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**Greetings from the Texas Society Governor—Peggy Jared**



Texas Society of Mayflower  
Descendants Governor Peggy  
Jared

Dear Members of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants:

My goodness! How the summer has flown by! I hope that you have had a restful and invigorating summer and that you are ready to begin a new society year with energy and enthusiasm for our organization.

For most colonies, the highlight of the fall season is the annual Compact Day meeting. It is a very special event during which most colonies call the roll of the signers of the Mayflower Compact and have members stand as the names of their ancestors are called. We should take great pride in the courage and determination of this small, brave group of men and women who were willing to leave everything they had to come to a new place and who made landfall in a locale removed from their original destination. Recognizing the need for civil order and realizing the unknown dangers they might face, the men forged a document

affecting each of us today in a very special way. I hope each colony will continue to pay special homage to these brave, intrepid individuals on Compact Day.

The fall season is a special time for another reason. It is during this time that the colony education committee members have a wonderful opportunity to go into schools across our state and provide much needed instruction to the students about the Pilgrims and the principles for which they stood. I have served on my local committee for several years, and I have been amazed at the lack of knowledge the students have of the *Mayflower*, her passengers, and their activities. Let us continue our dedication to keeping the story alive. Unfortunately, some students will not get this history from any other source.

Plans are moving forward for the Annual Meeting to be held in Houston on March 26-27, 2010. As I said in the previous newsletter, I hope each of you is making plans to attend. The meeting promises to be very special with the Governor General currently planning to attend. We want to show her how dynamic and active our Texas Society is and how dedicated our members are to our heritage and our history.

As the holiday season approaches, my wish for each one of you is that you and your family have a blessed time with extended family and friends. During this time of thanksgiving, both for the official holiday called Thanksgiving (thanks to our Mayflower ancestors) and Christmas, may joy and peace surround you and yours.

*Peggy Jared*

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## State-wide Calendar of Up-Coming Events

Nov 2009

- 7 **Central Texas Colony Compact Day Luncheon**, Austin Country Club, 11 a.m.  
Speaker, Deputy Governor Lacy Hunt on Alexander Hamilton
- 14 **Tyler Colony Compact Day Covered Dish Luncheon**, Hamilton West Club Room, 11 a.m.  
Speaker David Appleton, "Heraldry, History, and Mayflower Connection"
- 21 **San Antonio Colony Compact Day Luncheon**, Doubletree Hotel, 11:30 a.m.  
DFW Colony Compact Day Luncheon, Doubletree Inn on Valley View Lane, 11 a.m., Speaker David Appleton
- Corpus Christi Compact Day**, Yacht Club, 11:30 a.m. Speaker Constance Smith will talk about her Mayflower lineage
- 22 **Houston Colony Compact Day Meeting**, Braeburn Country Club, 12:30 p.m.

Dec 2009

- 5 **Waco Colony Forefather's Day Meeting**, Raymond's, 11:30 a.m.

March 2010

- 26, 27 **Annual Meeting**, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas, hosted by Houston Colony

## Odyssey To Scrooby by Mary Eck

Mary Eck, Deputy State Governor, realized a long time dream in visiting the ancestral home of her Mayflower ancestor, William Brewster. Accompanied by her son and granddaughter, she drove through several small villages in and around Scrooby where the Separatist members of the church of John Robinson lived and worshiped. They took pictures and talked with the current resident of the manor house wing which has survived. David Dunstan, owner, queried Mrs. Eck on the possibility of interest from the descendants in turning the home into a B & B. Perhaps someday descendants of William Brewster may be able to actually sleep in the remaining manor house.

Included in the trip were visits to Boxley Manor, Boxley Church, and Allington Castle where Mary's Jamestowne ancestors once lived. The trip ended with a visit to Runnymede where her ancestor Baron William de Mowbray was present at the signing of the Magna Charta.

As a Methodist, Mary was interested to discover Epworth, home of John and Charles Wesley, very close to Scrooby. This causes one to wonder about how widespread was the displeasure with the Church of England in that particular area.



Pictured are Dr. Brian Eck, David Dunstan, and young master Dunstan



Plaque on the wall of the manor house



## SAN ANTONIO COLONY DEDICATES WREATH FOR MAYFLOWER DESCENDENT AT BATTLE OF MEDINA 196<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – by Steven Brewster, SA Colony Governor

...having undertaken for the glory of God...a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices from time to time as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony....

The Mayflower Compact, written and signed on November 11, 1620, by passengers of the *Mayflower* shortly after arriving in Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts, represents the earliest documentation of the quest for freedom, independence, and self government by the people in our nation's history.

The Declaration of Independence (written 156 years later) did not directly relate to religious freedoms, as the Mayflower Compact did, but rather had greater breadth in freedom from tyrannies of all kind. It begins:

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect of the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to separation....

The Constitution of the United States of America begins:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The framers of the Constitution, the authors of the Declaration of Independence, and the Pilgrims seem to have shared the same visions and dreams: freedom, self-government, and the establishment of a civil society in which all people have both rights and responsibilities.

And so it was with the Republican Army of the North, which consisted of approximately 1,400 men who fought on 18 August, 1813, in a field in Atascosa County, Texas – the bloodiest battle ever fought on what is now Texas soil – for independence from Spain. This was the first of many battles to ultimately free this area from the rule of Spain, gain independence, and eventually join the United States of America.

On Saturday, 22 August, members of the San Antonio Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas officially laid a wreath in recognition of proving that one of these courageous warriors was, in fact, a Mayflower Descendent – Samuel Alden. Colony Governor Steven Brewster provided a few remarks tying together the history of the *Mayflower* and the birth of Texas to a crowd of over 100 people from various genealogical societies. Also in attendance were State Governor Peggy Jared, State Deputy Governor Mary Eck, Past Colony Governors Joe Cox and Suzanne Scott, and Colony Treasurer Barbara Warnock.

The Colony would like to extend gratitude to Nancy Brennan for her assistance in proving this historical connection.

Photographs are courtesy of prospective member Michael Byrne.



### In Memoriam

Margaret Ellida Dickey Harpster, GS 44381, TX 1148, 23 May , 2009, Houston, Houston Colony Member

Judge Leonard Hoffman, GS 21380, TX 0228, 22 May , 2009, Dallas, Life Member, Past Governor of DFW Colony

Stephen Gregg Jr, GS 66253, TX 2042, 9 June , 2009, Wimberley

Joanne Catherine Phillips, GS 70344, TX 2186, 29 July, 2009, Bryan

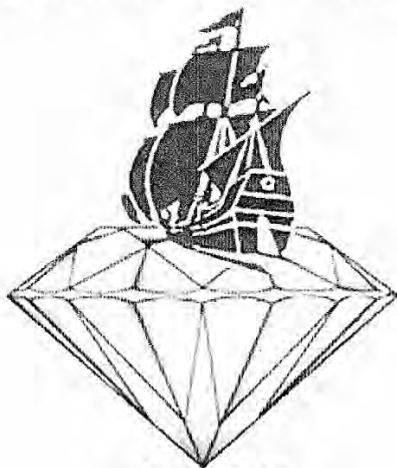
Virginia Winegar Brady, GS 51321, TX 1317, 14 September, 2009, Conroe, Houston Colony Member

Barbara Stickney Schwartz, GS 51193, TX 1320, 15 September, 2009, Grand Prairie, DFW Colony Member



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### New Juniors By Approval

Jr #	Name	Ancestor	Sponsor
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1031	Reed Nilles Pearson	John Howland	Barbara Poth
1032	Kathryn Marie Coker	John Howland	Barbara Poth
1033	Nicole Elizabeth Coker	John Howland	Barbara Poth
1034	Samuel Jessel Lack	John Howland	Barbara Poth
1035	Sarah Poth Lack	John Howland	Barbara Poth
1036	Dakota Louise Schiel	Francis Cooke	Lewis Schiel
1037	Kelsey Nicole Catt	George Soule	Ken Wood
1038	Abigayle Elizabeth Dargan	Stephen Hopkins	David Dargan

The National Society Junior Chairman has created a Facebook page for all Junior Members. The name of the group is Mayflower Jr Members (2009). We would like to encourage all junior members to participate in the discussion group and to hear from other junior members around the country.

### Wanted Junior Members and Junior Adult Members

Our Texas Junior membership continues to decline. Currently more of our Junior members turn 25 each year than are replaced by new Junior applicants. Juniors should be one of our best sources for new members. Very few of our juniors take advantage of the opportunity that they have to become adult members at a reduced fee. The Texas bylaws allow any Junior member between the ages of 18 and 25 to convert to adult membership for \$105 instead of \$145. This is a nice savings and no dues are due the first year of membership. Junior members who do not take advantage of the opportunity have to basically start from scratch if they decide to become members in their 30's, 40's or 50's. The following is a list of 24 year olds who will turn 25 in the next year.

Perry Steve Baniakas	Michael Bowers	Whitney Marianne Ballinger
Tessa Mae Miller	Alexander McCurdy Vardaman	Sara Elizabeth Snyder
Sara Annette Wright	Jason Patrick Laning	Christin Kelly Ford
Edwin Sanage Harris IV	Amanda Michelle Carriker	Bryce Porter Lindsley
Meaghan Louise Karthausser	Katherine Louise Johnston	Karen Frances Chapline
Mary Catherine Arbuckle	Martha Claire Mealy	Laura Kathryn Swanson
Christina Ashley Leffew	Rachael Lynne Edwards	Jeremiah Daniel Pray
Quinn Allyn Morrison	Sara Elisabeth Higginson	Jennifer May Vilbig
James Lindsay Collins	Nathaniel David Faunce Foster	Jonathan Isaac Glenn
Morgan Alicia Gates	Michael Hunter Brennan	Charles William Hereford

If you have addresses or email addresses for these Juniors, please email the Texas Junior chairman Pat Nichols at [patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com) or via postal mail to Pat Nichols, 310 Clovis Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628. We have no contact information on any of these Juniors. If you have new Junior members to sponsor, you can also contact Pat for a Preliminary Application. It costs \$15 to apply as a new Junior member. Help grow our Texas society.



## Publication News

The 2009-2011 Yearbooks have been mailed from our printer in Kansas. In order to save money, the Texas Society Board of Assistants decided at the April Annual Meeting to send one copy per household. Additional copies may be requested from the Newsletter Chairman Pat Nichols via email or postal mail. See Page 1 for contact information. A limited number of additional copies were printed, but the purpose of these additional copies is to send to new members who are approved over the next two years. If you must have an additional copy, please let me know.

This newsletter is being mailed only to those who do not have a good email address on file or those who have requested a paper copy. Via email, you get to see the newsletter in beautiful color. This was also recommended as a cost saving measure. Most of the other state societies are providing digital copies of their newsletters to their members. We do not share email addresses with anyone, so if you received a paper copy and would like a color copy going forward, please email me with your email address. My email is [newsletter@texasmayflower.com](mailto:newsletter@texasmayflower.com).

### *Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America*

by Glenn Alan Cheney

You can order signed copies and also read excerpts at [NLLibrarium.com](http://NLLibrarium.com)

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*Thanksgiving* is not a book about a holiday. It is about something that a few dozen survivors did after a year of suffering, death, struggle, and courage.

They bowed their heads to give thanks.

The Pilgrims journey began as a joint venture of business and religion, but soon it became a matter of survival.

With 102 men, women, and children packed into a dim, wet space below the main deck, the Mayflower set out on a terrifying 66-day crossing of the Atlantic. They dropped anchor well north of where they intended, and just as the New England winter was setting in.

With no choice but to spend the winter in the dank, frigid ship, they took ill. One by one, almost half of them died. The few individuals well enough to work rowed the dead into shore and buried them in graves left unmarked so the Indians wouldn't know how weak they were.

Spring promised only a year of toil and difficulties as they attempted to settle new land in a place they called Plymouth.

But then a miracle walked out of the woods...an Indian who had already crossed the Atlantic four times. He spoke English very well. He showed them how to catch the local fish and grow the local crops. He introduced them to the local people, and in an experience unique in colonial history, Europeans and Indians became friends and allies.

And that autumn, the new and native Americans came together for a feast that lasted three days. *Thanksgiving* is a book of fact that all but breathes with the human drama of life, death, birth, hope, prayer, work, desperation, and thanks.

Though these few dozen people were hardly the first Europeans to settle in North America, their values and beliefs grew into the American culture. We are what they were.

This review appeared on [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com).

[sic.]



### New Members By Approval

GS #	TX #	Name	City	Ancestor
80639	2682	Carter Dean Bailey	Mt Pleasant	William Brewster
80640	2683	Bethany Dawn Penton Thompson	Everton, AR	William Brewster
80642	2685	Norma Jean Palmer Cannata	Waco	James Chilton
80697	2686	Kay Kerbow Gregory	Austin	William Brewster
80728	2687	Deborah Diane Conner Baker	Houston	William Bradford
80641	2688	Margaret (Peggy) Durack	San Antonio	John Alden
80752	2689	David Julian Cate	Bacliff	Isaac Allerton
80753	2690	Julieann Wood Catt	Hudson Oaks	George Soule
80793	2691	Jacqueline Lynn Rogers Urbanczyk	Plano	William Brewster
80794	2692	Sandra McMahan	Hurst	John Alden
80812	2693	Lewis William Schiel	Hockley	Francis Cooke
80843	2694	Krystyna Quinn Harper	Sugar Land	Stephen Hopkins
80866	2695	Susan Shayne Mitchell Pinkerton	Rockwall	John Alden
80904	2696	Rex William Kilgore	Comfort	William Bradford
80928	2697	Mary Jeannette Brady Davison	Mesquite	John Howland
81030	2698	Guy Louis Tidmore	Flower Mound	Myles Standish
81031	2699	Bruce Reagan Tidmore	Midlothian	Myles Standish
81032	2700	James A Earl	San Antonio	John Alden
81076	2701	Winona Lawson Simpson	Southlake	John Alden
81077	2702	Luke Jeffrey Werner	New Braunfels	George Soule
81096	2703	Max Harwell Funderburk	Vashon, WA	Stephen Hopkins
81124	2705	David Joel Jones	Claremore, OK	John Billington
81125	2706	Barbara Jean Alvarez	Cedar Park	John Billington
81183	2707	Diane Dulin Atkinson	Longview	John Alden
81206	2708	Matthew David Dargan	Corpus Christi	Stephen Hopkins
81216	2709	Tiffani Elan Howell	Plano	Edward Fuller

### New Members by Transfer

34701	2684	Marilyn Sue Harwell Funderburk	Arlington	Stephen Hopkins
66682	2704	Duane Lee Jones	Garden City, KS	George Soule, John Howland

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Betty Prince	Francis Cooke, Richard Warren
Charles Prince	Stephen Hopkins, Francis Eaton
Alton Lee Gilbert	John Howland, Isaac Allerton
James Gary Cooper	John Alden
Mabel Marie Taylor	Degory Priest
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### 2010 Annual Meeting March 26-28, 2010 To be held at the Hilton Houston Westchase

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