

The Mayflower Messenger

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FALL MEETING, Saturday, November 19, 2011

QUAIL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

3501 Quail Creek Rd.~ Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Board of Assistants Meeting 9:30 A.M.

General Meeting 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH followed by PROGRAM NOON

Cost: \$ 18.00 each

Please send your check by Nov. 15th, to Mildred Greenstreet, Treasurer, 4315 East 32nd Place Tulsa, OK 74135-1744 (New Address)

“Tiptoe Through The Tombstones” by Carolyn B. Leonard

Cemeteries are the great American novel” and every generation represents a chapter. Some cemeteries have become outdoor art museum parks where people enjoy walking, picnicking and visiting. Other graveyards are being abandoned and turned into cattle pastures at an alarming rate. This presentation, evoking uncontrolled laughter, will encourage the viewers to preserve the stories and tombstones of those individuals who are buried in these graveyards.





NEW MEMBERS since last meeting:

Sylvia Sue Ryan, OK#942 GS#83424, Edward Fuller.

James Elmer Arnold III, OK#941 GS#83384, Thomas Rogers.

Leslie Kay Crow Reid, OK#940 GS#83368, William Bradford.

James Prentice Hapgood, OK#939 GS#83302, William Brewster.

Alexa Morgan Hapgood, OK#938 GS#83301, William Brewster.

Rachael Cooper Mason, OK#937 GS#83267, Richard Warren.

Gerold Dee Oberlender, OK#936 GS#83217, John Alden.

Diane Seebass, OK#935 GS#83089, John Howland.

William Hobert Mills, OK#934 GS#83076, Edward Doty.

Beth Wright Randolph, OK#933 GS#83070, J.Alden/P.Mullins.

Diane Ruth Stroud, OK#932 GS#83069, Edward Doty.

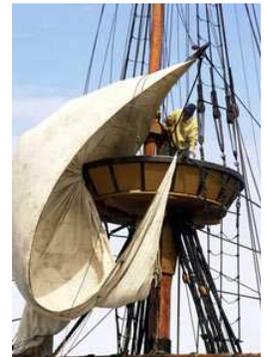
Ashley Samira Baer, OK#931 GS#82993, Richard Warren.

IN MEMORIUM:

Dian Southworth Wadley, died August 13, 2011. She was OK #599.

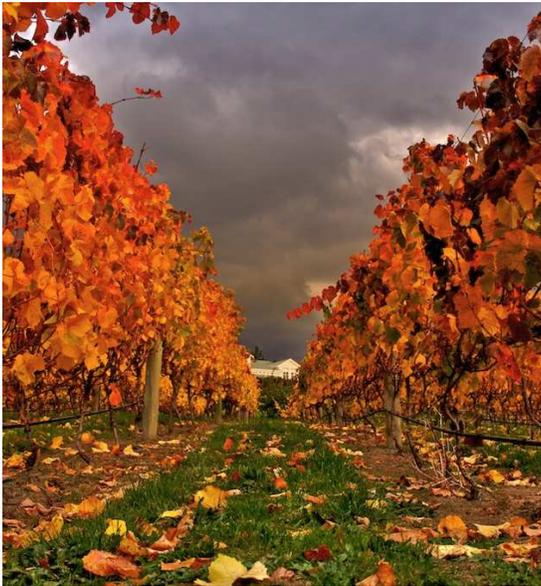
Beverly Rice Wade, died January 7, 2011. She was OK #273.

Published in The Oklahoman on May 8, 2011 the following is an obituary of our former Governor, Prentice Hapgood, who served from 1998 to 2000.



December 17, 1923 - May 6, 2011 **EDMOND** Prentice Hapgood, 87, died on May 6, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Mary Strueber Hapgood, and two sons - Joe Hapgood of Edmond, and Vince Hapgood of Grapevine, Texas, and their respective spouses, Kris Hennessey Hapgood and Toni Deese Hapgood; along with four grandchildren, Alyssa Hapgood Collins and her husband Brian Collins, David Hapgood, Alexa Hapgood, and Jay Hapgood; and one great-grandson, Jack Collins. Also surviving is one sister and three nephews. Prentice Hapgood was Claims Attorney for Conoco's insurance carrier in Ponca City from 1968 to 1987 and Claims Counsel in Conoco's Legal Department in Houston from 1987 to 1990. The Hapgoods retired in Edmond in 1990. Hapgood was born in Hartford, CT on 12-17-1923 and moved with his family to Santa Fe, NM in 1939. He was a Navy veteran of [World War II](#) and completed his undergraduate work at the University of New Mexico in 1949. In the late 1940s, he acquired and consolidated a tract of land that became the Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Hapgood graduated from the University of Houston Law School in 1959 and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960. Hapgood was an active Episcopalian in Oklahoma, having served on the Diocesan Council and on a Bishop's Search Committee, as well as attending many Diocesan conventions. Early in his retirement, Hapgood volunteered in the job placement section of REST, a day shelter for the homeless, and for two years served as a Board member of Common Cause Oklahoma. Funeral services are as follows: Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Edmond, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Private interment in Ponca City.

Governor's Message



Growing up in New England, I always enjoyed the beautiful colors of the leaves in the fall; however the raking of leaves was not as enjoyable. The county fairs in northwest Connecticut were an enjoyable family activity. Farmers would show the produce they grew for ribbons, not much different than the produce shown at the Oklahoma State Fair. The county fairs were usually along a two lane highway in the middle of a farmer's field with the fall foliage surrounding the field. This year our 100 degree days burned up my garden pretty quickly, as it did many other backyard gardens. It sure is good we have a neighborhood grocery store to visit and purchase our produce.



Our Pilgrim ancestors did not have that luxury and a bad harvest was a sure sign of a very bad winter. In 1623, tradition tells us that each person only received five kernels of corn a day. If we lived back then, this year's harvest would surely have meant we would be rationing our food. In reality, we have no concept of what our ancestors' lives were really like, because we simply have no frame of reference. The majority of us have never suffered real hunger or poverty, except those of our elders who lived through the Depression.



This Thanksgiving as we remember the great hardships our ancestors endured, let us also be mindful of those in need. Let us honor their memory by caring for those in our community who need our help. ▫

Henry Baer III

Answers to the Quiz from the last meeting: 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-b, 5-c, 6-c, 7-b and 8-b.

The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants was founded in 1947 and includes 270 members.



During 2010 I showed the DVD, The Mayflower's Story, to my art classes (84 students from age 5-15) and asked them to paint a picture of the Mayflower ship. The display at the April meeting was of some of their pictures (also on our website). I was very touched by their comments and questions about life on the ship during the crossing and of the duties that children had to perform when the colony was getting settled. They especially related to the education which the pilgrim children received from their parents since my students are home-schooled, too. The 15 minute DVD is well made and interesting for adults, as well as children. Our schools teach U.S. history in the 5th grade.▫



—Editor

Mildred Greenstreet has copies to sell at \$16.50 each. They are great for gifts to children, grandchildren, and grade schools.

The following letter was forwarded from Stacy Wood, Co-editor of PA Messenger:

Dear Mayflower Descendants:

This past Sunday, November 21, 2010 the New York Times had a very interesting op-ed reflecting on the Tea Party claim that the Pilgrims were a bunch of socialists who became capitalists after their supposed collectivism failed. It's a nasty twist of history, so I couldn't resist firing off a letter to the editor. The letter is in today's paper. You can follow the links below to the letter, and a link to the original op-ed. Let me suggest you forward the link to others who are interested in history and the Pilgrims.

Type the following into your search engine:

The Pilgrims' America-NYTimes.com-The New York Times [for his letter]

then enter: The Pilgrims were...socialists [for the article]

That said, I wish you a pleasant Thanksgiving, one of thanks, not politics.

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For those who don't know of Glenn, he is the author of the 2007 "Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America" which he dedicated to every American who has welcomed them with grace and assistance." Alice Teal reviewed it in the June 2008 "Mayflower Quarterly."▫



Kathy Patterson has been named chairman of the General Society Education Committee. The mission of the GSMD is "to perpetuate the memory and ideals of our pilgrim ancestors through the use of educational resources."
Congratulations, Kathy!▫



Did you know that the Mayflower also transported the pilgrims' dog and cat pets?▫

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