



# Society of Mayflower Descendants

In The State of Alabama

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Capitol Colony

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January 13, 2015

**In the Name of God, Amen.**

To All Capital Colony Members:

Greetings from the Lt. Governor of the Capital Colony:  
Alan M. Davis

It is time for our Colony Meeting. (Its way overdue)

**Place:** Arrowhead Country Club in the Camellia Room.

**Date:** Saturday February 7, 2015

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Meal:** 12:00 Noon



**Our speaker will be “The Historian of Montgomery” - Mrs. Mary Ann Neeley.**

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Montgomery was officially incorporated in 1819, but in its two centuries the city has only had a handful of truly legendary historians, whose names are etched in the archives through which they rummage. In our generation, that historian is Mary Ann Neeley. Born in Montgomery to Mary Collier and James Robert Oglesby, she studied at Huntingdon College, University of Alabama, Auburn University and AUM. And subsequently Mary Ann passed along the vast knowledge she acquired to students at Goodwyn Junior High School from 1966 to 1978, as well as to college students at AUM when she served as an adjunct professor for 10 years. But Mary Ann Neeley’s name is often synonymous with Old Alabama Town. For nearly 24 years, she served as executive director of the Landmarks Foundation and Old Alabama Town. From a young age, this seventh-generation Alabamian has let “the love of history determined my path.” As you might guess, her favorite things include research, historic projects and walking. And many days she blends them all together. Mary Ann Neeley has given countless presentations and led walking tours of Old Alabama Town, Oakwood Cemetery, the downtown area, and Montgomery’s historic neighborhoods. This popular preservationist believes the “land, history, diversity of backgrounds and ethnicities” are among the many things that make the River Region unique, and she loves “the sense of community” found here. A proficient and interesting storyteller and treasure trove of historic data, Mary Ann has also documented much of the information she’s discovered. In addition to conducting the first professional architectural survey of Montgomery



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structures, she is the author and/or editor of many books including Montgomery: Capital City Corners, Old Alabama Town, Montgomery and the River Region Sketchbook, The Works of Matthew Blue: Montgomery's First Historian, and her newest, Montgomery in the 20th Century. A longtime member of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission, Mary Ann received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alabama Preservation Alliance in 2005. Today, in addition to her frequent research and historic projects, she enjoys spending time with her husband Aubrey, three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild – and listening to classical music. Her dream for the River Region is to see “a strengthening of understanding and good will between all citizens no matter what their backgrounds — rich, poor and in-between.” And to make this a reality, Mary Ann believes our community needs “an improvement in attitudes toward each other, more tolerance and more people taking advantage of the opportunities that are here for everyone.” Over the years she has been particularly inspired by the quote: “The best way to get something done is to begin.” And Mary Ann Neeley has certainly been getting things done in Montgomery for many decades.

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In fact it was in the home of Mrs. Neeley where the **Capital Colony** was chartered and formed in April of 1990. First officers elected were Mrs. Alma McClurklin as Lt. Governor, Vice Lt. Gov. – Dr. Allen M. Pearson, Treasurer – Mr. Mac Jones Smith, Secretary - Mrs. Maxine Braddy, Historian Mr. - Erastus Talbert.

Others in attendance that day were as well as Mrs. Neeley, Mrs. Georgia Carroll, Mrs. Georgia Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hulbert, Mr. Robert E. Ledyard, Jr., Mrs. Mimi Lindroy, Mrs. Molly McGough, Mr. Joe McGough, Mrs. Florence S. Post, Mr. Leslie Samuel, Mrs. Dorothy Samuel, Mr. Charles Smith and Mrs. Emalyn Spencer.

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Our Meal will consist of Chicken Supreme served with Roasted Red Potatoes and Whole Green Beans and Dessert of Strawberry Shortcake and Banana Pudding.

The cost will be \$24.00 per person.

RESERVATIONS: Call/E-Mail Alan M. Davis by Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

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Please leave message if not home.

You can pay when you get there and please make the checks payable to the **Capital Colony**.

In Kindred Spirit,

Alan M. Davis

Lt. Governor-Capital Colony, Secretary of the State Society and Deputy Governor General for the State Society.