

**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants
In the state of Florida
Newsletter May 2021**

**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
serves the Treasure and Space Coasts of Florida,
which includes Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee
and Martin Counties**



Dear Descendants,

Spring has sprung! How do I know? Because we had to change our clocks by springing forward!

I have been wishing that we would spring a bit further forward so we would be able to once again hold in-person meetings. So far, my wish has not come true, however as we wait for better times, I hope you have been able to pursue personal activities you didn't have time for, prior to the pandemic!

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter, which has interesting information. If you have any ideas for topics you would like to see in future newsletters or if you would like to write an article, please contact me at SharP1620@aol.com

I look forward to hearing from you!! Please stay safe!

Sharon Paugh, Governor



Stephen Hopkins Colony

Tidbits

Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts was built in 1824 and is the oldest, continually-operating museum in the United States. It is run by the Pilgrim Society which had its own beginnings in 1820. The museum collection includes an original Brewster chair, Myles Standish's cooking pot and his sword, and a 1651 portrait of Edward Winslow which is the only known portrait of a Mayflower pilgrim. The collection includes many wonderful 17th century Pilgrim and Native American artifacts up to 1692 when independent Plymouth Colony finally came to an end.

Did you know?

The top portion of Plymouth Rock stood in front of Pilgrim Hall Museum from the 1830's through the 1880's before it was finally reunited with its bottom section in the harbor. However, the museum did manage to keep a portion of Plymouth Rock which is still on display.

The Pilgrim Hall Museum website is complete with collection information, histories and biographies, a children's learning section, short videos and a gift shop.

Nan Ball

The Book Corner by Lynne Jensen

Are you a Mayflower history buff? A historian studies history. A “history buff” is one who reads every story and book, and experiences every opportunity to have fun enhancing the love of a particular subject. Below are two recently published books that are scholarly, readable, and very well-sourced. Of special interest, both authors use sources published in the early 17th century: Mourt’s Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth (1622) and William Strachey’s A True Repertory (1610). They present fascinating new interpretations of the role of Stephen Hopkins in terms of his experiences marooned in Bermuda in 1609 and as a resident of Jamestown from 1610-1614 where he gained knowledge of the Algonquin people that became so essential for the successful outcome of the Pilgrims. In *Marooned*, Kelly re-examines the mutiny issue that almost caused Stephen Hopkins to be executed for his political stand that became the foundation of government: that men are created equal and that government is created when men begin to cooperate. Both historians and “history buffs” will appreciate these new looks at America’s history. *A Stranger Among Saints: Stephen Hopkins - The Man Who Survived Jamestown and Saved Plymouth* by Jonathan Mack. Mack is an attorney and Harvard Law School grad who is also a member of GSMD.

MAROONED: Jamestown, Shipwreck, and a New History of America’s Origin by Joseph Kelly. Dr. Kelly is a history and literature professor at the College of Charleston, author, and editor of *The Seagull Book of Literature*.

NOTE: Stephen Hopkins is a Qualifying Ancestor of the Jamestown Society which has a member invitation requirement. I am happy to invite and assist SHC members who may be interested in joining.



Debbie Darlymple

The Stephen Hopkins Colony website

Created by Webmaster - Debbie Dalrymple

Visit our Colony Website for updates, Events and Information

<https://stephenhopkinscolonyflmayflower.com>



Florida Mayflower Junior Members Program - April 2021

This is a program where you may register your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, grand-niece and grand-nephews who are under 18 as Mayflower Junior Members. The cost is a one-time charge of \$30.00. Your Junior will receive a beautiful certificate representing each Pilgrim and recognition by the Florida Society. Mayflower Junior Membership is ceremonial and does not confer adult membership. When the Junior Member reaches 18 years of age, they may submit a regular adult membership application that must meet the genealogical proof requirements in effect at that time. Currently, the Florida Society pays the application fee for junior members converting to adult membership. The fee waiver program is reviewed periodically and is subject to change without notice. If you are interested in registering your Junior, please contact me and I will coordinate the membership application process. Your Junior need not be a resident of Florida but must be a blood relative. Our Colony currently has 78 Junior Members and is one of the most active Colonies in Florida. Full information about the Florida Mayflower Junior Members Program is available at the Florida Mayflower Society under "Programs" at: <http://www.flmayflower.com/programs/>

To get started with an application for your Mayflower Junior, please contact me at kbressner@gmail.com

Kurt Bressner, Stephen Hopkins
Colony Junior Chair

Stephen Hopkins Colony Membership Update- April 2021

2020 was a very busy membership application (new member and supplemental) cycle with 2021 continuing to be active. Here is a recap of 2021 to date and our class of 2020.

As of April 2021, have 7 new members:

Lee Day - John Alden

Bill Cassada - Richard Warren

Jeff Harrison - John Howland

Lillie Chudacoff - John Howland

Hope Sank - William Brewster

Donna Griffin - William Bradford

Walter Pratt - Stephen Hopkins

In addition, Lynne Jensen's Supplementals for Stephen Hopkins, Constance Hopkins and Thomas Rogers were approved.

Welcome and congratulations!

As a note, new membership applications are still taking 7 months to verify at Plymouth. The General Society has had a tremendous increase in membership inquiries and applications. We currently have 14 active new member applications, 7 of which have been completed and are awaiting review at Plymouth. In addition, we have 1 Supplemental at Plymouth and 3 others being prepared.

Looking back to 2020, a total of 15 new members and 37 supplemental applications for our members were approved. Our current membership is 122.

New Members-15 in 2021 (Chronological Order)

Nina Kay Taylor-Stephen Hopkins

Carl Main - Francis Cooke

Ed Sleeper - Myles Standish

Colleen Kimball - Francis Eaton

Matthew Saxton - George Soule

Mary-Ellen Bering - Edward Fuller

Stephanie Sakowski - George Soule

Brooke Megrue - Elizabeth Tilley Janice Gruber - Mary Chilton

Lavone Holdsworth - Stephen Hopkins

Emmalee Bell - Stephen Hopkins

George Bell - Stephen Hopkins

Jack Bell - Stephen Hopkins

Carole Burgess - Francis Cooke

Debra Bradley - Elizabeth Tilley

Supplementals - 37 in 2021 (Chronological Order)

**Michael Paul (5) - William Bradford, Richard Warren, John Alden, Priscilla Alden,
William Mullins**

**Ginny Downs (6) - Priscilla Mullins, John Alden, William Mullins, George Soule,
Francis Cooke, Peter Brown**

Marsha Adams -Stephen Hopkins

John Lathrop - Stephen Hopkins

Lynne Jensen (3) - John Tilley, John Howland, Joan (Hurst) Tilley

**Jane Hebb Paul (5) - William Bradford, Richard Warren, John Alden, Priscilla
Alden, William Mullins**

Sharon Paugh (3) - John Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, Joan (Hurst) Tilley

**Amy Paul (5) - John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins, William Brewster,
Richard Warren**

Candi Byers - Thomas Rogers

Jody Baker (3) - John Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Sharon Paugh (3) - Elinor Billington, John Billington, Francis Billington

Carole Burgess - Richard Warren

If you are interested in pursuing a Supplemental application for an additional Pilgrim, please contact me at kbressner@gmail.com The application fee for each Supplemental or new member application is \$165.00. Plymouth raised their application fee from \$75.00 to \$125.00, effective January 1st. The Florida application fee remains unchanged at \$40.00. However, both fees (\$165.00) are due at the start of the application process. For those applications (new and Supplementals) started before January 1, 2020, the GSMD application fee of \$125.00 is due when the application is mailed to Plymouth.

Other Lineage Societies

There are many other lineage societies other than the General Society. While the General Society is considered THE lineage society for Mayflower Pilgrims, I am providing this listing link for many other societies that cover a wide variety of persons, locations and historical events:

<http://lineagesocietyofamerica.com/list-of-lineage-societies.html>

Many of the Pilgrims have their own societies.

Each society has their own application procedures and proof requirements. A number of our Colony Members are also members of a Pilgrim-related lineage or kindred society. If you are and are willing to assist Colony Member join, let me know and I'll set up a referral list of member-to-member assistance. Send me an email to: kbressner@gmail.com

Kurt Bressner,

Historian Stephen Hopkins Colony

Mayflower Videos and Educational Resources - A Short Guide - April 2021

Pilgrim or Mayflower Shows on Streaming Services and YouTube

I reviewed HULU, Netflix and Amazon Prime for Mayflower or Pilgrim themed shows. For the present, Amazon Prime Video has the best selection.

Here is what I found on Amazon Prime

The American Experience - The Pilgrims - not free for Prime

The Pilgrim's Progress - A Guided Tour (2014) - free for Prime

Mayflower: The Pilgrim's Adventure (1979) - free with ads

The Pilgrim Fathers - A Perilous Journey - not free for Prime

America - The Story of Us (2010) - free for Prime - 12 Episodes - Episode 1 covers Pilgrims but entire series is worth a look.

The Pilgrims of Plimoth (2017) - not free for Prime

The Miracle that Saved America - free for Prime

Saints and Strangers (2016) - not free for Prime (see below for info on ordering DVD)

There is an excellent two-disc DVD "Saints and Strangers" from 2016 that aired on National Geographic. The show was originally a mini-series which is a pretty faithful recap of the voyage, arrival, and first year. It's currently available at Amazon for about \$10.00 (April 2021)

https://www.amazon.com/Saints-Strangers-VincentKartheiser/dp/B017RR6JKI/ref=sr_1_1?crd=16AHYHZXWKOXZ&dchild=1&keywords=saints+and+strangers+dvd&qid=1604239167&srefix=Saints+and+Strangers%2Caps%2C176&sr=8-1

In addition to Amazon Prime, check YouTube by searching Pilgrim, Mayflower and Mayflower 400. The main link to YouTube is: <https://www.youtube.com> You don't need to set up an account to just watch videos on YouTube. There is a

number of recent documentaries focused on the 400th Mayflower Anniversary. YouTube video about Constance Hopkins: Patricia McCamish Donohoe is a member of the Facebook group. This is a 14-minute film she and her granddaughter made for the Eastham Historical Society's YouTube channel. They portray Constance Hopkins Snow at two stages of her life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEPh-dKqcZ0>

Also, just released in November 2020 is a video about George Soule. The video is offered by www.MayflowerHistory.com

<https://youtu.be/dLURYMFSI30>

There are several other lectures and resources about the Mayflower and Plymouth Colony that you may be interested in as well.

English Separatists, Exile and the Plymouth Colony - Lecture as Part of Colonial History Series by Dr. Melinda Cole Klein

<https://youtu.be/KQCJsP00wk>

A lecture from the Boston Public Library you may be interested in from June 2020 is Dr. Frank Bremer with Dr. Ken Minkema on William Bradford: William Bradford and Plymouth: The View from 400 Years:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C LP6HTuBjs>

WGBH Interview of Nathaniel Philbrick author of the book Mayflower, from November 2020

<https://forum-network.org/lectures/nathaniel-philbrick-discusses-mayflower/>

Finding Early American Ancestors - A helpful overview to find your other early ancestors. From Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems series.

<https://youtu.be/AG1TzZ79buQ>

I hope you find these videos to be of interest and value. If you find another video that you feel may be of interest to our Colony members, please let me know at

kbressner@gmail.com Kurt Bressner, Stephen Hopkins Colony Historian

Mayflower State Scholarship Program 2021

Hello Stephen Hopkins Colony Members,

The following information is from the state scholarship program chair

The 2021 Mayflower State Scholarship program will be open and available as of April 1st.

To access the form, go to the Mayflower website and click on “Links”. From the Links page go to the bottom and you will find the link to the 2021 Scholarship Application Forms. I have had a number of requests that the form be available in either .docx or .pdf. Both are available on the website link and either is acceptable.

The requirements for the scholarship are included on the application form and also the Essay must be within the essay word count boundary.

IMPORTANT: Please remember that due to the COVID outbreak many students who graduated in 2020 were not able to get all their required documents to apply for the scholarship. The FSMD state board voted to allow these 2020 graduates to also be eligible to apply for the scholarship this year.

Regards,

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The 2020-2023 Stephen Hopkins Colony board is as follows:

Colony Officers

Governor - Sharon Paugh

Vice Governor - Carolyn "Lynne" Jensen

Treasurer - John Hillhouse

Membership/Corresponding Secretary - Marsha Adams

Recording Secretary - VACANT (to be filled)

Historian - Kurt Bressner

Elder - Lisa Thompson

Captain - Jeffery "Jeff" Rodgers

Directors: Etta Ocker; Brian McWaters; Janice Sly

Non-Officer Positions

Assistant Treasurer - Colleen Kimball

Assistant Historian - Carol Robinson

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