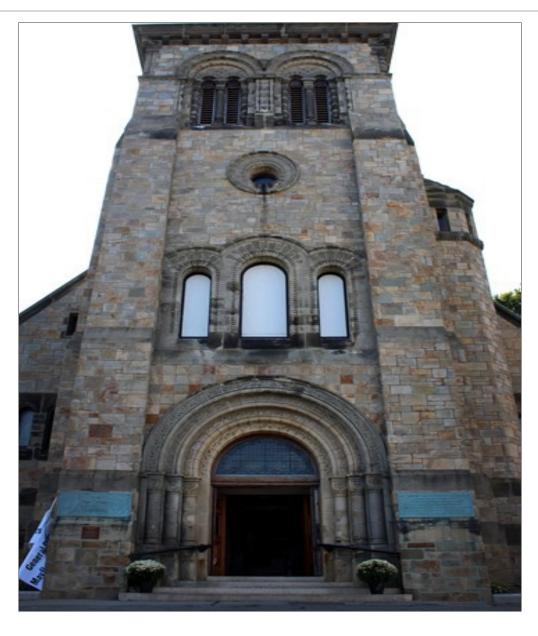
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Pat Erwin Hugar Governor General

MOTTO

Land of our Fathers! Ours to preserve. Ours to transmit. Liberty in Union: Now and Forever.

Rebecca Smythe Eisenman, Editor General

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Governor General's Message



Dear Members,

I am sorry I did not get to see you at a meeting in April. I miss all my "Cherry Blossom Buddies". I am hoping you and your families are well and safe.

We have scheduled a meeting on April 19, 2021 at the University Club same timing as in previous years.

Thank you is extended to all Branches who have supported the project of restoration for the "Bells and Chimes" of the National Pilgrim Meeting House in Plymouth, MA. Please continue to support "The Bells and Chimes" project as we are in the second year of a four-year project through the Benefaction Committee.

Stay well and safe and I hope to see you all at General Court in April 2021.

In Pilgrim Bonds, Pat Erwin Hugar Governor General, NSSDP

California Branch had a lot to celebrate at the Annual Branch Conference on March 9, 2020. Shown right is Branch Governor Susan Daniels presenting Governor General Pat Hugar with the Branch gift for the Bells and Chimes project inside the Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.



National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

Organized December 21, 1908

Incorporated December 21, 1909

Objectives of the Society

FIRST: To perpetuate the memory and to foster and to promote the principles and virtues of the Pilgrims.

SECOND: To commemorate publicly, at stated times, principal events in the history of the Pilgrims, and to erect durable memorials to historic men, women and events

THIRD: To encourage the study and research of Pilgrim history, especially as related to the foundation of civil government on the principles of religious freedom.

FOURTH: To foster and establish such departments of study and organization as shall seem best to promote social rights, civic virtue, political equality, the supremacy of just laws, the value and sacredness of the ballot, the purity of the home, temperate and godly living, and the dependence of individuals, communities, states and nations upon the guidance of Almighty God, as taught by the Pilgrims.

FIFTH: To the above objects stated by the founder has been added another interest, that of reforestation.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is divided into 3 classes: Adults (18 years of age and over), Juniors (under 21), and Associates. Proven lineal descent from immigrants to American colonies prior to 1700 qualifies applicants for Adult and Junior membership. Other interested persons may apply for Associate membership. The spouses of Adult members who are not themselves eligible for membership are especially invited and welcomed as Associate members.

Adult membership can start at age 18. Junior membership can start at birth but can be held until the 21st birthday during which no dues are charged. This effectively creates a 3-year overlap during which a Junior may decide about Adult membership.

BRANCHES

The National Society is composed of state organizations called Branches. Branch meetings are scheduled as often as their Bylaws stipulate.

Insignia

The Official Seal of the National Society provides the model for its insignia which depicts, in royal blue and gold, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins on their way to be married at the Olde Forte Church on Burial Hill.

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National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

The first Meetinghouse was built at the top of Leyden Street in Plymouth, MA in 1621, a place of spiritual ministry has continued to this day. Presently, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Plymouth, worship continues today at this centerpiece of the Plymouth, Massachusetts cultural district.

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is the fifth spiritual structure built on this location and, in 2014, was added to both the National Registrar of Historic Places and the List of Massachusetts' Most Endangered Resources.

This historic church building sits at the eastern base of the old Burial Ground which sits on the hill above the church. The earliest Pilgrims, and the fabled Indian friend, Squanto, were buried here. The church faces Town Square and Leyden Street looking down toward Plymouth Rock and the harbor where the Mayflower first landed. The First Church in Plymouth is the oldest continuous church in New England. They traced their origin back to the year 1606 when a group of dissenters from the Church of England banded together in Scrooby. Persecution forced the Scrooby congregation to flee England and, in 1608, the group settled in Leyden, Holland, under the leadership of the pastor, John Robinson.

In 1620 part of the Leyden congregation set sail aboard the Mayflower, seeking a home in the New World. These pilgrims were seeking the freedom to worship according to the dictates of their own conscience. In 1800 this church became Unitarian and is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association formed in 1961.

The current Meetinghouse replaced a wooden structure that burned to the ground in 1892 when the building was being repaired. When the first shock of surprise and sorrow had passed, the congregation quickly determined that the fifth edifice should soon be reared. The architecture is of the English-Norman type, bears some resemblance to the ancient church at Scrooby.

The cornerstone of the new edifice was laid on Monday, June 29, 1896, with suitable ceremonies, and in the presence of a throng of glad and grateful friends, who rejoined to see the opening fulfillment of their heart's desire.

The first service in the New Kendal Hall was held on April 25,1897, and Sunday services continued to be held there until the dedication of the Church on Thursday December 21, 1899.

The National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, General Court, in April 2019, approved the Benefaction Committee's recommendation that the NSSDP support the funding of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House "Bells and Chimes" restoration project.

The music of the bells and chimes will be NSSDPs' enduring gift to generations of pilgrim descendants who visit the National Meeting House in Plymouth, MA

Celebrate the Mayflower 400th with a generous gift to this historic restoration project.

Hear the Bells & Chimes ring again!

...... I Hear the Bells and Chimes

This little pin can have a big effect on the restoration of the National Filgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Buy a pin for \$25 -check to Treasurer General and \$5 postage- check to Pat Hugar, and all monies except postage will be donated to the restoration of the Bells and Chimes in the first Meetinghouse on Leyden Street in Plymouth, MA as NSSDP pledges to help the Meetinghouse which is on the Historic Places and the List of Massachusetts Most Endangered Resources.

<u>One</u> check should be made out to <u>Ireasurer General-NSSDF</u>.

<u>Second</u> check for postage should be made out to Pat Hugar.

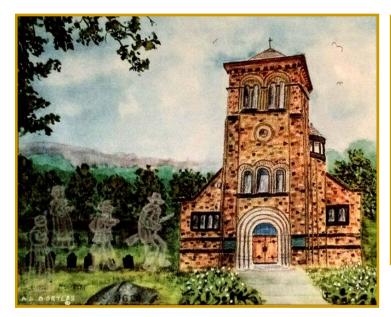
All checks to be mailed to Pat Hugar and pins will be sent to you.

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Hurry before they sell out!



National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse



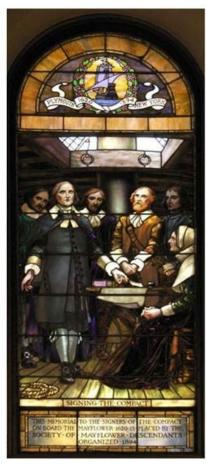
Meetinghouse Painting with ghosts of Pilgrims by Al Bortles. Mr. Bortles is a descendant of Edward Doty and a member of the Mayflower Society.



Interior of the Meetinghouse

Many unique stained glass windows in the interior of the Meetinghouse were designed by Edward Peck Sperry of Tiffany Studios









Windows titled Civil Liberty and Religious Liberty, the sanctuary's center chancel window, Signing of the Compact .

Above right, "Treaty."

Alice Paul—American Suffragist

Thomas E. Jacks

While many members of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, this year also marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote in all elections. Although the organized movement for women's suffrage began in the 1840's, the efforts of a number of suffragists in the early 20th century ultimately led to the Constitutional extension of the right to vote to women. One of those suffragists was Alice Paul, herself a member of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.



Alice Paul 1919 (Photo courtesy of Library of Congress)

Alice Stokes Paul was born on January 11, 1885, in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, to Quakers William Mickle Paul and Tacie Parry Paul. Alice's father was the president of a local bank and the family enjoyed a comfortable living at Paulsdale, the family's farm near Mt. Laurel, Alice was educated at the Hicksite Friends School in Moorestown. NJ. After graduating first in her class, she was enrolled at Swathmore College, a Quaker institution that was cofounded by Alice's grandfather, Judge William Parry, in 1864. It was one of the nation's earliest coeducational colleges. Alice graduated from Swathmore in 1905 with a degree in biology and spent a year in New York City studying settlement houses. She returned to school. earning an M.A. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. She then traveled to England where she studied economics and sociology at the Universities of London and Birmingham, It was in England that Alice

met Christabel Pankhurst, daughter of England's most radical suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst. Paul joined the activist movement headed by the Pankhursts and was eventually arrested and imprisoned several times for window-breaking, rock throwing, and other activities that were part of their protests.

Returning to the United States in 1910, Alice Paul continued both her education and her women's rights activities.

She earned her Ph.D. in 1912 at the University of Pennsylvania; her dissertation was "The Legal Position of Women in Pennsylvania." While at the University of Pennsylvania, Paul joined the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA). After obtaining her Ph.D., she was appointed chair of the NAWSA's Congressional Committee, charged with promoting legislative efforts to pass women's suffrage. Moving to Washington, D.C., Alice worked to plan a great march to bring awareness to the women's suffrage movement. This march was scheduled to take place on March 3, 1913, the eve of the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson.



Women's Suffrage Parade March 3, 1913 (photo courtesy of Library of Congress)

Originally planned as a combination of "pageant, living pictures, and oratory," the march was to begin at the Treasury Building and end at DAR Memorial Continental Hall, where Helen Keller, among others, were scheduled to deliver messages. The actual event was marred by unruly crowds of men, who impeded and heckled the women marchers. Unaided by the local Washington police, the women were protected by Boy Scouts, who lined the route and held back the crowds with batons. Later the U. S. Cavalry was called in to maintain order.

Alice Paul—American Suffragist

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Washington Post, March 4, 1913

In 1916, Paul—whose methods were not approved by all the leaders of the NAWSA—founded the National Women's Party (NWP). The NWP organized the "Silent Sentinals" to silently protest with signs and banners outside the White House. The protesters were at first treated with "bemused condescension." Following the United States' entry into World War I, the women were seen as unpatriotic and were arrested, including Alice Paul. The women were routinely mistreated and held in horrible conditions. The public outery over their treatment influenced Wilson's change in position on women's suffrage.

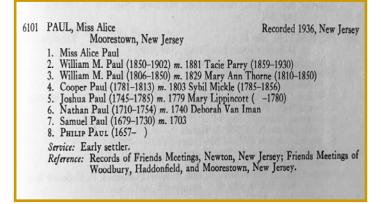


Alice Paul Preparing to Protest at the White House (photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

In 1919, the House and Senate passed the 19th amendment. Over the next year, Alice Paul and her organization worked to lobby for its ratification, which culminated on August 18, 1920, when Tennessee became the 36th state (and last state required) for ratification. The amendment was certified eight days later.

Following the adoption of the 19th amendment, Alice Paul continued to work for the National Women's Party. She earned a law degree from American University in 1922 (later she earned a Master of Laws and Doctorate of Civil Law from there) and began promoting an equal rights amendment, which she first authored in 1923. Originally called the "Lucretia Mott Amendment," the proposal was introduced in every session of Congress. In 1943, the amendment was reworded and renamed the "Alice Paul Amendment" and was later known as the Equal Rights Amendment, which was eventually passed by Congress in 1972, but failed to garner enough votes in the states for ratification.

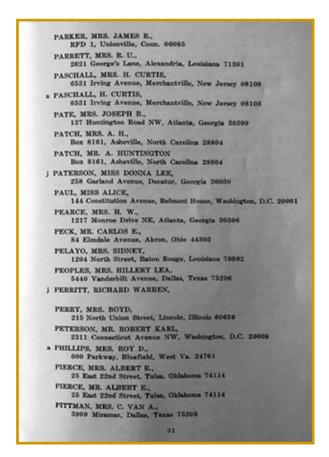
Alice Paul joined the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims in 1936 on the record of her paternal ancestor Philip Paul (1657-aft. May 1728) of Stocklinch, Somerset, England. Philip Paul was a Quaker who immigrated to Gloucester County, New Jersey in 1685. Alice—NSSDP #6101—maintained her membership until her death in 1977. In a 1968 directory of the Society, she listed her address as 144 Constitution Avenue, Belmont House, Washington, D.C. Belmont House was the headquarters of the National Women's Party and is now the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, where visitors can learn about the history of women's suffrage and about Alice Paul.



Alice Paul Lineage in National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (NSSDP) found in Lineage Book #1.

Alice Paul—American Suffragist

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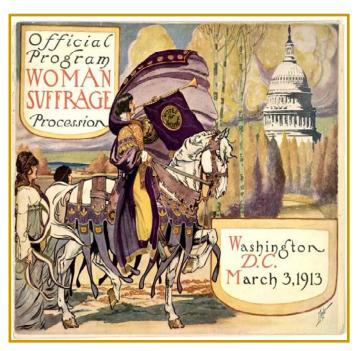
Alice Paul in 1968 NSSDP Directory (from author's collection)



NSSDP Junior Member Kate Jacks with Alice Paul's desk, Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, Washington, DC (photo courtesy of author)



The author and daughter, Kate at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality Nat'l Monument, Washington, DC



Editor's Note: Alice Stokes Paul has deep Quaker roots in southern New Jersey. Almost anyone with early Quaker ancestors there is likely to be related to her. Treasurer General Thomas Jacks is related to her through the family of Quaker immigrant Richard Haines. President General Pat Hugar is related to her through Quaker immigrant Thomas Stokes.

Annual Reports of Elected Officers 2019

Governor General

Dear Members.

We cancelled General Court due to all Heritage Society functions being cancelled and the University Club was closed. The University Club rolled our deposit over to our meeting in April 2021. We lost no money and that is the good news.

In April, the Executive Board voted on four items that would have been voted on at General Court had we had one. This allows the society to function for the period -of-time until the next General Court.

First, the Board Ratified the appointment of the Nominating Committee: Mike Swisher as Chairmen, Deborah Hicks and Ann Garner as members.

Second, by ratification Deborah Hicks was authorized to organize a new branch in South East Alabama.

Third, they ratified the appointment of Betty Ann Guidry as member of the Benefaction Committee to fill Sally Hlavay's expired term of office.

Fourth, Jim Maples was appointed as a member of the Edson Carr Dayton Fund to replace Barbara Allison's expired term. Helene Warner will assume the Chair.

Pilgrims sent a very generous donation to the National Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth, MA. Very generous donations were made by the California Branch and the Texas South Branch.

Supporting the Meetinghouse's "Bells and Chimes" was voted on in General Court 2019 to be supported for <u>four</u> years by the Benefaction Committee through dues donations.

<u>SDP pins</u> are still available. See the advertisement in this <u>Pilgrim Newsletter</u>.

Be very generous in your donations to the "Bells and Chimes". The estimate of the cost for this restoration is \$165,000. If anyone visits Plymouth and hears the restored chimes, it will make a lasting memory.

Our General Court will be 19 April 2021. I look forward to seeing you my "Cherry Blossom Buddies."

~ Pat Erwin Hugar, Governor General, NSSDP~

1st Deputy Governor General

It's been a busy year with a great effort going into planning the 112th General Court and NSSDP's commemoration of the Mayflower's 400th.

I was pleased to help the Governor General with the production of General Court materials and the development of our luncheon program, including the recruitment of our luncheon speaker. A considerable amount of time was spent over the past year exploring options for our membership application collection, how best to preserve it and manage costs. Working with fellow officers, I assisted the Treasurer General with dues collections and helped the Registrar General to follow-up with website membership inquiries. Working with committee chairs, I helped the new Benefaction Chairman get acclimated to the Committee's screening process of funding proposals and assisting the Special Awards Committee with research for appropriate images for the new Thomas W. Bicknell and Mrs. Otto Walthers Kulling Awards and vendor production estimates. As Co-Administrator of the NSSDP Facebook page, I responded to requests to join our followers, answered inquiries, and posted timely updates. Perhaps my toughest assignment over the past year was posting notice that our 112th General Court was cancelled in compliance with CDC precautions to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. As much as I hated to see the 112th General Court go, we could not compromise the health and welfare of our members.

~ William Allerton III, 1st Deputy Governor General ~

Corresponding Secretary General

This officer continues to maintain the NSSDP Membership spreadsheet for use in mailing The Pilgrim Newsletter. She also disseminates information to the National Officers, National Chairmen, and Branch Governors as requested by the Governor General.

She stands ready to serve the Governor General as called upon.

~ Cheryl Whitt Rios, Corresponding Secretary General ~

Treasurer General

The National Society's financial position remains strong as of the end of the fiscal year, with an ending balance of \$235,318.79. The Society's operating budget ended with a surplus due to an underrun in budgeted Society expenses and greater than budgeted revenue.

In 2019, the General Court accepted the recommendation of the Benefaction Committee to support the restoration of the Plymouth Meeting House being undertaken by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The National Society donated \$7,500 to that effort during the year.

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Treasurer General Continued

The Edson Carr Dayton Fund—consisting of \$68,000—distributed \$1464.85 of interest income, split evenly between the Cook Native American Ministries and the National Society's Publication Fund.

Over the two years of her administration, Governor General Betsy Jones raised money for her project of fireproof storage of the Society's records. This year, the Society used the remaining \$810.68 of those funds to share a fire proof storage unit in Washington, D.C. with the National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor. The remaining \$1,023.32 came out of Operating Funds.

The Governor General inaugurated a project of producing pins to be sold to members. The profits from these pins are designated for the Mayflower Meeting House Project. A total of \$246.15 in production costs remain after which all proceeds will go toward the project.

Of the National Society's year-end balance of \$235,318.79, \$68,000.00 is in the Edson Carr Dayton Fund, \$35,206.31 is in the Publication Fund, \$3,010.26 is held for branches, \$2,114.00 is held for the Benefaction Committee, and the remaining funds are undesignated.

Below shows the membership statistics compared to previous years:

NSSDP Membership (February 28/9)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Paid members	1518	1518	1597	1616	1665	1638	1654
Dropped for non-payment of dues	70	81	62	50	42	54	80
Resigned	22	33	25	45	41	42	24

A balanced budget is being presented to the Executive Committee.

The National Society is current on all the required IRS tax filings and the tax filings of Branches continue to be monitored to insure their timeliness. Copies of various records were submitted to the Chairman of the Financial Review Committee, who found the accounts of the National Society accurate and in good order.

~ Thomas Jacks, Treasurer General ~

Registrar General

I am pleased to present this summary regarding applications reviewed and approved through February 2020. During this period, 174 applications were reviewed. Of these, 170 were approved with 4 applications held pending receipt of additional authorities for dates and lineage of the applicant. Of the 170 applications approved, 126 were new members and 44 were supplemental applications. This was down by 18 from last year due to a drop in supplementals (44 vs 94.) New applications increased by

34 over last year (126 vs 92.) With regard to new applications, 97 were submitted by 22 branches with an additional 29 applications from Members-at-Large. For supplemental applications, 29 were submitted by 8 Branches and 15 by MAL's.

The Branches with the most activity for new applications were: Georgia with 20; Texas with 8; and Virginia with 8. Texas submitted the most supplemental applications with 12, followed by Arkansas with 4, Louisiana with 4, and Arkansas with 4. In addition, MALs accounted for another 15 supplemental applications. These results have not been published and an announcement and certificates will be printed and sent to the top Branches in each category, consistent with what has been presented in previous years. Since the Texas and Virginia Branches were tied a tie breaker based on supplemental applications puts Texas in 2nd place with Honorable Mention for Virginia.

Transfers, resignations, or deceased members are not included as I do not have an accurate account of that information to present.

In addition, Kim Morgan, who assumed the role of Assistant RG in April of last year, has been most active in printing and mailing certificates to our members, improving the overall efficiency in handling new and supplemental applications.

Lastly, I have amended he guidelines for completing and submitting applications and will send this information to Branch Registrars and interested parties at the end of this current quarter. This should raise the level of recognition for NSSDP in the hereditary society community.

~ Thomas A. Chrisman, Registrar General ~

Recording Secretary General

In addition to maintaining the records for the office of the Recording Secretary General, this past year, this officer recorded and transcribed the minutes of the 111th General Court, Monday, April 15, 2019, University Club, Washington, DC, due to the illness of Recording Secretary General Carla Odon.

Due to the cancellation of the 112th General Court, this officer recorded and transcribed the four recommendations from Governor General Hugar which would ensure the business of the Society would continue until the next General Court. The 2019-2020 Annual Reports of the NSSDP General Officers, National Committee Chairman, and Branch Governors have been filed with the records of the Recording Secretary General.

~ Ann Taylor Schaeffer, Recording Secretary General ~

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Organizing Secretary General

This officer is pleased to announce the approval of a new Branch in Alabama. Deborah Whitmore Hicks is the Organizing Branch Governor. The new Branch will be known as Alabama South East. The date of August 1 has been set for the chartering meeting.

This officer expresses her congratulations to the forthcoming Branch Governor, appreciation to our General Officers for their support and thanks to the Chairman of Bylaws for her review of the proposed Bylaws.

~ Jacque-Lynne Schulman, Organizing Secretary General ~

Historian General

This officer has a scrapbook that she would like to fill and present to the Governor General at the conclusion of her term of office. She needs your help in accomplishing this project. When the Governor General visits your branch, please send this officer photos from her visit so that she will have lasting memories of the wonderful time she had on her visit to your branch. Copies of your invitations, newspaper clippings and other pertinent information would also be most welcome. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

~ Ann Scott Garner, Historian General ~

Editor General

This Officer was appointed to serve the Society in August 2019 and has compiled and edited two issues of the *Pilgrim Newsletter*. Winter 2019 and Summer 2020.

My special thanks to two lovely members of our Executive Board: Thomas Chrisman, Registrar General, who emails Excel files of new members and supplementals for publication and Tom Jacks, our Treasurer General,. These two gentlemen are able to keep our membership and their contact information current, which has been most helpful.

Many thanks to those who sent articles for publication: Mr. Norm Daniels of the Paxton Church Historical Committee, Mr. Thomas Jacks for his article, "Alice Paul—American Suffragette," and Governor General Pat Hugar for her article, "National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House."

A lovely bonus of this office is establishing rapport with many of the Branch Governors, and I sincerely appreciate your cooperation. Your creativity and enthusiasm are motivating to us all.

The *Pilgrims Newsletter* is mailed to members two times per year. New addresses and changes in status should be sent *immediately* to the Officers listed below, using the Membership Change Form found on the national website

www.SocietyofthePilgrims.com in "Members Only" Section under forms.

Please send newsletter submissions to the newsletter <u>via</u> <u>email</u>, **not** US Mail. <u>Word</u> documents are the preferred method, no scanned or handwritten copies please.

Photographs should be emailed as digital files to the Editor, Rebecca Eisenman at BeckySueInc@gmail.com. There is no limit to Branch submissions, but please use your good judgement.

Historical Branch and National Society photos are welcome!

The due dates for the two editions are: November 30 for Winter Edition June 15 for Summer Edition

If you have moved please provide your new address to your Branch Governor so that she may notify the Corresponding Secretary General and Treasurer General to update our database.

The Pilgrims Newsletter publishes articles in each edition. If you would like to submit an article for publication please send it to the Governor General for her approval first.

Serving in this capacity has been a privilege and a joy and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve our Society.

~ Rebecca Smythe Eisenman, Editor General ~

Counselor General

I attended General Court in Washington, DC, in April 2018. I had to miss the 2019 General Court due to my niece's wedding. I was looking forward to 2020 General Court.

I have answered questions of the Governor General and members of the board. I continue to seek, sponsor, and support prospective new members. I have checked the irs.gov 990-N filings and note that the Treasurer General is current in the filing, with the last filing for the national society encompassing Tax Period: 2019 (03/01/2019 - 02/29/2020).

I know of no actions or claims pending against the society and I have no reason to believe that any claims are forthcoming or of any current claims the society has against any person or entity.

It is been a pleasure to serve in the Hugar administration and I look forward to seeing you at 2021 General Court.

Until we meet again.

~ Deborah W Hicks, NSSDP Counselor General ~

Minutes, April 2020

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PILGRIMS. ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2020

To ensure compliance with CDC precautions of social distancing to avoid exposure to COVID-19, Governor General Pat Erwin Hugar cancelled the 112th General Court Meeting and Luncheon of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, to be held April 20, 2020, at the University Club, Washington, District of Columbia. Full refunds would be made to those members who had made reservations. Notification of the cancellation of the 112th General Court Meeting and Luncheon was sent to the Hereditary Society Community to be posted on their Facebook page.

Corresponding Secretary General, Cheryl Whitt Rios sent Governor General Hugar's message to the NSSDP Executive Board.

Due to the cancellation of the 112th General Court, four Recommendations from Governor General Hugar were considered to ensure the business of the Society would continue until the next General Court.

Members of the Executive Board were instructed to send their votes electronically by Noon, April 20, 2020, to Governor General Hugar, govgen4pilgrims@gmail.com, Recording Secretary General, Schaeffer, annschaeffer2@aol.com and Corresponding Secretary General, Rios, cheryldar@hotmail.com.

Ratification of Governor General Hugar's appointments to the Nominating Committee:

Mike Swisher-Chairman Deborah Hicks Ann Garner

Ratification for the authorization for Deborah Hicks to organize a South East Alabama Branch.

Ratification of the appointment of Betty Ann Guidry as a member of the Benefaction Committee. Sally Hlavey's term expires

Ratification of Jim Maples' appointment as a member of the Edson Carr Dayton Committee. Chairman Barbara Allison's, term expires. Helene Warner will assume the Chair.

On behalf of Governor General Hugar, Corresponding Secretary General Rios, sent a message to the NSSDP Executive Board regarding the voting results.

Over half of the members of the Executive Board submitted their votes. Over half were YES votes for each of the four recommendation. All four recommendations were ratified.

Governor General Pat Erwin Hugar thanked the members of the Executive Board for their timely participation.

Reminders: Reports of the NSSDP Elected General Officers 2019-2021, Appointed General Officers, National Appointed Committee Chairman 2019-2021, and Branch Governors 2019 are to be send to the Editor General, Rebecca Eisenman, beckysueinc@gmail.com and to the Recording Secretary General, Ann Schaeffer, annschaeffer2@aol.com.

Donations for the Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse in Plymouth are encouraged.

~ Ann Taylor Schaeffer, Recording Secretary General~

Annual Reports of National Committee Chairs

Benefaction Committee

Celebrate the Mayflower 400th

At the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims 2019 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., the General Court approved the Benefaction Committee's recommendation that the NSSDP support the funding of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House in Plymouth for the next four years. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, which is overseeing the restoration project, will dedicate NSSDP funds to the Meeting House Bells and Chimes Restoration project. The restoration of the 10 bells and chimes is estimated to cost \$165,000.

NSSDP members and Branches are urged to be generous in their support of this historic project. The music of the bells and chimes will be NSSDP's enduring gift to generations of pilgrim descendants who visit the National Memorial Meeting House in Plymouth.

Celebrate the Mayflower 400th with a generous gift to this historic restoration project.

~ Michel Schenk, Chairman ~

Annual Reports of National Committee Chairs

Conference Reservations Chairman

Reservations for the April 20, 2020 Annual meeting were received, and a spreadsheet created detailing meal and special requests. As the meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic, checks were either returned to the member or donated to the Benefaction Committee at the request of the member. Looking forward to the 2021 Annual Meeting when we gather to celebrate the accomplishments of our society.

~ Carole Vercellino, Conference Reservations Committee Chairman ~

National Financial Review Chairman

The Treasurer General, Thomas E. Jacks, has provided the National Financial Review Chairman with the following documents:

- 1. Copy of the e-Postcard (Form 990-N) for the period beginning March 01, 2019 and ending February 29, 2020.
- 2. Keesler Federal Credit Union statements beginning March 01, 2019 and ending February 29, 2020.
- 3. Hancock Whitney Bank General Checking and Savings statements beginning March 03, 2019 and ending February 29, 2020 that included copies of all checks and transactions along with a reconciliation report and summary.
- 4. Hancock Whitney Bank Certificate of Deposit Receipt and Statement, issue date 03 March 2019.
- 5. Treasurer General's Register of Transactions beginning March 01, 2019 and ending February 29, 2020.
- 6. NSSDP Cash Accounts and Fund Balances for the year ending February 29, 2020. Complete Income and Expenses (All Funds) for the year ending February 29, 2020. Operating Budget for the year ending February 28, 2019 and Proposed Budget for the Year ending February 29, 2020.

All account transactions and balances in the Register of Transactions agree with the bank statements and the Register was clear and concise and found to be in good order.

~ Mary W. Feist, National Financial Review Chairman ~

Sarah Dunaway Award Committee

It is with pleasure that I announce the awards for the Sarah Dunaway Award. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus prevented the Society from meeting in Washington, DC and awarding the Plaque and certificates in person.

I have notified the winners, mailed their Certificates and will present the Plaque at our annual meeting in 2021 when I announce the 2021 winners.

I received five entries from the State Branches. They were all well done and we can be proud of the work that is being done around the States for our Society.

Honorable Mention was given to the Georgia Branch, *Third Place* tie was given to the Illinois and Mississippi Branches,

Second Place was given to the New York Branch,

First Place and Plaque was awarded to the Louisiana Branch for the second consecutive year.

These Branches reported countless hours of Community Service, Meetings, wonderful Speakers, lovely Newsletters and presented public awareness of our National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

Our Thanks go to all our Branches across the board, even if I didn't hear from you. I know that all the Branches work hard to promote the Society.

~ Mary W. Glenn, Chairman Sarah Dunaway Award ~

Annual Reports of Branch Governors

Arkansas Branch

Arkansas Chapter meets twice a year with Diamond Colony of Arkansas Colony, NS New England Women, and Arkansas Chapter NS Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. Linda Kay Vandenberg White is the Chapter State President of ALL three groups until 2021. NSSDP - AR Chapter participated in a joint Chapter/Colony event named "Shoe Boxes for the Deaf". Over 50 shoe boxes were stuffed with back to school supplies and personal items for the primary school - Arkansas School for the Deaf. We plan to repeat the shoe box event in the spring since the project was so successful. As always we are promoting our Chapter and looking for more members.

~Linda Kay Vandenberg White, Arkansas Branch Governor~

California Branch

California Branch met on March 11, 2019 in Irvine California with US Daughters of 1812 and Women Descendants of Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company.

California Branch Continued

This officer was elected at that meeting and is pleased to serve the National Society. One directive at that meeting was to update our bylaws. To that end a Parliamentarian was selected and has been working diligently on that project. A donation of \$1000 was given to the Bay Area Honor Flight Program. This officer's project is to support the National Society with the restoration of the Meetinghouse Bells and Chimes.

~ Susan Daniels, California Branch Governor ~

FLORIDA BRANCH

New Officers 2019-2021, met twice in 2019, three new members 2019, donated \$500.00 to Bells and Chimes in the Historic Meetinghouse in Plymouth, MA for the Mayflower 400th.

~Margaret Doud Christie, Florida Branch Governor ~

ILLINOIS BRANCH

The Illinois Branch met 3 times this past year. In March our program was a visit to the Batavia Depot Museum to view their collection and in particular their Mary Todd Lincoln exhibit. Mary was held in an Insane Asylum in Batavia for several years. In September we joined with 18 other lineage groups for Illinois Heritage Weekend. Several informative programs were held there, "Gravestone Preservation" and "Emily Dickinson"

At each meeting, the 2nd Deputy Governor provides a "Pilgrim Minute" with a biography of a Pilgrim ancestor and some interesting facts about the Colonial Era, like how to make beer, Pilgrim style. We also publish a biennial yearbook with updates as needed.

Our branch donated \$500 to the Meeting House Bells and Chimes Project. Linda Baker represented the branch at the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, IL in April. 4 members represented the chapter in Washington, DC, in April at the National Society meeting.

~ Ann Sears, Illinois Branch Governor ~

LOUISIANA BRANCH

The Louisiana Branch NSSDP had a robust year. This past year we had two meetings, one of which was in Baton Rouge, our first ever meeting outside of New Orleans. Having a second joint meeting with The First Louisiana Company, The Jamestowne Society,

has enabled us to recruit four new members from The Jamestowne Society for the Louisiana Branch. The Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Colonists also met with us in Baton Rouge at our spring meeting where we were able to recruit another new member for the Louisiana Branch.

This past year we submitted our application and won for the second consecutive year, the coveted Sarah O. Dunaway Chapter of the Year Award. Several successes of our branch may have factored into our winning include:

Having a Louisiana Branch Facebook page;

Donating \$500 to the Benefaction Committee;

Having our youngest member, in elementary school, do a project on his Pilgrim ancestor;

Having two speakers at each of our two meetings;

Participating in community affairs including Memorial Day, Operation Stand Down for homeless vets, Patriot Paws, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, DAR State Assembly, and the 400th Anniversary of the First General Assembly in Williamsburg, VA;

Writing and distributing three newsletters;

Having six members of our branch attend General Court

Stay Safe Stay the Course Stay Strong

In Pilgrim Spirit,
~ Patricia Gallagher, Louisiana Branch Governor ~

Minnesota Branch

The Minnesota Branch of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims was organized in 1977 and currently has forty-two members.

The Branch met on March 9, 2019, at the Woman's Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with the Branch Governor, Duane L.C.M. Galles, presiding. Richard W. Stanek, who had just completed a lengthy career as Hennepin County sheriff (of which county the City of Minneapolis is the seat) was our guest of honor and speaker and his address enlightened our members about the history of the office and its special significance as an elective law enforcement office in Minnesota.

The Branch elects officers for the biennium 2018-2020. The current officers are:

Duane L.C.M. Galles, Branch Governor, Donette Kranz, First Deputy Governor,

Alice Mueller, Second Deputy Governor, Timothy C. Harris, Secretary, Thomas C. Harris, Treasurer, Timothy C. Harris, Registrar, Lois M. Morlock, Historian, Edward R. Lief, Counsellor and Elder.

The Branch held its summer luncheon this year on July 27 at its now-traditional the Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights. In the absence of Branch Governor Duane L.C.M. Galles (who arrived tardily), First Deputy Governor Donette Kranz opened the meeting, with Elder Edward R. Lief, Esq., leading the Pilgrim ritual. His Excellency Michael Scott Swisher, who had just completed the previous April his biennium as Governor General of the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, presented a report to our Branch on the 2019 General Court of the National Society. The Hon. Thaddeus (Tad) Jude, Minnesota District Judge, served as our speaker for the event and provided an extensive report on "Trends in Minnesota Courts."

The Branch held its annual Harvest Luncheon on 9 November 2019, at the Mendakota Country Club with twelve members in attendance. Branch Governor Duane L.C.M. Galles presided at the event and past Elder Marveen Minish led the ritual. It was a chilly but sunny day. Tim Harris' minutes were accepted as presented and Tom Harris reported that signature authority had been updated on the Society's bank accounts. Tim Harris as registrar reported that the application of one new member, Christopher Moberg, had been approved by the Registrar General. There were no further officer reports, except that Marveen Minish reported that her husband, Robert Arthur Minish, was convalescing well after complications following treatment for esophageal cancer. The Branch Governor presented an address on the 1716 Virginia Order of the Golden Horseshoe.

~ Duane Galle, Minnesota Branch Governor ~

Mississippi Branch

Our Society donated two NSSDP Ancestor Roster books to the Laurel and Collins Libraries. The presentations were covered by the Commercial News in Collins and the regional Impact in Jones County, MS. Both libraries were very appreciative of the books.

In April both Dr. Laura Schenk and husband Michael represented us at the General Court in Washington, .

DC. In May 2019, our Branch Governor and our immediate Past Branch Governor represented our Society at the dedication of an 1812 cenotaph at French Camp, MS.

Both were in dresses of that period and presented a wreath with a bow of bronze and blue ribbons. Five to six hundred people were in attendance at this ceremony to honor General Andrew Jackson and his army. For our September 2019 meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, we had Treasurer General Thomas E. Jacks as our speaker. He spoke on the founder of the NSSDP and other notables. All in attendance enjoyed this immensely. During our February 2020 meeting in Collins, MS, we recognized our Stutts-Shimpf Scholarship winner, MaKayla Luper. She read her essay on "What my Colonial Heritage means to me".

New 2019-21 Mississippi Membership Yearbooks were distributed. Elder General Laura Schenk was among those attending the meeting.

~ Jill Taylor, Mississippi Branch Governor ~

Missouri Branch

We held our Spring potluck on March 30, 2019, with nine members in attendance. The meeting was held jointly with New England Women and The National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor. The new slate of officers was presented and elected. It was voted that we would donate \$100 to the Wing Fort House of Sandwich, Massachusetts.

We held our second meeting on August 31, 2019, with the same women's groups. It was attended by 13 members. Since the Spring meeting, we developed a website (https://missourisocietyofthepilgrims.org/) and state brochure. Our corresponding Secretary, Amy Dati, produced a fine directory for the membership. The Missouri Society voted to donate \$100/year over the next three years to the Fairbanks House of Dedham, Massachusetts.

~ Sumner G. Hunnewell, Missouri Branch Governor ~

New Jersey Branch

The New Jersey Branch welcomed six new members during the past year and looks forward to further growth during the upcoming year. We met twice during the year with the Founders of New Jersey and enjoyed lunch and program in a convivial atmosphere.

~ Glen Beebe, New Jersey Branch Governor ~

New York Branch

The New York Branch met twice in the past year. For the near term, we are meeting with a local chapter of the National Society Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century. At our Annual Meeting, April 30, 2019, we elected new officers who were installed by Historian General Ann Garner. That meeting was held at the Bartow-Pell Mansion in the Bronx, and included a Tour and Tea. September 9, 2019, we toured the Vander Ende Onderdonk House in Ridgewood, Queens, and enjoyed a picnic lunch in their yard.

The Branch presented a Certificate of Appreciation and financial donation to the Greater Ridgewood Historical Society for its excellent work in preserving the Vander Ende Onderdonk House and its history.

The Branch was honored to participate in the 99th Annual Service of Remembrance on November 10, 2019, at St Thomas Church in Manhattan.

New Branch member Joseph Smith carried our Branch banner in the procession.

At Feb 29, 2020, the Branch has 37 members, including six new members who joined in 2019-20. Our dues were remitted early, and all tax filings have been made. Our Branch was pleased to donate \$316 for the Pilgrims Meetinghouse Project, and 3 members have purchased the Governor General's SDP pin to support the project.

The New York Branch is grateful to long-standing members Tom and Mary-Lynne Bird for their faithful representation of the New York Branch at General Court.

~ Anne Farley, New York Branch Governor ~

North Carolina Branch

The North Carolina Branch 70th Anniversary Year meeting was held October 5th, 2019 in Raleigh following a joint program and luncheon with area Daughters of Colonial Wars and New England Women. We recognized our five newest members who'd joined since our last annual event and also those having membership anniversaries, like Anne Lewellen at 35 years. By 2020, we had four more applicants along with 51 members. We sympathize in reporting one senior resignation and another member death.

Beth May of Knightdale. This year's project honored the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage by a gift of \$200 to national benefaction support for the Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse- Ten Bells and Chimes Restoration. In 2019, we gave \$400 to Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation in recognition of our 70th and their 400th anniversary celebrations. On July 30th, Governor Betty Ann Guidry represented the NC Branch at Historic Jamestowne's Memorial Church during the wreath laying ceremony and commemoration of the first representative assembly in the New World. We hope to have two gatherings in 2020: a springtime social in Wake Forest and an October Annual Meeting in Charlotte.

~ Betty Ann Guidry, NC Branch Governor ~

South Carolina Branch

January 25, 2020, SC Branch Annual meeting met at Tidepoint Club House on Hilton Head Island. Approximately 40 were in attendance. Branch Governor 2019 Zeveda Keeling introduced the new 2020 officers sworn in for a two year term:

Branch Governor, Ivan Bennett, M.Ed; Vice President Programs, Jennifer Fries; Vice President Membership, Sunni Bond; Treasurer, Mary Ann Compher; Registrar, Sandy Gibson and Diana Luclen; Secretary, Sally Evans; Historian, Lefeda Keolin; Elder, Mary R.M. Williamson. (Editor Note: Sally Evnas has resigned as Secretary and Linda Brock (Charleston) has accepted the position of Secretary 3-3-2020.)

Jennifer Fries introduced the program and speaker, Bopnnie Wade Mucia, whose topic was the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House in Plymouth, MA. Treasurer Compher reported we have 50 members and six new members from Charleston. Three were present. A treasurers Report included an additional check to the Meeting House for a total of \$1,100.00 to date. Meeting was adjourned. Next meetings: May 2, 2020 in Beaufort and October 31, 2020 in Charleston.

~ Ivan Bennett, South Carolina Branch Governor ~

Southern California Branch

We meet three times each year, January, May, and October. These are in conjunction with other hereditary Societies. They include: Colonial Wars, CA; War of 1812, CA; Founders and Patriots, First Families of

Maryland, and Military Order of Foreign Wars.

We have a great speaker and luncheon at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena, California.

~ James F. Blauer, So. California Branch Governor~

Texas Branch

The Texas Branch NSSDP installed the following new officers in May, 2019: Denise Cervantes, Governor; Sandy Basset, First Deputy Governor; Ora Jane Johnson, Second Deputy Governor; Colleen Petosa, Recording Secretary; Diane Dyess, Corresponding Secretary; Sandra Tesch, Treasurer; Julie Gustafson, Registrar; June Gunn, Elder; and Carol Tatum, Historian. Sandra Tesch resigned her position as Treasurer and Mary Andrlik was appointed in that position.

Texas Branch has once again received the distinction of placing first in new members—a thank you to our very busy Registrar.

Our programs have been stellar for the year. May 2019: Program was given by Kelvin Meyers; September 2019: Rollin Phipps gave his presentation on, "The Real Downton Abbey." This was complete with many show and tell items to add to the story. November 2019: this was our annual joint luncheon with The Lone Star Chapter of the Jamestowne Society, As per tradition, James Alderman presented, "The Five Kernels of Corn," poem. Our speaker for the meeting was Jim Gatewood who gave a presentation based on the book: "Report of the Citizens' Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy." January 2020, we elected delegates and approved our yearly budget. Our fascinating program, which was given by Toni Wirth, covered the topic of "Mourning Jewelry," with which she brought many items from her personal collection.

TEXAS SOUTH BRANCH

2019 has been a quiet year for Texas South. We are pleased to announce that we did have one supplemental and one new member application approved. The Society donated Volume X to the State Library of Texas and is in the process of looking for other Volumes that the Library states that they would like to have.

Texas South also donated over \$1,000 to restore the "Bell and Chimes" in the Historic Meetinghouse in Plymouth, MA. The Society also purchased a set of

Flags. This was an election year and we elected and installed new officers for 2020-2022.

~ Mary Glenn, Texas South Branch Governor ~

Creation of New Annual Awards

Thomas William Bicknell Award

NSSDP is going to create a national award in recognition of distinguished service to the National Society by one of its members. The award shall be named after the National Society's Founder, Thomas William Bicknell. The incumbent Governor General, at his or her discretion, may present one Thomas William Bicknell Award at a General Court in recognition of distinguished service by one of its members. The National Society shall bear the cost of the award. The Governor General shall be authorized to appoint a Committee of 5, including its Chairman, to develop the Thomas William Bicknell Award criteria, award design and production budget and to implement the committee's recommendation.

Catherine Kulling Award

NSSDP is going to create a branch award in recognition of distinguished service to a Branch by one of its members. The award shall be named after the National Society's first women Governor General, Catherine Kulling. The incumbent Branch Governor, at his or her discretion, may present one Catherine Kulling Award at a Branch Annual Meeting in recognition of distinguished service by one of its members. The Branch shall bear the cost of the award. The Governor General shall be authorized to appoint a Committee of 5, including its Chairman, to develop the Catherine Kulling Award criteria, award design and production budget ands implement the committee's recommendations.

New Members for Summer 2020 Welcome!

National	Branch	Name	City / State	Ancestor	
12842	MAL	Melanie Reed Berkstresser Leschnik	Myrtle Beach, SC	William Brewster, MA	
12843	NY- 326	Suzy Lynn Simpson Murphy	Bayside, NY	Robert Treat, CT	
12844	FL - 340	Sue Ann Bousman Arentsen	North Port, FL	Gerrit Stoffelse Van Sant, PA	
12845	FL - 339	Natalie Frances Weimann Rago	Punta Gorda, FL	Peter Prudenn, CT	
12846	FL - 342	Alma Ruth Corbett Weaver	Punta Gorda, FL	Cuthbert Fenwick, MD	
12847	MAL	Brenda Gail Bosnic	Pawleys Island, SC	James Browne, PA	
12848	TX - 554	Kenneth Doster Roberts	Gig Harbor, WA	Samuel Fuller, MA	
12849	VA - 242	Jennifer Evelyn Snyder	Alexandria, VA	William Bradford, MA	
12850	NV - 113	Alice Rose Heiman	Reno, NV	William Bradford, MA	
12851	TX-S - 64	Kellie Elizabeth Mathieu	Corpus Christi, X	Priscilla Mullins, MA	
12852	NV - 114	Rebecca Snyder Bromley	Boise, ID	William Goffe, VA	
12853	FL - 341	Katherine Louise Jamieson Adamo	Port Charlotte, FL	Degory Priest, MA	
12854	GA - 671	Patricia Ann Baugh Thompson	Milledgeville, GA	William Hatcher, VA	
12855	GA - 672	Teresa Elaine Hammonds Chapman	Franklin, GA	Lawrence Smith, VA	
12856	GA - 673	Elizabeth Grace Chapman	Franklin, GA	Lawrence Smith, VA	
12857	GA - 674	Susan Lynn Ware Spratling	Lindale, GA	Edmund Bacon, VA	
12858	NC - 225	Elizabeth (Betsy) Goold Pessetto	Raleigh, NC	Richard Warren, MA	
12859	NC - 226	Angela Dawn Hillard Thompson	Salisbury, NC	Louis DuBois, NY	
12860	MAL	Sarah E Herzog	Wichita, KS	Samuel Chapin, MA	
12861	TX - 557	Minta Lue McAninch Wilson	Perryton, TX	Robert Abernathy, Sr., VA	
12862	TX - 558	Yvonne Elise Gressett Reiffert	San Antonio, TX	Francis Mabry, VA	
12863	TX - 559	Patricia Lynn Jacobs Watson	Dallas, TX	Nicholas Jacob, MA	
12864	NC - 227	Martha Alling D'Alessandro	Raleigh, NC	John Howland, MA	
12865	VA - 243	Cynthia Lynn Chavis Matsumoto	Potomac Falls, VA	Thomas Welles, CT	
12866	GA - 675	Drew Christopher Sanner	Morrow, GA	Gerrett Van Swearingen, MD	
12867	SC - 122	Nora Rooche Field	Seneca, SC	Moses Bowen, PA	
12868	SC - 121	Mariam Rosalie Noorai	Seneca, SC	Moses Bowen, PA	
12869	TX - 560	Wayne Allen Courreges, Jr.	Austin, TX	Francis Doughty, VA	
12870	AL SE - 2	Edgar Stennette Hicks	Eufaula, AL	Robert Hallom, VA	
12871	AL SE - 3	Rhonda Jane Williams Berry	Dothan, AL	John Gallup, RI	
12872	AL SE - 4	Gladys Wadonna Pittman Clark	Panama City Beach, FL	Thomas Harris, VA	
12873	AL SE - 5	Ellen Gail Thompson Dewberry	Eufaula, AL	Henry Hill, NC	
12874	AL SE - 6	Shelia Gail Gaddy	Anniston, AL	Hugh Porter, NC	
12875	AL SE - 7	Betty Irene McConnell Gricar Goad	Reynoldsburg, OH	Resolved White, MA	

New Members for Summer 2020 Welcome!

National	Branch	Name	City / State	Ancestor
12876	AL SE - 8	Brenda Lynn House Gouge	Andalusia, AL	William Brewster, MA
12877	AL SE - 9	Beverly Judy Brown Howell	Dothan, AL	Joseph Bridger, VA
12878	AL SE - 10	Cynthia Mary Smoak Lee	Eufaula, AL	Thomas Ligon, VA
12879	AL SE - 11	Douglass Mather (Tim) Mabee	Saratoga Springs, NY	Juliana Carpenter, MA
12880	AL SE - 12	Carolyn Sue Martin	Mount Dora, FL	James Williston, MD
12881	AL SE - 13	Catherine Ethel Cox Mott	Eufaula, AL	William Farrar, VA
12882	AL SE - 14	Carolyn Lorine Fricke Wallace	Dothan, AL	Robert Booth, VA
12883	AL SE - 15	Nancy Carolyn Jones Williams	Montgomery, AL	Samuel Richardson, PA
12884	MAL	Michael John Rowley	Clive, IA	Edward Fuller, MA
12885	GA - 677	Rosalyn Jane Lancaster Petsch	Newnan, GA	Peter Rucker, VA
12886	LA - 137	Mary Patricia Curry Millan	Metairie, LA	Robert Kitchell, CT
12887	LA - 138	William Frank Smith	Baton Rouge, LA	Thomas Carter, VA
12888	GA - 676	Deborah Gayle Burns Kyle	Buford, GA	William Byrd, I, VA
12889	TX - 548	Edwin Lee Boehringer	Mesquite, TX	Thomas Hooker, CT
12890	SC - 123	Harriette Elton Stulz Bayse	Mt. Pleasant, SC	John Kitchin, MA
12891	LA - 139	Rachel Danele Austin Grace	Baton Rouge, LA	Thomas Jordan, VA
12892	LA - 140	James Henry Grace	Baton Rouge, LA	Francis Mason, VA
12893	LA - 141	Sarah Austin Grace Brooks	Baton Rouge, LA	Francis Mason, VA
12894	MA - 22	Kevin William Mullen	Milton, VT	John Livermore, MA
12895	GA - 678	Sanders Garner Mercer, Jr.	Sandersville, GA	William Whitker, VA
12896	AL SE - 16	Carolyn Day Lynch Westine	Salem, OR	Myles Standish, MA
12897	AL - 126	John Franklin Cheney	Dothan, AL	Stephen Bull, SC
12898	GA - 679	William Roland Powers	Buford, GA	Christopher Reynolds, VA
12899	MAL	Lynda J Hylander	Kaneohe, HI	Anthony Annable, MA
12900	CA - 249	Betsy Clark Woodford	Monrovia, CA	James Veitch, MD
12901	CA - 250	Tawny Godin Welch	Sherman Oaks, CA	Richard Warren, MA
12902	GA - 681	Judith Ann Vance Lowery	Newnan, GA	Louis DuBois, NY
12903	IL - 107	Linda Lee Bailey Shiflett	Rathdrum, ID	Louis DuBois, NY
12904	TX-S - 66	William Franklin Cole	Silsbee, TX	Mathew Fuller, MA
12905	AR - 137	Tegwin Hightower Matenaer	Kuna, ID	John Strong, MA
12906	TX-S - 65	Douglas James Richardson	Cuero, TX	Peter Schumacher, PA
12907	GA -680	Susan Spencer Powers	Buford, GA	Nicholas Perkins, VA
12908	GA - 682	Charlotte Elizabeth Swint	McDonough, GA	Samuel Richardson, PA
12909	GA - 683	Amy Lynette Setser Cochran	Johns Creek, GA	Cornelius Waldo, MA

New Members for Summer 2020 Welcome!

National	Branch	Name	City / State	Ancestor
12910	GA - 684	Myrna Dale Jackson Findlay	Culloden, GA	Francis Hendrick, NC
12911	NC - 228	Charity "Virginia" Alexander Smith Kendrick Bjorlin	Matthews, NC	James Alexander, MD
12912	FL - 338	Joanne Elizabeth Ryon Goulet	Sarasota, FL	Cornelius Melyn, CT
12913	LA - 143	Mallory Susan Morgan Combest	St. Francisville, LA	Katherine Graves, VA
12914	LA - 144	Virginia Morgan Combest	St. Francisville, LA	Ann Cox Greene, MD
12915	LA - 145	John Thomas Morgan	St. Francisville, LA	Thomas Greene, MD
12916	LA - 146	Lee Cogle Morgan	St. Francisville, LA	Josias Fendall, NC
12917	LA - 147	George Wynn Morgan	St. Francisville, LA	James Beall, Sr, MD
12918	MI - 162	Joann Elizabeth Little Finlay	Livonia, MI	John Livermore, MA
12919	FL - 343	Diana Marie Ashley Dulkiewicz	Punta Gorda, FL	Ralph Keeler, CT

Supplementals for Summer 2020

National	Branch	Name		Ancestor Name/Colony		Ancestor Name/Colony
12815	AR - 135	Raymond Wesley Harris	S04	Jacob Waterhouse, CT	S05	Caleb Carr, RI
			S06	Experience Mitchell, MA	S07	Abraham Jackson, MA
			S08	John Howard, MA	S09	Abraham Jackson, MA
11602	LA - 53	Tara Kathleen Turner Jacks	S01	Christopher Hussey, NH	S02	Theodate Bachiler Hussey, NH
			S03	Stephen Bachiler, NH	S04	Mary Wood Hussey, NH
			S05	Isaac Perkins, Jr., NH	S06	Susanna Perkins, DE
			S07	Isaac Perkins, Sr., MA	S08	Robert Taliaferro, VA
			S09	William Debnam, VA	S10	Katherine Debnam Grymes, VA
			S11	John Catlett, VA	S12	Margaret Underwood Upton, VA
			S13	Hugh French, VA	S14	Alexander Fleming, VA
11891	TX - 409	David Lee Powell	S28	John Winston, CT	S29	Andrew Ward, CT
8696	TX - 427	David Carline Smith	S15	William Twining, Sr., MA	S16	Janette Varleth, MD
12369	AR - 115	Mary Reid Goss Warner	S02	Sarah De Planck, NY		

California Branch

California Branch had a lot to celebrate at the Annual Branch Conference on March 9 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon, California.

Acting as Hostesses for the joint meeting with Women Descendants of Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company and United States Daughters of 1812 Branch members decorated the tables with models of ships including a model of the Mayflower along with gold boxes of candies decorated in dark blue and gold. The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower was recognized at the start of the meeting.

Branch Governor Susan Daniels was proud to announce the presence of Governor General Pat Hugar, a member of the California Branch. The Governor General was welcomed with flowers, fruit and a corsage all in gold and blue delivered to her room upon her arrival. She presented the program for the meeting, "Hear the Bells and Chimes Inside the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse" and was presented with a \$1000 donation from the Branch for her President's Project.

More Pilgrim Pride tee shirts were needed to fill orders taken at the meeting.



Branch Governor Susan Daniels paying tribute to



L/R, Honorary Branch Governor Carole Vercellino, Honorary Governor General Carole Belcher, Governor General Pat Hugar, Branch Governor Susan Daniels, and Honorary Branch Governor Katrina Gonzalez.

~ Susan Daniels, California Branch Governor ~

Southern California Branch

The Southern California Branch met in June and October 2019 and in January 2020. We meet along with members of Colonial Wars-CA, War of 1812-CA, Order of Founders & Patriots-CA, Order of First Families of Maryland, and Military Order of Foreign Wars-CA. In January we are joined by the Sons Of Liberty Chapter, SAR here in California.

On June 23, 2019 our speaker was Stewart Davenport, Ph.D. an Associate Professor of History. He spoke to us on Bacon's Rebellion. Our speaker in January was Assistant Professor Katie A. Moore, Ph.D. from the History Department of the University of California at Santa Barbara. She spoke to us on "Mini Military-Fiscal Stats: Paper Money as War Finance in Early America."

We meet at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena where we are served a buffet for lunch before we have the combined meeting of these groups.

~ Jim Blauer, So. California Branch Governor ~

Florida Branch

The Florida Society Branch meeting of May 16, 2020 was canceled. The next meeting on October 3, 2020 will be held in Tampa. Since Deborah Hicks will be our special guest members of Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen and Bench and Bar Florida members have been invited to join our Branch meeting.

We have five more new members admitted February 10, 2020: Debra Klaholz, Natalie Rago, Sue Arentsen,

Katherine Adams and Ruth Weaver. Two members were lost to death: Josephine Ann Millington Adams, 3 January 2020; Cherry Ellen Walker, 22 April 2020.

~ Peggy Christie Florida Branch Governor~

Louisiana Branch

The Louisiana Branch NSSDP had a robust year. This past year we had two meetings, one of which was in Baton Rouge, our first ever meeting outside of New Orleans. Having a second joint meeting with The First Louisiana Company, The Jamestowne Society, has enabled us to recruit four new members from The Jamestowne Society for the Louisiana Branch. The Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Colonists also met with us in Baton Rouge at our spring meeting where we were able to recruit another new member for the Louisiana Branch.

This past year we submitted our application and won for the second consecutive year, the coveted Sarah O. Dunaway Chapter of the Year Award. Several successes of our branch may have factored into our winning include:

- *Having a Louisiana Branch Facebook page
- *Donating \$500 to the Benefaction Committee
- *Having our youngest member, in elementary school do a project on his Pilgrim ancestor
- *Having two speakers at each of our two meetings
- *Participating in community affairs including Memorial Day, Operation Stand Down for homeless vets, Patriot Paws, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, DAR State Assembly, and the 400th Anniversary of the First General Assembly in Williamsburg, VA
- *Writing and distributing three newsletters

At our Annual Court in November, Andrea Mosterman, a history associate professor from the University of New Orleans spoke. The title of her program was "Slavery in the Making of America: The History and Legacy of 1619". The second speaker was Iris Vacanti, a volunteer from our local partner, The Historic



Madisonville Cemetery. She spoke about her restoration efforts by the Friends group and thanked us for our donation to help restore the fencing around the cemetery. Mumaugh of the Cane River Heritage National Heritage Area in Natchitoches, LA who spoke about Los Adaes, the easternmost point of the American Spanish Colonial Empire located in Many, LA, just twenty miles from Natchitoches, LA, the oldest permanent French settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.

At our spring meeting, the first spring meeting of our branch and one that was outside of New Orleans, we had the opportunity to hear two speakers. This was a joint meeting with the Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Colonists and The First Louisiana Company, The Jamestowne Society. Our first speaker was Mary Armstrong, national president of National Society Daughters of the American Colonists. She spoke about her national project, Thomas Jefferson's summer retreat, Poplar Forest. The second speaker was Michael

Stay Safe Stay the Course Stay Strong





~ Patricia Gallagher, Louisiana Branch Governor ~

Mississippi Branch

MISSISSIPPI BRANCH PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Collins, MS - February 8, 2020 - The Mississippi Branch held their first meeting of the new year today at Annie B's Restaurant in beautiful downtown Collins, Mississippi. Branch Governor Jill Reed Taylor called the meeting to order with sixteen members and guests, including Elder General Dr. Laura K. Schenk.

MaKayla Elizabeth Luper was introduced as the winner of the Stutts-Schimpf Scholarship Award and read her winning essay to the group. Miss Luper will be entering Mississippi State University in June as a second semester freshman majoring in civil engineering. Members applauded the purchase of two NSSDP Ancestor Rosters for the Collins and the Laurel-Jones County Genealogical Libraries. Members were also presented new rosters and agreed to meet again on September 26, 2020, unless specially convened.

About the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

The National Society Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims was incorporated in 1909 and membership is limited to those who can prove direct lineage from a pilgrim who settled before 1700 within the territory which became the 48 contiguous states of the USA. For questions regarding membership and activities, please contact Mrs. Jill Taylor 601-733-9475 taylorj1951@yahoo.com or Mr. Ben Jones 601-927-8479 bejonesii@bellsouth.net



Attached photo left to right: Elder General Laura Schenk, Michael Schenk (Past Branch Governor), Makayla Luper, Elizabeth Stubbs, John Taylor (2nd Deputy Governor), Mississippi Branch Governor Jill Reed Taylor.

~Jill Taylor, Mississippi Branch Governor ~

New York Branch

As directed by federal and state officials in response to the COVID-19 health emergency, New York residents have been social-distancing for the past several months. The sight of an unmasked face is rare as of this writing.

Unfortunately, the national health emergency required the postponement of the Branch's April 23 Meeting and Tour of the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum. The Dyckman Farmhouse Museum is the oldest remaining farmhouse on Manhattan Island, and members expect to visit whenever New York City permits its cultural institutions to re-open.

We are grateful to Past Branch Governor Thomas E Bird and Past Branch Elder Mary-Lynne Bird, who were registered to represent the New York Branch as delegates to the April 2020 General Court in Washington, D.C. before all lineage society activities there were cancelled. We are honored by news that the New York Branch received 2nd Place in the Sarah Dunaway Award competition and delighted to welcome Susan Murphy of New York City as our newest member.



Tom and Mary-Lynne Bird, elected NY Branch delegates to General Court, examine an historical document.

~Anne Farley, New York Branch Governor ~

North Carolina Branch

Despite a Spring of physical distancing, activity has continued this year for the NC Branch.

Four new members have been approved: Betsy Pessetto and Martha D'Alessandro of Raleigh, Angela Thompson of Salisbury, and Virginia A.S.K. Bjorlin of Matthews. Betsy and Martha have qualified by Mayflower Pilgrims' descendancy, meaning their 2020 membership dates coincide with the 400th anniversary year of the Mayflower

North Carolina Branch continued

voyage. All these welcome newcomers bring our directory to 55 members. We extend sympathies in reporting one death. We cherish the remembrance of Beth May of Raleigh who died on February 10, 2020.

Our Branch Project encourages National Benefaction support of the bells and chimes restoration at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Treasurer General Thomas Jacks has noted on the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims' Facebook site that NSSDP has already raised \$10,000 towards this effort. Branch Governor Betty Ann Guidry has accepted an appointment by Governor General Pat Hugar for a three-year term (2020-2023) serving on the National Benefaction Committee.

Perhaps we'll be able to get together for a social event during the Summer. In any case, we'll be prayerfully advancing the important historical and educational objectives of our society while sharing about our ancestors.

~ Betty Ann Guidry, North Carolina Branch Governor~

South Carolina Branch

On January 25, 2020 South Carolina Branch Annual Meeting met at TidePointe Club House on Hilton Head Island. Approximately 40 were in attendance. Branch Governor 2019 Leveda Keeling introduced the new 2020 officers who were sworn in for their two year terms. Branch Governor Ivan Bennett, M.Ed., Vice President Programs Jennifer Fries, Vice President Membership Sunni Bond, Treasurer Mary Ann Compher, Registrars Sandy Gibson and Diana Luellen, Secretary Sally Evans (Note: Sally resigned and has been replaced with Margaret "Meg" Crompton, a feature spotlight article follows), Historian Leveda Keeling, Elder Mary R.M. Williamson.

Program Chair Jennifer Fries, introduced the Speaker, Bonnie Wade Mucia, whose topic was the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House in Plymouth MA. The Treasurer Report based on 50 members with six additional members from the Charleston MAL was accepted. Three of those six made the journey from Charleston and were present at this Annual Meeting. In return, the Fall 2020 SC Branch Meeting is scheduled in Charleston on October 31st at the Seabrook Country Club.

Treasurer Reported a total of \$1100 was donated from the South Carolina Branch to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House Fund. The Meeting was adjourned and attendees gathered in the foyer for a group photograph (Photo Credit: Susan Bennett)

Meet Meg Crompton. Meg is a member from the Charleston MAL group. She is one of our new members who lives in Pawleys Island with her husband Robbie. They retired three years ago and moved to SC, which was always Meg's dream.

Growing up as a military brat Meg always wondered about her roots. This led her to genealogy which became her hobby for the last 30 years. Turns out some of her ancestors are from SC! French Huguenots who sailed into Charleston and others who settled in Old 96 District in Edgefield County. She joined our society through a Jamestown's ancestor, Robert Taliaferro. Meg agreed to be our Recording Secretary. Welcome!



In the Pilgrim Newsletter, Volume 103, Number 2, Winter 2019, a total of 25 MAL in Charleston area were listed in the Welcome December 2019 pages. Of those 25 MAL, nine have transferred and been approved to membership in the South Carolina Branch of the NSSDP. It is our hope the remaining 16 will follow suit and join our society.



In that consideration, the Fall Meeting of the SC Branch is scheduled for Seabrook Island Country Club, Charleston.

Three of these new nine members, Linda Brock, Brenda Larsen and Pat Gallahorn traveled to Hilton Head Island on January 25, 2020 for our Annual Membership Meeting!

~Ivan Bennett, South Carolina Branch Governor ~

Virginia Branch

Virginia Branch's first meeting of the year was on March 10th at Fiona's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Alexandria, with 22 attending. The following officers were

installed for the 2019-2021 term by NSSDP Captain General Lynne Amann Schulman (now Organizing Secretary General): Governor Charles Poland, First Vice Governor Allison Hoopes, Second Vice Governor Natalie Ardoline, Recording Secretary Paul Walden, Corresponding Secretary Anne Terio, Treasurer Lorraine Sims, Registrar Janice Welch, Historian Robert Hoopes, and Elder Ritchie Dagg. Barbara Wyatt, America's History Lady, presented stories from her book, "1776 Historical Places to Visit in America and Their Stories."

The fall meeting was held at the Alpine Chef (formerly Bavarian Chef) in Fredericksburg on 13 October 2019, with 17 members in attendance. The program was presented by Anita Harrower, portraying Margaret Edwards, a seventeenth century housewife in Boston, discussing the hardships of colonial life and customs in a Puritan household.

Virginia Branch meetings alternate between Fredericksburg and the Alexandria/Springfield area. Our next meeting will be March 8th at Houlihan's Restaurant in Springfield, and the speaker will be the Rev. Thomas Costa, portraying Pastor Massey, Rector of Pohick Church during the Revolutionary War Period.



October 13, 2019 VA Branch Meeting at the Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg.

~ Charles Poland, Virginia Branch Governor ~

Newly Organized Alabama Southeast Branch

Knowing of a need for lineage organizations in the Wiregrass Region of AL for qualifying members who cannot continuously travel to North AL to attend lineage society meetings, I contacted our National Board about organizing a branch in southeast AL. With the support and assistance of the national board, AL SE Branch was authorized to organize on 17 April 2020 by vote of the Executive Board. So far we have 16 charter members, 15 of which were by new

member applications approved by Register General, Tom Chrisman. I have several other prospective new members' applications to research and prepare in my 'spare' time. We have completed our bylaws, applied for our EIN, and lined up our officers.

In addition to the members from the Wiregrass region, we have two members that reside in FL, one in OH, one in NY, and one in OR. We hope that in time, some of these new members will be able to charter a branch in their states where no branch exists, e.g., OH, OR, and even VT, so that our organization continues to prosper, flourish, and grow.

We are looking forward to our charter signing meeting at Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula, AL, on August 1, 2020, and will submit pictures for the next issue of *The Pilgrim Newsletter*, as well as upload same to our new branch website, which is currently a work in progress. We look forward to welcoming 1st Deputy Governor General William 'Bill' Allerton III and Register General, Tom Chrisman, to Eufaula. Thank you to Tom Chrisman for his expedited work on our branch applications and to Kim Morgan for the beautiful certificates, which will be presented at our charter signing meeting.

Thank you to Governor General Pat Hugar, 1st Deputy Governor General William 'Bill' Allerton III, Organizing Secretary General Jacque-Lynn Schulman, and Treasurer General Thomas E. Jacks for their unwavering support of the AL SE Branch and their time, instruction, and assistance. Thank you also to Mary Webster Glenn (Sarah O Dunaway Membership Awards Chair), Carole Belcher, Carla Whitehurst Odom, and AL Governor James 'Jim' Maples. I will remain as a dual member of the Alabama Branch, and will continue to attend and support the Alabama Branch in their future endeavors.



Alabama Southeast Branch Organizing Governor, Deborah W Hicks, with First Deputy Governor General, William "Bill" Allerton III

~ Deborah W Hicks, Organizing Branch Governor ~

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