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

Jane Duxbury Schleinzer, Editor General
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I am pleased to tell you that our Society’s 110th General Court was well attended, busy, congenial, and productive.

We were able to address our most immediate challenge, the re-establishment of the Society’s website. Many thanks are due to Jane “Xan” Alexander who offered to serve as our new Webmaster, and who has been appointed as such. We have a new domain name. The website is still under construction but is up and running. We have a new domain name: https://www.nationalssdp.org

In order to prevent loss of control of our website in the event of unforeseen circumstances, we have established a policy that at least two persons shall be entrusted with the password to our website. Thanks to Texas Branch Governor Peggy Latham Anderson for agreeing to serve as the second person.

Cheryl Whitt Rios, who had tendered her resignation as Organizing Secretary General because of her husband’s ill health, reported that his condition has improved, and that therefore she would be able to resume service in this post, if agreeable to the Executive Board. She has accordingly been re-appointed.

We had a worthwhile discussion of the Society’s charitable functions and the role of the Benefactions Committee. As you will recall, in the past our Society had several standing charities. These were supported by donations from members and the Branches, forwarded annually to the Society. This structure was changed in view of changes in purpose by some of the recipients, and in one case even a change in its name. Most had little relation to the period of history we commemorate.

At this time the Benefactions Committee selects our charities. If you have a worthy charity in mind, please bring it to the attention of that Committee, together with as much supporting information as you can. We rely on our committees to deal with the details of projects and activities that we do not have adequate time to discuss at length during General Court.

Concerns that we are sufficiently engaged in activities justifying our non-profit, tax-exempt and tax-deductible status are always appropriate. However, it should be borne in mind that suitable charitable activity need not always consist of outright gifts of funds.

Educational activity is also a valid charitable purpose. We engage in this by recording genealogical information and publishing it in our Lineage Books, and most recently, our Ancestor Roster.

Finally, building an endowment of funds that will ensure our Society is able to continue its work, and to provide income from investment to support future projects, is itself a valid charitable objective. Please remember that gifts and bequests help enormously toward this goal. We have one such endowment in our Edson Carr Dayton Fund. If you are feeling especially generous, remember our Society in your will! It will be much appreciated, and suitably commemorated.

Before I finish my term as Governor General, I look forward to visiting some more of our Branches. If you would like me to visit your branch, please let me know, and I will make my best effort to attend one of your meetings to bring greetings from the National Society.

How quickly time flies! It seems not that long ago that I was elected Governor General, but at this General Court a nominating committee was chosen, in accordance with the By-Laws, to assemble a slate of candidates for the 2019-2021 term at our 111th General Court. Please make a note that the date of that General Court will be April 15, 2019, again at the University Club of Washington, D.C. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Pilgrim Bonds,  
Michael Scott Swisher  
Governor General
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.

BENEFACTION COMMITTEE

At our April 2015 General Court meeting, it was decided to no longer support the Bicknell Scholarship, Cathedral of the Pines, Cook College, and Pershing Memorial funds because these committees do not focus on the era of our ancestors. Instead, a Benefaction Committee was established so we can be more flexible in our support of projects that are more focused on the Colonial era of our ancestors. These changes have now been made to our national bylaws. The change also affects the Sarah O. Dunaway Membership Award, which has now been changed to give credit to only your donations to this new committee. The charities recommended must be 501(c)(3) entities. One entity will be recommended each year for a maximum of a four-year commitment. No more than four (4) can be supported each year. The committee's recommendation is presented at each annual meeting for member approval before any money is expended.

As you can imagine, this is a HUGE task for this new committee as there are probably hundreds of colonial era projects going on in the country. For this reason, we ask for your assistance. Do you know of any renovation projects of the colonial era, museum exhibits focusing on the colonial era, archeological digs of colonial era communities, the scope of this committee is huge and could even be expanded to digitization of colonial era documents.

The committee, itself, was designed to serve rotating 3-year terms with one new member appointed every year. Therefore, to start the committee with three members, Sally Hlavay was appointed for two years and is serving as chairman to this committee. Carla Odom is serving a one-year term and Anne Winn, a three-year term. This will begin the rotation of the committee members and still give the committee the three (3) members needed to accomplish this huge task. As the first members of this committee, they will give this committee some guidelines as well.

Please see page 11 for the new recommendations for Pilgrims’ supported projects.
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Migration of Colonists from New England to SW Virginia between 1765-1780
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Introduction
Travel by land between the colonies during the 17th Century was limited due to a lack of roads and trails connecting more distant settlements. As more and more immigrants began arriving, the need for a network of roads and trails became increasingly apparent. By the early 1700’s more roads and trails were being developed so that by the middle of the 18th Century, it was possible to travel from Boston to Charleston, South Carolina, using the Kings Highway, a distance of 1300, in less than 60 days.

If you’ve wondered how our ancestors were able to move hundreds of miles from one area to another during the 1700’s, this article may offer some insight about travel using routes available to colonists wanting to relocate from one region to another. This was far more common that one might imagine, and this article will cite several families as examples to illustrate this.

A sure thing or a “needle in a haystack”
As consulting genealogist for Colonial Wars in Georgia, I have the opportunity to work with applicants who either lack the research skills or the time needed to prove their lineage to ancestors qualifying them for membership in that society. Two years ago, an applicant asked me to work on his application. He was a descendant of the Tilson family who emigrated from England settling in Plymouth about 1643. After an initial review, I agreed to take on his project and began a 2-year ordeal to prove his lineage. The Tilson family was detailed extensively in a book published about 1940 written by a family member and identified a William Tilson, my client’s ancestor, who moved from Plymouth to SW Virginia sometime between 1765-1783. In fact, 80 applications citing William Tilson had previously been reviewed and approved by DAR, SAR, NSSDP, and other societies using this book as an authority. To the beginner, citing William appeared to be a sure thing. Unfortunately, William’s branch wasn’t well documented and key information explaining why or how he moved from an established settlement in Massachusetts to the frontier of SW Virginia, a distance of about 800 miles, with limited access to roads facilitating travel, was omitted. Although the Georgia Registrar approved the application, the Registrar General rejected the Tilson book as an authority in the absence of additional sources supporting the accuracy of the book.

The primary challenge was proving William Tilson relocated from Massachusetts to SW Virginia near the Virginia-Tennessee-Kentucky border prior to 1783. SW Virginia was, after all, in a remote isolated area of Virginia along the western frontier attracting a handful of settlers. In addition, roads in that region were limited or nonexistent in the mid 1750’s adding to the difficulty of traveling to and settling in this area.

So, how would one go about proving Tilson’s move to SW Virginia between 1763 and 1783, consistent with the timeline shown in the Tilson book? Finding this proof was like finding a needle in a haystack! But the more time I spent on this project, the more convinced I became that, although, like other early immigrants, Tilson endured hardships, their pioneer spirit and sheer determination allowed them to overcome the obstacles they encountered.

Except for William’s generation, the other generations on the application were adequately proven using authorities typically used for most applications. Because admissible sources were so limited, proving William’s generation required writing a rather lengthy and detailed analysis after making research trips to Richmond, SW Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The analysis soon turned into a thesis on migration patterns of early colonists between 1750-1785. And, though detailed, it clearly demonstrated it was very possible Tilson and his family moved from New England to SW VA during that period.

Initially, 4 sources were cited as references collectively proving the lineage as presented. These included:

1. “The Tilson Genealogy” with details about the family, William’s service in the French and Indian War, migration to Virginia, his service in the North Carolina Militia during the American Revolution, and his descendants including the applicant.
2. “The Tilson Family, a History of the Family…” an autobiography written by an 11-term member of Congress which included a discussion about William’s move to VA after serving in the Rowan Co. militia during the American Revolution.
3. A Yale alumni directory with a biographical sketch discussing the history of the family in Massachusetts, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Still, the Registrar General, doubting the possibility a family could move from Massachusetts to SW Virginia during this period, insisted on additional authorities. As a result, convinced I would prevail, I rewrote the analysis based on additional sources that provided the information discussed below:

Growing population and the need for more land
There were multiple factors influencing movement among the colonists. Key factors included: (1) The increase in immigration created a need for more land suitable for farming resulting in settlers moving to areas no longer adjacent to their original settlements, particularly in New England and the northern sections of the middle colonies; (2) The influence of the French and Indians west of the Alleghanies/Appalacians limiting access to these areas making travel into the south easier and more predictable; (3) As the British moved into New Amsterdam, Dutch settlers moved to New Jersey, upstate New York, and Pennsylvania; (4) Palentine Germans sent to New York to harvest tree sap for the British were displaced after that project failed, displacing workers north to Kingston and south into Pennsylvania; and, (5) Recruiting efforts by officials in Maryland, Virginia, and others, influenced entrepreneurs like the Van Metre’s, Jost Hite, and others to acquire thousands of acres contingent upon settlers into Virginia and Maryland. By 1730, settlers began moving into Virginia, especially the Shenandoah Valley on the western side of the colony. Germans and Scots-Irish leapfrogged over each other moving further south through the Virginia Valley eventually reaching the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Georgia. The Moravians were especially active as they moved from Pennsylvania through central Virginia and into central North Carolina beginning in the 1740’s.

Understanding why and how they relocated
Why they left Massachusetts is not in question. Cheaper, better land and a warmer climate, both more conducive to farming were important factors, though there were other variables as well. Perhaps it’s more important to consider: (1) Whether travel between Massachusetts and Virginia or the Carolinas was possible from 1760-1775; (2) Why travel from north to south was more predictable than from east to west; and, (3) Other families and groups who were known to have migrated from northern southern colonies?

1) Was travel from Massachusetts to Virginia or the Carolinas possible from 1760-1775?
Northern colonies were becoming increasingly crowded due to a steady stream of immigrants, a decrease in quality land at affordable prices, a colder climate with longer winters, and a shorter growing season, all important factors for anyone seeking better farming and living conditions. If travel by land and/or sea during this period were possible, anyone living in New England desiring to improve their quality of life, had the opportunity to move from north to south despite the hardships encountered during such a move. Though travel was arduous, the literature shows settlers were moving from north to south starting about 1730 using whatever road, trails, and paths were available. As roads improved that number increased dramatically and after 1750 settlers were moving from New England and the middle colonies into the southern colonies by the thousands.

A number of stories have been published about families (i.e., Boone, Lincoln, Cole, Pickens, Hite, Fitz Randolph, Van Arsdale, and others from New Amsterdam, New Jersey, and the New England colonies) shown moving into the southern colonies during this period. Jost Hite, for example, gradually relocated from the Hunter Camps of New York to Kingston to Philadelphia and finally Virginia. Governor Gooch of Virginia recruited Hite and the Vanmeters giving them land grants in the Shenandoah Valley contingent on recruiting families to settle there beginning in the 1730’s. Hofstra noted that the Valley develop rapidly after Hite moved to Virginia. He went on to suggest that by 1750 roads were adequate enough to allow movement into the southern colonies. Groups like the Moravians, for example, began moving from Pennsylvania through central Virginia and into North Carolina in the 1740’s by the thousands. With a network of roads in place, settlers began moving south into the middle and southern colonies.


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2) Why travel from north to south was more predictable than from east to west?
   Multiple factors influenced movement from north to south prior to 1765 including the presence of the French, Indians, the rugged terrain of the Alleghenies and Appalachians to the West, a warmer climate in the south, cheaper land, recruiting efforts of land speculators, and the development of a network of roads between New England and Georgia before 1750. Add the Proclamation of 1763, which limited settlements West of the Alleghenies/Appalachians thereby protecting hunting grounds and insuring peace with the Indians, and movement from north to south was easier than from east to west.\(^2\) Maps 1 and 2 below illustrate this further.

Map 1 on the left shows the line created by the Proclamation of 1763 running along the Alleghenies and Appalachians through SW Virginia extending into Tennessee west of the North Carolina/Tennessee border along the Holston River. The French and/or Indians controlled the area west of this line until 1765. Daniel Boone began exploring Kentucky by way of the Cumberland Gap and settlers began pouring into that Kentucky about 1775.

The map on the right shows how the colonies were divided into sections: New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies (including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia).

3) Other Families who were known to have migrated from northern to southern colonies
   Below are several examples of families who moved from New England and the middle colonies into the southern colonies during the 1700’s:

1. About 1720, Andrew Pickens left Ulster, NY, settling in Augusta County, Virginia, near what became Staunton, about 1730 where he bought land. About 1750, he relocated to South Carolina settling in Abbeville by 1760. His son, Andrew Pickens, Jr., would later play a significant role as a commander for South Carolina in the American Revolution.\(^3\) Abbeville is about 846 miles by way of I-81, the modern day version of the Great Wagon Road, which runs through the Valley.

2. George and Mary (Maugridge) Boone, Daniel Boone’s grandparents, emigrated from England to Pennsylvania in 1717.\(^4\) Their son, Squire Boone, left Pennsylvania in 1750 to settle in Winchester, Virginia, later moving to Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1753\(^5\) with a large contingent of German and Scots-Irish settlers. Squire’s son Daniel and family members were land speculators and traveled throughout the region including Kentucky by way of the Cumberland Gap where they founded Boonsborough and, about 1780, sold Kentucky land to Dutch settlers from the Conowago Dutch Settlement in Pennsylvania. Hostile Indians attacks in 1759 forced Squire and his family to return to Virginia/Maryland near what became Washington, DC, returning to North Carolina about 1762 after the Indian raids ended.\(^6\) This is another example of the mobility of early settlers willing to move from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, about 500 miles, then back to Virginia, then back to North Carolina proving travel north to south was not uncommon during the mid-1700’s.

3. The Lincoln family relocated from Massachusetts settling in the Shenandoah Valley near Linville, originally part of Augusta County. It’s interesting to note that Samuel Lincoln first arrived in Massachusetts about 1640.\(^7\) His Great Grandson, John, born in New Jersey, lived in Pennsylvania, and died in Virginia, settling there by 1765,\(^8\) a

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\(^3\) Parke Rouse, Jr., “The Great Wagon Road…,” Parke Rouse, Jr., 1992, p 34
\(^5\) IBID
\(^6\) IBID
\(^8\) IBID

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A distance of over 585 miles. John’s son Abraham moved into Kentucky where he died about 1788. Abraham’s son Thomas, father of the President, eventually left Kentucky and settled in Illinois.

4. Jost Hite, a Palatine assigned to one of the Hunter Camps in New York about 1710, went to Ulster County in 1711, then Philadelphia by 1720, and finally Virginia, acquiring huge tracts of land in the Shenandoah Valley about 1731. It is noteworthy that the Hite party moved from the Hunter Camps to Ulster to Philadelphia to Virginia between 1710 and 1731 often by packhorse over rough terrain looking for land and better living conditions.

5. James Cole arrived in Maine about 1632 before settling in Plymouth by 1634. His great great grandson, Joseph Cole, born in 1716, and wife Freelove (Mason) Cole, initially relocated to Rhode Island. Sources show he later settled in SW Virginia around 1763-4, a distance of about 750 miles.

Another source suggests as many as 300,000-400,000 settlers came through SW Virginia and on through the Cumberland Gap between 1750-1800. Cheaper and more fertile farmland, warmer climates, and religious freedom were all incentives. But, migration of this magnitude would not have been possible without the development of a system of roads and trails before and during this period.

**Travel Routes between New England, the Middle, and the Southern Colonies in the 1750’s**

Conditions that limited movement from east to west until about 1770 have already been discussed. After the Revolution, Kentucky and the Old Northwest Territory were explored and settled beginning about 1780. Prior to that time, movement north to south was certainly more predictable given the network of roads and trails that were in place. Although sometimes rough, these routes allowed travel within the colonies by the 1740’s, making it possible for families like the Boone’s, Lincoln’s, Pickens, Coles, Tilson’s, and others to move into the southern region of the Colonies.

The distance from Philadelphia to Big Lick (Roanoke) using the Great Wagon Road was about 395 miles. Add another 114 miles to St Clair’s Bottom, where the Tilson’s settled, using the western fork, or Rowan County, North Carolina, about 170 miles using the southern fork. The total distance then from Philadelphia to Abingdon was about 510 miles and to Rowan County, about 565 miles. Add another 310 miles traveling from Massachusetts to Philadelphia and the distance between Massachusetts and SW Virginia was about 820 miles and from Massachusetts to Rowan County about 875 miles. As discussed below, based on the rate of travel by Moravian’s in 1766, travel between Plymouth and Virginia or North Carolina could have been completed in 30-60 days.

Given the distances mentioned, migration to southern colonies was possible. Did settlers travel by land or sea? Were roads and trails adequate for facilitate relocation? Available roads by 1750 included the following:

**The Kings Highway** – a major route running along the eastern edge of the colonies from Boston to Savannah accommodating Conestoga wagons, coaches, pack animals, etc. by 1760.

**The Fall Line Road** – started in Fredericksburg intersected with The Kings Highway running parallel with the others through central VA, NC, SC, GA and eventually AL by 1760.

**The Upper Road** – started in Fredericksburg intersecting with The Kings Hwy running parallel and west of the others through central VA, NC, northern SC, into NE GA ending in central GA.

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9 IBID
10 IBID
12 IBID, pp 59-60.
16 “The Fall Line Road,” American Migration Facts, Beverly Whitaker, Kansas City, Missouri, online <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/facts.html> (timeline for Fall Line Road)
17 “The Upper Road,” American Migration Facts, Beverly Whitaker, Kansas City, Missouri, online <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/facts.html> (timeline for The Upper Road)
The Great Wagon Road\textsuperscript{18, 19} – starting in Philadelphia continuing thru central PA, through the Valley of VA, splitting at Roanoke. The western fork went through SW VA (including Washington Co.) into TN with a fork going thru the Cumberland Gap into KY. The southern fork went through Rowan Co. to Columbia, SC.

The Wagon Road Brought Tens of thousands of Scots-Irish, English, Welsh, German, and Swiss Settlers into Virginia and the Carolinas between 1743-1765 reaching Rowan Co. in the 1740’s and SW VA and SC by the 1750’s.

Another route used by the Moravian to avoid the Scots-Irish/Germans in the Valley is shown on the next map.

The Moravian Road\textsuperscript{20} an alternative route from PA to Bethabara, (now Salem), NC. Hostile treatment and harassment by the German and Scots-Irish along the Moravians to bypass Frederick Co. and counties further south taking a route east of the Blue Ridge. This road was in use in the 1760’s going through central VA into NC and was populated by other Moravians who settled along the road before 1766. One group left PA for Bethabara (Rowan Co) with Germans and English, including a minister and his wife from CT., illustrating movement from New England to southern colonies had already taken place before the families mentioned earlier moved into the southern region.

Still other routes and paths existed about the same time. Several sources included for information lists routes and trails available during this early period\textsuperscript{21, 22} providing further evidence that, again, travel was not as restricted as might initially be suspected.

The Richmond Road (Southern Route) ran westward from Richmond to Fort Chiswell, near Salem, in SW VA\textsuperscript{23} making it possible to travel on the Kings Highway, then to Richmond using either the Fall Line or Upper Road, then west to Ft. Chiswell, then along the western fork of the Great Wagon Road to Abingdon in SW VA. Or, along the (Northern Route) leading to what is now Lexington and connecting with the Great Wagon Road, as illustrated on the map to the left.

\textsuperscript{18} Rouse, Jr., OP. CIT., pp 70-1
\textsuperscript{19} “The Great Valley Road," American Migration Facts, Beverly Whitaker, Kansas City, Missouri, online <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/facts.html> (timeline for The Great Valley Road)
\textsuperscript{21} “Historic Routes of Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia" (online - http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tqpeiffer/documents/Ancestral%20Migration%20Archives/Migration%20Webpage%20Folder/Routes%20to%20VA,%20NC,%20SC,%20GA.htm.
\textsuperscript{22} “Migration in British Colonial America 1607-1783," Nat’l Institute for Genealogical Studies (online), www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Migration_in_British_Colonial_America_1607_to_1763_(National_Institute); Chronology and Discussion.
As Dollarhide noted, between 1745-1775, the Great Valley Road (or Wagon Road) carried thousands of settlers into western Virginia with access to North Carolina.\(^{24}\) Further, travel from Boston to New York to Philadelphia, then either to Winchester or to Fredericksburg and then the southern end of the Valley was established. Travel from Boston to Charleston, a distance of approximately 1300 miles, could be completed by wagon averaging 20-25 miles per day and completed in less than 2 months.\(^{25}\)

**Settlements in Virginia and North Carolina during the 1700’s**

Chalkley identified a few settlements in SW Virginia about 1763. The Proclamation of 1763 allowed for some settlement further west of the Appalachians as it was originally defined. However, a large portion of SW Virginia was located east of this line and unaffected by the Proclamation. By 1767, small settlements began appearing around what became Abingdon, VA.\(^{26}\) An early land grant issued in 1741\(^ {27}\) attracted early settlers with roads appearing by 1763\(^ {28}\) and several forts built including Ft. Chiswell in Virginia and Ft. Loudoun in nearby NE Tennessee.\(^ {29}\) One account mentions a grant issued to Timothy Cole in 1753\(^ {30}\) prior to the arrival of Joseph and Freelove (Mason) Cole and family. Chalkley also mentioned litigation involving a land grant in this area, resolved in 1783, but impacting lands surveyed prior to 1776.\(^ {31}\) Initially, this area was part of Augusta County until it was divided to form Botetourt about 1770, Fincastle in 1772, and Washington County in 1776. Anyone settling there prior to Washington County’s formation in 1776 may be difficult to identify, as records in this area for that period are very limited. Add at least 2 courthouse fires that occurred during the Civil War and after, and many records were destroyed and no longer exist.

Ads published in northern newspapers promoting stagecoach travel along the Great Wagon Road started appearing by 1750.\(^ {32}\) By the 1740’s, Thomas Lord Fairfax, Jost Hite, and other land speculators were actively recruiting families from New England to settle on lands acquired in the Shenandoah Valley. As noted in Rouse’s book, there was a large influx of settlers in Virginia and North Carolina and word spread regarding the quality of the land in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia\(^ {33}\) attracting a significant number of settlers to the southern colonies. Chalkley published a 3-volume set listing Scots-Irish families that settled in Augusta Co around 1750, which, at that time, included all lands to the west including SW Virginia, Kentucky, and the Old NW Territories (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, etc.). By 1763, small settlements appeared in SW Virginia (initially Augusta but eventually Washington County) as well as the Carolinas.

Aaron Kepley, Executive Director of the Rowan Museum in Salisbury, North Carolina, has written about the migration of thousands of Scots-Irish and German settlers from Pennsylvania traveling in groups into southern colonies, specifically Rowan County in North Carolina using the Great Wagon Road, Upper Road, or Fall Line Road. It would have been more practical to travel by land as some roads accommodated Conestoga Wagons, coaches, pack animals, and were even used for moving cattle and hogs by 1763. By 1766, at a rate of 15-40 miles per day, migration from Pennsylvania to Bethabar (Salem) North Carolina took approximately 15-30 days to complete.\(^ {34}\) As previously mentioned, the distance from Massachusetts to Philadelphia was about 310 miles and the total distance between Massachusetts and SW Virginia or Rowan County, North Carolina was 820-875 miles.

**Summary**

The series of roads and trails allowed families and groups to move into the southern colonies beginning during the 1750’s and settlers poured into this area by the thousands. Families including Tilson, Lincoln, Cole, Pickens, Boone, and others have been cited as examples of those traveling hundreds of miles from New England to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia

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\(^{25}\) IBID, p 4

\(^{26}\) IBID, pp 184-5

\(^{27}\) IBID, pp 185

\(^{28}\) IBID, pp 188, 195, 197

\(^{29}\) IBID, pp 188-9

\(^{30}\) IBID, p 190

\(^{31}\) IBID, p 191

\(^{32}\) Rouse, OP. CIT., p 213

\(^{33}\) Rouse, OP. CIT., pp 90-1

\(^{34}\) Fogelman, OP. CIT., pp 206
during this period. Groups like the Moravians were also actively relocating to North Carolina. The basis for this article was an analysis written to support an application for a client seeking membership in the Society of Colonial Wars citing William Tilson and proving he moved from Massachusetts to SW Virginia to settle there by 1783. The client’s application and analysis were reviewed and approved by NEGHS earlier this year and the applicant was admitted to the Society this past April. Hopefully, some insight can be gained by the reader regarding the mobility of ancestors as Colonial America developed with a better understanding and appreciation regarding the extent sometimes needed to prove an applicant’s lineage to a qualifying ancestor.

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**They are never truly gone when they remain in our hearts**

*Editor’s note:* The following was listed in the last newsletter. I’m happy to report this was an error.

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**Honorary Governor General Georgiana Swanson**

*By Honorary Governor General Betsy Jones*

Honorary Governor General, Georgiana Swanson passed away on May 27, 2018. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, 4800 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Graveside service for Georgiana were held Friday, June 15, at the Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, Iowa.

She was born Jan. 27, 1936, in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Dewey and Stella Swanson. The family moved to Phoenix in 1961 where she taught for 30 years, working with fourth grade and special needs children.

Georgiana held a special place in her heart for the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. She served the national society as 1st Deputy Governor General under Hardwick Smith Johnson Jr., 1993-1995 and then as Governor General from 1995 to 1997. Lineage Book VI was published during her term. Georgiana also supported her local Arizona branch as Registrar through 2014.

Her mother had her joining lineage societies at a young age. She served many organizations at the national level as a page. She enjoyed doing genealogy and belonging to so many hereditary societies. Her most special remembrance was serving as a personal page for President General Dorothish Lovett, Arizona, for Colonial Dames XVII Century and also for the National Society Daughters of American Colonists where she later served as a Vice President General. She also served as Governor General for the Hereditary Order of the Descendants of the Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution from 2005-2007.

She was active in her church, serving as a deacon and elder. Georgiana loved to sing participating in her church choir and also as music chairman for her state societies. She also loved to travel and was able to visit all 50 states as well as Canada, Europe and Asia. She also loved her pets owning numerous cats and dogs throughout the years.

Georgiana is survived by cousins, friends and her Arizona family. She will be dearly missed by her hereditary society friends both nationally and within the state of Arizona.
CALL TO ORDER
The 110th General Court of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims was called to order by Governor General Michael Scott Swisher at 9:42 am on Monday, April 16, 2018, at the University Club, Washington, District of Columbia.

INVOCATION
Elder General Ann Scott Garner offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The members rendered in unison the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

PILGRIM RITUAL
Elder General Garner led the Pilgrim Ritual.

WELCOME
Governor General Swisher extended a warm welcome to the membership.

STANDING RULES
Recording Secretary General Carla Whitehurst Odom read the Standing Rules for the 110th General Court and moved for the adoption. 
Adopted.

ROLL CALL
Recording Secretary General Odom called the Roll of General Officers, Appointed General Officers, Honorary Governors General and Branch Governors. A copy of the Roll Call is filed with these minutes.

PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
Credentials Chairman Sharon Kaufelt Stine presented the Preliminary Credentials Report and moved for its adoption.
Adopted.
(In accordance with Article VII, Section 7 of the NSSDP Bylaws a quorum was verified as present to conduct business).

ADOPTION OF PRINTED PROGRAM
First Deputy Governor Pat Erwin Hugar moved for the adoption of the printed program with necessary changes.
Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, APPOINTED OFFICERS AND HONORARY GOVERNORS GENERAL
Governor General Swisher introduced the National Board, Appointed Officers, and Honorary Governors General.

NATIONAL LEADERS
Governor General Swisher asked national leaders of other organizations to be acknowledged and identify the group they lead. Various members rose to do so.

MINUTES OF THE 109th GENERAL COURT
Governor General Swisher directed Recording Secretary General Odom to read Minutes of the 109th General Court. The minutes had been previously approved by committee and filed.

Governor General Swisher appointed First Deputy Governor General Pat Erwin Hugar, California Branch, Second Deputy Governor General William "Bill" Allerton, III, and Treasurer General Thomas Edward Jacks both of the Louisiana Branch to review the minutes of the 110th Executive Board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Recording Secretary General Odom read recommendations and announcements from the Executive Board.

1. The Executive Board recommends the ratification of the purchases made and all other expenses of the officers in the discharge of their offices during the last fiscal year as shown in the Treasurer’s Report.  
   Adopted.

2. The Executive Board recommends adoption of the budget for the Fiscal Year from March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 as presented with the provision that surplus be allocated as follows: $10,000 to the Publication Fund and $7,148.13 to Contingency /Carryover. Discussion followed. Treasurer General Jacks provided an explanation of the Benefaction Committee. Discussion followed.  
   Adopted.

3. The Executive Board announces Governor General Swisher’s appointment of Benefaction Committee Chairman Sally Inez Wood Hlavay for the unexpired 2017-2020 term on the Benefaction Committee.  
   (In accordance with Article IX, Section 1 (d) of the NSSDP Bylaws)  
   Discussion followed.

4. The Executive Board announces Governor General Swisher’s appointment of William Allerton, III, to the 2018-2021 term on the Benefaction Committee.  
   (In accordance with Article IX, Section 1 (d) of the NSSDP Bylaws)  
   Discussion followed.

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR
Governor General Swisher recognized Mrs. Shelby Dean Ward of the Alabama Branch. Mrs. Ward moved that the order of business for the day be altered to allow the Chairman of the Benefaction Committee to explain the function of the Benefaction Committee. The motion was seconded.  
   Adopted.

REPORT OF THE BENEFACTION COMMITTEE
Chairman Hlavay described the mission of the Benefaction Committee. She briefly reviewed the projects that have been proposed by the Benefaction Committee and subsequently adopted by the membership at prior General Courts.

AMENDED MOTION
Treasurer General Jacks moved to amend Recommendation #2 that was presented from the Executive Board and adopted. Treasurer General Jacks’ amended motion was set forth as follows:  
$10,000.00 be allocated to the Publication Fund.  
$5,000.00 be allocated from the NSSDP Operating Fund to the Benefaction Committee.  
$2,148.12 be allocated to the Contingency/Carryover.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ward of the Alabama Branch. Discussion followed.  
   Adopted.

CONTINUED RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
5. The Executive Board announces Governor General Swisher’s appointment of First Deputy Governor Hugar to serve on the Edson Carr Dayton Fund.  
   (In accordance with Article IX, Section 1 (c) of NSSDP Bylaws.)

6. The Executive Board announces Governor General Swisher's reappointment of Cheryl Faye Whitt Rios as Organizing Secretary General.  
   (In accordance of Article V., Section 9 of the NSSDP Bylaws.)

7. The Executive Board recommends the deadlines for The Pilgrim Newsletter be moved to June 15th and December 15th.  
   Adopted.

8. The Executive Board recommends at least two persons shall be entrusted with the password of the new Pilgrim website.  
   Adopted.

9. The Executive Board recommends that a new domain name be established. Jane "Xan" Alexander been appointed the new Website Chairman.  
   Adopted.
GENERAL COURT RECESSED
Governor General Swisher recessed the 110th General Court at 11:30 am.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
The 2018 Memorial Service was conducted by Elder General Ann Scott Garner. Member Karen Kurth Hall served as soloist.

GENERAL COURT RECONVENED
Governor General Swisher reconvened the 110th General Court at 11:42 am.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019
Recording Secretary General Odom announced the Executive Board's selection of Honorary Governor General Betsy Phillips Jones to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee that is directed to present a slate of candidates at the 111th General Court for the General Officers of the 2019 - 2021 term.

(In accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the NSSDP Bylaws.)

Governor General Swisher called for nominations from the floor for two members to serve with the Chairman, Honorary Governor General Jones. Thomas Edward Jacks was nominated by William Allerton, III. Carla Whitehurst Odom was nominated by Ann Taylor Shaeffer. Mary Webster Glenn of the Texas Branch seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed.

Adopted

(In accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the NSSDP Bylaws.)

REPORTS
Reports of the General Officers, Appointed Officers, National Chairmen and Branch Governors were presented. Several Deputy Branch Governors reported in the absence of their Branch Governors. All written reports of General Officers, National Chairman and Branch Governors that have been provided have been filed.

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
Credentials Chairman Stine presented the final Credential Report and moved for its adoption.

Adopted.

(In accordance with Article VII, Section 4 of the NSSDP Bylaws it was confirmed a quorum was present for the business that had been conducted at the 110th General Court.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Governor General Swisher announced the 111th General Court is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2019 at the University Club, Washington, District of Columbia.

BENEDICTION
The Benediction was rendered by Elder General Garner.

ADJOURNED
The 110th General Court of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims was adjourned by Governor General Swisher at 12:00 noon.

Following the 110th Executive Board Meeting and the General Court a luncheon was held for the membership and guests.

LUNCHEON & GRACE
Pilgrim members and guests gathered for lunch. Governor General Swisher called upon Elder Garner who gave the Grace. Luncheon followed.

PROGRAM
Following lunch Governor General Swisher introduced member Barry Christopher Howard, the Founder of the Hereditary Society Community. Mr. Howard provided the program, “The History of Lineage Societies in America”.

AWARDS
Governor General Swisher announced the following awards:

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First Deputy Governor General Hugar announced the Sarah Dunaway Award.

Georgia Branch is the 2018 winner. Accepting the award this year was Georgia Branch Governor Robin Redfearn Towns. Mrs. Towns thanked Georgia Pilgrims for their participation and service. She then volunteered to serve as the Awards Chairman for the next General Court.

First Deputy Governor General Hugar announced the Alabama and Virginia Branches received honorable mention.

CLOSING REMARKS
Governor General Swisher offered closing remarks.

BENEDICTION
Elder General Garner gave the Benediction at 1:52 p.m.

Carla Whitehurst Odom
Recording Secretary General

Approved by: Pat Hugar

OFFICERS GENERAL REPORTS

1st Deputy Governor General

This officer attended the last annual meeting in April 2017. She was installed in her current position at that time.

Since then this officer has participated in email conversations with other National Officers.

The Governor General has asked me to chair the Sarah O. Dunaway Award.

As 1st Deputy Governor, this officer has worked with the University Club events manager, Toya Johnson, on setting up the details for this meeting.

Pat Erwin Hugar
1st Deputy Governor

2ND Deputy Governor General

Annual Reports are work but that work got even more complicated for our 2018 Annual Meeting when we lost the National Society’s website and its archive of report forms. Sadly, we lost our website when our webmaster lost her battle with cancer. To fill the breach, I posted the Branch, Credentials, and National Officer/Committee Chair Report forms on the National Society’s Facebook page in January. Until we return with a new website, Facebook is the National Society's only presence on the Internet.

Following CSG Millicent Jordan's distribution of Report Forms in early February, I emailed a reminder with Report Forms to Branch and General Officers in early March. I also posted on Facebook the Sarah O. Dunaway Award Report form and emailed a copy to all Branch Governors. As a former Branch Governor, I always appreciated gentle reminders of approaching deadlines.

When Treasurer General Tom Jacks reported the membership of several Branches was endangered of being dropped for non-payment of dues, I assisted with telephone calls and emails to Branch Governors. Thankfully, we were able to substantially reduce the number of dropped memberships. I also reached out to the Registrar General Tom Chrisman to see if I could assist while he was waiting for the appointment of a Deputy Registrar General.

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Without assigned duties. I have endeavored to make myself useful to the National Society. I deeply appreciate the efforts of our Branch and General Officers. In Pilgrim Spirit, I trust I have been of service to all.

William Allerton III
2nd Deputy Governor General

Recording Secretary General

This officer was elected and installed as Recording Secretary General at the 109th General Court held April 17, 2017. She also served as the Program Speaker at the Luncheon that followed.

The former Recording Secretary General provided files of the minutes for the past several years and a thumb drive copy of those records. This officer is currently receiving copies of annual reports from other officer’s general, chairmen and branch governors in preparation to attend and record the events at the 110th General Court scheduled at the University Club, on Monday, April 16, 2018.

It is a pleasure to serve in the Swisher administration.

Carla Whitehurst Odom
Recording Secretary General

Corresponding Secretary General

This officer has completed all requests for dissemination of information to Branch Governors, Committee Chairmen, Branch Governors, and the Executive Board. She has used all information received from the Treasurer General, Registrar General, and Membership Change Forms to maintain our roster and mailing list. She wishes to heartily thank all the Branch officers and members who submit change forms in a timely fashion as this information is invaluable to maintaining the accuracy of these lists.

Millicent Jordan
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 $232,304.40—an increase of $8,978.69 from the previous year. The Society’s operating budget ended with a surplus due to an underrun in budgeted Society expenses and greater than budgeted revenue.

Sales of Lineage Volume X (and earlier available volumes) and the Ancestor Roster brought in more revenue than expected. The Society is fortunate to have been able to produce these two beautiful volumes without dipping into the Publications Fund or any other reserves.

The National Society distributed donations to the Heritage Library’s Zion Cemetery & Baynard Mausoleum Restoration Project in Hilton Head, SC ($621.00), the Congregation Shearith Israel’s West 11th Street Cemetery Renewal Project in New York City ($238.25), the Cathedral of the Pines ($18.00), the scholarship fund at William and Mary ($18.00), Pershing Boyhood Home Memorial ($68.00), and the Tenement Museum on New York’s Lower East Side ($78.00). In addition, the Benefaction Committee received $265.00 to distribute. The Edson Carr Dayton Fund distributed $944.81, split evenly between Cook Native American Ministries and the National Society’s Publication Fund.

Over the two years of her administration, Governor General Jones raised a total of $5,767.50 for her project of fire-proof storage of the Society’s records. The Society used $2,415.26 of these funds to share a fire proof storage unit in Washington, D.C. with the National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor. An additional $1,054.02 was spent shipping the records to D.C. Donations of $350.00 toward this project were received during the year.

A total of $154.00 has been received for the project of Governor General Michael Swisher.

Of the National Society’s year-end balance of $232,304.40, $68,000.00 is in the Edson Carr Dayton Fund, $22,937.36 is in the Publication Fund, $2,648.22 remains reserved for Governor General Jones’ project, $154.00 is reserved for Governor General Swisher’s project, $1,196.26 is held for new branches, $265.00 is held for the Benefaction Committee, and the remaining funds ($137,103.56) are undesignated.

Below shows the membership statistics compared to the previous three years:
Dr. Daniel Harrop, Governor of the Rhode Island Branch, is to be commended for his continued service as our Registered Corporate Agent in Rhode Island. The National Society Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims was incorporated in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations on December 20, 1909 and continues to maintain current non-profit corporate registration in that state.

A balanced budget is being presented to the Executive Committee with added funding for the National Society website—a vital tool of communication and outreach that must be restored at the earliest possible date. Another initiative proposed for funding is the design and production of higher quality membership certificates and the addition of a larger optional certificate based on the certificate used by NSSDP Founder Thomas Bicknell.

In anticipation of future publication efforts, a proposal will be offered to move $10,000 of operational surplus to the Publication Fund. The Publication Fund is used to provide production money to National Society publications such as the Lineage Books and Ancestor Index. (It is not intended for the Pilgrim Newsletter, Directories, or internal publications.) Revenues from the sales of these publications are returned to the Publication Fund until the total publication expense is covered. The Publication Fund thus acts as “start-up money” for major Society publication efforts.

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 Edward Jacks
Treasurer General

Registrar General

I'm pleased to present a recap of membership activity for the past 12 months through 2-28-2018. First, during this time, I have reviewed 220 applications approving 126 new members including 3 junior members, 90 supplemental applications for existing members, with 4 held pending receipt of additional authorities. These were submitted by 26 Branches, 1 newly formed Branch, and one Branch now inactive. The top 3 Branches accounted for 45% of the total activity for the year.

The most active Branch added 22 new members, about 20% of the total. The second added 18 new members, 15% of the total. And the third most active Branch added 13 new members or 10% of the total. The top Branch will be announced and recognized for their contributions a little later during this meeting. With regard to supplementals, the Branch with the most applications was the same Branch with the most new applications.

Secondly, based on notifications I've received, 7 members have passed away during the last 12 months, another 3 have resigned, and 10 have transferred though continue to be active as members in the Society.

Lastly, looking forward, with the recent appointment of an Assistant Registrar, focus will be given to improving efficiency in reviewing, approving, and entering applications into our database. A review will also be conducted on types of proofs used to support applications to insure our standards are consistent with those employed by other comparable lineage societies. These changes will help raise the level of recognition for NSSDP within the lineage society community.

Thomas A. Chrisman
Registrar General
Elder General

This officer is honored to serve as Elder General. She is praying for our Nation, as well as our Society, and its General Officers as they guide us moving forward to implement the principals we were founded upon.

A key goal is to support the membership by raising awareness that NSSDP is standing with them in their times of joy and sadness. Prayers are ready when needed and called for. A Memorial Service has been prepared for the General Court.

Members are encouraged to contact this officer if they learn of a need. Messages of cheer, congratulations or condolence are promptly provided when situations are reported.

May the God of Hope fill you with Joy and Peace as we trust in Him.

Ann Scott Garner  
Elder General

Editor General

This officer attended the 109th General Court, during Court she took photographs for the newsletters. After the General Court she started to work on the summer edition of the newsletter. New forms needed to be made, photos were fixed for use in the newsletter, and a new feature, Pinpoint Your Pilgrim, was created.

To ensure the delivery of the newsletter the deadlines need to be a month earlier to make sure it’s delivered in August and February. Therefore, the dates should be June 15 and December 15.

This officer must thank Kathleen Doty Roberts and Sumner Hunnewell for their wonderful articles, and Sue Erlick, Sunny Hayes, and Jessica Schleinzer for proofreading the newsletters.

Jane Duxbury Schleinzer  
Editor General

Counselor General

This officer, at the request of the Treasurer, responded to questions concerning the Society’s status as a 501(c)(3) organization, including issues involving IRS form 990, the loss of tax exemption status of one branch in Washington State, as well as recommendation of actions to be taken to bring the branch into compliance. This officer, at the request of the Governor General, gave notice to one member in Florida to cease and desist in the publication and printing of the likeness and images of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, including its newsletter, and other references to the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, in a for-profit personal web page. This officer, at the request of the Governor General, gave notice to another member in Ohio, to cease and desist representing that he was a lifetime member of this Society, as no lifetime membership has at any time been available in this National Society. In addition, this Officer reviewed and approved a joint agreement with the Dames of the Court of Honor for the storage of records. It has been a pleasure to serve the Society.

Patricia Porter Kryder  
Counselor General

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Benefaction Committee

Please meet the members of the Committee: Dianne Brown Cannestra, Anne Winn
This report is given to encourage the members to support the projects of the National Society.

Just prior to this General Court, the committee received information to STOP THE PRESSES from one of our sponsored projects. Heritage Library Press Release, March 21, 2018:
March 20, 2018 “With the first shovel of ceremonial dirt, work is officially underway on much-needed restoration work on Baynard

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Mausoleum (the oldest existing structure on the island), Hilton Head, South Carolina."
"Restoration of the park is just part of extensive efforts to transform the surrounding Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery into an educational history park."

The second project provides funds for the Second, West 11th Street Cemetery of the Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, NY, the oldest Jewish Congregation in the United States, founded in 1654.
"Initially, the graveyard was the burial site for victims of communicable diseases like yellow fever and malaria, for recently immigrated Jews who did not have strong ties to Congregation Shearith Israel, and for those who died at their own hand through suicide."
"This cemetery is 213 years old. Funds are being used to repair, stabilize and beautify this living piece of history in Manhattan. Therefore, making it open to the public in the near future.

It is hoped that now you know where your contributions can go for the betterment of the National Society’s projects. Not only will you be preserving our nation’s history, you will ensure that the National Society’s non-profit status will be preserved, as well.

Aimee Semple McPherson requested from the pulpit that she not hear any jingling from the offering plates. The Committee asks you to place your hand in your pocket or purse to provide a gift to perpetuate the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors - wherever they are buried - and encourage the protection of their resting places hundreds of years from now as it relates to the founding of our government and National Society based on principles of religious freedom.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. In 2017, members contributed $1,124.25 to these projects.

Please submit proposals for future projects to this Committee. New members of the Committee are: Barbara Allison, William “Bill” Allerton III and Sally Wood Hlavay, Chairman.

Sally Wood Hlavay
Benefaction Chairman

Edison Carr Dayton Fund

The Edson Carr Dayton Fund Committee consists of three members. The Governor General and Treasurer General serve as ex-officio members.

This committee is charged with the investment and management of the Edson Carr Dayton Fund. The principal of the fund is $68,000.00 and is invested in a Certificate of Deposit currently earning 1.39% with a maturity date of March 19, 2019.

The interest earned this period was $944.81 equally divided between the National Society's Publication Fund and the Cook Native American Ministries.

It is a privilege to serve on this committee.

Charles R. Odom
Edison Carr Dayton Fund Chairman

Financial Review

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

1. Copy of the e-Postcard (Form 990-N) for the period beginning March 1, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018.


3. Whitney Bank General Checking and Savings statements beginning March 31, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018 that included copies of all checks and transactions along with a reconciliation report and summary.


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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
Financial Review Chairman

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The Alabama Branch has had a fun filled 2018. On January 8, Deborah Hicks and Ann Cheney joined Ann’s daughter, Beth Sewell, President of the Louisiana Chapter, at the Chalmette Battlefield for the annual laying of wreaths commemorating this most important battle, and thereafter at Jackson Square for the raising of a new American flag and presentation of wreaths in further remembrance of the Battle of New Orleans. After the event, refreshments were enjoyed in the Cabildo and an interesting program on the Battle for the Southern Frontier was given by Mike Bunn.

On March 22, Alabama Pilgrims Deborah Hicks, Ann Cheney, Donna Parker, Carolyn Drennen, Carol Kitchens, and Annette Smith, travelled to Fort Mims for the grave marking ceremonies of two Veterans of the War of 1812, Captain Joseph Booth and Colonel Lee Slaughter in Tensaw, Alabama. Beth Sewell and her husband, Bill Sewell, Bonnie Slaughter, and Pat Gallagher, from New Orleans, LA, as well as Jacque-Lynne Schulman, Captain General (from MD), met up with the ladies at the event. Thereafter some members travelled to Fort Mims and took a tour of the fort. After dinner, the parties checked into the historic Battle House Hotel on N Royal Street in Mobile, which dates to the early 1800s and is the place where Andrew Jackson stayed after he left Pensacola on his way to the Battle of New Orleans.

On March 23, the group was joined by Alabama Pilgrims Dolly Butler, Davie Williams, Oma Gaines, and Martha Ann Whitt, for the bus tour and unveiling of a wayside interpretive marker at Fort Morgan on Dauphin Island. The sign commemorates the British occupation of the island after the Battle of New Orleans. We enjoyed a tour of the Dauphin Island Little Red School House Community Complex Museum and shopping in the gift shop. A smorgasbord lunch outside around the pool at Pirate’s Bar and Grill was enjoyed by all. The evening meal at the four star Dauphin’s Restaurant was splendid!

On March 27, Carol Kitchens gave the program “Birds of a Feather,” about ostriches and their eggs. She used to have an ostrich farm in Selma, AL, and is very knowledgeable about raising them, catching them, breeding them, etc. Did you know that 1 ostrich egg = about 24 chicken eggs when cooked? They are very high in protein, and the meat is leaner than chicken.

On March 31, Pilgrim Terry Honan and I presented a wreath on behalf of AL Pilgrims at an honorary marking at Historic Shorter Cemetery in Eufaula, AL. On May 27, Pilgrim Anne Kilgrow and Pending Member Marie Sanford presented a wreath on behalf of the AL Pilgrims at the annual Remembrance Service, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, AL.

Shelby Ward, Annette Smith, new Pilgrims member Martha Ann Whitt, and myself, attended the 110th General Court of the NSSDP on April 16, 2018, in Washington, D.C. It was wonderful to be embraced by my fellow Pilgrims at my first General Court. Thank you for the gift of the signature umbrella.

On May 22, Ann Cheney and I delivered to the AL Archives in Montgomery, AL, From the Chickasaw Cession to Yoknapatawpha: Historical Essays on North Mississippi by Hubert McAlexander, that member Sally Woolley had recommended.

I am very happy to report that Alabama has a new Pilgrims website at: https://alabamapilgrimsnssdp.weebly.com/ Please check it out!!!

I am also happy to report that Pilgrim Marlene Lawley and my Alabama Officers are working on our first Alabama Newsletter, which was named by Pilgrim Dr. Linda Graham, The Peregrine. After the Mayflower arrived, the first baby born was a boy. His parents, William and Susanna White, named him Peregrine - a word which means "traveling from far away" and also "pilgrim." There is also the Peregrine falcon which is known to fly long distances, and in our case, bringing news from afar.

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Our next meeting will be on October 23, 2018, at the Birmingham Country Club. We have ten or more prospective members working on applications and look forward to welcoming them into our branch in the near future with the assistance of our State Registrar, Suzanna Rawlins, and National Registrar, Tom Chrisman.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, as well as Ann Cheney and I are looking forward to returning to New Orleans on November 4, 2018, to meet with the Louisiana Chapter at the famed Antoine’s Restaurant – yes, we are going in part to dine at Antoine’s! This Governor also worked with National Treasurer, Tom Jacks, to obtain the Pilgrims mini and table size flags that we are now able to order from National. I am so looking forward to having some Pilgrims flags on display at our Branch Court meetings in Alabama, and to having Tom Jacks as a guest speaker in the near future!

Deborah Whitmore Hicks
Branch Governor

Arkansas Branch

The Arkansas Branch was proud to present at their April 25, 2018 their very first scholarship for a graduating high school senior. The applicants had to write an essay on William Bradford – His Life and Legacy. The five hundred dollar scholarship was awarded to Grace Ann Turner out of the fifteen applicants that applied. Grace is a student of the Arkansas Virtual Academy and has been accepted into Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas in the fall.

We continue to support the Service Dogs of Distinction and have sent a donation of $415.00 to them for their work to provide service dogs to veterans with PTSD and TMI for free.

This fall we plan on gathering items and putting them in shoe boxes wrapped for the holidays for the veterans.

Lisa Winkleman
Branch Governor

California Branch

The California Branch held its annual meeting on March 12, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott in Southern California. The meeting was held with two other Heritage Organizations, California State Society United States Daughters of 1812 and California Court of Assistants, Women Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. The California Branch organized this meeting providing ceramic Pilgrim table centerpieces and Pilgrim “crackers” for each attendee. Officer Reports were given, and two projects were approved: (1) to create a California Branch website and (2) to continue to support the Honor Flight Program in the San Francisco Bay Area. A newly updated California Branch Yearbook was compiled by Branch Secretary Karen Montgomery and distributed to each registered attendee and available to current members unable to attend this meeting via e-mail or U.S. Mail. A delightful program was given by Branch Historian Shirley Arendt on Colonial Toys.

Since our March meeting, Branch Registrar Xan Alexander has received two applications for SDP membership and hopefully they will be approved soon.

Appreciation is expressed to Susan Daniels who read the California Branch Report at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in April 2018, since this officer was unable to attend.

Carole Vercellino
Branch Governor

Colorado Branch

The Colorado Branch met March 11, 2017 at the Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock, Colorado. Officers for the 2017-2019 term were installed by Past Governor Ann Moore.

The Annual Governor's Picnic and meeting was held at the home of Ann and Dale Moore on August 20, 2017. An annotated Roster of Ancestors filed by Colorado Branch members, which was one of the Governor's projects, was completed and copies distributed to members.

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The fall meeting was held at the Eidelweiss Restaurant in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 4, 2017. New membership directories were compiled. Nancy Bale, the Branch's guest presented an informative program on "Old Ironsides: the history of the reconstruction and sailing of the U.S.S. Constitution."

Past Governor Mary E. (Liz) Beu has spent much of the year updating the Colorado branch History, collecting photographs of past governors, and working on a narrative of Branch activities. The Colorado branch welcomed 2 new members this year and is thankful to report no deaths or resignations.

Branch members continue to donate genealogy books to the Genealogy Departments of Denver Public Library, Pikes Peak Library District, and the Pueblo City County Library District, as well as participate in several genealogy workshops.

Noreen Riffe
Branch Governor

Georgia Branch

Branch Governor Robin Towns attended 109th General Court. Georgia Branch filed all annual reports. Membership growth continues with eighteen new members. 2017-2019 Membership Directory, and four issues of The Pilgrim Bond newsletter were published and distributed. Advertisement was placed in 2017 and 2018 DAR State Conference Programs, to publicize Georgia Branch. Board met prior to meetings and an eBoard-meeting procedure was established to conduct business between meetings.

Members provided staff appreciation luncheon for Georgia Archives on October 18th, 2017. Staff enjoyed homemade dishes prepared and served by Branch members. NSSDP Ancestor Roster books were presented to Atlanta History Center; Washington Memorial Library, Macon; Switzer Library, Marietta; Athens Regional Library; Georgia Historical Society, Savannah; and Georgia Archives, Morrow. Wreaths were sponsored for “Wreath Across America,” honoring Veterans’ service to the nation. Branch donated $100 for Georgia Archives membership and sponsored a $500 Georgia Archives internship.

Autumn gala dinner meeting was held on Friday September 8, 2017 at Idle Hour Country Club, Macon. Members experienced an exciting speaker, Dan McMichael, presenting “The Life and Times of Nathanael Greene.”

Winter luncheon meeting was at The Georgia Club, Statham, on February 17, 2018. An historical program on Georgia’s own Moina Michael, “The Poppy Lady,” was presented by Robin Towns, Branch Governor. A US postage stamp commemorating Miss Michael’s service to the nation was presented to each attendee. Memorial Service was presented for two members, Natalie Davis and Hal Dayhuff.

Georgia Branch Pilgrims have worked diligently to accomplish our goals while enjoying bonds of friendship.

Robin R. Towns
Branch Governor

Illinois Branch

The March meeting was at Monarch Landing in Naperville. The program was presented by 1st Deputy Governor's mother, Darlene Weybright. 'Aprons” was a unique, historical, and interesting program.

In April, 4 members attend the 109th General Court in Washington. Member Jane Schleinzer was elected Editor General. On April 15 Lynda Kerstein presented the IL Branch Memorial Wreath in Springfield, IL during the 61st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery to observe the anniversary of President Lincoln's assassination. At this community service event, over 23 patriotic and military groups presented wreaths.

The May meeting was our 10th Anniversary Meeting held at Monarch Landing. We elected and installed our new officers and the program was "The Early Furniture of Our Ancestors," presented by B.A. Church.

The IL Branch participated in the 5th Annual IL Heritage Alliance (IHA) Weekend, with 19 heritage society. It was held September 15-17, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria, IL. Friday night's dinner included a program on genealogy education and DNA from Debbie Jones. Saturday's luncheon included the program "Maryland Dove," presented by Honorary Governor General Carole Belcher. Saturday night's speaker was General U.S. Grant, re-enactor Dan Aughey. We gained 3 new members from this special weekend.

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Our Branch annually publishes a yearbook and two newsletters. Contained in each program and each newsletter is a "Pilgrim Minute" and biography to provide an ongoing education of Pilgrim life in the 1600’s.

It is an honor to serve the National Society and the Illinois Branch NSSDP.

Susan K. Erlick
Branch Governor

Indiana Branch

The Indiana Branch met on May 20, 2017 for our annual business meeting. The meeting was immediately followed by a joint luncheon with the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Indiana, Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Indiana. The speaker was J. Stewart Goodwin, Brigadier General, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director, Indiana War Memorials Commission.

Kevin L. Waldroup, P.E.
Branch Governor

Kentucky Branch

The Kentucky Branch of NSSDP continues to meet in Lexington, Kentucky for spring meetings and Louisville, Kentucky for fall meetings. We emphasize nice venues, tasty food, and entertaining programs. We continue to meet in joint luncheon events with the Kentucky Huguenot Society, alternating planning responsibilities. Many of our attendees have memberships in both groups. We average 25 attendees per meeting.

While the two meeting locations are only 75 miles apart, our aging population that impacts driving has gradually eroded attendance. Therefore, we tend to draw some different members depending on location. Carpool opportunities enable a few members to attend both meeting locations. Efforts to increase membership, including special recruiting efforts, have been unproductive. Therefore, gains and losses essentially offset one another.

The Kentucky Branch is on the front edge of needing to rely on officers serving more than elected one term. It becomes evident that if new officers cannot be encouraged to serve, then at-large status will be considered. Our next change of Branch officers will be April 2019.

Jerry Ford
Branch Governor

Louisiana Branch

This year our branch supports the goals of our National Society. We fostered historical literacy with the donation of books on the lives of our Pilgrims ancestors to school and public libraries. We promoted membership recruitment and genealogical research by donating copies of NSSDP Lineage Book X to genealogy libraries across Louisiana.

We brought an officer of our National Society to our Louisiana Branch luncheon as a guest speaker.

We are proud of our project to plant our presence on the grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol with the planting of the Pilgrims Live Oak in honor of the principles and values our Pilgrim ancestors planted in America. However, our growth is not only evidenced in our Live Oak tree. The Louisiana Branch has grown into one of the largest NSSDP branches in the Gulf South.

Several of our members lend their leadership abilities to our National Society with members serving on the Edison Carr Dayton Fund Committee and as Treasurer General and 2nd Deputy Governor General.

At the 109th General Court in Washington, D.C., the Louisiana Branch had one of the largest state delegations with William Allerton III, Michael P. Schenk, Laura Schenk, Patricia Gallagher, and Lynda Moreau in attendance.

The progress and successes our chapter has seen was not possible without the faithful support of our Branch officers. I want to thank the tireless efforts of our past governor, William Allerton, and our past officers Barbara McManus, Tony Vets, and Kim Morgan for their dedicated leadership and service.

Elizabeth Cheney Sewell
Branch Governor
Maryland Branch

Attendance at the biannual meetings of the Maryland Branch remains strong and congenial. Our June meeting program was author Mr. Denny Lynch presenting “A Survey of the Civil War in Maryland a Personal Reflection” filled with interesting historical details from our local area. Our November program was a series of readings from the book Lessons in Leadership from the War of 1812 by co-authors Mr. Robert Dudley and Dr. Marc A. Desimone who engaged all of us in lively discussion on each of the problem-solving topics presented.

Our members have great energy and are always busy researching, volunteering, and working on projects of historic and patriotic interest. We have such and enjoyable time discussing our endeavors ranging from colonial re-enacting, naturalization ceremonies, wreath laying’s, knitting for veterans, assisting with Freedom Hunter outdoor sporting programs, historical commemoration events, research assistance days, and literacy support programs.

It is with heavy heart that we marked the sad passing of two of our Maryland Branch Honorary Governors, Margaret Isabelle Obert and Granville W. Wehland.

Millicent Jordan
Branch Governor

Massachusetts Branch

The Massachusetts Branch held its Annual Meeting and Court on Friday, December 8, 2018, at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, with nine people in attendance. Our speaker for the evening was Ken Daigler, Author and Retired CIA Agent, speaking about Intelligence in the American Revolution. Dr. David Schrader was re-elected as President, Rev. Brian Marsh re-elected as Treasurer, and Damien Cregeau as Registrar. Dr. Pamela Hall will continue to serve as Secretary. Pending new member, Daniel Simmons was elected Vice-Governor, pending the approval of his membership (since approved).

Dr. David E. Schrader
Branch Governor

Minnesota Branch

The Minnesota Branch presently has 43 members and meets for three luncheon meetings yearly.

For the 2017 meetings, the Branch was fortunate to have outstanding speakers, each presenting on distinctly different subjects:

“The Genealogy of Language” was the topic of Dr. Jeremiah Reedy’s presentation to the 2017 Annual Meeting held at the elegant, historic Woman’s Club of Minneapolis on March 11, 2017. Dr. Reedy, Professor of Classics Emeritus at Macalester College, gave a scholarly address on etymology -- the origin of words and how meanings have changed throughout the centuries. He focused on the role migration across Europe played in such developments.

Dr. Julie L’Enfant, an art historian, spoke at the July 29, 2017 Summer Luncheon at the beautiful Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. She gave a slide presentation focusing on her latest book, Eternal Truths: The Art of Nicholas R. Brewer. In writing about the nationally recognized Minnesota painter who lived from 1857 to 1949, Dr. L’Enfant consulted genealogical materials and Brewer family collections of paintings and photographs.

The Thorstein Veblen Farmstead, a National Historic Landmark in Nerstrand, Minnesota, was the subject of Jonathan Larson’s presentation to the Branch’s Harvest Luncheon on October 28, 2017 at the quaint Muffuletta Café in Saint Paul. Mr. Larson gave a slide presentation about the work he and others did to restore the farmstead to the point of its being awarded Landmark status. He also discussed the life of Thorstein Veblen, the internationally recognized Minnesota economist and sociologist whose best-known work was The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899).

Edward R Lief, Esq
Branch Governor

Nevada Branch

Members participated as the Color Guard for the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century in Reno as well as doing a presentation as part of the Nevada Fife and Drum Corps.
Members did a presentation at local middle schools and elementary schools on Colonial Life in the spring and fall of 2017 along with a demonstration of colonial guns and a Fife and Drum presentation.

Members participated in laying of wreaths and color guard for Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery in Femly, Nevada and at the Indian Cemetery in Fallon Nevada. Members also attended the interment of 19 Veterans whose remains were unclaimed and finally laid to rest in October and have also attended several more of these interments.

Members marched in the Veterans Parade in November in Reno and in Virginia City along with other Heritage organizations.

Members marched in the Memorial Day parade in Reno and in Virginia City along with other Heritage organizations.

Members participated in the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Carson City, NV on Independences day as well as participating in the Fourth of July Parade.

Members attended five Honor Flight Nevada Homecomings and helped present over 161 Quilts of Valor to Nevada Veterans.

Members continue with our white sock program. Donating them to a local thrift store which provides clothing for homeless needy Veterans, individuals and families.

Nevada Southern Branch

Nevada has been hard at work participating in many events over the past year. We are proud to report our results for 2017.

Flag of the United States lapel pins = 638
Pledge of Allegiance = 4,257
American’s Creed = 4,297
American Flags = 599
Flag Codes = 1,656

Flag Day, June 14, 2017 members participated in an annual flag donation to the West Charleston Library in Las Vegas.

Thursday June 29, 2017 a special naturalization ceremony was held at Las Vegas City Hall, as part of the annual Las Vegas “Celebrate America” initiative. Branch Governor, Terry Rubenstein, was a participant reading The American’s Creed to all in attendance.

Independence Day was celebrated by Nevada Southern Branch members joining other lineage societies to participate in the Summerlin Council Annual 4th of July Patriotic Parade.

On Thursday, September 14, 2017 members gathered at the Historic 5th Street School in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada to take part in, a special naturalization ceremony to commemorate Constitution Week and Citizenship Day.

Branch members took part in the Annual Veterans Adaptive Golf Outing at the Eagle Crest Golf Club in Summerlin. Each year ladies prepare a wonderful picnic lunch for the Veterans who then partake in a round of Golf.

Veterans Day was celebrated by participating in the annual Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade, joining other lineage societies making the walk down 4th Street to downtown Las Vegas.

New York Branch

On March 21, 2017 we held our New York Branch meeting, followed by a tour of the Tenement Museum which preserves and interprets immigration through the personal experiences of the generations of newcomers who built new lives in the United States.

Two of our members, Thomas Bird, Councilor, and Mary-Lynne Bird, Elder, represented our branch at the General Court on April 17, 2017.
June 3, 2017 was a meeting and a visit to the New York Historical Society for a docent-led tour of “Saving Washington” that recasts the traditional Founding Fathers’ narrative to consider the less-examined contributions of women whose behind-the-scenes efforts helped implement the Constitution “on the ground.” Despite laws restricting their participation, women sought various avenues for activism and leadership.

A regular meeting of the New York Branch was held Thursday, October 12, 2017, on the porch of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (home of President Theodore Roosevelt). Sagamore Hill was the home of the 26th President from 1885 until his death in 1919. Following the meeting was a docent-led tour of the house.

The separation of the New York and the New York-Upstate Branches was completed. The New York Branch currently has 46 members (one junior member) and one prospective member.

In every issue of the Pilgrim Newsletter we submit a synopsis of our activities. A more in-depth article was published in Volume 102, Number 1, Summer 2017 about “The Tenement Museum, Lower East Side, NYC.”

Kathleen Doty Roberts
Branch Governor

**New York Upstate Branch**

NY-Upstate members in central and western New York are grateful to now have a Branch of the National Society Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims in this area of New York. Currently we have nineteen members, one Associate Member, and a request from a member in another Branch who wishes to transfer his membership to the NY-Upstate Branch. Four prospective members have recently expressed interest in joining the National Society, and they have been sent the NSSDP application and information to begin assembling their proofs. One additional prospective member is now actively working to complete his NSSDP application.

The NY-Upstate Branch's Bylaws have been approved by our Branch membership. NY-Upstate Officers are currently seeking ideas for activities and programs that will be of interest to our membership and possible meetings sites across central NY. In February in Syracuse, NY, several of our NY-Upstate members and our Associate Member attended the annual Heritage Luncheon hosted by the Syracuse Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. This annual event is held to bring area members of national hereditary societies together to commemorate the birthday of George Washington.

Mary Raye Casper
Branch Governor

**North Carolina Branch**

North Carolina Branch Governor Betty Ann Guidry attended the April 16th General Court held in Washington DC on Patriot’s Day. In the morning meeting, she gave our annual report. During the Memorial Service, Marguerite Whitley was remembered, having died June 20th, 2017. At the luncheon, Gov. Guidry sat next to Treasurer General Thomas Jacks and Mr. and Mrs. Damien Cregeau, while hearing a fine talk on the value of belonging to heritage societies. Afterwards, Betty Ann spent a worthwhile afternoon touring the Museum of the Bible.

NC Branch members met March 17th in Raleigh following a shared luncheon and program on Torrence’s Tavern with NCDCW. Gov. Guidry appointed Waydell Bicking as 1st Deputy Governor to fill the term after a resignation. The Memorial time honored two who had died in late 2017, a former branch governor Peg Gibson and Bonnie Becmer. Recognition was given to those having 10th and 20th membership anniversaries. With Elaine Baldasare’s help, an updated directory was distributed by email in May. The edition was dedicated to Marian Reeser for having the longest current membership of 35 years. The next branch event happens in October in Raleigh.
Rhode Island Branch

Our Spring meeting last May was a luncheon with speakers from the College Hill Neighborhood Association and Providence Parks Department who are raising funds and beginning much needed renovations for Prospect Terrace. This site was Beacon Hill and a key part of the system of defense and fortifications of our area during the Revolution. The Rhode Island Branch had it’s annual meeting in September, as usual with a luncheon and a visit to the grave of Dr. Thomas Williams Becknell, in Barrington, RI. For a wreath laying ceremony. At the time the Society was founded, on December 21, 1908, ten gentlemen met in Providence, Rhode Island, at the invitations of Dr. Bicknell. There they organized the Society, which was incorporated in Rhode Island on December 21, 1909. Dr Bicknell died in 1925 at the age of ninety-one. Our January meeting was a no-speaker dinner, with just companionship.

Daniel S. Harrop
Branch Governor

South Carolina Branch

The NSSDP South Carolina Branch Annual Meeting and Luncheon meet on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Tide Pointe Club House on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Our Speaker Peggy Pickett portrayed Dorothy Sinkler Richardson, the widow of Patriot leader General Richard Richardson. She thwarted a British attempt to Capture General Francis Marion--The Swamp Fox.

Our Spring Social was held Saturday April 28, 2018 at Tide Pointe. Robert “Rusty” White spoke on the history of the Rose Hill Plantation.

Our Fall social will be held Saturday, October 27 at Eagles Point Planation Club. Mary Williamson will speak on her ancestor, Pilgrim Governor William Bradford.

Our Branch would like to the National Sons and Daughters of Pilgrim Society for their continue support of the Baynard Mausoleum and Zion Cemetery: Preserving Island History. Please, if you are on the Island it is a wonderful place to visit. Thanks again for your support.

Leveda Keeling
Branch Governor

Southern California Branch

We meet along with other hereditary Societies in January, May, and October for the winter, spring and fall Courts.

We meet with the Colonial Wars-CA, War of 1812-CA, Founders and Patriots-CA, First Families of Maryland, and Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR.

There are usually 40-80 members and guests in attendance.

James F Blauer
Branch Governor
The Texas Branch held its last meeting for the branch year on a high note with a record attendance and a program on the WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots). It was an informative program on the courageous women who served our country. We welcomed six new members and presented each with the current year book. All of our members are special, but we gave a very special welcome to new member, Sarah Kendrick, who celebrated her 98th birthday in April. Kelvin Meyers, local genealogist, developed a program for the TX Branch about Roanoke, the lost Colony. He pointed out several ideas as to the outcome of the people of the Colony. (but of course, did not solve the mystery). We look forward to another year of great programs and meetings.

The Branch Governor attended the 110th General Court in Washington D.C. on April 16 and was pleased to meet the board members she has corresponded with during this year. She also represented the Texas Branch at the state conference of the Colonial Dames 17th Century and the annual convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Branch members were generous in their donations to PatriotPAWS, the Branch Governor’s project.

A call was made to the membership for a webmaster to create a new website. Patricia Martin answered that call and hit the ground running. In two weeks she had all technical needs in place and the first draft ready for review. Another week and it was announced to the membership. It is a beautiful and informative site. Thanks Patricia.

Peggy Anderson
Branch Governor

**Texas South Branch**

Texas South Branch increased 18 members this year. The Texas South Branch of NSSDP, meets annually during lineage week. We meet in in September and February at the Temple Hilton Garden Inn - in Temple Texas, during lineage week. We invite members from other organizations to attend our meeting. We have had a speaker in September and February on the Pilgrims and their landing.

During the past year, we celebrated the landing of our pilgrims with a picnic at Burroughs Park where all attendees brought foods their ancestors would have had for the celebrating of Thanksgiving. The foods varied from fresh homemade breads to soups, turkey, salmon and much more. Our speaker Davena Liepman talked about The Turkey and the foods our pilgrims ate.

Christmas our branch celebrated having a luncheon at the Woodlands Country Club Tournament Players Course. The room was full of fun and an exciting gift exchange!

Our officers changed in February 2018 and we are delighted Mrs. Mary Webster Glenn is the new branch governor.

Janisue Rigel
Branch Governor

**Virginia Branch**

Virginia Branch has 98 members and meets twice a year. Our meetings are both congenial and informative. Our speaker at the October meeting was Keith D. MacKay, Executive Director of the Wilton House Museum in Richmond, home of the Randolph family. The Randolph family entertained some of colonial Virginia’s most elite social and political figures, including George Washington shortly. In March we heard Andrew Och, the “First Ladies Man,” and author of "Unusual for Their Time: On the Road with America's First Ladies." Along with C-SPAN and the White House Historical association, he is responsible for one of the largest collections of material and information about this unique group of women ever assembled.

In October we collected over $750 in donations for hospitalized veterans at the DC VA Medical Center. Our donations were used to assemble comfort kits. In March we collected over $1,250 worth of clothing and donations for The Final Salute, which benefits homeless female veterans.

The Virginia Branch Yearbook is continually being updated and is distributed by email and posted on Virginia Branch’s website. We have also compiled a list of Virginia Branch ancestors, which is also posted on the website. Our website has also been very useful in attracting prospective members interested in NSSDP.

Donna Callison Hall
Branch Governor
The meeting of the Virginia South Branch was held at Shadwell’s Restaurant in Charlottesville, VA in June. Governor Paradiso welcomed those in attendance and announced that Nancy Maune was appointed Parliamentarian and Lila Housden was appointed Recording Secretary, replacing Sharon K. Stine.

Treasurer, Robert Odom complimented our Branch on their donations to National Projects. Registrar, Anne Winn, reported the Virginia South Branch now had 27 members; 2 associate members; 3 dual members; and 17 prospective members.

Governor Paradiso reported on the General Court meeting in Washington, DC on April 17, 2017 at the University Club. Branch delegates Sharon Stine and Carla Odom were in attendance, as were Branch Governor, Constance Paradiso, Branch Treasurer, Robert Odom, and branch member, Anne Williams. Two South Branch members now hold National Office: Carla Odom is the Recording Secretary General and Anne Williams is the Elder General.

Governor Paradiso passed the gavel engraved with the Branch name and the name of Organizing Governor, Sharon Stine, for members to admire.

Author, Mr. Marc Leepson spoke on the life of Francis Scott Key, author of the National Anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner. The October 14th, 2017 meeting of the Virginia South Branch, was at Hanover Tavern, in Hanover, Virginia. Registrar, Anne Winn, gave her report. Virginia South Branch has 29 members; 3 dual members and 2 associate members. We added 4 new members since March 15, 2017.

National Delegates were elected, and Dr. Charles Errico presented the program “Outstanding Leadership of the Founding Fathers in the American Revolution.”

Constance Paradiso
Branch Governor

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The names you’re pinpointing are the ancestors of our new members and new supplementals. To see your ancestor’s name in the next puzzle, get your supplementals in to our Registrar General, Tom Chrisman.

Tomchrisman1@aol.com

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Address Change       Marriage, Divorce &/or Name Change       Resigned       Resigned/Dropped
Date: Phone &/or Email Change       Death       ________________  ________________  ________________
Transfer TO Branch/ MAL: ________________  ________________  ________________
Other (list) ________________  ________________  ________________

Effective Date of change(s) OR Date of Death: _________________________________________

National #: ________________ Branch Name or MAL: ________________ Member’s Branch #: ________________
Member’s Full Name: _________________________________________________________________
Current or New Address: ______________________________________________________________
New Phone # &/or Email: ______________________________________________________________

Divorce/Marriage/ Date & or Name Change: _____________________________________________
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DEATH (list date above) _____________________________________________________________
(Provide Name, Death Date, Nat’l#, Branch Name/MAL/LMAL, Member’s Branch # above)

ORIGINAL ANCESTOR: ________________________________________________________________
LIST MEMBER’S SERVICE AS A BRANCH GOVERNOR, ORGANIZING BRANCH GOVERNOR AND/OR NATIONAL OFFICES
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POSITION Branch DATES SERVED (FROM/TO)
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If possible, please include a copy of the obituary to the Elder General only.

Change Submitted by: _______________________________________________ Date: ________________
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