



The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants
In the state of Florida
Newsletter - October 2021

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

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. What better way to celebrate and learn of old ancient recipes still prepared to this day at Plymouth Plantation [Plimoth Patuxet Museums | Historic Cooking](#)



Governors Message

Dear Mayflower Descendants,

This year has been very hard on so many of us with the pandemic still upon us. I hope you are all staying safe and well.

John Hillhouse has been very ill and has resigned as the colony treasurer due to his health. He has been such an asset to our colony and very dedicated for 20 years as our treasurer. John will be dearly missed as our treasurer.

This leads me to advising everyone that we now have two board positions open and available, recording secretary and treasurer and we need you! Our colony cannot properly function without these two positions. Would you be willing to serve in either of these positions? Please contact me or any board member if you are interested or have any questions.

Do you subscribe to The Pilgrim Press newsletter? If not, you're missing out on great news of our society. GSMD has so much going on a lot of new silver books are in the process of being written and completed shortly, updates on the Meetinghouse restoration, the Mayflower Society House and so much more! This is the link for info about the newsletter and to sign-up: <https://themayflowersociety.org/footer/thepilgrimpress/>

Our next colony meeting will be at C. J. Cannon's to be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11:30 am. This is our annual meeting but this year is extremely special! The Colony is celebrating its 20th Anniversary and we will also be celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving! You will receive an invitation to attend towards the end of October. Please consider joining in our festivities as we "Give Thanks"!

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Stephen Hopkins Colony dues for the 2022 calendar year are due November 1, 2021. All members, please send your dues check for \$54, made payable to: Stephen Hopkins Colony and mail to:

Lynne Jensen
1701 SW Capri Street, Apt. 168
Palm City, FL 34990-4539

Take Care,
Sharon Paugh, Governor
Stephen Hopkins Colony
772-919-5531
SharP1520@aol.com

**A Celebration of Life
Memorial Service
for**

**Colleen Alice Brown Kimball
June 6, 1942 – September 9, 2021**



**Please join us
Saturday, October 16, 2021
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Light refreshments will be served

**Blake Library – Armstrong Wing Auditorium
2351 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida**

**Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:
Mr. William D. Kimball
5139 SE Hanson Circle
Stuart, FL 34997-1708**

American Volunteerism

The other day I was thinking about how many American services are volunteer-based. Services like fire departments, food banks, hospital volunteers, pet shelters, public radio stations and the Salvation Army exist because of the quiet work of American Volunteers. Many of us take all their caring for granted every single day. It is easy to not think about them too much because we are so busy with our hectic lives and confident someone else is ensuring these services continue, should we need them. But how would you feel if these services ceased to exist because volunteers decided they were also too busy. The commonplace reaction would be frustration because their decision negatively affects our own personal lives.

The Stephen Hopkins Colony exists because of a volunteer board that schedules our meetings and arranges for speakers that we all enjoy at every luncheon. But the board is now working as a “skeleton crew” due to unforeseen circumstances, and needs your help. It should not be difficult to find board volunteers with a membership of 124, but it is. I am sure everyone has varied personal reasons for not helping, but please ask yourself if those reasons are really good enough.

The Stephen Hopkins Board will not be able to continue functioning properly without its members contributing to the welfare of the Colony. As a past board member who now lives in New York, I am imploring each and every one of you to contact a board member and ask “how can I help?” It’s only a few hours for a few months out of the year. You can do this. You should do this. It’s the right thing to do.

Written by Nan Ball

The Book Corner by Lynne Jensen

Did you know that November 26, 2021 is the 230th Anniversary of the creation of the Cabinet of the President of the United States?

As GSMDs, we are all aware of the importance of The Mayflower Compact to the creation of the Constitution of the United States of America. Plymouth Colony was a true, original experiment in consensual government when authority for "a civil body politic" came from a contract of free people rather than a monarch. Just as the colonists had outstanding leaders that enabled them to survive and thrive, the United States of America did, as well.

Dr. Lindsay M. Chervinsky offers a fresh look and fascinating book about the great challenges of General George Washington in his first term as president. The Constitution did not provide for a cabinet and there were no rules or laws other than "he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive Departments." President Washington convened the first cabinet meeting on November 26, 1791, after serving for over two years. Fortunately, his military background and carefully chosen competent advisors were able to navigate the new government and create the Cabinet as the powerful institution we know today.

Dr. Chervinsky has an impressive website that includes awards and testimonials of her many talents as a writer and speaker and also includes podcasts that can be viewed on YouTube.

Chervinsky, Lindsay M., The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution, Harvard University Press, Cambridge Press, 2021

MAYFLOWER 400TH ANNIVERSARY

“The legacy of the Pilgrims spans four Nations: The shared history with England, where the Pilgrims began their lives, to the Netherlands where they sought refuge for half a generation, to Wampanoag territory where they landed, and encountered Native people who were integral to their survival. Through an unlikely series of events the Pilgrims established a successful community in what would become The United States of America. In telling this historically accurate and culturally inclusive history, Plymouth 400 initiated a partnership with Mayflower 400 in the UK, Leiden 2020 in the Netherlands, and the Wampanoag Nation, encompassing the federally recognized tribes of Aquinnah and Mashpee, to enhance the understanding of people, places and motivations that culminated in America’s founding story.” Thousands of volunteers in 2018 and 2019 planned to make the 400th anniversary celebration in 2020 very special.

As we are all aware, however, Covid-19 worldwide delayed and severely limited the celebrations planned for 2020. Fortunately, this past summer some celebratory events did take place in England, Holland, and in our own country. A two-day celebration, June 5 and 6, 2021 was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Festivities kicked off on Saturday with a special ceremony at 10 a.m. and capped off the day at 7 p.m. with a lighted boat parade in the harbor. British Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce participated in the festivities.

In England the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower was also celebrated in many cities, especially in Plymouth, with family-oriented events.

Special art exhibits will continue in museums both abroad and in our own country through the end of this year to tell the Mayflower and Pilgrim story. Examples: A painting by Karen Rinaldo titled: The First Thanksgiving, 1621 is being exhibited in Falmouth, MA. The painting shows all the participants.



The Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Ma also is currently featuring: Another Crossing: Artists Revisit the Mayflower Voyage, an exhibition recognizing the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower crossing and its significance to American and world history. Developed in partnership with Fuller Craft Museum, Plymouth College of Art, and The Box (both in Plymouth, England), Another Crossing brings together ten artists from the United States and Europe for a global, cross-cultural effort that examines a pivotal event in world history.

It is hoped that on October 11th we all will be able to view, via virtual presentation on our home computers, “The Virtual Wampanoag Ancestors Walk.” It will be led by members of the Wampanoag tribes of Massachusetts. Participants will pay homage to their ancestors and will highlight designated sites where Wampanoag ancestors walked. The presentation will include native songs honoring the ancestors. Visit the official online Mayflower400 website for the latest information about this special event.

Written By Janice Sly

Historian Corner
By
Kurt Bressner, Historian
Research Notes

As I work on Mayflower membership applications or supplemental applications for Colony members, I remain in awe of the trials our ancestors faced. When I think of them initially, I visualize a black and white photo. Then I catch myself realizing their lives were as vibrant and colorful as ours. The application process gives me an opportunity to meet and honor the ancestors of others by accurately and carefully documenting their lives.

As an extension of this, I thought a series of articles about specific research issues and techniques used in preparing an application may be of interest to Colony members as we continue to research our own family trees. This segment is a focus on using Family Search for genealogical research and the information that is available in the unindexed collections at Family Search.

First, a short summary of Family Search. It is owned and operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Unlike Ancestry, find my Past, or other online genealogical websites, where you can establish, grow, and share a specific genealogical tree related to your family that you “own”, Family Search has one tree that encompasses as many ancestors as site participants wish to add.

The main portal for Family Search is at: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/> If you have not established a free account, you should consider doing so. This opens the resources of the site to you.

My favorite starting point is the All-Historical Record Collections at: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/> For those familiar with Ancestry, this is like the Card Catalog. In Family Search the All-Historical Record Collection can be searched by title. I generally use the name of the state where the life event (birth, death, or marriage) took place. That way I can see all the records available for a specific geographic area. If there is a camera icon in front of the collection, that means that images of records are online, and the number of records are listed on the right side of the collection along with the last time the record collection was updated. If there is no camera symbol, that means the record information is an index of life event information that is still valuable in verifying the exact date, place, and participants of a life event.

Filter by Collection Title

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Historical Record Collections

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Title ▲	Records	Last Updated
Alabama Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	165,607	Mar 17, 2020
 Alabama Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	Apr 20, 2012
 Alabama Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	Apr 20, 2012
 Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950	5,935,454	Jul 22, 2021
Alabama County Marriages, 1818-1936	6,764	Jan 17, 2020
Alabama Deaths and Burials, 1881-1952	75,889	Jul 22, 2021
 Alabama Deaths, 1908-1974	1,875,674	Nov 30, 2020
 Alabama Estate Files, 1830-1976	25,276	Jun 22, 2021

Also, there is very helpful information about what records are included in the record set. You can see this by clicking on the record set. Above where you enter search information there is a “How to Use this Collection”. Click on that and you will be taken to a detailed description of the records collection.

Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951

Description

Index and images of death records from the State Historical Society of Iowa. Additional indexes and images will be added to this collection as they become available.

[How to Use this Collection »](#)

Search Collection

Deceased Ancestor's Information

Name | [Alternate Name](#)

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

Most records are indexed so you can search an ancestor by name. However, here is the trick: the indexing process at Family Search is an on-going project meaning that your ancestor's information may be in the record set, but it has not been indexed yet. If I don't get a hit using the search, go back to the opening page of the record set and click on the "Browse through XX images" link. This will take you to the entire collection that may be divided into year ranges or possibly by County. Once you find the approximate right time or place data set it is time to start browsing. Each record set has its own organization scheme. You need to study it carefully to see how the records custodian (usually a town or county clerk) organized information. Once you figure out the scheme, you can search.

View Images in this Collection

[Browse through 475,273 images](#)

Citing this Collection

"Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951." Database with images. *FamilySearch*. <https://FamilySearch.org> : 26 September 2021. State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines.

more easily to find that record. You may be rewarded with a digital image of an 19th Century marriage certificate with parent, date of birth and possibly the signatures of your ancestors!

In my next column I will share a trick about using the Family Tree feature of Family Search to locate and retain source documents about your ancestor that someone else has added to the ancestor's portion of the family tree.

If you have questions or wish me to cover another research topic in a future issue of our newsletter, please contact me at kbressner@gmail.com

Florida Mayflower Junior Program

This is a program where Stephen Hopkins Colony members may register children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, grandniece and grandnephews who are under 18 as Junior Mayflower Members. The child must be related to you by blood. The cost is a one-time charge of \$30.00* for each child. Your Junior will receive a beautiful certificate representing your Pilgrim(s) and recognition by the Florida Society. The certificate(s) will be sent to your home address as sponsor for the Mayflower Junior Member.

Junior Membership is ceremonial and does not confer adult membership. When a Mayflower Junior Member reaches the age of 18, they may submit a regular adult membership. 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 the Colony Junior Chair below. Your Junior need not be a resident of Florida but must be a blood relative.

Presently, our Colony has 83 active Junior Members! To proceed, a completed application form(s) should be filled out and mailed to the Colony Junior Chair with the application fee(s) at: Kurt Bressner Mayflower Junior Chair 5721 Riverboat Circle SW Vero Beach, FL 32968-7524
kbressner@gmail.com

The form is available to download at:
<http://www.flmayflower.com/programs/> or contact Kurt and a copy will be sent to you. *A \$30.00 check for each application should be made out to "State Treasure."

Stephen Hopkins Colony Welcomes the Class of 2021 (as of 25 September 2021)

With the 400th Anniversary of Mayflower's arrival commemorated in 2020, interest in documenting Pilgrim lineage was at an all-time high. The General Society reported a total of 2,852 new membership applications submitted in 2020. I can attest to the volume! As Historian I have been very busy working with prospective members on their Mayflower lineage documents. In 2021 (through 25 September) we welcome 11 new members and celebrate 7 supplemental membership applications approved. There are 4 additional new member applications currently at Plymouth that may be approved by the end of 2021.

New Members 2021

Name Pilgrim	Membership	Approved
Lee Day	John Alden	January 2021
William Cassada	Richard Warren	January 2021
Jeffrey Harrison	John Howland	January 2021
Lillie Chudacoff*	John Howland	February 2021
Hope Sank	William Brewster	February 2021
Donna Griffin	William Bradford	March 2021
Walter Pratt	Stephen Hopkins	March 2021
Ann Beer	Edward Fuller	March 2021
Dennis Armstrong	Myles Standish	May 2021
Phyllis Dearborn	Richard Warren	June 2021
Thelma McMahan	Stephen Hopkins	September 2021

*Lillie is a former Junior Member of Hopkins Colony

There are currently 7 new member applications at Plymouth and 8 additional new member applications being prepared. New member applications are taking 8 months to be approved.

Supplemental Applications Approved 2021

Name	Pilgrim	Approved
Lynne Jensen	Stephen Hopkins	January 2021
Lynne Jensen	John Rogers	January 2021

Lynne Jensen	Constance Hopkins	March 2021
Brook Megrue	John Howland	May 2021
Brook Megrue	Joan (Hurst) Tilley	May 2021
Brook Megrue	Elizabeth Tilley	May 2021
Marsha Adams	William White	August 2021

Also, in December 2020: Carole Burgess Richard Warren December 2020

There are currently 3 supplemental applications at Plymouth and 3 supplemental applications being prepared.

We also have two new members via transfer or dual membership:

Woody Woodward	Stephen Hopkins	Dual w/New Jersey
Nancy Hector	James Chilton	Transfer from Minnesota

Welcome and congratulations to all new members

Current (as of September 2020) we have 124 members.

Colony Membership Trends are as follows:

2015	54 Members
2016	65 Members
2017	78 Members
2018	90 Members
2019	108 Members
2020	119 Members
2021	124 Members

as of September Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Bressner Historian, Stephen Hopkins Colony

Stephen Hopkins Colony Name Tags Are Available for Order!

Stylish Mayflower name tags are available to all Colony members at a delivered cost of \$10.00 each plus postage \$8.55 (Priority Mail) for as many name tags in your order. Please see the sample photo of the name tag design. If you are interested in ordering a name tag please contact Kurt Bressner, Hopkins Colony Historian at: kbressner@gmail.com Information needed:

1. The name you wish to have on the name tag
2. Whether you prefer a magnetic clasp or pin type (do not order magnetic if you have a pacemaker or other medical device that is affected by magnets).
3. Your full mailing address where you wish the name tag to be mailed to.



COLONY BOARD AND OFFICERS 2021

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