



# MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010-2011 Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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## THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY NOW HAS A BOARD OF NEW OFFICERS

The 2010 Compact Day Luncheon was held at the Cascade Manor House in Jackson, Michigan on a beautiful fall sunny day. Many announcements were made, officer reports were given, the election of the new officers was held and the officers were inducted by Past Governor Terry McKane. The new officers began their two year terms at the end of the 2010 Compact Day meeting. Michigan Society members voted to order a State Memorial Brick in the Mayflower Society Garden Walkway Project. On their future trips to Plymouth these members can view the brick and know that they made the brick possible. An enjoyable auction was held, profiting the Society, of several autographed and Mayflower related books. Terry McKane served as the auctioneer. We would like to thank the persons who participated. The Cascade Manor House was a beautiful setting on a lake, and the service was excellent. Members attending had a memorable day.



### THE NEW MICHIGAN MAYFLOWER BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Lynne Colter Flag Captain	Grace Smith Deputy Governor	Terry McKane Elder	Elizabeth Williams Recording Secretary	Jane Gorman Governor
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Missing from the photo: Thora Goodnight, Treasurer; Diane Sunnecken, Historian; Barbara Greene, Historian's 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant; Mary Ellen Byene, Counsellor

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Spring Luncheon: 7 May 2011, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Board meeting prior to Luncheon at 9 a.m.

Summer Board Meeting: 6 August 2011, State Room Restaurant,

Kellogg Center, East Lansing, 10 a.m.

Fall Compact Day Luncheon: 5 November 2011, 11:30 a.m.

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Staying ? Reduced Room Rate \$99 if booked before 5 October 2011,

You need to mention the Mayflower Society's reduced rate

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jean Curtis Raymo, *Ancestor: John Howland*

Charles Albert Schickinger, *Ancestor: William Brewster*

Thomas William McCort, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*

Joyce Ann Beleck, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*

Paul Woodrow Bumpas, *Ancestor: William Brewster*

Catherine Lydia Olson VanProyen, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*

David William Olson, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*

Elizabeth Margaret Olson, a soldier in Afghanistan, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*

Louanna Gertrude Mueller, *Ancestor: William Bradford*

Tyler Allan Collins, *Ancestor: Thomas Rogers*

There are 17 additional applications pending in Plymouth.

The Michigan Mayflower Society wishes to thank Cory Randall for his dedication in assisting so many new members, throughout his term of Historian. Cory plans to stay aboard the MAYFLOWER SHIP by helping the new Historian in the rewarding task of locating those illusive papers.

.....A GRATEFUL THANK YOU.....

### SUPPLEMENTALS:

Gregory Vincent Todd, *Ancestor: William Mullins*

Stephanie Butler Kelly, *Ancestor: Peregrine White*

Ronni Kay Curtis, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*

Carl Eugene Thurston, *Ancestor: William Brewster*

There are two additional supplemental pending in Plymouth.

Anne Burt, Membership Secretary,  
reports that there are now 814 total adult MICHIGAN MEMBERS,  
of which 402 are LIFE MEMBERS  
and Michigan is 10<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. in total Mayflower Society members.

## WEB SITES

**MICHMAYFLOWER.ORG**

[WWW.PILGRIMHALL.ORG](http://WWW.PILGRIMHALL.ORG)

[www.Sail1620.org](http://www.Sail1620.org)

[www.pilgrims.net](http://www.pilgrims.net)

[www.Mayflower.org](http://www.Mayflower.org)

[www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html)

[www.genealogicalstudies.com](http://www.genealogicalstudies.com)

Our Michigan Site, Web-Master Grace Smith

The Pilgrim Museum in Plymouth

Mayflower K-12 Educational Program

Plimouth Plantation

Miscellaneous Research

The Canadian Mayflower Society

Miscellaneous Genealogy

## NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

**Astrid Lilac Hobbs** - *William Bradford* – **Sponsor:** Suzanne McLaughlin Izzo

**Sydney Sarah Raymo** - *John Howland* – **Sponsor:** Jean Curtis Raymo

**Carly Jean Raymo** - *John Howland* – **Sponsor:** Jean Curtis Raymo

**Claire Davis Raymo** - *John Howland* – **Sponsor:** Jean Curtis Raymo

**Eliza Nasreen McKane** - *Richard Warren* – **Sponsor:** Terry John McKane

**Brittany Nicole Mitchell** - *William Bradford* – **Sponsor:** Clara E. Vickers

**Molly Ann Michaud** - *Richard Warren* – **Sponsor:** Barbara Lee Briggs Foster

**Max Benjamin Roether** - *William Brewster* – **Sponsor:** Robert H. Roether

**Ella Rose Roether** - *William Brewster* – **Sponsor:** Robert H. Roether

**Parker Jameson Schmitt** - *John Howland* – **Sponsor:** Cindy Medbury Schmitt

**Katheryn Rose Carpenter** - *John Alden* – **Sponsor:** Arthur Lloyd Carpenter

**Kristina Lynn Carpenter** - *John Alden* – **Sponsor:** Arthur Lloyd Carpenter

**A Junior Membership would be a great gift for any young person in your family. Membership requires only a one-time fee of \$10 and provides a certificate suitable for framing and several other Mayflower related items. The Junior Historian, Patricia Brown reports that any application for Junior Membership Christmas Gifts need to be to her by December 6, 2010. When Junior Members reach the age of 18, they may apply for a full adult membership by following the normal membership process.**

## 2010 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Elder Anne Lightfoot was assisted by Past Governor, Mary Ellen Byrne in presenting a beautiful Memorial Service for Michigan Society's deceased members, at the 2010 Compact Day Luncheon. Each member was remembered with a beautiful red rose, placed in a crystal vase, between two lit candles. These members will be sadly missed.

Elizabeth Erwin, died 11 February 2008

Franklin Hurlburt, died 26 April 2009

Edward Crippen, died 13 November 2009

Jack Barnes, died 20 February 2010

Clare Hart, died 30 March 2010

Laura Vale, died 18 April 2010

Barbara Smith, died 1 April 2010

Eunice O'Connor, died 1 June 2010

Marian Mikesell, died 27 September 2010



## **LYNNE COLTER OUR NEW FLAG CAPTAIN**

Lynne is married to Dennis Witt. She is the mother of Krista Long and Ryan Witt and the grandmother of Hailey Long. She lives in Farmington Hills and is active in the Louisa St. Clair Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter. She is currently ready to send her papers in to verify a lineage to the War of 1812 Society and the Daughters of the Union (Civil War). Upon graduation from high school Lynne joined the United States Air Force along with her husband. They returned to Michigan in 1992 and is very happy to be back in Michigan. We want to welcome Lynne to the Michigan Mayflower Society and we are very pleased that she has volunteered to serve as the Society's Flag Captain, especially since she is a military veteran.

## **ANNOUNCING A NEW FRIENDS OF THE MICHIGAN MAYFLOWER SOCIETY TO BE FORMED**

Due to Jan Irwin, fellow genealogist and wife of former (deceased) LIFE MEMBER Robert Irwin, I hope to begin a Society for Friends of the Michigan Society. Jan and I shared many years of dedicated genealogy research, which resulted in the discovery of her husband and my shared Mayflower lines.

Since Bob's death, Jan has not received any correspondence from the Mayflower Society. I feel it is important to have a means of contact with persons, who share Jan's status, especially since she and Bob have several potential Mayflower Society members, with their children and grand-children. An on-going contact could only encourage additional Michigan members.

I also met such a genealogist at the 2010 annual Ionia County, Michigan First Families Dinner, Seymour Van Derkse. This widower was very interested in our Society and knew many of our past officers by name. Seymour's wife had been a member of our Michigan Society. He talked all evening on Mayflower history. He also paid to continue his deceased wife's subscription to the Mayflower Quarterly. We should not let these dedicated persons fall away from their Mayflower involvement. Seymour was very inspirational to this goal.

Our Junior Members do not receive the newsletter. The older Junior Members could potentially pay a nominal annual "FRIENDS" membership fee (perhaps \$10), so that they may receive the newsletter (if it is not already being sent to their household) and possible other membership benefits. This connection may encourage them to desire to become an adult member, when they reach the age of 18 years old. Their sponsor could also chose to add a FRIENDS membership in addition to the Junior Membership when applying.

### **This membership could be open to:**

1. Our Junior Members who desire an increased involvement
2. Relatives of Mayflower Members
3. Persons who believe they have a Mayflower line  
but have been unable to document it fully
4. Spouses and other family members of deceased members
5. Persons who love history and the Pilgrim saga
6. And/or others

I will be asking our Board of Assistants to explore ways to make this related society happen. Other U.S. states have such societies connected to their state Mayflower Societies.

**I would like for persons who may like to become CHARTER MEMBERS to provide their names, for a foundation to build upon.**

June Gorman, Michigan Governor

## A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

*(author unknown, provided by Cory Randall)*

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.  
The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and with letters which said. .  
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote  
Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."  
Stacks of copies of old wills and the such  
Were proof that my work had become much too much.  
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.  
And I at my table was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.  
Christmas was here and of such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.  
Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.  
While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer  
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.  
While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.  
Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?  
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.  
Up to the housetop the reindeer then flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too.  
And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.  
The TV antenna was no match for their horns,  
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.  
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!  
"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)  
Spotting my face good old Santa could see  
I had no Christmas spirit, you'd have to agree.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).  
Here was Santa, who'd brought us gladness and joy  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.  
He spied my research on the table all spread  
"A genealogist!" he cried (My face was all red!).  
"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned.  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.  
I gazed with amazement - the cover it read  
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Pled."  
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"  
He said as he gave me a great Santa Hug.  
"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library!  
A rare special treat I am thus able to bring,  
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.  
Now off you must go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."  
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.  
While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle.  
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight



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**TRIVIA**

1. What is the name of the book that Governor William Bradford wrote telling of the troubles and experiences of the pilgrims?
2. The pilgrims took beer with them on their voyage. True or False
3. The real Plymouth Rock is cracked. True or False
4. It is believed that how many pilgrim women survived to celebrate the first Thanksgiving in 1621. (a) 5 (b) 15 (c) 25
5. Before being harvested and sold, an individual cranberry must bounce at least how many inches high to make sure they aren't too ripe?  
(a) 1 inch (b) 2 inches (c) 3 inches (d) 4 inches
6. How many pilgrims were on the Mayflower? (a) 92 (b) 102 (c) 122
7. How many days did it take the Mayflower to reach Massachusetts?  
(a) 41 (b) 66 (c) 83
8. There was only one baby born during the crossing of the Mayflower.  
What was the baby's name?
9. Approximately how many feathers does a mature turkey have?  
(a) 500 (b) 1000 (c) 3500 (d) 4000
10. Which state produces the most turkeys annually?  
(a) Alabama (b) North Carolina (c) Missouri (d) Arkansas

(Answers below)



**THE JOHN HOWLAND FAMILY, WINNERS OF THE ANCESTOR COUNT  
AT THE 2010 COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON**

Triva Answers (above)

- 1. Of Plymouth Plantation, 2. True, 3. True, 4. (a) 5, 5. (d) 4 inches,  
6. (b) 102, 7. (b) 66, 8. Oceanus, 9. (c) 3500, 10. North Carolina**

**DO YOU BELIEVE!!!! Our Michigan descendants of the original pilgrims were rejected from participation in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade. However, we do thank the committee for all their hard work. Should we try again?**

### **ABRAHAM SAMSON**

Today the Abraham Sampson Descendants Report on [www.PilgrimHenrySamsonKindred.org](http://www.PilgrimHenrySamsonKindred.org)  
<<http://www.pilgrimhenrysamsonkindred.org/>>was updated.

It is now a PDF

1,629 pages in length and includes a 203 page all-name index with approximately 16,000 individuals, many with dates of birth and death. You may find an ancestor among them. Anyone with known lines not represented is urged to make them available to the Compiler listed below. In addition to names, dates and places are desired. Information about living descendants will not be posted. The database uses Legacy software.

Abraham Sampson is the most probable 1st cousin of Pilgrim Henry Samson. A Y-DNA project is on going in hopes of confirming the relationship. Male individuals having the Sampson/Samson surname are urged to participate.

Abraham and Henry were baptized in Campton and Henlow in 1614 and 1604, respectively, villages only 3 miles apart, in Bedfordshire , England . Many of Abraham's descendants can also trace their lines back to Henry Samson and other Pilgrims including Alden, Bradford, Soule, and Standish as well as Philip Delano of the 1621 "Fortune." Abraham's descendants are accepted for membership in the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred. Further information is to be found on its website as listed above.

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A recent study found the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink on the average of 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that the average American gets about 41 miles to the gallon.

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