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Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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ROGER SCHLOSSER'S PRESENTATION AT OUR COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON WAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Many of those attending, had Irish ancestry and therefore enjoyed the presentation with great interest. Many members came forward with many compliments regarding the presentation on Irish history and politics, including those who had no Irish ancestry. Roger has a great sense of humor and that was part of the enjoyment of his talk. His excitement was riveting. For those of you who could not attend, Roger has presented this condensed report of his presentation.

"Historical Background To The Modern Troubles In Irish History: The Role Of Britain"

Why a talk on the Irish Troubles? On the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Easter Rising of 1916, some in the Loyalist community of Northern Ireland were sure that Nationalists were planning another Rising to complete their work of fifty years earlier. So they made preemptive strikes in 1966, thus beginning the latest round of the Troubles. We are fast approaching the Centennial of the 1916 Rising, and it is hoped by most people in the North of Ireland and in the Irish Republic, as well as Irish people everywhere through out the world that a repeat of 1966 does not occur. With some historical knowledge possible a repeat can be avoided.

The talk began with the history of early Ireland and the first appearance of peoples from Britain who, then as now, were both a blessing and a potential curse. Also, then as now, religion was a blessing and a potential curse as it made its appearance from Britain. Of a more physical threat was the political intrusion of Britain also in the 12th century.

In both the 14th and 15th centuries Britain was feeling the threat of a Celtic Revival and possible absorption or removal from Ireland. The Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries divided Ireland between two sets of people with each having a separate language, religion, social and cultural traditions that regarded their neighbors as either invaders or rebels. Laws were passed by the armed and victorious British to crush the native Irish language, religion, social, and cultural traditions.

The American and French Revolutions of the last quarter of the 18th century gave rise to the hopes of the Native Irish and kindred folks for independence, liberty and freedom from British servitude. But British political chicanery and military might robbed the Irish of their hoped for emancipation from Britain. But the Irish began to best the British at their own game of political wheeling and dealing and just when they were on the cusp of realizing success tragedy struck, taking the great leader Daniel O'Connell and a few years later a quarter of the population in the great Potato Famine.

In the last half of the 19th century Britain hoped to stave off the growing surge for Irish Independence from Britain with legislation aimed at helping Ireland by cutting taxes and giving local autonomy in limited areas. Irish secret societies, like the Irish Republican

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**STEPHANIE THRONE, ZACH'S MOTHER
AND OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOR, GRACE SMITH, ZACH'S GRANDMOTHER
ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR ZACH
(who was away at college)**

**ZACH THRONE
2012 SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER**



Zach Throne

Zach Throne is excited to be this year's recipient of the Michigan Mayflower Society scholarship. He will use it toward next semester's tuition at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he is studying Dramatic Arts and Business. Zach also is a member of the Centre Singers, the premiere choral ensemble that tours nationally and internationally. Centre is a top-50 liberal arts college that hosted the vice-presidential debate in 2012 and 2000.

Three Mayflower Families tied the Ancestral Roll-Call, at the Compact Day Luncheon.



THE FRANCIS COOKE FAMILY



THE JOHN HOWLAND FAMILY

THE WILLIAM BREWSTER FAMILY



WELCOME NEW MAYFLOWER MEMBERS

Robert Thrift Kendall, Jr.	<i>Ancestor: Francis Cooke</i> (dual member, Florida)
Robert Thrift Kendall, Jr.	<i>Ancestor: William Brewster</i> (dual member, Florida)
Robert Thrift Kendall, Jr.	<i>Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins</i> (dual member, Florida)
Prudence Lynn Barrett Nelson	<i>Ancestor: John Alden</i>
Karen Marie Lee Current	<i>Ancestor: William White</i>
Judith Ann Warren	<i>Ancestor: George Soule</i>
Marianne Turner Arntz	<i>Ancestor: William White</i>
Donna Hatch Sharp	<i>Ancestor: James Chilton</i> (transfer from Indiana)
Andrew Arnold Neuenfeldt	<i>Ancestor: John Billington</i>
Andrew Arnold Neuenfeldt	<i>Ancestor Francis Eaton</i>
Connie Lynn Pepper Riley	<i>Ancestor Richard Warren</i>
Robert Charles Bazzell	<i>Ancestor: James Chilton</i>

Also there are currently 5 applications and supplemental pending in Plymouth.

Historian: Diane H. Sonneck

At the annual Compact Day Luncheon, the membership voted to accept the new By-Law changes and they approved the proposed budget for the following year. We would like to thank our Counselor, Mary Ellen Byrne, for the work she did to present the By-Law changes.

As of October 2012, we have a total of 827 active members, including 827 Life Members and 396 Regular Members. As of January 1, we have 32 new members. There has been 11 deaths reported.

Reported by Membership Secretary, Anne Burt.

Historian for Juniors, Patricia Brown reports that there are currently 615 Junior Members. She began a program to send birthday cards to our Junior members, at designated birthdates. Therefore it is important for parents to notify her of any forwarding addresses, when a move occurs. Junior Members must apply for regular membership, at the age of 25, with all the required membership proofs necessary. Full membership would be the ultimate gift to these young members.

The names of the Junior Members were not available at the time of printing.

WE WISH TO THANK PATRICIA BROWN

For donating the beautiful cross stitching, of the Mayflower ship, she spent much dedicated time creating, to provide funds for the Junior Member's activities. She had the art work professionally framed, which complimented the work. The art work was auctioned at the Compact Day Luncheon, with considerable activity. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Corresponding Secretary, Clara Vickers reports:

380 dues notices were mailed in August 2012, and in September 162 second dues notices were also mailed. By the November Compact Day meeting 55 members had not paid their dues.

Clara also makes the names tags for each meeting and is seeking a replacement for her job. If you would like to assist, please notify the Governor, cell phone: 231-286-1162. As you can see the 2nd mailing was considerably large and created additional costs and work for the society. So prompt dues payments are appreciated. Also you may consider a Life Membership, to relieve yourself of annual dues deadlines.

Bonnie Vokits, our Public Relations Secretary keeps a scrapbook of newspaper articles that feature the activities of our Michigan Society. She reported at the Compact Day Luncheon, that several articles appeared in Michigan Newspapers. She reminded us about the up-coming 2013 Mayflower Ancestral Tour. Bonnie has taken this tour and remarked that it was a wonderful experience. The tour will include: IN ENGLAND, a cruise on the Thames River, London, Southwark (Separatists area), Canterbury, Dorking, Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Duxbury, Gainsborough, and Wales; IN HOLLAND, Scrooby, Austerfield, Leiden (with Jeremy Bangs), Delshaven; and many more stops. The May tour will be May 18-31 and there maybe a tour again in September.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

WERE HELD AT THE COMPACT DAY MEETING

Ruth M. Adams

Nelda E. Alger

Edwin W. Beeby

Joan P. Hagelthorn

Richard A. Huebner

Richard G. Olson

Harlan G. Quardokus

Richard L. Schaeffer

Marian R. Thorne

Barbara K. Tuck

Jasper L. Moore, Past Michigan Governor 1992-1195

Please report deaths to the Michigan Elder, Terry McKane

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Brotherhood (IRB), started to fight guerrilla warfare against Britain in Ireland and Britain. Irish Home Rule seemed to many British and Irish politicians as the solution. But a Loyalist minority refused to abide by the law and were prepared to rebel against their own British Government if it gave the Irish Home Rule; these Loyalists were rejecting their democratically elected Parliament's passage of Irish Home Rule legislation. What saved Britain from civil war in Ireland against its ultra conservative Loyalist community was the out break of World War I.

Britain's poor running of the war led to the call for drafting Irish subjects into the British Army. The Easter Rebellion of 1916 was the answer by the IRB. The outcome was retribution and revenge by the British, and a full blown Civil War (The Tan War) between the British and the reconstituted IRB as the Irish Republican Army. A treaty was agreed upon giving the 26 counties in the "south" Home Rule while the six Loyalist and Protestant dominated six counties in the "north east" would remain within the united Kingdom directly. The result was two fold. A fracture of the IRA and it's political shadow, Sinn Fein, into "pro-treaty" and a "anti-treaty" factions that degenerated into a Irish Civil War, that killed off many leaders. Second, the Catholic-Nationalist minority in the North had the infamous Penal Laws revisited upon them relegating them to second class citizens.

Thus the persecution of Irish language, religion, social and cultural traditions was now increased by discrimination in political (voting), economic (jobs) and housing areas. Thus the stage was set for the modern paranoia by Loyalists-Protestants and civil rights protests by Nationalists-Catholics in the 1960s that slid into the modern TROUBLES.

Roger's talk was an education, not only in Irish History, but an education in Irish politics, which helped us all understand the origin of the conflicts that continue today.

MAYFLOWER FAMILY ROLL COUNT FROM THE COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON

The following list combines the count for each wife of the male passengers.

John Alden 11	Francis Eaton 5	Thomas Rogers 3
Isaac Allerton 2	Moses Fletcher 0	Henry Sampson 1
John Billington 2	Edward Fuller 4	George Soule 9
William Bradford 2	Samuel Fuller 1	Myles Standish 2
William Brewster 12	Stephen Hopkins 11	John Tilley 6
Peter Brown 1	John Howland 12	Richard Warren 11
James Chilton 3	Richard More 0	William White 2
Francis Cook 12	William Mullins 9	Edward Winslow 0
Edward Doty 7	Degory Priest 4	

It is helpful if you know the ancestor wife of the male Mayflower passenger, you descend from, for the roll call, at future meetings.

It is also a compliment to your female Mayflower passenger.

**BOARD OF ASSISTANCE MEETING,
Mount Laurel, New Jersey
September 6-9, 2012**

The Mayflower General Society reported that the Society's largest asset is the Mayflower House, in front of the Mayflower Library. The Plymouth Village values the house at over 1 Million dollars. The Society has received a grant to value the contents and collections. The grant will also provide the funds to explore climate control, since the collection is of considerable value, with some items dating back to 1754. The maintenance of the house is a constant task, and the house has had several improvements, such as new eaves.

The Mayflower Library has completed the installation of the new rolling files, in the vault. The vault has been painted and new floor tile installed. The Vault was built in 1962, when the records were moved from Boston, after the fire, therefore the vault was in need of up-dates.

The 5 Generation project is now 53 years old and a total of 32 Silver Books, numerous Pink Books, and several related Green volumes have been published. The Project has been expanded to the 6 and 7th generations and the Society is in the process of computerizing the records. Governor General, Bruce MacGunnigle, Edward Fuller, was the author of Volume 4 Silver Book. Of the portion of your dues paid to the General Society, 30% goes to the publishing of the Mayflower Quarterly.

Although the Historian General reported that membership applications have been on the increase, the Society reported that the income has been decreasing. This may cause a future dues increase, or an exploration of other forms of increasing revenues. Life membership would protect you membership if this should occur. The General Society also requests that when you plan your estate, do not forget the Mayflower Society.

The Garden Brick Project has been quite successful and a second installation will occur at the end of September 2012 (or early October). There are only 100 bricks still available for purchase, so if you are interested, it is suggested that you inquire, soon.

The Public relation's Chairperson, reported that there is now an award for the state who submits an out-standing public relations project from their state. This would be a state project to improve communication to the general public. They will give two awards per year, one being near Thanksgiving and the other in July. The last award was given to the Stephen Hopkins Society for their articles regarding their Stephen Hopkins Bermuda Cruise/Voyage. Details will be published in the Mayflower Quarterly.

Dr. Jeremy Banks has been employed, by the Mayflower Society, to research Leyden and Holland records regarding our Pilgrim fore-fathers. The Society has renewed his employment which contributes to the 5 Generation project. An Executive Director, Thomas Colligan, has been hired, to supervise the Society's daily operations, with staff, fundraising, general management, and assisting the Mayflower Board of Assistants.

The Mayflower General Society now presents a scholarship award. Details can be seen in the Mayflower Quarterly.

The Mayflower General Society invites each state to place a page on their web-site. AGG and Insignia Chairperson, Lea Filson, is in charge.

The Governor General, Bruce MacGunnigle, has requested State Societies to provide a copy of their original Charters. Michigan's Charter has been missing for several years. It is probably forgotten in a former member's attic. If anyone knows anything about the Michigan Charter, please contact June Gorman.

The year 2020 (in 8 years) will be the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower and the General Society requests that states explore ways to celebrate the event.

The General Society has been exploring their compliance to the Massachusetts non-profit laws, which are currently being tightened by the Massachusetts Attorney General. The most evident category is that of the Historian General. Debate is on-going in regard to the position as a voting member of the Society's Board, as a possible Conflict-of-Interest regarding votes on his paid position.

The General Society reported the past following achievements:

1. They contributed to the Leiden Pilgrim Father's Society and to the erection of monuments in Southampton, and Plymouth, England.
2. They erected many bronze tablets in England and Holland.
3. They obtained government funds to erect the 252 foot granite tower at Provincetown, Massachusetts.
4. They contributed funds to erect a replica on the original foundation of the Trading Post at Aptuxet.
5. They commissioned the design and erection of the Sarcophagus on Coles Hill, in Plymouth.
6. They erected monuments to Pilgrims, from Cape Cod to as far away as the Golden Gate Bridge, one being a bronze tablet, at Provincetown, for William Button, and to others who died in Cape Code Harbor.
7. They published the Mayflower Index, consisting of 2 volumes and 30,000 names.
8. They have published the Mayflower Quarterly and provided it to many public libraries.
9. The Massachusetts Society has published many volumes of the Mayflower Descendant.
10. They saved the Old Colonial House, in Plymouth, from destruction., and are going to be involved in saving the house for all times.

These are achievements from the past and does not include current goals and achievements.

WHY NOT PLAN TO VISIT PLYMOUTH, NEXT THANKSGIVING ?

1627 Dine with the Pilgrims, October-November

Share a meal with the residents of the Plimoth Plantation, with a meal consisting of the foods the Pilgrims would have eaten;

Herbs, Mussels, beer, turkey, native corn, sweet pudding, cabbage, leeks, and onions.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

A sit-down dinner, with all the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner turkey and trimmings.

THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET

A buffet style meal, your choices of a full Thanksgiving Day offering.

ALL DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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Clam Chowder, sandwiches, desserts, cider, beer and wine, etc.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CALL:

Late in the summer, the reservations are generally full, so be sure to inquire early, reservations are taken, as early as June, for the next year.

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www.plimoth.org

Aviator, Amelia Earhart, descendant of Richard Warren,
disappeared while en-route to **HOWLAND ISLAND**.

Do not forget to order your copy of the Diamond Jubilee Edition
of past Mayflower Quarterlys. Cost is \$50 plus \$14 shipping.
Order from GSMD/Mail Order, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, Ma. 02361.

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.

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