

The Mayflower Messenger

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FALL MEETING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

THE GREENS COUNTRY CLUB

13100 Green Valley Drive, Oklahoma City, OK

Board of Assistants Meeting 9:30 a.m.

General Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon, \$16 each Noon

*Menu: Field Greens with Chef's Choice Dressing,
Rosemary Dijon Chicken Breast with herbs, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley,
New York style Cheesecake, hot rolls and beverages.*

Program, 1 p.m.

Presented by Wade Burleson,
Senior Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Enid

Reservations: Please send your check (\$16 per attendee) made payable to The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants to Lauri Ann Robinson, Treasurer, 9789 Hefner Village Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7764. Please be sure that Lauri has your check or notify her by November 5, 2013 if you will attend.

About our Program and Speaker

Wade Burleson, Senior Pastor of Enid's Emmanuel Baptist Church since 1992, will present "The Connection Between Abraham Lincoln and Enid." Wade has received the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters, was honored by the U. S. Department of Justice in 1996 for his work with victim's families at ground zero of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, and received the Distinguished Silver Star from the Tulsa Police Department in the 1980's. A student of history and theology, Wade has authored seven books including *Happiness Doesn't Just Happen: Learning to Be Content Regardless of Your Circumstances*; *Red Earth Courage: The Amazing Story of the First Secret Mission of the Civil War*; and *A Transient Abode*, about John Wilkes Booth, Boston Cornet, and their bizarre connection to Enid, OK. He is a member of the Surratt Society in Washington, D.C., a group of experts on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and is part of a private team working with the Smithsonian Institution to conduct DNA tests on the remains John Wilkes Booth to confirm his death at Garrett's Barn. We look forward to this presentation.



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Batter Up!

Are you ready to
 "suit up" with the
 team?

At the Fall general meeting we will elect five members to the Board of Assistants. This group meets prior to each society meeting and is comprised of the officers, past governors and five assistants. If you are interested in serving the society as an assistant, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, whose names and contact information are:

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Your consideration of this opportunity of service to the Oklahoma Mayflower Society is appreciated.



<http://www.okmayflower.com/>
 We are indebted to Leslie Reid, our Webmaster, who has produced our excellent Website. The information that is available is amazing. Have some fun today and find **YOUR** famous and infamous lineae cousins!

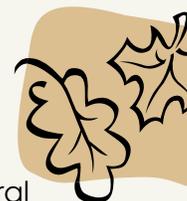
Welcome - New Members Since SPRING 2013 Report

Name, OK & GS No., date approved, Ancestor

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| Larry Lynn Hillyard 4/10/13 approved | OK 964 James Chilton - active | GS 85524 |
| Mark A. Campbell 4/16/13 | OK 965 William White - new | GS 85548 |
| Suzanne Helen Patterson 5/8/13 | OK 966 Stephens Hopkins - new | GS 85662 |
| Elizabeth Ellen Pruet 1/7/13 | OK 967 John Alden - new | GS 85745 |
| James C. Rardin 8/28/13 | OK 968 Degory Priest - new | GS 85963 |
| Vicki Hillyard-Brunner 8/28/13 | OK 969 James Chilton - new | GS 85962 |
| Cherie S. Lawson 9/11/13 | OK 970 John Alden - new | GS 85999 |

In Memoriam

Dr. Stuart Denslow will conduct a Remembrance Ceremony at our Fall meeting in honor of member Anne B. Howard, OK #733, General Society #60960, who died on 28 August, 2013, at the age of 98. Her Mayflower ancestor was John Howland. She was the mother of D. Burton Howard, former Governor of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants.



The General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Organized 12 January 1897, Plymouth, MA

The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims Celebration Committee

October 10, 2013

[All] State Societies and members are invited to join a competition organized by the GSMD 2020 Committee to create a national logo for the GSMD celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, the landing in Plymouth and the establishment of the Pilgrim colony.

Incorporate your ideas for both the celebration of this event and perhaps the future marketing image of GSMD into a design that you believe would be an appropriate symbol. You may organize your effort in any manner you see fit.

In order to insure that good ideas are not excluded, there will be no limit to the number of entries a state or its members may submit. All entries for the contest should be received by the Chair of the 2020 Committee Logo Contest before April 15, 2014. An independent jury of marketing professionals will review each entry and recommend a base group to the committee. Five of those entries will be published in the June Issue of the Mayflower Quarterly and those who wish to vote may do so. The winner will be announced at the triennial meeting of the General Congress in September 2014.

All entries will become the property of the GSMD unless the applicant is notified otherwise. More than one logo may be chosen for use by GSMD for special marketing applications for the 2020 celebration. If chosen as the winner, your submittal will be trademarked as a national GSMD logo. Prizes will be awarded to the top three logos selected. You will not be entitled to any other compensation.

The winning logo will serve as the identification and basis for all GSMD marketing for this event. You will receive recognition in both the Mayflower Quarterly and at certain select GSMD events. More information will be in the December Mayflower Quarterly.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

December Mayflower Quarterly – more detailed contest information
 April 15, 2014 – logo submission deadline followed by jury review
 June Mayflower Quarterly – five selected logos published for voting
 September 2014 – winner announced at the Triennial General Congress in Plymouth

2020 Committee

F-AGG Harry P. Folger 3rd, Chair
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Can't See the Tree Branches for the Forest?

My family **tree** is so large that it seems more like a **forest**! When I began participation in Ancestry.com's DNA project, I didn't envision all the connections that would be highlighted for more investigation. A DNA match recently contacted me to say, "We're connected through our common ancestor Abigail Howland." I didn't even recall that I had a "Howland" ancestor, but I quickly found her in my FamilyTreeMaker file. It is well documented that her father, Quaker Henry Howland, was a brother of Mayflower passenger John Howland. The DNA project has alerted me to numerous other Quaker ancestors and I've read of the many penalties they endured for their faith. Now with the Howland branch I have even MORE lineage cousins in the Mayflower Society. Sometimes we get so busy on one line we overlook some fascinating connections in another or, as I say, *sometimes I can't see the tree branches for the forest*. I wonder how many of our members are involved in a DNA project. If you're not, why not try it? It's educational, may lead you to new genealogical discoveries, and it's a lot of fun.

Jeannine Long, Deputy Governor

Governor's Message

A lot has happened since we met in April. There have been powerful tornadoes, other disasters, world conflicts, and all of us have had changes in our lives. I pray that life has been good to you, though I know some have lost loved ones and had health issues. I've had a very quiet summer with just a couple of trips. One trip was to Missouri to see my beautiful granddaughter Abigail graduate from high school, and the other was to Michigan to visit my youngest son and his family in their lovely home. I spent the week there playing with my two youngest grandsons, Sam and Nolan, while their nanny was on vacation.



Gov. Forehand

We are finally getting rain in Southwestern Oklahoma after another dry summer. All the fish in our lake died, and the water level has been down to twelve percent while others in the state are overflowing. I live in a different world down here, but most of the time I love the solitude, simple life and wide open spaces.

My book, *Ghosts on Cross Mountain*, has been published. It is an easy-read genealogy suspense novel and has been on Kindle e-books since June. If you've ever tried to break down that family brick wall, you'll enjoy the story. I'll bring some of the books with me to the November meeting. I am going to Northeastern Tennessee in October to do some marketing as that is the setting for the book. While I am there, I will also be able to see my younger sister who is very ill.

We have had some correspondence from the General Society advising that we not make contributions to the Leiden Museum in the Netherlands as a nonprofit organization. I will share that with you at our fall Compact Meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at The Greens on November 9. A special thank you goes to Carolyn Leonard and Marquette Brown for their excellent articles to the Mayflower Quarterly and to Jeannine Long and Mildred Greenstreet for getting this newsletter published and distributed. I so appreciate each of our members and officers who step up and do their part to make the Oklahoma Society successful. Also, may God comfort our members who have lost loved ones and have health issues.

Judith (Judy) Forehand



CONGRATULATIONS!

We are pleased to recognize **Rachel Forrest**, Edmond, OK, as our **2013 Scholarship Recipient**. Rachel is an artist and University of Kansas honor student pursuing a Visual Arts and Art History double major.

Rachel's many honors include a semester of study in France at the Marchutz School of Fine Arts, and her nomination as 2012 Oklahoma City RAW Visual Artist of the Year. Rachel is the granddaughter of member **Burton Howard** and a descendant of pilgrim **John Howland**.