



MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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CALEB JOHNSON
AUTHOR, NOTED MAYFLOWER RESEARCHER
WILL BE OUR SPEAKER
AT THE MICHIGAN MAYFLOWER
SPRING LUNCHEON
11 May 2013, 11:30 a.m.

Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, S. Harrison Road

Caleb's general subject will be "Researching Mayflower passengers in English Records". He will begin with the general record types and classes of records (parish registers, probate records, manorial records, quarter session/chancery records, militia records, etc. etc.): how to use them and where to access them; and illustrate each record type with "real world" Mayflower examples covering as many Mayflower passengers as he can for audience interest. And then finish up with some "sneak peaks" into recently completed and currently ongoing research projects.

This subject will be of great interest to all Mayflower Descendants. Caleb has been discovering important data, regarding the Mayflower passengers. He is also a Mayflower descendant and has published two books.

He is the author of "*Here Shall I Die Ashore, Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor, and Mayflower Pilgrim*" a story about Stephen Hopkins and his numerous adventures. He will probably also make comments on Stephen Hopkins and his life, so our Stephen Hopkins descendants should find this speaker of special interest.

He also authored the book "*The Mayflower and Her Passengers*", a detailed description of all the Mayflower Passengers. Caleb had done considerable research on all the Mayflower passengers, so all our members should also find his presentation of great interest.

Caleb's dedication to the early English records of our Mayflower passengers, which are recorded in difficult early English script and Latin, is most certainly going to lead to valuable discoveries in the future.

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The General Society will give a State Society an award for the best Public Relations event, or project, twice a year. If you have any ideas and/or would like to participate, contact our Public Relations Secretary, Bonnie Vokits (see page 2).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 April 2013, Scholarship entries are due, (see web-site).**
- 1 May 2013, Mayflower Dues are delinquent, (\$10 late fee in effect).**
- 11 May 2013, Saturday, Spring Board Meeting, 9 a.m.**
Scholarship entries are distributed, (for the Board's review).
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.
Plan to order breakfast for a no room charge.
- 11 May 2013, Saturday, Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**
Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, S. Harrison Road.
Speaker: Author, Caleb Johnson.
Topic: Mayflower English Research.
- 3 August 2013, Saturday, Summer Board Meeting, 10 a.m.**
Scholarship entries are considered and selected.
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- 13, 14, 15 Friday-Sunday, September 2013, General Society Board of Assistants Meeting. Michigan Deputy Governor General, Assistant General, Historian and Michigan delegates to attend. The meeting to be held in Louisiana, (details will appear in the Quarterly).**
- 1 November 2013, Michigan Mayflower Dues are due, before January (\$28).**
- 2 November 2013, Saturday, Compact Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**
Scholarship awards are presented.
Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, S. Harrison Road.
Officer Elections and Installations.
Speaker: Past President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society
Kris Rzepczybski, Archivist for the Michigan State Archives.
Topic: Michigan State Archives.
- 10 May 2014, Saturday, Spring Luncheon, Spring Board Meeting.**
Guest Speaker Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle.
- August 2014, Summer Board Meeting (day to be announced).**
- 1 November 2014, Compact Day Luncheon.**
Details and Speaker to be announced.

JASPER LEWIS MOORE

This page is dedicated to **JASPER LEWIS MOORE**, a past Governor of the Michigan Society, 1992-1995. He also served as Deputy Governor General (DGG); Michigan Deputy Governor, 1989-1992; Assistant General (AG); ex-officio member of the Michigan Board of Assistants; Michigan Co-Historian, 1986-1989; he served on the Michigan 2001 Project Committee for the Centennial History of the Michigan Society; and he also served on the Investment Committee. Due to his financial background he wisely invested our Life Funds into a very lucrative account, which has protected and increased our Life Funds. For his dedicated and enduring service, the Michigan Society expresses their gratitude by dedicating this page to Jasper and his Mayflower ancestor:

JOHN HOWLAND

John Howland was from Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, England. John was born about 1592, the son of Henry Howland and Margaret----. He sailed on the Mayflower, as an indentured servant to John Carver. During the voyage John was swept overboard, in a violent storm. He grasped a rope that was, by mere luck, trailing alongside the stern of the ship. He clung to the rope until finally pulled aboard by a boathook. While others, of the colony died early in the adventure, John's amazing survival, seemed more than fated. After the arrival, he was the thirteenth signer of the Mayflower Compact and a few days later was among the ten, to make the third exploration expedition, during which, they were attacked by Indians at Eastham, Cape Cod. In 1626, John was among those who assumed the debt of the colony, to the Merchant Adventurers. Since John Carver and his wife died during the great illness, and had no children, it is thought that John Howland inherited their estate. By 1626 John married Elizabeth Tilley, who was age 18 years old. She was the daughter of John Tilley and Joan Hurst, who also came, with their family including Elizabeth, on the Mayflower. Elizabeth's parents also died in the great illness. John was involved with many affairs of the Colony and a valuable member of the community. John died at the approximate age of above 80 years, at Rocky Nook, Kingston, Massachusetts, on 23 February 1672. Elizabeth survived him and died on 21 December 1687, at Swansea.

CHILDREN OF JOHN HOWLAND AND ELIZABETH TILLEY

1. John Howland, born 24 February 1626, in Plymouth, married Mary Lee
2. Desire Howland, born before 22 May 1627, in Plymouth, married John Gorham
3. Jabez Howland, born circa 1644, married Bethiah Thacher
4. Joseph Howland, married Elizabeth Southworth
5. Isaac Howland, born circa 1649, married Elizabeth Vaughn
6. Hope Howland, married John Chipman
7. Elizabeth Howland, married 1st Ephriam Hicks, married 2nd John Dickenson

PILGRIM CORN BREAD

1 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR	1 BEATEN EGG
1 CUP CORN MEAL	¼ CUP MELTED SHORTENING
3 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER	1 CUP MILK
2 TABLESPOON WHITE SUGAR	1 TABLESPOON GRATED ONION
½ TEASPOON SALT	1 TABLESPOON CHOPPED GREEN PEPPER
½ CUP DRAINED WHOLE KERNEL CANNED CORN	

Combine all the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl combine the milk, eggs, shortening, onion, corn, and green paper, stir into the dry ingredients, until smooth. Pour the batter into a 8x8 inch baking pan and bake, in a 425 degree oven for 20-25 minutes. The bread should be lightly browned.

As many of you may know, the Latter Day Saints (L.D.S.) www.familysearch.org web-site, has made many frustrating changes. The most depressing change is they eliminated the Ancestral File. This research tool was easy to use, easy to understand, and very helpful. They claim they have made improvements, but the improvements include many duplicated entries, which only multiply the confusion and make some searches a great deal more lengthy, rather than direct and swift. I understand that the Ancestral File cannot be used as proofs and there were many errors. But, my experience is that most of the errors were due to typing errors. Every lineage that I have checked, against library records, were in fact correct (except for occasional typing errors). When I volunteered at the library, I would tell clients that the tool should be used as a road-map, and it was up to the client to validate its contents. I believe that L.D.S. should provide the Ancestral File and its pedigrees, as an option to their new and added changes. I complained and told them, in my opinion, it was like the Romans burning the Library at Alexandria. Maybe a bit exaggerated, but a reflection of my disappointment. If you agree, or if you would like to assist us who used the Ancestral File, please call and suggest that L.D.S. return the File to the inter-net. 801-240-3702 or 866-406-1830 or support@familysearch.org

June Gorman, Editor

Our correspondence with the addresses, in the Fall Newsletter, regarding changes at the Lansing Library, in the Genealogy Department, may have had some effect. They are adding Saturday hours to the Archives, which now houses the Genealogy Collection.

A couple of Thanksgivings ago, we had a husband of a member, who wanted us to be included in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Parade Committee failed to accept us, even though we are descendants of the original Pilgrims who are responsible for the first Thanksgiving. The Board had voted to have a Michigan Mayflower Society banner printed to use in the parade, but of course we did not participate in the Detroit Parade. However, this summer I attended the Manistee 4th of July Parade and the Thanksgiving/Christmas Parade in Grand Rapids and thought that it was a shame, that we did not have any representation in other parades. I am going to ask our board to follow-up on their previous vote to provide a banner, for such activities. If you would like to participate in such an event, we may form a committee, and perhaps the events would qualify for the general Society's new Public Relations Awards. If you are interested, please contact a member of our board, to voice your interest. (see page 2).

HELP! WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR THE POSITION OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

If you are interested please contact June Gorman. The job involves providing the name tags for each meeting, based on the information from our Membership Secretary, Anne Burt. It also involves sending out the delinquent dues notices and assisting in tracking down missing members. This position attends two annual Board meetings, one prior to the Spring meeting and one in August. We provide the computer programs, needed for the position. (see page 2) .

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“Walking, I am listening to a deeper way,
suddenly all my ancestors are behind me.
Be still, they say, watch, and listen.
You are the result of the love of thousands.”

Linda Hogan, Native American Writer

MEETING ROLL CALLS

During our Family Roll-Call, at our two annual meetings, it is more enjoyable if you know the ancestor wife of your male Mayflower Passenger. It is worthwhile to do a bit of research to identify her name. Several male Mayflower passengers were married multiple times, therefore, it is possible for descendants to descend from different wives of the same male passenger. At our meetings, we like to identify the members and guests present, who descend from each of these wives. It should be noted that past Governor, Terry McKane, suggested this practice, and it shows deserving respect to each of the wives who sacrificed, endured, and gave so much to our eventual existence.

John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, both of the ship Mayflower

Descendants should also stand for the roll-call of **William Mullins**

Isaac Allerton, of the ship Mayflower

1st wife, **Mary Norris, of the ship Mayflower**

2nd wife, **Fear Brewster, of the ship Anne**

John Billington and Eleanor—, both of the ship Mayflower

William Bradford, of the ship Mayflower

1st wife, **Dorothy May, of the ship Mayflower**

2nd wife, **Alice Carpenter, of the ship Anne**

William Brewster and Mary—, both of the ship Mayflower

Peter Brown, of the ship Mayflower

1st wife, **Martha—, widow Ford of the ship Fortune**

2nd wife, **Mary—**

James Chilton, of the ship Mayflower

Wife possibly **Susanna Furner of the ship Mayflower**

Francis Cooke, of the ship Mayflower and Hester Mahieu, of the ship Anne

Edward Doty, of the ship Mayflower and Faith Clarke, of the ship Francis

Francis Eaton, of the ship Mayflower

1st wife, **Sarah—, of the ship Mayflower**

2nd wife, **Christian Penn, of the ship Anne**

Moses Fletcher, of the ship Mayflower and Sarah—, who remained in Holland

Edward Fuller, of the ship Mayflower and unknown, of the ship Mayflower

Samuel Fuller, of the ship Mayflower

3rd wife, **Bridget Lee, of the ship Anne**

Stephen Hopkins, of the ship Mayflower

1st wife, **Unknown**

2nd wife, **Elizabeth Fisher, of the ship Mayflower**

John Howland, and Elizabeth Tilley, both of the ship Mayflower

Descendants should also stand for the roll-call of **John Tilley**

Richard More, of the ship Mayflower and Christian Hunt, arrived in Salem

William Mullins and Alice—, both of the ship Mayflower

Degory Priest, of the ship Mayflower and Sarah Allerton, widow Vincent of the ship Anne

Thomas Rogers, of the ship Mayflower and Elsgen—who remained in Holland

Henry Samson, of the ship Mayflower and Ann Plummer

George Soule, of the ship Mayflower and Mary Becket, of the ship Anne

Myles Standish, of the ship Mayflower and Barbara—, of the ship Anne

John Tilley and Joan Hurst, both of the ship Mayflower

Richard Warren, of the ship Mayflower and Elizabeth Walker, of the ship Anne

William White and Susanna—, both of the ship Mayflower

Edward Winslow, of the ship Mayflower

2nd wife **Susanna—, of the ship Mayflower, widow of William White**

Mayflower passenger wives can be submitted as supplementals, but they must have an identified surname.

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