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## Message from the Governor

### Spring Luncheon, the Congress, and Plymouth Celebrations all Canceled

In late March, the Spring meeting to be held in Portsmouth was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the first time the Society will not hold a Spring Meeting. Hopefully by Fall things will have stabilized so we can gather for the Compact Day luncheon the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The cancellation was announced on the Society's web page on March 29th, and members should consult our web page for current information.

2020 began with great promise for the 400th anniversary celebrations, but the Covid-19 pandemic has upset many plans and created uncertainty about the future.

On April 3rd the General Society sent notice that its offices would be closed for a month. Although registration for the 2020

Congress of the General Society continues, the Plymouth 400 Procession and Opening Ceremonies on April 24th, 2020 have been postponed and the America Sails event with Mayflower II in Boston Harbor has been canceled. The staff in Plymouth is working remotely. Our Historian and his assistants continue to work on membership applications, however application approvals will be delayed until regular business resumes.

Tonia Deetz Rock, the deputy director and curator of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum was to be the speaker at our May meeting. She has agreed to speak at our November meeting.

She is an expert in Plymouth history, and grew up in Plymouth where her father was a director at Plimouth Plantation. Possessing a significant history working with Jamestown/Yorktown as well as New England sites, she will speak on the Crossing and early legal proceedings in Plymouth.

The GSMD Nominating Committee, of which Miss Mildred Ramos is a member, has issued its recommendations for the General Officers to be elected at the Congress later this year. The recommendations are at page 4 of the Spring Issue of the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine. One of the nominees is Lisa Pennington, a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee who is the nominee for Counsellor General. She initiated a series of monthly genealogy lectures at the Mayflower House, and she has agreed to be the speaker at our luncheon meeting in May of 2021.

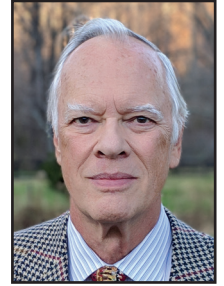
The nominees for Governor General and Deputy Governor General are, respectively, Richard Standish Gilmore, the Counsellor General since 2014, and Donald Studley a former Treasurer General and currently a

Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee.

As you will see from the Historian's Report, since our Fall Newsletter we have welcomed forty-three new members and thirty-nine members have had supplemental applications approved. Jamie Callendar, and his assistants, continue to process a heavy volume of applications.

For several years the Scholarship Committee has been frustrated by the poor quality of essays submitted. The flyer announcing the scholarship was modified in hopes of avoiding common mistakes made by applicants, but this year all of the essays were unsatisfactory, some containing egregious factual errors. The Committee Chairman, John Collinson, has announced that a scholarship will not be awarded this year. The topic for 2021 will be based on the Bradford Book, and the Committee will revise the announcement flyer again with the intent of getting it to the schools before they open in the fall. The Committee contemplates changes in the scholarship program beginning in 2022, and it intends to submit proposed changes to the Society's policies for consideration at the November meeting of the Board of Assistants.

Our Society functions only because of the generous contributions of many volunteers. This newsletter lists the members of the Board of Assistants and their positions. I urge you to consider how you might serve the Society, and any member of the Board would be happy to discuss possibilities with you. Elsewhere we highlight the contributions of two members who have served as officers of the General Society in Plymouth.



James Hallett Maloney

**Spring Meeting  
Canceled**

**Our Fall  
Luncheon Meeting**  
will be held  
**Saturday, November 21**  
at  
**The Commonwealth Club  
in Richmond, Virginia**

No-Host Social 12 Noon  
Luncheon at 12:45 p.m.

## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

*Founded January 10, 1950*

### The Board of Assistants

#### OFFICERS

Governor.....	James Hallett Maloney
Deputy Governor.....	Marsha H. Masone
Secretary.....	Barbara H. Carpenter
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#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Education.....	John Alden Copenhaver
Finance.....	Mark T. Cox, IV
Junior Membership.....	Marsha H. Masone
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Webmaster Designee.....	Eric T. Callender

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Mark T. Cox, IV  
Lee Harden Woody

#### OFFICERS TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY

Former Governor General.....	Miss Mildred Ramos
Former Secretary General.....	Barbara H. Carpenter
Deputy Governor General.....	Lee Hardin Woody
Assistant General.....	James Hallett Maloney
Trustee, Mayflower House Endowment & Pilgrim Trust.....	Mark T. Cox, IV

## Minutes Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants

**Membership Meeting, November 23, 2019  
Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia**

Governor James Maloney called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, including first time attendees and guests.

Elder Nancy Barrow offered the Invocation and Blessing.

Captain Channing Zucker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Maloney presented those seated at the head table: Governor General George Garmany; Former Governor General, Former Secretary General, Past Virginia Society Governor, and Virginia Assistant Secretary Mildred Ramos; Captain Channing Zucker; Former Secretary General and Virginia Secretary Barbara Carpenter; and Elder and Past Virginia Society Governor Nancy Barrow. In addition to those seated at the head table, he presented past Virginia Society Governors Martha Ellen Brockner and Mark Cox, seated at reserved tables.

After a recess for luncheon Governor Maloney introduced the Governor General who provided an overview of the General Society's buildings and grounds and plans for the 2020 celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims. The Governor thanked the Governor General for attending and for his informative talk and presented him with a Virginia Society check in the amount of \$1,000 as a contribution toward the restoration of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, a recent acquisition of the General Society.

Past Governor Mark Cox read the Mayflower Compact and shared the story of the Five Kernels of Corn.

The Roll Call of Passengers was read by Historian James Callender.

The minutes of the spring meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Historian James Callender reported the approval of 46 applications and 22 supplemental applications since the May meeting.

Junior Membership Chairman Marcia Masone reported the addition of 18 new Junior members since the May meeting.

Treasurer Merle Hazelton reported \$41,000 in the General Fund, \$35,000 in the Life Membership Fund, \$8,000 in the Memorial Fund, \$14,000 in the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund, and that he and his assistants were in the process of collecting dues.

Governor Maloney gave a brief report on the General Board of Assistants meeting held in Denver, Colorado, in September, attended by himself, Former Governor General Ramos, and Secretary Carpenter, and reminded members that his full report was included in the fall newsletter.

The Governor announced, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee Chairman John Collinson, that the 2020 essay topic would be the Role of Strangers in Plymouth; reminded those present that anyone interested in volunteering on behalf of the Society should let him know; encouraged members to consider travelling to Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the General Congress and associated 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2020; and announced that the next meeting would be held May 2, 2020, in Tidewater Virginia.

Following the Benediction offered by Elder Nancy Barrow, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

*Barbara Hensley Carpenter, Secretary*

### JUST IN

As of April 20th, the 42nd Congress and the 400th Anniversary celebrations in Plymouth have all been canceled. The Governor General's announcement is posted on our website.

## We Welcome 6 New Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society ~ Spring 2020

By Marsha H. Masone, Junior Membership Chair

Since the report in the Fall Newsletter 2019, we have welcomed 6 new Junior Members. There are currently 365 Junior Members in the Virginia Society.

Junior	Ancestor	Sponsor	Member #
Thomas Michael Amann	Edward Fuller	Sandra K. Webster Mueller	778
Abigail Essendrop Amann	Edward Fuller	Sandra K. Webster Mueller	779
Allison Jean Freedman	William White	Kaylin Haywood	780
Benjamin Philip Coppe	John Alden	Carolyn B. Dietrich	781
Calvin Edward Brewster	William Brewster	Shawn C. Hulbert Brewster	782
Collin Christopher Brewster	William Brewster	Shawn C. Hulbert Brewster	783

## Allison Sharer Leads Juniors to Commemorate 400th Anniversary

By Allison Sharer, Houston Colony Mayflower Junior

Hello Mayflower Juniors and Happy New Year! 2020 is an exciting year for us as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower arriving with our ancestors. I've created a new website at [www.mayflowerjuniors2020.org](http://www.mayflowerjuniors2020.org) specifically for kids and teens.

I hope you will visit the website and let me know what you think. I would love for every Mayflower Junior to think of something they are thankful for so that we can post it on our Wall of Gratitude. Use the link on the website to send it directly to me.

Also on the website is an essay contest. All essays must be submitted in English, but the contest is open to those 8 – 18 years old currently living in either the United States, the United Kingdom or the Netherlands. Essays are due by November 1, 2020. We will have the results in time for our Compact luncheons. Please see the website for all the specifics.

Another page highlights some of the games that Pilgrim children played. The pictures on the website are of real games that we built or sewed to take to festivals, libraries, classrooms, or just about anywhere. If you were at the Houston Compact luncheon, then you may have had a chance to play already. One last thing to check out on our website is a cool Pilgrim-themed computer game designed by my brother, Jason.

If you would like to contact me directly, my email is [mayflowerjuniors2020@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowerjuniors2020@gmail.com).



Allison Sharer  
Texas Junior 2020  
Committee Chair

### 2020 Gold Coin and Silver Medal

Our last Newsletter contained the design for the 2020 commemorative stamp to be issued by the post office,

The mint is to issue a \$10 gold coin and a medal, but as of yet the designs and the date of issue have not been determined.

## Junior Membership

In the Virginia Mayflower Society is available to all those with proven lineages from birth to 18 years of age and membership as a Junior may continue up to the age of 25. After Junior Members turn 18, they may apply for regular membership in the Society.

To request junior membership for your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, please provide Marsha H. Masone with the following information:

1. Full name of Applicant
2. Date of birth
3. Place of birth
4. Mayflower Ancestor
5. Full names of parents
6. Contact information for parents, including address, email, and telephone number
7. Full name of Sponsor of the Applicant
8. Sponsor's Virginia and National Membership number
9. Sponsor's contact information, including address, email, and telephone number
10. Sponsor's relationship to the Applicant

The application fee is \$10 per applicant, so please include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society, along with the information requested above.

When the process is complete, Marsha Masone will send the Junior Membership Certificate and other welcome material to the Junior Member at the address of the parents, unless otherwise instructed. Please contact Marsha if you have any questions.

Marsha Masone's address is:

13617 Bluestone Court  
Clifton, VA 20124-2465

If you are a Junior Member who has reached your 18th birthday, consider becoming a full member by submitting an application. Please contact your Junior membership sponsor and Historian Jamie Callender for more information about the adult membership process.

## We could not do this without our volunteers!

The Mayflower Society is sustained by many volunteers, both in Virginia and in Plymouth (the General Society). The Virginia Board of Assistants consists of our officers and committee chairman, and many members have served tirelessly for many years. The members of the Board are listed on page 2. Our Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Elder and Surgeon are serving their second, third or more terms. However, with the influx of new members it is appropriate to highlight some of these volunteers and what they have done for the Society.

We are always grateful to have new members lend a hand. Robert Perry who joined the Society in February is a new Assistant Historian.

This newsletter focuses on Two members of the board, Miss Mildred Ramos and Barbara Carpenter. Each has served as officers of the General Society. Barbara Carpenter, a third generation and a life member in D.C. and Maine, and past Governor of the District of Columbia Society, served as Secretary General in Plymouth. She is currently serving her second term as Secretary of the Virginia Society.

Miss Mildred Ramos, is an Assistant Secretary of the Virginia Society. Her service to the Society is distinguished and of long duration. A descendant of both Thomas Rogers and Stephen Hopkins and a native of Richmond, she became a member in 1967 and was elected Virginia's Assistant Historian in 1970. Three years later she was elected Governor of the Virginia Society. While Virginia's governor, she put in place the Virginia Society's education program, distributing the Mayflower Compact and Teacher Guides to public and private schools. In addition, each Junior member received a copy of The Mayflower Story. The Virginia newsletter content was broadened in scope and published as an eight-page publication. After a fund-raising effort, the Society's American and Mayflower flags were purchased. Her tenure also included the 25th anniversary of the Virginia Society.

The celebration included a descendant of each Mayflower passenger in costume and two cakes, one with a replica of the Mayflower ship and one with the names of the passengers etched in icing. In 1976, Virginia, along with D.C. and Maryland, hosted a Tri-State Meeting in Quantico, Virginia.

In 1975 the General Society appointed Miss Ramos chair of the General Society's Education Committee, a position she held until spring of 1979. In 1976 she was elected Assistant General and in 1979 was elected Deputy Governor General. In 1978 she became Secretary General of the General Society, and served it in that capacity for four terms until she was elected Governor General at the thirty-second General Congress in 1990. As Secretary General she began the secretaries' luncheon and seminar during Congress, and as Governor General she visited many of the state societies. As there were no paid staff in Plymouth, she frequently traveled to Plymouth to attend to administrative and facility maintenance matters. While Governor General four major projects were accomplished: 1) the Five Generations Project published three silver books, Winslow and Billington, Stephen Hopkins, and Peter Brown; 2) the Educational Committee broadened its scope of education to include all age levels; 3) the Buildings and Grounds Committee spearheaded a preventive maintenance program for the Society's three buildings and 4) that Committee was charged with construction of a new Library and Administrative Offices building and enlarging other facilities. The new library building opened in 1991. In addition the Constitution and By-Laws were revised to make them gender-neutral. As a former Governor General, she continues to serve as a member of the General Board of Assistants and regularly attends meetings the General Society's Congress and Board of Assistants, most recently last September in Denver. Since 1994 she has been a member of the General Society's Nominating Committee, which she has chaired three times.

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## Saints and Strangers Dispelling the Myths

Traditionally, the Mayflower passengers are thought to have been Separatists and Strangers, the Strangers not sharing the religious convictions of the Separatists. This characterization is probably correct when applied to some of the passengers. However, the distinction is not as clear as commonly believed.

In her article "Strangers Saints & Saintly Strangers: the Cosmopolitan Cookes", Peggy M. Baker, Director Emerita, The Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum (*Mayflower Quarterly*, Sept. 2014, Vol. 80 no 3 pp. 123-133), wrote

"One of the most persistent myths about the Pilgrims is that the *Mayflower* passengers can be divided into two distinct groups: "Saints" (religious Separatists, godly and therefore "good") and "Strangers" (non-Separatists journeying for economic motives, "worldly" and likely to be disruptive).

When Bradford writes about the preparations for the *Mayflower* voyage, he does use the word "strangers".....Here "strangers" means people who were unknown to the members of the Leiden congregation. These "strangers might be Separatists or non-Separatists or semi-Separatists, no judgments are made as to their religious beliefs or motivations..... But, as research continues into the origins and connections of the Mayflower passengers, it becomes increasingly clear that most of them might have been, could have been, united by bonds of common religious sympathies."

Ms Baker goes on to point out that there was a William Mullins of Surrey who was taken to court as a religious dissident in 1616. He was probably William Mullins of the Mayflower. Francis Cooke was betrothed to Hester Mahieu in 1603 in Leiden. She was a member of the French Reformed Church and Francis was a baptismal witness for Philip Delano, whose mother, Marie Mahieu, was from French-speaking Flanders. In England, foreign Protestants were called "Strangers".

# Historian's Report

By Jamie Callender, 19 March 2020

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed 43 new Members and 28 supplemental applications approved. There are currently 39 applications pending at Plymouth and we are working with 333 potential new members.



New Applicants	Passenger	VA	GS
Eric Norman Reeves	John Alden	1709	95575
Thomas Michael Seidita	John Howland	1710	95631
Michael Lewis Finch	William Brewster	1711	95698
Kaylin Haywood	William White	1712	95739
Brent L. Bowen	James Chilton	1713	95773
Tara Planeta	Love Brewster	1714	95792
Virginia Ruth Sanders	William Bradford	1715	95793
Jan Timmer	Isaac Allerton	1716	95839
Laurene Stimpson	Isaac Allerton	1717	95856
Merrill Wesley Clark	James Chilton	1718	95873
Andrew Douglas Price	Myles Standish	1719	95911
Jeanne Conklin	William Bradford	1720	95926
Jennifer Hatten	William Bradford	1721	95927
Russell Howard	Richard Warren	1722	95928
Deborah Lynn Misiag	William Bradford	1723	95929
Rita Earl	William Brewster	1724	95968
Sherri Lynn Phillips	Richard Warren	1725	96008
George Edward Brackett	William White	1726	96078
Jean Webber	Stephen Hopkins	1727	96079
James M. Hannett	Elizabeth Tilley	1728	96097
Hugh W. Davis, II	James Chilton	1729	96115
Jill Elizabeth Wyman	John Tilley	1730	96150
Paige Bartholomew	Stephen Hopkins	1731	96184
Belinda Asmussen	Francis Cooke	1732	96225
Mary Wilson	William Brewster	1733	96285
Brantley Carter Knowles	John Howland	1734	96387
Robert Thomas Griffin	John Billington	1735	96434
Grace Daniels	Richard Warren	1736	96497
Joshua Daniels	Richard Warren	1737	96498
Matthew Daniels	Richard Warren	1738	96499
Nancy C. Greaves	William Brewster	1739	96557
Amanda Greenway	Stephen Hopkins	1740	96721
David Wellington	John Howland	1741	96722
Kathleen Wellington	John Howland	1742	96723
Cynthia Schluckebier	Edward Doty	1743	96774
Robert Perry	Stephen Hopkins	1744	96801
Cheryl Susan Leonard	James Chilton	1745	96821
Linda Trippett	John Howland	1746	96822
Helen Cheshire Chapman	William Bradford	1747	96856
Tracey Norvelle	Edward Doty	1748	96877
Ellen Boyter	William White	1749	96919
Jane Kingston	William White	1750	96920
John Morgan Roller	William White	1751	96921

## Transfer Out

James John Wheaton	William White	758	58927
Rev. James Ward Grant	Edward Fuller	815	47380
Frank Larizza	William White	1225	78048
Gale Valentine Emery	John Howland	1131	74080
John D. Tew	Richard Warren	1249	78767
Kathryn Bauer	Francis Cooke	1609	92620

## Supplementals

David Paul Griffith	Priscilla Mullins	1574	91503
David P. Griffith	Degory Priest	1574	91503
Penelope Ann Cottrell	John Alden	1676	94728
Penelope Ann Cottrell	Priscilla Mullins	1676	94728
Penelope Ann Cottrell	William Mullins	1676	94728
Kera Eileen Ware	Richard Warren_1	1646	93692
Kera Eileen Ware	Richard Warren_2	1646	93692
Juliann Newton	Thomas Rogers	1700	95476
Michael Wallace	Thomas Rogers	1701	95477
James T. Callender	Mary ( ) Brewster	1394	84069
James T. Callender	Love Brewster	1394	84069
David Paul Griffith	Mary (Norris) Allerton	1574	91503
Penelope Ann Cottrell	Mary ( ) Brewster	1676	94728
Penelope Ann Cottrell	Love Brewster	1676	94728
Penelope Ann Cottrell	Richard Warren	1676	94728
Elaine Elizabeth Bogus	William Mullins	1533	73840
Elaine Elizabeth Bogus	Priscilla Mullins	1533	73840
David Paul Griffith	Mary Allerton	1574	91503
Rebakah B. Fleury	Francis Billington	1204	76728
Jeanette Friedman	William Bradford	1687	95178
Jeanette Friedman	Elinor Billington	1687	95178
Jeanette Friedman	Francis Billington	1687	95178
Brantley Knowles	John Tilley	1734	96387
Brantley Knowles	Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley	1734	96387
Brantley Knowles	Elizabeth Tilley	1734	96387
Carol-Anne Wood	Thomas Rogers	1672	94491
Frederick Harvey Watkins III	Stephen Hopkins	1575	91504
Barbara Watkins	Richard Warren	1576	91551

## Volunteers

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Since 1997 she has served as an Assistant Secretary of the Virginia Society, and in that capacity she has selected meeting sites, negotiated with hotels, and handled reservations for our semi-annual meetings. Before our last Compact Day Luncheon, she hosted a reception for Governor General Garmany. Mildred Ramos lives in Richmond, and she will turn ninety-four later this month. She has provided invaluable advise and guidance to all recent governors of the Virginia Society.

**Membership Updates and Email Address –**  
please notify the Secretary at  
**secretary@virginiamayflower.org**



## The Virginia Mayflower

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### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The twice-a-year newsletter of the Society of Mayflower  
Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

## Upcoming Events

for the most up to date information and information about accommodations, see  
[themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration](http://themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration)

**Postponed to a date to be determined:** Plymouth 400 commemoration opening ceremony, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

**June 27-28, 2020:** Official maritime salute in Plymouth Harbor. There will be a parade of sail in and around Plymouth Harbor. A regatta of wooden ships, official vessels, work boats, native mishoons and pleasure craft will culminate in a traditional New England lobster dinner.

**August 15, 2020:** The Wampanoag Ancestors Walk. Led by people from the Wampanoag tribes of Massachusetts, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Placards will be carried with the names of the original 69 villages of the Wampanoag Nation.

**September 12-19, 2020:** The General Society's 42nd Congress and related events, Plymouth

**September 14, 2020:** Official State House Salute to the 400th Commemoration, the State House, Boston.

**September 14, 2020:** Provincetown, The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum and the town of Provincetown will host the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for its 2020 Congress beginning on Sept. 11, 2020. Plans are also in place to welcome Mayflower II to Provincetown Harbor ahead of the event. During the visit, Mayflower II will be part of daily historical reenactments of the signing of the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor in 1620. On Sept. 13 a Memorial Service and Wreath Laying will be held, followed by a ticketed luncheon. The commemoration will culminate with a Sunrise Toast and Bon Voyage to Mayflower II on Sept. 14 as she journeys to her home port in Plymouth.

**September 19-20, 2020:** The Embarkation Festival, Plymouth

**Thanksgiving Week, 2020:** Plymouth, America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration concerts on Nov. 20 and parade on Nov. 21, the "One Small Candle" ceremony Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Festival events throughout the week culminating in the spectacle of Plymouth 400's Illuminate Thanksgiving on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving eve.