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ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE AT MERION

Prepare yourselves for a very special treat at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be January 21 at the Merion Cricket Club in

Haverford. After a brief business meeting the cash bar will open and dinner in Merion's ball room will follow cocktails. Dinner will consist of your choice of beef bourguignon or chicken Francaise, baked stuffed potato, *haricots verts*, Caesar salad, plus apple strudel with ice cream and caramel sauce for dessert, coffee, decaf and tea. The



The Merion Cricket Club

Thanksgiving Service Takes Us Back 400 Years

by Barbara Mainhart



HIS YEAR'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE, HELD AT THE WILLISTOWN FRIENDS

Meeting House and followed by dinner at the Edgmont Country Club, was more than a look into the past. It was an opportunity to

relive it through the personal recreation of a 17th-

century Separatist worship service. Starting with a beautiful, warm and sunny day, the SMPDA event moved members from their Pilgrim beginnings to

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What is this man doing? See page 4 to find out.

children's entrée includes grilled cheese, chicken fingers or spaghetti. ***The Club has asked that all reservations and entrée choices be final as of Tuesday, January 17, 2012.***

As for that special treat: Since 1997 our society has sponsored visits by Plimoth Plantation's cast of role-playing "Pilgrims." These professional re-enactors dress like our ancestors, speak in the Pilgrims' 17th-century dialect and look and act as if they were authentic Pilgrims transported 400 years forward to the present. Some 20,000 to 30,000 school children have benefitted from the re-enactors' classroom visits, where students have been

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able to speak one-on-one to true-to-life Pilgrims and ask about anything they wanted to know.

This year at our annual meeting two of these professionals will be our featured speakers. Playing Miles Standish and Priscilla Mullins,



Chris Messier will portray Miles Standish.

Chris Messier and Vicki Oman will give us a taste of what we have been sponsoring for Pennsylvania's school children for 14 years.

"You can't believe how realistic and entertaining these people are until you see them for yourselves," said one member who has witnessed the re-enactors'

classroom visits. "It's like you have gone back in time and these folks *are* the Pilgrims," he said. "It's like you have come face to face with your ancestor. Nothing more fun."

Besides performing for us, these Pilgrim re-enactors will talk about their school visits and recount some of the priceless moments they have encountered while interacting with school-age children. If you ever had any questions about the school visiting program, about technical details of Pilgrim life, about the roles re-enactors play, about visiting schools, or about anything at all related, bring your questions to the annual meeting. We expect a lively exchange between the audience and the players.



Vicki Oman as Priscilla Mullins.

The Merion Cricket Club is one of our society's popular venues. Founded in 1865, the current clubhouse is the sixth overall, the last four designed by Philadelphia architect Frank Furness and his partner, Allen Evens, a Club founder.

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present times.

The Willistown Friends Meeting House was the setting for this authentic recreation. From a donation of a single acre in 1753 to the 2003 restoration, the meeting house has been a witness to the Quaker tradition.

SMDPA Governor Joan Miller welcomed about 100 guests, followed by the Invocation, given by Elder James Buckner. Former Governor Lynmar Brock, a member of the

Willistown meeting, provided an overview of the history, noting that the meeting house has remained active since its founding. He also mentioned that a Friends service is silent except as a member is moved to share a short message; there is no formal ritual or liturgy.

Governor Miller read the *Mayflower* Compact, and then Pamela Koyler read the Necrology. Ushers Maximillian and Victoria Hain, children of Anne Vickers Greene Hain, collected the offering.



Once these formalities were finished, all those present left and then re-entered to the beat of a drum, signaling the start of the authentic 1620s-era service.

On the left sat all the women, girls and boys under the age of

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Thanksgiving



Photos by
Joan Stanford

The Many Faces of Pilgrim Worship



LEADING THE “AUTHENTIC” PILGRIM SERVICE FOR 45 MESMERIZING MINUTES WAS MICHAEL F. HALL, WHO FOR

nearly two decades worked at Plimoth Plantation as part of the Plantation's role-playing cast. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School, and he is a previous winner of the prestigious Massachusetts Bible Society's prize for “Excellence in the Public Reading of Scripture.”

He wowed the congregation with

- HIS COMMAND OF AUTHENTIC SCRIPTURE (LIKE THE PILGRIMS HE USED THE GENEVA BIBLE);
- HIS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT (EVEN SPEAKING IN DIALECT);
- HIS WELL-HONED THEATRICAL SKILLS (DRESSING AS AND ACTING THE PART OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD).

His period wool clothes were hand-made by his wife, Jill Hall, Plimoth Plantation’s long-standing expert in authentic clothing from the 1600s Colonial era.

Talking later informally about his style, Mr. Hall said, “I wanted to give a flavor of the Pilgrims’ worship service ... to show their outlook on worship and how they saw the relationship of Christians to the world.”

The one-of-a-kind experience (for most) was entertainment, teaching, and a chance to travel back in time with an experienced guide to a period of special interest to all Pilgrim descendants.

Portraying Governor William Bradford, Michael Hall probed the Pilgrims’ desire to remain faithful to their Lord while staying actively engaged in their world.



Joan Stanford photos



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16. Men and boys over age 16 sat to the right. Leading the procession were “young Pilgrims” dressed in Pilgrim costumes. As is our custom, these children carried food donations to the front of the sanctuary. Young Pilgrims included **Will, Riley and Carey Dowd; Emily and Allison Lutschaunig; Caedmon and Arianna Buckner, and Jonah Hall.**

The authentic service recreation was led by Michael F. Hall, a soon-to-be ordained minister, who spent 18 years at Plymouth Plantation as part of the role-playing ensemble cast and who developed training sessions on 17th- century religious life. Portraying Governor Bradford, he led the



service, reading from the Geneva Bible and leading singing known as “lining.” He sang a line, and then the congregation repeated it. In one instance he also had a singing-in-the-round, balancing the women’s and men’s parts. His delivery, with occasional humorous comments, was a gentle reminder of the



spirituality inherent in the 17th- century service. In a mood of quiet contentment, the service concluded.

The Edgmont Country Club, just a couple miles away, offered a beautiful setting for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and program to celebrate the 115th anniversary of SMDPA. We began with the Presentation of the Colors by **Captain Richard Dana Smith, Sr.**, singing “America The Beautiful” led by **Anne Hain**, and a Pilgrim poem read by **Victoria Hain**. Elder **James Buckner** reflected on our blessings with the invocation.

Governor Joan Miller invited past governors who were able to attend the event the opportunity to recall their time in service to SMDPA. **Governor**

Lynmar Brock recalled how children used to perform a John and Priscilla Alden scenario and talked about **Governor Bill Brewster** setting a precedent in taking education to the community; **Governor Wes Darby, Jr.** remembered the contributions of two notable members: **Governor Art Lukens** and **Arch Graham**; **Governor Connie Lagerman** offered her gratitude for the opportunity to serve; **Governor Stacy Wood, Jr.** remembered **Governor Barbara Brock Kidder** always encouraging new ideas, saying you don’t have to be a board member to get things done.

Governor Norm Robinson honored **Governor Win Carroll** and how important it is for the past governor to assist the present governor.

Governor Miller officially commemorated the 115th anniversary with a specially decorated cake. She also

thanked members for their efforts, including **Deb Markowitz**, who organizes the events, and **Captain Richard Dana Smith, Sr.**, color guard. She welcomed **Anne Hain** as the new co-editor of the *Pennsylvania Mayflower* newsletter assisting **co-editor and former Governor Fred Clement**. She thanked **Val Cullen** for hard work as historian with the help of husband **Bert Cullen**, as well as noting the importance of all the volunteers who make things possible. She recognized new members in 2011, a total of 36 in all.

Hillary Armstrong, juniors co-chairman, announced new junior members, including **Riley, Will and Carly Dowd, Allison and Emily Lutschaunig, Arianna and Caedmon Buckner, Jonah Hall** and **Christine Kolyer**. She presented each of them with a junior member certificate and an activity book to welcome them.

Guests’ comments ranged from “one of the best” to “meaningful and worthwhile.” In a sampling of opinions, the consensus was that the event truly celebrated our roots historically and spiritually, generating a lot of enthusiasm for perpetuating the knowledge of our history. It was certainly a Thanksgiving event to remember!



Governor's Message

It is that time of year to reflect on our SMDPA's accomplishments and productivity.

To those of you who have generously given of your time and talents as an SMDPA volunteer during 2011, I earnestly and sincerely say, "thank you." You are the foundation of our success. The credit for the accolades we received all year goes to each and every one of you.

Our Thanksgiving Service and dinner was a huge success with over 100 members and guests attending. The past Governor of Delaware, Christine Crossan, complimented SMDPA for having such outstanding programs and so appreciated the opportunity to be present at a well presented Thanksgiving Service. As other members left the service to drive to the dinner, I was told that the service was a learning experience. Some said that "lining out" or "canting" was a new experience. The hallmark of this service goes to Michael F. Hall. I heard over and over that Master Bradford's preaching left quite an impact on many who attended.

The dinner at Edgmont Country Club was superb. We also celebrated the 115-year anniversary of SMDPA. On August 1, 1896, 23 members founded our Society. In recognition of this anniversary, five of our past SMDPA Governors — Lynmar Brock, Jr., D. Weston Darby, Jr., Constance F. Lagerman, Norman P. Robinson, and Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr. — spoke briefly about their terms in office.

Especially mentioned by past Governors was our departed past SMDPA Governor William Brewster, who was a mentor to many. Indeed it was a pleasure to have Ann Brewster, spouse of Bill Brewster, and Don Kidder, spouse of past Governor Barbara Brock Kidder, present at the church service and dinner. Also among our guests was the widow of Bill Martin. Bill was our SMDPA treasurer when Stacy Wood was Governor.

In honor of our past governors in attendance, the Union League Glee Club sang. Our SMDPA newsletter co-editor, Anne Hain, member of this notable glee club, sang a solo. Anne, you and your glee club singers were outstanding.

Victoria (Tori) Hain selected a poem to read, "We Are Pilgrims Yet," written by Margaret Holst. Tori, your presentation of the poem was excellent. Our program for this special event included recognition of new junior members. As a tribute to our SMDPA 115-year anniversary, Hilary Armstrong, SMDPA junior chair presented our juniors with a certificate. The finale was the presentation of a 115-year anniversary cake, shared with members and guests.

This past year the General Society hosted its 39th Congress, held on September 12 and 13 in Plymouth, MA. Your SMDPA assistant general and deputy governor general and delegates represented our Pennsylvania *Mayflower* Society. Please do read the article on page 7 facing this page.

On September 24 our Historian, Val Cullen, husband Bert Cullen, Rebecca O'Neill and Kenton Quint attended a very successful ancestry fair in Bucks County. I hope that some of our members had the opportunity to visit our *Mayflower* Society booth.

The weather did not cooperate for our picnic at Conestoga House in Lancaster in August. As always, the grounds were most picturesque and most inviting. Those attending enjoyed the fellowship with members and guests.

Our spring tea on Sunday, May 22 was most successful. It was held at Welkinweir, "Where the sky meets the water," located in Pottstown. I hope you will put on your 2012 calendar plans to attend our spring tea and fashion show on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Do look for details in our Spring 2012 Pennsylvania *Mayflower* newsletter.

We are reintroducing our scholarship program. Our spring 2012

newsletter will have all the particulars on rules and requirements to participate. Our long-time member on the SMDPA Board, Clara Deily, will chair this program. You will have the opportunity to meet Clara at our annual meeting in January.

Certainly we can all agree our SMDPA board members did have a very productive and successful 2011.

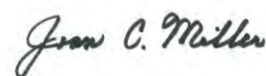
Finally, I would like to recognize three very special people who have volunteered their time in 2011:

1. Joan Stanford, photographer. Joan, though not a *Mayflower* Society member, does an outstanding job as our SMDPA photographer.
2. Barbara Mainhart, reporter. Barbara has yet to find a *Mayflower* ancestor. Please introduce yourself to Barbara at our annual meeting so she can get to know all who attend our events. Her husband, Steward Leister, is one of our newest members in 2011. We so appreciate that Barbara will continue to report our events.
3. Bert Cullen, assistant to our Historian Val Cullen. Bert, like Barbara Mainhart, has yet to find his *Mayflower* ancestor. He spends endless hours helping his wife, Val, encouraging and advising potential members on ways to document their proof to become SMDPA members.

Hoping to see you at our annual meeting Saturday, January 21, 2012. We have an outstanding program, "Gathering at the Meeting House." This is a time to meet and greet, support, participate and educate.

I look forward to greeting you at this special annual meeting.

Respectfully,



Joan Miller, Governor

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39th CONGRESS REPORT – 2011

The Assistants General (AGs) and Deputy Governors General (DGGs) attended the General Board of Assistants meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) 39th Congress, held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MA. SMDPA Delegate **Tom Kellogg** was elected as Assistant General and SMDPA Delegate **Joan Miller** was elected as Deputy Governor General to represent our Board of Assistants of Pennsylvania. Three Pennsylvania Delegates, **James Buckner, Debra Miller** and **Joan Miller**, attended church services at Plimoth Plantation Fort-Meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. Later, at 3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania delegates **Robert Heinsohn, Tom Kellogg, James Buckner, Debra Miller** and **Joan Miller** attended Opening Ceremonies at First Parish Church. Immediately following, a reception was held at the *Mayflower* Society House Garden, which also included the Walkway Dedication.

Monday, September 12, the business session of the Congress convened at 9:00 a.m. One of our SMDPA delegates, **Robert Heinsohn** spoke, reminding us our Pilgrim ancestors did not find Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, but rather the colony of Plymouth. Governor General Judy Swan presented certificates of recognition to several delegates. Former SMDPA Governor **Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr.** received the GSMD Distinguished Service Award certificate for 60 years service, which also included serving as the first volunteer guide at the *Mayflower* Society House and an etched glass trophy. SMDPA Governor and Delegate **Joan Miller** accepted this prestigious award on Stacy's behalf. SMDPA Delegate **James Welch**, who designed the booklets of the 26 signers of the *Mayflower Compact*, was presented with a certificate of recognition; delegate **James Buckner** accepted the certificate on Mr. Welch's behalf.

The General Board of Assistants gave reports, followed by state society reports. It was voted that we could defer giving our reports by agreeing to have the reports printed in the *Mayflower Quarterly* and in the interests of time, Pennsylvania so deferred. At the first

session we voted on eleven of 36 amendments. Of interest, it was agreed to combine the Constitution and Bylaws as one. The reorganization of GSMD C&BL's will be amended. In addition, two members' signatures will be required to vouch for anyone applying for membership. The *Mayflower Quarterly* will print the amendments passed or rejected. Because the remainder of amendments was tabled, the states will be required to resubmit.

Tuesday, September 13, the Captain General's "The Captain General's Manual" was given to all state society representatives present. The election of officers followed:

Governor General: Bruce MacGunnigle; Assistant Governor General: Lea Filson; Secretary General: Susan Roser; Treasurer General: Donald T. Studley; Counselor General: Sarah Clingman, Esq.; Historian General: Paul S. Bumpas; Captain General: Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.; Elder General: Dr. C. Corydon Randall, II; Surgeon General: Dr. George Garmany, Jr., MD. All officers were elected. The following members-at-large were elected: Priscilla Usher – Rhode Island; Kenneth R. Whitmore – California; Virginia Mucciaccio – Massachusetts. We were told 66% of delegates were first timers. Approximately 625 were registered to attend. Montana and West Virginia were the only two states not represented. Delegate **Deb Miller**, SMDPA Assistant, and GSMD Juniors Chair successfully sold some of her remaining curriculum, "MAM." The 26 booklets of Pilgrims who signed the *Mayflower Compact* were well received by members and guests.

Meeting old and new cousins and friends is always a pleasure. We had some great moments of reminiscing and laughter. Do not forget to review www.themayflowersociety.com and www.sail1620.org

Joan Miller, SMDPA DGG

Tom Kellogg, SMDPA AG



Fire Destroys Cooke House

Plimoth Plantation's 1620s-era Cooke House, named for Pilgrim Francis Cooke, could not be salvaged after flames engulfed it November 19, 2011, according to local news reports.

A fire prepared in the Cooke House fireplace by Plantation employees for a cooking demonstration — typical at the historical site -- spread to the roof, said Ellie Donovan, the Plantation's executive director, as reported in the *Boston Globe*. The fire did not spread to other structures.

The museum was open, but no one was in the house when the fire spread, and no one was injured,



according to the *Boston Herald*, which quoted Robert Kluin, director of marketing and communications for Plimoth Plantation. Kluin, the newspaper

stated, said the fire was the first in about 15 years at the colonial-era village.

“About 9:37 a.m. the Plymouth Fire Department responded and quickly put out the blaze, but the fire ‘ate up the whole roof by the time we got there,’ Battalion Chief Dean DeTorro said,” according to the *Boston Globe*.

The Plantation's Colonial artisans determined afterwards that Cooke House could not be renovated and should be torn down. The Plantation will raise funds for rebuilding, said Executive Director Donovan, according to the *Globe's* report.

Donovan added, “I think it's a great reminder not only of the dangers present in today's world, but also of what life was like in the 17th century, when there was little protection against fire,” the *Globe* reported.

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Robert E. Davis



Former Governor General Robert “Bob” Ellis Davis, 81, a member of the Pennsylvania and Delaware *Mayflower* societies, died at The Glen at Willow Valley in Lancaster, PA, November 12, 2011.

As a longtime member of the Delaware *Mayflower* Society, he was honored to serve as Governor General of the General Society from 2002-2005. As long as his health permitted, Bob attended our Society meetings as well as Susquehanna Colony meetings.

Bob was born to Emery H. and Edith Ellis Davis in Norwich, CT, January 13, 1930. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1951 and was employed by DuPont for 34 years.

He was a former member of the SAR and served on the Eagle Scout Board of Review for BSA Troop 528 in Wilmington. He enjoyed 70 summers in Locke Mills, Maine, at his family's cottage. He was an avid golfer and Willow Valley League bowler. The Davises moved to Willow Valley in January, 2004 and joined the First United Methodist Church.

He was an active layman at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

Bob is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanne Clark Davis, his three children, four grandchildren, and a sister.

Memorial donations may be sent to Locke Mills Union Church, Box 147 , Greenwood ME , 04255, or to the General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants, PO Box 3297 , Plymouth, MA, 02361.

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Slate Submitted For 2012

The Nominating Committee (Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., Chairman, Winchell S. Carroll, Frederick T.J. Clement, Jr., Catherine F. Hoffman, and Norman P. Robinson) submits the following slate of Officers and Assistants to be considered for election at our Society's Annual Meeting January 21, 2012.

Officers

Governor	Joan C. Miller *
Deputy Governor	Anne V.G. Hain
Secretary	Layton H. Fireng *
Assistant Secretary	Scotti S. Sawyer-Kershner
Treasurer	Peter M. Adams *
Assistant Treasurer	Dorothy Y. Lees *
Historian	Valerie L. Cullen *
Registrar	Pamela A. Kolyer
Membership Officer	Debra G. Miller
Elder	The Reverend Lois S. Bartlett
Captain	Richard Dana Smith, Sr. *
Counselor	Thomas R. Kellogg, Esq. *

Assistants

Term Expiring January 2013	Gary A. McCardell
Term Expiring January 2014	Jean J. Conroy
Term Expiring January 2015	Robert J. Heinsohn, Ph.D., Steward J. Leister, Rebecca S. O'Neill

* An asterisk signifies an incumbent.

Any additional nominations may be delivered to the Secretary (Layton H. Fireng, 5 Marlyn Circle, Wayne, PA 19087-3217; e-mail LFireng@sail1620.org) at least one week prior to the meeting in accordance with the bylaws, Article IV, Section 2.

Driving Directions To The Merion Cricket Club

**325 Montgomery Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041-1856,
Place of SMDPA's Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 2012**

From Route 30 ("Lancaster Pike") in Haverford (where Wells Fargo Bank and TD Bank occupy two corners): Turn north onto HAVERFORD STATION ROAD and go one block (passing under the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks) to the traffic light on MONTGOMERY AVENUE.

Go straight across Montgomery Avenue and between the stone pillars. This is the entrance to the Merion Cricket Club.

From the PA Turnpike: Exit at Route 476 South (Blue Route). (Keep left: Do not take the Northeast Extension toward Allentown.) Get off at the St. Davids/Villanova Exit #13. Turn right onto Route 30 (Lancaster Avenue) and continue on this road for about three miles, passing Villanova University on the left and driving through the towns of Rosemont and Bryn Mawr. You will come next to the town of Haverford, and Haverford Station Road, which is located immediately after the Haverford School complex. Turn left onto Haverford Station Road and go one block to the traffic light on Montgomery Avenue. Cross Montgomery Avenue and go directly through the pillars marking the entrance to the Merion Cricket Club.

Plan your own route on www.mapquest.com Click "directions." Under "start," type your own address; under "end," type that of the Merion Cricket Club (325 Montgomery Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041-1856). Then click "get directions."

*Two doors under cover of the porte-cochère lead into the clubhouse. Signs show a "ramp handicap access" about fifty feet to the left of these doors; if you enter that way, turn left and follow the sign to the elevator, in which press **3**. Restrooms are located on the same floor as our meeting and dining accommodations (the Sun Lounge and the Ballroom).*

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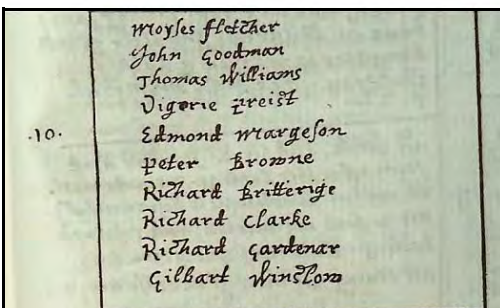
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MOSES/MOYSES FLETCHER CA. 1564-1620/1

Of the twenty-six male *Mayflower* passengers who either were or would become heads of families, Moses Fletcher is another about whom very little is known. The prime source always to be consulted first when researching Pilgrims is Governor William Bradford's eyewitness account *Of Plymouth Plantation*.

In Bradford's appended list of "The names of those which came over first, in ye year 1620" he groups together ten males, of whom he includes no further information, with Moyses Fletcher heading the list. Later in his short account of the "decreasings & increasings of these persons" Moyses Fletcher heads



Moses Fletcher as listed in *Mayflower* Passengers in Governor Bradford's own hand from his history *Of Plimoth Plantation*.

the paragraph of those who "dyed sone [soon] after their arrival, in the generall sickness that befell ... But the rest left no posteritie [descendants] here." No further mention is made of Moyses [Moses] by Bradford nor is he mentioned in the journal of the first year known as *Mourt's Relation*, that was published in 1622. He is, however, included in Nathaniel Morton's 1669 *New England's Memorial* list of those who signed the *Mayflower Compact*.

To learn more about Moses we have to go to the Sandwich, County Kent, England and the Leiden, Holland, records. They reveal that he was a sexton. A sexton is an officer of a church charged with the

maintenance of its buildings and/or the surrounding graveyard. When he was around 25 years old he married a Mary Evans in St. Peter's Parish, Sandwich, in 1589 and ten children of theirs were baptized there. The children were: Mary, John, Catherine, Richard, Priscilla, Moses (died as an infant), Elizabeth, Jane, Moses, and Judith (died as an infant). It was the Judith's death that caused Moses to be excommunicated (officially excluded from participation in the sacraments and services of the Christian Church) for burying Judith without the ritual of the Church of England which was therefore an illegal burial. Only John, Priscilla, and Elizabeth are known to have married. John married a Josina Sachariasdaughter, Priscilla married (1) Thomas Coit, an English soldier, in 1626, (2) Help/Solomon Terry, (3) Jan Jans Vermout, and Elizabeth married (1) Casper Barnaart and (2) Michiel Voorchoren. None of the children are believed to have come to the New World.



17th Century blacksmith.

Following his wife Mary's death, Moses married a second time, this time in Leiden, Holland in 1613 when he married the widow Sarah (maiden name unknown) Denby who was also from England. He was identified as a blacksmith and would have been perhaps 49 years old. Children of this second marriage, if any, have not been discovered.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants lists fourteen members claiming descent from Moses and his wife Mary. All of the lines are through daughter Priscilla. There are no known portraits, estate inventories, wills, or personal belongings for Moses.

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Traditional target arrow (top) and replica medieval arrow. *Wikipedia photo*.

FLETCHER – WHAT'S IN A NAME

The name Fletcher comes from the name of an English trade: the making of arrows.

Wikipedia.org says:

Fletching (also known as a flight) is the aerodynamic stabilization of arrows or darts with materials such as feathers, each piece of which is referred to as a **fletch**. The word is related to the French *flèche*, meaning "arrow," via Old French. The ultimate root is Frankish. A fletcher is a maker of arrows.

Many English family names are the names of trades or occupations in which the earliest member named ancestor worked, for example Brewster, Fuller, Gardiner, Miller, Tinker, and Turner. It is possible that an early ancestor of Moses Fletcher worked as a fletcher.

ARE YOU A DESCENDANT OF MOSES FLETCHER ?

If so, then you are unfortunate as there are no plans by the General Society to publish a volume about Moses Fletcher in their series of *Mayflower Families Through*

Five Generations volumes because there is so little information known about the ten children of Moses and their descendants

FACEBOOK FOR ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS

The General Society Junior Chairperson, who is also an SMDPA member, has created a Facebook page for all Junior Members. The name of the group is "Mayflower Descendants Junior Members." She would like all Junior members to participate in the discussion group and to hear from other Junior members. She also urges Junior members to attend our Susquehanna and Western Colony meetings with their sponsors to spark interest and participation. Who is a Junior member? A Junior member is someone who has joined our state Mayflower society while under the age of 18 but has not completed and submitted an application proving descent from a Pilgrim. Those who are Junior members may remain in that status until their 25th birthday. Although members who joined as Life members before they became 18 are not technically Junior members, they are encouraged to take part with the Junior group.

Sagittarius, The Archer, is the ninth astrological sign of the Zodiac which spans the zodiac between the 240th and 269th degree of celestial longitude. Sagittarius is a centaur, Chiron, half man and half horse. It contains Sagitta, the Arrow. Other words referring to arrow are sagittal and sagittate.



HOMOGRAPH ANSWERS

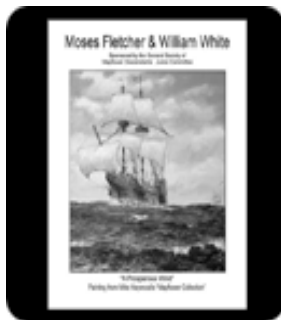
The word *homograph* is from the Greek words *homo* meaning *same* and *graph* meaning *writing*. A1, **BAT**, B3; A2, **SPRING**; B4; A3, **NUT**, B2; A4, **WAVE**, B1.

Any comments or suggested topics for the feature articles of this newsletter? Perhaps an article for consideration? If so, please contact Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr., Editor, "JR PA Mayflower," 1530 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147-6218 or by e-mail at sbcwjr@comcast.net.

MOSES FLETCHER 16 X 20 WORDSEARCH

The following 43 words are found in the lead article about Moses Fletcher. They may be found in the rows, columns and diagonals. They may have 17th century spelling. The left over letters in the WordSearch spell the answer to the question: Which constellation includes an arrow and when is it best seen? BAPTIZED, BELFELL, BELONGINGS, BLACKSMITH, BUILDINGS, CHILDREN CHRISTIAN, COIT, COMPACT, DECREASINGS, DENBY, DESCENDANTS, DYED, EXCOMMUNICATED, EYEWITNESS, FLETCHER, GENERALL, GRAVEYARD, INCREASINGS, INVENTORIES, JANS, KENT, LEIDEN, MAIDEN, MAINTENANCE, MARY, MEMORIAL, MORTON, MOSES, MOYSES, NATHANIEL, NEW, PASSENGERS, PLANTATION, PLYMOUTH, POSTERITIE, PRISCILLA, RELATION, SACHARIASDAUGHTER, SACRAMENTS, SANDWICH, SEXTON, VERMOUT.

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PILGRIM BOOK-LET SERIES

The General Society has created a series of booklets for each Pilgrim. Our own Deb Miller, General Society Juniors Chair, and member James E. Welch were

major contributors. Copies may be ordered at http://www.themayflowersociety.com/shop?page=shop.browse&category_id=12. The William White booklet also contains the story of Moses Fletcher, another Pilgrim who did not survive the first winter.

MOSES FLETCHER WORDSEARCH ANSWER: Unused letters from this issue's 16 x 20 Wordsearch: SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER SUMMERTIME.



HOMOGRAPHS

The word for each image is a homograph, a word that may have more than one meaning. Three examples are shown here: The word "bow" may mean a tied ribbon such as on a present, the item that launches arrows, or a stick with horse hair to play a stringed instrument. Print the word of the image in Column A and then match it with the image that would go with a homograph for the word in Column B



Column A

WORD

Column B



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Annual Meeting

The Merion Cricket Club

Saturday, January 21, 2012

11:00 AM Business Meeting

Immediately to follow Social Hour, cash bar

12:30 PM Luncheon speakers: Chris Messier and Vicki Oman, Plimoth Plantation re-enactors, who will perform for us as Miles Standish and Priscilla Mullins. They also will recount stories from their many visits to Pennsylvania schools, visits funded by our society.

PROXY

The undersigned hereby appoint(s) Thomas H. Kellogg, Esq. and/or Norman P. Robinson (and each or any of them) the true and lawful attorney, attorneys, proxy or proxies to attend the meeting of the Society to be held as stated above, and any adjournments thereof, and to vote on matters set forth in the notice of the meeting on behalf of the undersigned, hereby confirming all that said attorneys and proxies may do by virtue hereof.

Signature of Member(s)

Reservation Form

SMDPA Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 2011

Where: *The Merion Cricket Club, Montgomery Ave. and Grays Lane, Haverford
Telephone 610-642-5800*

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012; meeting at 11:00 a.m.; luncheon to follow at about 12:30 p.m.

Menu: *Caesar salad, choice of beef bourguignon or chicken Francaise (see shaded box below), baked stuffed potato, haricots verts. Dessert is apple strudel with ice cream and caramel sauce, coffee, decaf, tea. Children's entrée: grilled cheese, chicken fingers or spaghetti.*

I/We Reserve _____ adult place(s) and _____ child's place(s) at The Merion Cricket Club luncheon at \$30 per adult and \$15 for age 11 and younger.

Name(s) _____

Telephone number(s) _____ **Email address (important!)** _____

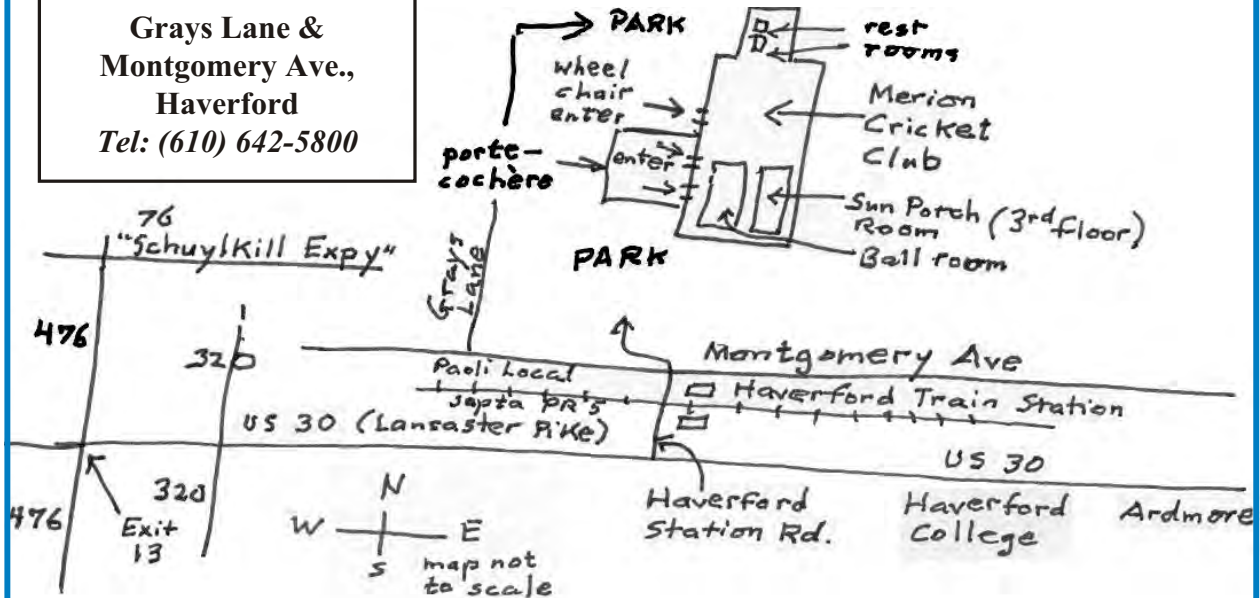
Amount enclosed _____ (check payable to "SMDPA")

Please reply by **January 17, 2011** to *Deborah Markowitz, Co-Chair, Social Events Committee*

Please note!: The Merion Cricket Club has asked that all luncheon choices (chicken or beef) be final as of Tuesday, January 17th.

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