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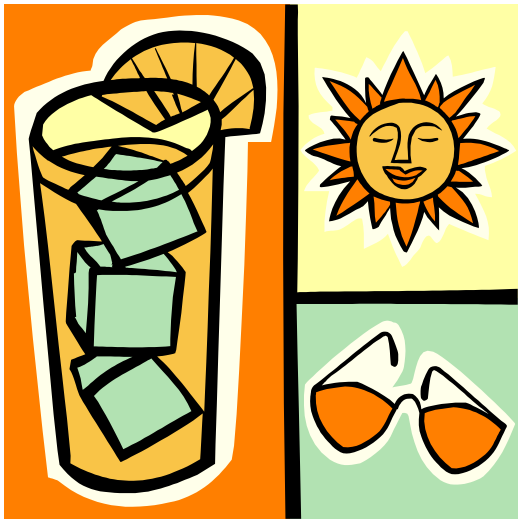
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Florida Mayflower Society Members:

The first days of summer will soon be here and most of us will be taking the chance to visit family and friends "back home."



Here is the chance to do more research and to interest other family members in our outstanding heritage. Here is the chance to reflect and recharge our thoughts and ideas for honoring our ancestors. Here is the chance to attend "Congress" in September and learn what being a Mayflower member means, what the Society stands for and how the Society is managed. Here is the chance to visit Plimoth Plantation and gain a better understanding of what that small band of brave Pilgrims had to endure, what problems they faced and their determination to survive.

Here is the chance to ponder and reactivate our reasons for being a member of the Mayflower Society, a chance to realize the meanings of our mutual bond, and a chance to prepare for a bigger and better next season.

Muriel and I wish that each moment of your summer is filled with the things that bring you joy.

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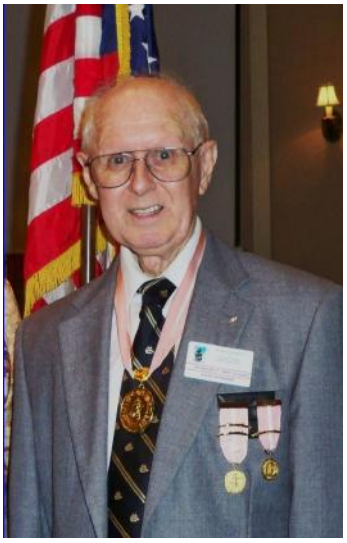

Governor Reynolds P. Cushing

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"All persons over eighteen years of age who are descended from a passenger on the Mayflower on the voyage which terminated at Plymouth, New England, in December 1620, shall be eligible for membership." Article III, Section 1, FSMD By-Laws

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
(from 1 Dec 2013 through 30 Apr 2014)

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Location	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Caroline Kelley North	Boca Raton	85971/4956	Stephen Hopkins	Allerton
Diane Greetice Hendry Mietz	Sanford	86313/4975	John Alden	Cooke
Christine Chandra Hopkins Staron	Windsor Locks, CT	86314/4976	Stephen Hopkins	Allerton
Randall Kevin Wilkes	Jacksonville	86289/4977	John Howland	Warren
Robert Woodruff Owers	Miami	86308/4978	Samuel Fuller	Brewster
Karen Jane (Stump) Hixson	Celebration	86324/4979	Edward Doty	Fuller
Elizabeth Kleinfelder Whitehurst	Seminole	86349/4980	Cooke	Bradford
Orin Champlain III	Winter Haven	86451/4982	John Billington	Fuller
Marianne Mangels	Naples	86452/4983	William Brewster	Standish
Roger Warren Roszell	Sarasota	86453/4984	John Alden	Tilley
Patricia Malley Shanahan	Naples	86454/4985	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Archie Ray Traynor Jr.	Cocoa Beach	86455/4986	Mary Allerton	Cooke
Susan Amy Winslow-Garcia	Miami	86450/4987	Samuel Fuller	Brewster
David Allen Cobb	Cape Coral	86484/4988	William Bradford	Samson
Stanley Marshall Parmeter	Fort Myers	86485/4989	John Alden	Samson
Beverly Gilbertson Griffiths	Port Charlotte	86486/4990	John Alden	Tilley
Nancy Lee Dunham Murphy	Fort Pierce	86497/4992	Degory Priest	Allerton
Allison Ainsley MacKay	Vero Beach	86525/4993	Billington	Hopkins
Joanne Hylen Brown	Winter Garden	86536/4994	John Brewster	Chilton
Frances Mitchell Green	Lake Worth	86537/4995	Isaac Allerton	Allerton
Lisa Weatherby Miller	Atlanta, GA	86538/4996	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Madison Elizabeth Miller	Atlanta, GA	86539/4997	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Mary Anne Hunt	Tampa	86575/4998	Richard Warren	Fuller
Caroline Laurie (White) McQuade	Titusville	86533/4999	Stephen Hopkins	Howland
Beverly Jo (Lindsley) Muraski	Orlando	86577/5000	Peter Brown	Howland
Bobbie Jean (Baland) Neidig	Fort Myers	86578/5001	William Brewster	Samson
Stephen Gifford Pinney	Port St. Lucie	86592/5002	William Bradford	Bradford
Douglas James Adams	Ponte Vedra	86612/5003	William Bradford	Warren
Carolyn Ann Dunham Leonard	St. John	86613/5004	Edward Fuller	Warren
Jane Marie (Robinson) Ritchey	Hansville, WA	86630/5005	Richard Warren	Tilley
Karen Isley Seiferth	Fort Myers	86631/5006	William Bradford	Samson
Jacqueline Taber Chapman	Williamsburg, VA	86632/5007	John Howland	Tilley
John Witt Chapman	West Hollywood, CA	86633/5008	John Howland	Tilley
Stephen Murphy Chapman	Greensboro, NC	86634/5009	John Howland	Tilley
Taylor James Adams	West Palm Beach	86640/5010	William Bradford	Warren
Krystle Kennedy Black	Hahira, GA	86641/5011	John Alden	Winslow
Carole Jane West Mack	The Villages	86658/5012	Richard Warren	Chilton
Ann Robinson Rogers Roth	Altadena, CA	86659/5013	Thomas Rogers	Bradford
William Harold DeBord	Melbourne	86664/5014	John Alden	Cooke
Evelyn Agnes Rogers Perry Nyman	Crystal River	86665/5015	Thomas Rogers	Mullins
Sharon Lyn Peck Pomerantz Rapp	Lecanto	86666/5016	John Howland	Mullins
Susan Gayle Barthelmess May	Longwood	86680/5017	Isaac Allerton	Howland
Andrea Susan Freeze	Topeka, KS	86710/5018	William White	Alden
Erika Marie Proulx	Marathon	86711/5019	Thomas Rogers	Bradford
Elizabeth Bird McLeod Atterbury	Jupiter	86745/5021	William Bradford	Allerton
Barbara Ann Brown Bateman	The Villages	86746/5022	William White	Chilton
Malachi Causey Bennett IV	Evanston, IL	86747/5023	William Bradford	Bradford
Patrick Andrew Bennett	Atlanta, GA	86748/5024	William Bradford	Bradford
Riley Owen Bennett	Atlanta, GA	86749/5025	William Bradford	Bradford
Lois Coletta Davis LaGruth	Naples	86777/5027	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Karen Dorothy Powell	The Villages	86778/5028	Isaac Allerton	Chilton
Nancy Lynn Kleinfelder	St. Petersburg	86795/5029	Francis Cooke	Bradford

NEW MEMBERS

Larry Eugene Walker	Orlando	86796/5030	Edward Fuller	Howland
Charlotte Alline (Garrison) Hope	Columbia, SC	86826/5031	John Howland	Bradford
Elizabeth Anne Hope	Columbia, SC	86827/5032	John Howland	Bradford
Anne Ashton Pendleton Kelly	Columbia, SC	86828/5033	John Howland	Bradford
Karoline Lenore Kurlander	Sewalls Point	86861/5036	Francis Cooke	Allerton
Molly Irene Jank	Ocala	86877/5037	Edward Fuller	Mullins
Steven John Pardee	Plano, TX	86895/5038	William Brewster	Mullins

TRANSFERS IN/OUT

Sheryl Lea (Morris) Heggi	Kissimmee	85147/4965	Edward Fuller	Fuller
	TRANSFER IN from MA #12086			
Walter Eugene Dean	Palm Harbor	73841/4981	Stephen Hopkins	Hopkins
	TRANSFER IN from OH			
Scott Anthony Waldron	Summerville	85540/4991	Edward Doty	Fuller
	TRANSFER IN FROM DC #2389			
Edmund Stewart Martin	Cummings, GA	82865/4706	Degory Priest	Tilley
	TRANSFER OUT TO GA			
Suzanne Marie Hodges Moore	Coopersville, MI	81803/4640	John Alden	Chilton
	TRANSFER OUT TO MI			
David Alden Furlow	Orlando	66598/5034	John Alden	Alden
	TRANSFER IN FROM VA #917			
Daniel Alden Furlow	Orlando	67185/5035	John Alden	Alden
	TRANSFER IN FROM VA #933			

RESIGNED IN GOOD STANDING

Cynthia Choyce Connor	Melbourne	74632/4109	Thomas Rogers	Howland
Beth A. Waters	Rock Spring, GA	74255/4090	John Alden	Cooke
Helen M. Dunn	Jacksonville	36418/907	Richard Warren	Warren
Jonathan Clark Stubbs	Chelmsford, MA	70946/4202	John Howland	Bradford
George S. Smith Jr.	Fleming Island	83162/4834	William Brewster	Warren

REINSTATEMENTS

Theresa Jane Sawyer Cobb	Ellenton	70304/3891	Stephen Hopkins	Tilley

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Barbara Kingsbury Balch Mann	15 Dec 2013	60446/3222	Samuel Fuller	Samson
Sheldon Edward Murray	27 Oct 2012	72226/3965	John Howland	Howland
Margaret Ann Butts Pasha	20 Jul 2013	19840/2527	Thomas Rogers	Allerton
Emma Jane Peabody	7 Dec 2013	Jr. #2157	Richard Warren	Alden
Iris May Scruton Brown	6 Nov 2013	82703/4690	William Brewster	Tilley
Elizabeth R. McDaniel	26 Feb 2014	54155/2875	John Alden	Allerton
Douglas Haldane North	25 Aug 2013	68771/3701	John Alden	Hopkins
Malcolm S. Pray Jr.	25 Aug 2013	62281/4817	John Alden	Allerton
Robert Raup	20 Feb 2014	64390/3427	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Thelma Lillian Buote	17 Mar 2014	81264/4600	Richard Warren	Standish
Mary Constance Wylie Cannon	7 Apr 2014	45617/2316	William Bradford	Standish
Shelia Emma Burke See	28 Mar 2014	48428/2847	John Howland	Standish

HOWLAND GRAVE RUBBING

Shirley Dearen, the Historical Preservation Chairman of the Barefoot Beach Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Bonita Springs, has contacted FSMD with a request: "Ann Denney, the Honorary and Past Regent of our chapter, and her daughter did a rubbing of the John Howland grave in Plymouth about 30 years ago. They chose Howland's grave because the inscription says it was 'the earliest grave in Plymouth colony.' Ann donated the rubbing to our chapter and we're now looking to find it a permanent home. Our long-term goals for the grave rubbing include: find a Howland descendant who wants it; or donate it to a local historical society for display; or contact the Pilgrim John Howland Society house/museum in Plymouth and see if there is interest."

The Barefoot Beach Chapter of DAR has loaned the rubbing to FSMD so it could be displayed at the Spring BoA meeting in Lakeland (see photo at left where Hank Dressel holds it gently for all to see) and also at the May 5th lunch meeting of the John Howland Colony in Winter Park.

Any Howland descendants having an interest should contact Shirley Dearen directly at shirlandrobert@yahoo.com.

FLORIDA SOCIETY REACHES MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

As we all know from the year-long 75th anniversary celebration held in 2012, the Florida Society was chartered on 31 July 1937 with 24 original members. FL #1 was issued to Mrs. Minnie Stella (Gilbert) Wall of Miami. Last month, FL #5000 was issued to Beverly Muraski of Orlando, a new member of the John Howland Colony. In the photo below, Howland Colony governor Hank Dressel presents Beverly with her Mayflower certificate bearing Gen #86577 and FL #5000 at the Howland Colony lunch meeting on 3 Mar 2014.

The growth of the Florida Society is due in no small measure to the dedicated efforts of the state and colony historians who've served over the last 77 years. When asked to comment on this milestone, FSMD Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing said:

"The heart of our society are our ancestors. Their commitment to their beliefs, their bravery in standing by their principles and appreciation for their sacrifice demand our admiration.

"We are a bloodline society that does not petition people to join but openly welcomes others who also share our heritage and are proud of what our ancestors accomplished in shaping our lives and well-being. Realizing what hardships were endured for us and saying thanks.

"Discovering the proof of our descendancy is not an easy task, searching for documents that can be anywhere in the world, and then having to deal with recording it all can be daunting and discouraging. But, at the end of our journey, we find the experience is often rewarding and gratifying. We stand clutching that little piece of paper that represents our hard work and discovery.

"The heart of our colonies are our historians. They are our ambassadors who make the first impression and represent the initial introduction to our colony and society. Their job is often tiring and exacting with much of their personal time and effort spent assisting applicants in dealing with the difficult application process. They need an understanding of research, they need to be encouraging when more documentation is needed, and they need patience. Florida has reached a milestone. It is such a pleasure to welcome our #5000 member. Our state membership and growth are due to the hard work of all our colony and state officers but the most important of all are our colony historians. Hug your historian and say 'thank you for your service.'"

Cushing also provided this information: FL #1000 was issued on 22 Apr 1975 to Elizabeth Claire Leonard Peterson of Naples, #2000 was issued on 24 Aug 1976 to Dr. Henry Clinton Davis of Coral Gables, #3000 was issued on 8 Sept 1990 to Elizabeth Grace McCallum Snyder of Houston, TX, and #4000 was issued on 27 Jan 2004 to Pamela Fern Wadsworth Allman of Franklin, NC. Since its founding, the Florida Society has elected slightly over 4000 members; FL #1100-1999 were never issued but were skipped for reasons unknown.

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MEMBERSHIP BY COLONY AS OF 31 DEC 2013

From FSMD Secretary Jessie Brabham and Membership Chair Ron Dailey:

Bradford	176	Brewster	68
Standish	125	Howland	64
Allerton	111	Fuller	60
Tilley	110	Alden	56
Mullins	103	Samson	52
Chilton	78	Hopkins	50
Cooke	74	Doty	43
Warren	73	Winslow	35

TOTAL 1,278

Dec 31st is the "magic" date for membership purposes because each colony owes FSMD the $20 state dues assessment for the number of members it has on that date. From that $20, FSMD owes GSMD the $11 national dues assessment for the number of members in the state on that date. [Editor's Note: as this issue goes to press, FSMD has 1,318 members.]

EDWARD FULLER COLONY

Our December 7, 2013 meeting was held at the Lake Alfred Public Library. We had a good meeting and a very interesting program on the Wills and Probate of our Pilgrim Ancestors. Thanks to colony secretary Dan Sprague for his research and bringing the information to share. Everyone read what their ancestors had in their estates.

We were pleased to welcome our newest Colony member, Karen Hixson, descendant from Edward Doty.

The colony has distributed its current membership roster to all members, asking that any corrections or additions in either postal or email addresses be reported to colony secretary Dan Sprague. The colony has also distributed for member review the proposed amendments to the colony bylaws prepared by Bylaws Chair Jean Harden . These changes will be voted on at the colony meeting on 1 Feb 2014. (Submitted by colony governor Jim Preston)

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

The regular winter meeting of the John Howland Colony was held on Monday 13 Jan 2014 at the Mayflower Retirement Center in Winter Park with 15 members and guests in attendance. Prospective members Beverly Muraski and Susan May (accompanied by her husband Tom) were welcomed; both have their applications in Plymouth for review and, hopefully, prompt approval.

The program was presented by Howland members (and sisters) Jackie Arsenault (at left in photo) and Nancy Norris (at right) on the life of Mayflower passenger (and one of their ancestors) Richard More. He (age 6) and his siblings Elinor/Ellen (age 8), Jasper (age 7) and Mary (age 4) were passengers aboard the Mayflower and, because unaccompanied by either parent, were referred to by Bradford as the More "orphans." Richard and Mary were placed in the care of William Brewster, Jasper in the care of John Carver and Elinor/Ellen in the care of Edward Winslow. His 3 siblings all perished during the brutal initial winter of 1620-21 but Richard survived to the ripe old age of about 82.

Jackie and Nancy both relied on information from Dr. David Lindsay's book *Mayflower Bastard: A Stranger Amongst the Pilgrims* (New York: St. Martins Press, 2002). Richard and his three siblings were at the center of a mystery in early 17th century

England that caused early genealogists to wonder why the More children's father, who was believed to be Samuel More, would send his very young children away to the New World on the Mayflower in the care of others. It was in 1959, that the mystery was explained. Jasper More, a descendant of Samuel More, prompted by a genealogist friend, searched and found in his attic a 1622 document, which detailed the legal disputes between Katherine and Samuel More and what actually happened to the More children.

It is clear from this document that Samuel did not believe the children to be his offspring but the product of Katherine's adulterous relationship with Jacob Blakeway. To rid himself of the children, Samuel arranged for them to be sent to the Colony of Virginia. Due to bad weather, the Mayflower finally anchored in Cape Cod Harbor in November 1620. Only Richard survived, and even thrived, in the perilous environment of early colonial America, going on to lead a very full life. Richard became a well known sea captain who helped deliver supplies to various colonies which were vital to their survival, travelled over Atlantic and West Indies trade routes and fought in various early naval sea battles. Richard and two of his wives are buried at The Burying Point in Salem, MA.

Colony Governor Hank Dressel expressed the sentiments of all present when he thanked Jackie and Nancy for a most interesting and informative presentation.

Cooke Colony governor Lara Beth Yancey

Descent from Richard More is something of a rarity. He had 7 children with his first wife and 1 daughter with his second wife. Richard's daughter Susanna married Samuel Dutch in about 1675. It is only through their one surviving child (Susanna Dutch) that descendants of Richard More of the Mayflower can be traced to the present. Richard More descendants recognized by the Mayflower Society are estimated presently to be only about 100 members.

FRANCIS COOKE COLONY

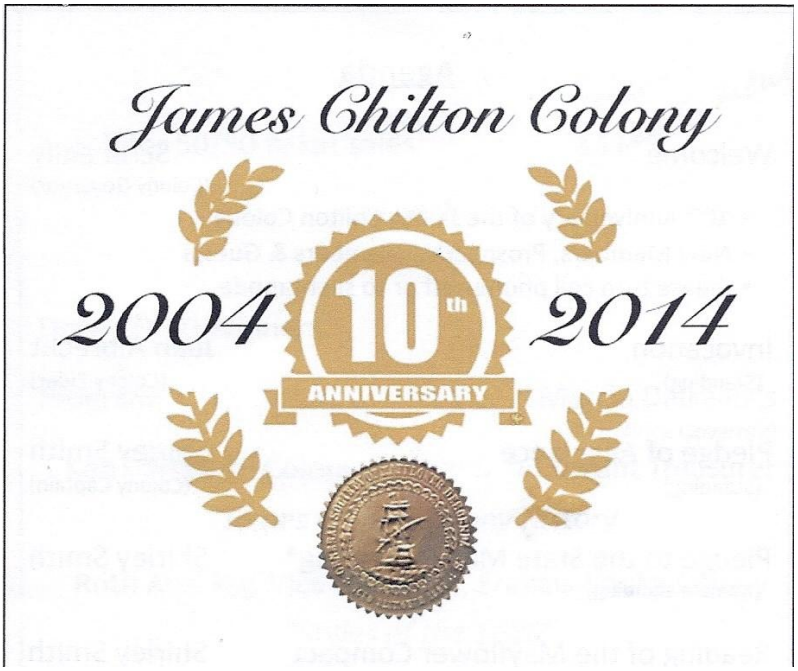
The 2 Nov 2013 meeting of the Francis Cooke Colony was brought to order by colony governor Lara Yancey with 39 members and guests in attendance. Music during the pre-business meeting was provided by colony captain Daniel Yancey. The invocation was given by colony elder Carol Smith and the pledge of allegiance to the US flag and salute to the Mayflower flag were led by captain Daniel Yancey. The ancestor roll call by secretary Nelda Thomas disclosed 8 descendants of John Howland.

Colony vice governor Ruth Ann Fay introduced the program, a presentation by Gerald Horton and Janice Taylor, in impressive period attire, who recounted stories of Daytona Beach's settling in the 19th and early 20th centuries. (Submitted by colony secretary Nelda Thomas)

JAMES CHILTON COLONY

The 10th anniversary of the chartering of the James Chilton Colony was celebrated by 45 members and guests who gathered on Saturday 25 Jan 2014 at the Spruce Creek South Community Center in Summerfield. Organized in 2004 with 36 charter members, the colony has more than doubled in size to 78 current members.

The meeting was called to order at 1130am by colony governor Stephen "Scrib" Kelly, the fourth to serve in that position. He welcomed all members, prospective members and guests and noted the special celebratory nature of the meeting.



As reported in Vol. 29 No. 1 of *Florida Pilgrim*, the Charter luncheon was held on Saturday 10 Jan 2004 in The Villages. The Charter was presented to the first colony governor (and current FSMD Deputy Governor and colony treasurer) Ken Carter by FSMD Governor George Allerton with numerous Mayflower dignitaries present.

"It's just unbelievable how fast 10 years has flown by," Carter remarked.

The meeting opened with the invocation given by colony elder (and the 2nd colony governor) Jean Albrecht.

The pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower flag were led by colony captain Shirley Smith, who also read The Mayflower Compact.

The ancestors' roll call was read by colony historian Tom Hodges. Richard Warren had the most descendants present with 5.

Florida Pilgrim

Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

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WELCOME!

Congratulations to Our 15th Colony...

By Christine J. Heaton

At a time when many lineage organizations have difficulties sustaining membership, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida has just added its fifteenth Colony to its ranks. The fledgling **James Chilton Colony** held its Charter luncheon and installation of officers on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at The Villages, Florida. George Allerton, Governor of the Florida State Society, presided over the installation ceremony. Other special guests included Col. Edward Sullivan, Counsellor General and State Counsellor; Frances Lopu, State Deputy Governor; Reynolds Cushing, State Captain; Susan Shannon, State Treasurer; Audrey Wittholz, Edward Fuller Colony Governor; Lorraine Hooser, Edward Fuller Colony Treasurer; Henry Dressel, John Howland Colony Secretary; Owen Malcolm, William Mullins Colony Deputy Governor; and Jessie Brabham, William Mullins Colony Secretary.

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Governor Kenneth Carter Accepts the James Chilton Colony Charter from State Governor George Allerton

Reports were given by colony vice governor Marcia Dalkalitsis regarding upcoming programs, colony treasurer Ken Carter regarding the colony's strong financial condition, colony historian Tom Hodges regarding current (78) and prospective (at least 2) members, and Jean Albrecht as chair of the nominating committee regarding the election of new colony officers for the 2015-2017 term.

Lunch included a beautifully decorated anniversary cake (pictured above) which was as delicious tasting as it was visually appealing.

The program consisted of two speakers: Ken Carter related the highlights of the 10 year history of the colony, including the fact that it has hosted 4 state annual meetings in its short lifespan, one (on 20 Nov 2004) on 2 weeks notice when the original meeting site in Pensacola was devastated by a hurricane.

Cooke Colony vice governor Ruth Ann Fay (pictured above right) appeared in period attire and spoke of "Styles of the 16th and 17th Centuries." She debunked the popular myth that Pilgrims dressed only in black and white and wore buckles on their hats and shoes. She also explained how, in England from the reign of Edward III in the Middle Ages until well into the 17th century,

sumptuary laws dictated what color and type of clothing, furs, fabrics, and trims were allowed to persons of various ranks or incomes. In the case of clothing, this was intended to reduce spending on foreign textiles and to ensure that people did not dress "above their station" in life. An Elizabethan "dress code" so to speak. She also explained how men's fashion was generally more elaborate than women's, which was more utilitarian. If you see Ruth Ann, ask her to explain what a "bum-roll" was and why it was considered fashionable for women to wear one. It's priceless. [Or read the description and see the image of a "French farthingale" at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farthingale—Ed.]

FRANCIS COOKE COLONY

Despite the recent up and down weather, the Francis Cooke Colony met Saturday 1 Feb 2014 at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach with 48 members, prospective members and guests present. Colony governor Lara Beth Yancey called the meeting to order and brought us up to speed on the several Mayflower Society events on the state and national levels during the course of the business meeting. We were also honored by the presence of FSMD Governor Reynolds P. ("Ren") Cushing and his wife, FSMD AG and Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing, both of whom presented our very splendid program for the day. (Submitted by Nelda Thomas, colony secretary)

WILLIAM BREWSTER COLONY

The William Brewster Colony met at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove on Friday 7 Feb 2014. Members welcomed FSMD Governor Reynolds "Ren" Cushing as guest speaker and his wife Muriel, FSMD AG and Historian. It was such a pleasure and all were delighted to also welcome back for a visit past Brewster Colony Governor (2002-2008) and FSMD Governor (2008-2011) Robert E. Burt and his wife Trudy. Robby and Trudy have moved to California and are back for a month's visit with friends in Florida.

Photo at right: (L to R) Robby Burt, Ren Cushing and Brewster Colony captain Jon Stemples who hosted the meeting.

Photo at left (L to R) Muriel Curtis Cushing with Brewster Colony members Gordon Winslow and Charlen Randolph, wife of Dr. Donald Randolph, Brewster Colony historian.

Photos courtesy of Brewster Colony member Rhonda Johnson with use of Gordon Winslow's camera.

RICHARD WARREN COLONY

The Winter meeting of the Richard Warren Colony was held Sat 8 Feb 2014 at the San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville with 19 members, prospective members and guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at noon by colony governor Richard S. Wheeler. The invocation was given by deputy governor Jon H. Wheeler; captain Michael J. Boutin led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag, the salute to the Mayflower Society flag and the reading of "The American Creed."

Members introduced themselves and their guests. Wheeler introduced the prospective members present: John Howland (accompanied by his wife Lydia), Mere Schwartz, Cindy Grossberg and Sheryl Revis.

Prospective members (L to R) Cindy Grossberg, Sheryl Revis, John Howland and Mere Schwartz flank colony governor Richard S. Wheeler (center)

After lunch, in lieu of a program, there was an extended business meeting in which colony governor Wheeler explained the 2020 logo contest being conducted by GSMD and the proposed GSMD dues increase which will be voted on at the Triennial General Congress this September in Plymouth. The greatest part of Wheeler's governor's report was taken up with a discussion of the demographic make-up of the colony membership and the challenges facing the colony in the near future.

EDWARD DOTY COLONY
February 8, 2014
Krew Mayflower

This is the time of year when North West Florida celebrates Mardi Gras. Thousands participate in parades and eating Louisiana style foods. This tradition dates back to 1874, when Pensacola was one of the first cities to hold this colonial celebration. In honor of this a Mardi Gras luncheon was given by colony governor Patricia Crumly at her home. During "meet and greet" those in attendance were offered Mardi Gras punch and Louisiana Zapp's Chips (refers to main colors of Mardi Gras: green, purple and gold). Luncheon menu: Mardi Gras salad, French bread, Red Beans and Rice, Pecan Pie, coffee and tea were served.

The program, unbeknownst to the attendees, was entitled "Traditions," noting that Mardi Gras is celebrated because we live in Pensacola, and it is a city tradition. The speakers on the topic were then announced; it would be those who gathered today. Each person was asked what is their favorite tradition? It was interesting to hear each person reflect and give their personal perspectives. Family was a chief component of the traditions among those who spoke. After each person had shared, Governor Crumly ended by

stating that our ancestors didn't have room to bring many bibles. The religious leaders in England taught the Psalms to those who conducted the service by singing a verse of Psalms and then have them repeat it back. This was called Psalmody and to this day you will find many Protestant churches still have this in their Hymnals and sing it from time to time. And the last tradition, as you will note in the photo (at right), is our ancestors ate from wooden bowls, as we did this day. Traditions are the glue that bind us together. (Submitted by colony governor Patricia Crumly)

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

A lunch meeting of the John Howland Colony was held on Monday 3 Mar 2014 at the Mayflower Retirement Center in Winter Park with 16 members and guests in attendance. Prospective member Susan May accompanied by her husband Tom were welcomed by colony governor Hank Dressel, as were the two newest colony members: FL #4999 Caroline Laurie (White) McQuade of Titusville (accompanied by her guest, brother Bruce White, visiting from Alaska) and FL #5000 Beverly Jo (Lindsley) Muraski of Orlando (see article on pg 4).

The program, "James I, King of the Pilgrims," was given by colony member (and former GSMD Elder General) Dr. Sherwood Anderson of Winter Park (photo at left).

James, the son of Mary, Queen of Scots, and her first husband, Lord Darnley, succeeded to the Scottish throne as James VI in 1567 at the age of 13 months after his mother was forced to abdicate in his favor. Four different regents governed during his minority, which ended officially in 1578, though he did not gain full control of his government until 1583.

Portrait of James I by Daniel Mytens (1621)

In 1603, he succeeded the last Tudor monarch of England and Ireland, Elizabeth I, who died without issue. He continued to reign in all three kingdoms for 22 years, a period known as the Jacobean era after him, until his death in 1625 at the age of 58. After the Union of the Crowns, he based himself in England (the largest of the three realms) from 1603, only returning to Scotland once in 1617, and styled himself "King of Great Britain and Ireland." He was a major advocate of a single parliament for both England and Scotland. In his reign, the Plantation of Ulster and British colonization of the Americas began. At 57 years and 246 days, his reign in Scotland was longer than any of his predecessors. He achieved most of his aims in Scotland but faced great difficulties in England, including the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 and repeated conflicts with the English Parliament. Under James, the "Golden Age" of Elizabethan literature and drama continued, with writers such as William Shakespeare, John Donne, Ben Jonson, and Sir Francis Bacon contributing to a flourishing literary culture.

RESTORATION OF FIRST PARISH MEETINGHOUSE

First Parish Meetinghouse
19 Town Square
Plymouth, MA 02360

The following email was received 29 Jan 2014:

To: Mayflowers

John Robinson needs your help!

Every six years, First Parish Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Massachusetts, generously offers its sanctuary to the Mayflower Society for its Triennial celebration. Now we are asking for your help in preserving this important historical landmark for future generations.

Built on the site of the first four Pilgrim Churches and dedicated on Forefathers' Day in 1899, First Parish Meetinghouse was designed to be an enduring memorial to the Pilgrims, celebrating their epic story and values through its Norman architecture and unique stained glass windows.

Known also as The National Memorial Pilgrim Church, First Parish is the oldest continuous spiritual organization of any kind in America, with unbroken records dating back to 1606 in Scrooby, England, where the Separatists were forced to worship in secret.

Unfortunately, due to moisture having permeated the interior walls through the façade's weakened mortar, the Meetinghouse's very existence is threatened.

Your support would help us reach our goal of completing First Parish's restoration by the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing.

Donations can be made easily by visiting the Restoration website at www.restorefirstparishplymouth.org. Would you also help us by forwarding this e-mail plea to your fellow members in your state Mayflower Society?

Visiting our website will also provide you with a snapshot of our most recent restoration efforts - the removal and soon-to-begin restoration of our beloved John Robinson windows that depict the pastor blessing the Pilgrims before their departure from Holland.

These beautiful windows cannot be re-installed until the Meetinghouse's façade is restored, the cost of which is $500,000.00

We hope you will agree that The National Memorial Pilgrim Church is an important landmark worthy of preservation and make a small donation.

Sincerely,
Jan Palmer-Tarbox
Chair
First Parish Plymouth Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

HENRY SAMSON COLONY

Forty-eight members and guests of the Henry Samson Colony met for lunch on Wed 19 Mar 2014 at The Helm Club at The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club in Fort

Before the meeting, Governor Clyde Blanchard and Treasurer Patricia Myers with the door prizes and place cards Patricia made

Myers. The guest speaker was Standish Colony member Ron Benson (photo at right) who gave an illustrated presentation about the ships which followed the Mayflower between 1620 and 1627-29. It was an interesting talk filled with a great wealth of information about who backed the sailing of these ships, their passengers and why they landed where they did. (submitted by colony secretary Mary Keiser with photos courtesy of Rev. Albert E. Myers)

SPRING BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING

The Spring meeting of FSMD's Board of Assistants (BoA) was called to order at 9am on Saturday 12 Apr 2014 by Governor Ren Cushing in the Imperial Swan Hotel in Lakeland. As in 2012 and 2013, the meeting was hosted by the Edward Fuller Colony and colony governor (and FSMD Captain) Jim Preston extended his colony's warm welcome to all in attendance.

Of the 25 members of the BoA, 20 were present: both of FSMD's representatives on GSMD's General BoA (DGG Fran Lopus and AG Muriel Cushing), all 8 state officers, the colony governors of 10 of our 16 colonies (and representatives of the colony governors of 4 other colonies), and one of the three directors-at-large.

In the photo at left, Governor Cushing is standing in the background while seated (L to R) are Treasurer Hank Dressel, Secretary Jessie Brabham, and Captain Jim Preston. Not visible are Historian Muriel Cushing, Deputy Governor Ken Carter, Elder Jean Albrecht and Counsellor Richard Wheeler.

The invocation was given by Elder Jean Albrecht and the pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower Society flag were led by Captain Jim Preston.

Secretary Jessie Brabham called the roll and Governor Cushing declared the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business.

Governor Cushing reported that FSMD has received a donation from Valerie LaHart of Tallahassee of a replica of the *Mayfower* made from scratch (not from a kit) by an unknown man in the Orange City/DeBary area and given by him to her father, Walter E. Wadsworth, who was governor of the Cooke Colony from 1969-1970 and 1977-1978. She believes the replica is at least 75 years old.

Governor Cushing also announced that FSMD is entitled to 26 delegates to the GSMD Triennial Congress to be held this September in Plymouth and that any members wishing to attend as delegates should contact Secretary Jessie Brabham.

Deputy Governor Ken Carter reported on the dates of the Spring and Fall state meetings between 2014-2020. Colonies have already volunteered to host the Fall annual meeting in 2014 (Tilley), 2015 (Chilton), 2016 (Samson), 2017 (Chilton), 2019 (Brewster) and 2020 (Bradford). He's still looking for a colony willing to host the 2018 annual meeting.

Hank Dressel gave the Treasurer's report, which shows that FSMD's financial condition remains strong. He also reported that he received a letter from Plimouth Plantation acknowledging with thanks the $2,000 donation which FSMD made to support the refitting of *Mayflower II* and the Plantation's other activities. Junior Membership chair Jim Preston reported that 34 new junior members have been added since November and that 19 have aged out. The current total is 960 but 30 more will age out before the end of this year unless they convert to regular membership.

The Nominating Committee made its report (see pg. 15) and the Scholarship Committee made its recommendation for a winner for the 2014 scholarship (see pg. 14) which was approved. The BoA also approved a resolution proposed by Bylaws Committee chair Ken Carter to recommend that the members at this Fall's annual meeting approve the new Constitution & Bylaws (including Standing Rules) of FSMD. It also took action to impose a moratorium on new Life Member applications until after this Fall's annual meeting.

Current governors of 10 of FSMD's 16 colonies gathered at the Spring BoA meeting in Lakeland. From left to right around the table and the replica of the *Mayflower* are: Dick Hopkins (Allerton), Clyde Blanchard (Samson), Suzanne Adams (Winslow), Nancy Fodi (Standish), Alvene Watson (Hopkins), Clara Waterman Powell (Brewster), Lara Yancey (Cooke), Jim Preston (Fuller) and Hank Dressel (Howland). You counted only 9??? At the time the photo was taken by your Editor, he was the current governor of Warren Colony.

2014 FSMD SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — GRACE M. WINSLOW OF SUNRISE, FL

At its Spring meeting, the BoA approved the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee that the 2014 award be given to Grace M. Winslow of Sunrise, FL, who's sponsoring relative is her father Mark Winslow of the Fuller Colony. Scholarship Committee chair Laura Sharpe Brock said, "We're pleased to recommend Grace Winslow as our choice for the $2,500 FSMD scholarship. Her Mayflower ancestors are Richard Warren, Isaac Allerton, John Alden and William Mullins. Her career goal is to pursue one in the medical field with an emphasis on biology and genetics. She plans to attend Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. Her 3.79 GPA and class rank of 2nd out of 460 plus the letters of recommendation confirm her personal ethic of hard work and persistence. We were impressed with the quality and number of activities she participates in. Her essay was presented in a clear and logical manner connecting her Mayflower lineage with her hopes and plans for the future with an emphasis on character and independent behavior." Also serving on the Scholarship Committee were Adrienne Condon and Clara Waterman Powell. Grace's essay appears below:

It takes a tremendous amount of courage and bravery to journey into an unknown area across the globe. Over 100 men, women, and children boarded the Mayflower in 1620 for religious freedom, new business opportunities, and even to escape the wrath of King James I. Richard Warren, William Mullins, Isaac Allerton, and John Alden were among those travelers. Eight years ago, my grandfather, Donald Winslow, discovered that he was in fact a direct descendant of these men, making me a direct descendant too. It is such an honor to be a Mayflower descendant and learning this has impacted my life and goals in numerous ways.

All throughout my early years, my grandfather had raved about our rich family history with much enthusiasm. He made it clear that we were related to intelligent, brave, and talented people. As I grew, I began to learn just who these relatives were. I found that Isaac Allerton was a free-thinking puritan who came to the new world for religious purposes. He was an extremely successful trader and had a great influence in the flow of products in the early 1600s. I personally find it incredible that a person such as Isaac Allerton, who came to this country with nearly nothing, could become so successful. He was determined and hardworking, which are the key ingredients to becoming victorious in every field. Isaac Allerton is a perfect example of opportunity in America. It is with this knowledge that I catch myself pushing for my goals and setting a high standard for myself and others around me.

The passengers on the Mayflower all had a certain quality of bravery about them. Not only did they embark on a dangerous voyage to unfamiliar land, but were daring enough to leave all they had known in hopes for a better life. It's hard to voice a dissenting opinion and even harder to act on it. I have always done what I truly believe is right. Whenever I question my instincts, I look back on Americans in the past and admire how they fought for their beliefs. The voyagers on the Mayflower went against the view of everyone else, and created the greatest country in the history of the World. This is absolute proof that just because a belief or opinion is different, does not mean that it isn't right or just. Due to the familiarity of my family's history, I am not quick to follow what everyone does. I am also open to new, innovative ideas and have become an independent person.

After fully understanding the lives of my ancestors, I have become much more knowledgeable in U.S. history. To me, history is remarkable because it repeats itself time and time again. What I admire about the Mayflower passengers is that they were the first to set American morals that we all respect today, Any great American has the qualities that the people on the Mayflower possessed such as intelligence, independence, bravery, and respect. Knowing that my relatives were such great people genuinely makes me want to be remembered for accomplishing wonderful things.

When many of my friends have settled for the easier paths, I have loaded up on advanced placement classes and studied very hard. As a student athlete, I play tennis competitively and have lost a lot of matches. But with encouragement from my family, I have never given up and worked harder. The opportunities I have for a future would not have been possible without the sacrifices and perseverance of the great people that founded this country, and I am determined to make the most of it Through it all, I have achieved a ranking of number two in my graduating high school class and am a ranked tennis player in the State of Florida.

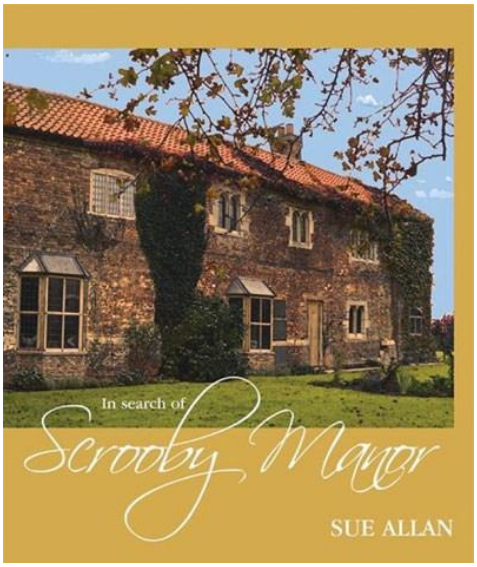
Ever since I was young, I have wanted to help people The pilgrims helped each other and cooperated in order to create a functioning society. I believe that one day I would like to be a doctor to both help others and live up to my family's unique background. Kenyon College in Ohio is a lovely school that I plan to attend. It is a small private school with an amazing reputation. In order to attend the school of my dreams and leave a mark on the world, a scholarship from the Mayflower Society will go far to helping me achieve this dream. My grandfather, Donald Winslow, made me want to strive to be my best. I hope to follow in his footsteps and uncover even more of my family's interesting and respectful history.

REPORT OF 2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At last Fall's annual meeting, a Nominating Committee was chosen consisting of Suzanne Adams, governor of Winslow Colony and state Education Committee chair; Laura Farmer, past governor and current historian of Warren Colony; and Ruth Ann Fay, past governor and current vice governor of Cooke Colony and state Endowment Fund trustee Section 4 of Article V (Officers) of FSMD's current bylaws provides: "Section 4. A nominating committee, consisting of three members, shall be elected at the annual meeting preceding the annual meeting for the election of officers. This committee shall present the names of a full slate of officers at the regular time for the election of officers. However, names may be presented from the floor for any of the positions to be filled."

The slate of officers to be presented by the Committee at the 2014 annual meeting for election for the 2014-2017 term are: Governor – Ken Carter of Chilton Colony (current state Deputy Governor and treasurer of Chilton Colony); Deputy Governor – Jim Preston of Fuller Colony (current state Captain and governor of Fuller Colony); Secretary – Jessie Brabham of Mullins & Chilton Colonies (current state secretary and secretary and historian of Mullins Colony); Treasurer – Hank Dressel of Howland Colony (current state treasurer and governor of Howland Colony); Historian – Muriel Cushing of Tilley & Samson Colonies (current state historian and AG); Counsellor – Richard Wheeler of Warren Colony (current state counsellor and past governor of Warren Colony); Captain – Helen Bennett of Bradford Colony; Elder – Suzanne Adams of Winslow Colony (current colony governor and state Education Committee chair); Directors-At-Large – Ron Dailey of Mullins Colony (current state membership chair and webmaster, past treasurer & new governor of Mullins Colony, and current treasurer of Warren Colony), Alvene Watson of Hopkins Colony (current colony governor) and Laura Sharpe Brock of Bradford Colony (past colony governor and current state Scholarship Committee chair). Other nominations may be made from the floor by any member in good standing.

SUE ALLAN, AUTHOR OF "IN SEARCH OF SCROOBY MANOR," COMING TO AMERICA



World renowned author, historian, documentary advisor, consultant on English history and genealogy, Sue Allan will be crossing the Atlantic for a one time presentation and book signing in Lancaster, PA.
When: August 23, 2014
Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA
11:00 to 12:00 Social Hour
12:00 to 1:00 Lunch Buffet
1:00 to 2:00 Key Note Speaker Sue Allan
2:00 to 3:00 Free Book Signing
ONLY $22.00 per person
For more information, go to www.SAIL1620.org, the website of the PA Mayflower Society. Sue Allan will be giving a riveting presentation about Scrooby Manor and her incredible journey with Julie & David Dunstan, owners of that property, to try and unlock its secrets. Sue will talk about how she trawled through archives in order to piece together tiny scraps of information and countless documents in order to build upon an idea of what the lost part of Scrooby Manor was once like and the highs and lows encountered during that process. Sue will include a power point of photographs taken inside the Manor itself, of the Chapel, the music room, and places people rarely get to see.

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If you have had (or expect to soon have) a change in any of the following:

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please send an email to database@flmayflower.com with a copy to the state secretary at fish32615@aol.com. Please put "Membership Info Change - _____ Colony" in the "Subject" line and fill in the blank space with the name of your colony. Thank you.

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NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the 2014 annual meeting of the members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida ("FSMD") will be held on Saturday 22 Nov 2014 from 9am until noon at the Holiday Inn—Lakewood Ranch located at 6231 Lake Osprey Dr., Sarasota, FL, for the transaction of the following business:

1. DGG & AG reports on 6-10 Sept 2014 GSMD Triennial General Congress in Plymouth, MA
2. FSMD officers' reports
3. Committee chair reports
4. Colony reports
5. Memorial service for departed members
6. Adoption of proposed new Bylaws & Standing Rules
7. Election of officers for 2014-2017 term
8. Installation of new officers
9. Any other lawful business which is properly brought before the meeting

Jessie F. Brabham
FSMD Secretary

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