



COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE SPEAKER, KRIS RZEP CZYNSKI, MLS, MA

Kris will speak on the Library of Michigan and Archives

Rather than lose the genealogy library, by giving it to another facility or dismantling it altogether, certain changes were made by moving the genealogy section to the archives. The hours have been cut and some items were placed in closed stack to cut costs. They have, however, opened on Saturday. The Michigan genealogy collection did remain in its previous location. Besides the changes at the genealogy library and archives, Kris may speak on his areas of genealogy research.

Currently an archivist at the Archives of Michigan, Kris previously worked for 12 years at the Library of Michigan as the Michigan/Genealogy Coordinator. He holds a Masters in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University, a Master of Arts in History from Western Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Michigan. Kris has presented at national, state, and local conferences, including the National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Ohio Genealogical Society, Public Library Association, Historical Society of Michigan, Michigan Library Association, and for dozens of local genealogical societies. In addition, he is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Historical Society of Michigan, Historical Society of Greater Lansing, Michigan Library Association, and is a Past President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society.

2013 MICHIGAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER IS INDIA HAGER

Linda Hager, attending Cornerstone University, is our 2013 first place scholarship winner. She is from Fremont, Michigan and she presented a wonderful program to our Board. Linda sewed her own Pilgrim Dress (12 hours), wrote a lengthy account of the history of the Mayflower voyage (10 hours of research), and presented her story to an area school class (students, teacher and school principle), in character, as Susanna White. We are proud to award India this scholarship. Her work was excellent and a fine example.

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Governor (above); Grace Smith, Deputy Governor (above); Mary Ellen Bryne, Past Governor

(above); Diane Sonnecken, Historian (above).

MICHIGAN'S WEB-SITE: www.michmayflower.org

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: (This position is critical to our society).

Duties: Maintain a membership data base.
Record dues payments, in regard to the membership.
Report delinquent dues addresses to the Corresponding
Secretary for the mailing of late dues notices.
Keep and report Luncheon reservations.
Send necessary membership information and reports
to the General Society.

(This could be passed to a RESERVATIONS CHAIRPERSON, see below).

SALES CHAIRPERSON:

Duties: Maintain the inventory of sales items.
Set up and staff the sales table, before each meeting.
Collect sales income, keep a record of sales,
Provide the Treasurer with the sales revenues.
Provide the board with income suggestions.

FRIENDS CHAIRPERSON: (also see page 5)

This position is necessary to determine if there is enough interest to form a "Friends" group, for Board approval. This person could be a spouse of a current member.

Duties: Collect a data base of the spouses of members who wish to
continue to receive luncheon invitations and the
newsletters, after the decease of the member spouse
(currently spouses have no more connection to our Society,
in the event of the death of their member spouse).
Collect a data base of Junior Members who wish to receive the
newsletter and luncheon invitations (as the Junior members
currently do not receive the newsletter).

E-MAIL CHAIRPERSON:

Duties: Maintain and update a data base of e-mail addresses for
members who wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail.
E-mail the newsletter to the members on the data base.

EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON:

Duties: Provide Mayflower educational experiences to schools and similar
interested parties, and locate other interested members who
wish to provide such educational activities. We do have
educational materials available.

RESERVATIONS CHAIRPERSON: See above.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR SOCIETY TO EXIST AND IT CANNOT
FUNCTION WITHOUT THEM. THEIR WORK IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND GREATLY
APPRECIATED BY THE MEMBERS. PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TALENTS. WE
ARE HONORING OUR ANCESTOR'S LEGACY WITH OUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY
OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
2013 OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The Nominating Committee has announced the slate
for the Fall election as follows:

Governor: June Gorman

Deputy Governor: Grace Smith

Elder: Terry McKane

Treasurer: Thora Goodnight

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Williams

Historian: Diane Sonneck

Historian for Juniors: Patricia Brown

Assistant: Bonnie Vokits

Assistant: Connie March

Assistant: Barbara Hofmann

Assistant: awaiting a volunteer for Membership Secretary

The above positions will be voted on at the 2013 November Compact Day Meeting by our general membership.

Deputy Governor General (DGG): Governor

Assistant General (AG): Deputy Governor

The above two General Society positions are nominated by the Michigan Board and voted on at the 2014 General Society Meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts, by the General Board of Assistants.

WELCOME ABOARD, New Flag Captain: Janet Ernst

Terry McKane is our Society's Financial Committee Chairman, and he reports that the Michigan Society is in very good shape.

OUTSTANDING MICHIGAN MEMBERS:

The Michigan Mayflower Society member who has sponsored the most Junior Members is Clara Vickers. She has 23 Junior Members (a result of her dedication to her family and our Society).

The Michigan Mayflower Society member who holds the record for the youngest Junior Members is Terry McKane who enters the names of his grandchildren only hours after their births. That is also family and Society dedication.

PROPOSED FRIENDS ORGANIZATION

The Board has decided to compile a data base containing the e-mail addresses of Junior Members and spouses of deceased members who wish to PERSONALLY receive the newsletter and luncheon/meeting/ invitations electronically.

Until now the Junior Members have not received the newsletter and luncheon/meeting invitations, personally, unless another person in the household received the newsletter as a regular members. By sending them first-hand invitations and newsletters (rather than second-hand) perhaps the older Juniors will increase their interest in the Society, if they are connected more personally. The Board wishes to encourage Junior Members to continue their interest in the Society in the hopes that they will later join as regular members. Junior Members may submit an application for full membership at the age of 18-25, with the appropriate fees and proofs.

Also, when a Mayflower member died the spouse no longer received any correspondence from our Society. This is especially distressing because many were involved in the Society, encouraged their member spouse to be active, and in several cases were the genealogist responsible for the Mayflower descendant to become a member. The Board also wishes to continue a relationship with the spouses of deceased members, so as not to close the door on them, at the death of their member spouse.

These members will be referred to as "Friends" as they are not full members of the Mayflower Society, and they will receive the newsletter via e-mail. There will be no cost to these Junior Members, since the correspondence will be sent electronically. But they DO have to be an accepted Junior Member, sponsored by a regular Michigan member in good standing. Also spouses of deceased members, who were in good standing, will also receive the newsletter and invitations to the luncheons electronically, without cost. It maybe possible to mail the newsletters and invitations, if the applicant does not wish to receive them electronically.

We need a volunteer to collect and maintain the data base, described above, (see page 3).

COMPUTER WEB-SITES

www.ancestralbooks.com

Over 20,000 out-of-print history and genealogy publications.

<http://automatedgenealogy.com>

Free transcripts and indexes of Canadian Census records.

www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies.tgn

Over 900,000 worldwide place names and geography

www.ccclegacy.org

Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC)

seekingmichigan.org (Michigan Archives)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 November 2013, Michigan Mayflower Dues are due, (\$28).**
Late fee of \$10 in effect after 1 November.
- 2 November 2013, Saturday, Compact Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**
Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, 219 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 (including the genealogy collection)
Hotel rooms have been blocked for members. Mention SMD of Mich.
- 10 May 2014, Spring Board Meeting, 9 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m.**
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- 10 May 2014, Saturday, Spring Luncheon, Spring Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**
Guest Speaker: Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle.
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus,
219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.
Hotel rooms have been blocked for members. Mention SMD of Mich.
- 9 August 2014, Saturday, Summer Board Meeting**
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- September 2014, Triennial, Plymouth, Massachusetts,**
If you would like to attend as a delegate, please inform our officers.
- 8 November 2014, Compact Day Luncheon.**
Kellogg Center, MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Hotel rooms have been blocked for members. Mention SMD of Mich.
- September 2015, Board of Assistant's Meeting, Mystic, Connecticut**
- 8-11 September 2016, Board of Assistant's Meeting, Columbia Club,
Indianapolis Indiana**

2013 Annual Fall Family History Event

26 October 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

New York Colonial Genealogy, Military Records, Clarke Historical Library, Finding
Ancestors using DNA, DNA Testing Advisor, Civil War, Archives of Michigan,
Lansing Family History Center,

Midwestern Treasurers and Hidden Treasurers at Ancestry.com
Michigan Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan

To register visit the MGC website <http://mimgc.org>

2013 BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING, NEW ORLEANS

The meeting was opened with a presentation of flags, by the 4th Marine Division. Michigan members in attendance were: Terry McKane, Past Assistant Governor General; Cory Randall, Elder General; June Gorman, DGG; Patricia Brown, Acting AG; Diane Sonneck, Michigan Historian.

The business of the Board of Assistants consisted of the following;

Walter Louis Powell was hired to see to the general operations of the General Society, as Executive Director. He has an extensive background in planning historic preservation and restoration.

A nominating committee was chosen for the 2014 election of General Society Officers, at the 2014 Triennial in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Mayflower Museum requires \$100,000 for staff and maintenance, and yet only had an income of \$9000 from visitors this last year. The General Society otherwise maintains the house. Donations from members are greatly appreciated.

The Silver Book sales were down this year due to a publication deadline not being met. Several new Silver Books are in the final stages.

Historian General, Paul Bumpas reported they receive 1800 applications per year (an average of 150 a month). From that number 1600 were accepted. Paul will be retiring as the General Society has decided to return to the former policy of having the Historian General be a volunteer position and hire a paid Certified Genealogist to head the membership application procedures. This has been highly debated and highly controversial, but the Massachusetts Attorney General felt that having a paid elected member of the board was a conflict of interest, since some voting issues may have an influence on the paid position. I am not sure of the time-lines of the change. We all appreciate the dedicated work that Paul Bumpas has given to the Society.

Connecticut volunteered to host the 2015 Board of Assistants meeting, in Mystic, Connecticut. Indiana volunteered to host the Board of Assistant's meeting in 2016, in Indianapolis. 2016 will be the Indiana Mayflower Society's Centennial and the state's Bicentennial.

Former Governor General, Judith Swan, has assumed the 6-7 Generation project.

An Archaeological/Anthropology team, from the University of Massachusetts, conducted a ground penetrating survey of Cole's Hill, to discover burial remains. The state will not allow the ground to be opened, yet. The thought of DNA research on any remains is exciting, as it maybe possible to identify the ancestors of our members. But to-date it is out of the question. Progress is ongoing.

The town of Plymouth gave a grant of \$5000 for Burial Hill, to make necessary restorations to the cemetery.

A benefactor, Mrs. Parks of New York, gave one million dollars, as the Parks Endowment. Large donations to the General Society, have their names engraved on a plaque in the Library.

The new owners of Scrooby Manor, in England, reported that the manor is being restored. They plan to restore the manor to the Pilgrim era, with the date of 1536, in mind.

Brewster and other descendants should be happy know that they have been invited to visit. The General Society researched the possibility of purchasing the manor, a few years ago, but found it was not feasible. General Society feels that the manor is now in very good hands.

The Junior's Chairperson, Sharon A. Matyas, stated "Our Juniors are our future, so bear that in mind."

A 2015 tour of England and Netherlands, including Buckingham Palace, is planned. A tour every two years is scheduled. Data regarding future tours will be announced in the Quarterly.

The General Society now offers scholarships of \$5000, \$2000, and \$500.

A new tri-fold membership information folder was introduced. It maybe available on the inter-net, to save printing costs. They can be down-loaded in PDF form.

The General Society is awarding a Public Relations award. If you have any ideas for Michigan please share them.

The year 2020 (in 7 years) will be the 400 Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, and the General Society is seeking a logo, by having a contest for the design.

The Board reviewed By-Law changes, which will be voted on in Plymouth, in 2014. Each state is entitled to 1 vote for each 200 members. So if you would like to attend as a delegate, begin your trip planning.

400 ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING OF THE MAYFLOWER

States will be expected to have a anniversary project. If you have any ideas, please present them. We have purchased some 2020 items from the Connecticut Society, that we will have available at our meeting, for sale. The funds from our purchase has helped fund Connecticut's scholarship program.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

Nicholas P. Funkhouser, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*
Carol Morgan Todoroff, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*
Jean Young Clare, *Ancestor: William Bradford*
Kurt Eugene Gano, *Ancestor: William Bradford*
Kristopher R. Brown, *Ancestor: William Bradford*
Mary Louella Lohrstorfer, *Ancestor: George Soule*
Verna F. Wood Seitz, *Ancestor: Richard Warren*
Laura L. Schreibman, *Ancestor: Francis Eaton*
Florence D. Anderson, *Ancestor: Richard Warren*
Brenda L. Cheshire, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*
Catherine M. Doyle, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*
Marion S, Yerkes, *Ancestor: William White*



**The Mayflower Society's new Executive Director,
Walter Louis Powell**

Responsibilities of the new Executive Director:

1. Responsible for day-to-day operation of the organization, including managing the staff, (Historian General has sole approval over lineage matters).
2. Direct the curatorial direction for the 1752 Mayflower House Museum and its inventory, including training and supervision of House Manager and tour guides, and planning of regular and special exhibits.
3. Develop and implement fundraising, development, and grant-writing plans.
4. Ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations through the maintenance of official records and documents. Assist the Executive Committee and the Board of Assistants in carrying out fiduciary and statutory responsibilities.
5. Create sound working relationships, and cooperative arrangements as a liaison to community groups and organizations, especially those that promote the ideals of the Mayflower Pilgrims.
6. Report to Executive Committee on a quarterly basis and the General Board of Assistants on an annual basis.
7. Any other duties as determined by the GSMD Governor General or the Personnel Committee.

The Mayflower Society has requested the original state charters. We believe that they may have the original Michigan Charter. If you know anything about this please notify us.



Terry McKane receiving his outstanding service award, for his contributions to the Michigan and General Society. Nominated by Michigan Governor, June Gorman



TERRY MCKANE

SUPPLEMENTALS APPROVED IN PLYMOUTH

Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*

Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestor: Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins*

Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestor: James Chilton*

Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestor: Mrs. James Chilton*

David Martin Knowles, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*

David Martin Knowles, *Ancestor: Francis Eaton*

David Martin Knowles, *Ancestor: John Billington*

Craig Robert Rich, *Ancestor: Thomas Rogers*

“The process to scan (digitize) our 85,000 application and back-up records, particularly those that survived the 1947 fire, is time consuming, tedious and delicate. We expect the process to take a decade. However, we have increased the time dedicated to digitalizing records by 50%, from 2 days per week to 3 days per week, which, if continued, will reduce the time by years.

With the completion of this project (Preservation Archival Documents), expected in May of 2013, we will have expended \$27K to address water invasion and dampness in the basement of the library. The archives are now located in a water-sealed, dehumidified fire proof vault. Chronic drainage issues have been permanently resolved, creating a secure environment for all documents, microfiche, and, very importantly, have created a healthy environment for the employees who work in those areas all day, every day by removing mold.” Bruce MacGunnigle, Governor General.

Our new Mayflower Society, Executive Director, Walter L. Powell stated “I am pleased and honored to have been selected as the Society’s first full-time Executive Director, and at the moment feel very much the weight of responsibility and expectations placed upon me by such a well established national organization.”

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society oversees several Pilgrim/Plymouth historic sites in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They offer several degrees of membership. For information contact them at:

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