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Winter 2006-2007

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

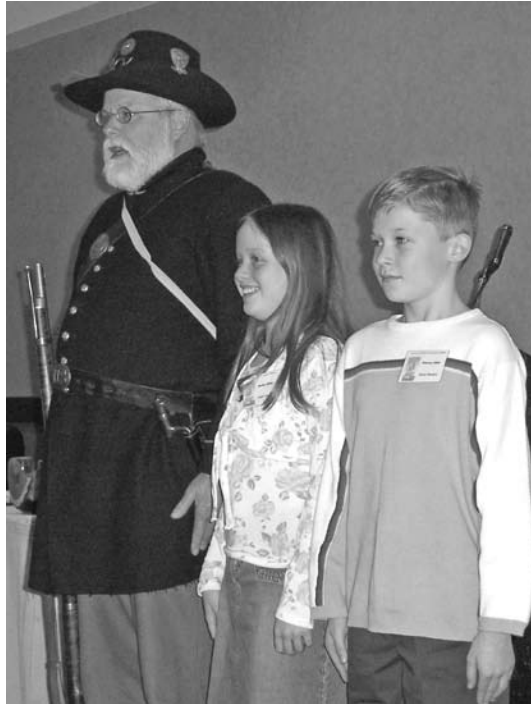
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Thanks to our new WEB-MASTER, *GRACE BLISS SMITH* we have our Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan web site up and running. The site is very exciting and extremely professional. We are very lucky to have such an experienced web-master assisting our society. Many categories are included; The Compact Day Luncheon is featured with numerous photographs of interest; the History of the Michigan Society is included; the site has a list of the current officers with their photographs; the section regarding the membership is very informative; news and up-coming events are featured; the scholarship program is included with requirements and an application; finally a valuable section on resources is very informative and helpful for numerous genealogy related areas and links. Please take the time to visit. If you do not have a computer, you may visit the site at your local library. This certainly will be a very valuable tool for our Michigan Society.

2006 Compact Day Luncheon, A Grand Success

We had a larger than normal turn out for the east side of the state, at the 2006 Compact Day Luncheon at the Somerset Inn, in Troy, Michigan. Our speaker Jim Neeley kept us entertained, laughing, and at times teary eyed with his very interesting portrayal of Henry Randall, Civil War soldier of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. His colorful first person description of the daily events of Henry's war experience began with him enlisting two of our Junior Members; Shelby Gibbs and Nicholas Gibbs into the 24th and instructing them in the protocol of army life. They turned out to be very good soldiers. He also mentioned that females often dressed as men, in order to be allowed to enlist. Henry began his tour by sailing to Buffalo, New York, on Lake Erie, then transporting to Baltimore, Maryland, and finally a train took the Regiment to Washington D.C. Under General Burnside his unit fought in major battles, such as Fredericksburg. There were no deserters, but many casualties. The unit went on to Gettysburg, where it made great sacrifices, described in Henry's detailed account of the battle. At Gettysburg, Henry was wounded, and was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia and against his wishes, eventually sent home. Gettysburg has a monument to the 24th Michigan, dedicated to their valor, which was erected in 1889.



James Neeley (alias Henry Randall) with new recruits Shelby and Nicholas Gibbs



Cousins Lois (Griffes) Kortering and James Neeley

When we received the latest newsletter, we were waiting for it so we could make reservations at the Somerset Inn in Troy. I was so absolutely surprised to learn the name and see the picture of James Neely, the speaker!

Jim Neely is the son of one of my dearest cousins with whom I have corresponded for decades! I never met Alice (Sturgis) Neely's three sons, but my husband and I used to visit Alice and her husband David Neely in Florida during the winter, and I dearly loved Alice!

Jim e-mailed me for the first time shortly after his mother died last December 15, 2005, and for months all we talked about, on e-mails, were his dear mom and his dad, who died back in 1995. I never got around to telling him that I discovered in 2002 that my father's father was a direct descendant of the Mayflower passenger Richard Warren, and two months before that I discovered that my father's mother was a direct descendant of the Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins. So, since Jim Neely's mother's grandfather was a brother of my father's grandfather, then Jim Neely is a descendant of Richard Warren, also. Imagine Jim's surprise to find out just days before he was going to give his presentation at the fall Mayflower Society luncheon that he descends from one of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower ship! I think his "Living History" enactment was more sincerely emotional this time than all of the other presentations he has given! It was especially emotional for me to read in the newsletter that Jim Neely also plays an antique fiddle in an Appalachian style. I don't even think I told him that my father and all of his brothers played the fiddle, and I have been a concert violinist all my life! I did tell him on e-mail, though, after the newsletter came out, that after receiving the Civil War pension records of our 4th-great-grandfather, Elisha Litchfield, Jr., that I cried real tears as I read one affidavit from a neighbor that every Sunday night, Elisha would open their kitchen door, stand leaning against the door frame, and play his fiddle for all of the neighbors to hear! That just warmed my heart and proved to me that the love for the violin goes way back on both sides of my family! My mother had six uncles who all played violin and three of them even made violins.

I e-mailed Jim Neely the very day that I received the latest Newsletter and apologized to him that I never got around to telling him that he, too, is a direct descendant of the Mayflower passenger Richard Warren, and he e-mailed me right back in early afternoon and apologized that he never got around to telling me that he has been a special "Story Teller" for over 25 years, and that his expertise is telling Civil War stories reliving the experience in the actual character of an authentic veteran of the War of the Rebellion.

We had some pictures taken Friday night when Jim, my husband Vern, and I had dinner together at the Somerset Inn, and again during the luncheon. Would you be interested in my writing up the story and sending you some pictures to choose from for the next newsletter? I have been in absolute Goosebumps ever since I saw the picture and the description of our speaker last Saturday. Imagine Jim Neely being so into this story-telling that he loves and finding out just a week ago that he, too, descends from a Mayflower passenger! We had just a great time talking together, and it was all very emotional! I did tell Terry McCane and Rev. Cory Randall about it just before the luncheon, but both of them sort of waited to see if James Neely wanted to tell about it, himself. Well, he did, at the very end, but all he said was, "According to Lois, I, too, might be related to several people in this room." I thought that was kind of precious to say it that way! "I don't believe in coincidences!"

Lois (Griffes) Korterling
Muskegon, Michigan

Junior Page

Thanks to our Junior Member Historian; **Barbara Greene**.
The following Junior Members have been accepted.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

Lena Evelyn Brown

Sponsor: Patricia Brown
Francis Cooke

Jennifer Meranda Overdeem

Sponsor: Mildred Overdeem
John Howland

Emily Leighanna Overdeem

Sponsor: Mildred Overdeem
John Howland

Moira Michelle Overdeem

Sponsor: Mildred Overdeem
John Howland

Austin Joseph Phelps

Sponsor: Mildred Overdeem
John Howland

Anneke Claire Phelps

Sponsor: Mildred Overdeem
John Howland

Jasmine Teal Wright

Sponsor: Rosser Lomerson
Edward Doty

Tara Ann McNeil

Sponsor: Terence McNeil
John Billington

Amanda Lynn Edwards

Sponsor: Karen Lavrack Edward
William Brewster

Ashley Jessica Babb

Sponsor: Karen Lavack Edwards
William Brewster

Jacob Zachary Babb

Sponsor: Karen Lavack Edward
William Brewster

Conner David Bigelow

Sponsor: Maurice Lavrack
William Brewster

Kalie Nicole Lavrack

Sponsor: Maurice Lavrack
William Brewster

Jacob Maurice Lavrack

Sponsor: Maurice Lavrack
William Brewster

Jacques Sean Lavrack

Sponsor: Maurice Lavrack
William Brewster

Megan Elizabeth Strumbo

Sponsor: Elizabeth Moore
George Soule

Amanda Kay Strumbo

Sponsor: Elizabeth Moore
George Soule

Natalie Anne Strumbo

Sponsor: Elizabeth Moore
George Soule

Historian for Juniors: Barbara Greene
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zippyzebra@prodigy.net

Visit the Junior Member web-site at:
www.quiknet.com/~moseley

Gladys Thayer Schaeffer has sponsored
16 great-grandchildren as Junior
Members.

As of 4 November 2006 the number of Junior
Members is 463. At age 25 these members are
encouraged to become adult members. Junior
membership is a one-time fee of \$10.

The Fall 2006 issue incorrectly listed the sponsor of
Junior Member Lena Brown, Her sponsor was Patricia
Brown.

Thanks to the hard work of our Historian,
Reverend, Doctor Cory Randall, III
 the following new members have been entered in
 to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in
 Michigan.

NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Anne Bunnell

William Brewster

Maurice Lavrack

William Brewster

Ann Marie Reiche

Francis Cooke

Robert Lee Reiche

Francis Cooke

Sandra Mae Johnson

Francis Cooke

William Ray Reiche

Francis Cooke

Dorcas Ann McIntosh

William Brewster

Brian Paul Hoggatt

George Soule

Wendy Kay Solomon

Richard Warren

Debra Reiche Rathburg

Francis Cooke

Mark Lavrack

William Brewster

Karen Lavrack Edwards

William Brewster

Russell Lane Walker

Edward Fuller

Lisa Phillips Marlatt

Thomas Rogers

James William Lowry

Edward Doty

Shelley Lavrack Bigelow

William Brewster

Raleigh Rasmussen Jacques

Henry Samson

In November 2006 the adult membership
 was at 690,
 with 324 Life members
 and 366 Regular members.

MISSING MEMBERS

The following names are lost members of
 The Mayflower Society. We have no current
 addresses for any of the following names.
 For membership reinstatement please send
 \$28. to:

Robert Bailey, Treasurer
 1141 Meadow Glen
 Lansing, Michigan 48917-9787

Anyone knowing the persons listed below
 please let them know, as we are looking for
 them.

Akershoek, Mildred
 Brooks, Richard B.
 Brown, Susan K.
 Burgess, Karen M.
 Canter, Edith C.
 Corddry, Ruth, she was a past Officer
 Delisser, Pamela M.
 Griebel, Mary L.
 Howland, Ford
 Howland, Troy L.
 Pruss, Nancy H.
 Russo, Arlene B.
 Smith, Benjamin L.
 Smith, Cynthia H.
 Smith, Rebecca A.
 Starck, Dyann H.
 Tuck, Barbara K.
 Tupper, Elizabeth P.
 Uptegraff, Sarah L.
 Wyss, Janet M.

Rev. Dr. Cory Randall
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 48304-1137, Phone 248-723-4657
umpadre@aol.com

In the Summer 2006 issue, Patricia Anne Bunnell's name
 was listed incorrectly, according to her preference, and her
 ancestor was also listed incorrectly. Her ancestor is William
 Brewster.

2006 COMPACT DAY ANCESTOR ROLL CALL

John Alden and Priscilla Mullins 18
 Isaac Allerton and Mary Norris 1
 Isaac Allerton and Fear Brewster 0
 John Billington and Eleanor 3
 William Bradford & Alice Carpenter 12
 William Brewster and Mary 18
 Peter Brown and Martha 1
 Peter Brown and Mary 0
 James Chilton and Susanna 1
 Francis Cooke and Hester Mahieu 12
 Edward Doty and Faith Clarke 10
 Francis Eaton and Sarah 0
 Francis Eaton and Christian Penn 4
 Moses Fletcher and Sarah 0
 Edward Fuller and maybe Ann* 6
 Samuel Fuller and Bridget Lee 0
 Stephen Hopkins and 1st wife 17
 Stephen Hopkins and Elizabeth Fisher 2
 John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley 10
 Richard More and Christian Hunt 0
 William Mullins and Alice 18
 Degory Priest and Sarah Allerton 3
 Thomas Rogers and Elsgen 6
 Henry Samson and Ann Plummer 0
 George Soule and Mary Becket 11
 Myles Standish and Barbara 3
 John Tilley and Joan Hurst 10
 Richard Warren & Elizabeth Walker 19
 William White and Susanna 5
 William White and Susanna White 2

*Maybe Ann Fuller,
 Saints and Strangers page 441, and Savage.
 (The Mayflower Society states her name is
 not proven yet).

NEW BIRTH

Mayflower descendant Kelly Angela Patterson (weight 7 pounds and 8 oz.) was born on 27 February 2006 to Steve and Cissie Patterson. Kelly is a descendant of George Soule and the great-granddaughter of Shirley Sowles Patterson and the granddaughter of Bruce Patterson.

NEW TWIN BIRTHS

Mayflower descendant twins Ryleigh Paige (weight 5 pounds and 13 oz.) and Lucas Jason Cole (weight 5 pounds and 12 oz.) were born on 10 April 2006. Descendants of George Soule they are the great-grandchildren of Shirley Patterson and the grandchildren of Wayne Patterson.

HENRY SAMSON LINEAGE TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

Pilgrim Henry Samson
 Stephen Samson
 Mary Samson
 Zilpha Thayer
 John Holbrook
 John Holbrook
 Chole Holbrook
 Jonas Pierce
 Marvin Pierce
 Barbara Pierce
 President George W. Bush

Captain John Alden is listed in the book Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the Seventeenth-Century Conflicts, page 3, edited by Carole Doreski. The date given is 1690.

2006 MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial service was given at the 2006 November Compact Day Luncheon, by our Mayflower Society Elder **Carolyn Varga**.

*Michigan Mayflower Society
members honored in the service were:*

Charles E. Chamberlain
Betty J. Hopkins
Albert C. Hutchinson
Phyllis M. Smith
Eleanor R. Bennett
Barbara McLaughlin
Ruth Kressbach
William H. Fuller
William W. Smila
James A. Purdie
Doris S. Bradley
Robert H. Linder
Edwina N. Olde
Reverend Charles Bradford Hastie
Lyons Howland
Mary Elizabeth Shaw
Edith Carroll Canter
Charles K. Field
Dorothy E. Baker
Richard B. Gushee
Clinton A. McCallum
Margaret T. Russell
Wendy Love
James Mikesell

*Our Sympathy and regards are sent to
all the families and friends.*

*Send notices to
Elder Carolyn Varga
Phone 248-553-3536
cvarga@twmi.rr.com*

LIFE DUES

The Michigan Society has a graduated schedule for the payment of Life Dues.

Life Membership:

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 dues owing, but Life dues are not transferable to other states.

Regular membership dues \$28 annually.

If you joined with the year, your dues are paid.

All dues are tax deductible.

The Mayflower note cards are still available at the meetings. Also available at the meetings are the Michigan Centennial books at \$20 each. They can be shipped for an additional \$5. The Newsletter editor also has three "I am a Mayflower Descendant" shirts, with the Mayflower ship in white on a black T-shirt, \$12 each. Two size medium and one size small remain from a printing of shirts that were sold in Plymouth. Contact the newsletter editor for information (see the newsletter back cover).

The New England word **Freeman** describes the suffrage political or civil rights of men. They had the right to hold public office. Before 1631, the term was used loosely, but after that date only church members were described by the term. They also had to be land-owners.

A **Yoeman** was a farmer, who owned a small estate of land (freeholder). It was the rank under that of Gentleman.

The first Thanksgiving was a harvest feast to celebrate the first harvest in the new colony. The original feast, autumn 1621, lasted 3 days and about 90 Wampanoag Native Americans and 51 colonists attended. They did have fowl (turkey) and also venison.

“Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so

plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.”

Edward Winslow, 11 December 1621, Mourt’s Relation.

THANKSGIVING

There comes a time when the harvest is in,
And the fruit of our labors from friends and from kin,
Are safe in the storehouse, secure from the snow;
We rejoice and thank God who blessed us, we know.

And thus it was that in sixteen twenty-one,
Our Pilgrims took time to rejoice and have fun.
They invited their friends, King Massasoit and tribe,
And celebrated together, to which we ascribe.

They gathered wild fowl such as turkeys and geese,
Added mullet and cod, which came from the seas.
There was Indian corn, native berries and beans,
And other wild foods, some fruits, perhaps greens.

The Indians brought deer; they cooked that good meat.
There was wonderful food and plenty to eat.
Tests of skill then took place, sporting events and much more,
No one recorded who won, or the score!

Pilgrims fired “pieces”, perhaps played “stool-ball.”
A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.
Celebrating went on three days in a row,
Until some felt concerned about ending this show.

Pilgrims said to their guest, as friend would to friend,
“It’s time to go home, all parties must end.”
This harvest celebration, which our Pilgrims proposed,
With two different cultures, finally came to be closed.

I tell you this happened quite some years ago,
And we still thank our God from whom blessings do flow.

Gene Fortine, 1996

Gene Fortine was a former Governor of the state of California and a former Governor General. He attended our 100th birthday celebration as the featured speaker.
He is now deceased, but his words live on.

October was History month and The Mayflower Society was represented at the Muskegon Public Museum, by Clara Vickers, and also at the Meridian Historical Village in Okemos, by Governor Terry McKane, Newsletter Secretary June Gorman, and Membership Chairperson Clara Vickers. The Meridian Village served a homemade bean soup named for an original historic re-planted house in the village.

The soup is outstanding. The recipe follows:

BARNES HOUSE BEAN SOUP

Sort and wash 2 cups (8-10 oz) mixed beans; discard any bad beans. Place in a medium kettle, cover with one inch of water. Add 1 and ½ teaspoon salt and soak overnight. Drain the beans. Place soaked beans in 1 quart of fresh water and add smoked ham hocks, ham bone, kielbasa, turkey breast, or bacon (omit for vegetarians). Add the remainder of the ingredients, listed below. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered 2 and ½ hours. Stir occasionally.

NOTE: The Newspaper Editor has tried the recipe and suggests to cook slowly in a crock-pot all day; the beans cook more tender.

¾ teaspoon salt	¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup water	1 medium onion, chopped
1 regular can tomatoes	1 large sweet red pepper, chopped
the juice of ½ lemon	1/8 cup powdered soup base (chicken bouillon)
½ teaspoon oregano	½ teaspoon chili powder (optional)
½ teaspoon chili powder (optional)	1 clove minced garlic (optional)

LINEAGE TO ALAN B. SHEPARD, JR. THE FIRST AMERICAN IN SPACE

Richard Warren, Pilgrim of the Mayflower ship and Elizabeth Walker of the ship Anne
 Nathaniel Warren and Sarah Walker
 Mercy Warren and Jonathan Delano
 Jonathan Delano and Amy Hatch
 Silvanus Delano
 Anna Delano
 Abner R. Johnson
 Rosina E. Johnson
 Frederick J. Shepard
 Alan Bartlett Shepard
Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr., Astronaut and Louise Brewer

Three hundred and forty years after the landing of the Mayflower, Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. --- Direct descendant of Richard and Elizabeth Warren—became America's first astronaut. And ten years later he participated in the third landing on the moon. Alan B. Shepard, Jr. was born 18 November 1923 at East Derry, New Hampshire, ten generations removed from his Mayflower ancestors. He became a member of the Mayflower Society via New Hampshire one year after his first journey into space. He attended primary and secondary schools in New Hampshire; received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1944, an Honorary Master of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1962, an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Miami University in 1971, and an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Franklin Pierce College in 1972. He began his naval career in the Pacific during WWII. He entered flight training at Corpus Christi, Texas, and received his wings in 1947. Alan married the former Louise Brewer of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Warren Cousins can claim a cousin who spent 33 hours on the moon.

The Mayflower Quarterly, Volume 60, No. 1, February 1994.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan has created a scholarship to benefit junior members and general members up to the age of 25, who are planning on attending an accredited two- or four-year program. Eligible members may submit applications in more than one year; however, only one scholarship grant will be awarded per recipient.

Applicants will develop a project that promotes knowledge of the Pilgrims, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, or the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan.

Format & Requirements:

The project submitted may be used to fulfill the requirements of another organization (school, club or society). However, the completed project, if considered appropriate, may be used by the SMDM at their discretion.

The project may be designed to conform to the student's strengths or interests. A proposed project may be: article or pamphlet; web-site; presentation; comic book; parade float; costume(s), just to name a few examples.

The application will be judged by the following:

1. Accuracy. Is the information true and accurate?
2. Time/Hours. How much time was devoted to the project?
3. Audience. How many people were reached?

The application form must be submitted with an outline of the project, reflecting the above listed items, and any corresponding documentation. (A copy of the article, photo of the float, affidavit or video of the presentation, etc.) Also included must be a letter from an adult verifying the activity.

An applicant may not have a parent, grandparent, sibling or sponsor sitting on the committee that would evaluate the application.

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