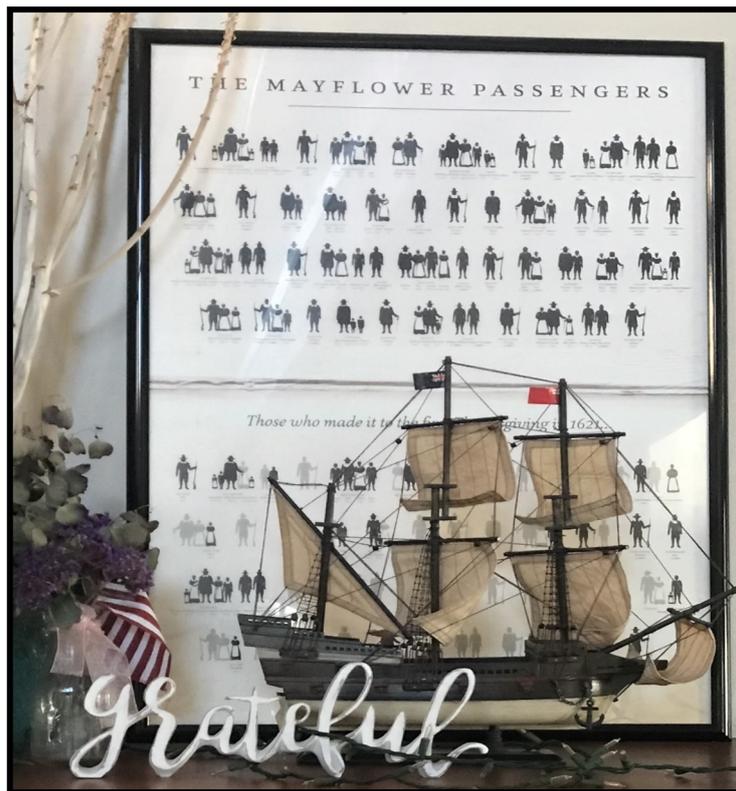




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Grateful: being happy and content with what one has.

Picture by Ray Raser

Grateful

We are especially grateful to our Mayflower ancestors who were willing to take the risks of a voyage across the ocean to begin a new life in an unknown world. As you are aware, in 1620, a brave group of 102 men, women and children sailed across the Atlantic on the *Mayflower*, for a life of religious and civil freedom.

These Pilgrims landed in Plymouth harbor, establishing the first permanent European settlement in New England. Only half survived that first difficult winter. Hundreds of years later, from those few survivors there are now millions of Pilgrim descendants.

In addition to bringing their values and spirit of adventure with them to the New World, the Pilgrims created a heritage of liberty and law by drawing up a document of self-government, the *Mayflower Compact* which is considered a forerunner to the Constitution.

We are also grateful to the California Mayflower Society officers for stepping up to continue the legacy of the California Mayflower Society along with all the colony leaders who keep the candle burning. May we all continue to be grateful for our strong heritage and hold our ancestors in our hearts.

Editor's Statement: As we focus on being grateful in this edition of the California Mayflower Quarterly, we are not only both grateful for our Mayflower heritage, but also grateful for our personal family of six adult children along with their spouses and fifteen vivacious grandchildren. We have so much for which to be grateful.

Sincerely, Ray and Gail Raser, Co-editors



The Raser Family

Governor's Message

Pilgrims,

Two Colonies celebrated major milestones in their history. Both Orange County and San Joaquin Colonies held 50-year celebrations! It was my honor to attend the Orange County Colony party on April 20, 2024. I was joined by GSMD Member at Large, Beth Lambright, from Oregon. Colony Governor Lisa Shaw hosted us overnight at her lovely home.



Governor Kathy Watson

"Fifty years of hard work, dedication, and dreams fulfilled" is the achievement of this milestone. New officers were installed for the next administration of the Orange County Colony. Their milestone celebration is recorded in an excellent article later in this Quarterly. This picture features Beth Lambright and Colony Governor Lisa Shaw pleased with the event and turn out of Colony members, several who were recognized for twenty-five-year membership in the Colony.

State Historian Mandy Dunkle represented the State Society at the San Joaquin event held on June 8. Look for her report and the Colony report later in this Quarterly.

The Board of Assistants met in June to report on recent activities. The Audit report was received which reported that the State Society failed. Upon receipt of the report an Audit remediation team was formed. Tasks are in progress to reconcile the bank account, resolve GL account balances which have not changed, develop monthly investment activity entries, and prepare for 2025 member dues invoicing. The team is chaired by Maggie McDonald; members are Treasurer Harvey Soldan, Carole Curran, Karen Schwartz, and Karen Craig. The overall goal is to produce financial statements each month for presentation to the Board of Assistants. The Board approved an increase to the monthly "draw" for Library expenses. Lastly, the decision was made to drop members who have not paid their 2024 dues on August 1, 2024.

As we bid farewell to June, let's carry forward in the Mayflower spirit to celebrate America's birthday in July. Your membership is the heartbeat of the State Society. Together, we've celebrated achievements, overcome challenges, and embrace coming opportunities. Have a great summer!



Beth Lambright & Lisa Shaw

*Kathleen Watson
Governor*

Deputy Governor North

Summer 2024 is here, and I am amazed at how quickly my first year as Deputy Governor North has passed! I have either been very busy or I am just getting old ... I vote for busy. I have had the honor and pleasure of attending colony meetings for 5 out of 7 northern colonies this past year. (Look out Mother Lode and Alameda – I am heading your way soon!) It is truly a great experience meeting my Mayflower cousins and sharing our enthusiasm for genealogy and our Mayflower history. It is also very inspiring to see firsthand how well our colony boards and membership work together.



Diane Douglas

One great example of colony collaboration is the novel approach that the Redwood Empire colony is taking to energize and engage its members. Redwood Empire spans a very large geographical area, making it very difficult for the entire membership to gather at a single location. To address this challenge, Governor John McNeill, his board and several volunteers are implementing the concept of “Settlements” to organize members into smaller regional groups across the colony, led by “Settlement Facilitators”. Summer 2024 Settlement meetings are currently underway to engage members whose participation in colony meetings is hampered by traveling long distances. These meetings could be as simple as a coffee get-together or a backyard wine and cheese happy hour. I look forward to hearing about the experiences among the “Settlers”.

In early June, I was very pleased to attend the San Joaquin 50th anniversary colony meeting and was quite impressed with the thoughtful and respectful way Dianna Saario and her hard-working board honored their colony’s history. From scrapbooks of the past to a video presentation of their colony’s founders and beginnings, the event was interesting, interactive, and fun. Donna Watkins, the author of *Diverse Gashes* and *Weaker Vessels*, spoke about her ancestor, Alice Bishop, who confessed, was tried, convicted, and executed for the murder of her own 4-year-old daughter. Ms. Watkins focused her presentation on the social norms of our colonial ancestors and their daily lives. She also enthusiastically credited Erica Hahn, our Society’s past Historian, current Counselor, and GSMD Silver Books Researcher, for researching and identifying the person who exacted the punishment on Alice Bishop.

Decision 2025, the Committee tasked with identifying an effective space for our Society’s office and library, is making significant progress. The analysis of our physical book catalog is moving along well and on track to be completed in August. The committee met in person at the library in May and completed de-accessing 25% of our physical book catalog. Out of these ~600 books, we are keeping just 53, which are unique to CA and considered genealogically significant. We plan to complete de-accession of the remaining books this summer. If the early results are any indication, our future office/library footprint needs will be significantly reduced, allowing us to relocate and lower our Society’s largest single expense.

Diane Douglas
Deputy Governor North

Deputy Governor South

I attended the California Society Executive Board and Board of Assistants (BOA) meetings June. These meetings were held remotely using the Teams App. There are four meetings of the California Society BOA and Executive Board each year. For the last few years, the meetings have alternated between an in-person meeting and a ZOOM / Teams meeting to save travel expenses. The in-person meetings are held in March and October and alternate between a location in Northern California and a location in Southern California. I encourage Colony Governors and Delegates to attend in person the meeting in your part of the state.

The next BOA meeting will be an in-person meeting on Saturday October 19 at a location near the Burbank Airport. Burbank is the furthest north we have held the in-person BOA meeting in Southern California in some time. I'm hoping that some colonies less represented at past BOA meetings will be able to attend. We plan on starting the meeting at 10:00 a.m. There was a problem with the hotel I was working with and I'm looking at other options nearby. An email update will be sent to the BOA members when details are set. If your colony has elected a new Colony Governor or has a new Colony Delegate, make sure that Ben Hobbins, our State Recording Secretary, has the updated contact information. The October Executive Meeting will be held at my home in Glendale. It is a short drive from the possible Burbank hotels for the BOA meeting.



Robert Lincoln

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph. D.
Deputy Governor South*

Leave a Lasting Legacy

As you plan for your future and your estate, please remember to include the California Society of Mayflower Descendants as a commitment to the future of the Mayflower Society in California. Join the "One Small Candle" legacy membership. All information and forms can be found on our state website.



State News

California Mayflower Society America 250 Efforts

Partnering Events March 29th through July 4th

March 29th 2024 Welcome Home Veterans, Helena, Montana. 30 Department of Defense 50th Vietnam Veteran Era Service Pinning's Ceremony, with 30



NFALTP, SAR DAR Flag Awards. Helena, MT. The Magpie Drummers Mayflower America 250 Pilgrims to 250 Patriots partnering with Dept of Defense, the NFALTP, SAR, DAR, Sons and US Daus1812, MOLLUS, DOLLUS, 17th Century Colonial Dames.



Helena, MT. 30 Men and Women presented their VV Era Service Pins.

May 27th 2024, Memorial Day Palm Springs Air Museum B-25 Airdrop.

83 Men and Women presented their VV Era Service Pins. Assisted by the NFALTP, Mayflower



America 250 Pilgrims to 250 Patriots partnering with Dept of Defense, the NFALTP, SAR, DAR, Sons and US Daus1812,



MOLLUS, DOLLUS, 17th Century Colonial Dames.

VFW 3699 Post Commander Lenny Abramowitz is Pinned.

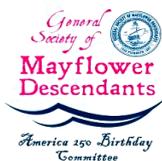


GSMD and CaMay Brand Refresh Committee Submissions

America 250 Committee Pilgrims to 250 Patriots, Chair Ben Hobbins submitted a complete GSMD Unified Brand Logo Series to GSMD Gov Lisa Pennington, Exec Dir Mark Schmidt. Mark has been appointed by Hobbins to his America 250 Committee along with his Scott Miller appointment. Also, a CaMay "Brand Refresh" logo series, paralleling the GSMD series, was submitted to our CaMay Brand Refresh Committee to committee chair, Scott Miller for committee consideration.

In only a few years as a nation, we will reach our 250th birthday. 250 separate years of American history are in celebration and not only that one date July 4th 1776. America also has pre-America history, its pre and Colonial History. The joint efforts by these organizations, mark the beginning of an integrated approach to learning about and obtaining our common ancestry, in the New World and America.

All the organizations present, in particular our Mayflower Society and its 250 Birthday "Pilgrim to 250 Patriots" efforts, connect Americans and celebrate America, our Flag, our Constitution, our Freedoms, our Country and Veterans, our military Branches, Public Safety, our People and Communities that make America Great, many of whom started as Pilgrims to our great America!



Happy Fourth of July and summer to our California and General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Families and friends!

Pilgrims Blessings!

*Ben Hobbins
Secretary, California Mayflower Society
Chair, America 250 Birthday Cmte "Pilgrim to 250 Patriots" California*

State Historian

As we wind down to enjoy the spoils of summer, we find there is less to report! It's been unseasonably cooler here in Orange County with a few hot days here and there – but I'm thankful for it. With this break, it also means that more people have time to work on their genealogy (at least it seems to be the case!) as we've had an influx of inquiries and application requests as of late. I'm also finding that a lot of our incoming applications and their lineages are becoming increasingly more difficult to meet the GSMD's standards. How do we work through that? Answer: Proof Arguments and/or an Analysis.

When documentation is not available or limited in what is provided within the document, we're left to work with creating a Proof Argument/Analysis to prove that the generation we're citing is "one and the same". One and the same is the phrase that the General Society uses to have us explain to them that this particular generation matches in its birth, marriage, and in death so that it can be clearly shown as the correct individual.

In this example, we know that Joshua Wilson and his wife, Abigail Billings had a daughter named Sarah. We have her birth record, and it shows their names on it. Sarah then gets married, and her name goes from Sarah Wilson to Sarah Davidson. However, her marriage record does not list her parents' names on the record. Now we have nothing to confirm that *this* Sarah is the same Sarah that is Joshua and Abigail's daughter. When she dies, her death certificate may say her parent's names, or it may provide her maiden name and place/date of birth – which could make a stronger case in proving "one and the same". But if the death record doesn't provide the parent's names, then the generation would not be accepted. This is where we need to write a proof argument/analysis.

Land records, bibles, probates of parents/siblings, etc. are extremely useful in proving the "one and the same" requirement. In those types of records, we may find that her father left Sarah land and later she sold that land.

On the record, it gives Sarah's married name, mentions her husband's name, and then indicates that the land belonged or was granted to them upon the death of her father, Joshua Wilson. This is an excellent record and would be perfect to use in your write up for proving "one and the same".

This is just one example of how to approach a difficult lineage. If you have questions or wonder about a similar problem in your own Mayflower lineage that you want to apply with, please let me know.

Application Updates: 40 new members & 22 supplementals **approved** from April 1st – July 1st
Applications submitted between April 1st - June 30th: **53** new member and **26** supplementals.

Mandy Dunkle
California State Historian
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2024 State Scholarship Winners

It is an honor to announce our 2024 Scholarship winners. The theme for our 2024 scholarship essay, "The contributions of the Mayflower women in the 1620 colony," was a new topic this year. Thanks to the efforts of our colony governors, we received twelve applications from outstanding graduating seniors. Our judges spent several hours reviewing each application prior to meeting via zoom to finalize the awards. We congratulate all of our applicants and wish them well for their future college education.

Billie Mitchell
Scholarship Chairman

Our scholarship winners:

1st place \$5500: **Chloe Yanez** lives in Fair Oaks, CA. She is sponsored by her mother, The Mother Lode Colony. Chloe will be attending Marian University, Wisconsin.

2nd place \$3500: **Bryce Herman** lives in Laguna Hills, CA. He is sponsored by his grandmother, Orange County Colony. Bryce will be attending the University of Tennessee.

3rd Place \$2500: **Judah Castillo** lives in Corona, CA. He is sponsored by his aunt, Foothill Colony. Judah will be attending Chaffey College this Fall.

4th Place \$1000: **Simon Levin** lives in Westlake Village, CA. He is a member of the California Mayflower Society, Rancho Conejo Colony. Simon will be attending the University of Maryland.

Congratulations to our 2024 CSMD Scholarship Winners.



Chloe Yanez

1st Place Winner Personal Essay

Priscilla Mullins was a fierce, dependable woman who went through many hardships in her years on and off the Mayflower. The pain and sorrow that she went through in those hard years were enough trauma for someone to have in a lifetime. She was a contributor in caring for fellow colonists, while also staying strong, and holding her head high during very hopeless times. She is an inspiration to many, due to her continuous intensity, and compassion.



Finding out that my ancestor was once on a monumental journey that was both historic and important felt remarkable. I recognize now that my family has been through a series of unfortunate events, however we have always found a way to bounce back. After a tragedy occurs, we come through stronger in the end. A recent example occurred when my grandpa, a Vietnam veteran, a strong and honorable man, couldn't take the wrath of life any longer. He decided that his life needed to come to a close sooner than we anticipated. My grandpa committed suicide in July 2023, his heart was filled with despair and hopelessness and his body riddled with pain. His was not the only heart filled with despair. My grandma is arguably one of the strongest people I know. She found a way to persevere through the misery. Whenever I visit her, she has a smile on her face, and is a joy to be around. I know that the strength she has inside came, in part from Priscilla Mullins. Priscilla lost her mother, father, and brother during her first winter after the Mayflower expedition landed at Plymouth.

My grandma is not the only one that got Priscilla's strength. I also inherited that strength and spirit. In the fall of 2018, I was diagnosed with Type One Diabetes. I knew this was a life-changing ailment that separated me from others. This diagnosis made me an outcast, and I no longer felt normal. I soon realized I needed to grow up faster than the average 12-year-old, and that perseverance was my only option. This brings me back to Priscilla's life. She had to grow up quickly due to the loss of her family. How she must have had to take care of others and herself on the ship, and in the settlement. Since my diagnosis, I have succeeded in three new sports that I love very much and will continue in college. Even with the sudden death of my beloved grandfather and me suffering a concussion in Nov. 2023, I don't let my complications define me because I know what I am capable of.

I must thank Priscilla Mullins for her empowering genetics and example she brought forth to me, and the rest of my family. She was a woman of solidity and validity. Just like Priscilla, determination is big in my family, since we know what we can do. We know we can get through anything and everything that life throws at us, no matter the circumstance.



2024 Scholarship 1st Place Winner Chloe Yanez \$5,500**“The contributions of the Mayflower women in the 1620 colony”**

My beloved family,

I pray that this letter finds you well. I have missed you all very much. Life has been full of ups and downs, with a lot of downs. Unfortunately, life took some rough turns after our entrance on the Mayflower. It is more than disappointing to me, as the Mayflower was supposed to be an exhilarating adventure for the Mullins family to share as we began our exploit in England. We were all very thrilled in 1620 to know that it was us who would be on a monumental adventure that we would have been able to share with our dearest relatives. I, Priscilla Mullins (actually, its Alden now) am mortified to tell you that the lives of my brother Joseph, and my darling parents William and Alice, have tragically come to an end.

During our first unpleasant winter at Plymouth Colony, Joseph, William, and Alice had passed away due to the sickness that most members of the journey died from. We believe this was expected to have happened from our lack of shelter, warmth, and the harsh weather that came upon us. This left me orphaned, depressed and lonely. I was fortunate enough to have been taken in by Mary Brewster but was unlucky enough to discover that I was the only Mullin left to take on the hardships that the others could not survive.

I was blessed enough while on the voyage to have met someone that I could relate to. I met John Alden, who made me feel heard, and he made sure I knew that I was not on my own. John was hired on the Mayflower as the ship's cooper, as he took care of the barrels during the ride. He had done that while I was helping care for women and children on the ship, so everyone was as healthy and happy as possible during our deprivation. I always did my best to look after the little ones and guide them into godliness and education. This weight that I and the other women carried was heavy at times, but we did what we could to help the colony not just survive but thrive. For it would be us who would deliver the future.

John and I met on behalf of Miles Standish. I only mention that because it led to me falling in love with John, though the whole affair was hardly poetic and one that I hope does not leave a lasting impression. Between you and me, I believe we met through him because John was too afraid to approach me independently! We were happily married by 1623, but John has remained the shy man he was before.

After our adventure full of hardships, tragedy, and fish, by 1627 we found lovely property by the hillside, which was across from the governor's house near the fort. John had the opportunity to serve throughout many offices of the government of our colony. He was later elected as assistant to the governor, what an accomplishment! I have remained his strongest supporter along with maintaining the homestead keeping it tidy and have not minded it one bit. I learned scrubbing techniques from the other women on the boat, to keep our house in excellent condition. Life after the Mayflower was successful, and relieving. John and our sweet daughter Elizabeth have made life here worth all the hardships. We finally had a break from all the misfortune that had occurred during our expedition. We have been rewarded with a quiet, peaceful life full of normalcy. I hope to hear from you soon, and that our Lord blesses you all.

*With love,
Priscilla*

Bryce Herman

2nd Place Winner Personal Essay

Personal Influence of the Mayflower Women the Mayflower voyage isn't just a distant tale from history books for me—it's a part of my family's story. My ancestors were on the ship, sailing across stormy seas in search of freedom and opportunity. Exploring their journey and learning about the women who were on board has taught me so much about where I come from and what kind of person I want to be.



Imagine being in a ship for months, not knowing what you'll find when you reach the other side. That's what my ancestors experienced. They faced tough times, sickness, and uncertainty, but they kept going because they believed in a better future. Their courage inspires me to face my own challenges with determination and hope.

But it's not just the men who made the journey that inspire me. The Mayflower women played a huge role too, even though their stories aren't always told. They cared for their families, helped build communities, and showed incredible strength in the face of adversity. Learning about them has shown me the power of resilience and the importance of supporting each other, no matter what obstacles we face.

Studying the Mayflower journey has shaped my values in big ways. It's taught me to appreciate the sacrifices of those who came before me and to stand up for what's right, even when it's hard. It's shown me the importance of kindness, empathy, and standing up for those who need help.

As I look to the future, I want to carry these lessons with me. I want to be someone who makes a positive difference in the world, just like my Mayflower ancestors and the women who were with them. Whether it's in school, in my community, or later in life, I want to stand up for justice, support those who need it, and work towards a better, more inclusive world for everyone.

The Mayflower journey isn't just a story from the past—it's a reminder of the strength and resilience we all have inside of us. By learning from the experiences of those who came before us, we can find inspiration to create a brighter future for ourselves and for generations to come.

2024 Scholarship 2nd Place Bryce Herman \$3,500

“The contributions of the Mayflower women in the 1620 colony”

2 December 1620

To my Dearest Wife,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As I sit down to write to you, I am filled with a mix of emotions—gratitude for the blessings we've received, nostalgia for the familiar sights and sounds of our homeland, and anticipation for the future that lies ahead in this new land we now call home. Life aboard the Mayflower was arduous, filled with challenges and uncertainties at every turn. But through it all, we persevered, united by our shared dreams of a better life in a land where we could worship freely and build a community based on our own beliefs and values.

Upon our arrival in the New World, we were met with harsh conditions and a wilderness that seemed both daunting and unforgiving. Yet, despite the odds stacked against us, we rolled up our sleeves and set to work, determined to carve out a new existence in this untamed land. In reflecting on the contributions of the Mayflower women to our fledgling colony, I am filled with a deep sense of admiration and respect. Though history often overlooks their roles and sacrifices, it is impossible to overstate the importance of their contributions to our community's survival and success.

From the moment we set foot on these shores, the women of the Mayflower proved themselves to be indispensable members of our colony. They worked tirelessly alongside their husbands, sons, and brothers, to clear the land, build homes, and plant crops in the rocky soil. But their contributions went far beyond the physical labor required to tame the wilderness. In the face of adversity and uncertainty, they provided a source of strength and resilience that buoyed our spirits and kept us pressing forward, even in the darkest of times. Over a fire, they transformed meager rations into hearty meals that nourished both body and soul. With ingenuity and resourcefulness, they adapted to the challenges of our new environment, experimenting with unfamiliar ingredients and cooking methods to ensure that no mouth went unfed.

Beyond their domestic duties, the women of the Mayflower played a crucial role in nurturing the social fabric of our community. They provided comfort and companionship to one another, forming bonds of friendship and solidarity that helped to sustain us through the trials and tribulations of frontier life. In times of sickness and hardship, it was often the women who tended to the sick and wounded, offering solace and care to those in need. Their compassion and empathy served as a beacon of hope in the face of despair, reminding us of the humanity that binds us together as a community. As we look to the future, let us never forget the invaluable contributions of the Mayflower women to our colony's story. Their strength, resilience, and unwavering determination have laid the foundation for the thriving community that we are building here in the New World.

As I reflect on our journey aboard the Mayflower and the challenges we've faced in this new land, I cannot help but feel a profound sense of gratitude for the decision we made, however difficult it may have been, to leave our beloved home and family behind in England. While the separation weighs heavy on my heart, I am grateful for the opportunity it has afforded us to pursue our dreams of freedom and a better life. Though oceans may divide us, our shared vision and sacrifice bind us together in purpose and determination. With each passing day, I am reminded that our resilience and courage will pave the way for a brighter future for generations to come.

*With love and gratitude,
Richard Warren*



Judah Castillo

3rd Place Winner Personal Essay

The journey of exploring my Mayflower ancestry and the contributions of the Mayflower women has been a fascinating experience, causing me to think about my personal values and encouraging me in my future adventures.

Discovering my connection to the Mayflower pilgrims has sparked a curiosity and reverence for my ancestors' courage and hard work. Learning about their difficult voyage across the dangerous Atlantic Ocean and their perseverance in the face of hardships left me in awe. It made me realize the importance of hard work, determination, and perseverance in overcoming challenges and pursuing one's dreams.

Studying the contributions of the Mayflower women has been interesting. These women played a valuable role in the success of the Plymouth Colony. From nurturing families and tending to the sick to contributing to the agricultural and economic success of the community. In school, I have only learned about the role of the men. The Mayflower women showed strength, resourcefulness and compassion in the face of hardship.

Their stories have made me appreciate the contributions of women throughout history. They have inspired me to embrace my strengths and capabilities, knowing that I can make a meaningful impact in my community.

Exploring my Mayflower ancestry and studying the contributions of the Mayflower women have also influenced my personal values. I am learning to appreciate the importance of family (especially my brothers), community, and family ancestry. The sacrifices made by my ancestors to seek religious freedom and build a better life for future generations serve as a reminder of the values of perseverance, courage, and sacrifice that are in my lineage.

I am now more curious about the history and genealogy of my own family. I want to learn about my family so that I can honor the legacies of those who came before me, ensuring that their stories are not forgotten and that their contributions are celebrated for generations to come.

In conclusion, exploring Mayflower ancestry and studying the contributions of the Mayflower women has been a learning experience that has shaped my personal values and future plans. They have given me an appreciation for my current family and my family heritage. This experience has also reminded me of the importance of hard work, perseverance, and determination, in the hopes to make a meaningful difference in my family and the world.

Sincerely,
Judah Castillo



2024 Scholarship 3rd Place Judah Castillo \$2,500**“The contributions of the Mayflower women in the 1620 colony”**

Dear Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and brings you comfort in knowing that despite the challenges we have faced, we remain hopeful in our determination to make a new life here in the New World. It has been many months since we set sail on the Mayflower, leaving behind the familiar shores of England. The journey has been difficult, marked by storms, sickness, and uncertainty, but we continue to move forward with hope.

As I sit down to write to you, I am reminded of the sacrifices we have made and the dreams that have brought us to this distant land. Our days are filled with hardship, but there is a sense of purpose that brings us together as a community. We have built simple dwellings, cleared fields from planting, and found comfort in our community despite the vast wilderness that surrounds us. I wish to share with you the remarkable contributions of the women who have sailed alongside us on this journey. There are two women who stand out as amazing examples of perseverance and strength: Susanna White and Mary Allerton, Susanna, a widow, has proven herself to be a pillar of strength in our community. Despite the loss of her husband early in our journey, she has remained strong in her determination to build a better future for her children. Through her determination and resourcefulness, she has played a vital role in the survival of our colony, tending to the sick, nurturing the young, and offering support to all who are in need.

Mary Allerton, though still a young woman, has demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience in the face of hardship. As one of the few unmarried women on board the Mayflower, she has shouldered her share of responsibilities with grace and determination. Whether it is tending to the crops in the fields or assisting in the care of the sick and elderly, Mary's tireless efforts have been instrumental in sustaining our community.

Together, the women of the Mayflower have played a crucial role in the survival and success of our colony. Through their dedication, compassion, and hard work, they have helped to shape the course of our history and lay the foundation for generations to come.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of life in this new land, I draw strength from our community. Though we may be far from the comforts of home we are bonded together by a shared vision for the future. I pray that in the days ahead, we may find comfort and hope in each other's company as well as knowing that together, we can overcome any challenges that lie ahead.

With hope,
Priscilla Mullins



Simon Levín

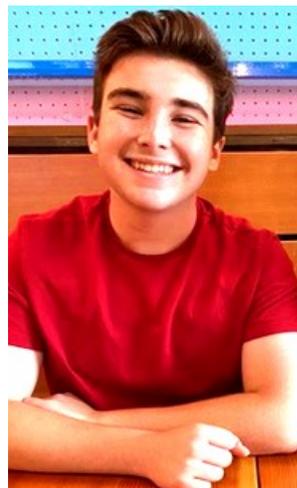
4th Place Winner Personal Essay

Exploring my ancestry, and discovering the support of women in Plymouth colony, makes one think of the saying, “Behind every success there is an unseen hard work, sacrifice, and persistence.” It is through women’s contributions to the community in Plymouth that formed the underpinnings for society to grow and flourish. In exploring the experience of my own Mayflower ancestors, and the contributions of the Mayflower women, I have come to appreciate the often selfless, and uncelebrated nurturing and hard work that the Pilgrim women, in particular, contributed to help create a successful community.

Understanding global issues and diplomacy, while fostering international relations is something I plan on studying in college. Collaboration, and an interdisciplinary approach to society, and the world, particularly the ones confronting humanity, is something I am deeply interested in. I have always had an affinity for languages, geography, and the relationship of the United States to other countries – both from a diplomatic, and a political point of view.

While I was doing research on my ancestors, Edward Doty, and Faith Clarke Doty, I was reminded how collaboration, working as a team, respect for human dignity and liberty, in addition to a little bit of gumption, were an essential part of the success of Plymouth Colony. In fact, much of how our government was first shaped was by the influence of the Mayflower Compact, and the partnership between all members of the Plymouth Colony.

Edward Doty arrived on the Mayflower as a servant of Stephen Hopkins. In short time, he became a free member of society. Much like the United States today, the Plymouth Colony represented a place of freedom and possibilities. It is with this in mind, that I will endeavor to continue the ideals that my ancestors envisioned when they set sail for a new land. By working in a collaborative manner to make the world a more just, and better place, I will continue to replicate the ideals of my ancestors.

***2024 Scholarship 3rd Place Simon Levín \$1,000*****“The contributions of the Mayflower women in the 1620 colony”**

Dear Family,

I am sorry I have not written sooner, but since father and I have arrived in Plymouth, each of us have been exceptionally busy. You cannot imagine how different Plymouth is compared to life in England. Everyone must pull together in order for us to build our community. I have heard stories from the women about the conditions, and the hardships the colony has endured since arriving. In particular, I have formed a close friendship with Susanna Winslow, who has become somewhat of a mentor to me. Her husband, Edward Winslow is looked up to by many, and like Mrs. Winslow, was also a passenger on the *Mayflower*, although she was married to William White at that time. He passed away that first winter in Plymouth. Susanna Winslow, as a respected woman of the colony has guided me in how to do my share in becoming part of the community in these challenging conditions.

Life in Plymouth practically holds no amenities of comfort, and I am trying to get used to that. I consider myself lucky as so many people have lost their lives here due to harsh weather and illness. The other women and I are kept quite busy by not only looking after our own homes, but also by helping those families that lost their mothers and wives. In fact, just this week I have helped with laundry, and child minding for 3 different families. Some of the other women have had to make meals for these families as well, and we all help harvest the crops. All of this work, in addition to my own household duties, has left me little or no time to do much else.

You should know, that although I am scarcely 16, I have married. His name is Edward Doty, and he was a passenger on the *Mayflower*. He was once a servant of Mr. Stephen Hopkins. His wife, Elizabeth Hopkins has been of particular help and somewhat of a mentor when it comes to my husband, having been acquainted with him as her husband's servant for a time, and being familiar with his somewhat fractious nature. Sometimes Edward and father do not get along, but I try as much as I can to settle any ruffled feathers. My husband is very opinionated, but a good provider, and I do enjoy being married. I wish I could share more, but I am bone-tired. Even still, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to be able build a life here. I miss you all greatly, and hope that one day we will meet again.

Sincerely,
Faith Clarke Doty, 1635



Recent Findings Add New Data to the Early Life of Richard Warren, Passenger in 1620

By Louise Walsh Throop

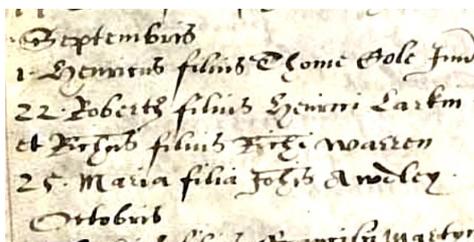
For a passenger who is believed to have the largest descendency of all the *Mayflower* passengers, it is puzzling that so little has been known about Richard Warren over such a long time. The first generation of the current 'silver' book MF 18(1):1 (published in 2004) reads. "RICHARD WARREN, b. prob. England; d. Plymouth 1628. He m. prob. England prior to 1610 ELIZABETH ____, b. ca. 1580 d. Plymouth 2 Oct. 1673 aged above 90 years."

Since that 'silver' book was published 20 years ago, new data have been found on the early life of Richard Warren, passenger on the *Mayflower* in 1620 and on his wife Elizabeth Walker. Recent access to digitized English records has helped to locate new details. The earliest books on the Warren descendants of the *Mayflower* passenger collated the following, which has been all that was known about Richard Warren until recently:[1]

1. He was "a merchant of London."
2. He was one of 10 men on the ship passenger list who were addressed as "Mr." [2]
3. He was one of 12 men on the shallop for the exploration which led to "The First Encounter" of which only [1] four had "armes" ready, meaning muskets [3]

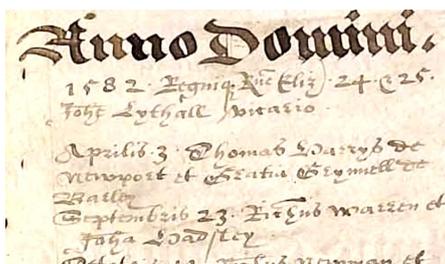
The first generation of MF 18 can now read: **RICHARD WARREN**, b. Newport, Essex, England 1583 with bap. there in St. Mary The Virgin Parish 22 Sept 1583 [4]; d. Plymouth Colony 1628 apparently ca. 45 years old [5]; son of Richard/[Richus] and Joha[nne]/[Joanne/Joane] (Hadsley) Warren, who were married St. Mary the Virgin Parish, Newport, Essex, England 23 Sept 1582 [6] [y-DNA = E-M35]

Richard would have been the right age to have attended Newport Free Grammar School, founded in 1588 by an annual bequest in the 1587 will of the childless widow Joyce Frankland [7]. He would have been exposed to Classical training, with study of Greek and Latin--possibly 1597-1602--although there are no early student records of this school, just records at the colleges for those who went on to college. His father was buried at St. Helen the Great, Bishopsgate, London, as Richard "Wren," needle maker



Here we have in Newport, Essex; bap. of "Richus filius Rich. Warren". [4th line]

From the combined parish register of Newport, Essex 22 September 1583, Essex Archives online image 7 of this register



His parents' marriage in 1582: 23 Sept 1582 "Richus Warren et Joha Hadsley" 4th entry

(from Nettleton's house), on 4 Sept 1593 [8] and his mother "Joane ---" was buried at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London on 14 March 1607/8 "out of Bethem House" [9]. One Jeffrey Nettleton was a merchant in London; his seven children (four girls and three boys) were baptized there 1582-90. Jeffrey was made a freeman of London on 11 April 1572.

He was a haberdasher, so needle maker Richard Warren would have supplied him with needles by regular trips from Newport. Newport is only about 45 miles from London.

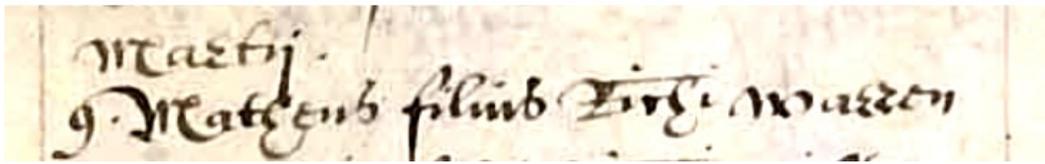
Richard the passenger married Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, England 14 April 1610 ELIZABETH WALKER [10], b. Baldock, Hertfordshire, England with bap. there -- Sept.

1583 [11]; d. Plymouth Colony 2 Oct. 1673 aged about one month above 90 years [12]; daughter of Augustine Walker. [mtDNA = H1j]

In his will made 6 April 1613, Augustine named his youngest daughter Elizabeth and her three daughters: Mary, Anna and Sarah [13]. Elizabeth was to receive, after the death of her stepmother, 100% of Augustine's "goods and chattells" [chattels included business contracts]. It is this author's opinion that these proposed business contracts involved transport of beer barrels. Thus, the Warrens could have paid in "produce" for their seven fares on the *Mayflower* [14]. As a businesswoman, she would have been aware of possible "sticky fingers" if she had paid in coin of the realm. One estimate is that the total fares and required "supplies" came to £100, paid by an estimated 220 or more barrels of beer. (Beer barrels contained about 25 gallons.)

Augustine's will named as overseer his son-in-law "Symon Addams," Draper, who had married Augustine's eldest daughter. [It was common for a father with no living sons to name as overseer/executor the husband of his eldest daughter.]

Great Amwell is a midpoint between Baldock, a major beer-producing area for centuries, and London. Baldock is only about 23 miles from Great Amwell and London is only about 33 miles from Great Amwell. In England, the Statute of Apprentices of 1563 made apprenticeship, of usually seven years, compulsory for anyone, usually male, who wished to learn a trade. The apprenticed child thus became another worker in the master's household; the apprentice could not gamble, go to the theater or a public house, and could not marry [15]. In 1601, the statute was extended so that the Overseers of the Poor could bind out any children under 21 of the poor and also vagrants and "those overburdened with children".



15 March 1584/5 Mathens filius Richi Warren: a younger brother; died later

The apprentice in London was bound to serve, usually until observing his 25th birthday, and he could not marry until given the freedom of the streets of London. In London and Borough towns, the Draper Company name had very little, if anything, to do with the many different trades that its members followed [16]. Thus the Drapers were known for the many trades represented---possibly linked to their apparently low annual/quarterly dues.

In the skimpy, early records of the Drapers' Company of London, Richard Warren was probably apprenticed to a Draper in London about 1602. He was given freedom of London on or about 14 Feb 1609 [17]. His master was Edward Dobson. On 22 Jan 1596, Simon Adams, who had been apprenticed as a Draper to Henry Whitacres, was given freedom of London [18]. Becoming a freeman usually occurred shortly after becoming 25 years old and gave a young man residency in London and the freedom to transact business on the streets of London. Thus in 1609 Richard became a "merchant of London." The Drapers' Company records were put on the internet in 2010.

As Draper's apprentice, Richard would have met his future bride through his fellow Draper, Simon Adams. Typically, apprentices married about a year after achieving freedom---like Richard Warren did in 1610. Elizabeth appears to have followed her elder sister's example and birthed her first child a couple of months after her marriage in 1610, which marriage was most likely delayed to the Saturday after Easter Sunday by the then schedule of the Church of England. Church weddings were not usually performed during about 40% of the year---being Lent, Rogationtide and Trinity, and Advent before Christmas---unless a Church official was paid handsomely [19].

The annual births of their first three daughters before 6 April 1613 indicate Elizabeth and Richard were using wet nurses back in Great Amwell, while living mostly in London. In 1612 Richard Warren joined the Honourable Artillery Company of London [20], giving him access, during the Thursday drills in (now) Artillery Park, to upper class men who were addressed as "Mr." Richard would have acquired suitable attire and weapons, thus qualifying him for being drafted into Myles Standish's exploratory party of 12 men present at "The First Encounter," when only four men had muskets. This association with other militiamen before 1620 would explain why the *Mayflower* passenger list and records refer to "Mr." Richard Warren, who was one of only ten *Mayflower* passengers so addressed.

In 1667, the estate inventory for Richard's eldest son Nathaniel listed "one musket and two swords" valued at £1[21]. This listing would appear to have influenced the antique weapons expert Anthony D. Darling, who in 1982 considered a broken sword (found in a midden in the rose garden of the Winslow, now Mayflower, House) was possibly from Richard Warren and dated back to ca. 1600, not to ca. 1776---when a known Warren descendant was living in that house before leaving suddenly for Nova Scotia ca. 1776. But Darling did not want to rely on inferential reasoning [22]. Eugene Stratton talked about this broken sword at a meeting of The Warren Cousins in 1981 [23].

Recent observations, based on the *Mayflower* passenger list where no family had more than three small children, lead to the conclusion that the Warren family with five youngsters under ten years was too large, according to the Separatist church group leader Brewster who transferred to the larger ship in Plymouth harbor on or about 6 September 1620. This author recalls holding unto her mother's skirt on the right, her younger brother holding on the left, and her mother holding the newly born brother---all three children being four years old and younger. Three youngsters thus were all a young mother could handle by herself, so we can see why Elizabeth and her girls were then "left behind."

It was also observed recently that Elizabeth apparently suffered an early fetal loss sometime shortly before leaving her husband on the *Mayflower* [24]. Her weakened condition, probably anemia after the fetal loss, was apparently seen by the church leader as another reason to leave her behind. Elizabeth's insistence on rejoining her husband is seen in her presence with her daughters on the unfortunate *Paragon* in 1622 and on the successful *Anne* in 1623 [25].

As a businesswoman, she had prepaid for the passage of seven on the *Mayflower* with consumables---most likely barrels of beer. So, the six "left behind" had to have passage on the first available ship. A wife was supposed to follow her husband and he did not necessarily have to send for her---as seen earlier in 1607 when the fleeing Separatist families got accidentally separated but rejoined in Amsterdam.

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13th from Stephen Hopkins

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GS# 105753 CA# 10676
11th from John Alden

Brian William Garrison
GS# 105919 CA# 10691
13th from Edward Doty

Christopher Lewis Delameter
GS# 105937 CA# 10692
13th from John Howland

Jennifer (Walton) Dale
GS# 105953 CA# 10694
13th from Resolved White

Anne (Nielsen Mitchell)
GS# 105954 CA# 10695
11th from George Soule

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Holly (Hamper) Fernandez
GS# 105648 CA# 10660
13th from Francis Eaton

Pamela Louise Campbell
GS# 105709 CA# 10670
13th from Richard Warren

Marilyn Alice (Fritz) Williams
GS# 105799 CA# 10679
12th from Isaac Allerton

Jewel Van Loenen
GS# 105971 CA# 10698
11th from William Bradford

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Andrew Mark Hopkins
GS# 105690 CA# 10664
13th from John Alden

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Barbara Corinne Archer
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13th from William Bradford

Andrew Herrick McClure
GS# 105691 CA# 10665
13th from James Chilton

George Arthur Dibble III
GS# 105710 CA# 10671
12th from Myles Standish

Dorinda (Binks) Wallingford
GS# 105838 CA# 10685
11th from Francis Cooke

Kathleen (Valla) Blasquez
GS# 105885 CA# 10687
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Ashley Mary Clarke
GS# 105886 CA# 10688
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Nicole Muriel Clarke
GS# 105887 CA# 10689
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Sarah Michele Clarke
GS# 105888 CA# 10690
12th from Stephen Hopkins

Stephanie Kay (Gingrich) Ratzburg
GS# 106008 CA# 10700
12th from Mary Chilton

Alyson Marie (Ratzburg) Mahan
GS# 106009 CA# 10701
13th from Mary Chilton

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Lynda Marie (Forney) Kamaka
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GS# 105810 CA# 10680
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GS# 105852 CA# 10686
12th from William White

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In Loving Memory

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California Mayflower

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Submissions to the California Mayflower Quarterly must be in digital format, either in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Queries relevant to Mayflower families will be published pending space availability. PLEASE limit them to 75 words. Include your membership number and contact information.

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CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2024 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

Fall 2024 - October 18 & 19 - (South) in person Burbank

Winter 2025 - January 17 & 18 - Virtual

Spring 2025 - March 21 & 22

Summer 2025 - June 20 & 21 Election of Officers. Gov. General Lisa Pennington speaking

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Colony News

Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony held its summer meeting at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. Colony member Carol Shih read the Mayflower Compact. Secretary Melissa Dyrdaahl conducted the Ancestral Roll Call recording a total of 64 proven descents from 20 Mayflower passengers. Former Governor of the Sequoia Colony Louise Dederer gave a fascinating talk about her ancestors from Connecticut who had settled in an area that would later become Pennsylvania, and their roles and travails during the Revolutionary War.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 2nd at Allied Arts.



Former Sequoia Colony Governor Louise DeDera.



Sequoia Colony Governor Sharon Winslow Erickson



Louise presented the results of her long study

*Sharon W. Erickson
Sequoia Colony Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

The Redwood Empire is a beautiful section of California with its redwood forests, rugged coast and famed vineyards spread over a vast area from San Francisco to the Oregon line. The singular drawback for Colony members, though, is that vastness. No matter where we may decide to meet there are always at least half the membership that cannot attend simply because they are from two



to four or more hours distant. That condition takes away a good part of the 'magic' of being a Mayflower Society member and enjoying the friendship and company of others with common interests. Those friendships and the camaraderie are an important element of the strength of any organization.

So, in an effort to recover the value of togetherness and some unity of purpose, we have as of June , 2024 established 'Settlements' within the Colony and held our first annual Settlement Day for the full Colony.

Seating at the Iron and Vine Restaurant in Santa Rosa was arranged by settlement, with members sometimes seated with others in their neighborhood that they may never have met before.

The level of conversation over lunch was quite active reflecting the reason for taking this action. The Colony is now composed of six unofficial settlements, each defining a geographic area in which a group of members live.

These settlements are encouraged to have occasional informal gatherings of those who wish to participate in meetings together at gardens, homes or any other places simply for conversation and the enjoyment of good company. There is also some thought that these gatherings may be a good way of introducing the Society to potential members. The simple goal for any meeting is to build friendships, refresh our Mayflower spirits, and decide where and when the next meeting may be held. During this ‘Settlement Day’ meeting, settlement gatherings were organized for the Santa Rosa, Napa/Sonoma and Riverside settlements over the next months. We are all looking forward to this new adventure. The Redwood Empire Colony regular schedule of events and meetings continues as before, welcoming all members to participate in the activities and business of the Colony and State Society, supported by a membership bonded together by both Mayflower spirit and friendships.

*John McNeill
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony celebrated its 50th Anniversary of its founding charter, May 18, 1974. This luncheon celebration was held June 8th, 2024, at Sunnyside Country Club, in Fresno. The decorations honored this golden anniversary with tables adorned with yellow roses and members were given a memorial pin (as shown).



The theme of the day was honoring our charter members and looking back to events during 1974. The original charter was on display along with several historian books. The historical documents revealed a story behind the covers of the historian books. As the colony's documents began to outgrow its original book, member Betty Dearing, needed to find memory books that would hold the original oversized pages. When finding the size was no longer available, she used her crafting talent and created cross-stitched covers to fit thereby creating three separate books, labeled, “The Meetings”, “The Mayflower”, and “Poetry, Joylify, Kilt & Kin, Necrology.”

Governor Dianna Saario called the meeting to order, and Chaplain Beverly Wyman led the group in reading of the Lords’ Prayer (as the Pilgrims knew it), from the 1602 Geneva Bible; St. Luke XI:2-4.

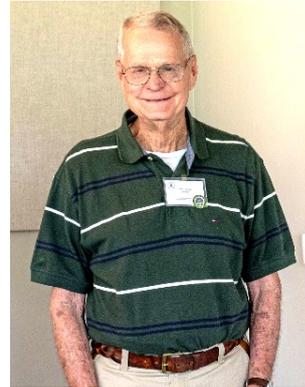
With 35 guests in attendance, the descendant roll call, assisted by State Historian Mandy Dunkle, revealed 70 connections to 35 Mayflower passengers.





After conducting colony business Deputy Governor Diane Nitta introduced our honored guests: Donna Watkins Author & guest speaker, Mr. Dale Thomas founding member, Diane Douglas CA Deputy Governor (North), and Mandy Dunkle State Historian.

Following the reading of the founding charter a slideshow tribute was presented by Historian Diane Brueggemann. A great deal of fascinating details were revealed about the charter members. The colony was made of a diverse, civically minded, group of individuals who lived through WWII and the Vietnam War. Many had professions in the military, farming, teaching, or social work. They were busy, active people supporting their communities, hobbies, and interests. Check on our website for further details on viewing this tribute at <https://sanjoaquinvalleycolony.org>.



Mr. Dale Thomas founding co-Historian & Registrar

But wait! That was just the beginning. After lunch the gathering listened to a presentation by Donna Watkins. Many of you have had the pleasure of this sweet author's presentation about the other side of colony history, the judicial side.



She presented her knowledge about the strict policies of the colonies and the unfortunate outcomes if you disobeyed them. She spoke of John Billington, John Holmes, Joshua Pratt, Stephen Hopkins, and Dorothy Temple, as well as her 9th great grandmother, Alice Bishop and more. She was able to interweave their stories and give context to the colonies legal system. This may be one of her last speaking

events, so I suggest you get a copy of her books: *Diverse Gashes: Governor William Bradford, Alice Bishop, and the Murder of Martha Clark, Plymouth Colony 1648, and Weaker Vessels, the Women and Children of the Plymouth Colony*. This momentous day was filled with great conversations and joviality around the room. We are thankful for those who formed the beginnings of this colony and for those who wish to continue its success.



San Joaquin Valley Colony 50th Anniversary - June 8, 2024

*Diane Brueggemann
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Historian*

Foothill Colony

At our April meeting, the Foothill Colony learned all about the Mayflower Meetinghouse from Former Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson. This project will be a wonderful way to teach about the Mayflower and our Pilgrims to Plymouth visitors for years to come. Our fundraiser called the "Division of Décor 2024" asked members to bring any item that was related to fall, Thanksgiving or Pilgrims to the meeting as a donation. The member decided the minimum starting bid too. Those in attendance could increase the amount by increments of \$2 or more. Items ranged from home-baked goods, wine, clothing, artwork and books. The proceeds totaled \$900 and were split between the Mayflower Meetinghouse and California State Scholarship Fund. It was such fun!

A new Colony Board was elected for the 2024-2026 term. Foothill Colony is pleased to introduce Governor Jeanette DeHart, Deputy Governor Mark Cross, Elder Donna Riegel, Recording Secretary Mary Kenney and Treasurer Cindy Deem. Governor DeHart appointed Carole Curran as Delegate, Gage Hewes as Membership Chair and Tom Adams as Captain. Congratulations and we look forward to all that will be accomplished during this term.



*Division of Décor 2024 had several items donated that members bid on. \$900 was raised for projects.
(photo credit: Gage Hewes)*



*The Foothill Colony Board 2024-2026
L-R: Governor Jeanette DeHart,
Treasurer Cindy Deem, Deputy Governor
Mark Cross. Not pictured are Elder
Donna Riegel and Recording Secretary
Mary Kenney. (photo credit: Gage Hewes)*

Foothill Colony also extends hearty congratulations to Judah Castillo (recent graduate of Corona High School) for winning 3rd place in the California Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship. Judah was the first applicant sponsored by the Foothill Colony. We are so proud of his accomplishments.

*Carole Curran
Past Governor, Foothill Colony*

Monterey Bay Colony

Saturday May 25, 2024, the Monterey Bay Colony met for our spring meeting at the beautiful Corral de Tierra Country Club. We were excited to have Lisa Pennington, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as our speaker. Her program s. "A Tale Worth Telling: Why We Must Tell the Pilgrim Story" was inspiring to all.

The new board of the Colony was elected: Governor, Shelley Ware; Assistant Governor, Clark Magruder; Secretary, John Reed; Treasurer, Karen Craig; Elder, Robert Hellam; Membership Chair, Kris Hernandez; and Delegate, Mike Whitaker.

*Shelley Ware
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*

Alameda Colony

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, the quarterly meeting of the Alameda Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California was held in a hybrid setting. Those of us in-person gathered at Round Table Pizza Club House, 2960 Treat Blvd, Concord, CA 94518. The meeting was called to order by Colony Governor Sally Philbin. The Invocation was presented by alternate Elder, Bob Trapp. Sally Philbin led the Pledge of Allegiance. The reading of the Mayflower Compact was done by Alternate Captain Sally Philbin.

There were introductions all around while pizza was enjoyed by most. Bob then passed out pins to those who were attending a Colony Meeting for the first time. There was a robust discussion about the Mayflower Library, located in Oakland. Because of the history of the Library and its strong connection to the members of Alameda Colony there was considerable concern about its future and a strong expression about the importance of its collection that can only be accessed in person. Alameda Colony is proud to have agreed to have a resolution sent to CA State Mayflower Society to have Myrtle Savage made an Honorary Life Member due to her having reached the age of 90 and in recognition of her many years of service to the Alameda Colony and to the CA State Mayflower Society.

Nancy Lucchese gave some background on the status of dues collection this year. Both Sally Philbin and Marston Watson recognized Nancy's contribution to the Society in helping to organize the current process and improve it for next year. Alameda Colony is proud to donate \$1,000 to the California State Mayflower Society Scholarship Fund.

More good news from Alameda Colony as we announce our officers for the 2024-2026 term. Colony Governor: Christie Trapp; Colony Deputy Governor: Sally Philbin; Captain: Dale Brandes; Treasurer: Nancy Lucchese; Secretary: Under Review; Elder: Bob Trapp & Maggie.

Louise Throop gave a report on her progress with the Richard Warren research that she is doing and asked those with more than one line to Richard Warren to please contact her to help further her DNA research. Program Presentation by Sally Philbin: Superstitions in the American Colonies. There was a robust conversation afterwards with several members contributing additional information.

I would like to take a moment of your time to ask that you send your thoughts and prayers to Rev. Marsha Davis, Alameda Colony Elder and long-term member and avid Alameda Colony supporter who has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Please send cards to Kathy Watson, State Governor who will pass them on to her and her family. More on the Mayflower Library and other research opportunities in Northern California.

Mayflower Library Research in Northern California: We invite and encourage anyone who finds themselves in Northern California to check out one or more of these amazing research libraries that are available for your use.

1. California Mayflower Library, Oakland
2. California Genealogical Society Library, Oakland
3. Family Search Library, Oakland
4. Napa Valley Genealogical Society, Napa
5. Santa Clara Public Library [on second floor], Santa Clara
6. Sonoma Public Library, Sonoma
7. Sutro Library, South San Francisco

Each of these Libraries has access to the Silver Books! If you find yourself near Oakland, CA stop in at any of these Oakland Libraries. Of special note is the Mayflower Library staffed by Nancy Lucchese on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm and Fridays from 10am to 4pm. She is also available by special appointment. Email her at: lucchesepeter@comcast.net or call at: 510-451-9599 to set up a time when you can go into the Mayflower Library in Oakland.

*Sally Philbin
Alameda Colony, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

Summer began again with the celebration of America’s Independence. This 4th of July made me think of how proud we should be as descendants of the brave men and women who sailed on the Mayflower to America in search of freedom. When they signed the Mayflower Compact, they set the foundation for our Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and our democracy.

All 35 members and guests who attended the April 13th meeting were delighted to hear Billie Mitchell’s presentation “A Voyage of the Mayflower through Children’s Eyes”. Billie is the California State Scholarship Chairman, a member of the Orange County Colony, a very talented artist and enjoys educating school children by bringing the story of the Mayflower to life for them. She showed us the types of clothing the Pilgrims wore, the types of food they ate, the cramped living quarters on the Mayflower, and the types of toys the children played with. It was a surprise to many of us that the game of baseball was introduced to America by the Pilgrims. Billie gave each of us a kit to make a “Thanksgiving Story Bracelet”, She told the story as we added each colored bead to our bracelets to represent different traditions of Thanksgiving. Thank you, Billie!



Billie Mitchell, Speaker, Ben Hobbins, Assistant Governor, & Pam Mikkelsen, Governor

It was also our pleasure to welcome Dr. Robert Lincoln, CA Deputy Governor South and our new members Susan Abel, Bill Frederick, Carol Heft, and Barry Opdyke.

In the continuing remembrance of the Inland Empire’s 50th Anniversary, everyone enjoyed a 50th Anniversary cupcake.



Susan Abel, Bill Frederick, Carol Heft, Barry Opdyke

Mark your calendars to the remaining “50th Anniversary “meetings for 2024: Saturday, September 14, 2024. Speaker will be Erica Hahn, Esq., CA Counselor who will speak on Mayflower stories.



Billie Mitchell

Saturday, November 9, 2024, Compact Day, Speaker Scott Miller, CA Deputy Governor General who will present “William Bradford”

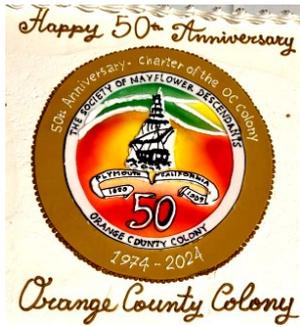


Billie Mitchell presentation

*Pam Mikkelsen
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

Orange County Colony

We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary on April 20th, 2024. We gave members a 50th anniversary pin we created for the special milestone.



My outgoing board was elected to continue for the next term of 2024-2026. It's says a lot of their commitment to carry on another 2 years and could not do it without them.



Pictured is Mandy Dunkle; Membership, Rich Grogan; Delegate, Wendie Troupe; Secretary, Ric Olsen; Elder, Cristen Lebsack Captain, Lisa Shaw; Governor, Maggie McDonald; Treasurer, Karen Gough; Historian, and Nancy Konkolewski; Deputy Governor.



We recognized our appointed committee chair's: Pictured Left- Everet Konkolewski, Sales table assistant, Debra Morrison- Scholarship committee, Billie Mitchell- Education Chair, Donna Cole Parliamentarian.

We awarded our Scholarship winners: Congratulations!

- 1st Place Kelsie Jasper \$1600
- 2nd Place Logan Lebsack \$1200
- 3rd Place Bryce Herman \$700
- 4th Place Baylee Garnto \$250



Bryce Herman and Logan Lebsack were able to attend April Meeting



We honored members that have been a member 25 years or more.





Donna Cole was honored for 40 years of service to our colony. A big thank you to Kathy Watson, our State Governor for coming and installing our board and giving us a update on what the State is doing and planning for the future.



Lisa Shaw, Kathy Watson, & Beth Lambright

Beth Lambright, GSMD Member at Large, addressed our Colony on our 50th anniversary and gave a brief history of the founding of the OC Colony including the very first member was a descendant of James Chilton.



Presentation was given by Colonel “Paddy” Gough, about the “Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum”. In May 2021, the City of Irvine, USMC, and the Flying Leatherneck in Historical Foundation entered a Memoranda

for Understanding to pursue plans for the relocation of the museum to Great Park, the former MCAS El Toro, the museum’s original home. In May of 2022, the City approved \$20 million for the transportation of the museum collection and the erection of an interim museum facility at Great Park. Coming soon to OC.



Scott Miller gave a presentation on the missing Bradford Journal and how it was found. Fabulous and moving program.

Save the Date:

- 7/20/2024 - Summer Gathering
- 11/23/2024 - Compact Day

*Lisa Shaw
Orange County Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

Hello Mayflower Cousins! By the time you read this we'll have celebrated our nation's 248th birthday! I realize it's time to think about the Bisesquincentennial, it'll be here before we know it! Most of us are probably in OTHER groups that 'specialize' in all things 1776 but our forefathers in Plymouth and vicinity were a huge part of the revolutionary effort. They thought our beloved Plymouth Rock would be inspirational and decided it belonged at the foot of a liberty pole in front of the meetinghouse for all to see. With teams of oxen and lots of gumption they tried to dislodge it from the harbor and haul it up



Governor Tawny Welch and State Scholarship winner Simon Levin



Incoming Chaplain Shari Worrell and Historian Anne Fisher

the hill. It broke in two. The rest, as they say, is history. I bring this up as a reminder that it'd be a great idea for colonies to capitalize on this time when history is in the forefront and plan your own celebrations!

We had a wonderful meeting in May. I'm sure the 43 guests would agree! It is always thrilling to honor smart, dedicated young people, we did it twice! A 'new' member, Simon Levin, won 4th place in the California State Scholarship contest. We gave him a certificate and our thanks for representing himself and us so well! He wrote a brilliant essay and will use his \$1000 scholarship at the University of Maryland in the fall. Nicely done Simon!

And in a huge milestone, we awarded our first Robert E Dempster Memorial Scholarship. Bob willed our Colony into existence and was our first Governor. We lost him 2 years ago, but he'll always be in our hearts – we honor him with this memorial. We were privileged to have Bob's family attend the luncheon to watch our first recipient receive her award certificate and read her winning essay. Thasmeah Sardar is a stellar student, our Scholarship Chair Kim Wizer tells us she triumphed over very keen competition. Her \$3000 scholarship will serve her well at UCLA! How lovely that Thasmeah's mom and sister were able to share this happy occasion!

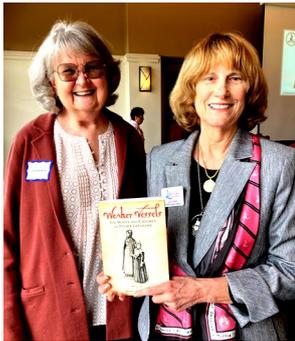
New Board

To add to the excitement, we elected and installed a new Executive Board! We thanked our outgoing board for their service and said good-bye to Chaplain Lorraine Kocen, Librarian Darilyn Rice and Membership Chair Don Morris. Former State Governor and wonderful friend Marcia Maloney made the trek from Orange County to install the new board, the ceremony was heartfelt and stirring.



Marcia Maloney, Tawny Welch, Cheri Kennaley, Lorraine Kocen

We welcomed new Co-Deputy Governor Yvonne Nelson, Chaplain Shari Worrell, Librarian Jennifer Levin and Membership Chair Cheri Kennaley; it's lovely to have so many new faces on the Board and a Blessing to have so many incumbents stay on to help steer this ship! With gratitude to one and all!



Speaker Donna Watkins and Historian Anne Fisher



Tasmeh Sardar and Dempster Family



Tasmeh Sardar and Kim Wizer



Deputy Governor Terri DeMey presents certificate of appreciation to speaker Donna Watkins



L-R: Marcia Maloney, Governor Tawny Welch, Deputy Governor Terri DeMey, Deputy Governor Yvonne Nelson, Corresponding Secretary Vicki Cooper-Lane, Treasurer Holly Newcomb, Membership Chair Cheri Kennaley, Chaplain Shari Worrell, Librarian Jennifer Levin, Historian Anne Fisher and Recording Secretary Kim Wizer

Following lunch we enjoyed our Program. Author Donna Watkins (“Diverse Gashes” and “Weaker Vessels”) spoke about “John Walker, Servant to Robert and Susanna Chilton Latham”. Donna is interested in telling the stories of individuals (through court records) who don’t receive much attention in publications about Plymouth. Especially the women, children and servants who lived there. We will meet again on Saturday, 14 September in Thousand Oaks. Until then, I wish you a safe, joyful summer with many wonderful memories made.

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air"

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mayflower Descendant

*Tawny Welch
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony met at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Center located off of Santa Monica Boulevard on the westside on April 27. After I called the meeting to order, the invocation was given by Elder Cynthia Carver Svezia and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Kimberlee Bradford. Three new members of the Mayflower Society were in attendance: Grace Benn descended from William Brewster, Stefani Operacz descended from Stephen Hopkins, and Andrew Hopkins descended from John Alden. They were given a 2020 Rose Parade Mayflower Float T-Shirt and special bookmarks prepared by Assistant Governor Jan Dougall that show each generation of their Mayflower descent.



L-R: LA Colony Gov Robert Lincoln, Ph.D., new GSMD members Andy Hopkins, Grace Been, Stefani Operacz, and LA Colony Assistant Gov Jan Dougall.

Both Grace (Bradford) and Andrew (Mullins, Warren with Soule, Standish, and Hopkins in work) have added supplemental lines already.

I introduced the Colony officers in attendance: Assistant Colony Governor Jan Dougall, Elder Cynthia Carver Svezia, Secretary Sharon Brewster, Treasurer Susan Daniels, Captain Kimberlee Bradford, Surgeon Judy Law-Torok, Colony Membership Chair Heather Porter, Past LA Colony Governor Cal Cahoon. Note that the officers already include a Brewster and a Bradford and if Andy joins our board we would also have a Hopkins.

The minutes of the November 11, 2023, Compact Day meeting were read by Secretary Sharon Brewster and approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Treasurer Susan Daniels.

Colony Membership Chair Heather M. Porter, M.S. presented "Representations of the American Revolution in Popular Culture." She explained that in most examples of popular culture, we can find examples of the American Revolution, but the references are only as accurate as the person telling the story. While lots of popular culture is inaccurate in its historical depiction, it does tend to spur an interest in a historical event or person. Pop culture influences cultural interest in historical events. With the upcoming 250th year anniversary of the events of the Revolutionary War approaching there will be more pop culture references focusing on this history. The Mayflower Society will be emphasizing the ongoing Pilgrims to Patriots program to document lineages from Mayflower passengers to Revolutionary War Patriots. My lineage from Mayflower Passenger Thomas Rogers goes through Sylvester Lincoln who together with his brother, Charles, served in the Revolutionary War militia from Taunton, MA.

We broke for a lunch buffet catered by Stratos. The food was excellent and there was so much that some members took home leftovers. After lunch, the meeting continued with the group reading of the *Mayflower Compact* and the Roll Call of Passengers. The ancestor most represented was William Brewster with eight descendants in attendance, followed by John Alden and Stephen Hopkins who were tied with five descendants each. Assistant Governor Jan Dougall led us in a reading of the Pilgrims' Pledge. A Benediction was given by Elder Cynthia Carver Svezia. After the meeting adjournment, several members stayed and utilized the resources of the FamilySearch Center to do research.

The next meeting of the Los Angeles Colony will be our Compact Day celebration on Sunday, November 17, 2024. Our special speaker will be famed Mayflower researcher Caleb Johnson. Caleb Johnson is the author of several books on Mayflower subjects including *Here Shall I Die Ashore* about Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins. Caleb Johnson's website <http://mayflowerhistory.com> is a premier site for information about the Mayflower passengers. Caleb Johnson will speak on "Latest Discoveries in Mayflower Passenger Origins." As the Los Angeles Colony Board of Assistants anticipate extra interest in attending Caleb Johnson's presentation, we will move the Compact Day luncheon from our normal Tam O'Shanter location. At the time of the Spring Quarterly, we had planned to hold the meeting at the Valley Hunt Club but due to an issue with our potential sponsor there we will now hold the meeting at the Altadena Town & Country Club.



LA Colony Membership Chair Heather M. Porter, M.S. speaking on "Representations of the American Revolution in Popular Culture."

The Altadena Country Club, as it was originally known, was established in 1910 and had its grand opening on December 28, 1911. The early years saw some ups and downs with membership drops during World War I and the Great Depression. The 1932 PGA Open was held here with golf greats Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen competing. Hollywood celebrities like Humphrey Bogart and Clark Gable played the course. After World War II, the club focused more on tennis as the Altadena Town and Country Club. Today, the club is thriving and hosting many parties and galas. I look forward to a great meeting in November. As there likely will be interest in Caleb Johnson's presentation from Mayflower Descendants outside of the Los Angeles Colony, I plan to send invitations to the neighboring colonies to be forwarded to their members.

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph.D.
Los Angeles Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony

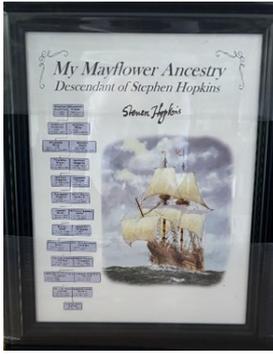
San Diego Colony's Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, May 18th, 2024, at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad, CA. This month our guest speaker was Mr. Karl Zingheim, Staff Historian for the U.S.S. Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum here in San Diego. A Naval Academy graduate and historian, Karl's well-researched and informative presentation was about "The History of Memorial Day": from its roots in tradition, to the American Civil war and Decoration Day, and what it means today in American culture.

After Karl's presentation, San Diego Governor, Judith Reale, introduced the slate of candidates for the 2024-2026 Colony Executive Board to the membership in attendance. The election was held and the new San Diego Board was presented and congratulated. Former San Diego Colony Governor and California Governor, Ray Raser, conducted the challenge and investiture ceremony.



Karl Zingheim

Thanks Judith, Ray and our Colony Membership for your encouragement and trust. The incoming Board and Committee Chairs look forward to the next term and their plans to continue honoring our Pilgrim ancestors, and what they mean to a 21st Century America. After the ceremony, outgoing Governor, Judith Reale was presented with a beautiful graphic art print by noted Mayflower artist, Michael Haywood. The print also depicts Judith's lineage from ancestor Stephen Hopkins.



Thank you again, Judith, for your dedicated leadership for the last two years. On an entirely different subject (but certainly a tangent), following our Colony Meeting, Callie and I were off to Massachusetts and Maine with our daughter and her son for a long-planned trip. Callie's dad is 98 now (and sharp as a tack), so we enjoyed visiting family and friends and sites in New England, plus of course, many 4-gen photo ops with great-grandpa George. While there, the opportunity also arose to introduce our daughter and grandson to the Plimoth-Patuxet Museum and it's 'old' Leiden Street for the first time.

Needless to say, they were impressed with the cottages and their residents and even got to meet and discuss some family gossip with their 11th and 12th great-grandmother, Hester Mahieu Cooke. We were thankful she was so chatty and knowledgeable regarding our family's 'deep history' in Wallonia, but we were thoughtfully silent about her future progeny in the New world. That was hard!



Leiden Street

As a grandpa, it just brings home once again that the future of our Society lives in our children and grandchildren. Please continue to share the connection those brave souls from 1620 have to us, but more importantly what their sacrifices eventually meant to this nation and the world.

*Budd Leef
San Diego Colony, Governor*

Santa Barbara Colony

The Santa Barbara Colony held its latest biannual meeting on 20 April 2024 in two physical locations: Santa Barbara and Arroyo Grande. They were linked together through the Zoom computer application. A memorial was held for departed colony members: Donald McClay, Patsy Jean, and Warren Warner Jr. (past colony governor).



We welcomed the following new members: Lisa Wood and Linda Wood (in Arroyo Grande, they traveled from Paso Robles - extending the colony reach) and Catherine Field and Diane McClenathen in Santa Barbara.



We also welcome new members Rive Douglas and Donna Marier. From our state allotment, 20% went to the scholarship fund and 25% to our educational fund. New Silver books were authorized for the following locations: the Santa Maria Public Library, the Arroyo Grande Public Library, the Sahyun Library in Santa Barbara, and the Santa Maria Historical Society. Our program was a video entitled "The First Thanksgiving" - produced by Carole Curran. Thanks Carole. Our next colony meeting will be held on October 19, 2024.

Jay Williams
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor

Mother Lode Colony

Save the Dates:

October 10, 2024, Thursday, 1:00, p.m..

Summer is here! Save these dates, add to your calendar. I ask members to save the date for our celebration of our colony's 60th Anniversary, Thursday, 10 October 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The birthday, a Social Event, "Settlement" meeting, is free, cupcakes will be provided, an R.S.V.P. will be required. The invitation, to Raley's One Community Room, Blue Oaks Blvd. Roseville, Placer Co. location, will be sent to 2024 Roster of colony members. Share your history as a member. The Mother Lode executive board voted to delete the September Meeting to be able to celebrate the founding of our colony on its 60th birthday.



November 9, 2024, Saturday, 11:30, a.m..

Our Compact Day Luncheon speaker will be Caleb Johnson, well known researcher, of Mayflower History, and author, on his (always updated) New Discoveries! The Mother Lode colony Luncheon is Saturday, November 9, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Sun City, Lincoln, California, in the Orchard Ballroom. Thanks to colony Elder, Helen MacLaren, a resident, we are able to reserve the ballroom, the large capacity, 300 people, can accommodate all our members. We hope for a large turnout of 75 people, and guests are welcome.

The location is convenient to colony members throughout California's gold country. The Sacramento airport is nearby. An invitation, menu and reservation form will be sent to Mother Lode Colony members in mid-September. You will need to R.S.V.P. with your check, and meal choice, Orchard Ballroom catering requires advance payment. A question-and-answer period will follow talk. We hope all our colony members will attend this special event we have planned.

Catherine Graham
Mother Lode Colony, Governor

The Legacy of Robert S Wakefield

By Erica Hahn

On 1 Jun 2002 Robert Sidney Wakefield died. He was born 20 Oct 1925 in San Mateo California, the son of Cyril H Wakefield, and Cristobel Gunn. Through his father's mother, Lillian Valentine Fox, he was a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins and his daughter Constance Hopkins. He also had a Chilton line. The California Society has now just received a bequest via the Wakefield Family Trust of his postage stamp collection, which we have now sold off.

Bob became a member of the Mayflower Society on March 19, 1973, and was elected to the California Mayflower Society May 26, 1973. (In those days, approval by the GSMD did not automatically make you a member of the California Society.) Here is an interesting detail. His application was approved by the State Historian on 17 March 1973 and by Plymouth two days later on 19 March 1973. Approval takes a little longer these days.

It seems he lived virtually all of his life in California, mostly in Redwood City, 7 miles from where he was born. In his working career he worked for a long time for the Southern Pacific Transportation Company. His father had worked for the Southern Pacific as well.

In the 1940's he bred prize winning whippets.

Beyond the value of the postage stamp collection, almost every member of the California Society owes him a much bigger debt. He had been the publisher of numerous articles of genealogy, when in 1977 he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

In 1976 he became involved with Mayflower Society Five Generations Project. His first work was on a manuscript for Richard More. It was included in Vol 2 of the Silver Books published in 1978 (now long out of print). At this point the Project was only 6 years old. The first volume had been issued by the Project in 1975, a volume for Francis Eaton, Samuel Fuller, and William White (all long superseded by more recent volumes.) The project was envisioned as a simple one volume project. No one yet had any idea how massive it would turn out to be.

Bob Wakefield went on to be the author or lead editor for the following:

The original four Generation volume for Francis Cook published in 1987,

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 5 since superseded by individual volumes for each, (Edward Winslow and Francis Billington) published in 1997,

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 7 (Peter Brown),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 8 (Degory Priest),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 9 (Francis Eaton),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 10 (Samuel Fuller),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 11, Parts 1,2, and 3 (Edward Doty),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 13 (William White),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 14 (Myles Standish),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 15 (James Chilton and Richard More),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 17 (Isaac Allerton),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 18 Parts 1, 2, and 3 (Richard Warren),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 20, Part 1 (Henry Samson),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 21 (Francis Billington),

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 22 (William Bradford) published in 2004, ie after his death.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 23, Parts 1 (John Howland's descendants via his children Lydia, Hannah, Joseph, Jabez, Ruth and Isaac) published in 2006, also after his death.

It is interesting that he did not do the Stephen Hopkins volume! From the number of volumes on which he worked it is clear that he played a pivotal role in the development of the Silver Book collection.

When he wasn't working on Silver books he also wrote Mayflower Society booklets on Robert Bartlett and Richard Church and other volumes on colonial New England genealogy including *Plymouth Colony Marriages to 1650* which was printed with *Mary Chilton's Title to Celebrity, Investigated in behalf of a Descendant of John Harvard*.

So if you are descended from any of these people in the above Silver Books, know that the original research to prove your line was the work of Bob Wakefield. We can heartily thank our fellow California Mayflower Society member.

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