

The District of Columbia

Pilgrim News

Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District of Columbia

WINTER 2021



Calendar:

MEETINGS

Board of Assistants:

Saturday, 30 Jan 2021

Saturday, 24 Apr 2021

Saturday, 24 Jul 2021

Saturday, 23 Oct 2021

Membership:

Sunday, 28 Feb 2021

Sunday, 23 May 2021

Sunday, 26 Sep 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, 20 Nov 2021

Compact Day Dinner

Cosmos Club,

Washington D.C.

GSMD

CANCELLED BY GSMD

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

GSMD Heritage Breakfast,

Army Navy Club,

Washington, DC

SCHEDULED BY GSMD

THURSDAY, 9 Sep to

SATURDAY, 11 Sep 2021

GBOA Meeting

Plymouth, MA

Looking Back:

Milestones for Mayflower Descendants

All members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants recently observed a major milestone as 2020 ushered in the 400th Anniversary of the good ship *Mayflower's* arrival in Plymouth Harbor. While commemorative events were disrupted by the pandemic, the importance of this milestone endures in the history of our country, the General Society and its member Societies.

As our own member Society, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia, approaches its 125th Anniversary in 2023, we have been motivated to take a look back at more of our organization's past milestones, discovered in the pages of our historical documents.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia was granted a charter by the General Society on March 22, 1898. Mr. William Lowrey Marsh is recognized as the founder and served as the first governor from 1898-1901. Mr. Marsh along with twenty-one charter members organized and established the society, which was perfected on April 28 1898. The first Register or Yearbook they created was published in May 1899. It contained twenty-six pages, a list of Officers, Committee Members, Charter Members of 48, most of whom were among the first one-thousand members of the General Society, Instructions to Applicants, the Constitution and By-Laws. It can be seen at HathiTrust.org at this link: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/loc.ark:/13960/t5w66tf1t>

On April 1906, a 56-page yearbook was published which contained just the basics including a List of Officers, Committees, the Constitution and By-Laws, with a list of Members & Ancestors. This too is available at www.hathitrust.org at this link: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/loc.ark:/13960/t6tx3pf2d>

MEMBERSHIP

Charter Members

STATE GENERAL	SOC.	NAME	RESIDENCE
1	267	WILLIAM LOWREY MARSH,	Washington, D. C.
2	312	WILLIAM WALLACE CASE,	" "
3	486	NATHANIEL EDMONS ROBINSON,	" "
4	377	HATTIE LUCINDA ALDEN,	" "
5	66	SHERBURNE GILLETTE HOPKINS,	" "
6	65	THOMAS SNELL HOPKINS,	" "
7	337	WILLIAM FRANCIS ALDEN (deceased),	" "
8	311	JAMES BOWEN JOHNSON (deceased),	" "
9	223	HENRY PETER RENOUT HOLT,	" "
10	916	ALGERNON AIKIN ASPINWALL,	" "
11	915	ISABEL SARGENT CHAMBERLIN,	" "
12	785	MARY LYON ROBINSON,	" "
13	784	EMILY ELIZA ROBINSON,	" "
14	57	DR. MARCUS BENJAMIN,	" "
15	1000	REV. JOHN LOUIS EWELL, D.D.,	" "
16	115	GEORGE CONGDON GORHAM,	" "
17	108	FRANK BERGE SMITH,	" "
18	75	ALONZO HOWARD CLARK,	" "
19	105	HARRY WESTON VAN DYKE,	" "
20	320	WILLIAM PARK METCALF,	" "
21	697	EDWIN ALSTON HILL,	" "
22	982	ELLEN HAMILTON SMITH,	" "
23	680	HELEN SYBIL (AVERY) STETSON,	" "
		(MRS. GEORGE ROCHFORD STETSON)	" "
24	849	JANE S. (OWEN) KEIM,	" "
		(MRS. DE B. RANDOLPH KEIM)	" "
25	754	THOMAS BLAGDEN,	" "
26	1014	CHARLES LYON STURTEVANT,	" "



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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

OFFICERS

District of Columbia

Governor

Ann M. Campbell

Deputy Governor

Maria K. Wiseman

**Recording/Corresponding/
Membership Secretary**

Shelley Rogers

Treasurer

Kent C. Boese

Historian

Glenn S. K. Williams

Librarian

Gail Adams

Counselor

Donald Lamson

Captain

Bruce Babcock

Elder

Sarah S. Seemann

Surgeon

Vacant

Jr. Membership Chair

Julie Stuftt

Assistants

Chris Westcott

Shirley Wilcox, C.G.

Beth Gable Hicks

Suzy Mulligan

**Past Governors who are Ex-
Officio Members of the Board
of Assistants**

Barbara Carpenter

Janet Downing

Timothy Finton

Glennon Harrison

Annie John

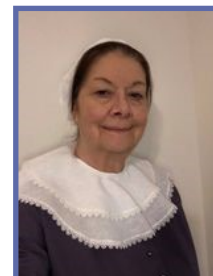
Donald Lamson

David Stringfellow

J. Tom Tanner

Nicholas Ward

Thank you to the members of the DC Society for the trust you placed in me by electing me as your Governor at our September 2020 Membership Meeting.



Our Nominating Committee was unable to find a candidate for two positions, Surgeon and Counselor. Past Governor Donald Lamson graciously agreed to be nominated on the floor by yours truly. We have one vacant position, that of Surgeon. If there is a member willing to serve in that capacity, please let me know. See our "Help Wanted" Section of this Newsletter for more information. In the meantime, as a member of Virginia's Medical Reserve Corps, I will fill in as best I can. In addition to the elected officers, I have established three committees (Bylaws, Finance and Membership) to assist in accomplishing the business of the Society.

The Bylaws Committee includes two of our attorneys, Counselor Donald Lamson (Chair) and Deputy Governor Counselor Maria Wiseman, plus another member/attorney to be named. The Finance Committee includes the Governor (Myself) as Chair; Captain Bruce Babcock; Treasurer Kent Boese; Counselor Donald Lamson; and Deputy Governor Maria Wiseman. The Membership Committee includes the Governor (Myself) as Chair with input and support from these officers: Treasurer Kent Boese, Secretary Shelley Rodgers, Elder Sarah Seemann, and Historian Glenn Williams.

I am grateful to our Past Governor, Beth Hicks, for introducing me to the world of the web teleconference. Together we have used and will continue to use that tool for both Board Meetings and Member Meetings until we can safely resume in person meetings. Thanks also to the many Past Governors (Glennon Harrison, Annie John, Donald Lamson and Tom Tanner) for their input and sage advice.

We metaphorically stand on the shoulders of those who went before us, both living and deceased. We celebrate the many years of experience and wisdom of all of them. We celebrate the history of our Society from 1898 to today. We have a strong foundation for a bright future.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann Campbell, Governor

DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

On February 28th we held our first virtual membership meeting of 2021. The meeting was well attended with 41 members and guests. Our speaker, Louise Walsh Throop, gave an engaging presentation about two lesser known facts about the *Mayflower* passengers.



First, unknown to the passengers in 1620, the paternity of Richard More's young children was in question. The children's true father was likely a man with whom More's wife Mary had a previous relationship. Although known to us today, knowledge of the children's parentage was a well kept secret at the time.

Ms. Throop also discussed the secret identity of William Brewster. Before leaving on the *Mayflower*, Brewster and his associates Edward Winslow and George Soule evaded capture by local authorities for printing illegal books critical of King James I. Brewster escaped discovery by using the name "William Williamson." To shield Brewster and his associates from capture after the voyage, the names of the signers of the Mayflower Compact were not intentionally made public until 1669.

We look forward to our membership meetings in 2021:

Sunday May 23, 2021(virtual): Kurt Frevert, project manager for the construction contractor of the National World War II, will present "The Birth and Growing Pains of the National World War II Memorial."

Sunday, September 26, 2021: Speaker yet to be confirmed.

Saturday, November 20, 2021: Compact Day Dinner scheduled for the Cosmos Club. Speaker yet to be confirmed. Thank you to Priestly Toulmin for his past sponsorship at the Cosmos Club and to J. Thomas Tanner for his sponsorship on this date.

Respectfully Submitted:

Maria Wiseman, Deputy Governor

WELCOME ABOARD !



We welcome our new Historian Glenn Scott Keith Williams who grew up in a Marshfield home overlooking Plymouth Bay in Massachusetts. He had only one brother, Kendrick Barry Aikman Williams, who became a gifted engineer but died before learning of his Mayflower heritage. Glenn is the grandson of four immigrants who arrived in America in the early 1900s. Notwithstanding his family's foreign backgrounds, he is a descendant of nine Mayflower passengers representing the Brewster, Bradford, Hopkins and Warren families. After studying his family history, he confirmed a pattern: just about every generation represents hard-working and middle-class ancestors. Glenn has been married for over 45 years to R. Faye D. Williams. They have two adult daughters. Glenn is a member of the Jamestowne Society, The Doane Family Association, the Nickerson family Association, and affiliated Mayflower family societies.

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to Our new Members:

MEMBER

**RICHARD LAWRENCE LEHMAN
DAVID WARDELL KATHAN
ANNA VIRGINIA BUCHHOLCZ
SUSAN TARR MULLIGAN
STEPHEN EDWARD SMITH**

PASSENGER

**John Howland
Edward Fuller
Samuel Fuller
William White
Myles Standish**

We have over 50 applications currently in progress, many are supplementals, and two are transfers . Following are the applications now at Plymouth under review:

**ROBYN EUSTIS
NANCY NORMAN
ROBERT NORMAN
RACHAEL NORMAN
NANCY BURGESS BLACK
ANN STUART BLACK
ARIEL MURRAY
SUSAN PHILLIPS DEWING
EUGENIA MCGROATY
KELLY KEEGAN
CLAIRICE LORRAINE SHAW
THOMAS J. WILSON
CHARLOTTE KROPF
SHERRY EDWARDS**

TRANSFERS IN

JAMES KROPF

APPROVED SUPPLEMENTALS

**GLENN S.K. WILLIAMS
KAREN JORDAN
KAREN JORDAN
CATHERINE BURCHAM**

PASSENGER

Edward Fuller

**Constance Hopkins
Francis Cooke
Stephan Hopkins
Joan Hurst**



Coming soon!

400th Anniversary Register!

Update your contact information!

If you have changed your name, moved or if we have the incorrect mail or email address or telephone number please let us know as soon as possible by contacting our Membership Secretary **Shelley Rodgers at shelleyrodgers8@gmail.com**

THE PILGRIM PLEDGE

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I pledge myself to help hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock; to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good; to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration therefrom; to emulate their spirit; to be loyal to the flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom; to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage; and in all things, and in all ways, to profit by the Pilgrim Example.

—MAURICE H. THATCHER.

HELP WANTED

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS:

We are currently seeking member volunteers for the following positions:

SURGEON:

The Surgeon shall be a licensed or certified health care professional, such as a medical doctor, a registered nurse, or a public health professional. The Surgeon shall perform such other duties as this office may require.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR:

The Information Technology (IT) Administrator is responsible for data security, reliability and confidentiality of both the Society's database and website. These duties include coordination with the Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, and Governor to create a synchronized and shared perspective.

ASSISTANT COUNSELOR:

The Assistant Counselor shall be a licensed attorney. The Assistant Counselor shall participate in the governance of our society and assist the counselor by participating in the work of the bylaws committee, in addition to providing advice based on questions raised by the board of assistants and the governor

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT:

The Newsletter Assistant shall have experience with newsletter publishing, experience with Publisher and Word programs, have graphic design and writing experience

TREASURER'S REPORT

From the Treasurer's Desk

Kent Boese

This is my first report to the membership as Treasurer. I am happy to report that our books are in good order, our finances are healthy, and our 2021 budget has been approved by the Finance Committee and forwarded to the Board of Assistance for consideration.

Annual Dues and Membership

With the start of a new year, I can report that we are wrapping up the annual dues collection with few members in arrears. The membership year is September 1 through August 31 and regular membership dues are payable before December 31st.

According to the Society's By-Laws, members whose annual dues remain unpaid for a period of one 12-month year (September 1 – August 31) shall be dropped from the rolls on the following September 30th. Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the dues for members at risk of being dropped in 2021 has been covered.

To ensure the best possible service to our membership, the Treasurer will contact members in arrears to ensure that the Society has accurate contact information on file and that no member is dropped in the future due to an inaccuracy in our records. Any members with questions regarding their annual dues are encouraged to contact the Treasurer.

In closing, I also want to extend my gratitude to our outgoing treasurer, Bruce Babcock, for the excellent state of the books as well as his ongoing guidance and mentorship. Bruce is a true asset to the Society.

Resource Corner

Find wonderful genealogical resources right in our own backyard! The Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library has a slew of resources for Revolutionary Era research.

Genealogy Online Databases

With your current Fairfax County Library card you can access these remotely.

[https://
research.fairfaxcounty.gov/
genealogy/online-databases](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/genealogy/online-databases)

Ancestry Library Edition
Fold 3
Historic New York Times
Historic Washington Post
American Ancestors

(Available only in the Virginia Room)
Database of the New England Historic
Genealogical Society.
www.americanancestors.org

Virginia Memory
at the Library of Virginia.
Explore every topic, not just
Military.
[https://
www.virginiamemory.com/
collections/collections_by_topic](https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_by_topic)

Laura S. Wickstead Virginia
Room Librarian
laura.wickstead@fairfaxcounty.gov
City of Fairfax Regional Library,
Fairfax County Public Library

Save the Date! September 2021 GBOA

This year's GBOA Meeting will be held from September 9th through 11th, 2021 in Plymouth, MA and will be hosted by the MA Mayflower Society.

- **Thursday, September 9th - Education Day**
- **Friday, September 10th - GBOA Meeting**
- **Saturday, September 11th - Pilgrim Progress and Mayflower Society House Garden Reception**
Evening banquet at Plymouth Patuxet to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving.

**Registration will open on March 1st on the website.
More details coming soon!**



In Memoriam

Robert Ames Alden
(1933-2020)

Dorothy Murray McCann Brault
(1935-2020)
Former DC Society Treasurer

Marion Luce Butler
(1927-2016)

Annabella Gorham
(1918-2019)

Howard Dale Gower
(1927-2018)

Herbert Graves III
(1926 – 2019)

Sally Clark Stone Halvorson
(1940-2014)

Charles Walston Harrison
(1952-2019)

Marion Edwyn Harrison
(1931-2019)

Joan Lawrence Heim
(1942-2019)

Mary Grace Lewis Humphreys
(1937-2020)

Doris Whipple Jones-Baker
(1925-2020)

Jocelyn White Martin
(1953-2020)

Frederic Goodfellow Parker
(1941-2020)

Rufus Wheeler Peckham
(1928-2020)

Joy Gunson Phillips
(1933-2020)

Louise Temple Pike
(1925-2020)

Edward James Streator, Jr.
(1930 – 2019)



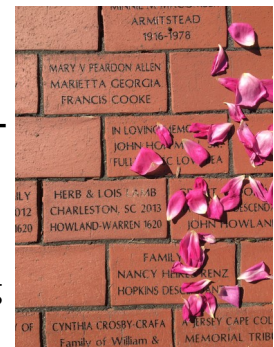
The Mayflower Society offers commemorative Grave Markers for Mayflower Descendant and Members.

To learn more visit www.themayflowersociety.org

Colonial Revival Garden Walkway Fundraising Project

“The General Society of Mayflower Descendants established the Garden Walkway Fundraising Project in 2011 and has since installed over 400 engraved, donated bricks.

We encourage members and friends to place a brick in the walkway to celebrate, honor, or remember their families. The Garden Walkway Project is a wonderful way to leave a lasting memory of your family in Plymouth where the Mayflower Pilgrim ancestors established Plymouth Colony, resulting in bringing self-governance to this country. Your commemorative brick will grace our walkway in the heart of America’s Hometown for years to come. Inscribed bricks are available for a donation of \$150 per brick. The 4" x 8" laser-engraved red bricks can hold three lines of text, with a maximum of 20 characters in each line. Your order, which is considered a donation, is tax deductible.



The Society accepts orders year-round and bricks are generally placed in the Garden Walkway twice per year – once in the spring and once in the fall. The deadline for submitting donations for the spring installation is March 15, 2021.”

Brick orders can be made only by mail at this time.

[Click here for more information >>](#)

SURGEON'S REPORT

From Governor Ann Campbell

Since our Surgeon position is vacant, I am filling in with an update on some information related to the current COVID-19 pandemic. I am not currently a medical professional. However, I have almost 30 years of experience as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in Virginia and Germany. I also served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.

I currently live in Fairfax County, Virginia where I am a member of the Medical Reserve Corps, under the jurisdiction of the Fairfax County Health Department. Many other U.S. states and jurisdictions also have a Medical Reserve Corps.

Virginia uses a web-based information system, the Virginia Volunteer Health System (VVHS). The system serves as an alerting and credentialing system for local Medical Reserve Corps Coordinators and health districts. They use the system to manage medical and support volunteers who desire to support public health emergencies and daily public health activities, including COVID-19 Virginia-based vaccination events.

For more information about the Virginia MRC, visit the website: <https://vvhs.vamrc.org>.

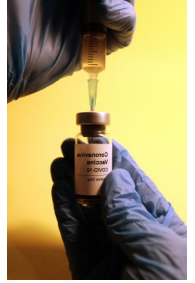
For other jurisdictions, search for Medical Reserve Corps, usually found on the local Health Department web site.

For those looking for information on getting their COVID-19 vaccinations, this Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website is a place to get more information:

<https://www.cdc.org/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

COVID 19 VACCINATION PHASES RELEASED BY CDC.

As we begin a new year with COVID –19 still having a tremendous impact on all of our lives, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel but it will be coming in Phases, not all at once.



As of December 2020 the CDC has published the COVID vaccine phased roll out plan for the populations that will receive the vaccination and in what order.

Following is a snapshot of their phased plan.

Phase 1a:

Health Care Personnel, Long Term Care Facility Residents

Phase 1b:

Front Line Essential Workers, Persons ages 75 years and above

Phase 1c:

Persons aged 65 to 75 years and persons aged 16 to 64 with high risk medical conditions.

Essential workers not recommended for vaccination in Phase 1b.

Phase 2: All persons 16 year and older not previously recommended for vaccination.

To learn more visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, or your state and/or local Department of Health websites. Here are the DC, Maryland and Virginia website addresses.

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>

FROM THE DESK OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP



NEW GSMD JUNIOR FACEBOOK GROUP!

The GSMD Junior Committee has created a new Facebook group to help our Junior Members keep up with all things related to their membership such as membership questions, scholarships, activities and more!

The group is for current and potential Junior members to learn about their pilgrim ancestor, learn more about membership and ask questions. It is also a place for Junior committee members of our fifty-two partner societies to share activities they have hosted, post ideas for Junior membership events, and network with Junior committee members from across the US and Canada.

You can find the group on Facebook by searching for: **GSMD Jr Mayflower Descendants Social Networking**

You must have a Facebook account to join the GSMD Junior Facebook group.

For questions about the Facebook group or the Junior membership initiative, contact the GSMD Junior Committee:

Chair: Cynthia Tinney cmtinney@yahoo.com
Peggy Marsh peggymarsh@comcast.net
Beth Anderson-Godfrey bander2068@aol.com
Joan Reed Miller reedmiller107@yahoo.com
Linda White geniedar1@yahoo.com

Or contact the DC Mayflower Descendants Junior Membership Chair:

Julie Stufft Email: tjstufft@me.com

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES:

Now Open! The 2021 Scholarship Application is Available!



The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves.

Application Deadline for the 2021 GSMD Scholarship Program is March 15, 2021.

There is an ancestry requirement for an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship: the Application Form must include a valid GSMD membership number and State Membership Number as members in good standing for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the applicant.

This application process should be self-explanatory, and applicants are asked to read all instructions and follow directions carefully. The Scholarship Committee looks forward to reviewing candidates and announcing this year's Scholarship recipients.

Thank you,
Lorraine Link, Scholarship Chair

FROM THE DESK OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

JULIE STUFFT—CHAIR

You'll see from the "Looking Back" piece that the DC Society, 50 years ago, had a thriving Juniors program. (I can't help but wonder where they are, and I hope all of these enthusiastic juniors from 1970 are now current members!) Please help us reach our goal to increase junior membership again! In 2021, we can well exceed our goal of 20 new junior members if every DC Society member with a child, grandchild, niece or nephew were referred for junior membership. It usually just requires their birth certificate and \$25, and they receive a certificate, description of their passenger ancestor, and a small pin from the DC Society. Make it your goal to refer your "junior" relative now! Contact me at tjstufft@me.com for details.

We will continue to have programming for our growing junior membership cadre. On November 20, we were thrilled to host an online lecture given by Cultural Interpreters of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) about the First Thanksgiving and other key historic American events involving American Indians. Several of our junior members were in attendance, as well as Children of the American Revolution (CAR) members from around the country. It was a great event to reach children and adults alike on this very important topic.



AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM

<https://americanindian.si.edu/online-programs>

A TOUR OF MAYFLOWER II with PETER ARENTSTEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppDw52cWWtQ>

VIRTUAL JOURNEY CHILDREN OF THE MAYFLOWER by Mayflower 400UK

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

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

COVID 19 has certainly changed many areas of our lives last year and it continues to do so! One of the things I am sure we all miss is getting together in person breaking bread together , having fellowship, getting to know one another better and just enjoying each others company. This is especially true for our newest members who may not have had the opportunity to meet us in person. As a way to introduce our new Board Members to our current and new members we will be introducing them here.

ANN M. CAMPBELL- GOVENOR 2021-2024

Ann was born in Oakland, California. She graduated from Ridgefield High School (Ridgefield, Connecticut) and spent her Sophomore year of high school in Versailles, France. She earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics from San Francisco State University (San Francisco, California).

Upon graduation, Ann's first job was as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica, where she taught Modern Math to teachers. When Ann returned to San Francisco, she worked for the Bank of America, while she pursued her next degree, an MBA from San Francisco State University with an emphasis in Management Science. Ann worked for the U.S. Army in San Francisco and Virginia, in both a civilian and military capacity, over a period of 40 years. During that time, she earned two more Master's Degrees, one in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College (Newport, Rhode Island) and one in Peace Operations from George Mason University (Arlington, Virginia).

Ann retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army. Although currently retired, she contributes her time to a number of organizations. Ann originally joined the Virginia Mayflower Society, but transferred to the DC Mayflower Society. She previously served as the Deputy Governor in the DC Society.

Ann is an avid traveler and has visited all the continents, including Antarctica. She has lived outside the U.S in Argentina, France, and Germany. She speaks Spanish, French, and German and also studied Latin.

Ann is a Life Member of the National Ski Patrol, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Washington, DC), New England Historic Genealogical Society (Boston, Massachusetts), the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (New York, New York), the Ridgefield Historical Society (Ridgefield, Connecticut) and the Chester Historical Society (Chester, Massachusetts).

Ann is a currently a member of the Army-Navy Club (Washington, DC) and the Marines Memorial Club (San Francisco, California).



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



KENT C. BOESE
TREASURER

A native of Illinois, Kent attended the University of Illinois, as an undergraduate, earning a degree in Interior Design. Subsequently, he also earned two Master's Degree's – one from Arizona State University in Design History and one from The Catholic University of America in Library and Information Sciences. He is currently employed as a law librarian at Wiley, a law firm based in Washington, D.C. As a locally elected official, Kent is serving in his eleventh year as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the Park View and Columbia Heights neighborhoods in the District of Columbia, where he has led the Commission as its Chair since 2013.

Kent joined the DC Society in 2018 by right of descent from Richard Warren and this is his first time serving on the Board. In addition to being a member of several other lineage societies, he also currently serves in leadership roles as the Vice President General, Members-At-Large for the General Society of the War of 1812; Secretary for the Society of the War of 1812 in the District of Columbia; Junior Vice Commander for the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and an At-Large Member of the Board of Management, District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



DONALD LAMSON
COUNSELOR

I have been an attorney for 40 years in both government and private practice, specializing in bank regulation. I now am in semi-retirement as an independent consultant.

Some readers may remember me as a past Governor. That experience is very helpful in my new role as Counselor as I had first-hand experience in overseeing the interrelationship of the Secretary, Historian, and Treasurer functions. My duties tend to be more limited than those line roles, however, especially in terms of day to day activity.

I am expected to review the Society's contracts for legal sufficiency. I am responsible for the periodic review of our Constitution and Bylaws. I also respond to legal questions that the Governor brings to me.

Finally, the Counselor serves on the Finance Committee, so I participate in considering questions relating to our budget and financial condition

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In 1920, our fellow members published again. Interesting to note that this was two years after the Spanish Flu pandemic with no mention of it being found. This yearbook was published January 1st, 1920, and was 58 pages in size. In this publication we find a bit more interesting information along with the standard list of General and State Governors, and Officers, Constitution and By Laws, and Members. A list of passengers, both with proven and unproven descendants was included, as was The Mayflower Compact with the list of signers. The membership grew substantially from 1898-1920, following is an excerpt discussing that growth:

“It was not anticipated that the Society would exceed fifty members, at least for several years, and its rapid growth has therefore been a most gratifying surprise. From 1898 to 1920 the membership has increased from twenty-two to three hundred and fifty -four. The location of the Society at the capital city of the nation has been an important factor in its constant growth and has enabled it to reach persons in the South who are eligible to membership but have no state societies of their own. Those who have thus proven their eligibility are among the most enthusiastic members. The Society has taken high rank among the State Societies for effective work in advancing the objects of the entire organization.”

Not only was the organization interested in adding new members, there was a keen interest in growing a Library Collection as well. As Historian since the beginning of the society, Mr. A.A. Aspinwall was allotted \$50 annually to use to build the collection. As of 1920 he had accumulated 324 volumes, 27 pamphlets, which represented Town and Local histories, Vital Records and Family Genealogies. Our society still has a collection of at least 200 books, pamphlets and membership records, while over the years portions of the collection have been donated to the National DAR Society Library.

Of keen interest in the 1920 publication, especially to those who are descendants of Elder Brewster, is information about the Gavel:

“The gavel used by the Governor was made from a piece of oak, which was once part of the Manor House occupied by Elder Brewster. The wood was obtained by Mr. William Wallace Case, a Charter member of the Society, while on a visit to Scrooby in 1899, and by him presented to the Society”.



To see more visit www.hathitrust.org at this link <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/loc.ark:/13960/t9x06fs9z>

In 1970 the Mayflower Society celebrated another milestone anniversary of 350 years! And our Society, in commemoration of the 350th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, published what they called a Register, rather than a yearbook. This publication is 596 pages in length, and contains a wealth of information, and articles written by members.

Among the many interesting tidbits of information found within was about the Commemorative Seal on the front of the Register, which was drawn by Past Governor Lorenzo S. Winslow; *“the picture of the “Mayflower” was taken from the new original oil painting by Robert Paul Brackett and the model of the Mayflower is by our Treasurer Cdr. J.H. Bronson Smith.”* Being purely speculative, this author wonders if this oil painting could be one and the same as the Mayflower painting in possession of the Mayflower Hotel, as there was a time when the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia made the Mayflower Hotel their headquarters.

Among the several articles written by members, some titles are *“The Mayflower- Her Officers and Crew”* by Mrs. Anthony F.G. Lucas, *The Three Homes of the Pilgrims- England, Holland and America* written by the Honorable Maurice Thatcher, who also penned *The Pilgrim Pledge*. For the descendants of William and Mary Wentworth Brewster, there is an article of interest titled *“The Royal Ancestry of Mary Wentworth”* by Howard B. Burgess.

It was from the research efforts of Governor General Lewis Edwin Neff who compiled the generational history of Mary's family, beginning with Alfred, The Great King 871-901 ending after 25 generations with Mary Wentworth.

Both maternal and paternal lines are documented with a connection at Gen 15 with Joan Plantagenet. His documentation has been accepted by the Baronial Order of Magna Charta, the National Society of Magna Carta Dames, The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne and Americans of Royal Descent.

Children are our pathway to many mile stones in our lives, and the same holds true for our society. In 1959 the Junior Member program of our society was created at the suggestion of member Mrs. Eva Elizabeth Wright Driggs.

“During the first year over thirty Juniors we enrolled and the number steadily increased ever since. We feel that the Junior program encourages an interest on the part of young people in the Mayflower Society and provides for adult membership.

It has been our privilege to welcome as Junior Member some two hundred and fifty young people, ages one week to eighteen years in the past ten years.

Special programs have been arranged nearly every year to appeal to school age Junior. Mrs. L. Welch Pogue has been very successful with the Triennial Junior Scrap Book Competition with helps to create an incentive for the young people to learn more about their Mayflower ancestors and Pilgrim history, as well as to make them feel that they are an important part of our Society.”

In the past an award was given to the Sponsoring Member who brought in the greatest number of Junior Members each year. To learn more about sponsoring a Junior Member, please contact Julie Stufft at tjstufft@me.com



The 1970 Mayflower Society of Descendants in the District of Columbia Register is currently the crown jewel of the collection of Yearbooks/Registers and worth taking a look at via Ancestry.com. To find it, log into your Ancestry.com account, click on Search, click to Card Catalogue, in Title enter Mayflower Society, in Key Words enter Register, which will bring up the link to the 1970 Register. Be sure you give yourself plenty of time to peruse the contents!

Coming full circle to milestone previously mentioned, the 400th Anniversary of the good ship *Mayflower's* arrival in Plymouth Harbor, the DC Mayflower Society is happy to announce that, under the guidance of Governor Ann Campbell, we will be publishing a 400th Anniversary Commemorative Yearbook. Discussion is currently underway as to content, images, publication date and more, with the most important information being accurate and up to date member names, contact information, main ancestor, supplemental etc. Soon you will be receiving by email a form to complete which will be used to update our records and include member details in the yearbook.

If you wish to join the Yearbook/Publishing Committee, please contact our Governor, Ann Campbell at soupxxxx@aol.com.

The Mayflower Quarterly

magazine is accepting articles for their 2021 publications. The deadline for the Spring issue (January 1 2021) has already passed. Following are the deadline for upcoming editions:

Summer Issue: April 1

Fall Issue: July 1

Winter Issue: October 1

To submit an article to the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine please email:

mqeditor@themayflowersociety.org

All articles submitted should be sent as Microsoft Word documents, photographs submitted should be sent as 300 dpi resolution or higher.



The District of Columbia Pilgrim News

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The District of Columbia Pilgrim News is published quarterly. Submissions and articles are welcome.

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WAMPANOAG RECIPES

NASAUMP

Nasaump is a traditional Wampanoag dish that is made from dried corn, local berries, and nuts. It is boiled in water until it thickens, and is similar to a porridge or oatmeal.

1 1/2 cups cornmeal

1 cup strawberries, raspberries, blueberries or a combination of all three

1/2 cup crushed walnuts, hazelnuts, sunflower seeds or a combination of all three

1 quart water

maple syrup or sugar to taste (optional)



EXECUTIVE MEETING UPDATES

The GSMD website will offer to link to Member Societies' websites for sales and promotional purposes. GSMD will not sell any Member Society merchandise either through its web store or its gift shop.

It has been suggested that we consider developing our DC Mayflower Descendants Society merchandise offerings as well as creating a Shopping Page on our Website. This might be worth consideration since we are coming up on the 125th anniversary in 2023, and of course as a fundraiser in general.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Reinstatement of the Life Membership option was approved at the last meeting of the Board of Assistants on 30 Jan 2021. The approved one-time payment amount for Life Membership is as follows: \$2,000 (Age 21 – 40), \$1,500 (Age 41 – 60), and \$1,000 (Age 61+).

INQUIRE WITHIN FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW-FACT#1153

Excerpt from "Over 3700 Facts Worth Knowing"
Published 1856,
Dick and Fitzgerald
No. 18 Ann Street, New York,

1153. COUNSELS FOR THE YOUNG.—Never be cast down by trifles. If a spider break his thread twenty times, twenty times will he mend it again. Make up your minds to do a thing and you will do it. Fear not if a trouble comes upon you; keep up your spirits, though the day be a dark one. If the sun is going down, look up to the stars. If the earth is dark, keep your eye on Heaven! With God's promises, a man or a child may be cheerful. Mind what you run after! Never be content with a bubble that will burst, firewood that will end in smoke and darkness. Get that which you can keep, and which is worth keeping. Fight hard against a hasty temper. Anger will come, but resist it strongly. A fit of passion may give you cause to mourn all the days of your life. Never revenge an injury. If you have an enemy, act kindly to him and make him your friend. You may not win him over at once, but try again. Let one kindness be followed by another, till you have compassed your end. By little and little, great things are completed; and repeated kindness will soften the heart of stone. Whatever you do, do it willingly. A boy that is whipped to school never learns his lessons well. A man who is compelled to work cares not how badly it is performed. He that pulls off his coat cheerfully, strips up his sleeves in earnest, and sings while he works, is the man of action.



Grandma Moses
Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the District of Columbia

"It should also be recorded for posterity that Mrs. Anna Mary (Robertson) Moses, known to the worlds as "Grandma Moses", was elected to membership in the District of Columbia Society at a regular meeting held on 31 October 1953 at the age of 93. Grandma Moses descended from Francis Cooke and from Archibald Robertson of the Albany Company, New York Militia, in the Revolutionary War. She was over 70 years of age when she began painting. On 9 October 1940, she opened a "one-man" exhibition entitled "What a Farm Wife Painted" at the Galerie St. Etienne on West 57th Street in New York City. This exhibition of her work was followed by one hundred and fifty-six exhibitions throughout this country, Canada and Europe. Articles about her appeared in many publications here and in over 30 publications abroad including Korea and China.

Her paintings possess a freshness of color and design together with a delightful simplicity. She received several Honorary Doctorates and many prizes including one from the Women's National Press Club presented by president Harry S. Truman in 1949. Her works hang in the most famous art galleries here and abroad. Among her many paintings were "The Rainbow", "The Quilting Bee", "Candle Dip Day", "Let me Help", "A Frosty Day", "Father's Hour", "Flying Kites," and "Gray Day."



Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia 2020 - 2021 Register Information Form

This form is to collect information that will be published in the 2020 - 2021 DC Mayflower Society Register. While completing this form please include the information you would like to have published in the register. If you do not submit a form, we will use the information from the previous yearbook/directory. If you prefer to OPT OUT please put your name of the form and initial the statement below. **Completed and OPT OUT forms should be emailed or mailed to:**

Shelley Rodgers at shelleyrodgers8@gmail.com or by USPS mail to:
Shelley Rodgers, 1509 Oakcrest Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

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\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to OPT OUT in having my information published in the 2020-2021 DC Mayflower Society Yearbook/Register.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL # \_\_\_\_\_ DC# \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ELECTED/APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  LIFE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DESCENDED FROM PASSENGER \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTAL PASSENGERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

(If needed, continue on back.)

# Governors of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia 1898-2016

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# **ATTENTION MEMBERS!**

## **It's almost time to register for the 2021 GBOA in Plymouth.**

**In anticipation of the registration going live on March 1, here are a few things you need to do:**

- ♦ **Make sure you have an active account for Members Only access to the GSMD Website. You will need this to access the GSMD Members Only Site. (This is the login that most of us already have). When you arrive at the Members Only landing page on or after March 1, you will see the information to click on to register for the GBOA Meeting.**
- ♦ **If you need assistance with logging into the GSMD Members Only site or establishing your login, contact: [membersonlyaccess@themayflowersociety.org](mailto:membersonlyaccess@themayflowersociety.org)**
- ♦ **Remember, registration does not begin until March 1.**
- ♦ **Be sure to register and make your accomodations reservations early and get your Pilgrim attire ready for a big-time!**

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