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Message from the Governor

Meeting in Richmond Nov. 17 will feature Compact Day luncheon, music and elections



Betty Diakun

This is my final message to our Virginia Society as Governor.

It has been a great honor to serve you and I am truly grateful for your support.

Please plan on attending our annual Compact Day meet-

ing at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on Saturday, November 17th, if at all possible. It is, of course, of great importance, as attending members vote to elect new officers to guide our Society for the next three years.

At the meeting, Jane Hanson will perform for us. Jane is a founding member of Colonial Williamsburg's resident performing ensemble, a superb vocalist, and current head of the Music and Dance Department and of the Music, Military and Evening Programs at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

The Board of Assistants of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants met in early September at Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

Virginia was represented by Mildred Ramos, former Governor General of the General Society; by Dr. William

Paquette, past Virginia Governor and Deputy Governor General of the General Society; by Elizabeth Carver Diakun, current Virginia Governor and Assistant General; and by Barbara Carpenter, former Secretary General of the General Society.

The Board heard reports from all General Society officers, members-at-large, and committee chairpersons. These reports will appear in the next issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly*.

Richard Pickering of Plimoth Plantation, who performed for us here in Virginia at our 2002 spring meeting, was the featured speaker at the closing banquet. The General Board of Assistants will meet again in September 2013 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

I am particularly proud of two major accomplishments of our Board and officers in this term:

- We have established the Mildred Ramos Virginia Mayflower Scholarship on sound grounds, and it will annually provide support to worthy young people.

- And we have, finally, created the Virginia Society Website, which will help us reduce the substantial costs of printing and mailing directories and newsletters.

I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Richmond on November 17th.



Jane Hanson

has been a vocalist and music interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg for more than 30 years and is a founding member of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Resident Performing Ensemble, *The Governor's Musick*. In this capacity she has sung in concert at the Governor's Palace, at Raleigh Tavern, and at the Colonial Capitol building for thousands of guests.

Jane earned her degree in vocal performance from Bucknell University and says her love of history dates back to a visit to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown as a child in 1961.

She has studied voice; has participated at workshops in baroque performance; and plays harpsichord, pianoforte and English guitar — instruments that were considered appropriate choices for women in the 18th Century.

She has performed on, arranged, and produced several recordings at the CW Foundation and presently works as the Supervisor of the Colonial Williamsburg Music and Dance Department.

For 20 years she has sung the national anthem at the annual naturalization ceremonies sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg and the George Wythe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held in the historic Capitol building at Colonial Williamsburg.

Our Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting will be held

Saturday, November 17

at

The Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia

(Directions on page 6.)



No-Host Social at 12:00 noon. Luncheon at 12:45 p.m.



Your Luncheon Reservation Form (See Page 7)

and Check must be received by **Friday, Nov. 9.**

The Historian's Report

The Virginia Mayflower Society is pleased to welcome its 28 newest members

By MARSHA L. H. MASONE

Since the Spring 2012 newsletter, we have been pleased to welcome twenty-eight new members to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Gen. Soc. Number</i>	<i>State Number</i>	<i>Pilgrim Ancestor</i>
Roberta Louise Creech Dunn	Falls Church	84265	1398	Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley
Thomas Wirt Sale IV	Evington	84277	1399	Isaac Allerton
Kevin Herbert Bursley	Pittsburgh, Pa.	84358	1400	John Howland
Betsy Cloud Pike	Richmond	84359	1401	Francis Cooke
Deborah Louise Langaker Shea	Richmond	84421	1402	Richard Warren
Mark Stuart Chamberlain	Reston	56982	1403	William Bradford
Margaret Webster Buell Durack	San Antonio, Tex.	80641	1404	John Alden
Christopher George Marshall, MC	Chester	81164	1405	William Brewster
Thomas Alfred Gibson, Jr	Stafford	73276	1406	John Alden
Ellen Hull Paterson Rippetto	Columbia, Mo.	77771	1407	Stephen Hopkins
Richard Spencer Burke	Glen Allen	83621	1408	William White
Katherine Faxon Payne Morris	Roanoke	84496	1409	William Bradford
Elisa Austin Woodward	Great Falls	84497	1410	John Alden
Terry Stafford Mulchahey	Williamsburg	84362	1411	John Howland
Gene Neff Paterson	Charlottesville	78157	1412	Stephen Hopkins
Jack Hutchins White	Fairfax Station	84706	1413	John Alden
James Robert Goldstine	Exmore	84707	1414	George Soule
Lynn Volkmann	Winchester	84790	1415	William Bradford
Mary Teresa Bursley Ferri	Palm Coast, Fla.	84791	1416	John Howland
Beth Joan Webb Grice	Fredericksburg	75488	1417	William Brewster and Thomas Rogers
Michele Rene Hill Smith	Hampton	84806	1418	John Howland
David Warren Ware	Yorktown	84807	1419	Francis Eaton
Michelle Bicknell Fontaine	McLean	84829	1420	William Brewster
Anita Jean Warren Walters	Hampton	84840	1421	John Billington
Constance Marie McLauchlan Robinson	Alexandria	84841	1422	Henry Samson
Elizabeth Tamsen Danner Durrenberger	Virginia Beach	84850	1423	William Bradford
James Leslie Liverman, Jr.	Falls Church	84864	1424	Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley
James Hamilton Percival II	Aptos, Calif.	84881	1425	William White

Supplementals

<i>Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Pilgrim Ancestor</i>
Gordon Frank Compton	Alexandria	Elizabeth Tilley Howland, John Tilley, and Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley

Transferred In

<i>Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Pilgrim Ancestor</i>
Christopher George Marshall, MD	Chester	William Brewster (from New York)
Thomas Alfred Gibson, Jr	Stafford	John Alden (from Florida)
Terry Stafford Mulchahey	Williamsburg	John Howland (from Connecticut)
Beth Webb Grice	Fredericksburg	William Brewster & Thomas Rogers (from North Carolina)

Dual Memberships

<i>Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Pilgrim Ancestor</i>
Mark Stuart Chamberlain	Reston	William Bradford (with District of Columbia)
Margaret Webster Buell Durack	San Antonio, Tex.	John Alden (with Texas)
Ellen Hull Paterson Rippetto	Columbia, Mo.	Stephen Hopkins (with West Virginia)
Richard Spencer Burke	Glen Allen	William White (with Arizona)
Gene Neff Paterson	Charlottesville	Stephen Hopkins (with West Virginia)

Meet the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2012 - 2015

At our Compact Day luncheon meeting on Nov. 17th, the members of the 2012 Nominating Committee will present the following slate of 15 nominees for election to state offices of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Others may be nominated from the floor, provided they have agreed to serve if elected. The Committee's nominees for a three-year term are:

Governor



Mr. Mark T. Cox, IV has served the Virginia Society as Deputy Governor, Captain, and as Chairman of the Finance, Scholarship, and Junior Membership committees. He has served the General Society as Acting Deputy Governor General, is a member of the Finance Committee, and serves as a Trustee.

Deputy Governor



Mrs. Lee H. Woody has served as Chairman of the Awards & Hospitality Committee and has assisted the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Committee. A descendant of Stephen Hopkins and a resident of Roanoke, she is an active DAR member and serves as a special-education coordinator.

Secretary



Mrs. Barbara H. Carpenter has served as Governor and as Secretary of the District of Columbia Society. In the General Society, she has served as Secretary General, Vice Chair of the Awards Committee, Assistant Director of the Five Generations Project, and as a member of the Public Relations Committee. She is a charter member of the Thomas Rogers Society.

Assistant Secretary



Miss Mildred Ramos joined the Mayflower Society in 1967 on Stephen Hopkins' line. She has served our state Society in several positions, including that of Governor, and has served the General Society as its Secretary General, then as Governor General. The Virginia Society's Scholarship is named in her honor.

Treasurer



Mr. Merle C. Hazelton has served multiple terms as Treasurer of the Virginia Mayflower Society, as well as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He is a descendant of Myles Standish and a resident of Richmond.

Assistant Treasurer



Mrs. Rebekah L. Fleury has served as Assistant Treasurer, responsible for sending dues notices and recording both dues and members' contributions. She is an experienced computer programmer/analyst specializing in financial systems.

Historian



Mrs. Beverly P. Berwick has previously served four terms as Assistant Historian—from 1997 to 2009. Her proven paternal lines are from eight Mayflower pilgrims, and maternal lines from three.

Assistant Historian



Mr. Paul Fonda Brown is descended from William Brewster and became a member of the Virginia Mayflower Society in September 2011. He lives in Bealeton, Va. and operates Paul Brown Antiques.

Second Assistant Historian



Mr. James T. Callender is a retired Air Force test pilot who says he inherited his love of genealogy from his grandmother, Ada Callender, who originally traced the family line to William Bradford. Jamie was elected to membership in the Virginia Society in February 2012 and is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Third Assistant Historian



Mr. J. Clarke Bursley has served the Virginia Mayflower Society as an Assistant Historian since August 2011. He is a descendant of John Howland and Edward Fuller. He was elected to membership in March 2011 and resides in Springfield.

Elder



Mrs. Nancy Southworth Barrow has served as Governor (1997-2000), Deputy Governor (1994-1997), and Elder (2005-2012). She has also served as a Regional Coordinator. Descended from John Alden, she is a retired school teacher who lives in Rural Retreat, Va.

Captain



Col. William Y. Epling has served as Captain of the Virginia Society since 2009. A descendant of William Bradford, Bill retired from the Army after 29 years of service. He is currently an engineering consultant to the Army Historical Foundation.

Librarian



Mr. Edward F. Hudson has served continuously as our Librarian since 2000, soon after he joined in 1999. A descendant of Richard Warren and Francis Cooke, Ed is a resident of Franklin, Va., and has been active in the AARP and a member of the Wing Family of America.

Counsellor



Mr. James H. Maloney was appointed Counsellor last February and is Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He joined the Virginia Society in 2001 and is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins and John Howland. He practices law in Falls Church.

Surgeon



Dr. Arthur G. Gower, a retired pediatrician residing in Manassas, was a member of the South Carolina Society (which his grandfather helped found) before transferring to the Virginia Society several years ago. He is a collector of Mayflower memorabilia, and for the past three years he has served as our Surgeon.

Officers to be nominated to the General Society:

Deputy Governor GeneralElizabeth C. Diakun
Assistant GeneralMark T. Cox IV

Serving on the 2012 Nominating Committee were past Governors Miss Mildred Ramos (chairman), Mr. Paul de Courcy Holt, Jr., Mrs. Nancy S. Barrow, Col. Robert I. Channon, Mrs. Martha Ellen Brockner, and Dr. William A. Paquette.

Planning is underway for 2013 Scholarship

Following the success of our Mildred Ramos Scholarship program this past spring, the Scholarship Committee has begun preparing the terms of the second award process and to select the 2013 essay topic — both of which will be announced at our fall meeting.

Given our experience this year, the Committee may suggest modifying some of the rules to improve the application process and to broaden our access to promising scholars.

Any proposed changes as well as next year's essay topic will be approved by the Committee and presented to the Board of Assistants prior to being announced at the fall meeting. It is expected that our new website (www.VirginiaMayflower.org) will help us publicize our scholarship.

Members interested in helping to interview and to sponsor applicants should let Scholarship Committee Chairman Mark Cox know of their interest by e-mailing him at m.markcox@comcast.net.

The Scholarship Committee reminds all members that this program is funded by generous gifts from our membership.

Members who would like to support the Scholarship Fund are asked to send their contributions to Assistant Treasurer Rebekah Fleury (see her address at right) at annual dues time—or before.



Scholarship Committee member Bill Paquette displays a blue Staffordshire commemorative Mayflower plate prior to presenting it to Lee Woody for her outstanding help in distributing our 2012 Scholarship notices to public high schools throughout Virginia.

Mayflower Quarterly delayed

The General Society has advised us that the June and September issues of *The Mayflower Quarterly* have been delayed.

Quarterly Editor Alice Teal reports having suffered simultaneous hardware- and software-upgrade problems, as well as troubles with her telephone and e-mail systems.

Contributing to the *Quarterly's* delays has been the task of completing the hard-bound "Diamond Jubilee Edition of the *Mayflower Quarterly*" (now at the bindery) that has grown to 400 pages containing 200 photographs and a 10-page index of names drawn from material appearing in the *Mayflower Quarterly* over the past 75 years.

At the Sept. Board of Assistants meeting in New Jersey



Several members of the Virginia Mayflower Society attended the Board of Assistants meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants held at Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, in early September. Four of them were (from left) Barbara Carpenter, a past Secretary General who is serving on the General Society's Public Relations Committee; Dr. William Paquette, Deputy Governor General; Mildred Ramos, Former Governor General; and Betty Diakun, Virginia Governor and Assistant General. Other members of the Virginia Society in attendance included Ron Dailey (not pictured), who serves as the General Society's webmaster.

Memorial Fund donation received

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DONATIONS TO OUR MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS NOT LISTED HERE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE MAIL DONATIONS TO:
REBEKAH FLEURY, ASSISTANT TREASURER
10173 GRANBURY CIRCLE
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IN MEMORIAM

The Virginia Mayflower Society mourns the passing of the following members:

■ **Edwin Adams Harper, Jr.** of Lynchburg, GS# 61741 VA# 798 Isaac Allerton

■ **Malcom W. Bryan III** of Roanoke, GS# 64210 VA# 834 William Brewster

■ **Shirley E. Plouff** of Wilmington, Mass., GS# 66775 VA# 925 Thomas Rogers

■ **Alice Gillespie** of Elkins, W.Va., GS# 59105 VA# 762 James Chilton

■ **Mary Wood** of Petersburg, GS# 55597 VA# 694 Stephen Hopkins

■ **Margaret Taaffe** of Falls Church, GS# 80095 VA# 1294 Francis Cooke

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Founded January 10, 1950

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How a teacher got into character

Historical characters bring excitement to the classroom and the community

By Dr. PATRICIA RICHEY
Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas

If you surveyed instructors at a local community college about the most exciting class on campus, you might catch instructors marketing their own disciplines.

However, if you surveyed students, it is doubtful you would hear that history class is exciting.

Now, history teachers do not understand this. We think that reading other people's mail and snooping into diaries is exciting. However, I was determined to find something that would make history exciting at Jacksonville College.

After participating in several Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for Community College Faculty, I realized that one of the highlights from each workshop was when a professional actor performed a monologue in character and costume. This common feature brought together all of the information that I had absorbed during the week in a way that seemed personal. Even following the workshops, these monologues were the parts of the learning experience I remembered most.

While attending *Plymouth, Massachusetts:*



Dr. Richey wearing her Mayflower costume.

Landmark of Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians, I not only had the benefit of experiencing a wonderful monologue that set the stage for our visit to Plimoth Plantation, but I also conversed with Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians in authentic costumes who remained in character.

This guided me to the focus of the personal element I wanted to bring back to my Texas classroom — I would become a Pilgrim and tell my students my story as mother who traveled with her

husband and two mischievous sons on the Mayflower.

Kim Van Wormer, Associate Director of Education of Plimoth Plantation, provided valuable advice on authentic costumes, including choices of colors that would have been available through natural dyes in 1620. I also used the resources at Plimoth Plantation to research the story of my chosen character.

I returned to Texas; shopped for wool and linen fabric; armed myself with pins, needles, patterns, and scissors; and joined my mother, Doris Fountain, in creating an authentic outfit suitable for life in Plymouth during 1620.

My mother questioned the cost of materials and time for an outfit with limited wearing time, but we persisted.


Several weeks later, I had a basic script and a costume. The students in my American history class responded with enthusiasm to my monologue, and I quickly received other invitations.

With some moderations to my script to adapt to time constraints, occasion, and age of audience, I visited elementary schools, churches, chapel services, banquets, a CCHA regional meeting, Texas State Historical Association Webb Conference, and the Organization of American Historians annual conference. This alone could be considered as a measure of success for my endeavor, but the teaching results did not stop there.

I encouraged my students to undertake a similar project, using the resources of our college theatre costume department.

Students wrote scripts and secured costumes for important characters in

'I would become a Pilgrim and tell my students my story...'



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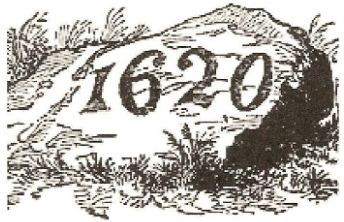
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Plymouth, Massachusetts: Landmark of Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians

Papers from a workshop sponsored by

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David A Berry, Project Manager
William A. Paquette, Project Director
Ned M. Wilson, CCHR Editor

Dr. William Paquette of the Virginia Society directed the project that is highlighted in this special issue of the Community College Humanities Review, examining relationships between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians.

To purchase a copy, write to Mr. David A. Berry, Executive Director, CCHA, c/o Essex County College, 303 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102. The \$14 price includes shipping & handling.

Included is Dr. Robert King's article "Calvinism and Colonial Native American Religious Worldviews," which won the 2012 Excellence in Publishing Award given by the University of Phoenix.

history. Several have already presented at community events.

We have plans to visit the local elementary school. The college history club also has plans to include first-person monologues in a teaching module we are preparing concerning an 1838 massacre that occurred a few miles from our college.

Although we do not know the identities of the renegades who killed or captured 18 members of the Killough family, the Cherokee Indians were blamed for the attack and were banished from the state.

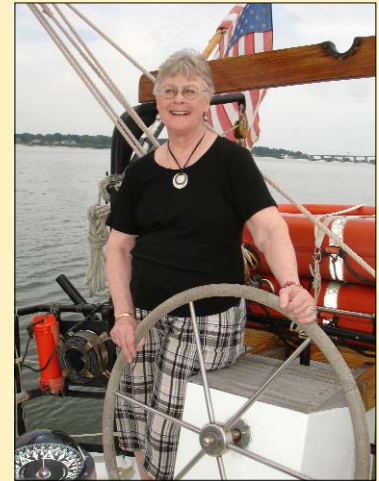
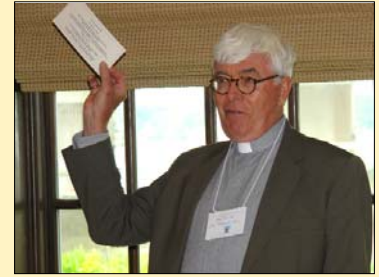
Not only did my experience at Plimoth Plantation help bring history alive to my students and community, now my students are gaining leadership, research, and presentation skills through service learning. These bonus benefits are exact matches for learning outcomes based on my college's mission statement.

Thanks go to the NEH and the scholars involved in the workshop for getting me started on a project that will provide so much enrichment in the years to come.

Scenes from our spring meeting in May held at historic Yorktown



New members and first-time attendees (from left) Christopher Knowlton, Anne Nicastro, Charles Smith, Nick Aunspach, Suzanne Aunspach, Mayes Mathews and Barbara Read gather with the York River behind them. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. John Kerr (upper-right). Our Elder, Nancy Barrow, one of the officers who had arrived in Yorktown the previous day, had fun taking a turn at the helm during an excursion aboard the Schooner Serenity.



Directions to the Commonwealth Club

The address of The Commonwealth Club, where our Compact Day luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon Saturday, Nov. 17, is 401 W. Franklin St., 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.

► **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.

► **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.

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.)

New at VirginiaMayflower.org

Documents we didn't have space to include in this newsletter are available on our website, including 2012 Scholarship Recipient Nick Aunspach's winning Essay, and an updated Register of Members (roster). The password needed to gain access to our website's "Members Only" section appears here in the version of the newsletter we send directly to our members.

Va. Mayflower Society Nostalgia



Member Mary Warren Daley sent these pictures of her mother, father and great-grandmother.

At left are **Ann Hooper** and **Bill Daley**. Ann (deceased) was a former early member of the Virginia Society. She was the daughter of charter member Virginia Watson Hooper and niece of founder Hugh S. Watson, Jr.

At right are **Ann Hooper**, **Bill Daley** and **Florence West Watson**. Florence West Watson, a charter member of the Virginia Society, is Ann's grandmother and founder Hugh Watson Jr.'s mother.

The Virginia Mayflower Society

COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, November 17, 2012, at The Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia
12:00 Noon..... No-Host Social 12:45 p.m..... Luncheon

Luncheon features a Field Green Salad with Bleu Cheese, Bacon, Candied Pecans, Tomatoes and Vinaigrette Dressing; Roasted Turkey with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, String Beans, and Sweet-Potato Casserole; Rolls & Butter; Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Iced Tea; and Apple Strudel.

\$29 a Person (\$14.50 per Child 12 and younger)

MY ENCLOSED CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ COVERS _____ LUNCHEON RESERVATION(S).
 (Make check payable to "Va. Mayflower Society")

My guest(s) will be:

Member's(s) name(s):

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Telephone number: _____

Check if: New Member First time attending

Please mail this Reservation Form with your check in time to be received by **Friday, Nov. 9th**, to:

Miss Mildred Ramos, Assistant Secretary
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 635 • Richmond, VA 23227 • (804) 264-6793

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The role of our Virginia Mayflower Society's Historian

By MARSHA L.H. MASONE, *Virginia Mayflower Society Historian*

The State Historian is an elected officer and is a member of the Virginia Board of Assistants.

The principal function of a State Historian is to determine eligibility of an applicant from the standpoint of adequately proven lineage. The State Historian must ensure that documentary evidence is properly prepared prior to submission to the Historian General in Plymouth.

Other duties include the examination and reporting on all lineage papers of applicants; maintaining records of all approved papers, both original and supplemental; assisting applicants in completing the Historian General's requirements for applications; providing guidance in locating and obtaining evidence, and directing the activities of the Assistant Historians.

The reality of these duties is more complex than you may imagine.

When first contacted by applicants, the Historian asks them to provide an outline of their proposed lineage. Then the Historian consults some of the accepted source books. Using these sources, a worksheet is created showing, at a minimum, the first five generations and the sources used.

Next, the Mayflower Database of approved papers is consulted to see where previous papers might connect with the new applicant's lineage, thereby saving the applicant the need to prove some data. The Historian requests copies of these older papers from the Plymouth Librarian.

The applicant is then sent the worksheet and advised on where to seek documentation and what types of documents may be acceptable to the Society.

The need for appropriate documentation has been strengthened

greatly over the years and the types of documentation that are acceptable have become complicated to explain to applicants accustomed to accepting whatever is on the internet as true. A two-page description of acceptable documentation is sent to all applicants.

Either the Historian or one of the Assistant Historians guides the applicant through the process, providing assistance and answering questions as they arise.

Once it is determined that the applicant has provided appropriate evidence for all generations, the Historian must code and place them in order according to the specific directions in the State Historian's Policy and Procedure Manual.

All data must then be typed into the application using abbreviations required by the Historian General and in a specific order. The applicant is sent the application for signature and then it and all documentation are sent to Plymouth.

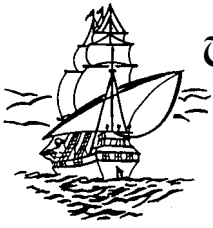
Once an application is approved, the Historian provides the Virginia state number to Plymouth. Plymouth then assigns a General Society number and sends a copy of the approved paper to the Historian. The Historian then notifies the applicant and appropriate members of the Board about the approval, files the approved paper and the applicant's file of duplicate documents.

The Historian also facilitates supplemental applications with the same procedures as a new application. Supplementals are held to the same standards as any new application.

In addition, the Historian is responsible for completing transfers of members into or out of the Virginia Society.

The Historian also assists applicants seeking dual membership with Virginia and another state society.

Please share your e-mail address with us. Send it to VirginiaMayflower@gmail.com. (Include your full name.)



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The twice-a-year newsletter of the
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in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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We welcome 3 new Junior members to the Virginia Mayflower Society

By MARK T. COX, Junior Membership Chairman

Since April, 2012, the following people have become Junior members of the Virginia Society, bringing the number of Junior members in the Virginia Society to 238:

► **Miss Sophie Sabrina Corbitt** (Junior Member 586), daughter of Jim Cole Corbitt, Kornbergweg 2, 95182 Dohlau, Germany, and Patricia Monica Corbitt, Ringstrasse 35, Berg, Germany, and granddaughter of Laurice Mary Corbitt. (VA Society No: 1351), 256 Hickory Lane, Fort Valley, VA 22652 – Ancestor Stephen Hopkins.

► **Mr. Gavin Michael Harwell** (Junior Member 587), son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Harwell, Arnheimerstrasse 85, Dusseldorf 40489, Germany, and grandson of Linda Jean Renfroe Harwell (VA Society 1385), 1413 Landon Court, Lynchburg, VA 24503 – Ancestor Francis Cooke.

► **Mr. John Vincent Harwell** (Junior Member 588), son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Harwell, Arnheimerstrasse 85, Dusseldorf 40489, Germany, and grandson of Linda Jean Renfroe Harwell (VA Society 1385), 1413 Landon Court, Lynchburg, VA 24503 – Ancestor Francis Cooke.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP in the Virginia Mayflower Society is available to all those with proven lineages of any age up to 18 and 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 me 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 and their address
6. Full name and address of the Sponsor of Applicant for Junior Membership
7. Sponsor's Virginia State Membership number
8. Sponsor's relationship to Applicant

There is a \$10 fee per applicant, so please include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society along with the requested information.

When the process is complete, I will send the Junior Membership Certificate to the Junior Member at the address of the parents unless otherwise instructed. Please call me at (804) 285-7301 if you have any questions on this. My e-mail address is m.markcox@comcast.net and my street address is:

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