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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Mayflower Cousins. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will be heading into the Fall season and the beautiful foliage will be here for us to enjoy.

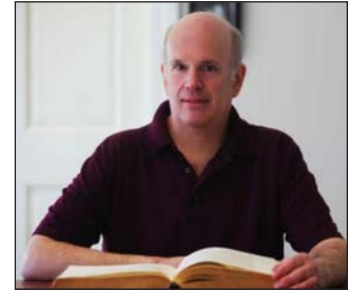
We have a great program honoring our veterans on Saturday, October 29th at Woodwinds in Branford, a program put together by former Governor Mary Brown. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans who put themselves in harm's way to safeguard us and our country. *Reserve your seat for the program using the reservation form on page 11.*

I am pleased to announce that the Challenge Coin to generate funding for the [Mayflower Meeting House Restoration](#) in Plymouth, MA is now available. Selling for twenty-five dollars, proceeds will benefit the restoration project. They will be available at the October meeting and for sale at our online store in the future. Even if you are not a coin collector, this is a good way to support the cost of the renovation.



Mary Brown and I attended the General Board of Assistants meeting in Plymouth, MA and have been updated with all of the great things that the General Society is doing. The next newsletter will have information about this meeting.

We continue to look for members to serve on committees and on the Board of Assistants. I have been asking for volunteers for a while now, but at the October meeting, don't be surprised if I pull you aside and ask for your help. We need a hospitality person, someone to run our website, and a replacement for our retiring Treasurer. This is a perfect time to get involved with YOUR society.



A reminder from the Junior Affiliates chair Judi Thompson Paige that you can sponsor a child under age 18 for a [Junior Affiliate membership](#). The cost is only fifty dollars, and entitles the Junior Member to convert to a regular membership when they turn 18 years old without paying the two-hundred-dollar application fee. Sponsor a child, grandchild, niece, and nephew for one of these memberships. Membership details and the application are available on our website, www.CTMayflower.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our October 29th meeting. If this is your first visit, please let us know so that I can welcome you personally.

Sincerely,
Gregory Evan Thompson, Governor

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In Remembrance of CT Mayflower Society Members Who Have Recently Passed

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

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Our current Treasurer, David Grant, will retire after many years of exemplary service and we are looking for a person with financial experience, preferably in the non-profit sector, to fill the Treasurer position.

The Treasurer must be well-versed in bookkeeping, investments, and/or mutual funds. The Treasurer handles the checking account; monitors and controls bank accounts; manages the budget preparation process; and prepares reports to the Board of Assistants and members. David Grant will work with the incoming Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition. For further information, please contact Governor Gregory Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

Share your knowledge and experience with fellow members through a newsletter article of your own. You may, if you wish, submit an article anonymously but please site sources. Do you have a favorite book to share? Novels or non-fiction, poetry or cooking tips, colonial gardening, life in colonial New England? If you don't feel comfortable writing a piece yourself, send your suggestions to Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor at kmsartwrk@cox.net. Include some bullet points to flesh out your recommendation and we'll take it from there.

Connecticut Mayflower Society name tags available for \$20 each

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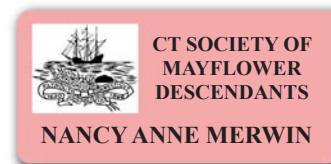
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Check, payable to CT Mayflower Society. Mail payment with order form to: Nancy A Merwin, 284 Chesterfield Rd, Oakdale CT 06370-1651

Two ways for you to support the Scholarship Program

You can keep our scholarship program growing and vibrant. Become a patron with an outright donation or donate an item to be raffled off at an upcoming luncheon meeting. We hope you will do both.

DONATE AND BECOME A PATRON

In honor of the of 1620 voyage and the continued celebration of our heritage, join in the commemoration with a special commitment to the Connecticut Mayflower Scholarship Program. We must maintain and increase our endowed funds so that we can continue to assist more students.

While our ancestors were passengers and not crew, we must be thankful to Master Jones and his men for the safe journey over hazardous seas and the support rendered by them to our ancestors during the first winter. The bars on our Connecticut Scholarship Scholarship Patron pin indicate ranks of the crew of the Mayflower. Begin with the Boatswain bar, earn the Pilot bar, then the Master's Mate bar and finally the Master bar to complete your roster.



Become a Patron for an initial donation of \$500 and an annual donation of \$100 and receive our newly designed lapel pin and bars to show your dedication to assisting our youth in pursuing higher education. Patron options include the initial donation of \$500 which can be made in installments during the first year. You will receive your pin when you complete your initial donation. The \$100 annual donations can be made in one lump sum and receive all your bars at one time. If you care to donate more you may with our sincerest thank you.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent the IRS will allow.

Please accept my donation of: \$500 \$800 \$100 Other: _____

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Mail this form and your check, payable to CT Mayflower Society, to David L. Grant, 4 Holly Farm Ln, Simsbury, CT 06070. Write CT Mayflower Scholarship Fund in the memo line of your check.

DONATE AN ITEM TO OUR SEMI-ANNUAL RAFFLES

These raffle donations leverage hundreds of dollars as luncheon meeting attendees purchase tickets in the hope of winning one – or more – of the raffle items.

What to donate? New or well-cared for books; knitted, quilted, or needlework items; candles; note cards; seasonal plants; seed and/or bulb packets; table decorations - the options are really endless. Please be sure that donated items are in new or well cared for and clean condition. Consummable items like candy, maple syrup, jams, etc. must be sealed and unopened.

Bring raffle items to the next membership meeting on October 29, 2022. If you have further questions about what and how to donate to the raffle, contact Scholarship Chair Mary Brown at mbrown06239@gmail.com



The
Pilgrim
Press

Stay current with events at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with
The Pilgrim Press, online newsletter of the General Society, at
<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/footer/thepilgrimpress/>

Nutmeg Gratings has moved to an electronic format for ease of distribution, improved outreach, and significant cost savings. Members who have provided their email addresses will no longer receive a paper copy of Nutmeg Gratings via U.S. mail. If you have not provided an e-mail address, send your email address to Joan Prentice, jowp32@hotmail.com.

Read newsletters at: www.CTMayflower.org.

Iron Production in Colonial America – Katherine Simmons

One of the blessings of life in the New World was an abundance of natural resources including expansive woodlands and fresh water. At the same time, the colonists often lacked the means and know-how to use these resources in the manufacture of iron to create essential goods such as nails, cookware, tools, weapons, and horseshoes. .

John Winthrop, the Younger (son of Massachusetts Bay Colony Governor John Winthrop) believed that the colony could establish its own iron works using the abundant supply of raw materials. Then, they could avoid the months long process of importing iron from England and sell their product profitably throughout the New England Colonies as well as those colonies along the Chesapeake. In 1641, he sailed to England to raise the capital for the enterprise.

While Winthrop raised the capital and established the Braintree Iron Works in 1644-45, the venture proved unsuccessful due to a lack of iron ore in the area and an adequate supply of water there to power the machinery.

Winthrop was replaced by Richard Leader, an English businessman who better understood the iron-making process although it is unclear how he came to be knowledgeable on the subject. Leader made a survey of available sites and chose a more suitable location on the Saugus River, establishing the new ironworks called Hammersmith in 1646.

The Saugus River was navigable for shallow draft vessels and could be dammed to power machinery. There were abundant forests to make charcoal to fire the works and bog ore could be mined from nearby ponds, marshes, and riverbeds.

The blast furnace of the iron works produced pig iron and gray iron for the manufacture of firebacks, pots, pans, kettles, and skillets. The forge refined pig iron into wrought iron and a 500-pound hammer made merchant bars for the use of blacksmiths. The rolling mill produced flat stock used to manufacture nails, bolts, wagon tires, axes, saw blades, and other implements. At the time, it was one of the most technologically advanced iron works in the world, running for thirty weeks of the year and producing one ton of cast iron per day.

The skilled workers, required to operate the iron works, were brought over from England. Regretably, these immigrants did not fit in with the local Puritan society and often ran afoul of its laws, arrested for drunkenness, adultery, gambling, fighting, cursing, not attending church, and (Lord have mercy!) wearing fine clothes.

Another source of labor was indentured servants who worked for up to seven years at little or no pay in exchange for their passage to Massachusetts and the provision of food, clothing, and housing. Those who completed their terms of indenture often remained in the colonies where they started families and assimilated into Puritan society.

Although the Saugus Iron Works produced a respectable quantity of iron, it seldom operated at a profit due to labor shortages, the high cost of labor that could be found, financial mismanagement, and a number of lawsuits, The Iron Works at Saugus closed around 1670.

It should come as no surprise that the English settlers at Jamestown, Virginia also saw enormous potential in the



The Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site is a re-creation of the original iron works, based on available documentary evidence and is operated by the National Parks Service. Photo courtesy of <https://www.facebook.com/SaugusIronNPS/>. The twelve-acre National Historic Site includes working waterwheels, forges, mills, a historic 17th century home, and a lush river basin in Saugus MA.

abundance of iron ore in their location. In 1608, John Smith loaded several barrels of iron ore and shipped them to England to be tested for viability. The East India Company discovered that this ore yielded top-quality iron and, in 1619, the company invested in Virginia iron.

By 1620, the company began building iron furnaces at Falling Creek, east of present-day Richmond, Virginia. Regrettably, the nascent operation didn't survive. In 1622, Native Americans massacred the Falling Creek workers and destroyed the forge.

The closure of the Virginia forge and the later closing of the Iron Works at Saugus in 1668 did not, however, end the important role America continued to play in iron production.

The colonies were still blessed with ample raw materials needed in the production of iron. And, England still needed iron to build its military and merchant fleets, to produce armaments, and, of course, to manufacture household goods.

Up until 1721 or thereabouts, England imported 80% of its raw iron ore from nearby Sweden. When the [Great Northern War](#) (1700-1721) ultimately destroyed Sweden's capacity to meet the demand for iron throughout Europe, England

turned to its New World colonies to fill its needs, investing heavily in the infrastructure needed to mine the high grade ore that was plentiful in the colonies.

Iron forge construction spread rapidly in the colonies despite England's imposition of the Iron Act of 1750 that sought to increase the importation of pig and bar iron from its American colonies while, at the same time, preventing the construction of iron production facilities outside the control of the Crown in the colonies.

Unfortunately for the English Crown, the Act was not well enforced due to the investment of colonial officials in iron works. The Act was just one of many grievances that fueled the brewing rebellion that would become the War of Independence.

As the colonies moved towards rebellion, iron forges expanded beyond shipping smelted pig iron to England. They developed refinery forges and blast furnaces that produced high quality goods, pots and pans to



Master Blacksmith Ken Schwarz from Colonial Williamsburg's Anderson Armoury, forging the Market House Bell Clapper, June 22, 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2gPg26PkrI>

cannon and musket barrels.

By the start of the American Revolution, the colonies had a highly developed iron industry and were among the top five iron producers of the world.

Sources: www.RevolutionaryWarJournal.com. Harry Schenawolf, *Iron Forge in Colonial America*, 2016. *Iron Act of 1750*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_Act. John Winthrop the Younger. *Birth Place of the American Iron and Steel Industry*, www.nps.gov/sair/index.htm. *Anderson Blacksmith Shop and Public Armoury*, <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/locations/anderson-blacksmith-shop-and-public-armoury/>.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Another year has gone by and it is time to renew your membership that will expire on September 30, 2022. If you joined this year before July 1, 2021, you must renew your membership. Annual dues are \$65, \$35 of which goes to the General Society. **There are two ways to pay.**

ON LINE at www.ctmayflower.org via PayPal or credit card.

SEND A CHECK: Joan W. Prentice, CSMD Membership, 32 Nichols Lane, Watercord CT 06385-3611.

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Insignia Guidelines

If you have served in multiple positions in the Mayflower Society, either at the state or national level or both, you may have insignia in the form of pins, badges, and neck medallions that you wear in recognition of your service and achievements. The General Society has issued helpful GSMD Insignia Guidelines on how to wear your insignia, See Resources on www.CTMayflower.org. Note that all insignia are purchased through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Questions, Email: nancyamerwin284@gmail.com.



From the Bookshelf – Katherine Simmons

These books address the impact of DNA testing in the field of genealogical research. Many of us, myself included, have taken a DNA test, blissfully ignorant of the possibility that we might be surprised by the results. DNA testing has much to offer in the fields of genealogy, genetics, health, forensics, ethnicity, the origins of life, and more. These books cause us to ask: Who are we? What is family? Are we defined by nature, nurture or both?” Great reads!

THE STRANGER IN MY GENES: A MEMOIR by Bill Griffeth

Published in 2016 by New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston MA.

Available in hardcover and as a Kindle download at www.Amazon.com.

Bill Griffeth, longtime genealogy buff, took a DNA test that shook his sense of identity. “If the results were correct,” said Griffeth, “it meant that the family tree I had spent years documenting was not my own.” Bill begins his journey to solve the mystery of his origins and learns about choices made by his parents, ancestors, and others that led to his difficult confrontation with the past.

STRANGERS NO MORE, A Sequel to *The Stranger in My Genes* by Bill Griffeth

Published in 2022 by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston MA.

Available in hardcover and as a Kindle download at www.Amazon.com.

In this sequel, Bill Griffeth learns about his newly discovered biological family and shares some of the dramatic stories strangers and friends told him about their own shocking DNA discoveries. Griffeth is a gifted writer, conveying his story and the stories of others with a clear and compassionate way to consider the ethical questions surrounding DNA testing in genealogical research.

Bill Griffeth, former Anchor at Large at CNBC, spent 38 years in business television, becoming one of the most respected financial journalists in the country. Griffeth was part of the production team that started Financial News Network (FNN) in 1981. In 1991, Griffeth joined the CNBC team and went on to anchor *Market Wrap*, *Mutual Fund Investor*, *The Money Club*, *Power Lunch*, *Closing Bell*, and *Nightly Business Report*.

THE LOST FAMILY: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are by Libby Copeland

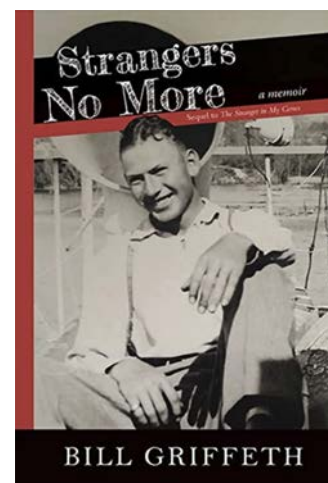
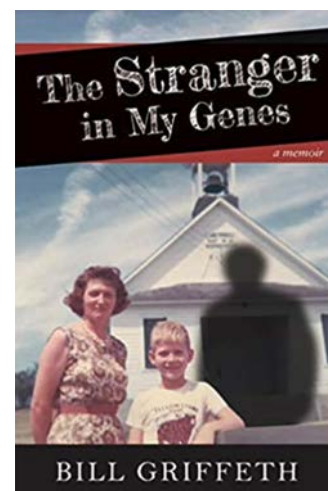
Published in 2020 by Harry N. Abrams, Inc., New York.

Available in hardcover, as an audio book, and as a Kindle download at www.Amazon.com.

The Lost Family examines lives that have been irrevocably changed by DNA tests: adoptees who’ve used the tests to find their birth parents; donor-conceived adults who suddenly discover they have more than fifty siblings; individuals who discover their biological fathers aren’t who they think they are; and individuals whose conceptions of self are upended when their ancestral histories are discovered. Copeland explores the the topic of genetic testing and raises the question of how much our genes should get to tell us about who we are.

Award-winning journalist **Libby Copeland** writes on the topics of culture, science, and human behavior. A staff reporter and editor for *The Washington Post* for over a decade, she now writes for *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *New York Magazine*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Esquire.com*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fast Company*, *Glamour* and more.

Do you have some favorite books to share? Novels or non-fiction, poetry or cooking tips, colonial gardening, life in colonial New England? Send your suggestions to Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor. Not comfortable writing a book recommendation yourself? Send your suggestion for a book to Kathy, with bullet points on why you recommend the book and we’ll take it from there.





All these books are available for children, pre-school, primary, elementary and older.

Children love the sound of language. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to read and understand for themselves. When the rhythm and melody of language become part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk. What better way to instill a love of learning than to use these books to tell your youngest family members the story of the Pilgrims and their Mayflower voyage.

All these books are available as videos at www.YouTube.com. Or you can buy them in hardcover or paperback from www.Amazon.com or your favorite book shop.

[Itsy Bitsy Pilgrim](#), by Jeffrey Burton and illustrated by Sanja Rescek (pre-school). A playful Thanksgiving twist on the favorite nursery rhyme “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”!

[The Littlest Pilgrim](#), by Brandi Dougherty and illustrated by Kirsten Richards (pre-school). Mini is the littlest Pilgrim in her village, but she's not too little to make a friend.

[Pete the Cat: The First Thanksgiving](#), by Kimberly and James Dean - (pre-school through primary). The authors celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving with their groovy cat Pete!

[The First Thanksgiving](#), by Linda Hayward and illustrated by James Watling (primary). Learn the story of the Pilgrims hosting the first Thanksgiving in vivid but simple language for beginning readers.

[Pilgrim Children on the Mayflower](#), by IdaDeLage and Bert Dodson(primary). The voyage of the Mayflower is described from the viewpoints of Pilgrim children who experience storms at sea, learn patience, welcome a new baby, and play games on deck before sighting the New World.

[The Story of the Pilgrims](#), by Katherine Ross and illustrated by Carolyn Croll (elementary). From the the Atlantic crossing to the first harsh winter to the Thanksgiving feast, all the wonder of the Pilgrims' first year is captured for your youngest historians.

[A Short History of Thanksgiving](#), by Sally Lee (elementary). Youngsters learn about the early traditions which led to our present-day celebration of Thanksgiving.

[Three Young Pilgrims](#), written and illustrated by Cheryl Harness (elementary and older). The first year at in the new world as seen through the eyes of Bartholemew, Remember, and Mary Allerton.

[Squanto's Journey–Story of the First Thanksgiving](#), by Joseph Bruchac and illustrated by Greg Shed (elementary and older). Squanto welcomed the Mayflower pilgrims and taught them how to survive in the rugged land they called Plimouth.

ENROLL YOUR YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS AS JUNIOR AFFILIATE MEMBERS.

We believe that families become more engaged in their Mayflower heritage when children are included. A Mayflower Society member may sponsor any person under 18 years of age for Junior Affiliate Membership. The Junior Applicant must be a blood relative of a current or past member of the Mayflower Society. At age 18, the Junior Affiliate may apply for adult membership in the Society via the usual application process.

Download **Junior Affiliate Enrollment Form** at http://www.ctmayflower.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021_JrAffForm.pdf.

Need more information? Contact Junior Affiliate Chair Judi Paige at jphearts67@gmail.com.

Cove Burying Yard, East Haddam – Katherine Simmons

Between 400 and 500 of East Haddam's earliest settlers are buried in Cove Burying Yard.

Cove Burying Yard was created when winter ice jams on the Connecticut River made it difficult for people on the east side of the river to bury their deceased in the Old Burial Yard of Thirty Mile Island on the Haddam side. The earliest known graves at the Cove Burying Yard date to 1695. Many are unmarked, and those headstones that remain reflect commemorations in their most simple form to monuments honoring the deceased and family left behind.

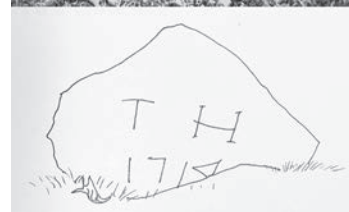
I learned about this burial ground during research for my East Haddam ancestors. My 2011 visit to the burying ground confirmed that three centuries of weathering and vandalism had not been kind to the burial ground. One saving grace is that we have two volumes compiled in 1985 by Jonathan P. Twiss who spent countless hours documenting and attempting to preserve the burial ground. These two volumes, now in the collection of the Rathbun Library, contain a wealth of information on the Cove Burying Yard and photographs that, in some cases, represent the only remaining record of grave markers.

Consider the simple fieldstone that marks the grave of Thomas Hungerford, inscribed "TH 1714". Hungerford was born about 1648 in Hartford, the son of Thomas Hungerford an early Hartford settler. The younger Hungerford removed to New London, later resettling to Hadlyme parish with several other families about 1692. The second burying yard was not opened in Hadlyme parish until 1715, a year after Hungerford's death and burial in the Cove Burying Yard.

There are over a dozen markers demonstrating the skill of stone carver Thomas Johnson II of Middletown. The foliated borders and the crowned and winged cherubims are common motifs employed by Johnson and well represented on the stones for Capt. Matthew Smith and his wife Sarah Mack, daughter of John and Sarah (Bagley) Mack. Born about 1696 in Reading, Massachusetts, Matthew Smith was apprenticed to a tanner in Lyme when his mother, Mary (Cutler) Smith, moved there with her second husband Joseph Dutton. Upon Matthew's marriage to Sarah Mack, he removed to East Haddam in 1706. The Connecticut Assembly commissioned him a Lieutenant of the East Haddam Train Band. He was later commissioned Captain of the South Company in 1734.

The large tablestone for Deacon Daniel Brainerd was also cut by Thomas Johnson II. Originally, the tablestone was laid upon a fieldstone foundation. By the 20th century, the foundation had deteriorated and was replaced in 1930 with cement pedestals, then replaced again in 1969 by the Cove Burying Ground Association. Daniel Brainerd was born in 1665/6 in Haddam, the son of original settlers Daniel and Hannah (Spencer) Brainerd. He married Susannah Ventres about 1688 and by 1725 he removed to East Haddam where he served as Captain of the East Haddam Train Band and Deputy to the General Court for East Haddam in 1715, 1721-22, 1726-30, and 1734. He was elected Deacon of the East Haddam church in 1725 and held the office until his death in 1743.

One stark reminder of colonial life is the four handcarved gravestones of Bezeleel Brainerd's four children, one example of which is shown, above right. Bezeleel was born in East Haddam in 1737, the son of Bezeleel and Mary (Gates) Brainerd and grandson of Daniel and Susannah (Ventres) Brainerd. Bezeleel, the younger, married his cousin Hannah Brainerd, daughter of Stephen and Susannah (Gates) Brainerd and granddaughter of Daniel and Susannah (Ventres) Brainerd. In the autumn of 1776, Bezeleel



and Hannah's youngest son, Nehemiah, fell ill and died on 27 September 1776 at the age of 2, followed by the deaths of their daughter Lucy on 1 October 1776 at age 7, their son Uri on 4 October at age 5, and their daughter Hannah on 27 October at age 11. All swept to their graves within one month of each other. Their deaths have been attributed to 'camp fever'. Camp fever was a common term for bacterial infections, like typhus and dysentery, that can be deadly if left untreated. These infections spread rapidly during the Revolutionary War and were often brought home by ailing soldiers on leave from duty. Perhaps the carving of these gravestones, believed to have been done by Bezeleel, served as cathartic healing for his family's tremendous loss.

Sources: Jonathan P. Twiss, *A Photograph History of Existing Gravestones and Fieldstones in the Cove Burying Yard, East Haddam, Connecticut (c.1685–1790)*, 2 volumes, Collection of the Rathbun Library, East Haddam CT. Barbour CT Vital Records for Colchester, Haddam, and East Haddam CT. Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, Ancestry.com. Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, V1:193, V3:1569, (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society 2011), V1:136–137, V2:806–807.

CONNECTICUT MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES April 23, 2022, The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405

Call to Order, Invocation and Presentation of Colors: Governor Gregory Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 p.m. Historian Midge Hurtuk delivered the invocation. Captain William Lane presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Governor Thompson introduced Donald Studley, Deputy Governor of the General Society and former CT Mayflower Society; Midge Hurtuk, Historian General, General Society and Historian, CT Mayflower Society; Mary Brown, Deputy Governor General and former Governor, CT Mayflower Society; Kerry Comisky, Katherine Simmons, and William Lane, Deputy Governor, Recording Secretary and Captain, respectively of CT Mayflower Society; CT Mayflower Assistants Sara Champion, Judi Thompson Paige, Randy Russell, and Joan Prentice.

Necrology, Memorial Prayer, and Reading of the Mayflower Compact: Governor Thompson read the necrology and delivered a memorial prayer. Deputy Governor Kerry Comisky read the Compact.

Roll Call of the Ancestors: Kerry Comisky read the Roll Call. William Brewster and his family had 22 descendants present. The tally of descendants of other Mayflower passengers included: Stephen Hopkins (19), Richard Warren (18), John Howland (14), William Bradford (12), Francis Cook (11), John Tilley (11), John Alden (9), Edward Fuller (9), William Mullins (9), George Soule (9), Henry Samson (8), Isaac Allerton (7), James Chilton (6), Thomas Rogers (6), Edward Doty (5), Myles Standish (5), William White (5), John Billington (3), Samuel Fuller (1), Degory Priest (1), Edward Winslow (1).

Minutes of the October 23, 2021, General Membership Meeting: The minutes of the October 23 General Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by William Lane and seconded by John Towle.

Treasurer's Report: Governor Greg Thompson presented the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer David Grant. He reported balances as follows: Wells Fargo Operating Account, \$55,873.93; William Murray Savings Fund, \$4705.53; Scholarship Fund valued at \$256,191.46; Life Member Fund, valued at \$233,949.45.

Historian's Report: Historian Midge Hurtuk read the names of new members. On a motion made by Clayton Winslow and seconded by Marjorie Supple, the new members report was accepted. New members present were recognized by the membership.

Connecticut Governor's Appreciation Awards: Governor Gregory Thompson presented a Certificate to Nola Johannes for her long service in the areas of Archives, Programs, and Education as well as her past service as a Board Assistant and Corresponding Secretary. Thompson also presented anniversary certificates to Midge Hurtuk and Christopher Nichols in recognition of their memberships of 25 years and 15 years, respectively.

Meeting Recess: At 12:15 pm, Governor Thompson recessed the meeting for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Raffle: The raffle raised \$700 for the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Mary Brown for organizing the raffle.

Scholarship Awards: Scholarship Chair Mary Brown presented the Jordan A. Konof Scholarship and the Bernice Andrews Livingston Reig Scholarship awards to Aidan Brown of Norwalk cT and Ann Nichols of Woodland CT, respectively. Brown reminded those present that the CT Mayflower Society accepts applications from eligible applicants who are pursuing graduate studies and she encouraged members to donate to the scholarship fund.

Presentation by Drew Shuptar-Rayvis: Governor Thompson introduced Mr. Shuptar-Rayvis, graduate of Western Connecticut State University with a certificate in Archaeology from Norwalk Community College. Appearing in authentic Indian dress, Drew's presentation focused on Indian Life in the Eastern Woodlands pre-contact to 1620 and later. A description of his clothes and body ornamentation highlighted the customs and daily life of these native people.

Retirement of the Colors, Benediction and Adjournment: Captain William Lane retired the colors and Midge Hurtuk provided the benediction. Governor Thompson announced the October 29, 2022 meeting and adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Saturday, October 29, 2022 Membership Luncheon Meeting, 11:15 am–2:00 pm



Just in time for Veteran’s Day! Join us on October 29 to learn about the QUILTS OF VALOR program.

Quilts of Valor is a nationwide 501 (c) (3) program to wrap as many veterans as possible in handmade quilts to show our appreciation and provide comfort. The Piece Makers Quilt Club of Old Saybrook’s leader, Nancy Burns, and Chuck Larkins will tell you the story of one woman’s gratitude emerging into the formation of this group and “wrap” some of our veterans as we show our appreciation for their service to America. *The October 29 meeting will be held at The Woodwinds in Branford, CT.*



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- Vegetarian Lasagna, \$43 x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
- Child’s Meal of Chicken Tenders and Fries, \$18 x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
12 years and under only please.
- Total Amount Submitted \$ _____

Dinner includes choice of vegetable, potato, house rolls with butter. Dessert, coffee, and tea served. Cash bar available. Please send this completed form and payment (checks payable to Mayflower Society of CT) **by October 14, 2022** to: Sandra Bullock, 6 Heritage Rd., East Lyme CT 06333.

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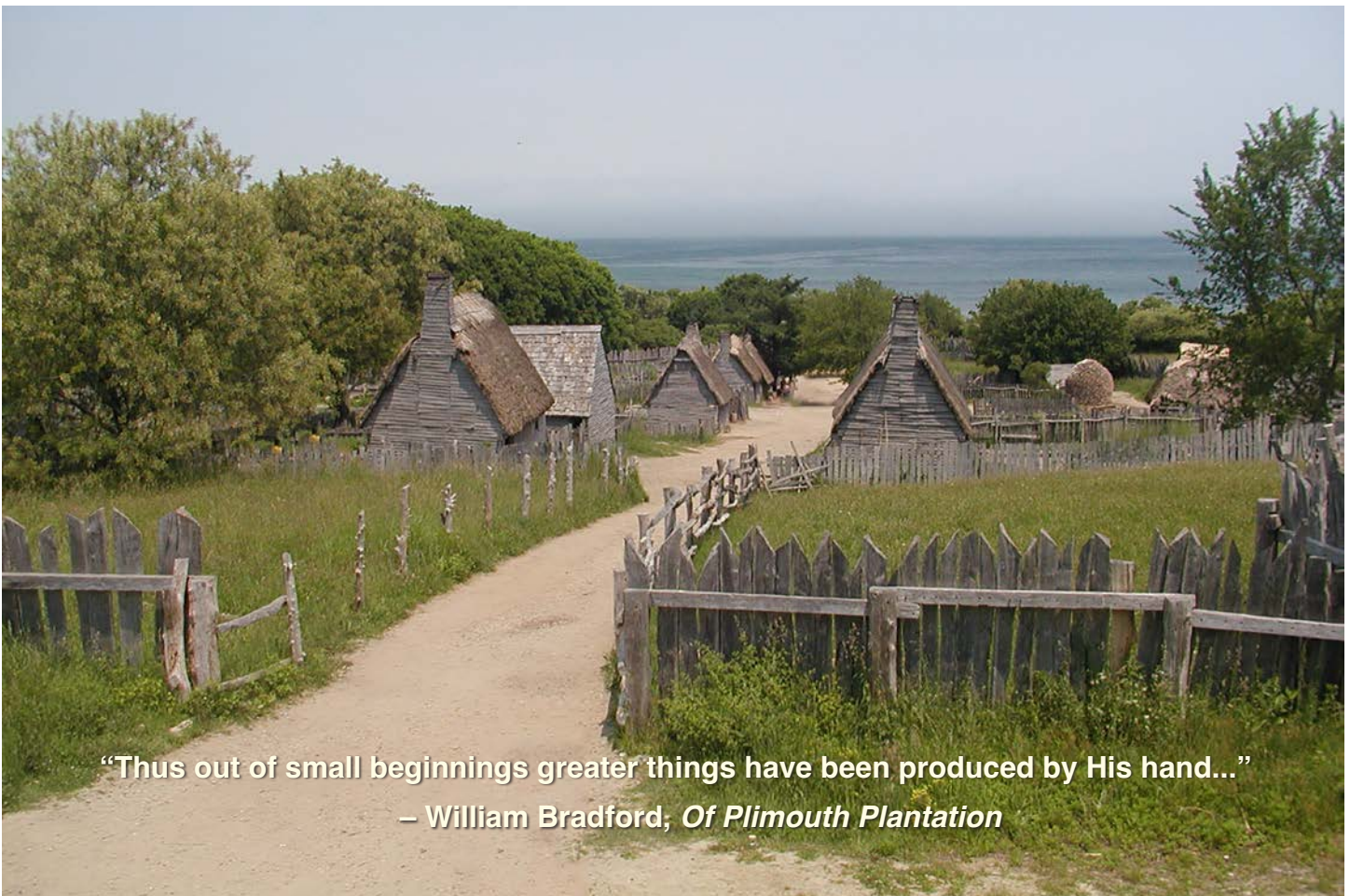
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Mark your calendar: Our April 15, 2023 luncheon meeting will be held at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford.



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