

The Missouri Compact

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From the Governor's Quill

What a pleasure to be elected as your new state governor! I am looking forward to seeing where we go in the next couple of years. There are a few things that I'd like see accomplished during my term over and above the excellent work our state society does now.

- Conversion of Juniors to members (more in this issue about that).
- Creation of a series of 400th anniversary commemorative medals for additional scholarship fundraising.
- Recognition / wreath laying at the Massasoit statue in Kansas City.
- Participation in St. Louis' Thanksgiving Day parade.
- Updating our society's history and by-laws.



Gov. Sumner Hunnewell

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, *please let me know* (my contact information is on the back of the newsletter).

I want to thank our acting and outgoing Recording / Corresponding Secretary, Earlene Lawrence. She has been a blessing to us all. Kathy Muckala will be taking on the position of Corresponding Secretary. *We are in need for a Recording Secretary, however. Contact me, if you can help.* Thanks go to past Governor, Keith Morris, who is helping me with my new responsibilities.

Our Board of Assistants (especially my greatest cheerleader, Marietta Boenker) are here to assist you and keep the wheels on this bus. I'm looking forward to working with them. And thanks to my wife, who made me a spiffy Pilgrim outfit.

Keep your eyes open as I have plans to attend your colony luncheons. I'll bring along a pie to give away.

—Sumner G. Hunnewell

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Mayflower Compact Luncheon Minutes

Greenbriar Country Club, Kirkwood, 17 November

The Fall Compact Luncheon of the Missouri Mayflower Society was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at Greenbriar Hills Country Club, Kirkwood, Missouri. Governor Keith Morris called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor



Larrah and Elaine Bonifield

Morris and the invocation was presented by Elder Evermon. Governor Morris announced that the Wreaths Across America program at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery will be held on December 15 at 11:00 a.m. Wreaths Across America is a fundraising program that not only provides wreaths for graves at our National Cemeteries but also a portion comes back to help fund the Society's scholarship program. Prints of Cedric Hustace's Pilgrim artwork are still

available for donations to the scholarship fund ($\$100-\$250 = 8 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 11'' / \250 and above = $11'' \times 14''$). Governor Morris thanked Joan Gooding for her work in arranging the meeting venue. He also expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Board for their work during his eight year tenure as Governor. He was presented with a plaque and gavel recognizing his tenure and a Past Governor's medal.



Steve Brodbeck, Amy Anderson, Mark Anderson



Jim and Paul Shoemaker

After lunch, the Secretary, Earlene Lawrence, reported on the Fall Business Meeting held at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves on September 8, 2018. End of the year reports were presented by the officers and committee chairs. A slate of officers for the 2018-2020 term was presented by the Board. The slate was elected by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Jim Shoemaker and seconded by Fred Evermon to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2018, business meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Joan Gooding, Treasurer, reported \$13,473.95 in the checking account, \$18,853.16 in savings and \$2417.81 in the scholarship account. A motion was made by Fred Evermon and seconded by Sumner Hunnewell to accept the Treasurer's report and to file it for audit.

Governor Morris read the Mayflower Compact. Information on the first Thanksgiving and the story of the Five Kernels of Corn was provided at each table. Members were invited to stand when their ancestor's name was called from the roster of those who sailed aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620.



Richard and Mary Wilken

Assistants: Barbara Morris, Earlene Lawrence, Marietta Boenker, Mimi White, Sandra Walker (absent)

Newly installed governor, Sumner Hunnewell, addressed the gathering and presented some ideas for the 2020 celebration. He recognized the 90th Anniversary of the Charter of the Missouri Mayflower Society and recognized all the past leadership. He was also the Guest Speaker and presented a program on the Mayflower People of Maine.

After a benediction by Elder Evermon, Governor Morris adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

— Respectively submitted by:
Earlene Lawrence, Secretary,
Missouri Mayflower Society



Kate and DJ Shoemaker

The newly elected officers and Assistants were duly installed by the outgoing Governor Morris for the term 2018-2020:

Governor: Sumner Hunnewell; **Deputy Governor:** Fred Evermon; **Corresponding Secretary:** Kathy Muckala (absent); **Recording Secretary:** *Vacant*; **Treasurer:** Joan Gooding; **Historian:** Damon Hayward (absent); **Captain:** Keith Morris; **Surgeon:** *Vacant*; **Elder:** Fred Evermon; **Counselor:** *Vacant*.



Steven Baldwin, Dr. Gary Davis, Fred and Lovis Brodbeck

A Great Gift

We have over 311 active members in our Missouri Society and many are sponsors of our 132 Junior Members. What if every parent of our Junior Members would join the GSMD – General Society of Mayflower Descendants? As an active member, your original application would provide a simple application process for your offspring and grandchildren to join the adult society. For your children, it would take the completion of only ONE generation to complete an application, and, for grandchildren only two generations (subject to current requirements for approval of previous generations). Think about gifting adult membership to your descendants. They could be full-fledged Members in time for our 2020 Celebration (400th Anniversary). This gift to them would document your family history and maintain continued membership into our General Society.

Whether they live in Missouri or another state, your ancestral legacy would be preserved for generations to come. Download an application from our website (momayflower.org) or contact our State Historian, Damon Hayward (816) 353-7591. Mail to 4331 Moats Drive, Kansas City, MO, 64133.

—Marietta Boenker

Spending My Kids' Inheritance

The hue and cry of so many groups (fraternal groups, military organizations, hereditary societies, etc., etc.) is “We are getting old and the younger generations aren’t joining!” Due to lack of interest, lethargy, or being strapped for cash, our kids aren’t joining the groups that are important to us. So, I’ve decided to do something about it! I’m spending my kids’ inheritance.

Taking Marietta’s advice, I’m working through the process with our Historian, Damon Hayward, to make them members. Do I expect them to be excited about it right away? No, not really, but I am hopeful that the news of the 400th anniversary will pique their interest. I am hopeful that when they receive their Society newsletters and magazines they will feel a little more pride in their ancestors’ accomplishments.

And, I am not leaving it at that. I plan on paying for their yearly dues until they take that responsibility on themselves. If it’s something I care about, I don’t see why I shouldn’t spend my money in that direction. (Otherwise I know they’ll spend it on video games, a new cell phone, or some crazy Rock and Roll band like The Beatles.)

So, I will ask you to join me and start spending your kid’s (or kids’) inheritance! With age comes wisdom. The pendulum swings; the generation or “non joiners” will find that organizations like ours offers them something unique—of something they will be pleased to be a part.

— Sumner G. Hunnewell

Keeping Our Heritage Alive: New Jr. Members

- ❖ Grace Elizabeth Maschler (KS) – Sponsored by grandmother, Ann Maschler
- ❖ Liam Francis Maschler (KS) – Sponsored by grandmother, Ann Maschler
- ❖ Ethan Robert Fehr (FL) – Sponsored by grandfather, Dr. Joseph J. Doggett
- ❖ Keegan Willem Fehr (FL) – Sponsored by grandfather, Dr. Joseph J. Doggett
- ❖ Aiden Reed Fehr (FL) – Sponsored by grandfather, Dr. Joseph J. Doggett
- ❖ Aubrey Lynn Harris (MO) – Sponsored by grandfather, Dr. Joseph J. Doggett
- ❖ Joshua Cole Fowler (MO) – Sponsored by grandfather, Dr. Joseph J. Doggett
- ❖ Emmiline Henry (AK) – Sponsored by grandmother, Millicent L. Henry
- ❖ Lilly May Henry (WA) – Sponsored by grandmother, Millicent L. Henry
- ❖ Bailey Joyce Fleener (MO) – Sponsored by Karla Jean Fleener-Jones (Texas Society)
- ❖ Laci Claire Fleener (MO) – Sponsored by Karla Jean Fleener-Jones (Texas Society)
- ❖ Sarah Taku Akagi (KS) – Sponsored by grandfather, Jerry Ford
- ❖ Lillian Isabelle Marie Rose (MI) – Sponsored by grandfather, Jerry Ford

The above new Junior Members all received their certificates well before Thanksgiving. The membership – a gift from their grandparents – gave them the opportunity to share their heritage with their classroom as well as family dinner on Thanksgiving. They were encouraged to create appropriate apparel for our 400th Anniversary and participate in local parades.

Junior membership applications may be downloaded from momayflower.org or contact Chairman Marietta Boenker at 816-524-1817 or email to mayflowereditor@yahoo.com. *The cost is a one-time membership fee of \$25.*

Our 2019 Scholarship

The theme for this year's scholarship essay 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.

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



Leila Cohoon

The Heart of America Colony of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society met on November 3, 2018, for a luncheon at Places Restaurant in Lee's Summit. A lovely luncheon was enjoyed by all of the 38 persons in attendance. A guest speaker, Leila Cohoon of Leila's Hair Museum shared her love of history, collecting and creating wonderful works of art from hair of loved ones. Leila exhibited several significant pieces from our nation's past with the group and encouraged people to come by the only hair museum in the world located in Independence. Sharing her love of tradition and history, she told stories and explained how the artwork was created. A brief business meeting followed, conducted by Colony Governor Terri Hardy.



Gail Mewes

The members of Greater Ozarks Colony held their fall luncheon at the Northern Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, Springfield, on October 27, 2018. Prospective member, Gail Mewes, presented a program on her ancestor grandmother who was charged and jailed as a witch during the Salem witch trials. The colony's next meeting will be held on March 23 (see back page).



Examining hair art



Officers at the Compact Luncheon

L-R:

*Dep. Governor Fred Evermon;
Assistant Marietta Boenker;
Assistant Earlene Lawrence;
Assistant Mimi White;
Treasurer Joan Gooding;
Governor Sumner Hunnewell;
Assistant Barbara Morris; and
Past Governor Keith Morris*

Donations by Our Generous Members and Friends

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

- ⊗ Sumner G. Hunnewell ⊗ *In Memoriam of Geraldine Evermon*: Mr. & Mrs. Thornburg

Membership Updates

New members—some newly discovered cousins

- ⊗ Pamela Dee Zink, St. Louis, Descendant of William Brewster
- ⊗ Wanda Sue (Hastings) Brokaw, Blue Springs, Descendant of Edward Doty

Supplements

- ⊗ Marietta (née Wilson) Boenker, Lee's Summit, Descendant of Stephen and Constance Hopkins
- ⊗ Sumner G. Hunnewell, Arnold, Descendant of Mary Brewster and Francis Billington

Transfer

- ⊗ Donarita Vocca, St. Louis, Descendant of John Alden, to Ohio

Necrology

- ⊗ Jackalyn Joyce Koopmann, Macon, February 27, 2018
- ⊗ Ada Helen Friedman Colvin, Lee's Summit, November 9, 2018
- ⊗ Marjorie Elizabeth Hervey, Salem, Oregon, 2018

Tidbits

Mimi White had five invitations in November to speak before children in the Rockwood school district about our Pilgrim story.

Donna Vocca and Sumner Hunnewell represented the Society at the History & Genealogy Lineage Society Fair in St. Louis on 20 October.

Keith Morris and Sumner Hunnewell laid wreaths at the annual Wreaths Across America event at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on 15 December. Our Society sells wreaths as a fundraiser.

If you are doing something to promote our society to the outside world, let us know!

New Plymouth Colony and Its Dealings in Maine

Presented at the Compact Luncheon by Sumner G. Hunnewell

Every good story needs a map. You have a copy of an ancient one. Take that out as we walk through it. (Names in bold are found on the map.)

To the lower left you will see **Cape Elizabeth**, where you will find the Portland Head Light. This part of Maine is about 45 miles from the border of New Hampshire, where the **Piscataqua River** separates the two states.

In the center of the map is the **Kennebec River**, where much of our discussion will be. Take the distance between Cape Elizabeth and **Pemaquid Point** on the map. It is about that same distance to another river to the East, the **Penobscot River**, which we will also discuss.

Everyone is well versed in the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. Fewer people know of the Popham Colony along the coast of Maine, settled in 1607 as well—close to **Small Point** as found on your map. It was abandoned the following year, but not without some success. During that time, they built an extensive fort, storehouse, crude housing, and the first English colonists' ship, *The Virginia*.

Later, others of the fishing trade came over and set up seasonal fishing enterprises along the coast.

This explains why in 1622, the beleaguered New Plymouth Colony received letters and seven more colonists from their backers in England through fisherman stationed at Damariscove Island, which is identified by **Damariscotta** on your map. A captain from the Virginia colony was fishing there and warned New Plymouth about the recent massacre in Jamestown. He also offered assistance to the Pilgrims and piloted their ships to Damariscove, where they generously received enough supplies from some of the 30 ships to get them supplied through harvest. The Pilgrim colony was not in a bubble. They would learn where Englishmen worked or settled and where they could trade with the natives. News can travel quickly with a fast ship. Around the time of these events (1623), other settlements were made at Piscataqua and **Monhegan**. They even helped their new sister colony of Wessagussett with corn to take to Monhegan to trade.

At that time, New Plymouth was sent a pinnace, unruly sailors, and salt for use in the fishing trade with hopes that this would offset their debt to their backers. Having been caught in a storm, and nearly lost, it was refitted and sent to Damariscove, where it was lost in a terrible storm – “stove all to hell” as we say in Maine...a hole in its bulk “that a horse and cart might have been driven through.” The captain and a crew member were lost but the men of Maine convinced the colony that it could be fixed -- for a price. At low tide they fastened casks to her and at high tide, floated her to a safe place, hauled her ashore and repaired her. As Bradford said, “she proved an expensive vessel to the poor plantation” and she was send back to England.

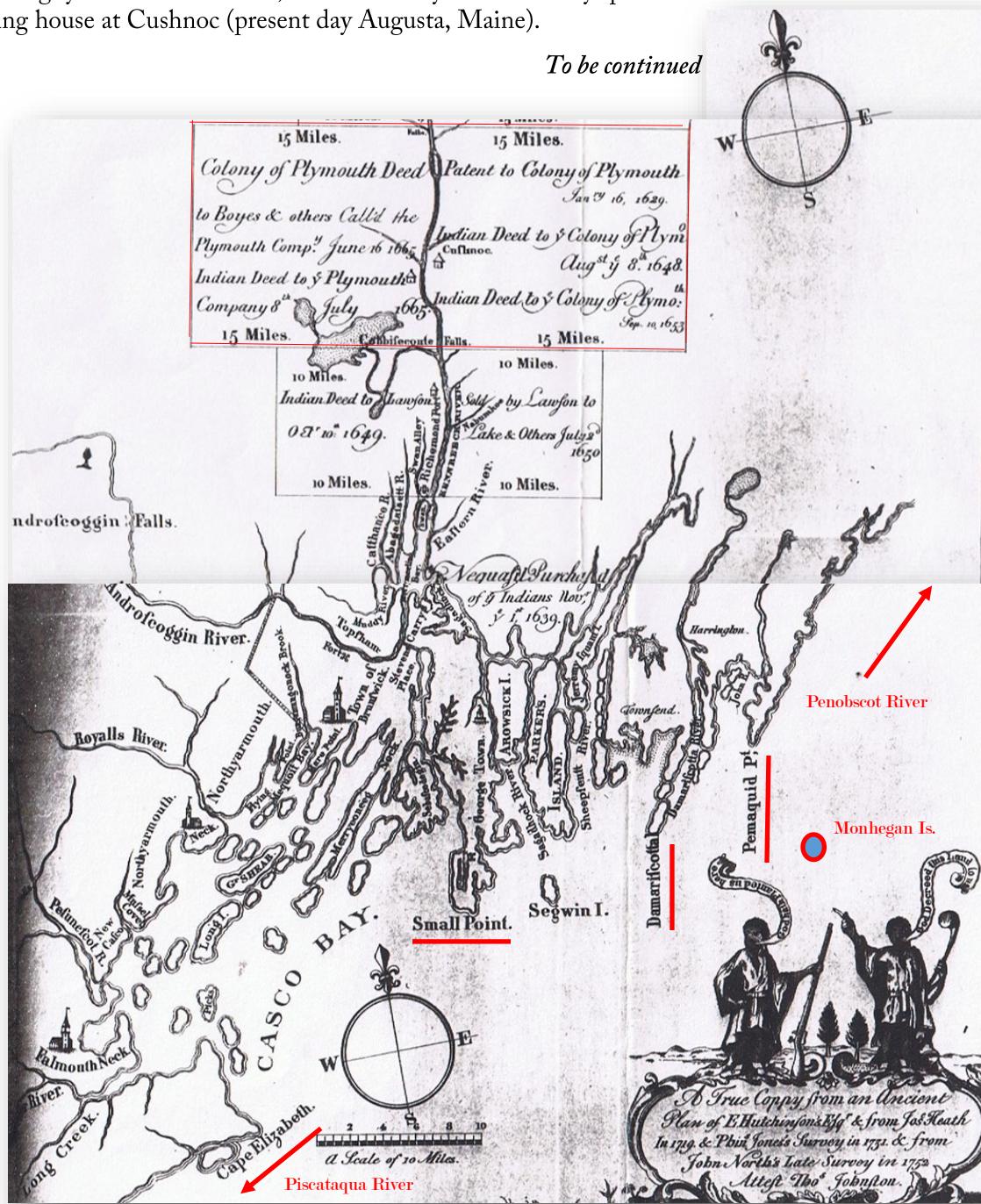
By 1625, things were looking up for the colony, as they had a surplus of corn, which Winslow and his crew traded at the Kennebec River for beaver and other pelts. They realized £700 in profit!

The following year, more travel to Maine yielded more profits. Picking up Mr. Thomson from Piscataqua they headed up to Monhegan looking for goods being dissolved by Plymouth merchants. They colluded to pay the same amount for items and brought home £400 of goods. Also, a French ship

had been wrecked and the cargo retrieved by the fishermen of Damariscove, which they traded for at that time. All was going well for the colony until those outside started trading with the natives in corn as well, which drove down the price considerably.

In 1627, looking for additional ways to ensure trading rights with the natives of Maine along the Kennebec, the ever resourceful Allerton went to England to procure a patent, or land grant, for territory along the Kennebec River. He returned with one, which was not satisfactory, but improved upon the following year. Emboldened, the New Plymouth colony placed a trading house at Cushnoc (present day Augusta, Maine).

To be continued



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2019 Calendar

March 23, Saturday, 11:30 a. m. Greater Ozark Colony. Our spring meeting and luncheon will be at the Northern Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, 2734 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield. Contact: Cathy Pickett, Colony Secretary, 417-888-0135.

April 27, State Spring Luncheon, venue TBD.

May 4 or 11, at 11:00 a. m. Heart of America Colony. John Knox Village's Places Restaurant, Lee's Summit. Tentative program is to have a Native American speaker. Contact: Terri Hardy, Colony Governor, basketterri@yahoo.com.

2019 Dues

Dues for 2019 are past due as of January 1. Please send your \$35.00 check made payable to: Missouri Society of Mayflower Descendants and mail to Mrs. Joan Gooding, State Treasurer, 10538 Alswell Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128.

