



MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

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Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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ANNOUNCING A VERY SPECIAL SPRING LUNCHEON SPEAKER

ALICE TEAL

EDITOR OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY'S QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

Alice has more contact with all the national Mayflower members than any other Mayflower officer. She is the one person who makes our membership interesting, updated, informative, and current. To produce the Mayflower Quarterly is an amazing job and only Alice's background makes this demanding job such a successful task and to complete the task four times a year is certainly an incredible accomplishment. Every member should come out to welcome her to the Michigan Society and encourage her ongoing involvement for the betterment of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Mark your calendars and help us show her a great welcome.



2009 COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON

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**The names of the new members of the
Michigan Mayflower Society
will be published in the next issue of the
Michigan Mayflower News.**

MICHIGAN LIFE DUES

If you have not researched Life dues as a way to invest in the Michigan Society and invest in your future membership, now is maybe a good time to do so. Michigan has a graduated Life dues Schedule. Life dues are also great gift to children and grandchildren.

- Age 39 or less.....\$400
- Age 40-59.....400 less \$5 for each full year over age 40
- Age 60-70.....300 less \$6 for each full year over age 60
- Over Age 70.....240 less \$7 for each full year over age 70

Life Members no longer have to pay dues, but they are not transferable to other states.
All Mayflower dues are tax deductible.

The Michigan Mayflower Society offers a scholarship. To learn more about this educational opportunity and discover many more Michigan Society facts, visit our web site:

www.michmayflower.org

**TWO OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY MEMBERS
TURNED 101 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR**

Emily Fogle Brinkert of Battle Creek, Michigan. She was born on 16 August 1908 and became a member of the Michigan Society on 13 November 2007. Her ancestor is Richard Warren.

Clova Margaret Hodgman of Clio, Michigan. She was born on 6 June 1908 and joined the Michigan Society on 26 September 1994. Her Mayflower ancestor is Francis Cooke.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO CENTENARIAN MEMBERS.
What a great achievement.

According to the Cape Cod Cranberry Grower's Association, there are only three fruits native to North America; Cranberry, Blueberry, and Concord Grapes.

11-13 September 2009
General Society of Mayflower Descendants
Board of Assistants Meeting

Michigan had four representatives to the annual Board of Assistant's meeting in Annapolis, Maryland; DGG, Michigan Governor, and Historian, Cory Randall; AG, Michigan Deputy Governor, and Newsletter Editor, June Gorman; General Society Finance Committee Chairperson, Terry McKane; and Michigan Treasurer and Delegate, Sandra Leffler. The 2010 Board of Assistant's meeting will be in San Diego, California.

It was reported that the General Society is in very good shape, even in the current recession. Michigan is in an important position, with our past Governor, Terry McKane being the Chairperson of the General Society's Finance Committee.

Awards were given to outstanding member and non-member volunteers. The Mayflower Quarterly Editor, Alice Teal, was given the Outstanding Service Award, which was an engraved crystal vase. She gave a short speech, which included her vast publishing experience, beginning as a child in her father's 47 year printing business. She gave details on the future book, of the best articles previously published in the Mayflower Quarterly, since 1936.

In regard to Society publications and education, it was reported that there has been an 11% sales increase of Mayflower books, since last year, a good indicator of our member's dedication to research, given the country's current finances. These books will be in CD form in the future. This year, there will be four new silver books, including a new Doty version. The Soule books have had problems in the past, but a new (more accurate) version of the pink book, will soon be out. The new Brewster book is still in progress. A Howland series of books is coming. Members will have the option of receiving The Mayflower Quarterly by email. A documentary on the Pilgrims will soon be produced in England. The General Society is offering a new book on the Mayflower House, *The House of Edward Winslow*; for more information, contact the General Society.

The Historian reported that new DNA evidence is considered secondary evidence and must be well supported by primary evidence. The Board is making decisions regarding non-traditional re-productive methods, such as embryonic transplants. They have collected several lines of DNA on the Alice Mullins and Elizabeth Walker lineages. These females lines must have un-broken "ALL FEMALE" lineages.

The national website will soon include a members' only section and will allow direct purchases of Mayflower related items. They may add a fee for the research sections of the website.

On Historic sites it was also noted that the Mayflower House is not on the National Register. The weathervane on top of the Marshfield Town Hall was said to be that of Peregrine White. The General Society continues to encourage the expansion and development of Scrooby's Visitor's Center.

Respectively Submitted by June Gorman, AG and Deputy Governor

FRANCIS COOKE, Signer of the Mayflower Compact

Francis was probably born in England after August 1582. He was very active in the affairs of the earliest Leyden settlers and in the Plymouth Colony. William Bradford's references to him contain much deserved respect of this hardy Pilgrim. Francis died in Plymouth, Massachusetts on 7 April 1663, above the age of 80 years.

Francis Cooke and Hester Mahieu filed their marriage intension on 30 June 1603, in Leyden. Francis was among the first Leyden settlers known as the Ancient Brethren, first appearing in the Leyden records in 1603. Francis was a wool comber, probably arriving in 1602. Hester was a member of the Walloon Church, in Leyden. She was probably born in Canterbury, England between 1582-1588, the probable daughter of Jacques and Jenne (Jeanne) Mahieu. Hester, her children Jane, Elizabeth, and Jacob came on the ship Anne. Hester died between 8 June 1666 and 18 December 1675.

Francis and Hester's Children:

Jane Cooke, probably born about 1604, in Leyden, married Experience Mitchell
 John Cooke, who also came on the Mayflower as a teenager, married Sarah Warren
 Child Cooke, died in Leyden and was buried on 20 May 1608 in Leyden, Holland
 Elizabeth Cooke, baptized in 1611 in Leyden, died in Plymouth between 1623-1627
 Jacob Cooke, born in Leyden about 1618, married Damaris Hopkins & Elizabeth Shurleff
 Hester Cooke, born in Plymouth, between 1627-1627, married Richard Wright
 Mary Cooke, born in Plymouth, between 1626-1627, married John Tompson

HESTER COOKE'S MUFFIN BREAD

2 tablespoons sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 cup scalded milk

¼ cup lukewarm water
 2 well beaten eggs
 2 and ½ cups sifted all purpose flour

1 package dry yeast or one yeast cake. Add the sugar, salt and butter to the milk. Cool to lukewarm. Dissolve the yeast in the water and add to the milk mixture. Add the eggs and flour. Beat until smooth. Let rise until double in bulk. Stir until the volume is reduced. Fill greased muffin pans half full with batter. Cover and let rise again until double in bulk. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 18 to 20 muffins.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO DANIEL NELSON BOUTELL

It is our sad duty to report the death of one of our long-dedicated, hard working, and loyal members. Daniel Nelson Boutell died on 1 September 2009, in Lapeer County, Michigan. He was a Michigan Mayflower member since 5 July 1991 and was a descendant of **Francis Cooke**.

Daniel was the Michigan Deputy Governor 1996-2002, and Assistant General 1996-2002. He served on the Educational Committee and as the Michigan Mayflower Newsletter Editor for several years, from 1992. He served as a Michigan Society Board Assistant from 1992, Membership Secretary 2002-2004, and he served on the 2001 Centennial Committee providing the many of the detailed plans for Michigan Society's 100th birthday. He never declined any request for his assistance from our Society and provided many services far and beyond his offices. He will be greatly missed.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of more volunteers for future board positions, committees, and other vacancies. Some of the current board members will be leaving their positions, at the next election and they need to be replaced. To make our Society work, it takes a lot of assistance from our membership. Please consider being active and helping your Michigan Society. We need a Publicity Secretary and someone to assist the Co-Historian Barbara Greene with the new member certificates. There may also be other positions to fill.

2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of new Michigan Mayflower Society officers will be held at the 2010 Compact Day Luncheon. The nominating committee will serve to find volunteers to fill all the Michigan Board of Assistant positions. The nominating committee will be published in the Summer issue and a slate of the proposed officers will be published in the Fall issue of the Michigan Mayflower Newsletter. If you are willing to serve, please contact one of the committee members or one of the current officers.

**DICK VanDYKE, ACTOR,
DESCENDANT OF
PILGRIM FRANCIS COOKE**

Lineage: Dick VanDyke, Hazel McCord, Charles McCord, Susan Child, David Lorenzo Child, Susannah Tinkham, Isaiah Tinkham, Nathan Tinkham, Isaac Tinkham, Esther Wright, Hester Cooke, Francis Cooke

Michigan Mayflower Society member Bonnie J. Vokits has been accepted into the Henry Samson Kindred Society.

Congratulations Bonnie.

www.PilgrimHenrySamsonKindred.org

The former General Society Juniors Chairperson,
Patricia Mosely Sanford, deceased,
has a “Memorial” Site for Juniors on her home state California
website. It has numerous activities for Juniors and is well worth a
visit.

www.lacolony.org/dps/dp1.html

**The names of the new junior members
will be published in the summer issue.**

**To sponsor a junior member, one must only complete a simple
application, which requires no proofs. The only necessity is
that the Junior member be related to the
Mayflower member-sponsor and be a descendant of the same
Mayflower passenger. There is also a \$10 one-time only
application fee. The new Junior member will receive a Junior
Membership certificate and other Mayflower related items.**

**If you are interested please contact our
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