

The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants Newsletter



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Dear

Welcome

It is with a sad heart that I inform you of the untimely passing of Orel Lea, a charter member and dear friend. Orel passed on the 19th May, 2023. From all of us, our sincere condolences go out to the Lea family. Orel is surely missed by all.

The Annual General Meeting is only two weeks away and all the preparations and planning are in place for what is undoubtedly going to be a thoroughly enjoyable and informative time. Once again, my thanks go out to Connie Riley and Bill Elliott for their dedication to the process of organising a meeting place, hotels, restaurants etc.

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Keith C. Quimbach

George Soule descendant



Upcoming Events

Save the date!
 The AUSMD Inc. AGM is on
 15-16 July 2023

Update your diary for 2023 with these
 NEW events.

Download your AGM flyer here>>

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENT
 15 -16 July 2023
 PARLIAMENT HOUSE
 BRISBANE QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN TIME: SAT 15 JUL
 9:30 AM (Brisbane/Sydney)
USA TIME: FRI 14 JUL 4:30 PM – West Coast (PDT)
 7:30 PM East Coast (EDT)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENT

We are delighted to have as our guest Governor General Jane Hurt

If you are interested in attending the AGM and/or joining in on the Stephen Sheaffe talk via ZOOM or alternately attending the in-person event at Parliament House

Please contact
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GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE HURT
 General Society of Mayflower Descendants

GUEST SPEAKER HON MARK BAILEY
 Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services

GUEST SPEAKER STEPHEN SHEAFFE
 Past President, Royal Historical Society of Queensland

Stephen's Talk and Enactment available on ZOOM
 11:35 AM
 Brisbane/Sydney Time





Unanticipated Genealogical Discoveries

Andrew Cooper Wells
Historian for the Australian Society of
Mayflower Descendants

As one gets further involved with their genealogy, those moments that take the breath away tend to become less frequent. This narrative is about my last two of these, curiously related and Mayflower centric.

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There are a selection of new Pilgrim related books in The Mayflower Society Shop.

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Plymouth Colony

\$50.00

Includes the full text of Mourt's Relation, William Bradford's Of Plimoth Plantation and Edward Winslow's Good Newes From New England, along with other historic documents like deeds, patents, letters and speeches.

Making Haste From Babylon

\$17.95

Using a wealth of new evidence from landscape, archaeology, and hundreds of overlooked or neglected documents, Nick Bunker gives a vivid and strikingly original account of the Mayflower project and the first decade of the Plymouth Colony.

Mayflower

\$18.00

By Nathaniel Philbrick. Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History and a New York Times Book Review Top Ten books of the year. With a new preface marking the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

The Times of Their Lives

\$17.00

Beginning by debunking the numerous myths that surround the landing of the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving, James Deetz and Patricia Scott Deetz lead you through court transcripts, wills, probate listings, and rare firsthand accounts, as well as archaeological finds, to reveal the true story of life in colonial America.

Made in America – The Pilgrim Story and How it Grew

\$54.95

A compilation of essays about the Pilgrims and their story after arriving in America, this book is written by noted Pilgrim Historian James W. Baker.

Strangers and Pilgrims, Travelers and Sojourners

\$95.00

By Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs. A must read for Mayflower descendants, Pilgrim history followers and American history scholars.

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