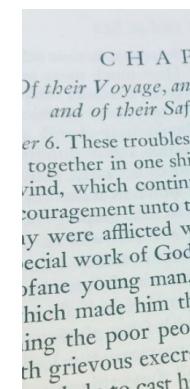
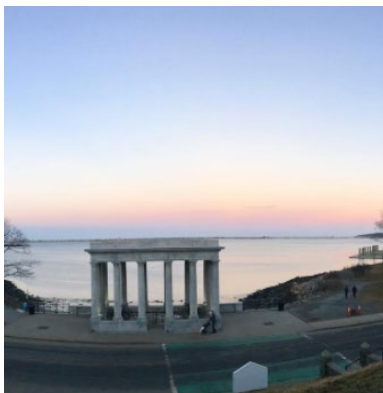
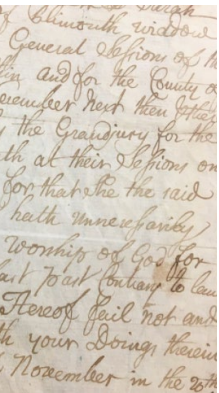


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General Society of Mayflower Descendants

STAFF 2016 - 2017

OPERATIONS

Executive Director

Walter L. Powell, PhD

Business Manager

Cheryl Whittaker

Membership Services Manager

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Development

and Executive Assistant

Kathy Liolios

Development Consultant

Shawn Costa

HISTORIAN GENERAL'S OFFICE AND LINEAGE DEPARTMENT

Historian General

Marjorie "Midge" K. Hurtuk

Director of Genealogy and Research Services

Margaret "Marti" Bobertz

Assistant Historian General

Todd Holden

Verifiers

Biz Chase

Die Hoxie

Judith Towne

Chris Cook

Cathy Smith

Phil Johnson

Librarian

Carolyn Travers

Administrative Assistant

Darlene Gardner

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY HOUSE AND GARDEN

Docents

Judy MacDonald

Patty Besser

Marti Finnegan

Sue Fournier

Donna Olsson

Janette Somerville

Karen Yourell



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS 2014 - 2017

Governor General

Lea Sinclair Filson, *LA & EU*

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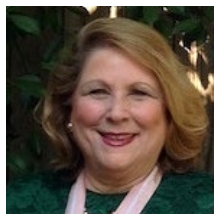
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C. Richard Denham, *TX & EU*



A message from
**GOVERNOR GENERAL
LEA SINCLAIR FILSON**

As we close out the 2014 - 2017 term, we have much to be thankful for. The goals we have accomplished this past term are to be commended. As you leaf through the pages of this year's Annual Report, you will understand why it is important to be a member of the Mayflower Society. In the 2016/17 fiscal year alone, we have embarked on programs and practices that will spell progress for our future. The story of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims and a permanent record of members' lineage to them will be preserved for generations to come.

It takes the efforts of the Executive Committee, all 53 Member Societies and our GSMD volunteer officers and committees, to work alongside a dedicated Plymouth staff to make all the parts and pieces of a busy Society work in an effective manner. The accomplishments in this report reflect the many achievements we have realized. Take a minute to look at all three of our Annual Reports from this term and you will understand the labor and love that has gone into this Society.

As we embark upon the possible addition to our campus of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, we will need to pull together like never before. The opportunity before us allows us to create an Education Center that reaches a much broader audience than at present. To walk into the Meetinghouse is to feel the spiritual presence of our ancestors who walked there together nearly 400 years ago. The responsibility of keeping this unique American story alive rests with us, the descendants of the Pilgrims, through our membership in The Mayflower Society. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Governor General.

Lea Sinclair Filson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lea Sinclair Filson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.



A message from

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. WALTER POWELL

I am pleased to offer this Fiscal 2016/17 Annual Report, providing a summary of programs and activities at our national headquarters in Plymouth. It has been another busy and remarkable year, highlighted by a new partnership with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, a Memorandum of Understanding with First Parish Meetinghouse in Plymouth to explore the possibilities of assuming ownership of this national landmark, and the completion of a detailed feasibility study of the Mayflower Society House, Library and Administration Building to guide future use and an anticipated capital campaign. Our new *Mayflower Journal* and repurposed *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, now both in their second year, have both a digital and hard copy format that has substantially broadened our outreach with member news and events as well as the latest Pilgrim scholarship. The Plymouth staff continue with a very busy schedule that includes reviewing a growing number of membership applications, making ongoing improvements to our website and social media presence and expanding marketing, development and member opportunities.

The coming year will be marked by some extraordinary opportunities, including decisions about the future use of the Mayflower Society House and Library, the First Parish Meetinghouse, the potential for digitizing membership records and further definition of other 2020 legacy projects. Never has the Society been in a more pivotal time in its history and never has the need for major financial support been more apparent. I feel confident, however, that you will rise to the occasion.

Dr. Walter L. Powell

GENERAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, GSMD, is committed to research on the lineal descent of the Mayflower Pilgrims and education about the Pilgrims who travelled aboard the Mayflower in 1620. The Society provides education and understanding of why the Mayflower Pilgrims were important, how they shaped western civilization, and what their 1620 voyage means today.



2016 - 2017 MAYFLOWER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

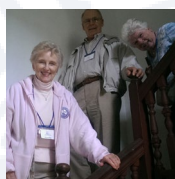
September 2016: Planted a Blue Spruce tree in memory of Alice Teal, former Editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly*.



September 2016: Attended American Embassy 2020 reception in UK



October 2016: Hosted Governor General's 1620 Club Weekend.



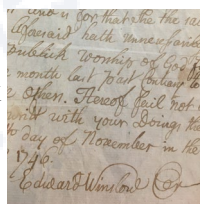
December 2016: Celebrated 75th anniversary of purchase of Mayflower Society House.



January 2017: Elder General Century Club created to recognize 100 year old members

February 2017: Electronic review and signature of applications by Historian General began.

March 2017: 18th Century Winslow documents in GSMD collection restored.



April 2017: GSMD Heritage Luncheon held in Washington DC with attendance from 22 states.



May 2017: Third annual *Pirates Ashore* family event held in Plymouth, MA.

June 2017: UMass-Boston archeology students conducted 'shovel tests' on Mayflower House property.



July 2016: Released a new and improved website design.

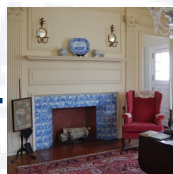
July 2016: \$100,000 budgeted for GSMD monument in Plymouth, MA commemorating 2020 anniversary.



August 2016: GSMD Family Society Partnership created.



September 2016: First CBOA Information Day held in Indianapolis, IN



October 2016: Completed full inventory of Mayflower Society House.

November 2016: Began correspondence with First Parish Church about donation.



November 2016: Participated in Plymouth's *Illuminate Thanksgiving* and held a brief service of remembrance for the Pilgrims.



December 2016: Society of Mayflower Descendants in Europe chartered.

January 2017: Executive Committee informed Mayflower 400 UK that GSMD will donate £10,000 for monument there.



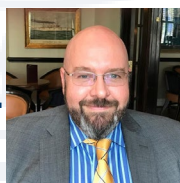
February 2017: GSMD attended RootsTech in Salt Lake City, Utah.



March 2017: GSMD/NEHGS agreed to digitize and index Generation Five of Silver Books.



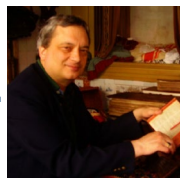
April 2017: GSMD Member Welcome Center opened displaying newly donated "Pilgrim Embarkation" painting.



April 2017: GSMD Geneticist Dr. Jason Kolowski appointed by Governor General.

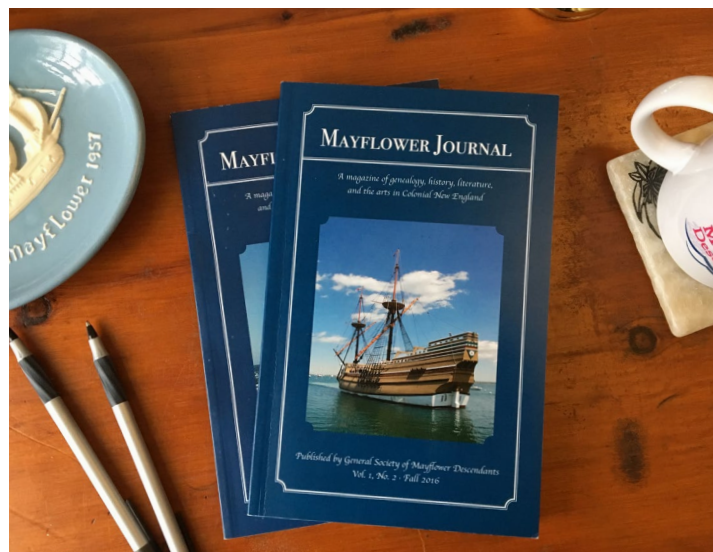


May 2017: GSMD Plymouth Colony Militia created for future GSMD meetings.



June 2017: Jeremy Bangs recommended and voted by Executive Committee to be 2017 Pilgrim Academic Research Award recipient.

Report of Activities



OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

- Completed a Feasibility Study for prospective future uses of all three buildings on the Mayflower Society property, along with construction estimates.
- Updated a comprehensive 3-Year Property Maintenance Plan.
- Initiated the plan to implement a transfer of all membership databases to Integrated Management Information Systems (iMIS) within the next year.
- Continued with updates to the Employee Handbook and HR procedures.
- Significant property maintenance has progressed, including two new furnaces in the Library, a new roof above the Mayflower Society House and a new property gate along Winslow Street.
- Hired Julie Brewster, owner of Event Planners of Plymouth, to coordinate all property rentals.

Mayflower Society House docent staff, left to right: Donna Olsson, student volunteer Austin Manning, Marti Finnegan, Judy MacDonald, Jeanette Somerville, Mary Murray and Sue Fournier. Not pictured: Patty Besser.

HOUSE & GARDEN

- 1500 visitors toured the Mayflower Society house and 525 visited the Gift Shop.
- Implemented a Spring Concert & Lecture series.
- Hosted a Service of Remembrance as part of the 1st Annual *Illumination* in November 2016 in preparation for the upcoming 400th anniversary.
- The 3rd Annual *Pirates Ashore*, our re-enactment of the arrival of 80 "English Pirates" to Plimoth Colony in 1646, brought more than 400 visitors to the Mayflower Society House property.
- Welcomed over 200 visitors for tours, refreshments and live music during *Christmas on North Street*.
- Held a celebration for the 75th Anniversary of GSMD's purchase of the Mayflower Society House in 1941.
- Established a private Welcome Center in the Society House for visiting Society members.
- Remodeled apartment to create an accessible bathroom on the first floor of the Mayflower Society house for public use.



PUBLICATIONS & SALES

- Reprinted 8 Silver Books: Edward Fuller (Volume 4), Stephen Hopkins (Volume 6), Francis Cooke (Volume 12), John Alden (Volume 16-1, Volume 16-4 and Volume 16-5), Richard Warren (Volume 18-2), William Brewster (Volume 24).
- Reprinted *Mayflower Families in Progress* book George Soule - 4 Generations (7th Edition).
- Added new merchandise to the Mayflower Society Gift Shop including Plymouth Tea *Mayflower* Blend, a *Mayflower II* decorative clay tile, note cards, a new GSMD license plate, a GSMD tote bag, a polo shirt, and a new GSMD key chain.
- Began featuring gift and insignia merchandise in issues of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, increasing sales exponentially.
- Added several new insignia items including a miniature *Mayflower* Ship charm, a miniature *Mayflower* Ship pin and a Past Colony Governor Neck Medallion.

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

- Released a new website design with a user friendly layout and advanced features including the *Mayflower Blog*.
- Transitioned to new IT provider Boston Tech Collective and updated our system with more efficient equipment.
- Gained 395 subscribers to the *Mayflower Journal*.
- Introduced the *Pilgrim Press*, a monthly email newsletter that sends Society news and updates to nearly 9,000 subscribers.
- Our member publication, *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, expanded from 16 to 24 full-color pages.
- Registered 996 members for the Members-Only section of the website bringing us to 5,918 members total with access.



Facebook: Gained 2,745 likes, **8,563 total**



Twitter: Gained 239 followers, **1,196 total**

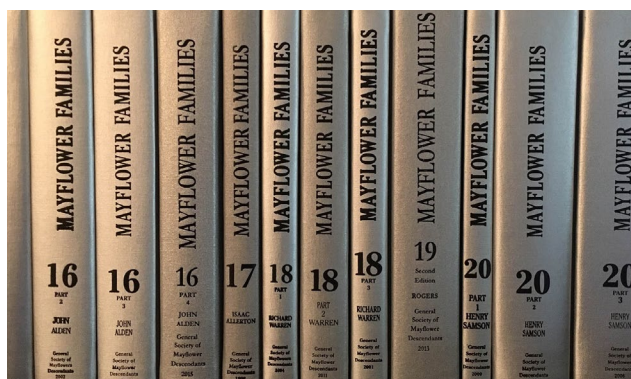


Instagram: Gained 402 followers, **821 total**

Report of the HISTORIAN GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Our Member Society Historians are the heartbeat of our organization so the activities of the Historian General's department are crucial. A major role is the review of lineage applications to confirm and verify a blood line from a *Mayflower* passenger. All available documentation is examined to determine the correct names, places and dates on each application, and most importantly, to verify that the parent-child connection is proven at every generation. Each marriage is reviewed to make sure the person documented at birth is the same person on the wedding certificate and not another person by the same name. The Mayflower Society is the gold standard for worldwide *Mayflower* genealogy.

The department also provides customer service to all kinds of "Pilgrim" related questions that come from library patrons, members, applicants, the website or Facebook. We work with Member Society Historians on a daily basis to provide access to the knowledge and documents that help them prepare applicants' lineages for submission. Additionally, we occasionally present workshops and help to build awareness of The Mayflower Society at national genealogy events.



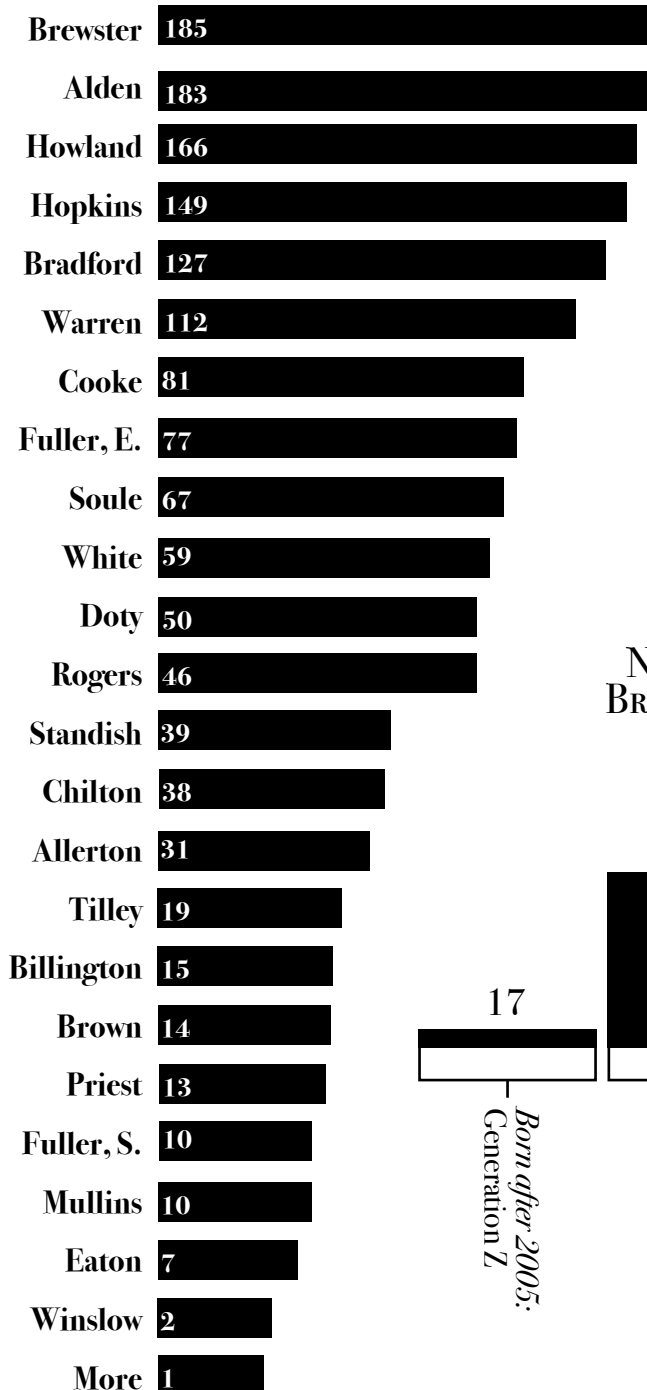
- During the 2017 fiscal year, 2,035 applications and supplementals were approved.
- GSMD recently hit 100,000 members approved since 1897, with 30,000 active members today.
- In spite of double the number of applications, verifiers are returning reviews within around eleven weeks.
- Workshops for Society Historians continue with the use of GoToMeeting, as well as Skype, phone calls and email exchanges.
- Preliminary Reviews produced over \$40,000 in revenue for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. June 2017 was a record month with nearly 250 reviews.
- Our library averages 50 visitors each month, with weekday hours available year round.
- A new partnership with Family Tree DNA, called the FTDNA Mayflower Project, will gather DNA helping to identify direct lines of both male and female *Mayflower* Pilgrims.
- Outreach continued with Mayflower Society sponsored booths at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, UT, the National Genealogical Society in Springfield, IL and the New England Regional Genealogy Conference in Springfield, MA.
- A new iMIS membership database holds much promise for up-to-date communication and tracking of our members' ancestors and contact information.

New Membership Overview

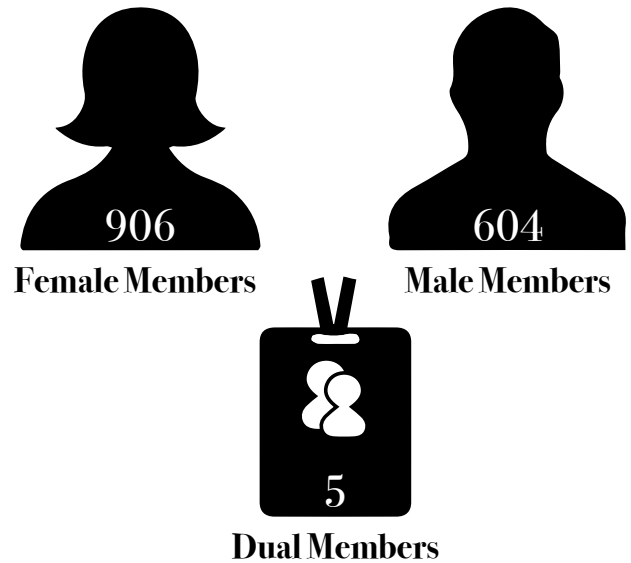
JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017

As we get closer to the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing in 2020, interest in *Mayflower* membership continues to grow. This past year, we welcomed 1,510 new members to the *Mayflower* family.

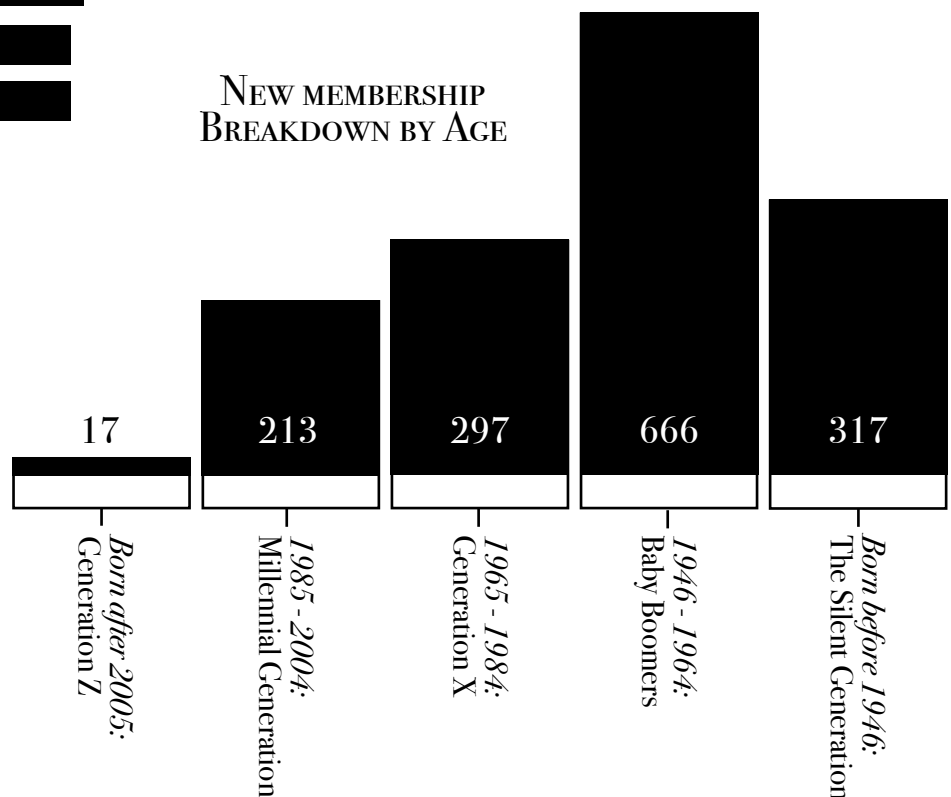
NEW MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN BY FAMILY



FROM OUR 1,510 NEW MEMBERS, WE HAD:



NEW MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN BY AGE





Report of the FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT

We are grateful to each of the donors who have played an important role in these accomplishments with their financial contributions and volunteer efforts.

Over the past year the Development Office continued to make significant progress in planning for projects that the General Society of Mayflower Descendants hopes to undertake leading up to the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower*. In addition to these planning efforts we have continued to build upon the success of our previous annual campaign. Your generosity during the 2016/17 fiscal year allowed us to achieve all of our campaign goals for the year. The consistent support from individuals, family foundations and corporations allows the Society to move forward and explore new initiatives that will advance our mission and tell the story of our beloved *Mayflower* ancestors.



- The Governor General's 1620 Club leadership donors contributed \$66,375. These funds were applied toward annual projects that needed extra dollars such as the GSMD Silver Book project, additional verifiers and preliminary review staff.
- The generosity of 1,262 donors brought in a revenue of \$105,252.95, exceeding our fundraising goals. This year, annual appeal dollars went toward unexpected maintenance of our campus, furnishing the Member Welcome Center and matching grant costs for our Feasibility Study of the campus.
- Installing 156 bricks, the Mayflower Garden Walkway donations increased over 200% from the prior fiscal year. Brick purchases help maintain the beauty of the GSMD grounds in Plymouth and are a way to leave a lasting memory of your family in the elegant Mayflower Society House gardens.
- This year a number of you expressed interest in making gifts through our Planned Giving Program that allows a contribution through Estate Planning.
- A new development book was created called *Giving at GSMD* which explains the ways members can contribute to the Society.



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S 1620 CLUB SPOTLIGHT: *Sharon and Carter Wiese*



In 2014, Governor General Lea Filson donated \$1,620 to GSMD, establishing the 1620 Club. Since then, our most generous 1620 donors have brought in over \$150,000 dollars to continue our legacy of telling the *Mayflower* Pilgrim story.

South Dakota Mayflower Society members Sharon and Carter Wiese have contributed annually to the 1620 Club. This year, they traveled to Plymouth and volunteered their time to

inventory the contents of the Mayflower Society House, cataloging many items not previously inventoried.

Sharon took the time to tell GSMD what it means to be a part of the *Mayflower* family and a 1620 Club member.

Can you tell us a little bit about joining the Mayflower Society and discovering your lineage?

I joined the Mayflower Society in 1983. I had a great aunt who always said we had a *Mayflower* connection. Of course, all my research was done before computers so it took longer than it would now. I was really lucky in many ways, and found the right books and cemeteries after a couple of trips to New England. I have lineages back to seven ancestors and am still looking for more. Carter joined in 2002 with the help of SD Historian Marti Bobertz.

What does the proof of descent and Mayflower community mean to you? What projects have you been proud to contribute to?

I've always been interested in history. My proof of *Mayflower* descent just makes all the history that much more personal and special. We both agree that the friends we have made, both at the State and National level, have been the "frosting on the cake."

Donating to the 1620 Club has been rewarding because the Silver Books make research so much easier for everyone now and the digitization will do the same. Working on the Mayflower Society House inventory was probably my favorite project. I love old houses to begin with and the Mayflower Society House is a great way to present and publicize our Pilgrim history and our Society. Our family also has several bricks in the Mayflower Society House garden. The bricks have been a lovely addition to the grounds.

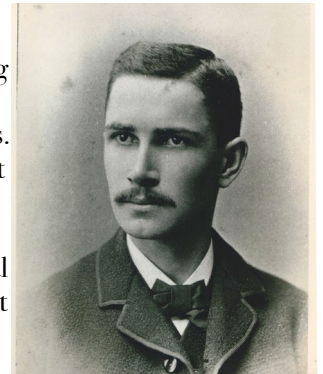
We all have a wonderful history we need to keep alive and our family feels so strongly that through the Mayflower Society is such a great way to do that. 🌸

GARDEN WALKWAY PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: *The Weston Family*

The General Society has installed over 400 donated bricks in the Mayflower Society House garden since 2014. Each donation comes with a story, like the Weston family. Grandson and member Joseph Weston tells the story of his grandfather, the late Eugene Weston.

Shortly after Eugene's birth in 1861, his mother and two younger brothers died when a typhoid epidemic swept through their camp in Oregon. Eugene's now widowed father, JC, took Eugene through Clinton, Iowa, where they eventually settled. Eugene was 10 years old when his father married Carrie, having four children. Their last child was 20 years younger than Eugene.

Being sensitive and poetic, Eugene felt displaced in his father's banking business and did not fit in easily with his much younger half-siblings. Eugene developed a curiosity about who he was and his placement within his new family. He explored his ancestry, looking for meaningful connections. This curiosity brought Eugene to Europe when he was 21 years old, where he traveled alone filling up journals with notes and information.



Young Eugene Weston

Eugene married in 1885 to a young woman named Margaret and had four children. The family relocated to Los Angeles, California. By the mid-1920's, his sons were licensed architects working beside Eugene at a firm in Hollywood.

In 1924, Eugene picked up his research where he had left it. After three years of handwritten letters and countless postage stamps and exploring all other avenues, in 1927, the final connection was made and Eugene was accepted into The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California as a descendant of James Chilton. He was assigned General Society #9430.

Through his writing, we know that gaining Society membership was a highlight in Eugene's life. Ten years later, in 1934, Eugene passed away. He had lived a rich, full and meaningful life that included a brief but cherished time as a member of the Mayflower Society. Eugene died with the satisfaction of knowing his family extended to his *Mayflower* family.

With this brick donation, his grandson Joseph was elated to memorialize Eugene permanently at the Mayflower Society, where his name will be remembered forever among the blossoms in the *Mayflower* garden. 🌸



FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2016)

	2017	2016 (Comparative Totals)
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 442,072	\$ 370,881
Feasibility Grant Receivable	15,604	-
Bequest Receivable	-	75,000
Assessment Receivable	-	5,352
Inventory	101,809	122,481
Investments	9,895,980	9,224,821
Beneficial Interest in Charitable Trust	66,145	59,918
Other Assets	21,148	30,675
Property and Equipment, Net	214,243	179,561
Collections	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 10,757,001	\$ 10,068,689
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 38,075	\$ 40,949
Accrued Expenses	17,987	13,488
Deferred Revenue	9,105	4,950
Deferred Meeting Fees	62,259	17,976
Total Liabilities	127,426	77,363
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	4,250,489	3,933,862
Temporarily Restricted	711,328	414,771
Permanently Restricted	5,667,758	5,642,693
Total Net Assets	10,629,575	9,991,326
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 10,757,001	\$ 10,068,689

The complete financial statements of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants have been audited by the firm of Damon, Topham & Co., LLC and are available to members upon request.

FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statements of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2016)

	2017	2016 (Comparative Totals)
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Membership Assessments and Fees	\$ 613,789	\$ 593,941
Contributions	232,257	290,240
Sales		
Less: Cost of Sales	223,051	223,211
Investment Return designated for current operations	366,000	362,000
Museum House Revenue	13,212	8,973
Member Event Revenue	3,355	-
Other	6,698	6,250
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 1,458,362	\$ 1,484,615
EXPENSES		
Program Services:		
Genealogy Validation	480,198	459,886
Genealogical Research and Publications	199,363	187,392
Museum House Operations	152,146	145,996
Member Services	242,329	224,657
Total Program Services	1,074,036	1,017,931
Supporting Services:		
Management and General	278,038	264,213
Fundraising	97,761	167,690
Total Supporting Services	375,799	431,903
Total Expenses	1,449,835	1,449,834
 Increase in Net Assets From Operations	 8,527	 34,781
Other Changes:		
Investment return in excess of (reduced by) amounts designated for current operations	660,051	(354,332)
Feasibility study net of \$30k grant received	(30,329)	-
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 638,249	 (319,551)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,991,326	10,310,877
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 10,629,575	\$ 9,991,326

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GENERAL SOCIETY *Committees*

Audit and Financial Review

Chooses audit firm and makes recommendations on budget and spending to Executive Committee.

Chair Charles M. Johnson—MS
TG Donald T. Studley, CPA—CT & EU
Stephen H. Gibbon—NJ
David L. Grinnell—OH & CA

Awards

Presents awards and pins to Members nominated by a Member Society at GBOA and Congress

Chair MAL Virginia A. Mucciaccio—MA & EU
James W. Lucas—MA
FSG Roger L. Young—TN
John R. Payzant—NH

Coles Hill Anthropological Project

Reports on recent archaeology done in Plymouth and the restoration of the Sarcophagus

Chair AGG George P. Garmany Jr., MD—CO & EU
Lisa H. Pennington—TX
Sandra St. Martin—OH
Gretchen Harvey—NE & EU
Mary Tabor Griswold—NV
Linda L. Hill—TX
June R. Gorman—MI

Constitution & By-Laws, Resolutions, Standing Rules & Policies

Discusses and recommends needed changes to the Executive Committee and GBOA

Chair CG Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.—MA & EU
EG Kenneth R. Whittemore Jr.—CA, DC & EU
FCG Sarah L. Clingman, Esq.—SC
Arthur F. Young Jr.—NY
FCG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI

Development

Makes recommendations on fundraising practices

Chair Linda Hart—MA
FCG Sarah L. Clingman, Esq.—SC
MAL Virginia A. Mucciaccio—MA & EU
Laurie A. Sutherland—IL
Noel H. Kuhrt Jr.—DE

Education

Publishes "Education Gazette" with resources and articles for teachers and Society Junior Chairs

Chair Mary F. Brown—CT
Grace B. Smith, PhD—MI & EU
Ellen Swayne—CT
James B. Battles—MD

GSMD Manual Committee

Creates and keeps up-to-date practices and procedures for Member Societies to use as a guide
Chair Harry P. Folger 3rd—NJ & EU

Historic Sites

Updates Mayflower Society Historic Monuments and Markers publication, organizes GSMD tour of England and Holland

Chair Barbara L. Williams—TX & WA
Deborah A. Yingst—NJ
FSG Barbara H. Carpenter—DC, ME & VA
Mary Tabor Griswold—NV
Elwood M. Porter II—WY
Ray Raser—CA

Insignia

Creates, sells and manages proper use of official insignia.

Chair Deborah A. Yingst—NJ
Jane Schleinzer—IL & EU

Juniors

Maintains Juniors Facebook page and creates newsletters for Juniors for use by Member Societies

Chair Cynthia Tinney—MA
Linda K. White—AR & EU
Joan C. Miller—PA
Peggy Marsh—TX
Beth Anderson-Godfrey—MA
Beth Lambright—OR

Mayflower DNA

Stays abreast of technology and assists in running the FTDNA project on Family Tree site

Chair Myrtle L. Savage—CA
Muriel C. Cushing—FL & EU
Lydia H. Ozenberger, Esq.—LA
SnG Naomi S. Mann, MD—LA & EU
David R. Patek, PhD—NM & PA
Dennis Klotter, RN—TN
James Egan, MD—MD

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Editorial

Assists Editor in publishing the MQM
Chair SG Susan E. Roser, MQ Editor—CN & EU

FCG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI
Laurie A. Sutherland—IL

Mayflower Society House

Makes recommendations to Executive Committee about house maintenance and interior changes.

Chair FCG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI
FMAL Benjamin G. Proctor Jr.—MD
Mary F. Brown—CT
FMAL Priscilla G. Usher—RI
Sharon A. Wiese—SD & EU

Meetings and Events

Coordinates Congress and GBOA meetings in accordance with GSMD Meetings and Events Guide

Chair Linda K. White—AR & EU
Grace B. Smith—MI & EU
Jane Hurt—KS & EU
Scotti Sawyer-Kershner—PA
Gretchen Harvey—NE & EU
Patricia Sayko—SC
Jeff J. Stark—WI

Membership

Recommends membership initiatives for Member Societies to Executive Committee

Chair Martha E. Ward—NC
Franklin N. Horton—NC
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PILGRIM ACADEMIC RESEARCH AWARD 2016 - 2017

David B. Landon and Christa M. Beranek

The second annual 2016/17 Pilgrim Academic Research Award has been awarded to Dr. David B. Landon and Dr. Christa M. Beranek for their discovery of artifacts and post and ground construction of the original 1620 settlement of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims.

David Landon is the Associate Director of the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research and the Graduate Program Director for Historical Archaeology at the University of Massachusetts Boston. He received his Ph.D. in 1991 from Boston University, where his dissertation research included study of materials from the Winslow Site in Marshfield. Landon's current archaeological research project in Plymouth is supported by a Collaborative Research Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Christa M. Beranek is a Research Scientist at the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is a historical archaeologist focusing on Eastern North America. Her primary research has been on rural Massachusetts in the 18th century, exploring questions of personal identity and the role of rural merchants as culture brokers in spreading material and social practices. At UMass, she is engaged in projects at several Massachusetts sites. She received her Ph.D. from Boston University in 2007.

For the past four summers, undergraduate and graduate students from UMass Boston have conducted a field school in Plymouth lead by Landon and Beranek. The goal was to find, by 2020, the original settlement in time for the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Plymouth Colony. Instead, in 2016, a calf buried whole was found and because native people didn't have domestic cattle, it proved the study group was digging within the original Plymouth settlement.

Other artifacts including 17th century pottery, tins, trade beads and musket balls have been found around the post and ground construction. Landon and Beranek are cautiously optimistic that, with further research, they may be able to map out the colony and location of the original meetinghouse.

The study is being done in partnership with Plimoth Plantation and is currently being funded by a three-year, \$200,000 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

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