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“A Wonderful Plague”

A deadly plague swept the Massachusetts coast, in 1616-1619, decimating the Natives. King James I as well as the colonists interpreted this as part of God’s divine plan to prepare the way for English settlements.

“Where the English come to settle, a Divine Hand makes way for them.”

— Daniel Denton, 1670
American Colonist

“For the natives, they are near all dead of the smallpox, so the Lord hath cleared our title to what we possess.”

— John Winthrop, 1634
Mass. Governor

“There hath, by God’s visitation, reigned a wonderful plague.... [He] hath thought fit and determined, that those large and goodly territories, deserted as it were by their natural inhabitants, should be possessed and enjoyed by such of our subjects.”

— King James I, 1620
New England Charter

“The Great Dying”: Preparing the Way

New England’s Coastal Plague, 1616-1619

All the Pilgrims were familiar with the plague, which they called the “great pestilence.” This horrifying and deadly disease struck Europe many times, including London, from 1348 to 1665.

By 1518, the first regulations to fight the plague were introduced. A bale of straw had to be hung on a pole outside the infected house for 40 days, and a white stick was carried in public to warn others to keep their social distance. Red crosses were also painted on the door, along with the words: “Lord have mercy upon us.” Theaters and other public gatherings, including sports, were also banned. The dead were only buried at night, accompanied by 45 minutes of ringing hand held bells—a warning to all.

Pilgrims’ Viewpoint. After landing in the New World in 1620, the Pilgrims quickly understood that a plague had ravished the land and decimated the Indians. Rather than become fearful, they placed a positive Biblical interpretation on this deadly epidemic. Just as plagues against



Natives had no immunity.

Egypt allowed the exodus to take place, so, too, this “miraculous pestilence” would allow their new Christian society to be



Indians lament death by plague.

established. William Bradford, recorded the results of the plague in his initial scouting expeditions:

“The good soyle, and the people not many, being dead and abundantly wasted in the late great mortalitie which fell in all these parts about three years before the coming of the English, wherin thousands of em dyed.”

— William Bradford, 1620

Indians’ Viewpoint. The Wampanoags called the epidemic “The Great Dying,” which claimed the lives of 75-90% of the 8,000 Wampanoags living near Plymouth. In 1618, at the height of the epidemic, a “strange” comet appeared over the skies of New England. The Wampanoags ominously interpreted it as confirmation that terrible sickness would overtake the land. They were right. By 1620, fewer than 2,000 survived. It was impossible for the native population to recover, much less rebuff the Pilgrims.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Maryland Mayflower Society Members:

Greetings from the cabin of the *Mayflower*—we dropped anchor on 12th March 2020 during our voyage to the 400th Anniversary and sailing of the *Mayflower*! After several days of stormy weather and gusty winds, it was discovered that there is a horrible coronavirus pandemic in America! By God's grace, we found calm waters and are resting now.

Although we all would like to continue our journey and be together, the Maryland Society is complying with Governor Hogan's Stay-at-Home Order and is effectively operating with electronic communications. We first attempted to reschedule our annual Spring Dinner from April 30th to May 31st, but the horrific COVID-19 morbidity statistics, and looming uncertainty, forced us to cancel the event in the best interest of health and safety. Sadly, the *Mayflower* port-of-call in Plymouth and the much-awaited 42nd Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), for September 2020, has also been canceled.

In order to vote upon important Bylaws and Constitution amendments, a GSMD Special Session using Zoom video teleconferencing will be held June 20, 2020, in lieu of the Congress. So we should still, hopefully, arrive in Plymouth—one year later—and see some of the events planned for the 400th Anniversary. I mention this now to provide some hope that, in 2021, we will still enjoy our 400th Anniversary, yet with remorse and contrite hearts for those who have lost their lives or been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We can share in the success of the fundraising program and renovations completed for the restoration of the First Church in Plymouth, which exhibits pride in our Colonial Pilgrim heritage. As you will recall, the First Thanksgiving in America was celebrated in Plimoth Plantation with the Native American Indian Chief, Massasoit, the following year in November 2021. There is still much to look forward to in the coming days ahead!

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our Society's only surviving Maryland Charter signatory, George Murray Seal, Jr., who passed away on April 6, 2020. Our Society was chartered by the General Society on March 5, 1938. George became an honorary Life Member at the age of 100 in May, 2019. The Maryland Society extends its deepest sympathies to the Seal family for their loss.

In closing, our Compact Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at the Chartwell Golf & Country Club in Severna Park, with a special display prepared by our 2020 Committee. We will also have the installation of new officers for the period 2020-2023. Please support our Society by purchasing notecards, 75th anniversary coins, art prints, 2020 T-Shirts, and other merchandise. You can purchase these items from our website or by using the mail-in order forms in this newsletter.

Take good care of yourselves. Stay safe and keep healthy during this unfortunate time.

Yours in preserving our Mayflower heritage,

Timothy D. Mallory
Governor, Maryland Mayflower Society

WELCOME ABOARD

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Maryland Society:

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- **MS. CHRISTIE PIERPONT BADER WALKER** of Poolesville, 12th in descent from William Bradford.



WILL THIS BE YOUR LICENSE PLATE?



The Mayflower license plate is not only visibly appealing, it serves to identify a Mayflower descendant. I purchased a license plate several years ago and am amazed by the number of people who stop and ask about it. Some are even interested in joining our Society, which opens up an opportunity to explain the process.

This is a great way to memorialize an event, such as an anniversary or birth year. Interested? Please call me at: 410-353-3733 or E-mail: cj.cj.3733@gmail.com.

Let me know which tag number you are interested in and we'll get the ball rolling. You won't regret it!

CJ (Dian) Corneliussen

ORDER YOUR TAGS TODAY!

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Commemorative Stamps



2020 Isle of Man, UK: set of six stamps, each depicting a key event and/or person involved in the voyage.



Mayflower at Sea, 1c



Landing of the Pilgrims, 2c



Mayflower Compact, 5c

1920: 300th Tercentary Anniversary, U.S.

1970:
350th Anniversary



1970 Landing of the Pilgrims, U.S.



1970 Pilgrims and Mayflower, UK

Mayflower stamps have been issued at various times by countries around the world. On December 21, 1920, the U.S. Post Office issued a set of three stamps honoring the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts. When first issued, critics complained the stamps were too small and designs too crowded. They were also the first stamps not bearing words to indicate the country of origin. Many thought these three stamps would be recalled, but they were not. In 1970, the Post Office issued a 6-cent stamp to commemorate the 350-year anniversary.

On April 1, 1970, a 350-year anniversary stamp was issued in England. This year, on April 22, 2020, in celebration of the 400th anniversary, the Isle of Man Post Office in England issued a set of six stamps, which are beautifully done. Each stamp depicts a key event and/or person in the voyage and is designed to reflect the time period during which the pilgrimage occurred.

The General Society had hoped for a series of stamps, like those issued in 1920 for the 300th anniversary, but instead the federal agency opted for a single stamp. On September 17, 2020, the U.S. Post Office plans to release a forever stamp, which depicts the ship with a shallop heading to shore as the sun sets on the first day of the Pilgrims' arrival in Plymouth Harbor.



2020 Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor, U.S. forever stamp.

Contact Information

If you have moved, changed your name, or we have an incorrect address, telephone number, or email address on file, please let us know. Our Directory, entitled *The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland 2017-2020* (updated as of April 2020), is now available to members by logging into our website at www.MarylandMayflower.org. The Directory provides detailed address and contact information and contains our Society's Bylaws. Please send revisions to our Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Young, at ybnance@gmail.com or call 410-321-6840.

Mayflower Float Wins Award



On January 1, 2020, The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, along with The California Mayflower Society, kicked off our 400th anniversary with their Voyage of Hope float in the 131st Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, California. This year's theme was "Power of Hope":

Float Theme: "The Voyage of Hope – 1620"

Features: The float included several Pilgrim icons: a floral depiction of the ship about 55' long and 18' wide; the Mayflower Compact displayed in front; a replica of Plymouth Rock but with the "1620" date carved on it. It carried 102 red rose flower vials inscribed with names of the original passengers.

Clothing: California Society members were dressed in period-appropriate garb to show that Pilgrims actually wore colorful clothing in daily life, not the somber black clothes or heavy buckles as is often portrayed. (Black fabric was too expensive and was mostly saved for special occasions.)

Material: An array of fresh and sculptured pumpkins and squash, amid harvest-toned shades of roses depicting the first Thanksgiving, lay beside Plymouth Rock. Dazzling floral seas of thousands of light and blue iris, white roses, sprays of dendrobium orchids, and baby's breath created the bay at Cape Cod, to depict where the *Mayflower* took shelter during that first winter.

Winner: Americana Award: Most Outstanding Depiction of National Treasures and Traditions.

The rose-covered replica of the Mayflower won the hearts of spectators. The volunteers painstakingly added flowers and other natural materials to the float. It was positioned sixth in the parade lineup, being the third float.

If you missed this nationally televised parade, you can watch it on YouTube and the CA website: [Mayflower Float 2020](#).



GSMD signs were made with white rice for the background, cranberry seeds for the red lettering, and blue statice flowers for the ship.



2020 Award Winner: America's most iconic ship participated in its most iconic parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California. The Mayflower float won the Americana Award.



The Mayflower Compact, which formed the foundation of American democracy and governance, was displayed in front.

General Society Gift Shop Now Open



The [General Society gift shop](#) in Plymouth is now open, and the items you order can be shipped. If you are interested in purchasing any silver or gold items, you may want to consider buying it soon, since the jeweler plans to increase prices next month.



2020 Rose Parade Pin

The official Mayflower 2020 Rose Bowl Parade pins are available on the [General Society website](#), for \$15.00.

Thanksgiving is a Family Affair

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Like many Americans, George Seal sees Thanksgiving as a day for remembering the family members, past and present, who have helped make possible the life he lives and loves today. Take one of his ancestors: a 17th-century Englishman who attempted and survived a hazardous Atlantic crossing, helped found and lead a new society in what is now Massachusetts, and wrote a history of his life and times. Or another, a prickly rogue whom the first man disliked, declared guilty of murder and ordered hanged.



George Seal, Jr. (1919-2020) and former Governor, Jim Battles, at the Inn at Brookeville Farms, 2015.

Seal happens to descend from what might very well be the two most dissimilar men who sailed to America aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620: William Bradford, the second governor of Plymouth Colony, and John Billington, a roughneck who was found guilty of killing a fellow Pilgrim over a grudge.

Both took part in the first Thanksgiving feast, 394 years ago. Seal salutes both men as robust early Americans. “Even Billington wasn’t all bad,” says Seal, a

charter member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Maryland. “Didn’t he take the same risks as everyone else? They nearly starved that first winter and thought they were blessed with divine fortune to survive. I admire what they all did.”

Few people are more enthusiastic about the third Thursday of November [*sic*] than the men, women and children who belong to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, an association whose 30,000 members have proved a direct line from one or more of the passengers who made the historic voyage. Headquartered in Plymouth, Mass., not far from the spot where the merchant ship came ashore, the organization boasts chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. (Closer to home, the Society of the Ark and Dove brings together descendants of the two ships that brought the settlers of the Proprietary Province of Maryland in 1634.) Seal, the Maryland chapter’s oldest member at age 96, was 18 when he attended its first meeting in a room at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in 1938. He was there in the same room when the chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2013.

The Maryland group’s 324 members, like those across the continent, agree by charter to “transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and the steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers to those who shall come after us—an undiminished heritage of liberty and law.”

In Maryland, that translates into raising money for scholarships, conducting

educational programs, offering genealogy workshops and attending two banquets—one in the Spring, the other the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The November event, a Thanksgiving-style dinner with turkey, cranberries and pumpkin pie, is a dual fest. It’s held in honor of the Mayflower Compact, the governing document that the 41 male survivors of the voyage signed on Nov. 11, 1620, to set ground rules for the colony, as well as the first Thanksgiving a year later.

The Pilgrims are believed to have shared that harvest celebration with a party of Wampanoag Indians sometime between Sept. 29 and Nov. 11, 1621. This year’s event drew about 80 people to an inn in Brookeville Sunday to observe several long-standing traditions. Just before the dinner, for example, an emcee read aloud the name of each Mayflower passenger. With each name, the descendants of that Pilgrim stood to be recognized.

Guests also heard a lecture by filmmakers Andrew Cameron Bailey and Connie Baxter Marlow, whose documentary, “The First Fifty Years,” explores what they say was the peaceful

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coexistence of the Plymouth settlers and their Native American neighbors through 1675. By some estimates, as many as 35 million people can claim to be Mayflower descendants, including figures as divergent as Sarah Palin, Hugh Hefner, Clint Eastwood, Richard Gere, Cokie Roberts and George W. Bush. One reason for the high numbers: Although only 52 passengers survived the first

winter, including three adult and four teenage women, many survivors had large families. “We were a prolific people,” says James B. Battles of Rockville, governor of the state chapter.

To become a member of the society, candidates must “verify the birth, marriage and death of each person down the line,” says Battles. Battles, 71, descends from James Chilton, the oldest Mayflower passenger. Society researchers helped by completing the “Silver Books,” a genealogy of the first five generations of descendants, years ago. A candidate needs to trace his or her lineage only as far back as someone listed in the volume. But even that can be tricky, says Caroline Fowler, 74, a Severna Park resident who spent three years as Maryland chapter historian, the officer who vets the paperwork of applicants. Record-keeping hasn’t always been as thorough as it is today. New York state, for example, kept no birth records before 1881, and New York City didn’t start until 1910. “It’s generations six through nine that can get a little tough,” Fowler says.

That leaves some candidates scouring for secondary evidence—inscribed family Bibles, letters, gravestone rubbings—in lieu of official, definitive documents: birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses and wills. Small wonder those who navigate the process end up feeling personally connected to their ancestors—proud of their

Thanksgiving is a Family Affair (Cont.)

feats, fascinated by their personalities, eager to share their histories or clear up myths.

Some have several to choose from. Fowler has six Mayflower forebears, including John Alden, the ship's 21-year-old cooper; William Mullins, a 50-year-old who boarded with his wife, Alice, and two children, and military adviser Myles Standish. She learned long ago that Mullins, Alice and their son died that first year; that Alden, "a decent, hard-working man," married the Mullinses' lone surviving child, Priscilla; that the couple had 11 children, and that Standish "was apparently a real character, a bit of a hothead." Fowler and her husband, Jim—he descends from another passenger—have shared the tales with their four children and 14 grandchildren. All are members of chapters where they live.

None in Maryland can outdo Ben Proctor, 74, a Lutherville resident whose grandparents, parents and aunts lived in Plymouth and who lived as a child in nearby Newton, Mass. Proctor, a retired insurance company executive, recalls many a Thanksgiving dinner at a relative's house near Plymouth Rock, where he and his sister took walks between courses. Because he has 11 Mayflower ancestors—he rattles their names off alphabetically, from Isaac Allerton through Richard Warren—he spends the Compact Day litany sitting down and getting back up. "I get a good workout," jokes Proctor, a three-time president of the Maryland chapter. It's a price he's only too happy to pay to commemorate ancestors he says risked everything to secure the religious freedom they believed was their birthright. He describes himself as a devout Christian. "I'm proud of what they had to endure, of how strongly they felt in their belief in God, of their desire to be able to worship the way they wanted to," Proctor says.

Family legacy has brought out the historian in Battles. Since learning years ago of the Mayflower link, he has written "Chilton's Challenge," a two-act play about the lives of Chilton and his daughter, Mary, who is said to have been the first Pilgrim to set foot on Plymouth Rock; performed in a DVD version of the play, which the Maryland chapter has donated to dozens of schools in the state, and even visited Leiden, Holland, the city where many Mayflower passengers enjoyed religious sanctuary before making the long voyage to the New World.

His research, he says, confirmed a little-known theory first posited in 2001 by J.C. Kardux and E.F. Van de Bilt, scholars of American history at the University of Leiden. While many believe the first Thanksgiving was modeled on English and Indian harvest traditions, the pair made a compelling case that a long-standing Dutch practice was also crucial—and Battles agrees.

In 1573, Spanish naval forces launched the Siege of Leiden, a brutal operation that led to the starvation of about half the city's population. When residents burst their own dikes to end

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the siege in 1574, friendly privateers arrived in boats bearing bread and fish. Prince William of Orange, forebear of the Dutch royal family, called for a feast.

Leiden residents began celebrating "Leidens Ontzet" (the Relief of Leiden) every October—a tradition in which the Pilgrims would have taken part, and one that endures today. Battles believes they drew on it when planning their Thanksgiving—another fest that marked the end of an ordeal that had killed half the population. "Virtually no one knows about this, and it's part of our mission to educate," Battles says. He has published an article on the subject in his chapter's newsletter. He and others still marvel at one aspect of the first Thanksgiving. According to Bradford's log, the seven women survivors prepared the food—wild turkey, deer, dried corn, oysters and more—for more than 200 guests, including 150 Wampanoag Indians, and kept it coming for three full days.

Seal says the fest drew "saints and sinners" alike, including his two mismatched forebears—Bradford the VIP and Billington and his family, the troublemakers. Bradford served as governor, or chief executive, of the colony, for nearly 29 years. Billington, who was known for irritating Bradford with his constant complaints, was spotted heading into the woods one day in 1630 just before another settler, John Newcomen, was found there in a pool of blood. There were no witnesses. Seal jokingly suggests Bradford might have framed Billington to get rid of him.

The theory has won few backers. Either way, Seal says, both ancestors survived the voyage, signed the compact and broke bread at the feast, helping to create history and establish a tradition we emulate today.

That, Seal believes, is what matters. "The Pilgrims had a lot to be thankful for, and I'm glad they celebrated," he says. "After all, they were a pretty stiff bunch. Our Thanksgiving is an outgrowth of that occasion. Let's set aside a few hours and be thankful for what we've got."



Jim Battles offers a toast with his wife, Carolyn Battles (left), and Joanne Eells Coe, and her husband, Dayton Coe (right), at the Compact Dinner, held at the Inn at Brookeville Farms, November 2015.

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WELCOME ABOARD

New Members *(cont.)*

- **MS. LAUREN GARDNER WINER** of Washington DC, 13th in descent from Francis Cooke.
- **MR. LUKE THRESHER WINER** of Bethesda, 13th in descent from Francis Cooke.
- **MR. NATHANIEL WHITMAN WINER** of Bethesda, 13th in descent from Francis Cooke.
- **MS. SUSAN ELLEN LOGAN WRIGHT** of Bethesda, 11th in descent from William Bradford.

Supplemental Lines

Congratulations to our members who have been approved for an additional ancestor.

- **MR. ALAN BURGESS PHILLIPS** of Frederick, 11th in descent from John Billington.
- **MR. WILLIAM CAREY LOCKE**, of Miami, FL, 13th in descent from William White.
- **MS. ELIZABETH WARREN FAY** of Assonet, MA, 12th in descent from Thomas Rogers.
- **MS. MARY LYNN DOOLEY DEEN** of Bolivia, NC, 12th in descent from Francis Cooke.
- **MR. JEFFREY ALLEN HENNING** of Clarksburg, 13th in descent from William Brewster.
- **MS. CHARLOTTE ALSTON SLAYTON KAETZEL** of Baltimore, 11th in descent from Francis Cooke, 10th in descent from James Chilton, 10th in descent from John Billington, and 9th in descent from Francis Eaton.

Junior Members

Congratulations to our new junior members.

- **MASTER ERIC ANTHONY TRAYNOR** of Gaithersburg, 15th in descent from William Mullins.
- **MISS CLAIRE ADELIN KIELISZAC** of Landenberg, PA, 13th in descent from John Howland.

Friends

“Friends” are always welcome to our Society.

- **MS. CYNTHIA KAY MONSHOWER** of Catonsville.

Juniors

A Virtual Exploration

Stuck inside? Make these precious days at home a time for new learning experiences.

Plimoth



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Choose a farm to visit: horse, aquaculture, beef, dairy, poultry, or wheat.

Juniors

by Pam Criscitiello, Chairman
Juniors Committee

The Pilgrims did not bring any large livestock animals with them on the *Mayflower*. In fact, the only animals known with certainty to have come on the *Mayflower* were two dogs—an English mastiff and an English spaniel—who are mentioned on a couple of occasions in Pilgrim journals.

John Goodman, a 25-year-old passenger on the *Mayflower*, brought his Mastiff and English Springer Spaniel along for the voyage. Goodman's dogs became essential members of the settlement who provided protection and aided in hunting. At one point, Goodman and a companion had gotten lost, and without the Mastiff or Spaniel, the men likely would not have survived the night. Sadly, Goodman did not survive his first winter in the New World, but fellow Pilgrims cared for his dogs after his death.



The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth, 1621.
By J.G. Ferris, 1912, shows English spaniel dog.

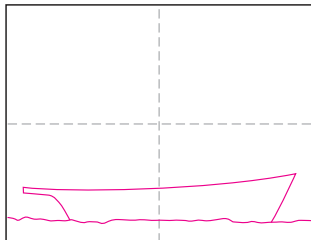
Mayflower Riddles

by Sydney Criscitiello

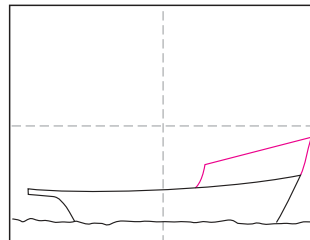
1. What came after the Mayflower?
2. What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to?
3. What kind of tan do pilgrims get?
4. If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?
5. What kind of expression does a Pilgrim make when in pain?
6. How did the Mayflower show that it liked America?

See answers on page 10

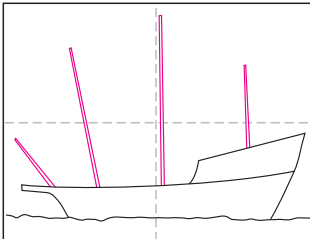
Draw a Mayflower Ship



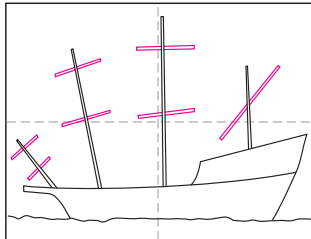
1. Draw water line and base of the ship.



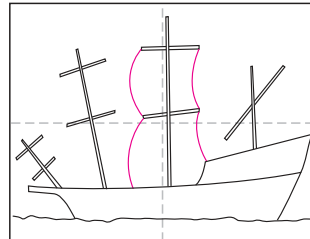
2. Add additional deck on the right side.



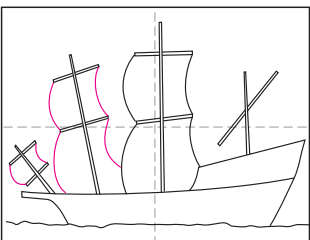
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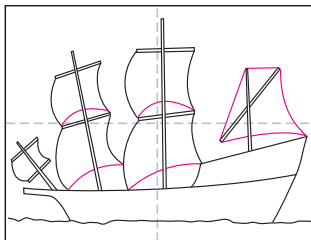
4. Draw the yards crossing each one.



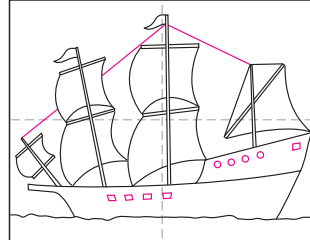
5. Draw curved lines for main sail.



6. Add curved lines for additional sails.



7. Finish curved lines that attach to ship.



8. Add windows, rope, and flags.

This drawing was made on kraft paper so that the sails could be colored white, but any paper will work.

Materials:

- Brown kraft paper
- Pencil
- Black marker, fine tip
- Colored pencils

Directions:

1. Print guidelines.
2. Draw ship with a pencil. Make sure you draw the sails with curved sides so it looks like the wind is filling them up.
4. Trace pencil lines with a black marker.
5. Color the ship with pencil or crayons using brown for the boat, white for the sails, blue for water, black for small windows.

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Mayflower Prints

High-resolution Giclée Prints



SAILING OF THE MAYFLOWER, 1620

Our Society is truly fortunate to have a long-time member who is a master of watercolor. Frederic S. (“Fritz”) Briggs, has been a professional artist for over 50 years. His watercolor painting, *Sailing of the Mayflower*, is truly a work of art.

With the advent of the high-resolution fine art Giclée printing process, we are now able to more accurately capture Fritz’s original watercolor art, showing the subtle nuances, delicate essences of shadow and light, and complex glazes of color.

A 16” x 20” Giclée print of the *Sailing of the Mayflower* is available for members to order. Each print is personally signed by the artist, Fritz Briggs. The price is \$75.00. To order, visit our Society website, www.MarylandMayflower.org.



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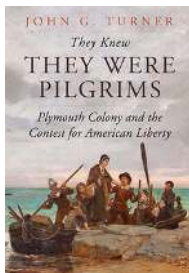
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Junior Riddles Answers

1. The Juneflower
2. Plymouth Rock,
3. A Puritan,
4. Pilgrims,
5. A Pil-grimace,
6. It hugged the shore.

Recommended Reading

by The Education Committee



They Knew They Were Pilgrims

Plymouth Colony and the Contest for American Liberty

(464 pages, hardcover)

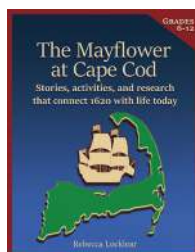
by John G. Turner

In 1620, separatists from the Church of England set sail across the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower. Understanding themselves as spiritual pilgrims, they left to preserve their liberty to worship God in accordance with their understanding of the Bible.

There exists, however, an alternative, more dispiriting version of their story. In it, the Pilgrims are religious zealots who persecuted dissenters and decimated Native peoples through warfare and by stealing their land. The Pilgrims’ definition of liberty was, in practice, very narrow.

Drawing on original research using underutilized sources, Mr. Turner moves beyond these familiar narratives in his sweeping and authoritative new history of Plimoth Colony. Instead of depicting the Pilgrims as other worldly saints or extraordinary sinners, he tells how a variety of English settlers and natives engaged in a contest for the meaning of American liberty.

John G. Turner is professor of religious studies at George Mason University. Available on Amazon.



The Mayflower at Cape Cod

Stories, activities, and research that connect 1620 with life today

Grades 6-12, 7-lesson unit (71 pages)

by Rebecca Locklear

This book’s focus is on the five weeks the Pilgrims were anchored off Cape Cod in 1620. Students not only examine history, but connect it to today’s issues.

Interest areas include cross-cultural communication, environmental ethics, epidemics, judgment, language, materialism, migration, religion, self-sufficiency, slavery, societal conventions, tribal issues, and wilderness survival. There are 70 activities (e.g., art, design, cooking, drama, games) and 80 research areas. A review on Teachers Pay Teachers stated:

“You will be surprised and delighted with the broad range of ideas, activities, stories and useful interactive materials here. This author creates thought-provoking lessons with multi-dimensional options for teaching.” (TeachersPayTeachers.com, February 12, 2020).

To order, visit www.RebeccaLocklear.com.

Historians' Report

Dwight Mason, Historian
Christopher Locke, Co-Historian
Jennifer Hulse, Assistant Historian

Our Historians have been very busy. Below is a status of recent activity:

- **New Members:** Since the Spring issue, 30 new members have been enrolled, including eight transfers in; nine supplementals; one friend; two new junior members, and three reinstatements. There are currently 50 applications pending in Plymouth, including 12 supplementals. The wait time is quite lengthy—closer to six months—and, in light of the coronavirus, undoubtedly longer.
- **Membership Turnover:** There were three transfers out, seven deaths, and two resignations. Twenty-six members were dropped for nonpayment of dues in 2019 and one in 2020.
- **GSMD Proposes Increase in Dues:**

Filing Fees: We believe the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) will probably move to increase its filing fees in September 2020, including supplemental applications, from the current \$75.00 to \$125.00 per application.

Annual Dues: Our annual Maryland Society dues include a fee of \$15.00 per member that we pay to the General Society. We believe that the General Society will increase its share of those dues from \$15.00 to \$35.00 in 2021. Consequently, at the Compact Day Dinner last November, it was voted to increase this year's Maryland Society dues by \$10.00. It was also voted to increase next year's dues by another \$10.00, depending upon the General Society's final decision to be made this Fall.
- **Life Members:** Our last Fall 2019 newsletter listed Life Members with whom we have lost contact. We have moved 67 of those life members to the lost/suspended list.

Crabill Estate Donation

to The Columbia Family History Center
Ellicott City, Maryland



In February, our Co-Historian, Chris Locke, delivered the Crabill Estate texts to the Columbia Family History Center.

Our Co-Historian, Christopher Locke, responded to a request from the surviving spouse of Maryland Mayflower member, Joan Crabill, and engineered the donation of 96 hardcover genealogical texts to The Family History Center located in Ellicott City, Maryland.

This collection was part of an extensive body of research Ms. Crabill built up over 30 years, an effort that culminated with her election to the Mayflower Society in August of 2017. The texts were enthusiastically welcomed by the Center's director and staff.

The donation by the Crabill Estate is intended to support genealogical research throughout the U.S. Unique items will be digitized and provided to other centers. This Center is staffed by volunteers experienced in genealogical research and are available to assist researchers.



Columbia Family History Center is part of the Family History Library System of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Supplemental Lines

Add to your lineage before the price increase in 2021!

www.MarylandMayflower.org

If you have a Pilgrim or two in that back cupboard you've been meaning to make official, now is the time to submit your application. This September, the General Society will vote to raise the fee for each supplemental from \$75.00 to \$125.00. Don't miss your opportunity to add to your Mayflower family and take advantage of the savings, too. Simply go to our Society website and fill out the application form under "Membership" and submit. Our energetic historians will be in touch to get those supplementals working to get pep up your family tree!

2019-2020 Maryland Society Scholarship Winners

by Christopher Locke, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2019-2020 Mayflower Scholarship awards. This year, our Society awarded three college scholarships. The winners are: Sydney Criscitiello (MD768), Zachary Calcagno (MD911), and Megan Elizabeth Mohr (MD978).

These awards are available for use for the Fall 2020 academic semester. The fundamental purpose of these awards is to promote awareness about the story of the Pilgrims, the preservation of our historical heritage, and to assist in supporting outstanding students in their academic pursuits at the collegiate level.

This year was the highest total scholarships awarded since the Society's scholarship program was re-started. This

is also in keeping with the spirit of the 400th anniversary celebrations of the Mayflower's landing in America. Each of the awardees turned in highly competitive applications.

The Scholarship Committee and our Maryland Society commend each winner for their superior achievements, whether in the classroom, through volunteer work, or elsewhere. We wish each of the winners success in their upcoming academic endeavors. We also want to thank the members, and prospective members, who have helped grow the values awarded to deserving applicants by donating to the scholarship fund.

Congratulations to all three of our award recipients!



2019-2020 Scholarship Winner: Sydney Criscitiello (MD768) and her parents, Pam and Mike Criscitiello.



2019-2020 Scholarship Winner: Megan Elizabeth Mohr (MD978).



2019-2020 Scholarship Winner: Zachary Calcagno (MD911) and his parents, Marcia and William Calcagno.

2020-2021 MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Maryland Society offers scholarships in amounts up to \$2,500.00 to a direct descendant of a *Mayflower* passenger. The application due dates for the upcoming year are as follows:

Key Dates

AWARDS	DEADLINE	NOTIFIED BY
Spring 2021	August 21, 2020	November 1, 2020
Fall 2021	March 19, 2021	June 1, 2021

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to assist qualifying eligible candidates achieve their academic goals. See website, www.MarylandMayflower.org.
home > about > scholarship.

Call for Nominations Maryland Society Officers

2020-2023 Term

Your Society Needs You!

Every three years, the Maryland Society elects a new slate of Officers for its Board. Our Society is seeking energetic and enthusiastic members willing to volunteer. Joining the Board will not only help make new friends and expand your network, it will also assist our Society to achieve its core objectives.

You can be part of this dedicated, talented, and congenial group. Or, maybe you know someone else who might want to get involved. Job descriptions for each position are available on our website, under the "Contribute" tab.

Election for the new board is scheduled to take place at our Compact Day Dinner in November. If interested, please contact a current Board member.

The Mayflower Guard

by James B. Battles,
Deputy Governor General

In 2016, I suggested to then Governor General, Lea Filson, that the General Society really needed a historic color guard that would be dressed and armed as the Pilgrims would have been when they arrived in the New World in the Fall of 1620. Governor Filson loved the idea and asked me to create such a unit. Hence, the Mayflower Guard was born.

There were many challenges in creating a historically accurate ceremonial color guard unit. Just how were the Pilgrims armed? What armor did they have? We know the type of arms and armor the Pilgrims had from *Mort's Relations*, which records their almost daily experiences between November 1620 and December 1621:

"Monday the 13th of November (1620) sixteen men were set out (to explore) with every man his musket, sword, and corselet, under the conduct of Captain Miles Standish, who was adjoined, for council and advice, by William Bradford, Stephen Hopkins, and Edward Tilley."

Archaeological evidence exists of early Colonial arms and armor. The work of Harold Peterson of the National Park Service provides a useful guide. Recent excavations of the Jamestown fort, which found a breast plate and cabaset helmet, also revealed examples of early Colonial armor. The cabaset helmet was the most commonly used helmet by early English colonists, including the Pilgrims.



Charge against the horse.
Hand colored etching by Jacob de Gheyn II (1565-1629), *Exercise of Armes*.

In 1609, Prince Maurice of Nassau, Captain General of the Dutch military forces, engaged an engraver/painter, Jacob de Gheyn II, to develop an illustrated military training manual. This work, known in its English translations as *Exercise of Arms*, influenced warfare throughout the 17th Century including North American militias, the Thirty Years' War, and the English Civil War. Jacob de Gheyn's illustrations provides an accurate portrayal of the arms and armor that Pilgrims would use.

In both the Dutch and English army at the time, only the pikemen wore plate armor. But in Jamestown, a change was required against the Native Americans. In 1611, since too many men were dying from being hit by Indian arrows, Sir Thomas Dale ordered that all men, even those carrying muskets, had to wear plate armor. Our Pilgrim ancestors followed his advice and, hence, everyone wore plate armor.

The ammunition for the matchlock musket was carried in wooden bottles containing gunpowder enough for one shot.



Mayflower Guard. DGG Jim Battles and the Guard at the Denver Board of Assistants' meeting, 2019.

These bottles

became known as "apostles," as they usually carried 12 charges. A separate bottle or flask contained powder for priming. There was also a pouch to hold the musket balls attached to a leather strap called a bandoleer, which was carried over the left shoulder and hung on the right side of the body. Everyone carried a sword of some type. While we know Miles Standish had a rapier, a much more practical sword would have been a cutting sword, such as the English Half Basket sword.

A brightly polished piece of armor needed constant care to guard from rust and maintain good appearance. This was especially true of those suits destined for active service in the field. In the 17th Century, armor was more often black, brown, or dark blue. Blackening, russeting or bluing helped protect it and was easier to maintain. Our Pilgrim ancestors would have had blackened or blued armor.

We successfully recruited members from all over the country, with 20 active members and growing. The Mayflower Guard performed in the opening ceremonies at the GSMD Board of Assistants' meetings in Illinois (2018) and Denver (2019), and a guard member participated in the Rose Parade on January 1st, 2020. The Guard is



ready to lead in ceremonies for the 400th anniversary whenever it is rescheduled. Nothing is more effective in making history come alive than reenactors wearing period-appropriate attire including the arms and armor of the Pilgrims.

See [Maryland Mayflower YouTube channel](#) for more details and instructional videos.

A Visit to Plymouth, England

by Mary Ann Bienko
Member-at-Large



Mary Ann and daughter, Amanda, in front of Jacka Bakery, England's oldest operating commercial bakery dating back to the early 1600s.



The Mayflower Museum explores the story of the Pilgrims' voyage and journey to the New World.

In June, 2018, my husband, daughter, and I were on a train from London bound for Plymouth, England. Upon arrival, we toured the historic part of Plymouth.

Our first surprise was finding Jacka Bakery, which sold bread to the Pilgrims for their journey in 1620, and is still baking and selling bread today. Our second surprise was the Mayflower Museum, which told the story of how our ancestor separatists felt forced to turn their back on England and risk everything for their religious freedom in America. We didn't expect a British museum to honor their sacrifices.

Looking out from the second floor of the museum, we took in the view of the beautiful Plymouth Harbor and the entry to the Mayflower steps. These steps lead down to the water's edge where passengers and cargo would have been rowed out to the *Mayflower*. One of my Pilgrim ancestors, William Brewster, who was wanted for treason for printing pamphlets

contrary to the King's religion, was smuggled in some cargo down these steps and then onto the ship.

After visiting this lovely museum, it was time for the gift shop! There were lots of pins, jackets, and all sorts of memorabilia, but what really caught my eye were the T-shirts. The front of the T-shirt showed the *Mayflower*, but the unique part was the names printed on the back of the T-shirt. All known passengers who left on the *Mayflower* in September of 1620 were listed. I felt this showed the connection between our country and England.

Once I returned home and started to wear my T-shirt, I received many compliments. Based on this positive feedback, I approached my fellow Maryland Mayflower Board members with the idea of creating our own T-shirts to sell to our members.



Panoramic view of today's busy Barbican area of Plymouth and entry to the Mayflower Steps.

The Board members unanimously approved and our Treasurer, Marilyn VanWagner, and I worked on the design and arranged for the printing. We received permission from the artist, Fritz S. Briggs, to use his painting of the *Mayflower* for the front of the T-shirt. We have received many positive responses and our T-shirt sales have reached across the country.

Treasurer's Update

Marilyn VanWagner, Treasurer
Louesa B. Canning, Asst. Treasurer

Thank you to all of our members who have given generously towards our 2020 400th Anniversary Fund as well as our Scholarship Fund. Your donations are very much appreciated. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please pay soon. To date, 68 members have not paid their dues.

You can pay your dues or send donations as follows:

To pay electronically: visit our Maryland Society website (www.MarylandMayflower.org),

- if you wish to pay your annual dues, sign into your account, select "[Pay Dues](#)" at the top, and follow the instructions. You can also print a receipt for your files.
- if you wish to send a donation, select the "Contribute" button then select "[Donate](#)".

To pay by mail: complete the [appropriate form](#) in this newsletter and mail, along with a check, to the address shown in the form.

MAYFLOWER

400th ANNIVERSARY

T-SHIRT

In honor of the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage and founding of Plymouth Colony, our Society is offering exclusive T-shirts featuring artwork by our member, Fritz Briggs, who is a renowned master watercolor artist.

FRONT: The front features Fritz Brigg's painting, "Sailing of the *Mayflower*," with the years, 1620-2020.

BACK: The back shows a list of the *Mayflower* passengers.

SIZES: Small, Medium, Large, X-large, and XX-large.

PRICE: \$19.99 + shipping

TYPE: 100% cotton

To order:

- See our website, www.MarylandMayflower.org.
- Or to pay by check, complete the [order form](#) in this newsletter and mail along with a check.



Our 400th anniversary T-shirts make great gifts!

Compact Day Dinner

“Medicine, Mercury & Muck”

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, our Society met at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Annapolis. Our Guest Speaker was Eleanor Herman, a *New York Times* best-selling author and historian. Eleanor’s presentation was based on her 2018 book, *The Royal Art of Poison*, which can be purchased on [Amazon](#).

Eleanor explained that, for centuries, Royal families feared that rivals would poison their food, and to avoid poison, they depended on tasters, unicorn horns, condemned prisoners, and servants. She also revealed how Royals were unknowingly poisoning themselves daily with their cosmetics (women wore makeup made with mercury and lead), medications, and filthy living conditions. Even doctors of the day did not understand the spread of disease. We all enjoyed Eleanor’s lively and informative presentation.

2019 Compact Day Dinner

Annapolis, MD



Governor Mallory presented a service recognition award to Mary Ann Bienko, Member-at-Large.



Governor Tim Mallory and Guest Speaker, Eleanor Herman, with her book, *The Royal Art of Poison* (available on [Amazon](#)).



Governor Mallory presented a service recognition award to Louesa Canning, Assistant Treasurer.



Governor Tim Mallory, Historian Dwight Mason, and Assistant Historian Jennifer Hulse.

23rd Annual Phantom PILGRIM BALL

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland cordially invites you **NOT** to attend

THE PHANTOM PILGRIM BALL

Your contribution is tax-deductible and the proceeds will be allocated for educational projects and to obtain speakers. The categories are:

PILGRIM	1,000.00
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There is still time for you **NOT** to attend

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Before the Mayflower 1480-1619

New England was filled with strong, healthy, and aggressive Indians. Numerous explorers feared that it would be dangerous, if not impossible, for colonization. However, no one anticipated that a plague would prepare the way for unopposed English settlements.

1400s. Bristol fishermen reached New England as early as 1480, exploring intermittently and taking several dozen Natives captive.

1500s. By 1580, between 350 to 700 ships, carrying 8,000 to 10,000 Europeans, plied the waters off Newfoundland each summer. Europeans bartered with the American Indians, trading copper, jewelry, mirrors, bells, scissors, knives, axes, hooks, cloth, and beaver pelts.

In 1602, when Bartholomew Gosnold (1571-1607) explored the coasts of Maine, Cape Cod, and Martha's Vineyard, to his surprise, he found Natives already wearing European clothes. He angered the Indians and returned to England without attempting a settlement.

1600s. In 1605, when Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635) sailed through Massachusetts Bay, he "observed many smokes along the shore, and many savages running up to see us." Receiving a hostile reception, he concluded that the region was too thickly settled for European colonization.



Captain John Smith, 1624

In 1614, John Smith (1580-1631) explored these same islands and found them: "planted with Gardens and Corne fields, and so well inhabited with a goodly, strong and well proportioned people." At Accomack (later Plymouth), Smith fought and defeated

40 to 50 Natives, but then befriended the survivors. He named the region "New England" and published a map in 1616.

By 1620, most Native Americans on the southeastern coast of present-day Massachusetts died. Classic explanations include yellow fever, smallpox, viral hepatitis, and bubonic plague. Chickenpox and trichinosis are among more recent theories along with leptospirosis complicated by Weil syndrome.

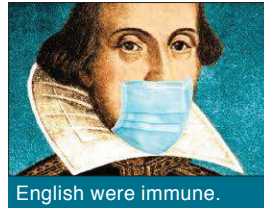
The Great Dying: Preparing the Way

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In 1614, the English explorer John Smith had visited New England before the plague. When he returned eight years later, he was shocked by the depopulation:

"God had laid this country open for us... Where I had seen 100 or 200 people [in 1614], there is scarce ten to be found."

— John Smith (1622)



English were immune.

The early English colonists also referred to the plague as "Indean fever." Although the English settlers viewed the plague favorably from a religious and survival point of view, the Wampanoags, being decimated, interpreted the epidemic differently. They believed they had angered the spirits. Moreover, they feared the English, believing the Colonists could inflict this plague on the native population—at will. After all, the English appeared to be immune from the deadly affliction. As William Bradford wrote:

"By the marvelous goodness and providence of God, not one of the English was so much sick or in the least measure taunted with this disease."

— Gov. William Bradford, 1635

Indians Convert. Thanks to the plague, Plimoth Colony was left unchallenged. It grew and prospered. But the "great dying" would continue to infect Native American communities in the "Great Smallpox Epidemic" of 1633, the "Universal Sickness" of 1645, the "Plague and the Pox" of 1650-51, and the "Bloody-Flux" of 1652.

As a result, the surviving Natives turned to the Christian story, which the Pilgrims were happy to teach. Puritan pastors like John Eliot, with the first Church of Roxbury, translated Christian texts into the Massachusetts' language and set up a number of missionary "Praying Towns," a term used for the Christian Indian communities set up from 1651 to 1674. Religious conversion of the Natives became a useful tool for English colonial rule.

"In their sickness, [they avowed] that the Englishmen's God was a good God; and that, if they recovered, they would serve him."

— John Winthrop, 1633

By the time King Philip's War started in 1675, over 1,000 natives lived in fourteen "Praying Towns". There were six Indian churches with a combined total of 350 baptized members and a praying population of 2,000 people in eastern Massachusetts. However, disease persisted among the tribe, weakening it further. Those who were not killed in the War were sold into slavery, moved to praying towns, or migrated westward. King Philip's War virtually obliterated the Wampanoags.

A Warning. In 1680, the Reverend Cotton Mather recalled the "Indean fever." Although he made it clear that God sent the plague against the natives, Reverend Mather warned He could do it again—this time against the Pilgrims, if provoked:

"God sent the Plague amongst the Natives of this land [and] cast out the Heathen before this, his people, that the way might thereby be prepared unto our more peaceful settlement here.... never provoke [God] to doe unto us, as he hath done unto them."

— Rev. Cotton Mather, 1680

Today's Wampanoag Plight

U.S. takes Wampanoag land



The Pilgrims were urban people who knew little about farming. How would they acquire these skills? The Wampanoag tribe of Native Americans showed them how

to plant and raise crops. Without assistance from the Wampanoags, the Pilgrims could not have survived.

Today, the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe is in danger of losing their land. This tribe is one of only two federally recognized tribes of the Wampanoag people in Massachusetts. Recognized in 2007, they are headquartered in Mashpee on Cape Cod. The other tribe is the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard.

On March 27, 2020, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under the U.S. Department of Interior, informed the Wampanoags that their reservation designation would be rescinded and its 321 acres would be taken out of the Federal trust. They would then lose their legal status and autonomy to decide how to tax and manage their plot of land.

Wampanoag's Response. The Tribe responded by decrying the move as "cruel and unnecessary." Tribe Chairman, Cedric Cromwell, stated:

"Our land is sacred. It's where our people receive health services. It's where our children attend our language immersion school ... Taking our land is a direct attack on our culture and our way of living."

In a statement dated March 27, 2020, Mr. Cromwell further stated that the Wampanoag, or "People of the First Light," have lived on the land "since before there was a Secretary of the Interior, since before there was a State of Massachusetts, and since before the Pilgrims arrived 400 years ago." He went on to say:

"We have survived, we will continue to survive.... These are the lands of our ancestors, and these will be the lands of our grandchildren. This Administration has come and it will go. But we will be here, always."

Mayflower General Society's Response. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) stands with the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. Governor General George P. Garmany stated, "It would be unconscionable for us to stand aside while the people who supported our ancestors are denied their own rightful inheritance."

In a letter dated April 3, 2020, written to the U.S. Department of Interior requesting reversal, he stressed the importance of the Wampanoag tribe to the Pilgrims:

"It is no exaggeration to state that the Pilgrims simply would never have survived without the help that they received from those Wampanoag people. Since the Pilgrims were the first families to locate to New England, the entire course of English settlements would have been altered without that support. All Americans--not just the millions who are descended from the Pilgrims--owe the Wampanoag people a debt of gratitude."

Governor Garmany went on to ask:

"How has the U.S. recognized the debt that we owe to the Wampanoag people? The vast lands that their tribes once ruled have been reduced to just a few hundred acres, and on Friday, March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe that they would even be denied this paltry remnant."

Present Crisis. The plague nearly destroyed the Wampanoags 400 years ago. However, it is ironic during this present coronavirus pandemic that the Federal Government informed the Wampanoags that their remaining land will be taken away. According to President Kirk Francis of the non-profit group, United South and Eastern Tribes' Sovereignty Protection Fund:

"The action by this administration in rendering such a decision is dishonorable and reprehensible on its face, but to do so when we are fighting a national pandemic is shameful.... If there was any question before, it is clear that we are experiencing a crisis in Indian Country at this moment."

The two Massachusetts senators said they will fight against the Federal Government's decision, stating: "We will not allow the Mashpee Wampanoag to lose their homeland."



The Wampanoags are in danger of losing their homeland in Cape Cod. To sign their petition, visit Moveon.org.

See: MashpeeWampanoagTribe-nsn.gov
MayflowerEventNews.com

Remembering the Sacrifices of our Forefathers

Reflections about my 9th Great Grandfather

by Merilee Speilberg Adams Sommers
Member, Budget & Finance, Education, Scholarship Committees

I awoke this morning very grateful. Some rain had fallen last night, but I was dry in my own queen-sized bed in a lovely home. There is a heavy fog over the lake as the sun rises in a muted glow. My morning soapy shower was warm, and there was a wide selection of clean clothes. The Keurig dutifully brewed a fresh cup of coffee with imported beans and clear water. Kit E got her portion of tuna from a can and then proceeded out to the lanai for a leisurely stroll. As usual, mornings are my time to check emails and correspond with people near and far. Soon, I will decide what to have for breakfast—fresh eggs and cinnamon toast? Oatmeal? Dry cereal with fresh milk and berries?

I am confined to my home with the Covid-19 pandemic and have been for many weeks. No one else is here. I am blessed.

Yesterday, I tuned into a Soule Kindred in America Board conference call through Zoom, an online system where each participant had a visible square with live feed from their computer's camera so we could see and hear "cousins" from across the nation. It was a virtual meeting, and it has really made me think...about George Soule and the Pilgrims.

In contrast, the passengers and crew saw the sun rise behind them as they ventured to the west, but the 102 passengers had to take turns going up on deck of this 80-foot long ship. The air was not fresh in the confined area where they slept and cooked. Because the passage had been delayed for repairs of the initial sister ship, the *Speedwell*, and because the winds and currents took them off course to their original destination, and because they had difficulty finding a safe place to land, and because it was winter in that northern location, they really had problems. There was little to no food left. Many of the passengers had

become sick and had to stay on board to what became the hospital ship. Those who departed in Plymouth had no shelter and needed to find food for themselves and for those confined to the *Mayflower*.

In general, these people were tradesmen rather than carpenters, hunters, or fishermen. They had the limited tools that they were able to bring. Perhaps there were still some goats and chickens left to help produce some food. They were from England and Holland, having combined the two ships' manifests into one and were not a unified community. While still on the ship, they knew that they would need each other in order to survive. So, they created and signed the Mayflower Compact, which laid out the rules for all of the men who agreed to sign it. The struggle that first winter was beyond belief and half of them died. They had their own pandemic but in such extreme conditions that it is difficult to comprehend.

George Soule had been a manservant or apprentice to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winslow, who both died that first winter. That released George from his contract and he married Mary Beckett, who arrived on the *Anne* a few years later. They managed to thrive in the years ahead and had eight children. I descend from Susanna, who married Francis West. If George had not survived, I would not be alive today to cherish the life and gifts that have been given to me.

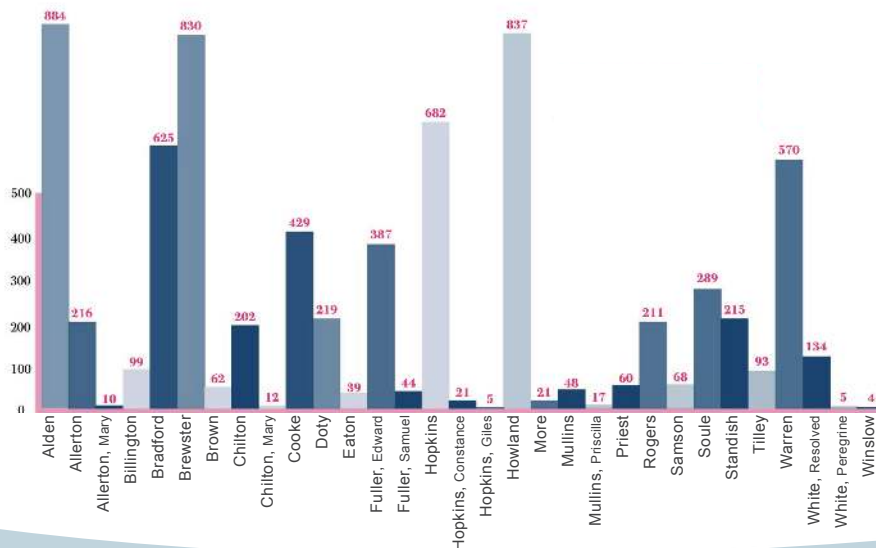


People were crammed shoulder-to-shoulder with 100 other passengers. It's dark. It smells. It's wet and cold. There's no privacy. No bathrooms. Meals are pitiful—salted meat and a hard, dry biscuit.

5-Year NEW MEMBER BREAKDOWN by Pilgrim Ancestors

Membership data reflects approved applications and supplementals for the period July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018

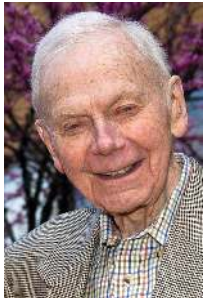
Fun Fact: 50% of new members joined through Alden, Howland, Brewster, Hopkins, or Bradford.



In Memoriam

We sadly report the loss of these members

- **MS. BERTHE AMOSS** of Pas Christian, Mississippi, 12th in descent from William Brewster, passed away on October 6, 2019.
- **MS. VIRGINIA GARRETSON CORNELIUSSEN** of Annapolis, 11th in descent from William Bradford, passed away on January 26, 2020, at the age of 103.
- **MS. NANCY ALICE TOBEY MERCER COURTNEY** of Silver Spring, 11th in descent from John Howland, died on November 7, 2019.
- **MS. JOAN ARLENE NELSON CRABILL** of Annapolis, 11th in descent from Francis Eaton, passed away on December 8, 2019.
- **MS. JUDITH KENWORTHY NEESE DEHAEMER** of Timonium, died on August 11, 2019.
- **MR. GEORGE MURRAY SEAL, JR.** of Baltimore 11th in descent from William Bradford and 11th in descent from John Billington and a Society Charter Member, passed away on April 6, 2020, at the age of 100.



George M. Seal, Jr.

Charter Member

George Murray Seal, Jr., state number 20, was our last surviving Charter Member. George passed away on April 6, 2020, just six weeks shy of his 101st birthday. He was born in 1919 and raised in Baltimore. In 1940, he graduated from Johns Hopkins and, within months of the passage of the Selective Service Act in 1940, he joined the Army. On July 1, 1944, “D-Day +28”, George’s unit landed at Omaha Beach. He served in France, Luxembourg, and Germany until the Germans surrendered in 1945, by which time he had advanced to Schwerin, in what would be the Russian sector. George received two Bronze Star Medals for logistical support for medical operations.

In 1947, George married Nancy Read and moved to Connecticut where he joined the family’s lumber business, returning to Baltimore a couple years later. In 1965, he took a job with Triangle Pacific Forest Products and moved his family, including two sons, to Montgomery County. Nancy passed away in 1981—they had been married for 34 years. In 1983, George married Mildred until she passed in 2012. George moved back to Baltimore and spent the last eight years living independently near his alma mater, Johns Hopkins.

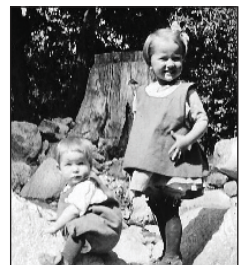
George has had a lifelong connection with our Society. In 1938, when our Maryland Society was formed, George, along with his family, joined as a descendant of William Bradford. At the age of 19, he attended our first Society meeting held on March 4, 1938, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. In 2013, George appeared at our 75th anniversary celebration as a charter member and transferred back into our Society under a second descendant, John Billington. In 2015, *The Baltimore Sun* ran a front-page story featuring George and others at our Compact Day Dinner at the Inn at Brookeville Farms, which is reprinted [in this newsletter](#).



Virginia Garretson Corneliusson

Virginia “Jinny” Garretson Corneliusson, member and mother of our Member-at-Large, Dian “CJ” May Corneliusson, passed away on January 26, 2020. She was 103 years old and our oldest member. Jinny was born in Whittier, California, on September 9, 1916, and graduated with a B.A. in music from Whittier College where she lettered in basketball and volleyball, made the basketball all-stars team, performed in operettas, and was President of her Sorority. Jinny was raised Quaker and was heavily involved in that faith. She also attended Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary (UTS) where she met and married Navy Chaplain, John Bernard Corneliusson, in 1947 and had three children. They held pastorates in Congregational Churches in Manhasset and Utica, New York and Santa Cruz, California.

An avid hiker, Jinny camped and hiked in the Sierras beginning as a toddler and continuing into her 80s. In 1956, the family moved back to California and lived only four hours from Yosemite. Almost every summer from 1956 onward, Jinny took her family camping in the Sierras, mostly Yosemite. Returning to Yosemite to celebrate her 100th birthday, Jinny was profiled in their September 2016 blog (“At 100, Recalling a Century of Yosemite,” [Yosemite.org](#)). In 2005, Jinny moved to Annapolis to be closer to her daughter, CJ. On her mother’s side, she descends from six Mayflower Pilgrims including William Bradford.



Jinny and her older sister, Marydel, 1917.

When people asked Jinny about her secret to longevity, she would flash a smile and say: “California sunshine and goat’s milk!” She was raised on an orange ranch in California, and, as an infant, she could not tolerate mothers’ milk or cow’s milk. She was dying. The doctor had given up. Fortunately, a neighbor suggested goat’s milk. So her father bought a goat, “Minnie,” and she thrived!

CALENDAR

○ | **June 20, 2020**
4:00 p.m., Saturday
GBOA Special Session
Video Teleconference

○ | **November 22, 2020**
12:00 p.m., Sunday
Compact Day Dinner
Chartwell Country Club
Severna Park, MD

○ | **April 21, 2021**
7:30 a.m., Wednesday
GSMD Heritage Breakfast
Army Navy Club
Washington, D.C.

○ | **September 7-12, 2021**
Tuesday to Sunday
400th Anniversary Celebration
General Board of Assistants' Meeting
Plymouth, MA



75th Anniversary
LIMITED EDITION

COINS FOR SALE

The Maryland Mayflower commemorative coins, which were commissioned to celebrate our 75th anniversary, are available for sale.

Front: depicts the crossing of the *Mayflower* in 1620, featuring the artwork of our own member, Fritz Briggs.

Back: has our organization years, 1938 to 2013, with the Maryland flag in the background.

The price is \$10.00 each. To order, visit our website, www.MarylandMayflower.org.

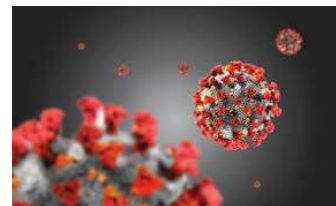
Maryland Mayflower Channel

Subscribe to the Maryland Mayflower Channel on YouTube. You can enjoy favorite videos and view them from your devices. Videos include our own *Chilton's Challenge* play, how to blacken armor, and a new video, "Rembrandt & the Pilgrim Arms and Armor." Visit us on [YouTube!](https://www.youtube.com)

Coronavirus Update

Most 2020 Events Cancelled

Due to the coronavirus, many events scheduled for 2020 commemorating the sailing of the Mayflower 400 years ago have been canceled. The September 2020 Congress in Plymouth has also been canceled. The General Society hopes to reschedule many of these events in 2021 when we celebrate the 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving, along with the General Board of Assistants' meeting, in Plymouth. It is tentatively set for September 7-12, 2021, so save the date!



The General Society's genealogical services will continue to be performed remotely. The General Society has succeeded in implementing remote application verifications and approvals—the team completed over 300 verified applications from home during the month of April. Our Maryland Society Historians have also been working successfully with applicants throughout the pandemic.

Please check the Maryland Society and General Society websites, YouTube, as well as social media sources for additional details and information or further cancellations.

Thank you for your understanding as we all work through the challenges presented by this historic pandemic.



Specially-commissioned artwork

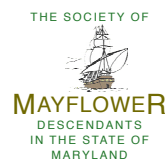
"Welcome Englishman"

by artist
Pamela Patrick White

Purchase a beautiful, high-quality reproduction of our specially-commissioned, original oil painting, *Welcome Englishman*, created by artist Pamela Patrick White. The 16" x 20" color print is available for \$75.00. To order, visit our website, MarylandMayflower.org, select the "Merchandise" tab, then select "Shop."

Join our Society!

You probably already know someone who would like to join our Maryland Society. Whether it is a sibling, child, parent, or friend, give them that gentle nudge by letting them know that the application fees for the General Society may rise in September. Say, "Save big, don't delay—join today!" As always, our highly energetic historians are waiting to help.



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400th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS

ORDER FORM

Show your support with these special anniversary T-shirts. The front features the *Mayflower* ship from Fritz Briggs' painting, "Sailing on the Mayflower," and the back shows a list of passengers, with the years 1620-2020.

MEMBER INFO:

ORDER: *(indicate number for each size)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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Price <i>(each)</i>	\$ 19.99
Shipping & handling <i>(each)</i>	5.95
Total	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: Maryland Mayflower Society



☀ You can also order on-line, visit www.MarylandMayflower.org, under "Merchandise" > "Shop" ☀

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Friends of the Maryland Mayflower Society

application form

We welcome "Friends" to our Society, those who are not eligible for membership by descent, but nevertheless are bound by family ties or shared interests. The applicant below wishes to apply for membership to the Friends of the Maryland Mayflower Society (FMMS) Program.

APPLICANT

SPONSORING MEMBER

Name: _____

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Email: _____

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SUBMIT this form & check to:

Make checks payable to:

DUES: \$50.00 (one-time fee)

To: Dwight N. Mason, Historian
 7307 Broxburn Court,
 Bethesda MD 20817-4754
 Email: Historian@MarylandMayflower.org

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☀ You can also join on-line, visit www.MarylandMayflower.org, under "Membership" > "Friends" ☀

Annual Membership Dues

Due Date: April 1

At the beginning of each year, the Treasurer sends an invoice to each annual member as a reminder to pay their Annual Dues, which are due by April 1st. By the end of the calendar year, those who fail to pay these dues are dropped as members of both the Maryland Society and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The Treasurer collects these Annual Dues in the first full year after election to the Society. (Newly-elected members are not charged Annual Dues in the calendar year of their enrollment). Please note that Annual Dues and other fees may be changed by the Society at any time without notice.

Annual Dues

payment form

The annual dues are \$50.00 per year, if paid by April 1st. After April 1st, a late fee of \$10.00 is assessed and the amount owed is \$60.00. Please pay your Annual Dues on time—this will save the Treasurer from having to send reminder notices.

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Member Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____
Member Number: _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$50.00 (before April 1)
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SUBMIT this form & check:

To: Louesa Canning, Assistant Treasurer
P. O. Box 262
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EM: asst-treasurer@MarylandMayflower.org

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Donations to the Maryland Mayflower Society

donation form

To make a donation to our Maryland Society, please complete this form and mail it, along with a check, to the address shown below.

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Member Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
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DONATION TYPE: (check one)

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