

# MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

- “All great and honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and both must be enterprised and overcome with answerable courage.”
- “Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many...”

— William Bradford,  
*Of Plimoth Plantation*

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## “Elizabeth Hopkins” Visits Michigan Society!

Vicki Oman, Director of Public Programs & School Services at Plimoth Plantation and a Museum Teacher there, spoke at our May 20 meeting in East Lansing.

With expertise in the history and social customs of 17th-century New England, Vicki appeared in the persona of Goodwife Elizabeth Hopkins, Mayflower passenger. Sharing Goodwife Hopkins' Pilgrim story from hiring the Mayflower in England through the journey and the first winter to Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Vicki's interactive performance dazzled an audience of 111 attending the luncheon.

The audience was able to ask questions of “Elizabeth Hopkins” and the modern historian, Vicki Oman. When the audience was asked whether it would like Vicki to return as a speaker in May 2019, loud and vigorous applause echoed a resounding “YES” to the question.

If you were not able to attend the meeting, check out a brief YouTube video to see Vicki as Elizabeth Hopkins at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDGoOB53aTB>



1. Gov. Grace Smith & Vicki Oman  
2. Historian Diane Sonnecken & Vicki Oman

## Member Spotlight: Nancy Karvellas & Pamela MacArthur



Fraternal twins Nancy MacArthur Karvellas and Dr. Pamela Carol MacArthur were elected to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan on 9 May 2017.

Anticipating their new membership, the sisters travelled from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Michigan to be able to attend the Society's May 20 meeting. Nancy and Pamela joined under John Howland through their second great-grandmother, Jeanie Torrey Wendell, national #1708 and state society # 633.

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# Excerpts from The Centennial History of the Michigan Society

**21 November 1906:** The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan held the Compact Day meeting on 21 November 1906 at the Detroit Club. Governor Ralph Stone presided. The officers in 1906 were Governor, Ralph Stone; Deputy Governor, Charles Dana Standish; Secretary, Jessie C. Chase (*see related story on page 7*); Treasurer, Mrs. Austin Yates Ladue; Historian, Bessie M. West; Board of Assistants: Charles H. Ayers, Mrs. John Howarth, Mrs. W. A. Butler, Jr., and Frederick Bradford Smith.

**6 September 1912:** Two representatives from Michigan attended the Sixth General Congress, in Plymouth, Massachusetts on 6 September 1912. Michigan reported having 43 members of the Society. Representing Michigan were

Deputy Governor General, Mr. Edward Chauncey Hinman, and Assistant General, Mr. James Dudley Hawks.

**6 September 1915:** One Michigan representative attended the Seventh General Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on 6 September 1915, Deputy Governor General, Mr. James W. Hawkes. It was voted to have a Society Flag designed.



Edward C. Hinman

## Michigan Historians and Treasurers 1901-2001

### Historians

1903-1944: Bessie Mitchell West  
1944-1947: Hazel Fenton Schermerhorn (Mrs. George)  
1947-1950: Margaret Ann Grant  
1950-1965: Maurice Winslow Fox  
1965-1973: Lucy Mary Kellogg  
1974-1977: Cathryn Joan Parker Lanham (Mrs. Frank)  
1977-1990: Janice Allene Smith Beebe (Mrs. John)  
1990-1995: Barbara Lucille Baker Greene (Mrs. James)  
1995-2001: Joyce Lee Quenneville Lower (Mrs. Michael)

1944-1946: Edward A. Finney  
1946-1950: Walter G. Scott  
1950-1953: Russell H. Lucas  
1953-1956: Anna Andreas Wentink (Mrs. Paul)  
1956-1959: Glenn Warner  
1959-1960: Col. Milford H. S. Hicks  
1960-1961: Richard B. Gushee  
1962-1965: Wilma Louise Wilcox  
1965-1975: Jennette Thompson Barnes (Mrs. Roy)  
1975-1980: Richard D. Flinn  
1980-1980: M. Harlan Scribner  
1980-1983: Willard C. Grant  
1983-1989: L. Yvonne Smith Domson (Mrs. Andrew)  
1989-1998: Lois Babler Bienlien (Mrs. William)  
1998-2001: William A. Penner, Jr.

### Treasurers

1915-1920: Mary Newberry Ladue (Mrs. Austin)  
1920-1926: Mary Balch Ranney (Mrs. Frederick)  
1926-1944: Francis R. Woolfenden



## Lucy Mary Kellogg, Historian

Lucy Mary Kellogg was an executive secretary at General Motors Corporation for 35 years until her retirement in 1964. A descendant of William Bradford, Miss Kellogg was a director of the Michigan State Historical Society and a member of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. She was an eminent

historian who worked to enhance the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library and the author of several books about the Mayflower Pilgrims. The Michigan Genealogical Council established an award in her name. Miss Kellogg was elected as a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1971.

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## Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Mancour Williams



A lifelong resident of Genesee County, Michigan, Elizabeth Mancour Williams grew up on a farm in Fenton Township and attended grade school in Linden.

She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan-Flint, and a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Elizabeth worked for the Flint Community Schools for 35 years. She began as an executive secretary in 1973. She worked full time while attending college in the evening for a number of years and retired as a human resources administrator in 2008.

Elizabeth and her husband, Robert, live in Swartz Creek, where they raised their son Brian, and daughter Bethany. They love spending as much time as possible with their four young grandchildren. They also enjoy many activities together, including playing tennis, birding, camping, and traveling.

Elizabeth has served as recording secretary since 2010 and is a descendant of James Chilton.

## Treasurer: Thora Goodnight



Thora grew up knowing she had a Mayflower ancestor, but no one seemed to know who it was. Her cousin, Virginia Parsons, had joined the Michigan Society, but through her father's line and not her mother's.

About 30 years ago, Thora began gathering information from her father about his grandparents, but he

didn't know much more about his lineage than that. A visit with Jinny gained a family tree through Thomas Rogers and Stephen Hopkins, complete with all the "Hand Me Down" errors.

About ten years later, after her children started school, Thora began gathering family documents and hunting down the trails. Eventually she was able to start the application process.

This 20-year process prepared Thora for her current position as Registrar for the John Alden Chapter, NSDAR.

Thora studied accounting at Delta College and Northwood University where she worked in the Financial Aid department. Later, when her husband Lon's job transferred the family to Decatur, Alabama, she went to work for Southern Dermatology as a medical biller.

Returning to Michigan and once her kids entered high school, she went to work for Ling Tzz Shih, MD, as a medical biller and retired in 2011.

Thora has been treasurer for this society for seven years. She is also treasurer for the Midland Christian Women's Connection, Registrar for the John Alden Chapter, NSDAR, and Registrar for the Abraham Egbert Chapter of the N.S. United States Daughters of 1812.

She is also a member of the N.S. Daughters of the Union and the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

Thora is mother to three boys, Chad, Kevin and Tyler as well as grandmother to three grandchildren, Mason, Hadley and Madelynn Goodnight, all members of the Michigan Society.

## Deputy Governor, June Gorman

June Gorman was the first American born in a private hospital in Sydney, Australia and was born on the 4th of July. Her father, an American WWII soldier, married her mother in Australia, and then June came with her mother and sister to Michigan at the age of two years old.

June graduated from Grand Valley University with high honors, with Bachelor's degrees in Art, Education, and Cultural Anthropology/Archaeology. She likes to say she digs paper bones.

Addicted to genealogy, she has been doing her and her husband's genealogy for over 50 years, traveling to many states, New England, Ireland, and Australia. With the help of ancient collections, she has both genealogies back into the BCs. June began genealogy before the census records were even indexed.

June taught adult students for nearly 30 years in Grand Rapids. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, was a docent at the Grand Rapids

Art Museum, and volunteered at a local genealogy library for over ten years. She has held offices in several hereditary organizations, including the DAR, 17th Century Colonial Dames, the Mayflower Society, The Magna Charta Dames and Barons, Americans of Royal Descent, and Descendants of Charlemagne, among others.

As an artist, June has won over 50 awards for her multimedia art and has owned and/or co-owned five art galleries and one gift shop. She has art works in several international collections. She has compiled/written five books, the last being a book of poetry, with several other books "in the works."

June has been married to John Gorman for over 50 years and has two sons. Jeff Gorman, the oldest, is a Vice-President for Walmart in Bentonville/Rogers, Arkansas. John "Gary" Gorman is a head Sound Engineer for Universal Studios in Burbank, California, and has had his name in the credits of

several movies. Both sons are very musically talented. Jeff has a daughter, Jenelle Gorman, who also lives near Bentonville and also works for Walmart. He also has a son, Ryan, who is a part-owner of the Wealth Management/Investment firm in Manistee, Michigan.



June Gorman pictured next to her ancestor Richard Warren's bed.

## Assistant to the Historian, Lee Bickford Bennett



Lee has been a Mayflower Society member since 2008. He descends from Degory Priest, William Bradford, and Stephen Hopkins. In 2015, he volunteered to be Administrative Assistant to State Historian, Diane Sonneck. In that role he administers all incoming original and supplemental Mayflower applications for Michigan applicants.

Lee was born in Maine, grew up in Georgia, and stayed in Michigan after attending the University of Michigan. He's been a life-long sailor. Currently, Lee is also an avid

genealogist and utilizes DNA testing as a research tool. Lee has a BA in Economics from the University of Michigan and is a retired management accountant, having served in controllership roles in several industries. He has been a member of the Institute of Management Accountants for over 40 years and served as a national vice president of that professional organization.

Lee and his wife of 48 years, Ginny, have 3 adult children, and 4 grandchildren. They are enjoying retirement together and are looking forward to summer family gatherings.

## Historian's Assistants: Cheryl Stanfield & Vicki Friddle



**Cheryl Stanfield** is a graduate of Michigan State University, and she was employed as Senior Geologist in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality when she retired in 2011.

Her hobby for the past 22 years has been family history research and traveling to the many places where her ancestors lived. She has been married to her husband Wim van

Leeuwin, originally of Rotterdam, Netherlands, for 24 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. They enjoy spending summers at their home on Jordan Lake in Lake Odessa and winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Her Mayflower Ancestor is John Howland.



**Vicki Mott Friddle** and her husband, Jim, have been married for 31 years. Jim is retired from the USAF.

They have a daughter who lives in Washington State and a son living in Louisiana. They are the proud

grandparents of two granddaughters and a grandson.

Vicki and Jim love to travel and this summer, are taking an eight-day cruise on the Danube River from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany, as well as spending another week driving through four countries with Danish friends.

Vicki also enjoys photography, quilting, and of course, genealogy. Besides being a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, she is an active member of the Mary Marshall Chapter NSDAR and is also a member of the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, U.S. Daughters of 1812, N.S. Daughters of the Union, Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands, and N.S. Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.



**Muriel Cushing**, State Historian for the Florida Society, has a brilliant project in the works.

### GSMD's "Patriot to Passenger Bridge Project"

If you have a Revolutionary War patriot in your Mayflower line, you can join it. The project was suggested ten years ago, and Muriel began the actual work about a year ago.

The project states: "As more and more information becomes available on the Internet, descendants are reaching out to connect their Revolutionary War Patriot with the Mayflower Society. Many Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution Societies are asking if they also have an ancestral tie to a Mayflower passenger and are interested in finding out how they may become a member.

The Patriot Project is a growing published list of Patriots who descend from Mayflower passengers and an effort to build a bridge between two important Societies."

Since the project is a work in progress, check back often. You can log in into the GSMD site and search on "Patriot" to locate the project listings. Information is submitted to Muriel similar to the example below:

Hicks/Hix, Abel, (A206477, MSSR 7:973), b. Rehoboth, MA, 1755, bur. Rehoboth, 14 December 1789, son of Hezekiah Hix and Desire Carpenter, desc. of Pilgrim John Billington (MF 5:145); m. at Rehoboth, 13 January 1780, Hannah Read.

*(Jotham Hix<sup>6</sup>, Desire Carpenter<sup>5</sup>, Desire Martin<sup>4</sup>, Mercy<sup>3</sup> Billington, Francis<sup>2</sup> Billington, John<sup>1</sup> Billington)*

Please contact Muriel Cushing at [Flash1620@comcast.net](mailto:Flash1620@comcast.net) to contribute your line from your patriot to your passenger. Way to go, Muriel!

# Mary's Silent Mayflower Movies

From the website of Mary Ames Mitchell:

<http://www.maryamesmitchell.com>

## What are these?

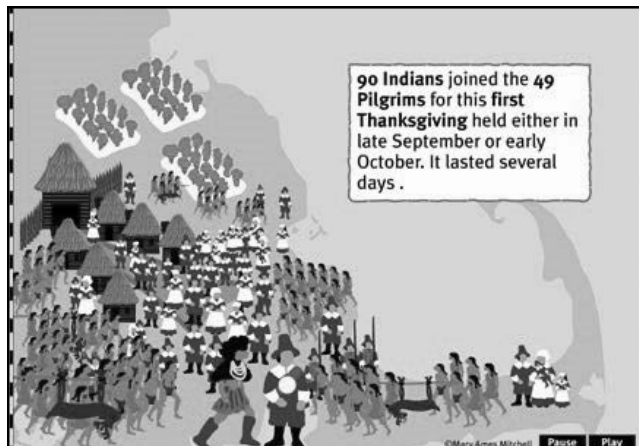
These animated illustrations tell the story of the religious Separatists who first left England for Holland in 1608 and 1609 and then sailed on the Mayflower, Anne, James, and Fortune to America between 1620 and 1623.

Mary's ancestors are highlighted: the Brewsters, the Hopkineses, the Cookes, the Warrens, Thomas Prence, Nicholas Snow, the Annabels, and the Tracys. Since making the movies, she has discovered that she is also descended from John Howland, Elizabeth Tilley, Elizabeth's parents, and Edward Doty, who also sailed to America on the Mayflower.

Mary was trying to learn Adobe Flash software and got carried away! After 250 hours of playing around, she created these animations. It takes about an hour to view all of them.

Titles include:

- Introduction: The Puritans and the Separatists
- Part I: The Mayflower Crosses the Atlantic



- Part II: The First Winter
- Part III: The Arrival of the Fortune, the Anne, and the James
- Part IV: Nineteen Weddings

As Mary Ames Mitchell says, "Get the popcorn out, sit back, and have a good time!"

## Michigan Society Gavel

On 21 November 1938, Jessie C. Chase donated a gavel to the Michigan Society. On a trip to Plymouth, she obtained a small piece of the Plymouth Rock, which she had mounted into the handle of the gavel. A silver band encircles the stone, bearing the legend *Plymouth —1620*.

At the May 20 membership meeting, immediate past Governor June Gorman presented the Society's gavel to Governor Grace Bliss Smith. Mrs. Gorman provided the storage box with a plaque which reads:



*Mich. Mayflower Soc.  
Gavel with piece of  
Plymouth Rock*

*Donated by Jessie Chase  
Box donated by  
Gov. June Gorman*

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**Key Dates for 2017-18**

<b>8-13 Sep 2017</b>	GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
<b>14 Oct 2017</b>	Fall Board Meeting, Kellogg Center, East Lansing
<b>4 Nov 2017</b>	Compact Day Luncheon, Frankenmuth
<b>19 May 2018</b>	Spring Luncheon, East Lansing

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