



Fall 2023

Pilgrim News

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia



New England's Serial Colonialists

Calendar

Membership Meetings

Sunday, 25 Feb 2024

Sunday, 19 May 2024

Sunday, 22 Sept 2024

Saturday, 16 Nov 2024

Board of Assistants

Saturday, 27 Jan 2024

Saturday, 27 Apr 2024

Saturday, 27 Jul 2024

Saturday, Oct 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, 11 Nov 2023

**Library of Congress Tour
(details inside)**

Saturday, 18 Nov 2023

**Compact Day Dinner
Army Navy Country Club
1700 Army Navy Drive,
Arlington, VA 22202**

SCHEDULED BY GSMD

2024 GSMD

Board of Assistance Meeting

**September 6-8 2024
Asheville, NC**

Before arriving in Plymouth on the Mayflower, Stephan Hopkins appeared to have a decent life outside London. Before boarding the Mayflower, he seemed to have accumulated some wealth. He arrived in Plymouth with a healthy family and men servants Edward Doty and Edward Leister (MF 6). As many know, Hopkins' trip on the Mayflower was not his first visit to America. He was one of Jamestown's early settlers after shipwrecking in Bermuda and escaping capital punishment for mutiny. He arrived in Virginia a year later, in 1610, and remained there until 1614. While living in Virginia, he was an indentured servant. At the time, it was customary for indentured servants to work under a contract that, when completed, would entitle them to land. Others can discuss why Hopkins boarded the Mayflower with his family to return to Virginia. The fact is that he did, and he became a founder of two successful English colonies in North America. Accordingly, confirmed descendants of Stephen Hopkins are entitled to join the Mayflower and Jamestown societies.

It turns out that Hopkins was not the only serial colonialist among Mayflower passengers. Edward Winslow left Plymouth to join General Venable and Admiral Penn in the Caribbean (MF 25). Oliver Cromwell needed more colonies in the Caribbean region and sent General Venable and Admiral Penn to convert existing Spanish colonies to English control. They failed miserably in their first effort at controlling Hispaniola.

FROM THE GOVERNOR



Your 2023-2024 DC Mayflower board members have been working together with enthusiasm since we were sworn in at Compact Day. It was excellent to see so many people at our sold-out luncheon at Maggiano's in February. I am grateful to serve as Governor.

My three goals for the DC Mayflower Society as governor are to develop a relationship with the Mayflower Hotel in DC, to increase our participation in the community, and to create a stronger network with our neighboring state Mayflower societies.

Regarding the Mayflower Hotel, it only seems logical that we be a recognized presence within the hotel and that we have some mutually beneficial relationship with them and their staff. Your Deputy Governor and I have already met with staff members, and we are continuing to explore ways to work with the hotel.

For increased service to the wider community, I would like to see our society offering short history discussions in local high schools to reinforce the place our Mayflower ancestors have in American history. I would also like us to march in parades in the local area.

Finally, it seems sensible for us to network more with the Mayflower Societies in neighboring states: Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. I think we should know one another. I plan to set up virtual meetings with the leaders of our neighboring societies, in hopes of developing mutually beneficial relationships.

I welcome your input about these goals and anything else about your Society. We always welcome new ideas and energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce D. Babcock
Governor

DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S REPORT



We welcomed forty members at our September 24th 2023 Annual Membership meeting held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Chevy Chase, MD. Our guest speaker was Dr. William Paquette, who shared information about his lineage, his international genealogy research and his recent publication "*The Pink House: The Legendary Residence of Edwin Bradford Hall and His Succeeding Generations in Wellsville, New York*".

I attended the 43rd GSMD Congress held in Plymouth along with Assistant Governor General Ann Campbell and Deputy Governor General, Beth Hicks. Among the many updates we learned about one that might be of interest to members is



that the GSMD is working towards an all-digital application process called Easy App. Historians will be able to search the Easy App for already approved applications and lineage, then generate a digital application that is automatically populated with proof data that has already been accepted. This will save historians a tremendous amount of time. In order to make the Easy App program ready for use, Indexing of all the GSMD applications must be completed. GSMD has a web-based program used to Index applications, and is looking for volunteers to help with the indexing. To volunteer you must be a GSMD member, and sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement.. For more information you can contact GSMD at GSMDcertify@themayflowersociety.org

Our next meeting will be our Compact Day Dinner

Saturday, November 18, 2023
The Army Navy Country Club
1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

****Please note that seating is limited to 60 guests at this event.****

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy T Mulligan
Deputy Governor

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL AND ASSISTANT GOVERNOR GENERAL REPORT

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) held its Forty-Third General Congress from 8 - 13 Sep 2023 in Plymouth, MA. The DC Society was represented by Beth Hicks, Deputy Governor General (DGG), Ann Campbell, Assistant General (AG), and Suzy Mulligan, Delegate.

The objectives of this trip were to represent the DC Mayflower Society during the: Historian's Meeting on Sunday, 10 Sep 2023; Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, 10 Sep 2023; General Board of Assistants Meeting on Sunday, 10 Sep 2023; General Congress Business Meetings on Monday, 11 Sep 2023; and Installation of officers at the General Congress Banquet on Tuesday, 12 Sep 2023.

There were no changes in any motions, except that the fee for Mayflower applications was raised from \$125 to \$150, effective 1 January 2024. The slate of General Officers prepared by the Nominating Committee was elected with one exception, the Assistant Governor General). Three Executive Committee Members at Large were elected. A list of those elected is shown below.

At the Forty-Third General Congress members enjoyed exciting events with their fellow members from around the world. In addition to the fun, a great amount of business was conducted during the General Session on the Congress. The full minutes along with photos and information will be available in the upcoming winter issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*.

Next year's events will occur in Sep 2024 and take place in Asheville, North Carolina.

List of Elected Officers and Executive Committee Members at Large

Governor General - **Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.** *Texas*
Assistant Governor General - **Jeffrey J. Stark** *Wisconsin*
Secretary General - **Martin "Marty" W. Beerman** *Nebraska*
Treasurer General - **Bart S. Henson** *Texas*
Historian General - **Alexandra "Allie" Shires Golon** *Colorado*
Counsellor General - **James "Jim" Wheaton, Esq.** *Massachusetts*
Elder General - **Reverend Michael R. Denney** *Maine*
Captain General - **Collier S. Weise** *South Dakota*
Surgeon General - **David Lowell Nash, MD** *Florida*

Members at Large

Christine "Chris" Schlosser *Wisconsin*

Beth Lambright *Oregon*

Jane Schleinzer *Illinois*

**Library of Congress
Tour
November 11th, 2023
10:30 AM**

**RSVP to Aryssa Dam-
ron at
Aryssa.Damron@gmail.com**

*THE D. C. MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO*

EXPLORE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

NOVEMBER 11TH @ 10:30AM

EVENT DETAILS

The DC Mayflower Society invites you to a special exploration of the Library of Congress with a focus on their collection items related to the Mayflower and religious freedom. You'll have the chance to register for a reader's card, tour the best parts of the Library of Congress, and see pieces of their collection related to the Mayflower, religious freedom, and early American genealogy. Join us for this special event!

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ARYSSA.DAMRON@GMAIL.COM
BY NOVEMBER 5TH

JEFFERSON BUILDING
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
10 FIRST STREET SE

DC Mayflower Society Annual Compact Day Dinner

**Saturday
November 18th, 2023**

**Guest Speaker
Sheila Slocum Hollis
The Mayflower Compact
in Development of an
American Legal System**



*Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the
District of Columbia*

Please join us for the
**DC MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
ANNUAL COMPACT DAY DINNER**

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

The Army Navy Country Club,
1700 Army Navy Drive,
Arlington, VA 22202
Social Hour begins at 6pm
Dinner at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker

**The Mayflower Compact
in Development of an American Legal System**

Sheila Slocum Hollis
Of Counsel, Duane Morris Law Firm,
Board Member Plimoth Plantation Museum

Menu:

Pottage of Indian Corn
Rolls, Roast Turkey with traditional stuffing
Sweet potatoes, Tiny String beans, Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream

Black Tie Preferred Limited Seating

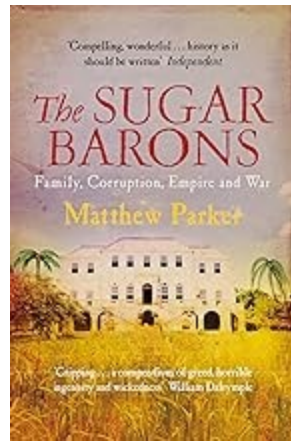
\$125 per person (includes parking)

[RSVP FORM— Click Here](#)

New England's Serial Colonist's (con't)

They succeeded in Jamaica. But before their Jamaica success, Winslow died on one of Penn's ships of a tropical disease. Matthew Parker, *The Sugar Barons: Family, Corruption, Empire and War* [London: Windmill Books, 2012], 90-1, 92, 96) offers details:

“The two military commanders also had to factor in the guidance of three civilian ‘commissioners’ who secretly reported to Cromwell on their performance and loyalty. One was Daniel Searle, the [English] Governor of Barbados; another was Edward Winslow, who had sailed on the *Mayflower* in 1620 and had been Governor of the Plymouth Colony and was now a highly trusted expert on colonial affairs.”



“Commissioner Winslow, his heart apparently broken by ‘the Disgrace of the Army on Hispaniola,’ sickened and died on 7 May. As he was ‘thrown overboard,’ the expedition lost the one man in the force with experience of setting up a new colony.”

Winslow was not alone. Parker also points out that William Vassell, a Massachusetts Bay Company founder member who had “been on the Winthrop fleet in 1630,” relocated from the Massachusetts colony to the Barbados colony to seek his fortune (p 37). After arrival, he engaged in the servant trade and subsequently “switched operations to dealing in slaves (p 57).

Governor John Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony expanded traditional colonialization methods to form a family dynasty. Before the Winthrop fleet arrived in Massachusetts, Henry, John Winthrop's son, had already established himself as one of the first settlers of Barbados (p 17). His brother, “John the Younger,” founded Agawam, Saybrook, and New London colonies and subsequently became the governor of the Connecticut Colony. John Winthrop's other son, Samuel, built plantations in Antigua, St. Kitts, and Barbados (p.130).

We learn from Matthew Parker's descriptions that there were early and frequent interactions between the older English colonies in the Caribbean and the Virginia and New England colonies. In fact, before 1700, thousands of families moved between the Caribbean and what became the United States and Canada.

New England's Serial Colonist's (con't)

A motivation to move was the possibility of accumulating wealth, land ownership, and sustainability. If the head of a family was living in England and he was not the first son of a wealthy family or independently wealthy, there was almost no chance of his family enjoying a comfortable life. Even if land-owning families were living comfortable lives, they could lose everything in the event of war, which was ongoing during colonial times. Having this knowledge as background may help in researching family lines. Consider the other English/British colonies when an ancestor appears out of nowhere.

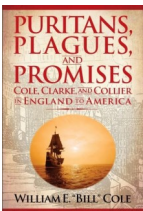
Also, consider that the ancestor may not have voluntarily landed in an English colony. Colonials like the Winthrop family sought forced labor from their fellow Englishmen. As Matthew Parker points out, servants were treated as enslaved people. Many died of starvation and disease. Others fled to other colonies, Virginia, New England, and elsewhere.

Glenn S. K. Williams,

Member, AUMD

Member, Jamestowne Society

GSMD 2023 Virtual Programs



Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7pm-8pm
Puritans, Plagues & Promises
by William "Bill" Cole.

[Click Here To Learn More](#)



Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7pm-8pm
"Jump Starting your Family History
with Family Search" by Lynn Turner

2023 Annual Members Meeting Reports

Historian's Report

This last year has been historic for DC Mayflower and the General Society. Application development, approvals, and records have been digitized. Paper records have been eliminated. The new processes save postage, time, and storage.

For 2022 -2023, the DC Mayflower Society processed and received approval from the General Society for approximately 52 applications. Of those, 20 were new member applications, and 32 were supplemental applications.

We have completed three additional membership applications and await the General Society's approval. Two of those applications are new lines with significant research attached. We have one other application completed and are waiting for some administrative measures.

This month, we received two new membership inquiries and new supplemental requests.

Glenn S. K. Williams,

Historian

WELCOME ABOARD !

Allen Earl Carrier ~ *William Bradford*

Claudia Lynn Wood ~ *Isaac Allerton*

Janet Eddy Rice Forsgren ~ *John Howland*

Janice Ellen Laughlin Dixon ~ *Edward Fuller*

Carrie Lee Brown Allen ~ *William Brewster*

Barbara Elizabeth McNett Evans ~ *Myles Standish*

Richard Timothy LaVoie ~ *Francis Cooke*

2023 Annual Members Meeting Reports

Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Committee is pleased to share that our Membership count for the Third Quarter of 2023 is as follows:

Total Membership as of 7/1/23: 441

Membership Gains: • 3rd Quarter

- o New Members: Four (4)
- o Transferred in: Zero (0)
- o Reinstated Members: Zero (0)
- o Total Gains Four (4) Membership

Losses: • 3rd Quarter

- o Deceased Members: One (1)
- o Transferred out: Zero (0)
- o Resigned: One (1)
- o Total Losses: Two (2)

Total Membership as of 9/23/23: 443

The annual Membership gains/losses from September 2022 to September 2023 are as follows:

Membership Gains:

- Sept. 2022-Sept. 2023
 - o New Members: Twenty-two (22)
 - o Transferred in: Two (2)
 - o Reinstated Members: One (1)
 - o Total Gains: Twenty-five (25) Membership

Membership Losses:

- Sept. 2022-Sept. 2023
 - o Deceased Members: Three (3)
 - o Drops: Seven (7)
 - o Transferred out: One (1)
 - o Resigned: Three (3)
 - o Total Losses: Fourteen (14)

Total Membership Change, Net: Eleven (11)

In addition, this year, the Membership Committee, spearheaded by Deputy Governor, Suzy Mulligan, created the Friends of the Pilgrims category of membership, allowing for connection for family members and friends not eligible for full Membership to participate in the Society. Please share this with your friends and family members!

2023 Annual Members Meeting Reports

Treasurer's Report

I am happy to report that our finances are in good order. As of the last quarterly report to the Board of Assistants ending on June 30, 2023, the Society had \$264,958.30 cash on hand in various accounts.

Our "General Purpose" checking account at the end of the quarter was \$5,236.33 as expected due to the quarter ending just prior to the annual dues renewal cycle, which began on August 1, 2023. As of this report, the "General Purpose" fund has grown to \$14,102.90 as a result of annual dues receipts. The annual dues period has not concluded and this fund is expected to grow as a result.

Throughout the year, the general fund supports computer expenses, printing and postage expenses, storage expenses, and most importantly it covers our annual per capita assessment to Plymouth. Our annual assessment to the GSMD is our single largest cost. In 2023 our assessment to Plymouth was \$14,200.00.

As of the date of this report we have 169 members current with the 2023/2024 dues and 110 members with open invoices. As a result, our General Fund is expected to grow another \$7,150.00 before the close of the year.

In addition to the General Fund, we have the following funds which are also in good order:

Life Member fund	\$94,608.21
Scholarship fund	\$100,557.56
Library fund	\$5,006.07

Respectfully submitted,

Kent C. Boese,

Treasurer



2023 Annual Members Meeting Reports

Elder's Report

As Elder, I lead the prayers at Membership meetings and Board of Assistants meetings. At the Compact Day Dinner, I include a prayer in memory of recently deceased members, those whose deaths have been made known to us during the past year.

The "In Memoriam" list is usually published in the next newsletter, but this year it wasn't; therefore, I would like to share those names with you now. Please remember them in your prayers.

Katherine Cullen King, former Sec of DC Soc

Beverlee Ann Mitchell

Michelle Elizabeth Seedlock

Jean Stickle Shultz

Bruce Woodbridge Strong

John M. Thomas



Coming Soon!

Our Society will be offering a Member Lapel Pin.

Cost: \$10

And just in time for the holidays, a beautiful Mayflower Scarf!

Cost: \$40

Interested?

The order form can be found on our website:

www.dcmayflower.org



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