

# ALABAMA PILGRIM

The Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama,  
a member society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

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March 25, 2019

## ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

**Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.**

**The Battle House Hotel Crystal Ballroom, 26 North Royal Street,  
Mobile, Alabama**

***Speaker – Commander James B. Battles on the  
Mayflower Guard & Weaponry at the time of Plymouth Colony***

### Governor's Highlights

I look forward to our meeting in Mobile on May 4<sup>th</sup> and I have let Lt. Gov. Kevin Sellw our host and Brenda Gouge our Deputy Governor make a slight change in our program style that will be a little less formal and more fun meeting. Since the minutes of the previous meetings are now published in our newsletter, it frees up that time we used spend reading them. We have an opportunity to be like the California Society by participating in a parade, but one that has older origins than the Rose Bowl Parade, the Mobile Mardi Gras Day Parade thanks to Brenda and Kevin. We will discuss this at this and subsequent meetings. My hat is off to Brenda and Kevin as they have many good ideas to promote the Alabama Society. Please try to attend this meeting. Our Compact Day Meeting will be in Birmingham on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Alabama Society is in the Quarterly again with the Gulf Coast Colony selling T-Shirts celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Great job Kevin! Our Society and some of its members has been featured in the Mayflower Quarterly over the last few years let's try to keep it up. Our State Meetings have been well attended too in the last five years averaging forty-five to fifty in attendance.

As everyone by now has read their Mayflower Quarterly our Society is now on its way to owning the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House and by Congress 2020 it will belong to us. Through the hard work and contributions from each of the Member Societies we are saving a part of our history by keeping that location from becoming a fast food restaurant location or a parking lot. 2020 accommodations are in the Quarterly so when hotels are available make your reservations! Through the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Pilgrim's landing in 2020 and the first Thanksgiving in 2021 we have a unique

opportunity to grow our membership while expanding our Pilgrim education mission.

As D. G. G., I will be attending the General Board of Assistant's Meeting this Sept. 5 – 8 in Denver Colorado the home State of our Gov. General George Garmany who recently attended our State Meeting in Huntsville. We have been fortunate to have had the last five Governor Generals to visit our Society with the last General Officer being Sec. Gen. Mildred Ramos who went on to serve as Gov. Gen. Prior to Mildred's visit it was twenty years that a General Officer visited the Alabama Society.

Governor Alan Davis

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All the officers serve the SMDAL membership. If we can assist you, let us know. We also welcome your help and suggestions.

## **The Colonial Great Awakening in Benjamin Franklin's Newspaper**

**Samford University College of Arts & Sciences  
Dean Timothy D. Hall kindly summarizes his  
October 27, 2018, Birmingham Compact Day  
talk**

The November 29, 1739, edition of Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* (four pages, copies of which were handed out) provides a student of history with an intriguing look at several very significant developments in the history of colonial British America. Initially, like all colonial newspapers of the time, it gives us a window on world-historical transformations that were taking place in colonial American society, culture, and the economy. By assigning a section of the paper to those at each SMDAL luncheon table and having the people at the table ask questions to observe and analyze that section, we began to identify layers of information that gave us a very rich picture of those changes.

***Inspecting the document.*** The first table looked at the physical features of the paper. From the masthead we learned that Franklin identified the paper as closely as he could with the British empire and the Crown, signifying that he thought that was the kind of paper that would sell to his audience. This suggests that they also considered themselves to be loyal British subjects. We also saw that he was using the latest in eighteenth-century technology—typesets, fonts, and a press—to reach his audience, and finding ways to make the paper as attractive as possible to his readers. It is estimated that the

contents of each newspaper reached about four other people in addition to its purchaser.

***News reported therein.*** Those at the second table considered the news reported. They learned that while news traveled slowly in comparison to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it was collected and published to keep the readership abreast of major happenings in Europe (England, France, the Netherlands) as well as in America. People were interested to learn about international affairs because they had business interests internationally as well as concerns about war with hostile neighbors from the Spanish and French Empires in America (the eight year War of the Austrian Succession began in Europe in late 1740). They also were concerned with what was happening in other colonies, *e.g.*, Boston and Marblehead in Massachusetts.

***Why the shipping lists?*** The third table identified the newspaper's shipping lists and thought about why people reading the paper would want to know what ships came in, where they came from, what ships were leaving, and where they were going. The lists revealed that colonists had connections with other people all over the empire—in England, Ireland, Portugal, other colonies, and the Caribbean. The ships carried imported goods to America and American cash crops to other markets. The ships also had the ability to bring news and correspondence and often did so from all over the Atlantic World.

***Types of advertisements.*** The fourth table examined the advertising and noticed that with two pages of ads Philadelphia already was a very commercial society. People bought and sold real estate, purchased consumer goods, tried to retrieve lost or stolen property, and sought to track down runaway servants through the ads. The variety of British imported goods available at several stores was especially noticeable.

Putting these elements together, we could see that Philadelphia was a prosperous port city in a province (Pennsylvania) of the British Empire that was enjoying tremendous growth due to its status as a colonial commercial center of a transatlantic commercial power.

***The Focus on the Reverend George Whitefield.*** People at the fifth and sixth tables looked at the arrival of George Whitefield, the already-famous

English itinerant Anglican preacher whom historians credit with pioneering religious revival methods. Those methods are associated with the First Great Awakening -- a massive transatlantic Protestant religious movement that a friendly Franklin credited George Whitefield with fathering. Whitefield preached on the doctrine of New Birth and invited his hearers to experience this as a transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. He was a persuasive sermonizer, with a voice like a bell. Franklin estimated that while 5,000 people could hear him in a flat, urban Philadelphia location, Whitefield could reach an audience of some 15-20,000 in an amphitheater setting.

The SMDAL audience looked at how Whitefield and his publicist Wm. Seward effectively used the newspaper through advertising and publicity spots to gain his audience's initial attention. Many of these methods were responsible for making him famous in both England and other colonies even before he arrived in America. We also noticed how Benjamin Franklin filled his newspaper with various pieces of information about Whitefield, including a long poem, accounts of his preaching in other places, the offering of his sermons for sale, and even imported goods sold at his house for the benefit of an Orphan-House in Georgia. We discussed how Whitefield's popularity was good for Franklin's newspaper business, because people wanted to buy the paper to learn more about Whitefield (just as individuals today buy *People* magazine to read about actor Brad Pitt!). The mutually-beneficial relationship (Franklin publicizing Whitefield's preaching and Whitefield's popularity selling Franklin's papers) brought these two unlikely friends together.

We concluded by observing that the travel, communication, and commerce that had developed by 1740 helped the Great Awakening occur and to take the transatlantic form that it did. In the process, modern evangelicalism was born. That legacy continues to shape American religion, particularly present-day Baptists, as well as general American culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- Tim Hall

## **HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

**Mark Chesebro**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Mallie Moss Steele** AL#629, GS 93873 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from William Brewster

**Dr. Marcia Jane Chesebro** AL#630, GS 94035 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Richard Warren

**John Holmes Smith IV** AL#631, GS 94036 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from John Alden

**Justin McGarry Cassell** AL#632, GS 94078 - 13<sup>th</sup> in descent from John Howland

**Eve Brunner Frazier** AL#633, GS 94096 - 13<sup>th</sup> in descent from William Brewster

**Lois Patricia Cushman Simmons** AL#634, GS 63201 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from George Soule - Transfer - Ohio (OH#2444)

**Franklin Bruce Simmons IV** AL#635, GS 87927 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from George Soule - Transfer - Ohio (OH#3313)

**Christopher Michael Adams** AL#636, GS 94181 - 13<sup>th</sup> in descent from James Chilton

**Paula Lynne Adams** AL#637, GS 94182 - 13<sup>th</sup> in descent from James Chilton

**Geoffrey Kibler Reed** AL#638, GS 94275 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from John Alden

**Frederick Smith Crown Jr** AL#639, GS 94413 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from John Alden

**Victoria Bigham Vorhies** AL#640, GS 94414 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from John Billington

**Debra Elaine Losie Spann** AL#641, GS 94509 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from William Brewster

**Craig Evan Armstrong** AL#642, GS 94548 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from George Soule

**Tonya Gross Berryhill** AL#643, GS 94549 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Resolved White

**Jennifer Thomas Bolton** AL#644, GS 94550 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Stephen Hopkins

**Frances Thomas Doherty Cross** AL#645, GS 94551 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Stephen Hopkins

**Catherine Thomas McGee** AL#646, GS 94552 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Stephen Hopkins

**David Langston Thomas** AL#647, GS 94553 - 12<sup>th</sup> in descent from Stephen Hopkins

**Haley Virginia O'Steen** AL#648, GS 94616 - 11<sup>th</sup> in descent from Samuel Fuller

## SUPPLEMENTALS

Please contact us about Supplemental Applications you want to submit. This is a good time for Supplementals, or to have your family members apply. The Plymouth Staff agree to work expeditiously with us.

## OVERVIEW

We have ??? Applications pending in Plymouth, ??? Supplemental Applications pending in Plymouth, and about ??? Applications being prepared for Plymouth or actively gathering documentation.

## ELDER'S REPORT

### IN MEMORIAM

By: Regena Dawson

*N.B.*, in some cases, *in memoriam* information may be incomplete, or otherwise incorrect. Often, complete such information unfortunately does not reach our Society when a death occurs. In many cases, it is well after the fact that we learn of a death. Current Members would be very thoughtful to tell your families to notify the Secretary or Treasurer or one of the other State or Colony Officers when the time comes.

Would all Colonies notify me of the death of any member? You would be kind to send the following information: Name, Colony, SMDAL & GSMD Numbers, the Ancestor Descended From, Date of Death, Obituary if available. Thank you.

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Huntsville, Alabama 35811-8908.  
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## A SPECIAL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We warmly welcome the 20 new Alabama Mayflower Society members listed above. You are our fellow relatives, and we will greet you with pleasure on Saturday morning, May 4, 11:00 a.m., at our Annual Meeting and luncheon in Mobile at *The Battle House Hotel* Crystal Ballroom.

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## SMDAL's 2020 Mobile Mardi Gras Float Invitation!

Brenda Gouge, Deputy Governor

The SMDAL has been invited to have a float in Le Krewe de Bienville's Mobile Mardi Gras parade in 2020. This is a rare chance indeed -- you cannot just decide to participate in a Mardi Gras parade in Mobile. You must be invited to do so, and we have been.

Alabama is one of only two States in the U.S. where there are major, pre-Lenten, Mardi Gras celebrations. And, Alabama's (in 1703, when Mobile was the Louisiana Capital vs. New Orleans' first recorded Mardi Gras parade in 1837) was the path maker by many years. We are invited because it is the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower*. Le Krewe de Bienville most kindly wants to help us do something unique to mark the occasion. Plainly, this is a once-in-our-lifetime event.

Moreover, we can rent a float, conveniently in the form of a ship, from Le Krewe de Bienville. Thus, we would not have to create a float from scratch. Float riders must be in costume (we are thinking probably Pilgrim attire). Their parade is at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, 2020. That is the Sunday night before Fat Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Please keep this wonderful, unique invitation in mind. You will be hearing more about it later this year, when your SMDAL Board members have met to discuss this exciting opportunity.



## Society Membership Opportunities

Ellie Lienau, Former Governor

*Mayflower* descendants also have formed *family* societies to focus on one Pilgrim family and their lineages. GSMD members easily can join a family society with which the GSMD partners because you will need to provide little or no additional lineage information. Dues vary.

See [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org), “Our Society” tab, “GSMD Partnerships”, “GSMD Family Society Partnership”. As one example, the Fuller Society Annual Meeting will take place in Philadelphia this coming September 16-19. See *Further Announcements* notice on page 21? below. The Fuller Society also has arranged a July 12-19, 2020, Fuller Society 400 Mayflower UK Tour (*also see* notice on page 18??? below).

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## Dress Like A Pilgrim

by Ann Ferguson, Assistant General



At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the General Board of Assistants at the September 2018 GBOA meeting in St. Charles, Illinois, voted to approve the initiative called, “Dress Like a Pilgrim” for the 2020 Congress. Regarding obtaining Pilgrim costumes, the winter 2018 issue of “The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine” on page 5 has a short article on Vicki Smith, a South Carolina GSMD member, who custom makes Pilgrim costumes. She has set a fundraising goal to donate her profits to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse for ten ladies’ Mayflower costumes she makes. She can be contacted at [VickiSmith@aol.com](mailto:VickiSmith@aol.com).

I have been in contact with Jane Holt Wong, Costume Coordinator, for our General Society of Mayflower Descendants’ “Voyage of Hope – 1620-2020” float in the January 1, 2020, Tournament of Roses Parade, and she has emailed me extensive information about their criteria for the historically correct Pilgrim costumes to be worn by those selected to walk with our float in the parade.

Women’s, men’s, and children’s costumes must be completely authentic to the time period 1600 to 1627 and must be made from natural materials, *i.e.*, wool and linen. Everything must have an authentic look from head covering to shoes. These are the four links I was sent that provide information and guidelines for costumes:

1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ue8UpaaSwAu1nmiORfZhRIWHBWv5qQJC/view?usp=sharing> (Pilgrim Women’s Clothing, Getting Dressed in the Early 17<sup>th</sup> Century)
2. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QpgY8v6HV2YMSfspNUBuR3JBNCzBKH5a/view?usp=sharing> (VOH Historical Clothing Patterns)
3. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q8LLAE-8X2-et\\_4pdr7LSfFK74X5Dw-x/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q8LLAE-8X2-et_4pdr7LSfFK74X5Dw-x/view?usp=sharing) (VOH Clothing and Accessory Source List)
4. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z4UAVmj0093UCjq0hAN5Ytwq1fBAzJ0B/view?usp=sharing> (Pilgrim Men 14Dec2018 Voyage of Hope 1620 2020)

Here in Alabama, most of us will probably not be able to make, purchase, or otherwise obtain such genuinely historically correct (and expensive) Pilgrim costumes. However, as I know from personal experience, it is possible to study photographs of the re-enactors at Plimoth Plantation and come up with a modified Pilgrim costume that has the look of the real thing. I made a costume from thrift store items that has served me well in presenting the Mayflower story to thrilled and excited young elementary school children. I plan to wear my Pilgrim costume at our 2020 SMDAL meetings. So, in keeping with the initiative "Dress Like a Pilgrim," will someone be joining me?

PS: The GSMD's website now has useful information pertaining to Pilgrim costuming.  
[www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/dress-like-a-pilgrim](http://www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/dress-like-a-pilgrim).

## DGG Report

By Alan Davis

The next General Board of Assistants meeting that I will be attending will be at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver, Colorado on September 5-9, 2019. Colorado is the home of our Gov. General George Garmany. If you are planning to attend the 2020 General Congress, the hotels in Plymouth and surrounding areas will take reservations beginning in January 2019 and when available per hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts.

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### Junior Membership

*The Alabama Society would keep bright the Pilgrims' memory, cherish their heritage of liberty and freedom for which they sacrificed so much, and hand it on to new generations.*

???Welcome and congratulations! The *Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama* now has a total of ???65 Junior Members. We have had no new Junior members since this past spring. SMDAL members are encouraged to sponsor young relatives for Junior Membership. **Junior Members whose information may need updating are listed in this Newsletter's Further Announcements.** Contact Stacy Smith to update: [ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com); (256) 996-3979.

### Junior Membership application

*An applicant must be sponsored by a GSMD member in good standing, be under 18 years of age, and be the sponsor's lineal or collateral descendant. There is a one-time fee of \$10, payable to the SMDAL. A birth certificate may be requested.* Junior members are not GSMD members. However, the SMDAL recognizes them and issues them a State society junior membership number. Junior members may not vote or hold office. At age 18, a junior member may transfer to GSMD membership provided the GSMD approves a usual lineage application. Such transfer to GSMD membership is encouraged before age 25. Junior members will be dropped from the SMDAL roll if they have not transferred to GSMD membership by age 25. **Please provide the following information to Stacy Smith with the \$10 fee:**

**Junior applicant name:**

**Junior applicant birth date:**

**Junior applicant mailing address:**

**Junior applicant e-mail:**

**Sponsor *Mayflower* ancestor(s):**

**Sponsor name and relationship:**

**Sponsor mailing address:**

**Sponsor e-mail & SMDAL Colony:**

**Stacy Smith, 42458 US Highway 11, Valley Head, Alabama 35989-4834**



**Plymouth Rock (1921 Monument Enclosure at left) at Plymouth Harbor**

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*GG Garmany shows the Meetinghouse at the SMDAL's 2018 Huntsville meeting*

## **National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse UPDATE**

by Former Governor General Lea Filson

On Tuesday, February 19, 2019, we registered the final papers at the Plymouth Registry of Deeds office. We are now sole owners of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse! While that was happening, the white panels placed in the front windows of the Meetinghouse, where our beloved stained-glass Robinson windows used to be, have been removed. Photos of the stained-glass windows were placed on the white panels both inside and out. Two beautiful banners were placed on either side of the facade, one announcing the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, and the other with information about the grant we received to do the exterior restoration. See our Facebook page and website. [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). The exterior restoration now begins and when the beautiful windows themselves are replaced, I will be in touch. While the exterior restoration is happening, we will continue raising the funds for the interior.

With much appreciation for your support, Lea

President, Meetinghouse Charitable Trust  
504.491.5330; [fggfilson@themayflowersociety.org](mailto:fggfilson@themayflowersociety.org)



***From the Desk of Patricia S. Harper, SMDAL Treasurer...***

**Where we stand as of March 18, 2019:**

Checking/Savings as of October 26, 2018		\$18,217.19
Dues received	\$5,040.00	
Contributions (not including designated)	39.93	
Application fees received	2,300.00	
Interest received (Total receipts)	34.94	7,414.87
Meetings (net expense)	-249.76	
Plimoth Plantation Pledge	-333.00	
GSMD Dues/Fees	-3,970.00	
Application Fees paid/prepaid	-2,925.00	
Meetings	-300.00	
Operating Expenses (Total expenditures)	-190.10	-7,967.86
Checking/Savings as of March 18, 2019		
Plus, prepaid application fees (deposited with the GSMD)		\$17,664.20

**Dues paid to the GSMD were \$15/member...**we have 256 active members of which 50 are Life members and their dues are paid from the Life Dues bank account we have.

**Seventeen members have not yet paid 2019 dues**, but we hope to close the books on this by April and disburse Colony checks for 2019 at the meeting in May.

**Lieutenant Governors:** Please send me your roster so that I can check it against my list. We want to make sure you receive dues for everyone in your Colony...but I am not a mind reader. Some members did not designate a Colony on their dues' renewal forms.

**MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION:** It is not too late to send donations for the restoration of the Meetinghouse in Plymouth. *See* discussion in immediately following below. If you give at least \$50, you will receive a pin. The BEST way is to send it directly to the GSMD, indicating on the check your SMDAL & GSMD Member ## and that it is for Restoration, at this address:

GSMD Development  
Attn: Meetinghouse Restoration  
Post Office Box 3297, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02361

I am willing and happy to send in donations, but you sending them directly avoids extra bookkeeping for the GSMD and for us. Thanks so much!!!

By the way...you may make payments to the SMDAL via PayPal now.

[www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com) is the website.

[SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com](mailto:SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com) is our account. If you do use PayPal, please add 4% to whatever you pay to cover the cost of using PayPal. I am happy to answer questions.

Phone: 256-996-4115; Email: [SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com](mailto:SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com)

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# The Mayflower Society

## General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD)

4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360-3313

Founded at Plymouth in 1897

Welcome! Any passenger who arrived in Cape Cod Bay on the *Mayflower* is considered a Pilgrim, with no distinction to be made based on their original purpose(s) for making that voyage. See [www.themayflowersociety.org/join](http://www.themayflowersociety.org/join).

After working on an application with the historian of one of many GSMD Mayflower Societies, any person able to document their descent from one or more of the following *Mayflower* Pilgrims is eligible and most welcome to apply for GSMD membership:

John Alden	Francis Cooke	Priscilla Mullins
Bartholomew Allerton	John Cooke	William Mullins
Isaac Allerton	Edward Doty	Degory Priest
Mary (Norris) Allerton	Francis Eaton	Joseph Rogers
Mary Allerton	Samuel Eaton	Thomas Rogers
Remember Allerton	Sarah ( ) Eaton	Henry Samson
Elinor Billington	Moses Fletcher	George Soule
Francis Billington	Edward Fuller	Myles Standish
John Billington	Mrs. Edward Fuller	Elizabeth Tilley
William Bradford	Samuel Fuller	John Tilley
Love Brewster	Samuel Fuller (son of Edw.)	Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Mary ( ) Brewster	Constance Hopkins	Richard Warren
William Brewster	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins	Peregrine White
Peter Browne	Giles Hopkins	Resolved White
James Chilton	Stephen Hopkins	Susanna (Jackson) White
Mrs. James Chilton	John Howland	William White
Mary Chilton	Richard More	Edward Winslow

Many families hold a tradition that they are descended from the Pilgrims, which often kindles an interest in finding out more. As the Mayflower Society website observes, sometimes the stories of a *Mayflower* heritage are true, and it is easy to document a line of descent. More often, the documentation is missing and must be researched and supplied to prove one's line.



The good news is that advanced research techniques, improved genealogy library collections, and computerized resources have made the process easier. *Within each generation, you must provide proof of the birth, marriage, and death of the lineage carrier, and the birth and death of the spouse.* The best vital records are the birth, marriage, and death certificates for each person. Other documentation might include published genealogies, family documents, and other official records. If you have a relative who is a GSMD member, you may be able to use their lineage documentation to help you with your own documentation research.



Also, proof of lineage from the Pilgrims through at least the earliest generations can be found in *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, i.e., the ongoing GSMD “Silver Books.” As indicated above, GSMD memberships are handled through individual Member Societies, including our own Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL).

To receive a membership application and lineage research guidance, contact the Member Society through which you want to apply. Member Society contact data are available on the GSMD website, as well as in a downloadable Membership brochure providing other such helpful membership information: [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). **If you want to inquire about Alabama Mayflower Society membership, or if you are an existing SMDAL member and wish to encourage someone else to inquire about SMDAL**

**membership, please contact or encourage others to contact our friendly, competent Historian Mark Chesebro: cell telephone, 205-520-8978; [mchesebro@yahoo.com](mailto:mchesebro@yahoo.com).** You may contact the GSMD with membership questions or for general information (508-746-3188; [membership@themayflowersociety.org](mailto:membership@themayflowersociety.org)). You also can use for a fee the GSMD website “Mayflower Lineage Match Form”, [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). GSMD staff will work to provide you a report comparing your proposed family line to the GSMD database from over 90,000 accepted members since 1897. Such information is available only to the GSMD national office and not to professional researchers. Again, welcome!

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We publish these unapproved minutes for two reasons. Much the more important is so that members who were unable to attend will learn of our activities as noted at our Society’s meetings. We believe you will find something of interest and will decide to attend on a future occasion. The other reason is so that those who attend might be better prepared to approve the minutes without having them read at the meetings, saving everyone’s meeting time.

## **THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS** **IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA** **Compact Day Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2018,** **The Club, Birmingham, Alabama**

The SMDAL meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by Alan Davis. Regina Davis led the Elders Prayer, read the Objects and Compact. Alan Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call of Members and Guests then followed.

Reading of the Minutes - The Minutes were not read aloud as they had been published previously in the *Newsletter*. There were no corrections or additions and the Minutes were approved as published.

### **Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer Pat Harper** – Pat made the Treasurer’s Report and asked everyone to pay their dues and include their Renewal Form.

**Governor Alan Davis** – Alan reported that the Town of Plymouth had donated \$2.6 million dollars for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse effort. This means we are close to the \$3 million needed to complete the purchase of the building. He also said that anyone who had contributed more than \$50 to the Meetinghouse was eligible for a contributor's pin which he then distributed to those SMDAL members.

**Deputy Governor Brenda Gouge** – No report.

**Secretary Nancy Logan** – No report.

**Treasurer Patricia Harper** – No additional report.

**Historian Mark Chesebro** – Since the April meeting, there are 15 new SMDAL members. Several supplemental applications in the works, which he encouraged everyone to submit.

**Elder Regina Dawson** – No report.

**Captain Anne Kilgrow** – Not present.

**Librarian Carol Kitchens** - Not present. Alan reported he is working on scanning some of the historical documents of the Society. Also, he is getting some old pictures on the website so that they are available to everyone. As an example of our rich history, he said that back in 1958-59 we had the designer of the Mayflower II attend a meeting in Birmingham.

**Members At Large** –

**Linda Maples** – Not present

**Michel Marcoux** – SMDAL members write the *Newsletter*. Please read it and contribute.

**Pam Pittman** – The domain name was just renewed.

**Junior Members Stacy Smith** – Not present

**Deputy Governor General Alan Davis** – Alan reported that he serves a dual role as Governor and Deputy Governor General. He and Ann Ferguson attended a General Board of Assistants meeting in Illinois. They also attended a Governors Meeting on September 7, 2018. At the GBOA meeting two propositions were discussed for voting later GSMD Congress Meeting in 2020. They were to remove dollar amounts from the Constitution (i) for the dues and (ii) for the lineage assessment so that if an increase is deemed necessary in the future then the increase would be approved by the Board, but the Constitution would not have to change.

**Assistant General Ann Ferguson** – The 2018 GBOA meeting was held in St. Charles, Illinois on September 8, 2018. Each member society may send two delegates to a GBOA meeting, a Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG). These two officers are nominated by the member society but elected by the GBOA. Our SMDAL was represented by DGG/current SMDAL Governor Alan Davis and AG Ann Ferguson. Please refer to Alan's DGG report in the September 12, 2018, "Alabama Pilgrim" *Newsletter* for additional information.

The GBOA meeting was preceded on September 7 by (i) a Governors meeting, where ideas on increasing membership were discussed and a presentation on best practices regarding member society financial transactions was presented, and (ii) a Governor General forum on scholarship, publicity, life membership, and the IMIS membership computer system now under development that will become available to member societies. In addition, Former Governor General Lea Filson announced that everyone donating over \$50 to the Meetinghouse effort is to receive a donor pin as a token of appreciation. Therefore, those who donated over \$50 to SMDAL's matching fundraising effort will receive a pin at the Compact Day meeting. A \$2.6 million grant from the town of Plymouth has been applied for and will be voted on in October 2018. The goal is to raise a \$3 million endowment before Congress 2020 to take over ownership of this historic building.

Information reported at the GBOA meeting included:

- The GSMD's overall financial situation remains good.
- New applications and supplementals have increased 25% in the past six months.
- Fall 2018 will be the last issue of the Mayflower Journal. The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine will begin including genealogical and historical material (like the old Mayflower Quarterly but in magazine size and color).
- The "Preliminary Review" form has been renamed the "Mayflower Lineage Match."
- New GSMD Executive Director Susan Belekewicz reported additional repairs are being made on the Mayflower House; the library and administration building are also in need of repairs; digitization of records is progressing; there is a Welcome Center for GSMD members at the Mayflower House and a private docent tour can be arranged; also an audio tour has been developed; the Gift Shop has been redesigned. She also reported that the GSMD unfortunately is losing money on every application.
- 2020: Negotiations in Congress on the 2020 Mayflower commemorative coin are ongoing. It is hoped a new Bill will be introduced soon; a one-foot model of the 2020 Governor Bradford monument has been completed; corporations and grant and family organizations are being approached to raise funds for the Meetinghouse; for a fee, for the next four years, you can pay to ride or walk beside the GSMD's entry in Plymouth's Thanksgiving Parade; the schedule for the 2020 commemoration September 12 – 20, 2020, is almost final and will include events in Boston, Provincetown, and Plymouth; highlights of the week include a Pilgrim Progress in Boston across the Common to the Massachusetts State House where the official State House Salute to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary will occur followed by a Descendants Reception; a Mayflower Compact Signing Reenactment ceremony in Provincetown Harbor with reception to follow at the Provincetown Museum; and a U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony where 102 immigrants will be naturalized and escorted by 102 costumed Descendants. The full preliminary schedule can be found at [themayflowersociety.org](http://themayflowersociety.org)'s Members Only section & in the Fall 2018 Mayflower Quarterly.
- Two amendments to the GSMD Constitution and By-laws were approved to be presented at the 2020 Congress for a vote. These involved removing the exact price for dues and lineage assessment amounts from the By-laws so that if an increase is deemed necessary, it does not have to wait until the next Congress.
- The 2019 GBOA meeting will be hosted by the Colorado Society in Denver.

In addition:

1. SMDAL was recognized in the 2017–18 GSMD Annual Report as a donor to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Thank you to our many generous Alabama members who donated to our matching program. Alabama was listed first!
2. In October the town of Plymouth did vote to approve a \$2.6 million grant for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. That means we are almost there in raising the \$3 million to acquire ownership of the building. In addition, there will always be a need for additional funding for repairs, maintenance, and programming.
3. Please note SMDAL member Liz Rich's achievement as the author of the children's book "If I were a Pilgrim". It is for sale through the GSMD and is featured in the current Fall 2018 Mayflower Quarterly magazine. There is a picture of the book and ordering information at this meeting, and Liz has some books here today available for sale.

The California Society has been approved for a January 1, 2020, Tournament of Roses Parade Float, as will be reported in the Mayflower Quarterly. They may be looking for design and building help as this date nears. Floats for this prestigious parade are difficult to be approved.

**Committee Reports – None.**



## **Colony Reports:**

**Cahaba River Colony – Inge Tingle** – Inge said his report was printed in the *Newsletter*. He announced that there will be a Colony meeting at the conclusion of this Compact Day meeting.

**Capital Colony - Edward Phillips** – Edward gave a talk about the Mayflower II. Their next meeting will be in February 2019.

**Gulf Coast Colony Kevin Sellew** – Kevin introduced himself and invited everyone to attend any of Gulf Coast Colony functions. This November they will be having a luncheon at Felix's Fish Camp. Noted Mayflower historian Caleb Johnson will be the guest speaker. Later that afternoon they will have a seminar with Mr. Johnson at the downtown Mobile Public Library. Kevin said that they hope to build a replica Mayflower float to enter in Mardi Gras parades in 2020. They are working with the Mardi Gras Association Mystic Societies to that end and are seeking funds for that endeavor. One way they are trying to raise money is they are taking orders for Mayflower T-shirts. They have two T-shirt designs available – one with the Alabama State logo and one with 2020 on it. They are trying to raise visibility of the SMDAL and the GSMD with these T-shirts. He thanked Pam Pittman and her husband for helping update the Gulf Coast Colony website page.

**Tennessee Valley Colony** – No report.

**Reports of Committees:** None.

**Deferred Business:** Alan presented the Past Governor's Medal to Eleanor Lienau.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** Alan announced the next meeting will be held in Mobile with the Gulf Coast Colony serving as host. It will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Today's speaker is Timothy D. Hall, Dean & Professor of History, Samford University College of Arts & Sciences: "The Colonial Great Awakening in Benjamin Franklin's Newspaper."

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy C. Logan, Secretary



*SMDAL Board of Assistants meeting before the October 27, 2018, Birmingham Compact Day Meeting*

## Colony Activities

**Cahaba River Colony:** The Cahaba River Colony held a brief meeting following the annual Compact Day meeting at *The Club*, in Birmingham. Of note, the main order of business was to set the date and time of the CRC Spring Meeting, which will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, also at *The Club* at 12 p.m. Our speaker will be Steve Murray, the Director at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. He is also a member of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Murray graduated with a B.A. in English and History from Louisiana College and a M.A. in History from Auburn University, and has been the Director of the Department of Archives and History for over six years. For reservations, please contact Nell Rose Brackett at [nellrosedesign@gmail.com](mailto:nellrosedesign@gmail.com) before Friday, April 5, 2019. I hope you can join us.

Inge Tingle, Lieutenant Governor. 205-903-4875; [inge.tingle@gmail.com](mailto:inge.tingle@gmail.com)

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**Capital Colony:** Greetings from the Capital Colony in Montgomery! The next meeting of our members is scheduled for April 6, 2019, in the Beauvoir Room at the Montgomery Country Club, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m. After the meal, a brief program will be presented by the Colony's new Lieutenant Governor, Edward H. Phillips, entitled, "What Happened to the Speedwell?" The PowerPoint presentation will center on a history of the *Mayflower's* sister ship, the *Speedwell*--a much smaller vessel that was forced to retire from the voyage to America. The transfer of her passengers and possessions contributed to the overcrowded conditions on the *Mayflower* during its 66-day voyage. Looking ahead, the Colony's summer session is tentatively scheduled for August 17, same location, same time as the April 6 meeting. No program is scheduled, but if someone has a presentation related to the Pilgrims that would be edifying to the members, please let me know and I would be glad to consider it. Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 6. Thank you.

Edward H. Phillips. 334-314-1247; [capemaypilgrim1948@icloud.com](mailto:capemaypilgrim1948@icloud.com)

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**Gulf Coast Colony:** ???No report, apart from looking forward with pleasure to hosting SMDAL members on Mobile on May 4th.

**VISIT** Our Gulf Coast Colony Webpage: [www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org](http://www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org)

**CHECK OUT** Our Gulf Coast Colony Shirt Shop:  
[www.MayflowerShirts.com](http://www.MayflowerShirts.com) (Coming *very* soon. Keep checking, please.)

**LIKE** and **FOLLOW** Our Gulf Coast Colony Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMayflowerColony](https://www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMayflowerColony)

Kevin Sellew, Lieutenant Governor. 251-510-8302; [tjk5405@mediacombb.net](mailto:tjk5405@mediacombb.net)

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**Tennessee Valley Colony:** ???No report. The TVC fall meeting was scheduled for last November.

Stacy Smith, Lieutenant Governor. 256- 996-3979; [ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com)

## **FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

From the Governor about 2020 Commemoration Activities: The GSMD asks us to undertake at least one activity in commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing (2020). E-mail or telephone with suggestions: [amd7thcedar@charter.net](mailto:amd7thcedar@charter.net); 256-655-9452.

From Former Governor Ellie Lienau: The Fuller Society ([fullersociety@aol.com](mailto:fullersociety@aol.com); or telephone Governor Debbie, 717.512.3655, or Ellie, 256.655.9452) holds its Annual Meeting in historic Philadelphia on September 16-19, 2019. Hotel: *Hyatt Place*, 440 American Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406 (call 484-690-3000 & reference Fuller Society Group Block to receive the guaranteed room rate -- reservations due by August 1, 2019). A Hotel welcome party is planned for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16.

Also From Ellie -- Fuller Society 400 Mayflower UK Tour: The people of Harleston, U.K., have arranged a special historical and cultural program for their Fuller Society friends to celebrate Mayflower 2020 together, July 12-19, 2020, beginning and ending in London. We will visit the many places in East Anglia and London that played major roles in the Pilgrim story and the beginning of America. For details on this complete UK travel package, and as an indication of your interest, contact Governor Debbie or Ellie (*see above* & [info@harlestonsfuture.org.uk](mailto:info@harlestonsfuture.org.uk)).

For Librarian Carol Kitchens: Items of interest for our Scrapbook, including name, event, date, location. [carolkitch@mac.com](mailto:carolkitch@mac.com); 3874 County Road 852, Heflin, Alabama 36264-4638.

Social: "Twitter@ALMayflower"; [www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety)

Moving? Give Nancy Logan ([nclnurse@yahoo.com](mailto:nclnurse@yahoo.com)) street & e-mail addresses, & telephone(s).

Replace a U.S. Mail Address with an E-mail Address. Be sure to save us all money by giving your e-mail address to Treasurer Patricia Harper, [SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com](mailto:SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com) & Secretary Nancy Logan, [nclnurse@yahoo.com](mailto:nclnurse@yahoo.com).

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### **Junior Members Whose??? Information May Need Updating**

Alisa Anne Andrews  
Blake Adam Boothe  
Grace Elizabeth Boothe  
Cory Daniel Brunner  
Amanda Delight Carmichael  
Beatty Payseur Carmichael, Jr  
Caroline Grace Carmichael  
Elizabeth Ashley Carmichael  
James Faulkner Crenshaw Carmichael  
Mary Ann Carmichael  
Victoria Jean Carmichael  
Virginia Grace Carmichael  
Heather Ann Chrietzburg  
Jarod Scott Chrietzburg

Madeline Camille Fink  
Benjamin James Foster  
Aiden Parker Gender  
Jackson Glenn Ireland  
Lauren A. Mackenzie  
Nolen Oden  
Jacob Ross Peddycoart  
Lauren Nichole Peddycoart  
Daniel Ryan Porter  
Joseph Wallace Porter  
Barbara Wallace Rich  
John Robert Rich  
Philip Andrew Rich  
Aaron Scott Roberts  
Mara Elizabeth Roberts



## **Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alabama Saturday, May 4, 2019, Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

*The Crystal Ballroom in The Battle House Hotel, 26 North Royal Street,  
Mobile, Alabama 36602-3802. Hotel telephone: 251-338-2000*

### **11:00 a.m., Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Hotel parking is valet only, but on Saturdays all downtown Mobile street parking is free. For the SMDAL's discounted block Hotel room rate (\$179, instead of \$249-64) for Friday, May 3 only (Saturday, the Hotel is full), contact Brenda Gouge for a link that she will provide to you or book directly with The Battle House, asking for the "Mayflower Luncheon Room Block".

**Adult Menu:** *Roasted Beef Tenderloin Panini, Blue Cheese Spread, Onion Jam, Organic Greens, Tomato, Ciabatta Roll, House Fried Chips, Fruit Salad, Chocolate Sheet Cake.*

**Guest Speaker: Commander James B. Battles on the Mayflower Guard  
And Weaponry at the time of Plymouth Colony**

### **R.S.V.P. by U.S. MAIL, E-MAIL, or TELEPHONE**

I/We will attend the SMDAL's Annual Meeting & Luncheon on Saturday, May 4, 2019, **11:00 a.m.**, at *The Crystal Ballroom in The Battle House Hotel*, Mobile, Alabama. \$25.00 per person. *Children's menu (\$15.95):* Chicken tenders, fruit cup, green beans, macaroni & cheese, dessert cookie with vanilla ice cream.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We plan to attend. \_\_\_\_\_ # Guests (please include their names)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **Check to the SMDAL enclosed or**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay at the door (you will be billed if you do not cancel by Tuesday, April 30) or use PayPal ([bgouge@centurylink.net](mailto:bgouge@centurylink.net) & designate the PayPal payment for May 4<sup>th</sup> SMDAL lunch).

**Respond about Annual Meeting no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019**, to Brenda Gouge, 25525 Tinsley Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36421-8391; E-Mail [bgouge@centurylink.net](mailto:bgouge@centurylink.net); telephone 806-679-4314 (cell).



# 2019 SMDAL Annual Conference

Saturday, May 4, 2019 -- Mobile, Alabama

## SCHEDULE:

10:30 a.m. - Doors Open for Conference Check-In / Registration

11:00 a.m. - Early-Bird Pilgrim Bingo/Trivia Game (for first 30 players present)

12:00 p.m. - Welcome, Lunch, Video and Live Presentations, Facebook Live! Broadcast, Pilgrim Family Photos, Door Prizes, etc.

## OPTIONAL MOBILE RIVER DINNER CRUISE:

5:00 p.m. - Boarding begins at Convention Center on Mobile River.

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Dinner Cruise sails

Book at <https://perdidoqueen.com/cruises/mobile-dinner-cruise/>

**NEED A ROOM for Friday night? A block of rooms has been reserved. For details contact Brenda Gouge at [BGouge@centurylink.net](mailto:BGouge@centurylink.net) or 334-222-0347**

## REGISTRATION PRICES:

\$25.00 per adult (18 and over) - includes all on-site activities and adult lunch.

\$16.00 per junior (under 18-years-old) includes all on-site activities and junior lunch

If a teenage junior prefers the adult lunch, they'll need to register at the \$25.00 rate.

*Mail registration form(s) with check made payable to SMDAL to:*  
**Brenda Gouge -- 25525 Tinsley Road -- Andalusia, AL 36421-8391**

One check can include total dollar amount of all registrations in one envelope. We need a head count for the hotel, therefore, deadline date for receipt of registrations is Monday, April 29, 2019

*If you have a PayPal account tied to a credit card, you can send payments through PayPal to [SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com](mailto:SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com). Expect PayPal to assess a 4% transaction fee. If you send your payment via PayPal, you should email or mail your registration form/information to Brenda Gouge so she receives it by April 29th.*

## LUNCH MENUS:

Adult Lunch - Roasted Beef Tenderloin Panini, with Bleu Cheese spread, Onion Jam, Organic Greens and Tomato on a Ciabatta roll. Accompanied by House Fried Chips and Fruit Salad.

Junior Lunch - Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cup, plus a Cookie Special SMDAL-emblem sheet cake and Ice Cream Cups for everyone's dessert.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY !!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: 18 and older @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Under 18 @ \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_ --- SMDAL Member? YES / NO

The Society of Mayflower Descendants  
in the State of Alabama

2019 Annual State Conference

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019**

*In the Crystal Ballroom of the beautifully restored, 111-year-old*

**BATTLE HOUSE RENAISSANCE  
MOBILE HOTEL**

26 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602

Free Street Parking – Early Bird Pilgrim Bingo/Trivia Game  
Lunch – Door Prizes – Board & Colony Presentations

**Commander James Battles speaks on the new Mayflower  
Guard and weaponry at the time of Plymouth Colony**

Facebook Live! Broadcast – Pilgrim Family Photos

*See registration form for all times, prices and other details.*

OPTIONAL: Dinner Cruise aboard the Perdido Queen Paddle Wheeler

**WE WILL PLYMOUTH ROCK YOU !!**

AND your family, AND your friends, AND your guests.

Bring 'em ALL !!

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