



THE

# UTAH COMPACT

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF UTAH, VOL 49, NO. 1, SPRING 2016

## Pilgrims & Early American History



With our Spring banquet quickly approaching, we are excited to announce that we will be joined by Brent Ashworth who will be presenting to us a visual history lesson. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm**, and join us at

the Joseph Smith Memorial Building for an enlightening service. The topic of the evening will be “Pilgrims & Early American History.”

Ashworth is a local rare book and artifact collector/shop owner from Provo, Utah. Each item that Ashworth will present comes with a story and history lesson that he loves to “show-and-tell.” We will have the opportunity to view genuine Pilgrim artifacts, such as the William Bradford family bible, and other items and documents pertaining to our early American history.

Much of Ashworth’s collection was recently featured in Glenn Beck’s “Independence Through History” museum at the Grand America Hotel. Ashworth is a noted philanthropist in Utah among historical organizations and libraries and is a community leader.

Ashworth graduated from BYU in 1972. He served in the US Army Reserves, and was called to active duty at Ft. Ord, California in 1969. Ashworth received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1975. Ashworth is married to Charlene Mills. They have nine children and also thirteen grandchildren.

## GSMD Scholarships

For students who will be seniors next year, the GSMD is offering \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

Please visit: [www.themayflower.org/scholarships](http://www.themayflower.org/scholarships) for more information.

## There’s A Lot You Can Do!

The Society in Utah is in need of volunteers to assist in our operations. We are asking for volunteers to serve on our Junior Committee and our Newsletter committee. Many hands make light work! Duties would not require a significant time commitment. There will be possibly 2 meetings a year with additional collaboration via email and phone. If you are interested in offering your talent, or know someone who might be interested in assisting in this great work, please contact:

Junior Chair, Tanya Bird  
([email](#))

Editor/Newsletter Chair, Craig Pitts  
[craigpitts@reagan.com](mailto:craigpitts@reagan.com)

### Other Needs

We are in need of someone who could serve as our Elder. It shall be the duty of the Elder to officiate when called upon at any meeting of the Society. Please contact our Governor Andria Cranney if you would be willing to serve in this position on the board:

[andria.cranney@gmail.com](mailto:andria.cranney@gmail.com)

## Governor's Message



Many of you are familiar with the ritual of the Olympic Torch that began in ancient Greece. Ignited several months before the opening celebration, today it is carried around the world by thousands of runners, each with a torch, all passing one flame. It is considered a great honor to carry the

Olympic Torch, and the runners are always careful to not drop the flame or allow it to go out.

After serving as governor for the past three years, the time has come for me to "pass the torch" to someone else during our spring banquet.

It has been a wonderful and delightful opportunity for me to serve you and this society, and I have treasured our very capable board of assistants. To me it's inspiring to know that the flame of the Utah Mayflower Society is poised to continue burning ever brighter and inspire hundreds more adults and children. May God's richest blessings come to all of you.

## The Landing at Cape Cod

After sixty days of being battered and terrified by the angry Atlantic, "they fell with that land which is called Cape Cod." There was ecstatic joy when on November 19, 1620 the Pilgrims caught their first grateful glimpse of the New World.

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## Welcome New Members!



Kristine Wallin  
*Howland*

Craig Pitts  
*Chilton*

Lacy Johnston  
*Bradford*

Kimberly Granger  
*Howland*

David Lewis  
*Billington*

Lauren Tanner  
*Bradford*

Stephen Sorensen  
*Hopkins*

Cynthia Barton  
*Howland*

Sandra Brimhall  
*Alden*

Cindy Westover  
*Alden*

Rhonda Fisher  
*(Supplemental)*  
*Hopkins*

### Transfers:

Frank Maxfield  
*Cooke*

Susan Johnson  
*Brewster*

Cheri Roshek  
*Fuller*

Jay Demott  
*Brewster*

Joseph Willey  
*Chilton*

Mark Littlefield  
*Howland*

James Littlefield, Jr  
*Howland*

Carla Ritter  
*Warren*

Rae Kearn  
*Soule*

Joyce Morgan  
*Howland*

Michael Hale  
*Allerton*

Kevan Barton  
*Priest*

Gary Roberts  
*(Supplemental)*  
*Tilley*

Charles Healey  
*Bradford + 15*

Stephanie Merrill  
*Howland*

*(Landing at Cape Cod: continued from p. 2)*

Their joy was soon tempered when they learned they were not in Virginia, their chartered destination. Captain Jones turned the ship southward along the arm of Cape Cod which led them to Chatham. The waters in that are enormously rough, waters known until this day as “Tucker’s Terror.” This caused him to turn northward where he put into Provincetown, Cape Cod on November 21.

Bradford almost mournfully concludes the tribulations of the Pilgrims in these words:

*Being thus passed the vast ocean, and sea of troubles before in their preparation..., they had now no friends to welcome them nor inns to entertain or refresh their weather-beaten bodies; no houses or much less towns to repair to, to seek for succor.*

Indeed, the Pilgrims’ trials were far from over and, among other negative factors, it was the onset of winter, the worst possible time of arrival in New England. When they first “made covenant” in Scrooby the Pilgrims vowed to pursue their freedom “whatsoever it should cost them.” Standing at the point of Cape Cod in the wilderness, in November, alone, they must have thought the cost to be far greater than ever they could have imagined. Their abiding desire for freedom, ironically, made them captives to circumstances which could lead to their ruin.

Besides these grim circumstances some of the crew, since they had not arrived at their intended destination, demanded that the captain put the passengers ashore and sail back to England.

To add to these problems, there were some passengers who were not of the Scrooby/Leyden congregation. Bradford referred to these passengers as “strangers” while often referring to the members of the congregation, following a New Testament designation, as “saints.” Certain of these so-called strangers said that when they got ashore they would do as they pleased since they were outside of Virginia and therefore not subject to their charter.

Taken from: Pilgrims Then and Now, Gary L. Marks

## Tanya Bird



Tanya Bird, our new Junior Chair and descendant of John Howland, was born and raised in California, later relocating to Utah with her family. She attended the University of Utah, graduating with bachelor’s degrees in both English and elementary education. She and her husband Bryce are the parents to some pretty amazing kids: one daughter, three sons, and one soon-to-be son-in-law. She has previously taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Davis School District and has taught private flute lessons for many years. Her hobbies include teaching, flute performance, family history research, snow shoeing, kayaking, cross country skiing, biking and gardening.

## Craig Pitts



Craig Pitts, our new Editor/Newsletter chair and descendant of James Chilton, was born in North Carolina and raised in Marysvale, Utah. Craig is a graduate of Snow College and Utah State University. He earned two degrees from USU, a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in instructional leadership. Craig has taught 6th grade in the Granite School District for 7 years. He is the father of one pretty awesome son. His hobbies include family history research, gardening, camping, hiking, traveling, politics, nature photography, and spending time doing everything with his son.

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## The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*  
*The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building*  
*6:30 pm*  
*Cost: \$28.50 per person*

Checks should be made out to ***Society of Mayflower Descendants*** and are due by May 2.

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

For questions about your reservation, please email the treasurer at: [kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com)

**Mail reservation form and check to:**

Kathleen Van Dijk  
1025 N. 60 E.  
American Fork, Utah 84003

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**A vegetarian option for dinner is available upon request at time of reservation.**

Please write the number of vegetarian meals you would like below, and send with your reservation request.

I would like: \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian meal(s)