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GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

Fall 2020 and Mayflower 400th Anniversary Greetings,
 Fellow Members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the
 State of South Carolina (SMDSC)! To all of you who have
 joined us as new members since the Spring 2020, Welcome!
 Thank you for all the time and research you put into documenting
 your Mayflower lineage to submit to our dedicated SMDSC
 Historian, Nick Maher, who does an impeccable job helping
 applicants for SMDSC membership.

In the Spring 2020 *Palmetto Log* I mentioned that some of my
 family and I were planning to travel to Plymouth to enjoy the
 Mayflower 400th Anniversary Celebration September 2020
 events. We, and many of you who also made plans to meet in
 Plymouth, had to cancel our plans and refocus our expectations
 toward meeting in Plymouth in 2021 when many postponed 400th
 Anniversary Celebration events will be rescheduled. The
 challenges, cancellations, rescheduling, disappointments and
 possibly even losses and sadness we Mayflower Pilgrim
 descendants have faced over the last months, and are currently
 facing, may mirror, in some respects, those our ancestors faced in
 their journey from Holland and England to New England,
 struggles in their new home and the backup plans they were
 forced to make.



In July 1620 the Leiden group of our Pilgrim ancestors had come
 from Holland to Southampton on the Speedwell and there met
 others of our Pilgrim ancestors planning to travel on the
 Mayflower. Our ancestors left Southampton headed to Virginia
 on the Mayflower and on the Speedwell, which had just
 undergone leak repair. A short time after leaving, the Speedwell
 began leaking again so the Pilgrims headed for Dartmouth for
 more repairs. Once those were accomplished the two ships
 resumed their voyage.

Three hundred or so miles into the journey the Speedwell resumed leaking enough that both ships had to head back to land in Plymouth where, after the Speedwell was declared unseaworthy, some of the Pilgrims decided to stay in England and the rest joined those already on the Mayflower. (This is my summary of some information from: <https://www.mayflower400uk.org/education/the-mayflower-story/> where further descriptions of the Pilgrims voyage and adventures and hardships in New England and New Plymouth are recounted). I believe we Mayflower Pilgrim descendants will continue to demonstrate the values of perseverance, courage and faith demonstrated by and handed down to us by our Pilgrim ancestors as we confront the challenges of our time and find inspiration and encouragement by continuing to learn about and from them. For more first-person accounts of our ancestors I suggest you read (or maybe re-read) *MourtsRelation.pdf* [*A Relation or Journal of the Proceedings of the English Plantation Settled at Plymouth*](#). Written by Edward Winslow and others, this document describes events and difficulties the Pilgrims endured beginning September 6, 1620 when the Mayflower left England for Virginia and continuing until March 23, 1621.

Our Spring 2020 Luncheon and General Meeting was reluctantly changed to our first “TeleMayflower” Spring General Meeting due to our concerns for member’s safety from the risks of the COVID-19 virus. Your SMDSC Board of Assistants (BOA) have met remotely three times since April 2020 in order to carry on SMDSC’s business in the environment of the pandemic. Likewise, our Compact Day Luncheon/Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on November 14, 2020. As explained later in this *Palmetto Log*, you can make a reservation to attend via Zoom. We will elect SMDSC officers and Board of Assistant members who will serve us for the next three years. Our Deputy Governor, Adryn Sumner, has arranged a special speaker from London who will speak to us at our Zoom Virtual Annual Meeting. Please make sure to make your reservation now. If you have any questions about how to attend virtually please contact me or our Corresponding Secretary Melana Maxie. Our contact information is listed later in this *Palmetto Log*. We will assist you in getting ready to “Zoom.”

I am thankful to serve with the excellent members of our SMDSC BOA. Please, as you have the opportunity, thank them for their tireless volunteer service to SMDSC over the last three years. Their contact information is listed later in this edition of the *Palmetto Log*. Also, please welcome E. Kendal “Ken” Stock who has volunteered to serve as SMDSC Counselor for the remainder of Sarah Clingman’s term. Additionally, Ernest Blevins, (former) *Palmetto Log* Editor, was elected as Governor of WV Mayflower Society, so he needed to focus his time on his new position. Deborah Hill has volunteered to serve the remaining time of Ernest’s term. Please welcome Deborah. Ken and Deborah, thank you for serving!

As I complete my term as your SMDSC Governor in November, I appreciate the progress and achievements we have made since I was elected in November 2017. We celebrated our SMDSC’s 80th Anniversary of our Founding in 1938 and honored our Founding/Charter Members and their living descendants. With Corresponding Secretary Melana Maxie’s hard work, we began using Mailchimp’s email service to improve our communication with Members. She also updated our member information, designed, compiled and printed our new Member Directory and emailed/mailed it to members. Through the leadership of Nick Maher and Melana Maxie, in 2019 we were able to restart SMDSC Life Memberships with a financial structure that is fiscally responsible. Thank all of you for supporting me, our other officers and our Board of Assistants during our three-year terms. I look forward to 2021 and the continuing 400th Anniversary Celebration of our Mayflower ancestors landing in Plymouth and the first Thanksgiving in November 1621.

Jeffrey A. Jackson, Governor

THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*is pleased to announce the
Compact Day Meeting*

November 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm

Due to safety precautions, this meeting will be virtual on Zoom. During the meeting, we will elect our new officers followed by the speaker presentation.

To ensure online meeting security, and to more effectively run the election, we request that you register to attend the meeting ahead of time (RSVP)- simply email Melana Maxie (melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) or call her at (817)504-7694. **It's that easy!**

The Zoom meeting notice will be sent out the week before the event. If you do not RSVP, you will not receive the meeting notice.

If you would like to have a bit of help learning how to Zoom, Let us know in your RSVP email. Several of our members are proficient at Zoom and will be happy to walk you through it BEFORE the Compact Meeting.

Speaker: Randal Charlton

About Randal Charlton

Randal Charlton is the author of "The Wicked Pilgrim," the biography of his father, Warwick Charlton, the Englishman who fought in WWII and in gratitude for America's assistance, wanted to give America a gift. He determined to conduct the proper research and study to create an exact replica of the Mayflower and subsequently built the much-heralded Mayflower II to give to America in thanks.



Randal lived the first half of his life in England, and moved to the United States in 1987, bringing with him a passion for education that he shares with his father, the subject of this biography. He has had a long and varied career in journalism and business. In 2011, he was the winner of a national Purpose Prize in the USA for his work in helping to rebuild the Detroit economy. In 2007, he won the

National Heimlich award for medical research. He has been recognized as an Entrepreneur of the Year, and won three national prizes in the U.K. for technical journalism. Randal has also been CEO of two public companies, and confesses to being a serial entrepreneur.

Charlton is a popular guest speaker at events celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower. He is a very entertaining speaker, in addition to an easy-to-read author. Randal has given numerous talks about the importance of optimism in business success, including a TED talk.

RSVP in advance to CorrSec, Melana Maxie

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2020 Scholarship Essay Contest Winners

By Kristen French, Assistant for Education

Congratulations to our 2020 Essay Contest winners, Owen McWilliams (College/Continuing Ed) and Sophie Smith (High School)! The winning essays are published below. There were no submissions in the Middle School division this year.

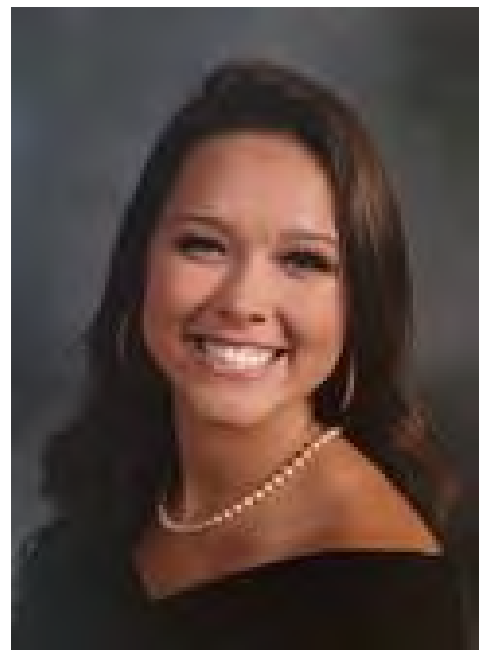


Our 2020 College/Continuing Ed division winner is Owen McWilliams of Towson, Maryland. He has applied for membership through the SMDSC, and his aunt, Kristen French, is a member of the SMDSC. Their Mayflower ancestors are Mary Chilton, James Chilton and his wife (name unknown), Elizabeth Tilley, and John Howland. Owen's parents are Janice and Dan McWilliams. Owen is a freshman at the University of Maryland, studying physics.

The College Division Essay Topic was '***Describe how one of your ancestors inspired you.***' Owen will receive a \$1500 award for his winning essay.

The 2020 High School division winner is Sophie Smith, of Belmont, North Carolina. Her grandmother, Judith Anne Shotts Allen of Greenville, SC is an SMDSC member. Their Mayflower ancestors are Stephen Hopkins and Elizabeth Fisher. Sophie's parents are Levacy and Nathan Smith. Sophie graduated from South Point High School in May. She is studying nursing at the University of South Carolina.

The High School Division Essay Topic was '***How did your ancestors (including Mayflower passengers and their descendants) break barriers in history?***' Sophie will receive a \$1000 award for her winning essay.



How Mary Chilton Inspired Me to Persevere

By Owen McWilliams

In learning about the residents of the Plymouth colony, it is hard not to be inspired. Each of these remarkable people overcame extreme challenges unimaginable to modern society in order to build the foundation of our country. My ancestor, Mary Chilton, is no exception.

In 1620, Mary Chilton, who was only 13 years old at the time, embarked on a life-changing journey by boarding the Mayflower¹ with her father James Chilton and her mother Mrs. Chilton (the name of James Chilton's wife remains unknown, but it is suggested that was named Susannah Furner)². After the long journey on the Mayflower, Mary excitedly leapt off the boat to swim ashore, making her the first woman to set foot onto Plymouth³. However, shortly after this great victory, Mary's life took an awful turn when both her parents died during the first wave of disease within the colony³. I can't even comprehend how devastating this loss must have been for Mary, but yet, she pushed on. She inherited some extra land courtesy of her deceased parents⁴ and used this land to raise ten children⁵ and populate the colony. By persevering through the traumatic loss of her parents, she ended up being an ancestor to millions, making a huge mark on the development of colonial America and the world at large.

Though my losses were by no means comparable to the losses Mary suffered, as a graduated senior in high school, I have also suffered some losses due to disease. Many would-be memorable ceremonies such as my graduation and prom were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Beyond just celebratory events, I had designed an academic plan spanning across high school and college that was disrupted by the virus. I wanted to take college credit calculus one and two and introductory physics in high school in order to get a jumpstart on a physics degree in college. However, because of the virus, AP exams had less content on them and were reduced to two questions per exam. Now I have an incomplete education in calculus two and physics one, throwing a wrench into my plans.

Furthermore, and perhaps more painfully, I lost many musical performances that I have been looking forward to for years. I have played in a band with local friends since our freshman year and we spent lots of time working to find even the smallest of performances at local restaurants and venues. However, even as we performed in front of a crowd mostly consisting of our close relatives, we were excitedly looking forward to the large crowd at the senior talent show. We formed a setlist a year in advance and planned many theatrics to give our performance a flair that could never be replicated in our high school auditorium. Additionally, after trudging through under attended open mics for many years, we finally landed a couple paid gigs for spring 2020, including a wedding and a fundraiser for blind people. Moreover, I helped form an advanced percussion club in my junior year and was elected vice president two years in a row. We spent my entire senior year rehearsing an extremely difficult college level piece for my school's spring concert. I was gearing up for an unforgettable spring in which all the biggest performances of my entire life would occur within the span of two months. When all these things were taken away from me, it felt like a rug had been pulled from beneath my feet. I had planned to end senior year with a bang, instead it quietly faded out.

Once again, my losses were nowhere near as devastating as Mary's, but seeing how Mary persevered through her losses give me inspiration for my future. Even though my life in high school didn't close in the way I had hoped, I know I can find a way to make an impact on the world. Mary lost both her parents but still had the courage to continue and become a parent and have a huge positive impact on the development of the United States. As I look towards college and all the new opportunities I will have, I believe I can find my place in the world just as Mary did.

1 Bradford, William, and Samuel Eliot Morison. *Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647*. Vol 2, Alfred A. Knopf, 2016.

2 John G. Hunt, "Origins of the Chiltons of the Mayflower," *The American Genealogist*, 38:244-245.

3 Drake, Samuel Adams. *Book Of New England Legends And Folk Lore In Prose And Poetry*. Hansebooks, 2017.

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Breaking Barriers: A Desire for Freedom

By Sophie Smith

It is obvious that well before a single pilgrim set sail for the New World in 1620, a lot of preparation and prayer had gone into the planning of this expedition because indeed, that is exactly what it was. It was more than a trip or an excursion. This was going to be a watershed moment for these passengers where not only were their lives going to be changed forever, but so were the lives of all the generations to follow.

One of the more interesting but often overlooked facts of this expedition was that only one-third of the one hundred and two travelers were actual Pilgrims, intent on separating themselves from the oppression of the Church of England. The remaining two-thirds, or sixty-one people, were shopkeepers, craftsman, other merchants, and even some indentured servants, whom the Pilgrims simply referred to as “strangers,” since they did not share the Pilgrims’ belief system (History.com). However, the beauty of this passenger arrangement was that the Pilgrims realized that if this were going to be a forever move on their part, there was going to be a requirement for diversity of skill, interest and ability to meet the needs in the New World, not just the religious needs. Through this planning, the Pilgrims demonstrated a tremendous amount of courage and trust.

While far away from the Virginia settlement, these Pilgrims knew that they would need to quickly create social order, which is how the Mayflower Compact came into being. Little did they realize that this compact of self-government through temporary laws would become the basis for future United States and other countries’ governments from then to now (Outlaw).

Perhaps the singular driving force behind this bold move was their yearning for freedom, in this case, religious freedom. As the religious freedom was birthed and developed, it created opportunities for other freedoms as well; i.e., self-government, association, means and methods of earning a living, just to name three (Outlaw). Their minds had been set free to dream something better for themselves, their families, and even the “strangers.”

And while I have spent time here discussing our Mayflower ancestors and the continuing impact those ancestors have had on our form of government, I would submit that the desire for freedom, which comes from deep within a person’s soul, has been the motivation for the assault and conquering of other barriers in our country’s history. Whether the revolt against the imposition of extreme British control over the American way of life in the 1700s or the suppression that gave rise to racism that in the 1800s became a reason for a war of brother-against-brother, the heart cry of freedom will always be the catalyst for breaking through societal barriers (History.com). The desire for freedom enhances a clarity of purpose that provides obvious alignment among the freedom believers which in turn leads to passion that is not easily thwarted or turned away. Even in the face of the well-organized Establishment, the momentum of these believers and the ethical rightness of their cause usually prevails.

History.com Editors. (2009, October 29). Mayflower Compact. Retrieved from <https://www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/mayflower-compact>
Outlaw, Greg. (2019, May 22). Mayflower Compact. Retrieved from <https://www.allabouthistory.org/mayflower-compact>

Welcome Aboard: New Members!

We are happy to extend welcome to the newest members of our South Carolina Society!

John Alden

Bradford Burns, Falmouth, ME
Wendy Moore, Fripp Island, SC
Ashley Woodward, Charleston, SC

Isaac Allerton

Julia Jackson, Kansas City, MO

John Billington

Rebecka Gibbons, Sumter, SC

William Bradford

Anne Born, Beaufort, SC
Donald Fishburne, Pawleys Island, SC
Henry Fishburne, Charleston, SC

William Brewster

Mary Horton, Blythwood, SC

Peter Brown

Ann Blodzinski, Sumter, SC

James Chilton

Christopher Fordyce, Summerville, SC

Mary Chilton

James Owen, Towson, MD

Stephen Hopkins

Whitney Reafler, Mt Pleasant, SC
John Dowd, III, Mt Pleasant, SC

John Howland

Mary Pratt, Pawleys Island, SC
Sarah Wade, Cambridge, MA
Lynda Carrigan, Conway, SC

Jeffrey Bixby, Lancaster, SC
Mary Compher, Hilton Head Island, SC
Jason Adams, Greenville, SC
Sara Dahlheim, Hollywood, SC

Henry Samson

Gerard Odenbach, Daniel Island, SC
Linda Odenbach, Daniel Island, SC

George Soule

Sue Wheeler, Seneca, SC

Myles Standish

Rebecca Marcotte, Rock Hill, SC
Christopher Swiontek, New Market, NH
Donna Bukalders, Milwaukee, WI
Geraldine Pikalek, Sussex, WI
Jennifer Brola, Yorktown Heights, NY
Teresa Watson, Richmond, VA

John Tilley

Marilee Wood, Torrance, CA

Richard Warren

Elizabeth Dahlstrom, Kiawah Island, SC
Robert Silkett, Jr. , Charleston, SC
Mary Corona, Harahan, LA
Wendy Joseph, New Orleans, LA
Mary Beth Verdigets, Kenner, LA
Jeffrey Holden, Poughkeepsie, NY

William White

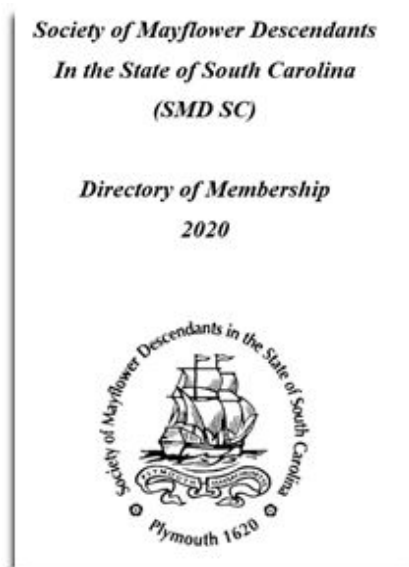
Campbell Hart, New River, AZ
Kimerly Henry, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Cynthia Jackson, Summerville, SC

In Memoriam

With a sad heart, we announce the passing of these members:

CRAIG BENNETT, 29 JANUARY 2020, SC 134, GSMD 27328, CHARLESTON, SC
JOHN CALDWELL, 6 MARCH 2020, SC 942, GSMD 84248, ROCK HILL, SC
JOHN CONWAY, 21 APRIL 2020, SC 283, GSMD 42272, WHITE ROCK, SC
CARROLL EVE, 27 JUNE 2020, SC 836, GSMD 81486, BEAUFORT, SC
NANCY HILL, 4 APRIL 2020, SC 366, GSMD 47016, MOUNT PLEASANT, SC
MARCIA SOLDATOS, 18 MAY 2020, SC 1182, GSMD 93109, KIAWAH ISLAND, SC
MARY STURTEVANT, 27 FEBRUARY 2020, SC 603, GSMD 64171, COLUMBIA, SC

2020 Membership Directories are Available - Order Now!!



Our **2020 Membership Directories** have been printed and are ready to send out! The cost is \$5 for the 2020 Directory. Once your payment is received, we will drop it in the mail to you. Quantities are limited- so do not delay. You may also order one when you pay your dues.

Please send a check made payable to SMD SC for \$5 to (*Please note 'Directory' in the memo field*):

Debi Bacon
6 Heathrow Ave.
Bluffton, SC 29910

Online payment is also available (there is a small fee, but it is cheaper than a stamp!):

<https://squareup.com/store/south-carolina-mayflower-society/>

Nominations for 2020-2023 Board of Assistants

The Nominating Committee of Nick Maher, Marylen Jackson, and Bonnie Wade Mucia was appointed by Governor Jackson to nominate officers for the next term. The board will be elected and installed at the Compact Day Virtual Meeting on November 14, 2020. New members are encouraged to get active by serving on the board.

Governor - Melana Maxie
Deputy Governor - Debi Bacon
Corresponding Sec. - Karen Boyler Andrews
Recording Secretary - Caroline Miller
Treasurer - Janet Lee Morris
Historian - Nick Maher
Surgeon - Karen M'Cay
Elder - Desiree Voegele

Captain - Dave Smith
Counselor - Sarah Clingman
Palmetto Log Editor - Deborah Hill
Education Chair - Kristen French
Assist. to Juniors - Cari Gillette

DGG - Jeff Jackson
AG - Melana Maxie

From The Corresponding Secretary

In an effort to cut down on costs and help save the environment, we are trying to communicate with our members via email. Please help us! If you did not receive a Compact meeting notice or this *Palmetto Log* via email, please provide our Corresponding Secretary with a current email address at melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com.

Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to update your contact information with us- please contact Corr.Sec Melana Maxie (contact information is provided in the back of this newsletter.)

“The Great Dying”:
Preparing the Way
New England’s Coastal Plague,
1616-1619

by Thomas A. Norris
Co-Editor, *Maryland Mayflower Log*
Descendant, Isaac Allerton, James
Chilton, Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins



All of the Pilgrims were familiar with the plague, which they called the “great pestilence.” This horrifying and deadly disease struck Europe many times, including London, from 1348 to 1665.

By 1518, the first regulations to fight the plague were introduced. A bale of straw had to be hung on a pole outside the infected house for 40 days, and a white stick was carried in public to warn others to keep their social distance. Red crosses were also painted on the door, along with the words: “Lord have mercy upon us.” Theaters and other public gatherings, including sports, were also banned. The dead were only buried at night, accompanied by 45 minutes of ringing hand held bells—a warning to all.

Pilgrims’ Viewpoint. After landing in the New World in 1620, the Pilgrims quickly understood that a plague had ravished the land and decimated the Indians. Rather than become fearful, they placed a positive Biblical interpretation on this deadly epidemic. Just as plagues against Egypt allowed the exodus to take place, so, too, this “miraculous pestilence” would allow their new Christian society to be established. William Bradford, recorded the results of the plague in his initial scouting expeditions:

“The good soyle, and the people not many, being dead and abundantly wasted in the late great mortalitie which fell in all these parts about three years before the coming of the English, wherin thousands of em dyed.”
— William Bradford (1620)

Indians’ Viewpoint. The Wampanoags called the epidemic “The Great Dying,” which claimed the lives of 75-90% of the 8,000 Wampanoags living near Plymouth. In 1618, at the height of the epidemic, a “strange” comet appeared over the skies of New England. The Wampanoags ominously interpreted it as confirmation that terrible sickness would overtake the land. They were right. By 1620, fewer than 2,000 survived. It was impossible for the native population to recover, much less rebuff the Pilgrims. In 1614, the English explorer John Smith had visited New England before the plague. When he returned eight years later, he was shocked by the depopulation:

“God had laid this country open for us... Where I had seen 100 or 200 people [in 1614], there is scarce ten to be found.”

Sidebar:

“A Wonderful Plague”

A deadly plague swept the Massachusetts coast, in 1616-1619, decimating the Natives. King James I as well as the colonists interpreted this as part of God’s divine plan to prepare the way for English settlements.



“Where the English come to settle, a Divine Hand makes way for them.”

- Daniel Denton, American Colonist (1670)

“For the natives, they are near all dead of the smallpox, so the Lord hath cleared our title to what we possess.”

- John Winthrop, Massachusetts Governor (1634)

*“There hath, by God’s visitation, reigned **a wonderful plague**.... [He] hath thought fit and determined, that those large and goodly territories, deserted as it were by their natural inhabitants, should be possessed and enjoyed by such of our subjects.”*

- King James I, New England Charter (1620)

The early English colonists also referred to the plague as “Indean fever.” Although the English settlers viewed the plague favorably from a religious and survival point of view, the Wampanoags, being decimated, interpreted the epidemic differently. They believed they had angered the spirits. Moreover, they feared the English, believing the Colonists could inflict this plague on the native population - at will. After all, the English appeared to be immune from the deadly affliction. As William Bradford wrote:

“By the marvelous goodness and providence of God, not one of the English was so much sick or in the least measure taunted with this disease.”

– Gov. William Bradford (1635)

Indians Convert. Thanks to the plague, Plimoth Colony was left unchallenged. It grew and prospered. But the “great dying” would continue to infect Native American communities in the “Great Smallpox Epidemic” of 1633, the “Universal Sickness” of 1645, the “Plague and the Pox” of 1650-51, and the “Bloody-Flux” of 1652.

As a result, the surviving Natives turned to the Christian story, which the Pilgrims were happy to teach. Puritan pastors like John Eliot, with the first Church of Roxbury, translated Christian texts into the Massachusetts’ language and set up a number of missionary “Praying Towns,” a term used for the Christian Indian communities set up from 1651 to 1674. Religious conversion of the Natives became a useful tool for English colonial rule.

“In their sickness, [they avowed] that the Englishmen’s God was a good God; and that, if they recovered, they would serve him.”

– John Winthrop (1633)

By the time King Philip's War started in 1675, over 1,000 natives lived in fourteen "Praying Towns". There were six Indian churches with a combined total of 350 baptized members and a praying population of 2,000 people in eastern Massachusetts. However, disease persisted among the tribe, weakening it further. Those who were not killed in the War were sold into slavery, moved to praying towns, or migrated westward. King Philip's War virtually obliterated the Wampanoags.

A Warning. In 1680, the Reverend Cotton Mather recalled the "Indean fever." Although he made it clear that God sent the plague against the natives, Reverend Mather warned He could do it again—this time against the Pilgrims, if provoked:

"God sent the Plague amongst the Natives of this land [and] cast out the Heathen before this, his people, that the way might thereby be prepared unto our more peaceful settlement here.... never provoke [God] to doe unto us, as he hath done unto them."

– Rev. Cotton Mather (1680)

Sidebar:

Before the Mayflower: 1480-1619

New England was filled with strong, healthy, and aggressive Indians. Numerous explorers feared that it would be dangerous, if not impossible, for colonization. However, no one anticipated that a plague would prepare the way for unopposed English settlements.

1400s. Bristol fishermen reached New England as early as 1480, exploring intermittently and taking several dozen Natives captive.

1500s. By 1580, between 350 to 700 ships, carrying 8,000 to 10,000 Europeans, plied the waters off Newfoundland each summer. Europeans bartered with the American Indians, trading copper, jewelry, mirrors, bells, scissors, knives, axes, hooks, cloth, and beaver pelts.

In 1602, when Bartholomew Gosnold (1571-1607) explored the coasts of Maine, Cape Cod, and Martha's Vineyard, to his surprise, he found Natives already wearing European clothes. He angered the Indians and returned to England without attempting a settlement.

1600s. In 1605, when Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635) sailed through Massachusetts Bay, he "observed many smokes along the shore, and many savages running up to see us." Receiving a hostile reception, he concluded that the region was too thickly settled for European colonization.

In 1614, John Smith (1580-1631) explored these same islands and found them: "planted with Gardens and Corne fields, and so well inhabited with a goodly, strong and well proportioned people." At Accomack (later Plymouth), Smith fought and defeated 40 to 50 Natives, but then befriended the survivors. He named the region "New England" and published a map in 1616.

By 1620, most Native Americans on the southeastern coast of present-day Massachusetts died. Classic explanations include yellow fever, smallpox, viral hepatitis, and bubonic plague. Chickenpox and trichinosis are among more recent theories along with leptospirosis complicated by Weil syndrome.

GSMD Election Results



In its first General Congress on Zoom, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has elected Jane Hurt as Governor General for the 2020 - 2023 term. During her term, GG Hurt will work with the Society's Executive Committee and General Board of Assistants to govern the Society's Plymouth, MA international headquarters and serve its 30,000 plus membership.

Governor General Hurt will lead a twelve-member Executive Committee that is tasked with setting policy and guiding the operation of the society through its Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz, and staff in Plymouth, MA.

“I am both honored and humbled to be elected as Governor General of this venerable Society,” said Governor General Jane Hurt. “Telling the *Mayflower* story is an important part of the American story and I look forward to leading the Society as it continues that mission.”

2020 - 2023 General Society Officers

- Governor General: Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt – Kansas
- Assistant Governor General: Donald T. Studley, CPA – Connecticut
- Treasurer General: Elizabeth “Liz” W. Gaudreau, CPA – Colorado
- Secretary General: Meg Pruette Averett – North Carolina
- Historian General: Midge K Hurtuk – Connecticut
- Counsellor General: Lisa Pennington, Esq. – Texas
- Elder General: Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike – New York
- Captain General: Carter O. Wiese – South Dakota
- Surgeon General: Dr. George J. Hill – New Jersey
- Executive Committee Member At Large: Bonnie Wade-Muchia – South Carolina
- Executive Committee Member At Large: Jane Schleinzer – Illinois
- Executive Committee Member At Large: Lorraine Link – Minnesota



Our own Bonnie Wade Muchia has been elected Member At Large to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) for the 2020-2023 term. Members At Large are appointed to represent the member societies on the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Executive Committee. Bonnie has served as Governor of the South Carolina Society from 2014 to 2017 and as South Carolina's DGG from 2017 to 2020. She was the recipient of the Governor General's Meritorious Service Award in 2016. She served on the GSMD Technology committee in 2016 and 2017 as well as the GSMD Meeting & Events Committee from 2017 to 2020. “It's my honor to serve as Member At Large. The future of the Mayflower Society is very important to me. I care about our society going forward, and I know you do too. I will be the bridge from the member societies to the GSMD. I will have open and honest communication regularly to bring concerns and ideas back to the Executive Committee. I look forward to the next three years serving under Governor General Hurt.” Bonnie lives in Bluffton, South Carolina with her husband Joseph.

Special Congress Virtual Meeting Report

Submitted by Jeffrey Jackson, DGG

Saturday, September 26, 2020 Bonnie Wade Mucia, Deputy Governor General (DGG), Marylen Jackson, Assistant General (AG), Jeffrey Jackson, DGG Nominee, and Melana Maxie, AG Nominee, represented The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMDSC) at a General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Special Congress Virtual Meeting. The Triennial Mayflower General Congress is held in Plymouth, MA. This year, however, the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic prevented us from assembling there in person so we met for the Special Congress via an online Zoom conference with the GSMD Executive Officers, GSMD's Executive Director and other GSMD Officers.

During the seven-hour Zoom Special Congress Virtual Meeting, forty-four Member Societies elected Officers and approved important GSMD Bylaws changes. One of the Bylaws changes approved is an increase in the per capita annual assessment paid by each of the forty-four Member Societies to GSMD. The per capita increase will improve the fiscal health of the GSMD enabling it to better serve the Member Societies in the coming years. The increase will be effective for the per capita assessment SMDSC pays in 2021 and is reflected in SMDSC 2021 annual dues.

GSMD Executive Officers were elected to serve for the next three years (September 2020 – September 2023). GSMD's new Governor General is Jane E. Grove Riddell Hurt of the Kansas Society. SMDSC's DGG and AG nominees, Jeffrey Jackson and Melana Maxie were elected and began their three-year terms (succeeding Bonnie Wade Mucia and Marylen Jackson) to serve on the GSMD General Board of Assistants (GBOA) which meets in years when the General Congress does not meet.

SMDSC's DGG and AG represent our South Carolina Mayflower Society on the GBOA. An extra honor for SMDSC is the election, from a slate of ten nominees from ten Members Societies, of our Former SMDSC Governor Bonnie Wade Mucia as one of three Members-at-Large on the GSMD Executive Committee. Congratulations Bonnie!



Join our Virtual Book Club

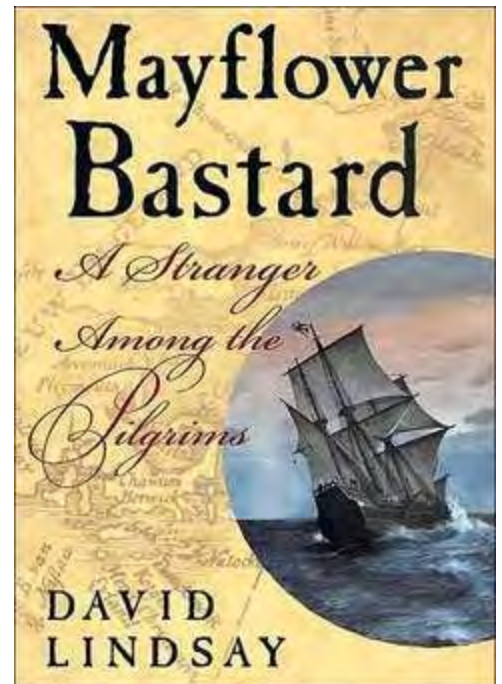
By Kristen French

Our next book for discussion will be *Mayflower Bastard: A Stranger Among the Pilgrims*, by David Lindsay, which narrates the life of Richard More, the last surviving member of the Mayflower. *Mayflower Bastard* details how he and his siblings ended up on the Mayflower, giving historical background before, during and after the Mayflower voyage in context of their lives. ***Available at bookstores, online, and at your local library in hardcover, paperback or eBook,***

Our first meeting will be ***November 9, at 7pm, via Zoom.***

We hope you will join us and other SMDSC members to read and discuss this book, either over one meeting or a few.

If you would like to have a bit of help learning how to Zoom, Let Melana, our Corresponding Secretary at melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com, or myself know. Several of our members are proficient at Zoom and will be happy to walk you through it.



Outstanding Service Recognition to Sarah Clingman

Sarah Clingman recently resigned as Counselor for SMDSC for medical reasons. Please join us in thanking her for many years of devoted service as evidenced below:

1982 - 1988 SC Recording Secretary
1988 - 1996 SC Counselor
1998 - 2001 SC Corresponding Secretary
2002 - 2005 SC Governor (She incorporated the Society and obtained 501(c)(3) IRS letter)
2006 - 2020 SC Counselor
2004 - 2007 GSMD Deputy Governor General
2008 - 2011 GSMD Assistant General
2010 - 2012 GSMD Reproductive Technologies Committee
2010 - 2013 GSMD Counselor General

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, SARAH!!

Also to be noted, her father, Barnwell R. Linley served as Historian for SMDSC from 1990 - 1995.

Highlights from Spring 2020 Meeting of SMDSC

Reported by Marylen Jackson

Governor General George Garmany in Denver, Colorado, met with the South Carolina Mayflower Descendants at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020 online, since we were not able to meet in person in Columbia due to the Covid 19 virus! Governor Jeff Jackson opened the meeting in prayer and led in the Mayflower pledge. Captain Dave Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. Historian Nick Maher reported that there are 27 applications and 3 supplements now in Plymouth. Bonnie Mucia reported that DGG nominee Jeff Jackson and nominee AG Melana Maxie will be voted on at the September Congress. The members present recited the names of their Pilgrim ancestors.

Governor General Garmany sent warm greetings to former Counselor General, Sarah Clingman, "one of his favorite people." He is used to having tela-conference meetings, and took us around Plymouth in our mind's eye, since he could not show us slides. The beautiful Mayflower House has been repainted, and apartments in it are available for Historians (and others) to stay as they learn their jobs. The garden is lovely with spring flowers. The library in the back has all records now digitized, with the help from Family Search!

Next we were taken to Coles Hill in imagination where we see Plymouth Harbor and the giant statue of Massasoit, whose people were called the "People of the Dawn," overlooking the harbor. The sarcophagus there was built in 1919, and supposedly houses the washed up bones of the pilgrims. The state of Massachusetts helped restore and replace the names on the sarcophagus of those pilgrims who died that first year in Plymouth. Last summer professors and students of archeology found at the base of Burial Hill a 4-post house, and a fireplace, but no foundation. Whose house do you think it might have been? They guessed Myles Standish.

Other commemorations are taking place in Holland and England this year for the Mayflower pilgrims. These Englishmen had religious and social freedom in Holland. The art museum, Lochen Hall in Leyden, has a wonderful exhibit. Hopefully it will be on video. A plaque has been placed at the steps (which were not there in 1620) at the site in Plymouth, England from which the Pilgrims set forth.

A US stamp will come out, probably in September. There will be a coin produced (but not one which benefits our GSMD treasury, unfortunately.) The statue of William Bradford writing in his journal will be placed in the Mayflower House garden sometime this year. Bradford said that the Pilgrims "Lit a candle for the Nation."

We have refurbished The Meeting House a great deal recently. It is no longer called First Parish Church. Former members there now pay a nominal fee to meet and worship there. The facade and roof have been repaired, from storm damage. It is now a 21st century Museum and Educational Center..

Thousands of people who saw in person, or on TV, "The Mayflower" float in the 2020 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, were reminded of the First English Settlement in New England 400 years ago. Pictures of this event are in the spring Mayflower Quarterly. All members thanked Governor Garmany for joining us today. Gov. Jackson closed the meeting in prayer at 12:40.



400th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp

In September the USPS issued a new Forever stamp marking the 400th Anniversary of Pilgrims voyage to America.

The ceremony was held at Plymouth Plantation inside Plymouth’s waterfront exhibit at Pilgrim Memorial State Park. The newly restored *Mayflower II* ship was docked in the background. The USPS, Plymouth Plantation, Plymouth 400, and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants all spoke during the ceremony.

To watch the Stamp Ceremony, copy and paste this link the address field in your web browser:

<https://email.mysticstamp.com/4FSI-C20G-21ETCI-9TLJK-1/c.aspx>

Dates to Remember

- Oct - Nov 2020 Here It Began: 2020 Hindsight or Foresight Indigenous History Conference, 9 Virtual Sessions
- November 9, 2020..... SMD SC Book Club Virtual Meeting (Mayflower Bastard)
- November 14, 2020..... Compact Day Annual Meeting Via Zoom, 1:00PM
- November 26, 2020..... THANKSGIVING
- April 23, 2021 Plymouth 400 Remembrance Ceremony (Plymouth)
- May 2021..... Wampanoag Ancestors Walk (Details to Follow)
- May 2021 SMD SC Spring 2021 Luncheon/Meeting (Details to Follow)
- June 25 -27, 2021 Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary(Plymouth)
- September 2021..... GBOA Meeting Hosted by Massachusetts Society in Plymouth, MA
- November 2021 SMD SC Compact 2021 Luncheon/Meeting (Details to Follow)
- November 25, 2021 THANKSGIVING



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U.S. and Royal Mints Announce 2020 Mayflower Anniversary Sets

The United States Mint and The Royal Mint (United Kingdom) have collaborated to create two limited-edition sets marking the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.



The story of the *Mayflower* is one that connects multiple communities, cultures, and countries. This transatlantic voyage brought 102 Pilgrims and migrants from Europe across the Atlantic and established a new foundation for governance in the New World.



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- \$70.00 Annual Membership:** *If dues are not received by October 31, 2020 you will be dropped from membership and a reinstatement fee of \$20.00 will be assessed to reactivate your membership (your total after 11/1/20 will be \$90.00).*
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- Donation to the SC Mayflower Society:** Additional Tax-Deductible donation in any amount. Funds used for routine expenses including membership mailings, Palmetto Log, website maintenance, maintenance of physical assets and insurance. \$ _____
- Printed copy of our 2020 Membership Directory, \$5.** Quantities are limited.

Do you have any family members interested in joining the Mayflower Society? If so, please let us know by giving us their contact info and we can get the application going! This includes our junior members (18 and under). Junior membership is only \$25 to join.

Name:

Contact info:

**Send checks payable "SMD-SC" to:
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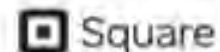
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