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Message from the Governor

Greetings Mayflower Cousins,

Next month, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, beginning at 12:00 PM, The Virginia Mayflower Society (VMS) will hold its annual Spring Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia, at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Everyone is invited to this fun and informative meeting which will include a delicious meal, an update about happenings in Plymouth by our keynote speaker, General Society of Mayflower Descendants Society (GSMD) Governor General Jane Riddell Hurt, and an entertaining portrayal of Susanna White by Mary Ann Jung of History Alive. Karen Pogoloff, Mildred Ramos Scholarship Chairman, will announce the 2022 Scholarship recipient during the business part of our meeting. In addition, Meg Averett, GSMD Secretary General, will join us as our special guest. Make your plans and be ready to enjoy a memorable afternoon in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Your 2021-2024 VMS Board of Assistants hit the ground running last November and has accomplished much already. As an additional way to strengthen our family ties throughout the year, VMS launched its inaugural Facebook page in November, 2021. To join, search for Virginia Mayflower Society. Kudos to Sean Bamman for creating and designing our page. In addition, we encourage you to reach out to your Mayflower cousins who live in your area

and set up small informal get togethers such as a movie night, coffee hour, dinner, wine tastings, book clubs, hikes, museum outings, attending a concert, etc.

You will notice in this issue two new sections. First, we added a *Juniors Corner* for our younger members. Under the guidance of the Education and the Juniors Committees, our younger members will find interesting articles and hands on activities that can be completed at home. A shout out to Peggy Marsh, GSMD Juniors Chairman, who gave us permission to reprint articles and children's activities created by the GSMD Juniors Committee. Additional activities are listed on the Juniors Committee page (Members Only section) on the GSMD website at <https://themayflowersociety.org/>.

Our adult members have not been forgotten. Book reviews and brief biographies of our Mayflower ancestors can be found in the *From The Bookshelves* section. Cindy Carlson and Debbie Misiag have provided our first articles. If you are interested in writing a



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Our Spring Luncheon Meeting

will be held

Saturday, May 7, 2022,

at

**The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center
in Roanoke Virginia**

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Reception & Cocktails 12:00 PM

Luncheon at 12:45 PM

Luncheon Reservation Form
on Page 11

Check Must be Received
by Friday, April 29



Spring 2022 Keynote Speaker and Special Guests

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, KS ~ Governor General
Keynote Speaker

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt was elected and installed as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in September 2020 at its first virtual General Congress, held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor General Hurt leads the GSMD Executive Committee and General Board of Assistants to govern the Society's Plymouth, Massachusetts international headquarters and serve its 31,000 plus membership.

A member of the Kansas Society, she has served Kansas as Governor (2014-2017), Historian (2011-2014), and Webmistress (2014-2020).

As the Kansas Governor, Jane's Governor's Project was to coordinate the installation of a new website, transfer the membership management database online and to implement a system for online payment of dues renewals, donations and meeting reservations. She also directed the process of digitizing the 100 years of Kansas applications and supplementals.

At the General Society level, Governor General Hurt was elected and served as Secretary General, Deputy Governor General and Assistant General. She serves



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Riddell Hurt, KS
Governor General

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Founded January 10, 1950

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Assistant General	Debra Lee Hardin Woody
Trustee, Mayflower House Endowment & Pilgrim Trust	Mark T. Cox, IV

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book review or providing a children's activity for the next newsletter, please contact Richard Weaver, Education Chairman.

Perhaps, you are interested in joining a book club. Well, we can make that happen. Debbie Misiag is starting a virtual Book Club. The first book selection is *The World of Plymouth Plantation* by Carla Gardina Pestana. More details can be found in the *From The Bookshelves* section of this newsletter.

Currently, an ad hoc committee consisting of Brantley Knowles, John Alden Copenhaver, Tim Finton, Richard Weaver, and Karen Pogoloff are putting together a Speakers Series for our biannual meetings. If you know of someone who our members would enjoy hearing, please contact one of the above committee members.

During the November VMS Board of Assistants meeting a committee was formed to review methods of accepting monetary payments such as dues and meeting fee collection. The committee consists of Jamie Callender, Sean Bamman, Brantley Knowles, and Debbie Misiag. They hope to make a recommendation to the board before the end of 2022. At this time, we will continue to accept mail in payments only.

As with any organization, our members are our life blood. We are a small army of volunteers who work diligently behind the scenes to organize meetings, read and judge scholarship essays, keep our financial and membership records up-to-date, coordinate records with GSMD staff, maintain our web page, produce a newsletter, and work with prospective members. If you would like to take a more active role in VMS, we would welcome you with open arms. Currently, we are looking for members who would be able to serve as greeters at our luncheons, make name tags for meeting attendees, order and pick up corsages for first time attendees at meetings, and assist with the Mildred Ramos Silent Auction held in the fall. Future Spring meetings will be held in Fredericksburg (2023) and Williamsburg (2024). Fall meetings are held in Richmond. If you are interested in helping, please contact John Alden Copenhaver, Assistant Secretary, at johnfcfal@verizon.net.

Finally, I wish to encourage any members who are interested, to attend the upcoming GSMD Board of Assistants Meeting to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota, beginning September 7, 2022 through September 11, 2022. This meeting will be held at the Renaissance Blu Hotel, and the Minnesota Mayflower Society, which is sponsoring the meeting, has promised great tours and a fun time for all. Participants are encouraged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible to ensure room availability. Registration and hotel information can be found on the Members Only Section of the GSMD web site at <https://themayflowersociety.org/>. I would love company!

Blest be the tie that binds,

Lee Hardin Woody
Virginia Governor

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Virginia Mayflower Society
for updates and additional information
about our state society

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on the Personnel Committee and has also served on the Bylaws Committee, the Awards Committee, and she was the Chair of the 2020 Meetings and Events Committee. Governor General Hurt is a member of the 1620 Club.

An experienced administrator and leader, Governor General Hurt's business career included various management positions in apparel manufacturing until she retired as Director of Operations. Since her retirement she became a licensed realtor in Kansas City, serving both Kansas and Missouri, and was voted 'BEST in SERVICE' and overall client satisfaction for the past ten years.

Governor General Hurt is proud to be a member of a number of hereditary societies and has served as State Treasurer and Chapter Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution; State Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Colonists; State President of the Kansas Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; and is a life member of the Jamestown Society - just to name a few.

Jane joined GSMD through her Pilgrim ancestors, William White, his wife Susanna Jackson White and their son Peregrine White. She has also proven lineage from Pilgrim passengers Francis Cooke, his son, John Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.

Meg Pruette Averett, NC ~ Secretary General Special Guest



Meg Pruette Averett became a member of the North Carolina Society in 2016. She served as Corresponding Secretary for the North Carolina Society and as Governor of the Central Colony. Meg has served as a member of the Meetings and Events Committee, Scholarship Committee, and the 1620 Club.

Meg received a BA in Religion from Meredith College and later earned a master's in education from there as well. She began her career as an elementary teacher later becoming a literacy coach at the district level, mentoring beginning and veteran teachers. Meg was one of the first teachers in NC to earn her National Board Certification.

A member of several hereditary societies, Meg has served as secretary and committee chair for her chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the NC Jamestown Society among others. In the community, Meg volunteers with the Raleigh Host Lions Club. She is an advocate for mental health and health care reform in North Carolina. She is a descendant of Governor William Bradford.

MAYFLOWER MOTHER-SUSANNA WHITE WINSLOW By Award-Winning Actress & Smithsonian Scholar Mary Ann Jung



Journey with the devout and courageous Susanna White Winslow who gave birth to the first English child in New England on board the Mayflower. Share in the triumphs and tragedies of the Pilgrims – the ocean crossing and the perils of building a new life in a world so unlike their own. Learn about the fascinating alliance formed with Native Chief Massasoit and his tribe and how that sustained Plymouth Plantation in its early days. This is a surprising and moving show-one you won't soon forget!

In Memoriam

We have been informed of the deaths of the following members of the Virginia Society, and information about each was abstracted from published obituaries (if found).

Colonel William Y. Epling ~ January 9, 1932-February 22, 2021 Colonel Epling entered West Point Class of 54 as a presidential appointee where he played for Coach Vince Lombardi. He earned a master's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University in 1960 and served in the U. S. Army for nearly 30 years. His greatest joy; however, were his wife, his six children, his nine grandchildren, and his five great-grandchildren. After retirement, he volunteered for numerous organizations including the Virginia Mayflower Society where he served on the Board of Assistants as Captain.

Martin Dennis Ballentine ~ March 4, 1937-August 14, 2021 Mr. Ballentine attended Pomfret School and received a degree from Princeton University. He retired from Bank of America in 1995, where he worked as a commercial loan officer. He served on a number of boards and committees at the Martha Jefferson Hospital, as well as on the vestry of his church. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Robert D. Childrey ~ Mr. Childrey passed away on June 18, 2019. He was a resident of Chesterfield, Virginia at the time of his passing. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves and the National Guard.

Robert C. Johnson ~ His death was reported to the Society, but we have no further information.

Michael S. Yoemans ~ August 23, 1949-February 23, 2021 Mr. Yoemans graduated from University of Maryland with his Bachelors of Science in Information Technology and achieved his master's degree in Information Systems from American University. He had a long and distinguished career serving his country serving in the Army during the Vietnam era followed by working for the Department of Defense for 33 years. He and his wife retired to Lexington where they lived in a home with a mountain view. He enjoyed landscaping, genealogy, and published a book about his Yoemans line. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children and several grandchildren.

Mayes David Mathews ~ November 7, 1943-April 18, 2021 Dr. Mathews lived a full life, earning degrees from West Virginia University, Old Dominion University and a PhD from Virginia Commonwealth University. He had a 20-year Naval Career as a Supply Corps officer, taught at several local universities and was a Professor Emeritus at Saint Leo University. In retirement, he founded and continually worked to improve Stonehouse Stables in Toano for the last 25 years, along with his wife and daughter. In addition, he was active in his church and sang in the choir. He is survived by his wife, two children, and one granddaughter.

*Virginia Mayflower Society***Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting**

November 20, 2021 Commonwealth Club, 401 West Franklin ST, Richmond, VA

Draft Minutes

Over one hundred members and guests gathered at the historic Commonwealth Club in Richmond, Virginia for the first “in-person” Virginia Mayflower meeting since Covid-19 began.

The meeting was called to order by James H. Maloney, Governor of the Virginia Society.

- The invocation and blessing were given by Samuel Williams.
- The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and The Pilgrim Pledge was led by Captain Channing M. Zucker, Captain.
- The Reading of The Mayflower Compact and the Five Kernels of Corn were read by James T. Callender, Historian.
- The head table was introduced by James H. Maloney, Governor.

A traditional Thanksgiving luncheon was enjoyed by all. After dessert was laid, historian and author **John Quarstein** was introduced, who gave a fascinating talk on “*Mayflower Descendants in the Civil War*”. Descendants in both sides of the conflict were included: Zachary Taylor, Richard Taylor, Ebenezer Pierce, James Garfield, George McClellan, and Ulysses S. Grant.

The Roll Call of Passengers was led by Deborah Misiag, Co-Historian.

Governor Maloney asked for a motion for approval of the minutes as circulated and published in the Society Newsletter. There was a motion and second, with the approval unanimously passed.

The following reports were given:**Treasurer’s Report** *Sean Bamman, Assistant Treasurer*

Mr. Bamman gave a report on fund balances (on file), and stated that the Society has approximately \$190,000 in cash and investments, the General Fund has approximately \$46,000, the escrow fund for life memberships has approximately \$35,000, the Midred Ramos Scholarship Fund has approximately \$18,000, the Memorial Fund has approximately \$10,000. Money was saved by not having the Spring 2021 luncheon. Even though GSMD dues were raised the Virginia Society dues were lowered.

Historian’s Report *Jamie Callender*

Mr. Callender submitted a detailed report (on file). He stated that signatures are no longer required on applications, resulting in less mailing, thus a monetary savings. Due to under staffing, the processing time of submitted papers is now 8-9 months.

Education Committee Report *John Copenhaver*

Mr. Copenhaver reported that there had been a Zoom meeting to discuss different locations for future Virginia Mayflower events to encourage an educational “destination” experience for all members. The Spring 2022 meeting will be in Roanoke for

the first time. 2023 will be Fredericksburg, and 2024 will be in the Tidewater area.

Junior Membership Report *Marsha Masone, Deputy Governor*

Ms. Masone submitted her report (on file) and stated that thirteen new Junior Members have been welcomed since the Spring 2021 report. There are 395 Junior Members in the Society. The Junior members who were present were asked to stand and be recognized.

New Business

There being no Old/Unfinished Business, Governor Maloney proceeded with New Business.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee chaired by Peter E. Broadbent, ESQ, Counsellor submitted the bylaw changes which had been circulated to the membership in the requisite amount of time for approval. As a recommendation of the Committee a voice vote was required, which passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee: Mark T. Cox, IV, chairman, Martha Ellen Brockner, Lee Hardin Woody, and James Callender presented the slate of officers 2021-2024:

Officers of the Virginia Mayflower

Governor	Mrs. Debra Lee Hardin Woody
Deputy Governor	Mr. Merle C. Hazleton
Secretary	Mrs. Brantley Carter Bolling Knowles
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*Floor Nomination	Mr. James Wester
3rd Assistant Treasurer	

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Nominations to the General Board of Assistants:

Deputy Governor General Mr. James H. Maloney
 Assistant General Mrs. Debra Lee Hardin Woody
 Mark T. Cox, IV presented the slate of officers and nominations to the General Board of Assistants. Governor Maloney called for nominations from the floor.

***James Wester was nominated to be the 3rd Assistant Treasurer.**

As the slate is the recommendation of a committee, Governor Maloney called for a voice vote of the entire slate, including Mr. Wester as the 3rd Assistant Treasurer, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman of Nominating Cox installed the 2021-2024 Officers with brief remarks.

Announcements:

Newly elected Governor Lee Hardin Woody announced that the Silent Auction benefitting the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund, raised \$726. She also stated that the Spring Meeting will be May 7, 2022 at the Hotel Roanoke.

The Benediction was given by Governor Woody, after which she also gave the subsequent adjournment.

Brantley Carter Knowles, Secretary

News from the Historian Team

From the period of September 21, 2021 to January 31, 2022, the Virginia Society has welcomed 36 new members. Congratulations to the following new members in the Virginia Mayflower Society. New members are listed under their ancestor's name.

Passenger John Alden
Elizabeth Covington Bailey Headley
Davis Britt Gardner
George Patrick Gardner
Passenger Isaac Allerton
Robin Otis Disque Laffosse
Passenger William Bradford
Cynthia Rae Robbins Dalton
Thomas Cullen Roberts
Passenger William Brewster
Eliza Middleton Fairfax Berkley
Joanne Saunders Berkley
Douglas Russell Hall
Robert George Minnis
Deborah Orr Kinnaird Perry
Thomas Alonza Saunders
Hugh Lugwick Smith
Douglas Russell Hall
Passenger Francis Cooke
Lisa- Helene Lawson
Passenger James Chilton
Margaret Sharon Storer Benton
Kimberly Gay Storer Marques
Passenger Edward Doty
Sandra Christine Lorey Ammons
Elizabeth Lee Dorman
Sara Roberta Lory Dorman

Passenger Stephen Hopkins
Paula Irene Davis Fair
Susan Stella Griner Plank
Leah Evlyn Krause Moxley
Robin Lyn Hall Peters
Passenger John Howland
Edith Clark Webster Naegele
Passenger Thomas Rogers
Elizabeth Jean Hujsak
Edward Anson Robbin
Passenger Myles Standish
Karen Lynne Pogoloff
Mary Anne Neidlinger Phillips
Passenger Richard Warren
Nicholas Muir Aunspach
Dolly Newlin Beck Crowder
Matthew Thomas West
David James Harrity
Passenger Resolved White
Jennifer Leigh Souza McMahan
Passenger William White
Teresa Ann Allen Mills

During the same period of time, we had nine (8) members submit and receive approval for 14 supplemental applications.

William Brewster
Jocelyn Ruth Mohler Lance
John, Elizabeth, & Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley and John Howland
Sean Michael Bamman
Francis Cooke
Barbara Jean Cowles Sverdrup Stone
Mary Brewster & Richard Warren
Laura Nicole Buchholtz-Broderdof
Thomas Rogers
Denise Nancy Bradford-Amrhein
John Alden, Edward Doty & George Soule
Frederick Stevens Voss

The Historian team said goodbye to Historian Jamie Callendar, assistant historians Elizabeth Wood, Page Pelliconi and Rebecca Fleury. We thank them for their years of service to the Society. Continuing are new Historian Debbie Misiag and Deb Shea with new assistant historians Barbara Sverdrup Stone, Michael Winslow, Robin Comfort and Cynthia Edmunds. We have been busy at work since taking over November 21, 2021 and look forward to working with all of our new applicants and our members as they complete supplemental certificates.

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 Merle Hazelton 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 include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society, along with the information requested above.

When the process is complete, Merle Hazelton 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 Merle at .

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 for more information about the adult membership process.

Junior Members' Corner

Submitted by the Education Committee

Welcome to our Junior Members' Corner. Here you will find fun activities to do as well as interesting articles about our Mayflower ancestors. To start us off with a bang, Peggy Marsh, General Society of the Mayflower Society Junior Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor of the Texas Mayflower Society, has graciously given us permission to reprint her article, "The Women of the Mayflower and Plymouth". In addition, we have received permission from Peggy to reprint an activity created by Beth Anderson, "Things to Make: Soap and Butter". What a creative and useful gift to make for your mom or grandmother on Mother's Day!

The Women of the Mayflower and Plymouth Colony

By Peggy Marsh, GSMD Junior Membership Chair

Each of the 102 men, women and children who set sail aboard Mayflower on September 6, 1620, had something in common. They shared the hope of establishing new lives in a new country. More than 50 of those passengers were called Separatists because they were separating from the Church of England for religious freedom. Other passengers, named Strangers, were travelling on Mayflower, with hopes of making money while living in the New World or were traveling simply for an adventure.

Of the passengers on the overcrowded Mayflower, eighteen women braved the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. In the 1600s, some thought women had weak bodies and could not endure the miserable voyage or the stress of building of a new colony. Because of these beliefs, few women had ever made such an exhausting voyage. Many wives and children of the Separatists remained in Holland and planned to join their husbands in America a year or so after their safe arrival in America.

During the voyage, the mothers of more than 30 traveling children were surely asked the question, "Are we there yet?" The seas were terribly rough, there was little to do and barely enough food for their children or themselves. The Mayflower passengers were cold, seasick, wet and unclean. The ship became a very unhealthy place, and many became ill. There was so much sickness among the passengers, that the children became valuable caregivers.

The Mayflower, anchored at the northern tip of Cape Cod on Saturday, November 11, 1620. The Mayflower Compact was written, deliberated, agreed upon and signed that day. On the Sabbath, the weary, but truly grateful passengers, gave thanks aboard the ship. Monday was a surely a highly anticipated day, washday.

While several men scouted Cape Cod looking for a suitable site to begin the building of a colony, the women and children continued to live on the bitterly cold Mayflower and care for sick passengers.

Not all of the eighteen women on the Mayflower survived the winter of 1620. The names of those who survived are in bold type: Catherine Carver, Mary Brewster, Susanna White, Elizabeth Hopkins, and Eleanor Billington. The following women did not survive: Mary Allerton, Dorothy Bradford, Mrs. James Chilton, Sarah Eaton, Mrs. Edward Fuller, Mary Martin, Alice Mullins, Alice Rigsdale, Rose Standish, Agnes Tilley, Joan Tilley and Mrs. Thomas Tinker and Elizabeth Winslow.

Catherine Carver was about fifty years old when she traveled to the New World with her husband, John, who was confirmed as Governor. Katherine became the caregiver for teen-aged passenger Elizabeth Tilley, when Elizabeth's mother, father, aunt and uncle died from the sickness that had swept through the Mayflower. Catherine also watched over other orphaned children and some travelling alone: Desire Minter, Jasper More and William Latham. Catherine Carver passed away in April of 1621, apparently not from illness. It was later recorded that she was likely overcome "with excessive grief" from the loss of her husband, Governor John Carver earlier in the spring.

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Mary Brewster was also about fifty years old when she and her husband, Elder William Brewster, sailed on the Mayflower with their two youngest children, Love and Wrestling. Their son Jonathan Brewster, about thirty years old, joined the family in November 1621, arriving in Plymouth on the ship Fortune. Their adult daughters, Patience and Fear, arrived on the ship Anne in 1623.

Susanna White, her husband, William White, and their five-year-old son named Resolved, were also Mayflower passengers. Susanna gave birth to another son, Peregrine, soon after Mayflower anchored in Provincetown Harbor, making Peregrine the first child born to the Pilgrim colonists in America. Susanna's husband died a few months later. In May, she married Edward Winslow, another Mayflower passenger, whose wife had also died during that first winter. By re-marrying, a family unit was maintained, providing more security for the women and children.

Elizabeth Hopkins was also expecting a baby when she accompanied her husband, Stephen Hopkins, on the sixty-six-day voyage with their children, Constance, Giles and Damaris. Stephen and Elizabeth's son was born while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, so they appropriately named him Oceanus.

Eleanor Billington came from London with her husband, John Billington, and their two sons, John and Francis. Her entire family had a reputation of being a rowdy bunch. As an example, when the Mayflower was anchored at Cape Cod, their teenaged son, Francis, shot a musket near a barrel of gunpowder which could have exploded, destroying the ship and everyone aboard.

The 1620 journey to America on the Mayflower actually lasted more than the historic sixty-six days. The journey had actually begun in July, on the ship, Speedwell. They had prepared for months and packed for weeks. They must have been very excited to finally sail from England, but Speedwell was forced to turn back ... twice. After these delays, many of the Separatists moved onto Mayflower with strangers, while others stayed behind. On September 6, 1620, the ship finally set sail from England.

By the time the voyage to the New World ended at Cape Cod on November 11, 1620, the passengers had lived on wooden ships for nearly four months. During the miserable voyage, the icy Atlantic Ocean waves had poured through the deck onto their bedding and drenched their clothing. Rhymes, riddles, and Bible verses entertained the children. The smelly Mayflower became a sick bay for the ill for several more months while structures were being built in the newly discovered area called Plymouth Colony.

Although many of the eighteen married women had lost husbands to diseases that first winter, these women and children continued to care for their fellow passengers. Building structures took several months due to the illnesses. Those who could work, cut trees and sliced the lumber into wooden siding, called clapboards. Other able-bodied survivors gathered reeds along the river to thatch the roofs. They filled walls with small sticks called wattle and daub, a combination of clay and grasses mixed with water.

We Welcome 13 New Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society!

Submitted by the Junior Membership Committee

Since the report in the Spring 2021 Newsletter we have welcomed 13 new Junior Members. There are currently 396 Junior Members in the Virginia Society.

Junior Member	Ancestor
Bethany Suzanne Grinnell	Richard Warren
Caleb Michael Grinnell	Richard Warren
Rebecca Nancy Grinnell	Richard Warren
Lillian Catherine Maloney	John Howland
Wesley Alan Butler	Francis Cooke
Christopher Matthew Butler	Francis Cooke
Samuel Andrew Morrell	John Howland
Jacob Adam Morrell	John Howland
John Aaron Morrell	John Howland
Clayton Adam Morrell	John Howland
Ford Anderson Morrell	John Howland
Mason Alexander Morrell	John Howland
Emmeline Rose Mueller	Edward Fuller

The women of the Mayflower courageously left their homeland and travelled the vast Atlantic Ocean during storm season. These resolute women survived the illnesses of the first winter, accepted responsibilities of raising the orphaned children of fellow passengers, prepared homes, harvested crops and worked alongside new Wampanoag friends.

By the early fall of 1621, the illnesses had passed, but only four of the eighteen Mayflower women remained. While celebrating their bountiful harvest in 1621, ninety of their Wampanoag friends came to share in the merriment. The four women and teenaged girls, prepared food for the three-day feast of thanksgiving. The women had suffered hardships and heartbreaks but left a legacy of faith and perseverance.

<https://seeplymouth.com/listing/pilgrim-mother-statue/>

<http://mayflowerhistory.com/brewster-mary/>

http://pilgrimhallmuseum.org/susanna_white.htm

<https://www.sail1620.org/biographies/>

<https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/amerbegin/settlement/text1/BradfordPlymouthPlantation.pdf>

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/building-home-blueblindsbakery.com> - permission by Lev for use of photo

The Mayflower and Her Passengers by Caleb H. Johnson

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Things to Make: Soap and Butter Activity by Beth Anderson, GSMD Junior Membership Committee Member

Soap

Materials: Old bits and pieces of bar soap Empty pump container Water Put pieces of bar soap in the container, cover the soap with water. Add more bits of soap and keep the water over the top of the soap so it will all dissolve. When you have at least a cup of soapy mixture and the soap is dissolved, stir to mix it well. Refill the empty container as needed.

Wash day Pilgrim trivia: Laundry wasn't done in the winter... it would never dry, so all the laundry was done when the weather was warm. A proper household owned more than 20 bedsheets, which the Pilgrims called rugs!

Butter

What you need: 1/2 pint of whipping cream Glass jar with a tight-fitting lid, such as a mayonnaise jar Crackers Fill the jar a half or a third full. Screw the lid on tight and begin shaking the jar. Keep shaking it back and forth until the cream thickens and then turns into butter! It will turn into a solid yellow ball, and the thin liquid will separate from it. It will take less than 10 minutes for the butter to form. Spread the butter on crackers and enjoy.

Pilgrim food trivia: The Pilgrims arrived in 1620, but did not have cattle to make butter until 1623 when three cows came on the ship, Anne. They were nicknamed, "Great Black Cow," "Lesser Black Cow," and "Great White-Backed Cow."

For more activities, visit the Virginia Mayflower Society web site's Educational Material page at:

<https://virginiamayflower.org/educational-material>

OR visit the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants Society's web site at:

<https://themayflowersociety.org/>

Scholarship Committee Report

Applications for the 2022 Mildred Ramos Scholarship were due March 16, 2022. The Scholarship Committee will announce the scholarship recipient at our May 7 Luncheon Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia.

The essay topic for the 2022 award 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? Give examples from William Bradford's book, "Of Plimoth Plantation" and explain your reasoning.*

The committee encourages all members to support the Virginia Mayflower Society Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund by being as generous as you can with your donations going forward. Thank you to all of the donors who have so generously given to date.

In addition, the Society is indebted to Karen Pogoloff, Chair, Mark Cox, James Maloney, and Lee Hardin Woody for their continued leadership and commitment to this project, as well as to Mildred Ramos for her many years of faithful service and leadership.

Log in to the Members Only page. Click *Members Landing* Tab. Next click *Learn More* under the *Get Involved* box. Under General Society Committees, click *Juniors Committee*. Listed about two-thirds down the page you will see three boxes labeled *Activities, Historical Stories, and Resources*. Click any box and enjoy exploring!

If you have an activity or book review you would like to share with our membership in our next newsletter, please contact Richard Weaver, Education Chair, at:

education@virginiamayflower.org

Thank You!

*We thank the following for their generosity
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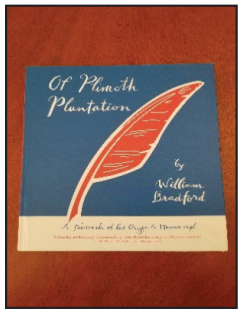
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From the Bookshelves

Submitted by the Education Committee



Review of Of Plimoth Plantation, A Facsimile of his Original Document

by Cindy Carlson, Librarian

In 2020, for the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing, the State Library of Massachusetts and Plimoth Patuxet Museums published *Of Plimoth Plantation, A Facsimile of his Original*

Document. This document, aka the *Bradford Manuscript*, is presented in facsimile here for the first time since 1896. Although many transcriptions exist, this publication promises “to give the reader a sense of holding the original manuscript” (viii). This current edition is an “accessible version that lets the colonial chronicler speak directly to readers today” (ix).

To speak colloquially—it’s a really neat book!

I received my copy for Christmas 2020. The promise of connecting to the original does not fall short. The original manuscript is bound in 17th century vellum, measuring 11 ½ inches by 7 ¾ inches. This edition approximates this size. In addition, the binding is flexible and turning pages is easy. Notes concerning this edition reveal the process of preparing the manuscript for this printing. For instance, 235 blank pages from the original were removed. Also, notations made after Bradford’s writing were eliminated from the main text. So, the book is not unwieldy.

Much of the manuscript’s content should be familiar to *Mayflower* descendants. Bradford began the journal in 1630, but it recounts the congregation’s activities from 1550, including their sojourn in Amsterdam through their lives in the New World up to 1646. The introductory material by the State Library of Massachusetts traces the journey of the manuscript from Bradford to the Rev. Thomas Prince and the Old South Church in Boston to its disappearance during the American Revolution. Its return to the Massachusetts library in 1897 is widely known. But have you perused the pages to peek into a personal recounting of your pilgrim’s activities? Have you discovered Bradford’s attempt to write in “plaine stile” with “regard unto the simple truth” (10)? You will also find Bradford’s Hebrew Exercises where he desires “to see how the words and phrases lye in the holy texte” (4).

The idea of deciphering 17th century handwriting and the non-standard spelling may be off-putting. But Bradford’s handwriting is very readable, and this edition give a guide to letter formation that is useful if you are unfamiliar with early cursive writing. Even the challenge of the spelling can be managed with a little patience.

Additional helpful contents of this publication include informative sections such as an Introduction, a Timeline, Notes on the Current Edition, a Bibliography, and an Index.

Of course, some of you may prefer the easy access to the 2012 digitized version of the manuscript available at www.mass.gov/orgs/state-library-of-massachusetts. You can purchase the book for \$29.95 at www.plimoth.com/products/of-plimoth-plantation.

A review of Susan E. Roser’s book, Mayflower Passenger References (from contemporary records and scholarly journals)

by Cindy Carlson, Librarian

Did Francis Cooke really serve on a 12-man inquest into a murder? Which *Mayflower* passengers have no proven descendants? Did my ancestor leave a will? A reader can find the answers in Susan E. Roser’s book *Mayflower Passenger References (from contemporary records and scholarly journals)*. Copyrighted in 2015, this reference presents each *Mayflower* passenger alphabetically according to head of household. Each detailed entry contains entire transcriptions of every mention in early New England records and accounts by 17th century contemporaries. In addition, scholarly articles that check or update facts are cited by journal name, article title and date. Ms. Roser’s purpose is to address the issue of inaccurate information still circulated concerning the passengers by compiling these early records for easy access. Ms. Roser states in her Preface that the book is for the “family researcher” but it is not a “genealogy book” as it has references on the passenger only, not his family.

Each entry begins with Bradford’s description of the person from his passenger and *increasing and decreasing* lists; it continues with what is known of the parents, birth, marriage, death, houses, family, or occupation. Entries may include a signature facsimile or the name of a relevant heritage society. Sometimes a discussion of a question may be included.

Nicely bound in a colorful hard cover with photos of *Mayflower II* on front and back, the book contains over 90 photos of memorials, grave markers, and structures. The appendix includes the *Mayflower* passenger list, passengers with unknown or unproven descendants, *The Mayflower Compact*, land and livestock divisions, additional photos, a bibliography, and an index.

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Although perhaps not a book to be read for leisure, it still provides an easily accessible glimpse into the lives of our forefathers (and mothers) as presented by their friends, their neighbors, their leaders, and sometimes their detractors. Interesting facts can charm each of us as we endeavor to learn more about our ancestors. We will find that the mention of these pilgrims may occur even after death. For instance, although Henry Sampson dies in 1684, his name appears in 1695 as land granted to him serves to settle boundaries in Duxburrough [sic].

Even if you are not actively researching, this reference book is a great resource for substantiating stories or relationships of the passengers. I've enjoyed just reading about the people as they navigate lives in a new land. The book is available from Susan E. Roser at www.Mayflower-Passengers.com. Other books by Susan E. Roser can be found at www.FriendOfThePilgrims.com.

The Captain's Manifest

Submitted by Debbie Misiag, Virginia Historian

John Alden, is probably one of the best-known passengers on the Mayflower and has become part of history and folklore. John was born in about 1599 and died on 12 September 1687. He was a cooper by trade and came on the Mayflower not as a passenger but as part of the crew. Little is known about his education and literacy, but he did have extensive public service including his appointment as the colony treasurer and to committees.

John was 21 when he joined the crew of the Mayflower. It is believed that he grew up in Harwich, Essex County, England, John was perhaps a distant relative of the Captain of the Mayflower, Master Christopher Jones. His duties on the ship included tending to the barrels and repairing and mending their leaks. The barrels were what held fresh water and supplies. In addition to storing water, the barrels stored beer, wine, flour and biscuits. It was important the barrels did not leak and stayed air-tight on the voyage. John was a signer on the Mayflower Compact which was signed aboard the Mayflower prior to landing in Plymouth. Since he decided to stay at Plymouth and not return to England on the Mayflower, he has been added to the passenger list.

John would later fall in love with the orphaned Priscilla Mullins. During the first winter, her parents, William and Alice Mullins; brother Joseph and a servant all died, leaving her orphaned. Their marriage was either the second or third marriage to occur in Plymouth. By the time she married John she was the only unmarried woman left in the colony due to the high rate of female mortality in the first two years. She had eighteen bachelors to choose from.

John and Priscilla's romance has since become the story of folklore and included in a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow written in 1858 called the *The Courtship of Myles Standish*. As the story goes, Myles was in love with Priscilla and sent John to do his bidding and ask her if she wanted to marry him. Instead, the young Priscilla told John to speak for himself. And so the

story goes written over 200 years after the actual event. Another interesting fact is, that Myles' son Alexander, married the fourth child of John and Priscilla. Her name was Sarah Standish.

The Aldens started out their married life well. Priscilla received the parcels of land that her father and brother would have received had they lived. She also was the sole heir of her father's possessions and received several shares in Plymouth Colony's joint-stock company. John had to transition from a skilled artisan to a farmer, as the young colony needed everyone to be farmers for survival. The Aldens had ten children together. They lived in a two-room house that was 38 x 10 ½ feet. But by 1653, it was time to build a larger home a short distance away from Plymouth, reusing some of the timbers from the original home built in 1629. This home stands today in Duxbury and is operated by the Alden Kindred of America.

John died at the age of 90. Raising a large family taken a toll on their finances. By the time of his death most of his estate had been given to his sons.

Some of the descendants of John and Priscilla include Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, Marilyn Monroe, Orson Wells, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and William Cullen Bryant.

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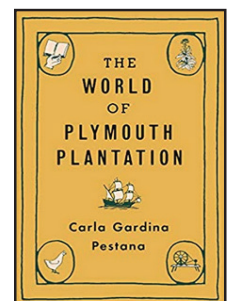
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Book Club

Have you ever wondered how your Mayflower ancestor survived and lived in the early days of the colony? Well the Virginia Society will be hosting a virtual book club starting in May. For our first book, we will read *The World of Plymouth Plantation* by Carla Gardina Pestana. This book published in 2020 provides insight into the lives of our ancestors in the early years of the colony. The book club will have two meetings via Zoom to discuss the book and share ideas and thoughts. If you are interested in joining the group, email historian Debbie Misiag at vamf.historian@gmail.com for information and questions. We look forward to learning more about the lives and struggles of our ancestors. The meetings will be held on Thursday May 19th at 7:00 pm to discuss chapters 1-3 and on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 pm to discuss chapters 4-6. Please email Debbie by May 10th to be included in the mail list for the zoom link.

The book is available on Amazon as an audio book, for a kindle and in hardcover.



The Virginia Mayflower Society SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center
110 Shenandoah Ave NW Roanoke, VA 24016

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

Cost per person (gratuity and tax included):
Adult: \$35.88; Children 12 and under: \$21.26

The Spring Luncheon will feature: A Mesclun Greens Salad, Balsamic Herb Chicken, marinated, then seared and served with velouté, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water, and Dessert.

The Children’s meal will feature: A Fruit Cup, Chicken Fingers, Fries, and Brownie.

(CLIP and MAIL) RSVP TO: John A. Copenhaver, Jr.
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Number of Attendees: _____ Adults _____ Children

Deadline: Reservation form and check must be received by **April 29, 2022**

Payment: Check enclosed, payable to *Virginia Mayflower Society*

Driving Directions

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
110 Shenandoah Ave NW
Roanoke, VA 24016
Hotel: 540-985-5900

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I-81 Exit 143 (I-581 South) to Exit 5. Cross Wells Avenue and continue to the main entrance of the hotel.

From 220N (Martinsville)

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Alternate:

220N becomes I-581N. Take exit 4E (Orange Avenue). Take the first right at traffic light onto Williamson Road. Take the first right at the third traffic light onto Wells Avenue. Take the first left onto Commonwealth Avenue. Take the first right before Shenandoah Avenue to the main entrance of the hotel.

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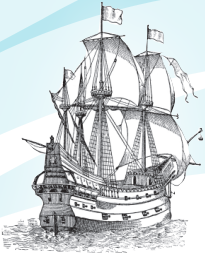
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Compact Day 2021 Memories

At our November 20, 2021, Compact Day Luncheon at the Commonwealth Club of Virginia we elected and installed the 2021-2024 Virginia Mayflower Society Board of Assistants. In addition, we were honored to have sixteen new members or first-time attendees join us along with six Junior Members.

We were glad to have the following first-time attendees with us: Brantley Knowles, Lester Stadig, Marjorie Ann Smith Elliott, Ronald L. Adolphi, Linda Cole, Peter Williamson, Anita M. McConnell, David Whiting, Sally Whiting, Suzanne French Keesler, Scott Watson, Cylvia Toy, Donna Emmett Hildebrand, Tracey Norvelle, Mike Winslow, and Edward Robbins.

Junior Members in attendance were Gia Mogard, Luca Mogard, Luke Bamman, Thea Maloney, Ellen Maloney, and Finley Brannon. Gia, Luca, Luke, and Finley were attending their first Compact Day Luncheon.

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Key-Note Speaker, John Quarstein



Junior Members



2021-2024 Board of Assistants



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