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### Message From the Governor



Your Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Great Republic of Texas was proudly represented at the 2018 General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting on Sept 7-8 in Illinois. We had the second largest number of attendees, only exceeded by the host Illinois Society. Although only the DGGs and AGs can vote or speak, anyone can attend.

The new 'Mayflower Guard' presented the colors in full regalia, including two Texas members, James Battles and Cathy Bambenek. I had a good discussion with James, who initiated the Mayflower Guard, and we are pleased to announce the formation of the 'Texas Mayflower Guard'.

Exciting news - Lisa Pennington announced that archeologists have unearthed a home at the base of burial hill. From the location they believe it to be the home of Myles Standish. Several intact jars were in the basement.

The project to digitize all of our membership applications and proof documents is well ahead of schedule and the scanning should complete this year. The next step is to create a digital, searchable index of them, then put them all into a genealogy data base. Along with making the 5th generation lineages available online and the partnership with DAR we should see a surge in membership applications.

The Governor General and Executive Committee are very impressed with the job our Texas Co-Historians are doing, and asked me to share some of their 'secret sauce' with the GBOA attendees. We hope to start a pilot project to send applications and the associated proof documents over the internet instead of mailing them. Plymouth is looking into electronic verification of the applications. I am extremely proud of the work being done by our Historian group.

'A True Story From the Texas Mayflower Society'. Peggy Marsh and Michael Byrne collaborated and we now have 10 professionally produced 30 second audio Public Service Announcements, which are being sent to Texas radio stations. The next step is to send them to our Colony Governors whom we hope will contact their local radio stations. We played one of them at the GBOA meeting and several other state societies asked for them. I also sent them to Christina Scott, the Communications Director in Plymouth. She likes the idea and is going to work on a video version which we can use on social media. Great idea!

We need a volunteer to help us deliver our message via social media? Please let me know. Regarding volunteers, we really need someone to step up as our new webmaster. Our website needs a major revision and should be enabled for phones and tablets.

We share a unique, and distinctly American legacy. We have a great story to tell and we need to 'Tell the Story'!

#### 2017-2019 Elected Officers

Mike Nichols, Governor  
Dwight Benson, Dep. Governor  
Mike Byrne, Corres. Secretary  
Judie Allen, Recording Secretary  
Charles Prince, Treasurer  
Elizabeth Heise, Co-Historian  
Kimberly Florsheim, Co-Historian  
Denell Estes, Co-Historian  
Judy Ditmore, Asst. Historian  
Bart Henson, Elder  
John McWilliams IV, Captain  
Lisa Pennington, Counsellor

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## TXSOMD DUES

**Dues Season is Here!** Early payment is very helpful and saves your State Organization expenses.

Your dues payment made out to "Texas SOMD", in the amount of \$30, and mailed to:

Charles Prince, 14815 Mesa Vista Drive, Houston, Texas 77083

Please include your Texas number in the note section on your check to help assure it is credited to your account.

The Pay Pal option is available again this year, thanks to the continuing efforts of Mike Nichols. Go to our web site, [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com), and you will see the option on the Home Page under "Pay your Texas Mayflower Society Annual Dues "On-Line".

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### Sharing Our Legacies



legacy noun leg·a·cy |'le-gə-sē

: something (such as memories or knowledge) that comes from the past or a person of the past <the poet's legacy>

Oregon Junior Chairman, Beth Lambright, noticed a poignant line in a song from the musical, Hamilton. The song, "The World Was Wide Enough" also defines the word ... "Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see..."

Visit our Texas Mayflower Society website: [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com) and print Texas Junior membership information and an application to continue your own family legacies. While you are on the home page, discover the legacies which our courageous Pilgrim ancestors left for us. Read seldom told stories on the link, "Today in Our History." When printed and saved, these true accounts could become a fact-filled history lesson for young Mayflower descendants' own legacies.

## 2020 Commemoration Committee

Among the many suggestions by our 2020 Commemoration Committee in August, was entering handiwork of our talented members in the Creative Arts Competition at the State Fair of Texas in October 2020. Mayflower or Pilgrim themed works of art would educate the visiting public and such entries would also be among the most unusual. Visit the website below, then click open the "Creative Arts Handbook" to see what is expected this year, so that you may begin creating for the fall of 2020: <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/creative-competitions/>.

Other activities and ideas of the 2020 Commemoration Committee members include: producing historical videos for school districts and YouTube; tree planting and a commemorative plaque; member stories in a book named, Gone to Texas, with descriptions of how each descendant arrived in Texas; Mayflower Descendant tee shirt sale to defer member cost for a 2020 event; a procession and memorial service led by GSMD Mayflower Guard Captain, James Battles, at a break during the 2020 state meeting; a state-wide picnic where the Republic of Texas began, Washington on the Brazos State Park; a commissioned artist, or member, to paint a story depicting a little-known event of a Pilgrim ancestor to donate to GSMD; participate as an entry in the state televised, Houston's HEB Thanksgiving Day Parade. The committee plans an October 20 meeting at Washington on the Brazos. For updated 2020 event information, visit: [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com). Open the 2020 Commemoration link.

Tee shirt sales information will be made available on the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants website under the 2020 Commemoration link. Keep checking the site for fund-raising order information.

Please contact us with any questions: Sandy Sauers [ssauers701@gmail.com](mailto:ssauers701@gmail.com) Peggy Marsh [peggymarsh@comcast.net](mailto:peggymarsh@comcast.net)

## COLONY NEWS

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLONY Compact Day meeting** will be November 3rd at the Hilton Garden Inn Austin NW/ Arboretum, 11617 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78759. The meeting will start promptly at 12 noon.

Martha Hartzog, Historian, will present her interesting program on Pocahontas. She is sure to increase our knowledge on one of the interesting woman in our Colonial history. There will be a short business meeting and more time to visit with your cousins over a tasty buffet lunch.

This year's luncheon will be a complete turkey dinner buffet, including turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, dressing, pumpkin and pecan pie for dessert at a cost of \$31 per plate.

Contact Pat Nichols, Treasurer, at [patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com) for reservations or further information.

**SAN ANTONIO COLONY** will meet Sept. 22, 2018 at 11:30 AM in the Laurel Room at Los Patios, 2015 N E Loop 410 & Starcrest.

Our speaker will be Dr. Amy Porter, Associate Professor of History at Texas A & M University San Antonio. Her topic, "The Women of Spanish San Antonio" is appropriate since San Antonio is celebrating its year-long 300th anniversary. Dr. Porter published her book, "Their Lives, Their Wills: Women in the Borderlands 1750-1846", that examines the records of early women of Spanish colonial communities. Come and hear about these hardworking women's lives. RSVP \$24 to San Antonio Colony Treasurer Zach Wannarka by Sept.17th

**HOUSTON COLONY** meets on November 18, 2018 at the BraeBurn Country Club, 8181 Bissonnet St., Houston, at 12 p.m. The program will be by our own Lisa Pennington and her husband David Furlow, sharing the Pilgrim presentation they only recently shared in Plymouth. Adults are \$35, and children under 14, \$16. The traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served, and a fish offering is available.

Send checks made out to Houston Colony, SOMD, to our Houston Colony Treasurer, Sandra Sauers, 8522 Pool Creek Dr., Houston, Tx 77095-3648. Special dietary needs should be communicated to Sandra. Bring white elephant or special items for the Silent Auction benefiting the Colony Scholarship fund. For details, [crprince@aol.com](mailto:crprince@aol.com), or [sdsauers.hc@gmail.com](mailto:sdsauers.hc@gmail.com). Pink Ribbons, that were created by Leah Davis, will be sold at our meeting. All funds from the sale will go towards our 1620 Scholarship. A special donation for the 2019 scholarship will be given in Leah's name.

**WEST TEXAS COLONY** on June 9, 2018 held their annual spring meeting at the Ranchland Country Club. Pat Denham had placed table favors of red white and blue stars. Meal selections were made from the menu. Attendees were Governor Rick Denham and wife, Pat, Pilgrim and Treasurer, Laine Miller and husband, Brian, Pilgrim and Historian, Joyce Moore, Pilgrim and Secretary, Geri Lilly, Pilgrim and Elder, Doris Redfern, Pilgrim Caleb Moore, prospects, Myra Moore, mother of Caleb Moore, prospect Tom Hyde and guest Sandy Hyde, sister of Pat Denham.

Governor Rick Denham called the meeting to order and led the pledges to the America, Texas and Mayflower flags. Treasurer report was given. The colony contributes to the Honor Flight annually.

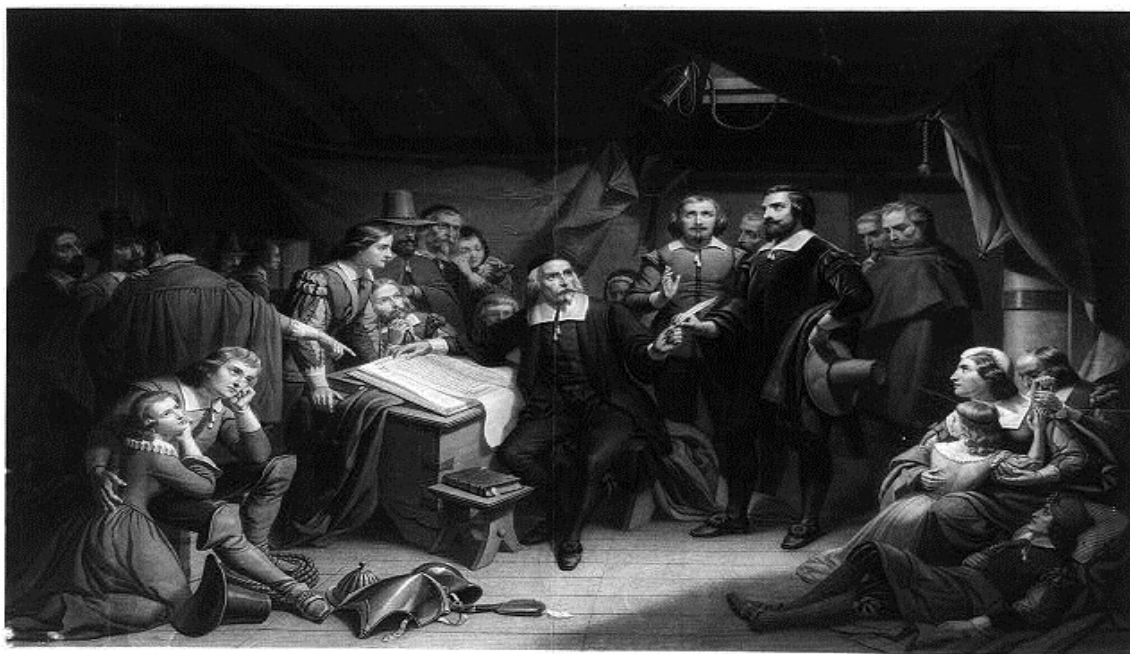
Pilgrim and Historian Joyce Moore presented an interesting program on her ancestor, William Bradford. Treasurer, Laine Miller will be presenting a program at the Fall Meeting in November on, "The Lady Who Saved Thanksgiving." A game of Mayflower Charades will be played, put together by Caleb Moore. There will be favors for everyone. All present participated in playing a game of Mayflower Trivia. Door prizes were given to each family.

**TYLER COLONY'S Compact Luncheon** will be held November 10th at Traditions Restaurant, 6205 S. Broadway Ave., at 11:30 AM. Dr. James Newsom from UT Tyler will be our guest speaker. Denny Alden, Governor.

## COLONY NEWS—Continued

**WACO COLONY** Mayflower Descendants will meet on Saturday, November 3, 2018 to celebrate Mayflower Compact Day meeting at the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center located at 5301 Bosque Blvd., Waco, Texas 76710. Starting at 11:00 a.m. our program is “And I Didn’t Even Make it Off the Boat”, the story of the 5 Pilgrims who never got to step foot in the New World. It will be presented by Marilyn Funderburk, Governor of the Dallas Mayflower Colony who will be dressed like a Mayflower passenger. The Mayflower Minute will be given by Waco Colony member Norma Cannata about her Pilgrim Ancestor. A light lunch will be available. Our meeting is free to attend and open to anyone interested in joining the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Please RSVP to Waco Colony Governor Dottie Tate for a reservation by Oct. 27 or for more information contact Mrs. Tate at 254-744-3300.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** will hold their Compact Luncheon on November 17, 2018 at 11:30 AM at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, 98 Coopers Aly, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Guest Speaker is Mike Nichols, TXSOMD Governor.



Title: The pilgrims signing the compact, on board the May Flower,  
Nov. 11th, 1620 / painted by T.H. Matteson ; engraved by Gauthier

### IN MEMORIAM

Howard Ross Hager  
Dorothy Hopkins  
Martha Simmons  
Leah Davis

May 12, 2018  
May 30, 2018  
June 19, 2018  
July 19, 2018



### New Members

Name	Ancestor	Name	Ancestor
Mary Francelia Crittenden	John Howland	Kathleen Geraghty Hubert	William Brewster
Matthew H Brown	Stephen Hopkins	Kathleen May Shannon Clark	Myles Standish
William David Bushnell	John Alden	Elizabeth Anne Henry	John Alden
Nathanael Bryce Henry	John Alden	Catherine Bushnell Sikes	John Alden
Joan Marie Ewers Snezek	Stephen Hopkins	Jason Gardner Billing	James Chilton
Michael James Billing	James Chilton	Michael W Dotson	Mary Chilton
Todd Alan Martin	George Soule	Georgia Allee Hinds McGlasson	William Brewster
Lana Barnes Parsons	William Bradford	Colin Bryant Stevens	Stephen Hopkins
Roger Bradford Newcomb	William Bradford	Karen Elana Reich	William Bradford
Amy L Shaw	Peter Brown	Justin Parker Clark	Stephen Hopkins
Linda A Powers	John Howland	Terrance Lin "Terry" Power	John Howland
Susan Clem Goldsworth	Thomas Rogers	Shari Lynn Simmons Groce	Richard Warren
Clarissa Putman Messer	William Bradford	Heather Leah Carman Wine	William White
Andrea Vail Reed	John Howland	Diane Tofte Kropp	John Billington
Sherry Brewer	Richard Warren	Apryl Lynn Ashcraft	Francis Cooke
Rickey Lynn Doty	Edward Doty	Tave Parker Doty	Edward Doty
Diehlman Ray Estes	Richard Warren	Diehlman Word Estes, Jr.	Richard Warren
Travis Word Estes	Richard Warren	Verna Danine McQuage	William White
Kathleen Latimer Cill	William Brewster	Elaine Latimer Keisling	William Brewster
Susan Riggs Richmond	Richard Warren	Cody Lea Boatright Allen	Francis Cooke
Melissa Lyn Hinde Cole	John Alden	Mary Phillips Hubert	William Brewster
Barbara Ann Coan	John Howland	Bryan William Dixon	John Howland
Rebecca Louise Turney Huebner	William Brewster	Louis Gustavus Ogden , II	John Howland
Margot Elliot (Holt) Walsh	Francis Cooke		

### Supplementals

Michael Alan Lewis	George Soule	Gretchen Loree Crawford	Degory Priest
Kelly Danforth Kuenn Sharer	Francis Cooke	Kathleen Lynn Pierce	Stephen Hopkins
John Russell Stephenson	Stephen Hopkins	Thomas Harry Browne	Richard Warren
Janet E Rice Trompert	Richard Warren	Janet E Rice Trompert	John Cooke
Janet E Rice Trompert	Francis Cooke	Michael Alan Lewis	Richard Warren
Ann Porter Payne	Richard Warren		

### Juniors

Avery Grace Harris	John Billington	Sponsor: David Anthony York
Dane Anthony Harris	John Billington	Sponsor: David Anthony York
Jack Douglas Galt	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Jana Brown Galt
Henry Edwin Galt	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Jana Brown Galt
Luke Foster Martin	George Soule	Sponsor: Todd Martin
Joshua George Martin	George Soule	Sponsor: Todd Martin
Benjamin Todd Martin	George Soule	Sponsor: Todd Martin
Elizabeth Young	Isaac Allerton	Sponsor: Michelle Young
Emily Christine Singer	John Alden	Sponsor: Margaret Gruebel
Colton Barrett Van Brocklin	John Alden	Sponsor: Margaret Gruebel



**Juniors (continued)**

<b>Maggie Rose Davidson</b>	John Alden	Sponsor: Julie Ann Robinson
<b>Jack George Solleveld</b>	William Bradford	Sponsor: Courtney E Solleveld
<b>Edward Bradford Solleveld</b>	William Bradford	Sponsor: Courtney E Solleveld
<b>Thomas Charles Felton</b>	Richard Warren	Sponsor: JoAn Taylor Felton
<b>Taylor Grace Felton</b>	Richard Warren	Sponsor: JoAn Taylor Felton
<b>Jack David Bramble</b>	Richard Warren	Sponsor: David Edward Bramble
<b>Vance Thomas Bramble</b>	Richard Warren	Sponsor: David Edward Bramble
<b>Grace Lynn Wood</b>	William Bradford	Sponsor: Wesley Poore Harris
<b>Charlotte Alden Williams</b>	John Alden	Sponsor: Margaret Gruebel
<b>Harper Rose Bambenek</b>	Francis Cooke	Sponsor: Cathy Bambenek

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## Texas Society Scholarships

### Information to know about applications:

**Begin planning for your future by learning what it takes to receive society scholarships, no matter what grade you are in.**

**Any high school senior and blood relative of a current Texas Mayflower Society member, may apply. Children and grandchildren of current Texas Society members are not required to be a Texas Junior member.**

**A qualified high school senior may apply for all available society scholarships.!**

**In 2016, Hannah Marie Gooden of Colleyville, was awarded these society scholarships: (1) DFW Colony scholarship (2) Texas Mayflower Society (3) General Society of Mayflower Descendants.**

#### **Texas Society Scholarship:**

<http://texasmayflower.com/>, then open Texas Society Scholarship.

#### **Dallas-Fort Worth Colony and Houston Colony:**

<http://texasmayflower.com/>, then open Colonies of the Texas Society.

#### **General Society of Mayflower Descendants:**

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/scholarships>



**NEWSWORTHY NOTES:**

**Mayflower II** will be back in time for our GSMD 2020 September activities. Much work has been done on our beloved ship and members and Plymouth visitors are looking forward to stepping onto the decks again.

**Parade Announcements -**

**Register now for 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 to ride in the Thanksgiving parade in Plymouth, MA!**

A once in a lifetime chance, only fifteen people, family members, or Family Society partners can ride on the float in Pilgrim dress! For less, you can walk the parade. Help support the General Society and the town of Plymouth and participate with us. The Mayflower Society House float will be the second or third in the lineup and the route is only a mile and a half. Once you arrive, a VIP seat will be waiting so you can watch the rest of the parade in comfort. After that, head to the real Mayflower Society House to warm up with some festive hot apple cider. GSMD is fronting the cost but those who ride the float or march behind will help defray the expense. Any additional monies after expenses will go to the Meetinghouse! Visit the GSMD website for additional information and application form, which you can download. (courtesy GSMD website).

The California State Society has received approval to have a float in the 2020 Rose Parade. They will be near the front of the parade, which will showcase our pilgrim ancestors to millions of people worldwide. How great is that!

**State and Society News -**

The Massachusetts Society invited the GBOA to Plymouth for the 2021 GBOA meeting and to celebrate the first Thanksgiving.

The Missouri Society invited the GBOA to St. Louis for the 2022 GBOA meeting.

The 2019 GBOA meeting will be in Denver.

Texas 2018 GBOA Attendees in Illinois  
 Front Row—Mike Nichols, Governor General George Garmany,  
 Lisa Pennington  
 Back Row— Pat Nichols, Judy Allen, Kerry Hill, Linda Hill

**2020 General Congress Information -**

Hotel 1620 in Plymouth is now taking reservations for 2020 on-line. Visit their website at <https://www.hotel1620.com>. The GSMD Website has a list of 2020 Commemorative Events. Reminder, there is a 'Members Only' area of the Mayflower Society web site. Registration requires the General Society member number.



Picture of part of the Bradford brass statute to be placed in front of the Mayflower House with an eternal candle as part of our 2020 commemoration. It depicts Bradford seated, looking up, and will be 110% life sized (apparently statues, etc are more realistic if they are slightly oversize). We hope miniature replicas will be available for purchase in 2020

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**2019 TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING**

**April 5—6, 2019 Houston Colony will be hosting the 2019 State meeting at the Westchase Hilton Hotel, 9999 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042 713 974-6866.**

