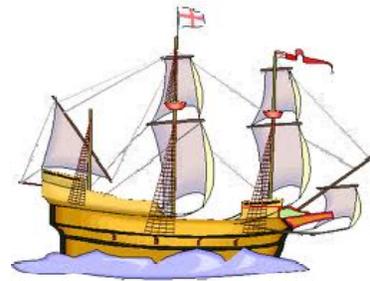


The Arkansas Pilgrim



THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Governor's Message

Members of the Mayflower Society

As Governor of the Arkansas Society of Mayflower Descendants, I invite you to our fall meeting of our state Society.

We have been busy getting a new website developed and Deputy Governor, Jimmie Weber, and I are working on plans to extend our communications throughout the state. Our membership rolls have been corrected and our historian, Judi Shannon, is busy helping applicants get their applications completed and sent to Plymouth. We are looking toward growth for our society.

Come, join us for a good time in starting the holiday season.

Charles "Chuck" Clark

Governor, Arkansas Mayflower Society

Compact Day Luncheon • Nov. 1, 2014



Hot Springs Country Club
100 Country Club Lane • 71901
Starts @ 11 AM

Luncheon Menu

- House Salad w/Ranch & Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Champagne Chicken
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- Bread Pudding w/Bourbon Sauce
- Coffee OR Tea & Water

The cost will be \$18.00 per person. Make the checks payable to the AR Mayflower Society. Please include a list of names for everyone you are paying for with your check. **Payments must be made in advance and must be received by October 21, 2014.** Please make your reservations with and mail your checks to:

Dr. Caroline Luck • 227 Cherry Street • Arkadelphia, AR 71923-5112
870-246-2715 • luck@obu.edu

Any member having dietary issues pertaining to the lunch may contact Jimmie Weber, Deputy Governor and he will help you with an alternative meal. Please let him know when you make your reservations with Caroline Luck.

Jimmie Weber
Cell--501-318-3156 • Home--501-262-0725. • jimmymac@flash.net

About the Speaker!

"Jimmie Weber will be speaking on the different types of clothing 'uniforms' and 'weaponry' that the Pilgrims, early Colonials, and the Revolutionary War participants wore during each of these periods.

He will be bringing these 'costumes, hats and weaponry' to the Mayflower luncheon/presentation.

He will appear in a full authentic Revolutionary War uniform with accoutrements and will be changing into and wearing costume representations depicting 3 of his GGG-Grandfathers uniforms. Richard Warren (Mayflower), Benjamin Church (Colonial Wars), and William Humphrey Revolutionary War).

Jimmie has given many presentations and re-enactments for different Schools and organizations throughout the State of Arkansas for the SAR, DAR, Lions, College of the Quachitas, Hot Springs HS, Malvern HS, Arkadelphia HS, Benton HS, Fountain Lake, HSV, Boy Scouts, Jonesboro and Little Rock. Bring your cameras! "



Historian's Report

Judi Shannon—HISTORIAN

This summer has brought a renewed interest in our "Mayflower Roots." I'm excited to say that since May 1st, I have submitted the following to Plymouth – 8 new applications and 3 supplementals.

We have had 3 new applications approved since our Spring meeting. We have also added a transfer member to our State Society. We welcome each of you to Arkansas Society!

Our new members are:

- ***Sally Matthews** – William White descendant
(her application was approved on Monday following our Spring meeting)
- ***Robert Bowers** – George Soule descendant
- ***John Stanford** – Isaac Allerton descendant
(John has submitted a supplemental)
- ***Diane Winder** – Myles Standish
(holds life membership with Connecticut Society)

We recently updated our Historian Library and now have the entire set of the Silver Books and the MFIP books.

For those of you who may have more than one Pilgrim ancestor, you may honor those ancestors with a supplemental application. If you have any questions about supplementals, please contact me, and I will be happy to explain the process to you.

THESE ARE WAITING IN PLYMOUTH

Debra Rickman • Rebecca Willis • Vanessa White • Alta Barnard •
Greg Brown • Wayne Clark • Janice Moody • Linda Smith

THESE ARE CLOSE TO COMPLETION

Marion Aust • Brenda McClain • Candy Jones • Roger Suggs



- Judi Shannon

Message from the General Governor:

Hello:

GSMD is a very special hereditary organization comprised of a diverse group of individuals who have documented their descent from one or more of the 102 passengers who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620 at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. Our ancestors were a very courageous group who, with strong convictions and determination, risked their lives to cross the Atlantic in a small, uncomfortable cargo ship and landed on unfamiliar soil in a wilderness. Half of them died during their first winter in America. The friendly and helpful natives played a vital role in the ultimate success of the Pilgrim colony.

We take great pride in the accomplishments of the Pilgrims. The Pilgrim leaders were unafraid to voice their great faith in God and insisted on worshipping as they believed. These Separatists set the stage for religious freedom on the North American continent. Their goal was to worship God as they thought right, following God's Word and not the dictates of the established Church of England. In keeping with that tradition, one of our society's general officers is the Elder General, who leads prayer at the beginning of our meetings. However, we offer membership to individuals of all faiths who prove a line of descent from at least one of the Mayflower passengers. A list of the names of the passengers currently known to have descendants may be found by clicking the "[Join GSMD](#)" button on our website.

Before landing, the Mayflower passengers developed the first written declaration of self-government. That document, the Mayflower Compact, was a precursor of the Constitution of the United States. Plymouth is the second oldest permanent English settlement on the American east coast.

Of primary interest to our society is proving lineage through strict standards to identify those who are descended from the Pilgrims. We are also passionate about educating people on the role of the Pilgrims in the early history and development of what was to become the United States of America. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is one of the three largest, most respected and prestigious hereditary organizations in America. Its members are fine, "everyday" folks. There are Mayflower societies in all 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and Canada, and we have members living in many other countries.

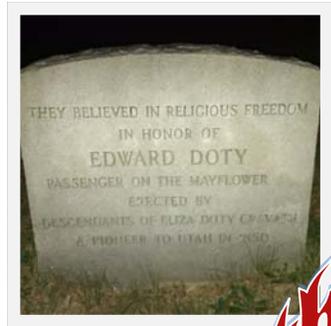
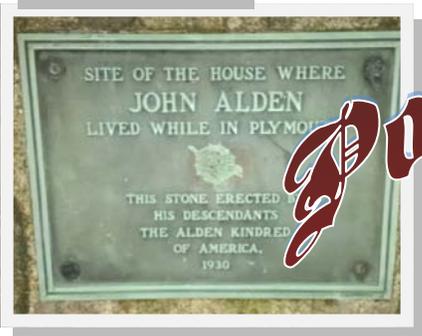
We welcome your interest in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and wish you success in tracing your ancestry back to a Mayflower passenger.



*- Lea Sinclair Filson
Governor General*



The Mayflower Headquarters



Postcards from Plymouth



Due to a national dues increase to \$15, the Arkansas Society will be voting at the November meeting to increase our state dues to \$30 effective 1 January 2015. If you are mailing your 2015 dues please send a check for \$30.

Please send separate checks for the luncheon (\$18.00 each) and for your 2015 dues (\$30.00 per member) to

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