



Message from the Governor

I feel particularly honored to be your Governor for the next three years. I shall do everything within my power to deserve this great honor. One of my most significant intentions is to visit each of the colonies at least once during my term of office. With this in mind, I wish to hear from each colony as to the best time for me to come for a visit. Also, I would like to hear from each colony with regard to any specific project, or projects, which might benefit from my availability. I wish to serve each and every Florida Mayflower member and colony to the best of my ability.

Because of the size of our State and the great distance involved, I hope that the decision to hold as many meetings as possible in, or near, Orlando will enable many members to participate. With over a thousand Mayflower members in Florida, the more central the location, the more chances there are for greater participation.

In closing, I request you join me in prayers for peace and prosperity throughout the world!

*May God bless us all,
George Milton Allerton, IV
Governor*

65th Annual Florida State Meeting

The William Mullins Colony hosted the 65th Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants on November 22-23, 2002 at the Gainesville Sheraton. Festivities included a social hour and banquet on Friday evening. The guest speaker was Chris Dudley of Dudley Antiques, Inverness, who gave an interesting talk on antiques and collectibles. The Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday and included a memorial service to remember and honor those members who have passed away. New State officers were installed. They are as follows:

**Florida Society of
Mayflower Descendants Officers**

- Governor George Milton Allerton, IV
Allerton Colony
- Deputy Governor Jeanne Lewis Erb
Alden Colony
- Secretary Sheila Burke See
Standish Colony

- Treasurer Susan Shannon
Howland Colony
- Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing
Tilley Colony
- Counselor Edward Delano Sullivan
Standish Colony
- Captain Reynolds Prince Cushing
Tilley Colony
- Elder Lillian Elkes Martell
Bradford Colony
- Directors Dale L. Sutton
Frances M. Lopus
Caroline N. Hyatt
- DGG James Robert Holyfield
Allerton Colony
- AG Margaret Harris Stover
Tilley Colony

Saturday's activities were concluded with a tour of the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Harn Museum of Fine Art.

Colony News

John Howland Colony

Winter Park (Meets 3 times a year)

The new Colony Governor is **Nathan Huberger** of Melbourne and the new Vice Governor is **Sonia Richardson**. **Mary Chandler Garmany** was reinstated this November. She is the only surviving founding member of the John Howland Colony founded May 7, 1962.

William Mullins Colony

Ocala/Gainesville (Meets 3 times a year)

Our Colony has 88 members and 12 prospective members. We were the host Colony of the 65th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Mayflower Society. The venue and program was headed by Vice Governor **Malcolm** who was assisted by Governor **Harry Hollien, PhD**.

Myles Standish Colony

Naples

The following are some of the accomplishments of the last 3 years as reported by outgoing Governor **Frances J. Lopus**: **Sandra Kennerson** publicity chairman earned the Colony the FL State Award for Best Publicity for two years. Historian **Nancy Popi's** work has earned the Colony the FL State Award for largest number of new members. We now have 135 members and 140 junior members!

John Alden Colony

Fort Lauderdale (Meets 3 times a year)

Our new Colony Governor is **Jeanne Erb** and new Vice Governor is **John Shaw**. The Colony now has 47 members and 44 junior members.

Isaac Allerton Colony

West Palm Beach (Meets 3 times a year)

We now have a total membership of 124. **Edward Buckley** is our Governor and **Frederick Krias** is our Vice Governor. We voted to offer a \$1000 college scholarship.

Edward Doty Colony

Pensacola (Meets 3 times a year)

We currently have 37 members and 24 junior members. Our Colony Governor is **Nancy Englander**. This year we purchased 13 copies of "Children of the Mayflower" from the Minnesota Society to place in area schools.

Edward Fuller Colony

Lakeland (Meets 3 times a year)

We now have 38 members and 19 junior members. Our new Colony Governor is **Mrs. Walter Wittholz**. We purchased two volumes of Mayflower Families and donated towards the State Scholarship Fund.

Stephen Hopkins Colony

Vero (Meets 4 times a year)

We are a new Colony, but our membership has grown from 25 to 39 members with 4 papers pending in just one year! **Janice M. Davis** is our Governor. (Congratulations **Stephen Hopkins Colony** on your continued success!)

Richard Warren Colony

Ponte Vedra/Jacksonville (Meets twice a year)

The Colony has 56 members and 22 junior members. We donated \$100 to City Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving dinners and \$100 to missions supporting day care.

Edward Winslow Colony

Tallahassee

Suzanne Ford Adams is our Colony Governor. We received the book "Three Visitors to Early Plymouth" as 3rd prize in the State's Read, Read, Read Program. The Colony has 45 members, 25 junior members and 6 prospective members. The Education Chairman presented the Pilgrim Story in period costume to 3rd and 4th grade classes in September and distributed 100 copies of "First Thanksgiving" and "Mayflower Compacts" to children and teachers. The educational chairman also presented a program "Looking Forward Towards Thanksgiving" for residents of the Atrium, a retirement community in Gainesville with over 75 people in attendance.

Elizabeth Tilley Colony

Sarasota (Meets 4 times a year)

Bunny Stover is our Colony Governor. The Colony's 2002 Educational Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to **Rudy Lutz** of Sarasota County Schools.

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Florida State Historian's Report

Muriel Cushing,
Florida State Historian
reports that we now have
91 new members,
15 transfers in, and 2 dual members
for a total of 108 new members.

There are currently
22 applications pending in Plymouth.
We lost a total of 57 members:
18 deaths, 5 transfers out,
9 resignations and 25 dropped.

A Tribute

Dr. H. S. Bud Treloar, the recent Governor of the Francis Cooke Colony passed on in Daytona Beach the 4th of December 2002 at 70 years of age. Having proved his lineage to Pilgrim John Alden, Bud was elected to the FL Mayflower Society the 9th of August 1993.

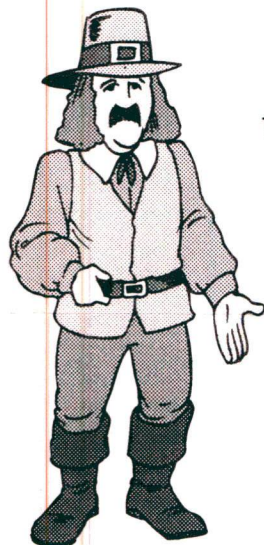
Dr. Treloar was a gynecologist and served for a number of years as Chairman of that department and as President of the Halifax Hospital Staff. This gentle physician cared deeply for his patients in the Daytona area and also made surgical medical missions to the Dominican Republic. Although he had a quiet dignified demeanor, he contributed in so many ways to help better the lives of others. He will be sorely missed!

Memorial Roll

Dorothy Marston Haas	- Isaac Allerton Colony
Betty Jeanne Smith Stoffel	- William Bradford Colony
Jessica Wheeler Stevens	- William Bradford Colony
Eleanor Hutchins Balfe	- William Brewster Colony
Henry William Page	- William Brewster Colony
Cecile Beatrice Paine Simmons	- William Brewster Colony
Lyle Edythe Green	- Francis Cooke Colony
Dr. Hugh S. Bud Treloar	- Francis Cooke Colony
Juanita Andrews	- Edward Doty Colony
Jean Cushman Creel	- Edward Doty Colony
Gertrude Dyer Ernst	- Edward Doty Colony
Clarence Edward Fuller	- Edward Fuller Colony
Thelma Healey Fuller	- John Howland Colony
Dr. Alma Jeanette Payne	- Myles Standish Colony
Roy Arthur Burgess	- Elizabeth Tilley Colony
Marion Ashe Ellis	- Elizabeth Tilley Colony
Ruth Anna Caldwell Pulfrey	- Elizabeth Tilley Colony
Andrew J. Decker	- Richard Warren Colony
John Brewster Oliver	- Richard Warren Colony

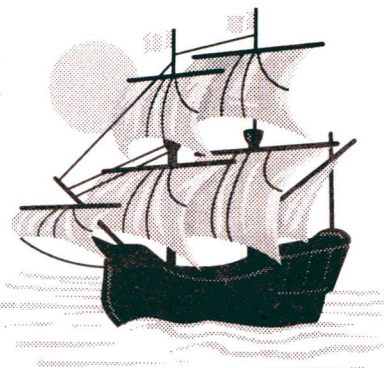
Who Moved the Rock?

This time line shows the trials and tribulations of one of America's greatest icons — Plymouth Rock. It is a very interesting story, especially for those of us who grew-up in other areas of the country.



1620

Pilgrims Landed in Plymouth, MA



1741

95 yr. old Elder Thomas Faunce of Plymouth Church identifies the the rock directly below Cole's Hill as the very spot where the Pilgrim forefathers first stepped ashore as told to him by his father.

1808

According to a advertisement, the rock was featured in a dramatic production on the Pilgrims in Boston as part of the opening scene!

1855

The Pilgrim Society acquires the second part of the rock that the Patriots of 1774 could not move which is still embedded in Hedge's wharf in front of Phinehas Well's warehouse

1880

The rock is restored and reunited with its lower half. It is enshrined below a box of bones (presumably Pilgrim bones from Cole's Hill) embedded in the Billing's domed Victorian stone canopy. "1620" was carved into the rock.

1774

Rock is split and dragged to Plymouth Town Square and placed at the foot of the Liberty Pole by Patriots on the eve of the American Revolution. Some even consider the rock an obstacle to progress!

1834

July 4th the rock is moved to Plymouth Hall grounds and the date 1620 is now painted on the rock. The rock was cracked when it fell in front of the court house while being moved.

1867

A granite canopy is dedicated and erected over the rock.

1921 to Present

The rock is moved while the old Billings canopy is demolished to make way for the present memorial structure. The portico was designed by McKim, Mead & White and was a gift from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

The best description of Plymouth Rock's travels is in the following excerpt taken from "Saints and Strangers" by George Willison as published in *"The Times of Their Lives":

For a century and a half after the landing of the Pilgrims the rock lay unmarked, almost unnoticed. Until 1769, on the eve of Independence, it was just another gray granite boulder, one more troublesome bit of glacial debris littering a white arc of beach, impeding development of a busy water front and cursed by many as an obstacle to progress. For another century it was dragged, a broken and mutilated fragment, up and down the streets of Plymouth — first to Town Square, to make a revolutionary holiday; then to Pilgrim Hall, as a museum piece, an altar of filial piety. Restored at length to the beach and enshrined below a box of bones, presumable Pilgrims', embedded in the domed ceiling of an elaborate Victorian stone canopy, the rock enjoyed a half century of comparative quiet and repose before it was snatched up again, in our day, and dumped where it has since remained, at tidewater, sheltered and quite overshadowed by a lustrous Grecian temple of Quincy granite. Here, much like a bear in a pit and not a great deal larger, it lies enclosed within a stout iron paling — dreaming perhaps of other days when it was not gathering moss, and peanuts and odd bits of lunch tossed at it by casual sightseers, and not being apostrophized by every hungry aspirant to public office.

Sources: "Picture Guide to Historic Plymouth" edited by Rose T. Briggs, published by the Pilgrim Society 1963, pp 8-9; *"The Times of Their Lives: Life, Love, and Death in Plymouth Colony" by James and Patricia Scott Deetz, published by Anchor Books, 2002, pp 15-18; "Images of America: Plymouth" by James W. Baker, published by Arcadia, 2002, pp 10-11.

Highlights From the 36th General Congress

The following notes and highlights of the 36th General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants were provided by Edward Sullivan, DGG and James Holyfield, AG.

There were 458 attendees, which consisted of 98 general officers, 178 delegates, 30 members and 152 guests. The Governor General honored two members of the Executive Committee, Marlin Brossart, Treasurer and Patricia Davis, Member-At-Large who had recently passed away.

- Financial highlights included: Total assets of \$7,300,000 as of June 30, 2002; a portfolio of \$1,773,000 due to stock market losses of \$220,000; an endowment fund of \$2,444,00; and \$224,000 expense for roof repairs and balustrade replacement at the Mayflower House.
- State historians will be provided CDs containing templates for creating lineage papers/data bases to assist in documenting information free of charge.
- The General Society website had over 100,000 visits to it mostly by secondary school students.
- The building of Mayflower II is now available on video (15 minutes) for use in classrooms.
- Four more 5-generation project volumes have been published on various families this year. An illustrated publication on Mayflower Historical Sites is also available for \$5.25 each.
- Mayflower Quarterly has a total subscription of 26,400 which includes 102 libraries and 271 non-members.
- Florida was recognized for its 10% growth rate!
- Florida was also recognized as first in the Nation for its Junior Membership of 750. Congratulations and thanks to Bunny Halligan and her crew!
- Florida and particularly Dorothy Hornus of Bradford Colony were recognized for their outstanding work in Public Relations. Thank you for your hard work Dorothy!
- Scrooby Manor, the ancestral home of William Brewster in England, was offered to the Mayflower Society for purchase last year, but then removed from the market. It is now back on the

market. More details will be published in the Mayflower Quarterly.

The following officers were elected for a three-year term:

- Governor General **Robert E. Davis**
(Delaware)
- Asst. Governor General **Donald West**
- Secretary General **Roger Young**
(Edward Doty Colony)
- Treasurer General **Judy Swan**
- Historian General **Betty Bardway**
- Elder General **Wesley Allen**
- Captain General **Arthur Young**
- Surgeon General **George Gormity**
- Counselor General **Edward Sullivan**
(Alden Colony)
- Member-At-Large **Carol Leavett**
- Member-At-Large **Mary Byrn**
- FL Deputy Governor General .. **James Holyfield**
(Allerton Colony)
- FL Asst. General **Bonny Stover**
(Tilley Colony)

Florida now has a five member representation at the General Society including Cay Lanham on the Executive Committee.

- The next Board of Assistants meeting will be held in September 2003 in San Antonio, Texas.

A black tie banquet in Taunton, MA ended the meeting. The guest speaker was Nancy Brennun, the Executive Director of Plimoth Plantation.



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The title "Five Kernels of Corn" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. To the left of the text is a detailed illustration of two ears of corn, one slightly behind the other, showing the kernels and the husk. To the right of the text is a small illustration of five individual corn kernels arranged in a cluster.

Five Kernels of Corn

*Presented by the Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1995
and in part by Geraldine Ward*

One of the first things the Pilgrims discovered in their exploration of Cape Cod was a deserted cornfield near the beach. Nearby they saw several strange mounds. Upon digging into one, they were amazed to find unfamiliar yellow, red and blue Indian corn, which they took and later repaid. When spring came the surviving men and boys planted the Indian corn with the help of Squanto.

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims had a good harvest of Indian corn. The seeds they had brought with them did not reproduce well in the New England climate. With the other foods they had grown and preserved the Pilgrims decided to celebrate what they called *Harvest Thanksgiving*. They invited their Indian friends to join them, and much to their surprise about 90 Indians came and stayed for three days.

A few days after the Harvest Thanksgiving the ship *Fortune* arrived bringing 35 colonists from England. Most of the new arrivals did not have much more than the clothing on their backs. The sailors aboard *Fortune* also needed food for the voyage back to England, which was an unexpected drain on their food supplies.

As the food supplies dwindled, every colonist knew daily hunger. They lived on half rations for six months. During the summer, many of the men and boys were too weak and thin to do

the heavy labor of raising crops, and it was not a good growing season. The harvest in 1622 was slim and some of the crops that matured were stolen. The *Starving Time* came upon the colony in the spring of 1623. Tradition tells us that each person received only five kernels of parched corn a day. When the corn supply was exhausted, they had neither bread nor corn for two or three months, and their entire diet consisted of only fish and water.

For the descendants of Mayflower passengers, the five kernels of corn are symbols of the Pilgrims' willingness to fight great hardships for their beliefs, and most importantly, their greatest legacy — a government by consent of the people with just and equal laws.

Let us remember:

- *The first kernel reminds us of the autumn beauty.*
- *The second kernel reminds us of our love for each other.*
- *The third kernel reminds us of God's love for us.*
- *The fourth kernel reminds us of our friends...especially our Indian brothers.*
- *The fifth kernel reminds us we are a FREE people.*

Did You Know?

- European fishermen and traders were in New England 100 years before the Mayflower.
- It took the Mayflower 66 days to cross the Atlantic.
- The Pilgrims landed at the tip of Cape Cod first (now known as Provincetown) on November 11, 1620.
- Plymouth was NOT named by the Pilgrims but by Prince Charles, who later became King Charles.
- Pilgrims used the word “corn” to describe any grain, i.e. barley, wheat, rye, oats, etc.
- “Corn,” as we know it today, was referred to as “Indian corn” or “turkey wheat.”
- At mealtime in the Pilgrim household, the adults sat down to a potluck style dinner while the children waited on them. All the foods were placed on the table at once.
- The Pilgrims didn't use forks. They used their fingers, spoons, knives, and large napkins.
- The first Thanksgiving was to give thanks to God for ending the drought.
- The Pilgrims did not eat pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce at the first Thanksgiving. They did eat roasted wild fowl (such as duck, goose, and turkey), cornmeal, cod, sea bass and venison brought by the Indians.
- Of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower, one person died at sea, William Butten, (Samuel Fuller's servant) and one person was born at sea, Oceanus Hopkins.
- Eleanor Billington, Mary Brewster, Elizabeth Hopkins and Susanna White were the only four married women to survive the first winter.
- The first child born after the Mayflower arrived was Peregrine White, the son of William and Susanna White.
- The first couple to be married in Plymouth was Edward Winslow and Susanna White.

Colony News

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Francis Cooke Colony

Daytona Beach Area (Meets 3 times a year)

The new Colony Governor is **Carol Yovanovich** of Daytona Beach and the new Vice Governor is **Shirley Garafano**. We now have 61 members and 45 junior members.

William Bradford Colony

Tampa (Meets 3 times a year)

As of November 2, 2002, we have 191 members. Our Colony celebrated its 50th anniversary with a drama, “Plymouth City Council Goes to Court.”

William Brewster Colony

Miami (Meets 3 times a year)

Robert E. Burt is the new Colony Governor. We have 71 members and 28 junior members. The Colony contributes to the FL Society Trust Fund in memory of deceased members.

Farewell Betty

In early October this year, I found that I would not be able to continue as your Newsletter Editor, and at that time I issued my resignation. It has been a very interesting position and I regret having to give it up.

Since April 1997, when Bill Staples resigned as Florida State Newsletter Editor, we have published two issues a year in April following the Board Meeting and in November following the General Meeting. In each issue we have tried to report what is going on at the meetings, messages from our officers, stories about Mayflower, news of our Colonies and other items of interest. We have used pictures as provided to us and have tried to make the newsletter as interesting to our members as possible.

Until April 1999 it was titled *Florida Newsletter*. At that time the name was changed to *Florida Pilgrim*.

During this time, we have exchanged newsletters with about 50 state newsletters throughout the country. This has been a most interesting experience as we were able to learn what others were doing and share some of it with our readers.

Thank you all for your good wishes,
Betty M. Styer

Thank you Betty for a great job. You are missed!

The Myles Standish Colony

*cordially invites you
to attend*

its next meeting on

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

at the

Country Club of Naples

185 Burning Tree Drive, Naples, FL

at 12:00 Noon

*Our guest speaker will be the
Governor General of the General Society
of Mayflower Descendants*

Robert Davis

*The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 per person. Make your check payable to Myles Standish Colony
and send them to Sheila See, Treasurer, 233 Estrellita Dr., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931-5208.*



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