

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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September 24, 2017

COMPACT DAY MEETING AND LUNCHEON

October 28, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. (Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:30 a.m.)

The Club, Birmingham, Alabama

***Speaker – General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2017-2020
Member-At-Large Lisa H. Pennington***

Governor's Highlights

Please accept warm greetings for our upcoming Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL) Compact Day Meeting and Luncheon at *The Club* atop Red Mountain in Birmingham on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Our speaker is **Lisa Pennington**, who was elected in early September as a General Society Member-At-Large. Lisa will present her program ***"How Mayflower Women Saved Plymouth Colony,"*** and elaborate on the GSMD activities leading up to the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' voyage into history! Neither Alabama nor Auburn have scheduled football games that day (Alabama A&M and Alabama State play at Legion Field). Our host will be SMDAL member Kathryn Porter. We also will consider By-laws amendments and changes. *See below* for details.

Dealing with Hurricane Harvey, Texas Mayflower Society Governor Mike Nichols states that money gifts are more effective than physical supplies. Donations marked "Harvey Relief" are sought for: JJ Watts Foundation, <http://jjwfoundation.org> or Coastal Bend Community Foundation, <http://www.cbcfoundation.org>.

Gifted historian Mary Ann Neeley graced our Annual Meeting this spring in Montgomery. Her

expert, early Alabama history presentation that day is summarized below.

We continue to assemble a **SMDAL Speakers Bureau** on the 2020 Mayflower 400th anniversary. We seek a volunteer speakers' list to reach all Alabamians and promote our goal to educate about our ancestors' leading early 17th century historical roles. Let me hear from you. elienau@mchsi.com or **256-655-9452**.

Faithfully yours, Governor Ellie Lienau



*Governor Ellie Lienau, Speaker Mary Ann Neeley.
April 29, 2017, SMDAL Annual meeting in Montgomery*

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The officers serve the members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. If we can assist you, let us know. We welcome your help, input, and suggestions.

Historian of Montgomery's Alabama Bicentennial Presentation to Annual Meeting Audience

On April 29, 2017, "Historian of Montgomery" Mary Ann Neeley described upcoming bicentennial celebrations of Alabama territorial status and Statehood, with a particular focus on City of Montgomery early history.

Speaking without notes to SMDAL members and guests at the Montgomery Annual Meeting, she noted that Alabama initially was part of a Mississippi Territory. Following the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in the Creek War, a separate Alabama Territory was organized in March 1817, including large, 1817-18 land sales at Milledgeville, Georgia's federal land office, and elsewhere. The City of Montgomery was incorporated on December 3, 1819, and eleven days later, Alabama was founded (Dec. 14, 1819) as the 22nd State in the Union.

In 1817, two Montgomery founding fathers, Andrew Dexter, Jr. from Massachusetts (Ms. Neeley's "favorite founder, but with a life on seamy side") and General John Scott stepping over the line from Georgia, led a speculative rush to buy and sell properties along the Federal Road, with access to Alabama River. Some of that land became Montgomery's New Philadelphia, East Alabama Town, and Commerce Street. The City of Montgomery name honors General Richard Montgomery, who died in the American Revolutionary War attempting to capture Quebec City. Earlier, the County of Montgomery was named for Major Lemuel P. Montgomery, who died at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

She recounted the several earlier Alabama capital locations, including Huntsville in the north, where the State was organized, Saint Stephen's to the south, Cahaba chosen by the first Territorial Governor Wm. Wyatt Bibb, and Tuscaloosa to the west – all preceding the final selection of Montgomery as the capital in 1845, despite a later destruction of the Montgomery Capitol building itself by fire on December 14, 1877. Today, the State is installing new landscaping at the Capitol to commemorate 200 years of Alabama history.

Ms. Neeley also commented on the centennial anniversary of the end of World War I, which is being commemorated in Montgomery with a new Maxwell Air Force

Base monument to the airmen of that conflict and with a celebration of the U.S. Army's World War I 42d "Rainbow" Division.

Her closing words to her audience on the importance of history were to "Tell your stories. They will roll their eyes, but they will remember. Keep talking. Tell your stories."

Ms. Neeley spoke of her past Massachusetts visits, particularly praising Plimoth Plantation's reenactor role playing. She was accompanied to the Annual Meeting by her daughter-in-law Mary Alma McClurkin Neeley, also of Montgomery.

Alan Davis
Michel Marcoux

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Brenda Gouge & Mark Chesebro

**There are 17 New SMDAL Members
Since March 11, 2017
(these data are as of September 19, 2017)**

NEW MEMBERS

Nancye Virginia Pettis Gardner AL#592
GS 91131 – 13th in descent from Richard Warren

Carole Ann Kloss Moschella AL#593, GS 91132 – 12th in descent from Francis Cooke

Patricia Anne Stover Harper AL#594, GS 91133 – 12th in descent from John Alden

Sally Wallace Sandner Dew AL#595, GS 91290 – 14th in descent from William Brewster

Joseph Edward Sandner IV AL#596, GS 91291 -14th in descent from William Brewster

Mary Jane Inge Tingle AL#597, GS 91292 – 12th in descent from John Alden

Amy Elizabeth Day Carr AL#598, GS 91370 – 11th in descent from John Howland

Jacqueline Faye Hilleary Joiner AL#599, GS 91386 – 14th in descent from Edward Fuller

Kimberly Ellen Kinning Armstrong AL#600, GS 91425 -- 11th in descent from Edward Doty

Joseph Nelson Frost AL#601, GS 91469 – 14th in descent from John Billington

Rachael Carrie Frost AL#602, GS 91470 – 14th in descent from John Billington

Sandra Emmons DeTora AL#603, GS 91567 – 11th in descent from William Bradford

Ashley Elizabeth Campbell Lindley AL#604, GS 91752 – 13th in descent from Richard Warren

Kevin Duane Sellew AL#605, GS 91753 – 12th in descent from William Brewster

Angela Gail Jones Harlan AL#606, GS 86378, - 13th in descent from Peter Brown

Ian Joseph Copeland AL#607, GS _____, - 14th in descent from Miles Standish

Paul Eugene Harriman AL#608, GS _____, - 11th in descent from John Alden

SUPPLEMENTALS

Please contact us about any Supplemental Applications you are submitting. This is a great time to submit them, or to have your family members apply. The Plymouth Staff have agreed to work with us to treat such Applications expeditiously.

OVERVIEW

We have eight applications pending in Plymouth and about 20 being actively prepared for Plymouth.

Finally, we gratefully note that the SMDAL steadily has added members since our 1952 founding charter. This year, our 65th, we reached a new milestone. Our 600th new member, Kimberly Kinning Armstrong, was approved in May. As we note above,

Kimberly is 11th in descent from Edward Doty. She lives in Tuscaloosa and is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, now serving on the Faculty of the University of Alabama's Capstone College of Nursing as a Clinical Instructor. As an extra plus, her approval went through in Plymouth on her father's 82nd birthday! Through the years, other milestone members are:

- 1 – Myra Browne Koenig (1952)
- 100 - Serena Kirkpatrick Randolph (1959)
- 200 - Cornelia Doggett Fox Crumbaugh (1977)
- 300 - James Kelly Ardrey (1988)
- 400 - Arthur Bradley Forward (1998)
- 500 - Joseph Michel Marcoux (2012)
- 600 - Kimberly Ellen Kinning Armstrong (2017)

ELDER'S REPORT **IN MEMORIAM**

John A. Smith

Alma May (Moreno) McClurkin, a longtime Capital Colony member, died on May 4, 2017. She was 12th in descent from William Brewster, a Life Member of the SMDAL, and a Capital Colony Charter Member (AL#297L GS 53439). She was preceded in death by her husband, David Earl McClurkin. Alma is survived by her children, Martha Myers (Ronald L.), Earline Smith (Frank M.), and Mary Alma Neeley (Forrest), nine grandchildren (John David Myers, Matthew Myers, Caroline O'Neil, Debbie Myers, Matt Smith, Tyler Casey, Adam Smith, Carrie Eberly, and Collier Neeley) and four great-grandchildren. Our prayers are with Alma's family. The Capital Colony's Charter Meeting was held at Mary Anne Neeley's home, who is the mother-in-law of Alma McClurkin's daughter, Mary Alma Neeley (who accompanied the Speaker at the

SMDAL April 29, 2017, meeting in Montgomery).

N.B., in some cases, *in memoriam* information may be incomplete, or otherwise incorrect. Unfortunately, complete information often 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.

Also, would all Colonies please notify me of the death of any member? Send me the following information: Name, Colony, SMDAL and GSMD Numbers, Ancestor Descended From, Date of Death, Obituary if available (miadotdot@knology.net). John Alonzo Smith, 3112 Oak Ridge Court, Montgomery, Alabama 36109-3551. Telephone: 334-272-9469.

A SPECIAL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We extend our most cordial welcome to the 17 new Alabama Mayflower Society members listed above. You are our fellow relatives, and we very much wish to greet you warmly on Saturday morning, October 28, for our Compact Day meeting and luncheon overlooking downtown Birmingham at *The Club!* Be sure to attend to hear the informed remarks by Lisa Pennington, a recently elected, General Society of Mayflower Descendants (i.e., Plimoth!) Member-At-Large.

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES

Pursuant to the notice provisions of Article XXIV, Sec. A, of the SMDAL Constitution and By-laws, please be informed that the following proposed amendments and changes to those By-laws will be considered at the October 28, 2017, SMDAL meeting. Proposed new changes are **Bold and Underlined**; deletions are ~~Strikethroughs~~:

V. OFFICERS:

A. Officers of this Society shall be:

Governor
Deputy Governor
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian
Elder
Captain
Librarian
Four Assistants **(Members-at-Large)**
Deputy Governor General **(DGG)**
Assistant General **(AG)**

The Deputy Governor General and Assistant General are Officers of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and shall be selected by the State Society Nominating Committee. It is hoped that these two officers will be able to attend General Society national meetings.

VI. BOARD OF ASSISTANTS:

A. Membership shall consist of:

1. The above officers
2. All former Governors
3. Lieutenant Governors of all Colonies
4. ~~Four elected Members at large called Assistants.~~

B. TERM OF OFFICE:

1. The following shall not succeed themselves:
The Governor
Deputy Governor
2. The following may succeed themselves:
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian
Elder
Captain
Librarian
Assistants
Deputy Governor General
Assistant General

C. **DUTIES OF:** Shall have charge and general direction of the affairs of the Society.

D. ~~C.~~ **VACANCIES:**

1. In the Board of Assistants:

In its own body and of any office may be filled by the Board of Assistants for the unexpired term with the exception of the office of Governor.

2. In the office of Governor:

The Deputy Governor shall immediately succeed to the office and serve the unexpired term, thereby leaving vacant the office of Deputy Governor, the unexpired term of which may be filled by the Board of Assistants.

E. ~~D.~~ ELECTION: A majority vote of those present and voting shall constitute an election.

F. ~~E.~~ MEETING of Board of Assistants

1. Shall be no less than twice a year.
2. Shall be at a reasonable date and time prior to the Regular and Annual meetings.
3. Notice shall be no less than one week prior to the meeting.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS

A. Nominating Committee

1. Three ~~Five~~ members will be proposed by the Governor to be approved ~~members will be appointed~~ by the Board of Assistants at the Fall ~~November~~ meeting after the GSMD Congress (or Triennial Meeting).
2. Will prepare nominations for all officers for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter.
3. Will choose its Chair.

B. ELECTIONS:

1. Officers and Assistants of this Society shall be elected by ballot or voice vote at the Annual meeting.
2. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor for any office, with written approval of the nominee.
3. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall constitute an election.

C. TERM OF OFFICE:

1. A term of office is three years or until their successors are elected.
2. The officers elected shall take up the duties of their office immediately after the meeting at which they are elected.

VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

A. GOVERNOR:

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants.
2. Shall appoint all committees, (except the nominating committee) authorized by the State and General Societies.
3. Shall be ex-officio member of all Colonies, Boards, and Committees except the nominating committee.
4. Shall approve and sign all contracts and obligations authorized by the State Society or Board of Assistants.
5. Shall approve all disbursements.
6. Shall perform such duties pertaining as pertain to the chief officer of the organization as are specified in the parliamentary authority adopted by the State Society and in the ~~laws~~ By-laws of the General Society. ~~and in these by laws.~~
7. ~~For voting at triennial meeting, see Article VII, Sections 1: a, b, c; 4 of the General Society Constitution and Bylaws.~~

B. DEPUTY GOVERNOR:

1. Shall exercise all the functions of the office of Governor in case of his (or her) absence or disability.
2. Shall be responsible for securing the date, place of meetings, the speaker, and the planning of any meals or refreshments connected with the meetings, the table decorations, etc., and shall notify the membership as to the cost ~~thereof.~~
3. Shall order the past Governor's medal.
4. Shall perform other duties as assigned

C. SECRETARY:

1. Shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of the Society and Board of Assistants meetings.
2. Shall keep a correct roll of members as of December 31st last preceding, with State and General numbers, names of ancestors and dates of admission.
3. Shall be custodian of the seal of the Society, the Charter of the Society **and a list of Society property.**
- ~~4. Shall order insignias, emblems and rosettes as members pay for them.~~
- ~~5. Shall handle transfers of the Alabama's Society members of good standing.~~
6. Shall transmit annually to the General Secretary on or before February 1st a statement giving the total number of Alabama Society members as of December 31st last preceding, and any important activities of the Alabama Society during the last Society year.
5. ~~7.~~ Shall transmit to the General Historian the State Society Membership Changes throughout the year of the names of all new members added, Transfers, Name Changes, Deaths, Dropped, Resigned, Reinstated, and Dual memberships.
- ~~8. Shall transmit to the General Society such additional data as may be desired.~~
- ~~9. Shall give due notice to the members of all meetings~~
- ~~10.~~ Shall conduct the correspondence of the State Society.
- ~~11. Shall perform such other duties as the office may require.~~
- ~~12. Shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee~~
- 7. Shall perform other duties as assigned**

D. TREASURER:

1. Shall take charge of all funds belonging to the Society.
2. Shall keep suitable books of account.
3. Shall charge, collect and receive all fees and dues and all other money payable to the Society.
4. Shall invest with approval of the Finance Committee all special funds of the Society in accordance with guidelines for 501(c) (3) status.
5. Shall make all necessary disbursements upon the approval of the Governor.
6. Shall report the condition of the Treasury at all meetings of the Society and Board of Assistants and to the Governor at any time ~~they or~~ either of them may request.
- ~~7. Shall report at annual meeting in full of all receipts and disbursements of the preceding fiscal year.~~
- ~~7.8.~~ Shall send each member notice of annual dues.
- ~~8.9.~~ Shall send to the Treasurer General **GSMD** from the funds of the Society ~~each year~~ the payments required by ~~Article XII, Section 2 of~~ the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society.
- ~~9.10.~~ Shall maintain funds of Life Membership dues in a separate account.
- ~~10.11.~~ Shall, if the Board of Assistants requires it, furnish bond, in excess of the estimated funds in his possession at any time, for the faithful handling of the funds, the premium of such bond to be paid from the funds of the Society.
- ~~12.~~ ~~The Colony Treasurer may assist in collecting dues and sending them to the State Treasurer.~~
- ~~11.13.~~ Shall complete annually an up-to-date list of members in good standing and send a copy to the Historian, Governor, and Secretary, ~~and Year Book Chairman.~~
- ~~12.14.~~ Shall complete annually an up-to-date list of each Colony's member in good standing and send it to the Colony Lieutenant Governor **along with check for Colony's Per Capita dues.**
- ~~15.~~ ~~Shall serve on the Year Book Committee.~~
- 13. Shall timely submit all 501 (c)(3) filings required by the IRS.**
- 14. Shall perform other duties as assigned.**

E. HISTORIAN:

- ~~1.~~ Shall receive from the Membership Committee the approved Preliminary Application Form.
- ~~1.2.~~ Shall examine all Worksheets and supplemental papers.
- ~~2.3.~~ Shall send prepared Application and Supplemental papers to applicants for corrections and signature.
- ~~3.4.~~ Shall sign and give the date of approval of the applicant-signed lineage papers.
- ~~4.5.~~ Shall be custodian of all ~~blank lineage papers~~ **books, papers, or materials used for the duty of the Historian.**

- ~~5.6. Shall be custodian of all blank Preliminary Application Forms but may disperse said to members and applicants~~
- ~~7. Shall be custodian of all completed, approved papers returned by the Historian General for filing.~~
- ~~6.8. Shall prepare and certify copies of lineage papers of members desiring to transfer to another State Society.~~
- ~~7.9. Shall assign State Numbers to new members.~~
- ~~8.10. Shall, on receiving a transferee, notify the Historian General within five days of election, the fact of the transfer, the name and the new State number for the transferee.~~
- ~~9.11. Shall issue Passport-certificates of membership.~~
- ~~10.12. Shall mail new members notice of their election.~~
- ~~11.13. Shall furnish the Secretary and Treasurer a complete and up to date roll of approved members.~~
- ~~12.14. Shall ensure promptly delivery to the Treasurer of all fees and dues ~~received~~ from applicants.~~
- ~~13. Shall perform other duties as assigned~~

F. ELDER:

1. Shall lead prayers, the Objects of the Society, and The Mayflower Compact at all meetings when called upon.
2. Shall conduct memorial services at meetings.
3. Shall conduct such other religious services as occasions may require.
4. Shall send condolences.
5. Shall perform other duties as assigned

G. CAPTAIN:

- ~~1. Shall execute all directions of the Governor of the Society.~~
1. Shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag at all meetings when called upon.
2. Shall act as Marshal on all occasions of ceremony.
3. Shall be custodian of the Society Flags and see that they are properly displayed when required.
4. Shall perform other duties as assigned.

H. THE LIBRARIAN:

1. Shall keep ~~the~~ scrapbook of all activities of the State Society.
- ~~2. Shall keep a record of all activities of the State Society.~~
- ~~2.3. Shall file~~ archive historical documents and papers.
- ~~4. Shall do any other works assigned to him (or her) by the State Board of Assistants.~~
- ~~3.5. The records kept by the Librarian are the property of the Society.~~
4. Shall perform other duties as assigned.

I. DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL: See Article III, Section 2, paragraph a., b Section 3, Article V, Section 3, 6, Article VIII, Section 1 Shall perform duties as described in the General Society's Constitution and Bylaws.

- ~~1. For voting at triennial meeting, see Article VII, Section 4 of the General Society's Constitution.~~
2. Shall be designated to attend the General Society Board of Assistants meetings and General Congress as described in the General Society's Constitution and Bylaws.

J. ASSISTANT GENERAL: See Article III, Section 2, paragraph a., b Section 3, Article V, Section 3, 6, Article VIII, Section 1 Shall perform duties as described in the General Society's Constitution and Bylaws.

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IX. — BOARD OF ASSISTANTS:

[Section A. will be moved to ARTICLE VI Section C.

- ~~B. Shall meet prior to the meeting of the Society, and at such other times as it shall be called by~~

~~the Governor or in response to written requests signed by one third of its members. Members shall be notified of all meetings of the Board at least one week prior to such meetings.~~

~~C. May, except the office of Governor, fill vacancies among its members for unexpired terms by a majority vote of the members present and voting.~~

~~D. Shall fill vacancies in any other offices of the Society. SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES RENUMBERED.]~~

41st General Congress, by Ann Ferguson, Assistant General

The 41st General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, at the *Hotel 1620*, September 10-12, 2017. Alabama was represented by five delegates: Alan Davis, Ann Ferguson, Ellie Lienau, Mary Helen Mahan, and Michel Marcoux. Highlights include:

- Three amendments to the constitution were passed.
- An agreement to partner with NEHGS to digitize and index GSMD records was approved.
- A feasibility study on proposed plans for our GSMD campus was approved dependent on raising funds. The first proposed project is to build an annex between the library and the administrative building behind the Mayflower Society House.
- *Family Tree* is offering a discount to GSMD members for DNA testing. A “Mayflower Society DNA Project” is being compiled.
- GSMD website has information for Junior members, under Education Committee, and a Handbook for Junior chairs under Juniors section.
- GSMD is financially strong. New membership approval is robust but member deaths are resulting in static overall membership.



Mary Helen Mahan, Ellie Lienau, Ann Ferguson



Alan Davis, Michel Marcoux, Ellie Lienau,
Mary Helen Mahan, Ann Ferguson

There was much excitement and information regarding on-going 2020 plans. Highlights include:

- The tentative plan for 2020 Congress includes a week-long agenda of activities in Boston and Provincetown, as well as Plymouth.
- A bronze monument has been commissioned of Governor Bradford to include a perpetually lit candle with his famous “lit candle” quote.
- The sarcophagus has been refurbished.
- It is looking good that we will have a Mayflower U.S. postage stamp. The commemorative coin is more questionable.
- All member societies are requested to donate a minimum of \$5,000 to the \$3 million endowment needed to obtain the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House. Grants and corporations will be approached to procure the money needed also.

A new Executive Director has been hired. New GSMD officers were elected (to lead us to 2020!). All names can be found on the GSMD website.

Mayflower Family Societies

Mayflower family societies are run by descendants with a focus on a particular Pilgrim family and their lineage. Many descendants become involved with one or more family societies besides being a GSMD member. As a member of GSMD, you can easily join one of the Family Societies with which we partner, with the Societies requiring some or no lineage information. Dues also vary. See the GSMD website (www.themayflowersociety.org) under the “Our Society” tab at “GSMD Partnerships”. Any of the family societies are a great way to meet other “cousins” and friends.

I belong to the Fuller Society, which is designed for those with either Dr. Samuel or Edward as an ancestor. It only requires that you give contact information and pay minimal dues. Their website says that anyone can join. They had their annual meeting right after the General Congress in Hyannis, on Cape Cod. The first night was just a get together and the next day offered the choice between exploring the area or visiting the Sturgis Library in Barnstable, which is the oldest library building there and the original home for the Rev. John Lothrop. His Bible was on display along with pictures of family members. Our guide was most interesting about their history. The Fuller Society banquet was that night and officers for the next three years were installed. The last day we went to Nantucket Island. We took a bus ride around the island and learned much about the place. We were on our own for the rest of the time until we took the ferry back to Hyannis. Then, we said our good-byes as most people were leaving the next morning.

The two and a half days is typical of Fuller Society meetings. In October 2018, the Society meeting will be in Cooperstown, New York, with details to follow in the *Mayflower Quarterly*.

Ellie Lienau
SMDAL Governor



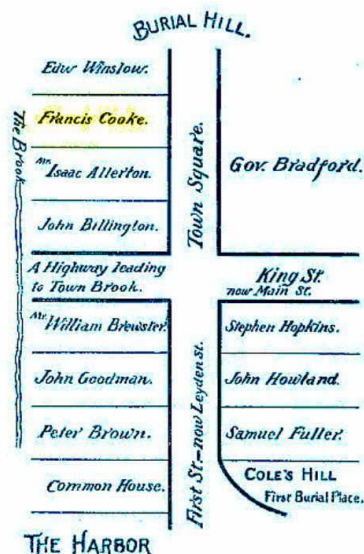
Your Most Excellent Mayflower & Pilgrim Quiz!

Jack Dwyer,
Gulf Coast Colony
Lieutenant Governor

Can you answer the questions?
Some are easier. Some not so
much! Correct choices are listed
on this *Newsletter's* last page.

- About how long was the deck of the *Mayflower*?
a. 30 feet b. 50 feet c. 80 feet d. 120 feet e. 200 feet
- Where in the *Mayflower* did the passengers live and sleep?
a. gun deck b. cargo hold c. main mast d. cabin e. steerage
- Where in the ship was the food cooked and stored?
a. between decks b. cabin c. cargo hold d. forecastle e. steerage
- What was the name of the other Pilgrim ship that started leaking and did not make the trip?
a. *Fortune* b. *Queen Anne* c. *Speedwell* d. *Little James* e. *Arbella*

Wm. Bradford's sketch of 1620-21 Plimoth beginnings. The sketch, titled "The meersteads & garden plots of which came first layed out 1620" is the only known map of the earliest town layout. The original sketch is bound into the front of a manuscript volume entitled "Plimouths Great Book of Deeds of Lands Enrolled from Ano 1627 to Ano 1651." The first part of the volume is in the handwriting of Governor William Bradford, as is the map. The volume now comprises Vol. 12, Deeds, &c. Vol. 1 1620-1651, *Plymouth Colony Records*. The sketch shows seven lots, facing "the streete" and bisected by a "high way." The lots are located on what Bradford terms "The south Side" and "The north Side" of "the streete." South side lots below the highway carry the names Peter Brown, John Goodman, Mr. William Brewster. Those above were allocated to John Billington, Mr. Isaak Allerton, Francis Cooke, Edward Winslow. North side lots below the highway bear the names Samuel Fuller, John Howland, Stephen Hopkins, while the land above has the name Gov. Bradford. See also *History of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647* by William Bradford (vol. I, Mass. Hist. Soc'y, Worthington C. Ford, ed. 1912) 193-95 & n.1.



5. What English Colony had been the original destination for the *Mayflower*?
a. Maryland b. Georgia c. Connecticut d. New York e. Virginia
6. Where in the *Mayflower* did the crew sleep?
a. cabin b. cargo hold c. between decks d. forecastle e. main deck
7. What Native American people lived near the Pilgrims at Plimoth Colony?
a. Cherokee b. Choctaw c. Wampanoag d. Sioux e. Seminole
8. The Pilgrim men signed what paper to agree on how to run the Colony?
a. Constitution b. Mayflower Compact c. Plymouth Agreement
d. Bradford Covenant e. Social Contract
9. Which Native American taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn and to fish?
a. Sassamon b. Chief Nauset c. Massasoit d. Sequoyah e. Squanto
10. How long did it take for the *Mayflower* to sail from England to Cape Cod?
a. 33 days b. 45 days c. 66 days d. 70 days e. 82 days
11. What Indian tribe befriended the Pilgrims and helped them hunt, fish, and plant crops?
a. Beothuk b. Mohegan c. Wampanoag d. Narragansett
12. When was Thanksgiving proclaimed as a national holiday? By whom?
a. In 1628, by Governor William Bradford, as a Mayflower Compact amendment
b. in 1676, by Edward Rawson, Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony
c. In 1789, by President George Washington, as one of his first executive orders
d. In 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln, when settler descendants lobbied him and Congress
13. What eventually happened to the *Mayflower* after it returned to England?
a. It was taken over by Spanish mutineers
b. After a few years of commercial shipping use, it was tied up in probate after its owner died
c. The British captured it and burned it as a symbol of upstart Americans
d. It sank in a storm at sea
14. After a person came ashore in Plymouth, climbed a tree, and claimed to have spotted a "great sea" in the distance, what a large pond still carries his name today?
a. Bradford's Sea b. Brewster's Pond c. Hopkins Lake d. Billington's Sea
e. Standish's Bay
15. What was the first building the Pilgrims built?
a. church b. family house c. community center d. hot house for plants e. outhouse
16. Who was the first Governor of Plymouth Colony?
a. Wm. Bradford b. Wm. Brewster c. John Billington d. Myles Standish
e. John Carver

17. In 1623, as the Pilgrims divided up the land at Plymouth, each family was given how many acres per family member(s) who were on the *Mayflower*?
a. five acres b. six acres c. two acres d. one acre e. three acres
18. Upon anchoring in what became Provincetown Harbor, which rambunctious youth nearly caused a disaster on the *Mayflower* by shooting his father's gun inside a cabin, sending sparks near an open gunpowder barrel, and causing a fire nearly blowing up the ship?
a. Richard More b. Love Brewster c. John Cooke d. Francis Billington e. Giles Hopkins
19. What does American historian Karen O. Kupperman say was the prime reason for the success of the Pilgrims' early New England settlements?
a. They had superior technology
b. They settled on land already cleared and cultivated by American Indians who had died from diseases brought by the earliest European settlers
c. They were immune to the diseases of the New World
d. They had guns and the Native Americans didn't
20. How many of the original *Mayflower* passengers died in the first Plymouth winter?
a. none b. a few c. half d. all of them
21. Who was the only University-educated *Mayflower* Pilgrim passenger? What University?
a. John Carver b. Richard Warren c. Henry Samson d. Wm. Brewster e. Edward Doty
22. Probably, the most terrifying trial of the *Mayflower* voyage was when the ship's main beam cracked in a storm. The ship could have foundered in the middle of the Atlantic! The crew dragged a spare beam from the ship's hold and put it under the broken beam, but it did not stay in place. The Pilgrim passengers then brought out a carpenter's house building tool they had brought from Holland that raised and held the beam in place. What was that tool?
a. great iron screw b. saw horse with rope and pulley c. block and tackle with rope d. rope lift
23. John Goodman brought his two dogs along for the voyage. What breeds were his dogs?
a. Spaniel & Airedale Terrier b. Bulldog & Foxhound c. Spaniel & Mastiff d. Shetland Sheep Dog & Collie
24. Which *Mayflower* passenger brought his wife Alice and children Priscilla and Joseph aboard ship, along with over 250 shoes and 13 pairs of boots (he was a shoemaker)?
a. John Alden b. Francis Cooke c. William Mullins d. Stephen Hopkins e. George Soule
25. Eighteen adult women sailed on the *Mayflower*. Only five survived the first winter. One of them, Katherine Carver, died in May 1621 of a "broken heart" (her husband, Governor John Carver, died in April), leaving which four women to care for 48 other survivors?
a. Elinor Billington b. Alice Mullins Elizabeth Hopkins c. Mary Brewster d. Susanna (White) Winslow e. Elizabeth Hopkins f. all save Alice Mullins g. none of the above

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.

We encourage SMDAL members to sponsor their young relatives for junior membership. This fall, the SMDAL recognizes and welcomes nine new Junior Members: Emma DeToro, Kendall DeToro, Lydia Duffell, Emery Eberly, Austin Forbes, Conner Forbes, Edith Merkel, Eleanor Merkel, and Everley Merkel. Congratulations to them!

The *Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama* now has a total of 59 Junior Members. Please contact Stacy Smith to update any Junior information: ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com; (256) 996-3979. A new junior member certificate has been made and now is being issued to new members.

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 thus transferred to GSMD membership by age 25. Please provide this junior membership information and return 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) in Plymouth Harbor

Message from the Treasurer

2018 dues are due by December 31, 2017. Please, please, please get them in to me on time! Dues are just \$30 which is quite the bargain among historical societies!

Alabama Mayflower Society dues have always been due by the last day of each year for the following year. We collect dues from our members and submit the General Society (GSMD) and Colony dues to the respective Colony Treasurers. The GSMD has reporting deadlines that each State must meet. These deadlines require that we collect our dues timely. Otherwise, it is very difficult to meet our deadlines and report accurately the number of members for which we owe dues. Dues are \$30 per year. Currently, the dues to GSMD are \$15 per member and the colonies receive \$6 per member. Thus, the Alabama Society only retains \$9 for its State operation. Please try to get your dues in on time. **We thank all members in advance for your assistance in this.** As Treasurer, I would really like to be able to submit the membership numbers to the General Society accurately and timely so that adjustments do not have to be made later before dues are paid. It takes your cooperation to be able to do this.

The **2018 Membership Renewal Form** is found at the end of this *Newsletter*, just before the Compact Day reservation form. Either “print” or “cut” it out and submit it with your dues. If you are paying dues for multiple family members, you may submit just one form with the other members listed below. If contact information is the same there is no need to write the same information multiple times. And, consider giving Friends memberships at only \$20 each.

Very important information is included in this form as it is the only communication that

we receive back from many of you each year. Please use the form to make sure that our contact information is updated and correct. E-mail addresses are especially important as we save many dollars and much time by being able to send our newsletters by e-mail -- in beautiful color.

Please be sure to circle the Colony with which you desire to affiliate, or “none” if you do not want to participate in a Colony. The Colonies are listed in alphabetical order on the **2018 Membership Renewal Form**. This is to ensure that we have you assigned to the correct Colony. This is our only way of knowing your intentions.

Life Members – I request that you submit a 2018 Membership Renewal Form as well so that we will know that your contact information is correct and your Colony selection is as you wish it to be. If you have e-mail, you may submit it to me by e-mail. My e-mail is mhm.smdal@charter.net.

As reported last year, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama is now officially a 501(c)(3) organization and we are up to date with the required filings.

Thanking you in advance for promptly paying your 2018 dues and/or submitting the 2018 Membership Renewal Form. As always, if you have any questions please contact me either by phone (334-201-6070), e-mail (mhm.smdal@charter.net) or at Post Office Box 230893, Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0893.

Respectfully yours, Mary Helen Mahan

Dues: Please make your check payable to the “SMDAL” and send it to Post Office Box 230893, Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0893.

The Mayflower Society
General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD)

4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360-3313
Founded at Plymouth in 1897

Welcome! Anyone who arrived in Plymouth on the *Mayflower* and survived the initial hardships now is considered a Pilgrim, with no distinction to be made based on their original purpose(s) for making that voyage into history. Any person able to document their descent from one or more of the following such *Mayflower* passengers is eligible and most welcome to apply for Mayflower Society 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 White
Mrs. James Chilton	John Howland	William White
Mary Chilton	Richard More	Edward Winslow

Many families enjoy 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 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 line 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 be 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 original Pilgrims, through at least the earliest generations, can be found in the GSMD's *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, i.e., the "Silver Books." Mayflower Society memberships are handled through individual State societies, including the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. To receive a membership application and lineage research guidance, contact the State society through which you want to apply. Contact



information for the State societies is available at “Join GSMD” on the Mayflower Society website, as is a downloadable Membership brochure providing useful information: www.themayflowersociety.org.

If you want to inquire about Alabama Mayflower Society membership, or if you are an existing member and wish to encourage someone else to inquire about membership, please contact or encourage others to contact Alabama Society Historian Brenda Gouge: Home Telephone, 334-222-0347; Cell Telephone, 806-679-4314; E-Mail, bgouge@centurylink.net OR Board of Assistants Member-

at-large Mark Chesebro: Home Telephone, 205-969-1683; E-Mail, mchesebro@yahoo.com.

Additionally, you may telephone or e-mail the GSMD national office with membership questions: 508-746-3188; membership@themayflowersociety.org. You can inquire at the GSMD about a possible Mayflower genealogical line using the optional “Preliminary Review Form” (\$25.00 fee) found by a link at www.themayflowersociety.org, *Membership Information*.

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SMDAL Board of Assistants meeting in Montgomery prior to SMDAL Annual Meeting. April 29, 2017

We publish these unapproved minutes for two reasons. 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. 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
Annual Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2017

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL) met on Saturday, April 29, 2016, at the Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, Alabama.

Governor Ellie Lienau called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM. Elder John Smith gave the Prayer and read the Objects and the Compact. Captain Anne Kilgrow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Governor Lienau called the Roll Call and welcomed new members and guests.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as published.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Governor - Ellie Lienau: Ellie attended several Colony meetings and will be going to the General Congress in September.

Deputy Governor - Alan Davis: Alan welcomed everyone to the Capital Colony and announced speaker Mary Ann Neeley. He asked that everyone let him know in advance if you are planning to attend a meeting so that the SMDAL can make reservations. Also, he said please to remember to sign in and to pay Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan for your meal(s). The next meeting will be in Birmingham at *The Club* on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Deputy Governor General - Alan Davis: Alan and Ann Ferguson will attend the General Congress in Plymouth in September.

Assistant General - Ann Ferguson: Ann made presentations to all the second-grade classes at her local school last November. She was in pilgrim attire. The children later went on a field trip to the American Village in Montevallo where they participated in the Thanksgiving program. She sent a thank you letter to the American Village for their efforts. She wrote an article for the *Newsletter* about the Mayflower II, including a picture of the wood at the shipyard. The SMDAL Board of Assistants (BOA) have voted to donate \$1,000, over three years, for the Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, *Mayflower II* restoration. Inge Tingle has started a Twitter account and a Facebook

page for the Alabama Society (name: “Alabama Mayflower Society”; please participate in them). Ann attended the January 21, 2017, BOA meeting, the March 18, 2017, Bylaws Committee meeting, and the Capital Colony meeting in Montgomery. She contacted Dr. George Garmany, the GSMD Assistant Governor General and Chair of the GSMD 2020 Committee, to obtain updated information about the Commemorative Coin Initiative. The U.S. House and Senate bills regarding a Mayflower coin expired when Congress adjourned. A new effort is being initiated in cooperation with Illinois Representative Bill Foster and Massachusetts Representative Bill Keating to produce a new bill.

Secretary - Nancy Logan: No report.

Treasurer - Mary Helen Mahan: We are in good financial shape, ending 2016 with \$6,498.96 in our checking account. There is \$5,921.51 in our Life Dues account. We have two CDs with a totaling together about \$7,000.00. Our total ending balance is \$19,903.65.

Historian - Brenda Gouge: Since this time last year, we have 45 new members with eight more people’s papers in Plymouth waiting approval. The next person will be Alabama Mayflower Society number 600!

Librarian - Carol Kitchens: Carol was not present, but we are continuing to look for a place to archive our material.

Elder - John Smith: Please notify John of a death of any member so that he can send our condolences. miadotdot@knology.net; 334-272-9469. He attended a memorial service for one member and sent condolence cards to families of two other members who have passed away this year.

Captain - Anne Kilgrow: No report.

Junior Members - Stacy Smith: We have 48 junior members now, including three new members since our last meeting. Junior members receive a State Certificate. Mayflower Insignia also may be purchased for junior members. The onetime junior membership fee is \$10.00.

Newsletter - Michel Marcoux: The next *Newsletter* will come out as soon as possible in September after the Plymouth General Congress. All articles and photographs are now welcome.

General BOA members: No report.

Reports of Colonies:

Cahaba River - Michel Marcoux: CRC holds their spring meeting a week from today in Hoover.

Capital Colony - Alan Davis: CC will have their next meeting in August, date to be determined. We are selecting officers and if you are willing to serve please let me know.

Gulf Coast - Jack Dwyer: We had our spring meeting with 27 people attending. We have a Facebook page (“Gulf Coast Colony”). In November, we will be having a big Compact Day meeting, and more information will follow.

Tennessee Valley - Stacy Smith: Our spring meeting is scheduled for next Saturday, May 6, 2017, in Huntsville and I am going to speak. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our fall meeting will be a tour of the Salem Witch House in Huntsville and everyone is welcome to attend that also. We have reserved a window display in the Huntsville Library in November to promote the Alabama Mayflower Society.

Old Business:

2020 Activities: We are writing a Resolution to present to the Governor of Alabama and any Alabama Mayors. If anyone has any other ideas, let us know please.

GSMD Congress: Congress will be held in September 2017 in Plymouth. Ellie Lienau, Mary Helen Mahan, Michel Marcoux, and Brenda Gouge are planning to attend as Delegates, joining Deputy Governor General Alan Davis and Assistant General Ann Ferguson. We may be able to have another Delegate if we have enough new members by this July 1st.

Speakers Bureau: We are listing people who might be willing to speak to genealogical groups.

Mayflower Families: There are Mayflower descendant family societies that might be of interest. See the GSMD website for details.

New Business:

Board of Assistants: We met in January, with a synopsis of the meeting's minutes reported in the *Newsletter*. We also met just before today's meeting. We are developing a Booth In A Box exhibit (from the GSMD) to publicize the Alabama Mayflower Society. We are talking about developing some committees such as Education. Our Charter and Seal appear to be lost. Alan Davis has designed a replacement Charter and the GSMD has started using Alan's design as a template, recognizing Alan for this work.

Friends of the Society: Anyone can join as a SMDAL friend by making a small annual dues payment. As noted above, junior members make a one-time only dues payment.

Recognitions: Ellie presented Michel Marcoux with a Certificate of Appreciation for his SMDAL program presentation as Elder William Brewster on October 29, 2016. Ellie and Michel asked Brenda Gouge and Mark Chesebro to stand and be recognized for all their hard work on the 2016-17 growth of our Society.

Compact Day Meeting: It will be held in Birmingham on October 28, 2017, at *The Club*.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

A delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all. The program was given by Mary Ann Neeley who spoke about the history of Montgomery. See report, pages 2-3 above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Logan, Secretary

Colony Activities

Cahaba River Colony: On May 6, 2017, Ms. Mary Beth Newbill covered considerable Alabama history in interesting fashion for CRC members assembled at the Riverchase Country Club on the Cahaba River in Hoover. She showed slides of Southeast region/Alabama maps that she and others have curated from the Birmingham Public Library's extensive collection. Forming part of the BPL's Alabama Bicentennial Exhibit, the maps are circulating for public viewing (*Alabama's History in Maps*) across the State through the end of 2019. The maps also are accessible online, scanned in high resolution, at www.bplonline.org/almaps.

Much of the BPL's 16th-20th century map collection was the 1964 gift of Mr. Rucker Agee, of the former Sterne, Agee & Leach investment firm. Perhaps the collection's most valuable item is the



unique, 11 volume, *Atlas Major*, created and published by the Dutch Blaeu family of printers in Amsterdam. Ms. Newbill commented that when completed, in Latin in 1662, the *Atlas Major* likely was the world's most expensive book. Observing it is "not something people expect a public library to have", the *Atlas Major* may be viewed at the BPL's 2100 Park Place building in Birmingham in a wooden case equipped, she explained, "with rollers, so that in case of fire it will be the first thing out the door." Besides Mr. Agee, other generous contributors to the BPL map collections include John C. Henley III, Dr. Charles Ochs, and Joseph H. Woodward II.

Mary Beth Newbill, Department Head, Birmingham Public Library Southern History and Government Documents, presenting on May 6, 2017, at the CRC Riverchase Country Club meeting in Hoover

Ms. Newbill structured her historical excursion in four parts: Early Settlement, 1545-1818; Alabama as a State, 1819-1865; Modern Alabama, 1865-Present; and Natural Resources showing Alabama resources and geology, besides agriculture, leading to economic development such as Birmingham steel production, Sylacauga marble, petroleum, natural gas and (!) gold mines. In several striking visuals, after an 1833 map showing Alabama locations for the Cherokees and the Creeks, later maps entirely omitted native American habitats. From the 1830s on, as villages, cities, and counties were forming, such maps were a form of investment "propaganda" assuring prospective land buyers that native Americans were absent. Ms. Newbill will give her talk across the State as part of Alabama's Bicentennial. She observes that "People respond to maps. Maps are an excellent way to tell Alabama's story."

Any CRC member considering Colony officer service should contact Inge Tingle. inge.tingle@gmail.com. Also, if you know anyone at our central Alabama universities, colleges, museums, or other cultural institutions who would be a good speaker on early U.S. history, please tell me or Nell Rose Brackett (nellrosebrackett@gmail.com).



Overlooking Cahaba River waters are (right to left) SMDAL Governor Ellie Lienau and CRC Officers Member-at-large Mary Jane Tingle, Lieutenant Governor Inge Tingle, Assistant Lieutenant Governor Nell Rose Brackett, Secretary-Treasurer Michel Marcoux. May 6, 2017, CRC meeting at the Riverchase Country Club in Hoover.

Last, but not least, our Cahaba River Colony spring meeting luncheon, with speaker to be announced, will be held in the Vulcan Room at *The Club* in Birmingham, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at noon. Mark your calendars, please, to **save that date**.

Inge Tingle, Lieutenant Governor. inge.tingle@gmail.com

Capital Colony: The Colony did not have a meeting in August. The next meeting will be in February of 2018.

If anyone wishes to serve as an officer of the Capital Colony, please inform Alan Davis or Mary Helen Mahan.

Alan M. Davis, Lieutenant Governor. amd7thcedar@charter.net

Gulf Coast Colony: The GCC's Spring Meeting and Luncheon took place Saturday, April 8, 2017, at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant on the Causeway, Spanish Fort. Twenty-seven members and guests, including three prospective members, attended. Ellie Lienau, SMDAL Governor, Brenda Gouge, SMDAL Historian & GCC Secretary, and John Smith, SMDAL Elder attended. Dr. Jack Dwyer, GCC Lieutenant Governor, welcomed everyone.



Left to right, SMDAL Elder John Smith, SMDAL Governor Ellie Lienau, and GCC Lieutenant Governor Jack Dwyer. April 8, 2017, GCC meeting & luncheon at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant in Spanish Fort

Pastor John Robinson's prayer in 1623 to the congregation in Leyden, Holland provided the Elder's Prayer, given by Jack Dwyer who also led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim's Pledge. The Roll Call of members and prospective members enabled each member to state their ancestor's names and generation of descent. Jack also provided an *In Memoriam* for Lisa Meyers (1930-2017), a longtime GSMD and GCC member (GS 31543 AL#368) who passed away on January 6, 2017. Eleventh in descent from William Brewster, tenth in descent from John Alden, eleventh in descent from Isaac Allerton, and tenth in descent from Miles Standish, she was an active member and attended all the meetings until her illness. Ellie Lienau gave up-to-date remarks on State and National *Mayflower* activities. Joan Gentry read the *Mayflower Compact* followed by Brenda Gouge reading the *Objects* of the Society. Jane Lies, Colony Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report which was read by Jack Dwyer. The Report was approved. Also, there were no corrections or additions to the November 12, 2016, GCC Compact Day Meeting Minutes.

Guest speaker Bert Blackmon, a retired history teacher and well-known State historian gave an outstanding talk, using slides, on the Bicentennial of the Alabama Territory. He explained that the



U.S. Congress designated the Alabama Territory by Acts on March 1, 1817, and on March 3, 1817, from the eastern half of the pre-existing Mississippi Territory. By 1819, the birth and growth of Alabama Territory towns, cities, and communities ensured that the new Territory's population had increased enough to qualify as the minimum Congress required for Statehood. The Alabama Territory became the 22d U.S. State on Dec. 14, 1819. Finally, Mr. Blackmon explained the role of William W. Bibb, who served as Territorial Governor from 1817-1819.

Jack Dwyer congratulates GCC Speaker Bert Blackmon.

Jack Dwyer closed the meeting with Plymouth Governor William Bradford words: "...one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many..."

Jack Dwyer, Lieutenant Governor. cmdwyer843@earthlink.net

Tennessee Valley Colony: The TVC Spring meeting was on May 6, 2017, at Blue Plate Café in Huntsville. Following the business meeting and lunch, Lieutenant Governor Stacy Smith spoke on his *Mayflower* line to Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins. Among those attending were ten members, two junior members, a friend, and six guests.

The TVC Fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m., to tour the Huntsville Salem Witch House, 133 Walker Avenue. The Salem Witch House is in the Old Town District and is the home of Dale Rhoades. The House is a replica of the home of Jonathan Corwin, who was a judge in the infamous 1692 witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts. The original Witch House in Salem opened as a museum in 1946, and is the only structure remaining with ties to the trials. Historians believe the English medieval-style home likely was built in the 1640s. Following the tour, we will adjourn to Galens Restaurant on Andrew Jackson Way (Five Points area) for lunch and a short business meeting. Please contact Linda Maples by October 10 if you plan to attend (lindaalcottmaples@gmail.com; telephone 256-656-0744 or 256-534-2315).

In November, the TVC has reserved a display window at the main Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, which is the oldest continuing Library in Alabama (915 Monroe Street, SW). Throughout the month, the *Mayflower*-themed display window will showcase our ancestors' memory and promote the Alabama Mayflower Society.

Stacy Smith, Lieutenant Governor. ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Media - from Inge Tingle: You can follow us on Twitter @AlMayflower or look for us on Facebook under "Alabama Mayflower Society".

From The Governor about 2020 Commemoration Activities: The GSMD asks us to undertake at least one activity in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing (2020). Please e-mail or telephone with suggestions. elienau@mchsi.com; 256-655-9452.

From Librarian Carol Kitchens: SMDAL member photographs, newspaper articles, or items of interest for our Scrapbook, please include name, event, date, location, or other data of interest. carolkitch@mac.com; Post Office Box 239, Ranburne, Alabama 36273-0230.

Moving? Let Secretary Nancy Logan, nclnurse@yahoo.com, and Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, mhm.smdal@charter.net, know new street addresses, e-mail addresses (all), or telephone numbers.

Replace Your U.S. Mail Address with Your E-mail Address. If you have e-mail be sure to save us all much money by giving Secretary Nancy Logan, nclnurse@yahoo.com and Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, mhm.smdal@charter.net your e-mail address.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA
2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
Due December 31, 2017

2018 - Dues \$ 30.00

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ 9-digit Zip Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle your choice for your Colony affiliation:

Cahaba River Capital Gulf Coast Tennessee Valley None

Friends of the Pilgrims – This is a special membership for friends, spouses, or relatives who are not Society members. Friends support the Society's principles and goals.

____ Friends of the Alabama Mayflower Society Dues (\$20.00)

Name _____
Address if different from the above _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____
Relationship to SMDAL member _____

Send check payable to SMDAL to: Mary Helen Mahan, Treasurer, Post Office Box 230893, Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0893. Cell – 334-201-6070



Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alabama
Compact Day Meeting and Luncheon

The Club, Birmingham, Alabama
Board of Assistants Meeting -- 9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m., Compact Day Meeting & Luncheon: *Glen Iris Room*
1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209-1263 (205-323-5821)

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu topped with Chicken Veloute' sauce, paired with Southern Green Beans and Roasted New Potatoes. Dessert alternatives: Banana Pudding Parfait & Chocolate Pecan Tart

Guest Speaker: Lisa H. Pennington, GSMD Member-At-large

**Her program will be
"How Mayflower Women Saved Plymouth Colony"**

Dressed in Pilgrim manner, she also will entertain with a "Know your Pilgrim" quiz



Lisa has served on the GSMD 2017 Nominating Committee, and the Cole's Hill Anthropological Project Committee, 2013 to date; as the Texas Mayflower Society State Counselor, the Texas Society State Elder, the Houston Colony Governor and Treasurer; and on the Texas Society By-laws Committee and the Houston Colony Scholarship Committee. She is Governor, and has been Director and Deputy Governor, of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society, and has edited the *Allerton Family Journal* until 2017. Lisa presents and publishes on Pilgrim history, and has supported the GSMD's *1620 Society* since 2014. Educated at the University of Texas, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and J.D.; King's College, London (1983), she has received national, state, and community awards in her employment law practice as a partner in the national firm Baker Hostetler, LLP. From 2000 until this year, Lisa was Managing Partner of that firm's Houston Office.

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

I/We will attend the SMDAL's Compact Day Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 28, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at *The Club's* Glen Iris Room, Birmingham, Alabama. \$30.00 per person.

Name(s) _____

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

_____, _____ Check to SMDAL enclosed or

_____ Pay at the door (you will be billed if you do not cancel by Tuesday, October 24)

Respond no later than Tuesday, October 24, 2017, to Alan Davis, 7340 Old Barn Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3976; E-Mail amd7thcedar@charter.net; 334-270-8657; Cell: 334-207-4884.

WE WILL GREET YOU WITH PLEASURE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28!

Most Excellent Answers

1. c. 80 feet, of which about 12 feet at the back formed the gun room (off-limits to passengers). The width at the widest part was about 24 feet. Thus, the living space for all 102 passengers was less than 68 by 24 feet! They built their makeshift cabins there.
 2. a. gun deck, the *Mayflower* had four guns on the gun deck to protect against pirates.
 3. d. forecastle. It was where the passengers' and crew's meals were cooked, and where the crew's food and supplies were stored.
 4. c. *Speedwell*
 5. e. Virginia Colony. The Virginia Company in London had given the Pilgrims a charter for a Virginia settlement. A storm blew them off course so instead of landing in very northern Virginia, near the mouth of the Hudson River, the Pilgrims landed still further north, in Cape Cod, and they decided to settle there, calling it Plymouth Colony.
 6. a. cabin, which was the general sleeping quarters for the Mayflower's 20-30 crew members. They slept in shifts -- not all in the cabin at the same time.
 7. c. Wampanoag
 8. b. Mayflower Compact
 9. e. Squanto
 10. c. 66 days
 11. c. Wampanoag, living nearby
 12. d. In 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln, when settler descendants lobbied him and Congress.
 13. b. After a few years of commercial shipping use, it was tied up in probate after its owner died.
 14. d. Billington's Sea
 15. c. community center
 16. e. John Carver (died of sunstroke, April 1621).
 17. d. one acre
 18. d. Francis Billington
 19. a. They had superior technology.
 20. c. half
 21. d. Elder Wm. Brewster, the un-ordained Pilgrim spiritual leader, matriculated in December 1580 at Peterhouse College, the University of Cambridge.
 22. a. great iron screw
 23. c. Spaniel & Mastiff
 24. c. William Mullins
 25. f. all except Alice Mullins
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