



All Saints Church in Hursley, Hampshire, England, where Stephen and Mary Hopkins had three of their children baptized, Elizabeth, Constance and Giles. (The original church was re-built in the mid-1800's.)

**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of The
Mayflower Descendants
In the State of Florida
Newsletter July 2019**

The Stephen Hopkins Colony
serves the Treasure and Space Coasts of Florida, which includes
Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin Counties



Flag relic All Saints Hursley, Hants, England



Governors Message

When the board decided to add a July meeting a couple of years ago, we weren't sure how many members would show up, but we decided to give a try. It appears our concerns for attendance were wrong as we had over 40 members, guests, new members and prospective members attend the July meeting. We now have over 100 members on our Colony with several more at Plymouth waiting to be approved, that is over an 80% increase since 2016. We've had a lot of members step forward and help out the Colony doing various jobs, but we still need help with getting out the message about our 2020 celebration. We need someone to head up a committee and to coordinate the message and activities for our Colony. Since we cover several counties, we also need members who will deliver the messages to newspaper, radio, schools, etc. We've had several members say they will help out, but no one has yet to step forward, as time is getting short with the ceremonies set for Sept. of 2020. If you are willing to help out, please let me know. Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool and we'll see you at our Sept. meeting.

Governor

Brian McWaters



MEETINGS FOR 2019

We meet 5 times a year on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant at the Vero Beach Airport. Announcements for the meeting are sent out about three weeks in advance letting you know the meal choices and the speaker. You need to let John Hillhouse know you are coming and what meal choice you want. Currently meals cost is \$17.

Thursday, Feb 14, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, Sept 12, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, Nov 14, 2019 -- 11:30 AM



The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 12, 2019. If you plan to attend, please contact **John Hillhouse with your menu choice at hillhousej@att.net** please remember that if you have to cancel, let John know so that the Colony does not have to pay for your meal.

The September Program Is “The First Parrish Church of Plymouth, MA” Presented by Nan Ball



<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/savethemeetinghouse>

Elder Lisa and David Tompson Traveled to England

Lisa and David Recently visited All Saints Church in Hursley, Hampshire, England, which was where Stephen and Mary Hopkins had three of their children baptized, including Constance and Giles (The original church was re-built in the mid-1800's.)

Stephen and Mary lived in Hursley during their marriage. After he left on his voyage to Jamestown, Mary remained in Hursley with her children until her death.

Thus, in terms of our "Mayflower heritage and connection", the village of Hursley, which is near Winchester plays an important role both for our Colony as well as those of us who are descended from either (or both) Giles and Constance Hopkins.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hursley> chobenefice.co.uk/hursley-church/

All Saints Church in Hursley, England



Lisa inside All Saint Church



Hursley is famous for its chimneys. "The Old Cottage" is situated opposite the church.



The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims: 2020

Commemorations, Activities, and Celebrations for the 400th Landing of the Pilgrims on Massachusetts Shores



[Visit the Plymouth 400 website](https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration) to learn more about the commemorations.



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New England Historic Genealogical Society

American Ancestors has launched the [world's first online gallery of Pilgrim descendants](https://www.americanancestors.org/pilgrim-heritage). Created by New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) at [Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org), American Ancestors invites Mayflower passenger descendants to commemorate their Pilgrim Heritage with name and photo. An interactive website reveals authoritative accounts of the lives of Pilgrims and Mayflower crew drawn from years of NEHGS research.

A great video from Governor General Garmany, Jr

<https://youtu.be/vZ-OIka3KyE>



Hello Folks,

Our second order of Mayflower Anniversary T-Shirts is being printed and shipped. Again, a huge success! I have reactivated a new order form at the link below for our members still interested:

Click on the link below or copy and paste in your browser to view and order your custom 400th Anniversary shirt to celebrate this historic occasion of the landing of our Pilgrim ancestors. [Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Group Order Form - Sign Up Today!](https://www.floridasocietyofmayflowerdescendants.org/group-order-form)

Governor James Preston james628@aol.com

Cora Sjogren-Welch – Assistant historian

Past Historian and Assistant Cora Sjogren-Welch was honored with a framed certificate of achievement and a six-month subscription to Ancestry.com for her years of work for the colony. She is a founding member of the Stephen Hopkins Colony, which was recognized by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida on November 13, 2001. Cora is descended from Richard Warren and Francis Cooke. She has served Stephen Hopkins Colony as its Historian from 2011 to 2017 and Elder from 2016 to 2018. Cora was designated as Historian Emeritus by the Hopkins Colony Board of Directors on July, 11 2019 in recognition for her many years of service to the Colony and its members.



In Memoriam

Member Nances Duress, was born in Philadelphia to Mary Catharine and Paul Bennett in July, 1937 passed away February 2019. Nances was member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants as an 11th

generation of George descendant Soule. Elder Lisa Tompson led a remembrance ceremony for her. Nances' daughter, Barbara Phillips was also in attendance. Please follow the link below to read Nances digital memorial and read about her wonderful journey through life and amazing accomplishments. Nances is loved and missed dearly by family and friends.

Dignity Memorial <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rockledge-fl/nances-bennett-8174665>



JUNIORS: WANT TO WRITE ABOUT THE MAYFLOWER AND YOUR PILGRIMS?

Every year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) sponsors an American Essay Contest for students in grades 5-8. Pupils in public, parochial, and private schools may participate as well as home-schooled children. The guidelines are sent to teachers each fall by local chapters of DAR in all 50 states. The topic this year is: "The Voyage of the Mayflower." Because this topic celebrates our 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage and the founding of our Plymouth Colony perhaps your Junior would like to participate. If so, he or she is to:

"Imagine you are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. Knowing what materials were available in 1620, what would you have packed to prepare for the trip and starting a new life in the wilderness? After experiencing more than two months at sea and then finally landing at Plymouth Colony on November 9, 1620, do you think you would have made different choices and why?"

There are strict guidelines, rules, and procedures for this contest so any interested Juniors should indicate their interest in entering this contest to their teachers when the new school year begins. In Indian River County we always have had more than 100 students participate each year. Winning essays in each grade at the local level are sent forward for competition at the state and national levels



If you have questions contact Janice Sly at 770-881-6188

darmorenus@yahoo.com

She has helped with local DAR essay contests for over 10 years, and she will be happy to provide additional information

ALL members, their children & grandchildren, spouses, partners, and guests are cordially invited to attend the

**82nd Annual Meeting of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida**



Hosted by the Elder William Brewster Colony

November 22-23, 2019

To be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2855 NE 9th Street, Homestead, FL 33033

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

(deadline for receipt of meeting registration is **Thursday, October 31, 2019**)

MEMBER NAME _____ GUEST NAME(S) _____
(please print clearly as these are the names which will be used on the meeting identification badges)

STREET _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

COLONY NAME _____ TITLE (if an officer) _____

FRIDAY, 22 Nov 2019

Non-Refundable Registration Fee for each adult member & guest \$4.00 (\$4 X _____ =) \$ _____

Social Hour (6-7pm): Dinner price includes an adult beverage. Cash Bar, additional are extra. \$ 0.00

Mayflower Banquet (7-10pm): \$35.00 per person X _____ people = \$ _____

Thanksgiving Dinner: Oven Roasted off the Frame Turkey served over Homemade Stuffing
Served with Homemade-style Green Bean Casserole, Baked Sweet Potato with Marshmallow Topping,
Mashed Potato with Homemade Gravy. Fresh Rolls & Butter. Dinner includes an adult beverage.

Those with special dietary requirements PLEASE SEND THAT INFO WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM

ANYONE WISHING TO WEAR TRADITIONAL MAYFLOWER ATTIRE DURING THE BANQUET IS ENCOURAGED TO DO SO

SATURDAY, 23 Nov 2019

BoA & General Membership Meeting (complimentary refreshments) \$ 0.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED (if registering more than one person, you may write one check for the grand total) \$ _____

All registration forms with a check payable to **"Wm Brewster Colony"** should be mailed to:

Clara Waterman Powell, 745 SE 18th Lane, Homestead, FL 33033-5250 **before Thursday, October 31, 2019.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

(advanced registration required; book before **October 31, 2019** to get preferential group rate;

please mention **"Mayflower Society Special Rate:"**)

Hampton Inn & Suites
2855 NE 9th Street
Homestead, FL 33033
Phone: 305-257-7000

Discounted room rates are as follows:
Standard (1 King or 2 queen beds) pls Tax \$129.00

Florida Mayflower Juniors Program

This year so far, the Stephen Hopkins Colony added 5 Junior members, increasing the local roster to 63. Last year we have added 30 members. The Florida Mayflower Juniors Program is open to any Colony member who would like to sponsor a family member under 18 years of age, including sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. The prospective Junior member need not live in Florida. This program is honorary: being a Junior Member does not confer membership to the General Society. When a Junior Member reaches the age of 18, s/he may submit a regular membership application that must meet the application requirements. The cost of the Florida Junior Program is a one-time fee of \$30.00. The sponsor will receive the Junior Member's certificate and information packet for presentation. The Florida Mayflower Juniors program is a meaningful way to celebrate your family's role in continuing America's Pilgrim lineage. If you are interested in applying for a Junior membership, please contact Kurt Bressner, Junior Chair, at kbressner@gmail.com.

Hopkins Colony Name Tags Available

Beautiful metal name tags for our Colony members are available for purchase at a cost of \$13.00 each, if hand-delivered to you at a Colony meeting or \$16.00 if mailed to you. If you are interested in obtaining a name tag, contact Colony Historian Kurt Bressner at kbressner@gmail.com or at 561-436-2328. Name tags are available to members of the Hopkins Colony only.

Kurt Bressner
Hopkins Colony Historian

Sample



New Members of Stephen Hopkins Colony 2019 – January to July 2019

Name	Pilgrim	Date of Approval
P.J. Herdman	William White	January
Mickie Cook	Stephen Hopkins	February
Deborah Dalrymple	Richard Warren	February
Holly Jedlicka	John Howland	March
Loretta Decker	William Bradford	April
Gary Williams	William Bradford	April
Betsy Perrott	John Alden	April
Robert Howard	Samuel Fuller	May
Amy Jo Paul	William Bradford	July
Michael Paul	Edward Doty	July
Jane Hebbs Paul	Edward Doty	July
Jeanette Thompson	William Bradford	July

Supplemental Applications Approved 2019 – January to July 2019 (6)

Bonnie Dobbs	William White	March
Carol Robinson	William Brewster	April
Christine Keller	Stephen Hopkins	May
Etta M Ocker	Thomas Rogers	May
Etta M Ocker	Joseph Rogers	May
Nancy LaFortune	John Billington	May

There are currently 4 new member applications and 3 Supplemental applications at Plymouth. In addition, there are 19 additional applications being worked on.

In 2018 at total of 14 new and 11 Supplemental Applications were approved by Plymouth.

Junior Members Added 2019 – January to July 2019 (5)

Name	Sponsor	Pilgrim	Date
Emily Derby	Melissa Derby	William White	January
Leigha Pinson	Joy Gates	James Chilton	February
Declan Pinson	Joy Gates	James Chilton	February
Caleb Pinson	Joy Gates	James Chilton	February
Winston Wheeler	Linda Wheeler	Stephen Hopkins	April

In 2018, a total of 30 Junior Members were added.

Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society

General Meeting July 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, three new members, prospective members and guests.

Call of Ancestors – Captain Charles Moore

Remembrance of Nances Duress – Member Nances Duress passed away February 2019. Elder Lisa Thompson led a remembrance ceremony for her. Nances' daughter, Barbara Phillips was in attendance.

Tribute to Cora Sjogren-Welch – Past Historian and Assistant Cora Sjogren-Welch was honored with a framed certificate of achievement and a six-month subscription to Ancestry.com for her years of work for the colony.

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

2020 Committee – Governor Brian McWaters asked for a chairman and volunteers to head the Mayflower 2020 Committee. This committee will help spread public awareness of the upcoming 400-year anniversary.

Webmaster – Debbie Dalrymple should have web page up and running soon.

Officer Reports:

Historian – Governor Brian McWaters gave Historian Kurt Bressner's report. He reported that there are now 100 members in the colony. There are 10 pending applications at Plymouth. He is currently working on 17 applications.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$5,065.65 currently in the account. His report has been filed.

Secretary – Governor Brian McWaters asked that all membership contact changes be reported as soon as possible.

Committee Reports:

Juniors – Governor Brian McWaters reported that there are 63 junior members in the colony.

Blessing of the Food – The Blessing was given by Elder Lisa Tompson.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 for lunch.

Speaker – Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh passed out game boards for a bingo trivia game called ***Mayflower Maize***. Prizes were awarded for correct answers.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters

Mayflower Fall Conference will be held in Homestead, FL on November 22-23, 2019.

The Junior Program is on-going. Nieces, nephews, children, and grandchildren can become members. The state of residence does not matter. The cost is a one-time fee of \$30 and includes a certificate and Mayflower information. Anyone interested can contact Kurt Bressner or download the form on the Florida Mayflower website.

50/50 Raffle - \$126 was collected in raffle ticket sales and \$63 was awarded to the winner.

The next general meeting will be on September 12, 2019 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant at 11:30.

The benediction was given by Elder Lisa Tompson.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:12 PM.

Nan Ball

Recording Secretary



Another Successful Colony Meeting!

Vice Governor Sharon Paugh presented
A fun and Entertaining program "The Maze"
that challenged members on their knowledge
of their Mayflower Heritage.



Some Interesting Links

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Florida flmayflower.com/

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Plymouth <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>
Save The Meeting House!! <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/savethemeetinghouse>

Origins of Mayflower passengers are revealed by experts from across the pond, check the interactive map out https://www.mayflower400uk.org/news/2019/july/origins-of-mayflower-passengers-are-revealed-by-experts?fbclid=IwAR0wjLakX_3IGP_0Zo2kMyJW5Q-EOJ74RbyMQGwA_rWRWI_bMjP8NKqJeDc

<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/stephen-hopkins-biography>

2019-2020

Colony Officers and Board of Assistants

Brian McWaters - Governor

Sharon Paugh – Vice Governor

John Hillhouse – Treasurer

Janice Sly – Membership Secretary

Lisa Tompson - Elder

Kurt Bressner – Historian and junior chair

Charles Moore – Captain

Nancy Ball – Recording secretary

Marsha Adams – At Large board member

Bonnie Dobbs - At Large board member

Etta M Ocker - At Large board member & Newsletter Editor

Cora Sjogren-Welch –Assistant historian

Carol Robinson - Assistant historian

Micki Cook – Assistant Treasurer

Debbie Dalrymple - Webmaster

