



# Mississippi Mayflower Messenger

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The Magnolia State

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO JOIN  
US AT OUR FALL MEETING

**SATURDAY November 8, 2008  
at The Fairview Inn**

Board of Assistants **11:00 A.M.**  
General Meeting & Luncheon **12:00 P.M.**

Prices for lunch:

\$20.00 for each adult

\$12.00 for children ages 6-11

Free for children 5 and under

Your check will be considered your reservation. Please make it payable to Mississippi Mayflower Society and send it to Charles Johnson at 8277 Floral Springs Drive, Cordova, TN 38016. Please indicate on the check the number of lunches you are reserving including adults, children, and under 5.

Lunch will be hickory smoked pork loin with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables. For dessert we will have raisin bread pudding with crème anglaise. Water, coffee, and iced tea are included with each meal. There will be a cash bar with wine and cocktails available for purchase.

The Fairview Inn Bed and Breakfast is rich with history of Jackson, Mississippi. Constructed in 1908, at the turn of the century, Fairview is one of Jackson's landmark mansions and one of the few architecturally designed houses of that period remaining in the city.

The Fairview Inn is located in Jackson at 734 Fairview Street. From I-55 take the Woodrow Wilson Exit, #98A. At the second traffic signal, North State Street, turn left. Go 1 block past the second traffic light at Fairview Street. The Inn is the 1<sup>st</sup> property on the left. We will be meeting and dining in The Carriage Room.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Greetings, I hope this newsletter finds each of you and your family members well. This is my first greeting as governor and I do have big news. The new Governor General, Judith Swan, will be coming to the fall meeting. I am sure that she will have an interesting program for us. So let's all be there to show her our great Mississippi hospitality.

I do have another thought that I would like to share with you. As I sit here on the day of the Presidential debate in Oxford I can't help but wonder what our ancestors would think of our nation now. First, I think they would be amazed by the size and power of the country that they helped found. I think they would feel as we do that the sacrifices made that first winter by so many helped to form the greatest nation in the world. I also believe they would be humbled by the way this great nation remembers their trials and their celebration of thanks giving. I think that they would be astonished by the technology that allows 200 million people to listen to the candidates for President debate and allows the people of this nation to make informed decisions when they vote. My last thought is that they would be proud of the way this nation handles crisis like the current financial problem the nation faces.

These thoughts remind me how important it is to continue to work together through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Mississippi Society to educate the youth of our nation about the difference that a small group of dedicated people can make. So let us continue to preserve the heritage of our forefathers by teaching the youth of this country about a small group that 400 years ago set the standard for a nation.

Haynes Ward, Governor

**Mayflower Compact 1620**

*Agreement Between the Settlers at New Plymouth : 1620*

*IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.*

*IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, Anno Domini; 1620.*

*Myles Martin  
Standish George Mr. John  
Mullins Soule Allerton  
John Edward Thomas  
Alden Mr. William Tilly English  
White  
John John Tilly Edward  
Turner Mr. Doten  
Richard Francis  
Francis Warren Cooke Edward  
Eaton Liester  
John Mr. Steven  
James Howland Hopkins  
Chilton*

**ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT**

Dues for non-life members for 2008/2009 are due by November 1, 2008. Dues for the current year are \$20. Please make checks payable to the Mississippi Mayflower Society and mail to:

Charles Johnson  
8277 Floral Springs Dr.  
Cordova, TN 38016

There are a handful of members that have not yet paid 2007/2008 dues. Those members will be receiving separate communication. If anyone would like to pay 2 years of dues or more at one time in order to make things easier, please feel free to do so. I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall meeting.

Regards,  
Charles M. Johnson, Treasurer

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S LOG**

**May 31, 2008**

**MINUTES: BOARD OF ASSISTANTS**

Governor Haynes Ward opened the meeting of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Mississippi at Holmes County State Park at 11:00 a.m. on May 31, 2008.

Those attending were Braxtel Neely, Mary Blanks, Judy Stewart, Charles Johnson, Haynes Ward, and Dr. Dennis Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

*Mr. John John Digery Thomas  
Carver Craxton Priest Rogers  
  
Mr. John Thomas Thomas  
William Billington Williams Tinker  
Bradford  
Moses Gilbert John  
Mr Fletcher Winslow Ridgdale  
Edward  
Winslow John Edmund Edward  
Goodman Margesson Fuller  
  
Mr.  
William Mr. Samuel Peter Richard  
Brewster Fuller Brown Clark  
  
Isaac Mr. Richard Richard  
Allerton Christopher Britteridge Gardiner*

Historian Braxtel Neely reported a gain of three new members since October 27, 2007: Max Edward Lilly, Susan Jean Mayer Boyd, and Jonny Veleria Byars Antoline. Papers for John G. Roach and Carol Hoszowski have been sent to the Historian General. The current membership total is 164.

Since the fall meeting, Roy Byars' six grandchildren (James Bennett, Audra Byars, Madalyn Byars, Blake Ellis, Wilson Logan, and Alicia Rodriguez) have become Junior members. Charles Fiske was dropped because he turned twenty-five, bringing the Junior membership total to 43.

Treasurer Charles Johnson reported total cash receipts of \$2,607.00 and total cash disbursements of \$2,354.00. As of April 30, 2008, the balance on hand was \$12,530.00. Forty members have not paid dues. Charles will contact each one to try to collect the money.

Deputy Governor Mary Blanks reported on the Mayflower scholarship. Mary, Melinda Hendrix, and Nancy Harrison each visited two high schools with details of the Mayflower scholarship, with negative results. No students applied. After discussion, the Board decided to turn its educational efforts in another direction. Mary suggested that members speak to classrooms in the fall. An appropriate presentation could be put together with suggestions from various members.

Assistant General Helen Buford's illness was discussed. Assuming Helen is unable to go to Plymouth in September, Dr. Dennis Ward will attend in her place.

Charles suggested November 8 as the date for the fall meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith S. Stewart, Secretary