



Tarheel Pilgrim

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina

Governor's Remarks

Winter/Spring 2023

Greetings Mayflower Cousins!

A new year is here, and we have events to look forward to enjoying.

There are colony meetings scheduled, a Board meeting in May, a GBOA meeting in Plymouth in September and our state annual meeting in November in the Central Colony.

Plans are being made to attend the DAR state conference and have our Mayflower table to attract more members. It was a success last year and can be so this year.

At our annual meeting in Etowah, we voted on three projects. There is more information on these in the newsletter.

Jackie LaMar has a meeting planned for the Southeast Colony on January 28, 2023.

Information and photos of our annual meeting were sent to the Mayflower Quarterly magazine. I hope there was room for our report.

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I will be attending the Governor General's quarterly update on Zoom.

In September, I will be attending the GBOA in Plymouth.

Cheryl Vislay and the committee is working on plans for the GBOA next year in Asheville for the 100th anniversary of the Mayflower Society in North Carolina.

Our 2017 recipient of the Martha Ellen Ward scholarship, Jewel Parker, has an article on her history path. It is special to keep up with her and see all that she has accomplished. Our scholarship does pass on the love of history.

Our 2022 scholarship recipient, Emily Cadmus, sent a note about her activities. She says, "I've been busy with the start of my last semester at Western. This final semester I am taking a class in Environmental History, Abolition and Emancipation, and working on my thesis. I'll be taking comprehensive exams in March and finishing up my thesis over the summer. If all goes well, I will be in the job market in July or August. For my thesis, I'm researching and writing about the culture of enslavement and the experience of slavery in Buncombe County, and I am making a website/digital tool that maps out community and kinship networks among people enslaved by the Smith-McDowell family. I will keep you abreast of my further updates. Emily"



Emily Cadmus - Scholarship Recipient

Your donations to the Martha Ellen Ward Scholarship fund really are appreciated. You have contributed to the collecting and saving of history in the South.

I look forward to seeing our members and learning more about our Mayflower ancestors. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Blessings,
Jill S. Chapman
Governor SMDNC

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Editor's note: Do you have an ancestors' sketch you would like to share, interesting Mayflower history or news in your colony? Please feel free to share. Next issue is being planned for September 2023. Also, an emailed version is sent to all members with an email address. If you want to get the emailed version, please share your current email address. We plan in the future to discontinue the mailed copies.

Necrology

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of the Pilgrim servants departed, and grant them entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints. Amen

First Name	Last Name	GSMD	SMDNC	Date
Julia Hill	Gunn	51402	1269	17-Sep-21
Mary Latta	Lee	45565	1188	19-Apr-22
Dorothy W	Manning	15467	326	13-Aug-22
William David	North	57295	1385	1-Jul-21
Judith	Hughes	88910	2086	28-Sep-22

New Members -The North Carolina Society is pleased to welcome seventeen new members:

New Members						
NC#	GS#	Name	City/State	Colony	Ancestor	Date Elected/
2237	102737	Nancy Jewett (Whitaker) Jamgochian	Terrell, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Bradford	8/19/2022
2238	102790	Lance Robert Nelson	Weddington, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Bradford	8/26/2022
2239	102878	David Robert Draper	New Bern, NC	Northeast Colony	John Alden	9/9/2022
2240	102879	Neil Lester Brown	Spruce Pine, NC	Western Colony	William Brewster	9/9/2022
2241	102906	Julia Wyatt James	Matthews, NC	Charlotte Colony	James Chilton	9/13/2022
2242	102907	Sean Michael Vislay	Pembroke, NC	At Large	John Alden	9/13/2022
2243	103062	Kathryn Alden McLean Welch	Pickens, SC	Western Colony	John Alden	10/4/2022
2244	103183	Lydia Jane (White) Bergeron	Sunset Beach, NC	Southeast Colony	Stephen Hopkins	10/21/2022
2245	103369	Myrtice Ivy Carpenter Adcock	La Grange, GA	Western Colony	John Tilley	11/15/2022
2246	103370	Chloe Anna Carpenter Coleman	Boone, NC	Western Colony	John Tilley	11/15/2022
2247	103403	Vann Franklin Stancil	Kenly, NC	Central Colony	James Chilton	11/18/2022
2248	103444	Donald Everett Crandall, Jr.	Tryon, NC	Western Colony	John Howland	11/22/2022
2249	103445	Stephen Merle Webber	Lake Lure, NC	Western Colony	John Alden	11/22/2022
2250	103533	Sarah "Sallie" Lawrence (Engel) Nold	Concord, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Bradford	12/9/2022
2251	103534	Sarah "Sallie" Lawrence Nold	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Bradford	12/9/2022
2252	103597	Linda Louise (Weber) Barnett	Concord, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Brewster	12/16/2022
2253	103637	Cheryl Amile (Koenig) Kelling	Concord, NC	Charlotte Colony	William Brewster	1/3/2023
Supplementals						
1863	82933	Ray Melvin Maxson	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte Colony	Richard Warren	8/23/2022
2220	101328	Carol Katherine Crammond	Goldenrod, FL	Western Colony	William Brewster	9/16/2022
2120	81339	Mark Sardelis	Wilson, NC	Central Colony	Edward Fuller, James Chilton & Stephen Hopkins	10/11/2022
1670	73450	Stephanie Osgood Bastian Turner Howe	Chatham, MA	At Large	Isaac Allerton & Richard Warren	10/25/2022
2065	91637	Rev. Dr. W. Becket Soule, O.P	Maggie Valley, NC	Western Colony	Edward Fuller, William Mullins & John Tilley	11/4/2022
2217	101231	Phoebe Warner (Abbott) Blackwell	E Flat Rock, NC	Western Colony	Samuel Fuller	12/6/2022
2239	102878	David Robert Draper	New Bern, NC	Northeast Colony	William White	12/20/2022
2242	102907	Sean Michael Vislay	Matthews, NC	At Large	Richard Warren	12/23/2022
2214	101199	Gina Lea (Dennison) Cashion	Mill Spring, NC	Western Colony	James Chilton, Mrs. Chilton & Mary Chilton	12/30/2022



North Carolina 98th Annual Meeting
November 4-5, 2022
Etowah Valley Golf and Resort Center

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina held their 98th annual meeting at the Etowah Valley Golf and Resort Center in Etowah, Henderson County, NC. The name became the theme of the event. We had two speakers who shared information about the Native People in this area and about an Indigenous People non-governmental subcommittee at the United Nations.

We began with a Board of Assistants meeting where we voted on several motions. One was working with the North Carolina Genealogical Society to recognize authors of historical works. Another motion was to possibly have a historical marker in Asheville installed to recognize the beginning of the Mayflower Society in that town. A third motion that passed was to send a few BOA members to a series of training sessions for a leadership boot camp and hopefully allowing us to qualify for a grant from the state. We had a report from our Captain, Laurel Siviglia, on the new Mayflower Society flag for North Carolina. The flag was on display at our meeting and will be on display at the GBOA meeting in Asheville in 2024.

We had colony reports and are pleased to announce Jackie LaMar will be the new Governor of the Southeast Colony. She has a meeting planned for January 2023. The Central Colony Co-Governors will be Nancy Saul and Maureen Oliver. We appreciate the leadership of Curtis Older in the Charlotte Colony, Sallie Bardelas in the Piedmont Colony, and Rev. Becket Soule with the virtual Speedwell Colony.

Our Historian and Deputy Governor, Cheryl Vislay, along with Co-Historians, Lynn Pritchard, and Rev. Becket Soule have been working hard and we have 35 new members, 10 Supplementals approved, 15 at

Plymouth waiting on approval and 38 in progress. We also have 31 Junior Members currently. Special thanks go to Keith Karlsson as our Recording Secretary and Rev. Becket Soule, who does the corresponding with Plymouth for all the reports requested.

We appreciate Nancy Saul's careful attention and guidance as our State Treasurer. Appreciation goes to our Counselor, Bill Ewalt and our Surgeon, Dr. Ashley Lloyd. Rebecca Oesterle is our Parliamentarian and Ray Maxson is our Membership contact. Martha D'Alessandro is our Assistant General for North Carolina on the national level as well as our salesperson for our state pins.

After 22 years as our Elder, Bishop Graham Rights, will be stepping down from the position. We so appreciate his years of service as well as his brother's and father's. The Rights family has been very dedicated to the Mayflower Society in North Carolina.

Thank you goes to Grant Peterson who has been our newsletter editor for a number of years. He is willing to work with a new person who will take over this position. The Tarheel Pilgrim is one way we have of connecting with our members, so it is very important!

Friday night our guest speaker was Dr. Keith Parker who spoke of the Cherokee people who live in this area. He published a book entitled Seven Cherokee Myths which was an award-winning book. He is the author of books and articles on history and analytical psychology both here and in Europe. Governor Chapman gave each person a special quarter. A newly released quarter honors women and this one honored Wilma Mankiller who was the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Her father's last name in the Cherokee language refers to a military rank, such as captain or major. She increased the number of members of the tribe and worked tirelessly to improve education, health care and housing for the Cherokee Nation.

We had our annual meeting on Saturday morning with Rev. Becket Soule giving the Invocation. We read the Pilgrim Pledge in unison and Henry

Livingston read the Mayflower Compact. We remembered our members who passed away. We remembered former Governor Michael C. Keleher and former Western Colony Governor, Judy Hughes. A brick in the Memorial Garden in Plymouth was donated in Michael's name. Meg Averett, Secretary General, brought greetings from Governor General, Jane Hurt. A nominating committee has been appointed for positions in 2023 slate of officers. Former Governor Steve Pike is Chairman with Courtney Layne, Nancy Saul, Henry Livingston, and Meg Averett as committee members.

Then the fun began. We had a Cousins Luncheon, so we sat with others who share the same ancestor. Our Martha Ellen Ward Scholarship recipient, Emily Cadmus, was there to speak briefly on her studies. She is working on her Master's Degree at Western Carolina University.

New members received their certificates and supplementals were also given out. Bill and Kathy Ewalt did the Honor Roll Call to see which Mayflower member had the most descendants in attendance.

We had another guest speaker, Sandra Sheridan Frey from the Mayflower Society in New York City. For the past 25 years, she has been the Non-Governmental Organization representative for Sunray Meditation Society at the United Nations in New York City. Her primary involvement is with the NGO committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She spoke of several Indigenous People including the Wampanoag People who were around when our Mayflower ancestors came to this country.

Governor Jill Chapman closed with thank you's to Phoebe Blackwell for handling the finances for the meeting, to Judy Potter for the program brochure set up and Laurel Siviglia for bringing our new flag, her keyboard, and leading the singing of Thanksgiving songs. Along with a new flag, a new colony and new colony governors, North Carolina has had a great year.



North Carolina will host the GBOA in Asheville in September 2024. This will be our 100th anniversary of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina.

To the left - Secretary General Meg Averett addressing the Annual Meeting.

Below - the assembled attendees in a group photo



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Pin

Our new North Carolina society lapel pin is available. Cost is \$15. Attaches by clutch-back pins. All sale proceeds from our Pins and Medallions go to the “SMDNC Martha Ellen Ward Educational Scholarship Program” for Graduate Students enrolled in a college or university within the State of North Carolina



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Colony News

Piedmont Colony

The Piedmont Colony had a meeting on Saturday, January 21, at the High Point Country Club. Benjamin Briggs from the High Point Preservation Society gave an update on what was happening in our Piedmont area. The colony donated \$200 to the High Point Preservation Society.

Sallie Bardelas

Central Colony

Co-Governors Nancy Saul and Maureen Oliver and 35 Central Colony members enjoyed a holiday luncheon at the Carolina Country Club in Raleigh on December 10, 2022. George and Beth Smith welcomed everyone to the Club. Special guests were Secretary General Meg Averett, State Recording Secretary Keith Karlsson, State Treasurer Nancy Saul, Former State Governor Steve Pike, and Newsletter Chair Grant Peterson.



Secretary General Meg Averett spoke about the upcoming Congress, which will be held in Plymouth, MA, on September 8-13, 2023.



Kneeling or sitting: Jackie LaMar (SE Governor), Mary Eberts (VT member), Katherine Eberts Brandi (prospective member), Bettie Lettieri (PM). Standing: Tom Potter (SE), Carol Jutte (OH member), Nancy Fitzgerald (PM), Lydia Bergeron (SE Treasurer), Suzanne Palmer (SE Deputy Governor), Nancy Saul (SMDNC Treasurer and CE Co-Governor), Page Teer (SE), Richard Wright (SE), Sandi Ferris (PM), and Michael Teer (SE). Photo courtesy of Margo Council Wright.

Southeast Colony

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On a map of North Carolina, the Southeast Colony somewhat resembles an inverted triangle. Its 15 counties stretch from southernmost Brunswick County northwest to Scotland County and northeast to Carteret County. Suzanne Palmer, the new Deputy Governor, and I intend to revitalize the Southeast Colony. Fortunately, we're not the only ones interested in doing so! We had 15 members and prospective members attend our first meeting on January 28, at my home in Leland. We expect more when we meet - tentatively set for April 22 at 2:00 pm -- at a New Hanover County Public Library in Wilmington. We're awaiting the scheduling of a meeting room.

I only became a member in May 2021 of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina. I knew as a teenager I was eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution as my great-aunts - but not

their sister, my grandmother - were DAR members. After retirement from federal service, when I filled out my family tree and connected to Mary and William Brewster, my 10th great-grandparents, you could have knocked me over with a leaf!

In May and June 2022, I participated in the Mayflower Heritage Tour to the Netherlands and England, following in the footsteps of our ancestors before they boarded the Mayflower on their journey. The trip was nothing less than fantastic, the travel opportunity of my lifetime. I met NC Treasurer Nancy Saul and her husband, Richard; Governor General Jane Hurt; and so many other interesting members of GSMD. Not only did our small group of descendants see some phenomenal places where our ancestors lived and prayed over 400 years ago, but we also bonded as cousins.

In September 2022, I attended the annual GSMD Congress in Minneapolis, and in early November, I drove across the state to attend the annual meeting of the SMDNC in Etowah. (Contact me if you're interested in a silver medallion; we have only 18 left in presentation cases; \$85 each plus shipping.) Thank you Governor Jill Chapman and Deputy Governor Cheryl Vislay for placing your trust in me. A shout-out too to Becket Soule; it's been inspiring to be a member of the virtual Speedwell Colony. I look forward to meeting more members of the Southeast Colony and getting involved in activities as we head toward celebrating our SMDNC centennial anniversary in September 2024.

Jackie

Jacqueline LaMar
Governor, Southeast Colony
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SPEEDWELL COLONY

The Speedwell (Virtual) Colony has continued holding meetings and presentations. Membership (and access to the meeting and recordings) is open to any member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, either in North Carolina (regular members) or elsewhere (associate members). Applications for membership are available on the website or from the Colony Governor, Becket Soule (smdnc.speedwell@gmail.com).

SPEEDWELL COLONY MEETINGS 2022-2023

- 8 September 2022 LIVE! from the General Board of Assistants in Minneapolis
- 20 October 2022 Mayflower Medicine with Carol Martin, Surgeon of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants
- 17 November 2022 50 Mayflower Websites in 50 minutes!
- 15 December 2022 New Mayflower Books for 2022
- 19 January 2023 Erin Schoepner, Director of Genealogical and Research Services of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- 16 February 2023 Donna Curtin, Executive Director of Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Plymouth Tapestry Project
- 16 March 2023 New SMDNC Initiatives!
- 24/25 March 2023 North Carolina Genealogical Society Spring Virtual Conference, featuring a presentation on the Centennial History of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina
- 20 April 2023 Mayflower Trivia Challenge
- 18 May 2023 LIVE! from the America 250 kickoff in Raleigh
- 19/20 May 2023 America 250 Conference at the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh
- 7 September 2023 LIVE! from the Forty-Third General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth

THE WAY FORWARD

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Thanks to everyone who has participated in the ongoing discussions we have been having about projects we can undertake as a colony in the future. There are four areas we might focus our attention on so that we can grow and be a benefit not only to members, but to the wider Mayflower Society and to our communities:

1. EXPANSION: we have made significant strides in the last year (after all, a year ago, the Speedwell Colony did not even exist), and we now have about 40 members throughout the United States. I think that it is a viable goal to see about the possibility of doubling our membership in the coming year - as they say in church: "Each one, reach one!" If everyone gets (at least) another member, we can do this quickly and easily.

2. ENGAGEMENT: We need to develop and implement enriching opportunities for our members and even for the general public. Our virtual offerings have been well received - how can we expand this to encourage awareness of the Mayflower Society, and of our unique contributions in our communities, in our State, and throughout the world? This can start with programs, and can be hybrid, so that it can be interactive, both in person and online - more than simply sitting in front of a screen.

3. SCHOLARSHIP: One of the surprising discoveries of the visit to the archives was how many publications and other activities were supported by the North Carolina Society. Practically every year, there was a new article or pamphlet or publication about the work our society was doing: the North Carolina Society was unique among the member societies in this respect. We can again stand at the forefront of excellence, and the sky is the limit.

4. RELATIONSHIPS: We can ensure that our members - and the general public - can identify with and connect to the Mayflower Society, and the Speedwell Colony is particularly well suited to make this happen. The far-flung geographic distribution of our membership is a testament to our institution's broad reach and the importance of our mission; it also emphasises the ever-increasing importance of prioritising technology to serve our members wherever in the world they live. We can build and strengthen relationships as we gather virtually and in person to celebrate and honour people who are conserving our treasures, documenting history, and chronicling our history. Here we can maximise advancements in technology to connect with our members and the public.

We are at a turning point in our organisation, and I hope that I have heard for the last time the oft-repeated line, "Why should we do something, when we can do nothing?"

We cannot make our prime purpose fundraising, and I have always found that when we have the vision, the money *always* follows. We have a mission, and an important and unique work - all we need is the vision.

CENTENNIAL GOALS:

1. 100 New SMDNC Members before the end of 2024
2. A Mayflower Society event in each one of the 100 North Carolina Counties during 2024



From: The Speedwell Colony Trip to the NC State Archives in 2022

Officer Nominations for 2023 - 2026

In November 2022, a Nomination Committee comprised of Meg Everett, Courtney Layne, Nancy Saul, Henry Livingston and Steve Pike (chair), was appointed to prepare a Slate of Officers for the 2023 Term beginning in November 2023.

The Slate was presented to, and was approved by, the Board of Assistants at its meeting held on January 30, 2023. The Board of Assistants is pleased to present the following Slate of Officers for consideration at the election of Officers which will be held at the Society's Annual Meeting in November 2023. The Committee and Board would like to thank all of the members who have agreed to stand for election. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

2023 Officer Slate

Governor	W. Becket Soule
Deputy Governor	William Ewalt
Recording Secretary	Courtney Layne
Corresponding Secretary	Maureen Oliver
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Assistant Treasurer	Open
Historian	Cheryl Vislay
Co-Historian	Lynn Pritchard
Co-Historian	W. Becket Soule
Co-Historian	Karina Stephenson
Elder	Open
Counselor	Open
Surgeon	Dr. Mark Warbuton
Captain	Mark Sadelis

Additionally, the Board of Assistants extends its appreciation and a heartfelt thank you to those Members who are retiring from their positions:

Jill Chapman (Governor), Cheryl Vislay (Deputy Governor), Keith Karlsson (Recording Secretary), Becket Soule (Corresponding Secretary), Nancy Saul (Treasurer) George Smith (Assistant Treasurer), Bishop Graham Rights (Elder), Bill Ewalt (Counselor), Dr. Ashley Lloyd (Surgeon), and Laurel Siviglia (Captain).

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Junior Membership

At the last BOA meeting in Etowah, Cheryl Vislay turned over the Junior Membership materials to me. At that time there were thirty-one Junior Members. I am very pleased to tell you that we now have thirty-nine members. Please join me in welcoming Catherine Parks McNabb, Emmett Stewart McNabb, Abigail Elizabeth Murphy, Kathryn Ann Murphy, Emerson Elizabeth Teer, Lillian James Teer, Pierson Leguy Teer and William Wilshire Teer.

Our Junior Membership program continues to grow. As the new chair person, I welcome all ideas for helping this program grow and be interesting to our Junior Members. They are an important part in the future of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

In the next few weeks, I will be organizing the files, noting the ages and birthdays of our Junior Members. My aim is to send them all a birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Card.

I encourage the parents and grandparents to access the Plimouth Patuxet Museum web site for interesting reading materials etc. There are a few other ideas running around in my head. I will have to explore the feasibility of making those ideas possible. More on that later.

Please remember to send Cheryl Vislay the completed applications and the check for \$35.00 for each application. Make the check payable to SMDNC. Cheryl then sends the approved applications and the checks to me. I then assemble the membership packets and mail them to the new Junior Members.

Respectfully submitted;
Laurel Siviglia
Captain/Junior Membership Chair



Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina
Junior Application

Applicant

(Name in Full)

Address

(Number and Street)

(City, State and Zip Code)

Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth** _____

Father _____ **Parent's Phone** _____
(Name in Full)

Mother _____

Grandparent _____
(Name in Full)

Parents' Marriage Date _____

Place of Parents' Marriage _____

Mayflower Ancestor _____

Signature of Sponsor _____

Address of Sponsor _____
(Number and Street)

(City, State and Zip Code)

Member Numbers _____
(State) (General) (Sponsor Phone #)

Circle Relationship **Parent** **Grandparent** **Uncle** **Aunt**

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* Current Junior Program Member fee is \$35, with no annual dues. **Check Payable to SMDNC.**

Junior Number _____ Elected _____

Past Scholarship Recipient Update

Hello Mayflower Descendants,

My name is Jewel Parker. I was a scholarship recipient for the Mayflower Descendants of North Carolina Martha Ellen Ward Educational Scholarship during the 2017-2018 school year. At the time, I was a 2nd year Master of Arts in History student at Appalachian State University. I knew I wanted to continue my education and eventually teach, so after graduation in May 2018, I moved to Greensboro, North Carolina. In the Fall of 2018, I began working on a PhD in History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Time seemingly passes so quickly! I am now in my 5th year of the program.

I often get questions about how long the PhD process takes. The program allows students up to 7 years to complete their dissertation. During the first 2 years of my program, I took classes toward my concentration in American history and a minor concentration in World history. I also worked as a teaching assistant during that time. My duties included leading Friday discussion questions, attending the professors' lectures, holding office hours to meet with students, and grading assignments.

After the first two years of my program, I took my written and oral comprehensive exams. I also began teaching as the instructor of record. After taking a class on pedagogy, I began teaching a different class each semester and during the summer sessions. This variety of classes included courses on American history, Women's history, the Atlantic World, Human Rights, American Indian History, and the History of Christianity.

Even though I had completed my required course work, I also began an additional minor concentration in Public history to learn more about the museum sphere. As a Master's student at Appalachian State University, I had briefly worked as a museum interpreter at Hickory Ridge Living History Museum at the site of the outdoor drama, Horn in the West. I wanted to learn more about working with board members, curating exhibits, and educating the public, so I enrolled in courses on the practice of public history, museum interpretation, and digital history. This opportunity allowed me the opportunity to work on curatorial teams for a traveling exhibit on

the Holocaust, an exhibit on Grimsley High School students who served in the military during World War II, and a digital history project following the life of a physician, Dr. Gideon Lincecum, who appears in my dissertation work.

My dissertation, *The Intercultural Origins of Health Care in the Antebellum South*, analyzes how intercultural interactions between American Indians, Africans, and Europeans changed medical practice and contributed to the development of the U.S. pharmacopeia in the South from the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries. While not entirely related to my Master's thesis, *Agents of the Devil?: Women, Witchcraft, and Medicine in Early America*, I continue to explore the sharing of medicinal knowledge in a different geographical area that would become the United States.

The research process started slow. My proposal was approved during the height of the Covid pandemic, and graduate students could not travel out of state to archives. Fortunately, I was able to research locally at locations such as Old Salem Museum & Gardens, Western Carolina University, and the Outer Banks History Center. During 2022, I completed research at out-of-state locations, including the South Carolina Historical Society's collections at the College of Charleston, as well as the William Clements Library at the University of Michigan. I have been fortunate to be awarded several research fellowships that will also culminate in research trips to the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort and the University of Texas at Austin this year.

Since completing my additional minor classes at UNCG, I have returned to the High Country to teach as an adjunct instructor at App State. I teach a variety of different American history courses. This experience in teaching has been tremendously useful and eye opening. Since coming to App State, I have taught a wider variety of class sizes, worked with a general education committee to create courses, attended faculty meetings, and worked with a teaching assistant for my classes. I joined a faculty book club where we read literature on best teaching practices and have made friends inside and outside of the department.

While teaching, I continue to work on my dissertation and pursue academic projects. I just submitted an article to an academic journal for review, so I am crossing my fingers that they accept it for publication. I also plan to present a paper at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic conference that will take place

in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania this summer. I hope to finish researching and writing my dissertation this year. Hopefully, I can defend my dissertation and graduate from my program during Spring 2024.

As I reflect on the last few years of my educational experience, I am thankful for the journey and thankful to the Mayflower Descendants for a scholarship that provided me with the funds to pay for the second year of my MA program in full, and thus continue my studies in my doctoral program.

The Mayflower Descendants have also kindly invited me to share my research on several occasions, and to write this article for your newsletter. I can only hope that I can return the opportunity for education to the next generations. May you all have a wonderful start to 2023!

Best of wishes,
Jewel Parker

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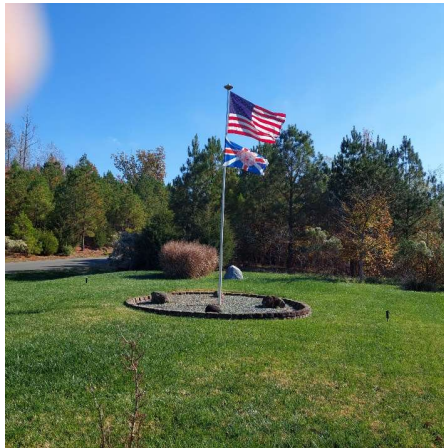
Greetings Mayflower cousins, Melanie Calvert, from the Flag Center, contacted me last week about ordering more North Carolina, Mayflower Society Flags. At the BOA meeting last November, eighteen Pilgrim cousins expressed an interest in ordering a flag. The shipping cost is \$15.00 per order. If you order more than one flag, Melanie will inform you as to the adjusted shipping cost. The flags are printed 3x5ft. flags and attach to the flag pole with grommets. The cost of your flag is based on the total number of flags ordered during this purchasing period. *The deadline for ordering flags in this ordering period is MARCH 15, 2023.* Melanie will inform you, at the end of this ordering period, what the cost of your flag will be. You may contact Melanie by mail, e-mail or phone.

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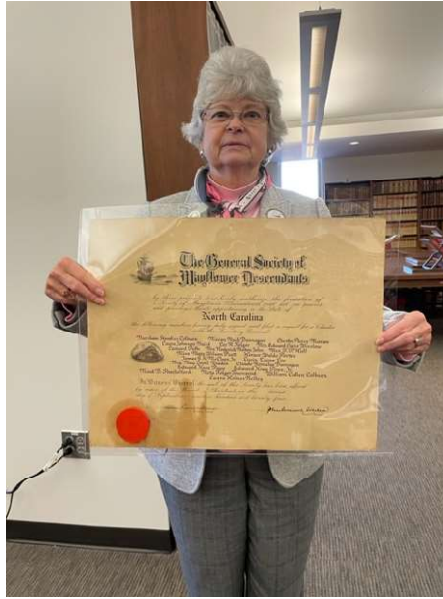
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Nick and I are really enjoying flying our North Carolina, Mayflower Society Flag just under our American Flag on the flag pole in our front yard. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Melanie.



Governor Chapman's Visit to NC Archives

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, SMDNC Governor Jill Chapman and husband, Larry Chapman, visited the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh. We were allowed to go through one of the boxes of information about the Society and got to see the medals which were in the collection. I had brought along my Governor's medal and we did compare the two medals. The original one had a different small gold shield design above the medal. The current Governor medal has the words NC Governor on a bar above the medal. We also got to see the original charter. Pictures were taken of these events. I understand there are 7 or 8 boxes of materials in the North Carolina Mayflower Society collection. Due to time restraints, we could not stay longer. I was thrilled to see these items and am grateful to the staff who brought the items for me to see.





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