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From the Governor's Quill



Governor Keith Morris

It is hard to believe that my time as your Governor is coming to an end. As I sit here remembering events throughout my terms, I can say that I have been truly blessed to have known and worked with so many wonderful people who love and respect our Society and are determined to see it grow and prosper.

Our successes are many but just to touch on a few they include: purchasing the silver books for multiple libraries throughout the state so all may know of the Pilgrims, sowing the seeds of volunteerism by expanding the board to members outside of the St. Louis area, expanding our scholarship program, building a top-notch web-site and newsletter, and having the Society become compliant with Congressional Laws relating to our non-profit status.

My most cherished memory of serving as your Governor, however, comes from the many opportunities that I have had to speak on your behalf as part of the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Not only did our participation allow our Society to educate those in attendance about the sacrifices of the Pilgrims, but also to honor those that in past days and in modern times protected our freedoms and way of life.

As I pass the baton on to our new Governor, please give him your support and continue to build on the hard work that we have started. I encourage you to continue to volunteer, to continue to give, and most importantly to continue to remember the sacrifices and importance of our Pilgrim ancestors.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart, for the privilege that I have had these many years.

May God Bless our Society and most importantly:

May God Bless America and always keep her the shining city on the hill.

Warmly,

Keith

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General Society Breakfast

April 11, 2018, Army-Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

The General Mayflower Society held a breakfast meeting and program at the Army – Navy Club in Washington, D. C., on April 11. It was the General Society's first foray into "Heritage Week," which is a time where scores of hereditary societies descend upon the nation's capital for meetings and meals.

Each attendee received a bookmark with wildflower seeds and information about the Meeting House in Plymouth, which will be purchased by the Society (see elsewhere in this issue).

The speaker was Ed Lengel, Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association, and he talked about George Washington, as entrepreneur. He was amazed at the humility of Washington throughout vocations of surveying, participating of the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars, and presidency. Lengel discussed how Washington's overarching efforts were to build prosperity in America as well as of America during in his time in office. Morality and industry went hand-in-hand, which fed into the idea that a stewardship of wealth was required.

During questions and answers, someone remarked that McCollough believed that Trenton was the turning point in the war. Lengel agreed, stating that symbolically it brought the people together.

When asked what his greatest surprise was when researching Washington, he said that there were three things that came to mind for this multi-faceted man. The first was his strong sense of humor: not harmful but more like frat boy pranks. The second was his strong relationship with women; they became some of his most trusted confidants. Finally, was his belief that slavery was wrong; it went against his code of morality and industry. Forcing people to work reduces their industry - less industry meant no improvement of morality.

Hopefully, the General Society will repeat the effort next year. And, as an aside, it is important to note that the bacon served at the Army-Navy Club is most excellent.



Ed Lengel delivers his talk at the Army-Navy Club

Mayflower Compact Luncheon

This year's Mayflower Compact Luncheon will be held at the Greenbriar County Club in Kirkwood (suburban St. Louis) on November 17. Choice of entrees will include a choice of Slice Top of Round-Beef, Chicken Crepes, or Salmon.

During the September business meeting, a slate of officers and assistants were presented to those attending. They were elected and will be installed at the Compact Luncheon on November 17.

Slate of Missouri Society of Candidates for 2018-2020

Officers:

Governor - Sumner G. Hunnewell
Deputy Governor - Fred Evermon
Treasurer - Joan Gooding
Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Muckala
Recording Secretary - *to be filled*
Historian - Damon Hayward
Captain - Keith Morris
Elder - Fred Evermon
Surgeon - *to be filled*
Counselor - *to be filled*

Assistants:

Sandra Walker
Barbara Morris
Marietta Boenker
Mary (Mimi) White
Earlene Lawrence

Our Society is 90 Years Old



1010 Pine Street, St. Louis

On May 8, 2018, our society turned 90. It was founded in the directors' room of the newly opened (1926) Southwestern Bell Telephone headquarters in St. Louis. The 21 charter members were men and women from throughout the state: Butler, Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Trenton. Herman Judson Pettengill was elected our first Governor. Over these 90 years, there have been 35 governors, including some with familiar Plymouth names of Alden, Delano, and Doty, and over 1000 members.

Perhaps in 2028 we might erect a plaque on the site to mark this auspicious location?

Donations by Our Generous Members and Friends

Through September 20, these people donated money to our Scholarship Fund. **Thank you!**

- ❁ Carol Fermann ❁ Carol Williams ❁ Charles Edson ❁ Christy Scott
❁ Dennis Hite ❁ Duan Williams ❁ Fred Evermon ❁ Gary Davis
❁ Greater Ozark Colony ❁ Helen Jeffrey ❁ Jeffrey Thornton ❁ Kimi Rensing
❁ Louis White ❁ Lovis Brodbeck ❁ Marilyn Raphael ❁ Pence Rogers
❁ Patricia Ferguson ❁ Ruth Cox ❁ Sarah Sullivan ❁ Susan Gilbert

In Memoriam of Geraldine Evermon

- ❁ Mr. & Mrs. Cheney ❁ Mr. & Mrs. Howell ❁ Worldwide Techservice ❁

Membership Updates

New members—some newly discovered cousins

- ❁ Natasha Rae (née Doggett) Harris, Fulton, Descendant of John Howland
❁ Tamara Lynn (née Doggett) Fehr, Naples, Florida, Descendant of John Howland
❁ Stephanie Reneé Lowry, Jefferson City, Descendant of John Howland
❁ Kevin Leon Miller, Amoret, Descendant of James Chilton

Supplementals

- ❁ Marietta (née Wilson) Boenker, Lee's Summit, Descendant of Stephen Hopkins
❁ Sumner Gary Hunnewell, Arnold, Descendant of John Billington
❁ Paul Daniel Toms, Lubbock, Texas, Descendant of John Howland
❁ Rebecca (née Smith) Von Gruben, Chesterfield, Descendant of John Howland

Many thanks to our Historian, Damon Hayward!

Necrology

- ❁ James Elmer McKee, Kirkwood, December 3, 2017
❁ Ada Helen Friedman Colvin, Sunnyvale, California, May 2, 2018
❁ Robert Lee Hayes, Jr., Higginsville, June 12, 2018
❁ Geraldine May Soule Evermon, Kahoka, September 1, 2018

Junior Memberships!

May we keep our memories alive by sharing them with our younger generations. . .that is the way our family history will be known for all that follow us.

Open enrollment for Junior Membership - age 0 through 17.

The cost is a **one-time** membership fee of \$25. Applications available on momayflower.org website under "Membership" or by contacting Marietta at 816-524-1817.

— Marietta Boenker, Junior Chairman

Colony News

The members of **Ozark Colony** enjoyed their annual ice cream social on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the Brentwood Library in Springfield. The colony's fall luncheon will be held at Northern Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, 2734 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO, October 27, 2018, at 11:30 a. m. Prospective member, Gail Mewes, will present a program and video she created about one of her ancestors, who was accused of being a witch in Salem.

The next meeting of the **Heart of America Colony** is November 3, 2018, at 11:00 a. m. at John Knox Village's Places Restaurant in Lee's Summit. Leila Cohoon of Leila's Hair Museum will be guest speaker. She will present a history of hair jewelry, hair memorials and hair art.

Waste Not, Want Not

At the last Mayflower Compact luncheon, we were given our kernels of Indian corn to remind us of the paucity of food available for our ancestors.

Never wanting to waste anything, I kept my family's till late Spring and planted them. The results are mixed - about one-third germinated and the ears are very small even though planted in fertile ground. One can only wonder what our ancestors thought.

So, I hope to see you in November where we can share our harvest!

— Sumner G. Hunnewell



A Readable Bradford

One of the most difficult problems people have with the original writings of our Pilgrim ancestors is the language and the orthography. So, taking a passage from Bradford's history on one of my favorite subjects (*beer*), the original manuscript reads this way (my transcription from a facsimile copy published by Houghton Mifflin & Co in 1896):

*But I may not hear pafs by, an other remarkable passages Not to be forgotten. As this calamitie fell among y^e passfengers that were to be left here to plant; and were hasted ashore and made to drinke water, that y^e sea-men might have y^e more bear, and *one in his sicknes desiring but a small cann of beere, It was answered that If he were their own father he should have none; the difease begane to fall amongst them also, so as allmost Halfe of their company dyed before they went away, and many of their officers and lustyest men; as y^e boatson, gunner, 3 . quarter maisters the cooks & others. At w^{ch} y^e m^r was something strucken and sent to y^e sick a shore and tould y^e Gov^r He should send for Beer for them that Had need of it, though he drunke water homward bound;*

** which was this author him selfe.*

Other transcriptions with modern orthography have been accomplished over time. For example, this is from *History of Plymouth Plantation*, ed. Charles Dean (Boston: privately printed, 1856).

But I may not hear pass by an other remarkable passage not to be forgotten. As this calamitie fell among y^e passengers that were to be left here to plant, and were hasted a shore and made to drink water, that y^e sea-men might have y^e more bear, and one* in his sicknes desiring but a small cann of beere, it was answered, that if he were their owne father he should have none; the disease begane to fall amongst them also, so as almost halfe of their company dyed before they went away, and many of their officers and lustiest men, as y^e boatson, gunner, 3. quarter-masters, the cooke, & others. At w^{ch} y^e m^r. was something stricken and sent to ye sick a shore and tould y^e Gov^r he should send for beer for them that had need of it, though he drunke water homeward bound.

* Which was this author him selfe.

If you want a *readable* Bradford, I suggest that you track down a copy of Harold Paget's "Rendered into Modern English" edition (now in the public domain). My book was published by the Vision Forum, Inc., but you can find other copies by other publishers. In the book, you can see Paget clears up the ambiguity as well as the spelling, but leaves out the reference that Bradford himself wanted beer!

But I must not pass by another remarkable and unforgettable occurrence. When this calamity fell among the passengers who were to be left here to settle, they were hurried ashore and made to drink water, so that the sailors might have the more beer and when one sufferer in his sickness desired but a small can of beer, it was answered that if he were their own father he should have none. Then the disease began to seize the sailors also, so that almost half of the crew died before they went away, and many of their officers and strongest men, amongst them the boatswain, gunner, three quarter-masters, the cook and others. At this the captain was somewhat stuck, and sent to the sick ashore and told the Governor that he could send for beer for those that had need of it, even should he have to drink water on the homeward voyage.

However: always go back to the original sources when researching!

— Sumner G. Hunnewell

Our 2019 Scholarship

The theme for this year's scholarship has been set by the Scholarship Committee. It is **"Who were the 'Strangers' on the Mayflower, and what did they contribute to Plymouth Colony?"** The essays are limited to 750 words.

The Missouri Mayflower Society Scholarship Contest is open to any high school senior who is a resident of the State of Missouri and a Citizen of the United States, and who is planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2019. *Mayflower* descent is not a requirement, but may be considered along with other qualifications.

For 2019, three scholarship awards are offered in the amount of \$1,500 for 1st place, \$1000 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. The scholarships will be payable to the students' accounts at the colleges or universities in which they have enrolled.

It was our pleasure to hear the winners read their essays at our Spring Luncheon.

Last year we had 15 essays. *Would you consider joining the reviewers for these short essays? Please contact Sandra Walker to help a young student on his or her way!*

— Sandra Walker, 417-543-3922, sunflower62@centurylink.net

The Official Seal of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims depicts "John Alden and Pricilla Mullins on their way to be married at the old Forte Church on Burial Hill."



Meetinghouse at Plymouth

The General Society is raising funds for the land and structure on which the original Meetinghouse of the Pilgrims was built. The plan is to raise \$3,000,000 (land is expensive back East) to purchase and maintain the property, which will be available for use by the Society. The Society will be given all of the historical church records, which go back to 1620, as well.



Anyone wishing to donate \$50 or more will receive a very nice lapel pin. Any donation will entitle the giver to order a title bar "Mayflower Meetinghouse" for your Member Society / Colony Officer Medal.

Details can be found on the General Society's website: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/donate/meetinghousedonations>



Mayflower Family Societies and other Hereditary Societies

If you are enamored or interested in one of your *Mayflower* ancestors, you might consider joining one of these many family societies endorsed by the General Society. Each offers something to interest everyone. My own experience with the Thomas Rogers Society is that they provide a searchable family database free online as well as an insignia for sale. Check these out!

Alden Kindred of America, email Desiree Mobed at dmobed@alden.org

Pilgrim Isaac **Allerton** Society, email Lisa Pennington at lisapennington28@gmail.com

Billington Family Society, email Marsha Berland at berland47@3rivers.net

The Elder William **Brewster** Society, email Gregory Evan Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com

Pilgrim Peter **Brown** Society, email Sandra Sauers at ssauers701@gmail.com

The Pilgrim Edward **Doty** Society, email Donna Masaniai at dotysociety@gmail.com

Eaton Families Association, email Doug MacMillan at dougiemac@comcast.net

The **Fuller** Society, email Deb Yingst at FullerSociety@aol.com

Pilgrim **Hopkins** Heritage Society, email Ken Whittemore at historian@pilgrimhopkins.com

The Pilgrim John **Howland** Society, email Jean Albert at sjalberto3@gmail.com

Thomas **Rogers** Society, email Tracy Crocker at genealogist@tracycrocker.com

Pilgrim Henry **Samson** Kindred, Scott Samson at scottssbsi@myfairpoint.net

Soule Kindred in America, email Jeanette Taylor at jeanettetaylor092@gmail.com

Society of Myles **Standish** Descendants, Inc., email Denise M. Ferraro at
vice.president@mylesstandishsociety.org

Warren Cousins, email Deborah Shea at dshea57@mac.com

The Pilgrim William **White** Society, email Prarie Counce at prariec@me.com

Winslow Heritage Society, email Kathy Myers at jkmyers2@verizon.net

There are also a host of New England societies to join. Each of the colonies (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Plymouth, Rhode Island as well as Vermont) is a part of the "New England Hereditary Societies" found at <http://newenglandsocieties.org/>.

The National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants will be of interest to **Doty** and **Soule** descendants. Doty's name appears on the insignia. Details can be found at <https://indenturedservants.org/>



Dues Notice

Dues for 2019 are now due. Please send your \$35.00 check made payable to: Missouri Society of Mayflower Descendants. Thank you for your prompt response!

Consider putting a little extra in the envelope for our scholarship fund!

If you would like a 2019 dues card, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please mail check to: Mrs. Joan Gooding, State Treasurer, 10538 Alswell Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128.

If your mailing address, telephone number or e-mail address has changed, please include your change(s) along with your remittance.

If you are a "Life member," please consider donating!

(Missouri Society Life Memberships are no longer offered.)



**There are many who have not paid their 2018 Dues.
If payment is not received by December 31, 2018, your membership will be dropped.**

Quiz

Presented by Gov. Keith Morris at the Fall Luncheon at C. J. Muggs in Webster Groves, September 8, 2018

- (1) The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Chief Massasoit signed a peace treaty in April 1621.
- (2) At first encounter beach, the Pilgrims fired first at the approaching Indians.
- (3) William Bradford was the first Governor of Plymouth Colony.
- (4) Bing Crosby, Katherine Hepburn, Clint Eastwood, Louis Comfort Tiffany and Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney are all Mayflower Descendants.
- (5) Tisquantum is the Wampanoag name for corn.
- (6) The Pilgrims departed from Plymouth England on September 6th 1620. It took 86 days for them to reach the shores of Cape Cod.

Answers on back page.

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2018 Calendar

October 20, Saturday, 10 a. m. – 4 p. m. History & Genealogy Lineage Society Fair. St. Louis County Library HQ, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 314-994-3300.

October 27, Saturday, 11:30 a. m. Greater Ozark Colony. Our fall luncheon will be at the Northern Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, 2734 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO. Contact: Cathy Pickett, Colony Secretary, 417-888-0135. Gail Mewes will have a program and video presentation.

November 3, 2018 at 11:00 a. m. Heart of America Colony. John Knox Village's Places Restaurant, Lee's Summit, with Leila Cohoon of Leila's Hair Museum. Contact: Terri Hardy, Colony Governor, basketterri@yahoo.com.

November 17, Saturday, 11:30 a. m. Mayflower Compact Luncheon. Greenbriar Country Club, 12665 Big Bend Rd, Kirkwood, MO.

Quiz answers with sources: (1) True. Mary B. Sherwood, *Pilgrim: A biography of William Brewster*. (2) False, the natives shot arrows, while the Pilgrims shot into the air. Glenn Cheney, *The Anskgiving*. (3) False, John Carver. Caleb Johnson, Mayflowerhistory.com. (4) True. GSMID website. (5) False, Squanto's real name. Wikipedia. (6) False, 66 days. Caleb Johnson, Mayflowerhistory.com.

