



THE UTAH COMPACT

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Greetings from the Governor!



It gives me great pleasure to serve as your governor of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants. We are all cousins regardless of how far we have to search. What great pleasure is to meet more of my cousins, people that I know in other contexts of life but now

also know that we are part of a great family and even greater heritage. It is always a comfort to know there is a greater familial relationship other than just being everyday acquaintances and fellow sojourners here on earth. I hope to get to know each of you better as we serve together. Who knows, we may even be “kissin’ cousin’s”!

I want to express appreciation to other members of the board who serve us faithfully. All serve an important function in helping us keep together and to make it possible for us to know one another better. Thank you for your service. I particularly want to express my appreciation to Diana Walker Lee who has most recently served as governor of the Society. I know that her heart and soul are committed to the Society and that she worked tirelessly in our behalf. I appreciate that she will continue to serve on the board as governor emerita and continue providing insight and thoughtful consideration to our discussions. Thank you, Governor Emerita Diana Walker Lee.

As in all volunteer organizations, we are always looking for other good volunteers who can help the work go forward. We all want to strengthen our Society for the benefit of our children, grandchildren, and future generations. I am sending out a clarion call for additional support and volunteers so that we can do so. As many people become aware

of the Society and the possibility of associating, we find we need assistance in making sure the genealogy lines are correct. We need to find an *assistant historian* to assist our historian, Priscilla Haines, in this work. Some knowledge of family history technology is helpful but can also be learned. In addition, we are also seeking a person to fill the position of *elder*, who will lead us in prayer and gratitude at each of our meetings. Also, we are searching our ranks for musical talent to be shared with us at our dinner meetings. We know all of these talents exist, so please come and share it with us.

We are working to be effectively using of Society funds in order to keep dues as low as possible but also provide good service and information. For this reason we will be looking to moving toward an electronic newsletter to save costs. We hope you will share your email addresses with us so we can save on postage. *We commit that your email address will only be used for Society business, and not for any other purpose.* We appreciate the efforts of our new newsletter editor, Andria Cranney, for volunteering to keep us all informed.

Come join with us! I hope all of you will join us at our next scheduled dinner meeting on May 9, 6:30 pm, at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building for a wonderful evening with our long, lost cousins. I look forward to getting to know all of you better.

—Gordon Walker

Newsletter on line?

As the world becomes more and more “paperless,” the Mayflower Society would like to offer an electronic copy of our newsletter to any members who might be interested instead of the printed version.

If you would like to have the fall edition of *The Utah Compact* emailed to your home as a pdf, please e-mail andria@byu.net from your email that you would like to have the newsletter sent to. Include your full name in the request. *Your email information will only be used for official Mayflower business.*

Book Nook

Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America
by Glenn Alan Cheney
(review taken from goodreads.com)

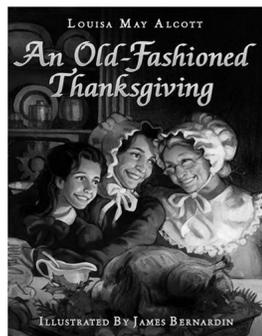
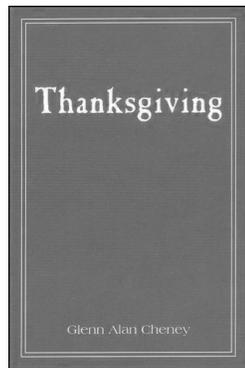
Thanksgiving is not about a holiday. It's about 102 people who came to the New World, suffered terribly, struggled courageously, and established the foundation of America. The prologue explores the reasons they left Europe. The book then puts the reader on the gun deck of the Mayflower where the passengers endured a horrific 66-day voyage across the Atlantic. The book puts the reader in the Pilgrims' cold, wet boots as they tromp around Cape Cod in search of a place to live as winter sets in.

Though "Thanksgiving" holds strictly to fact, the graphic, dramatic presentation shares the Pilgrim experience. It treats the Pilgrims not as super-heroes or cartoon characters but as just plain people who were willing to face death for the values they believed in.

An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving
by Louisa May Alcott
(review taken from goodreads.com)

Thanksgiving morning is here, and the Bassett family's cozy kitchen is filled with the hustle and bustle of the holiday. But this year something is different: Tilly, Prue, and their brothers and sisters have been left in charge of everything from the roasted turkey to the apple slump. They tie on their aprons and step into the kitchen, but are they really up for the challenge of cooking a Thanksgiving feast?

In this stunning new edition of Louisa May Alcott's classic holiday tale, James Bernardin's joyous illustrations bring the spirit of a truly old-fashioned Thanksgiving to vibrant life.



Welcome New Members!

Kathryn Stout Gowers
Saratoga Springs
FRANCIS COOKE

Lynette Copen Willoughby
South Jordan
FRANCIS COOKE

Joseph Michael Stout
South Jordan
FRANCIS COOKE

Nathan William Stout
Syracuse
FRANCIS COOKE

Russell Jay Robertson (transferring)
WILLIAM BREWSTER

The Harwich Project

It is believed that the original Mayflower was constructed along the Essex coastline—like most of the British maritime ships. Typically the ship traded with the Baltics in summer for timber and with France in winter for wine. She developed a characteristic smell, recorded as "that sweet ship" by the Pilgrims. The vessel was 'homeported' in Harwich just outside Christopher Jones's house. From Harwich the vessel set sail on many voyages. In 1610 Jones moved to Rotherhithe, London, taking the ship with him.

We hope you like the new look of the newsletter. The rendition of the Mayflower ship that is shown on the front page originated from an organization called the Harwich Project. Their primary goal is to build a replica of the Mayflower, preserving ancient shipwright skills, and then launch the vessel to retrace the original 1620 voyage to America. When the ship is completed in 2014, the vessel will operate a twice-yearly cycle, trading between Harwich and the United States. The initial concept of the vessel's construction has been expanded to incorporate job creation and training in Harwich as well as sail training and leadership skills at sea and in the Northeast of the United States

More information about the Harwich project can be found at www.harwichmayflower.com.



Jr. Member's Page

Welcome to Our Newest Junior Members

Amy Saxton sponsored her children
(Descendants of John Howland)

Ian Vaughn Saxton
Brynne Adeline Saxton
Evan Johnathan Saxton
Justine Adrienne Saxton



**Thanks to all Jr. Members who participated
in the November Mayflower Showcase!**

Did you Know?

CHILDREN ON THE MAYFLOWER

by Ruth Godfrey Donovan

The "Mayflower" sailed from Plymouth, England, September 6, 1620, with 102 people aboard.

Among the passengers standing at the rail, waving good-bye to relatives and friends, were at least thirty children. They ranged in age from Samuel Eaton, a babe in arms, to Mary Chilton and Constance Hopkins, fifteen years old. They were brought aboard for different reasons. Some of their parents or guardians were seeking religious freedom. Others were searching for a better life than they had in England or Holland. Some of the children were there as servants. Every one of the youngsters survived the strenuous voyage of three months.

As the "Mayflower" made its way across the Atlantic, perhaps they frolicked and played on the decks during clear days. They must have clung to their mothers' skirts during the fierce gales the ship encountered on other days.

Some of their names sound odd today. There were eight-year-old Humility Cooper, six-year-old Wrestling Brewster, and nine-year-old Love Brewster. Resolved White was five, while Damans Hopkins was only three. Other names sound more familiar. Among the eight-year-olds were John Cooke and Francis Billington. John Billington, Jr. was six years old as was Joseph Mullins. Richard More was seven years old and Samuel Fuller was four. Mary Allerton, who was destined to outlive all others aboard, was also four. She lived to the age of eighty-three.

The Billington boys were the mischief-makers. Evidently weary of the everyday pastimes, Francis and John, Jr. went in search of excitement one day and found it in the space occupied by their family. Their father was not around. Francis took some gunpowder and made pellets. Placing them in the father's gun, he shot it off. A small barrel of powder lay nearby. It caught on fire! Many passengers were nearby but fortunately they escaped harm. Quick action brought the fire under control.

Another exciting event was the birth of a baby while the "Mayflower" was at sea. The son of Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, he was appropriately named Oceanus. Another baby, Peregrine White, was born as the "Mayflower" lay at anchor near Provincetown, Massachusetts. Because this baby boy was the first English child born in "those parts," the General Court in 1665 granted him 200 acres of land. He lived until 1703.

Mary Chilton, fifteen, was destined to have her name in the history books. After the long voyage and the decision to settle at Plymouth, Massachusetts, the Pilgrims finally disembarked. In some later stories Mary Chilton was given the honor of being the first to step on Plymouth Rock.

If you are interested in registering your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren or nieces/nephews, ages 3-25 to become junior members for a one-time membership fee of just \$5.00, please contact Rachelle Orton, Jr. Membership Chairperson at (801) 798-1980 or email orachelle10@yahoo.com. Membership applications are available online @ http://www.xmission.com/~khagen/junior_application.htm.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants

RESERVATION FORM

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 Society Meeting
The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building
6:30 pm
Cost: \$25.00 per person

Checks should be made out to *Society of Mayflower Descendants* and are due by **May 2**. If you are one of the few that have not paid your 2012 dues (\$30), you are encouraged to pay that now along with payment for any dinners.

My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers _____ reservation(s)

Please mail reservation form and check to:

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