



# The Virginia Mayflower

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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## Message from the Governor

*Greetings Mayflower Cousins,*

Happy fall to you! I hope you had a restful summer and found time to spend with family and friends. This summer found me journeying to Colorado Springs with friends for a trip filled with hikes, travels by train through canyons, shopping in quaint towns, and culminated with a glorious ride on the cog train to the summit of Pike's Peak. As we approached the summit, our conductor stopped the train so we could take in the view from Inspiration Point. It was on this very spot in 1893 that Katharine Bates was inspired to write the poem, *America, The Beautiful*. All in my group had goosebumps at that moment as we gazed in wonder at the stunning view which unfolded below us. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of that patriotic song's lyrics especially the second verse which speaks of America and her pilgrims' courageous decision to sail to the New World in search of freedom. That decision made all the difference in who we are.

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet*

*Whose stern, impassioned stress*

*A thoroughfare for freedom beat*

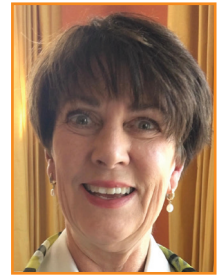
*Across the wilderness! America! America!*

Like our Pilgrim ancestors and Ms. Bates before us, may we give grace and thanks to all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us this holiday season.

Speaking of blessings, your Board of Assistants has been busy since we last met. Jamie Callender and David Harry have brought us into the future by installing a new network server, Wild Apricot. To find out more about Wild Apricot and what it can do for us, please look for Jamie and David's article nestled in this newsletter.

Our first virtual book club session was a hit. Led by Debbie Misiag, six members met over the summer enjoying lively discussions and analysis of Carla Gardina Pestana's *The World of Plymouth Plantation*. Not only did the participants enjoy the book, but they found it was a marvelous way to connect with other members. If you are looking for ways to connect throughout the year with your Mayflower cousins, I encourage you to reach out to those who live in your area and set up small informal get

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Lee Hardin Woody  
Governor

### Our Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting

will be held

Saturday

November 19, 2022

at

The Commonwealth Club  
in Richmond Virginia

Address and Directions  
on page 11

Reception & Cocktails 11:45 AM

Luncheon at 12:45 PM

Luncheon Reservation Form  
on Page 11

Online Payment or Check  
Must be Received  
by Friday, November 11



## Fall 2022 Keynote Speaker

Andrew Giles Buckley discusses *Hit and Run* History's adventure-travel documentary on Mayflower pilgrim Stephen Hopkins, *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck*.



Andrew Giles Buckley

Two-time Emmy-nominated producer and host Andrew Giles Buckley, a Hopkins descendant, grew up hearing stories that New Plymouth's iconoclast tavern keeper may have the model of *The Tempest's* drunken and mutinous Stephano. In their Gumshoe Historian style, Buckley and the crew of *Hit and Run History* seek out the reality of a man who was everywhere at the founding of America.

The film follows the story of the only *Mayflower* passenger who had been to North American previously. A decade earlier, Hopkins had been aboard a Jamestown-bound ship that wrecked on Bermuda, inspiring Shakespeare's final play, *The Tempest*.

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## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Founded January 10, 1950

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togethers such as a movie night, coffee hour, dinner, wine tastings, book clubs, hikes, museum outings, or attending a concert.

In September Brantley Knowles joined me in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the General Board of Assistants meeting. Governor General Jane Hurt and her Board of Assistants provided delegates with updates about the state of the General Society. It was an informative session as well as a time to get to know our Mayflower Cousins who live across this great land of ours and beyond. More about that later.

Last, but not least, we hope to see you at the Fall Compact Day Luncheon at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on November 19th. All members and guests are invited to this special meeting as we kick off the Holiday Season in festive style. We will be joined by Andrew Buckley, Keynote Speaker and a Stephen Hopkins descendant. Mr. Buckley will discuss his documentary, *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck*. You won't want to miss this special presentation.

*Blest be the tie that binds,*

**Lee Hardin Woody**

Virginia Governor

## New Virginia Mayflower Society Website

Submitted by Jamie Callender and David Harrity

The Board of Assistants decided to modernize our website with a new and improved membership management system called Wild Apricot. You can start now to enjoy the public view of the updated website by going to <https://virginiamayflower.org/>

You should have received an e-mail inviting you to establish a password associated with your e-mail address. It's a quick and easy process and once you are set up, you will be able to view members-only content, including upcoming Society meetings, the up-to-date Society roster with built-in messaging to other members, and archival records. Please note that your password is unique to you and will allow you to access the Members Only section of the web page. The previous access to the members' page, using a single password for all members, will no longer work. Each member must create their own password as soon as they receive the invitation email.

A key feature of our new website is that members will be able to make online payments of annual membership renewals, event payments, and donations to the Society. That is significant because it eliminates writing checks, mailing checks to the right address, and adding postage.

While the online system is intended to provide a level of convenience to the many who have requested online capabilities, we will still offer traditional methods of conducting Society business (e.g. accepting checks as payment of dues, donations, and other fees). We are not compelling any member to use the new online capabilities if they choose not to do so. Your Board of Assistants adopted this new Wild Apricot cloud-based software to help simplify and automate our Society administrative tasks for the convenience of members. We hope you start enjoying its benefits by visiting <https://virginiamayflower.org/>

Visit our web site: <https://virginiamayflower.org>

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**Virginia Mayflower Society**

for updates and additional information about our state society

## Fall 2022 Keynote Speaker *continued from page 1*

Shot on location, the intrepid *Hit and Run History* crew retraces Hopkins' life criss-crossing the emerging Atlantic world. England, Bermuda, Jamestown, Plymouth – Hopkins' came to know Native Americans in New World and Old. Pocahontas, Squanto and Massasoit – experience that would serve him and the Separatists aboard the *Mayflower* in establishing their fledgling settlement in New England.

The film was first broadcast on Rhode Island PBS in 2020 and has been screened at the Pilgrim Hall Museum, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, and other public media stations across the country.

Due to the length of the film, it will not be possible to show it during the luncheon meeting. However, you will have the opportunity to view it from the comfort of your own home, if you like.

### **To Watch Stephano:**

The film is on Vimeo, available to rent or purchase to view on a tablet, computer, phone or smart TV.

To purchase and watch on any device streaming or download: [www.bit.ly/buystephano](http://www.bit.ly/buystephano) The cost is \$14.99

To rent for 48 hours: [www.bit.ly/rentstephano](http://www.bit.ly/rentstephano) The cost is 4.99.

If you do not already have a Vimeo account, you will be prompted to set up one FOR FREE simply by using your email and creating a password or by using your Google login. Once you confirm your account, you are ready to buy or rent the film using one of the two above links.

## News from the Historian Team

From the period of February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022, the Virginia Mayflower Society has welcomed 26 new members. Congratulations to the following new members

### **Passenger John Alden**

Keith Richards Thackery

Jonathan Richard Durfee

Melina Sue Anderson McGill

Alden Abbott

### **Passenger William Bradford**

Jane Helen Davis

Jennifer Louise Taylor

### **Passenger William Brewster**

Peter Kelly Stimpson

Virginia Lee Bell Gerrish

### **Passenger Francis Cooke**

Kathleen Marion Rivers

Heather Ann Huffman

Suzannah Weaver Herring Carr

### **Passenger Edward Doty**

Heather Leigh Chapman

### **Passenger Edward Fuller**

Barbara Kathryn Hays Henderson

### **Passenger Stephen Hopkins**

Anneliese Jane Mabie

### **Passenger Degory Priest**

Geoffrey Sale

Ann Monroe Lampert

### **Passenger Thomas Rogers**

Edward Kimball Thompson

### **Passenger Henry Samson**

Maureen Ellen Hogan Donohue

### **Passenger George Soule**

Nicole Hazel Keller

Susan Ellen Hockett

### **Passenger Myles Standish**

Janice Lynn Marx Sutfenfield

Stacy Lynn Howard

### **Passenger Richard Warren**

Stephen Kirby Dean

Roberta Louise Humphrey Clark

Sarah Wooten

Angela DeVico

### **Three Transfers in**

Margaret Pruett Averett (Dual Member with NC)-  
William Bradford

Nancy Saul (Dual Member with NC)-  
George Soule

Crystal Hall McMorris- Francis Cooke

During the same period, we had four members receive approval for a total of eight supplementals.

The historian team has been busy working on 91 applications with 31 new applications and nine supplementals awaiting approval at Plymouth as of July 31, 2022. The team meets almost monthly and also attends the monthly historian meetings that are provided by the Mayflower Society in Plymouth.

## Junior Membership Information

Junior Membership in the Virginia Mayflower Society is available to all those with proven lineages from birth to 18 years of age and membership as a Junior may continue up to the age of 25. After Junior Members turn 18, they may apply for regular membership in the Society.

To request junior membership for your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, please provide Tim Finton with the following information:

1. Full name of Applicant
2. Date of birth
3. Place of birth
4. Mayflower Ancestor
5. Full names of parents
6. Contact information for parents, including address, email, and telephone number
7. Full name of Sponsor of the Applicant
8. Sponsor's Virginia and National Membership number
9. Sponsor's contact information, including address, email, and telephone number
10. Sponsor's relationship to the Applicant

The application fee is \$10 per applicant, so please pay online or mail a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society to Assistant Treasurer Janita Sullivan.

When the process is complete, Tim Finton will send the Junior Membership Certificate and other welcome material to the Junior Member at the address of the parents, unless otherwise instructed. Please contact Tim at

[deputygovernor@virginiamayflower.org](mailto:deputygovernor@virginiamayflower.org) for mailing instructions.

If you are a Junior Member who has reached your 18th birthday, consider becoming a full member by submitting an application. Please contact your Junior Membership sponsor and Co-Historian Debbie Misiag at [historian@virginiamayflower.org](mailto:historian@virginiamayflower.org) for more information about the adult membership process.

## Junior Members' Corner

Submitted by the Education Committee

*Welcome to our Junior Members' Corner. We have received permission from Peggy Marsh, General Society of the Mayflower Society Junior Membership Chair, to reprint this activity. More activities and crafts as well as this one can be found on the Members Only Section of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants website. Suggested books and other educational resources can be found on the Education Page of the Virginia Mayflower Society website.*

### Turkey Napkin Holders ... and Family Keepsakes

This craft made by younger Mayflower Juniors with a little pre-planning. Older Juniors will also take pride in making the napkin holders for their Thanksgiving tables and will be great assistants for the younger artisans. Year after year, these napkin holders will be a source of debate: which was made by whom? Names may secretly be written inside, and any debate can be settled during dessert each year!

#### **Supplies you will need:**

- empty bathroom tissue tubes
- brown or grey felt (enough for tubes) and one square of orange or yellow felt for beaks
- black, grey, tan and/or brown pom pom balls (1-2" in diameter) for the heads
- wiggly or googly eyes
- fabric glue

Cut the brown felt into 4-1/4 x 6 inch pieces. Cut small triangles for beak. Glue onto tube and overlap slightly. If needed, trim excess felt along the bottom of the tube for stability. Small children can take it from here ... Glue a pom pom for the head, near the top of the felt covered tube. Glue googly eyes to the heads. Lay tube flat with heads facing upward to allow the heads and eyes to dry.

When the glue is dry, fold napkins as you would to make a paper fan. Holding one folded end of the napkin, insert about two inches into the top of the tube. Spread the accordion pleats for an open tail.

## Junior Membership Report

### We Welcome 3 New Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society!

Submitted by the Junior Membership Committee

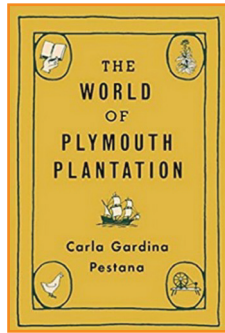
Since the report in the Spring 2022 Newsletter we have welcomed 3 new Junior Members. There are currently 398 Junior Members in the Virginia Society.

Junior Member	Ancestor
Loretta Lynn Thomas	Richard More
Isabelle Christine Abbott	John Alden
Michael Alexander Abbott	John Alden

## From the Bookshelves ~ Virginia Mayflower Society Book Club

By Debbie Misiag, Historian

The Virginia Mayflower Society held its first virtual book club meeting this summer. We selected the 2020 book by author Carla Gardina Pestana, *The World of Plymouth Plantation*. This small but information-packed 230 page book, gives insight into the early years of the *Mayflower* passengers as they worked to create a home.



The author included 6 chapters; each with three topics. In each section, she gives examples of how our ancestors lived and provides many examples of the perceptions of and interactions between two cultures- the English and the Wampanoag. From the struggles of creating families, hunting and growing crops, the export of goods back to England, and religious beliefs, this book covers topics about our early ancestors in New England that many may not be familiar with.

The book is well sourced and a joy to read. Our small group met three times beginning in May and concluding in July. Our hour discussions covered two chapters at a time. Not only did we learn from our own reading, but because we brought different experiences and knowledge to our discussions, we also learned from each other.

Thank you to all who joined this book club. There was also interest in doing another book in the late fall. So be watching our Facebook page for an announcement about our next book.

### The Captain's Manifest

By Debbie Misiag, Virginia Historian

William Mullins was born about 1572 in perhaps in Dorking, Surry, England. He was the son of John Mullins and Joan Bridger. He was a shoemaker by trade based upon the items left in his estate. He left 21 dozen shoes and 13 pair of boots which he left to the Company, upon his death (REF 1)

William married Alice by 1593 (assuming she is the mother of all four children). It has not been proven that she is the mother of all of his children (REF 1). No marriage date has been located for William and Alice. Only William, his wife Alice, son Joseph and daughter Priscilla came on the trip.

In May 1619, William sold his Dorking manor holdings. The property consisted of a house and 1.5 acres of land and outbuildings (REF 3). It was located between West Street and Back Street (now Church Street). This may have been in preparation for his trip on the *Mayflower*. By this time he was making a good living as a shoemaker. He must have had some wealth as he had made one of the larger investments in the joint-stock company Plymouth (REF 2)

The first winter was a difficult one and half of the *Mayflower* passengers perished that first year. Priscilla was the only member of the family left. In his will, he left his son in England, William his share of land in Virginia should he come. He did not come. He married three times and left no children. William died in 1674. William's other daughter Sarah, was married in 1621, but is believed to have remained in England (REF 1). In addition to the death of most of the Mullins family, their servant Robert Carter also died that first winter (REF 2) William was the first to die on 21 February 1620/1. His will was carried back on the *Mayflower* to England. His wife and son were still alive at the time that the *Mayflower* set sail back to England on 2 April 1621 (REF 3) Mullin's will was discovered in the late 19th century by Henry F. Waters (REF 3), still survives today and was witnessed by master Christopher Jones and Giles Heale (REF 2).

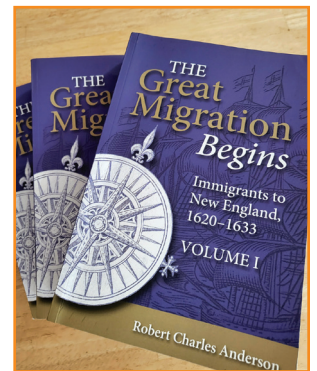
Sources:

- 1 Anderson, R. (2004) *The Pilgrim Migration*
- 2 Johnson, C. (2006) *The Mayflower and Her Passengers*
- 3 Woodworth-Barnes, E. (1999) *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Vol 16, Part 1 John Alden*

### Two "Must-Haves" For Your Reference Library

Submitted by Cindy Carlson, Librarian

Reference volumes are just that: books to refer to. A three-volume resource and a later compendium make up an important section on my genealogy shelves—*The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633* Vols. I to III and *The Great Migration Directory*. What are the benefits to be found in these references? Look at your early family tree. What about the father of the woman who married your *Mayflower* descendant's grandson? When did he arrive? Where was he from? Likely you could find the beginning of that connection in these books.



These references are a valuable addition to even an amateur family researcher's library. They are a gold mine of information not just on *Mayflower* passengers, but on their later arriving family, friends, fellow congregants, neighbors, and future spouses.

*The Great Migration Begins*, published in 1995, covers arrivals in the years 1620 to 1633, so the settling of Plymouth and its surroundings can be seen in each entry. I bought the books to research later arriving ancestors, both mine and my husband's, and found many of his mother's family arrived in considerable numbers

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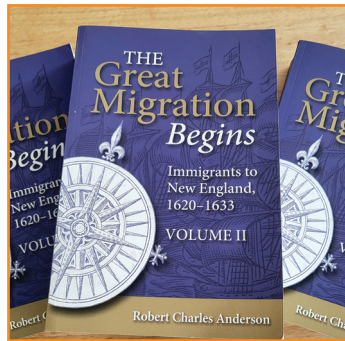
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during what is called the Great Migration. It is convenient to have their data in one reference source.

Started in 1988, The Great Migration Project, spearheaded by genealogist and author Robert Charles Anderson, set a goal to present “a concise and reliable summary of past research of early immigrants.”

The Project was an “immense literature search” which now provides an invaluable resource for research into early New England ancestors. *The Great Migration Begins* tries to “document each life” (viii) by presenting the researched origin, means of migration, residence, status, education, offices, and estate of the immigrant. Entries are alphabetical across the three volumes and include birth, death, marriage, children, and associations with other immigrants. This information is gleaned from “records generated by 14 May 1634” and by appearances in the immediate family of a person recorded as arriving by the end of 1633 (xv). This includes more than nine hundred families or unattached men and women (xvi).

The author makes clear in his introduction that he is conservative in his inclusions, making corrections to misinformation



often preserved in family genealogies by the repetition of erroneous, non-substantiated data.

*The Great Migration Directory*, published in 2015, has shorter, more concise entries as would be expected in a directory, but it spans more years, covering the full 20 years of the Great Migration—1620-1640. The Great Migration Project eventually noted over 20,000 Englishmen arriving in New England from the *Mayflower's* arrival to the beginning of the English Civil War. Approximately 85% of these immigrants

came from 1634 to 1640. *The Great Migration Directory* lists about 5600 families or individuals (x). Neither those arrivals who were transients nor those mentioned in records who remained in England were mentioned in either resource.

*The Great Migration Begins*, all three volumes, costs for \$79.95. But you can find it as a reference on Ancestry.com and on Americanancestors.org. Of course, one must be a member to access these sites.

*The Great Migration Directory* costs \$64.95. They are well worth the purchase price.

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## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws November 2022

This is a notice of PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia as required by CONSTITUTION. AMENDMENTS. ARTICLE XII, and BY-LAWS. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS. Article VI. The following four proposed amendments are to be presented for consideration and action during the Society's Compact Day Luncheon in Richmond, VA, November 19, 2022.

*Note: Deletions are in **bold** and insertions are underscored.*

1. Amend CONSTITUTION, Membership, Article III, Section 3 by striking “Every approval by the Historian shall be void unless the lineage papers shall be filed by the applicant, properly filled out, within nine months after the same shall have been sent him.” and restating it as follows “Once an applicant has paid the state and Society fees and a draft application has been created, the applicant shall have two years to complete the process of providing evidence for the application after which the application process shall be considered terminated. After that date a new application and fees must be submitted by the applicant to the Society. The time limit may be extended due to special circumstances.”

*Article III, Section 3 currently reads:*

“Every approval by the Historian shall be void unless the lineage papers shall be filed by the applicant, properly

filled out, within nine months after the same shall have been sent him.”

*As amended, Article III, Section 3 will read:*

“Once an applicant has paid the state and Society fees and a draft application has been created, the applicant shall have two years to complete the process of providing evidence for the application after which the application process shall be considered terminated. After that date a new application and fees must be submitted by the applicant to the Society. The time limit may be extended due to special circumstances.”

*Rationale:* To provide adequate time to complete applications and to clarify long-standing practices. This change is urged by our current Historian, Debbie Misiag.

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# Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws *continued from page 6*

- Amend BYLAWS, Article I, Section 1(election at the Triennial) by inserting “provided however, that any Historian, Co-Historian, or

Assistant Historian may be elected at any annual meeting when the Board of Assistants recommends such election” at the end of the first sentence.

**Article I, Section 1 currently reads**

“The officers of the Society shall be elected at the triennial November meeting of the Society by a majority of the votes actually cast at the meetings. When only one nominee is put up, the chair can take a voice vote, or can declared that the nominee is elected.”

**As amended, Article I, Section 1 will read:**

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**Rationale:** To create staggered terms for Historian, Co-Historian, and Assistant Historians and to clarify duties.

- Amend BYLAWS, Article I, Section 2 (three-year term for officers) by inserting “provided, however, that any Historian, Co-Historian, or Assistant Historian may be elected for one or two year terms when the Board of Assistants recommends this in order to create a series of staggered terms.” at the end of the sentence.

**Article I, Section 2 currently reads:**

“All officers shall be elected for a term of three years.”

**If amended, Bylaws, Article I, Section 2 will read:**

All officers shall be elected for a term of three years, provided, however, that any Historian, Co-Historian, or Assistant Historian may be elected for one- or two-year terms when the Board of Assistants recommends this in order to create a series of staggered terms.”

**Rationale:** To created staggered terms for Assistant Historians and to clarify duties.

- Amend BYLAWS, Article IV, Section I by striking “Scrapbook” and inserting in its place “Social Media”

**Article IV, Section 1 currently reads:**

“Standing committees shall be appointed by the Governor as follows”

- a. Special Services and Hospitality
- b. Constitution & Bylaws
- c. Education
- d. Finance
- e. Junior Membership
- f. Newsletter Editor
- g. Publicity and **Scrapbook**
- h. Mildred Ramos Scholarship
- i. Webmaster

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**Rationale:** To clarify long-standing practices.

## Thank You!

*We thank the following for their generosity for donations between May 1, 2022 and August 30, 2022.*

### Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund

**Up to \$100**

*Jaqueline Schillereff*

### Fall Speakers Series

**\$100 and over**

*Brantley Knowles*

*Lee Hardin Woody*

*Virginia Mayflower Society*

# Spring Luncheon Meeting

May 7, 2022

Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia

## Draft Minutes

### **Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by GSMD-VA Governor Lee Hardin Woody, followed by the invocation and blessing given by Captain W. Samuel Williams, in the absence of Nancy Barrow, Elder. Deputy Governor Tim Finton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Pilgrim Pledge followed led by Captain W. Samuel Williams. The Past Governors and Head Table were then introduced.

After a delicious luncheon, Governor Woody announced that Mary Ann Jung, a Susannah White interpreter, was unable to be with us, but will be back another time.

### **Introduction of Speaker:**

Governor Woody introduced our keynote speaker, GSMD Governor General Jane Riddell Hurt. She stated that Governor Hurt, who is from Kansas, is head of our 31, 000+ member group, and also belongs to other lineage groups including the Jamestown Society, NSDAR, Daughters of American Colonists, and Colonial Dames 17th Century. Her qualifying ancestor was Peregrine White.

### **Program:**

In her talk Governor General Hurt stated that she was only the 4th woman to be Governor General, and warmly mentioned our own Mildred Ramos, who was the very first. She gave us a history of the insignia of the Governor General and discussed the importance of the various GSMD real estate holdings in Plymouth. Restoration of the historic Mayflower Society House is ongoing and complicated. Governor Hurt also gave us information about a \$2.618 million dollar grant received by the GSMD for the restoration of a church to become an education center. After the Governor General concluded her remarks, Governor Woody presented her with an honorarium of \$1000 to GSMD in honor of the Governor General Jane Groves Riddell Hurt to go towards the Mayflower Society House historical restorations.

**The Roll Call of Passengers** was led by Debbie Misiag, Historian.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Governor Woody asked for approval of the minutes of the November 2021 meeting, which were circulated in the newsletter. There was a motion and second, with the minutes being unanimously approved.

### **Reports:**

**Assistant Treasurer, Jan Sullivan**-reported that the per capita had been paid to the GSMD with over \$102,000 in the treasury.

**Historian, Debbie Misiag**-reported that the training of the Historian's Team is progressing well. There are 29 new applications, 160 applications in process, for a total of 189. There are 46 new members since the November meeting, with a "turn around" in time in Plymouth of eight months.

**Mildred Ramos Scholarship Presentation**, Karen Pogoloff-Chairman Pogoloff gave an informative history of the scholarship, which was established in 2012 "To encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values." The annual scholarship gives \$1620 to a high school senior, a college undergraduate or graduate student under 25 years of age. The Chairman then introduced this year's recipient, who is **Anuj Khemka** of Alexandria, Virginia who remarked on his paper which addressed the question:

**"Nearly every year from 1621 to 1625, more colonists were sent from England to join the Plymouth Colony. Were these additional people an asset or cause of problems?"**

Anuj eloquently supported the argument that this weakened the colony and was not an asset.

The Khemka family was in attendance.

### **New/Unfinished Business:**

Governor Woody announced the Wild Apricot transition for payments and membership management. She also thanked all involved in planning this meeting and for all the hard work of the committees.

Governor Woody announced the dates of the GSMD meeting in Minneapolis September 7-11 and invited any member who is interested to attend.

The 2022 Compact Meeting will be Saturday November 19 at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Andrew Buckley is the speaker, who produced the film, "**Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck**".

The 2022 Spring Speaker Series Sponsors were announced and thanked.

The Benediction was given by Captain W. Samuel Williams.

Governor General Woody asked for a motion and second for adjournment, which was voted upon unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Brantley Carter Knowles**, Secretary



## The 2022 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Awarded

The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values. It was named to honor Miss Mildred Ramos, who has faithfully served both the Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in a variety of roles since being elected to membership in April 1967 based on her lineal descent from Stephen Hopkins. In 1973 she was elected to serve for three years as the Governor of Virginia Society. She was elected Governor General of the General Society in 1990, having previously served as Deputy Governor General and Secretary General.

This annual scholarship of \$1,620 is awarded to a high school senior, home school equivalent, or a college undergraduate or graduate student under 25 years old. The awardee must be a Virginia resident, related to a Virginia resident, or a member of the Virginia Mayflower Society. Additionally, the candidate must have at least a B grade point average and be sponsored by a current teacher, school counselor, or member of the Society.

Each year a new essay subject is selected by the Scholarship Committee. This year the question posed was “Nearly every year from 1621 to 1625, more colonists were sent from England to join the Plymouth Colony. Were these additional people an asset or a cause of problems?” The consensus opinion in the scholarship essays was that they were not an asset!



Our scholarship awardee being congratulated by Governor General Jane Riddell Hurt and Virginia Society Governor Lee Hardin Woody

This year’s scholarship winner is Anuj Khemka, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, VA. Anuj was sponsored by Kacey McAleer, his school counselor. In March of this year, he was named the Virginia Student Journalist of the Year by the Virginia Journalism Educator’s Association. Anuj was accepted into several universities including The College of William and Mary, USC, and Virginia Tech. At the luncheon, Anuj told us he has accepted a full scholarship at the University of South Florida in Tampa, where he is planning to double major in journalism and computer science.

At the spring meeting we were delighted to welcome Anuj, his mother and brother. We know that Miss Ramos, now 96 years young, would have enjoyed congratulating Anuj, and wishing him well as he heads off to college to pursue his academic dreams.



Anuj Khemka receiving his Mildred Ramos Scholarship check from Chairman, Karen Pogoloff

## Mildred Ramos Silent Auction

Submitted by the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Committee

The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund Silent Auction will be held during the social hour before this year’s November Compact Day Luncheon. You don’t want to miss it! The monies raised will be donated to the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Be sure to bring your check book and be generous.

Please share or update your  
e-mail address with us.

Send it to Gerald Sailors, Assistant Secretary  
at

[AssistantSecretary@VirginiaMayflower.org](mailto:AssistantSecretary@VirginiaMayflower.org)

(Include your full name.)

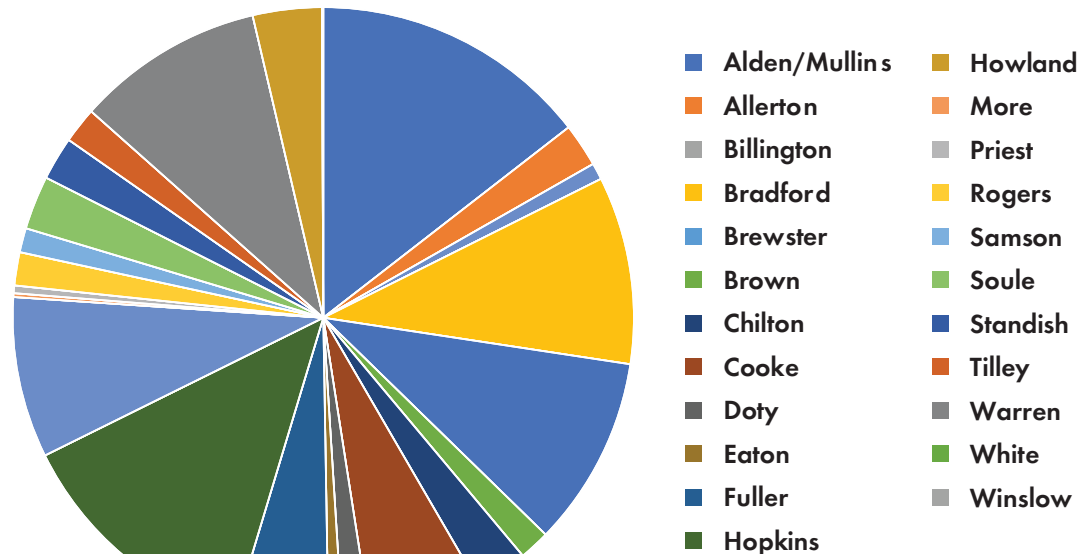
## Who's Your Cousin?

Have you ever wondered what passengers the members in the Virginia Society are descended from? When looking at the membership information, including the junior members, we represent all but one *Mayflower* passenger, Moses Fletcher. Here is the listing by Passenger Family Group or Surname. Many of the children who were also passengers are included in these totals, but some

are not. So, if you are descended from the child of a passenger who was also a passenger, you may want to consider submitting a supplemental for the other family members. It is a lot easier to complete a supplemental than doing the initial passenger. Check the full list on the <https://virginiamayflower.org> website for the names of the children who left descendants.

Family Totals	Numbers
Alden/Mullins	218
Allerton	34
Billington	13
Bradford	147
Brewster	149
Brown	24
Chilton	41
Cooke	89
Doty	22
Eaton	11
Fuller	74
Hopkins	196
Howland	126
More	3
Priest	6
Rogers	26
Samson	19
Soule	42
Standish	34
Tilley	28
Warren	147
White	54
Winslow	1

Passengers by Members  
in the Virginia Mayflower Society



## In Memoriam

*We have been informed of the deaths of the following members of the Virginia Society. Information about each was abstracted from published obituaries.*

**Charles W. Smith 12 July 1931–28 January 2021.** Mr. Smith grew up in Aliquippa, PA. After he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from St. Francis College in Loretto, PA, he attended the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and received a Bachelor of Science degree. He served in the US Army, where he was assigned to the former Counterintelligence Corps and was sent to Austria. Starting in 1954 he began a 34-year career with the US Government. Mr. Smith was pre-deceased by his wife and one son; he is survived by four children and six grandchildren. He was a Stephen Hopkins descendant.

**Georgia E. Shoop 31 October 1934–3 March 2022.** Mrs. Shoop was born in Front Royal, VA. During her 44-year career at Peebles Department Store, she earned numerous sales awards. In addition, she sang in her church choir, was proud of her Mayflower heritage, and loved Elvis Presley's music. She is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. She was a William Bradford descendant.

**Carol A. Kuchinski 23 Feb 1946–10 Nov 2021.** Mrs. Kuchinski was born and grew up in Olean, NY. She was an elementary school teacher in Candor, NY, for 30 years while raising her family in Owego, NY. After retirement, she and husband David moved to Blacksburg, VA and then recently to Canton, GA. She enjoyed traveling, ceramics, quilting, playing games with friends, reading, spending time with family, and relaxing at the beach. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and four grandchildren. She was a William Brewster descendant.

**Lulu Barry Gibson Webster 31 March 1941–14 February 2022.** Mrs. Webster was born in Bennettsville, SC. She attended Winthrop College and went on to graduate from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC, then obtained a master's degree from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Her family describes her as one of the world's "brightest beacons of dignity, perseverance, and pure love of life." She is survived by the love of her life, her husband Ron, two children, and four grandchildren. She was a descendant of Stephen Hopkins.

## The Virginia Mayflower Society Compact Day LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Commonwealth Club  
401 W Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23220

**Time: 12:00 pm: Reception, Cash Bar 12:45 pm: Luncheon**

**Cost per person (gratuity and tax included): Adult: \$41.00 ; Children 12 and under: \$20.00**

**The Compact Day Luncheon will feature:** Mesclun Greens Salad, Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Roasted Broccoli, Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water, and Pumpkin Cheese Cake with Whipped Cream

**The Children’s meal will feature:** Child Size Portion of the main menu with a Chocolate Chip Cookie

**To register for this luncheon you have two options:**

**1** Visit <https://virginiamayflower.org/> to register and pay online

**2** Complete this form and mail it along with your check to

John A. Copenhaver, Jr.  
PO Box 1038  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1038

Name	Type	New Member/ First-Time Attending?	Attendee?	Special Menu?
_____	Member	___ No ___ Yes	___ Adult ___ Child	___ No ___ Yes
_____	Guest	N/A	___ Adult ___ Child	___ No ___ Yes
_____	Guest	N/A	___ Adult ___ Child	___ No ___ Yes
_____	Guest	N/A	___ Adult ___ Child	___ No ___ Yes

Member Email / Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list special dietary requests on this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

**Deadline:** Online Reservation and payment OR Newsletter Reservation form and check must be received by **November 11, 2022**

**Payment:** Online with Credit or Debit Card Mail in Registration if paying by check, payable to *Virginia Mayflower Society*

## Directions to the Commonwealth Club

### The address of The Commonwealth Club is:

401 W. Franklin Street  
Richmond, Va. 23220

Ample free parking is available in the club’s own private lots adjacent to its building, as well as on the streets adjacent to the club, where the city’s parking meter ordinance is not enforced on Saturdays. The Commonwealth Club’s phone number is (804) 648-6543.

Please observe the Commonwealth Club’s Dress Code: Jackets and ties are required of gentlemen. “Business casual” attire is appropriate for ladies. (Jeans, shorts, sneakers, sweat pants and flip-flops are not permitted.)

### From Washington, D.C. and Fredericksburg

I-95 South to Exit 76-B, Belvidere. At traffic light turn left onto Leigh Street. At the next traffic light turn right onto Belvidere. Continue south on Belvidere, then turn left at the fifth traffic light onto Franklin Street. The Commonwealth Club is in the second block on your right. Turn right on Stuart Ave and proceed straight for 1 block. The entrance to the parking deck will be straight ahead.

### From Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Charlottesville

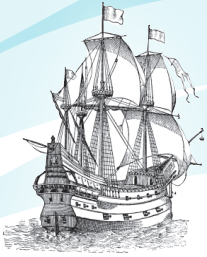
Take I-64 East to I-95 South. Take Exit 76-B (Belvidere), following directions given above.

### From Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Newport News

Take I-64 West to the Fifth Street Exit (stay in the center lane as you enter downtown Richmond). Proceed 8 blocks, then turn right onto Main Street (one way) and proceed west 9 blocks. Turn into the Commonwealth Club’s parking lot (black iron fence with “Commonwealth Club” sign).

### From Petersburg, Hopewell and Emporia

Traveling north on I-95, take Exit 74-A as you cross the James River onto the 195 Downtown Expressway. Take the exit marked Belvidere (pay toll). At the first traffic light, turn right onto Belvidere and proceed north on Belvidere to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Franklin Street and go two blocks. The Commonwealth Club is on the right.



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## 2022 Spring Luncheon Memories

We were 83 strong at our May 7, 2022 Spring Luncheon held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke. We were honored to have GSMD Governor General Jane Hurt and Secretary General Meg Averett with us. In addition, we were joined by 12 New Members and/or First-Time Attendees. They were Pam Pettengell, Karen Pogoloff, Susan Griner Plank, Teresa Allen Mills, Sandra Ammons, Sara Ransom, Cheryl Gerhart, Mary Hurt, Betty Lesko, Paula Fair, Susan Lynn Olmstead, and Helen Chapman.

Photos by Joel Fletcher



New Members or First-Time Attendees



Governor General Jane Hurt receiving Virginia's Honorarium to go towards the Mayflower Society House Historical Restorations.



Secretary General Meg Averett with Betty Lesko and Judy Bishop



Assistant Secretary John Copenhaver with Past Governors, Mark Cox and Martha Ellen Brockner