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## OUR GOVERNORS GREETING

At our 52nd Compact Luncheon and Annual Meeting last November, we reflected on a year of growth and progress, as well as challenges which lie ahead. We noted with pleasure the addition of eight new members, four of whom were under thirty years old; we were delighted to hear that our Education Committee continued to open doors with the State Department of Education and provided new and improved educational materials to teachers in Delaware's public and private schools which will bring the story of the Pilgrims to fourth and fifth graders throughout the State; and we learned that the Society's program of donating genealogy books with lineages of the Mayflower passengers to many of Delaware's libraries is continuing to expand, and that we will be adding the Brandywine Hundred Library to the list of libraries we support through this program. At the Annual Meeting, Counselor David Bradford appeared in the costume of his ancestor Governor David Bradford of Plymouth, and speaking in the dialect of the day, set the historical context before reading the Mayflower Compact to the meeting.



The highlight of the Compact Luncheon was the talk by Professor Jonathan Russ, Associate Professor of History at the University of Delaware, entitled *Carving Out a Life in the Wilderness*. He spoke in detail about how totally unprepared the Pilgrims were for the very different environment in which they found themselves than any of them had ever experienced. New England was then densely wooded, had a far harsher climate and environment, was full of predatory animals and was far more challenging agriculturally than anything they had known in England or Holland. Professor's talk was instructive and presented with humor and style.

We elected two officers, Barbara Wideman as our Assistant Secretary, and Paige Sullivan, who will continue for a second term as our Junior Membership Chair. Barbara Wideman was further recognized for her extraordinary services as the Acting Assistant Secretary during the past year, reorganizing the Society's records and files and preparing membership records for microfilming and archiving.

We must continue to expand membership, as regrettably we lost nine members during the year including one of our Charter members, Ned Cooch, who had served as our first Elder in 1958. Many of us have children or grandchildren living in Delaware whom we might invite to join, and others in the community who are qualified and should be encouraged to become members. We are all stewards of the Society and it is incumbent on us to bring in new members to ensure the health and vitality of our Society in the future.

Looking ahead to the Spring Reception, which will be held this year on Sunday May 22, I encourage you all join us at Winterthur to see and learn about a very special exhibit which represents an important partnership between Plimoth Plantation and Winterthur: the replica 17th century embroidered jacket which will be housed in the Mayflower Museum at Plimoth Plantation after its museum tour around the country. We will be treated to a short lecture about the jacket which required almost 4000 hours to research and complete, and then we can enjoy related exhibits there, following which there will be light refreshments in a meeting area in the Winterthur Visitor's Center. I look forward to seeing you there.

Faithfully,  
Kai Lassen,  
Governor



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

## MARSHALL EARL BAKER

Since our last Issue of Lynes we have added Wm Andrew Cottle to our membership. We show his picture below with a brief biological sketch. We welcome Mr. Cottle and also thank him for his Book Review of

Nathaniel Philbrick's Book Mayflower included below.



Wm Andrew Cottle has taught music at the University of Delaware since 1981. Andy has two children, a son named Wm. Andrew "Drew" Cottle Jr. who is a Methodist minister in Pennsylvania and a daughter named Katherine Book "Kate" Cottle who is Chair of the English Department at Wilmington University. Andy's wife is Rebecca Taylor Cottle. She is a Methodist minister, on leave, who teaches Humanities and Comparative Religion at Wilmington University. Rebecca and Andy live in Newark. Andy was raised in eastern New Mexico. He has three degrees in music, through the doctorate, and a master's in

Christian Studies from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Prof. Cottle's hobbies are genealogy, gardening, and reading.

DOB 6/17/41      Elected 2/15/11      DE # 397      GEN # 82981      11<sup>th</sup> from WILLIAM BRADFORD

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

## PAIGE SULLIVAN

### GSMD SCHOLARSHIP

Governor General Judith Swan has written to announce a new \$5000 GSMD Scholarship to be given each year to one graduating high school senior with Mayflower connections. Application materials and other information can be found on the GSMD website. The Deadline for the application is that it be postmarked by 4/30/2011. Because this date is so tight with respect to mailing this issue of Lynes, Governor Lassen and Paige Sullivan plan to identify this year's senior class members who are also Mayflower Junior members, and then help those who are interested in competing, to get an Application ASAP.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## LOUISE ROSELLE AND SUSAN BUNTING

### PILGRIM HISTORY CORRESPONDENCE

In January, Louise Roselle wrote to Secretary Lillian Lowery, Delaware Department of Education. Thanking her again, for her response last summer; which resulted in many teachers including pilgrim history topics at Thanksgiving time.

Then Louise emphasized that the members of our Mayflower organization are committed to the education of our young people so that they have an understanding of the pilgrims, their experiences, their values, and the sacrifices that they made for freedom.

She also said she would like be able to report to our Education Committee, that this important period in our country's early history is part of the elementary school curriculum; and that she would very much appreciate any information that the Department could share with her about this aspect of the Delaware curriculum. Shockley Preston, Education Associate, Social Studies, responded that The Delaware Department of Education Recommends only instruction in selected state standards for certain grades. The DDOE leaves selection of specific topics of instruction to local school districts, who maintain curriculum control. As you noted in your email to Dr Lowery, there are many instances of instruction in the history of the pilgrims and the Mayflower. This happens because, although it is not required by the DDOE, districts and teachers across Delaware recognize its importance for today's students.

## NOTEWORTHY BOOKS AND PAPERS WOW

### ***Mayflower — A Story of Courage, Community, and War* Nathaniel Philbrick (New York: Penguin Books, 2006)**

This book might have been discussed in *Mayflower Lines* previously; even so, it is worth another mention. This is probably the finest book about Mayflower descendants written within the last decade. It won the National Book Award and was one of the Ten Best Books of 2006 according to *The New York Times*.

Philbrick's *Mayflower* begins with information Mayflower experience that is new to many of us, written in a very engaging style. Then we learn about life for the descendants of the Mayflower immigrants in the first decades of the New England experience. It presents a lot of information about King Philip's War — a conflict that was "more than twice as bloody as the American Civil War and at least seven times more lethal than the American Revolution" [p. xiii]. Philbrick was in our state to discuss his book at the UD Library Associates Dinner in 2007. In the lecture, "Philbrick debunked several myths and terminologies that have become entrenched in most casual accounts of American history. Among these, he said, are the facts that pilgrims never called themselves pilgrims, that the Plymouth Rock is largely a myth and that the first Thanksgiving was more likely an uneasy, piecemeal (and even desperately hungry) affair held in late September at an outdoor location where American Indians outnumbered settlers two to one" [Becca Hutchinson, UD Press Release]. This wonderful read about the Mayflower is highly recommended.

### **Mayflower Descendants In Cape May County. By Rev. Paul Sturtevant Howe, LL.B., Ph. D. Copyright,1921, Albert R Hand, Publisher.**

Editor's Note. Rev. Howe's work was published to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. It is a genealogical record of Mayflower Descendants in great detail. The first paragraph of the Forward is interesting. It says "These Cape May County descendents of the Mayflower band have been, until Dr. Howe arrived, a "lost tribe," many of them uninformed of their illustrious origin, others informed but indifferent to the interest of the subject."

The reason I site the book here is to introduce part of a column which was written in 1933 by Reese P. Risley whose purpose may have been, to ignite a sense of pride to counter indifference. "I Am The Mayflower County of New Jersey" was published in the Cape May County Gazette in 1933. It was part of a talk on November 13, 2010 to a luncheon meeting of The Jersey Cape Colony by Rita Marie Fulginiti, Cape May County Clerk.

#### **I AM THE MAYFLOWER COUNTY OF NEW JERSEY, by Reese P Risley, in 1933.**

I am Cape May County! I am the Mayflower County of New Jersey! I am privileged to claim that title above all that title above all the counties of these United States. For I number among my population more Mayflower descendents than any other of the 3000 Counties of this great Commonwealth. But more than that, I am now the County which was part of the great domain the Pilgrim Fathers sought when, finally they set sail on that fateful September day, 313 years ago from Plymouth, to find a land in which they might worship God in their own way without fear of prince or prelate. Was I the Mayflower's destination? I cite the carefully preserved chronicles of the most momentous religious and colonization event of that era of New World settlement to substantiate the facts. I am of the promised land the Pilgrim Fathers sought! And lo today, their children more numerous than they are to be found elsewhere, abide within my limits. Their Fathers knew and came. They know and stay. I am Cape May County.

Always, throughout the centuries that have past, have I preserved the old traditions as best I could, modified, it is true, by time and kaleidoscopic changes, but nevertheless, expressing, as it is given to me to interpret it, the Spirit of the Compact.

The Appeal to God for his Devine Approval, in heartfelt gratitude and true humility, the inherent right to change from time to time the Constitutional source of Law, as the best interests of the majority may require when approved by the larger part, the recognition of constituted Authority by rendering "unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and "unto God the things that are God's". Spiritual, which God offers all who seek; all of these I recognize in the agreement which my forefathers drew up and signed the day they landed. As history records, I am the Mayflower County of New Jersey, the County of Cape May! I do not claim the power of parable or prophecy; but in the story of the crossing of the ship, I see the symbol of my country's history.

I see the sacrifice and suffering of Colonial America in the trials and tribulations of the Pilgrims ere they at last, grim faced, with faith in God, set sail with wives and children their all. Ahead 3000 miles of ocean. And then, I see the slow, tempestuous voyage with disaster threatening in the bending of the beam when half way here. I see the feverish struggle and the strong bracing of it.....

**Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers, and Sojourners. Jermey Dupertius Bangs. ISBN 0-930270. Published and distributed by General Society of Mayflower Descendents, PO Box 3297, Plymouth, MA. 02361-3297.**

**Wow.** This is a detailed account of the experiences of the people who would eventually sail to Cape Cod in the Mayflower. It is a history of the religious ferment of the times together with an account of the Separatist Congregation, that would comprise the main body of Pilgrims who sailed from England In 1620.

The Anglican Church had become the State Church of England. Until King Henry VIII, It had been the Roman Catholic Church. And while it continued to have essentially the same form of worship, its Bishops were controlled by the Monarch rather than the Pope.

Various factions existed. The future Mayflower passengers were among groups of Separatists. Their theology was "reformed" as it was, more or less, for other Puritans. However, the Separatist Congregation of Scooby sought to separate from the State Church. Many other Puritans were less inclined to leave. And so the Scrooby Congregation was harassed and persecuted to the end that they left their homes for Amsterdam, Holland. Soon, they left Amsterdam for the University town of Leiden.

Their move to Amsterdam was under the leadership of William Brewster and their Pastor, Richard Clyfton. John Robinson was Clyfton's assistant until they moved again to Leiden in 1609. There he became their Pastor and also an important instructor at the University. Richard Clyfton and John Robinson were significant clergymen in their times. They did not go to America with the ones who did; but over the years, their influence on the congregation was very strong and important.

Jeremy Bang's book is extensive in 893 pages with many illustrations and supporting notes. It deals with almost every aspect of the Mayflower population, from their English origins in a time of emerging theology, rigid rules, and no nonsense laws, to their exile in Holland, and to their life in the university setting in Leiden.

The book does not focus on how unprepared the passengers were for life in the new world wilderness; but it does show the fundamental consistency of their beliefs, their hardships, and their ability to adapt to new conditions. And of course one of the new conditions was sudden freedom from the State Church to practice their own particular Religion.

In time, their religious freedom, together with the freedoms of other settlers with other beliefs, became enshrined in the Bill of Rights of our Constitution, which in turn has led to a vast array of Denominations, Beliefs, and Practices.

## Centennial History 1897-1997 GSMD

**WOW** This work of the General Society in 1999 (ISBN No. 0-930270-23-1) came to my attention at our Compact Luncheon on 11/20/2010. It is thicker than a major city phone book. I was not sure why it came to me but, it did. I did not really look at it until after Christmas.

At first, I simply looked at what happened at such dates as December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. This was an interesting undertaking; but nothing I could say WOW about. Then, I happened on the Dedication Page. Three individual were honored. The page said “

The honorees were: George Ernest Bowman, Lucy Mary Kellogg and Lewis Edwin Neff. Each of the three have a biographical sketch replete with a variety of broadly admirable characteristics that easily justifies their selection for high respect. But, I was fascinated by the bio of Lewis Neff.

Lewis Neff was born in 1892. His father died when he was only four months old. By the time he was 8 years old, he had read The Bible through twice. He had a photographic memory. He entered Cornell when he was 15. As a debater at Cornell, he never lost a contest. He was elected Phi Beta Kappa in his Junior year. He graduated cum laude. He got his law degree while serving as an instructor in Economics. He began to practice law in Oklahoma in 1913. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Legislature. He wrote usury laws that are still in force. He acquired a 4000 acre ranch.

Lewis Neff organized the Oklahoma Society of the Mayflower Descendants in 1947. He served two terms as Governor. He accepted the office of Historian and began work on a lineage book for Oklahoma. In 1954, he was appointed Chairman of the General Society Membership Committee. In 1957, he was elected Counselor General. He became Historian General in 1959 and was elected Governor General in 1960.

And on and on. And you may ask what this has to do with Delaware. Well, what it has to do with Delaware is that in 1957, when Lewis Neff was General Society Membership Chairman, the first state to sign the Constitution of the United States was the last state without a membership in the General Society. At that time, Lewis Neff made two trips to Delaware as part of the organization effort. Delaware’s charter is dated 10/11/1958.

As I read on, I found myself admiring the biographical sketches of leader after leader of the Mayflower Society. The selection of three honorees for this Centennial History could not have been easy.

But, beyond the difficulties of that choice, is the fact that so many of our biographical leaders are tucked away between the covers of an almost unknown volume as thick as a major city telephone book.

## COMPLETED VOYAGES

<b>ELWIN DEAN WILCOX</b>	BORN 9/26/1921	ELECTED 10/15/1990	DIED 1/5/2010
GEN # 56130 DE #249	11 <sup>TH</sup> FROM GEORGE SOULE, JOHN ALDEN, AND FRANCIS COOKE		
<b>ELLEN LEE KENNELLY (BAYARD)</b>	BORN 8/9/1914	ELECTED 12/18/1967	DIED 9/7/2010
GEN # 30903 DE # 108	10 <sup>TH</sup> FROM WILLIAM BRADFORD		
<b>NANCY LYNCH CRANE (OUELLETTE)</b>	BORN 11/20/1947	ELECTED 6/9/1995	DIED 3/11/2011
GEN # 61683 DE # 295	11 <sup>TH</sup> FROM RICHARD WARREN PLUS FOUR OTHERS		

**CONFEDERATE PILGRIMS**

We have entered into the period of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War. Because the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, we assume their descendants fought for the Union. This is a false assumption because by 1860 their descendants were being distributed throughout the whole United States and Canada. Their Children fought for both sides sometimes dividing families.

The 1850 census shows Shepherd Daggett had moved his family from Massachusetts to Charleston, South Carolina. The family found employment in the booming shipping industry as carpenters, boiler makers, and one as an engineer. One Son-in-law was a sailor.

The 1860 census shows the four sons with young families, and most of them were next door neighbors. One son had become a printer and another had bought a plantation and slaves in the Myrtle Beach area. These young families looked forward to a prosperous life as part of the busy Port of Charleston and its railroad hub. This was not to be.

At the start of the Civil War, John A., Shephard, and Theodore joined the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Regiments. These units were to defend Charleston; but they wound up serving in Northern Virginia. Thomas W. did not enlist, and he disappears from the record. William did not enlist either.

According to the Congressional Research Service, 25% of southern white men of military age, were killed in the war. In the Daggett family, this was 100% of the men who enlisted. William is the only remaining son found in the 1870 census, and he is listed as a printer. I had seen his name as a printer of Genealogy books. In fact, the Daggett family is my entry into the Mayflower Society. Perhaps William is responsible for filling out the information in the Daggett Family Genealogy.

I got the information for this article from ancestry.com. In order to research your Civil War ancestor, check Census records for 1850, 1860 and 1870. Then search the military data bases. Currently, ancestry.com has 403 data bases covering all wars including:

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| U.S. Civil War Soldiers             | Civil War Pensions                |
| U.S. Civil War Records and Profiles | Civil War Prisoner of War Records |
| American Civil War Soldier          |                                   |

It is a good idea to check more than one data base even if you find your ancestor with your first one. After you have some basic information, you may want to get copies of original records from the National Archives. <archives.gov> and at <footnote.com>. The May 2011 issue of "Family Tree Magazine" has many more helpful websites.

**NOTES AND ASIDES**

**LOST AND FOUND** SUNGLASSES AT THE COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON. SILVER FRAME. BROWN TINTED LENS. CALL BARBARA WIDEMAN ON 302 656 0533 OR E-MAIL [bjwideman@verizon.net](mailto:bjwideman@verizon.net).

**2011 JOURNEY TO HISTORIC MASSACHUSETTS** 6 Nights September 14 -20 Call Barbara Williams, Chair person of Historic Sites 803 374 6394 or PLYMOUTH TRAVEL 508 746 0844.

**GREAT TOUR TO HOLLAND WITH JEREMY BANGS** However timing is tight July 10-19, and guest list is limited to 20. Call Mary Lou Yeager (Virginia Society) 800-841-0222 or 757-253-2700 or E-Mail [royaltravel@cox.net](mailto:royaltravel@cox.net)

## **A Prayer for Delaware**

*Bless, Lord, the peaceable homes and steady lives which from early times have looked to a wide and quiet river to be their highway and their harbor. As the estuary opens to the sea, so may the hope of Thy people be borne to the wideness of Thy glory and Delaware be ever sanctified: Lovely among her fields of green; first to wear the Constitution of American freedom; alert to the needs of all, and in all things faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

—The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., former dean of Washington National Cathedral

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