



# Tarheel Pilgrim

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina

## Governor's Remarks

Dear Mayflower Cousin,

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer.

Over the past year we have seen a significant increase in the number of individuals interested in joining the Mayflower Society, as we approach the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower Pilgrims to America. I remember the day that I learned that my great-grandmother was a member and my journey through grave yards and courthouses as I prepared my application. It is a tribute to America's history and to your families that each of you had the interest, and dedicated the time and effort to document your Mayflower connection. Currently, we have 601 members. I am extremely pleased to see the increased interest in the Mayflower Society and I am so appreciative of the support of our members for the Society and your help to increase our membership.

Important goals of the Society include perpetuating the history of our Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers, to support the ideals of American freedom and to provide a forum for members to meet, socialize and get to know each other. I would like to recognize several individuals in the North Carolina Society for their contribution to our Society over the past year. Cheryl Vislay and Heidi Pruess are our State historians. They spend countless hours helping individuals join the Mayflower Society. Thank you, Cheryl and Heidi! For several years Jennifer Keleher served as the Editor for our Tar Heel Pilgrim Newsletter. Recently, Grant Peterson, from the Central Colony, agreed to take the helm of the newsletter. Thank you, Jennifer and Grant!

Summer/Fall 2019

### KEY OFFICERS

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Our Colony Governors are integral to arranging meetings for members across the state. In the Spring, Carolyn Peterson and Paul Tompkins agreed to be Co-Colony Governors for the Southeast Colony and hosted the first SE Colony meeting that we've had in a long time. Thank you, Carolyn and Paul, and all of our Colony Governors!

Sallie Bardelas, Piedmont Colony Governor, is hosting the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Mayflower Society in High Point on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. We hope all of you will join us in High Point in November. We have a great program planned and I can promise you a lot of comradery and great fun! Thank you, Sallie!

Enclosed is the registration form for our 2019 Annual Meeting, and I hope all of you will join us in High Point this November!

Sincerely,  
Steve Pike  
Governor, SMDNC



Adjoining photo of the May Board of Assistants Meeting held at the lovely High Point Country Club.

The NC Mayflower Society held their Spring 2019 BOA meeting in High Point. SMDNC Governor Steve Pike led us in a constructive meeting followed by a delicious lunch at High Point Country Club hosted by Piedmont Governor, Sallie Bardelas. Other members in attendance were Ashley Lloyd, Cheryl Vislay, Courtney Layne, Nancy Saul, Martha Ellen Ward, Michael Keleher, Grant Peterson, Jill Chapman, Martha D'Alessandro, Meg Averett, Heidi Pruess, Becket Soule, and Ray Maxson.

## North Carolina Society's Webpage

We invite you to look there for upcoming events, all newsletters, listing of officers, a roster of members, history of our society and much more. The website is located at <http://www.ncmayflower.org>

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

| NAME                             | ANCESTOR         | GS#/STATE#           | COLONY |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| • Paula Jean (Maynard) Moran     | Stephen Hopkins  | 94198/2106           | CH     |
| • Julie (Wendler) Dameron        | William Brewster | 94289/2107           | PD     |
| • David Morehouse Cook           | Francis Cooke    | 94352/2108           | PD     |
| • Carolyn Jane Mildren           | William White    | 94586/2109           | WE     |
| • Shana Elizabeth (Sabol) Krenz  | John Alden       | 94499/2110           | PD     |
| • Susan Joyce Brown              | Thomas Rogers    | 94611/2111           | WE     |
| • Deborah Lee (Brown) Strum      | Thomas Rogers    | 94612/2112           | WE     |
| • Saundra Parker Trzinski        | Stephen Hopkins  | 90358/2113(Transfer) | CE     |
| • Sallie Martha Hite Smith       | John Howland     | 94677/2114           | CH     |
| • Debra Yonkers                  | John Howland     | 94875/2115           | CH     |
| • Lauren Estee Love Yates        | William Brewster | 94929/2116           | CE     |
| • Janice Lawrence Pollard        | William White    | 94954/2117           | CH     |
| • Maxwell G. Loebach             | Richard Warren   | 95088/2118           | CE     |
| • Michael Scarborough            | John Howland     | 95089/2119           | CH     |
| • Mark Sardelis                  | Edward Doty      | 81339/2120(Transfer) | WE     |
| • Pamela Ann Miller Zanni        | William White    | 95138/2120           | PD     |
| • Michael Scott Mumford          | William Bradford | 95207/2122           | CE     |
| • Michael Melvin Maxson          | Francis Cooke    | 95402/2123           |        |
| • Thomas Lynn Potter             | William White    | 92858/2124           | SE     |
| • Elizabeth Ann (Smith) Andersen | Degory Priest    | 95535/2125           | CE     |

**Supplementals**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----|
| • Laurel Susan Dearborn Siviglia     | Francis Eaton  | 92579/2075 | PE |
| • Nancy Quigley Saul                 | Edward Doty    | 90148/2033 | CE |
| • Courtney Elizabeth Leavitt Layne   | Richard Warren | 75142/1706 | CH |
| • The Rev. Dr. W. Becket Soule, O.P. | George Soule   | 91637/2065 | WE |

**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*

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|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| • Timothy Barker           | 2/13/2018 |                                    |
| • Marion Biggs             | 1/19/2018 |                                    |
| • Kenneth Cozier           | 1/4/2018  |                                    |
| • Diana Graham             | 1/6/2018  |                                    |
| • Gerald Thomas Grant, Jr. | 10/2016   |                                    |
| • Dorothy Clark Hopkins    | 5/30/2018 |                                    |
| • Edwin Scofield III       | 7/18/2018 |                                    |
| • Walter Scott             | 2/21/2018 |                                    |
| • Florence Jean Slater     | 1/8/2018  | <i>Governor of SMDNC 2002-2005</i> |
| • Robert Collins Smith     | 5/13/2018 |                                    |
| • David Swann              | 1/23/2018 |                                    |
| • William (Hank) Tucker    | 5/21/2018 |                                    |
| • Sandy Calloway           | 5/28/2019 |                                    |
| • Wendall Small            | 6/16/2019 |                                    |

## Membership - by Historians Cheryl Vislay and Heidi Pruess

### Time to Apply

While we know that proving a Mayflower lineage is not just a casual endeavor, current Mayflower Society members should be on the lookout for people that may have a potential Mayflower lineage. Do you know someone with the same surname of a Mayflower ancestor or do you know a member of another lineage society such as SAR or DAR, or maybe you have a distant cousin that shares the same Mayflower ancestor? If, in conversation, you find that someone does have an interest in finding out if they have a Mayflower ancestor or are interested in starting the process of determining if the long rumored Mayflower family line really is a valid Mayflower line, you can always direct them to the North Carolina and General Society websites. There is plenty of information and contact information if they would like to find out more about the Society and how to prove a Mayflower line.

Direct friends and family to these websites to get started:

North Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants

<https://www.ncmayflower.org/>

General Mayflower Society

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>

Lineage Match Form

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/join/mayflower-lineage-match> to verify a proposed Mayflower lineage (if it has been approved by the Society in the past.)

### Documenting Your Line

To prove your line, you ‘simply’ need to provide primary resources linking the parents to the next generation in your line. Primary resources can be documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates; probate and will records or other documents that provide a person’s information and their parent’s names together.

Your N.C. State Historians can assist you with the first five generations following your Mayflower ancestor so you don’t need to go “back to the beginning.” Encourage potential applicants to complete the Lineage Match Form in the link above to get started!

## Tar Heel Pilgrim

Editor’s note: Do you have an ancestors’ sketch you would like to share, interesting Mayflower history, news in your colony or 400th Anniversary Events being planned? Please feel free to share, next issue - Winter/Spring is being planned for December 2019.

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## Ancestor's Corner

### Stephen Hopkins by 13th generation descendant Grant Mark Peterson

#### Who was Stephen Hopkins?

He was the only person who could claim to have lived and helped create the two earliest, surviving colonies in their beginning stages, Jamestowne in 1610 and Plymouth in 1620. He was born on 4/30/1581 in Upper Clatford, Hampshire. His father died when he was 12 and by that point, the family had moved to Winchester. His mother not having the means to support him, had him pursue an apprenticeship with the clergy of St. Swithins-Upon-Kingsgate, an old parish church built on top of Kingsgate, an entry gate in the walls around Winchester. Worshipers would climb a set of stairs to reach the small church while the bustle of foot and horse traffic passed through the archways



below. He would marry and have three children and later, move to Hursley to be part of the parish church of All Saints. He became the minister's clerk for the Rev. Richard Buck, an Oxford educated minister described as an "able and painful preacher."



#### The Passage

On June 2, 1609, Hopkins boarded the 300-ton flagship *Sea Venture* in Plymouth, England in a fleet of seven ships and two small pinnacles headed for Virginia leaving behind wife, two daughters and one son with a planned reunion in seven years. Onboard was the next royal governor, Sir Thomas Gates and Jamestowne's future

minister, Rev. Richard Buck from Winchester. Hopkins, as clerk, would read the psalms and biblical passages during the Thursday and Sunday services. The mission of the voyage was to restore the colony's supplies, provide more labor and establish new leadership.

All went well for the first month of sailing and then the storm hit separating the fleet. The 140 men, 10 women and experienced captain, Christopher Newport, had to battle a leak in the ballast deck causing five feet of water and needing the continuous use of the bilge pumps and bailing water with buckets. All pitched in and shifts of one hour of sleep and then back to bailing. The ship was taking on water faster than it could be pumped out and overtaking their supply of food and drink in the upper decks. The great tempest, the hurricane they had encountered, would rage on for over five days, the days were as black as the nights. The crew in desperation began dumping overboard anything that was unnecessary, luggage, chests, trunks and starboard cannon. They even debated the merits of cutting down the main mast. They were coming to a point of shutting the hatches and committing their souls to God and letting the ship sink. "taking their last leave of one another, until their more joyful and happy meeting in a more blessed world."



#### "Isle of the Devils"

Admiral George Somers cry of "land" came across as an unexpected dream, there was a problem where normally a ship would anchor in deep water and the ship's passengers and crew would disembark by the ship's longboat. With the *Sea Venture* sinking, the decision was to drive the ship aground on to what is now known as Builder's Bay, on the eastern edge of Bermuda near present day St. George without a soul being lost. The Isle of the Devils, now present-day Bermuda and located 580 miles off the coast of North Carolina, was thought by seamen to be haunted by evil spirits, devils, and not fit for humans. It was feared by seamen and was to be avoided at all costs. They would soon discover; it was not true. The island was full of resources, having lost all the ship's food by the continued flooding, fresh water was available and they could gather eggs and hunt for birds, fish, turtles and shellfish. There were also wild hogs from past Spanish wrecks to provide for their needs.





was Stephano, as family lore claims was taken from Stephen Hopkins.)

### The Escape and Arrival in Jamestowne

Two ships were built and readied, *Deliverance* and *Patience*, and sailing for Jamestowne and arriving 11 days later. They hadn't thought of bringing the ample provisions on the small boats, the wild hogs, fish, game and more. Their arrival in Jamestowne was past the planting season. The fort was in wreck, the few remaining inhabitants scared to venture out of the fort for berries, firewood or the 'necessary duties' for fear of attack. Now with another 140 mouths to feed, Governor Gates, made the decision to abandon the colony. Within two weeks of his arriving, everyone had packed up and boarded the ships to depart. Upon their waiting for the tide, they encountered Lord De La Warr, the new governor of Jamestowne with three ships loaded with food and supplies and additionally, 150 more healthy colonists to repair the colony. Stephen had his death sentence commuted - helped by being in the church clergy and a family man, he would not see England for five or six years. George Somers, the fleet admiral would make a return trip to Bermuda with a plan to get hogs but died there and his heart is buried in St George, Bermuda and the monument still exists today.



### Back Home

Records show the play *The Tempest* was performed in Hursley in 1611 and Mary Hopkins continued struggle to maintain the family as the head, possibly led to her passing away in 1613 while she was just in her thirties. With her husband's condition unknown, the church burial record claims she was a widow. With his children orphaned back in England and before his seven-year commitment was up, he returned to England by ship departing in 1616 with other notable passengers, John Rolfe and wife Rebecca, also known by her native name - *Pocahontas*. Stephen Hopkins had assisted the Rev. Richard Buck in the Rolfe marriage in April 1614. John Rolfe was also a fellow *Sea Venture* passenger and Bermuda castaway.

Stephen Hopkins took up residence in London in an area called White Chapel and married again to Elizabeth Fisher. He learned of, or was sought out for, the newly planned Separatist voyage to Northern Virginia. They took note of his having had contact and having negotiated with the native population. He seems to have acquired enough means to afford the *Mayflower* passage for his family, as well as, for two servants Edward Doty and Edward Lester.

For most ordinary Englishmen, venturing in to the depths of unexplored America would be a once in a life-time experience. Hopkins did it twice and by the time he was forty years old, had survived a hurricane, been shipwrecked, written into a Shakespearean play, witnessed the marriage of Pocahontas, sentenced to death, helped in the founding of two earliest English Colonies, signed the *Mayflower Compact* and was at the Plymouth Thanksgiving. An ordinary man with a wife, three sons, seven daughters, cows named Motley, Simkins, Curled and Reds. An ordinary man with extraordinary adventures!

Source: *Here Shall I Die Ashore: Stephen Hopkins Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor and Mayflower Pilgrim*, by Caleb Johnson

## Facebook

Please visit our newly created FACEBOOK Page, "Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina." Kudos to our cousin John Harman, Jr, for the creation. Please feel free to visit and add content.

## North Carolina Society Merchandise

### Medallion

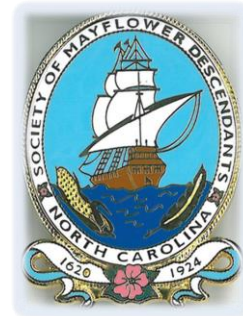
The North Carolina Society has minted a commemorative 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary .999 Pure Silver Medallion commemorating the 1620 Pilgrims Landing at Plymouth Rock.



Mail to : Michael Cassat Keleher  
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828-683-4822

### Pin

Our new North Carolina society lapel pin is available. Attaches by clutch back pins.



Mail to: Martha D'Alessandro  
8212 Lloyd Allens Way  
Raleigh, NC 27615-4898  
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919-349-9981

All sales proceeds from our Pins and Medallions go to the SMDNC Martha Ellen Ward Memorial Scholarship Program for Graduate Students enrolled in a College or University within the State of North Carolina.

Medallion in Presentation case \$85  
Medallion Encapsulated \$75  
Sterling Silver Bezel \$25  
Society Lapel Pin \$15  
Shipping \$4

## Colony News

*The Central Colony* had a very successful Spring Meeting at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Our docent led tour was 'Art during the Time of the Pilgrims, before, during and beyond.' After the tour about a dozen of us met in the courtyard for lemonade and cookies.

Meg Averett, arranged to have a Society of Mayflower Descendants vendor table at the DAR State Conference held in Raleigh in April. Meg and Martha D'Alessandro wore their 'Mayflower hats' full time and the table was a great success. We had a prime position and knew many of our DAR sisters. We garnered lots of attention with our Mayflower flag and large pin poster. The patriot to passenger book was inspirational. Several Daughters found Mayflower ancestors right there at our table! We sold 28 pins, gave away lots of free information verbally and leaflets. Many thanks to Nancy Saul, Courtney Layne, and Jill Chapmen who put on their 'Mayflower hats' when they weren't doing their DAR chapter delegate duties. Courtney presented Mrs. Dillon, DAR President General with one of our beautiful pins.

**In December, we will meet at the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary on December 8<sup>th</sup> for a social event beginning at 11:30 am for a wine reception and the Prestonwood buffet. Watch for the mailing on this event.**

*The Southeast Colony* is once again up and running and encourage all members to participate in the upcoming events. We would also like to extend an invitation to our neighboring Northeast Colony to join us for any or all events:

...Saturday, **October 26 luncheon meeting** in New Bern. This is the weekend of the popular Ghost Walk which is scheduled for October 25-26. If enough members show interest, we can request a group discount on the Ghost Walk tickets.

...Meet and greet at the November Annual meeting

...April Saturday (date to be announced) will be the Spring Luncheon Meeting on the porch of the historic Foy Munger House in New Bern. The program will be announced later.

In an interest to revitalize the Southeast and Northeast colonies Cheryl Vislay held a meeting on May 11 at the New Bern Public Library. A number of those present agreed to meet again on June 3. At that meeting it was decided to ask that Craven County be moved to the Southeast Colony from the Northeast colony. Both Paul Tompkins and Governor Steve Pike approved that decision.

The following officers were approved:

Vice Governor/Program Chair: Mary Wynn - maryswynn@gmail.com

Secretary/Publicity/Communication Chair: Barbara West - barbara@ontheboast.us

Co-Governor: Carolyn Peterson - bridgepeo@gmail.com Please let us know of your interest and concerns. Details of the future meetings will be sent to members of record but we encourage all potential members to join us, as well.



**The Western Colony** met at Deerfield Retirement Community on May 19, 2019 at 3 PM. All were welcomed by Colony Governor Jill Chapman. She gave the Invocation and Carol Litchfield led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pilgrim Pledge was read in unison. Mark Sardelis read the Mayflower Compact. Guests and new members who were introduced are Jody Gleason, Mark Sardelis, Deborah Strum, Susan Brown and family members. The report on the November 2018 meeting was read and Jim Brush gave a Treasurers Report.

New members and transfers were presented. New members are Carolyn Jane Mildren, and sisters, Deborah Lee Strum and Susan Joyce Brown. Mark Sardelis is a transfer and lives in Franklin. Eighteen were in attendance at the meeting.

Jewel Parker gave a talk on her latest research involving women during the suffragette movement. She has done a lot of research on these women and all they had achieved. It was great to keep in touch and hear what Jewel is doing. She was given a year's subscription to the American Spirit Magazine as a thank you for coming to Asheville.

Old Business included promoting the sale of our state pins and the silver medallions. They make great gifts. Plans for promoting the Mayflower Society in 2020 included a series of lectures at NC State organized by Brenda Carbon and given by Rev. Dr. Becket Soule who is working in Canada, having Governor Roy Cooper do a Proclamation of the 400<sup>th</sup> recognition of the arrival of the Mayflower and possibly members donating Mayflower subject books to school libraries.

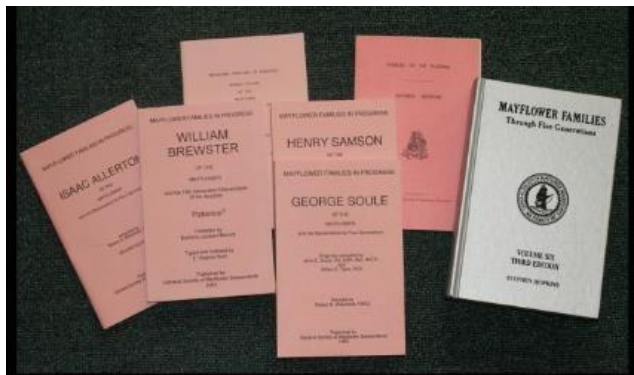
Member Judy Hughes shared her recent Soule Kindred trip which sounded very good and something to add to a "to do" list.

We have new brochures which Jill had available to members to promote membership. There were only 26 families who left descendants. Members of the Mayflower Society had a table at the state DAR conference in Raleigh where we promoted the Patriot to Passenger Project. Your Revolutionary War ancestor may be related to a Mayflower passenger.

The BOA meeting in High Point reports 594 members and our goal is to have over 600 members by next September. Martha Ward is working on identifying our next scholarship recipient at UNC-G. The Meeting House in Plymouth is ours! Funds were raised and a huge grant allowed us to purchase it ahead of schedule. North Carolina paid ahead and completed its 3-year commitment. The NBOA will be in Denver in September. All are welcome. Our AG Martha Ward cannot attend and has asked me to be acting AG. Our state annual meeting will be in High Point on Nov. 1-2 at Adams Inn. Hope lots of you can come.

**The Charlotte Colony** The Fall Meeting for the Charlotte Colony will be on November the 9th, at Myers Park Country Club. The address is 2415 Roswell Ave. Charlotte, NC 28209. The time is 11:00 AM. Speaker is to be determined. We will continue making plans for the 2020 State Meeting.

## GEORGE SOULE “SILVER BOOK” PROJECT



Beginning in the 1970s, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants sponsored the publication of a series of books originally called the “Five Generation Project,” which sought to document all of the descendants of the passengers with known descendants for the first five generations. The aim of the project was to bridge the research gap between the Plymouth Colony’s beginnings and Revolutionary times. Most of the *Mayflower Families* have been published as a single volume for each individual passenger; those covering Pilgrims with a large number of descendants have been published as

multi-part sets. They soon became known as the “*Silver Books*” (because of the color of the cover), and are an invaluable tool because of the meticulous research and documentation they contain. The more recent books have expanded to contain six generations, naming the seventh, and thus frequently reach into the early nineteenth century.

One of the earliest volumes to appear (vol. 3 [1981]) was the descendants of George Soule, and was the work of John E. Soule and Milton E. Terry. While it was a painstaking operation, it suffered from the change in genealogical standards that was occurring at just about that time; it very quickly became clear that this book was not adequate to substantiate the identities and families of George Soule’s descendants. Starting in the 1990s, Louise Throop began documenting the lines with substantial further research, and published several soft cover volumes officially called *Mayflower Families in Progress* (MFIP), but more colloquially known as “*Pink Books*” because their covers are the hue of the “may flower.”

Soule Kindred in America proposed sponsoring a revision and completion of Louise W. Throop’s pink books with the ultimate goal of producing a final silver book, and thus fulfilling the project begun by John Soule and Milton Terry half a century ago. At the board meeting on 13 April 2019, a committee was formed to pursue this project, composed of Russell Francis, Judy Hughes, Andy Turner, with Becket Soule as editor and chairman.

The two main goals for 2019 are:

1. To recruit volunteers to assist with research and obtaining documentation. We are hoping to get at least two people for each of the seven children of George Soule who have descendants. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Becket (at the e-mail address below) The goal is to locate documentation, particularly family bibles and other sources that may not be readily available or digitized online, so that these can be recorded.
2. To raise funds to support this research and publication. The George Soule Silver Book project welcomes your contributions, which can be made either online (<https://soulekindred.org/Donate>) or to our treasurer, Russell Francis, at 1804 NW 7th Court, Battle Ground WA 98604: please indicate that this is for the “George Soule Silver Book Project.”

We welcome any questions, and particularly any assistance you can provide: remember that these are, after all, your ancestors!

W. Becket Soule  
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## The Patriot to Passenger Project

As the GSMD works towards making more and more descendant information available to the public, there is a project started within the society to connect our Mayflower families with members of the American Revolutionary War. Many DAR and SAR members do inquire about any family ties the Mayflower passengers.

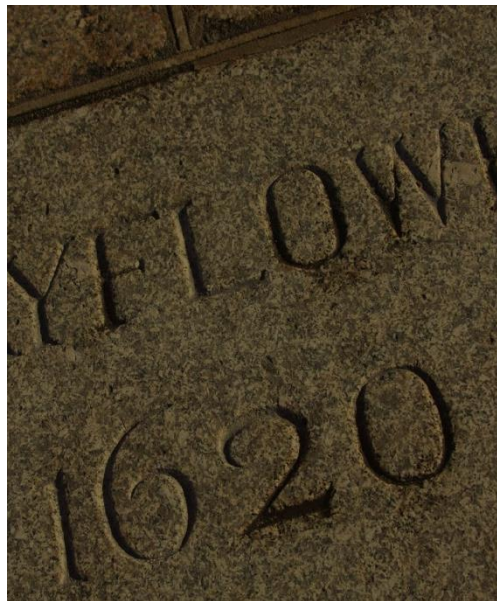
The Patriot to Passenger Project is a pdf list of about 300 pages long of those that descend from the Mayflower passengers who served from 1775 until after the end of the war.

If you are interested in researching any ARW connections you may have, there is no better place to start than here

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2016-03-17-18-40-19/gsm-d-partnerships>

Scroll down to the Patriot to Passenger Project link and it will open the PDF file. It is not only alphabetized but also list wives' names and their relationships back to Plymouth cross referenced against MF5G/MFIP, better known as the "Silver" books. It also contains references like SAR /DAR application numbers, U.S. Govt. Pension file numbers and literary references like the Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors book series.

If you would like to contribute to the growing list, please send your information about your Patriot with your ties to the Mayflower to the project coordinator Muriel Cushing at the following email address.....flash1620@comcast.net.





As we are preparing to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower's sailing, your humble editor would like to direct you to a wonderful pamphlet that can be downloaded as a PDF which highlights the celebrations in the three countries of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. Included is a timeline of the voyage, the Mayflower trail and then a listing of sites and activities showcasing the Mayflower 400th signature projects. Also shown below, are activities in the London Borough of Southwark next year and its related Mayflower history. In upcoming issues of the newsletter, we will highlight other locations.

The URL to download the pamphlet:

[https://www.mayflower400uk.org/media/2432/national\\_announcement.pdf](https://www.mayflower400uk.org/media/2432/national_announcement.pdf)

## Visiting Southwark, London

Rotherhithe is in the London Borough of Southwark, on the Southbank of the River Thames. As an internationally-recognized cultural destination, renowned for its vibrant performing and visual arts, history and heritage, Southwark Council is working with businesses, cultural and community partners to introduce a programme of events and activities building up to 2020. This will include a specially written performance charting the history of the Mayflower journey, a talks programme and heritage trail taking in significant city landmarks, Captain Christopher Jones Statue in St Mary's, which represents Jones looking back at England, while the child is looking towards the New World. Not to mention world-famous attractions by the Thames including Shakespeare's Globe, Borough Market, Tate Modern and The Shard alongside the heritage of Charles Dickens, John Harvard and the Mayflower. The programme will culminate in large scale performance on The River Thames to commemorate the 400th anniversary and mark Rotherhithe as the beginning of the Mayflower's famous voyage in 1620.

## Southwark and the Mayflower story

The Mayflower story and Southwark's role in that historic voyage are deeply intertwined. Rotherhithe has a long seafaring and ship building history and was the place where Christopher Jones, the captain and part owner of the ship, and many of the crew lived.

In July 1620 the Mayflower sailed from Rotherhithe to join another ship, the Speedwell, coming from Holland in Southampton. When the Speedwell sprang a serious leak, the ships were forced to stop in Plymouth where passengers and provisions were crowded onto the Mayflower. Carrying something like 150 passengers and crew she set off again on 6 September 1620.



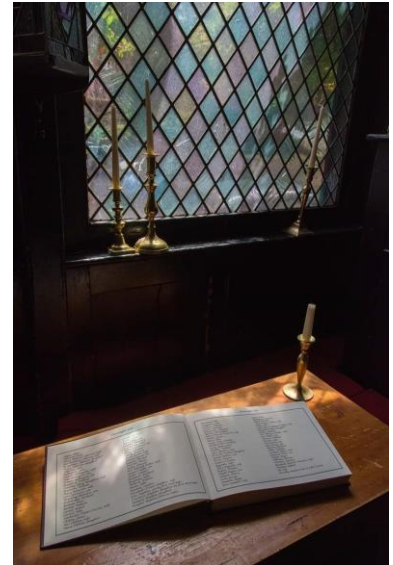
The Mayflower carried not only those escaping religious persecution (the “Saints”) but also other people who are perhaps less familiar in the popular imagination. The majority of passengers were going for non-religious reasons and were making the journey because they were servants, merchant adventurers or traders, known as the “Strangers”. All of them were counted as Pilgrims. In addition, there was the crew, a few of whom we know for certain were from Rotherhithe but it is likely others were too.

After an arduous journey to America, a terrible winter, sickness and hardship the ship and surviving crew returned to Rotherhithe.

Jones died, worn out by the hardships and was buried at St Mary’s church. The Mayflower may also have ended her life in Rotherhithe too and was most likely broken up a few years later as Rotherhithe was also a ship breaking port.

Southwark has a history of developing brilliant grass-roots cultural activity. Highlights include:

- Rotherhithe Illuminate, a free five-day festival created by residents, incorporating a range of great community activities including concerts, dances, music, film and exhibitions. This will open and close Southwark’s Mayflower 400 programme in 2019 and 2020 respectively
- New trails along the Southbank, incorporating signage and interpretation that will foreground Southwark’s key role in the Mayflower’s journey and link to Southwark’s wider maritime heritage. The trail will point to wider famous landmarks and attractions including Shakespeare’s Globe, the Tate Modern, Southwark Cathedral and Borough Market.
- A range of bespoke community activity commissioned specifically for Mayflower 400. From theatrical performances and cinematic screening through to talks and visual arts, this will showcase the best of Southwark while providing a range of special experiences for visitors and residents.



The Mayflower Pub (left) in Rotherhithe, where the Mayflower loaded passengers on the Thames. The pub has a log book where you are invited, as descendants, to list your name and ancestor’s name and your address. On the right, wall memorial from the St Mary’s Anglican Church next door where Captain Christopher Jones attended and is buried. Three of the four investors in the Mayflower attended this church.



The Piedmont Colony cordially invites all members to attend the 95th Annual Meeting on November 1&2 2019, in High Point, NC.

We are recommending 2 hotels that are convenient to the High Point Country Club where the meetings will be held.

The Courtyard by Marriott  
1000 Mall Loop Rd. High Point  
336-882-3622  
\$139.

The Red Lion  
135 N. Main St., High Point  
336-889-8888  
\$92.

Both Hotels will hold Rooms until Oct 1, 2019 Under Society of Mayflower Descendants. Adams Inn will have rooms available after Oct 1.

Itinerary: Friday November 1:  
4:00 Board of Assistance Meeting  
6:00 Social Hour with Cash Bar  
7:00. Dinner

Saturday November 2:  
10:00 Annual Meeting  
12:00 Lunch

All meetings and meals will be at the High Point Country Club:  
800 Country Club Dr. High Point 336-889-0818.

Any questions, please contact Sallie Bardelas: [sybardelas@aol.com](mailto:sybardelas@aol.com) and 336-882-9330.



**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Society of  
Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina  
Annual Meeting- November 1 & 2, 2019, High Point, N.C.**

Reservations

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

| Friday night Dinner menu   | Saturday Lunch menu |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| salad                      | Soup                |
| Pork Medallions/port Demi. | Rosemary and Sage   |
| Potatoes and squash        | Chicken Breast      |
| Dessert                    | Dessert             |
| Friday Dinner _____        | \$32 \$ _____       |
| Guest _____                | \$32 \$ _____       |
| Sat. Lunch _____           | \$24 \$ _____       |
| Guest _____                | \$24 \$ _____       |
| Registration Fee _____     | \$25 \$ _____       |

Mail reservations to:

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Make checks payable to Piedmont Colony SMDNC

Registration deadline: Oct. 20



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- **General Board of Assistants Meeting - Colorado, Sept 7 - 8, 2019**
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