

ALABAMA PILGRIM

A Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama
May, 2013

ANNUAL MEETING

May 4th, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Westminster Retirement Village in the Pete Allen Room, Spanish Fort, AL

Guest Speaker – John Sledge, book reviewer

We have a great meeting scheduled in Spanish Fort in the coming weeks and you are invited to attend and be part of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama.

In 1897, a group of descendants of the Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620, saw the need for a national society to honor their memory. The intention was to remember these Pilgrims who established Plymouth Colony, in what was then called the northern part of Virginia.

Today there are millions of individuals descended from these brave souls. It is the goal of The Mayflower Society to join together people who share this heritage and to carry on the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors.

You are part of this tremendous heritage and we would like to fellowship with you during the upcoming State Annual meeting in Spanish Fort, Alabama.

Lt. Gov. Rob Howell and the Gulf Coast Colony has graciously agreed to serve as hosts for the upcoming Annual meeting.

Our speaker this year is John Sledge. Mr. Sledge is an author and book reviewer who has quite a resumé of publications. A sampling of John Sledge's work from The University of South Carolina Press is provided on the following page.

The reservation form is located within this newsletter. I hope to see you on May, 4th!

God bless you,
Rich Hobson



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A Gulf Coast Journalist on Books, Writers, and Literary Pilgrimages of the Heart

John S. Sledge

Foreword by Walter Edgar

A collection of extraordinary columns on all things literary from an accomplished Southern critic, historian, and preservationist

Southern Bound represents a running conversation on books, writers, and literary travel written by John S. Sledge for the *Mobile Press-Register* Books page from 1995 to 2011. The collection includes more than one hundred of the best pieces culled from Sledge's total output of approximately seven hundred columns. Numerous classic authors are celebrated in these pages, including Homer, Plato, Gibbon, Melville, Proust, Conrad, Cather, and Steinbeck as well as modern writers such as Walter Edgar, Tom Franklin, and Eugene Walter.

While some of the essays are relatively straightforward book reviews, others present meditative and deeply personal perspectives on the author's literary experiences such as serving on the jury in the play version *To Kill a Mockingbird*; spending the night alone in a Jesuit college library's venerable stacks; rambling through funky New Orleans bookshops; talking to Square Books owner Richard Howarth while overlooking the Oxford, Mississippi, courthouse; rereading *Treasure Island* on the shores of Mobile Bay; and remembering a beloved father's favorite books. Engaging and spirited, *Southern Bound* represents the critical art at its most accessible and will prove entertaining fare for anyone who loves the written word.

"John Sledge loves books, and in *Southern Bound* that feeling rolls along page after page, reminding us why we love them, too. He takes us through ... good books and great books in great writing of his own, from Charles Portis in the great *True Grit* to the writer across Mobile Bay. But, more than that, we see the great value in Sledge and writers like him ... who take on the closed minds and the book burners. I cannot imagine a world without books or without people like John Sledge who help me find and appreciate the best of them, and in them."—**Rick Bragg**

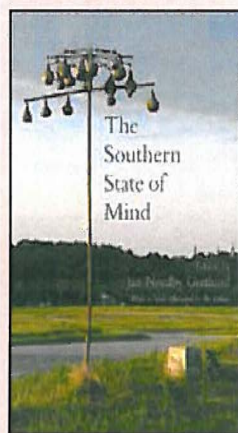


John S. Sledge, senior architectural historian for the Mobile Historic Development Commission, was the books editor for the *Mobile Press-Register* from 1996 to 2012 and is a member of the National Book Critics Circle. He holds a B.A. in history and Spanish from Auburn University and a master's in historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. Sledge is the author of three books with photography by Sheila Hagler, *Cities of Silence: A Guide to Mobile's Historic Cemeteries*, *An Ornament to the City: Old Mobile Ironwork*, and *The Pillared City: Greek Revival Mobile*. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Fairhope, Alabama.

"John Sledge's wonderful collection of essays is a literary labor of love by a man who loves and understands literature. A treasure to buy and a pleasure to keep for many years to come."—**Winston Groom**

"*Southern Bound* is a reader's and writer's delight. John Sledge's collection is a marvel of shrewd book commentary not to be missed. Spanning subjects from Mobile favorites to internationally recognized hot-shots, Sledge is incredibly generous, always explaining how a book or author affected him. Because of this singular tone, the whole book has a feeling of freedom and exploration about it. Read!"—**Helen Scully**

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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.

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

RESERVATION FORMS ON LAST PAGE

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We are here to serve The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. Anytime that we can assist you please let us know. We need your help, input, suggestions and support. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns. Thanks

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This spring we welcome 3 new members. They are **Carol Norman Huett, Laura Elizabeth Stephens Patterson** and **Fontaine Henriette Marcoux Haskell**. We extend a warm welcome to each of you and hope to see you on May 4th.

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 October 20th 2012 in Birmingham at The Club. The following Officers were present:

Governor – Rich Hobson
Deputy Governor – Ellie Lienau
Secretary – Alan M. Davis
Treasurer – Mary Helen Mahan
Historian – Charlotte Hobson

Elder- Ruby Hassell
Librarian- Carol Kitchens
Board of Assistant 1-Ann Ferguson
Board of Assistant 2-Monte Horton
Board of Assistant 3- Deen Rice
Deputy Governor General. – Alan M. Davis
Assistant General –Ann Ferguson
Lt. Gov. Gulf Coast Col- Not present
Lt. Gov. Cap Col- Alan M. Davis
Lt. Gov. TN. Val. Col -Marie Karlson

Governor Rich Hobson called the meeting to order at 11:13 o'clock a.m.

Ruby Hassell, Elder, read the Elder's Prayer, The Mayflower Compact, and the Objects of the Society.

Mary Helen Mahan led the meeting in reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

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

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 5, 2012 in Huntsville were read, voted on and approved as presented.

Mary Helen Mahan gave the **Treasurer's report** and the Society has a total balance of all accounts of \$19,663.81. She expressed her concerns about the interest rate on some of the accounts. After some discussion the report was voted on and approved as presented.

Governor Rich Hobson talked about Edward Winslow, one of his ancestors, who saved the Chief, who helped the Pilgrims. He is the only Pilgrim who has a portrait done in his lifetime. He reported that he had attended the Capital Colony meeting that was held in August at Wynlakes Country Club. He also said that he was going back and forth and throughout the state campaigning for Judge Roy Moore. He reported that he called or E-Mailed many members to attend the meeting today. He discussed the rich heritage we have being descendants of the Pilgrims and being Mayflower descendants. Discussions were held on trying to get more to attend our meetings. He also announced that our next State Society meeting will be in Mobile meeting with the Gulf Coast Colony.

Deputy Governor General, Alan M. Davis reported that he and Darlene had attended the General Board of Assistants Meeting that was held at Mount Laurel New Jersey on September 8th 2012. He reported that since Ann Ferguson had a much better detailed report that was E-mailed to him and part of it is in the Newsletter that he will defer to her to report on the General BOA Meeting. He did say that while on their return trip they had stopped at a Cracker Barrel restaurant in Front Royal Virginia that he saw the book "The Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick in its merchandise section. He announced that the next General B. O. A. Meeting will be in New Orleans and that he hopes to attend it.

Assistant Governor General, Ann Ferguson, reported on the General Board of Assistants Meeting that was held at Mount Laurel New Jersey on September 8th 2012. (See her detailed report). She commented that her report that was in the Newsletter was about her trip and side visits to some historical sites. She commented that when she attended the BOA meeting in San Diego and the Congress meeting that there was much friction among the General officers but that this meeting had a much better atmosphere and that she thinks we really have a good slate of General officers and that we have an excellent Governor General that seems to move us into the twenty-first century. She also inquired about our Society's "Brick" is being corrected and will be placed in the Mayflower house garden as soon as it is sent to Plymouth. She added that the Mayflower House is the largest single asset the General Society owns it is now air conditioned to help maintain the many antiques they have. She also said that all the artifacts and furnishings will be digitally photographed and catalogued for insurance purposes. Ann commented on the General Society's Website is up and running and that Pam and Pat Pittman have done an excellent job with our Society's Website. She said that our Deputy Governor General, Alan Davis made a suggestion that the duties of the Assistant Governor General duties should be listed in the Constitution and By-laws as the duties of the other officers are. This was referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Alan reported that he made this motion to make it official so that it would be taken care of. Ann told about her son who moved to Mobile and that he works at the airport and that he rented a room from a lady whom he found out afterwards to be Diane Kludge, a Mayflower member. She also said that her son will go to the Gulf Coast Colony meeting with Mrs. Kludge next week.

Deputy Governor Ellie Lienau thanked everyone for coming today. She also announced that we will tentatively plan on having our next Annual meeting in the Gulf Coast area next spring on May 4th, 2013.

The **Secretary, Alan Davis** reported that he is working on keeping our membership list concurrent with Bonnie Conant membership list of the General Historian's office in Plymouth to have the year-end report coincide with their list in Plymouth. He also reported that since our last meeting we had two deaths Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Ellie's Mother, who died right after our meeting in Huntsville. Mac Jones Smith a Life member who died August 19th 2012, he also reported that he had neglected informing the Elder Ruby Hassell about the deaths so she could send Sympathy cards. He added that he and Darlene had visited Philadelphia as well. He asked if anyone who has any changes of their information or if there is a death to please let him or Mary Helen know of these changes so that it can be reported. He also reminded everyone to please sign the Attendance book if they haven't.

The **Elder, Ruby Hassell** had no report to give. She added that if any members should pass away in the future please let her know so that Sympathy cards can be sent to their families.

The **Historian, Charlotte Hobson**, commented on a trip she had taken with her parents to England in the early 1970's. She added that a lot of people think that since they got their information on the Internet, especially Ancestry.com, that they can become

members but that a few of the people get horrified about the dues and fees they have to pay to join and that they have to have copies of all the documents. She reported that she has twenty to twenty-five applications and dealing with Plymouth and the working papers are an ongoing process. Our newest member to date is Joseph Michael Marcoux, who lives in Washington D.C. and said that his children will be joining soon and lives in the Birmingham area.

The **Librarian, Carol Kitchens** had no report.

Alan Davis, Lt. Gov. of the Capital Colony, announced that their meeting is tentatively planned for the second week of January; speaker to be determined and will likely be at Wynlakes Country Club. He also reported on the last Colony meeting held in August with SAR member Dr. Richard Erickson speaking on the first Medal of Honor and commented that it was the largest attended meeting, with close to 30 attendees, since he had been a part of the Colony.

Marie Karlson, Lt. Gov. of the Tennessee Valley Colony reported that their last meeting was the State Society meeting and Rich complemented that they did a great job hosting, she also announced that their meeting will meet next Saturday October 27th at the Mote Santo Hotel.

Rich announced the **Gulf Coast Colony** meeting for Robert Howell, Lt. Gov. of Colony, that their meeting will be next Saturday as well October 27th, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant on the causeway, and their program speaker will be Dr. Sidney L. Leak, III, Past Governor of our Society and he will speak on "General George McClellan, a Bradford Descendant"

NO OLD BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business before the Annual Meeting, it was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon for lunch by Governor Rich Hobson. He prayed and asked and thanked the Lord for our ancestry and to Bless our lunch.

After the meeting a delicious meal was served and our speaker was Dr. John Killian, Past President of the SAR of Alabama, who spoke on "Why is it significant why we are here?" He spoke of the Mayflower Pilgrims and said that George Washington when he spoke his first inaugural address of the founding of America and that he was talking about the American Revolution against the King of England and the British. He said we need to strongly reinforce our American identity in the world's community. He spoke on why we celebrate July 4th, the birthday of our country and independence from the King. He discussed the settlement of the United States and the various immigrants who settled the Colonies and the new States. He spoke particularly on the Ulster Scotch or Scotch-Irish immigrants who settled the Appalachia Mountain area of North Carolina and East Tennessee with their tenacity and their interaction with the Cherokee Indians. He also spoke of the "Regulator Movement" which was a precursor of the American Revolution.

Alan M. Davis

Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS

I will attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon May 4th, 2013 at 11:00 am.
Westminster Retirement Village
Spanish Fort, AL

Cost - \$16.00 per person _____ **Yes, I plan to attend**
_____ **# Guests I am bringing (Please include their names)**
_____, _____, _____,

_____ **Check enclosed**

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WE'LL SEE YOU IN SPANISH FORT ON SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2013!!!!

The hotels you will want to check out are about one mile south of Westminster
and are located at the I-10 interstate Daphne/ Spanish Ft. exit.

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