



# Mayflower Messenger

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## Spring Mayflower Meeting

### Tulsa Country Club

701 North Union, Tulsa

April 12, 2008

#### Board of Assistants' Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

General Meeting ~ 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Luncheon ~ Noon ~ \$18 per plate

~ Menu ~

Baby Spinach Salad, Seared Snapper  
Vera Cruz, Oklahoma Pecan Pie,  
Drinks, Rolls

Program:

**"Oklahoma's Favorite Son,  
Will Rogers"**

Andy Hogan, presenter

Remember to send your \$18 check with  
your reservation by April 6 to

**Mildred Greenstreet, Treasurer**

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## Welcome ~ New Members

*New Members since our Fall 2007 meeting:*

881	78116	Virginia Carroll Scott	Tulsa	John Howland
882	78313	Leslie James Arnold	Yukon	John Howland
883	78591	Dianne LeBlanc Delbridge	Mustang	R. Warren
884	78573	Angela Kay Chipman Bateman	OKC	John Howland
885	78574	Laura Gardner Weatherholt	Tulsa	Edward Fuller
886	72247	Betty Jo Suchy McElderry	Purcell	William Mullins
887	78606	Melissa Martin Abdo	Tulsa	Wm. Brewster
888	78694	JoAnn Pielsticker	Tulsa	John Alden
889	78695	Janet Warrick Kirk	Edmond	James Chilton



*Above: Photo of Mayflower members who received their passports at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Compact Meeting, November 10, 2007.*

## About Our Speaker:

**Andy Hogan, historical guide at the Claremore Will Rogers Museum will present a portrait of Will Rogers.** Wearing his Will Rogers hat with rope in hand, he will focus on the political quips of Rogers as well as giving views on life in general.

Formerly an educator and elementary school principal, Hogan has been a Will Rogers interpreter for the museum since 2005. He guides school groups and tours through the Museum's nine galleries filled with art, artifacts and memorabilia relating to the life and times of the American legend born in Oologah, Indian Territory. Hogan has acquainted himself with the chatty ways of Will Rogers and with a long history in the classroom relates to children as well as adults.

Hogan interests are long distance running, bow hunting and anything to do with Will Rogers. He personally relates to the man he touts in his duties at the museum. A graduate of Tulsa East Central High School, Hogan earned his bachelor's and master's degree at Northern State College, Tahlequah. His first teaching assignment was junior high English at Sand Springs. He went from there to Barnsdall, then a dependent district now Osage Academy Central where he was a teacher, principal, bus driver and coach. He came to Claremore in 1975 as Claremont elementary principal, a post he held for 21 years.

# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to our Spring Meeting at the Tulsa Country Club. Greeting us will be "Oklahoma's Favorite Son", Will Rogers, portrayed by Andy Hogan. Of course we probably all remember Will Rogers' comment, "My ancestors didn't come on the Mayflower but they met the boat."

After thirty-five years of service at the Oklahoma State Capitol, I can truly appreciate his remark about politicians, "Congress meets tomorrow morning. Let us all pray to the Lord to give us strength to bear that which is about to be inflicted upon us." We can all use a little humor about this time in our election year, and I think we will all enjoy his timeless rhetoric.

Having read many books about Will, I have also been privileged to have visited with his Son, Jim Rogers, and one of Will's Oklahoma cousins who recalled many stories about him in the early years. After visiting the Memorial for a dedication ceremony in honor of his Father, Clem Vann Rogers, I was invited by a family relative to tour Rogers' Dogiron Ranch. Both the Memorial and ranch are not far from Tulsa, and are worthy of a visit.

Prior to the program, business to be conducted at this meeting will be two proposed changes to the Bylaws, as printed in the Meeting Notice. Please take time to read these prior to the meeting. Other business will be a Nominating Committee to be announced for officers to be elected at the November Compact Day Meeting. At this particular time we are especially in need of members for the Junior Membership Committee. If you are interested in this, or in any other committee or office, please express this interest to your Governor, or the Board of Assistants.

Priorities are very important! As members of the Mayflower Society we have a unique and rich heritage and are privileged to be members. Since we have this privilege we are eligible for many other historical organizations and sometimes spread ourselves too thin and cannot accomplish as much as we would like for any organization. I encourage you to honor your ancestors and your heritage by making Mayflower your top priority. It is up to us to preserve our history correctly rather than as we are sometimes misrepresented.

One way to pursue this would be to contact a school in your area, perhaps prior to Thanksgiving, and offer to visit or provide them with the brochures on "The Five Kernels of Corn", or "The First Thanksgiving" story, coloring pages, puzzles, or you might offer the video for a teacher to show. This is just a suggestion. You don't have to be a professional speaker. I noted with interest two articles appearing in the Oklahoma City paper last November. One showing adult men and children in Pilgrim attire waiting for a plane at Will Rogers World Airport, and another picturing adult men dressed as Pilgrims and Indians visiting a schoolroom and sitting on the floor enjoying a meal with the students. The interesting thing is that none of them were Mayflower members.

Lastly, if you are of a certain age, you may remember a radio program titled "I Love A Mystery". The mystery we don't love is that of our **Oklahoma Mayflower Charter**. Does anyone have this, or even a copy? What we do know is that our Society was presented our Charter when the General Board of Assistants met with the Pennsylvania Society on January 11, 1947, at Union League Hall, Philadelphia. What we don't know is where the Charter is now. If you or a relative has been an officer in the past, or a long time member who might have this Charter, or other records or items pertinent to our history, please attempt to locate them and return them so that our historical records may be complete. Please search your old files, boxes, garages, or barns.

Although it is stated in our Bylaws, "ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 4. Duties k) All files of office shall be forwarded to the newly elected officers no more than 45 days after their election," I am not sure this has been followed, or that everyone was aware of this. Good intentions often do not come to fruition.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tulsa, April 12th. ~

Governor, *Velada June McCuiston* [vjunemc@cox.net](mailto:vjunemc@cox.net) - 405-680-8598

## Scholarship Winner Announced

The Scholarship Committee of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants takes pride in announcing the recipient of the 2008 Scholarship. He is William Ross Fielding, an Accounting and Spanish major at Oklahoma State University. This was William's third time to apply for our scholarship. He plans to graduate in May 2009. Some of his academic experiences include Spanish immersion in Puebla, Mexico, an upcoming trip to Wall Street, and a bank internship this summer.

Our scholarship winner is the grandson of Bonnie Fielding of Cushing, OK, Oklahoma Society No. 525 and GS No. 36881, a member since 1974. They are descendants of Mayflower passenger George Soule.

*Malcolm H. Patterson, Ph.D.*  
*Scholarship Committee Chairman*



Another 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo

## Bylaws Committee Submits Bylaws Change For Vote

At the November 10, 2007 meeting of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants, Quembe Walkingstick, Bylaws Committee Chairman, submitted two Bylaws recommendations to the Board from her committee.

- (1) Article III, Members Current yearbook, pg. 26. Section 8, amend by adding "for five years" at the end of the last sentence. If approved at the April meeting, it will read "The name of the deceased member shall be published 'In Memoriam' in every membership book of the State Society **for five years.**"
- (2) Article VI, Meetings Current yearbook, page 28, Section 2, Annual Meeting, Item 1. Amend by adding to the end of the first sentence, "by the State Society." If adopted, the first sentence will read, "A Deputy Governor General and Assistant General, who shall be approved by the General Society, shall be nominated **by the State Society.**" This clarifies which group does the nominating, General or State.

The Board of Assistants approved these recommendations, which will be voted on by the General membership at the April meeting in Tulsa.

### *Story of an Ancestor*

About five years ago the City of Centerville, Ohio, acquired the homestead of my ancestor, Edmund Munger and his wife, Eunice Judd Kellogg Munger, along with 20 acres of the original 200 plus acres of adjacent farmland from Dayton Power and Light.

On June 30, 2007 a dedication ceremony was held at the site, as J.D. Britton of the Ohio Historical Society unveiled the Historical Marker honoring Edmund Munger and describing his service: Edmund Munger was born 1763 in Norfolk, Connecticut, and later moved to Vermont. 1797-1799, he and his wife traveled with their five children from Vermont by wagon and flat-bottomed boat to claim land in Washington Township.

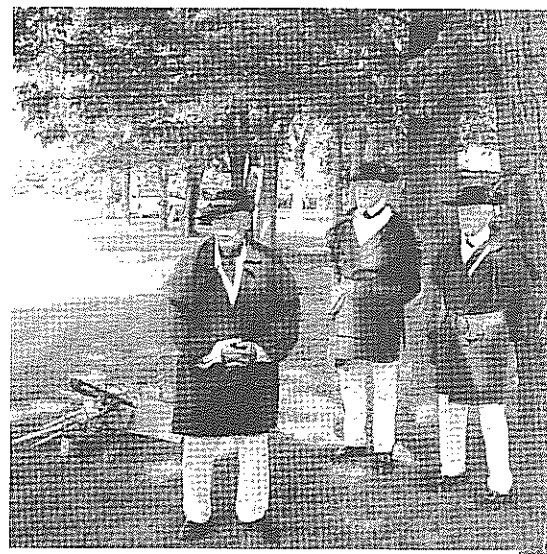
A blacksmith by trade and a farmer, Munger was elected in 1804 a Montgomery County Commissioner, and in 1808 to Ohio's Seventh General Assembly.

From 1809 to 1826 he served as Clerk of Washington Township. In 1809 his militiamen elected him a Brigadier General of the Fifth Brigade, First Division, Ohio Militia.

During the War of 1812 Governor Return J. Meigs instructed Munger to defend the frontier within his command. His quick action protected settlers and kept vital supply lines open. General Munger died at his Centerville farm in 1850 and is buried next to his wife in the Old Centerville Cemetery.

Among the dignitaries who spoke at the dedication ceremony were J.D. Britton, Ohio Historical Society, who presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Landmarks Foundation of Centerville, Ohio, and the Honorable Mark Kingseed, Mayor of Centerville. As a direct descendant of Edmund Munger, I spoke on Munger, Kellogg, Mather, Worthington and Standish family history, all ancestors of Edmund Munger.

The ceremony concluded with a cannon salute by Munger's Rangers, a local reenactment group dedicated to preserving General Munger's legacy. Originally a deck cannon to repel boarders, this tiny cannon was adapted by the Ohio Militia for use in frontier combat. A policeman supervised the salute!



*Above: Munger's Rangers, War of 1812 reenactment group, June 30, 2007, at dedication of General Edmund Munger historical marker, Centerville, Ohio.*

*Below right: Governor June McCuiston, enjoys the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon.*



*By Katherine M. Littell*

# Record Number Attend 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Oklahoma, the November Compact Day Meeting of the Society was held in the Chesapeake Room at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City on November 10, 2007.

Governor June McCuiston welcomed the 78 members and guests attending as well as recognizing past governors including Louis Patterson, Prentice Hapgood, D. Burton Howard, Charles O'Leary and Marquette Brown. Elder Malcolm Patterson, using a prayer from "Pilgrims of Prayer" gave the invocation. Captain Henry C. Baer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the Oklahoma flag salute.

During the business meeting four members were elected to the Board of Assistants. The group consisted of Michael D. Finley, LuCinda Melton, Quiton LaRoy Hiebert, Ricki Lane Davision and Vickey Lynn Davidson.

Deputy Governor Katherine Littell made a comprehensive report on the General Board of Assistants meeting held in Orlando, FL, in September. In that meeting the Governor-General reported that according to Section 116 of the Internal Revenue Code, historical collections do not depreciate and should be removed from the balance sheet. The auditing costs should not be as much in 2008. Without notifying the Society, summertime employees applied for unemployment compensation for the rest of the year. Defaulted for non-appearance at a meeting scheduled to rule on this matter, the Mayflower Society moved to re-open the issue so as to avoid future payments of unemployment rates for temporary, part-time employees.

The new hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2008. The phone is now answered in three rings. An assistant will return calls to the Executive Committee. The fee payable to the General Society for reviewing original and supplemental applications is to be increased to \$75 from \$30. Each state society may add an amount to the \$75.

The General Society 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is being formed to include Plymouth Plantation and Pilgrim Museums.

The Treasurer General asked that the assessments be paid on time. Periodic cash audits are made every three years. The General Society is now required to have an annual audit of its books. The Treasurer General reported that the archive room has been fireproofed.

The Historian General reported that 1573 original applications and 591 supplemental applications were received during 2006-2007. The turnover time was three weeks. The General Society can now send scanned documents by e-mail. Each state historian should contact the General Society office for the most recent copy of applications for ancestors, generations in common with new applications. Preliminary applications can be sent to Paul Bumpus by e-mail or snail mail. Applicants can complete forms online.

Arthur Chapman, National Chairman, Education Committee, reported the Mayflower Centennial History, 1100 pages, is now available. The cost is \$30 plus shipping.

In other reports to the Oklahoma Society, Kathy Patterson, historian, said that since the April 10, 2007, meeting the Society has accepted 11 new members which makes a total of 22 for 2007 and added six new supplemental lines to present members. There are currently 19 applications pending.

Jeannine Long, editor of *Mayflower Messenger*, reported on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition and announced she had extra copies of this special edition if a member wanted an additional copy.

Elder Malcolm H. Patterson indicated the Society is making an impact with scholarships as recipients are going to school all over the U. S. This will be the ninth year for the scholarship to be awarded.

Mildred Greenstreet was approved as the nominee to the General Society as Deputy Governor-General and Katherine Littell was approved as nominee to the General Society as Assistant General.

Elder Malcolm Patterson conducted a memorial service for the seven members who have died since the November 2006 meeting. They were Margaret Henley, Harrison Neal, Audrey McNutt, Gary Brewster, Eloise McMurtrey, Dorothy Conn and Mary Frances Goodman.

A DVD presentation of "Oklahoma Rising" was the program. Governor June McCuiston explained various areas and galleries of the new Oklahoma History Center and invited Society members and guests to tour the galleries of the Center as her guests.

*Report by Marquette Brown*

