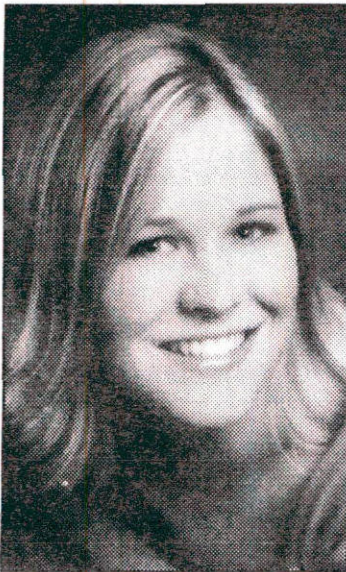


## Annual Florida Scholarship Award Presented



Frances Lopus, Deputy Governor and Scholarship Chairman of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants (FSMD) announced that Miss Kaitlin Sikich, a junior member of the Myles Standish Colony in Naples, FL is the 2005 Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants' \$1,000 scholarship winner. Kaitlin was sponsored by her grandmother Florence Wall, who is also a member of the Myles Standish Colony.

Kaitlin is a graduating senior and currently resides in Green Bay, WI with her family. Her accomplishments include: maintaining a 3.925 grade point average; the high school Honor Roll; highest exam score in Physical Science; an Academic letter; and membership in Pi Sigma Sigma. Miss Sikich works part time and stays active in her community by volunteering at Bible School and at school carnivals. She has traveled to New York City and Atlanta on mission trips, and has fasted for the AIDS Foundation cause. Her hobbies include: tennis, softball, soccer, and bowling. Kaitlin plans to attend the University of Minnesota for the first two years, and then transfer to the School of Pharmacy, where she will earn a degree in Pharmacy.

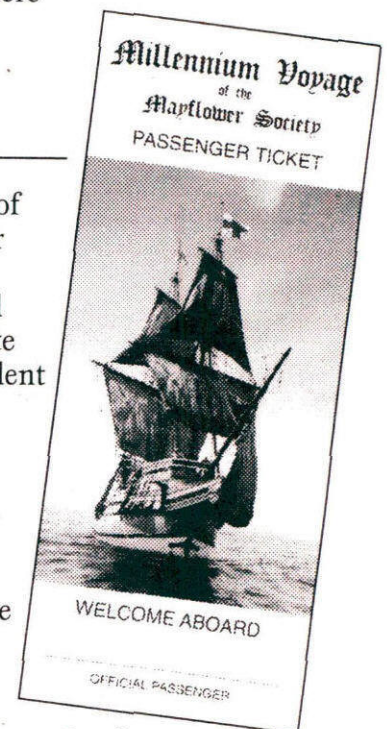
## Be a Passenger on the Millennium Voyage!

As most of you have read about the *Millennium Voyage* in the March *Mayflower Quarterly*, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has launched a vigorous and vital fund-raising campaign so that our Society can progress as rapidly as possible towards a better future; with its headquarters and staff having improved facilities, sorely needed electronic equipment, technology, and a full staff to realize an improvement of overall operations. Presently, the Society is not replacing membership strength lost due to deaths and resignations rapidly enough to ensure its financial stability. Success of the drive may be critical in determining if membership dues have to be raised this Triennial or not! We must do the utmost to increase membership and find additional financial means to meet our expenses, and the sooner the better!

The General Society (GSMD) is soliciting the support of each of its members to participate in the "*Millennium Voyage of the Mayflower Society*" by the purchase of "Official Passenger Tickets" at \$25.00

each, and additional lines of information that a member adds to the "ticket" at \$10.00 per line. The goal GSMD has set for each state is to sell at least the equivalent of one ticket per member, within the state! The state that meets its goal prior to 31 July 2005, will receive a rebate of \$2.00 per ticket back to the Florida State Society treasury! If the state EXCEEDS its goal, we get a \$4.00 rebate per ticket. The names of the ticket holders (members and non-members) will be recognized and appear in the *Mayflower Quarterly*. The State(s) that meet their goal or exceed it will receive recognition at the Triennial Congress to be held this September in Plymouth, MA.

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# Spring Board of Assistants Meeting

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*By Sheila Burke See, FSMD Secretary*

The 2005 Spring Meeting of the Florida Society Board of Assistants was held on April 15-16, 2005 in Winter Haven at the Best Western Hotel located just outside the gates of Cypress Gardens. State Governor George Allerton expressed appreciation to all who made the meeting so enjoyable.

A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by about 40 members, colony governors and state officers on Friday evening. The banquet speaker was Burma Davis Posey, a former Miss Georgia, who was instrumental in the reopening of Cypress Gardens. Burma told of her persistence with local and state officials and how eventually her endeavors were successful. As a delightful conclusion to her speech, Burma enlightened us with her special and gifted talent by singing three hymns.

State Governor George Allerton called the Board of Assistants meeting to order on Saturday morning at 9 am. There were 29 members present. State reports were given after opening exercises and announcements. It was voted to discontinue holding the Spring Board of Assistants Meeting in 2006, and instead hold it on the Friday afternoon preceding the regular Annual State Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2006. It was felt that attendance and participation in the Board meeting would improve, and thereby all the necessary business requiring board action could be transacted at that time.

## Possible Cruise Announced

State Governor George Allerton announced the possibility of having a Mayflower Cruise immediately following the November 2005 Annual State Meeting, which will be hosted by the Isaac Allerton Colony in Palm Beach. Anyone interested in taking this cruise is asked to contact State Counsellor Ed Sullivan at [Sullivan7@webtv.net](mailto:Sullivan7@webtv.net).

## Congress Delegates

State Secretary Sheila See requested that members contact her if they wish to be a delegate for the upcoming "General Congress" in September. Colony governors were asked to inform members that they are all eligible and to encourage their attendance. Florida's delegation may consist of about 23 members.

## Financial Business

State Treasurer Susan Shannon requested authority to send the allotted check of \$400 to the host colony of the Annual State Meeting in September instead of at the beginning of the fiscal year in November. Susan

explained it would be beneficial to the host colony to receive the expense check earlier than two weeks before the meeting. There was no dissension and the Treasurer will effect payment in September this year and in September for the ensuing years.

Susan Shannon went on to explain that she intends to add the \$50.00 subsidy for making a Colony directory to the refunds that are sent to each colony for new members, new supplementals and life members in February. The \$50.00 in question was voted upon last year, to assist in defraying costs of each colony printing their own membership lists, since the "Pink Book" has been discontinued. The allocation will only be applied once every three years in the year following the election of a new Governor.

## Membership News

State Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing reported seven new supplementals and 37 new members making a total of 1,163 FSMD members to date. (*See page 4.*)

State Junior Chair Kenneth Carter reported 863 junior members and that he now has everything automated so that the applications are processed within a few days.

State Elder Robert Burt reported 9 deaths and read the names from each of the colonies.

State Captain, State Directory Chair and State Webmaster Reynolds Cushing reported the flags were "happy and in their places." He also explained that membership is continually changing and asked that the colonies be sure to inform him of all new information as his records are only as good as the information he receives. Ren stated he is willing to send any Colony their membership list upon request. This can be done either by e-mail or by snail mail. Ren also praised State Newsletter Editor Louise Rumnock for her magic and talent in producing our new page to the website "Meet Your State Officers" and urged all to visit the website.

## Scholarship Update

Deputy Governor and Scholarship Chair Frances Lopus read a letter from last year's scholarship recipient Daniel Kelley, in which he thanked the Florida Society for their contribution to his education. Fran stated that there were four applications submitted this year and the scholarship winner is Kaitlin Sikich from Green Bay, WI. Kaitlin is the granddaughter of Florence Wall a member of the Myles Standish Colony and a dual member of Wisconsin. (*See scholarship article on front page.*)

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## Colony Happenings

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### John Alden Colony...

has raised \$200.00 for the State Scholarship Fund, which they presented at the Spring Board of Assistants' Meeting. Their recent meetings included tours of The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale School of Culinary Arts and the Stranahan House, the oldest house in Ft. Lauderdale.

### Isaac Allerton Colony...

has made contributions to the Palm Beach Historical Society and is busy planning our 68th Annual State Meeting in November. (See back page for details.)

### Gov. William Bradford Colony...

State Governor George M. Allerton attended their Saturday, March 3, 2005, meeting at St. Petersburg Yacht Club in St. Petersburg, FL. Colony Governor, Robert Raup welcomed the State Governor who addressed the members with his message about "Flags."

### Elder Brewster Colony...

had Jerry Wilkinson, Monroe County Historian as their guest speaker. He gave a very informative talk on the history of the Overseas Highway US #1.

### James Chilton Colony...

approved a \$100.00 donation to the Florida State Scholarship Fund at their May 7th meeting. Jan Piper informed the Colony of a project that the Shoe Boxers do. They cut embroidered stars from old flags send them to Iraq for our troops to carry. Their guest speaker Dallas Meeham presented "*Before Plymouth, the Discovery & Settlement of Early Florida.*"

### Francis Cooke Colony...

has raised \$75.00 for the State Scholarship Fund in addition to the \$66.50 donated from the sale of *Pilgrim Myles & Tom-T's Plymouth Adventure Coloring/Activity Books*. (For more information on the books, contact Colony Governor Carol Yovanovich.)

### Edward Fuller Colony...

is planning on donating Mayflower volumes to a local library in memory of deceased members.

### Stephen Hopkins Colony...

recently held a luncheon in honor of a local resident of Vero Beach, and graduate of Indian River County High School, 1st Lt. Andrea Twitchell. She is currently serving on active duty with the US Army Infantry Division, 701st Main Support Battalion in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Lt. Twitchell was a recent recipient of a Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving with this unit, where she is responsible for supplying 300 troop units and civilian contractors

with warehouse services and convoy deliveries since February 2004. Daniel Dragonetti, Education and Public Relations Chair for the Colony organized the luncheon with Ruth Twitchell, grandmother of Lt. Andrea Twitchell, Ted Twitchell, a Lieutenant with the Vero Beach Police, and Mr. Tom Mayer, Superintendent of Indian River County Schools were present to represent Lt. Twitchell who could not attend in person due to her current assignment. Colony Governor, Aurie Morrison presented the Certificate of Commendation which Ruth Twitchell accepted for her granddaughter. The Colony is conducting a vigorous program to promote goodwill in the community and educate its citizens about the objectives and history of the Mayflower Society. The Colony members felt that Andrea Twitchell was an inspiration and splendid example of good citizenship and commitment for the children of her hometown.

### John Howland Colony...

Colony Governor Nate Heuberger reported on recent meetings and extended his thanks to all who had helped and advised during his term. New officers were installed. Hank Dressel is now Colony Governor.

### Myles Standish Colony...

has donated four volumes of Mayflower books to both the Naples and Fort Myers Libraries. They get the honor of having the most interesting meeting this year. Their guest speaker was a parrot named "George."

### Elizabeth Tilley Colony...

awarded its annual scholarship at their May 14 meeting held at Palm-Aire Country Club. Ms. Melissa Reese, (pictured on the right), a senior at Sarasota High School, was selected by the Sarasota County Schools to receive this year's award of \$2,000. She was selected on the basis of her academic achievement, as well as her strong interest in United States history. Her history teacher, Mr. Don Baezler, accompanied her and her parents to the award luncheon. Mr. Baezler gave an interesting presentation on history instruction in today's schools. Not only has she maintained a 4.0 average throughout her high school years, but Melissa has been a school leader and active in her community. She plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in Urban Planning and Architectural History. The 139 members of Tilley Colony are proud to assist this fine young lady with her future plans.



## Welcome New Members

The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants welcomes our new members for the period of November 2004 through May 2005.

### Alden Colony

David Wright  
Susan Wuest

### Allerton Colony

John Dustin  
Jane McCulloch  
Stephanie Young

### Bradford Colony

Scott Arnold  
Marguerite Baldy  
James Martin  
Esther Murphy  
Mark Tucker

### Chilton Colony

Alton Chamberlain  
Shawn Hickey  
William Hopkins  
Ruth Howard  
Janette Pawlowski  
Nancy Sherman

### Cooke Colony

Jerry Deardoff  
Francis Plimpton  
George Robbins  
Beth Waters

### Fuller Colony

Patricia Mayell  
Blythe Thomas

### Hopkins Colony

Margaret Lawson

### Howland Colony

Cynthia Connor

### Mullins Colony

Marjorie Holly

### Standish Colony

Jacqueline Capelle-Frank  
Alicia Heuser  
Frances Kane  
Judith Kenney  
Janet Nieburg  
Carl Smith  
Katherine Williams

### Tilley Colony

Howard Berna  
Dana Crapo  
Harold Crapo  
Catherine Hunt  
Frank Lailer  
Cynthia Matthews  
Patricia Matthews  
James Ross  
Valorie Sherman

### Warren Colony

Carolyn Evans  
Cornelia Kolster  
Jan Waggoner

### Winslow Colony

Joan Holland  
Faye Williams

## FSMD Memberships

Life membership applications can be obtained from your Colony historian. You must have belonged to FSMD for at least one year before you apply. Fees are based on member's age: 65+ = \$350, 50-64 = \$450, 35-49 = \$550, under 35 = \$600.

Junior membership applications for children under 18 can be obtained from your Colony historian. Sponsors need to be a member in good standing in FSMD. There is a one-time fee of \$15.

## Junior Members Update

*By Kenneth E. Carter, FSMD Junior Membership Chair*

At the Spring Meeting, held on April 16, 2005, the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants had 863 Junior Members. This year, we have enrolled 52 new Junior Members and dropped 13 who have reached the age of 25 years. We have had a few Junior Members who have submitted their documentation and are now members of our Society. **Congratulations! Colony Junior Membership Chairpersons** should make sure they have a place on their Colony's agenda at each meeting to "tell the Junior Member story."

### *Q. Who can be a Sponsor?*

*A.* Any member in good standing in the Florida State Society is entitled to submit an application for Junior Membership for any person under eighteen years of age, who has a proven lineage, (meaning: they are related to a past or present member of the State Society by blood through the same line of descent in which the member was approved by the State Society).

Junior members may, between the ages of 18 and their 25th birthday, transfer to regular membership in the State Society in which the Junior Membership is held, provided the usual lineage papers have been furnished and approved, either prior to or at the time of the application from Junior to Regular Membership. The required initiation fee will be waived, and they will become members of the Colony in Florida in which their Sponsor is currently a member. A State and General Number will be assigned to each Junior Member upon becoming a Regular Member.

The Colony breakdown is as follows:

Colony	11/01/2004	4/16/2005
Alden	49	47
Allerton	35	39
Bradford	159	162
Brewster	26	24
Chilton	17	36
Cooke	48	49
Doty	27	27
E. Fuller	16	15
Hopkins	10	16
Howland	47	47
Mullins	21	21
Standish	163	165
Tilley	164	173
Warren	20	20
Winslow	22	22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>863</b>

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## Spring Meeting (Continued)

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Fran also expressed her concern on the funding of the Scholarship Fund, which has been supported by donations from the membership. Treasurer Susan Shannon suggested that the money collected from junior member applications be applied to the scholarship fund. Other suggestions included individual colony projects to help subsidize the fund.

### Millennium Voyage Announcement

State Governor George Allerton discussed the new General Society of Mayflower Descendants fundraising campaign "Millennium Voyage." Tickets were distributed to colony governors to sell at their colony meetings. We were also informed that there is a full explanation of the project and an order form in the back of the March 2005 *Mayflower Quarterly* as well as information on the Thirty-seventh Mayflower General Congress. (Form also on page 7 of *FL Pilgrim*.)

### Future Meeting Dates

After interesting and informative colony reports from the attending colony governors, the meeting was adjourned with the reading of the Compact by Deputy Governor Fran Lopus and benediction by Elder Robert Burt.

The following future meeting dates were announced by Governor George Allerton: Annual State Meeting will be held on November 18th and 19th, 2005 and will be hosted by the Isaac Allerton Colony of West Palm Beach. The November 2006 Annual State Meeting will be hosted by the James Chilton Colony of The Villages.

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## 68th Annual Meeting

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The Florida State Society of Mayflower Descendants' 68th Annual Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Catalina, 1602 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach, FL 33426, on November 18 and 19, 2005. Rooms are available for \$80 plus 10.5% tax. Mention Mayflower Society for special rate and ask for late check-in. Call (561) 737-4600 for reservations.

The Friday night banquet will begin at 6 PM with a social hour. Guest speaker will be James Ponce who will present a program on "Henry Flagler in South Florida." Menu choices are: Filet of Sole, \$30; Chicken Piccata, \$30; or a Pasta Vegetable Plate, \$27.

Make checks payable to: Isaac Allerton Colony and mail your reservation request, check and menu selection to: Donna Fuller-Smith, 1003 SW 25th Place, Boyton Beach, FL 33426.

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## In Memory of "Bill"

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By Dorothy Hornus

Mr. Willard I. Staples, Jr., former Governor, and Deputy Governor General of the Florida State Society of Mayflower Descendants, died on June 9, 2005 in Tampa, FL. Fondly known as "Mr. Mayflower" within the Florida Society, "Bill" Staples first joined the William Bradford Colony in 1978. He rapidly ascended to Colony Governor, serving from 1980-83; then Governor of the State Society 1982-84; AG 1984-86; and two terms as Deputy Governor General 1986-90. He also served as his Colony and State Society Historian during the years he was DGG. He later became Editor of the Florida Society State Newsletter until 1996. While State Historian, Mr. Staples actively pursued the possibility of proving documentation for 12 descendants of Moses Fletcher, who were found to be living in Leiden, Holland by Joe Poole, and they were able to join Bradford Colony and the General Society. Four descendants of William Brewster were also found to be living in Argentina, and they later joined too.

He was predeceased by his first wife Elsie Andrews Staples in 1995, and is survived by his second wife, Elsie Rock (Hacker) Staples; his son Willard I. Staples III of Dade City, FL; daughter Jane Daugherty of Kennewick, WA.; and grandson Willard I. Staples IV of Tampa, is among his six grandchildren; along with seven great-grandchildren.

Bill was a native of California, son of Willard I. and Helen Whitter Staples. He graduated from Pomona College and Southwestern University Law School. He served as a Special Agent, FBI; and later as Security Manager of engineering staff, Ford Motor Co., Detroit, MI. He also held the position of Assistant Secretary of State, Michigan, for two years. The Staples family came to Tampa in 1952 where Bill had his own investigative services business conducting field investigations for the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, and finally, employed as special services manager for Westinghouse when he retired. He was a longtime Elder and member of the First Presbyterian Church, Tampa; President of the Florida Huguenot Society, President of the Tampa Chapter, S.A.R., and member of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. The Florida Society presented Mr. Staples with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at their Annual State Meeting in November 2003. Needless to add, he led a long, interesting, and productive life, leaving large footsteps in the sand.

## FSMD Scholarship Fund

Established in 2003, the FSMD Scholarship Fund is maintained solely by voluntary contributions by Florida Society members and colonies. Members are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. It is a great way to remember a special occasion or to honor a loved one, plus help expand the educational horizons of younger Mayflower descendants.

### Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to:*

**Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants**

Send to: Susan Shannon, FSMD Treasurer  
9008 Calwood Court, Orlando, FL 32825-8062

## Did You Know?

...The formation of the New York Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1894 was actually the foundation of the GSMD?

...The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) was officially organized in 1896 by the New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania State Societies?

...There is a picture of the landing of the Pilgrims on the 1914 US five dollar bill?

...The original GSMD flag was created in 1915 for an estimated \$135.00?

...In 1920, Congress authorized a special half dollar issued with Gov. Bradford on one side and the Mayflower on the other side?

...Also in 1920, the United States Postal Service issued three postage stamps (the one cent, two cent and five cent stamps) commemorating the Tercentenary of the Pilgrims' landing?

...The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants was organized on August 7, 1937?

...The Mayflower II was a gift from the English people in 1957?

*SOURCE: Centennial History: General Society of Mayflower Descendants 1897-1997, Duane A. Cline, Editor*



## Pilgrim Family Associations Update:

### Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred Organizational Meeting Announced

An organizational meeting of the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred will be held at 11:30 on Sunday, September 11, 2005, at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Kindred will also include Henry's first cousin Abraham Sampson who arrived in Duxbury by 1638. We will be approving a Constitution and Bylaws, electing officers and appointing a newsletter editor, etc.

We will be sure to end the meeting in time for those who wish to take part in the Mayflower Society's Triennial Congress Pilgrims' Progress that starts at the Mayflower House at 2 p.m.

The mission of this organization will be to memorialize this Pilgrim and his cousin; to help

discover and publish additional information about them and their respective wives, Henry's Anne Plummer and Abraham's two wives whose complete names are unknown, their parents and ancestors, and their descendants; to locate associated artifacts; to help descendants prove their lineage; to place memorial tablets in associated sites; and to meet our Samson cousins.

Please visit our website:

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/  
~henrysamsonkindred/index.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~henrysamsonkindred/index.html)

For further information contact: Mr. Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr. at 1530 S. Juniper St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 or by e-mail at [SWood@SAIL1620.org](mailto:SWood@SAIL1620.org).

# Be a Passenger on the Millennium Voyage! (Continued)

By Dorothy Hornus, FSMD Public Relations Chair

How can you purchase a ticket? Some of our colonies have taken a batch of tickets to sell, and those will contact their members. The person handling the tickets in the colonies, must make a list of the persons who purchase the tickets, the general number of members (not necessary for non-members), but names for ALL, and send the money collected along with the list of contributors, to the *Treasurer General, Judy Swan, 8611 Larthorn Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646-4503.*

## Millennium Voyage of the Mayflower Society

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to: (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the **Florida State Society.**

**For the following people:** (Please Print)

*If a member of the Mayflower Society, please include the 5-digit GSMD membership number found above your name on the back of the "Quarterly."*

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*Enclose an additional sheet for additional passengers.*

\$25 per passenger, plus \$10 per line of added Mayflower information for the Official Log to be published in *The Mayflower Quarterly.*

Enclosed is my check made payable to GSMD or charge my credit card

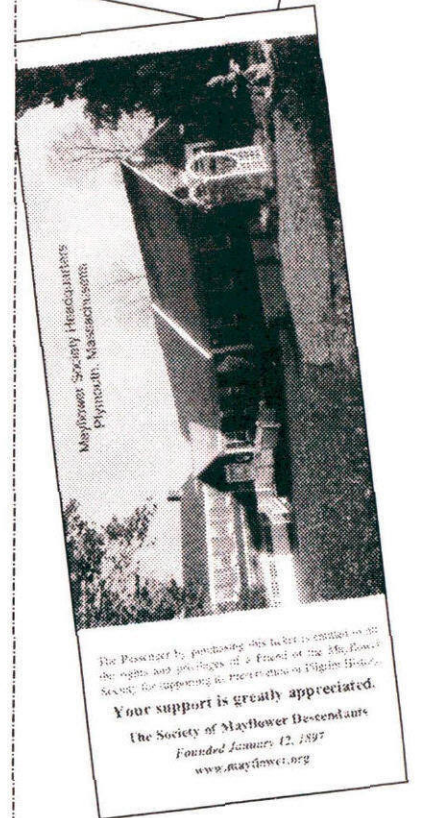
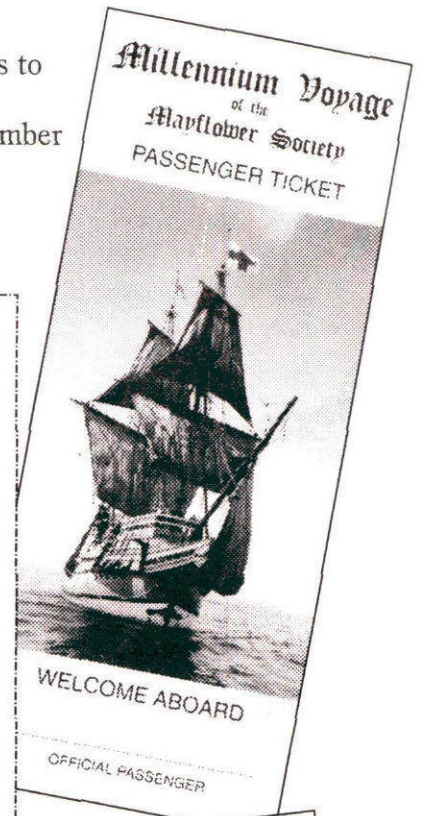
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Required Security Code (last 3 numbers on signature box) \_\_\_\_ \_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be mailed to the above address, without a passenger name, allowing the passenger to sign the ticket or have it printed.



*Be part of history,  
send for your  
ticket today!*

## Upcoming Events in 2005

**September 9-13, 2005 – 37th General Congress**

will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth, MA

**November 18-19, 2005 – 68th Annual State Meeting**

Holiday Inn - Catalina, 1602 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Rooms: \$80 plus 10.5% tax • Reservations: (561) 737-4600

Mention Mayflower Society for special rate and ask for late check-in.

### FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Social Hour (cash bar) 6:00 - 7:00 PM • Banquet 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: James Ponce • Topic: "Henry Flagler in South Florida"

### MENU CHOICE OF:

Filet of Sole - \$30.00 • Chicken Piccata - \$30.00 • Pasta-Vegetable Plate - \$27.00

***PILGRIM COSTUMES ARE WELCOME***

Make checks payable to: Isaac Allerton Colony and mail your reservation request, check and menu selection to: Donna Fuller-Smith, 1003 SW 25th Place, Boyton Beach, FL 33426

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