



Actor Kevin Stonerock to be Featured Speaker at Fall Luncheon

Kevin will present his interpretation of a Pilgrim forefather at the Fall luncheon, Saturday, November 18, 2006. Kevin is very thorough in his character development and has spent time over the summer preparing for this presentation; he has done research at the Plimoth Plantation Museum. He will be in period dress. In addition to his portrayal of a Pilgrim for us, he will be presenting this same program in schools throughout Indiana. Plan on coming to this educational program at Noon.

Cost of the Thanksgiving luncheon will be \$25.00 for adults or \$12.50 for children 10 years of age and under. Pre-paid reservations are due by Thursday, November 16 and can be mailed to Jane Moore, 805 E 82nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46240-2303. Last minute cancellations can be made by contacting Jane Moore, 317-255-9527 or moorein7@aol.com.

At the November meeting be sure to stop by the front table where you will be able to pick up your new roster of the Mayflower members. Binders will also be available for purchase.

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Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Awards

Three outstanding high school students received scholarship awards at the April 22 Spring Luncheon, which was held at the Woodstock Club in Indianapolis. One of these students was home schooled in Indiana, another graduated from an Indianapolis high school, and the third graduated from a North Carolina high school. All three are now college students – two in Indiana, the third in North Carolina. Those receiving awards are:



Deanna Pike, Indianapolis, IN, Lawrence North High School, \$1500. She is the granddaughter of Society member

Marjorie Pike and is a descendant of Mayflower passenger John Howland. Deanna is attending Purdue University and plans to major in Management with emphasis in Marketing.



Penelope Gelwicks, Fishers, IN, home schooled, \$1500. She is the granddaughter of

Society member Robert Hessong, and is descended from Mayflower passenger George Soule. Penelope is attending The King's College in New York City and plans to major in a mix of Politics, Philosophy and Economics.



Della Hayden, Wake Forest, NC, Wakefield High School, \$1000. She is the granddaughter of Society member Robert McDougal and is descended from

Mayflower passenger Richard Warren. She is attending the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and is majoring in Pharmacy.

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Thanksgiving Member Meeting

**Saturday
Nov 18, 2006
90th Anniversary
Celebration**

**Kevin Stonerock
Pilgrim Actor**

Governor's Message

By Robert Marr, Jr.—Indiana Society Governor

Dear Fellow Members,

It is impressive to note that our Indiana Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. We are going to mark this event at our Fall Member Meeting (Saturday, November 18) with some special activities, which will include a brief auction of some exquisite Mayflower memorabilia donated by members. Auction proceeds will benefit the Scholarship and Education Fund.

Our speaker at this year's meeting will be Kevin Stonerock. Kevin for some years has been presenting historical character programs in Indiana schools. One may remember Kevin from the program he presented to us at one of our Fall Member Meetings several years ago. He came to us in the character of an 18th century fur trapper and was very convincing and entertaining. Our Board of Assistants voted to have Kevin

research and develop a Pilgrim personage to present the story of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower to offer schools. The program is being well received, and we are pleased to have another messenger to carry an accurate portrayal of the struggles and values of our ancestors to today's youth.

We are also pleased to announce that the new Membership Directory is ready for distribution. Copies will be passed out to those attending the Fall Meeting and mailed to everyone else. Our Fall Meeting is at Woodstock Club once again and hope you will plan to attend. See you then.

Best regards,

Robert

Robert M. Marr
Governor

Indiana Mayflower Society Descendants

The Nominating Committee has proposed and the Board of Assistants has approved the following slate of officers and board members for the Year 2006. Election will be held at our November 18, 2006 meeting.

Governor	Robert Marr
Deputy Governor	Jack Buck
Secretary	Mary Kuhlman
Recording Secretary	Jane Stigleman
Surgeon	Dr. Gilbert Barnes
Captain	Dale Buck
Elder	Robert Hessong
Historian	Lynne Orvis
Assistant Historian	Marilyn Phillips
Junior Historian	Jane Stigleman
Treasurer	Graham Morey
Assistant Treasurer	Richard Gould

The following members were nominated to the Board of Assistants Class of 2009 to be elected 11-06 to 11-09 Barbara Henderson, Marsha Reynolds, Janice Swartz and Jessica Buck

Board of Assistants Class of 2007 elected 11-04 to 11-07
Virginia Hayes, E. Laura Stocker and Spencer Lerch

Board of Assistants Class of 2008 elected 11-05 to 11-08
Doris Austin, Linda McGlothlin and Don Hattin

Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Awards

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To this year's scholarship recipients we extend warmest congratulations, best wishes for success and happiness in their college and university coursework, and in all career endeavors.

The significance of our scholarship program to youthful descendants of Mayflower passengers is evinced by a tally of awards made to date. As of April 2006, the Indiana Society has made 31 awards – 20 to young women and 11 to young men. For this important undertaking we hope for continued enthusiastic support from our members, whose anticipated contributions will be added to the generous \$6000 scholarship endowment received recently as a bequest from the estates of our greatly missed friends, Don and Betty Goss.

New Members November 2005 through March 2006

From Historian Lynne Orvis

Ancestor: **BRADFORD**
Thomas James Cagnassola
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 3 Apr 2006
John Patrick Cagnassola
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 3 Apr 2006
Andrew Gregory Cagnassola
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 3 Apr 2006
William Quinn Cagnassola
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 3 Apr 2006
Lindsey Jane Felton Blum
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 12 May 2006
Victoria Anne Felton Blum
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 12 May 2006
Michael Lawrence Blum
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 12 May 2006
Margaret Lynn (Felton) Blum

Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 12 May 2006

Ancestor: **BREWSTER**
David Michael Camp
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved: 1 May 2006

Ancestor: **DOTY**
Terry Lee Smith
 Goodland, IN
 Approved 6 Jun 2006
Meeghan Nichole Smith
 Goodland, IN
 Approved 15 Aug 2006
Terrah Michelle Smith
 Indianapolis, IN
 Approved 15 Aug 2006

Ancestor: **FULLER**
Ronald Dean Longley
 South Bend, IN
 Approved 12 Sep 2006

Ancestor: **HOWLAND**
Sarah Elizabeth (Craig) Richard
 Matthews, IN
 Approved 12 Apr 2006
Suzanne (Hall) Trisler
 Bloomington, IN
 Approved 29 Sep 2006
Stella (Needy) Franklin
 Bloomington, IN
 Approved 29 Sep 2006

Ancestor: **SOULE**
Jeremy Michael Courter
 Cincinnati, OH
 Approved: 20 Mar 2006
Rosemary (Maya) Reszel
 Ft Wayne, IN
 Approved 10 Apr 2006

Ancestor: **WARREN**
Jeffrey Scott Ton
 Carmel, IN
 Approved: 3 Apr 2006

Supplemental Approved

Roberta (Reno) Caito
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson
 Gary Eugene Rutherford
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson
 Roberta (Reno) Caito
 Valeria Reckert
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson
 Donna (Hatch) Sharp
 Kathleen (Walton) Fruit
 Valeria Reckert
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson
 Kathleen (Walton) Fruit
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson
 Gary Eugene Rutherford
 Valeria Reckert
 Cynthia (Goss) Johnson

Ancestor: Cooke
 Ancestor Allerton
 Ancestor Howland
 Ancestor Brown
 Ancestor: Hopkins
 Ancestor: Samson
 Ancestor Cooke
 Ancestor Chilton
 Ancestor Cooke
 Ancestor: Warren
 Ancestor Eaton
 Ancestor Howland
 Ancestor Hopkins
 Ancestor Tilly
 Ancestor Chilton
 Ancestor Standish

Approved 20 Mar 2006
 Approved 27 Mar 2006
 Approved 6 Apr 2006
 Approved 3 Apr 2006
 Approved 8 May 2006
 Approved 8 May 2006
 Approved 11 May 2006
 Approved 22 May 2006
 Approved 6 Jun 2006
 Approved 14 Jun 2006
 Approved 15 Jun 2006
 Approved 17 Jul 2006
 Approved 27 Jul 2006
 Approved 28 Jul 2006
 Approved 6 Sep 2006
 Approved 7 Sep 2006

Mayflower Annual Celebrations From Scrapbook Clippings

As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, some interesting accounts of past celebrations can be found in the Society's scrapbooks and the Anniversary Gold Book from 1966.

Looking back ninety years to the 1916 founding of this Society, one reads about many of the movers and shakers of Indianapolis and Indiana society.

The following excerpt provides interesting reading. This information was shared with the Society members at our Sixtieth Annual celebration:

Organization – Charter. Mrs. Crismore has Charter here. Mrs. Minnie Coffin Murphy called charter members to an organization meeting at her home on N. Penn, Indpls Apr 14, 1916 at 8:00 PM. 14 present (First Meeting). The Constitution and By-Laws Adopted – Dr. Edward Hodges was elected Gov. First Annual Meeting Nov. 21- 1916 at the home of Mrs. Laura Hodges – 10 members present, the first

Governor and Deputy Governor had died. Dr. Fletcher Hodges was elected Governor. 5 new members were elected. First Annual Banquet held at Claypool Feb 2 1917 – 60 present. There were to be monthly meetings: March 13 – 1917 [and] April 10 – 1917. War interrupted monthly meetings. Mr. Minturn who organized Indiana Society resigned as Historian. He entered the Army and was sent to Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky. Mrs. B. W. Gillespie elected Historian (Mother of Bryant Gillespie & grandmother of our Elder Rev. Gillespie).

The Society's records also indicate that there were no public meetings for the duration of the First World War. The next annual dinner was held at the Columbia Club in December 1919. In January 1920, the Society voted to ask school children of the State to contribute one penny each to raise Indiana's contribution to a National Fund to buy Cole's Hill and erect a memorial there. Cole's Hill is where half of the Pilgrims who died in 1620 were buried. Although the children's pennies were not collected due to some opposition in the community, the Society ultimately donated \$400 towards the \$25,000 cost of the memorial.

In 1920 the Indiana Society celebrated the Tercentenary of the Mayflower landing at Plymouth. A formal banquet was given at the Claypool Hotel in December and the guest of honor was Maj. General Leonard Wood, Governor General of the Society. The Fiftieth through Eightieth Annual meetings were held at the Propylaeum in 1966, 1976, 1986 and 1996.

Founding Members



1ST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT - Mrs. Bryant W. Gillespie, aka Laura Ann (Milam) Gillespie, 1926 – 1929, William C. Smith, 1928 – 1931, Mrs. Tilden F. Greer, aka Mary Delphina (Smith) Greer, 1938-1941, Dr. Edward F. Hodges, 1916-1916, Joseph Allen Minturn, Governor Emeritus, 1925, 1819-1921
2ND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT - Edger H. Evans, Assistant Deputy, Governor General, 1939, Dr. Fletcher Hodges, 1916, William E. Osborn, 1923 – 1926, Mrs. Charles Albert Gall, aka Mary Eliza (Pearce) Gall, Deputy Governor General, 1939, Mrs. Sidney J. Hatfield, aka Catharine (Peckinpough) Hatfield, 1931 – 1933
3RD ROW LEFT TO RIGHT - Rev. George S. Southworth, 1935 – 1937, Arlie L. Rigsbee, 1921 – 1922, Mrs. Edward F. Hodges, aka Laura (Fletcher) Hodges, 1922 – 1923, Halford W. Howland, 1937 – 1939, Mrs. Fred Hoke, aka Katharine (Cushman) Hoke, 1933 – 1935

Pilgrim Heritage Sunday to Honor Pilgrims

Your pew is reserved. The drum is calling you to worship at First Congregational Church, 7171 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, on Pilgrim Heritage Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. Every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving the church welcomes members of the Indiana Mayflower Society to attend worship and then stay for a traditional dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. The cost of the meal is only \$8 per person. To make a reservation, call the church office by Monday, November 13 at 317-257-5397 or send email to www.fcc.indy.org.

2007	
March 17	Board Meeting
April 21	Member Meeting
Sept 14-16	National Board Meeting in Orlando FL
September 22	Board Meeting
November 17	Member Meeting



Peggy Turner has generously donated a sterling silver commemorative plate for auction at the November 2007 General Meeting. The winning bidder will receive a silver plate, which comes with its original box and certificate of authenticity. The plate is solid sterling silver and is Limited Edition #484 (1978). The reverse side reads: "Official General Society of Mayflower Descendants Plate" 8.25 inches in diameter Front side: gives the dates 1620 & 1897 and General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Any income from the auction will benefit the Society's Scholarship Fund.

Happy 50th Anniversary Mayflower II

2007 is the year to visit Plymouth, MA. Join Plimoth Plantation and the Town of Plymouth for a year-long celebration commemorating Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary. Plan your 2007 visit at ww.plimoth.org. And be sure to watch "The Untold Story of the Mayflower" on the History Channel on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 8 pm ET.



IN MEMORIAM

We have received notification of the deaths of the following members. Our deep condolences go to the families and friends of each of these Pilgrim "cousins:"

In Memoriam from Lynne M. Orvis, Historian

IN-801 Mildred L. (Sheley) Volkman
 DOB: 26 May 1922 - DOD: 15 May 2005
 Muncie, Delaware, IN
 Membership Approved 8/18/1977
 Ancestors: Howland and Warren

IN-984 Eleanor C. (Humes) Gray
 DOB: 3 Feb 1924 - DOD: 7 Jul 2006
 Martinsville, Indiana
 Membership Approved: 7/19/1984
 Ancestor: Edward Doty

IN-1034 Marmaduke A. Hobbs
 DOB: 18 Sep 1911 - DOD: 23 Aug 2006
 Salem, Indiana
 Membership Approved: 27 Oct 1987
 Ancestor: Myles Standish

Surprise Gift Received from Betty and Don Goss

Betty and Don Goss traveled from Bloomington to the Woodstock Club at Indianapolis many times over the years for board and member meetings. They also worked at home to serve our Indiana Society. Betty was Historian until her illness. Don was on the Scholarship Committee and he was editor of the newsletter. You may recall seeing Don, with a smile, taking notes and interviewing people for the newsletter. No matter what was happening with Betty and Don, the newsletter was always accurate and on time. These are the major ways which they served our society. Both did countless small acts which enabled our society to function smoothly.

Don and Betty were devoted to each other. Don brought Betty to meetings as long as she was able to come, sometimes with the help of their daughter Cindy Goss Johnson. We knew that Betty and Don loved their family, were proud that two grandsons were scholarship recipients, were proud of their Mayflower ancestors, worked for

our society, and that they cared greatly about our Indiana Society. Betty Jean Soule Goss passed away on September 19, 2005. Donald Carlton Goss passed away on December 23, 2005. The



Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants was surprised and touched to find that Betty and Don left six thousand dollars to our society. We are grateful for this gift which will be placed in the Scholarship Fund. The Indiana Society misses Betty and Don and will long remember their devotion to each other as well as to the Indiana Society. Our condolences go to the Goss family.

Submitted by Sarah Weddle



New members: Rosemary Reszel, Donna Hatch Sharp, Susan Courter, Amanda Deal Cash, Rachel Deal Hill

Date: April 22, 2006

Scholarship Application for 2007 Enclosed!

If you have children or grandchildren that are eligible for college, we would like to urge them to apply.



Scholarship Winners Deanna Pike and Penelope Gelwicks with Allen Pickard and Don Hattin. Not pictured is scholarship winner Della Hayden.

Date: April 22, 2006



The Cleveland Family reunion was held June 29, 2006 to July 2, 2006 at Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana. Sixty one descendants of Irvin Lesle and Merna Cleveland (George Soule) attended including 12 members of the Indiana Mayflower Society. Relatives stayed at the Potawatomi Inn and activities centered around the Warming Center next to the toboggan run, the Inn, the CCC shelter and Lake James. Highlights included a "home cooked" Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday evening and the wedding on the deck overlooking the lake of our cousin's granddaughter. Other activities included Uncle Bub's play, a circle of families, Mayflower Bingo, Cleveland car game, cookouts, pontoon rides, scavenger

hunts, Frisbee, bean bag toss and getting acquainted and re-acquainted. The next reunion will be held in June 2009 at Pokagon. Indiana Mayflower members who attended were: Barbara Lehman Henderson 2nd row 5th from left standing, Jerry Henderson back row 2nd from left, Paul Henderson back row 3rd from left, Naomi Henderson, 4th row 6th from right, Virginia Lehman Henderson 2nd row kneeling right end, Susan Hayes Courter 2nd row 2nd from left, Jeremy Courter 3rd row right end, Ben Courter front row 2nd from left, Sasha Henderson 3rd row 2nd from left. Judie, Craig, Keila & Henry Huss not pictured.

Submitted by Virginia "Ginny" Hayes

Mrs. & Mr. Daniel Green - Mrs. Green won the door prize at the Spring Luncheon. The Greens live in Carmel, IN. Daniel Green has been a Mayflower member since 1973 and his ancestor is William Brewster.



Date: April 22, 2006

New member:
Clarissa Eckert



Please update us with any changes in your families status – change of address, change of name or any deaths. Did you know that if you mail in a copy of a death certificate or obit to Historian Lynne Orvis that it will be forwarded to Plymouth and placed in your family history record?

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO:

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and

Jane Stigelman, jstigi@insightbb.com.

**MENU FOR FALL LUNCHEON
NOVEMBER 18 AT THE
WOODSTOCK COUNTRY CLUB:**

Adults: Mixed green salad, sliced turkey breast with mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing and green beans, cranberry relish, rolls & butter and pumpkin tart with whipped cream.

Children: Fruit cup, chicken fingers and fries, pumpkin tart. Coffee, tea or lemonade

Mayflower Ties will be available at the Nov 18 luncheon for a cost of \$45. To purchase one, please see Treasurer Morey Graham.



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