



**The Los Angeles Colony of Mayflower Descendants
in The State of California
Founded in 1927**

Presents a Meeting on

The Mayflower in the Digital Age.

February 25, 2012 11:30 At (social hour)

The Los Angeles Family History Library

The Los Angeles Colony along with Santa Barbara and San Gabriel Colonies will be spending an Afternoon at the Los Angeles Family History Library located at;

10741 Santa Monica Blvd, West Los Angeles near Overland.

The phone number there is 310-474-9990, and they open at 9:00 am if you want to come early www.larfhc.org . Our speaker (by video conference) will be.

Mayflower Society Assistant Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson

There will be a chance to ask general questions. This event will be catered by



This will be a fabulous buffet with menu items as follows.

Roasted Turkey with Chardonnay Mushroom Sauce, BBQ Ribs, Garlic Mashed Potatoes or Pasta or Rice Grilled Vegetables or Green Beans Garden Salad, Bread and Butter, Assorted Desserts and Fruit Platter. Out of respect to our hosts Alcohol, coffee, and tea will not be served or allowed on location. Instead

Lemonade, fruit punch, and water will be served. A special commemorative cake is in the planning.

The total cost is \$24

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News

Last year's meeting at The Family History library (check your Mayflower Quarterly for pictures and story) director Dr Richard McBride gave us a tour of all the new technology that has been added to the LAFHL in a multimillion dollar renovation. He will be conducting another tour of the library after the meeting.

The library has several shelves of books on Mayflower genealogy, and now has a complete set of the Five Generations Silver Books that the Los Angeles Colony donated for Mayflower research.

We still have some of the 22 carat gold commemorative coffee mugs left and they will be available until supplies run out along with a number of shirts, hoodies and colony pins, and the new shopping bags

LA Colony History and Website

In a recent discovery at the Son's of the Revolution Library in Glendale I came across a rare book called California Mayflower Society by Rejoyce Collins Booth. It is the story of the beginning of Organization of Mayflower Descendents into a Southern Division that was first celebrated on November 25th 1916 for Compact Day. This group was formed and led by Col. Holdridge Ozro Collins USA retired who was on the Board of Assistants of the California Mayflower Society. Speakers and quests included the Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles Frank Thomas Woodward, General Frank Clark Prescott a veteran of the Spanish American War in the Philippines, and Superior court judge Grant Jackson.

Col. Collins had already founded the Society of Colonel Wars and the Son's of the Revolution over fifteen years earlier before the California Mayflower Society was founded. The Southern Division of the BOA California Mayflower Society had its Los Angeles Office at 719 San Fernando Building. Col. Collins (state # 71 {William Bradford}) and Orra Eugene Monnette (state # 73 {Edward Fuller}) were both life members on the BOA and active in the new Los Angeles Division.

On March 7th 1896 at the banquet hall of the restaurant of Jerry Illich on Third Street, in the city of Los Angeles, The Society of Colonial Wars held their first General Court where Col. Collins was elected President. He gave a speech, of which the following is an extract from the first page which commemorates the Pilgrims:

"In 1620, November 11, old style, the Mayflower anchored at Cape Cod, in what is now Provincetown harbor, and on that date the famous compact was signed, and Bancroft asserts that "this was the birthplace of popular constitutional liberty " (U. S., Vol. I, p. 310). Mr. Goodwin, in his " Pilgrim Republic", says that Provincetown "may justly claim to be the birthplace of the free and equal government which now spans the continent" (p. 65).

" Voltaire said of William Penn's treaty, 'It was the only one ever concluded between savages and christians that was not ratified with an oath, and the only one that was never broken.'

"This is an error. The treaty made at Plymouth in April, 1621, between the Pilgrims and Massasoit, Grand Sachem of the Confederated Tribes of Pokanoket, was ratified by no oath, nor was it broken during the lifetime of any of the contracting parties."

Over the past several months I have been working on the California Mayflower Society Website www.camayflower.org it was a huge task with many obstacles and strong opinions. The past webmaster would not communicate with me, and would just send in bills for doing nothing. It was necessary to take control of our old domain and move it to a new server. The old website was uninformative and out of date with little worth saving, but without the codes to access it I could not save what little there was.

The new website has a; Board of Assistants page with emails, California Mayflower History page, newsletter download page. Library catalog page, calendar and events page, junior's page, Donations page, scholarship page, past governors page, even a Rose Parade Committee page under development. To save time, effort and duplication a few pages from the Los Angeles Colony Website have been linked in.

Our two websites are the best in the Mayflower and genealogical world. Under Mayflower History there are many books on Mayflower history for free downloads including California Mayflower Society and GSMD publications. There are links to the best Mayflower websites around the world, and there are even links to dozens of online movies about the Mayflower that you can view for free. We have a very large children's section originally compiled by past state Governor Pat Stanford. It also contains a special section for educators. When you visit the LA website be sure to click on the commemorative fifty cent piece which then flips over to view our calendar section and other interesting colony sections. www.lacolony.org

Pilgrim regards and Peace on Earth

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