



# The Missouri Compact

## A WORD FROM OUR GOVERNOR, KEITH MORRIS

A welcome spring-like day greeted the many volunteers on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 for the annual Wreaths Across America day at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Volunteers included members of the Missouri Society as well as the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the Gold Star Mothers, the Patriot Guard Riders and many others.

As your Governor, I spoke to the assembly on behalf of the Missouri Society about the sacrifices of our ancestors and how we today can honor those who continue to fight for our freedoms.

Please join me on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 as we again volunteer to remember those that have gone before us in the cause of freedom, honor those that are currently serving and teach the next generation that freedom is never free.

### "MIDDLE-OF-MISSOURI" - MO SOCIETY SPRING LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd 2016 - 11:30 am - JACK'S GOURMET RESTAURANT

1902 Business Loop 70E, COLUMBIA, MO

## Great Program - Meet Scholarship Winners - Great Food!

This is the time to congregate with your cousins conveniently in the middle of the Missouri. Enjoy "**Reflections of Change**" presented by **Dr. Mary Ellen McVicker**, Professor at Moberly Community College - a topic covering 17th and 18th century tombstones as examples of high life style..

Mark your calendar and make your reservations now to attend this annual Spring Luncheon. Mail check for \$21 payable to Missouri Mayflower Society to: Mrs. **Joan Gooding**, Treasurer, 10538 Alswell Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128-2601. Add your meal choice of either Grilled Salmon or Roast Beef in the memo of your check. Deadline for reservations - **April 19, 2016**



## Welcome our Newest Members

22 Oct 2015 #1017 **Louise Esther (Brown) White**, 13th in descent from *William Brewster*

22 Oct 2015 #1018 **Virginia Ruth (Brown) (Baker) Keenan**, 13th in descent from *William Brewster*

26 Oct 2015 #1019 **Glenn Erwin**, 11th in descent from *John Alden*

26 Oct 2015 #1020 **Patricia Evalyn (Smith) Berry**, 11th in descent from *John Tilley*

3 Nov 2015 #1021 **Catherine Marie (Eggers) Humeniak**, 11th in descent from *John Howland*

3 Nov 2015 #1022 **Nancy Lee (Goddard) Stark**, 13th in descent from *William Brewster*

25 Nov 2015 #1023 **Anissa Nicole (Brindley) Andres**, 12th in descent from *John Alden*

4 Dec 2015 #1024 **Janet Elizabeth (Gifford) Sievel**, 11th in descent from *Francis Cooke*

8 Dec 2015 #1025 **Marcia (Lane) McDonald**, 12th in descent from *Francis Eaton*

8 Dec 2015 #1026 **Jessica Joy Simmons**, 12th in descent from *George Soule*

19 Jan 2016 #1027 **Barbara Ann (Wenner) Duffy**, 13th in descent from *Francis Cooke*

29 Jan 2016 #1028 **Barbara Alice (Gilland) Asdell**, 12th in descent from *William Brewster*

29 Jan 2016 #1029 **Helen Marie (Geller) Weissler**, 12th in descent from *William Bradford*

### Supplemental's:

#1013 **Bernice Carol (Stocker) Lindberg**, added *Elizabeth Tilley*, *John Howland*, and *John Tilley*.

### Transfers:

**Charles Edward Healy** #738 from MO Society to UT Society 20 Oct 2015

**Dr. Robert F. Curtis**, #916 from MO Society to MS 12 Nov 2015

## The countdown to the 400th anniversary of Plymouth is on!

The anniversary celebration is coming up in 2020. Rediscover the partnership formed between the Wampanoag Nation and the Pilgrims, and commemorate the vibrant community that continues to thrive after four centuries. It's an American story and a national Legacy.

## Crime and Punishment In Plymouth Colony

Immigrant ancestor, **William Almy**, first resided in Lynn in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In 1637 he was one of ten men that Plymouth Colony granted the right to settle enough land in Sandwich (on Cape Cod) for three score families.

As William was a resident of Plymouth Colony for a period of time, I thought you might be interested in Plymouth Colony life. The following is from *Pilgrim News*, the newsletter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Nebraska.

"Many of the court records from the Plymouth Colony still exist today, dating back as early as 1623 and continuing through the end of the Colony in 1691. By examining the laws and the prescribed punishments in the court records, we can get a better understanding of how the judicial system of the Pilgrims worked, as well as the social and religious values maintained by the Pilgrims."

"There were five crimes that were punishable by death in Plymouth Colony. They were (1) treason or rebellion; (2) "willful" murder; (3) making a compact with Satan, including witchcraft; (4) arson of houses or ships; and (5) rape. Trial was always by a jury of 12 peers. When Indians were tried, the jury usually consisted of Christianized Indians to avoid the appearance of bias. Serious crimes were usually investigated by a grand jury, which on rare occasions contained women members."

"The remaining crimes were generally punished with a fine, a public whipping, or sitting in the public stocks." The following presents a sample of criminal offenses and the associated punishment or fine, taken from pre-1650 court records of Plymouth.

### **Adultery --**

severely whipped on two separate occasions, one in public, and to wear the capital letters AD sewn on back of upper garment or sleeve.

### **Fornication --**

Unmarried couple who refuse to get married after incident: whipping, fine of £10, and three or less days in prison. Unmarried couple who agree to get married : £10 fine, but no whipping. Couple already engaged to be married at time of incident: fine of 50 shillings.

### **Cursing God --**

Three hours (or less) in the public stocks.

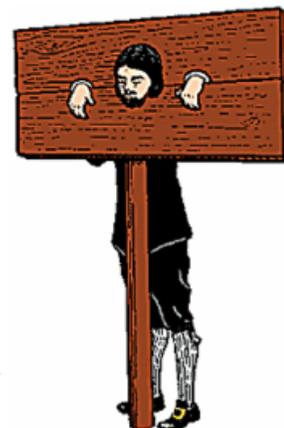
### **Lying in public --**

Fine of 10 shillings. If can't pay, then 2 hours in stocks.

### **Stealing --**

Repay double the value of what was stolen, or be publicly whipped.

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**Getting drunk** -- Fined, value to be determined by the magistrates.

**Gambling with dice or cards** -- Fine of 40 shillings.

**Tearing down or burning someone's fence** -- Rebuild the fence, plus a 50 shilling fine for first offense, £5 fine for second offense.

**Defacing a landmark** -- Fine ranging from 20 shillings to £5, depending on severity.

**Wearing visors or other "strange apparel"** -- Fine of 50 shillings.

**Smoking tobacco in public, or near hay (soldiers exempted)** -- first offense, 12 pence. Second offence, 2 shillings.

**Failing to attend church** -- 10 shilling fine.

**Working (laboring) on Sunday** -- 10 shilling fine.

**Traveling on Sunday** -- 20 shilling fine.

*Borrowed from Pilgrim News, The newsletter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Nebraska via Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, "The Canadian Pilgrim" 15 September 2015*

### The Clothing Project

The Mayflower Education Gazette has wonderful information on how to make a period outfit for your Colony, State, or the next BOA meeting. Volume I, Issue I has detailed instructions for the apron. Issue II has the skirt and men's breeches. You can get the coif and felt hat from Plimoth Plantation (on line). Issue III doesn't seem to be available. Issue IV has the women's waistcoat. It also has a picture of ancestors who have created their own outfits. Light weight wool, linen or linen-weight cotton, and muslin are suggestions for fabric choices. Let's have fun and do this! The Greater Ozark Colony was the inspiration, and the Junior's Mayflower Education Gazette is a wonderful help. You will need to *Google* Mayflower Education Gazette to get the information.



<http://michmayflower.org/education.htm>

**Susan Nitzsche**

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Donations are being accepted for the Scholarship Fund. Send to:

**Joan Gooding**, 10538 Alswell Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128-2601.

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## Colony News

Greater Ozark Colony held its Fall Luncheon on October 10, 2015 at the Heritage Cafeteria in Springfield. The Speaker was Colony Governor **Sandra Walker**. The Greater Ozark Colony will hold its next luncheon on March 12, 2016 - Heritage Cafeteria, Springfield



**The Heart of America Colony** will meet for its Spring Dinner on May 7th at 4:30 pm at the Places Restaurant in John Knox Village, Lee's Summit. The program will be a Power-Point presentation of Mayflower meeting's photos from 2011 to present. These are compiled from the collections of both Gov. **Marietta Boenker** and professional photographer **George Hardy**. In addition, we will hold the installation of our new officers for 2016-2018.

Mail \$18 for reservations to: **Susan Nitzsche**, 17529 E. 36th St. Ct. S, Independence, MO 64055-3977

## 2020 COMMEMORATIVE COIN ALERT

**OUR GSMD COIN PROJECT IS NOW BEFORE THE US LEGISLATURE AND YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

GSMD's request to have the US Mint issue a series of commemorative coins recognizing the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage is now before Congress. If you would like to see this become a reality, contact your Representatives and Senators today! Keep reading for directions on how you can tell your Senators and Congressional Representatives that you support this project.

**Here is the challenge to each of you - we need 287 US Congress members and 67 US Senators to sign on as co-sponsors.** Only two coins are minted each year. There are already a handful of applications and there are sure to be more, so we need you to help rally the support needed to move this project forward. We can do this!

On July 8, 2015, bills were introduced in the House of Representatives and Senate in support of our 2020 Commemoration coin proposal. Both bills are titled "A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of arrival of the Pilgrims," and we are requesting that members of Congress to become co-sponsors. This is a non-partisan effort, and we anticipate support from many members on both sides of the aisle.

### The Bills

**HR. 2980** is sponsored by Representative Bill Foster (D-IL) of the US House. If you express support for this bill to your Representatives, there is a much stronger chance of reaching the 287 co-sponsors needed. We need members from our member societies all across the country to contact your representatives and garner their support. We encourage all of our members, including junior members, to send emails or write letters in support of this legislation. If you don't know who your US Representatives are, you can find them at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) by entering your zip code.

**S.1715** is sponsored by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) in the US Senate. Again, there is a much better chance of reaching 67 co-sponsors if Senators hear from you. We are asking for all our members to email or write to their US Senators as soon as possible to obtain their support. Find contact information for your Senators at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

By selecting sponsors from both the Democratic and Republican parties, we are emphasizing the bipartisan support we wish to engage.

### How You Can Help

[Send a Letter to your Representative in Congress](#)

[Send a Letter to your Senator](#)

(continued from previous page) Template letters to send to your Representatives and Senators are available on our website and in this issue, or write your own message to express your support and ask your representatives to become co-sponsors. If you write your own letter, be sure to include a reference to **HR.2980** for US Representatives or **S.1715** for US Senators. Thanks to everyone who shows their support by sending a letter, and thanks also to the Illinois Society for spearheading this 2020 effort!

George Garmany  
Assistant Governor General  
Chair, GSMD 2020 Committee

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### ATTENTION MISSOURI SOCIETY MEMBERS

Missouri has 2 senators and 8 representatives, none of them has signed on as a “co-sponsor” of S.1715 or H.R. 2980. GSMD is striving to convince 2/3 of the house and senate to sign on as “co-sponsors” so the coin bill can skip the floor vote. To say that he or she will “vote” for the bill is not enough. We encourage you Missouri members to contact his/her senator/representative. Because of security concerns after 9/11, e-mails are preferred. Attached are some sample letters and information on the coin project.

You can find contact information for your representatives/senators at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/MO>

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### Sample letter for Senators

Subject: S.1715 Co-sponsorship

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to request that you cosponsor S.1715, “A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of arrival of the Pilgrims.” The bill was initially sponsored by Sen. John Hoeven and introduced on 7/8/2015. Such coins will honor the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower Pilgrims on our shores. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has over 28,000 proud members who descend from the Pilgrims and this will help us with our mission to educate the public about this important part of American history.

In 1620 a small group of barely one hundred souls arrived to establish the first permanent settlement in New England. They brought with them ideals that far surpassed their numerical significance. Their new community of Plymouth can fairly be called the first home of religious freedom in the New World. Furthermore, their establishment of a “civil body politic” through the Mayflower Compact that they signed before landing set a precedent for self-governance that remains vital to this day.

It is important to note that this legislation has bipartisan support. Sen. Hoeven (R-ND), represents one party and the House Sponsor of the corresponding bill, Rep. Bill Foster, (D-IL) represents the other. You may contact staff  
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member Tyler Hardy in Sen. Hoeven’s office to find out the details of this bill. Won’t you please join Senator Ho- even as a co-sponsor of this bill?

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely yours,

(Your Name)

(Your Town)

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### Sample letter to Representatives

Re: H.R. 2980, the “Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act”

Dear Congressman \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to urge you to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 2980, the “Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act.” The proposed coin will honor the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Proceeds from a surcharge on the sale of these coins will assist the financing of the educational, scholarship, and out-reach programs of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

There are numerous reasons to honor and commemorate the voyage of the Mayflower. The arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620 is a keystone event in American history, one that is studied by almost every grade school student in the country. And the manner of their arrival was the impetus for one of the foundational documents of our system of government: the Mayflower Compact.

Having arrived north of the boundary of their official charter, fare-paying Mayflower passengers (called “Strangers” by the separatist Pilgrims) suggested that the charter’s authority no longer applied to them. The ensuing crisis led to the signing of Mayflower Compact, establishing a “civil body politic.” The Mayflower Compact is widely considered our nation’s original written expression of the principle of self-government, with influence that extends to both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Every American - regardless of their own country of origin, faith tradition, or personal family history - is the beneficiary of this legacy.

Please contact the bill’s introducer, Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL), or Mr. Gary Timmins in his office, to indicate your desire to co-sponsor H.R. 2930. The companion bill in the Senate, S.1715, is sponsored by Senator John Ho- even (R-ND)

Thank you very, very much for your kind consideration of this resolution.

Very truly yours,

(Your Name)

(Your Town)

(It is suggested that this letter is the best way to reach your Congressman)

Dear (*insert name of Congressional staff*),

My name is (*insert name*) and I am a resident of the State of (*insert state name*). I am also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in the State of (*insert state name*).

Founded in 1897, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. There are well over 10 million Americans who are Mayflower descendants. Our membership consists of 30,000 individuals who can trace their direct lineage from one of the passengers who travelled to America on the *Mayflower* in 1620.

As you may know, Congressional Coin Bills have been introduced in the House by Rep. Foster (IL) and in the Senate by Senator Hoeven (ND). The bills direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

Congressional coin bills are relatively routine. Some examples of previously passed coin bills include the commemoration of the bicentennial of Congress as well as a coin honoring Boys Town. Coin bills are revenue-neutral and will not be an additional burden on the American taxpayer.

Proceeds from the surcharge of the sale of coins will be shared with the Wampanoag Nation, designated not-for-profit organizations in Plymouth and all 50 GSMD State Societies and the Canadian Society. The proceeds will be used to fund educational, scholarship and outreach programs to help keep alive the incredible history of the Pilgrims – including a 50 year peace treaty with the Wampanoags and the creation of Mayflower Compact which influenced the U.S. Constitution and was our country's first example of self-governance in the new world. It will also help to bring alive the story behind why Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year.

In order for the bill to reach the floor for a vote it must have two-thirds of the Members of the (*House/Senate*) as co-sponsors. On behalf of the of the (*insert state name*) Mayflower Society I respectfully request that (*Representative/Senator insert name*) become a co-sponsor of the legislation.

Please contact Tyler Hardy in Senator Hoeven's office at [Tyler\\_Hardy@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Tyler_Hardy@hoeven.senate.gov) or Gary Timmins in Representative Roberts' office at [gary.timmins@mail.house.gov](mailto:gary.timmins@mail.house.gov) to sign on as a co-sponsor.

I have attached a copy\* of the bill for your review. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

(*insert name*)

\*The full version of H.R.2980 House Bill can be downloaded from [MoMayflower.org](http://MoMayflower.org)

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**MISSOURI MAYFLOWER EVENTS CALENDAR**

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March 12 - Greater Ozark Colony Luncheon, 11:30 Heritage Cafeteria,  
Springfield, MO No reservation required.

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April 23 - Society Spring Luncheon, 11:30 Jack's Gourmet Restaurant,  
Columbia, MO \$21.00 Reservations required

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May 7 - Heart of America Colony Dinner, 4:30 Places Restaurant in  
John Knox Village, Lee's Summit \$20.00 Reservations Re-  
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(Read inside for more details on the above events)

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