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1	GREETINGS
2	1 Greetings, Fellow Members of the Society of Mayflower
3	2 Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMDSC)! Welcome
4	3 to the Spring 2019 <i>Palmetto Log</i> . I want to thank all of you for
4	4 your support as I completed my first full calendar year as your
6	5 governor. I am blessed and privileged to serve along with a
6	6 wonderful team of fellow SMDSC Board of Assistants (BOA)
6	7 members made up of SMDSC's Officers, our three Assistants—the
7	8 Assistant for Education, Assistant for Juniors and Assistant for our
7	9 Newsletter, better known as the <i>Palmetto Log</i> Editor, and the
8	10 SMDSC General Society Officers--our Deputy Governor General
10	11 and Assistant Governor General. BOA members names are listed
10	12 farther down in <i>Palmetto Log</i> . I am thankful for all the support,
11	13 encouragement and counsel they provide me. I am so thankful for
11	14 the countless hours of volunteer work they provide to our society.
12	15 Please take any opportunity you have to thank them (as well as
12	16 former BOA members) for their generous service to us.
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15	18 We welcome our new Assistant for Education, Kristen L. French,
16	19 who has joined the BOA to fill the remainder of the term of Bebe
16	20 Ademy who stepped down to take care of increased personal
17	21 responsibilities. Bebe, thank you for all the work you completed in
17	22 2018 with our annual Essay Scholarship program. We also express
17	23 our thanks to Kristie Kulma, our outgoing Assistant for Juniors for
17	24 her two years of service and work to improve and engage Junior
17	25 Members.
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17	27 What a joyous and historic event we experienced when 100 or so
17	28 SMDSC Members and their Guests met in Charleston at Middleton
17	29 Place to attend last November's Compact Day Luncheon and
17	30 SMDSC 80 th Anniversary Celebration of our society's founding!
17	31 We honored and recognized our founding and charter members and
17	32 were blessed to have present to celebrate with us descendants of
17	33 three of our founding/charter members. Ann James Potier de
17	34 Morandiere (Cooper) SC 151 (Bradford) is the granddaughter of
17	35 Julia Long Knapp SC 001 (Howland). Ernest Blevins (our
17	36 <i>Palmetto Log</i> Editor) SC 433 (Soule) and his six Junior Member
17	37 children are the third and fourth generation SMDSC descendants of Samuel Lapham SC 013 (Brewster).



Governor
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Dr. Arthur Gaillard Gower, III (Surgeon of the Virginia Mayflower Society), spoke to us telling stories of his grandfather, Arthur Gaillard Gower, Sr. SC 002 (Howland) who organized SMDSC August 11, 1938.

Please read all the way through the rest of this edition the *Palmetto Log* for details on our 2019 Essay Scholarship Contest where Elementary and Middle School students can win \$500 in each category and winning High School and College/Continuing Ed students can receive \$1,000 awards. Students can begin now to compose their essays. You will also want to mark Saturday, April 27, 2019 on your calendars and send in your reservations for our Spring 2019 Luncheon and General Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina using the instructions that appear in this issue. We have space for 60 attendees so send in your reservations as soon as possible; we anticipate spaces will fill up quickly.



Presentation of the original charter, Governor Jackson and Dr. Gower.
Photograph by Adryn Summer

We have been studying the possibility of offering Life Memberships again. Our Life Membership Committee has developed a proposed Life Membership Plan which is included in this *Palmetto Log* issue. Please study the information so you can make an informed decision when we vote at our April General Meeting to adopt the Plan which will be a change in our Bylaws. Please contact me if you need additional information at (803) 508-0581 or scmayflowergovernor@icloud.com.

By the time you receive this issue of the *Palmetto Log* I hope you have already made plans and booked reservations to attend the once-in-a-lifetime 2020 400th Anniversary Celebration of the landing of the Mayflower next year in September. I'm planning to attend and hope to see many of you there. You still have time to make all the arrangements needed to participate.

Thank you for being SMDSC Members and working together to tell others of the heritage we share from our Pilgrim ancestors. I welcome your questions, comments, suggestions and your own stories of your discovery of your family histories linking you to Plymouth 1620. Please send them to me at: scmayflowergovernor@icloud.com. I hope to be able to share at least some of your stories with our 384 SMDSC current and future Members (We are growing!)

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I joined the South Carolina Society in the early 1990s, and my mother gave me a life membership at the time (so looking at 25 plus years). I now live in West Virginia and am a dual member here which makes me so much appreciate the South Carolina Society that meets and has a functioning newsletter. To date,

I know of only one other member in West Virginia, and that was entirely by fluke. At last year's teachers' strike I was parked way down the street from work and walking to my car saw a car with a tag of "Mayflower." Fortunately, the woman was outside her vehicle and when I inquired about her car I must have appeared quite a stranger. When I said I was a descendant too, we fell into a conversation for an hour or so. Now, with stories of the active South Carolina Society we hope to spark some life in the forty-some members of the West Virginia Society. This week I found out the West Virginia Society was chartered in 1948 – it was also the last time they had a statewide meeting. Going forth this year we are going to launch in trying to change this 70 year history. One thing I have learned here, West Virginians are really attracted to South Carolina – there are many cars here with the palmetto flag on their windows often with a WV logo as well.

My daughter turns 18 in June and in preparing for getting her paperwork and based on the discussion on women as an option to join now, she chose Priscilla Mullins. Of course, this may mean unless I find another Alden line I'll have to use the same line to the female for my son who has the middle name Alden. While I was pulling the line, I checked and found William Winsor (Rhoda Delano, Joshua Delano, Marth Simmons, Mercy Pabodie, Elizabeth Alden, Priscilla Mullins) giving me a Patriot to Passenger Project line. The interesting thing about this new project is years ago I had an idea and even bought the URL for Pilgrims to Patriots – both tracing lines from the Mayflower Pilgrims to the American Revolution Patriots. I'm glad to see this taking off after I failed at getting anyone's attention for it – to which I chalk up as not pursuing the right outlets.

Ernest Everett Blevins
Palmetto Log Editor

WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

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

William Brewster

Jerome Edward Nairne
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Margaret Ann Miller Filiatrault
Georgetown, South Carolina

Steven Abbey Morrison
Simpsonville, South Carolina

James Chilton

Karen Ann Nixon
Garden City, South Carolina

Edward Doty

Sharon Elaine Williams Garrison
Brentwood, California

John Howland

Donad Jay Smith
Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Thomas Rogers

Rebekah Tinsley Hughes Unger
Charleston, South Carolina

Rhomas Patrick Sharkey
Okatie, South Carolina

Degory Priest

Heather Paige Owen
Wilmington, South Carolina

George Soule

Welby Dale Houghton
Lyman, South Carolina

Robert Merrill Campbell
Clover, South Carolina

Myles Standish

Richard Warren
Deborah Renee Bacon
Bluffton, South Carolina

Mary Kimbrough
StockWaddell
Front Royak, Virginia

IN MEMORIAM

Millicent Thorne Keough (Bradford) October 23, 1926 August 31, 2018
GSMD 56,017, SC 543 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Elizabeth Nason Lorence (Bradford), 9 January 1921-13 December 2018
GSMD 60916, SC 542, Alexandria, Virginia

Delores Stoddard Winslow (not listed), 6 September 1929-2 September 2018
GSMD 63126, SC 585, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Larry Lee Bauer (Howland), 27 July 1939-2 February 2017
GSMD 70782, SC 710, Clemson, South Carolina

Chares Joel King (Mullins), 15 November 1922-23 September 2018
GSMD 81755 SC 854, Charleston, South Carolina

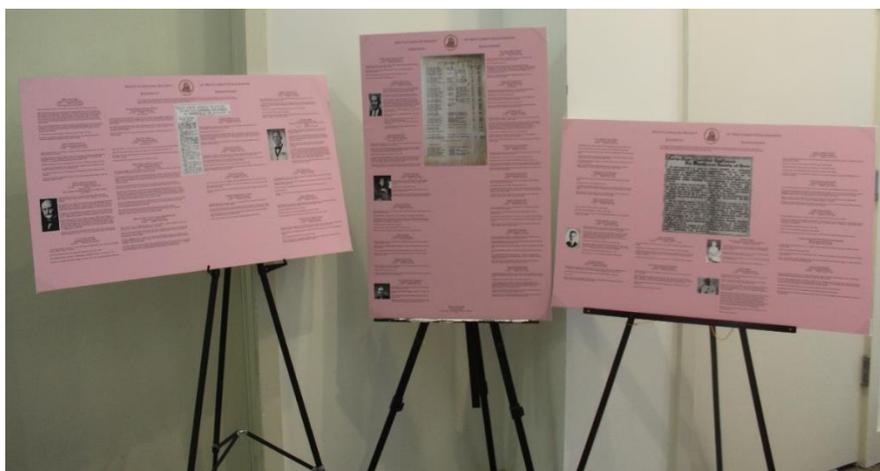
COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON

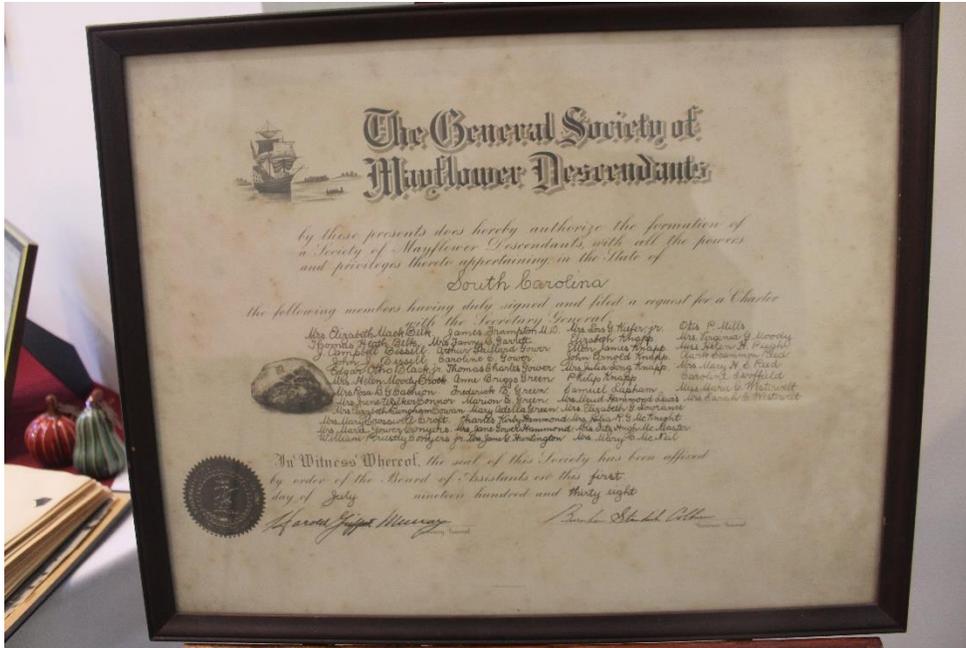
Compact Day Luncheon was a success with a large turn out in Charleston to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the South Carolina Society.

Erica Lunsford of WCIV Channel 4, Charleston reported on the event and aired the “SC Descendants of The Mayflower' Pilgrims celebrate anniversary” <https://abcnews4.com/news/local/south-carolina-mayflower-society-celebrates-80-years>. Biographies of the founding members were displayed on three panel boards. These will be reused in future events to remember the founding of the South Carolina Society.

Dr. Arthur Gaillard Gower, III (Surgeon of the Virginia Mayflower Society), told stories of his grandfather and South Carolina Society founder, Arthur Gaillard Gower, Sr.. Although there are a variety of last names on the charter most of the members are related to the Gowers.

Dr. David Preston, Professor of National Security Studies and Early American History at The Citadel, gave a presentation on the leadership of President George Washington.





Above:
 Dr. David Preston
 Photograph by Adryn Summer

Left:
 The Original 1938 Charter
 Photograph by Ernest Everett Blevins

Compact Day Luncheon 17 November 2018. Photographs by Adryn Summer



WE ARE MOVING TO MAIL CHIMP EMAIL SERVICE!

We have started using an email service called 'Mailchimp' to send out mass emails to our membership. You should have received your first emails using that service in February. If you have not heard from our Corresponding Secretary, Melana Maxie (via mailchimp) please check your junk mail. If you find the email, move it to your inbox/mark it as 'not spam', etc. Also, there is a link in the email to add to your contacts.



Please think hard before you 'Unsubscribe'. If you do, then you will miss all further emails from the South Carolina Mayflower Society. This includes general announcements, events, dues reminders, info on the 2020 celebrations coming up in Plymouth, etc.

As always, Melana is reachable via her email address (melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com), please feel free to reach out. If you change your email address, you may update us via Mailchimp – just click the link at the bottom of an email from Melana.

THE WOMEN OF THE MAYFLOWER

For decades when a Mayflower Descendant was asked who is your ancestor the typical the response was the name of one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact. Under a new policy, which is a few years old, one can apply for membership under any of the women who were also on the Mayflower and left issue. Most state societies include these women in the reading of the names. Descendants of these women are eligible for membership:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| * Mary (Norris) Allerton | * Mrs. James Chilton | * Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins |
| * Mary Allerton | * Mary Chilton | * Priscilla Mullins |
| * Remember Allerton | * Sarah Eaton | * Elizabeth Tilley |
| * Elinor Billington | * Mrs. Edward Fuller | * Joan Hurst Tilley |
| * Mary Brewster | * Constance Hopkins | * Susanna (Jackson) White |

It is possible the first application under one of these women will be submitted in late June or early July 2019.

HISTORIAN HELP WANTED

Our Historian, Nick Maher, is looking for volunteers to assist him in reviewing older applications that have not yet been completed for submittal to Plymouth for approval. The volunteers will undergo training from Nick, then review the applications at Nick's residence in Beaufort. There are approximately 300 applications, some over 10 years old, that need to be dealt with. Some of these only require one or two last supporting documents; others require more data. The applicants will need to be contacted individually to determine their status and intentions on continuing the application process or withdrawal from it. This is expected to be a time-consuming task and therefor will not be completed in a few days' time. Perhaps some of our Junior members are looking for a service project to boost their resume? This would be a great task for that!

If interested, please contact Nick Maher directly at 843-522-8878 or 37ford@earthlink.net.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP STUDY

The BOA has completed a study into implementing Life Memberships. Life Memberships had been available in the past but were discontinued by a prior BOA. The study committee was made up of Nick Maher and Melana Maxie. They ran an analysis to determine the financial viability of Life Memberships and possible impact to our chapter's bottom line over time.

The analysis was based on historical data of new members joining per year, divided into 5 age groups, with Life Membership Dues prorated by age. The study considered the annual dues that our chapter pays to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and included the yearly increase in dues currently planned. The analysis was based on new members choosing to become life members, but it is recognized that all members may be likely to choose life memberships if doing so saves them money in the long run.

Benefits of offering Life Memberships include reducing the work load of annual dues collection and less loss of membership due to non-payment of dues. The committee looked at paying the dues in lump sum, and also evaluated the impact of allowing members to pay over 3 years. A conservative 5% gain in the Life Membership Investment Fund was included. Development of a Life Membership Investment Fund will provide long term financial stability to SMDSC. This revised approach to implementing Life Memberships will reduce the risk of the previously employed method.

Based on the results of the study, it is recommended by the Life Membership Study Committee that the Society of Mayflower Descendants of South Carolina offer Lifetime Memberships to all members, with the Life Membership dues payable over 3 years and prorated based on age, as shown below:

Member Age	Lifetime Membership Dues
21 - 40	\$1250
41 - 60	\$1000
61 - 70	\$750
71 - 80	\$500
81+	\$200

This topic will be discussed at the April 27, 2019 General Membership meeting in Greenville and voted on by members. If approved by the General Membership, Life Memberships will be accepted immediately. Should you wish to discuss the study, please feel free to contact either Nick Maher, Melana Maxie or Jeff Jackson.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY[®]

National History Day (NHD) is a nationwide contest with state and local contests. Students create history research projects based on the annual theme, and they compete to go to state or national contests. Projects can include papers, performances, poster presentations, building a website, or audio-visual presentations. The competition is rigorous, requiring using primary and secondary sources, and the same principles apply for students competing from 6th to 12th grade. By participating in NHD prior to writing an essay for the SMDSC Essay contest in future years, students will have had more

preparation and experience in writing a well-researched history essay. Please see more on NHD at <https://www.nhd.org/>.

For the 2019 SMDSC Essay Contest, the rules have changed to be more aligned with the requirements of NHD paper submissions. The NHD Rulebook is available for reference online (https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/Contest-Rule-Book_2.pdf) or by request to the SMDSC Assistant for Education, but using the NHD Rulebook is not necessary to comply with the SMDSC Essay Contest Rules.

2019 ESSAY TOPICS

2019 Contest Theme: Research an impact of the Mayflower Compact and/or early Plymouth Colony Laws and activities on the United States today.

Divisions and awards: Divisions (grade during Spring 2019):

Elementary	3 rd - 5 th grade	\$500
Middle School	6 th - 8 th grade	\$500
High School	9 th - 12 th grade	\$1000
College/Continuing Ed	Age limits: 18-24 by end of calendar year	\$1000

Rules¹ for All Divisions:

Qualified contest participants:

- Junior members of the SMDSC up to age 24 or
- Relatives up to age 24 sponsored by a SMDSC member who have a direct lineage relationship to a Mayflower passenger, including lineage separate from the sponsoring member.
- Individuals may participate each year of age eligibility, regardless of whether they have received awards in the past.

Format:² High School and College/Continuing Ed Divisions will accept historical essays 1,500 - 2,500 words. For the Elementary and Middle School Divisions, essays should be 300 - 1000 words. This includes student-composed text as well as quotes from primary or secondary sources. The word limit does not apply to the bibliography. All sections must be 8.5 x 11-inch pages with 1-inch margins on all sides, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. Your entry must include the following written material in the order presented below:

1. A title page;
2. A history essay;
3. An annotated bibliography.

Title Page: A title page is required as the first page. Your title page must include the

1. title of your entry,
2. your name,
3. your Mayflower passenger ancestor(s),

¹ Note: some rules for the essay contest have changed this year to bring us into alignment with National History Day rules.

² Contest Rule Book: Section IV. Individual Category Rules A. Paper, Rules A1-A3 with modifications, pp 20-21, Fig 3, Sample Paper Page, p 22, National History Day, College Park, MD.

4. your Junior Membership number or the SMDSC Member's number who is sponsoring you,
5. the contest division, and
6. word count of your essay.

Citations:³ All references in the bibliography should be referenced in the essay as footnotes or endnotes. Citations are used to credit the sources of specific ideas as well as direct quotations. Failure to credit sources is plagiarism and will result in disqualification. Style for citations and bibliographic references should follow the principles in a recent edition of one of the following style guides.

- Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*
- Joseph Gibaldi, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*.

Annotated Bibliography:³ An annotated bibliography is required. List all sources that contributed to the development of your essay, i.e., sources that provided usable information or new perspectives in preparing your entry. Bundle materials from the same collection in a single citation. The annotations for each source must explain how you used the source, how it helped you understand your topic, and whether it is a primary or secondary source. Sources from websites must be credible and indicate the type of resource (for instance, primary source from a vital records online database should indicate whether it is an image of an original document or a transcript of an original document).

Submission rules: Essays may be submitted in two different ways:

- Electronic submission to the Assistant of Education as an attached PDF by Noon Eastern Time of August 6th.
- Printed and mailed to the Assistant of Education with a postmark no later than August 6th.

Contact for submissions and questions:

Kristen French, SMDSC Assistant for Education
frenchkl@gmail.com
4923 France Avenue
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405
843-478-3736

By submitting an essay, the entrant and their parents agree to be bound by all SMDSC policies governing the essay contest and also agree that all decisions with regard to winners and disqualifications made by SMDSC shall be final and binding. They also agree to use the award to further the educational goals of the applicant. We reserve the right to reject any or all submissions.

Essays must be the entrant's own original work. Parents and teachers may not write or do research for the applicant but may provide assistance in learning how to do research. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

The applicant must submit all the required documents at the same time. Receipt of submissions will be sent to applicants within 48 hours of receipt. Awards will be announced 8 weeks after the submission deadline, after all

³ Contest Rule Book: Section III. Rules for All Categories C. Contest Participation, Rules 16, 18, & 19, National History Day, College Park, MD.

Contest Rule Book link: https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/Contest-Rule-Book_2.pdf, accessed February 17, 2019.

the judging is completed. Winning essays may be published in the Fall edition of the *Palmetto Log*, at the discretion of the Committee. Retain a copy of all documents as submissions will not be returned.

PLANNING FOR THE 400TH IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Plans are underway for events to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims crossing on the *Mayflower* and establishment of Plymouth Colony in 1620. Commemoration events will be held in September 2020 in Provincetown, Boston & Plymouth, MA. The Hotel 1620 and John Carver Inn began taking reservations on 1 March 2019 and sold out by the end of the day. Two other hotels in Plymouth will begin accepting reservations on 26 September 2019 for September 2020 accommodations. Please check <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020/item/414-2020-congress-accommodations> for further accommodations information.

If you are planning on attending this historic event, please make your reservation early. The registration for the events and for congress will open in Spring 2019. Congress will be held Thursday, 17 September 2020 and Friday, 18 September 2020 in Plymouth, Massachusetts at Memorial Hall in Plymouth. There will be events the whole week with a Provincetown Gala beginning on Saturday, 12 September 2020 through the GSMD Gala on Friday, 19 September, 2020. This will be a historical event and will honor our ancestors on this 400th Anniversary. I hope to see you there!

Please watch the GSMD website for details. In the meantime, here's a list of all the events as of now for 2020 celebrations:

https://www.themayflowersociety.org/images/2020_Commemorative_Events_2.pdf

PLYMOUTH 400TH POSTAL ARTWORK CONTEST

Announcing the Plymouth 400th Postal Artwork Contest where artists and aspiring artists alike will have the opportunity to develop the official 2020 commemorative CACHETS.

What is a CACHET? A cachet is "a design or inscription on an envelope to commemorate an historic event".

In past commemorations official "cachets" were created to represent key moments in history. We're asking YOU to help us create cachets for 2020! Plymouth 400, Inc. and the Plymouth Rock Stamp Club partnered to run this Postal Artwork Contest. We encourage participation from people of all ages and locations as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of Plymouth Colony.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Go to Plymouth400inc.org/Events/postal-artwork-contest
2. Review the Contest Themes
3. Review the Categories and Age/Experience Levels
4. Review the Contest Entry Rules and complete a Contest Entry Form
5. Design your own original artwork
6. Submit your design and completed contest entry form electronically

The deadline to submit artwork is 1 October 2019. Artwork will be showcased at *Illuminate Thanksgiving 2019*.

Examples of postal artwork from past commemorations:



PATRIOT TO PASSENGER PROJECT

Edited from <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/patriot-to-passenger>

The Patriot to Passenger Project is a growing published list of Patriots who descend from *Mayflower* passengers in an effort to build a bridge between other heritage societies. So many of our *Mayflower* members are also members of other lineage societies such as DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames, etc. We often see many of our friends at these other meetings.

The Patriot to Passenger Project is a way to help others find their link to a *Mayflower* Pilgrim and also benefits our *Mayflower* members to discover other *Mayflower* lines of descent so that they can submit supplemental applications to honor and recognize all of their ancestors.

This project is a work in progress. If you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please contact Muriel Cushing at Flash1620@comcast.net.

SPRING LUNCHEON, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Spring Luncheon will be held on April 27, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Kilgore-Lewis House. The guest speaker will be David E. Shi, Ph.D., award-winning Author, Historian and President Emeritus, Furman University. Our menu will be buffet Sweet and savory whole rôtisserie chicken with ginger and apples, Vegetable medley au beurre Pasta salad primavera, Tossed salad with assorted dressings, Assorted rolls & butter, Assorted mini pastries, Sweet and unsweet tea, Lemonade and Water. The cost is \$40.00 per person. For children's pricing, please contact Adryn Sumner at adrynm@yahoo.com



Built circa 1838 of heart pine, the Josiah Kilgore House is one of the oldest structures in Greenville County. Architecturally it is an example of the application of the Padian or Classical Revival style to what is otherwise an upcountry farmhouse. The Padian style found in the Josiah Kilgore House is more sophisticated than the

vernacular styles usually found in this area of South Carolina during the first half of the nineteenth century. The Palladian stance of the square giant-order posts supporting the portico is echoed not only in the entrance but also in the windows at the front elevation and in some of the windows in the rear. The portico is capped by a pediment of plain design with an oculus. The bracketing of the pediment and eaves is a later addition. The house is a two-story L-shaped design on a low foundation. Shiplap is used in the protected areas under the porches while the remainder of the exterior is clapboard. The rear elevation with projecting rear wing has a three-bay porch on the right side of the wing balanced by a similarly gabled enclosed porch on the left. Originally located in a commercial area of downtown Greenville adjacent to Buncombe Street Methodist Church, the structure was moved to a five acre site in McPherson Park to prevent its demolition. Listed in the National Register April 28, 1975

We are honored to present as our speaker, David Shi, Ph.D. Dr. Shi is President Emeritus of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, having served as its President from 1994 until June 2010. He joined the Furman administration in 1993 as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. Prior to that, Dr. Shi taught for 17 years at Davidson College, where he was History Department Chairman and the Frontis W. Johnston Professor of History. Dr. Shi is currently a Trustee of Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina and a director of the South Carolina Historical Society. Dr. Shi is currently a Trustee of Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina and a director of the South Carolina Historical Society. Dr. Shi holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Furman University and master's and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Virginia. A noted historian, Dr. Shi is the author and coauthor of numerous books on American history and culture, and he has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He is also a frequent guest columnist for various regional and national newspapers.



Dr. David Shi

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1, 2019Hotel 1620 and John Carver Inn began accepting 2020 reservations, Plymouth
- April 27, 2019Spring Luncheon
- August 6, 2019Scholarship Essay Deadline
- August/September 2019..... Board of Assistants Meeting, TBD
- September TBD 2019Deadline for submissions to the *Palmetto Log*
- Mid October 2019*Palmetto Log* publication
- November 11, 2019.....399th Anniversary of the Signing of the Mayflower Compact
- November 2019.....Compact Day 81st Anniversary Luncheon, likely November 9 or 16,TBD
- November 22, 2018.....THANKSGIVING
- September 12-19, 2020..... 400th Anniversary Commemoration, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Wampanoag Descendants Need SC Mayflower Descendants' Support

Most of us are familiar with the history of the relationship between the Mayflower passengers and the Wampanoag tribe. Plymouth and the Wampanoag formed a peace treaty that lasted over 50 years, fostering cooperation between the two communities. While what followed with the arrival of more and more colonists and displacement of Native Americans is tragic, including the Wampanoag tribe's eventual loss of its lands, we remember that at Plymouth our ancestors began relations by sharing food and resources.¹

Today, Wampanoag Descendants, specifically members of the present-day Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, need our support. In 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reserved lands for the tribe in Mashpee and Taunton, and on which the Tribe would be able to exercise its full tribal sovereign rights and support itself.^{2,3} Unfortunately, in 2018, the Department of the Interior reversed this decision, effectively dissolving the reservation.⁴ Members of Congress have responded by filing a bill to restore the land to the Mashpee Wampanoag.⁵

The GSMD Board voted in December to support passage of H.312, with Governor General George P. Garmany stating, *"the General Society of Mayflower Descendants fully supports today's Mashpee Wampanoag tribe and joins in support of legislation known as the Mashpee Wampanoag Reservation Reaffirmation Act."*⁶ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman Cedric Cromwell responded to this action, saying that the Mayflower *"society's support 'demonstrates that reconciliation and reciprocity are still possible' at a time of bitter division,"* and *"This is a truly historic moment in which descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims stand shoulder to shoulder with us as descendants of the Wampanoag people who broke bread and brokered a long-lasting peace with their ancestors."*⁷

As SMDSC Governor I am asking SMDSC Members to demonstrate solidarity with the Mashpee Wampanoag. One way to do this is to support H.312, which has been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee (NRC) and the Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States. For instance:

- Contact your legislators and ask them to co-sponsor the bill.
- Contact NRC Chair Rep. Grifjalva, and members of the Indigenous Peoples of the U.S. subcommittee to ask for hearings on the bill.
- In SC we have a special opportunity to influence a member of the NRC, newly elected Rep. Joe Cunningham. Ask him to cosponsor H.312 and to track its progress.

With SMDSC members residing in over 25 states, we can have a wide influence, particularly if you mobilize your family and friends.

Please consider acting to support the Mashpee Wampanoag. In these days of divisive rhetoric, we can repair harm and help one tribe reclaim land they occupied for over 12,000 years.

I encourage you to send me reports of your activities and efforts supporting the Mashpee Wampanoag in their tribal homelands.

Jeffrey A. Jackson
Governor, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

If you would like more information, support, or to receive updates on this, please contact me, SMDSC Governor Jeff Jackson (scmayflowergovernor@icloud.com). As any movement occurs on this bill, we will keep you informed.

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