



# Mayflower Newsletter

Fall 2007

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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## Time To Make Your Reservations For The Fall Compact Day Luncheon

**The scheduled speaker will be  
Maureen Taylor**

Maureen is a Boston based writer and photo editor. She is a photo curator, a genealogist, and a free-lance writer. She specializes in photo identification and preservation.

Maureen is a contributing editor for the *Family Tree Magazine*, she is on the Editorial Board of *Legacy Magazine*, she is a columnist for the *Ancestry Daily News*, and she is a freelance writer for the several publications; *The American Spirit*, *Ancestry*, *The Daguerreian Annual*, *The Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Heritage Quest*, and *New England Ancestors*. She writes a monthly column called *Saving Your Family Treasurers* in the *Ancestry Daily News*. She is a former librarian at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Rhode Island Historical Society. She is a member of the National Writer's Union, the American Society of Picture Professionals, and the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in History. She was awarded the 1995 Jacobus Award from the Rhode Island Genealogical Society for the best new book on Rhode Island.

Maureen will give us a humorous and inspiring look at family photographs. Her lecture also outlines the challenges involved in discovering the stories behind old photographs. She will include genealogy, history, photo history, photography, preservation, and scrap-booking.

This should be a very interesting lecture, not to be missed.

The General Society has discontinued a previously accepted lineage from Francis Cooke and Richard Warren, due to a weak link, which lacks proper proof. This line descends through Joseph Clark son of Maria (Hammond) and David Clark. There have been no found records of the children of Maria and David Clark. This affects the lineages of several Michigan members, but none are active and most are deceased. The General Society has had to take this action in the past and their policy is that current members are considered members, due to "good faith" applications, but no new members are accepted on these lineages, until proper proofs are found.

Missing active members. Do you know a current address for any of the following persons:

Terry Neil Smith, Ann Arbor  
 Caroline C. Chipman, Lake Orion  
 J. Curtis Chipman, Lake Orion  
 Sally J. Christiani, Italy  
 Manfredi P. N. Bandini, New York  
 Howard D. Sheline, no address

#### Important Dates

**November 3, 2007** Compact Day  
 Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan  
**January 19, 2008** Board Meeting,  
 Golden Rose, Mason, Michigan  
**May 17, 2008** Spring Luncheon  
 Kellogg Center, Lansing, Michigan

*"So they left that goodly & pleasante citie,  
 Which had been their resting place near 12  
 Years; but they knew they were pilgrims, &  
 Looked not much on those things, but lifted  
 Up their eyes to ye heavens, their dearest  
 Cuntrie, and quieted their spirits.*

*Of Plimoth Plantation"*

## COMPACT DAY ANCESTOR ROLL CALL LIST

**Know your correct ancestor wife**  
**Bold Type=Mayflower Passengers**

**John Alden & Priscilla Mullins**  
**Isaac Allerton & Mary Norris**  
**Isaac Allerton & Fear Brewster**  
 (ship Anne)  
**John Billington & Eleanor----**  
**William Bradford & Alice Carpenter**  
 (ship Anne)  
**William Brewster & Mary----**  
**Peter Brown & Martha-----**(ship Fortune)  
**Peter Brown & Mary-----**(ship unknown)  
**James Chilton & Susannah Furner**  
**Francis Cooke & Hester Mahieu**  
 (ship Anne)  
**Edward Doty & Faith Clarke** (ship Francis)  
**Francis Eaton & Sarah-----**  
**Francis Eaton & Christian Penn**  
 (ship Anne)  
**Moses Fletcher & Sarah Dingby**  
 (ship Anne)  
**Edward Fuller & unknown wife**  
**Samuel Fuller & Bridget Lee** (ship Anne)  
**Stephen Hopkins & Mary----**  
 (died in Europe)  
**Stephen Hopkins & Elizabeth Fisher**  
**John Howland & Elizabeth Tilley**  
**Richard Moore & Christian Hunt**  
 (ship unknown)  
**William Mullins & Alice-----**  
**Degory Priest & Sarah Allerton**  
 (ship Anne)  
**Thomas Rogers & Elsgen----**  
 (remained in Leyden)  
**Henry Samson & Anne Plummer**  
 (ship unknown)  
**George Soule & Mary Bucket** (ship Anne)  
**Miles Standish & Barbara-----**(ship Anne)  
**John Tilley & Joan Hurst**  
**Richard Warren & Elizabeth Walker**  
 (ship Anne)  
**William White & Susannah-----**  
**Edward Winslow & Susannah-----**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christine Conley-Sowels  
Ancestor: *George Soule*

Cindy Lou Fairchild  
Ancestor: *Francis Cooke*

Susan Jean King  
Ancestor: *George Soule*

Phyllis Jean Riley  
Ancestor: *George Soule*

Kimberly Ann Krumm  
Ancestor: *John Howland*

Clare Mercer Hart  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*

Robert Ellis Doty  
Ancestor: *Edward Doty*

Norman Jay Japinga  
Ancestor: *Edward Fuller*

Jeannie Faye Breternitz  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*

Zane Louis Rybkowski  
Ancestor: *Edward Doty*

Christine Irene Hammond  
Ancestor: *Isaac Allerton*

Mary Louise Nagy  
Ancestor: *William Brewster*

Mildred Gayle Gilchrist  
Ancestor: *John Alden*

Stephanie Rae Adamich  
Ancestor: *Francis Cooke*

Catherine Louise Treichel  
Ancestor: *George Soule*

Jimelle Lorissa Howard  
Ancestor: *George Soule*

Laura Elizabeth Swain  
Ancestor: *John Howland*

Thomas Samuel LeGoff  
Ancestor: *Degory Priest*

Suzanne Eugenie Gould  
Ancestor: *Degory Priest*

Linda Joan Fisher  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*

Edward Alan Kleinfeld  
Ancestor: *William Bradford*

Judith Priscilla Clapp  
Ancestor: *Richard Warren*

Lois Langenberg Kamo  
Ancestor: *John Alden*

Sue Somerville Bair  
Ancestor: *John Alden*

Sally Joan Randall  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*

Merrilee Sue Blair  
Ancestor: *John Alden*

Sally Sue Kingman  
Ancestor: *Stephen Hopkins*

David Walter Hopkins  
Ancestor: *William White*

Historian Reverend Cory Randall reports that since November 2006 we have 62 new members and as of 19 May 2007 there were 12 applications pending.

Dues notices will be arriving soon.

Life members do not pay dues.

As of August 2007 we have 757 active members, with 327 Life Members and 430 regular members

The new Membership Directories will be available at the Compact Day Luncheon. Six copies have been donated to Michigan Libraries and one copy to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are 117 copies remaining and can be mailed for \$2.00 for each copy. Requests may be made to the Membership Secretary, Anne Burt.

Beverly Poole, Public Relations, requests that any newspaper articles regarding new members, the Mayflower, or the Pilgrims be sent to her for the archives. These newspaper articles generate new members for the society.

# We are in desperate need of a Recording Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer

If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions PLEASE contact our Governor Terry McKane.

At the Fall Compact Day Luncheon, we will elect our new Board Members and Assistants.

The Nominating Committee has drawn up the following slate. Other names maybe nominated from the floor for any of the positions.

\*OFFICERS, By-Laws Article IV

- \*GOVERNOR: **Cory Randall III**, General Society operations
- \*DEPUTY GOVERNOR: **June Gorman**, Assists the Governor
- \*ELDER: **Carolyn Varga**, Necrology Reports, opening and closing the meetings
- \*RECORDING SECRETARY: **Position not filled**, Recording of the minutes
- \*TREASURER: **Sandra Leffler**, Financial operations of the Society
- \*HISTORIAN: **Cory Randall III**, Overseeing new members applications
- \*HISTORIAN FOR JUNIORS: **Patricia Brown**,  
Overseeing Jr. Member applications

\*FOUR ASSISTANTS, By-Laws Article IV

- \*MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: **Anne Burtt**, Keeps the membership roll current
- \*CO-HISTORIAN: **Barbara Greene**, Assists the Historian
- \*CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **Clara Vickers**, General Correspondence
- \*PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY: **Beverly Poole**, News Releases

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL (DGG): **Cory Randall III**,

Represents Society at the General Meetings

ASSISTANT GENERAL (AG): **June Gorman**, Represents the Society at the General Meetings, Assists the Deputy Governor

OTHER POSITIONS, NOT ELECTED:

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR: **June Gorman**, Publication of the quarterly newsletter
- WEB PAGE SECRETARY: **Grace Smith**, Updating the Society's Web-site
- FLAG CAPTAIN: **Robert Bailey**, Care of the Society's flags
- ASSISTANT TREASURER: **Position not filled**, Treasurer in training
- 2<sup>ND</sup> CO-HISTORIAN: **Rebekah Randall**, Historian in training

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**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER**  
**DESCENDANTS IN MICHIGAN**  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for the support you have given me during the twelve years that I have been privileged to serve as your Governor. I hasten to add that these four terms stretched over a period of several years: 1986-1992 and 2001-2007; so, I know something of the history of this fine Society, having also served you as Deputy Governor (1983-1986), Co-Historian (1996-1998), and Elder (2000-2001). Because of the opportunities that you have given me to serve you as your representative (Deputy Governor General from Michigan) to the General Society General Congresses and General Board meetings, I have also been privileged to serve the General Society as Captain General (1993-1996) and currently as Assistant Governor General (2005-2008). Thank you all for helping to make all of this possible.

At the upcoming Compact Day Luncheon in Troy on November 3rd, those in attendance will have the opportunity to elect new State Society officers as recommended by the Nominations Committee. The proposed list is fantastic. As the number-two man in the General Society, I'm going to swear in the new officers. I hope to see many of you in attendance. Again, thank you so much for the privilege of serving.

Respectfully,

Terry John McKane

“In August 1635, North American settlers faced their first major storm, likely a Category 3 hurricane, moving faster than 30 mph, with maximum winds of 130 mph.”

## “Pilgrims gratefully weather Great Colonial Hurricane

NEW YORK—The winds whipped up to 130 mph, snapping pine trees like pick-up sticks and blowing houses into oblivion. A surge of water, 21 feet at its crest, engulfed victims as they desperately scurried for higher ground.

The merciless storm, pounding the coast for hours with sheets of rain, was like nothing ever seen before. One observer predicted the damage would linger for decades.

This was not New Orleans in August 2005. This was New England in August 1635, battered by what was later dubbed “The Great Colonial Hurricane”—the first major storm suffered by colonial North American settlers, just 14 years after the initial Thanksgiving in Plymouth Colony.

The Puritans, after landing at Plymouth Rock, endured disease, brutal winters and battles with the natives. But their biggest test roared up the coast from the south, an unprecedented and terrifying tempest that convinced rattled residents the apocalypse was imminent.

And why not? The transplanted Europeans knew almost nothing of hurricanes. Their fears were reinforced when a lunar eclipse followed the natural disaster.

### **Riding out the aftermath**

Once the weather cleared and the sun rose again, the few thousand residents of Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies were left to rebuild and recover from a hurricane as powerful as 1938’s killer Long Island Express. The 20<sup>th</sup> century hurricane killed 700 people, including 600 in New England, and left 63,000 homeless.

“The settlers easily could have packed up and gone home,” said Nicholas K. Coch, a professor of geology at Queens College and one of the nation’s foremost hurricane experts.

Last year, Coch extracted information from colonial journals to reconstruct the storm. The 371-year-old date was brought to Brian Jarvinen at the National Hurricane Center, where it was interpreted using a computer model called SLOSH, for Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes.

The result: The hurricane likely tracked farther west than was thought, passing over uninhabited easternmost Long Island before moving north into New England. Once clear of the colonies, it veered off into the Atlantic.

Previously, researchers believed the hurricane missed Long Island—which always annoyed Coch.

“We started out doing this as a lark, and it turned out to be a very interesting piece of science,” Coch said. “This information can be applied to any hurricane in the north.”

The storm was moving about three times as fast as the typical southern hurricane, and it arrived in full bluster. The local leaders’ writings very specific details on the continent’s first recorded hurricane.

“The documentation was better than any hurricane until the mid-1800’s,” Coch said.

John Winthrop, head of the Massachusetts Bay group, recalled in his Aug. 16, 1635, entry that winds were kicking up a full week before the hurricane.

Once it did arrive, the hurricane “blew with such violence, with abundance of rain, that it blew down many hundreds of trees, overthrew some houses, and drove the ships from their anchors,” Winthrop wrote. He detailed the deaths of eight American Indians sucked under the rising water while “flying from their wigwams.”

Reports at the time said a total of 17 American Indians drowned, while others scaled trees to find refuge.

**“It blew down sundry houses”**

William Bradford, the leader of the Plymouth group, offered a similarly florid recounting.

“Such a mighty storm of wind and rain as none living in these parts, either English or Indian, ever saw,” he wrote. “It blew down sundry houses and uncovered others...It blew down many hundred thousands of trees, turning up the stronger by the roots and breaking the higher pine trees off in the middle.”

The local crops, along with the forests and many local structures such as the Aptuxet trading house on the southwest side of Cape Cod, suffered major damage. Bradford, in his account, predicted signs of the damage would endure into the next century.

The Rev. Anthony Thacher, his cousin and their two families were headed by boat on a short swing from Ipswich to Marblehead. The fast-moving storm smashed their craft on the rocks, dooming all aboard except for the preacher and his wife, who survived as 21 others perished.

“Before daylight, it pleased God to send so mighty a storm as the like was never felt in New England since the English came there nor in the memories of any of the Indians,” Thacher wrote in a letter home to his brother.”

**The previous article was written by Larry McShane  
and published by the Associated Press.**

Note: The Pilgrims were Separatists not Puritans.

## WELCOME NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

Brendan Timothy Jerome Olson

Sponsor: Aldon Olson

Ancestor: *William Brewster*

James David Herold

Sponsor: William Herold, Sr.

Ancestor: *William Bradford*

Lydia Rose Gibbs

Sponsor: Jill W. Gibbs

Ancestor: *John Alden*

Ashlynn Joy Olson

Sponsor: Aldon Olson

Ancestor: *William Brewster*

Katelyn Rose Herold

Sponsor: William Herold Sr.

Ancestor: *William Bradford*

Wesley Jeremiah Gibbs

Sponsor: Jill W. Gibbs

Ancestor: *John Alden*

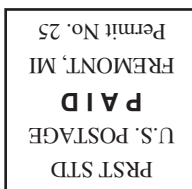
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