

# *ALABAMA PILGRIM*

A Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama  
May, 2014

## ANNUAL MEETING

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Board of Assistants Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

**Wynlakes Country Club, Montgomery, AL**

*Guest Speaker – Steve Murray, Alabama Department of Archives*

Aye, it's time to meet again and **we need you!** Our next State meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** at Wynlakes Country Club in Montgomery, AL. **Come and join your fellow members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama!** You won't want to miss our speaker, Steve Murray.



**Steve Murray** became the sixth director in the Alabama Department of Archives and History in October, 2012. He started in that

department in 2006 as the Assistant Director for Administration. While there he oversaw contract management and administration for the fabrication and installation of Phase 1 of the Museum of Alabama, which opened in August 2011. In 1996 while a graduate student at Auburn University, he began working as an assistant to the editor of the *Alabama Review*, the state's scholarly historical journal. He gradually increased his job responsibilities. For four years he served as the managing editor for the online *Encyclopedia of Alabama* after it was formed, coordinating content development, technical development, and overall administration. Murray has also been active in a variety of statewide history programs and services. He has written articles for the *Alabama Heritage* magazine. He completed a term as president of the Alabama Historical Association in April, 2012. **The reservation form is located within this newsletter. I hope to see you on Saturday, November 23rd!**

**God bless you, Rich Hobson**

### **DELICIOUS MEAL ON SAT., MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

*Chef's Choice* Buffet with a selection of chicken and beef, the usual assortment of green vegetables, potatoes, and rice. And, a collection of *fine* desserts. The total cost is *only* \$28.00!!! Please join us!!

### **CURRENT OFFICERS**

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Captain – Anne Kilgrow  
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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

This Spring we welcome 6 new members! Please welcome fellow relatives: **Valmorie Michael Marcoux, William Stacy Smith, Voncile Stubbs Hix, Patsy Ann Hix Ling, James Wesley Pogue and Jerry Wayne Pogue.**

We hope to see you on May 3rd.

### **IN MEMORIUM**

We have just been notified that **Mrs. Jewel Youngblood** passed away in 2013.

## **A CHANCE FOR RECOGNITION**

The Awards Committee of the GENERAL SOCIETY is asking all societies to be on the alert for a member who is worthy of recognition at the General Congress to be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in September. This can be for long-time service in a certain office or on a special committee, or for an unusual program they have developed. Please note only one member per society is recognized each year.

If you have a member or officer who *has made a difference* in your society and you would like to express your appreciation to them, let the Awards Committee know.

The deadline for submissions is **August 1, 2014.**

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Please direct your replies to the Awards Committee Chair.

**The Mayflower Society**  
**General Society of Mayflower Descendants**  
Founded at Plymouth, Massachusetts 1897

Any person able to document their descent from one or more of the following Mayflower Pilgrims is eligible to apply for membership in the Mayflower Society:

John Alden	Francis Eaton	Thomas Rogers
Isaac Allerton	Moses Fletcher	Henry Samson
Mary (Norris) Allerton	Edward Fuller	George Soule
John Billington	Samuel Fuller	Myles Standish
William Bradford	Stephen Hopkins	John Tilley
William Brewster	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins	Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Peter Browne	John Howland	Richard Warren
James Chilton	Richard More	William White
Francis Cooke	William Mullins	Edward Winslow
Edward Doty	Degory Priest	

Many families hold a tradition that they are descended from the Pilgrims, which often kindles an interest in finding out more. Sometimes the stories of a Mayflower heritage are true and it is easy to document a descent. More often the documentation is missing and must be researched and supplied to prove your line. The good news is it that advanced research techniques, improved genealogy library collections and computerized resources have made it easier to track down your Pilgrim roots.

The best documentation to look for is vital records such as the birth, marriage, and death certificates for each person. Other documentation might be published genealogies, family documents and other official records. If you have a relative who is a member of the Society, you may be able to use their lineage documentation to help you with your research.



Memberships are handled through individual state societies. As a first step, you may contact your state society or you may inquire about a possible Mayflower line using the Preliminary Review Form found at [www.themayflowersociety.com](http://www.themayflowersociety.com).

If you would like to make an inquiry about membership, please call 334/897-3510, Charlotte Hobson, Alabama Society Historian, or the national office at 508-746-3188.  
[www.themayflowersociety.com](http://www.themayflowersociety.com)

**RESERVATION FORM ON LAST PAGE**

We are publishing these unapproved minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2 reasons. The most important is so that those who are unable to attend will learn of the activities of our Society at our meetings. Hopefully you will find something of interest and will decide to make the effort to attend. The other reason is so that those who attended might be better prepared to approve the minutes without having them read at the meetings. This will save time at the meetings.

## **SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

### **STATE SOCIETY COMPACT DAY MEETING MINUTES**

The *Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Alabama* met on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013** at *The Club* in Birmingham. The following Officers were present:

Governor General - Bruce MacGunnigle

Governor – Rich Hobson

Deputy Governor – Ellie Lienau

Secretary –Alan M. Davis

Treasurer – Mary Helen Mahan

Historian –

Elder- Ruby Hassell

Captain -

Librarian - Carol Kitchens

Board of Assistant 1-Ann Ferguson

Board of Assistant 2- Pam Pittman

Board of Assistant 3- Deen Rice

Deputy Governor General – Alan M. Davis

Assistant General –Ann Ferguson

Lt. Gov. Gulf Coast Colony- Robert Howell

Lt. Gov. Cap Colony- Alan M. Davis

Lt. Gov. TN. Val. Colony –Deen Rice

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Governor Rich Hobson called the meeting to order at 11:18 o'clock a.m.

Elder Ruby Hassell read the Elder's Prayer, The Mayflower Compact, and Objects of the Society Governor Rich Hobson led the meeting in reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Gov. Hobson welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance today especially our Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle and his wife Katie.

Roll call was held and the members who were present introduced themselves, their guest and listed their ancestor(s).

Ancestors represented: John Alden-4, Isaac Allerton-1, William Bradford-2, William Brewster-4, Peter Brown-1, James Chilton-1, Francis Cooke-4, Edward Doty-2, Edward Fuller-6, Samuel Fuller-3, Stephen Hopkins-4, John Howland-4, George Soule-3, John Tilly-3 and Richard Warren-3.

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The Minutes of the Annual Meeting Day Meeting held on May 4th 2013 in Spanish Fort were sent out in the Newsletter and Gov. Hobson asked if there were any corrections to be made. They were corrected and approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Mary Helen Mahan, gave her report she announced the dues are due for 2014 if anyone wishes to pay them today see her after the meeting. She commented on the low percentage rate being given to the C. D. accounts. There were no discussions on the report. It was approved as presented.

Gov. Hobson thanked everyone for working on getting our membership up and for all the work done by the Society members. He reported on discussions he had with the Governor General

about the condition of the General Society as a whole. He commended Robert Howell, Lt Gov. of the Gulf Coast Colony, and others coming up from Mobile. He commended Pam and Pat Pittman for the good work on maintaining the website for the Alabama Society. He also added that we as a Society should hold on to our Pilgrim heritage as it is a rich and long heritage line to be proud of.

Deputy Governor General Alan M. Davis had no report and regretted that he was unable to attend the General Board of Assistants meeting in New Orleans this past September. He thanked Ellie for going in his place. He said he will defer to Ann who has a more detailed report.

Assistant General She and Ellie Lienau attended the meeting they discussed the twenty-five amendments to the General Society's Bylaws that will be proposed at the General Congress meeting in Plymouth in September 2014. Discussions were also held on the proposed Assistant Governor General Position duties. Discussions were also held on the 2020 Event to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing at Plymouth. Ann discussed the speaker at the BOA banquet who gave an interesting talk about forensic anthropologists, from the Smithsonian, who are researching the Jamestown site. This same group is in discussions with Plymouth authorities and will possibly start researching the Plymouth site. Discussions were also held on the conference calls that were held in April, May, and June by the General Executive Board and members of the Board of Assistants. (See her detailed report in the Newsletter).

Dep. Gov. Ellie Lienau commented on the General Congress next year and that the specific ancestor societies will be meeting during that time as well (i.e.: Alden, Brewster, Fullerton, etc.) She commented on how many members are present today to hear our Governor General. She also thanked Charlotte for inviting potential members coming today. She reminded everyone to please sign the register before they leave today.

Elder Ruby Hassell reported that Mrs. Ruth Stong had died this past July at 99 ½ years old. She also reported that Mrs. Susan Gender; a Friend of the Society and widow of Mr. Chris Gender Past Captain; died recently.

Secretary Alan Davis reported that he getting ready the yearend membership report to send to the Secretary General. He reported that for years our numbers and the General Society's numbers have been off and now they are equal with each other. On December 31, 2013, we had 171 total members. He added that Bonnie Conan an assistant to the Historian General no longer works for the General Society and that a new assistant, Angela Cardinal, Membership Secretary was hired in September. Alan explained that the Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General are officers of the General Society along with the Governor General. These two officers represent our State Society on the General Board of Assistants. He plans go to the 2014 General Congress meeting in Plymouth. Alabama will have has 4 delegates (1 for every 50 state members) to represent us at the Congress plus the D.G.G and A.G. If anyone wishes to volunteer to go to the Congress in September, they should let it be known and also go ahead and make your hotel reservations now.

Historian Charlotte Hobson's report was given by Gov. Rich Hobson. In 2013, we had 9 new members, 31 working papers sent out, 2 reinstatements, 2 members to transfer in, 2 supplementals, and 4 new junior members. Rich also commented that the best way to grow our Society is by encouraging our relatives to participate. (See full Report attached) Charlotte

Hobson had planned to be here today but got ill overnight and is unable to be here and Rich added that his Father, Richard Hobson Sr., is currently suffering from cancer, but is in good spirits and thanks everyone for their prayers. He announced that she had sent the new yearbooks for the Society for those present to pick up. Gov Hobson presented Mrs. Norma Pogue our newest member with her Membership Certificate.

The Librarian Carol Kitchens had no report. Rich said he would get hard drives for digitizing our records and the scrapbooks to her.

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#### COLONY REPORTS:

\*Lt. Gov. of the **Capital Colony** Alan Davis reported that they have not had a meeting this year and will have a one in late January or early February. Meeting place and time to be determined and will be given to the Capital Colony members.

\*Lt. Gov. of the **Tennessee Valley Colony** Deen Rice had their meeting on the second weekend in September at the Huntsville Museum of Arts and viewed the "Memories of World War II" exhibit and enjoyed lunch at the museum restaurant.

\*Lt. Gov. of the **Gulf Coast Colony** Robert Howell had no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Rich said he would purchase the hard drives and deliver the yearbooks to the current Librarian Carol Kitchens.

NEW BUSINESS: It was announced that our next State Meeting will be in Montgomery on May 3rd, 2014, the first Saturday in May.

With that Gov. Hobson said "The Kingdom is well!"

There being no further business to conduct the official state meeting was adjourned at 12:08 o'clock p.m. and Governor Hobson led us in prayer as we thanked God for our Blessings and the meal to come.

After the delicious meal Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle spoke on the well being of the General Society. He discussed the history of the founding of the General Society. He spoke about attending the Board of Assistants Meeting in New Orleans. GG MacGunnigle talked about the Mayflower House which originally built by the Winslow family and how the Society came into ownership of it. He told of the various improvements of the building and grounds. It is on the National Register of Historical Places. He reported that the generation book series is working on the sixth generation. He discussed record retention of the Society and the availability of these records in the future to the historians of each state. He also discussed the position of the new Executive Director. He retold the story in brief of the Pilgrim's journey and the fact that nearly half of them died the first winter. He said there are probably over 10 million people in the United States who can claim descendancy from one of the pilgrims. He then went on to tell about three of his ancestors Steven Hopkins, Richard Warren and Edward Winslow.

Alan M. Davis,  
Secretary

# The General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Organized 12 January 1897, Plymouth, MA

## *The 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims Celebration Committee*

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Your State Society and members are invited to join a competition organized by the GSMD 2020 Committee to create a **national logo** for the GSMD celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, the landing in Plymouth and the establishment of the Pilgrim colony.

Incorporate your ideas for both the celebration of this event and perhaps the future marketing image of GSMD into a design that you believe would be an appropriate symbol. You may organize your effort in any manner you see fit. In order to insure that good ideas are not excluded, there will be no limit to the number of entries a state or its members may submit. All entries for the contest should be received by the Chair of the **2020 Committee Logo Contest** before **April 15, 2014**. An independent jury of marketing professionals will review each entry and recommend a base group to the committee. Five of those entries will be published in the June Issue of the Mayflower Quarterly and those who wish to vote may do so. The winner will be announced at the triennial meeting of the General Congress in September 2014.

All entries will become the property of the GSMD unless the applicant is notified otherwise. More than one logo may be chosen for use by GSMD for special marketing applications for the 2020 celebration. If chosen as the winner, your submittal will be trademarked as a national GSMD logo. Prizes will be awarded to the top three logos selected. You will not be entitled to any other compensation. The winning logo will serve as the identification and basis for all GSMD marketing for this event. You will receive recognition in both the Mayflower Quarterly and at certain select GSMD events. More information will be in the December Mayflower Quarterly.

GENERAL SCHEDULE: December Mayflower Quarterly – more detailed contest information; **April 15, 2014** – logo submission deadline followed by jury review; June Mayflower Quarterly – five selected logos published for voting; **Winner announced Sept. 2014**



To: General Board of Assistants  
From: FGG Judith H. Swan, Congress Planning Chair

The registration form for the **upcoming 40th Mayflower General Congress** can be found on the society website and will appear in the March issue of The Mayflower Quarterly.

If you will require a special diet for the banquet, please let us know.

Registration will end August 9, 2014.

If you have any questions about Congress, please contact Judy at

[congressarrangements@themayflowersociety.com](mailto:congressarrangements@themayflowersociety.com)

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### ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS

**I will attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon May 3rd, 2014 at 11:00 am.**  
Wynlakes Country Club, Montgomery, **ALABAMA** (7900 Wynlakes Blvd, 36117  
(334) 279-0297)

Cost - *only* \$28.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend

\_\_\_\_\_ # Guests I am bringing (Please include their names)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed

Return to be received by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to:

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**WE'LL SEE YOU IN MONTGOMERY ON SATURDAY, MAY 3rd, 2014!!!!**

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