



# Mayflower Newsletter

Spring 2007

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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## **GOVERNOR GENERAL SULLIVAN TO SPEAK AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON**

The Spring Luncheon will be held on 19 May 2007, Saturday at the Kellogg Center, on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. The featured speaker will be our Governor General Edward Delano Sullivan. He was the former Counsellor General of the Mayflower Society. He was raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut and graduated from the University of Connecticut, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Administration. He was then commissioned into the Air Force. He earned a Doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma and was admitted to the Law Bar of Oklahoma, Connecticut, Florida, and the U. S. Supreme Court. He retired as a Colonel and had been awarded seven Air Force medals including the Legion of Merit. He married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Frank, a registered nurse, and they have seven daughters. He has held many state and national offices in the Mayflower Society. He also belongs to the Huguenot Society in Fort Lauderdale, a member of the Delano Kindred, Alden Kindred, The Pilgrim John Howland Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

## **CONGRATULATIONS 2007 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SARAH PITSCH**

The 2007 Scholarship winner is Sarah Pitsch. She is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins. Sarah spent many hours completing a scrapbook on her ancestor Stephen Hopkins, which she displayed at several group meetings. Sarah will receive her award at the 2007 Spring luncheon. Her award winning scrapbook will be on display at the luncheon.

**NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS**

- Alison Paige DeRees  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Kaitlin Elizabeth DeRees  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Ann Rene Cunningham  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Zachary Colton Throne  
Sponsor: Grace Bliss Smith  
Ancestor: *John Billington*
- Alexander Jordan Bliss  
Sponsor: Grace Bliss Smith  
Ancestor: *John Billington*
- David William Watkins  
Sponsor: Marilyn Watkins  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*
- William David Butcher  
Sponsor: Diana Eaton Butcher  
Ancestor: *Isaac Allerton*
- Cecilia Agnes Kenney  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Alyssa Ann Crawford  
Sponsor: Alden J. Olson Jr.  
Ancestor: *William Brewster*
- Stephen Mitchell Kimball  
Sponsor: Ann Niemela  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*
- Marissa Eva Clark  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Ayana Marie Bott  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Nyeanne Racine Reeves  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Lomiaya Christine Reeves  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Braden Howard Mireles  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Anders Thor Lien  
Sponsor: Mary Jane Burdett  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*
- Chloe Magnolia Hobbs  
Sponsor: Barbara McLaughlin Izzo  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Christopher Lee Raymond March  
Sponsor: Connie Freeze March  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*
- Jacob Rankin DeRees  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Kelly Ann DeRees  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Rose Marie Cunningham  
Sponsor: Delbert D. DeRees  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*
- Zebadiah Alexander Throne  
Sponsor: Grace Bliss Smith  
Ancestor: *John Billington*
- Daniel Edway Watkins  
Sponsor: Marilyn Watkins  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*
- Katelyn Marie Watkins  
Sponsor: Marilyn Watkins  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*
- Dominic Michael Kenney  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Amanda Lou Fairchild  
Sponsor: Gladys Schaeffer  
Ancestor: *Francis Cook*
- David Alden Crawford  
Sponsor: Alden J. Olson Jr.  
Ancestor: *William Brewster*
- Morgan Taylor Kimball  
Sponsor: Ann Niemela  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*
- Daryan Michelle Davis  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Makiaya Kristephanie Reeves  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Olivia Carmen Reeves  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Chastin James Howard  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- John Allen Bott III  
Sponsor: Eloise Holcomb  
Ancestor: *George Soule*
- Maren Jane Lien  
Sponsor: Mary Jane Burdett  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*
- Ashley Mae Doty  
Sponsor: Robert E. Doty  
Ancestor: *Edward Doty*
- Special thank you to Barbara Greene  
for assistance with these Jr. members.

### WELCOME NEW MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEMBERS

Katie Anne Rustowicz

*Francis Cooke*

Matthew Raymond Rustowicz

*Francis Cooke*

Jamie Marie Rustowicz

*Francis Cooke*

Leslie Lynn Gragg Wagner

*Francis Cooke*

Jacqueline Louella Green

*Francis Cooke*

Candice Mae Green

*Francis Cooke*

Melissa Ann Green

*Francis Cooke*

Marie Elizabeth Rathburg

*Francis Cooke*

Raymond William Rathburg

*Francis Cooke*

Eloise Evelyn Holcomb

*George Soule*

Deborah Anderson Frazine

*John Howland*

Jacqueline Anderson

*John Howland*

Margaret Ohgami Hogman

*Francis Cooke*

Terrance Luther Brokoff

*John Alden*

Coral Lillian Brokoff

*John Alden*

Tonya Crippen Thompson

*Edward Fuller*

Robert Jack Larsen

*Francis Cooke*

Susan Jane Schaeffer

*Francis Cooke*

Grafton Hopkins Cook II

*Stephen Hopkins*

Connie Freeze March

*Richard Warren*

Marjorie Thayer Gross

*Francis Cooke*

Jennifer Gross Perregrino

*Francis Cooke*

Naina Lynn Gross

*Francis Cooke*

Cecile Pratt Wiegand

*Stephen Hopkins*

Mary Elizabeth Brown

*James Chilton*

Terry Lynn Barnaby

*Richard Warren*

Mark Lawrence McGuffin

*Henry Samson*

Cameron Richard Gragg

*Francis Cooke*

Dorothy May Collins

*Stephen Hopkins*

William Michael Herron

*Isaac Allerton*

Jennifer Ann Herron

*Isaac Allerton*

Jessica Marie Herron

*Isaac Allerton*

Susan Marie Keller Martin

*Isaac Allerton*

Our Historian Cory Randall  
is doing a wonderful job!!!  
There are also another 10 papers  
pending in Plymouth.

Our Elder, Carolyn Varga  
wants to have the group  
with the largest ancestor count  
at each luncheon, to assemble  
for a photograph for the newsletter.  
According to the new members,  
Francis Cooke may have a good  
chance this time.

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“Mr. Edward Winslow his wife died the first winter, and he married with the widow of Mr. White and hath two children living by her, marriageable, besides sundry that are dead.”

William Bradford

“The coming hither of the Pilgrims three centuries ago shaped the destinies of this continent, and therefore profoundly affected the destiny of the whole world.”

Quote by Theodore Roosevelt, at the laying of the corner stone of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown, Massachusetts, on 20 April 1907.

Visit our new Michigan Mayflower web site. [www.michmayflower.org](http://www.michmayflower.org)

Our web master Grace Bliss Smith is doing a great job. Our Society is very grateful.

#### ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT

In World War II, there was an advisor to Winston Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time (8:00 PM Central) (6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a Godly nation.

If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along. Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

#### QUESTION:

Which U.S. President was given a ticket for speeding in a horse carriage?

ANSWER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

#### Important dates:

19 May 2007, Spring Luncheon  
East Lansing, Michigan  
25 August 2007, Board Meeting  
At the Golden Rose, Mason  
3 November 2007,  
Compact Day Luncheon  
At the Somerset Inn, Troy, Mich.  
19 January 2008, Board Meeting  
At the Golden Rose, Mason

#### ANTIQUÉ PHOTOGRAPHS

##### “Stereograph”

A pair of photographs, usually taken with a Binocular Camera, mounted for three-dimensional viewing in a stereoscope. The concept was conceived by Charles Wheatstone; and popularized by Sir Charles Brewster (Britain). The Stereograph was introduced in 1851. Its peak years of use were 1858 to 1905. Its usage waned in 1910 and they were last made in 1925. Photographic hobbyists still use the type today.

Randy Gladstone is an antique photograph expert and collector. He can identify any styles of old photographs. He is gathering antique photos for a book on genealogical research. If you have questions regarding any antique photograph, contact him at: 517-676-909 P.O. Box 348, Mason, Michigan 48854

ANSWER: Ulysses S. Grant

## MEMBER NEWS

**Reagan Randall Duncan** was born on 22 December 2006, at 10:18 a.m. He was 7 pounds, 12 ounces and 19 inches long. Reagan is a grandson of **Kelly Hibbert** and a descendant of pilgrim **William White**.

**Christopher Jay Miller** was born 22 February 2007. He is the grandson of **George Miller**, and a descendant of pilgrim **Francis Cooke** and has two lines to pilgrim **Richard Warren**.

**Arlene Ruhala** sent the following description of her pilgrim activities:

During the months of October and November, I visited classrooms along with church and civic groups to give a presentation of the Mayflower Story. I referred to myself as "The Pilgrim Lady". In my presentation, I role-played, **Elizabeth Hopkins** (whose husband pilgrim **Stephen Hopkins** is an ancestor of mine), and tell in first person the voyage to America. I dressed in costume and included pictures and a model of the Mayflower ship in my story telling of the adventure. This year, I visited classrooms in the Flushing Schools, Lovejoy Schools in Lucas, Texas, (grandchildren's school), Women's guild at the Greek Orthodox Church, and the West Flint Business Group. I handed out materials about the Mayflower Society and how to become a member. I have been doing this community project for the last four years. Arlene Ruhala.

Maybe Arlene would consider bringing her character to our luncheons, during our social hour.

**Robert Doty** was represented, in an article, in the Grand Ledge Independent newspaper on 18 March 2007, as a descendant of Pilgrim **Edward Doty**. In the article, he described having a genealogy office in his basement and his wife was quoted as saying "He was like a strange creature living in the basement. It was like we lived in separate apartments". To make his wife, Rozeanne, happy he has moved his research office to the main floor. The other genealogists in our society know this incurable obsession, very well. Robert shared the following information regarding his pilgrim ancestor:

**Edward Doty** fought the first duel, in the colonies, on 18 June 1621, with fellow servant Edward Leister. They used swords and daggers. They wounded each other and then were separated by their fellow colonists. As punishment for this social infraction, they both had their heads and feet tied together for 24 hours. However, due to their fellow pilgrim's compassion they were released after only one hour, because of their sufferings and appeals for pardon.

Edward Doty was noted for his belligerence and was often at odds with his neighbors, with no fewer than 30 lawsuits, three assault complaints, and one slander complaint, brought against him. (Source Dotey-Doten Genealogy).

Please send other items of newspaper coverage to Beverly Poole, for the Society's collection of Pilgrim Newspaper articles. She will pass the information on to our newsletter editor.

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## FRANCIS EATON

Francis was born in England, and died in Plymouth before 8 November 1633.

Francis married in England: Sarah-----,

Sarah was born in England and died in Plymouth early in 1621.

Child: Samuel Eaton, born in England circa 1620.

Married: Elizabeth-----

Married: Martha Billington (3. \*below)

Francis married in Plymouth, Massachusetts: Mrs. Carver's maid (unknown),

She died in Plymouth, a year or two after their marriage.

No Known Children.

Francis married in 1624/1625, in Plymouth, Massachusetts: Christian Penn,

Christian was born in England circa 1606 and died circa 1684 in Middleborough.

Children:

1. Rachel Eaton, born in Plymouth circa 1625

Married: Joseph Ramsden

2. Benjamin Eaton, born in Plymouth March 1627/1628

Married: Sarah Hoskins

3. Child Eaton, name unknown, born in Plymouth after May 1727

Christian Penn Eaton married second: Francis Billington.

He was the son of Pilgrims John Billington and Elinor-----.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Billington

5. Isaac Billington

2. Joseph Billington

6. Child Billington

3. Martha Billington\*

7. Rebecca Billington

4. Mary Billington

8. Dorcas Billington

9. Mercy Billington

### Historic Middleborough Massachusetts

Incorporated in 1669, Middleborough is the second largest community in the Commonwealth; Plymouth being the largest. Originally part of the Plimouth Bay Colony, it was inhabited by the Nemasket Indians, a tribe of the Pokanoket nation.

The Soule Homestead Education Center is located in East Middleborough, on the Soule Farm, at 91 Soule Street. The house and a number of outbuildings on the property, were built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Soule Homestead Educational Center features hiking trails, gardens, exhibits, programs, and an annual music festival and fair in the fall.

South Middleborough is the location of the Ephriam Tinkham House. It is an authentically restored pilgrim house (descendants of the pilgrims). Ephriam Tinkham was the chair maker of the Plymouth Colony who moved to Middleborough, after the King Phillip's War and the return of the citizens to the area. The house is currently known as the Miller's Brook Farm, on Miller's Street. It features hearth cooking, spinning, wool processing, herb gardens, and sheep.

In 1830, Grandpa Hidewell's New Year's Resolution was to make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records were maintained or where the courthouse burned down every few years. He did not break his resolution.

## HELP NEEDED

The nominating committee has been working very hard to prepare for the 2007 Fall election of our next slate of officers. BUT, we are in great need of a VOLUNTEER for RECORDING SECRETARY. If you wish to volunteer for this position, which would require that you take notes at our two general meetings and 3-4 board meetings a year, please inform our Treasurer Robert Bailey, or the Newsletter Editor June Gorman. Also if you would like to work on any of our several committees, contact Governor Terry McKane.

### PILGRIM MUSTARD SAUCE

Fry one tablespoon minced onion in three tablespoons butter until the onion is soft. Add one tablespoon vinegar and simmer five minutes. Moisten two teaspoons dry mustard with one tablespoon water and blend in, then add one cup brown gravy. Let simmer a few minutes and strain. Serve hot. Makes about 1 and ¼ cups.

## Orson Welles

Actor and Director

Famous for the "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast and for his role in the movie "Citizen's Kane, which he also directed.

The Pilgrim lineage of Orson Welles to Pilgrim John Alden:

Orson Welles  
 Richard Welles  
 Mary Head  
 Orson Head  
 Jonathan Head  
 Ruth Little  
 Forbes Little  
 Martha Peabodie  
 Elizabeth Alden  
 Pilgrim John Alden

## Plimouth Plantation

Pilgrimage Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts is a re-creation of the original Pilgrim Village. You may visit your Pilgrim ancestor in the village, but they may not recognize you as they are not aware of any events after the date they are portraying. Thanksgiving dinners are served at the village interpretative center each Thanksgiving, but early reservations are necessary. Memberships are available. This year Mary Warren, daughter of Richard Warren and Elizabeth Walker will marry Robert Bartlett in the village, for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bartlett Society. For information on any of the village attractions, activities, programs, or special events call 508-746-1622. This is a must see, on any trip to the Plymouth area.

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