Dr. Callahan is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Delaware. He has concentrated his interests on military history and history of Britain, particularly in the era of Winston Churchill. For Compact Day he has titled his talk “Killing a King; Facing the Wilderness: How the 17th Century shaped the American Future.” Mark your calendars to come on November 21st and hear Dr. Callahan. You will not be disappointed!

As the holidays are approaching, I hope you will remember that if you shop on Amazon.com that you get your very own Amazon Smile icon. Doing so will assure that .5% of your purchase price is given to our treasury. It is so easy to sign up – just put in on the bar at the upper left of your computer http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1572073. Voila! Magically an Amazon Smile icon will appear on your computer. Now all you have to do is click on the icon each time you go to Amazon and the .5% of your purchase will come to our treasury.

As I leave office, I bid you all God Speed! 🦸‍♀️
by Noel Kuhrt, Jr.  DGG

There were 160 attendees from 31 state societies. Delaware was represented by DGG Noel Kuhrt,Jr., AG Robert Hanson, Jr. and Gov. Barbara Welch.

Governor General Lea S. Filson reported a revised Mission Statement which reads: “The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, GSMD, is committed to education and lineage research on the journey of the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower in 1620 and their lineal descent. The Society provides education and understanding of why the Pilgrims were important, how they shaped Western civilization, and what their 1620 voyage means today.”

She stated her two major priorities are to complete lineage review while insuring we keep our high standards and to preserve and protect our facilities and history.

We were given the 16 page first annual GSMD report on the highlights of progress in the fiscal year 2014-2015 including the Historian’s Office, Mayflower Society House and Garden, Publication Sales, Communications, Fund Raising and Operations. It will appear on the Society’s web site for all members to read. The 2014-2017 Strategic Plan with evaluations and updates to September 2015 issued and will also be available on the web site. Treasurer General Donald T. Studley reported our net assets are $12.3 million, which includes our real estate appraised at $2 million. Last year our first ever annual appeal realized over $100,000. This year’s appeal letter will arrive in early November and we encourage Delaware Society members to generously respond. The new 1620 Club consisting of anyone who makes a one time donation of $1,620 or more now has 38 members.

Shawn M. Costa has been hired as a part time fund raising consultant to establish a structured permanent development program.

Historian General Marjorie K. Hurtuk reported an annualized 1,518 new applications and while the 14 week wait time for approval is down to 10 weeks, the goal is to be no more than 8 weeks. GG Filson is conferring with Familytree.com and ancestry.com to determine which DNA options should be recommended to members wishing to be tested. DNA results can only be used to supplement lineage papers. State Society Historians are invited to visit Plymouth, lodge at the Mayflower House and receive one-on-one training.

New society charters are in the works for the United Kingdom, Australia, and Germany. A new charter requires a minimum of 20 members.

The insignia and gift selection has been expanded. You might want to check them out on Shop@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

The 2020 Committee urged every society member to contact their Representative and both Senators to co-sponsor the 2020 Mayflower 400th year commemorative US coin initiative.

Officer and Committee reports will appear in the December issue of the Mayflower Quarterly.

The next General Board of Assistants meeting will be in Indianapolis, IN September 8-11, 2016. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

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Christine Crossan Makes Us Proud

by Kim Burdick

Do you have French Protestant ancestors? If so, you may be eligible to join the Huguenot Society. A number of our Mayflower Society members including Christine Crossan, Kai Lassen and Kim Burdick have served on both the Boards of Delaware and Huguenot Societies.

We are very excited to announce that our own Christine Bonnett Crossan was recently elected 2nd Vice President General of the National Huguenot Society at their Congress in Springfield, Illinois, October 9-11, 2015. Her duties in her newest post will be to assist the President General of the National Huguenot Society in whatever she requests; probably including the scheduling of events.

Christine is the current Treasurer of the Delaware Huguenot Society, Past Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Delaware, President and Treasurer of the Liberty & Independence Colony, National Society New England Women, and a member of Cooch’s Bridge Chapter, NSDAR. She has served as DAR Good Citizens Chairman, and DAR Good Citizens State Chairman. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a BS in Elementary Education.

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Jennifer and Madeleine Bayard visited The American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden, The Netherlands, in May 2015. After living in Leiden for 12-20 years, the pilgrims embarked on a Leiden canal and eventually boarded the Mayflower.

The museum is in a preserved house built ca 1365 furnished with items to match the period the Pilgrims lived in the Netherlands. Descendants of William Bradford, the Bayards enjoyed learning about how Leiden welcomed the pilgrims and helped support them to find jobs, particularly in the weaving industry.

Bayard Sisters Visit the Initial Site of the Pilgrims’ Voyage

Have you ever wondered what does the Surgeon do, or the Captain, or the Assistant? The Mayflower Society has adopted the historical terms for the Board of Assistants used by our Pilgrim ancestors and given them a modern twist. As an example, instead of the Historian recording the history of the colony, he/she shepherds an applicant’s lineage papers through the process with the goal of full membership in the Society. The Surgeon, who was a doctor and literally tended to the medical needs of the colony, now is an interested member who monitors the use of DNA for proof of lineage and administers the Junior Member data base. One position that hasn’t changed so dramatically is that of the Assistants. In early times, they helped where needed and that is what they do today. Presently we have three Assistants: one for Education, one for the editor of the Lynes, and one for Social Media. The latter is newly created to allow us to better reach our younger members. (We have also created a new appointed position in Community Outreach when we recognized the need to better watch for opportunities to take the Pilgrim message to community events and celebrations.)

The Board of Assistants is a dynamic body that meets twice a year, the third Saturday in January and in September, to conduct the business of Society. They are lively and productive meetings. To keep them lively and productive, it is necessary to infuse the Board with new blood. None of the elected or appointed Board positions require a lot of time but they do require a person to do the job to which he/she has accepted and to contribute their ideas to the questions at hand. If you are wondering what any of the positions are and wondering whether or not they may suit your interests and talents, new job descriptions have been created and been placed on our website, www.mayflowerde.org/, under the “Member” tab.

At the Annual Meeting on Compact Day, we will be electing a new Board of Assistants. Usually a term is three years and a member may serve two consecutive terms. This year we will elect three for a one year term, four for two, and four for three. This is being done to realign the Board with staggered terms so that each year thereafter there will be only four open positions which will provide more continuity in the makeup of the Board. When we install these Board members, think if this is something you would like to do and share your interest with the Governor. Participating always makes your membership more meaningful! 😊
As we enter the Holiday season, we are reminded of the Pilgrims many hardships and triumphs and what eventually became Thanksgiving. We’re also reminded of the birth of our Lord Jesus and Christmas and what has become the largest shopping season of the year. In that vein I’d like to recommend a few good books that I feel would make excellent Christmas gifts and also provide great reading materials about our Pilgrim forefathers.

The first many of you may have already read, but I know some of you have not, and this is “Mayflower” by Nathaniel Philbrick. By the same author is “The Mayflower and The Pilgrims New World,” an adaption of the original “Mayflower” geared to younger readers. Both document the Pilgrim journey from England to Holland and then to Plymouth. The narrative continues with the colonization in New England and through King Philip’s war. These books are full of detail and history and are easy reading. Both are available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Another lesser known book is “The Mayflower and Her Passengers” by Caleb H. Johnson. This book mainly provides a detailed account of what is known about each of the passengers. Some passengers have a lot of information proved and others not very much. This is a good book for those who may not be familiar with many of the other passengers aboard the Mayflower. This book is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and from Plimoth Plantation.

Next is a massive tome called “Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners” by Jeremy Bangs. While this is a new publication that I have not yet finished, I can tell you it shows Jeremy as one of the foremost experts on the Pilgrims especially in Leiden. This is not light reading and is more in the form of a text book. That being said there is a wealth of knowledge and a lot of material to contemplate. This book is available at the General Society website. Never fear if you haven’t established a log on to the website, you don’t need it to shop.

Last, but certainly not least is “Mary of the Mayflower” by Diane Stevenson Stone. This book is written for the preteens and teenagers. But don’t let that stop you from reading it also. I found it a very moving and wonderful tale of Mary Chilton, a thirteen year old voyager on the Mayflower. Described as a historical fiction this book traces the life of Mary from her home in Holland to the arrival at Plymouth. It is historically accurate, but since much is not known about the interactions on the ship, these parts can be attributed to the creative guesstimation of the author. I’m sure you will find this book as thoroughly enjoying as I did. This book can be purchased at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

If you have not visited the General Society Web site lately, you may wish to review some of the other gift ideas shown there. It features something for everyone.

Scholarships Available

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is offering one of each: $6000, $4,000, $3,000 and $2,000 scholarship to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

Each applicant must submit by mail a complete application packet with all required documentation postmarked by the deadline. Some parts of the application must also be submitted electronically; these must also be emailed by the deadline date. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

Address questions about the application process, including the electronic submission of materials for the application, to scholarships@themayflowersociety.org.

Deadline for submission of the scholarship application is March 15, 2016.
LOOKING AHEAD

The GSMD Coin Initiative is now before Congress

_by Noel Kuhrt, Member of GSMD 2020 Committee_

Our request to have the US Mint issue a series of commemorative coins recognizing the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage is now before Congress. If you would like to see this become a reality we need every Mayflower society member to contact their Representative and both Senators to sign on as co-sponsors. Time is of the essence since only two coins are minted each year and already there are a handful of other applications. We need 287 US Congress members and 67 US Senators as co-sponsors.

Delaware Representative John C. Carney was the second co-sponsor of HR Bill 2980 thanks to those of you who requested he do so. Now please contact Delaware Senators Thomas R. Carper 513 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224.2441 and Christopher A. Coons, 127A Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington D.C., 20510 (202) 224.5042 to ask them to co-sponsor Senate Bill S-1715.

Our Delaware members living in other states can obtain the contact details for their Rep at www.house.gov and enter your zip-code and Senators at www.senate.gov and enter your state. An email request by going to www.Carper.senate.gov and www.coons.senate.gov is so much quicker since it doesn’t have to go through the 2 to 3 week security inspection required of postal letters.

For inspiration you can refer to the March 2015 issue of the Mayflower Quarterly, pages 45-50. To view sample letters go to the 2020 Commemoration section of the GSMD website: themayflower.org Express your support of the coin initiative and ask them to become co-sponsors. If you write your own letter be sure to reference S-1715 for US Senators and HR-2980 for US Representatives.

Please understand the passing of these bills and subsequent sale of coins will result in revenue benefiting the Mayflower Society, all 50 state societies, the city of Plymouth and the Wampanoag nation. GSMD will use its share to educate the public about how the Pilgrim journey to America helped shape western civilization.

Thank you for your help in nationally commemorating our Pilgrims.
RESEARCHING KING PHILLIP’S WAR

Ann Happoldt

What do I know about King Phillip’s War? Probably not much, but many of our Pilgrim and Puritan ancestors were involved in it. Besides the men, the Indians and the White Men did not spare the women and the children. Everyone took part in some way. Today you can find out what happened to your ancestors and what part they played. But first, let’s look back at a brief recap of how the war started, battles, and how it ended.

The war started in 1675 with the execution of three Indians for killing a colonist. Approximately half of New England’s towns saw armed conflict after King Phillip organized several tribes to avenge the execution. It is estimated that more than 1% of the colonists and 15% of the Indians involved died. A treaty was finally signed in 1678. King Phillip was killed. His wife and nine year old son were probably sold into slavery in the Caribbean and died. For more information, read The Names of War by Jill LePore and King Phillip’s War: The History and Legacy of America’s Forgotten Conflict by Eric Schultz and Michael J. Lougias.

Lists of participants are included in such books as King Phillip’s War by George W. Ellis and John E. Miores and The History of the Great Indian War of 1675 and 1676 by Benjamin Church, Thomas Church, and Samuel G. Drake. The books are available on Google Books. George Madison Bodge has written two books: Soldiers in King Phillip’s War and A Brief History of King Phillip’s War, 1676-1677. These can be found on line at <freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/-massasoit/bodge.htm>.

The state archives or libraries of Rhode Island (www.rihs), Connecticut and Massachusetts (www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/RevolutionarySearchContacts.html Type in a name, choose King Phillip’s War from the drop down menu and you will get the location of the appropriate information. The Society of Colonial Wars for Connecticut website, www.colonialwarsct.org/1675.htm, might prove helpful.

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New Members

James M. Allie
James M. Allie descends from Mayflower passengers Richard Warren and Francis Cooke. He is confirming descent from passengers Brewster and Brown and an additional line of descent from Warren. Jim serves as global Corporate Tax Counsel for E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company and is a member of the Delaware and Pennsylvania bars. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Saint John Fisher College, a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law and a Master of Laws in Taxation from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Prior to joining DuPont, Jim clerked for the United States District Court and practiced law in the Philadelphia office of Dechert Price and Rhoads. Jim’s interests include history, genealogy, skiing, travel, and automobiles. Jim resides in Thornton, Pennsylvania with his wife Anne Marie. They have two adult children, James and Jenna.

Madeleine Bayard
Madeleine M. Bayard is a 12th generation descendant of Governor William Bradford. She is the Rodel Foundation’s Vice President for Policy and Practice, and leads Rodel’s policy, program, governmental affairs and communications initiatives. She also descends from Senator Thomas Bayard who, as Ambassador to Great Britain in the 1890s, was responsible for negotiating the return of Governor Bradford’s diary, “Of Plimoth Plantation,” from Great Britain to the United States. Madeleine is married to Jared Klose and has two children ages 6 and 3. Her father Rick Bayard, sister Jennifer, and cousin Sam Bayard are members of the Delaware Society.

Leah E. Dickerson
Leah E. Dickerson is a 14th generation descendant of Steven Hopkins and lives in Seaford, Delaware. Leah is a registered nurse and is seeking her Master’s degree in nursing from Wilmington University. Leah is also secretary of the Mary Vining chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has a two year old son.

Tana M. Figgs
Tana M. Figgs is a 13th generation descendant of Steven Hopkins and lives in Seaford, Delaware. Tana worked for E.I. DuPont for 29 years in manufacturing until there downsizing in 2009. She is currently Director of Procurement at HarringtonRaceway Inc. Tana is also a member of the DAR the Mary Vining chapter. Tana has one daughter who is also in the DAR and Mayflower and one grandson.

John A. Herdeg
John A. Herdeg is an 11th generation descendent from William White who, with his wife, Susanna, and son, Resolved, also an ancestor, was a passenger on the Mayflower. John is married to Judith Coolidge Carpenter, also a member of the Mayflower Society being a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden. They live in Mendenhall, PA and have three grown children, Judith, Andrew and Fell, and seven grandchildren. Born in Western New York, John graduated from Deerfield Academy, Princeton University and University of Pennsylvania Law School and has practiced law in the tax & estate planning fields in Wilmington. He is presently in the process of retiring. He also was one the founders of Christiana Bank & Trust Company in Greenville and has served on the Board of Trustees at Winterthur Museum for a number of years. Since becoming interested in genealogy, he learned of his Mayflower connection through his father’s side and has separately learned his mother traced her American roots to Dr. John Woodson who arrived in Jamestown with his wife Sarah in 1619 to care for the soldiers who were stationed in that colony. Having previously thought of his roots only in the context of his great-grandfather, Joseph Herdeg, a carriage maker who came to America in the 1850’s, John has never thought he had any real roots in this country. Now he realizes his roots are deep.

Christina G. Perry
Christina (Christy) Gayle Perry is a 14th generation descendant from Edward Fuller and lives in Baltimore, Maryland with her fiancé, Gregory (Greg) Aston Tise. Christy is a graduate of The Charter School of Wilmington in Delaware and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Virginia Tech. Christy is currently an MD-PhD student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She is currently working on obtaining her PhD in Human Genetics and Genomic Medicine, which she plans to defend this December.

Mattie Figgs Stevenson
Mattie Figgs Stevenson is a 13th generation descendant of Stephen Hopkins. She was born and raised in Delaware, but has lived in Houston, Texas since 1977. Mattie graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in History and taught elementary school for 15 years. Married to Houston native, Keith Stevenson, she volunteers her time to several charitable and social organizations. Mattie is looking forward to celebrating her first Thanksgiving as a member of the Mayflower Society.
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She has been a 4H leader in the Bear 4H Club and founder of the Red Lion 4H Club, as well as a member of the New Castle County 4H Links. With her husband Robin of 44 years, Christine home-schooled three of their 4 children for 6 years, grades 3-9. Her four children Sally, John, David, and Mary are all members of both the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Delaware and the Delaware Huguenot Society. Her six grandchildren are also junior/youth members of those two organizations. The two oldest were winners of the National Huguenot Society’s Youth Contest for 2014 for their book reports and art projects.

For the past 16 years, Christine has worked full-time for Technical Writers, Inc., at Agilent Technologies doing system test of GC and GC/MS systems (gas chromatograph/ Mass spectrometer). She is a member of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark since 2000 and a charter member of Red Lion Evangelical Free Church.

COME TO COMPACT DAY!

ANNUAL MEETING AND COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Schedule:
Gathering at 11:30 a.m. with Cash Bar
Seated for meeting at noon Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Program:
Dr. Raymond Callahan

Menu:
Chicken Breast Forestiere OR
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Child’s Plate:
Chicken Tenders and French Fries $19

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New Castle, DE 19720-6114
302.656.0553
bjwideman@verizon.net

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