



Summer 2022

# Pilgrim News



*Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District of Columbia*

## Is Stephen Hopkins “Stephano” in Shakespeare's “The Tempest”?

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia recently held its May 2022 Membership Meeting. The event was a Spring Tea, for members, prospective members and guests at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC.

Our Guest Speaker, Andrew Giles Buckley, was introduced by Governor Ann Campbell. Andrew is the two-time Emmy Nominated creator of Hit and Run History, launched in 2008. He brings history to new audiences using advances in non-linear editing, mobile applications and draws inspiration from food and travel shows. Less Ken Burns and more Anthony Bourdain, Hit and Run History debuted on WGBH's History site in 2011. Awarded two grants from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and over 70

Massachusetts Cultural Council Grants from communities across the Commonwealth, Andrew is a world-class storyteller and an 11<sup>th</sup> generation Mayflower Descendant of Stephen Hopkins. Andrew's talk kept the audience spellbound. He was clearly knowledgeable and passionate about sharing what he has learned about Stephen Hopkins and making it accessible to people of all ages. His talk was also illustrated by a number of video clips which demonstrated key points. At the conclusion of his talk, he took numerous questions from the audience.

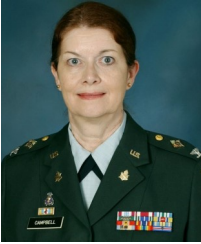


Andrew's documentary, *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck*, about Stephen Hopkins, provides interesting details and context. It also explains why some historians believe Shakespeare's The Tempest was influenced by Hopkins' Sea Venture experiences. The documentary is one hour and thirty minutes in length. To view it, use the link below, which will require a payment of \$4.99 for a two or three-day rental. <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/stephano>

In addition, more background information is available on the Folger Shakespeare Library website:

<https://www.folger.edu/shakespeare-unlimited/stephen-hopkins-stephano-buckley>.

## FROM THE GOVERNOR



I want to especially thank the members of the Board of Assistants for their continued service and recognize those who have volunteered to chair committees: Bruce Babcock (Finance), Annie John (Scholarship) Donald Lamson (Bylaws and Nominations), and Suzy Mulligan (Membership). The board includes ten Officers, six Members at Large, as well as Ex Officio members who are Past Governors. Our next Board Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Our total regular membership, as of June 15, 2022 is 430, including 165 Life members and 265 Annual members. In addition, we have 8 Junior Members. So far this year we have added 16 new members and had 3 members transfer in from other Mayflower Societies. We have sadly received notification of the passing of three of our members: Jean Shultz ( February 1, 2022), John M. Thomas ( March 17, 2022) and Katherine Cullen King ( May 19, 2022). Notice of Katherine's passing will appear in a future edition of the Mayflower Quarterly, as she was a Past Member of our Board of Assistants.

We continue our outreach to those Life Members for whom we do not have an email address. Life Member, Molly Greene is leading the project. She is the daughter of a former Governor of our Society Brigadier General Michael J.L. Greene, who served from 1995-1997. She provides me with periodic updates so that we do not lose touch with our Life Members.

The quarterly publication of this newsletter, called "Pilgrim News" continues with Board Member Suzy Mulligan leading this project as editor. We plan to publish our 2021-2022 Member Directory later this year. Copies will be mailed to those who request a printed copy. Thanks to Membership Secretary Suzy Mulligan for her good work in making this a reality.

Please review the Meetings and Events Report for details of upcoming events.

In closing, I want to reiterate the debt of gratitude we owe these volunteers, officers and other members of the Board of Assistants without whose good works our Society could not function.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Moore Campbell  
Governor

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

- \* **Monday, July 4, 2022: July Fourth Celebration hosted by the District of Columbia Sons of the American Revolution.** The Governor of the Mayflower Society of the District of Columbia has been invited to represent the organization. Members and friends are invited to observe the occasion at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC.
- \* **Saturday, July 23, 2022: Board of Assistants Meeting** (Virtual). Board Members will receive an email invitation.
- \* **Wednesday, September 7 to Sunday, September 11, 2022: General Board of Assistants Meeting (GBOA) (In-Person)** Bloomington, Minnesota. Register through GSMD website.
- \* **Sunday, September 25, 2022: Membership Meeting:** (In-Person). The guest speaker will be the GSMD Governor General Jane Hurt. Members will receive an email invitation. Since there will be a vote at the meeting to approve a slate of officers nominated for the upcoming 2023-2025 term, event reservations for members will have priority. Event reservations for non-members will be accepted but placed on a waiting list and confirmed, space permitting, the week preceding the event.
- \* **Saturday, October 22, 2022: Board of Assistants Meeting** (Virtual) Board members will receive an email invitation.
- \* **Saturday, November 19, 2022: Membership Event** (In-Person) Compact Day Dinner at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. Guest Speaker is to be announced. Members will receive an email invitation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann Campbell,  
Chair  
Meetings and Events Committee

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

Since March 1, 2022 we have welcomed 12 new members, and three transfers into our society. As a reminder, it generally takes six to nine months for the approval process once the application has been received by GSMD.

### **NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION:**

New General Society of Mayflower Descendants ( GSMD ) must register at the GSMD website, [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). Click this link to go to the Registration Page

<https://themayflowersociety.org/forms/register>

### **MEMBER ORIENTATION:**

Once you log in as a Member, you will land on a Member Landing page. Here you will find a three part Member Orientation video series. Part 1 is The Mayflower Society History and Structure, Part 2 is Member Societies, Scholarship & Insignia's, and Part 3 is Mayflower Partnerships and Publications. The entire series is about 15 minutes, and well worth the time.

### **MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:**

The DC Mayflower Society has a Public Facebook page which can be found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dcmayflower>

We are also pleased to announce that we now have a Private Members Only Facebook page. You are strongly encouraged to join in this group. We will be posting Membership Meeting and Event Announcements as well as pertinent information as it relates to our society and the GSMD. We look forward to seeing you there. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66572901112124>

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

As a reminder, invoices for Membership Dues will be sent to members via USPS mail in August 2022. To be considered a "Member in Good Standing" members must be current in their payment of dues. If no payment is received for the past year, and the current year, the member will be dropped as an active member. To be reinstated the member must pay the past due Membership Dues.

**WELCOME ABOARD  
TO OUR  
2022 NEW MEMBERS**

**SARAH AHLGREN**

*Passenger: Howland*

**ANNA BRADY-ESTEVEZ**

*Passenger: Brewster*

**ALLISON FREEDMAN**

*Passenger: White*

**SHARON CLARK-HAGAN**

*Passenger: Howland*

**EDWARD LAFARGE**

*Passenger: Soule*

**GARY STIRGWOLT**

*Passenger: Brewster*

**TERESA R. TALISNEK**

*Passenger: Sampson*

**SANDRA PATTENGILL TODD**

*Passenger: Howland*

**KRISTIN VAUGHN**

*Passenger: White*

**ASA WILLIAMS**

*Passenger: Brewster*

**PHILIP "BROOKS" WILLIAMS**

*Passenger: Brewster*

**ROSS WILLIAMS**

*Passenger: Brewster*

**TRANSFERS IN**

**LISA HELENE LAWSON**

*Passenger: Cooke*

**DR. WILLIAM A. PAQUETTE**

*Passenger: E. Fuller*

**PHYLLIS WILSON**

*Passenger: Soule*

One passenger we rarely hear about when talking about the Mayflower is her Master or Captain, Christopher Jones. He was born c.1570 in Harwich Essex, England and was quarter owner of the Mayflower. Jones was an experienced mariner who was contracted by Thomas Weston to sail the Mayflower with 102 religious separatists aboard to the New World, to land somewhere between Jamestown and the Hudson River Valley. Clearly Jones missed the mark on this journey, instead landing near Provincetown, MA in late fall of 1620. Illnesses of his crew and passengers delayed his return to England until April 1621 where he continued his career as a mariner, trading and transporting goods between England and France. He died in 1622, and in 1624 the good ship Mayflower was sold for scrap and dismantled.



**Save the Date!**  
**September 7-11th, 2022**  
**General Board of Assistants Meeting**  
**Bloomington, MN**  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT**  
**THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY**  
**2022 LECTURE SERIES**

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

Wed., June 29, 2022 7-8pm

“The Mayflower Society House and the Red Cross”

Thurs., July 22, 2022 7-8pm

“Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society  
with the Silver Books as Your Guide”

Wed., Aug 24, 2022

“Beefing up Your Ancestors Timeline”

**JULY 4TH 2022**

Every 4th of July , since 1953 the DC Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsor a Commemorative Event at the Congressional Cemetery to honor the only signer of the Declaration of Independence, buried in Washington, D.C., Elbridge Gerry. This event is attended by Lineage Societies, Patriotic, Fraternal and Service Organizations and more.

A beautiful wreath is placed at the gravesite, and fresh cut flowers are given to attendees to place as well. Members Kent Boese and Annie Johns attended this meaningful event on July 4th 2021. We encourage members to attend. See *MQM, Spring 2022, District of Columbia article on page 11.*



# Congratulations!

Our very own Shirley Langdon Wilcox, Certified Genealogist and Assistant Historian to our society, is the recipient of the Lou D. Szucs Distinguished Service Award presented each year by the National Genealogy Society. Shirley was part of a team of four ladies who together helped preserve precious paper documents which were compromised by a basement flood at the National Genealogy Society headquarters. During the summer and fall of 2021, over four dozen boxes of documents were dried out and preserves, with Shirley and her team dedicating well over 300 hours to the process. We thank you for your dedication to genealogy and historic preservation.

## Resources

### **General Society of Mayflower Descendants**

[www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

### **Family Search**

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

### **US Census Bureau**

<https://www.census.gov/topics/population/>

**YOU HAVE TO CHECK THIS OUT!** The 50 foot *Mayflower Autonomous Ship*, powered by Artificial Intelligence with no human crew aboard, arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 5, 2022. The journey began in April 2022, taking more than five weeks to “sail” across the Atlantic Ocean, retracing the Mayflower’s voyage to the New World marking another step toward the “self-driving machine” while we retrace the steps of history. To learn more take a look at this interesting hour long video. More information is available via You Tube and the Internet at these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nLOcmhIN20>

<https://mas400.com/>

<https://newsroom.ibm.com/then-and-now>





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