



Autumn Gratings

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Our education adventures continued this spring and summer. We had nine days of discovery spent searching for the Windsor Trading Post. The article about our progress is on page 8. At this writing, ten of us spent one night at Plimoth Plantation, living for a day as the residents would have (with the inclusion of flush toilets). The group enjoyed dressing as pilgrims, meeting and speaking with the interpreters, carrying wood, harvesting herbs and vegetables, cooking over an open fire, enjoying a repast of pottage, hasty pudding, salad, bread, and cheese with cool water, and sleeping in the cottages with a fire to take out the moisture and a candle for light. Vicki Oman and two helpers made our stay a wonderful experience. One beautiful part was Vicki singing grace. We were transported back 390 years and became a Pilgrim family group. The next overnight is August 29th, and I know everyone will have a wonderful time.

What would you like to participate in as an educational experience? Contact me and let me see if we can set something up.

Plimoth Plantation is still planning a Connecticut Day for 2016, but I have no details. I will let everyone know as soon as I find out.

September is going to be very busy with the Massing of the Colors on September 20th in Niantic, CT at St. John's Episcopal Church, 440 Main St. This colorful event is always an

interesting time to meet old and new friends from other societies.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is holding its annual Board of Assistants meeting at Foxwoods Towers from Sept. 9-13. Connecticut is hosting the meeting this year and it will be a very busy week. My thanks, in advance, to all the volunteers who are helping to make this meeting a success.



Please plan to attend our fall meeting on Oct. 17th. The speaker is here by request of some of our members, and is highly entertaining. We will also be having our annual business meeting and we really appreciate your interest and involvement to keep our Society healthy.

By the way, Plimoth Plantation has a wish list for cardboard egg cartons (no Styrofoam, please). Would you each bring one to the meeting? They use them for fire starters throughout the year in the village. Let's see how many we can deliver to them.

I hope you have found a copy of Nick Bunker's book, *Making Haste from Babylon*. It is a wonderful presentation of recent research into the economic, social and cultural influences on the Pilgrims. We will have another book discussion meeting on this book October 31st (Cont'd on page 6)

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IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Acton, July 2015
Mary Hooper, June 2015
Eugene Johnson, June 2015

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased members. May God be with them on their final voyage.

2020 Logo Depicts the Voyage of the *Mayflower*

With the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower* occurring in the year 2020, we have a unique opportunity to educate current generations about the trip our ancestors undertook in 1620. As part of the 2020 celebration, the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants has approved the following logo to help educate the public on the voyage of the *Mayflower*.



The logo utilizes the 0's in 2020 to show parts of the globe; England, where the *Mayflower's* voyage originated, and New England, where the voyage concluded. The logo is geographically correct and shows the ship traveling east to west, from England to New England.

We have created a selection of moderately priced quality items that display the logo, which make excellent Christmas gifts. The products are available on our website CTMayflower.org. The proceeds from each purchase help our scholarship fund.



New members welcomed at the spring luncheon

Kevin Johnson to Portray Black Union Soldier at October 17 Luncheon

"I'm free; praise the Lord. I'm free; I'm no longer bound. No more chains holding me...I'm free!" On October 17th, The CT Society of Mayflower Descendants will welcome Civil War reenactor Kevin Johnson in his compelling and dramatic portrayal of Union soldier, William Webb.

To capture this tumultuous time in our history, Johnson will present a portrayal of Private Webb, an actual soldier and native of Hartford, who served in the Twenty-Ninth (Colored) Regiment of the Union Army (<http://connecticuthistory.org/the-29th-regiment-connecticut-volunteers-fought-more-than-one-war/>). "Webb" will arrive wearing an historically accurate uniform of his regiment.

Webb, born in 1834, never knew his father. He grew up free but keenly aware of those in the south who lived in chains. So, in 1863, when the cry went out to the free black men of Hartford to join the Union cause, Webb was among the 1700 who did. He enlisted on December 22, 1863 and was mustered into the U.S. Army on March 8, 1863, lead by Colonel William Burr Wooster. His regiment fought many battles in Virginia, and Webb survived the war.



What was it like to be a black man fighting in a country so racially divided? We will hear Webb's stories of his recruitment and training, the work his regiment performed in Virginia, and the traumatic final battles of the Civil War, about which Johnson as Webb claims, "We had to gain courage; we had to be men."

Despite the prevailing attitude that "black men were thought of as nothing", these men fought bravely and valiantly to ensure this opportunity to be free. Johnson has been quoted as saying, "If a black man could be an officer in the U.S. Army at that time, he could be anything he wanted to be."

Kevin Johnson, who is an employee of the State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, bases his presentation on extensive research done at the State Library. He has performed as Private Webb over four hundred times throughout the state and country. For more information on Webb, Johnson, and his performances, visit his

blog: www.wmwebb.wordpress.com. Additional information about the State Library and the Museum of Connecticut History can be found at <http://www.cslib.org/>.

(Governor's message, cont'd)
at the Warner Dining Room in Ashlar Village,
Wallingford, CT from 9:30 to 11:30. We will
have coffee and pastry. If you would like to
participate, please contact me at
mbrown@ct.metrocast.net.

Thank you to all who donate items to the raffle
table at our meetings and well as those who
buy the tickets. The past two meetings have
seen the raffle raise a bit over \$1000 for

scholarships. I really appreciate your support
in this endeavor to assist young people in
their educational pursuits. Thank you very
much.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Governor.

Sincerely,
Mary Brown

Time to Think about Scholarships!

Even though it is only fall as you read this,
the holidays will be here and gone before you
know it, and if you have a high school senior,
or know of one, now is the time to start
thinking about scholarships. Two important
facts to consider: the application must be
received by March 1, 2016 to be eligible; and
our junior affiliate members get special
consideration.

- We award three scholarships annually
of \$ 1,620 each.
- All three scholarships adhere to the
same guidelines and deadlines.
- Any graduating high school senior who
is a resident in Connecticut is eligible
for these scholarships. One need **NOT**
be a member of the Connecticut
Mayflower Society. However, in
awarding the Isham and Reig
scholarships, special consideration will
be given to applicants who are either a
member or junior affiliate member of
the Connecticut Mayflower Society or
who is a child or grandchild of one of
our members. These applicants need
not be Connecticut residents.
- Academic achievement, extra-curricular
involvement, and community service
are considered in the review of each
application.

- The completed application and all
required documentation must be
received by March 1st each year.
- Awards will be presented at the spring
meeting of the Connecticut Society of
Mayflower Descendants.

Scholarship applications and instructions
for The Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the State of Connecticut scholarship
program and application for the Junior
Affiliate program are available on our
website: www.ctmayflower.org

Help Wanted

Do you have experience organizing events for
social, educational or fundraising purposes?
We would like to hear from you as we consider
events to celebrate 2020. Please submit your
experiences and interests to Mary Brown at
mbrown@ct.metrocast.net. Thank you

Lost Mayflower Society Members

Lost <i>Mayflower</i> Members as of 7/31/15		
1	Edward Samuel Adamy III	Manchester, CT
2	Audrey Claire Baker	New Canaan, CT
3	Emily Bradford Baker	Darien, CT
4	Mary Ellen Baker	Washington , DC
5	Ann Hopkins Breen	Wolcott, CT
6	Thomas Andrew Cobb	South Jordan, UT
7	Mirna Belle Cochran	Berryville, VA
8	Ronald Stevenson Cushman	Groton, CT
9	Mark Richard Emmons	Madison, CT
10	Lucille I Goodhall	Vernon Rockwell, CT
11	Bruce Peter Hansen	Oakland, ME
12	Brian Hazelwood	East Hartland , CT
13	Sue Ellen Kerr	West Hartford, CT
14	Deborah Ann Knell	Evanston, IL
15	Marianne Lampi	Las Vegas, NV
16	Susan Rath Latos	New York, NY
17	Michael Joseph Lavey	Augusta, GA
18	Courtney Anne Lower	East Hampton, CT
19	Anne Chandler MacDougall	New York, NY
20	Tamsin Wightman Maynard	Niantic, CT
21	Cynthia Brainerd McCormack	South Dennis, MA
22	Anna Joy McCormick-Goodhart	Loveland , CO
23	Jessica Mae McCormick-Goodhart	Loveland, CO
24	Justin Michael McCormick-Goodhart	Loveland, CO
25	Mary Grace McCormick-Goodhart	Loveland, CO
26	Ruth Leandra McCormick-Goodhart	Loveland, CO
27	Pamela McNaughton	APO, AE
28	Priscilla Winfield Mills	Hickory, NC
29	Carey A Nielsen	Mystic, CT
30	Oliver James Purnell IV	Ellington, CT
31	Philip Christopher Sackett	Kissimmee, FL
32	Edward Alexander Skidmore	West Hollywood, CA
33	Franklin Wiatt Sprague	Arlington, VA
34	Sarah J Storms	Buffalo, NY
35	Shelagh Heather Usher	Kettleby Ont, CANADA
36	Wendy Cooke Winslow	Easton, PA
37	Philappa S Wren	Port Credit Ont, CANADA

Windsor Trading Post Search Update

Mary Brown

We have explored the Windsor Meadows State Park site for the Windsor Trading Post and have made several significant discoveries. Ellen Swayne, Betty Chandler, Randall Russell and I joined Brian Jones and his FOSA field school at the site mentioned in the last *Nutmeg Gratings*. In June, we cleared away brush and some deadfall. We endured a magnificent crop of poison ivy and the most voracious swarms of mosquitoes! The three days left me wondering how anyone could have lived in this area for more than a few hours. On the second and third days we were joined by Kevin McBride from the Pequot Museum, and a team of metal detectors. What a thrill! They found a strike a light, a metal button, brass arrowhead, a brass ring and a brass powder flask cover, to mention just the most significant of the 86 items taken for analysis. A visual on-site examination determined that these items were definitely of early 17th century origin.

Returning to the site on the hottest day of the summer so far, we were pleased to see that the brush clearing had diminished the mosquito hoard, although they hovered in the adjacent area if you strayed. There was one metal detector used on Monday and many finds, but nothing significant... loads of nails of various origins, etc. The FOSA folks started to dig in pits on a grid that Brian Jones laid out. What fun digging in the dirt! This was done in an orderly fashion and recorded each

ten centimeters in depth as to finds and soil types. The removed soil was sifted and examined. Finds were labeled and saved for further analysis. The main finds were chips and points from stone arrows and tools.

We worked on through the week, and the temperatures moderated. Tuesday night brought a shower, and walking out on Wednesday was an experience. Many large puddles of water had to be skirted! By Friday there were still a few areas that remained wet. No wonder mosquitoes loved this environment. I only saw one snake skitter off the trail, and that seemed unusual with the vegetation, bugs, etc.

The conclusion to date is that this was an early Aboriginal site. There were many finds at depths of 50 centimeters of stone working. There was a piece of early 17th century pottery found near the area of the strike a light. A pipe stem of a later time was also found. No posthole stains in the dirt were identified which would have placed the trading post building on the palisade. This story is not finished. Brian Jones has noted the significance of this site so that the pipeline being plotted at this time will not pass through. We also continue our search for more primary sources on the Trading Post. This fall, a site a bit to the north will be investigated by ground penetrating radar. The hunt continues. Check out the website for our pictorial diary of our adventures in search of the Windsor Trading Post.



Here are a few of the 86 items found at the Windsor Trading Post dig in July.

The pieces are of early 17th century origin.



Proposed 2015 Bylaws Changes

On August 1, 2015 the Board of Assistants voted to make the following recommended changes to the CT Mayflower Society's Bylaws. The major change is to allow the Board to vote by email. The new wording is in **bold italics** and the ~~deleted wording~~ has a double line through it.

Under Article II – Board of Assistants

1. A new section 2 was added to say that the Board of Assistants shall meet at least once a year There was no mention of the Board holding a meeting in the bylaws.
2. A new section 4 was added to cover the Board voting by email.
3. Section 1. Referenced Section number 5 was changed to Section 7 because of section renumbering.
4. The former section 2 was renumbered to 3.
5. The former sections 4 to 6 were renumbered 5 to 7.

Under Article III - Nomination and Elections for Membership – Section 1

The part about lineage papers not being filed with Historian within 9 months and an extension given was changed to agree with the General Society's bylaws.

Below are the proposed additions and changes:

ARTICLE II BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Section 2. The Board of Assistants shall meet at least once a year to carry on the business of the Society at any date and location. Other meetings of the Board of Assistants may be decided by the Board or by call of the Governor. The meetings shall follow the order of business as stated in Article VI.

Section 4. In lieu of calling a special meeting of the Board of Assistants when an issue has to be decided, electronic voting by the Board of Assistants shall be in compliance with the following procedures:

- a) Call for a vote: Any Board Member can at any time submit to all other members of the Board a proposal to be decided via electronic voting (e.g. email or other electronic means reasonably likely to lead to actual receipt by each recipient). Such proposal shall be seconded by email before any further action is taken.***
- b) As soon thereafter as reasonably practical, the Recording Secretary shall resubmit said proposal to all of the members of the Board (at their most recent email addresses on file with the Recording Secretary) and prescribe a reasonable time limit (at least 48 hours) as determined by the Governor, which time limit may be extended as necessary by the Governor if he/she deems that appropriate. Any vote may be cast or changed by the voter prior to the deadline (or extended deadline, of any)***
- c) Before there is any voting, any Board member may request that a live discussion take place by telephone conference call of the members of the Board to allow all such members the opportunity for open and free discussion of the motion.***
- d) Unless all members of the Board decide otherwise, each electronic vote cast shall be sent via electronic means (e.g. email) to each other member of the Board. The Recording Secretary shall use his/her best efforts to achieve compliance with this requirement.***
- e) For an electronic vote to be determinative of an issue, the votes of the majority of the members of the Board must be received by the Recording Secretary by the deadline (or any extended deadline set by the Governor). It is up to the Recording Secretary to make sure that at least a quorum of six (6) Board member votes are cast (this may require phone calls, etc.).***

- f) Any matter duly and properly submitted to an electronic vote shall be deemed passed if a majority of the members of the Board vote in favor of said proposal.*
- g) As soon as reasonably practical after the conclusion of the electronic vote, the Recording Secretary shall communicate the results thereof to all Board members via electronic means (e.g. email). Said communication shall restate the precise words of the proposal voted upon, as well as the number of votes in favor thereof, opposed thereto, or abstaining.*
- h) Any matter duly and properly submitted to and decided by electronic vote shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Assistants for ratification, unless the unanimous written consent of all Board members has been received by the Recording Secretary. In the absence of unanimous written consent, a majority vote of a quorum at said meeting shall be required to ratify said electronic vote, and in the absence of such a majority ratification, the electronic vote shall be deemed ineffective and of no force or effect.*

ARTICLE III
Nomination and Election for Membership

Section 1. Requests for membership shall be made in writing to the Historian. Preliminary applications papers will be sent. Application fees shall be paid by the applicant when the preliminary application papers are signed and returned. Worksheets and lineage papers shall be issued by the Historian once the above have been received. The lineage papers are to be filled out and returned to the Historian for final research and approval. If the lineage papers are not filed with the Historian within ~~nine months~~ **one year** after the approval of the preliminary application, such approval shall become void, unless the Historian grants **a one year** extension of time.

Leave a Legacy

Our scholarship program has assisted many students over the years. We have raised enough funds through donations, bequests and raffles to endow three annual scholarships of \$1,620 each. Our goal is to raise sufficient funds, through the sale of 2020 materials, to assure that each of the scholarships could be renewable for one year. An additional year of assistance with college costs would mean a lot to a young person. Please consider remembering the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund in your will. Be remembered along with Mrs. Henry G. Isham, Bernice A. Livingston Reig, and Jordan Konov as supporters of education and scholarship. Be remembered for your generous gift as you assist deserving to achieve their education goals. For information on how to create this legacy, please contact David Grant at sybilcreek@yahoo.com. No gift is too small. Thank you.



Create-A-Word

How many words can you make from these two words?

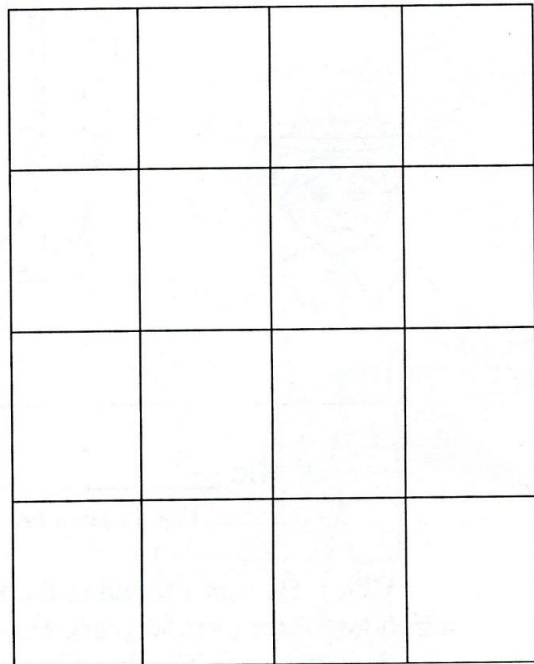
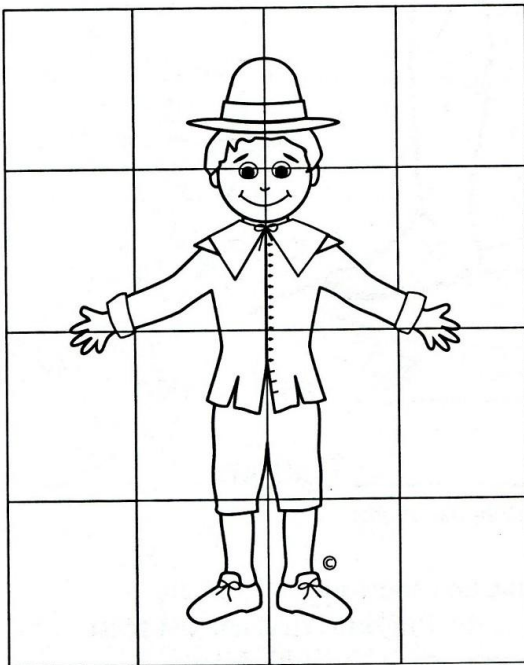
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30+ words = Excellent 21-29 words = Good 11-20 words = Fair 1-10 words = Nice Try

Draw Pilgrim Myles

Use the grid on the right to draw your own Pilgrim Myles.



Children in 1620 Plymouth – Wordsearch

Children, both boys and girls, were dressed in similar fashion until they were about seven years old. Then the boys would be "**breached**" which meant they would begin wearing clothing like the men. Until that time, both boys and girls would wear an ankle-length **gown**, a **biggin** (a close-fitting cap tied under the chin), and an **apron**.

The children in 1620 Plymouth spent much of their day doing **chores**. They would **gather** firewood, **fetch** water, **care** for animals, **prepare** and **cook** food, **wash** clothes, **mend** clothes, **hunt** and **fish**, and help **build** their houses.

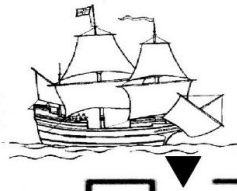
There was no school in 1620 Plymouth, but children did have lessons. They would learn from their parents and older siblings. The children learned to read and to cipher (simple math).

Children had little time to play. They had work and lessons to do. When they did have time to play, they were allowed to play games that made them think, exercise, or practice skills they would need later in life. Some of the games that were common in England during that time were **marbles**, **knicker box**, and **dolls**.

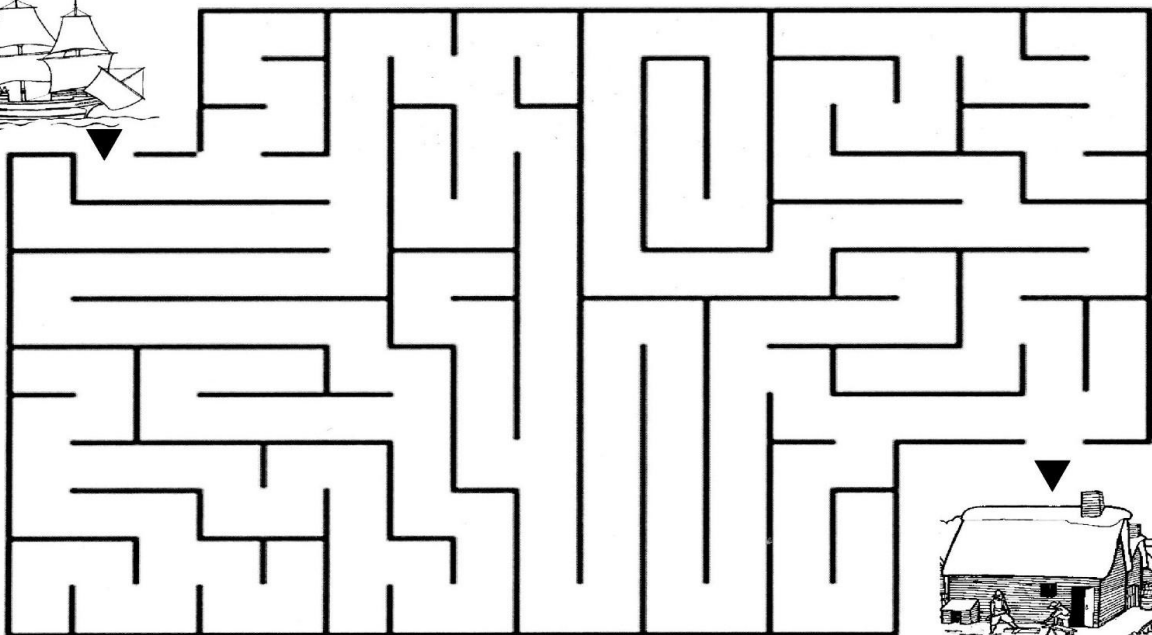
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Start the voyage



Help the Mayflower Pilgrims Reach Their New Home



Home

**ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2015
SOCIAL HOUR AT 11
LUNCHEON & MEETING AT NOON**

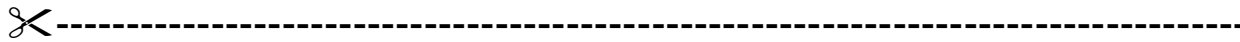
Our luncheon will be held at **Adams Mill Restaurant**, 165 Adams St., Manchester, CT 06042 (860-646-4039)

Directions:

Going east on I-84 from Hartford: Take Exit 62; at the end of the exit turn right onto Buckland Street. Continue on Buckland for just over a mile (Buckland turns into Adams Street by the Manchester Honda dealership). The restaurant is on the left.

Going west on I-84 from Vernon: Take Exit 62; at end of the exit turn right onto Pleasant Valley Road. Turn right at the next light onto Buckland Street. Continue on Buckland for just over a mile (Buckland turns into Adams Street by the Manchester Honda dealership). The restaurant is on the left.

From Route 91 (North or South): Take Exit 35A onto Route 291 East. Continue on 291 to exit 5 (Tolland Turnpike). At the end of the exit, turn left at the light and go approximately one-half mile to the intersection of the Tolland Turnpike – Buckland Street and Adams Street. Turn right onto Adams Street (by the Manchester Honda dealership). The restaurant is on the left.



PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOR EACH ATTENDEE:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Rosemary Chicken, \$23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Stuffed Shrimp, \$28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib of Beef, \$28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera, \$23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$ Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> Select from Child's Menu, \$10
(12 & under) |

Dinners include: Garden salad, dinner rolls, potato, coffee, tea, and dessert. There is a cash bar. Nonalcoholic punch and complimentary cheese tray will be served during the social hour.

Please send this completed form and payment (checks made out to Mayflower Society of CT) by October 3, 2015 to: Beverly Warner, 243 Lowell Davis Road, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member?
Address: _____	Guest: _____
_____	Guest: _____
Telephone: _____	Guest: _____

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