

The Missouri Compact

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From the Governor's Quill

Greetings!

Our shared ancestors were extraordinarily intrepid in forging the pathway to what became our nation. The sacrifices they made are humbling. The Missouri Society honors their work. So, it was quite an honor to be put forward by the nominating committee to be your Governor.

Many of you, over years of membership, will have formed some thoughts on ways to strengthen the Missouri Society and enhance the contemporary recognition, within Missouri, of our ancestors' efforts. The Missouri Society's officers have already been generous with their time, in sharing some observations and helping bring me up to speed for my new role as Governor. For all of that, I am grateful. I, having been admitted as a member a little over a year ago, have not yet had the opportunity to meet most of you, and to benefit from your own observations. I take my role to be one of assisting in bringing some of those visions to fruition, and I look forward to hearing from you. I may be reached at: governor@momayflower.org.

As my first engagement as your Governor, I was able to join the Missouri Society's entry in the St. Louis Thanksgiving Day Parade, coordinated by Sumner Hunnewell. The parade organizers were most kind, the crowd was very receptive, and much candy was handed-out along the way! I recommend you consider joining the event next year, if you have the opportunity to do so.

I hope to see you at this and next year's events.

Warmest regards,

Royce Barondes



Governor Royce Barondes, Sylvia Hunnewell, Carol Fuller, Sumner Hunnewell, and Steve Fuller at the St. Louis Thanksgiving Day Parade

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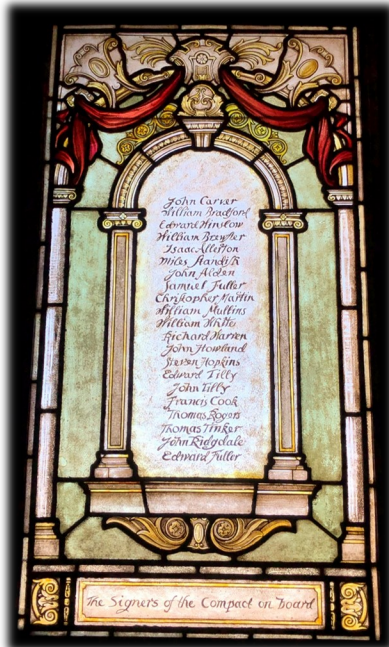
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Mayflower Meeting House

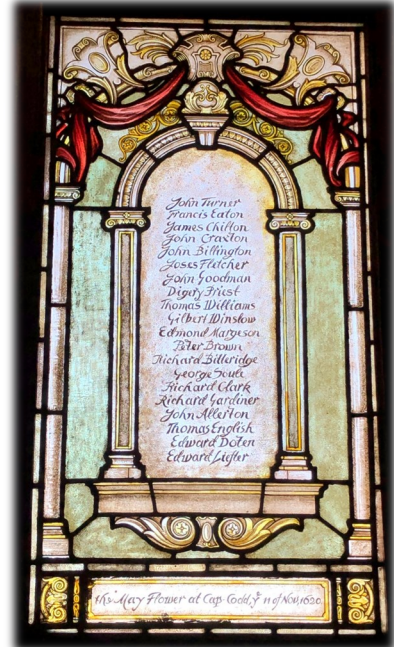
Sumner Hunnewell, Captain

Every year, New England hereditary societies (see below) hold their meetings in a New England state and tour historic properties or vistas. This year, the Massachusetts societies were responsible for the event. As Governor General of the Hereditary Society of the First Families of Massachusetts (also, GSMD Member-at-Large), Jane Schleinzer organized this year's Gathering. Most events were planned in and around Plymouth.

One of our tours was of the Meeting House, and Past GSMD Governor General Lee Filson was our guide. We had an opportunity of a tour because many of these societies have donated money to the Meeting House effort. A plentiful list of details about progress and still-yet-to-do (including fundraising) can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.

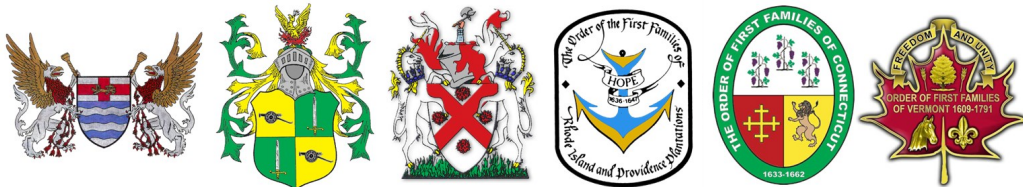


Memorial Windows of the Signers...



of the Mayflower Compact

This was my first visit *inside*, and I can say that I was very impressed with the craftsmanship and interior design. The woodwork that you see is hand carved and very detailed. The stained glass is by Tiffany or designers recommended by Tiffany. There are remembrances of our ancestors in windows all around the narthex and nave of the church. Goldleaf is being applied to the walls as it was when the building was opened in 1897. We were shown the much-discussed Elevator, which opens on the side of the sanctuary. Work will continue to be on-going.



The New England Gathering is sponsored round-robin style with the Hereditary Society of the First Families of Massachusetts (HOFFMA), Order of the Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (ODAHAC), Plymouth Hereditary Society (PHS), Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (OFFRI-PP), The Order of the First Families of Connecticut 1633-1662 (OFFCT), and Order of the First Families of Vermont 1609-1791 (OFFVT).

Details about these groups are found at the website: NewEnglandSocieties.com



The back of the nave

The nave is built like an inverted ship's hold.

A close-up on some of the carving



The sanctuary



"Destruction of y^e Pilgrim preff at Leyden"

Past Governor General Lee Filson



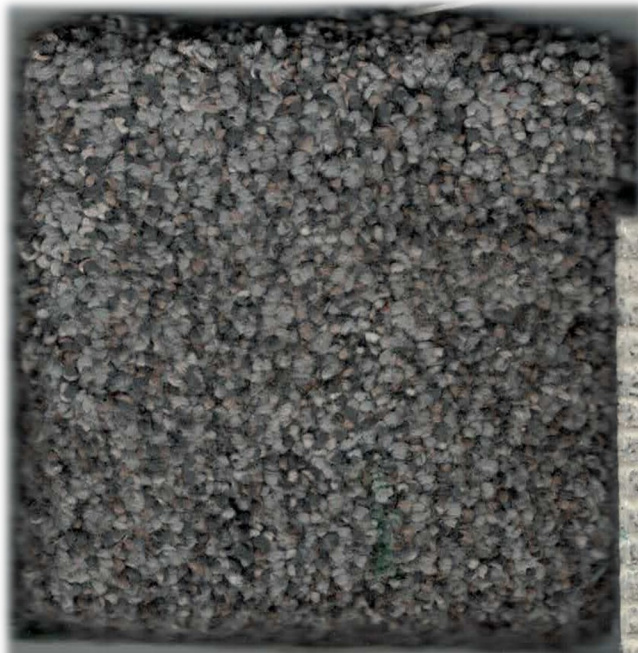
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You Were Warned!



Long ago, I warned that if I didn't have enough material to fill out an issue, I was going to put in this carpet swatch of "Mayflower" in the issue!

Perhaps it could have been called Plymouth Rock instead?



Colony News

GREATER OZARKS COLONY, 26 OCTOBER, SPRINGFIELD

The Greater Ozarks Colony of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Missouri held its Fall meeting at the Pizza Ranch on October 26, 2024. Seven members, one prospective member, and one guest were present.

John Charles reported that The Library Center had already purchased the three-volume Silver Books Index, which we had decided to purchase for them. After some discussion, it was agreed that Sandra Walker would check with the Douglas County Public Library to see if there was something they needed.

Sandra Walker, a member of the State Education Committee, is reviewing applications from Missouri students for scholarship awards.

For our program, Evelyn Wallace read an article about Anne Hutchinson, a Puritan spiritual advisor, religious reformer, and an important participant in the Antinomian Controversy that shook the Massachusetts Bay Colony from 1636 to 1638. Evelyn also showed some quilts she had made for the Harbor House in Kimberling City and the Taney County Crisis Center.

The meeting concluded with reading the minutes from the last meeting and the Treasurer's report. The Spring meeting of the Greater Ozark's Colony will be on March 23, 2025, at the Pizza Ranch, 2825 S. Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

Chaplain Wanda French gave the closing prayer, and Deputy Governor Sandra Walker adjourned the meeting.



Evelyn Wallace with one of the quilts



Colony Members



Colony Deputy Governor Walker

Colony News

HEART OF AMERICA COLONY, 19 OCTOBER, LEE'S SUMMIT

The Heart of America Colony of the Mayflower Society has a new governor! During the fall meeting October 19, 2024, at John Knox Village, a slate of new officers was installed. The new officers are: Jana Sattler as governor, Connie Lee as deputy governor, Julia Jackson as secretary, Fred Evermon as treasurer, Deb Hovis as historian, and Fred Evermon as elder. A wonderful meeting followed a great meal. YouTube book reviewer, Graham Bradley, attended the meeting from Utah via Zoom and spoke to us about the *Mayflower* passengers and books that are available to read on the voyage. His YouTube on "Who Were the *Mayflower* Passengers?" has become very popular.



Chaplain Evermon swears in elected officers Sattler, Lee, and Jackson

Welcome New Members!

New members—some newly discovered cousins

- ✿ **Linda Faye (née Brown) Austin**, Springfield, descendant of Stephen Hopkins (*correction*)
- ✿ **Samantha Virginia (née Crosswhite) Hodges**, Winona, descendant of Priscilla Mullins
- ✿ **Lindsey Anne (née Crosswhite) Weigle**, Ness City, Kansas, descendant of John Alden
- ✿ **Martin Lammert V, St. Louis**, descendant of Isaac Allerton
- ✿ **Randel Roy Deuser, Chesterfield**, descendant of William Bradford
- ✿ **Barry Lawrence Dougherty, O'Fallon**, descendant of John Howland

Newly approved supplementals

- ✿ **Royce Derohan Barondes**, descendant of John Howland, William Mullins, Stephen Hopkins, and John Tilley

New Junior Members

- ✿ **Caden Bonifield**, grandson of Geneva Elaine Bonifield, descendant of John Alden
- ✿ **Charles Bonifield**, grandson of Geneva Elaine Bonifield, descendant of John Alden

General Board of Assistants—2024

Sumner Gary Hunnewell, Deputy Governor General

Notes from the GBOA (7 September 2024), Asheville, N. C. – morning session

The Meeting was opened and flags presented by the Mayflower Guard at 9 a.m.

The N. C. Governor Pike welcomed us. Their Society was founded 100 years ago in Asheville. Secretary General Beerman returned thanks.

The Executive Officers were introduced as well as Former GG's (Filson, Garmany, Hurt) and GS/state officers.

The Necrology was given by Elder Gen. Denny.

The election of DGGs/AGs occurred, followed by a roll call.

The agenda, standing rules, and minutes from 2023 were approved.

Officer/committee reports followed.

GG Pennington started her report by saying that **our ancestors' experience is the "Most important story in American History."** She has traveled to 13 member societies, and she thanked 230 volunteers at the national level (helping our finances). Some highlights:

- ⇒ GivingTuesday paid for equipment to put our [videos on YouTube](#).
- ⇒ **We have a frugal budget** with the intention of not increasing our fees and dues. We have reduced our printing/vendor costs by \$250K.
- ⇒ The Mayflower House has been used/rented out, and we are trying to bring young families in.
- ⇒ The Meeting House raised \$5M before COVID and \$3.5M in the last nine months. We are selling **Mayflower trays** made from the roof tiles. We are waiting on an occupancy permit. If you are visiting Plymouth contact Exec. Director Mark Schmidt. He can show you around.
- ⇒ We are offering research services (\$).
- ⇒ She is sending e-mail blasts "Notes from the Boat." Everyone should be receiving these.

AGG Stark thanked everyone for nominating him from the floor and electing him last year. He completed the indexing of the walkway bricks at the Mayflower House. These are on the [GSMD website](#). He would like to develop education projects with Plimouth Patuxet Museums. He said, "When I become your Governor General..." – sort of jumping the gun there.

Sec. Gen. Beerman was on the GBOA planning committee and developed the registration system. He serves on various committees.

TG Henson displayed a chart that showed that starting in 2020 our revenues outpaced our expenses. With FY (July '23 - June '24), we were about \$200K ahead. The current FY budget is at \$2.528M.

- ⇒ Completed: Mayflower House sustainability (~\$2M), which is opened selectively to reduce staff costs. Replaced printing vendor.
- ⇒ In Progress: Research services for a fee & the PIT program; reduction of app/supp verifiers since we are back to 2017 levels of apps/supps; Mass. Soc. volunteers scanning approved apps/supps; implementation of the Easy App Generator system.
- ⇒ Endowment is at \$12M, which includes \$4M designated for the Mayflower House. Investments are 70% equity, 20% fixed income, 10% cash.



He is more than happy to send detailed numbers for anyone who wants to read them.

HG Golon said that the **SWAT team** has helped member societies when they need application help. She has introduced training, Zoom calls, Silver Book corrections visibility, etc. The Easy App Generator will be released this month. We have gone to a fully digital application process.

Counsellor Gen. Wheaton talked about

- ⇒ The **front-page Thanksgiving WSJ article** about a lawsuit. The lawsuit is with the Mass. Soc. (not the GSMD). The case is in the discovery phase. They are covered by insurance for the expenses. After the exposure in the *WSJ*, we received three times the number of donations.
- ⇒ If you see anyone using our Intellectual Property, contact him – *this includes large portions of the Silver Books that are posted online.*
- ⇒ DNA confidentiality needs to be covered by an updated NDA.

Elder Gen. Denney prays for our leadership and societies every day. He is studying early covenants of ancestors.

Capt. Gen. Wiese understand now that **we are “a big business”** and he is happy to help steer the ship.

Surg. Gen Nash said that he has helped plan a safe GBOA.

Members-at-Large Schlosser, Lambright, and Schleinzer have contacted the state governors. They are available to help out as necessary. They recommend the **quarterly Governors Forums**. The first two were on membership retention and increasing membership.

Former GG Hurt said that she traveled to the Ohio Society’s meeting where she signed an original William Brewster book (1618) held at Western Reserve University. Every GG has signed the book since 1924.

Exec. Dir. Mark Schmidt said that the Mayflower House has been opened to cruise lines and our website has been enhanced. He talked about the

- ⇒ Governor’s Forum calls – sharing best practices
- ⇒ The Development Committee’s fundraising efforts
- ⇒ The Mayflower House open to the public (tours, visits, rentals)
- ⇒ Additional chairs and tables were purchased for rental events

Former GG Filson talked about the **Meeting House**.

- ⇒ \$8.3M raised as of 15 August; remaining costs est. \$11.2M (\$6.5M building construction; \$.9M sanctuary restoration; \$3.8M films/exhibits)
- ⇒ \$7.8M still needs to be raised.
- ⇒ There were lots of snags with the elevator, which was put in the place of the chimney. The job is finished. Inflation ate a lot of money. Money that was scheduled to be for three items (incl. elevator) was just used on the elevator.
- ⇒ The side entrance will lead into a gift shop and exhibits. All changes must be approved by the Dept. of the Interior. The entrance will be “contemporary with historic” style.
- ⇒ This is also meant to be a revenue generator.
- ⇒ The interior will be restored to the original stenciling/goldleaf as the original was.
- ⇒ She has asked that each Society raise \$5000 to donate to the effort. Lee offered to donate \$5000 herself.
- ⇒ The organization needs to be run as a business.
- ⇒ The [Meeting House video](#) was shown.

Notes from the GBOA (7 September 2024), Asheville, N. C. – afternoon session & banquet

Archive Committee Chair Averett said that she is trying to track down charters.

Nineteen societies nominated members for awards from the GSMD. These were presented. Further awards were given to members of the SWAT team as well as app/supp indexers (230 of them – they are happy to have more – 14K apps/supps completed).

BIG NEWS: GG Pennington gave a special award to the Texas Society. They have created (w/Plimouth Patuxet Museums) an 8th grade curriculum, which will pass the Texas Board of Education's guidelines. They spent \$100K for the effort. When it is completed, it will be made available for FREE to each member society.

She also gave an award to Steve Pike and Cheryl Vislay of N. C. for their work on the GBOA.

The Distinguished Service Award went to Bonnie Wade Mucia, Silver Books Director.

The Development Committee Chair Schmidt said that he is looking into different revenue streams and drawing people into the Mayflower Society. He makes personal appeals to donors. **He wants each member society to create "an experience" for a silent auction for the next GBOA.**

Historic Trips Committee Chair Shoemaker said that there is a Netherlands trip occurring this week (26 people) and another will be next summer (need 30 people). She would like to hear different ideas for European tours. During July 12-17 there will be a Plymouth, Mass., Pilgrims tour.

Insignia Committee Chair Averett said that there will be an updated insignia guide on the website. Also, there will be a "new member starter set" of insignia debuting.

Long-Term Planning Chair Pennington said that they have these goals:

- ⇒ Fund and open the Meeting House
- ⇒ Grow and maintain membership
- ⇒ Silver Books to the 8th generation (digital, print on demand, rent)
- ⇒ Lineage research business
- ⇒ Expand the Easy App Generator to reduce time to approval
- ⇒ Upgrade development/grow endowment

Mayflower Guard Committee Chair Collier Wiese said that the Guard is 15 members strong. You do not need to be a member to join. There are people to help.

MQ Chair Renenold said the magazine is \$14K under budget. **Encourages people to send "Why I joined the Mayflower Society and continue membership" stories.**

New Product Committee Chair Beerman displayed an **"Heirloom" certificate**, which looks like the original certificate. It is available (unframed) for a \$150 donation. The certificate will have facsimile officer autographs based on when you joined. They are looking at more promotional items and on-demand products.

Scholarship Chair Lawson said that in 2023 they had 27 applications. This year they had 45. They dropped the SAT/ACT requirement and went from a 3-part to a 2-part essay. The application was simplified. They presented their first Native American scholarship this year. Overall, the **GSMD gave \$20K in scholarships**. Combined with all member societies scholarship awards, the total amount is \$158K awarded.

Silver Books Committee Chair Mucia said that the Rogers-3 and All-Name index book have been completed. A proposal to present a paper on the Silver Books was accepted by RootsTech 2025.

Technology Chair Schlosser said that our website has been visited solidly over the last year. A half-time person was hired to help make updates on the website to keep it fresh. There will be a Mayflower Portal, which will have role

-based access. There will be a “One Source” database, which will include all of our applications, etc. We have cut over the digital application process.

The Endowment Fund Committee Chair Henson said that our money is invested in five funds, managed by a Boston firm. Plans were to withdraw \$521K for operating funds, however someone donated ~\$500K in her will, so only ~\$21K was withdrawn. \$338K was needed for support of the completion for some aspect of the Meetinghouse. Overall, there was a 6.5% increase in funds. Expenses continue to be affected by inflation. Major donor development program is under review. There is an intentional increase on Silver Book research. He used pie charts ([Death to Pie Charts](#)). For income, 40% comes from Per Capita, 14% from app/supp fees, and 12% from our Endowment. Our expenses include 25% for research cost for apps/supp.

The new budget was approved. The audit was presented and approved.

We had a Recruitment and Retention Best Practices breakout session. Some ideas generated:

- Informal coffee time with colony members (e.g., Panera)
- Public library fliers during Thanksgiving
- Contact local churches to give a Pilgrims presentation
- “Meet your cousins” events
- Virtual book club
- Sponsor a week of Pilgrim Camp in Plymouth
- Group events with other lineage societies
- Emphasize Jr. to Sr. membership to the Jr.’s local state society (share info across societies)
- Mentor at meetings
- Membership chair forums
- Purely social functions
- Increase local media presence
- More casual gatherings
- “Friends of the Mayflower” group for non-descendants
- Vendor table at local festivals
- Partner with one or more businesses

***Don’t forget,
dues are due for
2025!
See page 12.***

Future meetings: 2025 San Antonio, 2026 Plymouth, 2027 Atlanta, 2028 California, 2029 Plymouth, 2030 Williamsburg.

The banquet speaker, Caleb Johnson, started by telling us his work **in the Philippines, where there are many *Mayflower* descendants** (including one with 13 ancestors) due to the naval base there and the millions of sailors who traveled through (and leaving pregnant women behind). The majority of his talk was about his explorations in Co. Essex in England. He said that there were very few Scrooby members on the *Mayflower* as compared to the Co. Essex church.

Necrology

- ☾ **Robert Crump Fields**, December 9, 2023, Springfield
- ☾ **Lovis Gordon (née Smith) Brodbeck**, May 17, 2024, Marthasville
- ☾ **Adrienne (née Cox) Kubin**, June 17, 2024, Independence



A Fond Remembrance

**Lovis Gordon (Smith) Brodbeck (April 13, 1935 - May 18, 2024) and
Frederick W. Brodbeck (December 19, 1934 - February 26, 2024)**

Lovis and Fred Brodbeck were mainstays in the Society, often attending our Mayflower Compact luncheons with their family. For our 2019 luncheon, they gave the program.

Amy Anderson [Lovis and Fred's daughter] and her extended family gave the program, "Thanksgiving in Plimoth." Everyone was delighted as each member of the family (from pre-teen to octogenarian) told about a different facet of how they spent their Thanksgiving at Plimoth Plantation. The assembly gave them a standing ovation afterwards!

Lovis was a 50+ year member and descended from eight Mayflower Compact signers. The family always got their exercise when they stood as their ancestors names were called during the reading of the Mayflower Compact. They will certainly be missed.



The Brodbecks and Allied Families in 2019

An Editor's Farewell

S. G. Hunnewell, Newsletter Editor

Having experience of doing newsletters since I was 17, I thought I'd have a go at the *Missouri Compact*. The editor, Marietta "Mare" Boenker was creating the newsletter at the time. She was enthusiastic about having someone else edit it and became my biggest supporter (and toughest proofreader over the last seven years). All of the secretaries, lately Julia Jackson, have had the yeoman's job of sending them out to everyone.

The newsletter editor's job can get difficult. Filling 12 (or so) pages is no easy task and it often falls to the editor to fill most of them. (This issue is no exception!). SO, I really appreciate all of the members who wrote their own personal accounts of finding their *Mayflower* ancestor, the colony members who have been so good about sending me meeting minutes and photographs, and our historians, treasurers, and juniors chairs who have supplied me with names over the years. If nothing else, new members are always excited to see their names in print.

After seven years, I decided that I would give up the position. (I *still* have TEN local, state, and national newsletters for which I'm responsible.) Members Stacey Bohning and Cara Vazquez will be the new editors. They are younger (yay!) and will put their own stamp on the long (38 year!) history of the *Missouri Compact*.

PLEASE support them with articles and encouragement!

Their email addresses are Stacey.Bohning@yahoo.com and Cara.Vazquez@bayer.com.



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2024-25 Calendar

December 21, 2024, Saturday, Mayflower Toast, at the Hunnewells, Arnold

March 23, 2025, Saturday, Greater Ozark Colony, Pizza Ranch, 2825 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield

Please pay your dues by DECEMBER 15th in order to stay on our membership rolls!

**Send a check for \$50 payable to “Missouri Mayflower Society” to
Dustin Peetz, Treasurer, 1517 Gold Leaf Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146**

or you can pay online at

<https://donorbox.org/mo-mayflower-society-1>

(You will need to have your General Society membership number handy.)

