



*The Society of Mayflower Descendants  
in the State of Texas*

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



Texas Society of Mayflower  
Descendants Governor Peggy  
Jared

Dear Texas Society Members:

I hope each of you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. With the coming of autumn, it is time to begin thinking about the activities of our beloved Texas Society and of our individual colonies

Despite the summer vacation time, work of the Texas Society continued. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, several *ad hoc* committees were authorized to study some of the needs of our group. These committees are at work, and reports of their progress will be given at the 2011 Annual Meeting in San Antonio on April 1-2. I hope you attend and share in making the decisions about these issues.

Over the summer, we had both good and bad news. The good news includes the addition of a number of newly approved members, most of whom have indicated interest in joining local colonies. All of us know that the strength of any organization is founded on strong local groups. As these new members join your respective colonies, please make them feel welcome and find something for them to do so that they will know they are truly a part of this organization.

I am saddened to report that Governor General Judith Swan, who joined us at the 2010 Annual Meeting, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She informed me of such in some early September correspondence. She later announced her condition to the General Society Board of Assistants in San Diego, and one of our representatives reported it to the Texas Board of Assistants. Judith asked that we remember her in our thoughts and prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy and radiation. Of course, she has already had surgery.

As we enter the "club year" as some call the meeting season, please consider actively recruiting prospective members. Invite them to your meetings and assist them in any way you can to work through our membership process. Please consider Junior Membership status for your children and grandchildren. Remember as well that when Junior Members age out of this membership category, it is time to complete their applications to become regular members. There is no time like the present to do this, so please think about both categories of membership for your family and begin the appropriate processes.

I hope each of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season. May blessings be on you and your families, and may you know the peace, love, and joy the holiday season represents.

Peggy Jared

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## Editorial: How Tolerant Were the Pilgrims?

To put it another way, how much religious freedom was there in Plymouth Colony?

Dr. Jeremy Bangs in recent years has convincingly made the point that the Pilgrims were influenced by the kind treatment of religious dissenters by the Dutch during the Saints' time in Amsterdam and Leyden. In the Netherlands, the Dutch Reformed Church was highly subsidized by the government, but it was not an established state church from the same model as the Church of England. The growth of commerce and free trade was the focus of the Dutch, and commerce, they believed, was benefited by religious toleration.

Some degree of tension still existed for the Pilgrims, however, even after their Dutch experience, between their respect for those with opposing religious views and their heartfelt need to follow divine law. Governor Bradford recounted the tale of some seafarers who were dropped off in early Plymouth (without provisions of their own—one wonders whether the glowing initial reports from Plymouth of plenteous food and good times, etc., might have induced such unequipped folk to come). Christmas Day was just another work day in Plymouth Colony in the 1600s (and remained so until the early 1800s in some parts of New England), and the Pilgrims were going out to the fields to work according to their daily routine. Governor Bradford noticed that these new stranded seafarers, being neither Puritan nor Pilgrim, were playing games and celebrating the holiday in the old English fashion, and they refused to do any work on that day. Rather than forcing these men to work, Gov. Bradford stated that they did not have to work until "they were better informed".

Certainly Bradford would not have shown such toleration if these men had violated the Sabbath, but because they were simply showing frivolity on a "man-made" "Romish" holiday, they were seen only as insufficiently enlightened.

It was nearly unthinkable to the leaders of Plymouth or Massachusetts Bay, or indeed to most European rulers, of the 17<sup>th</sup> century that there could be much religious diversity within a community, since as was noted in our last newsletter, a person's religion determined to whom his allegiance lay, whether to the Pope first, or to the Church of England and the King of England, or in the case of some radicals on the Continent, to no civil authority at all. Early New England, and later the colonies in general, worked out a system of state religion that, for its time, followed that concept. Roman Catholicism was the state religion in colonial Maryland, the Quaker faith was that of Pennsylvania, Anglicanism was the established religion of Georgia and Virginia, and so on. It was only when religious toleration and mutual respect came to greater fruition under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment that religious plurality flourished, and continues to do so here today, a shining example in its own time, and still an example for much of the rest of the world today. There is much debate today over the true founding purposes of this nation, and it is our duty, according to our society's charter, to be clear about what our ancestors stood for and believed.



Photograph by W. F. Dominick, Leyden.  
JOHN ROBINSON'S HOUSE, LEYDEN, WHERE THE PILGRIM  
FATHERS WORSHIPPED.



## NEWS

### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL, TEXAS SOCIETY

Two personnel changes have occurred since the last newsletter.

Sadly, Library Committee Chairman Mrs. Judith Renker has passed away. Judy fought a valiant battle against cancer, but unfortunately she left us. She had served as Chairman of the Library Committee since its inception and had worked hard to see that the collection of current Mayflower publications was in each of the libraries so designated by the State Society. Retired public school librarian Mrs. Peggy Durack of the San Antonio Colony has agreed to accept the position of Library Committee Chairman in Judy's place.

Co-Historian Steven Brewster has resigned his position. Steven's heavy work load with the military and his impending marriage have necessitated his reluctant resignation. Again, Mrs. Peggy Durack has agreed to fill that position. For the past few months, Peggy has been helping both Co-Historians with applicants from the San Antonio and greater Central Texas area doing research and fulfilling other tasks as requested. She loves doing research and working with the applicants. We are fortunate that she has accepted the position and assumed all the responsibilities of being a Co-Historian.

Let us extend our gratitude to Peggy for both these assignments. Let us also extend our sympathies to Judy's family and our best wishes to Steven and his fiancée.

### SAN ANTONIO COLONY MEMBER RECEIVES HONOR

Mrs. Suzanne Scott, current member of the Texas Society Audit Committee, Bylaws Committee, and Board of Assistants as San Antonio Colony Representative, and former Governor of San Antonio Colony, is the recipient of a major honor in her community. She has been named one of San Antonio's Outstanding Women and has received prominent coverage in the *San Antonio Business Journal*. Sponsors of the award include the Sapient Financial Group, Merrill Lynch, H. E. B., Broadway Bank, and some local businesses.

Mrs. Scott received the Public Service Award for her work as General Director of the San Antonio River Authority, the first female manager in its 73-year history. Presently, she is overseeing an ongoing \$384.5 million river improvement project. Part of the project has been completed and has received high praise for its beauty and charm. Mrs. Scott works with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County officials, and private foundations in the planning and implementing of this large project which seeks to preserve the quality of the San Antonio River and its tributaries.

Congratulations to Mrs. Scott for this high honor recognizing her hard work and dedication.



## Colony Reports

### By the Governors

The **Central Texas Colony** will hold its annual Compact Day luncheon on Saturday, November 6, at the Berry Creek Country Club in Georgetown. After lunch, Governor Nichols will introduce John Knox, an expert on American flags, who will discuss the flags of the American colonial and revolutionary periods. John has an extensive collection of American flags, and will bring full-sized reproductions of many of them with

The **Houston Colony** will celebrate its Compact Day Luncheon on Sunday, November 21. As in past years, the event will be held at the Braeburn Country Club in Houston. A special presentation by Lisa Pennington and her husband David will detail their personal experience, and is titled, "Reliving 1627: Spending a Night in a Plimoth Plantation House".

Further details will be forthcoming, so mark your calendars and watch for your invitation in the mail! For additional information, please contact Charles Prince at [crpince@aol.com](mailto:crpince@aol.com), or (281) 983-9510, or Lisa Pennington at [lpennington@bakerlaw.com](mailto:lpennington@bakerlaw.com). We will see you there!

The **Tyler Colony** will have its Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Hamilton West Condos Club Room, 1521 Rice Rd., Tyler, Texas. It will be a covered dish luncheon and we will meet at 11 A.M. Our speaker will be T. Kevin McCall and the subject is "Pilgrims and the Black Horse Tavern Connection." Please come join us for this very meaningful day and program. You can send your replies to Deputy Governor, Betty Corcoran at [bbooptyler@att.net](mailto:bbooptyler@att.net).

Saturday, November 20, 2010, is the **DFW Colony** Day Luncheon and meeting at the Royal Oaks Country Club, 7915 Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Retired Navy CDR Richard Siemens will discuss the history and evolution of the Geneva Bible, and will have an original 1608 Geneva Bible on display before and after the presentation. In other DFW Colony news, the education committee is discussing taking educational material into schools in the area.





## In Memoriam

### Central Texas Colony

**Renker, Judith** d. July 10, 2010 GS 55757 TX 1485 Temple

Ancestor: Wm Brewster

**Hollingsworth, Ethel** d. August 18, 2010 GS 56488 TX 1527 Harlingen

Ancestors: J Howland, Wm Brewster, Wm Mullins, R Warren, Isaac Allerton, John Alden

### DFW Colony

**Brown, Elvin Eugene** d. April 21, 2007 GS 70555 TX 2188 Duncanville

Ancestors: Wm White & Francis Cooke

### Houston Colony

**McDaniel, Lola Haden** d. May 27, 2010 GS 28509 TX 0477 La Marque

Ancestor: John Howland

### Tyler Colony

**Dannelly, Elizabeth Louise** d. Jan. 9, 2010 GS 40000 TX 0989 Jefferson

Ancestors: Wm Brewster, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson

### Waco Colony

**Ross, Ellen Rogers** d. May 30, 2010 GS 33036 TX#691 Hewitt

Ancestors: J Alden, F Cooke, John Howland, George Soule, Richard Warren

### General Members

**Hilburn, Naomi Sloan** d. Mar 3, 2010

**Adams, Myra** d. Jan 11, 2010 GS 72347 TX#2265 Broken Arrow, OK

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

**Wagner, Iris I** d. Dec 24, 1997 GS 45381 TX 1188 (Life) Port Lavaca

Ancestor: Edward Fuller

**New Juniors By Approval**

<b>JS#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
1039	Lance Carter Ratley	John Alden	Diane Atkinson
1040	Caroline Anne Ratley	John Alden	Diane Atkinson
1041	Mikaila Esther Corrigan	John Alden	Sandra McMahon
1042	Kelsey Martha Corrigan	John Alden	Sandra McMahon
1043	Christian Jeffrey Williams	Henry Samson	Ruth Hedden
1049	Mikayla Joy Martin	William White	Dorothy Hagen
1050	Rebecca Gayle White	Edward Doty	Michael White
1051	Connor Michael White	Edward Doty	Michael White
1052	Donovan Shaya Meade	Richard Warren	David Meade
1053	Caroline Patty Meade	Richard Warren	David Meade

**New Members By Approval**

<b>GS #</b>	<b>TX#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
81240	2710	Alice Elaine Lackey Miller	Midland	William Bradford
81296	2711	Anita Marie Duty Glass	Bastrop	Myles Standish
81297	2712	Susan Kay Moon England	Port Aransas	William Mullins
81344	2714	John Kelly Hardin	Walnut Springs	John Alden
81411	2715	Sarah Elizabeth Sheffield	Hutto	Samuel Fuller
81412	2716	Stephen Davis Sheffield, Jr.	Hutto	Samuel Fuller
81437	2718	Mark Daniel Clapp	Kingwood	Stephen Hopkins
81438	2719	Marcy Clapp Barkemeyer	North Richland Hills	Stephen Hopkins
81439	2720	Michael Wayne Clapp	Kingwood	Stephen Hopkins
81454	2727	Charles Milford Satterfield, III	Houston	Peter Brown
81455	2728	Lewis William Schiel, Jr.	Dallas	Francis Cooke
81456	2729	James Albert Earl, IV	San Antonio	John Alden
81457	2730	Kathleen Michele Earl Messina	San Antonio	John Alden

**New Members By Approval**

<b>GS #</b>	<b>TX#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
81488	2731	Harold William Ankrum, Jr.	Houston	Samuel Fuller
81489	2732	Cathy Lynn Coppedge White	Wichita, KS	William Brewster
81490	2733	Susan Sanderson Heyn Billipp	Houston	Edward Fuller
81654	2735	Martha Ann Earl Larson	San Antonio	John Alden
81670	2736	Patti Scruggs Necessary	Irving	John Howland
81693	2737	Edward Martin Waggoner	Nacogdoches	Isaac Allerton
82158	2751	David Berton Meade	Bellaire	Richard Warren
82159	2752	Michael Charles White	San Antonio	Edward Doty
82183	2753	Pamela Nellie Collette Casto	Lubbock	Edward Fuller
82184	2754	Amy Jo Bartle	Fort Worth	William Bradford
82201	2755	Dwight Charles Benson	Austin	Thomas Rogers
82230	2756	Erik Jon Hawkins	Austin	Richard Warren
82231	2757	Donna Kay Soules Mauldin	Cedar Park	George Soule
82267	2758	Steven Oakley McAlexander	Frisco	William Brewster
82268	2759	Joanne Townsend Hunt Hook	Houston	William Brewster
82324	2760	Margaret Deirdre Kidder	Beaumont	Francis Cooke
82330	2761	Herbert Gustav Steger, Jr	San Antonio	Edward Doty
82331	2762	William Collins Buell V	San Antonio	William Brewster
82332	2763	Klinton Joshua Kullins	Corpus Christi	Edward Doty
82333	2764	Kristopher Robert Kullins	Corpus Christi	Edward Doty
82334	2765	Kyle Charles Kullins	Corpus Christi	Edward Doty
82335	2766	Rae Denise White Kullins	Corpus Christi	Edward Doty
82340	2767	James Richard Day	Lake Jackson	John Howland
82357	2768	Joan Elizabeth Taylor Felton	Waco	Richard Warren
82358	2769	Harold Monroe Walden, Jr.	Georgetown	Stephen Hopkins
82377	2770	William Owen Funderburk, Jr.	McKinney	Stephen Hopkins

News from the General Society  
By Mike and Pat Nichols

Cousins and Board Members,

Thank you for allowing Pat and me to represent the Texas Society at the September, 2010, GSMD BOA Meeting in San Diego. It was our first General Society meeting of any kind, and we really appreciated the opportunity to be there. We were able to have very good one-on-one discussions with many of the General officers, and especially with the Historian General. There were many announcements as well as business items discussed, and I thought you might like a brief report.

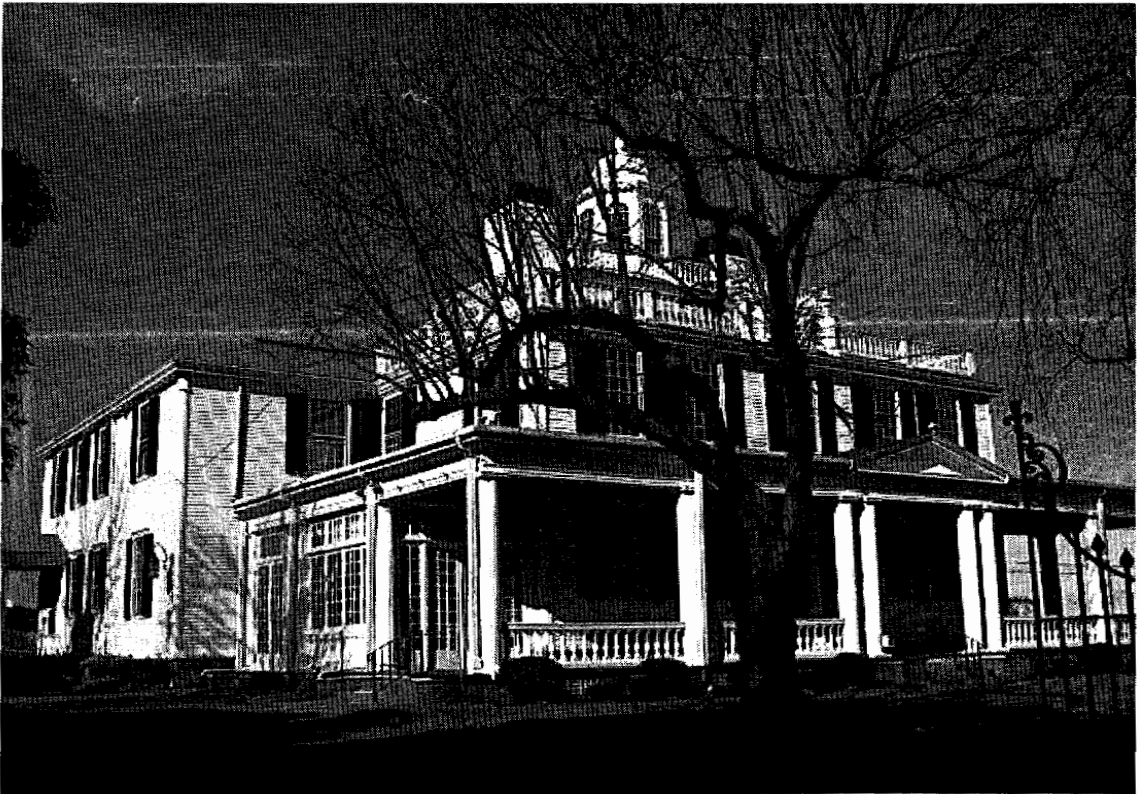
In addition to Pat and me, other Texas Society members present were Barbara Cobb, our Elder, representing Wisconsin, Barbara Williams as Historic Sites Committee Chairwoman, and Linda Hill as Assistant Secretary General. Kerry Hill was also there and enjoyed the tour of the San Diego Zoo.

- The Historian General held a meeting Friday afternoon discussing historian topics which we found very interesting.
- At the Friday evening 'social hour' the California Society put on a Miles Standish/John Alden/Priscilla Mullins skit which was very enjoyable. The actors were in appropriate costume. We were informed that the legend of the rivalry between Miles Standish and John Alden for the hand of Priscilla Mullins was first published in the Rev. Timothy Alden's 1814 *Collection of American Epitaphs and Inscriptions*. The story was then popularized in the poem, *The Courtship of Miles Standish*, published by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1858. There is no documentation for the legend in the records of Plymouth Colony, so another legend goes up in smoke!
- Governor General Judy Swan dedicated the meeting to the Discovery Shuttle crew.
- Governor General Judy Swan announced that she had been diagnosed with cancer this past August. She will be laying out her treatment plan this month. She did not share any additional information. Needless to say, our hearts and prayers are with her. She continued to chair the meeting.
- It appears there has been an ongoing discussion about approving a "code of conduct". A motion to ratify a code of conduct which would apply to the entire BOA was voted down last year. After extensive (and spirited) discussion, a motion to ratify a code of conduct applying only to the executive committee (which had been approved by the executive committee the evening before) was voted down at this meeting. The Counselor General, and several other attorneys who were present, feel the Society is exposed by not having an approved code of conduct. The current IRS Form 990 for non-profit organizations has a check box for a code of conduct. At this time it does not appear to be an absolute IRS requirement to have a code of conduct to maintain tax-exempt standing, but it may become required in the future.
- The Five Generations project is expanding to six generations.
- The Treasurer General reported that the 2010 expenses varies less than \$6,000 from the \$760,000 budget. The General Society ended the year \$140,000 to the good. The 2010-11 budget is \$836,000. As of 5/31/2010, the General Society had \$5,335,000 in investments.
- The Historian General reported that 1,655 new applications had been received in the past 12 months, and 1,047 this calendar year. The number of applications is down from previous years, supplemental applications in particular. The current turn-around time is two weeks. The Historian General's emphasis is on good lineages. Current General Society membership is about 28,250.
- The Captain General reported that he has put together a *Captains' Manual* containing proper forms, pledges, ceremonies, and a list of equipment for state society captains. He has also made arrangements where state societies and colonies can acquire polyester, stamped-seal Mayflower Society flags, which are much more affordable than embroidered flags.
- The 39th GSMD Congress will held be September 11-13, 2011, in Plymouth. The headquarters will be in the Radisson Hotel. The John Carver Inn has also made rooms available.
- There was another very extensive and spirited discussion regarding a proposed restructuring of the current constitution and bylaws into one combined document. This BOA voted to present it to the next Congress for discussion and resolution.
- Many awards were given for exceptional service to the various state Societies, many of whom were present. These appear to be the result of nominations from the various state Societies. No one from the Texas Society was recognized.
- A new GSMD web site is close to being rolled out. Among other things, the Mayflower Quarterly will be made available via the website for members. Reading between the lines, the electronic version will become more and more important. The 5 Generation (going to 6 Generation) Books project is also planning on introducing electronic distribution. It appears the hard-copy versions will continue to be available, however, as this is a major source of revenue.

- Former Asst. Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle reported that the records preservation committee recommended that fixed and rolling shelving be installed in the fireproof vault on the second floor of the library, replacing the 78 file cabinets, as funding becomes available. About 660 linear feet of storage would be required, and this would free up about 880 linear feet of space. The first 30,000 applications have been microfilmed. The remaining 50,000+ will be scanned directly to .pdf files, the same method as our own Texas Society has used. Texas was recognized as one of the very few state Societies to have completed digitizing its membership records, and the Historian General asked me for a copy of our digital records, which I will send to him along with the documentation.
- Governor General Judy Swan announced that in May 2011, the first annual GSMD Scholarship will be awarded. Applications will be accepted from January 1 until February 28. The amount of the scholarship will be \$5,000, and at least one scholarship will be awarded annually. Applicants must be, first, a graduating high school senior, with a direct lineage connection to a Mayflower passenger, and second, the child or grandchild of an existing Society member. The scholarship will be named the "GSMD scholarship" and will not be named for any individual.
- Historian General Paul Bumpas announced the "Mayflower Garden Pathway Brick Project". The intent of this is to pave the pathway behind the house with engraved bricks. A brick with three lines of 20 characters each is available for \$150. State Societies and officers of state Societies may sponsor bricks for \$250.
- The speaker at the evening banquet was Caleb Johnson, who has written extensively of our Pilgrim ancestors. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Oregon Society. He discussed his current research projects and some of the articles which are forthcoming. As expected, he had several of his books there which were available for purchase with his autograph.

This meeting was a wonderful opportunity for us. Our General Society officers are a pleasure to meet with, as are our cousins from the various state Societies.

Mike and Pat Nichols



Mayflower Society House, Plymouth, Headquarters of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

## And Now, A Note from the Treasurer

By Mr. Charles Prince

### **Got Email?**

### **We need your help!**

Did you receive an email from Charles Prince, the State Treasurer offering you an opportunity to submit your dues in September? **If you have email, and if you did not** receive his email, **this note is specifically for you.** We would welcome your help.

To those members who have an active email address, but did not receive a notice, we request that you please take the time to email either Mike Nichols (State Corresponding Secretary), or Charles Prince (State Treasurer), so we can update our records with your current email address.

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**The email address for Mike Nichols is: [nichols.ms@gmail.com](mailto:nichols.ms@gmail.com)**

**The email address for Charles Prince is: [crprince@aol.com](mailto:crprince@aol.com)**

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We have a membership of close to 1,050, of which about 250 are life members. This leaves approximately 800 members paying annual dues. Emails were sent out to about 450 members who have previously provided an email address to either Mike, or to Charles. Of these 450 emails sent out, approximately 20% were rejected for some reason. With your help we can make these corrections, and perhaps add some that were not previously provided.

This September marks the second year we have tested an "Early Payment" program for collecting annual membership dues. The goal is to see if the use of an email to our members (who have email), in September can save our State Society the cost of sending snail mail notices which are sent out the first week in October each year.

At the time of the writing of this piece, the response has already been terrific. Checks began pouring in within 3 days of the beginning of the campaign this year! A **significant** number of members emailed back that they **will be sending in their dues**, so **an October notice will not be necessary!** We are very pleased to share these early results, and thank each of you for your participation in this program. We all share in the success of our Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants.

## Supplemental Lineages Approved

Peggy Jared

William Mullins

Marilyn Funderburk (2)

William Brewster, Francis Eaton

Margaret (Peggy) Durack (2)

Edward Fuller, Stephen Hopkins

Alton Lee Gilbert

Edward Doty

Joan Dillingham

William Brewster

### SAN ANTONIO COLONY DEDICATES MARKER FOR MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT

On August 21, 2010, San Antonio Colony dedicated a commemorative plaque to Mayflower Descendant Samuel Alden who, on August 18, 1813, fought in a little-known but significant battle at a site about thirty miles from the city. At the time of the battle, known historically as the Battle of Medina, the area was Spanish territory. No one knows how or why Samuel Alden came to the area to fight on the side of those revolting against Spanish control of the area of Mexico. Of course, this part of Texas was then a part of Mexico. Whatever his reasons, Samuel Alden came and fought in the battle. Historians describe the battle as the bloodiest one ever fought on Texas soil.

Previously, the Texas Society had dedicated a marker at the site, but no individual was cited.

Certified Genealogist Ms. Nancy Wright Brennan researched the lineage of Samuel Alden and proved that he indeed descended from John Alden of the *Mayflower*. San Antonio Colony is very grateful to Ms. Brennan for her dedication and persistence in finding the lineage of this descendant.

The plaque dedication was a portion of a large ceremony held annually to commemorate the Battle of Medina. Other lineage groups participating included Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, United States Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and Sons of the Republic of Texas. Representatives from the Texas Historical Commission also joined the event as did members of a number of other historical organizations and interest groups.

San Antonio Colony members attending and participating were Texas Governor Peggy Jared who led the dedication ceremony, Colony Governor Steven Brewster, Deputy Governor Mary Eck, former Colony Governor Joe B. Cox, Jr., and Colony member Michael Byrne. Mrs. Jared and Mr. Cox are also descendants of John Alden.



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