

MYLES STANDISH COLONY NEWS

SPRING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018,
11:30 AM

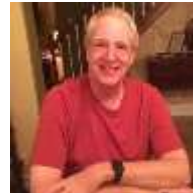
Seasons (Grill Room) Moorings Park,
122 Moorings Park Dr., Naples

"Bad Boy John Billington"

Why was Mayflower Pilgrim John Billington, found guilty of murder and hanged? What is his history with the Plymouth Plantation leading up to the trial?



ABOUT OUR NEXT SPEAKER:



Michael E. Garey: Mike is a Retired Trust Banker who later earned a culinary degree. In addition to being our current Colony Vice Governor, he is the Past President of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and is currently the managing Director of the Florida SAR endowment funds. He currently maintains his family tree data base with over 62,000 people. Mike is an experienced speaker and is best known for his presentations at the SAR on his Patriot Timothy Howe. He has also presented to the local Collier County Historical Society on "How I Got into Genealogy".





GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE:

DEAR FELLOW MYLES STANDISH MEMBERS:

I was most fortunate to attend my second Mayflower Congress in Plymouth from Sep 08 - 13, 2017. Congress business included the election of the new officers being sworn in for the 2017-2020 term. (I was able to partake in the voting for the amendments of our Constitution and bylaws.) Our new Governor General is Dr. George P. Garmany Jr. of Colorado. The topics of business were varied but I found the discussions about digitizing and indexing our Mayflower applications and advances in Family Tree DNA and how it relates to our Pilgrim Ancestors most interesting. Throughout the Congress days, there were speakers from different member Society's such as the Edward Doty Society, Isaac Allerton Society and many more. Caleb Johnson was a speaker. You may recall that Caleb was a guest speaker at our Colony meeting in March 2017 and we are most pleased to have him return to our Colony again in November 2018. During Congress, the Mayflower Library adjacent to the Mayflower Society House had extended hours for those wishing to do further genealogical research.

Attending Congress is more than just business and meeting "cousins". We attended a black tie optional banquet held Tuesday night at the Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston and we enjoyed a sightseeing tour to Cape Cod to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors who actually landed first in Provincetown. We saw Corn Hill, the place where the landing excursion led by Myles Standish found the corn which sustained the colonists for their first harsh winter in New England. The fact that they stole this corn from the Indians is an interesting point to be noted. We also visited First Encounter Beach in Eastham, Cape Cod, so named as this was where the "First Encounter" between the Pilgrims and the Indians took place. One of the last stops of the day was a visit to Cove Cemetery in Eastham. It is here that we saw many familiar names including that of Pilgrim Giles Hopkins.

Other available tours were: Newport, RI, Lexington and Concord, a whale watch, a visit to the Jenny Museum, and even a Ghost Lantern Tour. Mayflower II was not in Plymouth. It is currently undergoing restoration at a shipyard in Connecticut in preparation for the 2020 festivities.

On Sunday, those who signed up early could make their way to Plimouth Plantation for the Church Service held at the Fort/Meetinghouse much like our ancestors did almost 400 years ago. Elder General Kenneth R. Whittemore, Jr. officiated at the ceremony. Once the service was over, we were free to roam Plimouth Plantation. I believe the number for the church service is limited at 50 guests so we literally had Plimouth Plantation to ourselves. (Of course, I also made purchases at the gift shop!) Later that day was the Pilgrim Progress** where participants are given the opportunity to dress in Pilgrim garb and to walk from Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill where a wreath is laid to commemorate those who perished that first harsh winter. (**Pilgrim Progress will be August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018. Reservations are required to participate, Call Friends of Pilgrim Progress (508) 224-2063.)

I would like to get you all motivated and excited about the next Congress which will be held in the year 2020. Can you imagine the festivities which will be held for such a monumental occasion? **I hope you will all consider a trip to Plymouth in the year 2020 and help me to celebrate our ancestor's struggle in the New World.**

Nancy Ratner

MYLES STANDISH COLONY SOCIETY OF THE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Governor, Nancy Ratner called the meeting to order at 12 noon

Elder Rev. Beverly Duncan gave the invocation

Cynthia Lyster, Treasurer, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Lyster led the reading of the Pilgrims Pledge

Vice Governor, Mike Garey read the Mayflower Compact

Angie Wakefield, Colony Historian, introduced guests including Michael Friedberg, guest of prospective member Kay Friedberg. Beth Hook, Lila Ruggio and prospective member Candace Cartwright, guests of member Ann Kremer. Angie Wakefield introduced Susan Latos, a prospective member and a life member in CT and NY Societies.

Recess for Lunch

Governor, Nancy Ratner reconvened the meeting after lunch and noted that past meeting minutes were on the tables for review. Minutes were approved as written.

Pat Ricci, recording Secretary and Mike Garey, Vice Governor, led the Roll Call of Ancestors. John Alden and William Brewster tied for having the most ancestors present.

Treasurer Cynthia Lyster gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$12, 952.51. Outstanding bills of \$131.41 have been paid. The bills were miscellaneous expenses for Nancy Ratner and Angie Wakefield and \$65 for Silver Books we buy for the genealogy department at the Collier County Library.

Historian Angie Wakefield expressed need for "helpers" in fulfilling membership applications.

Elder Beverly Duncan announced the death of Nancy Blair Yale

Governor Ratner announced that Ann Kremer has set up a Facebook page for our colony which may be accessed by typing "Myles Standish Colony"

Ginny Bailey requested borrowing the Junior Applications book and is working on a membership directory

Elder Beverly Duncan gave the Mayflower Minutes about her Ancestor Elder William Brewster

Ann Lambert Kremer presented a program "Mayflower Descendants who were Massachusetts Loyalist 1775-1783. "

Elder Beverly Duncan gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Pat Ricci, Recording Secretary

Help wanted from fellow *Mayflower* descendants



<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org>

Just where in America did *Mayflower* descendants live during the past 400 years?

I am sure many have heard statements such as “more than 30 million people around the world have *Mayflower* ancestors.” [from the current banner at americanancestors.org]. Recently, the *New England Historic Genealogical Society* launched a webpage where an interactive map of the world comes up with the locations of current descendants of *Mayflower* passengers. Refer to example above.

This got me thinking about the various migrations of *Mayflower* descendants between 1620 and 2018. Having a number of *Mayflower* passengers as ancestors of three of my great-great-grandparents, who all were either born in Michigan or lived in Michigan prior to the Civil War, the ancestors in my lineage had moved west a bit at a time over a number of generations until they reached Michigan. GSMD has a project in which they are developing a database of Revolutionary War Patriots who were *Mayflower* descendants in order to make it easier for members of the DAR and SAR to discover their *Mayflower* roots.

I am looking for some of our members to help me with a small research project. I would like to develop a series of time line-based lineage charts, beginning with a few example *Mayflower* passengers continuing to the present to a few of our members. The anticipated result will be to explore a couple of things: (1) the different paths which various descendants of the same passenger took over many generations during the history of our nation ending with people who today are members of the Myles Standish Colony in Naples, Florida, and (2) to see where descendants along these different lines lived during the Revolutionary War and were they DAR/SAR Patriots. In order to keep this research project to a manageable size, I would like to consider lineages only beginning with Francis Cooke, John Howland, Stephen Hopkins and Richard Warren, and will likely need to limit the number of volunteers. One thing which would be interesting would be to receive some lineages which both had descendants remain in Massachusetts for four hundred years as well as others which experienced a good bit of westward migration. All that you would need to do to participate would be to provide me with a copy of your GSMD approved lineage beginning with one of these three families. The reason to use these lineage applications is that they have all the vital information to create a chart in timeline format (dates and places of birth, marriage and death). It is anticipated that the results of this research will be presented to one of the meetings of the Myles Standish Colony prior to the 2020 Celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower*.

Thank you, **Ronald Benson** -Myles Standish Colony member

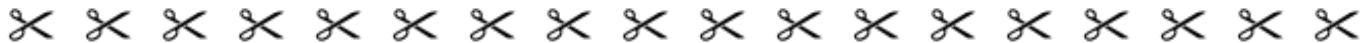


The Myles Standish Colony invites you to attend our next meeting and luncheon on

Wednesday , March 21, 2018 at the Seasons (Grill Room) at Moorings Park, 122 Moorings Park Dr., Naples

We will start at 11:30 AM with a social half hour. Guests and prospective members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Menu is salad, basil grilled chicken, green beans with almond oil, saffron risotto, and crème brulee with berries. Reservations for the luncheon are required **and are due no later than March 14, 2018**. The cost is \$25 per person, all inclusive. (Please note that there is an additional \$5 per person for special meal requests.)

Children reduced rates are available.



RESERVATION FORM-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018 LUNCHEON

Please print the names of those who will be attending: Place a check in the box of the name if this is their first visit to the colony.

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. _____

Lunch Reservation is due March 14, 2018. Please make your check for \$25 per person payable to Myles Standish Colony. Detach and mail this reservation form to Nancy Ratner, 14904 Indigo Lakes Drive, Naples, FL 34119. For questions in regard to the menu or special diet needs, contact Nancy at (239) 331-3203 or eastontravel@hotmail.com

I am willing to be a luncheon photographer, I am willing to be a luncheon "greeter",

I would like to hear about other volunteer opportunities within the Colony



RSVP: I plan to attend the Myles Standish Cocktail Party on March 30, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Ratner Home:

Names: _____ Total # of guests: _____

Your contact email: _____, and telephone: _____

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Dates to Remember for 2018-2019:

1. Upcoming Spring Meeting is Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - Moorings Park, Naples



2. Second Annual Myles Standish Cocktail Party, March 30, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the home of Governor Ratner, 14904 Indigo Lakes Drive, Naples. RSVP eastontravel@hotmail.com
3. Meetings for NEXT season are: Thursday, November 10, 2018*, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and Wednesday, March 20, 2019

*Our November 10, 2018 meeting will be held at the Bentley Village Naples Auditorium and will feature guest speaker and author Caleb Johnson. We have invited the Fort Myers Colony to join us. Do not miss this event!!

Learn more about **Caleb Johnson**, the author and historian behind MayflowerHistory.com at <http://mayflowerhistory.com/introduction/>

MAYFLOWER



1. Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow had several brothers but only one brother traveled with him on the Mayflower. Which brother was a Mayflower passenger?
 - A. Gilbert Winslow
 - B. Kenelm Winslow
 - C. John Winslow
 - D. Josiah Winslow
2. This Mayflower passenger came as a servant to the Edward Winslow family. He is estimated to be about 20 years old when he signed the Mayflower Compact. In 1625, he married Mary in Plymouth.
 - A. Henry Samson
 - B. Peter Browne
 - C. George Soule
 - D. Edward Doty
3. Love Brewster was a 9 -year old child who traveled on the Mayflower with parents William and Mary Brewster. Was Love a son or daughter?
 - A. Son
 - B. Daughter
4. The White family named their son, born shortly after arrival of the *Mayflower*, "Peregrine". What does the name Peregrine mean?
 - A. Water
 - B. Traveler
 - C. Pride
 - D. Promise
5. This man was about twenty-one years old when he was hired from Southampton to be the cooper (barrel-maker) for the *Mayflower's* voyage to America.
 - A. Edward Leister
 - B. John Alden
 - C. William Latham
 - D. Degory Priest



6. The last surviving Mayflower passenger lived until November 28, 1699. Who was this?
 - A. John Cooke
 - B. Resolved White
 - C. Priscilla Mullins Alden
 - D. Mary Allerton Cushman

7. The Separatists who founded Plymouth Colony did not refer to themselves as Pilgrims. They referred to themselves as:
 - A. Christians and Quakers
 - B. Dutchmen and Founders
 - C. Saints and Strangers
 - D. Sons and Daughters of the King

8. In 1620, the Virginia Company gave the Separatists permission to establish a settlement, or “plantation,” on the East Coast roughly between:
 - A. Chesapeake Bay and the Mouth of the Hudson
 - B. Richmond, VA and Chesapeake Bay
 - C. Cape Cod Bay and the Mouth of the Hudson River
 - D. Thames River and Chesapeake Bay

9. The Mayflower had approximately 30 crew members and how many passengers?
 - A. 106
 - B. 102
 - C. 108
 - D. The number of passengers has not been documented.

10. The name of the Captain and Master of the Mayflower was:
 - A. William Hutching
 - B. Christopher Jones
 - C. Thomas Weston
 - D. John Allerton

How did you do? Check answers on the last page of the newsletter.



<https://www.facebook.com/mylesstandishcolony/>

Web links that you may find interesting:

1. Florida Mayflower Society
<http://flmayflower.com/>
2. Saints and Strangers -Mini Series
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/saints-and-strangers/>
3. Mayflower II Preservation
<http://plimoth.org/mayflowerII-blog/>
4. Mayflower 400-year celebration
www.plymouth400inc.org

Life Membership: Did you know you could avoid paying dues annually and become a LIFE member with one upfront payment? Contact treasurer Cynthia Lyster for more information. cclyster@comcast.net

Pink Books: Are you able to help with preparing a new PINK BOOK? Contact Colony Governor Nancy Ratner if you are willing.

Do not forget to buy Mayflower Throw "wishes" at our Spring meeting. Six wishes for \$5. Drawing is March 21, 2018 at the Spring meeting



FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPT

Congratulations to Myles Standish Colony member, **Natalie Hall**, this year's deserving Florida Mayflower Scholarship receipt. Natalie is a Massachusetts resident and was sponsored by David Hall. She has a 4.0 GPA and is in the top 2% of her graduating class. As the daughter of a Foreign Service officer, she has lived in Russia, Korea and Peru. Natalie plans to attend college in the Boston area plans to study Neuroscience/Neurosurgery.

Trivia Answers:

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1. A. Gilbert Winslow
 2. C. George Soule
 3. A. Son
 4. B. Traveler
 5. B. John Alden
 6. D. Mary Allerton Cushman
 7. C. Saints and Strangers
 8. A. Chesapeake Bay and mouth of the Hudson River
 9. B. 102
 10. B. Christopher Jones
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