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*Mary Chilton - Plymouth Rock*

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## *GSMD - BOA Meeting*

*Scenes from Asheville, North Carolina*

*September 2024*



*Ray Garrett, Santa Barbara Colony, enjoying  
tour of the famous Biltmore Mansion*



*Kathleen Watson, Ray Garrett, with  
Holly Newcomb, RCC Treasurer & Delegate, and  
Carrie Carpenter, Rancho Conejo Colony*

## *About Our Cover Picture*

Mary Chilton (May 31, 1607 – May 16, 1679) was a Pilgrim and purportedly the first European woman to step ashore at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Mary Chilton was baptized on May 31, 1607 in Sandwich, Kent, England and was the daughter of the *Mayflower* passenger, James Chilton. Mary Chilton's mother's name has been listed as "Susannah, possibly Furner" in many places. She is listed by William Bradford as "Mrs. Chilton" or "James Chilton's wife." He may have never known her given name. At the age of thirteen, Mary Chilton accompanied her parents on the voyage to Plymouth. Her father, age sixty-four, was the oldest passenger on the *Mayflower*.

Her father died on December 18, 1620, while the *Mayflower* was anchored in Provincetown Harbor, and her mother died six weeks later on January 21, 1621, shortly after arriving at Plymouth. Both died of "the first infection of the disease" reported by Governor William Bradford in 1650. Once orphaned, she may have become the ward of Myles Standish or John Alden. Chilton was given three shares in the land division of 1623, one for herself and one each for her deceased parents. Her property was situation between those of Standish and John Howland.

She was one of eleven minor girls on the *Mayflower*, nine of whom survived the first year at Plymouth Rock and would have been present at the time of the famous First Thanksgiving in 1621. In contrast, only four of the 14 adult women survived the first year.

*Taken from Wikipedia Oct. 15, 2024.*

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### Governor's Message

In early September, several members along with DGG Scott Miller and myself attended the General Society Board of Assistants meeting. The event was held in Asheville NC. As you read this message, Asheville is in the news having suffered extensive damage from hurricane Helene. I wandered through the streets of Biltmore Village which no longer exists! I shared lunch with two residents at Bruegger's Bagels which thankfully weathered the storm. I traversed the Blue Ridge Parkway which suffered extensive damage. My thoughts and prayers are extended to the residents and our pilgrim brothers and sisters to be able to rebuild.

There was big news announced at the Mayflower meeting. The "Easy App Generator" touted in the Society's Mayflower Quarterly was released for use by Society historians nationwide. This tool, which Historian Mandy Dunkle beta tested, will relieve the repeated entry of known Mayflower ancestors on all applications going forward. It was also announced that the indexing project which is an integral part to increasing the usefulness of application generation still is in progress and can use more volunteers. Please, please consider volunteering!



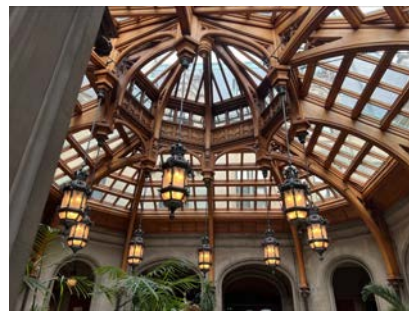
*Kathleen Watson*

Our BIG NEWS here in California is that membership invoices for 2025 dues payments were released on October 2 from the Society's Quickbooks directly to your inbox! This was the culmination of a significant effort of the remediation team formed earlier: Maggie McDonald, Karen Schwartz, Karen Craig, and Carole Curran. Postal invoices will be sent to members without email addresses as well. **Check your inbox!** An appeal to Life members to "check in" and make donations is planned as well. Treasurer Harvey Soldan presents in this issue and at the upcoming Board of Assistants a Statement of Activity. Please direct your questions to Treasurer Harvey.



As the autumn leaves fall and we gather in gratitude, we

are reminded of the enduring legacy of our Mayflower ancestors. This season, we celebrate **Compact Day** to honor the signing of the Mayflower Compact. As proud descendants, may we continue to preserve and share this rich heritage, passing it on to future generations with the same spirit of commitment and hope.



*Kathleen Watson  
Governor*

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### Deputy Governor North

Despite our unusually warm early October weather, fall is here. Our colonies are busy planning and preparing their respective Compact Day meetings. This meeting is especially important to our Society. We will come together with our Mayflower cousins to honor our ancestors and the Mayflower Compact, considered to be the impetus for the evolution of democratic government in America. Decision 2025, the committee tasked with recommending a fiscally responsible and utilized Office/Library, is wrapping up the deaccession of our library holdings. Our committee has one more in-person visit planned for October. We will complete the analysis of the last remaining books which were not in our catalog and double-check the unique books we may keep for Mayflower research relevance.

From our deaccession work, we have found that out of over 2500 books in our CA Library, 90+% are not necessary to be there. Removing them from our shelves, significantly reduces office/library space needs. The Committee will create a list of the books which we are not going to keep and offer these books to the GSMD Research Center in Plymouth (formerly, the GSMD Library), the Sutro Library in San Francisco, and the California Genealogical Society (CGS) Library. Any books not taken by these libraries will be published in a list that will be emailed to our CA Mayflower Society members. The entire Decision 2025 committee has worked hard to complete this huge deaccession task, but I must recognize the special efforts of Dianne Sweeney, our Society Librarian. She has gone through all the shelves of books to make sure that each book was indeed in the catalog, and if not, she added it. Without her many, many volunteer hours of work, we could not have categorized our collection and made informed decisions to deaccess the books in a timely fashion. Thank you, Dianne.



*Diane Douglass*

Next up will be estimating the space requirements for a small office and the small collection of books. We also would like our Society to provide in-office/library laptop access to the internet and paid genealogical websites like Ancestry.com and AmericanAncestors.org (NEHGS) for Mayflower research. The idea is that our library will be more of a research center where members can have access to genealogical materials both online and in hand. Another idea is that the office/library could do look ups upon request, based upon volunteer staffing.

As I write this update, I am in Marshfield, Massachusetts and have made several trips to the GSMD Research Center aka Library. In my 6 visits, I was usually only 1 of 2 visitors using the Library. In speaking with the librarian, she said that visitations are way, way down since COVID and show no signs of increasing. In fact, the Research Center is now only open for visitors 6 hours a week! The rest of the time, the librarians are available to assist the research team and verifiers with lookups. Plymouth is also looking at reorganizing their resources and current expenses to improve efficiency and reduce wasted costs. We are in great company!

*Diane Douglass  
Deputy Governor North*





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## Deputy Governor South

The Los Angeles Colony is planning a very special Compact Day meeting on Sunday November 17 at the Altadena Town and Country Club. Mayflower passenger researcher, Caleb Johnson will speak in person. The Los Angeles Colony is inviting all members of the California Society to this celebration and the RSVP form has been sent to the Governors of the other six colonies in South-



*Dep. Gov. Robert Lincoln visiting the site of the hangings of the 1692 Salem witch trial victims.*

ern California so that the invitation can be forwarded to their members. More information can be found in the LA Colony article in this Quarterly. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend but have not been forwarded the RSVP, please contact me at [drrlincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:drrlincoln@yahoo.com) and I'll send it to you.

On September 14, I attended the Rancho Conejo Colony meeting where Dr. Michaela Reeves spoke on "17<sup>th</sup> Century Witches in America". We all have heard about the witch trials held in Salem during 1692, but the hysteria was more widespread than that. In the American Colonies, Massachusetts had the most accused of being witches, but there were other colonies with trials. And within Massachusetts,

the accused lived in many nearby towns beyond Salem or Salem Village. While the 1692 witch trials were seventy years after the Mayflower voyage, the trials remind us how strongly many of our ancestors and the people of the 17<sup>th</sup> century believed that Devil was a constant threat to them.

I have two ancestral connections to the 1692 witch trials. My tenth-great uncle John Proctor was one of those hanged in Salem. I descend from his sister Abigail who wrote a letter to the authorities in support of her brother. My eight-great grandmother Mary (Lovitt) Tyler and her daughter, Johanna, were accused of being witches.

Prior to the 2023 membership meeting in Plymouth, I visited the new memorial marking the location of the Salem Village hangings to remember my ten-great uncle John Proctor. For a long time, the top of Gallows Hill was identified as the execution location. A local historian Sidney Perley, in 1921, had presented detailed evidence in an article for the Essex Institute Historical Collections that Proctor's Ledge near the base of Gallows Hill was much more likely a location and in 1936, the city of Salem had purchased a small parcel of land around Proctor's Ledge. But the site was never marked and was eventually forgotten. In 2010, prior to the 325-year anniversary of the trials, the city of Salem assembled a team of historical experts to re-examine Perley's research. They looked at records of those who described being able to see the hangings or see the corpses after they were taken down and temporarily buried nearby. From about a half dozen such contemporary descriptions, the researchers confirmed that those seeing the hangings would not have been able to do so if they occurred at the top of Gallows Hill but would be able to if they occurred on Proctor's Ledge. Proctor's Ledge gets its name from a grandson of John Proctor who purchased the land perhaps due to his knowledge of its significance. The town built a memorial in 2017 to mark the location as part of the 325-year remembrance.



*Memorial to Dep. Gov. tenth great uncle who was a victim of the 1692 witch trials.*

I have in the last year extended one branch of my ancestors to my eight great grandmother Mary (Lovitt) Tyler, who along with her daughter Johanna who was a child, were accused of being witches in Andover, MA in 1692. It is very sobering to read the transcripts of her trial. The accused were relentlessly pressured to confess to save their eternal souls. Mary's relatives also pushed her to confess as that sometimes resulted in some leniency from the courts. She did confess even after saying she could not give false testimony under oath. She later emotionally recanted her confession due to the stress of having lied under oath. Mary was acquitted of being a witch and released from prison where she had been held for several months. Her husband, Hopestill, and Mary and their family left Andover for Connecticut not long afterwards.

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

### Deputy Governor General Report

Greetings to everyone. This is my first report in quite a while, so I hope everyone is doing well. I recently attended on October 11<sup>th</sup>, via TEAMS, the Australian Mayflower Society BOA Meeting. I had the honor of officiating their election of the new Administration of Governor Bill Elliott. I



*Scott Miller*

also did my presentation on the Bradford Journal, called "*An Accidental Find Leads to a Monumental Discovery: God's Providence in the Return of the Bradford Journal.*" It was such an honor to be invited to attend. For me, the call was at 4:00pm on Friday evening. For them, it was 10:00am Saturday morning!

There was quite a large group there in Melbourne, Australia attending in person and about 15 of us on TEAMS from around the US.

Several of us attended the General Society Board of Assistants' Meeting in Asheville, NC from September 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. California was represented by me and Governor, Kathy Watson.

We had several others attend representing the Santa Barbara, Rancho Conejo and San Diego

Colonies. On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Kathy attended the meetings and Governor General Update, while I took the Biltmore Mansion Tour. Wow, what a place!

Here's what I learned: When George Vanderbilt, the son of Commodore Vanderbilt and sole heir of the Vanderbilt wealth, decided to build the mansion in western North Carolina, he chose a beautiful spot at the base of the Smokey Mountains, outside of Asheville. It was so far from anything, that he had to build his own railroad trestle to bring in materials and people to work on the 125-room mansion and surrounding complex that was designed to be self-sustaining. At the time, it sat on 125,000 acres. Yes, that is 125,000 acres; bought at just \$1.00 per acre! Can you imagine? Today, the property has just 8,000 acres remaining. The facility is still being managed by the two Cecil brothers, great grandchildren of George Vanderbilt. It is the largest, privately-owned mansion and grounds opened to the public.



*Scott Miller, DGG – with the Biltmore Mansion in the background on a stunning day in Asheville, NC*

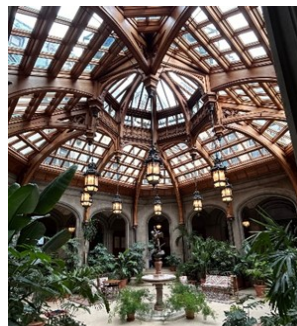
On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, Kathy and I attended the GBOA meeting, where we heard reports from the Executive Board and Committee chairs. There were many updates, but for me the most significant were:

1) Historian General, Allie Golon, and Member-at-Large and Chair of the Technology Committee, Chris Schlosser, talked at length about the “Easy App Generator” and Indexing that will fully automate the application process. Historians also now have access to the “Virtual Vault” which is a digital version of the Silver Books. Bringing the Mayflower Society into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to make it easier to get prospective members approved, has been a key focus of the Society this year.

2) Governor General, Lisa Pennington, gave extensive updates about the soundness of the Society. We ended the year in a surplus. They are also trimming costs wherever possible. She also spoke about the work on the Mayflower Society House that is nearly complete in its renovation and repair. Meetings are now being held there. Further, last year, the Mayflower Meetinghouse raised over \$3.5 million to continue work on performing repairs and renovations that will make it a state-of-the-art visitor center. This year’s 1620 Club donations will be going specifically to restore the bells in the bell-tower of the Meetinghouse. One of the bells, forged in 1801, is a Paul Revere & Sons bell! She referenced the “\$2M Jameson Bequest”, from the Jameson Family from here in California, that they have applied to the Meetinghouse. The Jamesons were former members of the Sequoia Colony.

3) Former Governor General, Lea Filson, showed us a presentation about all of the progress made on the Mayflower Meetinghouse. She showed what has been done to this point to repair various areas that were in disrepair after years of neglect and weathering. She also showed us the “future state” of the Meetinghouse with an elevator, a new, contemporary enclosed side entrance, and 360-degree projection around the whole sanctuary that will be truly magnificent. So far, the Society has raised just over \$8.3 million for the projects, with \$7.7 million yet to be raised to complete the work.

After the meeting, we all attended the Gala Dinner. Caleb Johnson was the guest speaker. First, and surprisingly, he talked about a project he has been working on in the Philippines. He is helping men and women, who had American servicemen fathers, who were stationed at the various military bases there, to discover whom their fathers are. Unexpectedly, he has identified a group of them who are also Mayflower Descendants! He even fixed them their first American Thanksgiving Turkey dinner last year! Then he spoke at length about the new finds they are making in England of the various locations of the Mayflower passengers who passed away that first winter. They have been able to better connect the families together to more fully understand how each of the particular families who boarded the Mayflower ended up making the journey in 1620.



*Interior Garden in the center of the Biltmore mansion.*



*After the GSMD Gala Dinner and Caleb Johnson's presentation. L-R: Scott Miller, DGG, Governor Kathleen Watson, AG, Ray Garrett, Santa Barbara Colony, and Luann Esposito, San Diego Colony.*

Finally, and sadly, just a little over three weeks after we had such a great time there in Asheville, hurricane Helene blew through Florida and headed north. Instead of heading right, eastward into the Atlantic, as most hurricanes do, Helene turned left and stopped up against the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee and dropped nearly 30 inches of rain.

Damage from Helen was felt in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The area we stayed in was near the Biltmore Village at the Double Tree Hotel. That happened to be the area that suffered some of the worst flooding; over 27-feet above flood stage. The deepest flooding up to this time was way back in 1916 at just 20-feet above flood stage.

The hotel was up the hill a bit and may have not gotten flooded, but the town by the river was completely inundated. So many little towns up in the mountains along the river were wiped out and many folks are still missing. Let us pray for everyone affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia – particularly our cousins from those states who may have had property destroyed and lives upended in the storms. Please consider donating to one or several of the organizations there on the ground helping.

*Scott Miller,  
Deputy Governor General*



### *In the Footsteps of the Pilgrims*

By Sylvia Dilgard

In September, my husband, Paul, and I had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands and the U.K. on the **Mayflower Heritage Tour**. The 12-day trip was sponsored by the Mayflower Society and organized by Feat Travel. On a personal note, I descend from Stephen Hopkins and have been an active member of the Mother Lode Colony since 2021, in time to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Thanksgiving.

Our group of 26 people (including “saints and strangers”) met in Amsterdam to begin our tour of this amazing city. Let’s go back to 1608 when Pastor John Robinson and Elder William Brewster led their band of Separatists from England on a journey to a place with religious tolerance. Here, we visited the Begijnhof, originally an almshouse. Inside this hidden neighborhood is a church where the Pilgrims first worshiped in Holland.



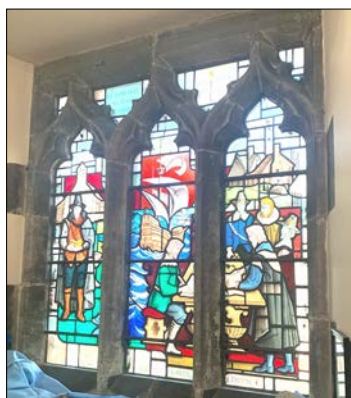
The next few days were spent in Leiden, a lovely canal-laced town that was home to the Pilgrims from 1609 to 1620. We began with a visit to the Archives, where we saw historic documents like a letter written by John Robinson asking permission to bring his group of Separatists to Leiden. We also saw the record of William Bradford's marriage to Dorothy May. Other highlights included a presentation at the American Pilgrim Museum, with artifacts from the Pilgrim era, including a copy of Edward Winslow's portrait. We were awed by a huge memorial to Pastor John Robinson at the Pieterskerk, across the street from the home where he lived.



Next stop was Delfshaven, where we visited the Pilgrim Fathers Church. They have an informative exhibit that details the Pilgrim experience in Holland. A few steps away, we stood at the same quay where the *Speedwell* departed by August 1, 1620. Later, we boarded a ferry and crossed the North Sea on a 6-hour cruise to Harwich, England. While we enjoyed a very comfortable crossing, it was difficult to imagine the 66-day voyage of

my ancestors across the Atlantic and the hardships they endured getting to the New World.

In Harwich, we visited the home of Christopher Jones, Captain of the Mayflower. From there, we travelled to Boston on England's east coast, to visit the historic Guildhall. Back in 1607, during their first attempt to leave England, a few Pilgrim Fathers were betrayed, put on trial and imprisoned here for a month. At St. Botolph's Church, we learned of the large Puritan congregation that left



from here in 1630 under the leadership of John Winthrop, who eventually became Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. While in the area of Nottinghamshire, we visited Scrooby Manor, the original site where William Brewster lived for many years, and where William Bradford first attended worship services with Brewster and John Robinson. Theirs was an underground congregation that met secretly for fear of persecution. We also visited St. Helena's Church in Austerfield where Bradford was baptized. A colorful stained-glass window honors him as well as the signing of the Mayflower Compact.



To give us a sense of language and literature at the time of the Pilgrims, we headed to Stratford-upon-Avon for a visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage. William Shakespeare wrote *The Tempest* in 1611, most likely basing the character of Stephano on my ancestor, Stephen Hopkins. Hopkins had departed from Plymouth on the *Sea Venture* in 1609, heading for Jamestown, Virginia. That ill-fated voyage ended by being shipwrecked in Bermuda.

In Droitwich, we visited St. Peter's Church, where there is a memorial to Edward Winslow. Born in this parish in 1595, Winslow went on to serve as Governor of Plymouth Colony for three terms. He went back to England in 1623, and returned with three heifers and a bull. We learn much about the first thanksgiving from Winslow's writings.

The highlight of the trip was our arrival in Plymouth, where we could actually walk along the very dock that led many of our ancestors to board the Mayflower. After visiting the Mayflower Museum, we took photos of the “Mayflower Steps” memorial which was most likely their departure point on their voyage to the New World. A harbor cruise gave us more historical information of the area, and allowed us to view the red and white Smeaton’s Tower lighthouse from the water.

Leaving Plymouth, we traveled to Southampton for a visit to the Tudor House and Garden. We had a walking tour that led us through the West Gate to the harbor. There is a Pilgrim obelisk that marks the spot of their original departure on both the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower* on August 15, 1620. From there, we went on to London, where King James VI and I ruled both Scotland and England at the time of the Pilgrim exodus. After a Thames River cruise, we visited the historic Tower of London. The next day, we visited Windsor Castle, originally built for William the Conqueror, beginning in 1070. It is still a British royal residence today.

For our final evening of the tour, our group of convivial Pilgrims dined at The Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe. I had the opportunity to sign the Mayflower Descendants book, along with sixteen of my new-found Mayflower cousins, including Jay Williams, Governor of Santa Barbara Colony.

After the Heritage Tour, my husband and I took the train up to Cambridge to see the famous University. It was here that William Brewster attended college, beginning in December 1580. Though he did not earn a bachelor’s degree, his education undoubtedly helped him take on a leadership role in the future Separatist congregation. Records show that John Robinson also studied at Cambridge. Seeing the beautiful King’s College Chapel and Trinity College Library was special.

While my husband and I have had the privilege of traveling to every country in western Europe, this Mayflower Heritage Tour was special as it gave our sightseeing a sense of purpose. I descend from seven passengers on the Mayflower, each from different walks of life. Myles Standish was a military captain, Henry Samson was just a teenager, John Alden was a cooper, and Priscilla Mullins was left an orphan. Somehow, walking in their footsteps has truly made this part of history come alive!



*Sylvia Dilgard  
Mother Lode Colony - #9898*

## *Mayflower Heritage Tour 2024*

*Submitted by Jay Williams, Santa Barbara Colony*



*The church at embarkation point in Delfshaven*



*Mayflower Pub in London by Mayflower ships  
original embarkation point.*



*Southampton monument*



*Last Night of Tour*

*Front: Amanda & Jay Williams,  
Santa Barbara Colony.*

*Rear: Sylvia & Paul Dilgard, Mother Lode Colony  
Mayflower Pub, London, England*





## The Other Half of The Story

*Submitted by Jay Williams*

To visit only Plymouth, Massachusetts, one can only experience half of the story of our Pilgrim Fathers and not fully appreciate the “why” aspect of their displacement from the familiar and the risky journey on to which they embarked. Ideas and movements don’t arbitrarily and randomly spring from a vacuum but have deep roots. When I visited the estates and properties of Bradford and Brewster in the Scrooby area, then saw more modest adjustments in Leyden before the further simplicity of the Plimoth Plantation, I realized that the conviction of these men must have been great. One should visit the home church site of Scrooby Manor to appreciate where our non-conforming fore-fathers had to meet when Richard Clyfton was removed from the pulpit of the All Saints church in Babworth. Since the King was the head of the Church of England, any non-conformity would be viewed as an act of treason. To appreciate the hostility they faced in England, one should stand in the jail cells that once held Bradford and Brewster at the Guild Hall in Boston, England. To better understand the new culture to which they fled, one should visit Leyden in Holland; see the university where Robinson and Brewster were involved, as well as the textile museum depicting the dominant industry of that town that provided gainful employment to our ancestors. To better understand the fortuitous ability of having a large printing press screw to shore up a main beam which had cracked during a tempest on the Mayflower, a walk down Stinksteeg alley to see the remaining wall of William Brewster’s print shop may be in order. A descendant should also visit the large home church of John Robinson, where he would gather in his flock (scattered throughout the town) weekly. One should stroll down Langebrug street, where James Chilton, was pelted with rocks, to understand the anti-emigrant hostilities that they started to face.



*Jay Williams at the house of John Robinson*



With a trip to the waterfront steps and the adjacent Pilgrim Father’s Church of Delfshaven, one could almost experience the sorrow as John Robinson gave his final blessing and farewell to the majority of his Leyden flock; that would be the last time he would ever see them again. One should visit the fish market and breweries of Southampton where Carver and Cushman acquired provisions for the voyage. And finally, a descendant should visit Plymouth, England to see the hall where the men spent their last night in England, the bakery where they got their last provisions, and stand at the departure gate (sort of replica of the Plymouth Rock monument on a smaller scale) to board the Mayflower for the final journey. Prior to this Mayflower Heritage trip, I had only cursory understanding of these early years, this adventure really opened up my eyes of understanding.





## GSMD 1620 Club

The Governor General's 1620 Club Membership is a designation given to The Mayflower Society's donors who give at the level of \$1,620 or more per year. These donations are designated for special projects that would not otherwise be supported.



The special project designated this year by Governor General, Lisa Pennington, is the completion of the Mayflower Meetinghouse restoration project. Member's contributions will play a vital role in restoring and preserving a piece of history.

As a 1620 Club Member we hope you know how important you are to our society. As a thank you, all new members will receive an exclusive 1620 Club pin, which will be engraved with the year that you joined. Additionally, all 1620 club members will be recognized for their generosity on our website and will receive an invitation to a luncheon at our General Board of Assistants Meeting.



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## State News

### State Historian's Report

Another year has passed to bring us back to the fall season. Although here in California, it most certainly hasn't felt like fall as we start off the month of October. This summer has proven to be a much slower season with regards to applications and approvals. But the Historian team has been working hard to get applications completed and out to Plymouth. Many of these applications have given us a run for our money!

Our new "Easy App Generation" program is now underway for all historians. This tool allows us to work with information based off of our archive of applications and allows us to format our applications faster and more efficiently. It's a great help as time goes on and couldn't be done without indexing volunteers! So, if you're interested in helping, I encourage you to do so! There is a new update for lineages previously approved for John Sprague through Samuel Fuller: John Sprague has previously been accepted as the illegitimate son of Samuel Fuller<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Fuller<sup>1</sup>.



New information has come to light through the Fuller Y-DNA study which shows there are only two possible candidates for John Sprague's paternity: Matthew Fuller or his son, Samuel<sup>3</sup> Fuller. Since neither of these men are considered to be Mayflower descendants, John Sprague also cannot be considered a Mayflower descendant.

I was saddened to hear this news as I've helped others with getting approved in the past and had others interested in their supplementals. If you or another family member was previously approved with this line, you are still considered a valued member of the Mayflower Society, and your status will not change due to these new findings. Moreover, the line is now no longer accepting new applications using these applications or the lineage.

Shout out to Asst. Historians: Diane Douglass and Dianna Saario. I appreciate all you do to help our prospective and current members with their applications. I know how we all want to give everything we can to ensure their accuracy and approval...even if it means spending hours with analysis write ups!

To all our California State Society members, I wish you a happy and safe holiday season! I hope to see some of you at your upcoming Compact Day gatherings!

#### Application Updates:

18 new members & 24 supplementals approved from July 1st – October 1st

Applications submitted between July 1st – October 1st : 27 new member and 24 supplementals.

*Mandy Dunkle*  
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**Treasurer's Report***October 2023– October 2024*

Why this period? For the Treasurer function of the California Mayflower Society this has been a year of significant change. In October 2023, we switched from the desktop version of Quickbooks (QB) to the online version. This was done for two reasons, 1. the 2019 desktop version that we were using was no longer supported, and 2. it didn't support on-line multiple users. Having multiple on-line users was considered necessary to be able to distribute the amount of treasurer's pure accounting work, especially during the heavy dues season. There were also some potential new options with the online version of which we hoped to take advantage.

Then the fall dues fiasco occurred. We lost our membership secretary and the printer that we normally used for the mailed envelopes, after several weeks of emails, just ghosted us. Last year the campaign was designed to start with electronic notices and encourage our members to pay with WIX or Paypal. Then only those who didn't have emails or hadn't yet paid would get sent the mailed reminders. We hoped for a significant reduction in dues' collection expenses. All our members were used to getting mailed notices, which generally are less likely to be ignored, forgotten or deleted. Nancy Lucchese, who was the assistant membership secretary and library volunteer stepped up to take on the membership secretary role. Several months of multiple reach-outs to our members ensued, with most payments finally being received.

If you are going to continue to be a member, yes!!, paying your dues on times is critical to the financial continuance of the CA society and our activities. According to the General Society requirements, a state society pays for all active members on the books on December 31<sup>st</sup> of any year for the next year. With last year's fiasco, the state society did pay for members who did not eventually pay their dues. This year's deadline for payments recognizes that need and all members whose payment has not been received by that date will be formally dropped. Plan accordingly. If you have not received an invoice or made your payment by December 1<sup>st</sup>, please reach out to the membership secretary at [membershipsecretary@camayflower.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@camayflower.org).

As a reminder, the financial database (QB) and the membership (Excel) were separate and usually not accurate with each other. The excel file was used to generate the emails and lists for the mailers and QB used to track payments. When payments were received, they were input into QB and list emailed sent to membership. QB had no real list of who needed to pay as it had never been set-up as a billing system. And, since it was not required, the addresses etc. in QB were not kept up to date, and were often inaccurate.

Then came the 'bad' news that we failed our internal audit. The bad is in quotes as I was unsurprised. I hoped that this would garner sufficient attention to the state of our financial system that there would be a movement to get a team going to work on and make the society's financial tracking and reporting regular and maintainable.

Maggie McDonald is the head of the audit committee; she was dogged in her determination to have the EC create a team and get it done. Maggie and Kathy Watson recruited Karen Craig, Karen Schwartz and Carole Curran to fill out the team to review and 'fix the books'.

The QB Online (QBO) that we had allowed for up to 5 users, so Maggie, Karen S, Karen C and Carole were given remote on-line access and they started exploring our books. They all agreed that a significant revamping was required. The second goal was to be able to use QBO to send out and get paid invoices through QBO. Eliminating the need for constant and potentially error prone multiple entries into two independent tracking systems.

This required significant efforts by the team to fully correct the QBO data, cleaning it along the way, and then setting up the invoicing before the start of the fall dues season. Additionally, the Society had to move from QBO to QBO Advanced to allow one consolidated database for both the finance and member records. QBO Advanced has a higher number of customer fields we can use to include all the membership records.

As many of you have recently experienced, they got it done. If you have an email, you should have received an invoice before now. If not, check your email, including spam & junk. We also intend to send out invoices by mail to those who don't have emails. If you did not receive an invoice, either by email or snail mail, please, please reach out. As always you can send a check for \$75 to CA Mayflower Society, POB 1088, Glendora, CA 91741. Put your CA Society member number on your check.

As a last but significant note, I want to thank, from the bottom of my being, Maggie McDonald, Karen Schwartz, Karen Craig, Carole Curran and Kathy Watson. They have spent countless hours and put extraordinary effort into helping our society move into the 21st century. If you see them, please give them your thanks as well. Did you know that there were no accountants among the early settlers, and none of the passengers had accounting training, so the financiers eventually sent accountants to clean up the chaos that was the Mayflower Colony's books. Four hundred or so years later, nothing has changed!!!

*Harvey Soldan  
Treasurer*

### **IMPORTANT ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> each year:**

**Verify you have received either an email notice or notice through the mail regarding your dues for the upcoming year are due and payable before December 30, 2024.**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> each year:**

**Your membership in Mayflower will be dropped if your dues are not received by the California Mayflower Society on or before this date.**

**Email Users:**

**The address for your dues notice comes from "QuickBooks Payments"  
Please check your SPAM, JUNK, or TRASH**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN INVOICE OR EMAIL, PLEASE  
MAIL YOUR CHECK OF \$75.00 ALONG WITH YOUR MEMBER-  
SHIP NUMBER TO;**

**California Mayflower Society, P.O. Box 1088, Glendora, CA 91741**



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## AMERICA 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING

*From: America250.org*

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity



to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

### OUR PARTNERS

Organizations and institutions across America – from federal agencies to tribal nations, from non-profits to corporations, and from state commissions to local community groups – will play a vital role in marking America's 250th anniversary.

These organizations will lend their expertise and resources, craft memorable events nationwide, and help engage all Americans in this historic commemoration.

*Supported by BNY1, First-Place Awardees will Receive an Unforgettable Behind-the-Scenes Field Trip Experience at Iconic Historical and Cultural Sites Across the U.S., like the National Air and Space Museum, Mount Rushmore, or Yellowstone National Park, Washington, D.C. – Today, America250, the official nonpartisan entity charged by Congress with planning the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Semiquincentennial, in collaboration with BNY, kicked off the second installment of "America's Field Trip" — a nationwide scholastic contest where students have the opportunity to earn a special behind-the-scenes experience at an iconic American historical and cultural site. Starting today through Wednesday, April 16, 2025, America's Field Trip invites students in grades 3-12 to submit artwork or writing that reflects on what America means to them.*

Earlier this year, thousands of students from nearly every U.S. state and territory submitted inspiring entries for the inaugural America's Field Trip contest. During July and August 2024, first-place awardees participated in special field trip experiences at sites such as the Statue of Liberty, Yellowstone National Park, the National Archives, and more. The full list of 2024 awardees and their submissions can be found online: [america250.org/fieldtrip/awardees](https://america250.org/fieldtrip/awardees).

GO TO: America 250 website to find out about all the opportunities to get involved in this upcoming celebration of 250 years of AMERICA!

*Ben Hobbins*

*Secretary, California Mayflower Society*

*Chair, America 250 Birthday Committee "Pilgrim to 250 Patriots" California*

## General Board of Assistants Meeting

Sept. 4th-7th, 2025

San Antonio, TX

Registration will open on March 1st.



**1st Place**  
**\$5,500**

**2nd Place**  
**\$3,500**

**3rd Place**  
**\$2,500**

**4th Place**  
**\$1,000**

### Requirements:

Completed application

The first year in America tested the endurance and resolve of the Pilgrims. November 1621 the arrival of the ship, Fortune brought new concerns for the struggling colony. Write a letter from one of your Mayflower ancestors to their family in England or Holland, describing the impact these newest arrivals had upon the colony.

Personal essay  
(not to exceed 500 words)

Two letters of  
reccomendation:  
Academic & Character

## 2025 Scholarship Competition

sponsored by  
The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.



### Eligibility:

High School Senior (academic year 2024-2025) who are descendants from a passanger on the Mayflower 1620.

Scholarship applicants must be either a member of the California Mayflower society or a descendant from a parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, grand aunt, grand uncle, or great grand aunt or great grand uncle who is a living member of a California Mayflower Society Colony and reside in the state of California . There are no restrictions regarding the state of residence of the scholarship applicant.



For application and instructions, scan code or visit  
<https://www.camayflower.org/society-scholarships.html>

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## *General Society of Mayflower Descendants GSMD*

### Passenger Inheritance Program

#### **Introducing the Passenger Inheritance Program or, PIP!**

PIP is an opportunity for members to “inherit” ancestors from their sibling, parent or grandparent (or even their child or grandchild) without completing an application. And – *here’s the best part* – each PIP is a flat fee, regardless of how many ancestors are available to inherit.

#### **Details**

1. Both the beneficiary [the person receiving the inherited ancestor(s)] and the benefactor (the person who had the lineages approved) must be previously approved, regular (adult) members. Unless, of course, the benefactor is deceased.
2. For \$150, a beneficiary may inherit an unlimited number of ancestors, provided the line has never been rejected.
3. A member may only inherit from one relative per PIP application. So, if each of your grandparents has proven lineage to passenger ancestors, you may complete a PIP going through each grandparent, but not one PIP application for both. The PIP is *per family line*.
4. The beneficiary may purchase ancestor bars from the GSMD website for each inherited ancestor after successfully completing the PIP process. Notification of approval will occur via email directly to the beneficiary.
5. A certificate may be purchased for each inherited ancestor for \$10 each. These certificates will be generated from and mailed by GSMD; Member Societies are not responsible for creating or distributing certificates for inherited ancestors.
6. Inherited ancestors will be attributed to a member’s official membership file. Recognition of the lineage to inherited passenger ancestors will be via email to both the beneficiary and his/her Member Society Historian.
7. No traditional application is created or verified.
8. Either the benefactor or the beneficiary may initiate the PIP process.
9. The benefactor need not be living; however, the beneficiary must be and must have at least one proven lineage through GSMD. No inheritances may be granted posthumously.
10. No rejected or “on hold” lines may be inherited. If a line is rejected after the inheritance has been completed, the beneficiary may retain their certificate or ancestor bar, if purchased. Inherited passengers are not eligible to be inherited by future generations. For example, you may inherit passenger ancestors from your grandparent, but your children or grandchildren may not inherit those same ancestors from you. Instead, regular supplemental applications will be required for previously inherited ancestors.



**New Members from  
July 02, 2024 to Sep 27, 2024**

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Stephen Lorn Weitz  
GS# 106051 CA# 10708  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Billington

Kathleen Thomas  
GS# 106161 CA# 10713  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

Thomas Kipling Studley  
GS# 106258 CA# 10719  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Robert Don Nichols  
GS# 106050 CA# 10707  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

**FOOTHILL COLONY**

Sheryl Rinker  
GS# 106071 CA# 10709  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Joel Matthias Gompert  
GS# 106160 CA# 10712  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**MOTHER LODGE COLONY**

Christopher Eugene Johns  
GS# 106046 CA# 10703  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Clinton Andrew Johns  
GS# 106047 CA# 10704  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Coleman Alton Johns  
GS# 106048 CA# 10705  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Sarah Anna Johns  
GS# 106049 CA# 10706  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Janine Juris Brown  
GS# 106185 CA# 10714  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Rebecca Ann Lewis  
GS# 106035 CA# 10702  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Tracey Suzanne Mills Arminio  
GS# 106279 CA# 10720  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY**

Kathleen Brooks  
GS# 106086 CA# 10710  
13<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins

T W Murray  
GS# 106236 CA# 10718  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Sandra McMaster  
GS# 106206 CA# 10716  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Kyle Welch  
GS# 106216 CA# 10717  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

Linda Dahlberg  
GS# 106205 CA# 10715  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**Supplements from  
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**FOOTHILL COLONY**

Sheryl Rinker  
GS# 106071 CA# 10709  
11<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty  
11<sup>th</sup> from Henry Samson  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins  
12<sup>th</sup> from Myles Standish



**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

William James Frederick  
GS# 91333 CA# 9150  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Andrew Mark Hopkins  
GS# 105690 CA# 10664  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
12<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Cooke  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

**MOTHER LODE COLONY**

Barbara Corinne Archer  
GS# 105668 CA# 10661  
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14<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
14<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers  
15<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins

Gretchen Muller  
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**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Steven Michael Lovejoy  
GS# 93489 CA# 9299  
11<sup>th</sup> from Henry Samson

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Martha Lukasik  
GS# 103826 CA# 10429  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLONY**

T W Murray  
GS# 106236 CA# 10718  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden  
12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins

**ALAMEDA COLONY**

Marsha Davis  
July 3, 2024

Andrew Scott Miller  
May 5, 2024

**INLAND EMPIRE**

Doris Folger Howard Miller  
June 19, 2024

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

James Charles McHargue  
August 14, 2024

**MONTEREY BAY COLONY**

Betty Lawrence  
April 20, 2024



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**Are You Moving?**

Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Stephen Douglass:  
membershipsecretary@camayflower.org

He will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

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**California Mayflower**

Next deadline: January 02, 2025. Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:  
newseditor@camayflower.org

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.

NOTE the deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Winter issue	January 02, 2025
Spring issue	April 1st, 2025
Summer issue	July 1st, 2025
Fall issue	October 1st, 2025

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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 - LA Marriott, Burbank Airport

**Winter 2025**— January 17 & 18 - Virtual

**Spring 2025** - March 21 & 22 North

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

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## Colony News

### Monterey Bay Colony

The Monterey Bay Colony held their Spring meeting on May 25, 2024 at the Corral de Tierra County Club. It was a great honor to have Lisa Pennington, Governor General of the General



Society of Mayflower Descendants, as our guest speaker. She presented "A Tale Worth Telling: Why We Must Tell the Pilgrim Story". Lisa talked about how the Mayflower Compact influenced the American republic like no other document. She also shared the wonderful renovations that have been made at the Mayflower Meeting House and the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth as well as plans for an IMAX screen with a spectacular scene of the Mayflower passing by overhead in full scale. It was a

real treat to have Lisa join us and get to know some of our members.



A new slate of officers was elected and installed by Lisa Pennington. The Executive Board for the 2024-26 term are:

**Governor,** Shelly Ware  
**Assistant Governor,** Clark Magruder  
**Secretary,** John Reed  
**Treasurer,** Karen Craig  
**Elder,** Robert Hellam  
**Membership Chair,** Kris Hernandez  
**Delegate,** Mike Whitaker



*Shelley Ware  
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*



### Sequoia Colony

After a pleasant summer, the Sequoia Colony will be holding our Annual Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday November 2, 2024 at the beautiful Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. Our program will feature Tempe Javitz (local author and photographer) who will be speaking about the National Society of Colonial Dames and the Octagon House in San Francisco. Please join us!

*Sharon Winslow Erickson  
Sequoia Colony, Governor*



### San Joaquin Valley Colony

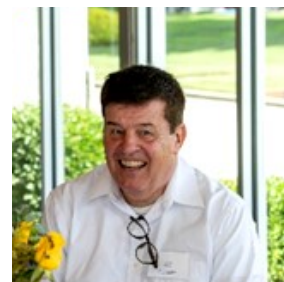
Compact Day! On November 2, 2024, we will be having our Compact Day Meeting at *Marie Callender's* restaurant in Fresno. The San Joaquin Valley Colony wish to remember that our American tradition, Thanksgiving Day, is rooted in Pilgrims celebrating their bounty of food. We thank the Wampanoag natives who helped the Pilgrims plant and hunt the land, which led to their survival. To observe the 1621 festival of harvest, the luncheon meeting will provide a Thanksgiving meal prepared by Marie Callender's.



*Special guests, Dale Thomas, founding colony co-historian & State Historian*



*Mandy Dunkle*



As we are still honoring 50 years as a California Colony, our guest speaker, Eric Ball, will be presenting *Plymouth and the Trail of the Pilgrims*, highlighting the first fifty years of Plymouth Colony. We are looking forward to seeing all the members and their guests join us in our continuing celebration of 50 years as the San Joaquin Valley Colony.



*Board Members: L-R, Secretary Mark Storch, Historian Diane Brueggemann, Governor Dianna Saario, Chaplain Bev Wyman, Deputy Governor Diane Nitta, Treasurer Faith Haag, and Webmaster Dan Cabe*

*Submitted by, Diane Brueggemann  
Historian*

### San Francisco Peninsula Colony

San Francisco Peninsula Colony has a new Governor, Assistant Governor and Delegate. We also have a member who will be planning special events for the Colony. We would like to obtain email addresses for all of our Colony members. Due to the increasing postage costs, we would like to inform all of our Colony members of meetings and events via email. If you did not receive an email from me informing you of our November Compact Day meeting, that means we are missing your email address. Please send your email address to [SFColonyGov@gmail.com](mailto:SFColonyGov@gmail.com)

Our joint Compact Day meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16 at Lara's Fine Dining in Richmond, California. We are looking forward to seeing you.

*Dianne Sweeny  
Governor, San Francisco Peninsula Colony*

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### Los Angeles Colony

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. On his website, there is also a link to his youtube video on passenger George Soule. 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 have moved the Compact Day luncheon from our normal Tam O'Shanter location to the historic Altadena Town & Country Club, as it was originally known, was established in 1910 and had its grand opening on December 28, 1911. A fantastic luncheon of salad, choice of entrée of Filet Mignon, Turkey Breast, or Portobello Mushroom Wellington, and dessert is offered.

All Mayflower Descendants are invited to this meeting which projects to be the most significant meeting for the LA Colony since our 2016 celebration of the one-hundred-year anniversary of the colony. I have sent a copy of the RSVP form to the Governors of the other six Southern California Colonies with a request to forward it to their membership. If you would like to attend and have not received the RSVP form, please contact me directly at [drllincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:drllincoln@yahoo.com).

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

### Redwood Empire Colony

The development of our six settlements continues. In the last months members in western Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Napa have gathered in their own local groups for pleasant times together as neighbors and fellow Mayflower Members. At our recent All Members Meeting in San Rafael, the effect was evident as pre-meeting chat was active with the occasional comment of "Oh, I wish I'd been there."



We thought you might enjoy the reports offered below: Riverside Settlement – Hosted by Wayne Skala and Bill Jackson. We had a wonderful time, and had a great mix with both new and old members and some we hadn't seen for some time. The conversations were lively & diverse from our Mayflower lines, other family histories, gardening, recent world travels, kids-

grandkids, health, our September meeting & ending with a very clever political joke from Jane Cochrane. We started at about 12:45 and the last couple of folks left at 4:30.

We held it in our backyard garden area again, had an ice chest full of bottled water, iced tea, Sodas & 3 types of beer plus white or Red wine. We also served homemade Oatmeal Raisin cookies, mixed salted nuts, cashew nuts, pretzels with peanut center. Cheese and crackers. The weather was perfect, with three large umbrellas for shade. We kept the snacks simple & easy thanks to Costco & Trader Joe's.

My only regret was I forgot to take pictures when everyone arrived. I'll blame it on the constant and lively conversations we were all having.



Wayne and Bill Silverado Settlement – Hosted by Toni Kuhry and Tom Haeuser . Our settlement party went very well. We had two newer people, Lorraine Aho and Ron and Gloria Goss, and we all had a wonderful time talking and getting to know one another. Will and Sally



Johnson were there. I sang three songs with Will accompanying me. Tom put out a lovely luncheon for which we all were very thankful.

Toni & Tom Santa Rosa Settlement –Hosted by Connie and John McNeill. Early Saturday morning, as we were setting out the drinks and snacks, we thanked mother nature for perfect weather, as the day began at 70 and was 75 by noon. Lots of fresh fruit and home baked brownies with coffee, tea and iced tea. Also were gifted with a platter of shrimp and mango bites from Lynda and



Gary Bayless – YUM! The brownies soon disappeared as we settled in for a chat on the covered patio. The conversations were fascinating as we talked of our lineages (of course), families, travels and careers. Then there were current projects, flowers and



such. As it neared noon we had become a group of friends and were apparently ready to do this again in a few months. John & Connie. Plans are already being made for future gatherings in the fall, and the traditional three-Colony Compact Day meeting in November with our fellow members in Alameda and San Francisco. The Mayflower family here is growing stronger.

*John McNeill, Governor  
Redwood Empire Colony*





### Mother Lode Colony

On October 10, 2024, a dozen cousins of the Mother Lode Colony gathered together to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the California Mayflower Society. We shared our ancestor history and how we discovered we were Pilgrims. Historian Betsy Samson-Andrews brought a scrapbook that had a copy of our Charter from October 10, 1964. Immediate Past Governor, Elizabeth Ware, shared memories of growing up in a Pilgrim family, complete with costumes for Thanksgiving! Assistant Governor Carl Olson brought a few Silver Books to show to our newest members. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.



*Sylvia Dilgard  
Mother Lode Colony*



## Mother Lode Colony



### Grand Ballroom/Front Ballroom/Breakout Rooms

The Grand Ballroom provides a large venue for meetings, training seminars or presentations. This multi-use Ballroom provides the flexibility to use either the entire space or it can be divided into the Front Ballroom, plus three smaller break-out rooms. These multi-purpose rooms can be configured in several layouts – such as banquet, theater, classroom, or conference arrangements, which can comfortably accommodate between 30 up to 400 people.

The Mayflower Society of California Mother Lode Colony

*Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting*

Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Speaker | **Caleb Johnson, Fellow The American Society of Genealogists**, on the [FASG.org](https://fasg.org) summary website here, <https://fasg.org/caleb-johnson/>



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per person, to be received by 26 October 2024.

Payable to Mayflower Mother Lode Colony.

Mail form to Colony Treasurer Sylvia Dilgard, 901 Ambort Wy. Woodland, CA, 95695.

Question: email Treasurer Sylvia Dilgard: [sdilgard@att.net](mailto:sdilgard@att.net)

### Menu: Plated Lunch Choices

1) Chicken Orchard Apple Salad Entree, Grilled Chicken Breast, Romaine, Fiji Apples,  
Dried Cranberries, Blue Cheese, Candied Walnuts, Cider Vinaigrette Dressing GF. 2)  
Croissant Club Sandwich, Croissant, Smoked Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Tomato, Avocado,  
Mayo, Lettuce.

3) Shrimp Louie Entree, Bay Shrimp, Iceberg Lettuce, Cucumber, Cherry Tomato,  
Carrots, Boiled Egg, Avocado, Thousand Island Dressing.

1. Mother Lode Colony Member \_\_\_\_\_ Meal \_\_\_\_\_
2. Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meal \_\_\_\_\_
3. Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Member cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Pilgrim Spirit!

Governor Catherine Graham



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### Foothill Colony

We are pleased to announce that Foothill Colony has a new meeting location! Our upcoming meeting will be held at Villa Gardens, located at 842 E. Villa Street, Pasadena, CA 91101, on November 9, 2024. We have an exciting agenda planned, including a special door prize: Jinny DeAngelis has crafted four heritage pillows for lucky attendees. Lunch will be served, included with a \$35 donation, and Rebecca Locklear will be presenting to the Colony via Zoom.

***Title: Ten Surprising Mayflower Facts: Cape Cod to the First Thanksgiving***

Rebecca Locklear is an accomplished educational writer with deep roots in Mayflower history, tracing her lineage to 15 of the passengers. She has authored resources such as *The Mayflower at Cape Cod* and contributed to *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. Currently, she leads the Central Oregon Mayflower Descendants and serves on the Education Committee of the Mayflower Society (GSMD), where she actively promotes awareness and understanding of this significant historical legacy.

The new board members look forward to welcoming you to the meeting. The Foothill Colony will be approving the bylaws, and presenting the budget. To attend, RSVP to Carole Curran by October 30, 2024, at [foothillmayflower@gmail.com](mailto:foothillmayflower@gmail.com). The \$35 donation covers lunch and supports our activities. For those who cannot join us in person, the meeting and program will be available via Zoom. We look forward to your participation and hope to see you either in person or online.



Rebecca Locklear

Jeanette DeHart  
*Foothill Colony, Governor*

### Orange County Colony

So excited Fall is here and looking forward to our Compact Day meeting in November. It will be held at a NEW location! When: Saturday, November 23, 2024 Time: 9:30 am (check-in) - 2:00 pm Where: Los Coyotes Country Club 8888 Los Coyotes Drive Buena Park, CA 90621 RSVP's are



going out soon. We are excited to continue celebrating our 50th Anniversary and our Speaker will be the First Lady, Mary Todd Lincoln. We have special guest speakers from Plymouth for our meetings in February and April, 2025. In February on the we are honored to have Lisa Pennington, Governor General, as our speaker.

We are so excited to have her come out to California to be with us. Save the Date of February 22nd, 2025. In April we have the honor of Lea Filson, President, of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust. Look forward to her telling us all about the Mayflower Meetinghouse Progress. Dues: Our State Society has been working hard on a new accounting system which will be sending out invoices the 1st week of October for your 2025 dues by email or by mail if you do not have an email in the system. They have spent hours and hours getting our information into the new system. It will be a simple process by email, you just click the link and all credit cards accepted. You get a receipt instantly via email. The website will not be used anymore for dues payments.

Lisa Shaw  
*Orange County Colony, Governor*

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### San Diego Colony

Many of our Colony Members enjoyed the Summer by visiting with local family and friends, traveling around the US, and even several adventures abroad. We look forward to hearing from them when we get together next. Additionally, we look forward to members reporting back to us from the General Society's GBOA meetings that met in September in Asheville, North Carolina. It's a beautiful area of our country, so please keep the people of the Southeast in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the arduous recovery processes from hurricane Helene.

For our next San Diego Colony meeting, we look forward to celebrating our November 16<sup>th</sup> Compact Day with Members and Friends at The Green Dragon Tavern & Museum in Carlsbad, CA. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Mr. Fred Grand, and the topic will be "Our First People: The Kumeyaay". The Kumeyaay are indigenous to what is now generally San Diego County, from the coastal areas to the desert.



Mr. Grand is a proud member of the Kumeyaay Indigenous Nation and is the author of *Spilled Blood and Bloodlines*, which brings Southern California's colorful past to life with stories spanning four periods: the First People, the Spanish Period, the Mexican Period, and the American and Native Sovereignty periods. His book details the lives of some of the author's ancestors. Mr. Grand is a descendant of Valera Alto of San Pasqual, a Kumeyaay who married into the Osuna family. He is also a descendant of Corporal Juan Ismerio Osuna, a leather-jacket soldier who, in 1769, accompanied Father Junipero Serra to San Diego to establish the first of 21 Alta California Missions, Mission San Diego de Alcala at the Presidio. Corporal Osuna's son, Juan Maria Osuna, was the first Alcalde (Mayor) of San Diego and the recipient of the Spanish Land Grant for Rancho San Dieguito (present day Rancho Santa Fe).

As Mayflower descendants, I believe we are more familiar than most with some of the hardships, wonders, and horrors that occurred as the cultures of the European and North American First Peoples collided; first on the Eastern shores, and then on the West Coast. We look forward to Mr. Grand's review of the impacts that occurred to our own Southern California region.

*Budd Leef*  
*San Diego Colony, Governor*

### Rancho Conejo Colony

Where has the summer gone, it seems to have passed so fleetingly! Once again we welcome "our" season, the Fall, a time for all things Pilgrim. Our 'summer' meeting, September 14, was on the verge of Fall. 33 members and guests gathered, it was good to be together again. And it was quite a family affair.

Mothers and daughters, husbands and wives and sisters! Members all! It's lovely to see, as in reality we are all members of the Pilgrim family. Cheri Kennaley gave our "My Mayflower Passenger" presentation on the somewhat elusive Richard Warren. Fitting, as he was the best represented at our meeting, 7 descendants in attendance! Huzzah granddad.

Cheri did double duty, as Colony Membership Chair she welcomed 2 new members, husband and wife! Heather and Christian Corsini, my son and daughter-in-law!



*New members Christian and Heather Corsini  
with Dylan Rose*

We welcomed back one of our favorite speakers, Dr. Michaela Reaves of Cal Lutheran University. She brought us into the spooky season with her talk on "Witchcraft in the Early Americas". That was another family connection for those of us with Salem Witch Trial ancestors, I'm sure many of you share those roots. Such a terrible time in our history, almost impossible to fathom, and worth remembering.

We are excited to continue offering our Robert E Dempster scholarship, we'll award 2 this year, \$1500 each. Please spread the word, NO Mayflower descendancy requirement,

open to all high school seniors going on to higher education.

For details please contact our Scholarship Chair, Kim Wizer [kimwizer@earthlink.net](mailto:kimwizer@earthlink.net).

We look forward to our Compact Day meeting, Saturday 16 November at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks! Perhaps we'll see you there. Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving and hope you revel in the loving embrace of family and friends.



*Sisters Kristine Kittredge &  
Kathy Mattei*



*Chris, Heather and Dylan*



*Always a pleasure to have Deputy Governor South  
Dr. Robert Lincoln in the house*







*Prospective member, mother and daughter  
Teri Pedersen and Meghan Arthur*

*Deputy Governor Yvonne  
Nelson thanks Dr. Reeves for  
her program*



*Governor Tanny and Treasurer Holly Newcomb  
bookended by mother and daughter members Lolita  
Smith and Yvonne Nelson*



*Deputy Governor Terri DeMey thanks Cheri for her  
presentation*



*Dr. Michaela Reeves Witchcraft  
Presentation*



*Tanny Welch  
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*



### Santa Barbara Colony

Ray Garrett, Treasurer and appointed Santa Barbara Colony Delegate was able to attend the Annual Board of Assistants meeting in Asheville N.C. and visited the Biltmore Mansion built by George Vanderbilt. He also visited the Cowpens National Battlefield in S.C. where his Doty ancestor fought in the American Revolutionary War. In attending the Board meetings, he found it to be an exciting environment. He said that amazing things were happening at the meeting house.

Jay Williams, Santa Barbara Colony Governor at the time of this writing, is on the Mayflower England Leiden Tour. He has wonderfully shared many photos and story bits on what he has been doing and seeing.

He wrote the following: Before coming on this trip, I thought that I knew the story through my numerous trips to Plymouth Massachusetts. I thought this trip would be "gravy" added to my knowledge. This trip is actually the other half of the main course. One cannot truly appreciate the decisions of our forefathers without coming to the source. They gave up much to go to Leiden and even more to arrive in Massachusetts. Their convictions must have been very deep.

Jay and his wife took a tour of the Netherlands before embarking on the Leiden trip.



*Ray Garrett at the Baltimore Mansion*

Below is a sampling of his many facts he related to us in emails during his travels:

The Huguenots and Walloons were prominent in the Leiden textile and wool industry - creating the iconic black wardrobes of that era. Without farmland, our yeoman Separatist ancestors reluctantly entered this trade. This, along with uncertainty of a pending war with Spain plus anti-emigrant bias against Englishmen (this includes James Chilton being pelted with rocks on Langebrug streets), hastened their decision to relocate to the North American colonies of England.

Jay also has provided over 30 pictures which will provide us with a great program when he gets back to his Santa Barbara Colony and hopefully he can share with other California Colonies. He has been to the Pilgrim House Museum, the Brewster print shop, Rev. Robinsons home and even a home of John Quincy Adams.

**Jay reflects:** Interesting connection: during those Leiden years, a youth by the name of Rembrandt van Rijn grew up in the same neighborhood as the Separatists and very well may have interacted with their children.

Jay has provided us with details and photos of the Port of the Speedwell, Port home of Capt. Jones, Church of John Cotton, The Guild of St, Mary's and the jail cells of William Bradford and William Brewster. There is much more, and we will look forward to his sharing of his adventure.

Our next meeting is October 19th and we will be doing the Fall Compact at that meeting and sharing in Memorial the passing of Judith Cardinal on May 26, 2024 Past Santa Barbara Governor 2011 -2013.



*Governor Jay Williams at the house of John Robinson*

*Leslie Lechner  
Santa Barbara Colony, Assistant Governor*

### Inland Empire Colony

We completed the summer at Russo's Italian Kitchen with our final recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Inland Empire Colony. I gave everyone in attendance (25 members and 10 guests) a special 50th anniversary Mayflower cookie to enjoy and to be proud of being a member of the Inland Empire Colony.



*Ben Hobbins, Erica Hahn, Pam Mikkelsen*

Barbara Matulitch, Membership Chairman, welcomed Jewel Van Loenen and Don Nichols to their first official meeting as new members. Cheryl Ralston provided a "Mayflower Moment" by presenting the history of the Mayflower ship departure on September 6, 1620.

Following lunch, Judy Cunningham volunteered to chair a committee for a "Youth Outreach Program" and asked for those who are interested in participating to contact her.



*New Members  
Don Nichols,  
Jewel Van Loenen*

Robert Christopher volunteered to head the "2025-26 Nominating Committee", so if you are interested in holding any of the Inland Empire Colony offices, please contact Bob.

Erica Hahn, Esq. and California State Counselor, completed our gathering with a very interesting and informative presentation entitled "From the Mayflower to the American Revolution Six Generations". Thank you, Erica!



*Members*



*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration*

Our "Compact Meeting" will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Russo's.

Scott Miller, CA Deputy Governor General will present "William Bradford".

May our ancestors' beliefs in the Mayflower Compact and our Constitution remain strong.

*Pam Mikkelsen  
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

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### Alameda Colony

On September 21, 2024, Alameda Colony met at the Round Table Pizza Clubhouse in Concord for the first meeting of the new term of officers. There were six members attending, inasmuch as many other lineage societies were meeting on the same date either virtually or in person. Plus we have had several officers who have either become too ill to continue and had to resign or have passed away.

Sally Philbin, as Deputy Governor, became the Colony Recording Secretary since that position is currently open. Bob Trapp, as the Colony CMC, reported for several officers: Treasurer's Report and Elder. Virginia Rood gave the Pledge of Allegiance. With only six members present, the Roll Call of Ancestors resulted in a tie vote between Richard Warren and John Howland.

Sally Philbin was the speaker at this meeting. She discussed the years after arrival of the Mayflower and the coming of the Great Migration and how time and events played out for both the Pilgrims and the Separatist.

Reporting illnesses are Nancy Lucchese, our treasurer and Sharon Garrison. We wish them well and our prayers go out to each for a speedy recovery. Our Colony has also lost to death a long time member and valuable friend, our Elder, Rev. Marsha Davis, who passed away April 22, 2024. Robert Trapp, as acting Elder, conducted a memorial prayer for her. Christie Trapp, as Colony Governor and Bob Trapp as Colony CMC attended her memorial service which was held at the church where she was the minister for several years. It was well attended and many people stood and gave tributes expressing how they met her, what she meant to each one. A reception followed.

In November, Alameda will be joining the Redwood Empire and the San Francisco Colony for Compact Day.

Library research is available at the following libraries in the Northern California area.

California Mayflower Library, Oakland  
California Genealogical Society Library, Oakland  
Family Search Library, Oakland  
Napa Valley Genealogical Society, Napa  
Santa Clara Public Library (on Second floor), Santa Clara  
Sonoma Public Library, Sonoma  
Sutro Library, San Francisco

*Christie Trapp*  
*Alameda Colony, Governor*



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## *Where is the Marriage Record I need for my Mayflower Application?*

by Louise Walsh Throop

Have you been stymied in your search for an ancestral marriage or baptismal record before 1850 or before 1790 in early New England?

You are not the only one. While vital records are generally available after 1850, researchers looking for such early records often fail. There are substitutes: ages given in deeds or in other documents, such as a guardianship.

But those whose lineage was not acceptable to the lineage checkers in Plymouth, Massachusetts, can take heart in a quote from the introduction to James N. Arnold's "Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850" (21 vols., Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1891-1912; see Vol. 1, p. v).

*"The compiler believes that not more than a quarter of what should have been placed in the Records has been placed there from the year 1790 to 1850. Before that time probably no more than half the matter was recorded."*

Thus we have one example of unrecorded marriage records which has impacted lineage verification: the third-generation marriage of William Soule and Hannah Eaton in about 1692. See my recent publication, "Francis Eaton of the Mayflower (1596-1633) who landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts in December 1620. Generations 1-7" ([lulu.com](http://lulu.com), Sunol CA, 2023) p. 480.

In the case of the sisters Hannah and Susannah Eaton, it appears their marriages were celebrated 1691-4 and most likely overseen by their grandfather, William Hoskins. This William Hoskins had been asked in Spring 1692 to come to Lakenham [now Carver] to "carry on the Sabbath in teaching them" but that they "in that village neglected coming to the publick worship" in Plymouth, even in the good weather in the summer. Hoskins was then called to account for this lack of attendance ["Plymouth Church Records, 1620-1859" (New York NY, 1920-3; repr. Baltimore MD, 1975) 1:278, 280].

It appears the aging Hoskins had been clerk of Plymouth Town Meeting at least 1669-93 and had been paid from 1683 by an annual load of fish---to be brought to his field in Lakenham. Thus, he did not want a repeat trip to Plymouth Church in order to be scolded. He apparently thus neglected to record his two granddaughter's marriages. He died in 1695.

Another study also confirms the general lack of recorded marriages in early New England. In my recent Eaton book I tell of a sample by me of three random pages in Torrey's major publication of New England marriages before 1700. Researchers before 1985 had only found complete marriage dates for the men sampled and for subsequent remarriages of a widow in about one in three (50 men of 132) [see my Eaton book, p. 480].

Different centuries have different rates of recording of vital records, after the date for required recording had been established, of course. Current researchers, and lineage verifiers, need to know that earlier centuries do not have all marriage, birth and death records. Although some records have been destroyed by fire and other ravages of time, some records were never recorded. In such cases, a guess at the marriage year, usually based on the eldest child's birth year, may have to be acceptable.



## *Minor Corrections to Summary of the Early Life of Richard Warren*

by Louise Walsh Throop

Genealogical research in an earlier century may require translation of certain words or phrases, such as Latin abbreviations of first names. Rewriting, or translation, of certain dates, is also necessary to make clear in which year some dates in January through March occurred. About one day after the editorial deadline for my article on Richard Warren last quarter an email arrived from a researcher in the Draper's Guild in London with clarification of dates. So we have the following time-line for Richard Warren, passenger, with double-dating involving old style and new style dating of events.

23 Sept 1582	marriage of parents St. Mary the Virgin, Newport, Essex
22 Sept.1583	bap. St. Mary the Virgin, Newport, Essex
ca 1590	begin schooling in new Free Grammar School, Newport [at age 7 years]
4 Sept 1593	burial of father Richard Warren at St. Helen the Great, Bishopsgate, London
25 Nov 1600	remarriage of widowed mother Joan, at Debden, Essex [next to Newport]
1 May 1602	burial of stepfather, "maryner" in Harwich, Essex
ca 1602	apprenticeship to Draper master Edward Dobson in London, Bishopsgate
14 March 1607/8	burial of mother Joane at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London
14 Feb 1609/10	signing of Draper's Guild book, making him a Draper, Bishopsgate, London
14 April 1610	marriage at Great Albans, Hertsfordshire to Elizabeth Walker
ca July 1610	birth of daughter Mary
ca Oct 1611	birth of daughter Anne
1612	joined Honorable Artillery Company of London, Bishopsgate, London
ca Jan 1613	birth of daughter Sarah
ca 1615	birth of daughter Elizabeth
ca 1618	birth of daughter Abigail
ca July 1620	depart London/Rotherhithe on Mayflower with wife and 5 daughters
ca Aug 1620	wife suffers miscarriage, seen as too "weak" for Atlantic crossing etc.
ca Sept 1620	wife and 5 daughters leave the Mayflower
16 Sept 1620	Mayflower departs Plymouth, England for Atlantic crossing
11/21 Nov 1620	arrival in New England; signed the Mayflower Compact
10 July 1623	arrival of wife and daughters on Anne
ca 1624	birth of son Nathaniel
ca Jan 1627	birth of son Joseph
22 May 1627	named with wife and 7 children in Division of Cattle
1628	death in Plymouth



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## Mayflower Society Volunteers

*Submitted by Harvey Soldan*

Did you know that virtually all of the work of the California Mayflower Society is done by volunteers? Whether it's organizing, running and cleaning up after a colony meeting, sending out and collecting dues notices, researching original or supplemental family lines, creating newsletters and quarterlies, evaluating scholarship applications or visiting other organizations and schools, or being on the colony or state board(s), one of your fellow members has volunteered their time and expertise to do that particular task. Clearly our volunteer members are from all over the state. And they come from all sorts of different backgrounds and stages of life. For many it's their favorite retirement project. For others it's additional duty after they run their business or do their day job and tend to the other dozens of tasks that life creates. Some have youngish children, others are grand and great-grandparents. All this because, for our own individual reasons, we celebrate that a boatload (literally) of English protestant separatists, their families, supporters, servants and several hired hands landed on the cold mid-autumn shores of what became Massachusetts.

"I am a member, isn't that enough to perpetuate the stories and memories of the Mayflower passengers? Why should I volunteer?" There is a whole host of reasons that any one volunteers for any society or interest group. Making a difference, contributing to the cause, social connections, education, fun, or just bragging rights.

"OK, so why volunteer for the California Mayflower Society?" When you volunteer with the California Mayflower Society, it is likely that you will get to work with some or several long-lost cousins. You will get to share and hear the other members Mayflower discovery stories. Since we all descend from passengers that arrived in 1620, most of American history is going to be represented by our members. Yes, we were there when. Many of our members have done significant research on the people of their lineages, as well as Mayflower topics in general. A great way to people our country's history with actual people. Lastly, if there are insufficient volunteer members, the society will be unable to survive and grow and continue the mission of promulgating the stories and contributions of our ancestors. By any stretch of the imagination, the Mayflower passengers, their documents and ancestors have significantly affected the US.

I invite you to step up and take on a task or two (or twelve). There is both one-time and on-going work efforts to do. You can work few to many hours, as is your wish. If this has inspired you, contact your Colony Governor and let them know that you are interested in helping.



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