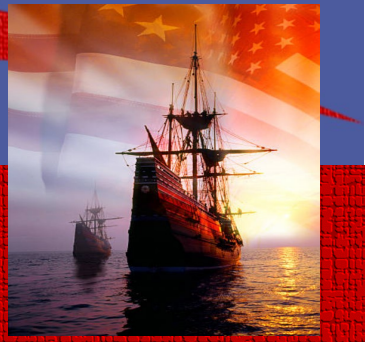




Spring 2023

Pilgrim News



Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District of Columbia

Calendar

Membership Meetings

Sunday, 21 May 2023

Sunday, 24 Sept 2023

SPECIAL EVENTS

43rd GSMD Congress

Sept 8-13 2023

Plymouth, MA

Registration Opens

March 1 2023

Saturday, 18 Nov 2023

Compact Day Dinner

Location TBD

SCHEDULED BY GSMD

Heritage Fortnight Week

Breakfast

Wednesday, 12 Apr 2023

7:30am-10am

Army and Navy Club

Washington, DC

Board of Assistants

Saturday, 22 April 2023

Saturday, 22 July 2023

Saturday, 19 Oct 2023

Ships Anne and Little James

In the spring of 1623 two ships embarked on a journey from London to the Plymouth Colony. They were ships Anne, a supply ship, and Little James, a cargo ship, together bringing about 90 passengers to New England. About thirty of the passengers were

followers of John Oldham, a captain, a merchant, and Indian trader and follower of the Puritans. His sister was Lucretia Oldham



Brewster who married Jonathan Brewster, son of William Brewster. He was a bit of a rebel, one could say, standing up to Myles Standish, which led to his banishment from the Plymouth colony. He met his demise a few years later in 1636 when Indians boarded his ship while on a trading voyage to Block Island, killing him and five crew members. Of the other sixty or so passengers, many were separatists from Leiden, Holland, some were wives, soon to be wives, children and siblings of the original Mayflower passengers. Among those making this voyage were Hester Cooke, wife of Francis Cooke, and their children Jane, Jacob and Hester, Bridget Fuller, wife of Dr. Samuel Fuller, Alice Southworth who married William Bradford.

(cont'd. on pg. 6)

FROM THE GOVERNOR



Your 2023-2024 DC Mayflower board members have been working together with enthusiasm since we were sworn in at Compact Day. It was excellent to see so many people at our sold-out luncheon at Maggiano's in February. I am grateful to serve as Governor.

My three goals for the DC Mayflower Society as governor are to develop a relationship with the Mayflower Hotel in DC, to increase our participation in the community, and to create a stronger network with our neighboring state Mayflower societies.

Regarding the Mayflower Hotel, it only seems logical that we be a recognized presence within the hotel and that we have some mutually beneficial relationship with them and their staff. Your Deputy Governor and I have already met with staff members, and we are continuing to explore ways to work with the hotel.

For increased service to the wider community, I would like to see our society offering short history discussions in local high schools to reinforce the place our Mayflower ancestors have in American history. I would also like us to march in parades in the local area.

Finally, it seems sensible for us to network more with the Mayflower Societies in neighboring states: Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. I think we should know one another. I plan to set up virtual meetings with the leaders of our neighboring societies, in hopes of developing mutually beneficial relationships.

I welcome your input about these goals and anything else about your Society. We always welcome new ideas and energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce D. Babcock
Governor

It is my pleasure to serve as your Deputy Governor for the next two years. Bruce and I share a common vision for the growth and success of our society. We will work diligently to bring our goals to fruition, building relationships in our community and with our neighboring societies.



Our next Board of Assistants meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22 2023. We will be sending out a notice via email to all Board of Assistants members.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, 21 May 2023 at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. See the Events/Meeting Committee page for more information.

Thank you to all who joined us at our February 26th, 2023 Winter Membership Meeting Luncheon. Our meeting was in person at Maggiano's Little Italy in McLean. We had fifty-two members attend. Our Guest Speaker was Sheree Budge from the Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Room.

She is a reference librarian at the Library of Congress specializing in local history and genealogy. She earned an Master in Library and Information Science degree from Catholic University in 2011, and has studied genealogy and researched her own families' stories all her adult life.

Her presentation was quite informative highlighting many of the research resources available at the Library of Congress. Ms. Budge has made her slide presentation available to members which can be found at this link: https://1drv.ms/b/s!AuTNbSY8h9_ozUtjCHiWA8k3NU7r?e=uf48p0

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy T Mulligan
Deputy Governor

February Membership Meeting



EVENTS AND MEETINGS COMMITTEE REPORT

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, 21 May 2023

The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Peter Ansoff,
OLLI, George Mason University**

The Mayflower: An American Icon

Sunday, 24 September 2023

Location TBD

Guest Speaker: Dr. William Paquette, PhD

**Genealogy: A Siren's Call to Commune with the Dead,
Fuller Line Research, My Publications and The Pink House**

Saturday, November 18 2023

Compact Day Dinner

****Please note that the Board of Assistants is considering the
Mayflower Hotel as a venue for our 2023 Compact Day Dinner.*

*Membership feedback is important to us.****

Please complete the survey at this link:

<https://s.surveypal.com/ctsplqg7>

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Johnson Parsons Patten
Stephen Hopkins

Alden Swift Tullis O'Brien
William Brewster

Robin Rowan Clarke
William Brewster

Margaret Busbey (Young) Snyder
William White

Peter Todd Metzger Sr.
George Soule

Peter Todd Metzger II
George Soule

Charles Philip Sidney Mayer
John Howland

Kathleen Evamarie Todd
John Howland

Ryan Christopher Smith Todd
John Howland

William Michael Smith Todd
John Howland

Aryssa Damron
Peter Brown

Bryan Geoffry Graham
Richard Warren

HELP WANTED!!

Our Society is looking for your help as we continue to improve our involvement in the community and membership experience. If you have skills and experience in the following areas please contact our governor, Bruce Babcock at governor@dcmayflower.org.

Technology/Social Media

Research/Genealogy

Education/Teaching

Event Planning

Writers, Newsletters

NEW DC SOCIETY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

GOVERNOR

Bruce D. Babcock
governor@dcmayflower.org

DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Suzy T. Mulligan
deputygovernor@dcmayflower.org

HISTORIAN

Glenn Williams
historian@dcmayflower.org

MEMBERSHIP

Kelly Keegan
membership@dcmayflower.org

JUNIORS

Julie Stufft
Julie@dcmayflower.org

Ships Anne and Little James Arrival (con't)

Also arriving was the spouse of deceased Mayflower passenger Degory Priest, Sarah Priest Cuthbertson, who is the sister of Isaac Allerton. She arrived with her husband Godbert Godbertson/Cuthbertson and their children Samuel Godbertson/Cuthbertson, and Mary and Sarah Priest.

Fear and Patience Brewster, daughters of Elder William Brewster were also onboard. Fear Brewster married Isaac Allerton and Patience married Thomas Prence and Mary Becket, who received 1 acre of land, and married George Soule. Christian Penn was also a passenger on the Anna, and little is known about her. She married Francis Eaton and Francis Billington. It is the Billington Family that seems to have the most interest in her. Per the Billington Family website (<https://billingtonfamilysociety.org/blog/>) they are willing to pay for a full mtDNA test for someone who can prove they are a matrilineal descendant of Christian Penn. Other passengers included Experience Mitchell who married Jane Cooke, daughter of Francis Cooke, Nicholas Snow, who married Constance Hopkins, daughter of Stephen Hopkins, Sarah Warren, daughter of Richard Warren, who married John Cooke, son of Francis Cooke, Robert Bartlett who married Mary Warren, daughter of Richard Warren, Elizabeth Warren, wife of Richard and their five daughters, Abigail, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah. Another interesting passenger who arrived on the Little James is author of a 1622 manuscript titled "Mourts Relations" which describes early life in the Plymouth Colony, which you can find at the link below:



<https://www.loc.gov/resource/gdcmassbookdig.mourtsrelationor00brad/?st=gallery>

References:

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passengers_of_the_ships_Anne_and_Little_James_1623
2. Photo <https://www.loc.gov/resource/det.4a26454/>

GSMD VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES 2023

**THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
2023 LECTURE SERIES**

<https://themayflowersociety.org/history/lecture-series/>

Be sure to add these interesting virtual lectures to your calendar!
The lectures are free and you do not have to pre-register.

Thursday, March 23 7:00pm
Donna Curtin “Welcome to Pilgrim Hall Museum”

Tuesday, March 28 7:00pm
Joan Dejean “Mutinous Women”

Thursday, April 27 7:00pm
Brett Phaneuf “The Voyage of Mayflower 400”

COMING SOON!

Friends of the Pilgrims Membership

The Board of Assistants has voted to add a new Membership category called Friends of the Pilgrims. The BOA is working to create a structure for this membership category.

While announced at our Feb 2023 membership meeting, this membership has not yet officially been launched.

The BOA is hopeful that we can make an announcement at our May Membership meeting that Friends of the Pilgrims is an active membership category.

If you have any questions regarding this new membership category please contact our Deputy Governor, Suzy T Mulligan at this email: deputygovernor@dcmayflower.org



Officers

Governor

Bruce D. Babcock

Deputy Governor

Suzy T Mulligan

Recording/

Corresponding

Secretary

Shelley Rodgers

Membership Secretary

Kelly Keegan

Treasurer

Kent C. Boese

Historian

Glenn S. K. Williams

Counselor

John Kropf

Captain

David Gallalee

Elder

Sarah S. Seemann

Surgeon

Eleanor Richards

Jr. Membership Chair

Julie Stuftt

Assistants

Grace Fischetti

Chris Westcott

Shirley Wilcox, C.G.

Past Governors

Ann Campbell

Barbara Carpenter

Janet Downing

Timothy Finton

Glennon Harrison

Beth Gable Hicks

Annie John

Donald Lamson

David Stringfellow

J. Tom Tanner

Nicholas Ward

**Society of Mayflower Descendants
District of Columbia
c/o Shelley Rodgers
1509 Oakcrest Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302**



TO: