there were 147 Hopkins cousins active in north Colonies; 105 have email addresses. Invitations were sent to 105 cousins.
2. To catch new members, each Colony Governor was encouraged to send a notice of the event to their membership.
3. Thirty cousins registered to attend the virtual event; ultimately 25 cousins purchased the documentary: In 90 minutes, Andrew Buckley takes us on several journeys from Bermuda to England to New England in the documentary to show us Stephen Hopkins’ life, adventures and chance meetings with several prominent historical figures along the way. So impactful was his influence that William Shakespeare put him in his famous play called “The Tempest”.

The virtual event was recorded. Contact me (sfmayflower@gmail.com) if you are interested in watching the event recording OR in purchasing the documentary. We all learned so much more about Stephen Hopkins and enjoyed traveling to far away places in modern times.

Other news: two Colonies recently changed officers. At the writing of this article, we welcome John Reed (Monterey Bay) and Sally Philbin (Alameda). Colonies are collaborating through regular virtual meetings.



*Kathy Watson  
Deputy Governor North*

### **Deputy Governor South**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the Los Angeles Colony ZOOM meeting and a day later on April 24<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Foothill Colony meeting. State Surgeon Matthew Bowdish spoke to the Foothill Colony on the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine and Healthcare. I enjoy presentations that touch on the every day situations of my ancestors as it adds more depth to them beyond names and dates.

I attended the June 25<sup>th</sup> ZOOM meeting organized by Tawny Welch, Rancho Conejo Colony Governor, for the presentation by Lea Filson, past Mayflower Governor General, on the progress and plans for the improvements to the Pilgrim Meetinghouse. It was interesting to hear about the Mayflower passenger exhibits planned. I'm looking forward to visiting when it is completed in two and a half years.

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph. D.  
Deputy Governor South*

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## *California Mayflower Society 2022 Scholarship Program*

*By Larry Beston, Scholarship Chair*

In our previous BOA meeting, we noted that only four scholarship applications were received this year and the board decided to honor all four qualified applicants with scholarship awards. This program expansion was done on a one-time basis. From my perspective, this was a good, magnanimous, and special way to approach an extraordinary situation. It is now my pleasure to announce our four winners.

**First Place \$5,000 - Emma Allenda of Valley Springs, CA:** Emma's grandmother is Patricia Garamendi, a member of the Mother Lode Colony. Emma is on the varsity soccer team, the varsity track and field team, and is the symphonic marching band leader. She has been a community service volunteer in over ten (10) programs. Emma has a 4.3 GPA, ranks first in her class, and is valedictorian. Her ancestor is William Brewster. Emma plans to attend UC Berkeley.

**Second Place \$3,000 - Samantha Kemp of Sacramento, CA:** Samantha's mother is Catherine Ruhl, a member of the Mother Lode Colony. Samantha is on the swim, rowing, and cross-country teams. She is a volunteer with six (6) community service programs. Samantha has a 4.43 GPA, reflective of the highest school honor roll. Her ancestor is Isaac Allerton. Samantha plans to attend Oregon State University.

**Third Place \$2,000 - Grant Goulart of Simi Valley, CA:** Grant's sister, Nicole Goulart, is a member of the Rancho Conejo Colony and was a winner in our 2019 scholarship program. Grant has been a starter for the varsity high school baseball team, a personal weightlifting mentor, and an origami artist. He has a 4.1 GPA. Grant's ancestor is John Alden. He plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

**Fourth Place \$1,000 - Cameron La Marca of El Cajon, CA:** Cameron's grant-aunt is Helen MacLaren, a member of the Mother Lode Colony. Cameron has been captain of both the lacrosse team and the cross-country team. She served on the student curriculum council, is a member of Rho Kappa Honor Society, and has been involved in over ten (10) community service programs. Cameron's ancestors are Stephen Hopkins and William Brewster. She plans to attend Texas Christian University.

Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners! We wish them great success in their academic endeavors.



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*Emma Allende 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

Letter to Mayflower Ancestor:

My Dearest Family,

As I sit looking out to the vast ocean on this cold winter day, I yearn for your accompaniment. Life in the Plymouth Colony is a struggle and sometimes it feels as if we won't make it, but our faith keeps us strong and committed to overcoming obstacles. I dream of the day when you can join us here in this beautiful land. Deep, abundant bays lined with the most lush forests that turn multi-color in autumn. Summers are hot, springs vibrant, but the winters harsh. Even though we are struggling to learn how to grow our crops in this different climate, we trust God will provide the guidance and protection to see us through.

The Natives here are very helpful, and we have learned to co-exist and use their farming techniques. They still seem slightly suspicious of us, as they should be, for we pillaged their villages and took their corn. I do feel bad about how we have treated them, but I do know that we would not have survived if we didn't take from them. We have now developed peace treaties and are working together to live sustainably with the land.

The freedom I feel here is palpable, as we pray and worship without the fear of persecution. I feel more and more that the church of England no longer represents us and our deeply held values. The oppressive hierarchies of the church of England and the Monarchy have no place in this new land, as we obey no other than God. We have created the Mayflower Compact which outlines our right to self-govern and provides a framework for our freedom.

I've become the preacher to our community and have been asked to actually draft the Mayflower Compact because I was one of the few with a University education to come on the boat. We feel strongly that the true law is written in the scriptures, and we no longer hold alliance to King James 1. Although half of our colony died in that grueling first winter, we now feel strong and poised to create our new life.

Our family here is not complete however, as we feel a part of us is missing without you here. We hope you make the journey soon, trusting that God will bring our family together once again. You will love it here, knowing that your brothers Love and Wrestling will survive with all their siblings reunited. We pray every day for your safety and wellbeing my dear children and count the seconds to your arrival in this new world. May God bless every one of you.

*With love, your father,  
William Brewster*



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*Emma Alliende 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program***Personal Essay**

At the young age of 11, my parent's home schooled me for an entire year as we travelled to over 25 different countries, working on organic farms, and learning to be at home in the world. This incredible journey taught me about my roots and influenced who I am today. I come from a lineage of strong and determined people and I strive to embody their qualities in everything I do.

In my everyday life, I carry the commitment and resolution of my Mayflower ancestors who voyaged across the sea to an unknown land, seeking religious freedom; the humbleness of my Basque ancestors, who herded sheep in the mountains, the persistence of my Irish ancestors, who worked in the first factories of our new nation, later heading west seeking the promise of gold and a better life. I feel the resilience of my Chilean family who fled a violent military coup to keep their family safe and start a new life in the United States. When I ponder my lineage, I am in awe of our human family and the paths our lives can take.

In these times of uncertainty, I know one thing for sure about my future; I want to serve my community and help people. I am passionate about science and preserving our planet. When we protect our fragile ecosystems, we impact the livelihood and health of our communities. I am excited to learn more about these topics when I attend the University of California, where I plan to obtain a degree in Environmental Sciences. With this degree I will use my new skills to work in a field that can help solve the challenges we face today. Looking to the future and our current global climate crisis, it is crucial for us to work together and find solutions.

I believe that my diverse background and experiences have informed and broadened my perspective. The Mayflower story reminds me of many immigration stories, and I especially think of my own family. My mother's Mayflower ancestor fled religious oppression, seeking freedom, encountering many hardships when they arrived in the New Land. My Dad immigrated from Chile when he was 7 years old, fleeing a dangerous military coup in his country. Not familiar with the American culture or language, his family worked their way up from poverty and acclimated to their new homeland. Although they had many struggles, they were able to build a life for themselves in California.

Learning about these immigration stories inspires me, teaching me gratitude and appreciation. Being raised in a multi-cultural family and traveling has taught me to have an open mind and curiosity about cultures. We can really learn so much from each other. Such an eclectic life has sparked a wide range of interests in a complex and changing world. As I look to my future, I think of my Mayflower Ancestor. I feel his strength and determination as he sailed to a new land knowing his courage is in my heart today.



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*Samantha Kemp 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner**2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

Dearest Family,

Life on this side of the ocean has been a challenge, but not one that I am afraid to face. I do not know if the unhappy news has reached you yet, but my dear wife Mary passed away, leaving me with the children. Luckily, there are many people that came with us on the voyage, and I have begun meeting with a lovely woman by the name of Fear Brewster, who I think will be a perfect mother to my children.

Now that we have all settled down into this new land, we have begun to split up the work and find ways to survive in this new world. I have earned the spot as assistant to Governor Bradford. You may be wondering how a man like me, who is trained as a blacksmith, managed to hold a position like this! Let me tell you, there are a multitude of opportunities for every man in this land. The main reason I was able to come by this elected position was due to a rather ingenious document that we created called the Mayflower Contract.

While on the voyage over, we had two groups of people hoping to set out in the New World: The Strangers, such as myself, who are trying to make a living, and the Saints, those of us who are trying to find religious freedom away from England. While we traveled here, we knew that our divisions had the potential to negatively impact our chances of survival, so we created this pact to allow us to have a functioning society once we landed. Now, how does this allow me to be an assistant to the governor? Well, it allows for elections and lets the people be in charge of the politicians. Isn't this wonderful? It's a novel idea of self-government that is letting us govern based solely on the consent of the governed.

While I'm quite busy as the assistant, I am also working as the primary negotiator with the investors from London. After all, I am here to find a way to make a profit. I feel that I have much more power in my new life, seeing as I can make financial decisions for the whole group. And, dearest family, you must keep this between us, but I am also using this power to make investments that will bring me more personal wealth. Of course, this must be kept confidential because, as I stated before, I am holding my positions based purely on the consent of the governed, and they can oust me if they do not approve of what I am doing.

I must get back to work now, but I hope you are all doing well back in Holland. I will try to send you more updates, but again I cannot promise they will be speedy.

*Sincerely, Isaac Allerton*

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*Samantha Kemp 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner**2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

## Personal Essay

Learning more about my ancestor and the Mayflower Compact have influenced me by giving me more insight into how much we are able to overcome, and how important it is to work together as a whole community. The pilgrims on the Mayflower did not know what they were going to find once they reached the Americas, but they still found ways to survive.

This speaks strongly to the value of perseverance, which I find to be very important. Even if something is challenging, it is always more rewarding to find solutions and work towards a goal. While my personal challenges are very small compared to the ones that they faced in the colonies, there are many enormous hurdles to overcome as a society now, and their spirit of tenacity is inspiring to my life today and speaks strongly to what I value.

There are many great challenges facing my generation, such as climate change, and cooperation and collaboration will be critical for finding successful solutions. I can take inspiration from the voyagers on the Mayflower and understand how we have similar values such as working together to find solutions, even if the application is different.

The most important value that I took away from this is that of cooperation. In today's heavily divided society, it is crucial to look back and see where we started. While we have our differences, they cannot outweigh the communal desire to prosper and succeed as a community. In the

Mayflower Contract, two very different groups of people were able to look beyond what divided them, and instead decided to work together in order to survive as a whole. While our survival is not at stake in our current times, it is still very important to find ways to cooperate with each other. Our country still operates on the values of self-government and popular sovereignty, ideas that were first introduced to us through the Mayflower Compact. We can use our power in the ballot box to express our wants and needs to our elected officials, and we also have the power to remove politicians who are not advocating for our needs. Now that I am 18, I have the power to vote, and doing this research has shown me how important it is that I exercise this right. I am part of a community, and my voice deserves to help influence the decisions that are being made.

Ultimately, many of my personal values, such as perseverance, cooperation, and political engagement, are reflected in the actions of the members on the Mayflower. They emphasized community cooperation, political decisions based on the needs of the people, and finding ways to succeed even in the hardest conditions.



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## *Grant Goulart 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner*

*2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

Dear Family,

Sorry it has been so long since I have been able to write. I was delayed in writing because the winters were harsh and deadly. I wish to see you again and it was my intention to return to England after accompanying the colonists on their journey. However, I elected to stay. During our voyage I became acquainted with many of my fellow passengers, and I have seen them to be a hearty folk, steadfast and brave.

There was some dissension along the way between the Separatists and the Strangers which would have split them in two, and already being in small numbers, would have resulted in failure and perhaps death. In hindsight, they would not have lasted the winter, during which we lost nearly half of our population. Upon arrival, the Separatists and Strangers formed a pact and named it after our ship, the Mayflower.

They are wise people and realized they could not survive one without the other. Indeed, one could say that this very document saved their lives. It was at this time, I found myself drawn to remain with them. It was obvious that a man of my skill would be beneficial to creating a colony. Barrel-making, it turns out can be easily applied to constructing houses, furniture, and such. I am not ashamed to admit that I also stayed in order to pursue courtship of the young Priscilla Mullins, whom I am now happily wedded to. I have been elected to serve as an assistant to the governor, and intend to remain involved in the politics of Plymouth Colony.

Indeed, it was a treacherous journey and a troublesome start, however we are now thriving and look forward to the long road ahead of us.

*I miss you dearly,  
John Alden*

## *Grant Goulart 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner*

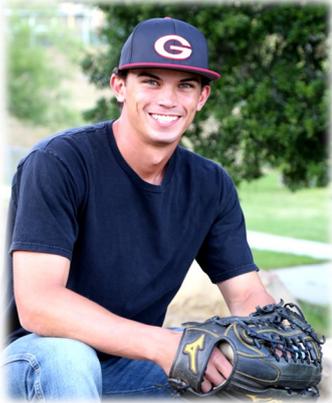
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Personal Essay

Studying my ancestor's history and their connection to the Mayflower Compact has inspired me to finish out high school strong so that I can start college with momentum. It is extremely easy to slow down and be lazy during these last months of school. It feels like coming to the end of the road on a long journey and that I can slack off at the end.

However, my story would be a lot different had my ancestor, John Alden, decided to take the easy path and head home after his contract was up with those on the Mayflower. I probably would not live in America, or even worse I likely would not exist. Thankfully, he was a man of integrity and had a strong work ethic. He stayed to see the adventure through, and was influential in the survival of the Colonists. I am striving to imitate Alden in this regard; having enough self-respect to find the endurance to complete high school, as well as sticking to any other commitments I make in the future.

There will be times when it is pointless, difficult, and even detrimental for me to adhere to my word. It may lead to more stress and seem unintelligent, but I think it is the kind of virtue that built this country and is also the kind of virtue that will keep it strong. Going the extra mile, doing something kind even when it is not necessary, simply being a person of integrity I believe is the basis for a strong society. Those are the virtues I will pursue, deriving them from my ancestors and applying them to my everyday life.



### *Cameron La Marca 4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner*

*2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

#### Ancestor Letter

To my beloved family,

I hope all is well at home; Oh! How I miss you all so deeply. I miss seeing your smiling faces and wrapping my arms around each and every one of you. I am incredibly homesick but feel very blessed to be in the New World. I know that I have not written in a very long time, but I have finally found the time to pick up my feather and a piece of paper.

To put it frankly, the journey has been arduous. Elizabeth and I brought the children Constance, Giles, and Damaris onto the Mayflower to Virginia. We braved through storms and hunger, but we finally reached land on November 19, 1620. However, we weren't in Virginia...we were far north in Cape Cod. So, we constructed an agreement between the Separatists and the Strangers saying that we would create a unified government for a new colony. We named this the Mayflower Compact. Fitting, right? This was truly a gift from God. We had never governed ourselves before; we have always had our King. But do not get it twisted. We do not want independence from him but rather a temporary delegation of power since we are so far from home. We even stated that we are loyal subjects of our King James. And, with the creation of "just and equal laws" we can start a new life of accountability and order for the sake of prosperity.

As a servant of God, I went straight to work in our New World. We explored missions and I led relations with our Indian neighbors as an ambassador. Those in the homeland started to build houses and settle down. We even received advice from Squanto, an Indian. Squanto knows how to speak English because he had once been kidnapped by English explorers.

We reassured him that we would never do such a thing; we only want peace and harmony. With trust, Squanto helped us cultivate our new land and use the resources to our advantage.

The Mayflower Compact and our new life has put me on a path to a bright future. I have no regrets and I am blessed to wake up each morning to a new day. I know that the sun will rise every morning and I will start a new day with hope for the future. I miss you all and I hope that you can come to visit. I would love to show you all the work that we have done. Happy Thanksgiving.

*Wishing you the best,  
Stephen Hopkins*

### *Cameron La Marca 4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner*

*2022 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Program*

#### Personal Essay

As I researched and read about my ancestors, Stephen Hopkins and William Brewster, I was in awe of their perseverance and innovativeness. In time of such uncertainty, they were pioneers in leadership and faith. Stephen Hopkins was an ambassador to help connect with the Indians. Without his work, the Pilgrims would never have been able to create a peaceful settlement. Also, William Brewster composed most of the Mayflower Compact because of his University education.



If there was no Compact, the new society would have crumbled because of the lack of order and leadership. These two men were at the pillars of the New World and without them, I would not be writing this essay today.

From 1620 to 2022, a lot has changed, but there are still many parallels. One of which is the relationship between the Mayflower voyage and the Covid-19 Pandemic. My ancestors and I have lived through a period of great fear. We did not know what the future looked like. All we knew was that we must push through in order to have a better future. This connection between my ancestors and I strengthen my optimism and courage.

In the future, I hope to pursue a major in Communications. Just like my ancestors, I have a passion for making relationships with people. I am ready to start new adventures and use my social skills in my leadership. I also hope to be an advocate for taking chances. Stephen Hopkins and William Brewster are truly inspirations in my life, and I hope to carry their spirit in my heart forever.



**New Members from  
Mar 26, 2022 to Jun 28, 2022**

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Linda Warren Healey  
GS# 102028 CA# 10194  
12<sup>th</sup> from Degory Priest

Alyce Chilton Traverso  
GS# 101935 CA# 10184  
11<sup>th</sup> from Mary Chilton

Marina Michelle Sternthall  
GS# 101914 CA# 10179  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

John Franklin Perkins  
GS# 101855 CA# 10166  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Joni Fisher  
GS# 102222 CA# 10228  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Jennifer Angela Blythe  
GS# 102305 CA# 10233  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**FOOTHILL COLONY**

Nancy Joy (Klose) French  
GS# 102061 CA# 10204  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

John Scott French  
GS# 102060 CA# 10203  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Carrie Lynn French  
GS# 102059 CA# 10202  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Gwendolyn Beighley  
GS# 102026 CA# 10192  
13<sup>th</sup> from James Chilton

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

John E. Husing  
GS# 101827 CA# 10163  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

Gene Wayne Lewis  
GS# 101777 CA# 10157  
10<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Mary Elizabeth Wilson  
GS# 102154 CA# 10220  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Ben Hobbins  
GS# 102219 CA# 10225  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Ashley-Anne Hobbins  
GS# 102220 CA# 10226  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Savanna-Marie Hobbins  
GS# 102221 CA# 10227  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Bruce Alan Fauver  
GS# 101772 CA# 10152  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Brittney Anne Fauver  
GS# 101773 CA# 10153  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Robert Bentley Fauver  
GS# 101774 CA# 10154  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**MOTHER LODE COLONY**

Patrick Scribner  
GS# 102088 CA# 10206  
12<sup>th</sup> from William White

Marion Fay (Dutee) LaFazia  
GS# 102062 CA# 10205  
11<sup>th</sup> from Samuel Fuller

Christopher Robert Rex Garnto  
GS# 101933 CA# 10182  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Mark L. Moore  
GS# 101912 CA# 10177  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Linda Seibel Beckemeyer  
GS# 101871 CA# 10169  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Christopher James McCarthy, Jr.  
GS# 101804 CA# 10161  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Colleen Woodson  
GS# 101805 CA# 10162  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Gretchen Diane Lilly Muller  
GS# 102170 CA# 10221  
12<sup>th</sup> from Myles Standish

Ken Ebi  
GS# 102218 CA# 10224  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley

Megan Wissel  
GS# 102238 CA# 10230  
16<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley

#### **ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**

Joan Lee Klose  
GS# 102058 CA# 10201  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Zachary Samuel Reniger  
GS# 102032 CA# 10198  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Shayne Ronald Shearer  
GS# 102033 CA# 10199  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

John Dewey Baranger  
GS# 101977 CA# 10187  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Jenny Jo (Granadino) Garnto  
GS# 101931 CA# 10180  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Carrie Marie (Garnto) Carter  
GS# 101932 CA# 10181  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Michael Dyer Brooks  
GS# 101872 CA# 10170  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Janet Lucille Shrader Hendry  
GS# 101750 CA# 10150  
12<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton

Jennifer Wilkinson Alexander  
GS# 102324 CA# 10240  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Todd Wilkinson  
GS# 102325 CA# 10241  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Toni Wilkinson  
GS# 102326 CA# 10242  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Adam Martz  
GS# 102327 CA# 10243  
11<sup>th</sup> from Resolved White

Trisha Stucker  
GS# 102328 CA# 10244  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

#### **RANCHO CONEJO COLONY**

Bruce Steven Benson  
GS# 102027 CA# 10193  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Peter Austin Reniger  
GS# 102031 CA# 10197  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Barbara Jean (Crosthwaite) Hartman  
GS# 101873 CA# 10171  
10<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Carleen Hill Beste  
GS# 101802 CA# 10159  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Carolyn Ashton Hill  
GS# 101803 CA# 10160  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Jacquelin Lee (Fauver) Brobisky  
GS# 101775 CA# 10155  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Summer Lee Ward  
GS# 101776 CA# 10156  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Edith Webster Otis  
GS# 102029 CA# 10195  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Lisa Marie Lee  
GS# 102030 CA# 10196  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Kim Campbell Pulter  
GS# 101778 CA# 10158  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

David George Klose  
GS# 102057 CA# 10200  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Neil Paul Greenwood  
GS# 101978 CA# 10188  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Martha Lynn Anderson  
GS# 101869 CA# 10167  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Robin Christina Anderson  
GS# 101870 CA# 10168  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Jason Michael Hightower  
GS# 101854 CA# 10165  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

Suzanne Gail Dawson  
GS# 102111 CA# 10207  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Chad Raymond Kroepel  
GS# 102112 CA# 10208  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Julia Lucia Thomas  
GS# 102114 CA# 10210  
14<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Kristi (Kroepel) Thomas-Soares  
GS# 102115 CA# 10211  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Kristine Skinner  
GS# 102150 CA# 10216  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Lois Jean Skinner  
GS# 102151 CA# 10217  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Shawna Skinner  
GS# 102152 CA# 10218  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

William S. Skinner II  
GS# 102153 CA# 10219  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Karen Ebner  
GS# 102291 CA# 10232  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY**

Ralph Longacre Chapman  
GS# 102000 CA# 10191  
11<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY**

Gary William Saltzgeber  
GS# 101953 CA# 10185  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

Michelle Moses Beck  
GS# 101934 CA# 10183  
10<sup>th</sup> from Giles Hopkins

Gabriella Fabela  
GS# 102147 CA# 10213  
15<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

Theresa Fabela  
GS# 102146 CA# 10212  
14<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

Amanda Powell Ortman  
GS# 102270 CA# 10231  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Gwendolyn Petersen Zumwalt  
GS# 102329 CA# 10245  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**SANTA BARBARA COLONY**

Shannon Hill Awedisean  
GS# 101976 CA# 10186  
14<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Robert Mark Hawkings  
GS# 101979 CA# 10189  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

James Michael Hill  
GS# 101980 CA# 10190  
14<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Melissa Fisher  
GS# 101911 CA# 10176  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Michael Hume Stivers  
GS# 102113 CA# 10209  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

Scott Lawrence Robinson  
GS# 102186 CA# 10222  
10<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Katherine Collins  
GS# 102223 CA# 10229  
11<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Andrew Clay Elias  
GS# 102306 CA# 10234  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Cynthia Clay Elias  
GS# 102307 CA# 10235  
12<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Matthew Kendall Elias  
GS# 102308 CA# 10236  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Susan Nicole Elias  
GS# 102309 CA# 10237  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

Catherine Clay Lassesen  
GS# 102310 CA# 10238  
12<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

#### **SEQUOIA COLONY**

Stephen Drew Moore  
GS# 101913 CA# 10178  
12<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

Elaine (Winslow) Jacobs  
GS# 101874 CA# 10172  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Donna Grace Winslow  
GS# 101875 CA# 10173  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Gregory Joseph Winslow  
GS# 101876 CA# 10174  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Stephen Patrick Winslow  
GS# 101877 CA# 10175  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

William Michael Catambay  
GS# 101853 CA# 10164  
11<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

Robert John Relyea  
GS# 102149 CA# 10215  
12<sup>th</sup> from Peter Brown

Judith Mae Relyea  
GS# 102148 CA# 10214  
11<sup>th</sup> from Peter Brown

Ann Newton Lowry  
GS# 102311 CA# 10239  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

### **Supplementals from Mar 30, 22 to Jun 28, 22**

#### **INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Ashley Collins Williams  
GS# 78585 CA# 9512  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

#### **LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Pamela Carol Holt  
GS# 95685 CA# 9502  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Sharyn Roberts Hughes  
GS# 88990 CA# 8982  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

#### **MONTEREY BAY COLONY**

Claudia Shaw  
GS# 100261 CA# 9990  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

**MOTHER LODE COLONY**

Edward Marion Nissen  
GS# 101077 CA# 10068  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Lori L. Briggs  
GS# 101427 CA# 10112  
12<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton

**ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**

Janice Baker Seib  
GS# 97427 CA# 9650  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Debra Lynn Blevins  
GS# 101213 CA# 10086  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden  
11<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Bruce Richard Ryon  
GS# 101429 CA# 10114  
11<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley  
12<sup>th</sup> from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Lisa Marie Lee  
GS# 102030 CA# 10196  
12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Louise Thaxter (Bowen) Lecklitner  
GS# 92834 CA# 9254  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Billington

Douglas Scott Martin  
GS# 98249 CA# 9744  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

Marlene Rae Ann Hilscher  
GS# 100179 CA# 9970  
12<sup>th</sup> from Henry Samson  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Alison Light King  
GS# 98212 CA# 9738  
11<sup>th</sup> from Peter Brown  
11<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

Iva Naomi Lemen Bailey  
GS# 99276 CA# 9850  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Renee Delphene Neale  
GS# 97029 CA# 9593  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
12<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley  
13<sup>th</sup> from Joan Hurst Tilley  
14<sup>th</sup> from Mrs. Mary Brewster

Maramine Roberta Pines  
GS# 98989 CA# 9819  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

**SAN JOAQUIN COLONY**

Judith Ann (Williams) Cowin  
GS# 80122 CA# 8209  
10<sup>th</sup> from Love Brewster  
11<sup>th</sup> from Constance Hopkins

**SANTA BARBARA COLONY**

Scott Lawrence Robinson  
GS# 102186 CA# 10222  
10<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Barbara Elizabeth (Cline) Jones  
GS# 99206 CA# 9839  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Margaret Louise (Cline) Williams  
GS# 99214 CA# 9847  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Kristine Anne (Cline) Collier  
GS# 99204 CA# 9837  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Jeffrey Thomas Jones  
GS# 99207 CA# 9840  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Jennifer Lee Jones-Aleman  
GS# 99208 CA# 9841  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Mark Henry Letourneau  
GS# 99209 CA# 9842  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Laurie Jeanne (Letourneau) Nickerson  
GS# 99210 CA# 9843  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

Priscilla A. Simms  
GS# 60919 CA# 5964  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Robert Willard Shroyer  
GS# 97506 CA# 9657  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

Melissa Nichols Drydahl  
GS# 96231 CA# 9538  
10<sup>th</sup> Samuel Fuller, Jr.  
11<sup>th</sup> John Cooke  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren  
12<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller



*In Loving Memory*

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Kenneth Alan Miller 6 April 2022

Roger William Howland 9 April 2022

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

William Dana 29 Apr 2022

**MONTEREY BAY COLONY**

Virginia Allen 7 Feb 2022

Grace Bishop 4 May 2022

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

David Prendergast 20 Oct 2021

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Erin Bentham April 2022



**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Mrs. Enid Williams 25 Sep 1925

Mr. Wayne Springsteen 8 Jul 1926

Mr. Charles Doolin 25 Oct 1927

Mr. William Kibby 15 Oct 1929

Mrs. Carolyn Young 8 Oct 1931

**FOOTHILL COLONY**

Marilyn Hanks 24 Oct 1926

Mr. Leo Goates 12 Aug 1927

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Mr. Thomas Mason 1 Oct 1922 \*\*Thomas will be 100 in October!

Mrs. Dorothy Goodbaudy 16 Oct 1924

Mrs. Jocelyn Faux 25 Jul 1929

Mrs. Shirley Lader 4 Sep 1930

Mrs. Virginia Ashlock 18 Sep 1931

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Miss Roberta Wineland 16 Aug 1927

Mrs. Joan Stevens 26 Jul 1928

Mrs. Gene Hassan 17 Oct 1928

Mr. John Hooker 28 Aug 1930

Mr. Vern Hall 14 Oct 1930

Mrs. Doris Kenney 26 Aug 1933

Mrs. Marva Grove 28 Sep 1933

**MONTEREY BAY COLONY**

Mrs. Betty Lawrence 25 Jul 1924

Mrs. Diane Cooley 15 Oct 1928

Mr. James de Lorimier 22 Oct 1928

Patricia Bigbee 1 Aug 1932

Mrs. Connie Fields 25 Sep 1933

**MOTHER LODE COLONY**

Mrs. Carol Staiger 22 Aug 1924  
 Mrs. Ila Lant 24 Aug 1924  
 Mr. James Doty 6 Aug 1928  
 Mrs. Jean Stultz 27 Oct 1928  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Sorby 13 Aug 1930

**ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**

Mrs. Liz McLendon 14 Aug 1927  
 Mrs. Dolores Miller 10 Oct 1927  
 Mr. Joseph Weston 28 Oct 1929  
 Mrs. Nellie Young 9 Aug 1930  
 Mrs. Beverly Elias 29 Jul 1931  
 Mrs. Margaret Ogden 22 Aug 1932  
 Ms. Jane O'Brien 24 Sep 1932

Muriel Fitzsimmons 20 Oct 1932

Mrs. Janet Hosack 22 Jul 1933

Mrs. Patricia Rainier 28 Sep 1933

**RANCHO CONEJO COLONY**

Mrs. Helen Wyers 12 Oct 1927

Mr. Charles Lombard 3 Jul 1932

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Mrs. Barbara Diekmann 19 Jul 1926

Miss Charmaine Burdell 18 Sep 1928

Mrs. Ernestine Evans 27 Aug 1930

Mrs. Harriet Anderson 21 Sep 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Couse 15 Oct 1930

Mr. Wallace Chipman 18 Oct 1932

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Mrs. Phylliss Riley 20 Sep 1925

Mrs. Elsie Brady 25 Sep 1927

Mr. James Halbert 26 Sep 1927

Mrs. Joyce Copenhaver 1 Jul 1929

Mrs. Marilyn Schmitz 1 Sep 1930

Mrs. Donna Lewis 17 Aug 1931

Mrs. Adda Sheldon 26 Sep 1931

Mrs. Marcia Nichols 14 Aug 1932

Mr. Robert Storer 7 Sep 1932

**SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COLONY**

Mrs. Mary Nairn 18 Jul 1923

Mr. Carroll Hayes 31 Aug 1932

Dr. Fran Taylor 14 Jul 1933

Dr. Roger Trinker 20 Oct 1933

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY**

Mr. John Erb 1 Sep 1926

Mrs. Priscilla Ketscher 16 Jul 1931

Barbara Milinich 11 Aug 1932

Mrs. Frances Erickson 18 Aug 1932

Mr. Ronald Brown 1 Jul 1933

**SANTA BARBARA COLONY**

Joyce Bayless 29 Jul 1922 \*\*Joyce turns 100 in July!

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Mrs. Helen Wright 19 Jul 1916 \*\*\*\*WOW!  
 Helen will be 106 in July!

Ms. Ann Hendricks 28 Jul 1927

Mr. Theodore Clabeaux 7 Sep 1929

Mrs. Ruth Freeman 15 Jul 1931

Mr. John Cellar 7 Aug 1931

Mrs. Patsy Fish 15 Aug 1932

Mr. Gene Grice 21 Sep 1933



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**Elected Officers & Board of Assistants**

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Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Kim Pike at:  
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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.

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### California Mayflower

Next deadline: Oct 01, 2022 . Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:  
 newseditor@camayflower.org

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 2022
Winter issue	January 2nd 2023
Spring issue	April 1st 2023
Summer issue	July 1st, 2023

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[www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

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### CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

**Fall 2022 Executive & BOA Meetings North**  
 October 14-15, 2022 –In person & virtual meeting  
**Winter 2023 Executive & BOA Meetings South**  
 January 13 & 14, 2023. Location TBD  
**Spring 2023 Executive & BOA Meetings North**  
 March 17 & 18, 2023. Location TBD  
**Summer 2023 Executive & BOA Meetings North**  
 June 16 & 17, 2023  
 Executive Board Meeting– June 16, 3:00pm - 5:00 pm  
 Board of Assistants Meeting– June17, 8:30 am - 9:45 am  
 Membership Meeting (Elections) June 17, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
 (Lunch following)

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# State News

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## Treasurer's Report

1. Late Dues receipts and applications are current in the Society financial database as of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
2. Once processed, dues data is supplied to the membership secretary.
3. All member reimbursements have been issued as of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Since reimbursement checks are processed in batches, some delays may result. If you believe that you are due a reimbursement and it has not been received, do not hesitate to contact me. As a reminder, if a member is requesting a reimbursement, please complete a reimbursement request and include your current address for the check.
4. All colony allocations (members and additional members) have been sent out. All Colonies and members are reminded that it is their responsibility to immediately update the Society Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer of any updates to their information.
5. Tax preparation:
  - a. All colony reports have been properly received. Thanks
  - b. Our tax preparer has filed a standard extension for the two 2021 Society returns.
  - c. Once that process is complete, hopefully this summer, we should be able to determine how any database needs to be structured and which tools to either keep or get.
6. As a reminder to all members, please include your California or General Society membership number on any checks sent. It significantly simplifies the work for your Society officer's.
7. I wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many members who have and continue to donate to the society. It is your generosity that allows and will allow your Society to thrive and continue to teach future generations about our common passenger ancestors.
8. My continuing thanks go to our Historian and Membership Secretary on their assistance in getting our Quickbooks database cleaned up. Without Mandy's and Kim's help that job would be frequently fruitless.
9. One of the fun bits to this job, since I receive the checks to process for new member applications, I also get part of the application that lists the passenger for whom their application or supplemental is being submitted. It always makes me smile to see that additional cousins of mine are joining.

*Harvey Soldan  
California State Treasurer*

## Deputy Governor General Report



Thank you to the 2019-21 California Mayflower state team of officers and the support of the California members. As a team, with the membership, you have done an outstanding job of helping California Mayflower Society with many diverse programs that overcame the challenges of the pandemic and built California membership to over 2500 members. California Mayflower now has the second highest membership, exceeded only by the state of Massachusetts.

As California Mayflower DGG, I look forward to representing the 2500 plus members at the GSMD BOA meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September.

*Ray Raser  
Deputy Governor General*

**2021-2022 Report of the Surgeon, California Mayflower Society**

March 8, 2022

Mr. Scott Miller, Governor, California Mayflower Society  
c/o Ms. Billie Mitchell, CMS Secretary  
Submitted Via Email: [bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com](mailto:bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com)

Dear CMS Governor Scott Miller and Fellow Pilgrims:

It has been my great honor to have served as CMS Surgeon since 2018. Please accept this as my 2021-2022 report and let me know if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns. Following is a summary of my activities as CMS Surgeon:

- I. **Medicine at Plymouth Plantation Talk**
  - a. I have given this talk to the following meetings. I remain available to discuss this subject as well as the use of DNA in genealogy research.
    - i. Orange County Colony – April 24, 2021
    - ii. Monterrey Colony – May 22, 2021
    - iii. Sequoia Colony – June 5, 2021
    - iv. Redwood Empire Colony – Nov 20, 2021
- II. **Clinical Activities**
  - a. As a physician, I have provided general medical and COVID19 information to the CMS members and specific colonies in accordance to the public health guidance of the State of California.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Surgeon of the California Mayflower Society. Please let me know if you have any specific ideas so I can better serve the medical interests of the CMS.

Sincerely,

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**The California BOA is looking for members to assist in the following positions.**

Please offer to assist if you have any experience in the following areas:

1. Assistant Treasurer (with CPA, CFO of Bookkeeping experience, esp. with Quickbooks). To work with Harvey Soldan, our Society Treasurer.
2. Investment Committee (1 year role). In Oct 2023 it can become a 4-yr role. Needs to have some investment or financial planning experience. To fill the vacant role on the committee.
3. Assistant Counselor (Particularly interested in someone with Corporate or Non-Profit law background.) To work with Erica Hahn our Society Counselor.

*Please contact Gov. Scott Miller if you wish more information about any of the above.  
[scottamillercalmayflowersoc@gmail.com](mailto:scottamillercalmayflowersoc@gmail.com)*

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### State Historian's Report

It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since I was sworn in as State Historian by our Governor General, Jane Hurt. A lot has happened since then and some changes for the better. COVID is still in the back of our minds but allowing us a little freedom to get out and enjoy by visiting our Mayflower cousins and friends in person. During this time, I've been working on strengthening our Historian department to make it more efficient and productive not just for our new and existing members, but for our colonies as well.

Back in 2019, the role of Colony Membership Chair (CMC) was introduced to help offset the massive backlog of unprocessed applications that we had within the State Society and to allow our prospective members to connect and be processed at a local level. Thankfully, this role helped the backlog immensely and allowed us to get caught up and start focusing on current and future applications. Because of this, the role of the CMC has since evolved and allowed for applications to be processed and handled exclusively by the State Historian and Assistant Historians and allowing the CMCs to spend time connecting with the prospective, new, and existing members along with helping in answering questions about the society, genealogy, applying, and searching for records where needed. Plus, they offer a great role for the colonies to utilize when other officer positions need help within the colony. With this change in their role, I'm happy to report that I've been working on a routinely updated process for the colonies to receive updates that provide the details of applications that are pending in Plymouth for their colony and allow them to connect with those potential members while awaiting their approval. We're also helping with the CMCs and Colony Governors in connection with applications that are approved so that they can keep their colonies in the loop of their progress and congratulate these new members at the time of their acceptance. This will help us all-around in staying on the same page of our membership and keeping our colonies fresh with new members and existing members' supplementals.

We have a new office manager in the Oakland library who is doing an awesome job in helping to organize our approved supplementals and any that may be missing or needing updating from over the years. **Nancy Lucchese** is a welcomed addition to the library and I hope you'll have a chance to meet her in person or talk with her by phone at the library. Thank you, Nancy! I'm happy to report that in the past 2 ½ months, we had a whopping **95 NEW MEMBER** approvals!

I think that's a new record! Through May 31<sup>st</sup>, we've submitted **37** new member applications and **11** supplementals. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 95 new applications and 48 supplementals were approved

*Mandy Dunkle*  
*California State Historian*

### Co-Editor's Report



We are happy to have to return to the 44 page format due to all the articles and information sent to us for this Quarterly Newsletter. We are glad to hear about all the activities and look forward to the next edition in the fall. Reports due October 1 or before.

*Ray and Gail Raser*  
*Co-Editors*

# Colony News

## Inland Empire Colony

On April 9, 2022 our colony gathered at Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning. Eighteen members and guests were in attendance. All present introduced themselves and their guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wayne Staples and Pam Nickkleson led the reciting of the Pilgrim Pledge. Recording Secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples, read the minutes from the February meeting and they were approved as read, as was the Treasurer's report given by Wayne Staples. Our donation jar for scholarship money yielded a good start of \$77.00. Membership Secretary, Kim Pike distributed membership directories and conducted the roll call. John Alden had the most descendants present. Governor Christopher distributed a survey to the members present at the meeting regarding past programs and for suggestions for future programs as well.

After lunch, we devoted the rest of our meeting to the following eight members who shared with us a story about one of their own ancestors. The talks they gave were well researched and most interesting. Some of these ancestors were naughty and some were nice! A gift of appreciation was given to each participant as well as the opportunity to participate in a drawing for a free lunch. Congratulations to Sheila Bostater for winning the drawing.

### PROGRAM:

- Robert Christopher, Mary Barrett Dyer 1611-1660
- Sarah Schiller, Elizabeth Deming 1595-1683
- Kim Pike, George Purinton 1837-1900
- Wayne Staples, Peter Staples 1640-1719
- Sheila Bostater, Sarah Shelton 1738-1755
- Susan Christopher, Robert "McHenry" Brewster 1827-1890
- Sue Brown, Alice Carpenter Southworth Bradford 1590-1670
- Nancy Honeyfield, Love Brewster 1611-1650



Welcome to our new members: John Husing (Edward Fuller); Gene Lewis (John Alden); Erika Nichols (Peter Brown); Irene Brahm (Peter Brown); Piper Martin (Henry Samson); Amanda Bastian (Henry Samson); Michael Martin (Henry Samson); Asley Anne Hobbins (William Bradford); Savanna-Marie Hobbins (William Bradford) and Ben Hobbins (William Bradford). We hope to enhance your membership and ours by your attend-

ance at our meetings. We look forward to meeting you all.

Our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will again be in Banning, CA. David Grinnell will present his interesting ancestors: Charlemagne, Lady Godiva, William the Conqueror and Kenneth MacAlpin.

*Susan Christopher*  
Inland Empire Colony, Governor

**Orange County Colony**

Our annual meeting on April 23rd was a wonderful event. We welcomed 4 new members and had a good turn out of about 52 members and guests. We enjoyed Thomas Jefferson’s visit by Peter Small as our guest speaker. Although we were frustrated Mr. Jefferson would not address our questions regarding our policies of today or opinions on today’s politics but he was very enlightening. We announced our scholarship winners and the 4 essay winners were so thankful to receive scholarships. We have invited them to attend our November meeting or have them read their essay by video if they can’t attend. For the first time we had a silent auction of nice items and some great raffle items. We also brought back some of our sales table items. We honored our outgoing board and elected our new board for the 2022-2024 term. If you missed our February meeting we enjoyed the screening of the film “Hit and Run History



*Lisa Shaw*

Stephano” with the director Andrew Buckley who took questions and is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins. Caleb Johnson came and told us about his latest research and findings.

Scott Miller will be a hard act to follow as he has contributed so much to further our Colony into the 21st century in so many ways. Of course we recognize that he has a wonderful devoted wife, Marina, that helps and supports him in many of his endeavors. We honored them both at the April meeting and of course we will continue to see them at our meetings. Thank you both! Hope I see you all at the November meeting on 11/19/2022.



*Lisa Shaw, Marina Miller Scott Miller*



***New Elected Board and Committee Members***

*L-R Everett Konkolewski, Cristen Lebsack, Ric Olsen, Nancy Konkolewski, Maggie McDonald, Mandy Dunkle, Karen Chute Gough, Donna Bennett Cole, Michael Serfes, Billie Mitchell, Lisa Cole Shaw, and Scott Miller.  
Not pictured—Wendie Troupe and Richard Grogan.*



*Billie Mitchel & Katherine Handron*

We had the drawing for our 2020 Anniversary fund raiser. Billie Mitchell painted two paintings for the anniversary. We sold prints of the two paintings to raise funds. This original painting was donated to sell our 2020 Anniversary pins. If you bought a pin you were able to enter into the raffle for the painting. At our April meeting we did the drawing and Katherine won. She attended her first meeting last November and bought a pin and was so surprised she won the painting. Billie and I delivered the painting to her on 5/21/22.

Save the date for our Compact Day Luncheon on November 19, 2022 at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana. Scott Miller will continue our theme of the First Thanksgiving and history thereafter.

*Lisa Shaw*

*Orange County Colony, Governor*

### Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony held its summer meeting on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, CA. The Allied Arts Guild has been a place for artists to come together and share their wares since its inception in 1929. Its restaurant, shops, and stunning gardens raise funds for the nearby Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.



The 21 attendees at our summer meeting recorded a total of 54 proven descents from 20 Mayflower passengers. After announcements and other business, colony members were invited to tell a story about a favorite ancestor. Several members shared stories about their favorite ancestors – Mayflower passengers and interesting ancestors of other generations.

Much to everyone's delight, there were stories of grandparents, great-grandparents, early and late migrations, travels, the gold rush, and a female photographer the rural west. Setting aside a time to tell family stories is an important way to ensure our families' histories are remembered. Everyone agreed this proved to be a fun and educational discussion and should be repeated.

The next meeting of the Sequoia Colony is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Allied Arts Guild where we will hear from the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society about their programs and services.

*Sharon Winslow Erickson*  
*Sequoia Colony, Governor*

## Foothill Colony

The Foothill Colony had a great turnout for our second in-person meeting since organizing in October of 2019. Held at the Assistance League of Pasadena, our State Society Surgeon, Dr. Matthew Bowdish gave a very interesting program on 17<sup>th</sup> century medicine and healthcare practices via ZOOM. Frankly, it's a wonder that some of our ancestors lived as long as they did! Governor Scott Miller attended and installed the new Foothill Colony Executive Board. Those elected my acclimation were: Colony Governor Carole Curran, Deputy Governor Donald St. John, Elder Mary Kenney, Recording Secretary Donna Riegel and Treasurer Cindy Riggs Deem. Appointed positions include Delegate Michelle Field, Colony Membership Chair Erica Hahn and Captain Jack Orswell.

The Executive Board will be meeting via ZOOM on Sunday, July 24 to make plans for the 2022-2023 Foothill Colony year, discuss future dates and locations for our hybrid meetings, events and projects to inform the public about of Mayflower ancestors. We will also be exploring hosting a local showing of the documentary "Stephano" this year.



L-R: Governor Scott Miller with 2022-2024 Foothill Colony Executive Board members Carole Curran, Don St John, Donna Riegel and Cindy Riggs Deem, Mary Kenney not pictured. (photo credit: Gage Heves)



Marilyn Hanks received her certificate of membership at the first Foothill Colony meeting from Organizing Governor Carole Curran.

Foothill Colony successfully completed the process to file a Fictitious Business Statement and obtain a DBA through the County of Los Angeles this year. This makes it easier to deposit checks made out to the Colony by members or donations by others. Records will show we are The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc., DBA Foothill Colony or Foothill Colony Mayflower Descendants. Special appreciation to former Treasurer Don St. John for completing the paperwork.

On a sad note, we lost member Marilyn Hanks on May 2, 2022. Marilyn had the distinction of being the first Foothill Colony member after the colony chartered and was welcomed at our very first meeting. It was a joy to meet her and unfortunately, she passed away prior to our second in-person meeting and couldn't attend our zoom meetings.

Her daughter Susan remarked that "She was so pleased to become a member at that time and be welcomed into the Colony at its inception and she followed with great interest the making of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mayflower float in the Rose Parade." During the pandemic, Marilyn loved to hear about our activities from our colony newsletter. Services to be held later this year.

*Carol Curran  
Foothill Colony, Governor*

## Redwood Empire

### TOGETHER!! ...at last!

Although many of the Colony have attained the rank of Accredited 'Zoombies' (knowledge of how to mute, unmute and send an occasional chat message) we decided, with a split vote, that it was time to brave this perilous world and once again enjoy the company of cousins over a meal in person. We set our May members meeting at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Petaluma, a lovely place we all remembered from past meetings. This was a bit of a gamble, but turned out quite well, offering a spacious room, reliably good food and service, and a turnout of members new and old.



*Pat Friesen reading the Compact*

The focus of this meeting was to re-establish the richness of personal connections that had faded some in the course of Zooming and the success of that was evident in smiles and hugs during a pre-meeting social hour that actually became a bit extended with enthusiasm and the company of both long established and new members. Many took time to review the Historians Binders of Colony documents and photos and a table loaded with a collection of items donated by members for a raffle to follow the meeting. There were quite a few books on Mayflower era history, frameable copies of the Compact, Mayflower 400 commemorative coins and a shirt, all amid a most remarkable display of pilgrim



*Reviewing the prices*



*Colony meeting*

era antiques and curiosities, loaned by Past Governor Wayne Skala. The crowd around the display was shoulder to shoulder.

Once we were able to get everyone seated and commence the meeting, the tone was set by past State Governor Pat Friesen reading the Compact and past Governor Sally Johnson providing an invocation. Self-introductions were enhanced by new members providing entertaining brief bios along with their history. Members enjoyed a report of the recent Board of Assistants Meeting with some question and answer conversation, providing an appreciated sense of the State Society's activities.

A motion to adjourn, promptly seconded, took us to lunch and conversation, followed by the eagerly anticipated raffle. Each person attending had been given a numbered ticket on arrival and was guaranteed a prize. Governor John McNeill, disqualified from winning, pulled the numbers as Past Governor Wayne Skala described and delivered each item as they were won. All this was accompanied by lots of laughter, a few cheers and general good feelings. This was a great way for us to get back to active in-person meetings and camaraderie, at last.

*John McNeill  
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

## Mother Lode Colony

Saturday, April 30, 2022 was the first of two Mother Lode Colony meetings set to focus on regional history and the contributions of pioneer ancestors. Sylvia Dilgard gave an interesting talk with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation entitled *Rush to California*. She detailed exploits of pioneer ancestors who joined the westward movement and quest for gold, bringing her Hopkins



Treasurer Sylvia Dilgard displays  
*The Great Migration Directory*.

ancestry and Mayflower spirit to Northern California; Helen MacLaren added comments about an antecedent who also settled and worked in the same gold rush boomtown and we concluded that their ancestors were undoubtedly friends.

The meeting's special ancestor focus was on Stephen Hopkins and Edward Doty, who accompanied the Hopkins family on the Mayflower adventure. During the meeting, Helen MacLaren profiled Hopkins and Betsy Samson-Andrews shared Doty information. Following the business meeting and program, Hopkins and Doty descendants participated in a lively facilitated Cousins Conversation.

Member Cathey Graham proposed purchasing *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England 1620-1640* for donation to the California Society Library. Her initiative was adopted and the book ordered. Additionally, members were thrilled to learn that three of the four 2022 scholarship recipients are related to Mother Lode Colony members and approved a donation to the scholarship fund in their honor.

The Colony joined Deputy Governor-North Kathy Watson in sponsoring the June 11, 2022 special Zoom program with Hopkins descendant Andrew Buckley, producer of the documentary *Stephano*. Members registered to participate in what proved to be an informative and engaging talk. Many of us viewed the documentary in advance of the Buckley meeting and found it to be powerful, with new biographical details included.

The Executive Board met in June to finalize plans for the upcoming program year, which will launch with a luncheon meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Wilma Spice will present the second member talk on California pioneer ancestors entitled *Edmund Booth, Deaf Forty-Niner*. Meeting notices will be sent via email in August, but members are asked to reserve the date now on their planning calendars.

M. Elizabeth Ware  
Mother Lode Colony Governor



## Monterey Bay Colony

Former Governor and Colony Membership Chair Gloria Gibbel reports we currently have 105 members!

We are sad to report the death of Grace Bishop, our last surviving charter member. When the Monterey Bay Colony Descendants of the Mayflower was "launched" in 1962, the Colony was twenty-seven strong and Grace signed the Charter on line number six. She had previously been a long-standing Massachusetts Mayflower member.



*Charter member, Grace Bishop*

102 years ago, Grace was born in Plymouth County Massachusetts not far from Cape Cod. She grew up with rich knowledge of history of her Pilgrim ancestors, Myles Standish, John Alden, George Soule, and William Mullins. She and her husband Franklin moved to Hollister California with their three children before the 1960s. As coincidences happen, they lived three houses away from the location where Past Governor Verona Flint was raised. There were lots of little Pilgrims running around the neighborhood!

Monterey Bay Colony is honored to have this photograph, which was taken in August 2019, of Grace Bishop holding the original Charter. The MBC May meeting was held at The Beach Club at Pebble Beach with about 40 in attendance. Many thanks to Diane and Tom Stone for arranging the venue. It was exciting to meet again in person as well as have the first meeting at this beautiful new location. Clark Magruder led the colony in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" remarking on the line "Land of the Pilgrims Pride", and afterward led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pilgrims' Pledge was read by Rev. Dr. Robert Hellam, Elder Candidate.

Our speaker was Marston Watson currently serving as the CA State Mayflower Society Parliamentarian, author of the latest Edward Winslow silver book. He is a descendant of Susannah Jackson White Winslow, and spoke on the topic, "Susannah Jackson White Winslow" and the Men in Her Life". He made several interesting connections between the Pilgrims and British royalty.

New Colony officers were installed and sworn in by Deputy Governor North Kathy Watson. MBC next meeting in November will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter of the colony.

*John Reed  
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*



### Rancho Conejo Colony

Ever onward! Our May meeting was one for the record books! The ‘post-pandemic’ record books, that is! Attendance is growing steadily as we gather together and re-connect, in-person! This was our fourth Hybrid meeting, our last all ZOOM was a year ago! I am happy to report we had 33 members and guests attending, 28 in-person, at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. It was a jam packed meeting including a wonderful program and the election and installation of a new Board!

Governor Lorraine Kocen called the meeting to order timely at 11 am. The usual protocols followed. The opening invocation was given by State Elder and colony member, Tawny Welch; the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Anne Fisher who also read the roll call. Descendants of Alden, Allerton, Billington, Bradford, Brewster, Browne, Cooke, Doty, Eaton, Hopkins, Howland, More, Rogers, Tilley and Warren were in attendance with Brewster and Howland tying for the most descendants! Sharon Martin gave an enthusiastic reading of the Compact and our speaker, Orange County Colony member Roberta Scherbarth did double-duty as she lead us in song with “America the Beautiful”.

There were many special guests present, including former State Governor Marcia Maloney. We welcomed prospective members Patty Wolleck and Donna Stewart as well as our newest Colony member Barbara Hartman, a Doty descendant, who received her certificate and colony yearbook. The Program followed, very apropos for the day before Mother’s Day “ Children on the Mayflower” as presented by Orange County Colony member Roberta Scherbarth. The program was compelling and accompanied by an amazing handout, something to keep and refer to. We were all very appreciative of Roberta’s thoughtful talk and were happy to meet Roberta’s husband John, who came along!

Our ‘Business’ meeting ended with the report of the nominating committee from Don Morris. The slate for the new Board was read and approved as proposed. We were honored to have past California State Governor Marcia Maloney install the new officers.



*New Board Installation by former CA Governor Marcia Maloney*

Governor: Tawny Welch  
 Deputy Governor: Terri De Mey  
 Recording Secretary : Kim Wizer  
 Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Cooper-Lane  
 Chaplain: Lorraine Kocen  
 Treasurer: Holly Newcombe  
 Historian: Anne Fisher  
 Librarian: Darilyn Rice  
 Colony Membership Chair: Harry Nash



*Former Colony Governor Loraine Kocen and thank-you gifts*

Before adjourning for lunch, outgoing Governor Lorraine Kocen was thanked profusely for her 2 terms of service and presented with thank-you tributes. She then delivered the table grace in her new position as Chaplain.

Last week (June 25), many members joined in a ZOOM presentation by Lea Filson, former GSMD Governor General and President of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust. The program was sponsored by the California Poppy Colony of the National Society of New England Women, to honor their President General's Project...the restoration of the Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth. Lea's presentation surely stirred our Pilgrim hearts. We will discuss what we can do to help at our next meeting, coming up on August 27 at Los Robles Greens, perhaps you can join us! The program will be cutting edge "Straight Razors, How our Ancestors Shaved their Whiskers".



*Prospective member Donna Stewart admires our display*

So, a new chapter has begun for the Rancho Conejo Colony. We look forward to exploring the possibilities as we stand on the very broad shoulders of 1<sup>st</sup> Colony Governor Robert Dempster and 2<sup>nd</sup> Governor Lorraine Kocen.

*Tawny Welch  
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

### **Santa Barbara Colony**

On April 30th 2022 the Santa Barbara Colony had Lea Filson, Meeting House President as our speaker! It was an amazing presentation of the plan and giving opportunities available. Now I read in The Mayflower Quarterly she suffered a horrible fall only a month before! Thanks again Lea! I



also want to thank our State Historian and assistants for the job they are doing. Santa Barbara Colony has many new members. Several from northern San Luis Obispo County. The Colony Board is excited and is making plans to meet in 2 locations with a zoom feed connecting the meeting, where we can include all members in live meetings! Permission to share contact information is being sought to connect folks living near each other! I have included a photo of our last venture into SLO County when the tall ships came to Morro Bay in 2014!

*Ray Garrett  
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

### San Joaquin Valley Colony

What a wonderful spring day! On May 14, I had the distinct honor of hosting my first meeting as the new Governor of the San Joaquin Valley Colony. Our meeting took place at the Sunnyside Country Club in Fresno. As I looked out and welcomed our guests, the golf course came into view, I wondered how our Mayflower ancestors would have greeted a day such as ours. Would they be out in the forest hunting for meat? Were they hurrying to get the fields planted? I wonder who was fishing, like my grandfather did, to bring home a wonderful meal for dinner.

I hope to bring our colony many more speakers such as Kathleen Watson, who filled in for her husband, Marston Watson, who couldn't make our meeting. I certainly enjoyed her information regarding Pilgrim Edward Winslow and his wife Susanna Jackson. Our next speaker slated for Saturday, November 5, is CA State Captain, Miles Standish. Yes, he is a direct descendant of Pilgrim Miles Standish. Please come and join us for another stimulating look into the incredible life stories of all our Pilgrim ancestors.

Diane Nitta, a new member, oversaw the setup of our meeting. The theme of her table décor was based upon a book titled, *The Story of the Scallop Shell: Symbol of Pilgrims & Hospitality*. Her comments follow.

I came across *The Story of the Scallop Shell: Symbol of Pilgrims & Hospitality* written by Diane Finn of Plymouth Massachusetts. What a delightfully succinct, informative, and easy to read book. It provides definitions, explanations, and examples of the scallop shell's significance and various uses throughout history. These include its relationship to both Native Americans and Pilgrims. Scallop shells are featured in monuments and Burial Hill grave markers in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The short time I have been involved with our Colony, I have experienced a sense of friendliness and hospitality amongst the members. I think our respective research journeys to find our ancestors are like a pilgrimage and the help we can give each other reflects the essence of the hospitality referenced by the scallop shell. As we were working on our May 14 Colony meeting, the story of the scallop shell was an inspiration to use as a theme for our table décor – shells, the *Story of the Scallop Shell* book and shell cookies complimented the flower centerpieces. By Diane Nitta & Dianna Saario.



*Front row from the left: Micki Beston, Faith Haag, Dianna Saario, Kathy Watson, Diane Nitta, Sue Benson, and Alden Owen*

*Second Row: Dennis Wyman, Larry Beston, Dan Cabe, Bev Wyman, Janet Mason, Mark Storch, Janet Kirk, John Benson, and Janet Nichols*

*Dianna Saario  
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Governor*

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### Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony held a ZOOM meeting on April 23, 2022. The Invocation was given by Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Kimberlee Bradford. New members, Bruce Fauver, and Heather Porter, gave introductions about themselves, as did Allen Welborn who had not attended meetings in recent years. During the Roll Call of Passenger Ancestors, there were fifteen families represented. Stephen Hopkins had the most descendants in attendance. A presentation titled "Grand Army of the Republic - Researching Your Union Civil War Veterans" was given by Christine Cohen, providing background history on the organization and sharing a vast number of resources available for research on ancestors who may have been Grand Army of the Republic members. The Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrims' Pledge were read. The Benediction was given by Elder Cynthia Carver-Svezia.

I have an ancestor, John Mansfield, who lived in the US National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Leavenworth, Kansas. I had known he lived there for a time before his death but did not know the connection of these homes with the GAR organization who founded them for the soldiers. From Christine Cohen's presentation, I learned of some sources that could provide more depth on his life.

The Los Angeles Colony will next meet on July 30, 2021 at Mimi's Café in Torrance. On July 4th, we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Over 150 years earlier, the Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the New World and it influenced the wording of the Declaration of Independence. This will be our first meeting in the southern part of our colony in several years so I'm hoping to see some new faces. In recognition of July 4th, there will be a free raffle for a beautiful print of the Declaration of Independence by Arthur Szyk to those attending.

Our luncheon speaker, Susan Daniels, will talk about the early settlement, New Amsterdam, and one of its famous residents, Anthony Jansen van Salee. The Mayflower landed at Plymouth because it was blown off course. What if they had reached the intended destination near the Hudson River close to New Amsterdam? It is hard to imagine how our ancestors' lives might have been different. Susan belongs to ten lineage groups and serves as an officer in six. She is currently State President of the US Daughters of 1812 and our colony Treasurer. I emailed the colony members the RSVP form for the luncheon. Contact me at [drrlincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:drrlincoln@yahoo.com) if you did not get it.

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

### Alameda Colony

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the quarterly meeting of the Alameda Colony, held virtually, was called to order by Colony Governor Bob Trapp. The Nominating Committee proposed the following Alameda Colony Board for the two-year term of 2022-2024:

Governor-Sally Philbin, Deputy Gov-Brian Bonner, Elder -Rev. Marsha Davis, Secretary-Sharon Garrison, Treasurer-Nancy Lucchese, Captain-Dale Brandes. The proposed board was elected unanimously for the two-year term.

Louise Troop gave an interesting program on some pilgrim families and DNA results learned including the George Soule line. She also shared new information on Richard Warren.

The CA Mayflower Library: We invite anyone who finds themselves near Oakland, CA to stop by our state library. This would provide you with opportunity to further your research. Nancy Lucchese staffs the library on Thursdays 10am to 2pm and Fridays 10am to 4pm. She is also available by special appointment. Email her at: [lucchesepeter@comcast.net](mailto:lucchesepeter@comcast.net) or 510-451-9599.

Our next meeting is September 17, 2022 and will be virtual. If you would like to join us, please email me at [philbinmyflwr13@gmail.com](mailto:philbinmyflwr13@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

*Sally Philbin  
Alameda Colony, Governor*

### San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Before COVID set in to disrupt in-person events, the Colony's regular meeting place discontinued serving lunch in their meeting rooms on the weekend. This action left us with no place to meet as the Colony met on Saturday in January and May. Then COVID set in with restrictions on meeting in-person. Finally, on June 4, 2022, the Colony was able to meet at the Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, in a nice sized room which could accommodate a hybrid event. Because of the location, we can reach more of our members who are willing to meet in person.

At the June meeting, we welcomed several new members who were attending their first Mayflower Colony meeting: Lorrie Gafford, Mia Lindell, Nancy Sanchez, Ted Craig, Mary Landers, David Dolloff, and Michele McGee. Speaker for the day was Marston Watson, Colony Elder and a descendant of Edward Winslow. He spoke to the group virtually about "*Susanna Jackson White and the Men in her Life*".

*Kathleen Watson  
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

### San Diego Colony

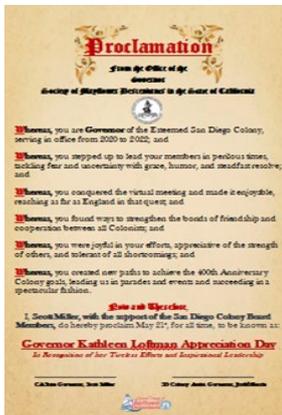
The San Diego Colony held its annual meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad, California. Governor Kathleen Loftman held a hybrid meeting that was well attended in person and included a number of online attendees.

Our Education Chair and CA State Junior Membership Chair, Amy Conboy educated and entertained us with her program: "*Plymouth Colony Expansion and King Philip's War*". Her program was inspired by her mother's presentation regarding the history of King Philips War given years ago. Since then, Amy has pursued additional research to create the expanded version she presented to the Colony.

The meeting contained many heartfelt tributes to the outgoing Board and a celebration of the new board as the torch was passed with our election. Governor Loftman was recognized for outstanding service the past two years. In fact, she was presented a proclamation with the following tribute:



*Amy Conboy*



*WHEREAS, you are Governor of the Esteemed San Diego Colony, serving in office from 2020 to 2022; and*  
*WHEREAS, you stepped up to lead your members in perilous times, tackling fear and uncertainty with grace, humor, and steadfast resolve; and*  
*WHEREAS, you conquered the virtual meeting and made it enjoyable, reaching as far as England in that quest; and*  
*WHEREAS, you found ways to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between all Colonists; and*  
*WHEREAS, you were joyful in your efforts, appreciative of the strength of others, and tolerant of all shortcomings; and*  
*WHEREAS, you created new paths to achieve the 400th Anniversary Colony goals, leading us in parades and events and succeeding in a spectacular fashion.*  
 A number of gifts were exchanged between new and outgoing Board members, it was a fitting and festive occasion!

We were honored to have our State Governor Scott Miller in attendance. He eloquently read the proclamation to Governor Loftman and give the oath of office to the new Board. Thank you, Governor!

Going forward, the new administration is preparing for an active year including planning an event at Balboa Park on October 29, 2022, at the Hall of Nations. It will be a celebration of Mayflower history similar to the event we held very successfully in 2021. We will be sponsored by the House of USA. Plans are also in the works for our Compact Day Meeting in November.

We are focused on preserving history, greater community outreach, and for sharing the story of our Pilgrim Founders, with a goal of education and increased membership. We will be expanding our programs to include topics of historical interest from other periods of history. We can walk down the road our founders built and see where it leads!



*Left to right: Governor Kathleen Loftman, State Governor Scott Miller, Incoming Board members: Governor Judith Reale, Deputy Governor Jim Taylor, Corresponding Secretary Bill Peters, Treasurer Ken Whittemore, Historian Bev Wiley, Elder Luann Esposito, Delegate to Sate Gail Raser, Webmaster Budd Leaf, and C.A Deputy Governor General Ray Raser*

*Judith Reale  
 San Diego Colony, Governor*

## Connecting My Pilgrim Roots

By Sylvia Baldwin Dilgard #9898

I have known since childhood that I am a Pilgrim. But it was not until 2020 that I decided to apply for membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, with Stephen Hopkins as my ancestor. Thankfully, my family tree was accepted and I am now an active member of California's Mother Lode Colony.

On a recent road trip to see western national parks, my husband and I travelled through Salt Lake City. While in Utah, we were very interested in visiting the Family Search Library in the Mormon Square area. A volunteer from the Latter-Day Saints Church greeted us and offered to print a

poster-sized family tree for me. Naturally, I was thrilled that the generations went back to my Stephen Hopkins ancestor. It also identified the six other Mayflower passengers from whom I am descended.

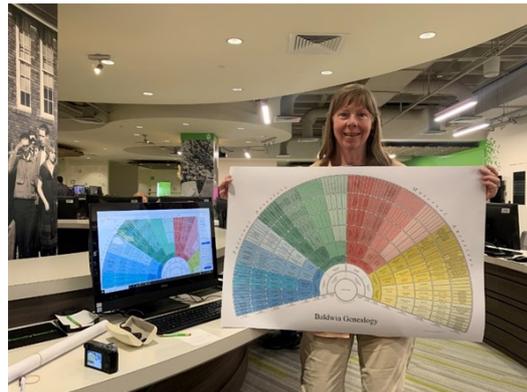
While sightseeing at the beautiful Capitol building in Salt Lake City, we had another surprising Pilgrim connection. On the east side of the Capitol, there is a larger-than-life statue of Chief Massasoit sculpted by the renowned Utah artist, Cyrus E. Dallin. It was first erected at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1921, coinciding with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Thanksgiving. The original plaster figure was given to the state of Utah by Dallin the following year and displayed in the Capitol rotunda. Years later in 1959, the sculpture was cast into bronze and given a permanent home on the lovely grounds of the Capitol. Next to the statue is a plaque that identifies Massasoit as the historic



*Sylvia by Massasoit statue*

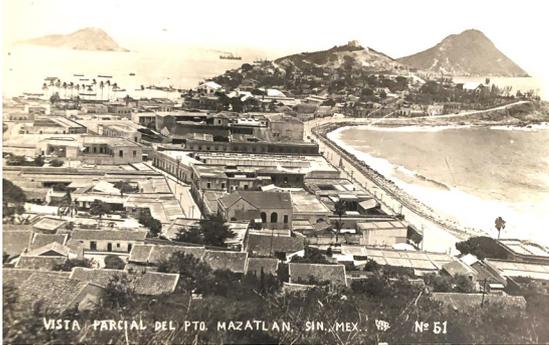
Indian chief of Massachusetts and friend of the Pilgrim fathers.

During this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Thanksgiving, I am thankful that the Wampanoag people taught the Pilgrims how to plant seeds. More especially, I am thankful to God that He blessed the harvest.



### *Connecting Isaac: The Right Isaac Sisson*

Isaac Sisson is my ancestor, but several Isaacs can be found in the Sisson genealogy.<sup>1,2</sup> Thus, to verify my *Mayflower* relationship, it was necessary to identify and prove the correct Isaac Sisson relationship. Society records suggested a particular New York Isaac Sisson, but he did not fit the information I had. My Isaac was born in Lithgow, Dutchess County, New York 1 January 1828. In 1866 Congressional Representative John Henry Ketcham recommended Isaac to the US State Department for a consular position in Monterey, Mexico. That position was filled by someone else, so Isaac obtained an appointment as Commercial Agent in Mazatlan, Mexico. However, Isaac delayed reporting to Mazatlan, whereupon a US State Department letter sent to him in Lithgow urged his prompt arrival in Mazatlan. He went to Mazatlan and that State Department letter ultimately helped document him as my ancestor.



*Aerial view Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico about 1905. The center beach area is called Olas Altas was where Jose Eduardo Padilla's family lived until 1916*

While Isaac was in Mazatlan, he assisted American businessmen and tourists. One of these was Henry W. Edwards, a noted actor and entomologist. It is not known where or how they met. Perhaps it was in San Francisco when Isaac was on his way to Mazatlan and Henry was performing in a theatre there, or it could have been when Henry arrived in Mazatlan to pursue his favorite scientific endeavor, hunting new species of moths and butterflies. His findings were published later. Apparently, he and Isaac became good friends because Isaac received a memory card featuring Henry and autographed "Hy Edwards." The card remained among Isaac's effects and was passed down through generations of descendants. Upon Edward's death his entomology collection went to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

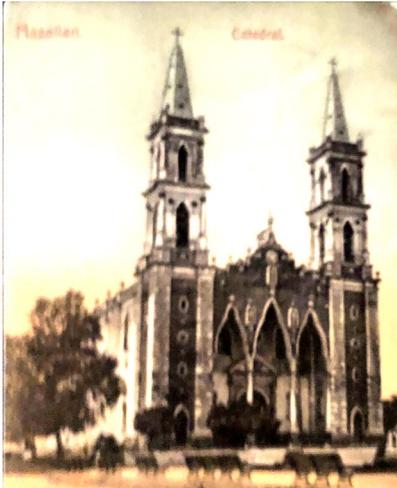
Also, among Isaac's new friends was a man of renown, Andrew Jackson Grayson. Andrew, born in 1819, grew up on a farm in Louisiana, and was sent to St. Louis, Missouri for proper schooling. He did not like the 3-Rs but liked art and learned how to paint with watercolors. His farm background led to a great like of birds, which he sought out and painted in watercolors. Grayson led an 1846 wagon train of settlers from Independence, Missouri through Oregon and into California. At Ft. Bridger, some of his party were persuaded to depart Andrew's group and take a short cut into California: they became the Donner Party. Those who did not separate from Andrew's wagon train in Oregon country made it with him into California. Andrew later founded the town of Grayson along the San Joaquin River. Subsequently, Andrew's pursuit of birds took him to Mazatlan, Mexico. Isaac must have assisted in helping Andrew reach the offshore islands where new species were named and painted. The only bird Andrew named for an individual was one named for Isaac, the *Thryomanes Sissonii*, a Socorro Wren, Andrew Grayson must have had great appreciation for Isaac.



*Thryomanes Sissonii, a Socorro Wren  
Bird named by Andrew Jackson  
Grayson for Isaac Sisson*

Sadly, Andrew died in Mazatlan in 1869. It was over 100 years before information on more than 100 birds he had identified was published in his book, *Birds of the Pacific Slope*, regarded as an important supplement to Audubon's, *Birds of America*.

Historically, US Navy practice prevented US ships in foreign waters to carry out military operations without prior approval from authorities in Washington, D.C. Isaac Sisson was instrumental



*Roman Catholic Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico. Jose Eduardo Padilla was baptized and married here. His daughter Maria Luisa Padilla was baptized here.*

in causing a US naval operation lacking that authority. In 1870, a ship, in San Francisco, the *Forward*, loaded cargo including arms and ammunition manifested to republican forces in Mexico. The war between conservatives of the French Emperor Maximilian had ended in 1866 with Maximilian captured and executed, but forces remained loyal to the conservative cause in the countryside south of Mazatlan. The *Forward* sailed and landed at Guaymas, Mexico, with the crew raiding the town and ships in the harbor. The *Forward* continued to Mazatlan, but suspicious Mexican authorities there arrested its Captain. The crew took the ship from the harbor and continued south and inland into the Teacapan River where it ran aground, but its cargo was unloaded. Meanwhile, a US Navy ship, *USS Mohican*, under command of Lt. Willard Brownson, entered Mazatlan on a visit. Mexican authorities claimed piracy by the *Forward* and sought the support of the US Commercial Agent Isaac Sisson to convince the US Navy commander to pursue and capture the *Forward*. The American ship pursued and found the grounded *Forward*. Under gunfire from the pirates ashore, the Navy crew set the *Forward* ablaze.

While in Mazatlan, Isaac met Dominga De Jesus Padilla and they had two children. The children were baptized with the name of the mother shown, but not their father. No marriage was recorded,



*Jose Eduardo Padilla, about 1910*

undoubtedly because they could not marry legally due to their religious differences. (He was a Quaker and she was Roman Catholic.) Isaac returned to the United States when doctors told him his medical condition could not be cured in Mexico. Isaac did not return to Mexico, but their son, Jose Eduardo Padilla survived, to become my grandfather.

In later years, Eduardo married Maria Concepcion Beltran Ramirez. Marriage records named Isaac Sisson as Eduardo's father. Their daughter, Maria Luisa Padilla, born in Mazatlan, was my mother. In 1916 at age 9, she emigrated to the US with my grandmother (Eduardo was deceased) during the Mexican Revolution. At this time Mexican authorities stated they could no longer protect foreign nationals, so American refugee trains were organized to carry fleeing Americans out of the country.

My mother and grandmother, claiming US citizenship, were aboard one of those trains. The trip was rigorous, the train halted at each station while the track ahead was checked prior to travel to assure it had not been blown up. My mother saw wizened corpses hanging from telegraph wires. Children on railroad platforms were so hungry that they fought for orange peels to eat. During their passage through the countryside, they saw a man tied to a pole, the target of thrown knives and heard his screams. The US entry records showed Isaac Sisson as grandfather. Under laws at that time, Isaac's son Eduardo, his children, and his widow Maria Concepcion were considered Americans for emigration purposes. With this additional information naming Isaac Sisson, I was tied to the correct Isaac Sisson and was able to complete my line to the *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke. Other documentation included my mother's vital records. My grandfather's baptism and marriage records were obtained from free on-line files from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. Isaac's death record was obtained by writing to the appropriate New York County.



*Mary Louise Nissen  
(Maria Luisa Padilla) about 1945*

As a separate note, the 23AndMe ancestry service identified DNA markers confirming my relationship with another living Sisson family member known to be descended from the *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke. It was through this connection that I learned about the Mayflower Society.

*Edward Nissen  
Mother Lode Colony, California State Society*

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*Isaac Sisson with granddaughter Lydia Fanny Sisson, the daughter of Isaac's son James Sisson, 1906.*

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