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COMPACT DAY MEETING



Saturday, November 7, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST TIME EVER: ZOOM MEETING

Please join us on-line for this meeting

An E-mail will be sent prior to the meeting with instructions

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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Governor's Message

Dear Members:

TO say the least that 2020 has not been a memorable year would be an understatement, not for what we had planned and expected it to be but, for the unplanned events that did occur. One of the smallest of things, a virus called COVID-19, caused a pandemic that wreaked havoc not only on our Country, but the whole World. Beginning in mid-March many events had to be postponed or canceled. We had to cancel our Spring Meeting that was scheduled in May to be in Prattville. Because of the "virus" we decided also not to have our **Compact Day Meeting** at The Club in Birmingham, due to seating arrangements that were limited to around thirty persons. The Zoom meeting will be a new experience to some. Ann Ferguson and I, as your representatives on the General Board of Assistants, have met via Zoom with the General Board of Assistants on June 20th. We had to set a date for a Special General Congress that was held on September 26th. There have been other Zoom meetings with the General Board that were question and answer sessions.

What was supposed to have been a great year for the Mayflower Society with a yearlong series of events to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims landing on Cape Cod and Plymouth. If you remember on New Year's Day, the California Society had a float in the **Rose Bowl Parade** in Pasadena and our Society participating in **Mobile's Mardi Gras Parade on Joe Cain Day** on February 23rd. If you have read what was printed in the Quarterlies this year for the General Congress should have been two weeks of celebrations in Plymouth, The Plymouth Plantation, Provincetown and the finished refitting of the Mayflower II that returned to Plymouth were supposed to be celebrated events.

The General Congress was reduced to a Zoom meeting that lasted from 1:00 O'clock PM to approximately 8:00 o'clock PM Central time on September 26th. That meeting made history in that all 54 Member Societies were represented with 134 representatives online at one time including the DGG's from Australia, Canada, and Europe. We did accomplish some business which was the passing some much-needed and overdue By-Law changes and the election of the General Officers that could not be delayed. Because of the changes in the General By-Laws we have to raise some fees in our Society. The Dues will be raised as well as the Fee for the Applications and Supplementals. We will be voting on these in our November 7th Zoom meeting. I will also be appointing a Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers to be sworn in at our May 1st, 2021 meeting that will be held at the American Village in Montevallo. So hopefully if meeting restrictions will be lifted by then we will meet there. The Annual Meeting or Spring meeting is when we elect and install officers.

Next year will be the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. Some of the events that were planned for this year will be celebrated in 2021. I hope to be in Plymouth in September 2021 to help with the celebrations. The General Society Board of Assistants will be meeting in Plymouth Massachusetts in September 2021. Hopefully the State of Massachusetts will ease the meeting restrictions by then. Our Compact Day Meeting will be November 6, 2021, will be held at the American Village in Monticello. What a good location to celebrate the First Thanksgiving.

Sincerely - Alan M. Davis, Governor

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General Society Officers

These two Officers represent the Alabama Society on the General Board of Assistants of the General Society.

Deputy Governor General – Alan Davis
334-207-4884

Assistant General – Ann Ferguson
256-537-3772

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

Proposed Amendments

Constitution and Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama
September 28, 2020

Whereas the 2020 Special Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) which met on September 26, 2020 via Zoom passed 5 amendments which affect the fees/dues for all member societies of the GSMD, the Bylaws committee of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL) (Patricia Harper, Kevin Sellew, and Mary Helen Mahan) appointed on September 24, 2020 propose the following:

Amendment 1 – the GSMD deleted preliminary applications and the fee.

SMDAL should, in Article XIII, D, 1, delete Preliminary Fee: \$20.

Amendment 2 – the GSMD raised the Application Fee and Supplemental Line fee by \$50 to \$125.

SMDAL should, in Article XIII, D, 2, increase its Application Fee to \$150. This allows SMDAL to continue keeping \$25 of the Application Fee and

SMDAL should, in Article XIII, D, 3, increase its Supplemental Line Fee to \$150. This allows SMDAL to continue keeping \$25 of the Supplemental Line Fee.

Amendment 3 – the GSMD raised the per capita Annual Assessment by \$20 to \$35.

SMDAL should, in Article XIII, D, 4, increase its Annual Dues by \$30 to \$60.

Amendments 4 & 5 – Since these amendments granted the Executive Committee authority to determine increases in fees and annual assessments if approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress,

SMDAL should add an item to Article XIII, D that allows SMDAL to increase its fees and dues by the amounts that GSMD changes the fees and dues without requiring a Constitution and Bylaws amendment.

It should read – SMDAL will automatically increase its fees and dues by the amounts needed to cover increases when passed by the GSMD for Application fees, Supplemental lineage fees and per capita assessments due to the GSMD when they are passed according to Article XII Sections 2 & 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Amendment 6 (Only applies to SMDAL) - Decides distribution of the state/colony portion of the annual dues paid by the members.

Amend Article XX (Colonies) G – Annually a sum of money to be determined by SMDAL Board of Assistants will be paid by the Treasurer to each colony for each non-life member registered to it (per capita colony dues). In no case will this per capita colony dues be less than 15 % of the amount of dues collected from each non-life member by SMDAL.

The committee's recommendation for 2021 is SMDAL keeps \$15 and the Colonies are paid \$10 for each registered member.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN OFFICER ON THE ALABAMA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY BOARD OF ASSISTANTS?

It is time to take names for positions for the 2021-2024 Board. In addition to officer's positions, you can become a Board Assistant to get your feet wet. If you are interested, contact Gov. Alan M. Davis at 334-207-4884 or E-Mail address amd7thcedar@charter.net

Due to COVID-19 there was no Spring/ Annual Meeting Minutes
The November 2, 2019 still needs to be approved!

COMPACT DAY MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 11:14 PM by Governor Alan Davis.

The Prayer was led by Elder Regena Dawson.

Reading of Objects and Compact by Elder Regena Dawson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Alan Davis.

Governor Alan Davis welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read as they had been published in the newsletter. There was only one correction – Regena Dawson’s name was misspelled. There were no other corrections and the minutes were accepted as presented. Alan requested that everyone make sure that we have current email addresses so that we can email the Newsletter instead of having to mail them as mailing is expensive. Personal information will not be made public and are for the use of the Society only.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Governor Alan Davis – No report.

Deputy Governor Brenda Gouge – No report

Secretary Nancy Logan – No report.

Treasurer Patricia Harper – Pat stated that we are in good shape financially, her report was published in the Newsletter. We do have over \$17,000 dollars in the bank. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact her. She asked that everyone pay their yearly dues today if possible. Pat asked that we need current email addresses, please give them to her so that we can keep our files up to date. Email is how she communicates with people mostly.

Historian Mark Chesbro – Mark was not present, but his report was published in the Newsletter. His report stated that there were 23 new members ~~so far in 2019~~, and 12 new supplementals so far in 2019. There was been a large influx of applications in anticipation of the 2020 celebration., the number of applications has increased by 450% over previous years! Alabama has eleven membership applications still pending in Plymouth.

Elder Regena Dawson – There have been three members to pass away in 2019: Faye Belt Ireland in April, she was a lift member, Dr. Ashley Lindley died in August, and Marie Ann Carlson died in October. Please remember those families in prayer. Please ask your family to notify the Society of a death of a member so that we can keep our records current.

Captain Ann Kilgrow – Not present.

Librarian Carol Kitchen – Carol resigned as Librarian due to health issues. It was discussed in the Board of Assistants meeting earlier today that we might change the title of Librarian to Archivist in the future as this position is responsible for keeping information about the Alabama Society. Some of the old minute books are missing if anyone knows where they are please let Alan know.

Board of Assistants – Amy Price, Linda Maples and Pam Pittman not present.

Mary Helen Mahan told everyone that she has a whole box of old Mayflower Quarterly magazines that belonged to her Mother and she is selling them. If anyone is interested in them, please see her after the meeting. The money from the sale of these books will go to the Capital Colony. Alan Davis said that these books are very interesting, and that Alabama has been very active in the Quarterly in the past few years thanks to Ann Ferguson and Kevin Sellew.

Deputy Governor General - Alan Davis – Alan has been serving as DGG for over 20 years and been to most of the GBOA meetings during that time. (His report is in the Fall Newsletter)

Assistant Governor General - Ann Ferguson -

Alan Davis and I represented Alabama as Deputy Governor General and Assistant General respectively at the General Board of Assistants meeting in Denver, CO, September 6-7, 2019. Our Governor General, Dr. George Garmany, described the state of affairs at GSMD as “good, but could be better.” We are on track for finalizing the plans and events for the 2020 commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. This can be found on our GSMD website. The excitement and anticipation of this event has turned in to a bit of a mixed blessing. Applications keep increasing, which of course is a good thing, but there currently is not enough staff to work them timely and the processing time has increased to fifteen weeks. Plus, our Executive Director has determined

that it actually costs \$125.00 for every application but our current fee is only \$75.00 resulting in a loss of \$50.00 per application and a total loss of \$179,000.00 for the year. This

deficit is being made up for by current members. Since the current application fee is in the By-laws it cannot be changed until the next General Congress in 2020. Look for that to be increased then. One-time 2020 expenditures have also resulted in drained finances. The result is that although staffing has increased, it is still not adequate; cuts have been made to travel and some meetings are not being held face-to-face; the website and phone system are lacking in needed upgrades; and the percentage taken from reserves had to be increased from 4% to 5%. In spite of all efforts to reduce spending, there was still a small \$5,000.00 deficit in the \$1.6 million budget. Look for an increase in our annual per capita at the 2020 General Congress.

The good news is that GSMD has \$12.4 million in assets. The audit was completed with no findings. A new heat and air system was installed in the Mayflower House so that it can be used year-round, including being rented out as a venue. It also is to be painted. The Mayflower Store found on the GSMD website has many items for sale, including some specifically for 2020, which raises funds for GSMD. Sales are increasing. Genealogy lectures in Plymouth have started and are very popular. They are being recorded and will eventually be put on the website. Also, a program that member societies could use at meetings is being developed and will be put on the website. Silver Books are continuing to be researched, published, and sold, which is another source of funds.

It was announced that the 2021 GBOA meeting will be in Plymouth to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving and the 2022 meeting will be in Minnesota.

2020 Updates:

Regarding the 2020 commemorative coin, FGG Lea Filson met with officials in Washington, D. C. to discuss design options. The Secretary of the Treasury makes the final decision. The sale of these coins issued by the U. S. Mint will not result in any financial gain for our Society.

A 14.5-inch model of the Governor William Bradford monument to be placed in the Mayflower House garden was on display at the closing banquet. It gives the impression of elegance and sophistication in portraying Governor Bradford.

The GSMD entry in the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade is in the process of being built. An artist's depiction of the float was on display. Governor General Garmany will be riding on the float as well as several others in historically accurate Pilgrim attire. The parade is watched by 50 million people worldwide, so this will bring unprecedented attention to our Society. The float is even being considered to be selected as the first float in the parade. I am going to California in December to volunteer to help with the final decoration of the float. I am not aware of anyone else from our state planning to do this, so I will be representing Alabama in this endeavor.

In Plymouth private tours are being offered by GSMD of Mayflower House and the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse to Society members. Outside renovations of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse are projected to be completed by the end of this year. The whole town of Plymouth is being spruced up in anticipation of the influx of visitors in 2020. I have three days of upcoming school visits scheduled at two different schools in my area starting on Monday, November 4, 2019.

Alan Davis stated that authentic Pilgrim clothes are available online. The Pilgrims were colorful and not always austere like they are depicted. There is a lot to see if you visit Plymouth. The GSMD has been preparing for 2020 for over ten years. The GSMD purchased the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse this year which is the site of the original Pilgrim church. Alabama donated \$5,000 to this effort.

There were no committee ~~meetings~~ Reports.

COLONY REPORTS:

Gulf Coast Colony – Kevin Sellew – There was no Spring meeting of the Gulf Coast Colony due to his health issues. The Gulf Coast Colony hosted the SMDAL Spring meeting. Their next meeting will be in two weeks at Felix's Fish Camp in Spanish Fort. Daniel Devol will be honored at this meeting. Mr. Devol was the first Mayflower descendant to settle in Alabama. He is buried in Mobile. Kevin also reminded everyone that the Gulf Coast Colony is selling t-shirts to raise money for the Colony. He had samples of the shirts so that everyone could see them. They can be ordered online.

Capital Colony- Lt. Gov. Ed Phillips was not present but **Mary Helen Mahan** gave a report: The meeting dates will be posted on the SMDAL website. The next SMDAL meeting will be hosted by the Capital Colony and will be held on May 2, 2020. The meeting will be held in Prattville Alabama at the Buena Vista Mansion.

Tennessee Valley Colony – Stacy Smith – Not present.

Cahaba River Colony Inge Tingle – There was no spring meeting but hopefully there will be on in the spring of 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Society will have a float in the Mardi Gras parade in Mobile in February 23, 2020. Mobile has the oldest Mardi Gras parade in the country. Brenda Gouge told everyone about the plans for our float in the parade. Anyone can ride on the float on a first-come-first-serve basis. There is a cost associated with riding the float. Each member who participates will have to pay for the cost of their throws which will be approximately \$300 dollars. Approximately 25 to 28 people can ride on the float. People can also walk alongside of the float for a lesser cost. You must be in costume in some form, a mask is required. Mary Helen Mahan moved that SMDAL contribute

\$2,500 towards the cost of the float. The motion was seconded and passed. This would cover the cost of the float rental, the cost of the driver and insurance. We have to make a commitment within the next two months. If you would like to ride on the float contact Brenda Gouge or Alan Davis, their contact information is on the website. In Alabama this is our main publicity for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower in the New World.

There was no other business.

Alan Davis adjourned the meeting at 12:13PM.

We publish these unapproved minutes for two reasons. Most 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.

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

Where we stand as of September 30, 2020:

Checking/Savings as of March 7, 2020		\$14,072.68
Dues received (prepaid is \$170)	970.00	
Application fees	525.00	
Interest received	64.46	
Meeting Deposit Refund (Total Receipts)	100.00	1,659.46
Due to GSMD (Change)	-300.00	
Operating Expenses (books, PayPal fees, supplies)(Total expenditures)	-114.00	-414.00
Checking/Savings as of September 30, 2020		
Plus, prepaid application fees (deposited with GSMD)		\$15,307.06

Bank Balances:

Checking	\$ 4,655.41
Life Dues Account	\$2,942.98
CD #1	\$3,834.10
CD #2	\$3,884.57
TOTAL	\$15,317.06

Dues Receivable as of September 30, 2020 is \$510.00.

Colony Dues will be disbursed as soon as possible (Waiting on dues to be collected)

Life Members: Please complete the Membership Renewal Form as well.

Friends: Please consider giving Friend memberships at just \$20.
(at the bottom of the renewal form.)

Dues may be paid in the following way:

- Mail a check to the treasurer – payable to SMDAL
- OR... You may pay via PAYPAL to the email address below.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, email or write me.

Patricia S. Harper 35963
4781 County Road 150, Dawson, AL
Cell#: 256-996-4115
Email: SMDAL.TREASURER@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for all your help! Blessings, *Pat Harper*

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Mayflower Assistant General Report 2020 (Preliminary)

The 2020 Special Congress of GSMD, conducted by Zoom, was called to order by Governor General George Garmany on September 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. CDT. All 54 Member Societies were represented with a total of 134 participants. DGG Alan Davis and AG Ann Ferguson represented Alabama. The approved abbreviated agenda included five proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and election and installation of General Officers. Please refer to the Fall 2020 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine (MQM)* to find the proposed amendments (I am not going to re-type them here) and the nominated General Officers.

Results:

- Amendment One - Passed *as amended*, with signature left in and “guardian” added I believe (I did not get the exact wording. I expect we will receive the minutes of this meeting soon and will pass it on then).
- Amendment Two – Passed as published in *MQM*. \$125.00 will be the new fee for original lineage papers and each supplemental line of descent effective January 1, 2021.
- Amendment Three – Passed *as amended*, taking out the cap on the number of life members each Member Society can have. \$35.00 will be the new per capita assessment effective for the calendar year 2021 based on its previous membership as of December 31st of the previous year, exclusive of life members as certified to GSMD as of December 31, 2019. Per capita assessment for life members will increase in yearly increments as published in *MQM*.
- Amendment Four – Passed as published in *MQM*. Application and Supplemental fees will be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress (i.e., whatever the current fee decided on will not show in the By-laws).
- Amendment Five – Passed as published in *MQM*. The annual per capita assessment will be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress (i.e., whatever the current per capita assessment decided on will not show in the By-laws).

After voting on the above amendments, per the new Amendments 4 and 5, it was voted for the new application and supplemental fee to be \$125.00 effective January 1, 2021, and the new per capita assessment will be \$35.00 for calendar year 2021 based on each member Society membership count as of December 31 of the previous year (life member per capita assessment will be increased in yearly increments as published in Amendment 3 in *MQM*).

Election of General Officers – Each individual listed in the GSMD Nominating Committee Report as published in *MQM* was elected. Members at Large elected were:

Jane Schleinker (Illinois)

Bonnie Wade Mucio (South Carolina)

Lorrie Link (Minnesota)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. CDT – a seven hour and six-minute Zoom meeting with only two ten minute breaks!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Ferguson

Assistant General SMDAL

HISTORIAN & SECRETARY REPORTS

By Mark Chesebro & Nancy Logan

NEW MEMBERS

Name	GEN. No. /State No.	Ancestor	
Kingston Clifton Kyle, Sr.	96,693/ 672	Edward Fuller	12 th in Descent
Margaret Ann (Curran) Grimes	97,085/ 673	Francis Cooke	14 th in Descent
Matthew Fitch Cross	97,237/ 675	Richard Warren	13 th in Descent
Helen Anne (Willard) Soule	97,401/ 676	John Howland	11 th in Descent
William Michael Brokowsky	97,533/ 677	Edward Doty	11 th in Descent
Joanna Marie (Bernis) Taylor	97,600/ 678	Richard Brewster	12 th in Descent
Margaret Day (Gates) Baker	97,741/ 679	John Alden	12 th in Descent
Thomas Everett Martin, III	97,807/ 680	John Howland	13 th in Descent
Richard Martin Rathke	97,808/ 681	William Bradford	12 th in Descent
Shawn Spaulding	Pending	Richard Warren	
Jerry Green	Pending	Richard Warren	
Melody Gentry	Pending	Richard Warren	

SUPPLEMENTALS

Valerie White Harris Has 2 supplementals pending in Plymouth 1 - Samson, 1 - Browne

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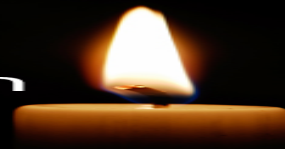
Ward Lynn Bursley 95,574 / 674 John Howland 12th in Descent

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Virus the Mayflower office is back logged ABOUT 4 – 6 MONTHS.

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.

NOTE: Also, there has been a 450% increase in applications over the last five years being sent to Plymouth and the verification time has increased to an average of four and a half months.

In Memoriam



ELDER'S REPORT by Regena Dawson

Sara Elizabeth Carter, 90, of Wade, MS, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020 in Hurley, MS. Mrs. Carter was born to the late Howard Hartford Sr. and Sallie Fluker Rush on February 15, 1930 in Montgomery, AL. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Carter was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Ford "Junior" Carter; her son, Howard "Sonny" Warbington; daughter, Delmarie Carter Lillis; and her grandchildren, Carter Lillis and Sunnie Danyell Lillis.

She is survived by her grandson, Quinton Lillis of Wade, MS and her great-grandchildren, Sunnie, Paisley, and Brady Lillis, all of Wade; along with numerous other family members and friends. The services for Mrs. Carter will be private for the family with interment being held at Johnson Cemetery in Wade, MS. Heritage Funeral Home, locally owned and operated in Escatawpa/Moss Point, MS is in charge of arrangements.

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 Sectary 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.
Regena Dawson, 3107 Ray Blair Place, Huntsville, Alabama 35811-8908. Telephone: 256-852-6800,
RegenaCampbellDawson@gmail.com.

We are still looking for our missing minute books and other documents from 1952-1986 if *anyone; anyone* knows where they are, please let me or one of the officers know.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP AND BECOME THE JUNIOR'S CHAIR

CONTACT ALAN DAVIS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE THE CHAIR

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. 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; (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:



Your Governor speaking to the Huntsville Chapter of the DAR

A few months ago, the Huntsville Chapter of the DAR contacted Brenda Gouge to see if someone could come up there to talk about the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. I told them I would drive up there and speak to them. So, on October 1, 2020 I presented a program on the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the good ship Mayflower. Also, in attendance was Dean Rice of the Tennessee Valley Colony. I discussed many of the events that were planned but had to be postponed or cancelled. In the picture depicted, I am pointing to the float that was loaned to us by the *Le Kreve de Bienville* that we used in the Joe Cain Day Mardi Gras Parade in Mobile that was held on February 23, 2020. I presented to them three short videos. The first one was titled "*More about the Mayflower*" a short video telling about the dates, where the Pilgrims left from in England. Where they landed in the New World and how many of them died and survived that first winter. The second one shown in time lapse the construction of the float that appeared in the

Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day and that all the people who were riding on the float were members of the Society with Governor General George Garmony on the front of the float. The float was titled "*The Voyage of Hope*" and won the "*Americana Award*" for the best depiction of National Treasures and Traditions. The third film was titled "*The Whitman's First Thanksgiving*" showing the relationship between the Indians namely Massasoit, Squanto and the Pilgrims. Massasoit forged critical political and personal ties with colonial leaders William Bradford, Edward Winslow, Stephen Hopkins, John Carver, and Myles Standish, ties which grew out of a negotiated peace treaty on March 22, 1621. The Wampanoags had experienced the English before but those never stayed. The Pilgrims were a new group who had brought their wives and were building houses. Because of the women, in the Wampanoags minds, the Pilgrims were not seeking war. This alliance ensured that the Pokanokets remained neutral during the Pequot War in 1636. According to Colonial sources, Massasoit prevented the failure of Plymouth Colony and the starvation that the Pilgrims faced during the earliest years of its establishment. Another fact is, that as long as the original Pilgrims were alive, the treaty was never broken.

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.

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. 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. You may contact the GSMD with membership questions or for general information (508-746-3188; membership@themayflowersociety.org). You also can use for a fee the GSMD website "Mayflower Lineage Match Form", 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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Cooking 101 in the 1600s



When our Pilgrim ancestors left England for Holland in 1608, they were eager for changes that would allow them to worship in the manner that they had practiced for fifty years. When they arrived in Holland, they were able to worship in the open, but they had to adjust to other changes. Housing and work was scarce and the language was very different. The English immigrant children had to work to help support their families. Some of the children worked as fullers for wool weavers. The fuller would press the wool into tubs of stale urine with their feet so that the fibers would be cleaned of oil and debris from the freshly sheared fleece. This method also enabled dyes to set into the woven fibers.

Some children were fortunate enough to have jobs making ribbons, lace or working at bakeries to make pancakes called pannekoeken. Dutch homes did not have ovens, so bread-baking was done by bakeries in town. Homes had fireplaces which gave warmth,

light and a place for cooking. hodgepodge, hutspot in Dutch, using inexpensive cuts of meats for soups and stews. The young girls most likely shared their newly-acquired baking talents and would treat the family to sugary pannekoeken made over the fire. In his book, *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners*, Jeremy Bangs describes how a thick wool cloth would hang along the mantel. This cloth may have been used to direct the smoke from the fireplace away from the room and up the chimney. The fireplace was certainly the heart of the home and most likely how the familiar term, hearth and home originated.

After living in Holland for about ten years, our Pilgrim ancestors, also known as English Separatists, now wanted to leave the Dutch lifestyle in Holland for a life in America. This next move meant more sacrifices and a very long voyage on the cargo ship named Mayflower. Passengers were not allowed to cook. The open fire in the 50 year old wooden ship made cooking dangerous, meals had to be cooked by the ship's cook for the ship's crew. Since most of the 66 days on the Atlantic were terribly rough, most passengers lost their appetites anyway (and more).

The Pilgrims and strangers fed their families the foods that they had packed for the voyage. They dined on moldy cheeses, salty meats, dried fish and ship's biscuits. Hundreds of biscuits were baked, stacked and packed before they sailed. These simple, dry biscuits only consisted of flour and water. If you have sampled a ship's biscuit, you realized why the Mayflower passengers ate them willingly. They are hard, yet somehow tasty! Bake some this summer to share at your Thanksgiving dinner. They will keep until the holiday in a tightly covered container. After all, they kept for months in 1620!



The Pancake Bakery by Pieter Aertsen

In December of 1620, the Pilgrims declared Plymouth as their permanent colony and began building structures for their families, beginning with four walls and a roof, but by the end of the year, houses were becoming homes. The very first structures in Plymouth Colony had only a fire pit inside with an opening for the smoke to hopefully escape. When fireplaces were added, they were constructed large enough to nearly make up an entire wall. Cooking was one of the most important functions of the home. Sometimes large sections of trees were dragged into the home to fuel the fire because once the fire was lit, the family needed it to stay lit. Cooking was a day-long activity and the coals kept them warm throughout the night.



Initially, a green tree limb was used as a lug pole and was supported well above the fire for heavy metal pots to hang. One of the pots was always filled with hot water and another with soups or stews. A single hanging pot might have been strictly used for puddings. Pilgrim cooks referred to foods eaten with a spoon as spoon meats. In England, some spoon meats had been made with flour in a cloth bag and the name for it was hasty pudding. Since no wheat was grown in Plymouth, the cooks made a pudding with corn flour because the Wampanoag had taught them to successfully grow corn. Hasty pudding made with cornmeal was re-named Indian Pudding and it is still enjoyed today. Families brought heavy cooking pots from England and Holland. A bake kettle was made by placing hot coals from the fire under the kettle and on its lid, allowing the experienced cook to simmer the food slowly or quickly, depending on the amount of coals used.

Since the Pilgrims and English colonists had very little experience at hunting, trapping or fishing, they were very frustrated to see so many animals roaming the woods and swimming in the stream. Until they learned techniques of trapping fish and wild game from the Wampanoag, the colonists traded fresh meats for knives, beads or blankets. Without meat, the English were forced to eat vegetarian with a diet of herbs (salads) and roots (carrots and potatoes). To make the vegetable stews tasty, they would add spices such as pepper, ginger and cinnamon and then color this hodgepodge with juice from beets or flower petals. The ship's biscuits, which had sustained the colonists on the Mayflower, would be crumbled into soups or stews to thicken the sauces of the spoon meats.

Having survived a severe drought and near starvation the first year, the Pilgrims and English settlers slowly began to thrive and the population was growing with each ship that brought family members and newcomers from England. Thanks to the Wampanoag, they were getting better at fishing and hunting. They even learned to enjoy the commonplace lobster, eel, fowl and venison. Wild animals were a source of food to feed a crowd. The gridiron was used to quickly grill portions of meat while a spit was used for larger sections of meat. A spit was fashioned from a green wooden stick or a metal rod. Some cooks devised a pulley and rope to turn the spit. The cook would turn the meat several times which would tighten the rope. When released, the meat would rotate, cooking all of its sides. Other times, responsible children who took turns at spit duty to assure that the meat did not burn.



When cattle were brought to Plymouth from England, milk was initially accepted as a use for butter or to make cakes and puddings but not for drinking! For the most part, beer was the beverage preferred by the family, including the children.



Since there were no shops in Plymouth as there had been in England and Holland, they had to grow and prepare their own vegetables. Vegetable seeds were brought on the Mayflower and by settlers or later ships. The Wampanoag taught the colonists to plant their bean and squash seeds at the base of the corn. As the corn stalks grew, the beans climbed and wound around the stalks while the squash provided a ground cover of shade that helped the soil retain moisture. This was a very clever thing the Wampanoag taught the English colonists and is referred to as the 'Three Sisters Method' of gardening. We have since discovered that beans add nitrogen to the soil, a nutrient which the corn depletes as it grows, making this a very beneficial combination of crops.

Hunting and fishing certainly created challenges in preparing the catch of the day. While the female Plymouth colonists were planting and weeding their gardens, they were thinking about food. They were sharing ideas and even recipes for the fresh meats while selecting herbs for flavoring the soup meats simmering in their fireplaces.

The cooks of today wander through stores, pondering what to select for dinner and how to prepare it. They also share recipes and even select herbs to flavor soups that will be simmering over the fire on the tops of modern cooktops. However, if today's cook cannot think of a proper meal for the night, thoughts turn to a nearby drive-through for a fast food meal to unwrap and serve. The Pilgrims' only fast foods would have been berries, nuts, vegetables ... or ship's biscuits.

Sources: <http://mayflowerhistory.com/cooking> <http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/whats-dinner>
Stink Alley by Jamie Gilson Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners by Jeremy Bangs - pages 305-310

The Cook's Corner

Corn Pudding

Ingredients:

2 pkg (10 oz size) frozen corn, thawed and drained
3 eggs, well beaten
¼ cup of unsifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon white pepper
1 tablespoon sugar
Dash of nutmeg
2 tablespoons butter
or margarine, melted
2 cups of light cream



How to Cook:

Preheat oven to 325F.
Lightly grease a 1 1/2-quart
casserole dish.

In a large bowl, combine
corn, and eggs; mix well.
Combine flour, salt, pepper,
sugar, and nutmeg. Stir into
corn mixture.

Add butter and cream; mix well. Pour into prepared casserole
dish. Set casserole dish in a pan; pour hot water to 1-inch
depth around the casserole dish.

Bake, uncovered, 1 hour and 10 minutes or until pudding is
firm and knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Serve hot. Makes 8 servings.

Variation:

Add ½ cup chopped onions...

Add ½ cup chopped cooked ham...

You could substitute Half & Half or Milk for the
Light Cream....



This Recipe is contributed by CHEF DAVID HUNT of the
Pennsylvania Society.

Corn provided infant America with a backbone while developing the use of its legs. America was growing, quite literally, up the cornstalk.

- Dorothy Giles "Singing Valleys: the Story of Corn"



In the September 2020 issue of *Civil Engineering* is an article about Building an inclined elevator to improve access the Pilgrim Monument Tower in Provincetown, Massachusetts. The elevator will be on the side of the steep hill called High Pole Hill, offering a pedestrian connection between the business section and the tower. The tower is 253 feet tall and is the tallest freestanding granite tower in the United States. The cornerstone was laid by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 and the tower was completed in 1910 and was dedicated by president William Howard Taft.

The inclined elevator will accommodate up to 18 passengers at a time. The cabin will operate on a track between two 20 by 20 feet pavilions, one located within the town's Bas Relief Park, which commemorates the signing of the Mayflower Compact, and the other about 80 feet higher at the top of the hill.

**My personal Mayflower Voyage –
New topic for newsletter.
Submit your ancestor's story from
Plymouth to the present.**

THE PURPOSE OF THE ALABAMA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY



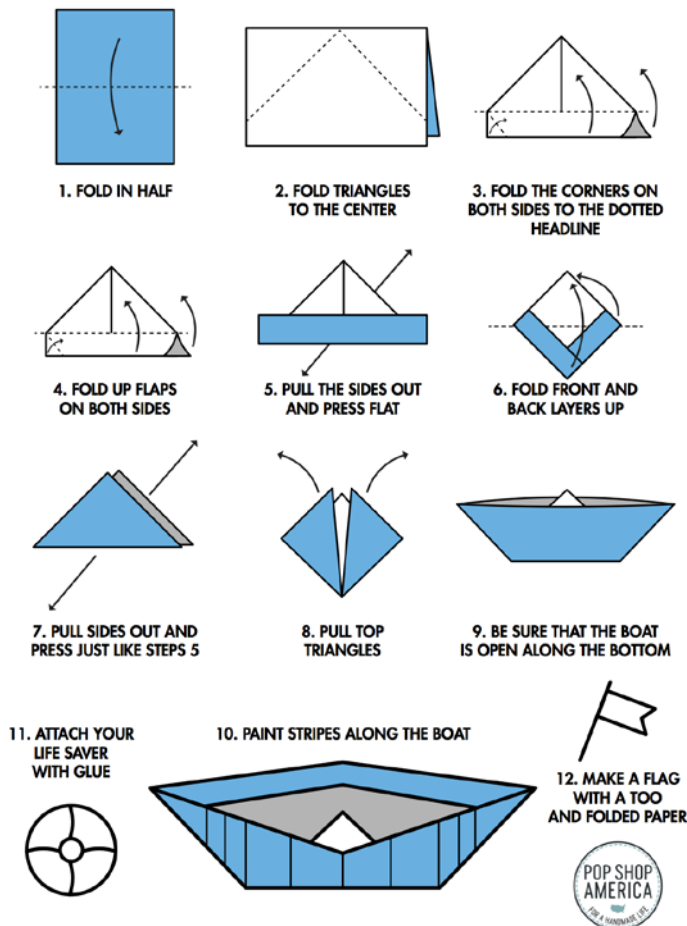
The Objects of the Alabama Society shall be to perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers; To maintain and defend the principle of civil and religious liberty, as set forth in the Compact of the Mayflower, "For the glorie of God, and advancemente of the Christian faith and honor of our countrie"; To cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of American freedom, and to oppose any theories or actions that threaten their continuity; To transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers to those who shall come after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law; To promote the interests that are common to all the State and Member Societies of Mayflower Descendants which can best be served by a federal body; To secure united effort to discover and publish original matter in regard to the Pilgrims, together with existing data known only to antiquarians; To authenticate, preserve and mark historical spots made memorable by Pilgrim association.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ALABAMA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY

To promote Mayflower history and ideals

The Pilgrim Pledge

In the name of God, Amen. I Pledge myself to hold aloft the lamp of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good, to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration therefrom, to emulate their spirit, to be loyal to the flag and institution of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their word and wisdom, to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage, and at all times and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim example.



Building paper boats and sailing them on the water is a wonderful bonding experience you can share with your family. It's not only fun, but also allows children to unleash their imaginations and spend time outdoors. Children and grandchildren can make boats with colored paper, newsprint, cardboard boxes, or paper tubes. Boats can be customized. To add a bit of creative flair, boats can be embellished and decorated with markers, paint, or even ribbon—although not too much ribbon since the boat needs to float. Also make sure your children name their boats—you can't set sail on a boat without it having a name!

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By Alan M. Davis - Governor, Newsletter Editor

The Alabama Mayflower Society sends this newsletter electronically — as an e-mail attachment — to members who would prefer to receive it in the PDF format, rather than in its traditional “hard-copy,” printed-and-mailed format.

The layout of the electronic version will be identical to the traditional, printed version, except the 8 1/2 by 11-inch pages will be arranged consecutively.

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Our members who live outside the State of Alabama will especially appreciate receiving their newsletters much sooner by e-mail —the same time as our Alabama residents.

NOTE: The Alabama Newsletter will stop mailing copies in 2021. The Last issue to be mailed via the Postal Service will be the Compact Edition Fall 2021!!!!!!



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