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Governor's Message

**By: Governor James Reed
Campbell Jr.**



An Honor Walk, also called a Hero Walk, is a relatively new kind of ceremony related to organ donation. You may be aware that our country has a crying need for organ donations. As of 2022, more than 100,000 people were on the national organ waiting list, with an average of 17 people dying per day while waiting for a transplant. An individual donor can provide up to eight organs.

These solemn events begin when a patient has just died or is on life support with no chance of survival. The attending nurses, with the family and friends following behind them, wheel the patient on their stretcher to the O.R. or a waiting ambulance. This ceremony gains power from all the hospital staff, from janitors to executives, lining the halls and wordlessly standing in appreciation as the patient passes by. Those of you who have been inside large hospitals know this can be quite a winding journey: up, down, and around hallways, in and out of elevators, through swinging doors, and the like. But everywhere the patient goes, people bear silent witness and pay their respects.

Honor Walks came into public consciousness around 2019 and started spreading among hospitals nationwide. An Honor Walk was featured on a TV episode of "Grey's Anatomy." Lately, tribute postings to YouTube have become common. I watched two such videos that were especially moving – both being broadcast segments from local TV news. In one posting, a Virginia father had lost two of his four children in a house fire, ages 3 and 6. In the other posting, a Nevada father had lost his teenage son in a motorcycle accident. Below are the links, but I caution that viewing can be emotional:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3ypJvP3cio>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phZ9JBhwQC4>

What is the connection between Honor Walks and what we do as the Pennsylvania Mayflower Society? Our individual and organizational efforts are dedicated to preserving the memories of those who came before us to benefit those who will come after us – a life-affirming endeavor. But instead of donating organs, we donate vital records, census records, military service records, gravestone photos, family photos, family bibles, and similar keepsakes. Instead of giving physical life or sight, we give meaning to lives and insight.

In the world of lineage societies like ours, you often hear the motto or mission statement, "to honor our ancestors." That phrase comes off the tongue so quickly that it risks sounding a little glib, a little trite. Yet these Honor Walk videos help to bring this concept home and underscore what honoring people and their sacrifices is all about.

My wife is Ukrainian-American, and her family practiced an ethnic tradition during their breakfasts after Easter liturgy when the priest blesses the symbolic food baskets of parishioners. They would set aside one extra table setting. They would begin their meal by taking a hard-boiled egg from their basket, cutting it into slices, and then passing it to each family member or guest, leaving one slice on the empty plate. While standing, they would recite a traditional Ukrainian blessing and prayer before eating their slices in unison. The extra table setting honored those deceased family members within memory who could not be with them in person.

A full description of Ukrainian Easter traditions may be viewed here: <https://ukrainianpeople.us/ukrainian-easter-traditions/>.

Consider how we might honor our ancestors' sacrifices for our Thanksgiving dinners. Please let our SMDPA newsletter editors know if your family has such ceremonies and traditions that it practices.

Notes from the Boat

By: Governor General Lisa Pennington

WOW! Did You Know? The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@mayflowersociety/videos>.



Dear Mayflower Cousins

As you're waiting for your Thanksgiving turkey to cook, consider watching one of the Mayflower Society's original videos on our YouTube Channel to learn about the Pilgrims and how they lived. You can learn how to cook like a Pilgrim, explore Plymouth's Nemasket Trail or take a nature walk to find where mayflowers grow. There will also be a video about Christmas in Plymouth...but don't tell William Bradford!

Lisa H. Pennington
Governor General

SMDPA Thanksgiving Events 2024

All Members, Family, and Friends are Invited

To cap off an exceptionally active year for social events, we are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for SMDPA's two most popular offerings: our annual Thanksgiving events! To view details and to register conveniently online, please visit SMDPA's "Future Meetings / Events" webpage.



SMDPA Thanksgiving in the Western Colony

On Saturday, November 16, we will meet at the historic Oakmont Country Club, located about 14 miles northeast of downtown Pittsburgh in the suburbs of Oakmont. Our business meeting will begin at 12:30 pm and feature Adam Shefts, known as "The Victorian Historian." He will speak on obscure, unusual, and entertaining aspects of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Afterward, we will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal of salad and rolls, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Questions: contact Western Colony Governor Keith Kammenzind, sumtertwo1@verizon.net. **The registration deadline is Saturday, November 9.**



The Oakmont Country Club

SMDPA Thanksgiving in Eastern PA

On Saturday, November 23, we will gather at the historic Washington Memorial Chapel on Route 23 within Valley Forge National Historical Park at King of Prussia. Our worship service will begin at 3:00 pm and conclude by 4:30 pm. Immediately afterward, we will drive approximately 20 minutes west to dine at the historic Kimberton Inn, located in the Quaker village of Kimberton. We will enjoy a cash bar at 5:00 pm, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving dinner consisting of soup, an organic roast turkey entrée with side dishes, and desserts. Questions: contact Governor James Campbell at smdpa-governor@sail1620.org. **The registration deadline is Monday, November 11.** All are welcome, but seating is limited, so act promptly!



Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge The Kimberton Inn

A reminder: The next "Juniors" activity will be at the Thanksgiving worship and dinner gathering on November 23, 2024. We will meet at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge National Historical Park, King of Prussia, PA. We are looking for Juniors to join in the activities! Contact us if you would like to participate!

2024 Officers and BOA

By: SMDPA Nominating Committee

The SMDPA's Annual Members Meeting – held this past year at the Cameron Estate Inn & Restaurant in Mount Joy on Sunday, April 28, 2024 – serves many purposes. It gathers our SMDPA family and guests for a luncheon reunion in an attractive venue. It presents prominent speakers to educate us on our Pilgrim heritage and other relevant aspects of American history. It also presents our slate of nominated Officers and Board of Assistants (BOA) to be approved and installed for their upcoming terms. Below is a picture of SMDPA's Officers and BOA being sworn in to serve until our next Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Congratulations to our estimable volunteers!



Back: Reed Kneale, James Buckner, Brian Atwood, Laura Tyndall, James Campbell, Bradford Ridgeway, Sharyn Davis, Michael Saunders, Heather Horton, Front: Lois Revenaugh, Pam Palchowski, Margaret Barnette, Sue Henning, Lois Lang

2023's Distinguished Pilgrims

Presenter: Governor James Campbell

Each year, SMDPA is pleased to recognize Distinguished Pilgrims – those who have gone "above

and beyond” in their service to our Society and its members. These awards are given at the discretion of the Governor and include a personalized certificate plus a monetary gift of appreciation. In recent years, the Distinguished Pilgrim Award has been given to single individuals, including many of our hardest-working volunteers. For 2023, however, Governor James Campbell believed a pair of individuals deserved this prestigious recognition.

Sharyn Sweppenheiser Davis and Pamela “Pam” Palchowski are Co-editors of SMDPA’s pace-setting newsletter, published twice yearly to universal acclaim. Moreover, Sharyn has been assisting Historian Virginia “Ginny” Fossa as one of her team of genealogists, who is dedicated to helping applicants document their family histories and complete their membership applications. This team has been instrumental in SMDPA’s achieving a 43% membership growth from 2013 to 2022 – the highest percentage of any of the 54 Member Societies of Mayflower Descendants during this timeframe.

Pam, too, has been wearing multiple hats in organizing the past two SMDPA Tailgate Parties that preceded Major League Baseball games between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies. Pam served as a committee member under Western Colony Governor Keith Kammenzind for the Historical dedication of Daniel South, Jr., a Mayflower Descendant of Edward Fuller. Pam also just agreed to serve the Western Colony as Correspondence Secretary. Sharyn and Pam have been performing exceptionally on the Society’s behalf, together and separately.



Photo credits: Harry Sweppenheiser, SMDPA member, and Sharyn’s Dad.

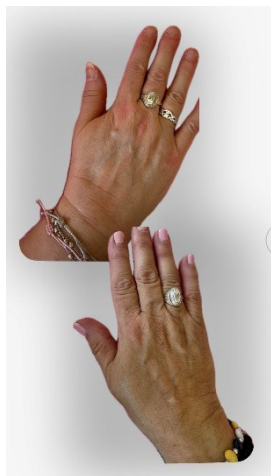


Photo credit: Brian Smithley, Mayflower cousins and Distinguished Pilgrims, Pam and Sharyn, celebrated their award by purchasing matching Mayflower rings.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Annual Spring Meeting April 28, 2024

Photo credits to Jim Buckner, SMDPA Elder and Educator



Society of Mayflower Descendants of Maryland Summer event, August 24, 2024

Four Mayflower Society Governors converged at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland, to attend the SMDMD Summer outing. From Left to Right: Governor James Campbell of SMDPA, Governor Geoffrey Gamble of SMDDE, Governor Daniel Earnshaw of SMDMD, and Past Governor David Bradford of SMDDE, who was the guest speaker.



Western Colony Update

By: Governor Keith Kammenzind

This year has been very busy and exciting for the Western Colony!

We kicked things off on February 18th, manning a table for Genealogy Day at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, which over 600 people attended. Many potential members stopped by for information about the Society, and it was an opportunity to talk to members of other lineage societies as well.

May brought our Spring luncheon, which was held at the Wildwood Golf Club. We had cocktails and conversation before the business meeting. A delicious luncheon was served before Todd DePastino's presentation. Mr. DePastino is an expert on the Whiskey Rebellion, and his content was very interesting. He is a local historian, author, and professor at Waynesburg University.

Our Summer outing in Erie on July 13th was very popular. All 34 tickets sold out quickly, securing Colony members their seats on the Lettie G. Howard, a fishing schooner built in 1893. The crew invited members to help raise and lower the sails, and all who attended enjoyed the two-hour sail around the Bay. A luncheon at Smuggler's Wharf followed, where we enjoyed delicious food and camaraderie. A special thanks goes to Mary Jane Koenig, who helped make this special event a tremendous success!

Our members of our Western Colony also attended the Pirates vs. Phillies Major League Baseball game on July 20th in Pittsburgh. It was a fun game that united the East and West sides of our state. The Pirates won the game this year to tie the SMDPA record at 1-1.

We now turn our thoughts to Autumn and November, when we will gather for our Thanksgiving business meeting and luncheon. Our celebration will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at the Oakmont Country Club. The business meeting will start at 12:30 p.m., and a traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served. We have secured Adam Shefts, known as "The Victorian Historian," as our guest speaker. He will speak on entertaining aspects of the 19th and early 20th centuries, using historical facts and humor.

We hope to see you there.



Susquehanna Colony Update

By: Governor Mike Saunders

Greetings, Mayflower cousins. I have noticed a hint of cooler air coming to central Pennsylvania over the last several weeks, even though today will be summer-like again. Sharon and I will attend the General Board of Assistants (GBOA) conference in Ashville, NC, from September 5th through September 8th. We look forward to hearing about some of the new technology coming to the Mayflower application process and how it will help speed up the approval of new members. You have recently seen several articles in the Quarterly magazine about it, and more information will be presented at the GBOA.

The other major item I am working on is the Fall Colony meeting. We are still looking for a venue in the Northeast region of the Colony for some time in early December. I had hoped to get together before my knee replacement surgery on October 15th, but it is proving difficult to schedule a meeting. Sharon, who has had two knee replacements, tells me that I will not be getting around for several weeks afterward, so that is the plan. Watch for more information to follow.

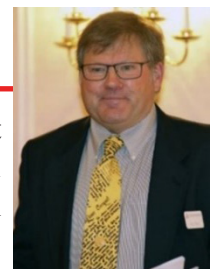
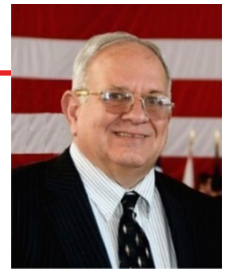
On another front, the Susquehanna Colony is looking for a few good cousins to take over the duties as Susquehanna Colony Officers. Sharon has held the Secretary position for over ten years and would like to transition to someone else. Dotty Lees has been the Treasurer for that long and has expressed her desire for a replacement. Cinda recently retired as the Deputy Governor, so that position is also open. Finally, I've worked as Colony Governor for longer than my 3-year term, which leaves the Governor position open. If you want to take a leadership role in the Susquehanna Colony, please contact me for more information. These are not full-time jobs by any stretch of the imagination.

With Best Regards

Treasurer's Report

By: Scott Bond (Acting Treasurer)

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize Judi Biederman, who has partnered with me as Assistant Treasurer since 2018. In those six years together, I think we improved our processes in the face of a pandemic, various system changes, a more than 2X increase in



GSMD per capita fees, and growth in SMDPA. We shared ideas and a sense of compassion with our members that I, for one, appreciated. As Treasurer for the state DAR organization, Judi still has a full plate. Thank you, Judi. It's been an absolute pleasure.

A big welcome to **Emilio Siguenza**, who has joined SMDPA as our Assistant Treasurer. He has some big shoes to fill, and I think he will do well.

We are also looking for a new Treasurer; if you or someone you know is interested, please reach out. I would be happy to talk to you about the position.😊

Our October 19th BOA Meeting is still a couple of weeks away, so I cannot share any 2025 Dues or Budget information now. However, I can share that we are having a good 2024 thus far. In fact, we are close to \$75,000 higher year-to-year.

As of October 1, 2024:

Vanguard Balance	\$666,972.71
Wells Fargo Main Checking	2,204.05
Wells Fargo Merchant Checking	758.88
Total Cash and Investment Balance (w/o colony balances)	\$669,935.64

The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer work closely with our Historians, Registrar, and others. Here are some fun facts that support some of our challenges.

Regular Members	560
<u>Life/Emeritus Members</u>	<u>270</u>
Total Members with GSMD #	830
<u>Juniors</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>Total Members</u>	<u>879</u>

Ages range from less than 5 to 102! Average: 59

Almost 20% of our members have no valid e-mail address.

We receive 45-65 pieces of Returned Mail each year, meaning we do not always have current mailing addresses.

75% of our members have PA addresses; the other 25% do not, including foreign addresses.

Please help us stay updated with your contact information.😊

Susquehanna Colony	180 non-junior members
Western Colony	202
Philadelphia (catch-all)	448

Dues Status? Currently, 46 members have not yet paid their 2024 dues and are in danger of being dropped. We paid their GSMD Per Capita dues of \$1,610 on April 1, 2024, the same number as in 2023.

Membership value and retention are essential to us

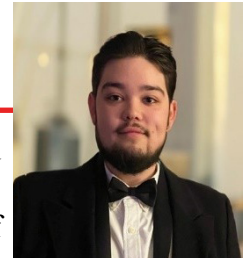
and are an ongoing challenge. We are always open to hearing from you regarding our value proposition. Feel free to send your comments or questions to Treasurer@sail1620.org. I will respond.

Again, we are always anxious to hear from you.

Scott Bond Treasurer@sail1620.org

Emilio Siguenza Asst-Treasurer@sail1620.org

Welcome SMDPA Assistant Treasurer Emilio Siguenza



Dear Society Officers, BOA, and Members,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Assistant Treasurer, serving on the Board of Assistants for our esteemed society. My name is Emilio Siguenza, and it is a privilege to continue my family's legacy within this organization.

My connection to the Society runs deep. I am a lifetime member, a gift bestowed upon me by my grandfather, Stacy B.C. Wood Jr., who founded the Susquehanna Chapter. His dedication to preserving our shared history has been a guiding light in my life, and I am committed to upholding the values he held dear.

I am proud to trace my ancestry to two notable Mayflower passengers: William Bradford, a leader and long-time governor of Plymouth Colony, and John Howland, who famously survived being swept overboard during the Mayflower's journey. Their resilience and leadership are qualities I strive to embody in my own life and work.

A bit about me: I have a passion for adventure and the great outdoors, and I love to travel, hike, surf, snowboard, and snorkel whenever possible. These experiences bring me joy and connect me to the spirit of exploration and discovery that our ancestors exemplified.

Looking ahead, I plan to pursue law school to become a corporate attorney in Manhattan. I believe this career path will allow me to make a meaningful impact in the world while continuing to honor the legacy of those who came before us.

I am excited to serve in this new role and to contribute to our society's ongoing success. I look forward to connecting with you and working together to preserve our shared heritage.

Thank you for welcoming me, and I am eager to get started!

Warm regards

In Memoriam

By: Registrar Althea Fejes

The Officers and the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of our currently known departed members. The SMDPA would like to thank you for your service and dedication.



Norman Joy Greene Jr. - 1925-2024 -

Norman lived until the age of 98. He was a lifelong member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania. (According to the SMDPA records, his father, Norman Joy

Greene, was the Governor of the PA Society from 1961-1962. His father was then the Governor General from 1966-1969 for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. His Mother, Marian (Marvin) Greene, was also a distinguished member of our Society.) Norman joined the SMDPA in 1953, with Stephen Hopkins as his ancestor. He would have been 28 years old in 1953. At the time of his passing, he was a member of our SMDPA for 70 years. His legacy continues with his three sons, his daughter, and his sister, all of whom are members of our Society.

Mary Valentine Kurtz - March 6, 1925 - February 6, 2024. Mary was a lifetime member of SMDPA and lived to be 99 years old. She is survived by her daughter and three sons. Her SMDPA legacy will continue with her son and her grandson, who are current members.

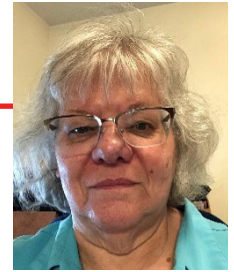
Alice E. Ames Boucher - May 26, 1931—July 11, 2024. Alice was a member of DAR and SMDPA. She researched and authored a family genealogy history with some branches dating back to the 1500s. Alice was a descendant of Richard Warren.

Ellsworth Corneilus Machin III - SMDPA was recently notified of Ellsworth's passing. Ellsworth was 74 and from Bethlehem, PA. He passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Theodore Epton - SMDPA was notified of Theodore's passing. No other information was available.

SMDPA Welcomes New Members

By: Ginny Fossa, Lead Co-Historian



New Members

Boyd, Dana	Fuller 13
Ball, Nancy	Brewster 12
Marshall, Bonnie	Brewster 13
Parsons, Kathleen	Soule 11
Wheatall, Robert	Francis Cooke 12
Ephlin, Elaine	Bradford 11
Ephlin, Karen	Bradford 12
Smith, Kevin	Soule 14
Emberger, Marcia	Bradford 12
Hunt, Jonathan	Brewster 12
Monser, Robert	Bradford 12
Kukosky, Gail	Hopkins 13
Chapin-Lunz, Pamela	Alden 11
Lunz, Samuel	Alden 12
Grubb, Noel	Bradford 12
Palmer, Kenneth	Allerton 11
Powell, Jacalyn	Bradford 11
Kukosky, Brynn	Hopkins 14
Kukosky, Jared	Hopkins 14
McDowell, Theodore	Fuller 13
Williamson, Eric	Alden 13
Hunt, Joseph	Brewster 13
Hunt, Wesley	Brewster 13
Emberger, Joshua	Bradford 13
Klingensmith, Rex	Fuller 13
Lopes, Liesl	Bradford 14

Supplementals

Reasner, William	Hopkins
Ephlin, Elaine	Hopkins, C. Hopkins
Ephlin, Karen	Hopkins, C. Hopkins
Cunningham, Mary Ann	Chilton, Mrs. Chilton
Cunningham, Donald	Chilton, Mrs. Chilton
Cunningham, Courtney	Chilton, Mrs. Chilton
Wheatall, Robert	Rogers

Historian Team Update

By: Sharyn Davis, Co-Historian

As you can see from the list of new members and the supplementals of current members, the Historian's Team led by Co-Historian Ginny Fossa has been very busy since our last report. Thirty-two Mayflower

Lineage Matches (MLMs) have been received since the last newsletter, and twelve prospective members contacted us through the website for a possible forty-four new members.

The team consists of Ginny Fossa, Sharyn Davis, Lois Howanec, Charlene Servian, Susan Makosy, Brenda Weaver, Linda Pepper, and Kevin Smith. Each teammate brings their strongest skills to assist prospective members and each other. When we aren't busy with research, we attend Zoom meetings with GSMD historians worldwide. Some of the topics we have Zoomed about recently were Proof Arguments & Analyses, the Easy App Generator, Running the Line, and the Silver Books.

Once GSMD has indexed and uploaded all the previously approved applications into the Easy App Generator system, the Historians can build an application in minutes rather than hours. Saving our eyesight and allowing us time to connect with other applicants.

Surgeon Report - Wisdom **By: Dr. Ronald Simonsen, MD**



I feel lucky. It is a good feeling, and it can be helpful if you can explain it. It is the outcome from a myriad of data that makes sense to you – often only to you. I've never won a lottery, and I've never had a fantasy football team. I won a VCR in a raffle once, and it stopped working after only a few weeks. Instead, my luck has always streamed from the constant support that I have had from family, friends, and colleagues and even from the sense of goodness I've taken for granted from those I've met in passing. Last but not least is the satisfaction and peace that I've always found in the natural world.

The Wilderness Act, signed into law in 1964, describes untrammelled places. Lucky to have been born in Warren, PA, my hometown, I learned to love wild places. After I came to understand this federal law and its monumental accomplishments, I became an advocate and wrote an op-ed for my local newspaper, The Times Observer, in 2008. It was titled "Back Yard Wilderness."

I quote, "I spent my formative years exploring along the Allegheny and hiking our beautiful hills. Though now I've ventured beyond Glade Run to travel around the world – west to Vietnam and east to Kazakhstan – throughout my life's experiences, I've never forgotten

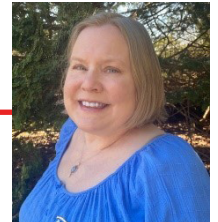
the importance of the backyard in which I began my journey."

I've also had the good fortune to sit with my great-grandfather, Solomon Brewster, at his table in Tylersburg and in later years, followed the trail that these ancestors took from Plymouth.

America emanates, above all, a distillate of goodness out of all our shared experiences, and this is the glue that can keep us together. We are the product of the strength and resilience of those we have followed, and a new generation is looking back at us and asking.

I still venture into the forest, and sometimes, leaning on an ancient tree, I talk to it like an old friend and ask for its wisdom. I hope that all of you are as lucky, and I will do my best to save you a tree here in the Allegheny National Forest.

Education Committee Report **By: Heather Horton** **Education Chair**



History Day Results **By: Linda Molitoris** **Education Committee Member**

I had the pleasure of attending American History Day at Scranton University, representing our Society. Education Committee Chair Heather Horton and I previewed entries on the 18th and 19th of April; on the 20th, I attended in-person judging, and on the 21st, I had the honor of awarding the following students' The 2024 National History Day Mayflower Prizes:

Junior Paper

Jaywen Lu, awarded \$1000.

Making China: The Road to Modernization

Junior Group Exhibit

Hannah Le and Kristine Pham were awarded \$500 each.

Triangle: The Fire That Sparked Reform in Legislation

Senior Paper

Reaves Lukens awarded \$1000.

From Words to Wounds: The Attack of Charles Sumner and the Prelude to the Civil War

Senior Group Website

Karthika Kuppala, Miriam Kelawy, Mythri Kottala, and Rahini Chauhan were awarded \$250 each.

The Seneca Falls Convention: Equality's Genesis


We were impressed by the caliber of the entries, and I appreciated the students' enthusiasm at the award ceremony.

I was proud to represent the SMDPA.



Photo taken after the Mayflower Award presentation. Jaywen Lu, Reaves Lukens, Karthika Kuppala, Miriam Kelawy, Mythri Kottala, Rahini Chauhan. Hannah Le and Kristine Pham are missing from the photo.

April 21st, 2024
 Dear Mayflower Society of Pennsylvania,
 We, (Hannah Le & Kristine Pham) would like to thank the society as a whole for the generous award we received. We are very grateful and plan to use the money toward academic purposes. This award has benefitted us in so many different ways, it is truly unexplainable. The Mayflower Society's mission is very impactful, and we wish for the Society to continue for many decades. The biggest lesson we learned from receiving this award is that hard work pays off. (Sometimes literally!) We are very happy to know that our exhibit was appreciated and picked for the award. Winning this award has inspired us to work hard in school, and to achieve great things. Thank you Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania.
 Sincerely,
 Hannah Le & Kristine Pham



THANK YOU!
 We ♥ the Mayflower Society of Pennsylvania!!

the state level to be eligible for a Mayflower Prize. The state final is always held at the University of Scranton in the Spring. Students can enter many category formats: papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, websites, individuals, and groups. These are open to all Pennsylvania students, with no Mayflower descent requirement.

The entries are fantastic, and NHD is always looking for judges. To become more involved, check with your local historical society or NHD.org.

SMDPA Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship By: Heather Horton

SMDPA congratulates Renee Jonnson, our 2024 Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship winner. She will attend Purdue this fall and study engineering. She will be invited to present her essay at our fall society meeting and Thanksgiving gathering on November 23, 2024.



The Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Guidelines:

Important changes have been made to the Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship criteria. Due to popular demand to make the scholarship available to students doing a gap year and mature students, we have opened the competition to all Pennsylvania Mayflower descendant students enrolled for the fall of the next year at trade schools or colleges through a master's degree. We are also changing to an electronic entry format. Here are the revised changes:

The Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship competition is open to a student who is enrolled in the first year or later of a college or university program leading to an associate, bachelor, or master's degree OR a degree certification at a trade school. The recipient must be an active member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or a direct Mayflower descendant relation as a child or grandchild. The scholarship award, which is to be used only for education-related needs, will be paid directly to the educational institution to avoid tax consequences to the recipient.

The 2025 Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship deadline will be June 30, 2025, and the student must be enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year.

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarships

More information is available at:

<https://themayflowersociety.org/about/about/scholarship-information/>

These are significant scholarships. They have strict lineage requirements—see below—and they are only



National History Day

SMDPA awards four \$1000 National History Day (NHD) prizes—two at the junior level and two at the senior level. The theme for NHD for 2025 is **Rights and**

Responsibilities in History. More detailed information is available on the NHD website- nhd.org under “2025 contest.” The contest is open to students in grades 6-12. You enter at your local level, so check with your history or civics teacher. The SMDPA prizes are awarded at the state level, so you must advance from the local level to

for graduating seniors going directly to an institute of higher education- no gap years.

The 2025 scholarship entries open in January 2025 and, in the past, have closed on March 31st.

GSMD awarded five scholarships in 2024:

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants 1st Prize – \$6,000

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2nd Prize – \$5,000

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants 3rd Prize – \$4,000

The GSMD Native American Scholarship – \$2,600

The Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship – \$2,400

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize scholarship winners and the Mary Chilton Winslow scholarship winners must all be descendants of a Mayflower passenger. The scholarships were awarded based on the student's class standing and GPA, extracurricular activities, sports, awards, and community involvement. Additionally, each applicant had to submit one character reference, one academic reference, and a two-part essay on the Mayflower Compact. Lineage requirements are as follows:

For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Application Form must include a valid GSMD membership number for either the applicant or a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent of the applicant. Please note that the membership number supplied must be for a living and currently active GSMD member. If any documentation from a parent or child who is 18 years old needs to be submitted to GSMD to obtain a current GSMD membership number, applicants should begin work as early as possible (the year before requesting a scholarship) with the Mayflower Historian in their place of residence to complete this process. Also, you will be required to list your Mayflower Ancestor(s) from the ship.

Good luck to all who enter!

Heather Horton

Education Chair, SMDPA

JUNIORS: Calling All Youth!

By: SMDPA Junior Co-Chairs:

Maggie Barnette and Joe Gifford

Are you a Junior member of the Mayflower Society? Did you know we had a Junior membership? We are working to include our youth in upcoming events throughout the year! We value our youth and want to see them become more involved! If you are a Junior (under 18), consider joining us; sign up! If you are an adult member and have a family member under 18, sign them up for a Junior



membership! The application can be found at: https://sail1620.org/images/downloads/Junior_Application_Form/jr_membership_app_may_2024.pdf.

Join now while membership fees are waived until December 31, 2024!

Mark your calendars! The next “Juniors” activity will be at the Thanksgiving worship and dinner on November 23, 2024, at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge National Historical Park, King of Prussia, PA. We are looking for Juniors to join in the activities! Contact us if you would like to participate!

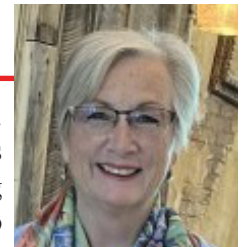
We look forward to meeting you and exploring your Mayflower Heritage with you.

Please reach out to us with any questions.

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The Pennsylvania Mayflower Series Unlock Your Family Secrets: Dive into Shared DNA Matches on Ancestry.com! Part Three Fall/Winter By: Lois Revenaugh, Membership Director



For experienced users of Ancestry.com, leveraging shared DNA matches can be a game-changer in tracing your family history. Here's a guide to making the most of this powerful tool.

Once logged into your Ancestry account, navigate to the DNA section and select “Matches” from the drop-down menu. From there, choose one of your matches and choose “Shared Matches” to access your match list. Depending on your family's history, you might find thousands, or even over 100,000, potential relatives.

Focus on the “shared matches” feature, as it can provide crucial insights into the branches of your family tree you share with each match. Unlike family trees, these matches are purely based on genetics, giving you a clear view of your biological connections. While you can dive deeper using tools like the ThruLines feature, this article will concentrate on optimizing your use of shared matches.

Each match shows the amount of DNA you share, measured in centimorgans (cM). The higher the cM, the closer your relationship. Ancestry also offers an estimated relationship, such as 1st cousin or 4th cousin, two times removed.

To streamline your research, you can categorize your matches into parental groups, which helps focus on either your maternal or paternal line. If you haven't yet identified which group is maternal or paternal, that's a crucial step. You may also encounter matches labeled “unassigned” or “both.” Unassigned means there isn't enough data to determine the maternal or paternal side, while “both” indicates a relation on both sides of your family. While

surprising, finding a common ancestor on both sides becomes more likely as you trace back generations.

Pay attention to whether your matches have a Public Linked Tree, Unlinked Tree or No Tree. The “Common Ancestor” label is especially valuable, as it indicates that Ancestry’s algorithms have identified a person with matching details in both your tree and the match’s tree. However, remember that this isn’t foolproof; errors in the other person’s tree can occur, so traditional research methods are still necessary to confirm the connection. Despite this, the genetic link confirms that the two of you are related.

To make your research more efficient, start with the easiest matches. Begin by focusing on matches with a “Public Linked Tree.” These are often the most straightforward to work with, as they provide direct access to a family tree that is already connected to your match. This can save you significant time and effort, as you can immediately see where your trees overlap.

Note that a paid Ancestry account is required to view shared matches. Ancestry recently introduced ProTools, an advanced feature that shows how you and your match are connected to others in your tree. ProTools has been a breakthrough resource for many users facing genealogical brick walls.

By mastering these features, you can unlock new avenues in your family history research and uncover connections you never knew existed.

In the Spring newsletter, I will cover how to work with the surprises in your DNA results.

Margaret “Maggie” Barnette, a new member of the BOA and Junior Co-Chair, has written an informative reunion article for our readers. To read Maggie’s full article titled, MY FAMILY HERITAGE AND FAMILY REUNIONS, head to sail1620.org. You’ll find it under “FEATURES.”

Thank you, Maggie, for your contribution.

The 113th Singley Family Reunion: A Legacy of Togetherness

By: - Lois Revenaugh, SMDPA Member

On August 10, 2024, the Singley family gathered for their 113th reunion, a tradition that began in 1912 when the James Garman Singley family first met in the serene hills of Zion Grove, Pennsylvania. The reunion was held at its customary location, the Zion Grove Lutheran Cemetery, where the original attendees compiled a list of attendees, recorded minutes, and presented a treasurer’s report.

In those early years, the women of the family brought picnic baskets filled with cherished family recipes, along with tablecloths, place settings, and beverages. The church ladies contributed by selling bean soup,

homemade pies, and teaberry ice cream, adding to the festive atmosphere.

I fondly remember visiting my great-aunt Alice’s home before the reunion, standing in her kitchen by the large cast iron stove as the final touches were made to our dishes. My great-grandmother, the wife of the reunion’s original organizer, supervised the preparations, ensuring everything was just right.

Over time, the church volunteers expanded their offerings, providing lunch items and beverages so families no longer needed to bring their own meals. However, about twenty years ago, it became challenging for the church to find volunteers to prepare the food. As a result, we began a new tradition: after the meeting at the church, we adjourned to a nearby Singley family farm, just two miles away, where our meal evolved into a potluck.

This year, our reunion was especially meaningful as we welcomed five descendants of the Mayflower, all sharing lineage from Francis Cooke and Thomas Rogers. The spirit of our ancestors continues to live on, connecting us through generations.



L to R: Karen Bateman, Kathy Ruffenach, Lois Revenaugh, Linda Cole, Deb Werner

Fall Member Question By Editors Sharyn and Pam

Question - If you could interview any of our pilgrim ancestors, which ancestor would you interview? What question would you ask?



Governor James Campbell of SMDPA - A humorous lament for our Pilgrim ancestors is, “Why couldn’t you have bequeathed us even a small parcel from your considerable land holdings?” In the 1627 Division of Cattle to “old comers,” I understand my Pilgrim ancestor Stephen Hopkins received land “from sea to sea,” i.e., present-day Brewster to Chatham, 18 miles

in length. A one-mile width would comprise 11,520 acres of prime vacation property on Cape Cod. Oh well!

Jane Ordway Carmen - SMDPA Member - I would choose my eighth great-grandmother, Mary Allerton Cushman. First of all, I am proud of all my Pilgrims. My question would be: Within your very long life, what was the significant moment you felt grateful that your parents, you, and your siblings made that long voyage from Leiden/England to your home in Plymouth? My second question would be, which of your eight children was your favorite?!

Sharyn Davis, *The Pennsylvania Mayflower*, Co-Editor - I would ask Elizabeth Tilley Howland, my 11th great-grandmother, what was the hardest thing you endured in the New World besides the 66-day voyage to get here?

Governor Mike Saunders - Susquehanna Colony - I would ask Edward Fuller, my Mayflower ancestor, for the name of his wife, including her maiden name. That question has never been answered in over 400 years, and it is about time to find out.

Peggy Shaver - SMDPA Member - I would ask Susanna Fuller White Winslow if she embarked on the journey willingly or was cajoled or pressured by her husband, William, to make the trip.

Carlotta Hutton - SMDPA Member - I would interview my 13th Great-Grandfather, John Alden, who married Pricilla Mullins. I would ask him how he survived on the Mayflower and what was special about his wedding day to Priscilla.

Deputy Governor General Reed Kneale - General Mayflower Society - I would interview Stephen Hopkins. Please tell me about your Jamestown experience, including the shipwreck and Pocahontas.

Pam Palchowski - *The Pennsylvania Mayflower*, Co-Editor, Chair - I would interview my ancestor, Governor William Bradford. I would like to know about the "closed-door" meetings that took place when policies were being drafted. I want to know how these men were able to come to decisions with so many different personalities and family backgrounds. I want to know about Governor Bradford's personal leadership style.

Bruce Hunt - SMDPA Member - Since my ancestor is Samuel Fuller, it would be an interview with him. I do not have one question, but instead, I would love to hear from him about the time frame after the first few years.

Basically, what did he contribute to the settlement and management of the colony as they expanded, and additional men and women joined them? I have read about the later period and the King Philip's War. Since Samuel Fuller was a man of medicine for the period, I am sure he would have had many experiences to relay.

Althea Fejes - SMDPA Registrar - I would like to interview Alice Carpenter Southworth Bradford, a 10th great-grandmother of mine, through her son Constant Southworth. (Even though she was not a Pilgrim, she married one thus creating lines of lineage to a Mayflower passenger.) Tradition says that her family had prevented a marriage to William Bradford earlier in their lives. Governor Bradford wrote to her after the death of his first wife. Being widowed herself, she crossed the ocean on board the "Ann," arriving in Weymouth with her two children in June 1623. Her marriage to Governor Bradford was the fourth celebrated in Plymouth Colony. Blended families can be challenging for people in 2024. I cannot imagine what obstacles and joys she might have faced in her new life with Governor William Bradford.

Governor Keith Kammenzind - Western Colony - I would interview George Soule and ask him, "Where exactly in England are you from?" I would also interview John Howland and ask him, "Why did you go up on the deck during a storm?"

Sue Makosy - SMDPA Member - I would ask Susannah Jackson what it was like to be one of the so few women in the colony and what she requested from England when the later ships arrived.

Peter Bort - BOA Member - I would ask John Howland if he experienced synchronicities, unexplained good outcomes, and small miracles of perfect timing in more situations than the one that occurred on his transoceanic voyage.

Candace McCahill - SMDPA Member - I would ask Edward Fuller how pilgrims dealt with the living conditions on the Mayflower. Did you wonder how your decision to come to the colonies would affect your future generations? Lastly, did you ever imagine how many descendants you would have and how your move would shape the world?

Larry Nickol - SMDPA Member - Dear Great Grand Pop Pops, as my 9th great grandfather, you hold a special place in my heart for your courage, foresight, and wisdom. But did you anticipate that Elizabeth, the feminist of her day, would survive many years after

your passing and have the community's respect? Your genetic influence has passed to your descendants, including my family.

Kevin Smith - SMDPA Member - I would like to ask George Soule, my Mayflower ancestor, and all my other brick wall ancestors: Who were your parents?

Valerie Bieber - SMDPA Member - I'd love to interview Francis Billington and get his take on his family's history – where they came from, and what they were really like since we have no knowledge of John and Eleanor Billington other than Bradford's highly prejudicial accounts.

Jyl Reeves - SMDPA Member - I would like to interview John Goodman and ask him if he is really John Dunham. Some books say they were the same person, and some have said differently.

Frank Braden - SMDPA Member - I'd like to speak to the senior male Braden, who settled close to Raccoon Creek, where it entered the Ohio River circa 1800.



SMDPA guests on the "Lettie G Howard" after their afternoon sail on the Great Lake Erie

SMDPA–Summer Social Events **By: James Campbell**

Thank you to all those who attended and supported our active series of Summer Social Events—especially Acting Secretary Laura Tyndall, who sent out our emails and website postings, and Acting Treasurer Scott Bond, who paid our bills. **Note:** Laura and Scott are both looking for assistance—please let us know if you can be a helper: smdpa-governor@sail1620.org. Here is a quick recap:

Allentown, May 24: Nine SMDPA members and guests enjoyed a private AMERICA ON WHEELS Automotive Museum tour, followed by lunch in their HUBCAP CAFÉ, a fully restored 1950s soda fountain. We experienced cars, trucks, and motorcycles in various settings throughout the 20th century, including an exhibit of the iconic Ford Mustang celebrating 60 years. We also learned about the Mack Trucks Historical



Museum nearby and a high-end restorer of classic cars across the street offering private tours—perhaps beckoning a return visit.



Malvern, June 22: Numerous members and guests from SMDPA and SMDNJ joined the annual meeting of FLAGON & TRENCHER: DESCENDANTS OF COLONIAL TAVERN KEEPERS, held at the historic GENERAL WARREN INNE. In addition to the usual business affairs of the Society, given with good humor by Taverner Alexander Bannerman (a professional actor in real life), we learned of this tavern's role throughout the Revolutionary War and beyond. We also enjoyed hearty fare and friendly interaction among the 70 F&T members present.



Erie, July 13: Thirty-two SMDPA members and guests joined Western Colony Governor Keith Kammenzind for a sold-out cruise aboard the 1890s schooner "LETTIE G. HOWARD." Dr. Heather Horton and her husband Roy drove all the way from their new home in Columbus, OH! We gained a first-hand experience under sunny skies of what it was like to operate these commercial vessels. We received an informative history of this ship, its era, and its survival to the present day. Afterward, we gathered for lunch at the adjacent SMUGGLER'S WHARF, connecting with even a few more SMDPA members who could not join us on the cruise.



Pittsburgh, July 20: SMDPA members from the east and west gathered on the North Side of Pittsburgh to attend the MLB game between the Phillies and the Pirates. They call this the Turnpike Game. We had a tailgate party where 24 people shared conversations, made new friends, and made predictions about the game's outcome. A Pittsburgh/Philadelphia trivia game challenged us, and prizes were awarded. Snacks and water were distributed, and we headed into PNC Park for the game. Everyone received a historic Yinzer-themed Bobblehead that played music! This was our second MLB event, and with the Pirates win this year, the SMDPA series is tied at TWO. Our group was recognized on the Jumbo Scoreboard; we were very energetic! Good luck to the Phillies in the playoffs. We are rooting for you!



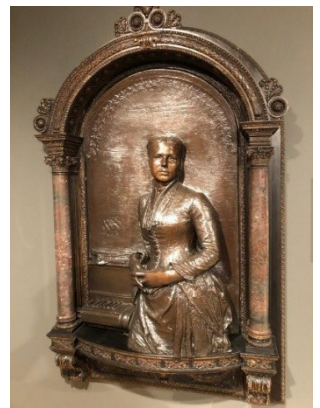
Newtown Square, July 26: Fourteen SMDPA members and guests gained an excellent understanding of early American farm life at COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA PLANTATION. This preserved 18th-century homestead, ordinarily closed to the public, occupies



a hidden corner of Ridley State Park. Two docents in period costumes illustrated the daily chores of our predecessors, using the many antique implements and furniture on hand. After our sunny mid-morning, we retreated to MERCATO RISTORANTE AND BAR, just a stone's throw away, for fine Italian cuisine.

Doylestown, August 23: Fifteen SMDPA members and guests visited Doylestown for two of its premier museums. The MICHENER ART MUSEUM was

named for its native son, best-selling author James A. Michener. We viewed well-presented exhibits on American sculptors George A. Anthonisen (1936-), Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1850-1931), and Daniel Chester French (1850-1931). If this experience was contemplative, the neighboring MERCER MUSEUM was cacophonous. Henry Mercer (1856-1930) designed and built a six-story building using the then-innovative reinforced concrete technique to house his extraordinary collection of 17,000 pre-industrial tools displayed floor-to-ceiling. Between these two tours, we walked into town for lunch at ZAD ALBASHA MEDITERRANEAN GRILL & HOOKAH LOUNGE, where we enjoyed exotic Bedouin cuisine served family style.



Note: We will start planning next year's Summer Social Events in December. If you have any ideas, please let us know at smdpa-governor@sail1620.org.

Summer Book Review
By: Chip Palmer - SMDPA Member

Review of *The Last Pilgrim* by Noel Granger

As a new member of the society (joining in June 2024), I delved into this captivating account of my ancestors, Isaac Allerton and his daughter, Mary Allerton Cushman.

Although I had a vague understanding of their story from my uncle's involvement in the Mayflower Society decades ago, this book, published in 2020, offers a fresh and compelling perspective.

The book presents a fictionalized narrative of the



Allerton family's journey from the Mayflower voyage in 1620 to Mary's passing in 1699. Each chapter alternates between the voices of Isaac and Mary, providing a unique and intimate glimpse into their lives.

The historical details of the book are meticulously researched and offer a wealth of information. The author does not shy away from discussing the more controversial aspects of Isaac's interactions with the Plymouth colony.

At the heart of the story lies the narrative of Mary and her husband, Thomas Cushman, who joined the colony later. Together, they raised eight children.

Reading this account, I gained profound insights into the life, struggles, and hardships faced by the Plymouth colony. I felt an intense connection to my ancestors during my reading.

Editor's note: Welcome to SMDPA, Mr. Palmer. Thank you for your contribution to *The Pennsylvania Mayflower*. We greatly appreciate your book review.

What I Did on My Summer Vacation A Post Card from Cape Cod

By: Harry Sweppenheiser - SMDPA Member

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to vacation in Plymouth, Massachusetts, with my daughter Sharyn Davis, her husband Christopher, and my granddaughter Sarah. Sharyn is the Co-editor of *The Pennsylvania Mayflower* newsletter and a Co-historian of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania.

I became a GSMD member as the 9th great-grandson of Edward Doty. For Christmas 2023, Sharyn presented me with a picture of an engraved brick with my name and Doty lineage. The brick was installed in the garden walkway on the grounds of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In August, we set off to find it, and find it we did. Just inside the trellis were my daughter's brick, my granddaughter's brick, and mine, all right together!

The weather was quite pleasant for most of the trip but turned somewhat foul on the day we were scheduled to visit the Mayflower II. In retrospect, this seemed appropriate as it enhanced the narrative of the tour guides, who told of some of the harrowing hardships our ancestors endured on their journey. One such event was when one of my ancestors, John Howland, was swept overboard. He managed to grab a trailing halyard and was hauled back aboard safely. Millions owe their lives to his rescue.

We visited the Jabez Howland house, built in 1667 by the Mitchell family and eventually bought by Jabez Howland, the eighth child of Pilgrim John Howland and

Elizabeth Tilley Howland. Its claim to fame is that it is the only home in Plymouth still standing where a Mayflower Pilgrim lived—Elizabeth Tilley Howland—my 10th great-grandmother!

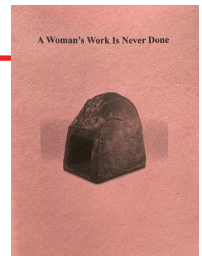
Standing in the house where my 10th great-grandmother lived gave me an indescribable feeling—to feel her presence, so proud of their strength and perseverance. It was amazing to see their furnishings and how they lived. You could almost hear the crackling fireplaces and smell the baking bread. In all, I discovered that I am related to eight Mayflower Pilgrims!



Left: Sharyn & Sarah Davis, Harry Sweppenheiser, Center: Our bricks in the garden walkway, Right: Three generations at the Jabez Howland House

The SMDPA Store is OPEN!

The SMDPA store is now open for the 2024 season! Our NEW item this fall is the booklet "*A Woman's Work is Never Done*." The cover shows the type of bread oven found during the excavation of John and Elizabeth Howland's home at Rocky Nook. The booklet also discusses household chores, early livestock, and farming in Plymouth. It includes a Journey Cake recipe using stone ground corn, as the Mayflower passengers and Wampanoag would have had. The inside back cover has the customizable Thanksgiving Blessing from the GSMD. The booklet is a convenient size to store with your holiday China or silver, so you can easily find the blessing. It sells for \$4 (including shipping) and can be included in a holiday card with either one or two postage stamps, depending on the weight of the card. To order, shop here <https://sail1620.org/catalog.php?cat=1>.



THERE'S MORE...

Additionally, our fall special is a booklet bundle. This year, we are offering the "*Mayflower Compact Signers 400th Anniversary Edition*" by Debra Georgantis-Miller along with "*The Women and Girls of the First Thanksgiving*," "*Boys of the Mayflower*," "*The Story of the Pilgrims*," and "*A Woman's Work is Never Done*" for \$30

(retail value of \$37). This collection includes information on all the Mayflower Compact signers, all the boys that were on the *Mayflower*, all the women and girls that were at the first Thanksgiving, and an excellent summary of the events that led to the founding of the Plymouth Colony and its first few years, which was published for the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the *Anne* and *Little James*. While the *400th Anniversary Signers Book* is too large to include with a holiday card, all the rest are suitable for mailing and use as table favors. *Booklet proceeds are used to fund the Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship.* Note: For inquiries on large quantities or special handling, contact us at Shop1620@sail1620.org.

SMDPA Transportation



Look what we spotted at a DAR meeting: Two Jeeps with SMDPA plates! All they needed was a Pilgrim Duck!

SMDPA License Plate Program

NOTE: The current prices were verified in September 2024. Standard serialized plates are \$48.00 and Personalized plates are \$176.00.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SMDPA) is pleased to offer a special way to recognize your membership: a PennDOT Organization license plate made especially for SMDPA members!

Instructions and the PennDOT Application form can be viewed, printed, or downloaded from our website. The direct link to the webpage is https://sail1620.org/License_Plates.

IMPORTANT NOTE—The application form must be printed and **completed with an original signature** and **mailed** to the address indicated on the form. A single

check for **the entire amount** made to “SMDPA” must be enclosed with the application. (SMDPA will manage the payment to PennDOT.) Thank you.

Unfortunately, SMDPA has no easy way to check order status with PennDOT, although you can try calling them at 717-412-5300.

How the pricing is derived - this is not a fundraiser.

Standard Serialized Plate: \$32 (PennDOT) + \$6 (PA Correctional Industries) + \$10 (SMDPA) = \$48

Personalized Plate: \$32 + \$128 (PennDOT) + \$6 (PA Correctional Industries) + \$10 (SMDPA) = \$176

Please contact us at SMDPA-License@Sail1620.org if you have any questions.

How to Arrive at an SMDPA Event

When you are the Governor of the SMDPA, and there is a Summer Outing in Erie, you must use your summer toy and go! Imagine our surprise when Governor Campbell arrived in Erie, on the shores of the Great Lake, on his Trike!

Jim drove more than 300 miles from the East to the West, not using the turnpike but exploring the back roads of Pennsylvania. He was aware that he was going to have to travel many miles alone. It had to be challenging and dangerous, and the fear of the unknown had to be present. He would have to watch for deer and other animals that may cross his path. What about the other vehicles and the trucks? Did the Pennsylvania potholes cause any worry? Would he be bullied by the motorcycle gangs out in the world? At least he was able to track the weather, and he was prepared for the rain. He had tools in case he needed a quick fix, as well as a cell phone and batteries. He was confident, excited, and ready to make the journey. His outcome to reach the shores of Lake Erie was in his sight. He made it! The outing was a cruise aboard the 1890s schooner “LETTIE G. HOWARD” planned for the SMDPA family, and it was Outstanding! He even found a church by the lake to attend services after the group luncheon.

Did anyone notice the correlation between the Pilgrims and our Governor?

The moral of the story is to make goals, prepare the best you can, be confident, and know that wherever your journey takes you, there will be a sunrise and a sunset for your guide and a family to support your dreams. Happy Travels, Governor Campbell!



SMDPA Governor James Campbell and his ride.

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SAVE THE DATE

October 19, 2024	Board of Assistants Meeting	Virtual Meeting
November 16, 2024	Western Colony Thanksgiving Dinner	Oakmont Country Club
November 23, 2024	SMDPA Thanksgiving/Worship Dinner	Valley Forge/King of Prussia
February 15, 2025	Board of Assistants Meeting	Virtual Meeting
April 12, 2025	2025 SMDPA Annual Meeting	Cameron Estates
June 21, 2025	Board of Assistants Meeting	Virtual Meeting

All meetings and events are subject to change. Please check the website for updates.