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Our Governor's Greetings



The program at our 53rd Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon, held on Saturday November 9th at the Vicmead Hunt Club, was both unique in its format and presentation and a delight, enjoyed by the sixty four members and guests who attended. Dr. Mary Emily Miller, University of Delaware adjunct professor of American History and Jamestown Colony Scholar, and our Counselor, David Bradford, a 13th generation descendant of Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony and a Mayflower history scholar, joined together, each in period costume, for a presentation entitled "Jamestown and Plymouth, America's First Colonies". In this presentation, they compared and contrasted the similarities, differences, benefits and hardships experienced by the first colonists of each. Near the conclusion of the presentations, they were joined by Aaron Bradford, David's son, in the costume and in the persona of Stephen Hopkins, the only person to be a part of both colonies. Aaron gave an interesting first person account of his voyage to and arrival at Jamestown prior to the founding of the Plymouth Colony, noting differences between the two colonies. At the conclusion of the program, Aaron's wife and infant son, also in period costume, made an appearance.

Thanks to our Education Committee Co-Chairs, Louise Roselle and Susan Bunting, we are receiving the support and encouragement of Delaware Education Secretary, Lillian Lowery, and Delaware Education Associate for Social Studies, Preston Shockley, with regard to having the Mayflower and Plymouth story taught in Delaware classrooms at the fourth and fifth grade levels. While a fair amount of curriculum discretion is left to both the Districts and the individual teachers, we have been assured by the State that the history of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower is taught because "districts and teachers across Delaware recognize its importance for today's students."

We are experiencing a very welcome increase in membership activity, with nine new members either approved by Plymouth or in the pipeline. I am also delighted to report that we have just welcomed our first Junior Life Member, Louisa Rose, an eleven year old student at Tower Hill School, and a 14th generation descendant from Governor William Bradford. Junior Life Membership is a relatively new program, and I encourage all our members to consider giving their children or grandchildren under the age of eighteen Junior Life Memberships, which means that upon Junior Life Members reaching the age of eighteen, they automatically become regular voting members for life, with no further membership action required on their part.

My wife and I are pleased to invite you all to "Crooked Billet", our home in Greenville, for this year's spring reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 20 from 3 to 5 o'clock. The land on which our home was built was deeded to William Penn in 1682, and the original home, which still stands, was believed to have been built there in 1684, and was expanded in the 18th century, again in the 19th century, and finally in the middle of the 20th century. I will look forward to sharing with you some of the interesting history of the house when we welcome you to the Spring Reception in May.

Faithfully, Kai Lassen

In Memoriam



Robert "Bob" Ellis Davis 1930 - 2011

In 2002 Robert Ellis Davis became the first member of the Delaware Society of Mayflower Descendants to be elected as the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' Governor General, the highest honor which the General Society can bestow upon a Mayflower Descendant. The General Society could not have chosen a better leader when they elected Bob: he was the consummate gentleman, kind and soft spoken, but firm in his resolve and gifted in his vision. Bob guided the Society of Mayflower Descendants from 2002 to 2005 through three successful years of growth and progress. Bob joined the Delaware Society in 1977 and served first as its Treasurer before being elected and

serving as Governor from 1987 to 1990. Bob later served the General Society as Deputy Governor General before becoming Governor General in 2002.

Bob was born in Norwich Connecticut in 1930, graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1951, and moved to Wilmington to work for DuPont where he was employed for 34 years. He served his community in many ways including the boy scouts and his church. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, who accompanied him regularly as he traveled in connection with his Mayflower duties as Governor General, and by his three children and four grandchildren, all of whom are members of the Mayflower Society. Bob's legacy of leadership and humanity will forever be a part of both the Delaware and General Mayflower Societies.

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IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

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Plymouth Rock

The top (visible) 1/3 of Plymouth Rock weighs approximately 4 tons. The bottom portion (under the sand) weighs approximately 6 tons, about 1/3 to 1/2 of its original size.



**JOIN US FOR THE SPRING RECEPTION
AT CROOKED BILLET
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 3 - 5 PM**

The Spring Reception will be held at **Crooked Billet**, the historic home of Governor and Mrs. Kai Lassen, located at 3510 Kennett Pike in Greenville. The property's original deed dates from 1682, and the earliest part of the house was built in 1684 and later expanded in 1702 to be an Inn on the Kennett Pike, named **Crooked Billet**. The house and property were acquired by Mrs. Lassen's great-great-grandfather Henry du Pont in 1864 and have passed directly down in her family to her. Located on the southeast corner of Kennett Pike (Rt. 52) and Rt. 141, the entrance is on the southbound side of Kennett Pike just before the entrance to Christiana Care's Pelleport Hospital. A map is posted on a link to the meeting notice on our "For Members" page of the Society's website: www.Mayflower-de.org.

***REMEMBER TO SAVE A DATE FOR
THE FALL 2012 COMPACT DAY
LUNCHEON***

***SPEAKER WILL BE OUR
GENERAL SOCIETY'S
GOVERNOR GENERAL
BRUCE CAMPBELL MACGUNNIGLE***

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Barbara and Chuck Welch



Robert Hanson, Sr., Sandra Hanson Maguire and Allan Maguire



Barbara and Robert Hanson, Jr. And Priscilla Swanson



Margot and John Kuniholm

COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON

November 12, 2011

Vicmead Hunt Club



Maurine and Ralph Thomas



Jean and Jerry Stone, Harline Dennison, and Marion Stewart



Nancy Cooch and Sally Harrison



Mary Emily Miller



David Bradford with Dr. Miller



Ivis, Aaron with Baby William Bradford



Dottie Baker and Karen Kuhrt

Society Reports

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ARCHIVE PROJECT - Christine Crossan, Archival Project Chair

Do you want your Application's supporting documentation?

In the interests of space, the Board of Assistants has decided to place all member application supporting documentation in long-term storage with restricted access at Hagley Museum. If you would prefer to have your supporting documentation returned to you, please contact Assistant Secretary Barbara Wideman at 302-656-0553 or bjwideman@verizon.net. She will also bring your documentation to a meeting so you will be able to pick it up at that time.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Louis Roselle

I hope that my correspondence with Secretary Lowery has created positive reinforcement for our goals and will ensure that students learn about the Mayflower and the Pilgrim experience. I understand that each school decides on its own curriculum. However, Secretary Lowery assured me that she also thought it important to teach our students about our country's early history.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - E. Ann Happoldt

Two years ago, I enrolled our facilities in an automatic delivery program of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. No new books were published last year, but two have been published so far this year. They are Volume 18 Part 2 and *Phillip Delano of the Fortune, 1621*. I have received thank your notes from the Delaware Public Archives, the Dover Public Library, and the South Coastal Library.

GENEALOGY CORNER Researching King Philip's War - E. Ann Happoldt

From 1675 to 1678, Native Americans led by "King Philip" tried to push the colonists out of New England. Half of the towns saw armed conflict of some kind. It is estimated that 1% of the colonists and 15% of the Native Americans died, including King Philip.

To see if your ancestors were involved, read *King Philip's War* by George William Ellis and John E. Morris, *Soldiers in King Philip's War* by George Madison Bodge. Bodge has an online book, *A Brief History of King Philip's War 1676 - 1677*. It can be found at the following websites: freepages.genealogyrootsweb.ancestry.com/-massasoit/bodge.htm; and www.colonialwars.org/1675.htm. The Massachusetts State Archives has a database of their colonial holdings www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/RevolutionarySearchContacts.html.

After you are in the site, type your ancestor's name and select King Philip's War from the dropdown menu. If he or she is there, you will get a summary of the record and its location in the Archives. If you cannot find the above books locally, you can request them through the Inter-library Loan Service at your library. Your library should have other books with general information on this little known war. One such book, which many of us have, is *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Who Were the Huguenots?

Kai Lassen

Early in the Protestant Reformation, many people in France were drawn to the teachings of John Calvin, and the Protestant religion spread rapidly throughout France. Tensions between the French Protestants, derisively referred to as Huguenots, and the Catholics continued throughout the 16th century. The Huguenots suffered frequent and harsh persecution, until King Henry IV issued the *Edict of Nantes* in 1698, which declared Catholicism as France's state religion. At the same time, the Protestants were granted equality with Catholics and a degree of religious and political freedom. In 1685 however, Louis XIV revoked the *Edict of Nantes* and declared Protestantism to be illegal, thereby setting off a brutal purge against the Huguenots. The Huguenots fled France in great numbers seeking political asylum in Europe, as well as in North America and in South Africa that were tolerant of Protestants. In 1686, Louis XIV claimed that out of a Huguenot population of 800,000 to 900,000, only 1,000 to 1,500 had remained in France. The French crown did not permit non-Catholics to settle in its colonies, thus many French Huguenots settled instead in the English colonies in North America. Persecution of the Huguenots finally ended in 1787 with the *Edict of Toleration*, and Protestants were finally granted full citizenship in 1790 during the French Revolution.

Our Next Generation



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OUR MEMBERS PAGE

New Members:



Kristen K. Jones, 12th generation from Thomas Rogers, joined the Delaware Society by transferring her membership from the Massachusetts Society. She and her husband of 43 years, George, live in Ocean View and have three children. She is currently retired from her job as a realtor in both New Jersey and Delaware. Kristen is active in the DAR and is currently both State and Chapter Registrar. She enjoys doing genealogical research, world traveling, quilting and singing; and is currently her church's soprano soloist.

Louisa 'Andelot du Pont Rose LIFE MEMBER



A native of Delaware, Louisa, age eleven, attends the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, where she is in the fifth grade. She has a keen interest in sewing as well as American History, and she frequently goes to Colonial Williamsburg where she often dresses in period costumes, which she has sewn herself. She is a 14th generation descendent of William Bradford.

Sarah (Sally) Schutt Harrison, a native Delawarean, is a fine arts consultant who for many years lived in Richmond Virginia where she raised her four children, a son and three daughters. She now has returned to Delaware and lives in Greenville. Her daughter, Phyllis Harrison Ballantine, has just joined our Society. Sally has six grandchildren. Sally is 12th generation descendant of Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, and one of many descendants of Elizabeth Bradford du Pont, from whom a number of our members descend. Sally is the mother of Phyllis, and a life member.



Phyllis Harrison Ballantine is the grand niece of Nancy Reynolds Cooch and the daughter of Sally Harrison. She lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She has been a past board member of the Historical Society of Talbot County and still maintains a regular volunteer schedule there. She also volunteers at the Academy Art Museum and several other civic organizations in Easton, Maryland. Phyllis has two sons: Eugene Thompson Ballantine and Preston Riker Ballantine. The Ballantine family has traced their heritage to William Bradford and they are current members of the Mayflower Society in New York. Both Eugene and Preston have attended the Mayflower Ball in NYC and have been to the induction ceremonies of their cousins into the Society of the Colonial Warriors. Phyllis is a current member of the Colonial Dames of

Delaware. She is a 13th descendant from William Bradford and a life member of the Delaware Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Michael George Rhodes, General #83274, DE #398, Elected 7 July 1211, Descended 12th Degory Priest

Thomas Alfred Stevens, General #84180, DE #403, Elected 3 Mar 2012, Descended 13th Howland

Robert Charles August, Gen. #84181, DE #404, Elected 5 Mar 2012, Descended 12th Alden

Ronald Francis August, Jr., Gen. #84812, DE #405, Elected 5 Mar 2012, Descended 12th Alden

New Juniors:

Cassandra Michelle Baker, 1994, Descended Alden

Luke Siegfried Harris, 2009, Descended Bradford

Hallie Maria Miller-Jones, 2010, Descended Allerton and Priest

Completed Voyages: Deceased '11 -'12

Bannowski, Barbara (Clarke) - Died 21 March 2012, General #51586, DE #224, Elected 9 February 1987, Descended 11th Soule

Davis, Robert Ellis - Died 12 November 2011, General #40437, DE #169, Elected 7 March 1977, Descended 11th Alden, 12th Mullins, 10th Soule, 11th Hopkins-2

Grotz, Dorothy Edgecomb - Died 19 March 2011, General #58154, DE #269, Elected 1 May 1992, Descended 10th Brewster, *Served as Assistant Secretary*

Harris, Anne Frances (Eldredge) - Died 23 February 2012, General #42131, DE #211, Elected 19 May 1978, Descended 11th Bradford

Linderman, Jeanne Marie (Herron) - Died 22 February 2012, General #29454, DE #95, Elected 16 February 1966, Descended 12th Warren

Warner, John - Died 2 January 2012, General #65232, DE #320, Elected 22 July 1998, Descended 10th Soule

Zoch, Joyce Elaine (Henson) - Died 26 February 2012, General #81687, DE #391, Elected 21 January 2010, Descended 11th Soule

Obituary



**Rev. Jeanne H.
Linderman
1931 - 2012**

Longtime member Jeanne Linderman, a 12th generation descendant of Richard Warren, served the Delaware and later the General Mayflower Societies, as its Elder for almost thirty years. Jeanne joined the Delaware Mayflower Society in 1966, and in 1981 after her children had grown, she became an Episcopal priest. Having served on and then Chaired the Education Committee since 1966, she was first elected to Delaware's Board of Assistants as its Elder in 1979,

an office in which she continued to serve as frequently as the Delaware Constitution permitted, serving in the interim periods as Delaware's Surgeon, until she was elected to serve as the Elder General of the General Society in Plymouth in 2005. She served two terms in that office, retiring in 2011. She was always among the first to volunteer for many Society projects, and for many years distributed Mayflower literature in Delaware schools. She often told the Mayflower story to students in their classrooms. Few members of our Society have given more years of service to the Mayflower Society than Jeanne.

Jeanne was born in Erie Pennsylvania in 1931, and graduated from Cornell University in 1953. She was an active community volunteer serving, among other places, as a Winterthur docent for ten years. Jeanne was also a member of the DAR, Colonial Dames and the Dutch Colonial Society of Delaware. She is survived by her husband Jim, six children, and seventeen grandchildren. The General and Delaware Mayflower Societies will long remember her dedicated service.



The Pilgrim Pledge

In the name of God, Amen. I pledge myself to hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good, to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration there from, to emulate their spirit to be loyal to the Flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom, to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage, and at all time and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim example.

FYI:

July 4th Bell Ringing at Immanuel Church

Join others for a July 4th bell-ringing event at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Church in New Castle. For more information about the event, contact Noel Kuhrtz.

SPRING MAYFLOWER LYNES on your the Delaware Society Website

The Delaware Mayflower Society will soon be posting all of its past and future newsletters on The Society of Mayflower Descendants of Delaware official website. Please access the website at www.Mayflower-de.org. to review the spring *Mayflower Lynes*.

SPRING TREAT

Strawberry Cornmeal

- Cornmeal. Cornmeal made from flint corn (often sold as Jonny Cake cornmeal) is the most authentic.
- Strawberries, or dried huckleberries

From Roger Williams *Key Into the Language of America* (1642), describing the Wampanoag's mixing of cornmeal with dried or fresh berries: *Sautash* are these currants [huckleberries] dried by the natives, and so preserved all the year, which they beat to powder, and mingle it with their parched meal [cornmeal], and make a delicate dish which they call *sautauthig*; which is as sweet to them as plum or spice cake to the English. They also make great use of their strawberries having such abundance of them, making strawberry bread, and having no other food for many days.

Good Indian Pudding

One quart water, one teaspoon salt, two-thirds of a teacup of chopped suet; when boiling hot in the kettle stir in one teacup full of Indian meal, two-thirds of a cup of raisins, one cup of molasses, one teaspoon cinnamon; when all is mixed let it boil two or three minutes, stirring it that it does not burn; then pour in your bake-dish and bake two or until done.

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The National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

BOOKS

- *Mayflower. A Story of Courage, Community, and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick, 2007
- *The Mayflower and the Pilgrims' New World* by Nathaniel Philbrick, 2009
- *The Mayflower and Her Log; July 15, 1620 - May 6, 1621 - Complete* by Azel Ames, 2010
- *If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620* by Ann McGovern and Anna DiVito, 1991
- *The Mayflower and Her Passengers* by Caleb Johnson, 2006
- *Making Haste from Babylon: the Mayflower Pilgrims and Their World: A New History* by Nick Bunker, 2011
- *The Women who Came on the Mayflower* by Annie Russell Mabel, 2005

SHORT VIDEOS/YouTube.com

- *Voyage of the Mayflower II, 1957, 2009*
- *Desperate Crossing The Untold Story, 2006*
- *Happy Thanksgiving The Movie - Mayflower, 2007*
- *Arrival of the Pilgrims and Mayflower at Cape Code, 2008*
- *They Were the Pilgrims! MAYFLOWER, 2009*

WEBSITES

- <http://www.Mayflower-de.org>
- www.massmayflower.org
- www.themayflowersociety.com
- www.mayflowerhistory.com
- www.wikipedia.org
- www.cyndislist.com/ma.htm
- www.ancestry.com

LINEAGE ORG. CORNER:



The Delaware Huguenot Society

The Huguenot Society of Delaware, a chapter of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. founded in 1883, is comprised of descendants of French Huguenot settlers of America, many of whom arrived shortly after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. Many members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants also descend from the Huguenots who arrived in North America after the revocation of the *Edict of Nantes* in 1685. Because a majority of those Huguenots arrived in New York and New England in the 17th Century, many married into families who trace their ancestry to the Mayflower.

If you believe you may have a Huguenot line and are interested in learning more about the Huguenot Society of Delaware, you should contact William M. Brown, Jr., Delaware President and Registrar, at 302 478-3016, or email at vjrsoc@comcast.net, or at 1103 Dardel Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803-2711.

DFPA is a lineage society formed over 100 years ago by Miss Eugenia Washington, great grandniece of George Washington, Mrs. Henry V. Boynton and Mrs. William L. Mason. DFPA is a unique society because eligibility requires an unbroken paternal line to a Colonial Founder with an intermediary Revolutionary Patriot. The main purposes of the society are limited to promoting patriotic and historical projects such as:

- Aiding hospitals during time of war
- Awarding medals to outstanding ROTC students
- Presenting awards for excellence to graduates of U.S. Service academies
- Promoting respect for our flag
- Awarding achievement of students in American History
- Commemorating special historical events by erecting memorials
- Remembering outstanding individuals in our history
- Collecting, restoring and preserving records from our early history.

For information about membership, please contact Harline Dennison, President, at (302) 529-1758 or harlinedennison@comcast.net



The National Society of Colonial Dames of XVII Century

The Colonial Dames XVII Century is comprised of 48 state societies and one international society in Canada, which are further divided into chapters. The 11,500 members share a common interest in American history, love of and respect for our nation, and a desire to work together in harmonious fellowship to achieve the important goals listed below in the Objects of the Society.

- Aiding in the preservation of the records and of the historical sites of our country
- Fostering interest in historical colonial research
- Aiding in the education of the youth of our country
- Commemorating the noble and heroic deeds of our ancestors, the founders of our Republic
- Maintaining those high principles of virtue, courage and patriotism which led to the independence of the Colonies and the foundation and establishment of the United States of America
- Maintaining a Library of Heraldry and preserve the lineage and Coats of Arms of our Armorial Ancestors
- Developing a library specializing in the seventeenth century American colonial data.

MEMBERSHIP: Any woman of eighteen years of age or over, who is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1702 in one of the original Colonies in the geographical area of the present United States of America. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary E. Henderson, m.elizabeth@zoominternet.net or 410-658-3643

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