



# MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

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Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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## Dr. James A. McConnell

Dr. James A. McConnell gave a very informative and entertaining talk on Michigan's role in the War of 1812, at our annual Compact Day Luncheon, in November. Michigan had an important impact on the war from Detroit and the River Raisin area south, to Mackinac and Mackinac Island north. It is surprising how little our Michigan residents know, and are taught in school, about that important part of our country's history. We enjoyed Dr. McConnell's sense of humor and it was quite apparent that he has spent much time in the research of Michigan history. We wish to thank him for sharing his expertise with us.



It is a rare event, but the Francis Cooke family won the family count, at the 2011 Compact Day luncheon.

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Robert Bailey, Chairman; Thora Goodnight, Treasurer; Terry McKane, Past Governor;

June Gorman, Governor; Sandra Leffler, Past Treasurer; Gregory Todd, Finance.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Spring Board Meeting: 12 May 2012, 9 a.m.**

**State Room Restaurant,  
Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan  
Please plan to order breakfast (with us)  
off the menu, for a no room charge.**

**Spring Luncheon: 12 May 2012, 11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Richard Warren, the Pilgrim  
Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan  
Michigan State University Campus  
South Harrison Road, Phone: 517-432-4000**

**Traverse City Society Meeting: 4 August 2012, 12 noon**

**Elks Club, Traverse City  
End of M-37 at Bay Street, at the shore line  
For Reservations Contact:  
Peggy Christie, Phone 231-633-0984**

**Summer Board Meeting: 18 August 2012, 10 a.m.**

**State Room Restaurant,  
Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan  
Please plan to order Lunch (with us)  
off the menu, for a no room charge.**

**Fall Compact Day Meeting: 3 November 2012, 11:30 a.m.**

**Cascade Manor House  
1970 Kibby Road, Jackson, Michigan  
Phone: 517-784-1500**

**2013**

**Spring Board Meeting: 11 May 2013, 9 a.m.**

**Spring Luncheon: 11 May 2013, 11:30 a.m.**

**Summer Board Meeting: 3 August 2013, 10 a.m.**

**Fall Compact Day Luncheon: 2 November 2013, 11:30 a.m.**

**Installation of new officers**

Please note that the dates for the 2012 Summer Board meeting and the 2012 Fall Compact Day Luncheon have been corrected, from the last newsletter. The error resulted from consulting dates in the 2013 calendar.

## 2011 HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Diane Sonneck

7 May 2011 to 12 November, 2011

Bonnie Mae Kronenberg Klemm, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
 John Francis Sanborn, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*  
 Shelly Ann Reinhardt Bailey, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Lois Caroline Spicer Reinhardt, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Winona Bradford Davis, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 James Wilbur Humphreys, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 James Wesley Humphreys, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 John Henry Humphreys, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Mark Wayne Humphreys, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Matthew Paul Burton, *Ancestor: Francis Eaton*  
 Dona Mae Hess Green, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
 Marjorie Eleanor Rigg Neuenfeldt, *Ancestor: Samuel Fuller*  
 William Cobb Schmidt, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
 Robert LeRoy Fowler, Jr., *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
 John Jay Johnson, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*  
 Julianne Marie Vogelsang Koenig, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
 Jennifer Lynn Liversedge, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
 Frederick James MacDonald, *Ancestor: William White*  
 Marianne Blanchard, *Ancestor: Richard Warren*  
 Robert William Gaffrey, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*  
 Marlene Frances Moser Lehman, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
 Judith Ann Brown Ettinger, *Ancestor: James Chilton*  
 Iris Willey Di Mercurio, *Ancestor: Richard Warren (transferred from Florida)*  
 Kimberly Noble Toothsker Smith, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
 Christine Mary Rowley, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
 Matthew Richard Henz, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
 Cecilia Wells Robbins Doyle, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*

### 2011 SUPPLEMENTALS

Mary Elizabeth Warner, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
 Barbara Lee Briggs Foster, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
 Pamela Katherine Harvey Hunerberg, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
 Diane Hayford Sonneck, *Ancestor: Priscilla Mullins*

### 2011 ACTIVITY

Current applications pending in Plymouth	5
Transfer applications pending in Plymouth	2
Michigan Mayflower Society Website Inquiries	126
Inquires Forwarded from Plymouth	37
Other (Phone, Letters, etc)	44

**2011 COMPACT DAY MEMORIAL**

*Michigan Society Elder, Terry McKane*

*conducted a moving Memorial Service for our Michigan deceased members.*

Mary Jane Abbott 9/28/10  
John S. Bishop 7/31/11  
Catherine M. Briggs 4/15/10  
Emily W. Brinkert 3/25/11  
Betty Fey Campbell 2011  
Versel Case, Jr. 4/5/11  
Elizabeth Fuller Mandel Coddington 5/17/11  
Sharon Austrow Dunlap 10/10  
Hugh Fitch 4/11  
Patricia A. Harlow 12/13/10  
Corabell Harvey 5/12/10  
Janet M. Helsley 2/1/11  
Clova M. Hodgman 9/16/10  
Lawrence Brooks Hughes 8/9/11  
Dorothy Standish Korte 8/11/11  
Barbara C. Kunding 11/6/11  
John Emmett Long, Jr. 12/17/10  
Lawrence E. Martin, Sr. 7/9/11  
Shirley Scott McKeon 8/21/10  
Luella M. Nielsen 5/15/11  
Frances Catherine Otto 12/1/10  
Lois Spicer Reinhardt 2011  
Joan Copeland Stryker 11/20/10  
James W. Watson 4/28/11  
Edna Blow Weise 10/31/07  
Mary E. Wright 7/6/11  
Kathlee Smith 1/15/11

Please inform our Elder, if you know of any deceased members.

**RICHARD WARREN AND FRANCIS COOKE**

The General Society has expanded their research into the sixth and seventh generations, and has begun collecting necessary documentation. If you descend from Richard Warren or Francis Cooke please send a copy of your membership application to June Gorman, 965 Hess Lake Drive, Grant, Michigan 49327. If you have any of the sibling's names in the 6th and 7<sup>th</sup> generations, please send a copy of the family sheets, as well.

## JUNIOR MEMBERS REPORT

At our Spring Luncheon on May 7, 2011, we had 579 Junior Members. As of the Compact Day meeting, we are currently at 599, a gain of 20 since May. We have a total of 17 who will be 25 by the end of the 2011. That will bring our end-of-year total to 582.

I finally have the birth dates in a uniform format and have obtained enough finances to begin a Birthday Card program in January. I plan to send them to our Juniors as they turn age 6, 13, 18, and 24. There are still birth dates that I am missing, as well as addresses, from members admitted before I became Junior Historian. If anyone can update his or her Junior's information for me, I would greatly appreciate it! I will be trying to contact Sponsors, also for this information. My contact information is on our website, as well as in the last newsletter.

I did have some suggestions in the last newsletter for some activities for our Junior Members, but have only heard from one person.

Submitted by Patricia Brown, Historian for Juniors

If you would like to serve on a committee to organize activities for our Juniors, please contact Patricia Brown.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Bonnie Vekits, our Public Relations Secretary has reported that 36 new members requested that a press release be sent to their local newspaper and of the 36 new member notices sent out, eight members had notices published, but a total of 14 articles were eventually published in 2011, for the eight members.

## MICHIGAN SOCIETY WEBSITE REPORT

2011 saw our 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of our Michigan website, thanks to the Web-Master and current Deputy Governor Grace Smith. She reports that our web-site has been visited 12,846 times and in 2011 we had 3554 visitors.

Visit our web-site at [www.michmayflower.org](http://www.michmayflower.org)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our Membership Secretary, Anne Burt reports that our Michigan Society has 834 current members, of those 410 are Life members. In 2011, we had 38 new members, 15 deaths, 1 member transferred in from another state, and 7 reinstatements.

It is very important for you to report any address change to Anne, for you to receive your newsletters. Also it is important for you to notify the General Society, as they will not forward your Mayflower Quarterly and will charge you to replace any issues that you miss.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Clara Vickers, the Corresponding Secretary, has the task of sending the second dues notices, which puts a burden on our treasury. If you need to pay you dues, please do so promptly and do not ignore your first notice.

Note: We had some later comments on the flag draped on the podium, during the Compact Day Luncheon. It was turned side-ways, but it was intentional. The Mayflower flag has its own standing bracket, but the ceiling was too low to have the flagpole stand upright in its bracket, which was also the case for our U.S.A. flag. Since the Cascade Manor House already had a U.S. flag, we used their flag. It was then suggested that we drape the Mayflower flag on the podium, but because the flag pole (sewed in) would interfere with the flag being draped in an upright position, we had to drape it sideways. The flag pole rested across the back of the podium's top horizontally and kept the flag from falling. We did not think to mention it to the attending members and went on with the meeting. The result was, a few members noticed that the flag was not upright and were concerned. The General Society now has a podium flag, which can be ordered and our board has been discussing its possible purchase. We will be careful, in the future, to mention to the attending membership, when we do something that may seem confusing.

The 2012 Board of Assistant's meeting will be held in September, in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Our two general Society officers are:

June Gorman: Deputy Governor General (DGG)

Grace Smith: Assistant General (AG)

Other members who wish to attend are also welcome.

Look for details in a future Mayflower Quarterly.

Two members, attending the November Compact Day Luncheon invited the membership to attend their hometowns for a future annual meeting, however after consulting with the board, it was decided that the annual meetings need to be held in a central location, due to the high gasoline prices and the driving times required for ALL members to attend the meetings. It also should be noted that since the membership meetings are only held twice a year, it is well worth the time and effort to attend the Michigan meetings. We expect to see many more of you at the meetings, to celebrate your ancestors and to show your respect for them. They worked very hard to cross an entire ocean in a cold, crowded ship, and you need only to cross a mere portion of our state, in a comfortable automobile.

*Worry brings clouds that cover tomorrow's sunshine.*

Author unknown

We wish to honor a World War II veteran, and Mayflower descendant Juanita M. Sanford, for her service in U.S. Army Ordnance. Juanita was 19 years old, from Jackson, Michigan, but currently resides in Belding, Ionia County, Michigan. She can be seen at:

[www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/search/plaq.asp?HonoreeID=382483](http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/search/plaq.asp?HonoreeID=382483)

Other veterans can be seen at [www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/search](http://www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/search)

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