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Foreword

Originally chartered as an unincorporated association, the Society became incorporated in the State of Delaware on January 30, 2008. This edition of the Member Handbook includes the full text of the Society's Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, and the narrative written by member Greg Weinig, Esq., for our re-certification as a tax-exempt non-profit educational organization under section 501(c)3 of the IRS code.

The handbook also contains an updated, chronological history of society events, as well as the list of the Mayflower passengers from whom descent has been proven and a short biography of each. At the end there is a list of Delaware libraries where copies of the Five Generations Silver and Pink books for genealogical research may be found. Check our website at www.mayflowerde.org or the library for the availability of specific books.

David M. Bradford, Editor
February 1, 2023

Introduction to the Delaware Society

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is the mother society for fifty state societies, as well as the District of Columbia, and societies in Canada, Europe, and Australia. The General Society is headquartered in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It was organized in 1897 by representatives of four state societies that had already been founded.

The purpose of the societies, which is stated in Article IV of our Certificate of Incorporation, is to preserve and perpetuate the principles and ideals of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The official colors of the Mayflower Society are pink and white. The ship *Mayflower* was named for the white blossom of England's May tree, a member of the Hawthorn family. In America, the pink and white blossom known as the Mayflower is the Trailing Arbutus—a vine unrelated to the Hawthorn family. The term has been informally adopted to identify non-member spouses of our members.

The Mayflower Compact is an agreement signed by members of the Pilgrim venture aboard the Mayflower on November 11 (old style), or November 21 (new style), 1620. This famous document has become the creed of the Societies of Mayflower Descendants.

“The form was as followeth:

In the name of God Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyall subjects of our dread sovereign Lord King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britaine, Franc, and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, etc.

Haveing undertaken, for the glorie of God, and advancemente of the Christian faith, and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to plant the first colonie in the Northerne parts

of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civill body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and futherance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte, constitute, and frame shuch just and equall lawes, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for the generall good of the Colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our name at Cap-Codd the .11. of November [old style calendar], in the year of the raigne of our soveraigne lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fiftie fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.”

[signed by]

John Carver	Samuel Fuller	Edward Tilley
William Bradford	Christopher Martin	John Tilley
Edward Winslow	William Mullins	Francis Cooke
William Brewster	William White	Thomas Rogers
Isaac Allerton	Richard Warren	Thomas Tinker
Myles Standish	John Howland	John Rigdale
John Alden	Stephen Hopkins	Edward Fuller
John Turner	Degory Priest	Richard Clarke
Francis Eaton	Thomas Williams	Richard Gardiner
James Chilton	Gilbert Winslow	John Allerton
John Crackston	Edmond Margeson	Thomas English
John Billington	Peter Brown	Edward Doty
Moses Fletcher	Richard Britteridge	Edward Leister
John Goodman	George Soule	

Certificate of Incorporation of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware

January 30, 2008

The undersigned incorporator, in order to form a corporation under the General Corporation Law of Delaware, certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I: NAME; MISSION; AFFILIATION

Section 1. The name of the Corporation is “Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware” (the “Corporation”).

Section 2. The mission of the society is,
To preserve and share Pilgrim history in a way that,

- Supports democratic principles of civil and religious liberty
- Provides an historically accurate account and understanding of the Pilgrims, their relationship with the Wampanoag people and contributions to the world
- Provides transgenerational social and educational opportunities to appreciate the Pilgrim legacy, and
- Helps people connect to our nation’s Pilgrim heritage and their possible Mayflower lineage

So that Pilgrim values of faith, freedom, family and community remain honored and experienced by all generations.

The mission as stated above and all provisions of this Section 2, are subject to and in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation of the Society, Article IV of which hereby is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 3. The Corporation is the successor in interest to the prior unincorporated association of the State of Delaware known as “Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware” formed on October 11, 1958 in Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware (the “Unincorporated Association”).

ARTICLE II: ADDRESS

Section 1. The registered address of the Corporation is Ninth Floor, 1007 Orange Street, P.O. Box 2207, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19899. The registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Gregory J. Weinig.

ARTICLE III: NONPROFIT PER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(c)(3)

Section 1. The Corporation shall have no capital stock. The Corporation is a nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws (the “Code”).

Section 2. The Corporation is the successor in interest to the Unincorporated Association, which was previously approved by the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a qualified Code Section 501(c)(3) entity, and was also organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSES AND OBJECTS

Section 1. The purposes of the Corporation are:

(a) To do such acts and carry on such business as may be permitted of nonprofit corporations under the General Corporation Law and other laws of the State of Delaware, in order to accomplish

educational, religious and charitable purposes of the Corporation;
and

(b) To solicit, receive and administer funds, grants and property for the educational, religious and charitable purposes of the Corporation.

(c) Subject to and in accordance with this Certificate of Incorporation, to do such acts and carry on such business as may be determined by the Members of the Corporation.

Section 2. The object of the Corporation shall be: To perpetuate to posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers; to maintain and defend the principle of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the Mayflower Compact as follows, *“For the glorie of God and the advancement of Christian faith and honour to our countrie.”*

Section 3. In furtherance of the object and purposes of the Corporation as set forth above in this Article IV, the Corporation is organized exclusively for, and will be operated exclusively for, educational and charitable purposes within the State of Delaware, including preserving and teaching the history and the heritage and ideals of liberty established by our Pilgrim Fathers to all persons in the State of Delaware, with particular emphasis on education within all school systems of the State of Delaware and the sharing of the history and historical traditions of our Pilgrim Fathers. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Certificate of Incorporation, the Corporation shall neither carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, nor shall it, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V: INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator of the Corporation is Gregory J. Weinig, 1007 Orange Street, P.O. Box 2207, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19899.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The direction of the management of the affairs of the Corporation, and the control and disposition of its property and funds, shall be vested in the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation. The number, qualifications, election, tenure, powers and duties of the Board shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws").

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Corporation shall have one class of Members. The Members shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 2. The Members shall have the power to make, adopt, alter or repeal, from time to time, Bylaws and regulations for the orderly operation of the Corporation, pursuant to the provisions of said Bylaws, which declare that they may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members of the Corporation present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present, provided that written notice and copy of any proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each Member at least fifteen days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

Section 1. No part of the earnings, capital or property of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any Member, Director, Officer, contributor or any other individual having a personal or private interest in the activities of the Corporation.

Section 2. No Member or Director shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the Corporation; provided, however, that any Member or Director may be paid reasonable compensation for services actually rendered or reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of the Corporation.

Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall ever be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 4. The Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5. The Corporation shall not be authorized to accept gifts or contributions for any purpose other than those stated in Article IV.

Section 6. If the Corporation is ever classified as a private foundation under the Code, then:

(a) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code;

(b) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code;

(c) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code;

(d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in any manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; and

(e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

ARTICLE IX: NO PERSONAL LIABILITY

Section 1. No Member, Director, Officer or employee of the Corporation shall be personally liable for the payment of the debts of the Corporation, except as such Member, Director, Officer or employee may be liable by reason of his own conduct or acts; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the protections afforded to the Corporation, the Unincorporated Association, the Members of the Corporation or the Unincorporated Association, the Directors of the Corporation or the Unincorporated Association, the Officers of the Corporation or the Unincorporated Association, or any employees of the Corporation or the Unincorporated Association, by: (1) Section 8133 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code or by any successor provision; and (2) any statute within Chapter 19 of Title 6 of the Delaware Code, i.e., the Delaware Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act, or by any successor provisions, with respect to the Unincorporated Association or the Members, Directors, Officers, or any employees of the Unincorporated Association.

Section 2. No Director of the Corporation shall have any personal liability to the Corporation or its Members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director; provided, however, that nothing herein shall eliminate or limit the liability of a Director: (1) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its Members; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or (4) for any transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal benefit.

Section 3. The Corporation shall indemnify the Directors and Officers of the Corporation pursuant to the specific provisions and limitations of Article VIII of the Corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board may, by a majority of the whole Board, designate one or more committees, with each committee to consist of one or more of the Directors. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board or in the Bylaws, shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the Corporation, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any such committee to replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. The Bylaws may provide that, in the absence or disqualification of a member of a committee, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, except as may be otherwise provided by law, the Board shall distribute all of the assets of the Corporation in such manner as the Board, in its absolute and uncontrolled discretion, may by a majority vote determine; provided, however, that any such distribution of assets shall be made to one or more organizations which are then exempt from tax as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, and to which, at the time of such distribution, contributions are deductible under the provisions of Sections 170, 2055 and 2522 of the Code.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter or change any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by applicable statute, and any and all rights conferred herein are granted subject to this reservation; provided, however, that no amendment, alteration, change or repeal shall be allowed to authorize the Board of Directors to manage the property of the Corporation or to conduct the affairs of the Corporation in any manner or for any purpose contrary to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate has been signed this 30th day of January, 2008.

Gregory J. Weinig, Incorporator



Bylaws¹ of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in The State of Delaware

ARTICLE I: Name; Purposes; Object

Section 1.1. Name. The name of this society shall be “Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware” (the “Society”). The Society is a corporation of the State of Delaware. The Society is the successor organization to the unincorporated association of the State of Delaware known as “Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware” formed in 1958.

Section 1.2. Object and Purpose. The object and purpose of the Society stated herein, and all provisions of this Section 1.2, are subject to and in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation of the Society, Article IV of which hereby is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 1.3. Relationship to General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Society is a chartered affiliate organization of (but is not a subsidiary of, and is not owned or operated in any way by) the corporation known as “General Society of Mayflower Descendants,” formed in 1897 and incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, currently having an address of Post Office Box 3297, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 02361-3297 (the “General Society”).

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 2.1. Members. The Members of the Society, collectively, shall have ultimate control of the Society. The terms “Member,” “Members,” “Member of the Society,” and “Members of the

¹ Bylaws adopted February 2, 2008, at Wilmington, Delaware.

Society” shall, unless otherwise specified herein, refer only to those persons elected to membership in the Society and holding those memberships referred to in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 hereof.

Section 2.2. Eligibility. All persons who are descended from a passenger on the Mayflower on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, New England, in November, 1620, shall be eligible for membership; provided, however, that no person shall be eligible for membership - (Regular, Life, Junior or Junior Life) (a) who is pledged to or advocates the overthrow, by force or violence, the Government of the United States, or that of any state or territory thereof, or (b) who has been guilty of treasonable practices, or (c) who is not of good moral character or reputation.

Section 2.3. Categories of Membership. The Society shall have four categories of members: Regular, Life, Junior and Junior Life. Only Regular Members and Life Members, however, shall have voting rights in the Society.

Section 2.4. Regular Membership. All persons who have attained the age of eighteen years, who have filed an application for membership with the Society which has been approved by the Historian of the Society and by the Historian General of the General Society, who have paid the Application Fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof, and who have met the requirements of Section 2.2 above, are eligible for election as Regular Members of the Society.

Section 2.5. Life Membership. Life Memberships in the Society shall be granted to members who have been elected Regular Members pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.4 hereof, and who thereafter pay the Life Membership Fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof. Life Members are exempt from payment of annual membership fees, but in all other respects have the same responsibilities and

privileges as other members. Life Memberships are not transferable from one state society of the General Society to another state society of the General Society. Funds received from Life Members shall be invested but not disbursed except by a two-thirds vote of the members. The income from said funds shall be part of the general funds of the Society.

Section 2.6. Junior Membership. Every lineal descendant under eighteen years of age of any such passenger referred to in Section 2.2 hereof, shall be eligible to become a Junior Member of the Society, provided such lineal descendant is related by blood to a member or former member of the Society. Junior Membership shall end at the end of the calendar year during which the Junior Member attains the age of twenty-five years, by which date such Junior Member shall have either applied for transfer to the Society and the General Society by fulfilling the requirements for Regular Membership, including the payment of the Application Fee and one year of membership dues, or shall have been removed from the rolls of membership in the Society. In order for a person to become a Junior Member, the person sponsoring such Junior Member shall file an application with the Junior Membership Secretary and shall pay the Junior Membership Application fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof.

Section 2.7. Junior Life Membership. A Junior Member is eligible for election as a Junior Life Member upon the fulfillment of all the requirements for Regular Membership set forth in Section 2.4 hereof and upon the payment of the Junior Life Membership Fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof. Upon attaining the age of eighteen years, the Junior Life Member shall automatically, and without the payment of any further fees, become a Life Member of the Society with full voting rights. Junior Life Memberships are not transferable from one state society of the General Society to another state society of

the General Society. Funds received from Junior Life Members shall be invested but not disbursed except by a two-thirds vote of the members. The income from said funds shall be part of the general funds of the Society.

Section 2.8. Applications. Every application for each category of membership in this Society as specified in Sections 2.4 through 2.7 hereof shall be made in writing on the application form for such membership category furnished by the Society.

Section 2.9. Election to Membership. Any person who meets the requirements of Section 2.2 and has satisfied the requirements for Regular Membership, Life Membership or Junior Life Membership in the Society as provided in Sections 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7 hereof (except with the limitations specified in Section 2.7 until such Junior Life Member attains the age of eighteen years), may be elected a Member of the Society in that Member's designated membership category. Election shall be deemed to occur on the date, after all of the foregoing requirements have been met, that the Historian notifies the office of the Historian General of the General Society should be indicated as the person's date of election on the person's membership application, and has provided the person's Delaware Society membership number to such office.

Section 2.10. Retroactivity of Membership Status in Predecessor Organization. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws and the Certificate of Incorporation under which these Bylaws are to be enacted, upon the enactment of these Bylaws, all persons who ever possessed the equivalent of Regular Memberships, Life Memberships, Junior Memberships, and Junior Life Memberships in the predecessor organization of the Society, i.e., the unincorporated association of the State of Delaware known as "Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware" formed in 1958, shall be deemed to have attained the equivalent membership status in the Society as of the date that such person

achieved the equivalent membership status in the predecessor organization. For example, a person who became a Regular Member of the predecessor organization in 1967 and who was dropped from such membership in 1970 shall, upon the enactment of these Bylaws, be deemed to have become a Regular Member of the Society in 1967 and to have been dropped from membership in the Society in 1970. In other words, the date of any attainment or change of membership status of any living or deceased member of the predecessor organization shall continue to be recorded in the Society's records as occurring on the date that it actually occurred, and as if the Society then existed and was in fact the predecessor organization. As a further example, those who were members of the predecessor organization from its inception, known as "Charter Members" in such organization, shall, upon enactment of these Bylaws, be deemed to be Charter Members of the Society.

Section 2.11. Transfers and Dual Memberships. An applicant who is a member of one or more state societies of the General Society and who wishes for transfer to, or dual or multiple membership in, the Society shall present a copy of the lineage papers held by such state society or societies, accompanied by a statement from any such other state society that said applicant is in good standing in such state society. Such an applicant who has also paid the Application Fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof, and who has met the requirements of Section 2.2 above, is then eligible for election as a Regular Member of the Society.

Section 2.12. Resignation of Members; Reinstatement. Any Member may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Secretary. Unless otherwise specified in such notice, such resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Secretary, and the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. A Member shall not be deemed to

have resigned in good standing until all outstanding membership fees to the Society are paid in full to the date of the Member's resignation. Such Member who resigned in good standing may, at any time upon payment of the then-present year's dues plus the reinstatement fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof, be reinstated as a Member in good standing.

Section 2.13. Termination of Membership; Reinstatement.

Unless otherwise decided by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof, any Regular Member who has not paid his or her annual membership dues for the ensuing year by December 15 of the current year may have his or her membership terminated and may be removed from the Society's membership rolls; provided, however, that such Member shall not be dropped from membership if his or her dues are received by the Society before the Secretary has completed the Society's annual report of membership that is filed with the Secretary General of the General Society in January of such ensuing year. Such Member terminated for such non-payment may, at any time upon payment of the then-present year's dues plus the reinstatement fee prescribed by the Board of Assistants under the authority of Article VII hereof, be reinstated as a Member in good standing. Any Member (Regular, Life, Junior or Junior Life) may have his or her membership terminated for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the Members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants. A Member whose membership is proposed to be so terminated has a right to receive written reasons for the proposed termination in advance of any such Board meeting, and to present testimony, including the Member's own testimony if the Member so chooses, at such Board meeting.

Section 2.14. Annual Membership Dues; Notices; Payment.

The Treasurer shall arrange for Dues Notices to be sent out before

October 1st of each year and they shall be payable by November 1st of each year. The annual membership dues shall be set forth in [Appendix A](#) of this Handbook (page 44). The membership of any member whose annual dues have not been received by the Society by December 15th will be subject to termination, except as otherwise provided in Article VII, Section 7.7 of the Bylaws, and thereafter will be reinstated upon that member paying the dues and fees as set forth in Article VII, Section 7.6 of the Bylaws. Life Members, Junior Members, and Junior Life Members are exempt from the payment of annual membership dues.

To facilitate a simple, consistent, and gracious process for collecting annual dues, the Membership Chair shall oversee implementation of the following procedures:

2.14.1 Confirmation of Intent to Drop Membership. Each year between November 1st and December 15th any member whose annual dues have not been received by the November 1st deadline shall be directly contacted in-person or by phone to confirm their intentions regarding continued membership. Should an unpaid member be unable to be reached prior to December 15th, the Society will “carry” that member until such time as their membership intentions can be personally confirmed or their membership is terminated according to the terms in Section 2.14.3.

2.14.2 Notification of Non-Payment. The Treasurer will prepare and send to the Membership Chair a list of members whose dues have not been received by the November 1st deadline. An overdue notification and request to renew membership will be emailed to those on the list no later than November 10th. Members whose dues remain unpaid by December 1st will receive a second overdue notification and request for payment in the form of a letter postmarked no later than December 10th. Any member whose dues remain unpaid on December 15th will be sent a final letter from the Governor to serve as notification of the Board’s intention

to vote to terminate their membership in accordance with Article II, Section 2.14.3 of the By-laws.

2.14.3 Termination of Membership. The Board shall vote to terminate a membership only after 1) having received personal confirmation of the member's intent to resign, or 2) repeated attempts to locate and obtain confirmation have failed.

ARTICLE III: Meetings of Members

Section 3.1. Quorum and Manner of Acting. At each meeting of the Members the presence of a minimum of ten Members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event there are ever less than ten Members of the Society, then the presence of at least 70% of such Members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of those present at the time and place of any meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice or waiver. A majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present may decide any question brought before such meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, the Society's Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 3.2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Members, which shall take place at the time of the Compact Luncheon which commemorates the signing of the Mayflower Compact, shall be held upon proper notice each year on such date during the month of November, and at such time and place within or without the State of Delaware, as may be designated by the Board of Assistants.

Section 3.3. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Members, such as the Spring Meeting held each May, and any other meeting designated by the Board of Assistants as a regular meeting,

shall be held upon proper notice as set forth in Section 3.5 hereof, on such date and at such time and place within or without the State of Delaware as may be designated by the Board of Assistants.

Section 3.4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members for any proper purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the Board of Assistants, or by written notice of at least seven Members to the Board of Assistants, to be held upon proper notice as set forth in Section 3.5 herein, on such date and at such time and place within or without the State of Delaware as directed by the Board of Assistants or by the Members who called such meeting.

Section 3.5. Notice of Meeting. Written notice of every meeting of the Members, stating the date and time when, and the place where, it is to be held, shall be delivered either personally, by electronic mail (e-mail) or by United States mail to each Member not less than fifteen days nor more than sixty days before the meeting, except as otherwise provided by law. Such notice shall specify the purpose of the meeting.

Section 3.6. Adjournments. In the absence of a quorum, the Members present shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice, other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At the rescheduled meeting, any business originally noticed for the adjourned meeting may be transacted at the rescheduled meeting.

Section 3.7. Conduct of Meetings. All meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to agreed-upon rules of order. In the event of a procedural dispute, then the most recently published version of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern.

Section 3.8. Minutes of Meetings. Any action of the Members at any meeting of the Members shall be duly

memorialized by the minutes of such meeting. Such minutes shall be kept with the records of the Society.

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors, aka Board of Assistants

Section 4.1. Name. The Board of Directors referenced in the Society's Certificate of Incorporation shall be referred to generally as the "Board of Assistants" or the "Board," and the use of such terms herein or in any other aspect of the Society's business shall be deemed to refer to the Board of Directors. Similarly, the terms "Member of the Board of Assistants" or "Members of the Board of Assistants" shall be deemed to refer to a director or directors of the Society as referenced in the Society's Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 4.2. Number; Qualification; Duties. The Board of Assistants shall be comprised of the officers of the Society, namely, the Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Elder, Captain, Surgeon, Counselor, Junior Membership Secretary, the immediate Past Governor, and three Assistants. All members of the Board of Assistants and all officers of the Society must be members, and at any time a person ceases to be a member, he or she also automatically ceases to be an officer of the Society and a member of the Board of Assistants. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, upon the enactment of these Bylaws, all persons serving as the equivalent officers in the predecessor organization of the Society, i.e., the unincorporated association of the State of Delaware known as "Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware" formed in 1958, shall be deemed to have been elected as the equivalent officer in the Society as of the date that such person was elected as the equivalent officer in the predecessor organization. The specific duties of the various officers shall be as follows:

4.2.1. Governor. The Governor shall preside at all meetings of the Society and at all meetings of the Board of Assistants and

shall perform such other duties as pertain to the chief officer of an organization.

4.2.2. Deputy Governor. The Deputy Governor shall exercise all duties of the Governor during the absence of the Governor.

4.2.3. Secretary. The Secretary shall report the proceedings of the Society and of the Board; shall keep a complete list of all Members and Junior Life Members; notify all Members and Junior Life Members of all meetings to be held; and perform all other customary duties of the office.

4.2.4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds belonging to the Society, keep suitable books and accounts, charge, collect, and receive all fees, dues and other moneys payable to the Society; make disbursements only as approved by the Board of Assistants; render an annual report to the Society; and have the books audited if requested by the Board of Assistants.

4.2.5. Historian. The Historian shall examine and report on all lineage papers of applicants, and shall be the custodian of lineage papers of Members and Junior Life Members.

4.2.6. Other Officers. The other officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective offices.

Section 4.3. Election of Officers; Term; Resignation; Removal; Vacancies. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Members of the Society present at the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, except in the case of death, resignation, or removal from office, in which case such person shall be deemed no longer to be either an officer nor a Member of the Board of Assistants. No person shall be elected to the same office for more than two successive terms, with the exception of the Historian. Any Member of the Board of Assistants may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board of

Assistants. Any Member of the Board of Assistants may be removed from the Board of Assistants, and from any officer position that such person holds, for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the Members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants. A Member of the Board of Assistants or an officer for whom such removal is proposed has a right to receive written reasons for the proposed removal in advance of any such meeting, and to present testimony, including the person's own testimony if the person so chooses, at such meeting. Any vacancies in the Board of Assistants may be filled for the unexpired terms by means of nomination by the Governor (or, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Governor, the Deputy Governor) and ratification by the vote of a majority of a quorum of the Members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants.

Section 4.4. Powers of the Board of Assistants. The Board of Assistants shall have full power and authority to act on behalf of the Society and its membership at all times other than at the Annual Meeting and any Regular Meetings or Special Meetings of the Society. At each Annual Meeting of the Members, the Board of Assistants shall report all material action taken by them.

Section 4.5. Meetings of the Board of Assistants. Meetings of the Board of Assistants for any proper purpose or purposes may be called at any time by written notice of the Governor, or by written notice of at least three Members of the Board of Assistants, to all Members of the Board of Assistants. Any such meeting shall be held on such date and at such time and place within or without the State of Delaware as directed within such written notice by the Governor or by the Members of the Board of Assistants who called such meeting.

Section 4.6. Telephonic Board Meetings Permitted. The Board of Assistants, or any committee designated by the Board of

Assistants, may participate in a meeting thereof by conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this Bylaw shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 4.7. Quorum; Vote Required for Action. At all meetings of the Board of Assistants, five of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except in cases in which the Society's Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws otherwise provide, the vote of a majority of the Members of the Board of Assistants present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Assistants.

Section 4.8. Organization. Meetings of the Board of Assistants shall be presided over by the Governor, or in his or her absence by the Deputy Governor, or in his or her absence, by a chairman chosen at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting, but in his or her absence the chairman of the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 4.9. Communication; E-mail. For any Board of Assistants or Society matters, including voting on any Board of Assistants or Society matters other than at any meeting of the Board of Assistants, the Members of the Board of Assistants may use any form of communication among themselves, including electronic communications (e-mails), or any other method. E-mail communications, however, may not be used to establish the presence of any Member of the Board of Assistants at any meeting of the Board of Assistants.

Section 4.10. Conduct of Board of Assistants Meetings. All meetings of the Board of Assistants shall be conducted according to agreed-upon rules of order which may or may not be

memorialized at previous meetings and which may or may not be memorialized in writing. The Board of Assistants shall therefore have the power and authority to adopt such rules as it shall deem appropriate for the efficient governance of the Board of Assistants at which a quorum is present. Any such rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Members of the Board of Assistants present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Assistants. In the event of a procedural dispute not addressed by such rules, then the most recently published version of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern.

Section 4.11. Minutes of Meetings. Any action of the Board of Assistants at any of its meetings shall be duly memorialized by the minutes of such meeting, by a written resolution of the Board of Assistants, or by memorializing such action in writing in such other manner as the Board of Assistants sees fit. Such writing shall be kept with the records of the Society.

ARTICLE V: Committees of Board of Assistants

Section 5.1. Committees. The Board of Assistants may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board of Assistants, designate one or more committees, each to consist of at least three persons, including one or more of the members of the Board of Assistants, and, if desired, of such number of members of the Society as the Board of Assistants shall select. The committees so designated shall function either as Standing Committees or as Ad Hoc Committees, as the Board of Assistants shall determine. The Board of Assistants may designate one or more members of the Board of Assistants or members of the Society as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member of such committee at any meeting of such committee. Any member of any committee, including any chair of a committee, serves at the pleasure of the Board of Assistants, but subject thereto, in the absence or disqualification of a member of

the committee, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Assistants or member of the Society to act at the meeting in place of any such absent or disqualified member. Any such committee, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Assistants, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Assistants in the management of the business and affairs of the Society, and may authorize the seal of the Society to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

Section 5.2. Committee Rules. Unless the Board of Assistants otherwise provides, each committee designated by the Board of Assistants may make, alter and repeal rules for the conduct of its business. In the absence of such rules each committee shall conduct its business in the same manner as the Board of Assistants.

Section 5.3. Standing Committees. The Board of Assistants may, from time to time, designate committees to serve as Standing Committees. Such committees shall continue in existence until such time as the Board of Assistants shall terminate them. The Society shall have the following Standing Committees which shall have the following responsibilities:

5.3.1. Education Committee. The Education Committee shall be responsible for the preparation or acquisition of educational materials relating to the Society's mission, and the dissemination of these materials to Delaware schools and other educational institutions. The Education Committee shall plan and coordinate programs and activities designed to further the education of Delawareans regarding the Mayflower and the Pilgrims.

5.3.2. Events Committee. The Events Committee shall be responsible for the planning and coordination of all Society events, including but not limited to, the Compact Luncheon, and the Spring Meeting.

5.3.3. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall have oversight responsibility of the Society's finances, including the investment and management of the Society's funds. The Finance Committee shall include the Governor, Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, and any other persons selected by the current Governor. Money shall be invested according to the recommendations of the committee, requiring signatures of the Governor and Treasurer for any adjustments.

5.3.4. Library Committee. The Library Committee shall be responsible for the acquisition of books, digital recordings and other materials relating to the Mayflower and the Pilgrims, and for the distribution of these materials to public libraries, historical societies and public research institutions throughout Delaware.

5.3.5. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for the promotion and growth of the Society's membership, and shall be comprised of the Membership Chair, the Junior Membership Secretary and the Historian. The Membership Chair is responsible for overseeing the dues collection process described in Article II, Section 2.14.

5.3.6. Publications Committee. The Publications Committee shall be responsible for the publication, at least semiannually, of the "Mayflower Lynes," and such other publications as the Board of Assistants and the Publications Committee shall determine to be appropriate and desirable.

5.3.7. Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for originating and coordinating all publicity relating to the Society and its activities, including press releases for the media,

photography, and if appropriate, any advertising or other public notices. The Publicity Committee shall maintain the Society's memorabilia and archival materials, other than those held by the Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian or Captain.

5.3.8. Website Committee. The Website Committee shall be responsible for maintaining any internet or worldwide web presence that the Society may have, including any website that the Society may have; and for maintaining any internet or worldwide web addresses that the Society may own.

Section 5.4. Ad Hoc Committees. The Governor, or the Board of Assistants, may at any time appoint ad hoc committees to serve any purpose or need of the Society. Such committees shall serve for such periods of time as shall be needed to fulfill their purposes.

ARTICLE VI: General Society Representation

Section 6.1. Deputy Governor General and Assistant General. The Society is represented on the General Board of Assistants of the General Society by a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant General, both of whom are elected to the General Congress upon nomination by the Society, which shall be determined by a vote of a majority of a quorum of the members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants. Each such nomination by the Society shall have a duration of three years, and is renewable at the sole option of the Society for as many three-year periods as the Society wishes. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Governor General or Assistant General occasioned by death, resignation or other cause at any time during such three-year period, the Board of Assistants shall nominate a person to fill the vacancy for such length of time, or for such finite responsibility, as the Board of Assistants shall determine, but in no event for longer than the remainder of such three-year period, and shall certify the nomination to the Secretary

General of the General Society in accordance with the regulations of the General Society.

Section 6.2. Duties. The General Society meets every three years in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Society is represented at this Triennial Congress by the Deputy Governor General, the Assistant General, and one delegate for every fifty Members of the Society. The General Board of Assistants of the General Society meets in various states during the other two years. The Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General, or their substitutes, represent the Society at such meetings.

ARTICLE VII: Membership Dues and Other Fees

Section 7.1. Board Establishes Dues and Fees. All matters relating to dues and fees and their payment shall be determined by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants. Such dues and fees shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, application fees, Historian (genealogist) fees, reinstatement fees, annual Regular Member dues, and Life Member fees.

Section 7.2. Dues and Fees. The Board of Assistants shall be responsible for establishing and adjusting, from time to time, the categories of membership dues and other fees to be assessed or charged, the amounts of these dues and fees, the timing when such dues and fees shall be payable, and any penalties for non-payment or non-timely payment of the dues and fees. The categories and amounts of these dues and fees shall be reviewed annually as a regular agenda item at the first Board of Assistants meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting each year. Any revisions in the dues and fees, together with their effective date, shall be published in the next published "Mayflower Lynes" and shall be presented and explained to the members at the next Annual Meeting. The schedule of the dues and fees, together with their

effective date, whether or not revised in a given year, shall be published in each annual membership directory of the Society.

Section 7.3. Life Membership and Junior Life Membership Fees. The Board of Assistants shall, from time to time, establish the age categories for Life Memberships and Junior Life Memberships. Life Memberships are available to all Regular Members, and Junior Life Memberships are available to all Junior Members as provided in the Bylaws. The categories and fees for Life Memberships and Junior Life Memberships shall be set forth in a resolution approved by the Board.—Life Members, Junior Members, and Junior Life Members are exempt from the payment of the annual membership dues.

Section 7.4. Junior Membership Application Fee. The Board of Assistants shall, from time to time, establish the fee that is to be paid for a Junior Membership applying for Junior Membership in the Society. The Junior Membership application fee shall be set forth in a resolution approved by the Board.

Section 7.5. Application and Supplemental Fees. Each application for Regular Membership and Junior Life Membership, and each Supplemental Application, shall be accompanied by a non-refundable Application Fee, the amount of which shall be set forth in Appendix A hereof. The Application Fee for Regular Membership, Life Membership, or Junior Life Membership shall be accompanied by the first year's dues that a Regular Member would pay, which first year's dues are refundable in the event that the applicant is not elected to the membership category for which he or she applied. Upon election as a member, a prospective Life Member or Junior Life Member shall then pay the balance of the amount owing for such Life Membership or Junior Life Membership in order to attain such membership.

Section 7.6. Reinstatement Fees. To be reinstated as a Regular Member, any former Regular Member who resigned under Section 2.12 of the Bylaws or who was dropped from membership under Section 2.13 of the Bylaws must pay, in addition to the current year's dues, the corresponding reinstatement fee as approved by the Board and equal to no more than two times the current dues.

Section 7.7. Long-Term Members. In cases of extreme hardship of a long-term member having more than twenty years of continuous membership, the Board of Assistants may pay that Member's dues from the Society's general funds. Some considerations to be weighed by the Board of Assistants in such cases are length of membership, service to the Delaware Society, service to the General Society, age, disability and the nature of the financial hardship.

Section 7.8. Supplemental Applications. Any Regular Member, Life Member, or Junior Life Member who wishes to submit additional lineage applications from a passenger on the Mayflower on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, New England, in November, 1620, shall, in addition to submitting the lineage papers that would be required if such person were applying for Regular Membership, pay the supplemental application fee approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: Indemnification

Section 8.1. Right to Indemnification. The Society may, by resolution of a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board of Assistants present at any meeting of the Board of Assistants, modify these Bylaws to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists or may hereafter be amended, any person who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any

action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a “proceeding”) by reason of the fact that he, she or it is or was a member, officer, employee or agent of the Society, or a representative of any of the foregoing. Such indemnification shall be limited, however, to the amount of insurance coverage in effect at the time of the incident or incidents that give rise to and cover the indemnification provided herein. If such an indemnity amendment is duly approved by the Board of Assistants as specified above, then this Article VIII shall be amended to reflect the specific wording of any such indemnification.

Section 8.2. Amendment or Repeal. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing Section 8.1 shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any person in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE IX: Miscellaneous

Section 9.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Society shall be October 1 to September 30, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board of Assistants.

Section 9.2. Seal. The seal of the Society shall contain a representation of the stern of a square-rigged sailing ship of the seventeenth century under sail upon the water with the words “Plymouth 1620” and “Delaware 1958” on a scroll below it, and shall be in such form as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Assistants.

Section 9.3. Insignia; Use. The insignia of this Society shall be certificates, medals, rosettes, bookplates, and flags, and other emblems as shall be selected and approved by the General Society. Use of the seal, insignia, and other emblems of the Society, including its stationery, shall be in accordance with the regulations of the General Society, and, to the extent not inconsistent

therewith, shall only be used for matters related to the business of the Society by the Board of Assistants and by Members of the Society authorized by the Governor. Members may wear Society insignia on the left breast on all occasions when they assemble for any Society purpose, including any event at which the Member represents the Society. Insignia must not be worn as an article of jewelry. To obtain insignia, Members should order from the General Society's website, or request an order form from the General Society Insignia Chairman, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361-3297. Stationery of the Society shall be used only by Members of the Board of Assistants or members of duly appointed committees, and only for the transaction of official business. The name of either the Society or the General Society and any part of their official seals, stamps, dies, or like devices shall be used only for official business.

Section 9.4. Waiver of Notice of Meetings of the Board of Assistants and Committees. Any written waiver of notice, signed by the person entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Assistants, or a committee of Board of Assistants, need be specified in any written waiver of notice.

Section 9.5. Interested Officers; Quorum. No contract or transaction between the Society and one or more of its officers shall be void or voidable solely because the officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Assistants or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely

because his, her or their votes are counted for such purpose, if: (1) the material facts as to his or her relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Assistants or the committee, and the Board of Assistants or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of its disinterested Members, even though the disinterested Members be less than a quorum; or (2) the contract or transaction is fair as to the Society as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified, by the Board of Assistants or a committee thereof. Common or interested officers may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Assistants or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction.

Section 9.6. Form of Records. To ensure preservation of the Society's records, any records maintained by the Society in the regular course of its business, books of account, and minute books, shall be kept on, or be in the form of, both electronic records (such as computer records, compact discs, magnetic tape, digital photographs, or any other electronic information storage device), provided that the records so kept are technologically and actually able to be converted into clearly legible form within a reasonable time; and paper or "hard copy" records, such as documents and files, photographs, and periodic printouts of all aforementioned electronic records. Upon the request of any person entitled to inspect any records so kept, the Society shall provide such records to such person in the form requested, or in a reasonably equivalent form.

Section 9.7. Conflict with Society's Certificate of Incorporation. To the extent that any Bylaw contains any provision which is inconsistent with any provision in the Society's Certificate of Incorporation, the provision in the Society's Certificate of Incorporation shall control.

Section 9.8. Conflict with General Society's Constitution and Bylaws. Except to the extent inconsistent with Section 9.7 of these Bylaws, no provision of these Bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Society, and in the event of any such conflict, the provisions of the General Society's Constitution and Bylaws shall control.

Section 9.9. Amendment of Bylaws. Other than to record within these Bylaws the date of enactment of the adoption of these Bylaws or of any amendments to these Bylaws (which may be done by the Secretary after such adoption or amendment by the members), and except as otherwise provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws, these Bylaws may be altered or repealed, and new Bylaws made, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the members at which a quorum is present, provided that written notice and copy of any proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least fifteen days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE X: Dissolution

Section 10.1. Dissolution in Accordance with Certificate of Incorporation. Any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Society shall subject to and in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation.

Certified as a true copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Members of the Society on the 17th day of November, 2007 and amended to include Board Resolutions adopted in 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2022.

Lois B. Schlegel, Secretary

APPENDIX A

Schedule of Dues and Fees

Effective: October 1, 2021

Annual Membership Dues	\$65
Life Membership Fee (one-time fee):	
Under Age 18 (Junior Life Membership)	
20 times Annual Membership Dues.....	\$1,300
Age 18 through Age 34	
20 times Annual Membership Dues.....	\$1,300
Age 35 through Age 54	
16 times Annual Membership Dues.....	\$1,040
Age 55 through 69	
12 times Annual Membership Dues.....	\$780
Age 70 and over	
8 times Annual Membership Dues.....	\$520
Junior Membership Application Fee.....	\$20
Application Fee (Non-refundable).....	\$175
Supplemental Application Fee (Non-refundable).....	\$150
Reinstatement fee for member who resigned in good standing.....	None
Reinstatement fee for member who was dropped from membership.....	\$65

Members transferring into or applying for dual membership in the Delaware Society prior to September 30 shall pay only the current year's dues.

Narrative For 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Status

Submitted by Greg Weinig, Esq., January 30, 2008

The primary focus of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware (“SMDD”), a new corporation formed in January 2008, will be the same as the unincorporated association of the same name that has preceded it for fifty years: education, particularly coupled with the activities of SMDD’s predecessor centering around history, genealogy, and culture, and thus tracking the educational category under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)’s permitted purposes.

As background, SMDD will succeed its predecessor in its role as the Delaware affiliate of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (“GSMD”). GSMD has affiliate organizations in every state of the United States, as well as in the District of Columbia and Canada. Though many educational activities are carried on at the macro-level by GSMD, that does not overshadow in any way the important educational activities that SMDD (and its predecessor) have carried on, and will continue to carry on, in Delaware.

Again, the chief purpose of both SMDD and its predecessor will be, and has been, education. As our website, www.mayflowerde.org, summarizes, our group strives:

to honor those brave pilgrims by keeping their memory alive through education, disseminating information about our pilgrim heritage through the distribution of books to our libraries statewide, through the distribution of educational materials to our public and private schools and the presentation of programs in the classrooms of younger children, and through the sponsorship for the general public of various programs about our pilgrim heritage.

To expand on those activities, at the beginning of each school year, the predecessor organization has sent about 265 free

educational packets to each public-school teacher of American colonial history in Delaware — thus serving some 8,500 students in Delaware, usually in the fourth or fifth grades, depending on the grade level at which their school district or school teaches American colonial history. But the packets may also be distributed (upon request from a teacher, school, or school district) to students in younger grades as well. In addition, the packets have been offered in the past to non-public schools as well, but for a variety of reasons, the focus and actual distribution has always been upon and to the public-school teachers and students.

The educational packets (to quote from our website) “tell the story of the Mayflower's voyage to America in 1620, about the founding of the Colony of New Plymouth, about the Pilgrims, the Native Americans who helped them, about life in New Plymouth, and about the first Thanksgiving.” More specifically, the packets contain, among other materials, a copy of the Mayflower Compact, a bibliography for teachers of books about the Pilgrims and American colonial history, and a study guide for teachers for use in classroom lessons about the Mayflower, Pilgrim history, and American colonial history. The group formerly distributed these materials in “hard copy” form, but recognizing new technological needs and expectations, has most recently presented them in DVD format — again, free to the public-school students, teachers, schools, or school districts to whom we send them.

Our organization has also on occasion presented “living history” programs to local schools, consisting of a speaker’s dressing in authentic costume of the American colonial era and speaking on a Mayflower-related or other American colonial history topic.

Another important educational mission is our speakers on historical topics. A recent favorite speaker was Paul Weeden, also known as Deerfoot. A member of the Pokanoket tribe of the larger Wampanoag group of Native Americans, Deerfoot is thus not only

descended directly from the Native Americans who befriended the Pilgrims upon their landing and later shared the first Thanksgiving with them, but also from at least one Mayflower passenger as well. He is thus a living symbol for the harmony between the two cultures that we believe our predecessor organization (as well as GSMD) has represented throughout its history, and that our new corporation/successor will continue to represent.

Tours of historical homes and sites are sometimes an alternative to, and other times done in conjunction with, our speakers on historical topics. Over the last several years, we have met at and toured such Delaware historic locales as Historic Houses of Odessa, Cooch's Bridge (site of the only battle of the Revolutionary War fought on Delaware soil), Crooked Billet, the 18th century inn on the old Kennett Road in Greenville (rendezvous location of General Washington and the Continental Army immediately prior to the Battle of the Brandywine), the Delaware History Museum, the Claymont Stone School (also known as Naaman's Creek School #1) in Claymont, Delaware, and the historic Robinson House/Tea Room, also in Claymont. On each trip, we receive a presentation or lecture on the historical and cultural significance of the locale.

Our group also fulfills its educational goals through genealogical education. It is estimated that more than ten million people, mostly in the United States, descend from Mayflower passengers. Just as GSMD and the other state societies do, the Delaware society strives to educate the public about genealogy — with a by-product of increasing its membership — by helping these millions of people prove their lineages back to a Mayflower ancestor. GSMD does this in a variety of ways, chiefly through the "Five Generations" project, which has as its goal the full documentation of the first five generations of every head-of-family Mayflower passenger. Begun thirty years ago, the series has just about completed a full book on each of those passengers who

occupy a role as the “head” of their particular Mayflower family. Nicknamed the “Silver Books” (because of their distinctive silver covers and bindings), these books employ the highest genealogical standards of scholarship. Nationally known genealogists not only have participated in authoring many of the “Silver Books,” but have also served in the certifying roles at GSMD, giving our members a professional-quality assurance that their lineage is accurate.

Returning to the topic of the “Silver Books,” our group has over the years supplied free copies of these “Silver Books” to the major genealogical and other public libraries throughout all three counties in Delaware, including the Historical Society of Delaware (which is also home to the Delaware Genealogical Society). Again, providing the books not only makes the lineage information more accessible to the general public, but also indirectly teaches about genealogical scholarship and standards as embodied in the books. Genealogical education efforts are also planned to be expanded through our group’s website, eventually by listing those eighteenth and nineteenth century Delaware families (or families who lived near the Delaware border) with known Mayflower ancestry, in the hopes that their modern-day descendants living in the area may find the information on the website and thus be assisted to join our group.

Our group also fulfills its educational goals through the sponsorship for the general public of various programs about our Pilgrim heritage. Recent events included sponsoring a showing of the 1952 film Plymouth Adventure, free to the general public, at a local retirement village’s community center; and the presentation of speeches on the Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrims to various genealogical organizations in Delaware, including the genealogical society serving the two lower counties and the DAR.

As part of the ongoing educational mission, SMDD will continue to innovate other ways to reach the general public, and public school students in particular. In fact, SMDD envisions that its

website www.mayflowerde.org will play an increasingly important role in these additional educational efforts. Our website already has begun this process not only through the other efforts mentioned above, but also by advertising the free educational DVDs, by giving a summary of the most important points in the Pilgrims' history, and providing links for other educational materials about the Pilgrims and the colonial era of American history.



Organizational Overview

OFFICERS

As specified in the Bylaws, officers of the Delaware Society are:

Governor	Treasurer	Captain
Dep. Governor	Historian	Surgeon
Secretary	Elder	Jr. Membership Sec.
Asst. Secretary	Counselor	Immediate Past Gov.
Three Assistants		

COMMITTEES

The Bylaws give the Board of Assistants power to create any committees deemed advisable. The following standing committees have been created:

Education	Provides educational materials and speakers to schools in Delaware. Plans and administers other educational programs as appropriate
Events	Manages social arrangements in connection with meetings of the Society
Finance	Oversees management of the Society's investments
Library	Purchases and distributes Pilgrim-related publications to selected Delaware libraries
Membership	Recruits eligible candidates for membership
Publications	Produces the Society's regular internal publications and manages the website

MEETINGS

Delaware Society: An Annual Meeting to commemorate the signing of the “Mayflower Compact,” elect officers, and transact other business, is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Other events, such as the traditional spring reception or tours, are held at the discretion of the Board of Assistants which meets at the call of the Governor.

General Society: The General Society (GSMD) meets every three years in Plymouth. Delaware is represented at this Triennial Congress by its Deputy Governor General, Assistant General, and, one delegate for every fifty Delaware Society members. The General Board of Assistants meets in various states during the other two years. The Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General, or their substitutes, represent the Delaware Society at such meetings.

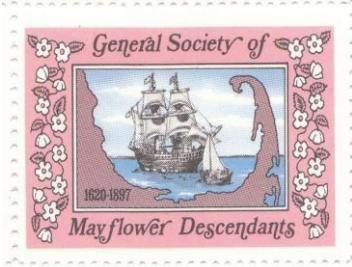
PROCEDURAL DO’S AND DON’TS

Supplemental Lines—Applications for proof of supplemental lines should be made to the Historian accompanied by the required fee for each supplemental sought.

Insignia—Members may wear Society insignia on the left breast on all occasions when they assemble for any stated purpose including any event at which the member represents the Society. Insignia must not be worn as an article of jewelry. To obtain insignia, members may order from the GSMD Insignia Chairman, accessible from the GSMD website at <https://themayflowersociety.org/>.

Stationery of the Society shall be used only by members of the Board of Assistants or members of duly appointed committees and only for the transaction of official business. The name of either the State Society or the General Society and any part of their official seals, stamps, dies, or like devices shall be used only for official business.

Change of address or other membership status—Members should notify the State Society Secretary of any change in status such as change of member’s name, address, or telephone number as well as resignation or intent to transfer to another state Society. To notify the *Mayflower Quarterly* of a change of address, members should follow instructions on the inside front cover of their last issue or in a current Delaware Society Directory.



Founding of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware

In the 1950s the General Society made a concerted effort to organize the two states which had no Mayflower Society, Delaware and Hawaii. In 1956 Mr. Lewis E. Neff, General Membership Chairman, set out to organize a society in Delaware. He visited twice to contact thirteen people who lived here but were members in other states. The first organizing meeting was held at "Squirrel Run," the home of S. Hallock duPont.

October 11, 1958, marked the official beginning of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware. At a luncheon meeting in the Hotel DuPont, Dr. Victor Duke Washburn, a Brigadier General in the Army Medical Corps Reserve, was elected first Governor. (In keeping with the practice established by the Pilgrims, officers of the Societies bear the titles used by the Pilgrim organization.) Over thirty people attended.

Delaware became the 50th state to have a Mayflower Society. Pennsylvania members were very active in the formation of the Delaware Society and many transferred from that state. One of these was Margaret Lennig of Margate, New Jersey, a Past Governor of the Pennsylvania Society. She made most of the arrangements for the inaugural meeting. Several in attendance came long distances; the Governor General and the Secretary General (both from Illinois), Counselor General and General Membership Chairman (Oklahoma), and the Governor of the Pennsylvania Society.

Following this October meeting, the Charter presentation was delayed to permit the processing of a large number of new applications. The Delaware Society Charter was delivered November 20, 1958, and names sixty-seven charter members, a

record for any new society. Twenty-nine were transfers from other state societies.

The Charter reads:

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, by these presents, does hereby authorize the formation of a Society of Mayflower Descendants, with all the powers and privileges thereto pertaining; in the State of Delaware, the following members having duly signed and filed a request for the Charter with the Secretary General.

Victor Duke Washburn	Edna Marea Neikirk Greiner
Samuel Hallock duPont	Virginia Allyn Cooch Hardwick
Irene Kirkland Lenher	John Divine Hewlett
Elizabeth Burns Alden	Thomas Greene Hughes
Jeannette Pierce Richmond	Frank Perry Hyer
Edward Webb Cooch	Lois Elaine Kay
Thomas Cooch	William Cameron Kay
James Horace Upham Hughes	Alden Vinal Keene
Alexis duPont Bayard	Caroline Greene Upham Keene
James Asheton Bayard	Ann Blood Lenher
Nancy Wharton Fisher Lennig Bayard	George Victor Lenher
Thomas Francis Bayard, III	John Kirkland Lenher
Marguerite duPont Ortiz Boden	Margaret Antoinette Lennig
Joseph Odell Bradford	Nannellyn Whitestone Lloyd
George Platt Brett, III	Nancy Allyn Foote Cooch McCormick
Eugenie Anna Snow Caro	Mary Dyre Bradford McFarlin
Nancy Griswold Clark	Mary Helen O'Connell Buckmaster
Hazel Thorne Richmond Cloud	Eve duPont Remer
Edward Webb Cooch, Jr.	Nancy Bradford duPont Reynolds
Francis Allyn Cooch	Henry Campbell Richmond
Richard Logan Cooch	Hugh Ellsworth Richmond
Lammot duPont Copeland	Thomas Carter Richmond
Jayne Allerton Hyer Davidson	Margaret Coe Edgerton Robinson
Paulina duPont Dean	Carlton Reed Searles
Marie Alexia duPont Ortiz de Bie	Mary Hammond McGee Sullivan
Deborah Eldredge duPont	Ernest Leander Thayer
Henry Belin duPont, Jr.	Marion Louise Thayer
Richard Simmons duPont	Velma Alden Miller Thayer
Samuel Hallock duPont, Jr.	Donald Clark Thompson

William Kemble duPont
Dorothy Dakin Pine Elder
Abigail Caroline Greene
Andrew Anderson Greene
Crawford Hallock Greenewalt

David Taylor Washburn
Deborah Elliott Washburn
Nelson Whitman
Elizabeth Buchanan Williams

In witness whereof, the seal of this Society has been affixed by order of the Board of Assistants on this eleventh day of October, Nineteen hundred and fifty-eight."

[signed] *Waldo Morgan Allen*, Governor General

[signed] *Florence Funk DeVries*, Secretary

General Membership certificates are awarded upon election to the Society. Over the years membership grew from sixty-seven to 181 at the end of 2022. About one-third live in other states across the country. Life member-ships are available. About one-third of Delaware's members are in that category.

Junior memberships were offered from the start. Upon admission each receives a membership certificate. There are 101 Junior Members.

Since the founding there have been at least two meetings a year. An Annual Meeting is held on or close to Compact Day, traditionally the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Each spring a reception is held at a historic site, in a member's home or at a club. It is customary in all the State Societies to call the roll of Mayflower passengers at Annual Meetings. Members stand when the names of their ancestors are called. Until 1988 only male passengers were called. Now the Delaware Society roll call includes wives and children who were passengers.

The Delaware Society is regularly represented at the Triennial Congress at Plymouth, as well as at the two intervening General Board of Assistants meetings hosted by a selected State Society. Delaware's representation on the General Society Board of Assistants has included Dr. Victor Washburn as Member-at-Large in

1960-63 and as Surgeon General in 1963-66; Irene Lenher as Chairman of Junior Members from 1967 to 1978 and in 1974 on the Nominating Committee; James Hughes as Education Committee Chairman in 1970; William Waite as elected Captain General for 1970-73; and Edward Gray on the Nominating Committee in 1993. Robert E. Davis was elected Captain General for 1999-2002 and elevated to Governor General at the September 2002 Triennial Congress for a three-year term. The Rev. Jeanne H. Linderman served as Elder General from 2005 to 2011.

A newsletter, *Mayflower Lynes*, begun in 1960, became a biannual publication in 1978 and expanded to eight or more pages in 1992. Most State Societies share their newsletters with sister societies throughout the country. A Directory listing current officers, members, including Junior Members, and *Mayflower* ancestors is issued annually and distributed to each member. In 1997 this Handbook was first prepared as an update of a 1993 booklet to provide members with facts about the Delaware Society. Previously updated in 1997, 2004, and 2010, 2013, 2016 this edition is a further update.

From the beginning, members have made generous contributions to the Delaware Society. These have included two handsome flags, the die for our State Society Seal, the Governor's medal and the Historian's medal, a Deputy Governor General's Medal, an Assistant General's medal, a gavel, a projector, microfiche reader, books, and subsidies for travel expenses and meetings, professional services, etc. The Board of Assistants established a Capital Fund in 1991 to receive annual contributions for enhanced support of the Society's purposes.

Our Society donates books related to Pilgrim history to libraries in each of Delaware's counties. In honor of deceased members monetary gifts are made to the General Society at Plymouth. Gifts

have been made by our Society or directly by our members to the Plimoth Patuxet Museums, the Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Winslow House Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Films and oral presentations have been given at schools by our Education Committee and copies of the *Mayflower Compact* are distributed to public and private Delaware schools annually.



Chronology of Events

1958 At the founding meeting on October 11, the Delaware Charter was awarded by Governor General Waldo Morgan Allen who spoke about the basic purposes of the Society. Governor Washburn's talk included excerpts from *Discovery and Landing*. The National Membership Chairman and Counselor General noted that Delaware, the first state, was last to organize a Mayflower Society. Officers elected were:

Governor	Dr. Victor D. Washburn
Deputy Governor	S. Hallock duPont
Secretary	Irene K. Lenher
Treasurer	Elizabeth B. Alden (later Eurenus)
Historian	Jeanette P. Richmond
Captain	James Hughes
Elder	Edward W. Cooch, Jr.
Counselor	Thomas Cooch
Assistant	Marguerite duP. O. Boden
Assistant	Eugenie A.S. Caro
Assistant	Nancy G. Clark
Assistant	Margaret A. Lennig

In November a luncheon for officers was held at the home of Secretary Lenher. It was decided that annual dues would be \$5, and that the initiation fee for new members would also be \$5. A Life Membership Fund was established with a one-time payment of Life Members to be invested so that interest would cover their General Society assessment, and any extra returned to the Society's operating funds.

On November 21, Dr. Washburn initiated an annual Compact Day radio broadcast on Station WDEL to publicize the Society. The Mayflower Compact was read over the air. There was insufficient time to arrange a Compact Day luncheon in this first year.

1959 The March meeting was held at the Tower Hill School with thirty-one in attendance including twenty members. Historian Jeannette Richmond reviewed George Willison's *Saints and Strangers*. Elder Edward Cooch spoke on "The Affair at Cooch's Bridge," where, it is said, the American flag was first flown.

The November 21 Annual Meeting and Compact Day luncheon was held at the the Delaware Academy of Medicine. Dr. Washburn was a founding member of the Academy. University of Delaware political science professor Paul Dolan spoke on "The Mayflower Compact and American Ideals—Their Role in Tomorrow's World." He pointed out that the Compact was "a statement of principles, not a form of government."

1960 Secretary Walter Gabel began a twice-a-year newsletter called *Mayflower Lynes*. He chose the name "from the standpoint of the written line as well as the concept of our cherished ancestral lines." Indeed, "did not the *Mayflower* have lynes to her billowing sayles?" In May a garden party was held at S. Hallock duPont's home "Squirrel Run." He presented the Society with two large, handsome flags—the new fifty-star American flag and the Mayflower Society flag.

In November Dr. Washburn read the Compact over Radio Station WDEL. History professor George Frick broadcast a Pilgrim lecture. The Compact Day Luncheon was held at the University and Whist Club. The guest speaker, Lawrence Tower, delivered an illustrated talk on a recent tour by fifty-five people to Pilgrim homes and churches in the Netherlands and England. Governor Hallock duPont presented the Society with the Governor's gold medallion to be worn at official Society functions. A Past Governor's medal was presented to Past Governor Washburn.

1961 Dr. Victor Washburn was elected to a three-year term as Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee of the General Society. A spring reception was held at the home of Governor and Mrs. William Kay. The November Annual Meeting was held at the University and Whist Club. Member William Fleming, Director of Education at Winterthur Museum, presented an illustrated talk on "Our American Heritage in Image and Object."

1962 Junior Membership Secretary Mary McFarlin and her husband Samuel hosted a spring reception at their Newark home. The Annual Meeting was again held at the University and Whist Club. New Yorker Lawrence Tower was again the speaker. He delivered a talk on "The Untold Story Behind the Flag." Governor Frank Hyer donated a printing die of the Society's seal for use on official papers.

1963 Dr. Victor Washburn was elected to a three-year term as Surgeon General of the General Society. The spring event was a tea held in May at the home of Governor and Mrs. Frank Hyer.

At the November Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon held at the University and Whist Club, Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of the Freedoms Foundation, lectured on "In the Name of God Amen." Deputy Governor Irene Lenher presented the Society with a gavel inscribed "SMD 1958-63 Delaware."

1964 The first Delaware membership Directory was published in March. There is no report of a spring tea. The November Annual Meeting took place at the University and Whist Club. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Merrill Bartlett of Plymouth, Massachusetts, appeared in costume and presented a slide program about "The Lives and Times of the Pilgrims in Holland and England."

1965 There is no record of the location of a tea held in April. In October Dr. and Mrs. Bartlett returned from Plymouth to present their program to eighth grade students at Bayard Junior High School.

The Annual Meeting in November was held at the University and Whist Club. Delaware columnist and historian, William P. Frank, spoke on "The Role of the Mayflower Women."

1966 Governor Irene Lenher and husband Samuel hosted a May party at Wilmington Country Club. Dr. Wallace E. Davies spoke at the November meeting on "Genealogy, History's Neglected Stepsister." Governor General T. Drummond Gray was a guest. Henry Belin duPont

presented the Society with twelve volumes of genealogy for presentation to the University of Delaware's Morris Library.

1967 Governor Irene Lenher was appointed Junior Membership Chairman of the General Society and served until 1978. She designed the Junior Membership Certificate which is still in use. She wrote stories, created puzzles and games, and conducted contests, all geared to Juniors. These were inserted in the *Mayflower Quarterly* on removable pink pages. The Lenhers hosted an April reception at Wilmington Country Club.

The November meeting was held at Greenville Country Club. *The Mayflower Story*, a film describing the building of *Mayflower II*, was shown. This film was purchased by the Society and shown four times on closed circuit television to several thousand public school children by arrangement with the Delaware Board of Education.

1968 A tea was hosted by the Lenhers at the Wilmington Country Club in May. Governor General Norman Joy Greene attended. In June, Junior Membership Chairman Mary McFarlin arranged a trip to Valley Forge for younger Junior Members while Marguerite Boden entertained older Juniors with a swimming party at her home.

Law professor Lawrence L. Eldridge of the Pennsylvania Bar spoke on "Men, Laws, and Government" at the November meeting at Greenville Country Club. During that month, *The Mayflower Story* was again shown at Delaware schools on closed circuit television.

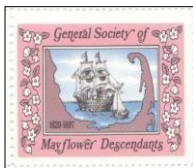
1969 A spring tea was held at the Wilmington Country Club. The Compact Day Luncheon in November took place at "Goodstay," in the University of Delaware's Wilcastle Center. A film about the building and transatlantic voyage of *Mayflower II* was shown.

1970 James Horace Hughes served briefly as National Chairman of the Education Committee. In May a reception was held at the Westhaven home of Governor Mary Hammond Sullivan and her husband Matthew.

On November 20 two radio broadcasts honored the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Reporter Bill Frank read the Mayflower Compact and made appropriate remarks on WILM, and Mrs. William C. Cann interviewed Board member C. Marshall Dann on WDEL.

Saturday, November 21, was a very special Compact Day organized by Marguerite Boden and her cousin Mary McFarlin. Over 200 people attended a public, inter-denominational Service of Thanksgiving at historic Christ Church in Greenville. The service, with Bishop James McKinstry as principal speaker, commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing. Also participating were Delaware Governor Russell W. Peterson, Wilmington Mayor Harry G. Haskell, Jr., and Council of Churches President, the Reverend Lloyd S. Casson. The Reverends John W. Christie, Paul McCoy, and C. Frederick Mathias also participated. Children of the American Revolution were in the processional. Following the service, a record eighty-four persons attended a Mayflower Society luncheon held at Wilmington Country Club. Each member attending received a commemorative Mayflower plate as a memento and each Junior member, a commemorative medal—all gifts from past Governor Irene Lenher. Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings, Assistant Director of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, gave a slide presentation of “The Not So Simple Houses of the Pilgrims.”

1971 Past Governor Irene Lenher designed the pink Mayflower stamp which is still available from the General Society. An April reception was held at the Edenridge home of Governor Elliott Washburn and his wife, Barbara.



Following the November luncheon at Wilmington Country Club, Deputy Governor Marshall Dann and Counselor Andrew Christie narrated a National Society slide presentation titled “The Pilgrims' Exploration of Cape Cod.”

1972 The spring party took place at the Carrcroft home of Assistant Laurance Gleason and his wife Helen. A Historian's Medal was presented to Jeannette (“Jay”) Richmond for her fourteen years of service. (She later gave it to the Society to be passed on to each succeeding Delaware Historian.)

In September, a model of the *Mayflower* was purchased by the Society during the Triennial Congress. Treasurer Morris Brewster built and donated a display case for the model.

The program at the November meeting was a slide presentation by Deputy Governor Marshall Dann and Secretary Edward Gray on "The 1970 Tour to Pilgrim Places in England and Holland."

1973 An April party was hosted by Marguerite Boden at "Mount Harmon," her Earville, Maryland, ancestral home built about 1730. Mrs. Boden provided bus transportation from Wilmington. Bountiful refreshments were served after a tour of the home and tobacco plantation, now a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

At the November meeting at the Wilmington Country Club, Miss Lucy M. Kellogg, Michigan genealogist and editor of *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, told of plans for publication of this series of books.

1974 Governor Elliott Washburn and wife Barbara hosted a spring social at their home. Past Governor Irene Lenher served on the National Nominating Committee. At the November Compact Day meeting at Wilmington Country Club, Mrs. Wilmot Jones, a Society member and Winterthur lecturer, presented a slide talk on "Living with the Pilgrims."

1975 Mrs. Irene Lenher began a new three-year term as Junior Membership Secretary for the General Board of Assistants.

The spring reception was hosted at their Windsor Hills home by Secretary Edward Gray and wife Peg. The November Compact Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting at Wilmington Country Club featured Mrs. Robert Sherman, Secretary General and Editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly*, as speaker. Her subject was "Contemporary Writings About the Pilgrims."

1976 The traditional May reception was held at the home of Junior Membership Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Asimos in Kennett Square.

At the November Compact Luncheon in the Wilmington Country Club, member E. McClung Fleming spoke on "The Image of America in Our Patriotic Symbols."

1977 A spring party was held at the home of Treasurer Graeme Turnbull and his wife Mary Tyler in Greenville.

For the November Compact Day Luncheon at Wilmington Country Club, Mr. William C. Lewis of Dayton, Ohio, a member of the Delaware Society and formerly of Dover, lectured on "Photography, a Tool for the Genealogist."

1978 In April, Secretary Edward Gray resumed publication of *Mayflower Lynes*. The last previous issue was December 1971. A June reception was held at the home of Governor and Mrs. Barrett Russell in West Chester, Pennsylvania. In September, Historian William H. Waite was elected Captain General by the General Society for a three-year term. At the November Compact Day luncheon at Wilmington Country Club, Mrs. Thomas Herlihy spoke about her collection of old maps.

1979 A spring reception was held at "Rockwood," later known as Shipley-Bringhurst-Hargrave Museum, now Rockwood Mansion Park Museum. A tour was arranged by member Elizabeth Cooper.

The November Compact Day luncheon at the Wilmington Country Club featured a humorous talk by Phillip Wingate titled "Two Chesapeake Bay Families—Ostra Virginica and Callinectes Sapidus."

1980 The spring reception took place at the mid-18th century Corbit-Sharp Museum House in Odessa and included tours of the Wilson-Warner Museum House. A film on the voyage of the *Mayflower*, was shown continuously in the basement. The November Compact Day luncheon and Annual Meeting was held at Hercules Country Club. Historian-author-artist Nancy Sawin spoke about "Delaware in Mayflower Times."

1981 Assistant Dorothy Brandenberger and her husband, Edward hosted a May reception at their home in Foulkside. On November 17 there was a special Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church arranged by Deputy Governor Edward Gray modeled after the format of the Pilgrims' service. Worshipers were called by a drummer leading a processional in which Delaware Mayflower members carried

the Society's flags. At the beginning of the service Mr. Gray read the President's Proclamation and the Mayflower Compact.

The November Compact Day luncheon was held at Hercules Country Club. Charles T. Lyle, Director of the Historical Society of Delaware, described "The Restoration of the Read House in New Castle."

1982 The spring reception was held at the home of Library Chairman Barbara Swayze and her husband William. Assistant Mary Lee Merrill organized the National Edward Doty Society.

The November Compact Day luncheon was held at Hercules Country Club. Six members spoke about their Mayflower ancestors, "The Other Pilgrims:" Barrett Russell, III, from Henry Samson, Penrhyn Neville from Stephen Hopkins, Elizabeth Cooper from Degory Priest, Margaret Spencer from William White, Bradford Damon from Thomas Rogers, and Richard West from Samuel Fuller.

1983 The May reception was held at the home of Assistant Anne Mertz and her husband Walter in Westover Hills. A 25th Anniversary Luncheon at Hercules Country Club featured Treasurer General Merwin F. Almy of Richmond, Virginia. Dressed in Pilgrim garb, he described "The England of the Pilgrims."

1984 The spring reception at Goodstay Center took place in the Tudor Garden, noted for its fragrant, magnolia-lined walks. The November luncheon was at Hercules Country Club. Conrad Wilson of Villanova, Pennsylvania, former Governor of the Pennsylvania Society, spoke on "The Unrecognized Pilgrims."

1985 The spring reception was held at the home of members Catharine and Governor Marshall Dann. For the November luncheon meeting at Hercules Country Club, Dr. Claudia L. Bushman, State Director of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, told of the "Delaware Constitutional Bicentennial."

1986 At the spring reception members toured the historic 1738

Robinson House in the old Swedish mill site area of Naaman's Creek in Claymont. Revolutionary General Anthony Wayne visited this building, also known as "Naaman's Tea House." It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The November Compact Day luncheon at Hercules Country Club featured author Dr. John Dann as speaker. His subject: "How We Know What We Know About the Pilgrims." He is Director of the William L. Clemens Library at the University of Michigan and son of Delaware Society members Catharine and Marshall Dann.

1987 The spring reception took place at historic "Buena Vista" near New Castle. This structure was built in 1847 by U.S. patriot John M. Clayton. It was later the home of Delaware Governor C. Douglass Buck who willed it to the State.

Hercules Country Club was the scene of the November Compact Day luncheon. Mildred Ramos of Richmond, Virginia, Secretary General of the General Society, spoke of "The Past So Dear."

1988 The spring reception was held at the historic "Little Church," restored by and headquarters of the National Society of Colonial Dames—Delaware. Deputy Governor Anne Mertz gave a brief history of this First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, built in 1748.

On September 9-11 the Delaware Society hosted the annual meeting of the General Society's Board of Assistants at the Hotel Du Pont. In addition to the business meetings, there were two local tours, two receptions and a banquet. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve presented the Colors. Delaware member and Supreme Court Chief Justice Andrew D. Christie was the banquet speaker. Arrangements chairman for this successful event was Deputy Governor Edward Gray.

The Compact Day luncheon in November was held at Hercules Country Club. Four descendants, "Grandchildren of the Pilgrims," spoke about their ancestors: Bradford Damon on John Alden; Edward Gray on William Brewster; Anne Mertz, in costume, on Elizabeth Tilley; and Katharine Thompson on Myles Standish, "The Unorthodox Pilgrim." For the first

time (and thereafter) the annual Roll Call of ancestors included the names of wives and children, as well as those of men who were passengers on the *Mayflower*.

1989 In February the *Mayflower Quarterly* published an article by our member Anne Mertz titled "The Saga of a Journal—William Bradford's of Plimoth Plantation." It was about Delaware's Thomas Bayard, U.S. Secretary of State and our first Ambassador to Great Britain, who negotiated the return of Bradford's journal to the U.S. It was reprinted as a lead article in Wilmington's *News Journal* on Thanksgiving Day.

The spring reception was held at the George Read, II, House in New Castle. Built by the son of a Declaration of Independence signer in 1804, it is a fine example of late Georgian architecture in America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Compact Day luncheon was at Hercules Country Club where the Reverend Robert Doss of the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington spoke on "How Was It with the Pilgrims?"

1990 A spring reception took place at the Christina Cultural Arts Center. Miss Lisa Nichols, former Curator at Holy Trinity ("Old Swedes") Church, led a tour of the nearby church, the cemetery, and the Hendrickson house, an early Swedish log structure. The cemetery predates the church by sixty years and was the burying ground for the settlers of Fort Christina. Constructed in 1698-99, "Old Swedes" is the oldest church in continuous use in the country.

During November our trained team of seven volunteers, under Education Chair Mary Doty, visited thirty-one schools to give talks about the Pilgrims. Almost 8600 pieces of literature were distributed to teachers and students. The Compact Day luncheon was held at Vicmead Hunt Club. The Reverend Jeanne Linderman spoke on "Religion at the Time of the Pilgrims" followed by Wallace Thompson's "A Bum Rap for John Billington."

1991 The May party and meeting was held at the estate of member George Edmonds. Education Committee materials and letters of

appreciation from schools were displayed. A gift was presented to William Waite in recognition of his long service as Historian and other contributions, both local and national. The Board of Assistants established a Capital Fund to accumulate additional resources for our projects.

The November Annual Meeting followed a luncheon at Vicmead Hunt Club. Member Catharine Dann spoke of "The Saga of Plymouth Rock," and Deputy Governor General Edward Gray discussed "The Mayflower—Fact or Fiction." During November volunteers continued the speaking program at area schools.

Through the efforts of the Deputy Governor and the Counselor, the Delaware Society was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable and educational organization, thereby qualifying contributions, including dues payments, as federal tax deductions from 1991 forward.

1992 A lavish spring party was hosted by member Antonia Bissell Laird and husband Walter at their home in Chadds Ford.

The November 21 Compact Day luncheon was held at Greenville Country Club. *Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Richard Husband projected "The Mayflower Society in the Year 2020."

Member Mary Lee Merrill organized the national Edward Fuller Society. *Mayflower Lynes* Editor, Anne Harris, in just a year and a half, expanded our two-page news sheet to an eight-page, two-column paper.

1993 In celebration of the Delaware Society's 35th birthday, a booklet containing a member directory, historical, and organizational sections was distributed to all members. Governor Anne Mertz wrote the historical section and Deputy Governor General Edward Gray compiled the other sections and produced the booklet. Mr. Gray was appointed to the General Society Nominating Committee.

A May reception was hosted by member Louise Roselle and her husband, University of Delaware President David Roselle, at the President's House in Newark. Mrs. Roselle spoke about some of the furnishings of the

house, and Dr. Roselle spoke about the early history of the University and its oldest buildings.

The November 20 Compact Day luncheon at Greenville Country Club centered on a celebration of the Society's 35th birthday. With ninety-six in attendance, Governor Anne Mertz introduced five charter members who were present. A birthday cake was served and balloons were flown. University of Delaware Professor Carol Hoffecker spoke on "The Rocks and the Rock," comparing Plymouth Colony to New Sweden.

1994 The year's activities began on February 15 with a TV interview on TCI Channel 28's "Access Delaware." Show host Joe Pfister interviewed Mayflower members Noel Kuhrt and Mary Lauer on Pilgrim history using a script authored by Mr. Kuhrt.

A spring reception was held May 22nd at "Oberod," the Delaware Episcopal Diocese conference center in Centerville. A tape of the Kuhrt/Lauer TV interview was available for viewing.

Sixty-seven persons attended the Compact Day luncheon and Annual Meeting held at Wild Quail Country Club in Wyoming, Delaware, in November. Speaker for the event was Esther Kaplan Braun, co-author of a new book about native Americans. She focused on their relations with the Pilgrims.

1995 The Spring Reception was held May 21st at the Hockessin home of recent past Elder, the Reverend Jeanne Linderman and her husband James.

Greenville Country Club was the site of the Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon on November 18th. Robert Allen Greene, Governor General of the Society, attended with Mrs. Greene. He was the featured speaker and discussed the state of the Mayflower Society nationally: "What's It Doing and Where's It Going?"

1996 On May 19th the Spring Reception was held at historic Greenbank Mill near Price's Corner in Mill Creek Hundred.

Refreshments were volunteered by several members and Governor Ruth Holden awarded several membership documents and life certificates.

The Annual Meeting and Compact Day luncheon took place at the DuPont Country Club November 23rd. The chief items of business were the approval of several, mostly minor, amendments to the Delaware Society Constitution and election of seven members to fill expiring terms on the Board of Assistants. The featured speaker was Dr. Ellis A. Wasson, Chairman of the History Department at Tower Hill School. His topic: "The England that the Pilgrims Left."

1997 The Spring Reception was held on Sunday, May 18th at the Chadds Ford home of member Betsy Asimos and her husband George.

The Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon was held on November 22nd at the DuPont Country Club. The speaker was Richard H. Maxwell, Governor General. He spoke about the little-known More children who arrived aboard the *Mayflower*.

1998 Odessa was the site of the May 17th Spring Reception. Tours of the Corbit-Sharp and Wilson-Warner houses, properties of Winterthur, preceded refreshments served on the lawn.

Alice Teal, Editor of *The MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY*, was our speaker at the November 21st Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon held at the DuPont Country Club.

1999 On May 16th, the Spring Reception was held at "Oberod," the Episcopal Diocese Conference Center.

Hercules Country Club was the scene of the Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon held November 20. Guest speaker Dr. Patricia Stanford, General Society Chair of Junior Membership, presented a talk geared to the interests of the many Junior Members present.

2000 The May 21st Spring Reception was hosted by charter member Edward W. Cooch, Jr. at his ancestral home near Cooch's Bridge in Newark. He told the assembled members and guests about the

Revolutionary War encounter between the British and Americans at the bridge and about the history of his home.

Governor General Eugene Fortine was our honored guest and speaker at the Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon held November 18th at the DuPont Country Club. David Bradford and son Aaron became co-editors of *Mayflower Lynes*.

2001 The Spring Reception was held at Grace Episcopal Church on May 20th. Mrs. Charles Allmond, a parishioner, spoke about the Wilmington orphan children who were given burial at Grace Church in the nineteenth century.

Marlene Koutoufaris, Mayflower member, and proprietor of the Blue Coat Inn in Dover, made her facility available for the November 17th Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon. Historian Caroline Kardell spoke on the General Society's collaboration in a research project aimed at use of DNA science to help identify the geographical origins of Mayflower ancestors in England and to help solve other Mayflower genealogical mysteries.

2002 The Spring Reception was held May 19th at the Robinson House, also known as Naaman's Tea House, in Claymont. Mrs. Geraldine Chilas, Curator, spoke about the history of the house and its role in the Revolutionary War.

At the Triennial Congress at Plymouth in September, Delaware's Robert E. Davis was elected to a three-year term as Governor General. The Delaware Society issued an invitation to host the 2004 General Board of Assistants Meeting in Delaware. The invitation was accepted.

The Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon was held at the University & Whist Club in Wilmington on November 23rd. Kim R Burdick was elected Governor.; The speaker was Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., Governor of the Pennsylvania Mayflower Society. He spoke on the history of William Bradford's journal, its disappearance during the Revolution and its return to America from England over 100 years later, largely through the efforts of Delaware's Thomas Francis Bayard, a U.S. Senator, Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and U.S. Secretary of State.

2003 The Spring Reception attended by 51 members and guests was held on Sunday, May 18, in the old Claymont Stone School at Darley Road and Philadelphia Pike. "School Marm" Ms. Riva Brown described a typical day for children at the school.

The Annual Meeting and Compact Day luncheon took place at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington on Saturday, November 22nd. Governor Kim Burdick announced her resignation citing intensive new responsibilities and demands on her time. Robert J. Hanson was elected Governor succeeding Mrs. Burdick.

Noel H. Kuhrt outlined the Delaware Society's coming challenges in hosting the General Board of Assistants Meeting in September 2004. He called for volunteers to help in the many tasks to be faced. Speaker for the event was Ms. Barbara Mayers, Director of Education at the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. Her subject was "Europe Comes to the Delaware Valley."

2004 A total of 56 individuals attended the Spring Reception held Sunday, May 16, 2004 at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. Education chair Aaron Bradford and his junior member brothers Nathan, Andy, and Benjamin entertained the membership with their *Delaware Regimental Fife and Drum Corps*.

The Annual meeting, attended by 70 persons, was held November 20, at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. Education Chair Aaron Bradford reported a distribution of 376 education packets and 120 *Coming to America* kits to all fifth-grade classrooms in the state. Mr. Paul "Deerfoot" Weeden gave a short history of the relationship, reminding all that Thanksgiving is about two people, races, and cultures who came together in good energy, bonded by their love for God to give thanks for blessings bestowed. A descendant of the Massasoit Ousamequin (Yellow Feather) on his father's side and of William White on his mother's side, he was the 'orator' of the Pokonoket tribe; the last in a line of the tribe's confirmed oral historians and is in the process of inscribing this history.

2005 A total of 59 members and guests enjoyed a hot buffet for the Spring Reception held Sunday, May 15, 2005 at The Arsenal at Old New Castle. Governor Hanson introduced the 'Millennium Voyage of the Mayflower', the General Society's initiative to raise funds for renovations and library expansion. Arsenal owner Richard Day, dressed as Major General John Stockton spoke of the background and history of the Arsenal, and how he has realized his vision for this historical restaurant and for Jessop's Tavern, his other pub in Old New Castle.

The 47th Annual Meeting & Compact Day Luncheon was held November 19, 2005, at the Arsenal at Old New Castle with a total attendance of 73. Governor Bob Hanson, Jr. introduced William Bradford, the younger, and Governor William Bradford, the elder, aka Society members Aaron and David Bradford. Dressed in Pilgrim attire, they presented parts of a play depicting events of the Pilgrims leading up to and following their voyage to the New World on the Mayflower and subsequent arrival at Cape Cod.

2006 The annual Spring Reception was held at *Oberod Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware*, Centreville, Delaware, on Sunday, May 20, 2006. It was anyone's last opportunity to see *Oberod*, as it was sold after June 1, 2006. Counsellor Thomas S. Stevens made a presentation of the history of the Delaware Society's governing structures. He sought input about remaining unincorporated with our present Constitution and proposed bylaws; or incorporating with our Constitution and bylaws accompanying the Articles of Incorporation.

The Compact Day Luncheon, attended by 64 people, was held November 18, 2006, at the University and Whist Club of Wilmington, Wilmington. The speaker was Deputy Governor General Noel H. Kuhrt, Jr. who spoke about "The Mayflower Compact."

2007 The annual Spring Reception was held at *Eden Rock Assisted Living*, Ardentown, Delaware, attended by 30 members and guests. Captain Kai Lassen and his son Will created a website for the Delaware Society, www.mayflower-de.org. Governor Christine Crossan reported that the Board voted to change the Society's legal status from that of an unincorporated association to a non-profit corporation in order to afford

it a higher level of protection from liability. Barbara Macklem was our hostess for the tour of the Arden Craft Shop Museum, sharing a brief history of Arden before beginning the tour.

The Annual Meeting & Compact Day Luncheon was held at the Delaware National Country Club, Wilmington, attended by 55 people. In recognition of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Delaware Society, the Society pledged a \$1,000 donation over a three-year period to the Pilgrim Hall Museum. A motion to accept the Board-approved Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws authored by Captain Greg Weinig, Esq. was unanimously approved by the membership. Upon the filing of the Certificate of Incorporation and the approval of the Internal Revenue Service of the 501(c)(3) exemption application, the Society would give the Board of Assistants permission to transfer all assets of the Society to the corporation.

Barbara Williams, General Society of Mayflower Descendants Historic Sites Chair, spoke of historic sites of the Pilgrims in England and Holland and about a new book on which she is working that will update and improve the information about these old-world sites.

2008 A total of 54 attended the annual Spring Reception at the home of Donald Geoffrey Gamble, Esq., Avondale, Pennsylvania. He gave an interesting history of his farm and the part it played during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. At the conclusion, he invited guests to tour his study and the original log cabin house which still stands in front of the present house.

The Society held its gala 50th Anniversary celebration November 22, 2008, at the Delaware National Country Club, Wilmington, attended by a total of 89 members and guests. David Crossan read a proclamation secured through the efforts of Representative Deborah Hudson and passed by the Delaware Legislature in honor of the Society's 50th Anniversary. DGG Noel Kuhrt led everyone in a toast, followed by a ceremonial cutting of the Society's anniversary cake by Governor Crossan, all Charter members in attendance, and Past Governors. Each member received a commemorative keepsake pin produced by Noel

Kuhr, Jr; and a booklet authored by Charlotte Prickett and Ruth Holden entitled *Historical Highlights*, compiling highlights of our past fifty years.

Charter Members were recognized and given opportunity to share memories about the Society. Those present at the founding of the Society and in attendance at the 50th Anniversary Celebration were Edward Cooch, Jr., Nancy DuPont Reynolds Cooch, George Lenher, Nannellyn Lloyd, and Mary McFarlin.

2009 Continuing the celebration of the Society's 50th anniversary, a record 91 members and guests, including 13 prospective members, attended the annual Spring Reception at Cooch's Bridge, the ancestral home of Charter members Edward W. Cooch, Jr., Esq. and his wife Nancy Bradford du Pont Cooch in Newark, Delaware. Prior to the Reception, many members and guests visited the nearby Pencader Heritage Museum to learn history of the area, the Cooch family, and the Battle of Cooch's Bridge.

Superior Court Judge Richard Cooch spoke about the history of the area, the first settlers and their encounters with local Indian tribes, as well as the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and the controversy as to whether that skirmish was the first time the newly created Stars and Stripes sewn by Betsy Ross was flown in an American battle.

A total of 75 members and guests attended the 51st Annual Meeting & Compact Day Luncheon, held November 21, 2009, at the Delaware National Country Club, Wilmington. Newly installed Governor J. Kai Lassen summarized outgoing Governor Christine Crossan's term, noting the Society's incorporation and re-certification as a 501(c)(3) charitable tax-exempt organization by the IRS, donations of additional sets of the Mayflower's Five Generation Silver and Pink books to multiple libraries in Delaware and the initiation of a program modeled after the Pennsylvania Society's to archive our records and files. Special guest and speaker Governor General Judith Swan installed Governor Lassen and other officers and spoke about the *Women of the Mayflower*.

2010 The Annual Spring Reception of the Society, attended by 53 members and guests, was held on May 23, 2010 at the historic Hale Byrnes House in Stanton, Delaware, where George Washington held a counsel of war with his generals on September 6, 1777 just before the Battle of the Brandywine. Governor Kai Lassen introduced Past Governor Kim Burdick, the House's resident curator, who delivered an informative talk on its history. Deputy Assistant Governor General Harry Folger, accompanied by *Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Alice Teal, presented Deputy Governor General Noel Kuhrt with a rarely given award, "The Order of the Hook."

The 52nd Annual Meeting and Compact Day Luncheon was held on November 20, 2010 at the Vicmead Hunt Club, where 56 members and guests heard Governor Kai Lassen review the year's initiatives, including expanding the educational outreach among all of Delaware's public and private schools, increasing donations of books to Delaware's libraries, and increasing membership. Counselor David Bradford appeared in costume as his ancestor Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, and speaking in the accent of the day, gave some background on the signing of the *Mayflower Compact* before reading it to the assembly. Professor Jonathan Russ, Associate Professor of History at the University of Delaware, delivered a talk entitled *Carving out a Life in the Wilderness*, focusing on the unfamiliar and harsh environment in which the Pilgrims found themselves at Plymouth.

2011 Winterthur Museum was the setting of the Annual Spring Reception held on May 22, 2011. Members and guests met in the Visitor's Center for a brief meeting, following which they assembled in the Museum's main gallery where Governor Lassen introduced curator Linda Eaton who delivered a short talk about the Museum's featured special attraction, the Plimoth Jacket, a recreation of an elegant embroidered 17th century ladies jacket made by Plimoth Plantation volunteers who contributed over 4000 hours to research and create it. Following the talk, members and guests were treated to tours of the Museum and gardens.

The 53rd Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon was held at the Vicmead Hunt Club on November 12, 2011, where 64 members and

guests heard Dr. Mary-Emily Miller, University of Delaware adjunct Professor of History and Jamestown Colony scholar, and David Bradford, our Counselor and Plymouth Colony scholar, present a program entitled "*Jamestown and Plymouth, America's First Colonies*". The speakers, both in period costume, compared and contrasted life in the earliest days of both colonies.

2012 The Spring Reception was held on Sunday May 20 at "Crooked Billet", the historic home of Governor and Mrs. Kai Lassen. Eighty-two members and guests toured the house and grounds and enjoyed refreshments provided by Vicmead Hunt Club. Governor Lassen then gave a short history of the house, the earliest part of which was built in 1684 by the Stedman family, and which was expanded in 1702 to become an inn known as "Crooked Billet Inn". The Inn remained in operation until the 19th century when it became a working farm. Acquired in 1864 by Mrs. Lassen's gr-gr-grandfather, Henry du Pont, head of the DuPont Company, it passed down in the family to Governor and Mrs. Lassen.

The 54th Annual Meeting and Compact Luncheon was held at the Vicmead Hunt Club on November 17, 2012, attended by 78 members and guests. Governor Kai Lassen concluded his term as governor by noting that membership had enjoyed an increase in numbers, and that the Education Committee had gained the full support of Delaware's Secretary of Education in encouraging the teaching of the Pilgrim story in Delaware's schools at the fourth and fifth grade levels. Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle installed incoming Governor Barbara Welch and the other new officers, and then delivered his talk entitled "*From Fifty-Two to Ten Million.*"

2013 The Spring Reception was held at the George Read House and Gardens on a rainy, damp Sunday afternoon in May. The weather did not deter members from coming and enjoying a tour of the very interesting house belonging to one of the Delaware's signers of the Declaration of Independence and member of the Constitutional Convention.

Our Compact Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on November 23 at the Vicmead Hunt Club. One of our members, Geoff Gamble, spoke on “The Mind of the 17th Century Pilgrim.” He educated us, made us laugh, and gave us new conversation as we think and talk about our Pilgrim ancestors.

It was a productive year as we continued to gain new members thanks to the efforts of our Historian and Membership Chair, worked to find the best way to support our schools in this digital age in teaching the importance of the Pilgrim story, and continue to supply our libraries throughout the State with genealogical books and materials and history and/or story books appropriate for a variety of ages.

2014 This year saw an increase in our dues from \$30 to \$40, the first increase in 17 years. This helped immensely in enabling the Society to finance its mission of education and sharing our heritage. It also helped to finance the creation of a new website that gives our members all the up-to-date information they need regarding upcoming events and matters of general interest. Very importantly, it also gives prospective members instruction and tools needed to complete a successful application. The website can be accessed at www.mayflowerde.org/

Our Spring Reception was held at the historic Inn at Montchanin Village. We learned of the history of the Inn and, then while enjoying a drink and hors d’oeuvres, were treated to a fascinating lecture by Ray Callahan, a noted military historian, on the legacy in American History of our colonial era wars with the Native Americans.

The Compact Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on November 22, 2014 at the Vicmead Hunt Club. Our speaker was Katie Barney Moose, a noted lecturer and author, who spoke on “Early American Food and Herbs.” We were amazed at how adept our Pilgrim ancestors were in including weeds, edible flowers, roots, and bark into their cuisine and medicine.

2015 This year saw a “new look” given to the Mayflower Lynes with more graphics and pictures. Effort was placed on encouraging articles of related interest to the activities of the Society. The Genealogy Corner was

expanded with tips and articles sharing research finds of interest to the general membership; a section was added for information about the plans to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the “Mayflower” voyage; and our newest members are now introduced with biographies and pictures. The Board of Assistants was streamlined to make it more efficient and hopefully easier to recruit candidates for each elected position. There are updated job descriptions of both elected and appointed positions available on the website: www.mayflowerde.org/

The Spring Reception was held at Belmont Hall in Smyrna, Delaware on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in May. We toured this historic home which was the seat of important action for colonial Delaware and leading up to the Revolutionary War. With lemonade and cookies in hand and amidst the beautiful grounds, we enjoyed hearing Tom Welch tell about the “unsung hero” from Delaware, Allen McLane.

Our Compact Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on November 21, 2015 at the Vicmead Hunt Club. Although our speaker was unable to come at the last minute due to a medical crisis, we were thrilled to hear a talk member Noel Kuhrt gave for a local television production in the mid-90s. He retold the Pilgrim story in its entirety in a very engaging presentation and ended with how fate shaped our history. David M. Bradford, a direct male descendant of William Bradford, was installed as the next Governor.

2016 In May, 2016 we were pleased to hold our reception at Lombardy Hall, the original colonial home of Gunning Bedford Jr., a founding father and Delaware signer of the U.S. Constitution.

Governor David Bradford visited area schools and senior centers in the Spring and Fall to share William Bradford’s first-hand accounts of significant events in Pilgrim history. We continued to co-sponsor the July 4th Let Freedom Ring celebration at the historic Old Swedes Church in New Castle, DE joining patriots from around the country in simultaneously ringing the church bells at 2:00 P.M. to celebrate our nation’s birthday.

Our November Compact Day Luncheon was held at the Vicmead Hunt Club where we were honored to host Governor General Lea Filson and her husband Ron. Lea spoke on the topic, “GSMD – 2020 and Beyond” and installed several new officers.

2017 The Spring Reception was held May 21st at the Historic Houses of Odessa and Gardens. After a short meeting and refreshments, guides from the Historic Odessa Foundation provided tours of the Corbit-Sharp House, Collins-Sharp House, or the Wilson-Warner House suited to each one’s interest, time and mobility requirements.

Two important subcommittees were initiated. The first developed a SMDD Mission Statement to help current and future board and committee members quickly determine whether ideas for society-sponsored activities and events were mission-appropriate. The second began a research effort to assess the value of investing in online technology to help non-profits like us improve our ability to organize, mobilize, and coordinate member involvement and automate several expensive and labor-intensive administrative functions.

Our Compact Day luncheon in November was held at the Vicmead Hunt Club in Greenville, DE. Dr. James Battles, former Maryland Governor and current Captain of the Mayflower Guard, traced the influences of the Dutch Militia, as expressed in art, on the formation of the militia for Plymouth Colony.

2018 At our Spring Reception on May 20th former Governor Kim Burdick shared the fascinating history of the Hale-Byrnes House along the White Clay Creek in Stanton, DE. On September 6, 1777, General George Washington held a war council in the house where Washington, Nathaniel Greene, Henry Knox, the Marquis de Lafayette met to plan the defense of Philadelphia. 17th Century toys and games along with hand-squeezed lemonade and homemade desserts were enjoyed by our members, Jr. members and friends.

We created our first-ever community outreach program specifically to honor the history and our nation's Thanksgiving holiday. The program titled, *Thanksgiving Remembered*, was held at the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark (BFCN) on November 16th and was attended by families from across Delaware and the neighboring states of PA, MD and NJ. The program incorporated inspirational hymns and patriotic songs along with selected recitations from Gov. Wm. Bradford's journal *Of Plimoth Plantation*. Children and adults played period games, practiced pike and sword drills, made a variety of crafts to take home and were treated to a matchlock musket firing demonstration held outside.

The Compact Day luncheon was held at the Vicmead Hunt Club in Greenville, DE on November 17th. Governor General George Garmany, Jr. helped us celebrate our 60th anniversary as a society. He and Gov. Bradford presented the General Society Silver Recognition Award to former Delaware Governor Barbara Welch for her service to the Delaware Society. The newly written Delaware Society Mission Statement was read and unanimously approved for inclusion in our bylaws. Each guest received a book compliments of the Providence Forum titled, *Proclaim Liberty; a Broken Bell Rings Freedom to the World*. Nathan Bradford created a cake replica of the Mayflower ship which was served as a special dessert.

2019 The Spring Reception was held on May 20th at the historic Quaker Friends Meeting House in Wilmington, Delaware. Many prominent Delawareans are buried in the Meeting House cemetery including John Dickinson, the famous "penman of the Revolution" and Thomas Garrett, Delaware's greatest stationmaster on the Underground Railroad. Mr. John Sweeney former News Journal editor and Delaware author, shared insights from his 2018 book, *Delaware's John Dickinson; The Constant Watchman of Liberty*.

Our Compact Day Luncheon was held at Vicmead Hunt Club on November 23rd. Deputy Governor Geoffrey Gamble shared his recently completed research on the little understood history of the Mayflower and her crew. He described the story of the ship itself but also of the conditions the crew and passengers endured while confined on the ship. His presentation was accompanied by a magnificent, 2 ½ foot long,

handcrafted replica of the ship that he carved and fashioned out of wood cut from a maple tree on his property.

2020 The 400th Anniversary year of the Mayflower Voyage will forever be remembered in the annals of Mayflower history as the “Year of Cancellations.” The Coronavirus burst on the American scene within mere weeks of the GSMD’s “Ship of Hope” floating through the streets of Pasadena, CA in the January 1st Rose Bowl Parade. By the end of the month, the virus had begun sweeping our nation and world with the most serious pandemic since the 1917 Spanish Flu; Ultimately paralyzing every aspect of life in our country.

The SMDD’s extensive list of celebratory events fell like dominos to one cancellation after another beginning with our Spring Reception in May. Years of planning and preparation for 2020 events literally froze in place. We held multiple Zoom board and committee meetings to prepare for the day when many of our 2020 celebratory events could be held alongside those planned for 2021. We held our first (and hopefully last) online Compact Day and Annual Meeting via Zoom. Twenty-five hearty souls pressed on to uphold our 61st consecutive year of Compact Day traditions.

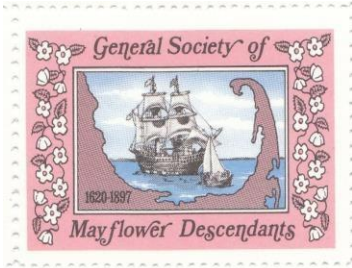
2021 The Spring Reception was held at Governor Bradford’s home on Sunday, May 23rd. After months of restrictions and limited public gatherings, we thoroughly enjoyed seeing one and another and getting reconnected with our Mayflower cousins.

The Compact Day and Annual Meeting was held November 20th at the Buena Vista Country Estate in New Castle. We enjoyed a catered meal in the library of the historic home. Governor General Jane Hurt was our honored guest who installed our new Governor D. Geoffrey Gamble along with other society officers and brought news of the various initiatives and changes underway at the General Society in Plymouth.

2022 The Spring Reception was held on May 22nd and began with a tour of Fort New Gothenburg on Tinicum Island and was followed by a reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Philadelphia. SMDD member and President of the Swedish Colonial Society John Tepe, treated us to a

tour of the authentically reconstructed Swedish cabins that would have existed in 1643 – twenty-three years after our Plymouth Landing. Refreshments were served in the pristine club house on the water right next door to the Swedish Complex. The Club was established about 1895 and features a yachting museum and historic photographs.

The Compact Day luncheon was held at the Buena Vista Country Estate in New Castle, Delaware. Following a short business meeting, members were shown a film titled, *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck*, that traced the life and exploits of Stephen Hopkins; the only individual to reside in both Jamestown and Plymouth colonies.



Past Governors

Victor D. Washburn, M.D.	1958-1959
S. Hallock duPont	1959-1960
William C. Kay	1960-1961
Frank P. Hyer	1961-1964
Irene K. Lenher	1964-1968
Mary Hammond Sullivan	1968-1971
Elliot S. Washburn	1971-1976
Barrett B. Russell, III	1976-1981
Edward E. Gray	1981-1984
C. Marshall Dann, Esq.	1984-1987
Robert E. Davis	1987-1990
Anne M. Mertz	1990-1993
Ruth R. Holden	1993-1996
Noel H. Kuhrt, Jr.	1996-1999
Wallace B. Thompson	1999-2002
Kim R. Burdick	2002-2003
Robert J. Hanson, Jr.	2003-2006
Christine B. Crossan	2006-2009
John Kai Lassen	2009-2012
Barbara G. Welch	2012-2015
David M. Bradford	2015-2021
D. Geoffrey Gamble, Esq.	2021-

The Roll of Mayflower Passengers from whom Descent has been Proven

JOHN ALDEN

Born about 1598, John Alden was a cooper, possibly of Harwich, Essex. He had not been a member of the Leyden Church, but was hired into the venture at Southampton. He married Priscilla Mullins, daughter of William, about 1623. He died September 12, 1687, in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

ISAAC ALLERTON AND MARY (NORRIS) ALLERTON

REMEMBER ALLERTON

MARY ALLERTON

Isaac Allerton was born about 1586, likely the son of Bartholomew and Mary Allerton of East Bergholt, Suffolk. He was a merchant in London. He married Mary Norris November 4, 1611, in Leyden. She died February 25, 1620/1, in Plymouth. Their children Bartholomew (who later returned to England and left descendants there), Remember, and Mary (the last surviving passenger) were aboard the *Mayflower*. Isaac was married, second, between July 1623 and June 1627, to Fear Brewster, daughter of William Brewster by whom they had a son, Isaac, Jr., from whom descent has been proven. She died not long before December 12, 1634, presumably at Plymouth. Allerton later moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he married, third, before February 17, 1644/5, Joanna Swinnerton, who survived him. He died there between February 1 and February 12, 1658/9.

JOHN BILLINGTON AND ELEANOR (-?-) BILLINGTON

FRANCIS BILLINGTON

John Billington, born about 1580, married Elinor (surname unknown) by 1604. The family may have originated in the vicinity of Cowbit and Spaulding, Lincolnshire, and were possibly related to one Francis Longland, who named Francis Billington as one of two heirs to a lease he had been granted. Sons John and Francis were aboard the *Mayflower*. John Billington, Sr., was hanged at Plymouth in September 1630 for the murder of John Newcomen. Ellen then married Gregory

Armstrong in 1638. She died after March 2, 1642/3. John Jr. died before September 1630 without issue. Francis Billington married Christian (Penn) Eaton, widow of Francis Eaton. Francis died at Middleboro, Massachusetts, December 3, 1684.

WILLIAM BRADFORD

William Bradford was baptized March 19, 1589/90, in Austerfield, Yorkshire. He was first married on December 10, 1613, to Dorothy May (a niece of passenger William White) at Amsterdam. She drowned in Cape Cod Harbor December 7, 1620. Together they had a son John who married, but had no children.

Bradford belonged to Robinson's church in Leyden. Upon the death of John Carver, he became Governor of Plymouth, except for three years, until his death May 9, 1657 at Plymouth. He married Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, widow of Edward Southworth, on August 14, 1623 at Plymouth. All of his grandchildren (and all modern-day descendants) were from his marriage with Alice. She was baptized August 3, 1590, in Wrington, Somerset and died March 26 or 27, 1670, in Plymouth.

WILLIAM BREWSTER AND MARY (-?-) BREWSTER

LOVE BREWSTER

William Brewster was born probably near Scrooby, Nottinghamshire about 1566. By 1593 he married Mary (surname unknown). Brewster was Ruling Elder at Leyden and Plymouth. Mary Brewster died at Plymouth April 17, 1627. William Brewster died at Plymouth April 10, 1644. Mary and their sons Love and Wrestling came with William on the *Mayflower*. Wrestling died without issue. Descent has also been proven from William's daughters Patience and Fear and son, Jonathan, who did not come on the *Mayflower*. Fear became the second wife of Isaac Allerton.

PETER BROWNE

Peter Browne was baptized January 26, 1594/5 at Dorking, Surrey, son of William Browne. origins are unknown His first marriage was at Plymouth to widow Martha Ford (maiden name unknown), whose first husband's first name is unknown. She died in 1630 or 1631. Browne

then married Mary (surname unknown). There were two children by each wife. Browne died in 1633 at Plymouth.

JAMES CHILTON AND MRS. CHILTON

MARY CHILTON

A tailor and probably the oldest passenger on the *Mayflower*, James Chilton was born about 1556, probably in Canterbury, Kent. He died aboard the *Mayflower* in Plymouth Harbor on December 8, 1620. His wife died early the following year. She was also a *Mayflower* passenger. Her name is unknown, since she was apparently not Susanna Furner, James Chilton's stepsister. Their daughter Mary married John Winslow, brother of Edward Winslow. Descent has also been proven from their daughter Isabella, who did not come on the *Mayflower*.

FRANCIS COOKE

JOHN COOKE

Francis Cooke was born in or shortly after 1583 and married, July 20, 1602, at Leyden, Hester Mahieu, baptized at Leyden between January 1, and March 31, 1607. They had four children of whom only John was a passenger with his father. Hester and the other three children followed on the ship *Anne*. Francis died April 7, 1663, but Hester lived until after June 8, 1666. John Cooke married Sarah Warren, daughter of Richard Warren. He died at Dartmouth, Massachusetts November 23, 1695.

EDWARD DOTY

Edward Doty was employed by Stephen Hopkins and was not a member of the Leyden Church. His first wife is unknown. His second marriage was to Faith Clarke, daughter of Thurston Clarke, at Plymouth, January 6, 1634/5. Faith was the mother of all of his known children. Doty died August 23, 1655, at Plymouth. Faith was remarried March 14, 1666/7, to John Phillips. She was buried at Marshfield, Massachusetts, December 21, 1675.

FRANCIS EATON AND SARAH (-?-) EATON

SAMUEL EATON

Francis Eaton was baptized September 11, 1596 at St. Thomas, Bristol, Gloucestershire, son of John and Dorothy (Smith) Easton. He was

a carpenter. His wife Sarah (surname unknown) and their son, Samuel, sailed with him on the *Mayflower*. Sarah Eaton died early in 1621. Eaton's second marriage was thought to be to Mrs. Carver's maid, whose name is not known, but may have been Dorothy. He was married a third time, about 1626, to Christian Penn. He had children by his first and third wives and died in 1633 at Plymouth, his widow later marrying Francis Billington. Samuel Eaton married twice and died not long before October 29, 1684.

MOSES FLETCHER

Moses Fletcher was a blacksmith, perhaps the son of another Moses Fletcher of Canterbury, Kent, born about 1565. He married first Maria Evans on October 30, 1589 at Sandwich, Kent and second, widow Sarah Denby or Danby (maiden name unknown) in Leyden on December 21, 1613. He died early in 1621 at Plymouth. Because his children remained in Holland, all his known descendants are Dutch.

EDWARD FULLER AND MRS. FULLER

SAMUEL FULLER

Edward Fuller was from Redenhall, Norfolk, where he was baptized September 4, 1575. His wife (name unknown) and son Samuel (born about 1608, died 1683) were on the *Mayflower*, as was his brother, Dr. Samuel Fuller. Edward and his wife died early in 1621. Their son Samuel married Jane Lathrop in Scituate, Massachusetts on April 8, 1635 and died in Barnstable, Massachusetts on October 31, 1683, leaving descendants. There may also be descendants through Matthew Fuller and who may have been their older son.

SAMUEL FULLER

Dr. Samuel Fuller, brother of Edward Fuller, was also from Redenhall, Norfolk (where he was baptized January 20, 1580) and then Leyden. He was the first physician in Plymouth. After his first wife, Alice Glascock, died, he married Agnes Carpenter. Following her death in 1617 he married Bridget Lee at Leyden May 27, 1617. She came to Plymouth aboard the *Anne* with a young child who died after March 1, 1664. Dr. Fuller died between August 9 and September 26, 1633 at Plymouth.

STEPHEN HOPKINS and ELIZABETH (FISHER) HOPKINS
CONSTANCE HOPKINS
GILES HOPKINS

Stephen Hopkins, a tanner and merchant, was baptized at Upper Clatford, Hampshire on April 30, 1581, son of John and Elizabeth (Williams) Hopkins. He was not a member of the Leyden Church. His children Constance and Giles, who came aboard the *Mayflower*, were by his first wife, Mary (possibly a Kent), who was buried at Hursley, Hampshire, on May 9, 1613, while Stephen was in Bermuda and then Jamestown. Stephen's second wife, Elizabeth Fisher from London, was also aboard the *Mayflower*. They were married on February 19, 1617/8 at St. Mary Matfellow, Whitechapel, London.

He died between June 6, and July 17, 1644, at Plymouth. His wife Elizabeth, by whom he had several other children, two of whom left descendants, died before June 6, 1644. Constance, baptized May 11, 1606 at Hursley, married Nicholas Snow and died at Eastham, Massachusetts in October 1677. Giles baptized January 30, 1607/8 at Hursley, married Catherine Whelden and died at Eastham between March 5, 1589/90 and April 16, 1690.

JOHN HOWLAND

John Howland was born about 1599, the son of Henry and Margaret Howland of Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire. He was aboard the *Mayflower* as John Carver's servant. He had married Elizabeth Tilley, daughter of John Tilley, in Plymouth by about 1624. He died February 23 or 24, 1672, in Kingston (Rocky Nook), Massachusetts. She died December 21 or 31, 1687, in Swansea, Massachusetts.

RICHARD MORE

Richard More, from Shipton, Shropshire, was baptized there November 13, 1614. He was a young boy, bound to William Brewster and did not sign the Compact. He married Christian Hunt or Hunter October 20, 1636 with whom he had seven children. She died March 18, 1676, in Salem, Massachusetts. Then he married Jane Crumpton (maiden name unknown), widow of Samuel Crumpton. He died between March 19, 1693/4 and April 20, 1696, in Salem.

WILLIAM MULLINS AND ALICE (-?-) MULLINS PRISCILLA MULLINS

William Mullins was a shoemaker from Dorking, Surrey, born by about 1572, son of John and Joan (Bridger) Mullins. His wife was Alice who sailed with him on the *Mayflower*. Her maiden name was not Atwood or Poretiers, and is therefore unknown. William and Alice died in 1621. Priscilla, born about 1602 or 1603, married John Alden about 1623.

DEGORY PRIEST

Degory Priest was born about 1579 and became a hatter in London. He married the sister of Isaac Allerton, Sarah (Allerton) Vincent, in Leyden November 4, 1611. After Priest's death on January 1, 1620/1, Sarah, who did not come on the *Mayflower*, married Godbert Godbertson and came to America with him and Priest's two daughters on the ship *Anne*.

THOMAS ROGERS

JOSEPH ROGERS

Thomas Rogers was a Leyden cloth merchant born by about 1572, son of William and Eleanor Rogers. He married Alice Cosford October 24, 1597, at Watford, Northamptonshire. Son Joseph came to America with him; the rest of the children came later. Thomas Rogers died in the winter of 1620-1621 at Plymouth. His wife, Alice, who did not come on the *Mayflower*, was still living in Leyden in 1622, and apparently did not come to America. Joseph Rogers was baptized at Watford January 23, 1602/3. His wife was named Hannah (maiden name unknown). He died between January 2 and 15, 1677/8 and was buried in Eastham, Massachusetts.

HENRY SAMSON

Henry Samson was baptized January 15, 1603/4, at Henlow, Bedfordshire. He came on the *Mayflower* with the Tilleys. He did not sign the Compact. He married Anne Plummer in Plymouth February 6, 1635/6, and they moved to Duxbury, Massachusetts. Anne died before 1684; Henry died at Duxbury on December 24, 1684.

GEORGE SOULE

George Soule was born before 1600. He was employed by Edward Winslow. About 1626 he married Mary Buckett who died in December 1676. He is listed as a taxpayer after 1633. He died in Duxbury, Massachusetts, between September 20, 1677, and January 22, 1678/9.

MYLES STANDISH

Myles Standish's origins are a subject of great controversy, there being wide disagreement over whether he was from Lancashire or the Isle of Man, though the current consensus favors the Manx origin. He was not a member of the Leyden Church. He was chosen Captain of the Plymouth Colony February 17, 1621. He was first married to Rose (surname unknown) who died very early in Plymouth Harbor. She sailed with him on the *Mayflower*. He then married Barbara (surname unknown) who did not come on the *Mayflower*. Standish died at Duxbury, Massachusetts, October 3, 1656. Barbara died after October 6, 1659. She was the mother of Myles' seven children.

JOHN AND JOAN (HURST) TILLEY

ELIZABETH TILLEY

John Tilley was baptized December 19, 1571, in Henlow, Bedfordshire, son of Robert and Elizabeth Tilley, and became a silk worker in London. On September 20, 1596, he married Joan (Hurst) Rogers, daughter of William and Rose Hurst, and widow of Thomas Rogers, who was not related to Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower*. John and Joan both died in the winter of 1620/1. Elizabeth Tilley, baptized August 30, 1607 in Henlow, married John Howland about 1625. Elizabeth's brother, Robert Tilley, remained in England and is known to have living descendants.

RICHARD WARREN

Richard Warren was a merchant from London who married Elizabeth Walker on April 14, 1610, at Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, daughter of Augustine Walker. She may have been the Elizabeth Walker baptized at Baldock, Hertfordshire, in September 1583. She came to Plymouth with the couple's five daughters on the *Anne*. Two sons were

born later. Richard died in 1628, at Plymouth, but Elizabeth lived until October 2, 1673.

WILLIAM WHITE AND SUSANNA WHITE
RESOLVED WHITE
PEREGRINE WHITE

William White was baptized at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire on January 25, 1586/7, son of Edward and Thomasine (Cross)(May) White. He was the uncle of William Bradford's first wife Dorothy May. His wife was Susanna Jackson, born about 1592, the daughter of Richard and Mary (Pettinger) Jackson. Their sons Resolved and Peregrine were with them on the *Mayflower*. William died at Plymouth February 21, 1620/1. Susanna then married Edward Winslow. Resolved White first married Judith Vassall and later, Abigail Lord (maiden name unknown), widow of William Lord. Resolved died at Marshfield, Massachusetts, after September 19, 1687. Peregrine White, born aboard the *Mayflower* at Provincetown Harbor before the end of November 1620, married Sarah Bassett. He died at Marshfield, Massachusetts, on July 20, 1704.

EDWARD WINSLOW

Edward Winslow was born in Droitwich, Worcestershire, October 18, 1595, and baptized two days later. He became a merchant. He first married Elizabeth Barker who came with him on the *Mayflower*. She died in 1621. On May 12, 1621, Edward's second marriage was to Susanna (Jackson) White, recent widow of William White, and the mother of all of Winslow's children (see William White's sketch for additional information about her). Winslow died May 8, 1655, at sea while serving as Oliver Cromwell's Commissioner to the West Indies.

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