

Spring 2022

# Pilgrim News

*Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District of Columbia*



## Calendar:

### MEETINGS

#### Board of Assistants:

Saturday, 14 May 2022

Saturday, 23 July 2022

Saturday, 22 Oct 2022

#### Membership:

Sunday, 22 May 2022

Sunday, 25 Sept 2022

Saturday, 19 Nov 2022

Compact Day Dinner

### SCHEDULED BY

### GSM D

#### Heritage Breakfast

**CANCELLED**

~~13 Apr 2022~~

~~Washington, DC~~

#### GBOA Meeting

7-11 Sept 2022

Bloomington, MN

Registration Now Open

## The Silver Books Project

The guest speaker at our February 2022 Membership Meeting was introduced by Governor Ann Campbell. Bonnie Wade Mucia, a Forensic Genealogist, is the Director of the Silver Books Project and our General Society Member-at-Large. Ms. Mucia spoke on “The History, The Project and Future” of the Silver Books, which trace five generations of each Mayflower passenger. The 22 volumes (consisting of 42 books) are used by historians, families, and genealogists – in particular, by Mayflower Society genealogists in verifying applications.



The project was formally known as the Five Generation Project, started in 1959, and in 1971, Lucy Kellogg became the first editor of what became the Silver Books. The first volume was released in 1975, and multiple volumes have followed since that time. A style guide and templates have been developed, and a reference guide is now available on the Mayflower Society website for downloading.

Ms. Mucia noted that there are also four volumes of the Picton Press Volumes, by Elizabeth Pearson White. The volumes, which cover John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, are out of print, but the research can be printed by the Mayflower Society. Volume 23, Part Five of the Silver Books is now underway with this research, and there is also a Silver Books Index Directory (volume 1) that is currently underway.

In total, the 18 members of the Silver Books team are working on the research and updating of 14 books, and we are grateful for all the hard work and research they do. The current volumes are available on a new landing page on the Mayflower Society website, while most state societies have a complete set for referral.





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 also approved three new members of the Board:

Grace Fischetti  
(Member-at-Large )  
John Kropf  
(Member-at-Large)  
Suzy Mulligan  
(Membership Secretary)  
Eleanor Richards  
(Surgeon).

Other highlights from our last Board Meeting include our membership numbers, as of December 31, 2021, which were a total number of 414, including 167 Life Members and 247 Annual Members, with 8 Junior Members.

Based on the Treasurer's Report, for the quarter ending December 31, 2021, we had on hand \$295,177.46 in our accounts, which is an increase of \$17,901.78 from the last quarter. We have since received an invoice for the Annual Assessment due to GSMD in the amount of \$12,820 due not later than April 1, 2022. Because of the good work of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee, we have more than enough to cover payment of the invoice.

The quarterly publication of our newsletter, called "Pilgrim News" continues with Board Member Suzy Mulligan is leading this project as editor.

Our special publication, the 2020 – 2021 Member Directory, called "The Register", commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflowers' arrival in Plymouth Harbor is at the printer. Copies will be mailed to those who requested a printed copy.

Thanks to Members Lise Harvey and Suzy Mulligan for their combined efforts to make this a reality.

We continue our outreach to those Life Members for whom we do not have an email address. Life Member. Molly Greene is leading this 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 periodic updates so that we do not lose touch with our Life Members.

Thanks to Past Governor and current Counsellor, Donald Lamson for achieving two important goals: (1) Downsizing of property in storage, including deaccession of books and reference materials, to reduce storage costs to the Society is complete and (2) Coordinating the proposed rewrite of Society Constitution and Bylaws, resulting in unanimous approval by the Board [and Members].

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

### **Sunday, February 27, 2022 (virtual)**

February 27<sup>th</sup> was our first membership meeting of 2022. The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom. Our speaker, Bonnie Wade Muccia, GSMD Member-at-Large and Leader of the Silver Books Project gave a presentation about that Project. (*See article by page 1.*)

### **Sunday, May 22, 2022 (TBD)**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our second membership meeting of 2022. The speaker will be Andrew Buckley, although the format has not yet been finalized. (See further information on this page.)

### **Sunday, September 25, 2022 (In-Person)**

September 25<sup>th</sup> will be our third membership meeting of 2022. Our speaker will be Governor General Jane Hurt.

### **Saturday, November 24, 2022 (In-Person)**

We are planning for the Compact Day Dinner to be an in person event at the Cosmos Club. Thank you to J. Thomas Tanner for his sponsorship this year. Our speaker has not yet been finalized.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann Campbell,  
Committee Chair

### **DC Mayflower Society Membership Meeting Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Speaker: Andrew Buckley  
Subject: Stephen Hopkins

The speaker, Andrew Buckley, is the creator of the documentary, *[Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck](#)*, which is about Stephen Hopkins. It provides interesting details and context. It also explains why some historians believe Shakespeare's *The Tempest* was influenced by Hopkins' Sea Venture experiences.

*More background information is available on the Folger Shakespeare Library website: <https://www.folger.edu/shakespeare-unlimited/stephen-hopkins-stephano-buckley>.*

We recommend you view the documentary film before the presentation by Andrew Buckley. The documentary is one hour and thirty minutes in length.

One option is to use the link below, which will require a payment of \$4.99 for a two or three-day rental.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/stephano>

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY & COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as our Society's Membership Secretary and Membership Committee Chair. Thank you to Governor Ann Campbell for the appointment and to the Board of Assistants for your vote.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

In 2021 we welcomed 23 new members. Currently we have 267 Annual Members, 165 Life Members and 8 Junior Members.

In February 2022 we welcomed 3 new members. Currently we have 15 applications pending in Plymouth. 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 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/665729011112124>

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

### WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR 2022 NEW MEMBERS

**Rachel Catharine Buchholz**  
PASSENGER: Samuel Fuller

**Jeannette Buchholz  
Farnsworth**  
PASSENGER: Samuel Fuller

**Laurel Grace Munger**  
PASSENGER: James Chilton

We have 15 Pending  
Applications currently under  
review at Plymouth.

## PILGRIM TRIVIA

The Pilgrims original plan was to settle in Virginia, via a land grant they received, but not Virginia as we know it today. At the time the area at the mouth of the Hudson River was considered "Northern Virginia", which is where they had intended to settle.



## Resources

**General Society of Mayflower Descendants**  
[www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

**New England Historical Genealogical Society**  
[www.americanancestors.com](http://www.americanancestors.com)

**Caleb Johnson's Mayflower History.com**  
[www.mayflowerhistory.com](http://www.mayflowerhistory.com)

**New York Genealogical and Biographical Society**  
<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/>

**Save the Date!**  
**September 7-11th, 2022**  
**General Board of Assistants Meeting**  
**Bloomington, MN**  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
Go to [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org) to register.

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

**Wednesday, March 30th, 2022 7-8pm**  
**Sarah Cochran “Locating Records in Archives from the Couch”**

**Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 7-8pm**  
**Mike Terry “The DNA Project”**

**Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 7-8pm**  
**Beth Finch McCarthy “Who Lyeth There”**  
**Digging Up Colonial new England Ancestors Records**  
<https://themayflowersociety.org/history/lecture-series/>

**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. Details will be posted on our Members Only Facebook page in the near future. See *MQM, Spring 2022, District of Columbia article on page 11.*

## The Women and Girls of the Mayflower Voyage

In 1620 women and girls were considered weak and not strong enough to endure the hardship and rigors of a transatlantic journey to the “New World”. Several of the married male passengers left their wives and daughters home for this reason. However, some husbands and fathers did bring their wives and daughters.

When the Mayflower embarked on her voyage, there were eleven young girls, ranging in age from one to seventeen on board and eighteen adult women, three of whom were in their third trimester of pregnancy. Only two of the eleven young girls died during the first winter with thirteen of the women not surviving as well.

Humility Cooper was the youngest, travelling with her aunt and uncle, Ann and Edward Tilley. John and Joan Tilley, made the journey with their daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth Hopkins, one of the pregnant women, accompanied her husband Stephen Hopkins and daughters Constance and Damaris. Their child was born on the Mayflower while en route. He was named Oceanus. Thirteen year old Mary Chilton, along with her mother and father, James made the treacherous voyage along with passengers Isaac and Mary Allerton, and daughters Remember, age six and Mary, age four. William Mullins brought his family of a son, Joseph, wife, Alice and daughter Priscilla, who is the only family member who survived the first winter.

The two young girls, who perished were the More sisters, Ellen age 8 and Mary age four. Sadly, they were abandoned by their father who gained custody of them, after divorcing his wife who had an affair. It became known that the children were not his biological children. He thought they were fare better in the New World, and save them from the social embarrassment and out casting of being born outside the bonds of marriage. The brave women who landed in Plymouth in 1620, who perished during that first winter are Mary Allerton, Dorothy Bradford, Katherine Carver (May 1621 ), Mrs. Chilton, Sarah Eaton, Mrs. Fuller, Mary P. Martin, Alice Mullins, Alice Ragsdale, Rose Standish, Agnes Tilley, Mrs. Tinker, Elizabeth Winslow, and Dorothy ( John Carver’s servant). Survivors are Susanna White, Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Hopkins and Mary Brewster.

As we welcome spring this month let us also remember these brave young girls and women for a moment or two to honor them during Women’s History Month, March 2022.

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