



Plymouth Plantation

**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants**

In the state of Florida

Newsletter February 2022

The Stephen Hopkins Colony

serves the Treasure and Space Coasts of Florida,

which includes Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin Counties





Governor's Message

Dear Stephen Hopkins Members,

I had high hopes to welcome in 2022 with covid calmed down and we find what our new normal would be however instead we find the covid cases increasing again and have not peaked yet! We had hoped to be able to have our February Colony Luncheon Meeting however with the uptick in covid cases, the executive board decided to cancel our luncheon meeting, in the best interest of all of our members health and welfare. Let us hope we will meet again soon when it is safe for everyone.

The Florida State Mayflower Society Scholarship Committee is ready to handle students scholarship applications! As a contact for questions with regard to the Scholarships - please contact Suzanne at adamsjns@yahoo.com - she will have the information available. Attached please find the application and information sent to us to apply.

Looking forward to a brighter future for everyone!

Take care & be safe,
Sharon Paugh, Governor
Stephen Hopkins Colony
SharP1620@aol.com

**FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
2022**

The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants is proud to announce the availability of four \$2,000 scholarships for 2022, including the prestigious Edward Sullivan award.

Eligibility

Student must be a current high school senior, current first year college freshman, or a returning member of the U.S. military who is or will be attending a college or university or a vocational/trade school.

Student must be sponsored by a biological relative of a current member in good standing of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. (Examples: Parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin.)

Award Criteria

- *Essay
- *Unweighted GPA
- *Transcripts
- *Leadership
- *Extracurricular Activities/volunteering
- *Letters of Recommendation

Dates

- February 1, 2022 Application period opens
- April 1, 2022 Application period closes
- May 1, 2022 Scholarship award recipients announced

2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE FSMD WEBSITE

THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2022

Scholarship Applied for (select one): College/University Trade School

Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle

Address: City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
(Please provide extended address if residing outside the U.S.)

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Mayflower Sponsoring Relative including Sponsor's General and State Membership Numbers:

Educational Plans and Objectives: _____

College or Trade School You Plan to Attend:

Career Goal _____

GPA _____ (4.0 System)

Summary of Requirements:

- Ancestry to a Mayflower passenger including name of the sponsoring relative who is a member of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better
- Typed double spaced 400-600 word essay on "What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me"
- Copy of school transcripts [Please note if home schooled or dual enrolled]
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a school official and one from a non-relative.
Note: Letters must indicate relationship to applicant
- Separate list of extracurricular activities, honors received, leadership positions held, and information demonstrating community involvement.

Send postmarked material dated by Friday, April 1, 2022 to:

Suzanne Adams, Governor
Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants
1307 Lawndale Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32317-8558

Applicant's Signature

Date

Stephen Hopkins Colony
Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants
November 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. at C. J. Cannon's Restaurant, Vero Beach, Florida by Governor Sharon Paugh. She warmly greeted all in attendance as we celebrated our Colony's 20th Anniversary and the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. She recognized all veterans present and thanked them for their service. New members since March 2021 were also recognized.

Past Colony Governor Brian McWaters officially presented Governor Sharon Paugh with the gavel of our Colony.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Mayflower Flag were led by Jeff Rogers. Reverend Lorne Coyle gave the Invocation.

Governor Paugh introduced Brian McWaters, Florida State Vice Governor and Past Governor of the Colony. She recognized officers present, namely: Lynne Jensen, Vice Governor, Marsha Adams, Membership Corresponding Secretary, and Directors: Brian McWaters, Janice Sly, and Etta Ocker.

Marsha Adams gave the Passenger Roll Call.

Governor Paugh stated the minutes from our last colony meeting had been accepted and filed. Today's minutes will be reviewed by Lynne Jensen and Susan Hunt.

Reports of officers and committee members:

Secretary Marsha Adams reminded members of the importance of contacting her when there are changes in their email addresses.

The Treasurer's Report, given by Governor Sharon, was \$5,471.35 with no outstanding obligations.

In the absence of Kurt Bressner, the Historian's Report [attached] was given by Governor Paugh. She applauded the good growth for our Colony over the past five years and remarked that our Junior Mayflower program was very successful.

Committee Education Chair Lynne Jensen reported that at our February 2022 meeting she would include an activity and display important to the future success of our Junior members. She highlighted some of the books about our Pilgrim heritage on the special display table.

Unfinished business:

Governor Paugh stated she along with Past Governor Brian McWaters will examine the Revised Bylaws of 2018 of our Colony to make sure we are in compliance with the state and Plymouth by-laws. Any needed changes will be sent to the membership to review, and a vote, if necessary, will be taken at our next meeting in February 2022 to approve the revisions.

New Business:

Governor Paugh stated that the Board of Assistants with regret had accepted the resignation of John Hillhouse as our treasurer and had voted to award him the status of Treasurer Emeritus. John is a founding member and has served as our treasurer all twenty years.

Governor Paugh pointed out that we had two critical vacancies on our board to be filled, that of treasurer and recording secretary, and she asked those present to seriously consider taking the positions.

She reported she had designated an audit committee with Carol Robinson as chair, along with Marsha Adams and Janice Sly. The audit report will be given at the next meeting in February 2022.

She announced that the Board of Assistants had approved a donation of \$250 each to Operation Hope and the Salvation Army.

She stated the colony meeting dates for 2022 had been approved by the Board of Assistants for February 10, April 14, September 8, and November 10 (annual meeting). There will not be a meeting during the summer of 2022.

Our Governor circulated a photograph binder for members to review that reflected past years of our Colony. She noted the centerpieces on the table held commemorative ornaments in celebration of our 20th Anniversary and the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. Upon leaving each member was given an ornament as a remembrance of these celebrations.

Governor Paugh researched and found that our colony did not have a Governor's Neck Medallion so she announced she will be donating this medallion to our Colony in honor of our founding members. This Medallion will be passed to all future Governor's as they serve and represent our colony.

In celebration of Thanksgiving members Brooke Megrue and Pauline Geiger gave readings about the Five Kernels of Corn (attached).

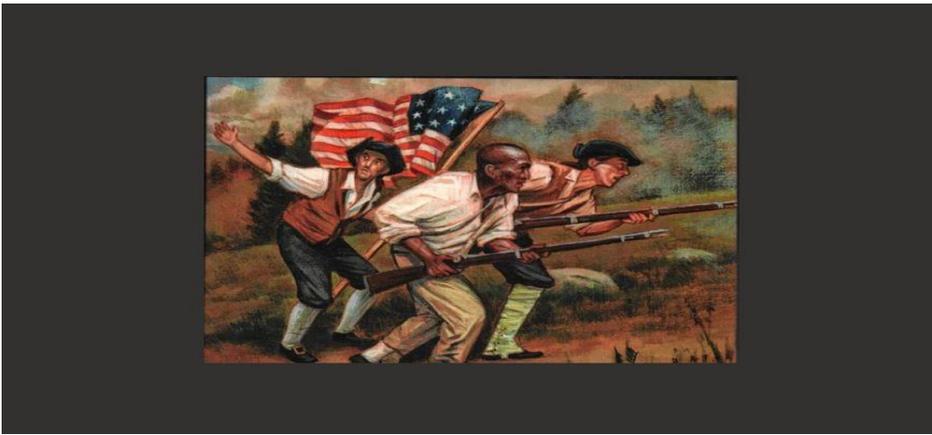
The lunch blessing was given by Rev. Lorne Coyle.

Following our traditional Thanksgiving lunch Lynne Jensen introduced the program. Marsha Adams and Janice Sly highlighted their Mayflower England Tour of 2019. Speaker's gifts were presented to them by Lynne Jensen.

A 50/50 drawing was held and additional ornaments were available for purchase at \$5.00 each.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022.

After the Benediction given by Rev. Lorne Coyle, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



PATRIOT TO PASSENGER: A VALUABLE RESOURCE

On the national website of our Mayflower Society (<https://themayflowersociety.org>) there is a valuable resource called “Patriot to Passenger” that may be extremely helpful to you or someone you know. On the home page under the pulldown tab at the top labelled “Explore Your Roots” you will find the entry for Patriot to Passenger. This listing is of potential value for any woman or man who is trying to apply for membership in our association who had a distant grandfather who fought in the American Revolution. Likewise, for any woman [or man applying for SAR] who is currently a Mayflower member but has not yet joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, some valuable information at this site may be just what she needs for documentation to complete her DAR membership. It also can help you, our current members, who are pursuing supplemental applications!

Our very own former Florida Mayflower Historian Muriel Cushing started the Patriot to Passenger project. Kudos to Muriel for her dedication to helping others! She had a great idea and used her leadership skills to make the project a reality! On our national website Muriel explains:

“As more and more information becomes available online, descendants are reaching out to connect their Revolutionary War Patriot with a Mayflower passenger. Many Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution (DAR and SAR) are asking if they also have an ancestral tie to a Mayflower passenger and are interested in learning how they may become a member of The Mayflower Society. The Patriot to Passenger Project is a growing published list of Revolutionary War Patriots who descend from Mayflower passengers. The intent is to build a bridge between lineage societies. Many Mayflower Society members are also members of other lineage societies. The Patriot to Passenger Project is a way to help others discover their link to a Mayflower passenger and benefits existing members with possible discovery of additional Mayflower lines of descent they can then submit as supplemental applications.

The project is a work-in-progress. If you have ideas, thoughts, or suggestions, please contact Muriel Cushing at Flash1620@comcast.net. Use the tab “Click here to access the Patriot to Passenger data sheet” to find 375 pages of accurate (sourced) information about Revolutionary Patriots who have Mayflower roots. What a treasure! Be sure to share this resource with others!

Janice Sly, Director

The Book Corner by Lynne Jensen

Have you often thought about your Pilgrim passengers beyond the congratulatory certificate? Or, gone beyond clicking online to add records to your family tree? Perhaps, you are a new member and are just beginning this quest.

How rewarding to dig into 17th century history and find stories that link you to them! We are so fortunate to have many resources available and assistance when it is needed. Some of you may find it easy to do and some may ask, "Where do I start?" I suggest that you start by finding out as much as possible by taking a simple path and use what is easily available.

Many thanks to Kurt Bressner, our Stephen Hopkins Colony Historian, for his recent holiday gift of the 5-page letter suggesting resources for Mayflower articles, videos, and books. Just reading a children's book can raise interest in a Pilgrim ancestor and lead to further research with the added joy of learning Mayflower history with a child.

The ultimate learning experience about Mayflower history in relation to your Pilgrim passenger is visiting there. Last September, my sister and I visited Plymouth and truly began to appreciate what has been accomplished in preserving the past in Plymouth as well as in many other significant locations on Cape Cod. We felt special bonds to our Mayflower families all along the way.

At the Jabez Howland House Museum, our tour guide was Peter Arenstam, the first Executive Director of The Pilgrim John Howland Society. That Society maintains the museum and raises funds for preservation projects like the archaeological dig at Rocky Nook (where four generations of Howlands had lived), building the Shallop named Elizabeth Tilley, establishing scholarships, and publishing books. Peter Arenstam is the author of several historical Mayflower books and he especially enjoys writing unique books for children.

Below, you will find three children's books for ages 7-12 that I recommend:

Arenstam, Peter. Felix and His Mayflower II Adventures, Plimouth Plantation Press, 2007.

Arenstam, Peter. The Mighty Mastiff of the Mayflower, History Press, Charleston, SC, 2012.

Lynch, P. J. The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune, Candlewick Press, 2015.



Lynne & Brooke visiting the Jabez Howland House in Plymouth



Peter Arenstam, our tour guide.

Mayflower Tidbits

Plymouth was originally named New Plymouth by John Smith in maps he published in 1614 and 1616. The area had been previously mapped several times but Smith found them all to be inaccurate. He said, they were "so unlike each to the other, and most so differing from any true proportion or resemblance of the Country, as they did me no more good, then so much waste paper, though they cost me more".

Historians have said that John Smith wanted to return to New Plymouth with the Mayflower but was "rudely rebuffed". If he had been allowed to accompany them, it is possible that the Mayflower might have avoided Cape Cod and saved the 5 extra cold weeks it took to finally reach Plymouth.

Submitted by Nan Ball

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 86 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 Treasurer**

Stephen Hopkins Colony Welcomes the Class of 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. In 2021, Plymouth reported 1,825 new member applications received. I can attest to the volume!¹ As Historian I have been very busy working with prospective members on their Mayflower lineage documents. In 2021 we welcome 18 new members and celebrate 14 supplemental membership applications approved.

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
D. Lorne Coyne	John Howland	October 2021
William Wood	Edward Fuller	October 2021
Alicia Hamilton	Richard Warren	October 2021
Samantha Breslin	Richard Warren	October 2021
Scott LaFortune	Richard Warren	October 2021
Pauline Saucier	John Billington	November 2021
Barbara Farrington	Isaac Allerton	November 2021

*Lillie is a former Junior Member of Hopkins Colony

¹ In addition to serving as Historian for the Stephen Hopkins Colony, I serve as a Co-Historian for the Florida Society. In 2021, I submitted 72 applications to Plymouth for approval on behalf of Stephen Hopkins Colony, Richard Warren Colony, John Howland Colony, Edward Fuller Colony.

There are currently 6 new member applications at Plymouth and 10 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
Jeffrey Harrison	Edward Fuller	December 2021
D. Lorne Coyne	Elizabeth Tilley	December 2021
D. Lorne Coyne	John Tilley	December 2021
D. Lorne Coyne	Joan (Hurst) Tilley	December 2021
Brooke Megrue	Stephen Hopkins	December 2021
Brooke Megrue	Constance Hopkins	December 2021
Brooke Megrue	Thomas Rogers	December 2021

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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 December 31, 2021, we have 133 members.

Stephen Hopkins 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	133 Members

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Bressner
Historian, Stephen Hopkins Colony

The following is a technique using Family Search prepared by Louise Rumnock, State Historian, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida. It is shared with her permission.

FamilySearch.org Tip:

Search Family Trees NOT just records!

FamilySearch.org navigation: Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing, Activities

Records, Images, **Family Tree**, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, Wiki

Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

Deceased Ancestor's Information

First Names: Last Names:

Search with a life event:

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace: Birth Year (Range): From To

Search with a relationship:

Spouse | Father | Mother | Other Person

Restrict records by:

Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number

Country: State or Province:

Match all terms exactly

The best result is listed first.

FamilySearch.org navigation: Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing, Activities

Overview, Tree, Person, Recents, **Find**, Following, My Contributions

People Found in the Shared Family Tree

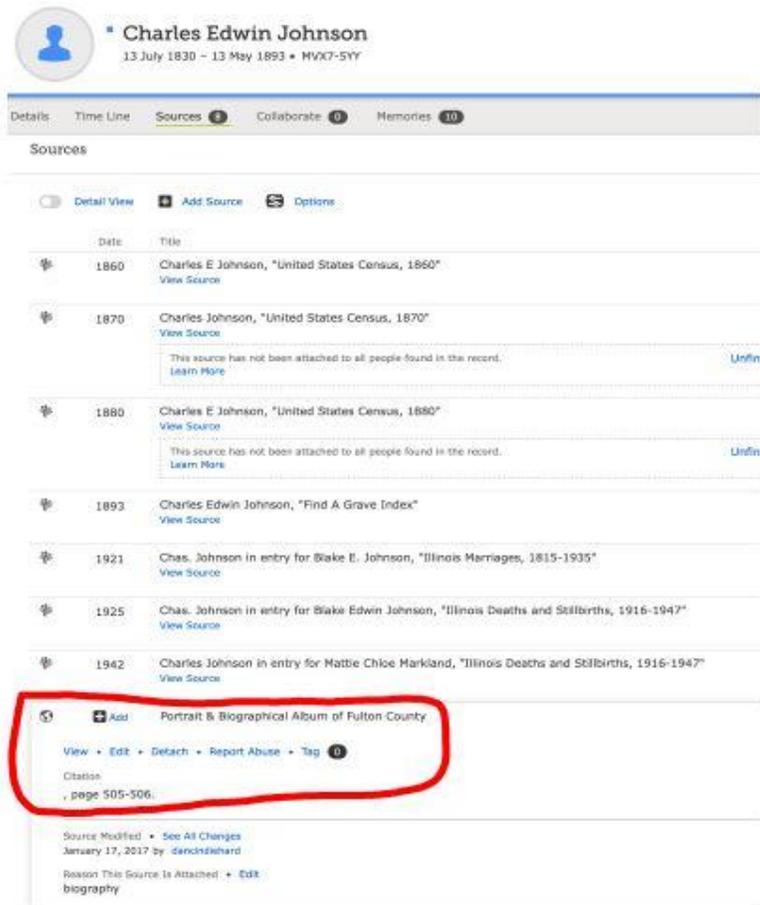
1-25 Results of 3350423

<p>Deceased Ancestor Name</p> <p>First Names: <input type="text" value="Charles"/></p> <p>Last Names: <input type="text" value="Johnson"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Unspecified</p> <p>Search with life event:</p> <p>Birth Marriage Residence</p>	<p>Charles Johnson MXX7-5YF</p> <p>Birth 13 July 1830 Galway, Saratoga, New York, United States</p> <p>Death 13 May 1893 Ipawa, Fulton, Illinois, United States</p> <p>Burial 19 May 1893 Lacey Cemetery, Pleasant Township, Fulton, Illino...</p> <p>Spouse • Harnet Elizabeth Lacey L433-592</p> <p>Parents • Lamuel Johnson 27X1-7CZ • Lydia Rowley L287-0RS</p>
	<p>Charles W Johnson L81G-5MX</p> <p>Birth about 1831 New York, United States</p> <p>Spouse • Mary Mitchell L141-19P</p>

Click on name, then click on sources. People sometimes list sources or even post images of the source. In this case, the source listed proved a line that had been stuck for years!



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch profile for Charles Edwin Johnson (1830-1893). The 'Sources' tab is highlighted with a red circle. The profile includes a 'Deceased Ancestor Name' section with search filters for first and last names, gender, and life events. It also shows a list of related people, including Charles W Johnson and Harriet Elizabeth Lacey.



The screenshot shows the 'Sources' page for Charles Edwin Johnson. The page lists various sources with columns for Date and Title. The source 'Portrait & Biographical Album of Fulton County' is highlighted with a red circle. The citation for this source is 'page 505-506'. The page also includes options for adding, editing, or reporting abuse on the source.

Date	Title
1860	Charles E Johnson, "United States Census, 1860"
1870	Charles Johnson, "United States Census, 1870"
1880	Charles E Johnson, "United States Census, 1880"
1893	Charles Edwin Johnson, "Find A Grave Index"
1921	Chas. Johnson in entry for Blake E. Johnson, "Illinois Marriages, 1815-1935"
1925	Chas. Johnson in entry for Blake Edwin Johnson, "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"
1942	Charles Johnson in entry for Mattie Chloe Markland, "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947"
	Portrait & Biographical Album of Fulton County

COLONY BOARD AND OFFICERS 2020-2023

Colony Governor: Sharon Paugh
Vice-Governor: Carolyn "Lynne" Jensen
Corresponding/Membership Secretary: Marsha Adams
Recording Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Vacant
Historian: Kurt Bressner
Elder: Lisa Tompson
Captain: Jeffrey "Jeff" Rogers
Director: Brian McWaters, Past Governor
Director: Janice Sly
Director: Etta Ocker

OTHER COLONY POSITIONS

Education Director: Lynne Jensen and Candi Byers
Junior Chair: Kurt Bressner
Assistant Historian: Carol Robinson
Newsletter Editor: Etta Ocker
Webmaster: Debbie Dalrymple