

The Mayflower Messenger

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COMPACT DAY MEETING Saturday, November 13, 2010

Quail Creek Country Club

3501 Quail Creek Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

Board of Assistants Meeting 10:00 A.M.

General Meeting 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH followed by PROGRAM NOON

Cost: \$ 16.00

Please send your check by November 7, to Mildred Greenstreet,
Treasurer - 3220 South Zunis Place, Tulsa, OK 74105-2236

THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT JANE WATSON / PHYLLIS LOGSDON Docents of Gilcrease Museum



Rev. Thomas Hooker leading
Pilgrims from Plymouth into
western wilderness of Connecti-
cut to found Hartford in 1836,
Frederic Edwin Church, 1846



NEW MEMBER since last meeting:

Bertha Jane Eaton Woods,
OK #923 GS #82155,
a descendant of William Bradford.

IN MEMORIAM: Virginia Lee Barton will be missed very much. The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants sends sincere condolences to her family and friends.



Malcolm Patterson Resigns as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee

April 17, 2010

Dear Katherine,

It has given me great pleasure to serve the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants for eleven years as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. But I believe the time has come to step down and allow newer members to take this position. I will be happy to continue serving on the committee, if the new chairman desires, and to provide files of all previous applications, awards, and selection criteria.

Among other reasons, I will only note that our oldest grandson enters college this fall and will therefore start what Kathy and I hope is a long tradition of Patterson descendants applying for the scholarship.

Yours Sincerely,

"Malcolm H. Patterson"

State Scholarship Committee Chairman



The Mayflower Memorial in South Hampton..

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

Governor's Message



Sculpture of Katherine Mather Littell by: Marian Brackenridge

California Sculptress, Born, Buffalo, New York, 1903 - Died, Sonoma, California, 1999.

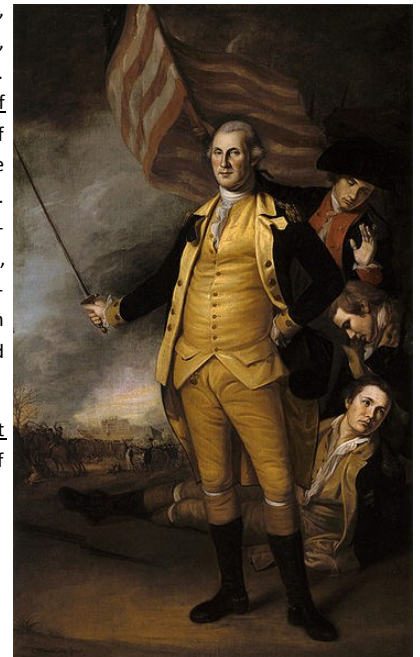
BY KATHERINE MATHER LITTELL September 10-12, 2010 I attended the Mayflower Society's General Board of Assistants meeting in San Diego, California. Very courageously the Society held our meeting on September 11 in the Presidio Ballroom of the Handlery Hotel. Governor General Judith H. Swan called the meeting to order and DGG Rev. Dr. C. Corydon Randall II gave the invocation. The Grossmont High School Junior ROTC Presented the Colors. Led by a young lady, the group of four marched single file, each carrying a furled flag and stepping precisely in accordance with the abruptly spoken and concisely formulated military commands. All went well until the four teenagers stood at attention to the left of the podium and unfurled their flags. In the course of the unfurling, one of the youngsters inadvertently wrapped himself entirely from head to ankles in the flag he had been carrying. Showing great self-discipline, he stood silently at attention, bundled in the flag until someone unwrapped him. It was a very funny scene, but our membership also displayed self-discipline: no one laughed. Governor Swan reported that membership in the General Society now equals 82,000. 1098 applications have been approved this year. State Societies and individuals may purchase a brick @ \$150 each for a garden path at the Society's headquarters in Plymouth. The General Officers' Reports were all accepted. The Awards Committee opened the session after lunch with the presentation of elegant certificates to several nominees among whom was our DGG, Katherine Patterson. The recommendation I wrote for her award is printed in our current newsletter. 26 committee reports

described substantial progress in all Mayflower Society projects. All were accepted. The Reorganization of Constitution and Bylaws proposed by the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws & Resolutions, which our OKSMD along with other state societies approved, passed but generated complex discussion. Assistant Governor General, Henry P. Folger, III provided me with a very cogent explanation of the current status of his committee's proposal which I will make available to anyone who wishes to read it. Essentially, The General Board of Assistants approved the Reorganized Constitution and Bylaws proposal but referred it to the 2011 Congress for a vote. The Code of Conduct for members of the Executive Committee, defeated last year in Annapolis, was again defeated in San Diego. Carroll Goslee, Treasurer General & Trustee, reported the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 showed a profit of \$171,636, well above the previous year of \$42,405.00 profits. The General Society has record high cash on hand, \$511,531.00. Investments with Brown Brothers Harriman currently amount to \$5,451,641.00. The General Society receives scheduled quarterly distributions from these funds and during Carroll Goslee's tenure has never needed to "touch the principal." Carroll R. Goslee opined there was no need to raise state assessments. The GBOA decided this will have to be voted on by the 2011 Congress.

I represented our Society at the Annual meeting of the Aaron Burr Association in Princeton, New Jersey, August 24 to 28. We toured the many historic sites in nearby New Jersey and on the Princeton Campus, where the Special Collections Librarian arranged a private exhibit of documents relating to Aaron Burr. The Inner Sanctum of Princeton contains an iconic portrait of George Washington at the Battle of Princeton by Charles Willson Peale. The life-size oil on canvas, commissioned 1784 by the Trustees of the College of New Jersey (later Princeton), portrays Washington pointing with his sword to the Battle of Princeton raging in the background, as Continental troops are forcing British troops from Nassau Hall. This painting replaced a Nassau Hall portrait of George II, "torn away by a ball from the American artillery in the battle of Princeton." Alice Teal, Editor of the Mayflower Quarterly and Harry P. Folger, III, Assistant Governor General and National Vice President of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants attended the annual luncheon of the Aaron Burr Association. It was a great pleasure to visit with them. Mr. Folger told me of his interest in Lewis and Lucinda Neff, founders of the OKSMD, so I will send him the information I have gathered from Mrs. William Neff, widow of our Governor, 1962-64.

Recently I donated to the Oklahoma and Cincinnati Historical Societies copies of The Conspiracy Against Aaron Burr by Oliver Perry Sturm, collateral descendant of Aaron Burr, Oklahoma writer and publisher of Sturm Statehood Magazine from 1905-1911.

"It has been a great honor and happiness to serve as your Assistant General, Deputy Governor, Governor and interim editor. I have worked with our permanent editor on this issue of the Mayflower Messenger and look forward to all subsequent publications."



NOTABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF
OUR MEMBERS

Katherine Alvis Patterson, our Historian, received an Award for Service from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Board of Assistants Meeting, in San Diego, California on September 11, 2010. The following is her nomination by Governor Littell: “..served as the State Historian for the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants since 2004 and has served as Co-Chair and Corresponding Secretary of the Scholarship Committee since its inception in 1998. During her term...95 new members have been added. She has served as our Society’s Secretary for three terms. While Secretary she located ancestral information for all Oklahoma Society members and created a computer database which is still in use. She served as editor of the Mayflower Messenger during the 1990s. Her father, Edward Arthur Alvis, served as our Governor from 2000-2002. Due to his progressive macular degeneration , he required Katherine’s assistance in many of his responsibilities. In 2001 she accompanied him to the Board of Assistants meeting in Portland, Maine, serving as his “eyes.” Again this year, Kathy has dedicated one of her personal days as a public school teacher to attend the Board of Assistants meeting in San Diego as replacement for Mildred Greenstreet, long time DGG, who was unable to attend for health reasons. Kathy has given programs on: King Philip’s War to our society and on Edward Doty to the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society’s National Convention, Textiles in Early America, and the use of the internet to identify our ancestors’ military service. She has taught in the Oklahoma City Public Schools for 13 years, is a cancer survivor, a mother of three and grandmother of nine. Kathy has a B.A. for the University of South Dakota and two Master’s degrees from the University of Oklahoma and Texas A & M. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, the Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge, First Families of the Twin Territories and the Oklahoma 89ers Club.

CONGRATULATIONS, KATHY!

In July, our parliamentarian, Quembe Walkingstick, traveled by car to her husband’s 69th High School Class Reunion in Syracuse, NY then to Albany, NY to visit friends. From there she drove to the northwest corner of Georgia to the New Echota area, a Historic Site, to the old original Cherokee headquarters, now a museum. While checking the 1835 census there she located 2 large Walkingstick families living on Raccoon Creek in the area. She attributed her comfortable ride of 3,585 miles to their 2008 Lincoln MKZ. She drove the whole way herself!

Prentice Hapgood is working on submitting the names of two of his four grandchildren for regular membership. He, his grandchildren, 1 great grandson, and his wife look forward to attending the State Fair.

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Mayflower arrived inside the tip of Cape Cod fishhook, 11 November/21 November 1620 (satellite photo, 1997)