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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ROBERT E. BURT
Governor 2008—2011
Society of Mayflower
Descendants in the State of
Florida

next year. Her committee has considered the Miccosukee Resort (too much smoke); so, the new Hampton Inn that is next to the new Baptist Hospital in Homestead, Florida is being considered for our 2011 Florida State Mayflower Society Annual Meeting.

You, I, our families have benefitted much from the trials of those who have come before us to establish homes and freedom for us to enjoy. Their lives were not comfortable as those we have come to enjoy with electrical lights, warm homes, clothes and food from the store. They built their homes, made their clothes, raised their food and helped to established for all of us the privilege of being Americans and the spirit to establish Societies for us to belong to.

Happy to be your Governor,
Robbie

WHATS FOR LUNCH? Trudy said a little genealogy, much Mayflower stuff 2010 and 2011. Happy to be your Governor.

The Puritan movement was a slow growth within the church which aimed at reform, but did not want to break away from the church entirely. SEPARATISM wanted to cast aside the established church entirely and form new churches, resting upon the consent of the governed. Many were banished, executed for not attending the English church.

A group of the Separatists who had fled to Leyden, Holland determined to form a new settlement in the new world and in 1620, with a charter from the Northern Virginia Company, they settled at Plymouth, in New England, JAMES CHILTON, our MAYFLOWER ancestor, was among them.

Nancy Fodi has brought new light to our Web site and soon will be filled with Florida information from founding days to the present.

The Villages is the site of our 2010 Florida State Mayflower Annual meeting, please download the registration form and send it in.

Elder William Brewster Colony with the leadership of Clara Powell, Colony Governor, has a committee working on this event to be held in Dade County

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FLORIDA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK

The website for the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants (www.flmayflower.com) has been revamped with an entirely new look and more content, and will be launched later in July. Colonies who do not have their own websites will have information posted under the Colonies heading. To view postings for your colony, simply click on the colony name. Dee Alexander (dalex123@aol.com) and Nancy Fodi (nancyfodi22@embarqmail.com) will continue to update the information for the colonies. Colony governors or their designees are encouraged to forward information regularly to Dee or Nancy for posting.

As with any new venture, things will probably need to be changed or expanded. Hopefully the new site will be easy for everyone to use and navigate. We are always open to suggestions—please forward them to Nancy Fodi at the above email address.

GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2010

A meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108. This year's meeting, hosted by the Mayflower Society in the State of California, will convene at 9:00 a.m.

From the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida, Muriel Cushing will attend as DGG Allerton's substitute. Reynolds Cushing will serve as substitute for Governor Burt. Fran Lopus will attend as the Assistant Deputy Governor.

A reception will be held Friday evening, in addition to a Saturday evening reception and banquet. Also, there will be a Sunday two hour brunch cruise. Preliminary information is listed on pages 10 and 11 of the March, 2010 *Mayflower Quarterly*. Further details are posted in the June 2010 *Mayflower Quarterly*.

MURIEL CUSHING RECEIVES THE ORDER OF THE HOOK AWARD FROM THE EDITORS OF THE MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY



Pictured L-R: Harry P. Folger,
Muriel Cushing, Alice C. Teal

On May 15, 2010 Muriel and Reynolds Cushing, members of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony, were guests at a meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of New Jersey, where Muriel was presented the Order of the Hook Award by the editors of the *Mayflower Quarterly*. Muriel is the state Historian and Reynolds (Ren) is the state Deputy Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida.

The Award stated “The Editors of the *Mayflower Quarterly* of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants are please to present The Order of the Hook to the illustrious Muriel C. Cushing, Historian of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida, Who exemplifies the spirit of the Mayflower Pilgrims on Cape Cod, Who found safety and security in its harbors, Sustenance from its land and waters, Friendship with its native people, Prosperity from its resources, Shelter for their families, and Freedom to worship God without interference or retribution. The details of which and more are expressed within the pages of the *Mayflower quarterly*. This being celebrated during this Diamond Jubilee Year. Given on this Fifteenth day of May Two Thousand and Ten.

Alice C. Teal, Editor
Harry P. Folger, 3rd Assistant Editor



You Are Cordially Invited to Join Us for the

73rd Annual Meeting of the

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

Hosted by the James Chilton Colony

To be held Friday & Saturday, November 19 & 20, 2010

At The Waterfront Inn – 1105 Lakeshore Drive, The Villages, FL 32162

State Meeting Registration Form

Deadline for State Meeting Registration is Friday, 05 November 2010

Name _____ Name for Badge: _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/Area Code) _____ Email _____

Colony Name _____ Member Guest

Title (as an Officer of the Society) _____

- Every effort has been made to keep this year's pricing at or below that of last year -

Friday, 19 November 2010

Evening Banquet \$36.00 _____

Select one:

Chicken Marsala Mahi Mahi – Grilled
(Sautéed in Marsala sauce with mushrooms) (With a creamy dill sauce)

Entrees include a mixed greens salad, vegetable du jour, Chef's Choice of potatoes or rice,
Mayflower Cake for dessert and a choice of coffee or iced tea

If a special diet is required, please send that info to Ken Carter by 31 October

Note: Anyone wishing to wear traditional Mayflower attire during the banquet is welcome.

Saturday, 20 November 2010

Luncheon \$15.00 _____
(Vegetable beef soup with Ham & Cheddar or Turkey & Provolone slider sandwiches)

Registration Fee for each adult member and guest \$ 4.00 _____
Registration Fee is Non-Refundable

Total Enclosed (including Registration Fee) \$ _____
(If registering more than one person, you may write one check for the grand total)

All forms, one for each person, with your check made payable to: "James Chilton Colony"
Should be mailed to:

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

Advance registration required, must be canceled by Friday, 12 November to avoid charge

Hotel Accommodations

Waterfront Inn – Lake Sumter Landing
1105 Lake Shore Drive
The Villages, FL 32162
Phone – 352-753-7535; Fax – 352-750-8279
Email: waterfrontinnSCM@jhmhotels.com
Group Reservations: 800-758-1189
Website: www.WaterfrontInnVillages.com

Discounted Room Rates are as follows:
Standard King or Queen/Queen guestroom - \$99.00*
Lakeview - \$109.00
Lakeview with Balcony - \$119.00
Executive Suite - \$129.00
*Can be requested as "Lake View"
Tax on all guest rooms is 9%

EMILY ANNE O'BRIEN
2010 FLORIDA MAYFLOWER
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



EMILY ANNE O'BRIEN

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to present to you our choice for the \$1,000 state award—Emily Anne O'Brien, from Dalton, Georgia.

Her sponsoring relative is her maternal grandmother, Barbara Hordusky, of the James Chilton Colony at The Villages. William Bradford is Emily's Mayflower ancestor.

Emily's career goal is to become an attorney, first by achieving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and then complete law school. Her beginning destination is the University of Georgia. A 4.39 weighted GPA and ranking 23rd in her class of 300, plus the letters of recommendation, confirm her high work ethic, her giving heart, and her determination to make a difference.

Since 2006, Emily has been a church youth group leader, track and cross-country participant, officer in many school and out of school groups, such as a dance company member, where her talent in that area has blossomed.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT

By Emily Anne O'Brien

As a descendant of William Bradford, I too have many of the characteristics that are similar to those who came on

the Mayflower. I have the determination to never give up on anything that comes my way. I am a strong leader in my community, and I contain the intellect that is comparable to my descendant, William Bradford. I fully believe that I exemplify the qualities similar to those on the Mayflower and hope to use these traits as I follow my dream of becoming a lawyer.

Throughout my life, I have always believed myself to be exceptionally determined. Much like Mr. Bradford, who was determined to make a better life for himself and his family, I find myself pushing the limits in every aspect of my life. This sense of willpower was most prevalent during my junior and senior years, when I completed two seasons of cross country. For a person who had trouble running to the mailbox, running cross country was one of the most challenging activities for which I have completed. Many times throughout both seasons, I wanted to give up and walk. However, because of my drive I never gave up, and I completed both seasons. It is this determination that will push me forward as I encounter life's obstacles.

As the governor of Plymouth Colony, William Bradford was an exceptional leader. I too am a leader, which could be referenced to him. I hold many leadership positions in the clubs in which I participate. For instance, I am the President of GWI, a traditional girl's club that is well respected in my community. I am the Treasurer of the BETA Club. Finally, I am a spiritual leader in FCA. Also, I am a youth mentor in my church youth group. Holding leadership positions requires a large amount of patience, as one typically deals with many different types of personalities. I feel capable of holding these positions as leadership is in my gene pool. As a person who has the ability to make a difference, I find that my leadership qualities will shine throughout my life.

Similar to my ancestor, I possess the mental ability to succeed in life. Throughout my life, education has always been extremely important. During my high school career, I have continuously pushed myself to take a rigorous class load, while participating in sports. For the past four years, I have maintained a 3.9 GPA, while dancing four days a week with my local dance company, running cross country, and playing tennis for my school. Most people would find it difficult to sustain this high GPA which participating in the large amounts of extracurricular activities; however, I find it manageable because of the intellect that I could trace back to my ancestor.

Being a Mayflower Descendant is a great honor. Determination, leadership, and intellect are qualities that I demonstrate which could closely resemble William Bradford's characteristics. I hope to use these abilities as I pursue my education and become a lawyer to help people in need.



FLORIDA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL CRUISE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN.

ABOARD THE NCL NORWEGIAN DAWN

DECEMBER 3, 2010

DEPARTING FROM THE PORT OF MIAMI



DAY ONE AT SEA
DAY TWO SAMANA
 Dominican Republic
DAY THREE TORTOLA
 British Virgin Islands
DAY FOUR
 St. John's, Antigua
 Leeward Islands in the Eastern Caribbean
DAY FIVE
 Barbados
 The eastern-most of The Caribbean Islands
DAY SIX
 St. Kitts
 West Indies
DAY SEVEN
 At Sea
DAY EIGHT
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 DEC 12
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With every cabin there will be \$100 onboard credit and a bottle of wine in their cabin. Please feel free to contact us anytime with any questions or concerns that you might have, or if any of the Society needs hotels, airfare or transfers we can arrange that also!

BRADFORD COLONY ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



DEBORAH
HUBBARD

MARIAH NICOLE
BERNHARDT

The Gov William Bradford Colony is very pleased to announce two recipients of our scholarship award this year. Our two lovely young ladies, who are Deborah Hubbard and Mariah Nichole Bernhardt, each received five hundred dollars.

About a year ago Deborah found herself laid off from a career in the Engineering field. She decided to go back to school in nursing and is presently enrolled at PTEC in the Practical Nursing program. Upon completion of the program she plans to work in hospice or a nursing home making a difference in the quality of someone's life.

Mariah lives in Norman, OK with her parents and brother. After graduation she will be attending Oklahoma State University in the fall. She plans to pursue a major in microbiology to become a doctor, a life long dream. She has played soccer her whole life and is thinking of joining the OSU women's soccer team.

MAYFLOWER APPAREL AVAILABLE

Mayflower members may now purchase very nice Mayflower apparel. The apparel includes polo and dress shirts, caps, and tote bags. To see items available, pictures, and pricing, go to:

<http://mayflowerapparel.promoshop.com>

To order, call EmbroidMe of Naples
Telephone: (239) 593-2193

MEET OUR STATE TREASURER HANK DRESSEL

In this and coming issues, we plan to feature some of our state officers, who work so diligently for the members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida, so that you will get to know them better.



Henry (Hank) Dressel, Treasurer of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida, was born in Rochester, New York, but grew up in Fall River, Massachusetts. Hank's father died young, and he was brought up by his Mother and Grandparents. He attended Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass., and moved to Orlando, Florida in 1956.

Hank attended the University of Florida, where he earned BS and MBA degrees and a CPA certificate. He was a member of the US Navy, serving 8 years of Active Duty, followed by 14 years in the Reserves. He is a retired CDR, USNR. Following his Navy obligations, Hank was employed by the Lockheed Martin Corporation for 25 years.

He has been married to his wife Gail for 38 years. They have two children – son Michael, who lives in New York City, and daughter Susan, who lives in Winston-Salem, NC.

Hank's Mayflower ancestors are William Brewster, Francis Cooke, and Stephen Hopkins. He has been a member of the Mayflower Society of 8 years, joining the John Howland Colony. Hank states that he enjoys being a member because he likes people and genealogy. He has been Colony Governor for 5 years, Colony Historian for 2 years, and State Treasurer for two years.

Hank is also a member of the French Family Association and Roger Williams Society (RI). He is working on membership in the SAR, since his ancestors, a Father and Son, fought with the Minutemen. His hobbies include golf, reading, and he is a lifelong Boston sports fan. We are privileged to have someone with the education and experience that Hank possesses, to be our State Treasurer. Thanks, Hank, for all that you do.

FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING
Lakeland, FL
10 APRIL 2010

State Governor Robert Burt called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with 14 State Officers and Chairpersons and 6 Colony Governors present. Elder Albert Myers gave the Invocation and State Governor Robert Burt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Mayflower Society Flag. Governor Burt said "We are here today because we are descendants of the original Pilgrims " This is the opening statement give by the James Chilton Colony Players in their Pilgrim costumes when they address the school children. The response from the children is magnificent. Afterward, they are asked to draw pictures about what they learned. One 3rd grade boy drew a picture of the "Mayflower" ship because the players talked about the long voyage. He added a propeller to the back of the ship. Governor Burt said that these programs keep our heritage alive and he added that he was proud to be our Governor.

State Secretary Jessie Brabham called the Roll. 10 State Officers, 10 Chairpersons and 6 Colony Governors were present. (6 persons had 2nd titled office). A quorum was present.

State Governor Burt presented Richard Hopkins of Allerton Colony who was appointed Public Relations Chairman to replace Donald Winslow. State Secretary Brabham moved" that 2009 Board Minutes having been sent to all Board members and partially published in "The Pilgrim" be accepted as presented". Chilton Colony Governor Pete Adams seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was passed, State Governor Burt then described the new DGG & AG Medallions that are available. The new Medallions are Silver. They are priced at \$100.00 apiece. AG Fran Lopus reported that many complaints were voiced about the Historian General's approach to membership papers.

Governor Burt reported that Governor General Judith Swan was already booked for the Illinois meeting and will be unable to come to our 2010 State meeting. Governor Burt proposed that the 2011 State meeting be held in Miami at the Miccosuki Resort. After some discussion, Laura Brock moved "that the 2011 Florida Society State Mayflower Meeting be held in Miami on November 18 - 19, 2011". Elder Myers seconded the motion and up a vote was carried.

Elder Myers moved "that Medallions for DGG & AG be purchased by the Society". Muriel Cushing seconded the motion and upon a vote was carried. Treasurer Dressel will place order. Chilton Colony Governor Pete Adams stated that 2010 State meeting will be held on November 19-20, 2010 at the same place in The Villages as 2009. AG Fran Lopus questioned the exorbitant cost of the previous year's meeting.

The General meeting is in San Diego on September 10-11, 2010. Muriel Cushing will attend as DGG Allerton's substitute. Reynolds Cushing will substitute for Governor Burt who is unable to attend. Fran Lopus nominated Nancy Fodi as a substitute delegate for AG. Nancy's not sure at this time if she will be able to go.

Pete Adams and Hank Dressel complimented Nancy Fodi on her outstanding and excellent Newsletter, "The Pilgrim". Governor Burt reminded us to provide e-mails for Nancy's use.

Scholarship Chairman Laura Brock moved "that Emily Anne O'Brien receive the \$1,000 State Scholarship award". Motion was seconded by Hank Dressel and upon a vote was carried. Emily was sponsored by her grandmother, Barbara Horduski of the James Chilton Colony. A copy of Emily's essay is attached to these Minutes.

Laura will notify the winner and invite her to the November State meeting. Pete Adams will follow up on that.

By-Laws Chairman, Jean Harden presented the updated Standing Rules. Several suggestions were made about deleting lines as being duplications. Jean moved acceptance of Standing Rules. After Discussion, 1st Line of #16 will be reworded per amended motion by Nathan Heuberger, seconded by Jean Harden in relation to a request for change in Life membership age criteria beginning at 50 years and the change of required number of years of membership from 1 year to 5 years. Rule #17 concerning Elder's Memorial Certificate will be added. Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried. Jean and Jessie will finalize the overall wording on them and present the finished copy before the State Board meeting in November.

Treasurer Dressel gave his report. Ruth Ann Fay made a motion to remove items (\$ amounts) from the Standing Rules as they are already in the budget. After much discussion, Ruth Ann withdrew her motion. After point of rule question by Elder Myers, Governor Burt suggested that Finance Committee will handle this question.

Treasurer Dressel added to his report:

- 1 His e-mail has been changed. Current e-mail is hdressel@att.net
2. Form 990N (under \$25,000.00 gross income) has been filed with IRS.
3. Purchase of HP scanner for Ren Cushing document updating for \$1,014.00.
(Ren has 7 file cabinets of old applications and supporting documents)

Treasurer Dressel moved that we purchase the HP Scanner for \$1,014 from Amazon.com.

Elder Myers seconded motion and up a vote was carried. Elder Myers suggested a commendation for Ren for preserving our old records. He also asked for same for Treasurer Dressel for his clear and complete reports. Question of a secure site for digitized records was noted.

Nathan Heuberger's position as Trustee for Endowment Fund has expired. Nathan Heuberger was nominated to be re-appointed to this position. Nomination was approved. Nate gave report for Finance Committee. Life membership fees need to be reconsidered. By-Laws rule changing the minimum age to 50 years should be established. The requirement of 5 years prior membership instead of one year should also be considered. This would change Standing Rules (#16). Nate will send Jessie this information so members can be notified before the November meeting. Nate reported the need for a volunteer for a 5th Finance Committee member to replace Craig Lopus who is unable to continue in this position. Person doesn't have to be a BOA member .

COLONY REPORTS:

Brewster Colony: Governor Burt will be guest speaker on May 14th.

Bradford Colony: Muriel Cushing will be at May meeting and Governor Burt at the November Meeting.

Tilley Colony has 124 members and will give a \$1500 scholarship at May 8 meeting. Member, Muriel Cushing continues to serve GSMD on several chairmanships.

Allerton Colony : Richard Hopkins is new State Public relation Chair. He inquired about a Consult list of speakers. (Robbie suggested that Richard work to compile such a list as part of his new job)

Fuller Colony: Blythe Thomas reported members total 51 and Juniors total 42. Jane Brumbaugh will be the new Colony Juniors Chair. Governor Burt was at February 2010 meeting.

Cooke Colony: Ruth Ann Fay reported that their member, John Compton French was the Oldest Florida Mayflower member. He recently died at age of 102. Ruth Ann attended his graveside funeral.

Howland: Hank Dressel reported that they have 3 new members.

Chilton: Pete Adams reported that they have 74 members, 55 Juniors and one dual member.

They hosted the 2009 State meeting with Brett Brown as speaker. Their Feb meeting was the video „Many faces of Old Glory“. Every colony should see this video. On April 17th, Pete Adams will talk about Pilgrims Indian Neighbors. They will again host the 2010 State Meeting. Dr. Wright will probably be guest speaker.

Juniors Chairman James Preston reported that he helped MA establish a Juniors program. He has made lists for each Colony showing their Junior members. Florida has 981 Juniors. They have a Facebook website. Bradford has 197 Juniors, Standish has 186 Juniors and Tilley has 147.

42 Juniors will age out this year. A letter to the Colonies will remind them of aging-out Juniors. Fran Lopus commended Jim on his Junior membership job. Treasurer Dressel reminded us that # of Juniors becoming „New“ members must be specified on year end reports. Colonies don't receive re-imburement as “New” for them.

Ruth Ann Fay asked about dropped Juniors. They must file application before age 25 to get membership application benefit. If not, they must apply as regular prospective member.

Elder Myers asked if there were programs for Junior members. Standish Colony thinks that a Saturday meeting would be helpful so they can attend. One colony sends Thanksgiving cards to their Juniors. Governor Burt suggested that the Colonies come up with some ideas for state meeting to involve the Juniors and asked Richard Hopkins to think about that also. **State Historian** Muriel Cushing reported 26 new member, 1 transfer in, 1 new dual member, 1 Jr. to adult, total new members 29, also 7 supplementals, 7 Applications in Plymouth, 2 transfers out.

Total papers processed is 45. This covers period from 21 Nov 09 to 10 Apr 2010.

State membership is approximately 1260.

Governor Burt, Ken Burt and Nancy Fodi all agree that we need a more active website. Dee Alexander, Ren Cushing and Nancy established a new website with “GoDaddy”, when Geocities services ended. Our website needs re-vamping. Professional services for this go from \$400 to \$2000. Nancy's recommendations **1)** that a free lance web-site designer, Carl Johnson, be hired to set up a State website for Approximately \$400 plus registering our Domain for total of \$500. **2)** Then budget \$300.00 annually for maintenance by a professional. Budgeted Monies not used for Newsletter can be utilized to cover the above expense. Colonies can still have their own website linked to State website. Nancy & Dee can do some of the future updating. Proposed website has seven areas of information. Her

full report is available for anyone wishing more information.

Governor Burt explained that a website should be beneficial to our Society. Treasurer Dressel (a former programmer) agrees with the figures and information given in Nancy's report. A workshop can be set up at the State meeting. Members with laptops can help with this project. Hank Dressel moved "the adoption of the recommendations in Nancy's report and her ideas to upgrade our website". Albert Myers seconded the motion and upon a vote was carried. Hank commended her on the work done on the website. The next newsletter will be in July with a mid-July deadline for news.

Muriel Cushing reported that the project of the bronze plaque in Leiden is going well. \$11,000 has been raised for this project. Renovation and brickwork is in progress. We plan to have a picture of the finished project provided by Governor Burt's daughter. His ancestor (and mine) James Chilton lived there before the voyage to the new world was undertaken.

Ren Cushing reported that the venue of this year's cruise has been changed from previous years. The cruise starts December 3 and lasts for 10 days. 1st port is St. Martins. The prices quoted include all port charges and taxes all inclusive and a \$100 on-board credit for each person. Every eight cabins booked will earn a donation back to the Society. All information is on the website. This includes chocolate and champagne in the rooms. It will be with Norwegian Cruise Lines this year.

FL MF Society Trust Fund Trustee, Ruth Ann Fay reported that the \$7,069.00 earned \$17.00 before the fee of \$125 and back taxes of \$4.00 were deducted. An article will be in the next newsletter to remind our members to donate to this fund. Ruth Ann will provide the necessary information to Treasurer Dressel. Colonies that make donations to Scholarship and Endowment Funds should be recognized at State meeting. Treasurer Dressel noted that Scholarship fund receives more money yearly than is paid out in Scholarships. The Trust Fund needs donations so that expenses will be covered by earned dividends. There was a discussion about the Scholarship Fund and the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund was originally established by James Holyfield, Edward Sullivan and Dale Sutton. Standish Colony Richard Hazen requested information on the Trust and Scholarship funds.

Governor Burt thanked the Board members for their attendance, insight and information. Pre-ordered luncheon preferences will be served in dining area.

Elder Myers gave the Benediction and the Blessing for our meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Brabham

Jessie Brabham,
FSMD Secretary

Present were State Officers,

AG Fran Lopus

Governor Robert Burt

Dep. Gov. Reynolds Cushing

Secretary Jessie Brabham

Treasurer Hank Dressel

Historian /Membership Muriel Cushing

Elder Albert Myers

Directors

Nathan Heuberger / Finance

Jean Harden / Bylaws

Laura Brock/Scholarship

Juniors James Preston

Finance Nathan Heuberger

Pilgrim Ed. / FL Web Page Nancy Fodi

Publicity Richard Hopkins

Colony Governors

Bradford Laura Brock

Chilton Peter Adams

Cooke Ruth Ann Fay / Foundation

Fuller Blythe Thomas

Howland Hank Dressel

Standish Richard Hazen

HISTORY AT A GLANCE
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER
DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

The Florida Society, the 28th state to organize, was chartered 31 July 1937 with 24 charter members. The organizational meeting was held 07 Aug 1937, at "Perrydell" in Rio Vista, overlooking the Halifax River, north of Daytona Beach. The first annual meeting was held in Jacksonville in the home of the Secretary, dinner was \$1.00 per plate. Initiation fee \$5.00, annual dues \$3.00 and Life Membership \$50.00.

By 1958 six colonies had been chartered and many followed. We now have 15 chapters throughout the state: Elder William Brewster Colony, Miami, 1942; John Alden Colony, Ft. Lauderdale, 1949; Dr. Samuel Fuller Colony, Tampa, 01 April 1950, (later disbanded); William Bradford Colony, St. Petersburg, 1951; Francis Cooke Colony, Daytona Beach, 10 November 1954; Richard Warren Colony, Pointe Verde Beach, 15 November 1957; John Howland Colony, Winter Park, 1962; Isaac Allerton Colony, West Palm Beach, 1970; Myles Standish Colony, Naples, 1975; Edward Winslow Colony, Tallahassee, 1977; Elizabeth Tilley Colony, Sarasota, 1982; Edward Doty Colony, Pensacola, 1989; William Mullins Colony organized January 21, 1999, chartered 27 March 1999 for the Ocala, Gainesville area; Stephen Hopkins Colony, Vero Beach, 13 November 2001; and the James Chilton Colony, The Villages, 2007.

We average 1300 members annually with an additional 981 junior members in 2010. The organization is involved in school programs, telling about our descendants' lives and history and what it means for our country today. The state organization sponsors an annual scholarship program for High School seniors. A working Board of Assistants make it all happen and great fellowship makes our organization so meaningful.



COOK'S
CORNER

As a small child visiting my grandmother in Ohio, one of our favorite activities was making and pulling taffy. Grandma said this was a variation of a recipe handed down from her Mayflower ancestors. If she did not have enough molasses, she would sometimes substitute some honey.

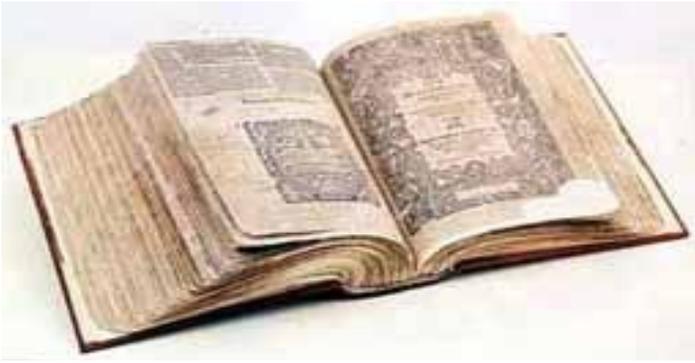
MOLASSES TAFFY

- 5 teaspoons butter (no substitutes), softened, divided
- ¼ cup water
- 1 ¼ cups packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup molasses

Butter a 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in pan with 3 teaspoons butter; set aside. In a heavy saucepan, combine water, brown sugar, vinegar and salt. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook and stir until and candy thermometer reads 245⁰ F (firm-ball stage), stirring occasionally. Add molasses and remaining butter. Cook, uncovered, until a candy thermometer reads 260⁰ (hard ball stage), stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat; pour into prepared pan. Cool for 5 minutes until cool enough to handle.

With buttered fingers, quickly pull half of the candy until firm, but pliable. Pull and shape into a ½ inch rope. Cut into 1 ¼ inch pieces with scissors. Repeat with remaining taffy. Wrap pieces individually in waxed paper; twist ends. Store in airtight containers in the refrigerator. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before serving. Yield: 14 ½ dozen.

Nancy Fodi, editor



THE GENEVA BIBLE

William Bradford's Geneva Bible

Nearly every Pilgrim household possessed a copy of the Bible, usually the Geneva translation. It is sometimes called the “breeches” Bible because of the quaint translation of Genesis III:7, which says that Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, “sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches.”

With the introduction of Christianity into the British Isles in the seventh century, the Bible arrived with the missionaries. But that Bible was not available to many since it was in Latin and few people even could read. The first serious attempt to make the Bible available to Englishmen was undertaken by John Wycliffe, who translated the New Testament and portions of the Old Testament from the Latin. The work was completed by Hereford, a student of Wycliffe's and it was revised and corrected in 1388.

William Tyndale, working with the original Greek of the New Testament and Hebrew of the Old Testament began translating the Bible into English. However, by then there was an official ban upon publishing the Bible in English, and Tyndale had to go into exile. He published his New Testament in Worms, Germany, in 1525. Before he could complete the Old Testament translation he was taken prisoner in Antwerp and sentenced to die. The date of his death by strangulation and burning was October 6, 1536.

At the time of Queen Mary's persecutions of the Protestants in England, English exiles sought refuge in various German cities and in the Low Countries. Among those exiles in Frankfort were William Whittington, Anthony Gilbey and Thomas Sampson. All three left Frankfort for Geneva, Switzerland, which was then the center for the Protestant faith. There, William Whittington published a translation of the New Testament in 1557, which he made from the original Greek. In 1560 the Old Testament and a revision of Whittington's New Testament was published as a result of the combined efforts of Whittington, Gilbey and Sampson. That was the famous Geneva Bible, the most significant English version from the standpoint of accuracy to appear.

Queen Elizabeth's reign ended in 1601 and she was succeeded by James I. James and the Church of England were not happy with the Geneva Bible and James convened the Hampton Court Conference and, in 1604, commissioned a group, all members of the Church of England, to begin again the translation of the Bible from the original Greek and Hebrew. That translation published in 1611 became the official Bible of the Church of England and was called the King James version.

But for many years, the Puritan reformers and our own ancestors at Plymouth continued to use the Geneva Bible.

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