



## The Hopkins Family at the Spring Luncheon



### SPRING LUNCHEON'S SPEAKER CALEB JOHNSON

Even though Caleb Johnson wrote the book *“Here Shall I Die Ashore, Stephen Hopkins, Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor, and Mayflower Pilgrim”*, a historical account of the experiences of Stephen Hopkins, he is not a descendant. The Hopkins Family came out in great numbers to hear his talk regarding their ancestor. This resulted in their winning the Spring 2013 Ancestor Count. This turn-out had one of the largest attendance for some time, only rivaled by the recent Richard Warren presentation.

Caleb's Spring visit to the Michigan Mayflower Society was a grand success. He gave us an updated account of his English research. He described many English records and the types available to researchers. Caleb has been responsible for finding valuable hidden information regarding many of the Mayflower passengers, including the identity of family members. It is amazing how he finds the data. He is fast becoming famous for his important research. Caleb has authored an upcoming article on Pilgrim Chilton, which will appear in the Massachusetts Society's Mayflower Descendant. We sincerely hope his good work continues.

Although Caleb did not bring any of his books (he also wrote *“The Mayflower and Her Passengers”*, which describes all the Mayflower passengers) his books can be ordered at Xlibris Corporation, 1-888-795-4274, [www.Xlibris.com](http://www.Xlibris.com), and [Orders@Xlibris.com](mailto:Orders@Xlibris.com). These two books are a necessary addition to any (and all) Mayflower Libraries (private and public), an excellent Christmas gift.

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**WE ARE IN NEED** OF MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SOCIETY. THE POSITIONS WE CURRENTLY NEED TO FILL ARE FLAG CAPTAIN AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, AND POSSIBLY MORE, AS TIME GOES ON. THE 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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 May 2013, Mayflower Dues are delinquent. This refers to the Society's dues to the General Society, so disregard the error in the Spring issue.**
- 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, (\$28).**  
Late fee of \$10 in effect after 1 November.
- 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.  
Details to be announced later.
- August 2014, Summer Board Meeting (Details to be announced later).**
- 1 November 2014, Compact Day Luncheon.**  
Details and Speaker to be announced later.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

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 Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestor James Chilton*  
 David Martin Knowles, *Ancestor Stephen Hopkins*  
 David Martin Knowles, *Ancestor Francis Eaton*  
 Craig Robert Rich, *Ancestor Thomas Rogers*

Hawaiian language=I ulu no ka lala I ke kumu  
 English translation=The branches grow because of the trunk of the tree.  
 Without our ancestors we would not be here.

New members may contact our Public Relations Secretary, Bonnie Vokits, supplying her with the name, address, and phone number of your local newspaper, so she may contact them regarding an article. This is especially successful around Thanksgiving. If the articles are published, please provide her with a copy for our scrapbook collection.

Photos in this newsletter courtesy of Richard Ruhala

**THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
HAS LOST ONE OF IT'S MOST BELOVED MEMBERS  
BARBARA GREENE**

Barbara was a long time loyal and dedicated Michigan Society member (1981, State Number 01529) and Michigan Society State Historian (the first time in 1990) who inducted numerous members. After retiring from her Historian's post she continued as the Historian's Assistant for several years. Barbara spent many hours in libraries searching for missing documents lacking in new applicant's papers.

Barbara was a common sight at many General Society meetings, donating her time to the Society for its improvement.

Barbara's original Mayflower ancestor was Isaac Allerton, from his daughter Mary Allerton, but she also had three supplemental ancestors; Francis Eaton, Degory Priest and John Howland.

## **THE MAYFLOWER**

We often read that in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the name "Mayflower" was a fairly common name for ships. In addition to the Pilgrims' 1620 ship of that name, we know that an entirely different ship, of the same name, arrived in 1629, along with the "Talbot," carrying some Leiden passengers (names undiscovered) who settled in Salem, Massachusetts.

The Pennsylvania Mayflower Society on its website [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org) "Discover History" page has four categories of Commemorations: Pilgrim memorials, Pilgrims on stamps, Pilgrims on coins, and Mayflower namesakes. The latter has just been updated to include the addition of 9 more bringing the total to 28. They are not all boats, although more than half are and the 1957 "Mayflower II" is obviously the best known. The others include blimps, a locomotive, an English car, a steam plow, a theatre, and a college. The "Mayflower Steps" are not here, but are found in the memorials. Each is accompanied with its history and an image when possible. Some of the namesakes may actually not have been named to honor the 1620 ship.

The earliest "modern" use of the name discovered to date was for a "propeller [sic] Mayflower," a 415 ton tug built in 1852 in the Buffalo, NY, shipyard of F. N. Jones. One of the most recent to use the name is a 428' Chinese built ship with six legs! It is a construction platform for planting offshore wind turbines. Among the mansion houseboats in Sausalito, California, one is named "Mayflower."

We are always interested in finding additional commemorations.

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**THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO BARBARA GREENE  
ISAAC ALLERTON**

Isaac Allerton was born circa 1586 in England. It is recorded that he resided in London. Isaac married his first wife Mary Norris on 4 November 1611 in Leyden, Holland. Mary resided in Newbury, England.

Children of Isaac Allerton and Mary Norris:

1. Bartholomew Allerton, born circa 1612, Leyden, Holland  
Married 1. Margaret-----,  
Married 2. Sarah Fairfax
2. Remember Allerton, born circa 1614, Leyden, Holland  
Married Moses Maverick
3. **Mary Allerton, born circa 1616, Leyden, Holland**  
**Married Thomas Cushman**
4. Child Allerton, died and buried circa 5 February 1620, Leyden, Holland
5. Son Allerton, stillborn 22 December 1620,  
aboard the Mayflower Plymouth Harbor

In 1621 Isaac was chosen to serve as an Assistant and he served for several years. His wife, Mary (Norris) Allerton died 25 February 1621 in the Plymouth Colony. She was among the settlers who died in the first wave of sickness along with Isaac's servant John Hooke. In 1623 he was included in the Land Division and received 7 acres. Isaac married second Fear Brewster circa 1626, in the Plymouth Colony. Fear was the daughter of Pilgrims William Brewster and Mary-----. In 1626 he returned to England to negotiate a new agreement with the Adventurers and he returned in 1627. In 1627 Isaac was included in the Division of Cattle. After 1631, Isaac set up a trading post in Penobscot, after some interesting events regarding the original Plymouth Colony.

Children of Isaac Allerton and Fear Brewster:

6. Sarah Allerton, born circa 1627, Plymouth Colony  
Died before 1651
7. Isaac Allerton, born between 22 May 1627/1630, Plymouth Colony

Isaac's second wife, Fear (Brewster) Allerton died before 12 December 1634, in the Plymouth Colony. Isaac married third Joanna Swinnerton, before 17 February 1644/1645, probably in New Haven, Connecticut. Joanna was still living on 19 May 1684, in New Haven, Connecticut. Isaac Allerton died between 1 and 12 February 1658/1659 in New Haven, Connecticut.

The restaurant Isaac's located on Water Street, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, is named for the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton. Their motto states, "Isaac Allerton, who marched to the beat of a different drummer".

**Mayflower Society Members may still purchase bricks for the Mayflower House/Library walkway. The bricks are engraved with any name you choose. The Michigan Society and some of our members also purchased bricks. If you want more information contact: The Mayflower Society, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02361-3297, [www.TheMayflowerSociety.com](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.com), or phone: 1-508-746-3188.**



CALEB JOHNSON AND MICHIGAN SOCIETY GOVERNOR JUNE GORMAN

## NEW MAYFLOWER REFERENCE BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

*"Mayflower Passenger References"* is a reference book written for the family researcher. For those who are new at it, or not so new, who find conflicting information and are not sure what to believe. For those who strive to properly document their *Mayflower* passengers but who may not have access to the necessary resources. *Mayflower Passenger References* contains the references to each passenger found in early New England contemporary records and sources. The author has gone back to the original 17th century sources to compile what was actually known and written about each passenger at the time they lived. The researcher will find, for example, every mention of their ancestor in the *Plymouth Colony Records*, vital records, church records, town records and other colony records. Early accounts will be found by contemporaries such as Altham, Aspinwall, Bradford, de Rasieres, Hubbard, Lechford, Mather, Morton, Mourt, Pory, Prince, Purchas, Sewall, Smith, Winslow and Winthrop. Have you ever wondered where a particular fact originated? If you don't find it here, then it may not be a "fact" after all. Scholarly journals such as *The Mayflower Quarterly*, *The Mayflower Descendant*, *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, *The American Genealogist* and *The Genealogist* were searched to let the family researcher know what information has been disproved and what new discoveries or suggestions have been made. And for those who cannot visit the homes of their *Mayflower* ancestors, over 90 pictures of plaques and memorials have been included. A full bibliography and index complete the book; hardcover, xviii, + 525 pp.; \$50 plus \$15 shipping and handling; PAYPAL, cheque or money order payable to the author. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery. **Available from Susan E. Roser, 4137 Tremaine Rd., Milton, ON Canada L9T 2Y1**

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