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Pilgrim

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Governor Robert Burt's Message



To the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida from Robert Eugene Burt, Governor 2008-2011:

Thanks to ALL for your support. Life is Priceless! I have been inspired with the reception Trudy and I received from the five Colonies (Doty, Warren, Chilton, Standish and Brewster) we have visited since our term started and surely will continue as we visit other colonies. Let me know if our presence would help at your colony meeting in the future. The Cook Colony has invited us for their 17th of October meeting. Trudy will attend the September National BOA meeting in

Annapolis with me.

AT OUR STATE MEETING IN NOVEMBER -

Nate Heuberger and his finance committee will report on building our Trust Fund, Life memberships and others. Some bylaw and rules of order changes are being presented.

Jean E. Albrecht, Chair of Our State Education Committee has tools "The Mayflower and ME K-12" curriculum to help. She will share with us special events she has started in the Chilton Colony.

James Preston our Junior Chairman will have a special presentation.

Laura Brock, our Scholarship chairman will share with us the presentation of our 2009 winner. One of last year's winners in the Richard Warren Colony had her mother read her essay to the Colony when Trudy and I attend in May. We will have \$1000.00 Scholarship for 2010.

Muriel Cushing our Historian has done a terrific job in masterminding the 150 plus new members ushered in as Mayflower members before they had to pay much more for membership.

Our Pilgrim is posted through email for those who have one. Please share your email address with Nancy Fodi at: nancyfodi22@embarqmail.com, otherwise by regular mail.

Kenneth Burt, keeper of our membership Roster, continues to need your help in updating files.

Our State webmasters Dee Alexander and Ren Cushing have updated our material on the state Web Site, incorporating and linking the colony websites. Nancy Fodi will be assisting them with the colony sites.

Rev. Myers and Jessie have been keeping a roster of deaths and contacting members of the bereaved families of our Memorial Service coming in November at the Villages. Jessie has kept us up to date on membership changes.

A very informed member of the Florida Huguenot Society, Brett Brown will make a presentation on the Huguenot Society.

We have many, many folks that are reaching out to touch someone and this is FREEDOM OF CHOICE, GOD BLESS US ALL!

We will see you in November or before. My current email address is rootssar@bellsouth.net phone 305-451-4894, 219 Allen Ave., Key Largo, FL 33037-2615

LET THE JOURNEY CONTINUE!



Robert E Burt, Governor

Mayflower Flags for Sale

Any colony that would like a table-sized “yacht” 12” x 18” Mayflower flag should contact Ruth Ann Fay, Governor, Francis Cooke Colony. They received a quote from the same company that some colonies use to buy a full sized flag. They need a minimum order of 25 flags. Each costs about \$37.00 plus shipping. Ruth Ann can be emailed at rfay4@cfl.rr.com.

Request by State Secretary, Jessie Brabham

Any and all communication to state officers should include the FULL ZIP CODE+_-_-_-_. When our Society does bulk mailing, there is a discount for mail in zip code order. All applications should also show the full zip code.

Help the State Society Save Dollars

It would be a tremendous help to save postage costs if you are willing to receive this newsletter by email. While some have responded to our recent request, we know we could do much better. Please email the editor, nancyfodi22@embarqmail.com and let her know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

TWO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED IN FLORIDA



Elizabeth Tilley Colony Governor Harold B. Crapo also presented Hannah Shuman with a scholastic achievement award.

The May meeting of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony is always a special meeting as this is when they award a \$1,500-\$2,000 scholarship to a deserving senior from one of the three counties it represents. The Tilley Colony meets in the Sarasota area and draws members from Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte Counties. This scholarship is judged on scholastic achievement, community service and extracurricular activities. The counties are rotated yearly and it is asked that the guidance counselors chose the most academic and deserving student from the graduating class. This year the student was Hannah Shuman from Palmetto High School in Manatee County. She is interested in history and in her Junior year was appointed by Congressman Buchanan to spend a semester in Washington D.C. as a Page in the House of Representatives. At present Hannah is planning to major in Animal Sciences.

The Elizabeth Tilley Colony, Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants is especially proud to have Llyswen Berna, one of their Junior member's, selected as the recipient of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendant's scholarship program. Her father Howard Berna has been a member of the Tilley Colony since

2005 and is a descendant of Pilgrim James Chilton. Llyswen was also honored at the Tilley meeting and received her awards presented by William Bradford Colony Governor and FSMD Junior Chair Laura Brock. Her outstanding bio is featured elsewhere in the *Pilgrim*. Llyswen Berna is an outstanding example of today's young Mayflower women.

The Florida Society is very proud of these young women and wishes them the greatest success in their future endeavors.

ELIZABETH TILLEY COLONY HONORS JOHN METCALF SMITH



At the January 2009 meeting a check for \$250.00 was donated to the Florida Scholarship Fund in the name of John Metcalf Smith. Colony Vice Governor John Mange on behalf of Colony Governor Harold Crapo presented a certificate of appreciation for John's performance of outstanding service to the colony. John Smith also received a certificate of appreciation a few years ago by the William Bradford Colony. John graciously assisted the Bradford Colony by processing over 30 applications for them while they were without a colony historian. The Elizabeth Tilley Colony is proud of such a selfless and "ready to assist" member.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

72nd Annual Florida State Meeting

hosted by the

James Chilton Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

to be held on **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20 & 21 NOVEMBER 2009**

at **The Waterfront Inn – 1105 Lakeshore Drive, The Villages, FL 32162**

STATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR STATE MEETING REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2009

Name (for Badge) _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/Area Code) _____ E-Mail _____

Colony Name _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Title (as an Officer of the Society) _____

Friday, 20 November 2009

(6:00 PM) Banquet with Cash Bar (see meal choices next page) \$36.00 _____

Saturday, 21 November 2009

(12:00 Noon) Luncheon \$24.00 _____

Registration Fee for each adult member and guest \$ 4.00 _____

(Non-Refundable)

Total Enclosed (Including Registration Fee) \$ _____

NOTE: If a special diet is required, please send that info to Ken Carter by 1 November

(If registering more than one person, you may write one check for the grand total)

Mail all forms (one for each person) with your check payable to: "James Chilton Colony" to:

Kenneth E. Carter, Colony Treasurer -1202 Arriago Way – The Villages, FL 32162-0106

NOTE: Advance reservations required - must be cancelled by Friday, 13 November to avoid a charge

72nd ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE MEETING

Friday Dinner Choices:

#1 – Baked Salmon topped with shrimp and blackberry reduction, served with southern vegetables and rice pilaf, mixed greens salad, New York style cheesecake with fruit topping, choice of coffee, decaf, or iced tea.

#2 –Lemon Chicken served with red-skinned garlic mashed potatoes, country gravy, southern vegetables, mixed greens salad, New York style cheesecake with fruit topping, choice of coffee, decaf, or iced tea.

Saturday Lunch:

Manhattan Deli Buffet – Iced mixed greens with house made red wine vinaigrette dressing, garden pasta salad, Genoa aged salami, roast breast of turkey, Virginia baked ham, roast top round of beef, laced Swiss, Wisconsin cheddar & provolone cheese, sundry of relishes and artisan breads, choice of coffee, iced tea, or lemonade

HOTEL RESERVATIONS



Waterfront Inn

Lake Sumter Landing – The Villages

1105 Lake shore Drive

The villages, FL 32162

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WEB: WaterfrontInnVillages.com

Discounted Room Rates are: Standard King or Queen/Queen guestroom= \$99.00 + 9% sales tax

Directions: From I-75 exit on 329 for SR 44 and Wildwood. Exit on to SR 44, head east to US 301. Turn left on US 301, head north to CR 466. Turn right on CR 466, head east on CR 466, proceed through the light onto Buena Vista Boulevard. Turn right onto Morse Boulevard, head over the bridge to the second round-about. Turn at 1st right in round-about onto Lake Sumter Landing. Right on Lakeshore Drive, continue to the Waterfront Inn, which will be on your right.

Brett Dicken Brown will be the Featured Speaker at the 72nd Annual Florida Mayflower Meeting

Mr. Brown will be making a presentation on the History of the Huguenots. For Brett Brown, history is a living, vibrant thing and a source of endless fascination.

Mr. Brown, of Greenacres, has been involved in genealogical research since 1964, when his great-aunt captured his interest in their family tree. He has self-published two books: *Shebna Spink of Chautauqua County, New York 1757-1847* and *Ancestry of Brett Dicken Brown to Emperor Charlemagne*. He is almost finished writing a book about his great-grandfather, Charles Richards Brown.

During his research, Mr. Brown discovered that he is related to 13 American presidents, including Millard Fillmore, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and George W. Bush. That lineage earned him membership in the Presidential Families of America, for which he serves as Florida regent.

He has several ancestors who were Huguenots – Protestants who were persecuted in France during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. That led to his membership in the Huguenot Society of Florida, for which he has served as president of the Louis DuBois Chapter.

He also shares his passion for history – and his lineage – with several other organizations. He is national trustee of the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans, treasurer of the Palm Beach Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and senior vice commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is a member of the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne. The emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the Kingdom of France, Charlemagne was Brown's 38th great-grandfather.

Brown, who is also a past president of the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society, has received disaster relief training from the Red Cross and volunteers for many organizations, including the United Way.

He is also a frequent speaker at genealogical workshops, public libraries, lineage seminars and other groups.

A native of Fostoria, Ohio, Brown moved to Florida in 1971. He worked as regional branch coordinator for a savings and loan association in Palm Beach and Broward counties before retiring in 1985.

KUDOS TO COLONY HISTORIANS AND MURIEL CUSHING, STATE HISTORIAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GAINED ABOUT 170 NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

It seems like everyone was trying to take advantage of the special \$50 fee for new memberships and supplementals, if paid by December 31, 2008. State Historian Muriel Cushing and the Colony Historians completed about two years work in just six months completing all of the applications prior to June 30, 2009 as required. As a result, they filed paperwork for 170 individuals. We extend our thanks and gratitude to all of the Historians. We appreciate your hard work and diligence! Muriel will report final numbers at the November meeting.

FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY SPRING BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING

On April 18, 2009 the Florida State Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants Meeting convened at the Holiday Inn Express in Bartow, Florida. Nineteen officers and colony governors were present, and three guests. AGG Frances Lopus will be representing the Florida Society at the September Triennial meeting of the Mayflower Society Board of Assistants meeting to be held in Annapolis, MD, along with Robert Burt, who will serve as the alternate representative.

Nine colonies presented reports, with a focus on membership, juniors, and programs. Treasurer Hank Dressel reported the state society treasury is under budget for the year. Finance Chair Nate Heuberger discussed the state society investments, which will continue to require careful monitoring. The endowment fund is a separate fund. All colonies should have a copy of their State Sales Tax Exemption and be submitting the 990 report. Hank Dressel will be forthcoming with more information.

Historian Muriel Cushing thanked those who contributed to the Church Wall in Leiden. She reported 67 new members so far this year, with a total of 126 papers processed to date.

Scholarship committee chair Laura Brock recommended Margaret Llyswen Berna from Sarasota for the 2009 \$1,000 scholarship. Recommendation approved.

Junior chair James Preston reported 961 members, with 45 recent new members. Discussion followed regarding keeping juniors as members and transitioning them to full membership. Education Chair Jean Albrecht is willing to attend Colony meeting and present educational information available to members.

Bylaws chair Jean Harden stated bylaws are currently up to date. She has compiled a folder for members with 7 or 8 sections including officers, by-laws, and colony information. The colonies can obtain a copy by email from Jean Harden at her email address: fullercolonyfl@verizon.net.

Elder Albert Myers described the certificates that he sends to next of kin when a member expires. The State Secretary Jessie Brabham needs this information in a timely manner. Jessie can be reached at fishb32615@aol.com.

FLORIDA AND COLONY WEBSITES

As most everyone knows by now, the Florida State Society and all of the colonies no longer can have their websites hosted by Geocities. Dee Alexander and Ren Cushing have been working diligently to convert the websites to the new site, flmayflower.com. During the next year, Dee, Ren, and Nancy Fodi will be working with each of the colonies to update and revamp the colony and state websites. It is a step by step learning process for all involved. To view the new state and colony websites, go to <http://flmayflower.com/>.

MAYFLOWER JUNIOR MEMBERS NOW ON FACEBOOK

The National Society Junior Chairman has created a Facebook page for all Junior Mayflower members. The name of the group is Mayflower Jr Members (2009). James W. Preston, State Junior Chairman, states "We would like to publish the information and encourage all junior members to participate in the discussion group."

We would also like to invite Junior members to attend colony meetings with their sponsors to spark interest and participation.

2009 FSMD \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Margaret Llyswen Berna

Margaret Llyswen Berna has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 \$1000 scholarship. Llyswen, daughter of Howard and Catherine Berna of Sarasota, is a Junior Member of the Tilley Colony, and is a 2009 graduate of Pine View School for the Gifted in Osprey, where she maintains a 4.0 average. She has been a member of many Honor Societies and Scope – Sarasota county Openly Plans for Excellence, a community-wide group of primarily adults. She also participated in the People to People Student Ambassador Program in Australia.

Llyswen has been a Theater Assistant for the Glenridge Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. She has served on numerous Girl Scout Boards, has received the Girl Scout's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and has been a Co-Leader of a Brownie Troop the past 2 years.

Llyswen was listed in the 2007-2008 "Who's Who Registry of Academic Excellence." While at Pine View School, her teachers selected her for the Yale Book Award in her Junior Year; she earned the 212 Degrees Award and is on the "Wall of Fame."

Llyswen plans to continue her studies in the Environmental Science field. Her career goals include working in environmental protection,

sustainability and green business initiatives. Llyswen plans to attend New College in Sarasota, FL this fall.

Congratulations, Llyswen, on being this year's recipient of the Florida Mayflower Society Scholarship. Llyswen's essay is on the following page.

LEIDEN CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF THE PILGRIMS

Last year there was a "Pilgrims 400" in Immingham, England, celebrating the successful escape of the Pilgrims via that village to find religious tolerance in Holland. They attempted to settle in Amsterdam with other English, but very quickly, however, they found that their separatist beliefs differed greatly with those already there. And so they looked elsewhere, finally considering Leiden. They made application to the Burgomasters of Leiden for permission to settle there and received approval on February 12, 1609 and arrived there May 1, 1609.

Thus, this year the Leiden town fathers and our friend and director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs, have planned a celebration to honor the Pilgrims who spent much of eleven years there before they made the 1620 Mayflower voyage. The year will be marked by lectures, concerts, and an exhibition about the Pilgrims' publishing adventures. A bilingual commemorative plaque funded by Pilgrim and Huguenot societies and individuals in this country will be affixed to the Vrouwekerk ruins. Events will be posted at the Museum's website.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~netlapm/Page13.htm>.

In honor of this event, Pilgrim Hall Museum's major temporary exhibition for 2009 (June-December) will focus on the relationship between early New England and the Netherlands – from the time of the Pilgrims through the American Revolutionary War. For further details see www.PilgrimHall.org.

WHAT MY MAYFLOWER ANCESTRY MEANS TO ME

By: Margaret Llyswen Berna, 2009 Florida State Scholarship Winner

Growing up in Georgia for my first 10 years of life, I knew very little about my family history. It was limited to the knowledge that my mother was a first generation American; born in the United States to her Welsh mother and German father. My father's family was Midwestern and hailed from Germany and Sweden in the late 1800's and early 1900's, or so we thought.

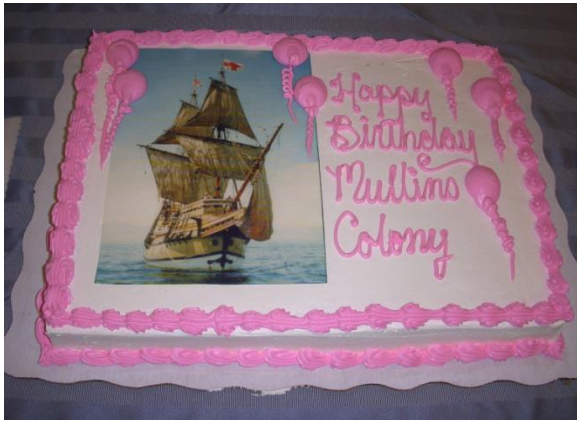
It wasn't until my great-grandmother had to move into a care facility a few years ago, and my dad received a collection of her old family photos, that our family history connection to the Mayflower came to light. My dad simply asked the question "Who are the people in these old photographs?" and "How are they connected to us?" He quickly moved beyond the people in the old photos and spent a lot of time searching historical records and carefully making the connections from generation to generation. As a result, we discovered that his mother's family tree is deeply rooted in America. I remember helping my dad search for tombstones in several cemeteries in the northeast and the excitement of finding the headstones we were seeking. Eventually he traced our family back to James Chilton and his daughter Mary, who were passengers on the Mayflower. Our family also has connections to Stephen Hopkins and Francis Cooke, and as we learn more about our family connections, perhaps even other Mayflower passengers.

Many young people fail to see the relevance of history. Tracing my genealogical history back to the early colonists has helped make American history come alive. I find that history becomes more relevant and meaningful when you realize that it was your ancestors who made that history or were certainly living through it. For example, I have ancestors in my family tree that served in the Revolutionary War, the civil War, and participated in the western expansion of the United States. Others were farmers who stayed relatively localized in New York for several generations. Many of my ancestors were hardworking individuals that weren't "famous" and some left little record to share much insight into their lives.

During a family vacation to Plymouth several years ago, we visited the Plimoth Plantation and I gained a greater appreciation for how our Mayflower ancestors had to struggle to survive. As a teenager myself, it is particularly impressive to imagine how my ancestor, Mary Chilton, managed to survive that first winter "alone" after losing both parents. During my visit to Massachusetts I also felt a connection to the land, wondering if my ancestors had walked the same streets of Boston and Plymouth or whether the natural areas on Cape Cod had changed much since my ancestors encountered the Indians near Provincetown Harbor and the shores of Cape Cod.

Many people may be related to Mayflower passengers and not even know it. However, the knowledge and ability to prove such a connection brings a great sense of pride and a realization that you are as American as you can get. Even though I may not have the opportunity to know who each of my ancestors really were or how they felt, I am proud to say that my family tree is well-grounded in American soil and that a little bit of all of my ancestors can be found in me.

WILLIAM MULLINS COLONY CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY



The 10th Anniversary Party of the William Mullins colony was held at the Ocala Elks Lodge on April 4, 2009. Forty five members and guests attended. Special guests were Founding Governor Dale Sutton, Past Governor Owen Malcolm and present Governor Dr. William Hopkins. The Colony was named for Nora Sutton's passenger, William Mullins. Nora and Dale Sutton were key persons responsible for chartering of the William Mullins Colony in 1999.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the William Mullins Colony were: (Seated L to R) Founding member, Dale Sutton; son, Gregory Sutton, and daughter –in-law, Susan Sutton. (Back row L to R) Past Governor Owen Malcolm, and Past Elder and photographer Elden Luffman.



Prospective member Susan McCoy and husband Mike presented Historian Jessie Brabham with a 1920 Mayflower silver dollar in appreciation for her assistance with Susan's application.

Table decorations at the meeting were cuddly animals (for Easter) and birthday balloons. These were given away as door prizes.

IN MEMORIUM

Since our last newsletter, the Florida Society regrets that we have lost the following members. May they rest in eternal peace. The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Officers and Members extend our sincere condolences to their families and loved ones. If we have overlooked anyone, please let State Secretary, Jessie Brabham, know as soon as possible.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBER NUMBER	ANCESTOR	COLONY
Horne, Marion L	January 22, 2009	50691/2662 (Life)	Howland	Bradford
Koepke, Harry Dittmar	January 23, 2009	60450/3441	Brewster	Alden
Milk, Inez Pierce	October 20, 2008	36900/4304	Billington	Standish
Northey, Ann Nichols	January 14, 2009	63192/3538/MA 9928	Howland	Standish
Springston, John P.	September 1, 2008	70329/3821	Brewster	Standish
Stackhouse, Clayton	January 22, 2009	66534/3569	Alden	Fuller
Barney, Duane Ray	February 4, 2009	55885/2990	Bradford	Allerton
Allen, Dorothy Whittier	March 19, 2009	43951/2987	White	Hopkins
Hitt, Richard Williams Sr	April, 2009	50514/3457	Doty	Allerton
Brown, Shirley	July 17, 2008	52280/2772	Warren	Tilley
Honeywell, Lois O.	May 4, 2009	77794/4337	Hopkins	Bradford
Waters, Dorothy Faxon	May 14, 2009	49926/2611	Bradford	Winslow
Spence, William Clyde	May 10, 2009	72918/4014	Cooke	Cooke
Glasco, Callie M. White	May 21, 2009	77339/4296	Priest	Mullins
Farrell, Deborah Davis	June 20, 2009	60537/3225	Allerton	Standish
Everett, Harold H.	June 24, 2009	39530/2609	Fuller	Warren
Rine, Walter	July 20, 2009	80941/4579	Alden	Doty

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is about and for you, the members of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. The newsletter is published at least twice a year, and we would like to include news about your colonies – programs, items of interest, special recognition of members, and other information you would like to share regarding the Mayflower Society and history. Please forward all articles and pictures to:

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