

ALABAMA PILGRIM

The Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama,
a member society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

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March 12, 2017

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

April 29, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, Alabama

Speaker – “Historian of Montgomery” Mary Ann Neeley

Governor’s Highlights

We send our warmest greetings to you for our Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL) April 29, 2017, Annual Meeting and Luncheon. We will be hosted by the Capital Colony at the attractive Wynlakes Golf & Country Club in Montgomery. See this *Newsletter’s* close for details.

The SMDAL is bursting with activity! Starting with our late October Compact Day meeting, SMDAL members are publicizing early American and *Mayflower* Pilgrim history. Besides each Colony’s events, we visited Alexander City elementary school classrooms and Montevallo’s American Village. The Pilgrims’ lay religious leader Elder “William Brewster” presented twice in Birmingham. Lieutenant Governors Inge Tingle, Cahaba River; Alan Davis, Capital; Jack Dwyer, Gulf Coast; and Stacy Smith, Tennessee Valley detail their varied Colony activities.

Among other news, we summarize below the Board of Assistants’ late January business meeting. We worked on new issues and ongoing Alabama and national Mayflower Society developments. Originated by Jack Dwyer, one new idea is for a **SMDAL Speakers Bureau** on all subjects related to the 2020 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim’s

courageous voyage into history. Please give me your thoughts, either on such historical subjects or on possible speakers, including yourself! elienau@mchsi.com or 256-655-9452. We plan to assemble a volunteer speakers’ bureau, available to reach all Alabamians, promoting the GSMD’s and our goal to educate present and new generations on our ancestors’ exciting roles in early 17th century New World history. Let us hear from you.

Faithfully yours, Governor Ellie Lienau



Elder Wm. Brewster (Michel Marcoux), Compact Day meeting

PS: To pay \$30 dues for 2017, send your check payable to SMDAL to Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, Post Office Box 230893, Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0893; mhm.smdal@charter.net.

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The officers serve Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama members. If we can assist you, let us know. We welcome your help, input, and suggestions.

Wm. Brewster's Compact Day Remarks on Why We Sailed on the Mayflower and Colonized Plimoth

As a layman, Elder William Brewster benevolently governed the *Mayflower* Pilgrim community's religious life. He did so for many years at Plimoth Colony after their Church's ordained minister, the Reverend John Robinson, chose to remain in Leiden, Holland with the two-thirds of their

membership who did not sail on the *Mayflower*. Brewster earlier had worked in the 1580s for Queen Elizabeth I's Secretary of State and Privy Councilor, Sir William Davison. In 1620, as the only University-educated Pilgrim, and given such Royal Court experience, Brewster in all likelihood drafted the Mayflower Compact on the Pilgrims' arrival at Cape Cod Bay.

Pilgrim loyalty to the English Crown. Wearing his Peterhouse College, Cambridge scarf and Plimoth Plantation hat at our Compact Day meeting last October, "Elder Brewster" spoke Of *Mayflower's* Voyage From Rome & English Majestie. He emphasized the Pilgrims' loyalty to the English Crown. However, Brewster also explained their small Plimoth community's ultimate loyalty to, and faith in, Bible-focused Christianity.

Early 16th century: a troubled Church of Rome. Brewster briefly described the early 16th century England of King Henry VIII, 1509-47. The Church of Rome then was supreme in England and in continental Europe. Nevertheless, that Church was ripe for reform of its abuses, *e.g.*, sales of purportedly sin-forgiving indulgences to finance Saint Peter's Cathedral construction in Rome. Early in Henry's reign, English cleric William Tyndale determined to publish the first Bible translations into English from Hebrew and Greek. Until that time, reading the Bible largely was restricted to Church of Rome priests and bishops, using Saint Jerome's Latin translation. King Henry's minister and Chancellor, Sir Thomas More, opposed Tyndale, fearing revolutionary consequences of giving English common people easier access to scripture. Also, with More's early 1520s help, Henry VIII had argued against the views of the German Church reformer Martin Luther and in support of the Roman Pope's views. However, by the 1530s, with Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's help, Henry

had enacted his Act of Supremacy, launching his own *Church of England*.

Mid-16th century: Elizabeth I's religious *via media* begins. Brewster next described Crown and Church friction in mid-16th century England. Cranmer published the *Book of Common Prayer* during the reign of Henry VIII's son, Church of England Edward VI, 1547-53. William Cecil, later Lord Burghley, and a religious reformer, survived the next reign of Henry's elder daughter, Church of Rome Mary Tudor, 1553-58. Cecil effectively served Henry's younger daughter, Church of England Elizabeth I, 1558-1603. Scot John Knox returned from John Calvin's Geneva and untimely published his *First Blaste of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women* (1558), forever offending both Elizabeth and Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots and France. Both Queens spurned Knox's pleas that he thus had attacked only the Church of Rome's Mary Tudor -- not them. Partly on Knox's account, Elizabeth ignored Calvin's Geneva throughout her reign, and her *via media* of Roman appearance and Protestant belief seemed vindicated when the Pope declared her heretical and an enemy of powerful Church of Rome allies across Europe.

After a Great North Road boyhood, Brewster learns *Church of Reform* beliefs at Cambridge. Brewster noted his 1566 birth at Scrooby village in Nottinghamshire, two years younger than William Shakespeare. That same year, Mary, Queen of Scots' son (to be James I of England) was born. Scrooby Manor was a busy way station on the Great North Road (London-York-Edinburgh). Brewster's father worked for Scrooby's owners, the Archbishops of York. In 1580, young Brewster matriculated at Peterhouse, Cambridge's oldest College.

Cambridge greatly influenced Brewster's religious beliefs. Cambridge Colleges had followed the Church of Rome since the early

1500s (Desiderius Erasmus & Bishop John Fisher at Queens'), then the Church of England at mid-century (Cranmer at Jesus, Burghley at St. John's, Elizabeth's spymaster Sir Francis Walsingham at King's), and by 1572 the Pilgrims' Church of Reform (Robert Browne at Corpus Christi). In the early 1580s, Cambridge Reform scholars unflatteringly equated the Church of England with the Church of Rome, rejecting both. Their 1560 Geneva Bible described an intimate Christianity of the Apostles, with a Godly life based not so much on rank from wealth or parentage, but on piety and humility, while still remaining her Majesty's loyal subjects.

Brewster works for Elizabeth's Secretary of State in London & the Low Countries. Likely with assistance from the York Archbishop's Sandys family, from about 1583 Brewster began to serve as an assistant to Queen Elizabeth's Secretary of State and Holland Ambassador, Sir William Davison. Davison favored reform along with other Privy Council members such as Burleigh and Walsingham. Davison helped negotiate England's 1585 Treaty with The Netherlands (Reform) in the Dutch war against the most powerful European monarch, King Philip II of Spain (Rome).

After Elizabeth scapegoats Davison over Mary, Queen of Scots' execution, Brewster exchanges London court life for Scrooby's relative quiet. Returning to London with Brewster as a trusted aide, in February 1587 Davison presented and received Elizabeth's written warrant to execute Mary, Queen of Scots for treason. Under English house arrest for the previous 19 years after fleeing her Scotland throne, Mary plotted against Elizabeth, was convicted, and Burleigh and Walsingham did not hesitate to execute her. Queen Elizabeth scapegoated Brewster's mentor Davison. She fined and imprisoned him in the Tower of London for purportedly having enabled the Scots Queen's execution against her wishes. Elizabeth sought to

excuse herself for an anointed fellow monarch's death -- particularly the death of a Church of Rome monarch. Learning hard lessons from such considerations of royal statecraft, Brewster remained both loyal to Davison and respectful of Elizabeth. About the time of the unsuccessful 1588 attack on England by Philip's Spanish Armada, Brewster returned to Scrooby. In his early 20s, he doubtless was sobered, if not terrified, by Elizabeth's brutal actions against Davison.

Brewster hosts Scrooby Church of Reform meetings until 1608. During the 1590s, Brewster married, began a family, and succeeded his father as Scrooby bailiff, receiver, and postmaster. He joined Robinson's (Corpus Christi, Cambridge) Church of Reform, seeking congregational covenant before God, separate from the world, yet remaining her Majesty's true servant. Meeting secretly at Scrooby Manor, they opposed what they considered tyrannous bishops' rule over Godly preachers. They left unobserved festivals like Christmas and Easter not found in the Geneva Bible, and disdained rich garments and complex liturgies of the Churches of Rome and England. Such views were dangerous. Both the religious and civil authorities of Elizabeth and her successor, King James I (1603-25) considered such beliefs to be sins against the English Church and treasons to the English Crown.

After several years of James I's reign, Brewster and his congregation escape England to Holland. Church of Reform members hoped in vain that King James would not persecute them. James instead

threatened to harry Reform communities out of the land. Aware that 20 years before Brewster's patron Davison was involved in the execution of James' mother, Mary, Queen of Scots, Brewster had that special motivation to avoid royal wrath. He reached out to London and Dutch acquaintances to ease his Church of Reform's separation from England, across the English Channel to Holland. The Pilgrims then led subsistence lives in Amsterdam and Leiden (1608-20).

As the Pilgrim's unordained religious leader, Brewster leads them aboard the *Mayflower* for a voyage into history. In 1620, they chose to emigrate again, across the Atlantic to northern Virginia in the New World. Under Brewster's spiritual leadership, they sailed 66 days on the *Mayflower*. On their Cape Cod arrival, before disembarking from their ship, over forty men signed the Mayflower Compact to provide for a civil body politic as loyal subjects of their dread sovereign lord King James. Half of the 102 *Mayflower* passengers died in the first Plimoth winter of 1620-21. Yet, relying on their faith in God's providence, in April 1621 none of the survivors were aboard when Captain Christopher Jones cast off to return the *Mayflower* to London. Instead, that fall the Pilgrim survivors determinedly gave God thanks at a harvest festival gathering. Their blessings included a to-be-half-century-long treaty with their Native American ally Ousamequin, the Massasoit of the Wampanoag people, who attended their multi-day gathering with ninety of his warriors.

Michel Marcoux

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Brenda Gouge & Mark Chesebro

**There are 27 New SMDAL Members
since September 14, 2016
(these data are as of March 11, 2017)**

NEW MEMBERS

Darryl Wayne Barnard AL#568 GS 90420
- 12th in descent from John Alden

Yvonne Colleen Cushman Espy AL#569
GS 90421 - 12th in descent from Isaac
Allerton

Karen Marie Whiddon Peterson AL#570
GS 90445 - 13th in descent from John
Howland

June Marie Ledyard Whiddon AL#571
GS 90447 - 12th in descent from John
Howland

Caitlin McDaniel Singletary AL#572 GS
90446 - 13th in descent from John Tilley

Capriccia Thomson Morad Carney
AL#573 GS 90468 - 12th in descent from
Samuel Fuller

Carol Lee Nurse Fox AL#574 GS 90543 -
14th in descent from William Brewster

Keith Miles Clancy AL#575 GS 90570 -
13th in descent from Thomas Rogers

Charles Frederick Knight AL#576 GS
90571 - 11th in descent from William
Brewster

Michael John Naff AL#577 GS 90572 -
11th in descent from Stephen Hopkins

Jennifer Rebecca Herr Baker AL#578 GS
88318 - 13th in descent from William
Brewster – **Transfer -- Canada**

Carolyn Priscilla Wadleigh Fowler
AL#579 GS 74974 - 10th in descent from
George Soule, 11th in descent from Myles
Standish, John Alden, Isaac Allerton,
Francis Cooke and Stephen Hopkins, 12th in
descent from William Mullins – **Dual with
Maryland**

James Edward Fowler AL#580 GS 72163
- 11th in descent from William White –
Dual with Maryland

Daniel Leo Coberly AL#581 GS 83088 -
11th in descent from Edward Doty –
Transfer - New York

Melanie Michelle Barnard Forbes
AL#582 GS 90760 - 12th in descent from
John Alden

Brian Edward House AL#583 GS 90761 -
12th in descent from William White

Elizabeth Scott Sandner Rich AL#584 GS
90762 - 14th in descent from William
Brewster

Stephen Craig Baker AL#585 GS 90786 -
13th in descent from John Howland

Paul Coulter Andrus AL#586 GS 90848 -
11th in descent from Stephen Hopkins

Seth Huskey Ingram AL#587 GS 90869 -
11th in descent from Myles Standish

Warren Leach Bailes Cain AL#588 GS
90926 - 11th in descent from Myles
Standish

Susan Kitchens Wolding AL#589 GS
82718 - 14th in descent from John Alden –
Transfer – South Carolina

Regena Faye Campbell Dawson AL#590
GS 91107 - 12th in descent from William
Bradford

Elizabeth Ray Price Hughes AL#591 GS
91108 - 9th in descent from Myles Standish

*These approved members await their
GSMD numbers:*

Nancye Virginia Pettis Gardner AL#592
GS _____ - ____th in descent from Richard
Warren

Carole Ann Kloss Moschella AL#593, GS
_____ - ____th in descent from Francis Cooke

Patricia Anne Stover Harper AL#594, GS
_____ - ____th in descent from John Alden

SUPPLEMENTALS

Please contact us about any Supplemental
Applications you are submitting. This is a
great time to submit them, or to have your
family members apply. The Plymouth Staff
have agreed to work with us to treat such
Applications expeditiously.

OVERVIEW

We have eight applications pending in Plymouth and about 16 being actively prepared for Plymouth.

ELDER'S REPORT **IN MEMORIAM**

John A. Smith

Cahaba River Colony member **Adelaide Douglass Rushton Corey** of Mountain Brook died on December 13, 2016. Born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on July 4, 1930, she was 10th in descent from William Bradford. Douglass (AL#302 GS 54249) also participated in other genealogical organizations, including The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America and the Daughters of the American Revolution. After graduation from the University of Alabama, Douglass married and is survived by John Norman Corey, Jr. They lived in Venezuela early in their marriage. She also is survived by two sisters, Charlotte McDavid and Peggy Newton (Harland), a brother, Allen Rushton (Varina), her daughter, sons and daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren, including CRC member Elizabeth Douglass Corey.

Gulf Coast Colony member **Lisa Myers** of Fairhope died on January 6, 2017. Born on March 31, 1930, she was 11th in descent from William Brewster, 10th in descent from John Alden, 11th in descent from Isaac Allerton, and 10th in descent from Myles Standish. An active member (AL#368 GS 31543), Lisa attended all meetings until her illness. Her rich legacy will live on through family and friends, whose lives she touched

and inspired. Her daughter is GCC Historian Elizabeth "Lee" M. Mackenzie.

N.B., in some cases, *in memoriam* information regrettably may be incomplete, or some members may have been reported in the *Newsletter* previously. Unfortunately, complete information often does not reach the Alabama Society when a death occurs. In many cases, it is well after the fact that we learn of a death. Current Members would be very thoughtful to tell your families to notify the Secretary or Treasurer or one of the other State or Colony Officers when the time comes.

Finally, would all Colonies please notify me of the death of any members? Send such notifications to me with the following information: Name, Colony, SMDAL and GSMD Numbers, Ancestor Descended From, Date of Death, Obituary if available (miadotdot@knology.net). John Alonzo Smith, 3112 Oak Ridge Court, Montgomery, Alabama 36109-3551. Telephone: 334-272-9469.

A SPECIAL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We extend our most cordial welcome to the 27 new Alabama Mayflower Society members listed above. You are our fellow relatives, and we very much wish to greet you in Montgomery on Saturday morning, April 29!

Board of Assistants Business Meeting

Ellie Lienau & Nancy Logan

Your BoA worked on various matters at Birmingham's *The Club* on January 21, 2017, including:

Issues. Treasurer: To meet our Alabama Mayflower Society obligations and deadlines to the General Society, our dues need to be paid at year's end for the coming year. That point will be treated in welcoming letters to new members and likely on our website. Historian: New member packet letters are an opportunity to communicate important SMDAL information. Junior Members: Increased involvement, better information, and enhanced certificates for Junior Members are being addressed. Librarian: A location for SMDAL archive boxes is needed.



BoA January 21, 2017, meeting (clockwise from left): Ann Ferguson, Alan Davis, Ellie Lienau, Mary Helen Mahan, John Smith, Inge Tingle, Mark Chesebro, Nancy Logan, Carol Kitchens, Stacy Smith; Michel Marcoux not pictured.

Ongoing business. Assembling a *Speakers Bureau* will help publicize our ancestors' unique early 17th Century stories. Such a Bureau should list people willing to present in Alabama on *Mayflower* topics at schools or before other groups, with or without period dress. Volunteers should indicate their time and place availability, and other requirements. The SMDAL will write and propose a public *Mayflower 2020* resolution or proclamation for consideration by the Alabama Governor and Alabama Mayors. Other, newer social media are being investigated. Two new Alabama Society committees should address (i) Education and (ii) Public Relations/Social Media. Work by the *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee is ongoing. We are communicating with the GSMD for information on their "Booth in a Box" *Mayflower* history device. GSMD's 41st General Congress triennial meeting is September 8-13, 2017, in Plymouth.

New items. We enjoy healthy numbers of new SMDAL members, plus applications pending Plymouth action, applications in the works to go to Plymouth, and supplemental ancestor affiliation efforts. We are donating \$1,000 over three years to Plimoth Plantation in support of the ongoing restoration of the *Mayflower II* vessel, now in Connecticut's Mystic Seaport dry-dock. We evaluated SMDAL letterhead options, considered a SMDAL scholarship for deserving students, and heard our General Society Officers' comments on GSMD developments.



Mayflower II:

Did You Know?

Ann Ferguson
SMDAL Assistant General

Did you know? The iconic symbol of our Pilgrim ancestors' harrowing 1620

voyage to the new world, *Mayflower II*, is currently undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation in preparation for the 2020 commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' voyage. How can we help? In a moment... first, here is the back-story:

Did you know? *Mayflower II* was a gift to all Americans from the British people in commemoration of the historic ties and war-time cooperation between England and America during WWII. She was built from reconstructed blueprints of a 17th century ship and is considered a generic full-scale replica since there are no surviving images or blueprints of the original *Mayflower*. She was financed by donations from the English people and was constructed in the town of Brixham, in Devon, England at the Upham Shipyard. Construction began July 27, 1955, and on April 20, 1957, she left England with a crew of 33 men to cross the Atlantic under her own sail, following a similar route as the original *Mayflower's* voyage of 1620. She arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts on June 13, 1957, to a crowd of 25,000 spectators.

Did you know? A ticker-tape parade was held in New York City on July 2, 1957, in honor of *Mayflower II's* Captain Alan J. Villiers and her crew. *Plimoth Plantation*, the educational replica of Plimoth Colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts, agreed to maintain and exhibit *Mayflower II* once she reached the U.S. and she continues under the care of *Plimoth Plantation's* Maritime Preservation staff. She is normally berthed at State Pier on the Plymouth waterfront and is open to the public for a fee as a floating classroom essential to *Plimoth Plantation's* educational mission.

Did you know? Since *Mayflower II's* arrival in 1957, an estimated 25 million people have come aboard her. *Mayflower II* is also considered an historic ship in her own right. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has determined that *Mayflower II* is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and Landmarks.

Did you know? *Mayflower II* really can sail. Since 2000 she has sailed to Providence, Rhode Island, and Boston and Provincetown, Massachusetts. She sailed the Cape Cod Bay in 2007 for her 50th anniversary. Since arriving here in 1957, she has sailed to several other ports on the East Coast. The goal is for her to sail again in 2020.

Did you know? The 60 year-old ship now is in need of a massive overhaul. She is a wooden ship, constantly in the water, and has suffered the consequences. In 2014, a total marine survey was completed which documented the work that must be done to restore her to her role as a safe seafaring symbol of the Pilgrim story, an emblem of Anglo-American friendship, a floating educational classroom, tourist attraction, and cornerstone of the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage.

Did you know? *Mayflower II* was towed on November 1, 2016, from Plymouth to the Henry B. DuPont Preservation Shipyard at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut for a 30-month complete renovation. She is scheduled to return to Plymouth in 2019 in time for the 2020 400th anniversary. The plan is to replace rotted timbers, planking, structural frames, knees, and beams, replacing 60-70 % of the oak planking under the water line.

Did you know? Much of the wood that is being used to restore the ship was obtained from fallen oak trees from Hurricane Katrina. The wood, mostly old growth live oak, is carefully stacked in the shipyard and spray-painted with an M and an F on each piece.

Now you know the rest of the story!

Back to how we can help: The *Mayflower II Restoration Project* requires \$12 million which includes a dedicated reserve fund for future maintenance. Over half of this amount has already been raised from a combination of private donors, corporate sponsors, and government agencies.

Did you know? If you would like to contribute to this project so that a beautiful, fully restored *Mayflower II* can sail again and also be on display for the 400th anniversary in 2020, you may donate securely on-line at www.plimoth.org. In addition, checks can be mailed to Plimoth Plantation, Post Office Box 1620, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02362. Be sure to designate that your donation is for the *Mayflower II*. Every dollar counts!



Wood for *Mayflower II*

Junior Membership

The Alabama Society would keep bright the Pilgrims' memory, cherish their heritage of liberty and freedom for which they sacrificed so much, and hand it on to new generations.

Our children are our future. We encourage SMDAL members to sponsor their young relatives for Junior Membership. See the application form just below. Please contact Stacy Smith: ssmithsmdal@yahoo.com; (256) 996-3979.

The SMDAL recognizes and welcomes these three new Junior Members: **Samuel Leon Chesebro, Charles Montgomery Tingle, and Adelaide Inge Tingle**. Congratulations to them!

After reviewing the Junior Member directory, we have a total of 48 Junior Members. Please contact Stacy to see if he has the latest information, as he would like to make contact with each. A new Junior Member certificate has been made and now is being issued to new members.

Junior Membership application

*An applicant must be sponsored by a GSMD member in good standing, be under 18 years of age, and be the sponsor's lineal or collateral descendant. There is a one-time fee of \$10, payable to the SMDAL. A birth certificate may be requested. Junior Members are not GSMD members. However, the SMDAL recognizes them and issues them a State society Junior Membership number. Junior Members may not vote or hold office. At age 18, a Junior Member may transfer to GSMD membership provided the GSMD approves a usual lineage application. Such transfer to GSMD membership is encouraged before age 25. Junior Members will be dropped from the SMDAL roll if they have not thus transferred to GSMD membership by age 25. **Please provide this information and return to Stacy Smith with fee:***

Junior applicant name:

Junior applicant birth date:

Junior applicant mailing address:

Junior applicant e-mail:

Sponsor name and relationship:

Sponsor *Mayflower* ancestor(s):

Sponsor mailing address:

Sponsor e-mail:

Sponsor SMDAL Colony:

Stacy Smith, 42458 US Highway 11, Valley Head, Alabama 35989-4834

November 2016 Mayflower/Pilgrim Presentation in Alexander City

Just before Thanksgiving, Ann Ferguson donned her Pilgrim attire and spoke to approximately 250 Jim Pearson Elementary School second graders in Alexander City. Dividing that many youngsters into seven manageably-sized groups, Ann met with three sessions one week and four sessions the next, reaching every second grader at the School. Her visit also was timely because it preceded the students' field trip to The American Village in Montevallo, where they were able to participate in an age-appropriate, special program on the Mayflower/Pilgrim historical story.



Ann reports that the children were especially attentive and responsive, and the sessions went very well. Everyone appeared to have a great time. “Pilgrim” Ann got more than one hug and hopes to make the visits an annual tradition.

Ann Ferguson

December 2016 “Wm. Brewster” Presentation in Birmingham

Last fall, the joint State Societies of the Daughters of Colonial Wars and the Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America kindly invited Cahaba River Colony member Michel Marcoux to present on the life and thought of *Mayflower* Elder Wm. Brewster (1566-1644). Wearing a Peterhouse College, Cambridge scarf (where Brewster matriculated in 1580) and a Plimoth Colony hat, he spoke at the early December members luncheon at Birmingham’s Mountain Brook Club. Echoing his Compact Day talk to the SMDAL on October 29, “Elder Brewster” declared the *Mayflower* Separatists’ faith in God’s providence. Their faith explains why they sailed from Leiden in 1620 for the New World, and why they persevered with their Plimoth Plantation work after the bitter winter of 1620-21. Although half of the 102 Pilgrims died that winter, no survivor chose to return on the *Mayflower* when Captain Christopher Jones hoisted anchor and raised the ship’s sails for London in early April 1621.



Several of the attending Daughters of Colonial Wars and Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America members also either are, or are parents of, SMDAL members. SMDAL members gathered on December 6, 2016, for the above photograph are, left to right: Sandy Carter, Inge Tingle (Cahaba River Colony Lieutenant Governor), "Brewster", Kathryn Porter, and Carol Kitchens (SMDAL Librarian).

**April 14, 2017, Washington,
D.C. GSMD Heritage Week
Luncheon Invitation!**

SHORT NOTICE: Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson cordially invites all SMDAL members and their guests to the GSMD's first-ever Heritage Week luncheon in our Nation's Capital next month.

This initial effort will increase GSMD exposure to the greater genealogical community and continue GSMD outreach to other genealogical societies. Especially, consider attending with friends from other genealogical affiliations who might join the GSMD.

Depending on this year's success, in years to come we hope to bring this event to our members as yet another benefit for those attending the GSMD Heritage Week.

Governor General Filson warmly welcomes your interest, thus:

**General Society of Mayflower
Descendants Luncheon**

**The Army and Navy Club – Farragut
Square, 901 Seventeenth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.**

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Noon

\$55.00 per person

**Classic Caesar Salad
Roasted Free Range Chicken *or*
Grilled Vegetable Lasagna
Deep Dish Apple Pie**

**To reserve, please contact Governor
General Lea Sinclair Filson:
GovernorGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.Org
(504-491-5330)**

Message from the Treasurer

Twenty-eight (28) Members are delinquent for their 2017 dues (\$30) as of late February. Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not should send them ASAP for these reasons:

Dues are required by the last day of each year for the following year. Our Alabama Mayflower Society collects dues from Members and then submits National dues to the General Society (GSMD), plus Colony dues to our four Colonies. *The GSMD has reporting deadlines that each State must meet -- requiring timely dues collection. Otherwise, we cannot to meet our deadlines to report accurately the number of Members for which we owe dues.* The Colonies also cannot receive their dues timely. Our current dues to the GSMD are \$15 per Member. Our Colonies receive \$6 per Member. Thus, the Alabama Society only retains \$9 (30 less 15 & 6) to operate the State Society. If you are among these 28 Members, please send your dues ASAP. If you are unsure, please contact me at mhm.smdal@charter.net; 334-201-6070. I promise to get back to you.

If you do not have your 2017 Membership Renewal Form (Sept. 21, 2016, SMDAL Newsletter, page 11), just make sure you notify us of any contact information changes and tell us any Colony change you may want. Correct e-mail addresses are especially important. We save many dollars and much time in e-mailing *Newsletters* in beautiful color! Finally, here are several other points:

Under our Constitution and Bylaws, **any member whose dues remain unpaid for a period of one year shall be dropped from the roll.** To be reinstated, a dropped member must pay the prior and current year's dues, plus a \$25 reinstatement fee.

However, any member in good standing (one who has paid the current year's dues) may submit a **letter of resignation** to the State Secretary (Nancy Logan). If you resign in good standing, you may be reinstated later simply by paying that current year's dues. Our Secretary must notify the GSMD of resignations/reinstatements when they occur. Certainly, there are times when we may not be able to take part in an organization, and resigning would be preferable to being dropped.

Life Members – If you have not already done so, please verify your contact data. We have not heard from some of you in years. If you have e-mail, you may send it to me by e-mail.

With our new 501(c)(3) status, we are able to receive tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law) contributions. Your BoA is making plans and developing programs in keeping with our goals and objectives.

Dues to Post Office Box 230893, Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0893, please.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Treasurer, Mary Helen Mahan

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General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD)

4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360-3313

Founded at Plymouth in 1897

Welcome! Any person able to document their descent from one or more of the following *Mayflower* Pilgrims is eligible and welcome to apply for membership in the Mayflower Society:

John Alden	Francis Cooke	Priscilla Mullins
Bartholomew Allerton	John Cooke	William Mullins
Isaac Allerton	Edward Doty	Degory Priest
Mary (Norris) Allerton	Francis Eaton	Joseph Rogers
Mary Allerton	Samuel Eaton	Thomas Rogers
Remember Allerton	Sarah Eaton	Henry Samson
Elinor Billington	Moses Fletcher	George Soule
Francis Billington	Edward Fuller	Myles Standish
John Billington	Mrs. Edward Fuller	Elizabeth Tilley
William Bradford	Samuel Fuller	John Tilley
Love Brewster	Samuel Fuller (son of Edw.)	Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Mary Brewster	Constance Hopkins	Richard Warren
William Brewster	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins	Peregrine White
Peter Browne	Giles Hopkins	Resolved White
James Chilton	Stephen Hopkins	Susanna White
Mrs. James Chilton	John Howland	William White
Mary Chilton	Richard More	Edward Winslow

Many families enjoy a tradition that they are descended from the Pilgrims, which often kindles an interest in finding out more. Sometimes, the stories of a *Mayflower* heritage are true and it is easy to document a descent. More often, the documentation is missing and must be researched and supplied to prove one's line. The good news is that advanced research techniques, improved genealogy library collections, and computerized resources have made the process easier.

Within each generation, you must provide proof of the birth, marriage, and death of the line carrier, and the birth and death of the spouse. The best vital records are the birth, marriage, and death certificates for each person. Other documentation might be published genealogies, family documents, and other official records. If you have a relative who is a GSMD member, you may be able to use their lineage documentation to help you with your own documentation research. Also, proof of lineage from the original



Pilgrims, through at least the earliest generations, can be found in the GSMD's *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, i.e., the "Silver Books." Mayflower Society memberships are handled through individual State societies, including the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. To receive a membership application and lineage research guidance, contact the State society through which you want to apply. Contact information for the State societies is available at "Join GSMD" on the Mayflower Society website, as is a downloadable Membership brochure providing useful information: www.themayflowersociety.org.

If you want to inquire about Alabama Mayflower Society membership, or if you are an existing member and wish to encourage someone else to inquire about membership, please contact or encourage others to contact Alabama Society Historian Brenda Gouge: Home Telephone, 334-222-0347; Cell Telephone, 806-679-4314; E-Mail, bgouge@centurylink.net OR Board of Assistants Member-at-large Mark Chesebro: Home Telephone, 205-969-1683; E-Mail, mchesbro@yahoo.com.

Additionally, you may telephone or e-mail the GSMD national office with membership questions: 508-746-3188; membership@themayflowersociety.org. You can inquire at the GSMD about a possible Mayflower genealogical line using the optional "Preliminary Review Form" (\$25.00 fee) found by a link at www.themayflowersociety.org, *Membership Information*.

We publish these unapproved minutes for two reasons. The more important is so that members who were unable to attend will learn of our activities as noted at our Society's meetings. We believe you will find something of interest and will decide to attend. The other reason is so that those who attend might be better prepared to approve the minutes without having them read at the meetings, saving everyone's meeting time.



THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS **IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA** **Compact Day Meeting Minutes, October 29, 2016**

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama (SMDAL) met on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at *The Club* in Birmingham, Alabama. The following officers were present:

Governor Ellie Lienau, Deputy Governor and Deputy Governor General Alan Davis, Assistant General Ann Ferguson, Secretary Nancy Logan, Historian Brenda Gouge, Elder John Smith, Lt. Gov. Cahaba River Inge Tingle, Lt. Gov. Capital Alan Davis, Lt. Gov. Gulf Coast Jack Dwyer, Lt. Gov. Tennessee Valley Stacy Smith, Junior Members Stacy Smith, and Board of Assistants member Michel Marcoux.

The meeting was called to order by Governor Ellie Lienau at 11:15 a.m.

Elder John Smith gave the Elder's Prayer, read The Objects and The Compact, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Roll call was held. Ellie welcomed the 56 people present, including several guests.

Minutes: The Minutes were printed in the *Newsletter*. Ellie Lienau gave one correction to the minutes: Pam Pittman was not at the meeting, so this was corrected. Then the minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Governor - Ellie Lienau: Ellie told everyone that she had gone to several colony meetings including those for the Capital, Gulf Coast, and Tennessee Valley colonies. She also attended the GSMD Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in September.

Deputy Governor - Alan Davis: Alan suggested that we all ask family and friends if they would be interested in joining the GSMD. That is one of our best groups for prospective members. The next State meeting will be April 29, 2017, at Montgomery's Wynlakes Country Club. Please go to our website for information. This is the largest crowd we have had for a luncheon that he can remember. Alan asked that everyone see him to pay for their lunches.

Deputy Governor General - Alan Davis: We just had the GBOA meeting in Indianapolis. The GSMD General Congress will be next year in Plymouth, with the SMDAL allowed at least 5 delegates.

Assistant General - Ann Ferguson: The GBOA meeting was held in Indianapolis in September. Alabama was represented by DGG Alan Davis, Asst. Gen. Ann Ferguson, and Gov. Ellie Lienau. Please read the highlights in the *Newsletter*. The 2020 Committee reported that they are working on four projects. The first is the commemorative coin. It was requested that all GSMD members continue to contact their senators and representatives to support this initiative in order to prevail over the competition. The second project is a stamp. An application has been filed with the USPO for a stamp. The third is a permanent commemorative memorial monument in Plymouth, for which \$100,000 has been authorized by the Executive Committee. The fourth is promotion of member society projects. Each member society is encouraged to develop its own 2020 project. As new business, a new budget was approved. The annual audit was given clearance. Two By-laws amendments were passed and will be presented to Congress in 2017 for final vote on implementation. The first amendment was a change in terminology from State society to member society and from country to geographic area. The second involved changes in the nominating committee procedures. It also was voted to investigate a procedure for voluntary dues payment online, and it was voted that supplemental bars can only be sold to members with approved supplementals for any *Mayflower* passenger. This can include wives and children.

Three different suggestions for the proposed 2020 monument design were made. One was a statue of an Indian teaching the pilgrims how to plant corn. The second was the Mayflower Compact signing. The third was a sidewalk inscribed with the passengers' names. The vote was to postpone a final decision until the 2017 Congress.

The First Parish Church in Plymouth has the oldest continuous membership records of any church in America, going back to our *Mayflower* ancestors. This Church is available for donation to a new owner. A minimum three million dollar endowment is needed to maintain the Church. It was passed to accept the donation of the Church if the endowment could be raised.

Fifteen people living in the United Kingdom, France, Portugal, Ireland, Italy, and Sweden have petitioned the GSMD for a charter as the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Europe.

Secretary - Nancy Logan: No report.

Treasurer - Mary Helen Mahan: Mary Helen was absent due to an illness in her family. Ellie Lienau gave the Treasurer's report, and copies were made available.

Historian - Brenda Gouge: Brenda reported that the SMDAL had a good membership year! Since May, we have gained 23 new members, 12 applications are pending in Plymouth, and 23 files are nearing completion. We also have 80 files open and one transfer from Canada pending.

Librarian - Carol Kitchens: The report was given by Nancy Logan as Carol was not present. Carol's report stated she was not able to digitize the scrapbooks and if the SMDAL wants this we should consider having it professionally done. She suggested that we consider archiving the scrapbooks in a library such as the Auburn Archives to protect them and make them accessible.

Elder - John Smith: John noted one death in this last year, Helen Comer from the Gulf Coast Colony. Ellie stated that if a member passes away to please let someone know so that we can send condolences and can notify the General Society.

Junior Members - Stacy Smith: Stacy reported that the number of junior members is increasing. He encouraged all members to sponsor any younger family members to join. Junior members are under 18, and the cost is only \$10.00.

Ellie encouraged everyone to give us e-mail addresses due to the cost of mailing the *Newsletter*.

Reports of Colonies:

Cahaba River - Inge Tingle: Our colony was formed in May and the first colony meeting will be held today immediately after this meeting. All Birmingham geographical area members are encouraged to stay for it.

Capital - Alan Davis: The Capital Colony met August 4th at the Montgomery Country Club. The speaker was Jeffery Benton. We had approximately 30 people which was a good turnout! Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Montgomery Country Club. The State Society will meet in Montgomery as well: on April 29, 2017, at Wynlakes Country Club.

Gulf Coast - Jack Dwyer: On May 7th our colony hosted the SMDAL annual meeting at Lake Heron Country Club in Mobile. Director of the Fort Morgan Historical Site Mike Daily spoke. Our next meeting on November 12th will concern the Mayflower Compact, with our speaker from Spring Hill College. If you would like to attend, we would love to have you join us.

Tennessee Valley - Stacy Smith: We met last Saturday, October 22nd at Alabama Constitution Village in downtown Huntsville. There were 17 people present. The Village is an open-air museum reenacting life in 1819 -- the year that Alabama became a State -- sitting on the site where the Alabama Constitution was signed on July 5, 1819. After the tour, we had lunch and a business meeting.

Business:

2020 Activities: We decided one activity that we are going to do is to have a proclamation signed by the Alabama Governor and by local Mayors. We would like to have publicity for these events so people know about the SMDAL's existence.

We also are looking into having a display patterned after the GSMD Booth-In-A-Box. The display will be transported easily to public venues to get our name out to the general population. Brenda Gouge offered to take the lead for this effort.

Ellie encouraged everyone to go to Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the GSMD Triennial Meeting. They will learn so much about our Society and how it works. It takes place September 8-13, 2017.

There were two Alabama officers who were recognized at the GBOA meeting in Indianapolis. Ann Ferguson was recognized because she went to Washington D.C. to meet with members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives to garner support for the 2020 Mayflower coin. She was presented a Meritorious Service Award. Alan Davis received two certificates! One was for Outstanding Service for his years of service to the Alabama Society. The other certificate was for his efforts on behalf of the GSMD in creating a charter certificate template and for his tireless dedication of time to the Society. Alan's new template will be used for the new European society that will be approved soon. This is the first new society to join since Canada joined in the 1980s! There is also a prospective new society in Australia.

Ellie made available model letters to Senators and Representatives about the 2020 coin. We need to keep up the pressure so that we can get more co-sponsors and get our GSMD coin approved. Only two are authorized each year. Other organizations are trying to have coins minted too. This coin would be a great fund raiser, with the money to be used for GSMD scholarships and GSMD educational purposes. The proceeds can range from three to eight million dollars.

A Pilgrim, Robert Cushman, wrote a book in 1619 called *The Cry Of A Stone*, that was published originally in London in 1642. This short book explains what motivated the Scooby Congregation to separate from the Church of England. This year, it has been republished by the GSMD and is available for purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Ellie Lienau read Reflections by William Bradford – Thanksgiving Prayer. Alan gave the blessing. After the meeting, a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

The program was presented by Michel Marcoux as Elder William Brewster, the principal Pilgrim religious leader on the *Mayflower*. He spoke on *Why we sailed on the Mayflower and colonized Plimoth*.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Logan, Secretary

Colony Activities

Cahaba River Colony: Hello from the Cahaba River Colony! This past year definitely has been exciting due to the authorization of our new Colony. We held our first meeting at *The Club* on October 29, 2016, immediately following the general meeting of the State Society, and appointed a committee to nominate permanent Colony officers for membership approval during the spring meeting in May. Inge Tingle, Nell Rose Brackett, and Michel Marcoux were selected for that committee. Any CRC member willing to serve as a Colony officer should contact me promptly. inge.tingle@gmail.com.

The CRC's next meeting will be on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at The Club in Birmingham, starting at 11:30 a.m. Our program will feature Mary Beth Newbill, Head, Southern History Department and Government Documents at the Birmingham Public Library. Ms. Newbill will speak on Alabama's upcoming Bicentennial with reference some of the 54 maps that the Library chose for their Bicentennial Exhibit, describing how they tell the story of Alabama's history. Contact Inge if you want to attend.

If you know anyone at our central Alabama universities, colleges, museums, or other cultural institutions who would be a good speaker on early U.S. history, please tell me (inge.tingle@gmail.com) or Nell Rose Brackett (nellrosebrackett@gmail.com).

Inge Tingle, Lieutenant Governor

Capital Colony: The Capital Colony met February 4th at the Montgomery Country Club with 24 members and guests. Dr. William Dean spoke on the "Siege of Savannah", *i.e.*, the second deadliest Revolutionary War battle, which took place in the fall of 1779. In that most serious military confrontation in Georgia between British and Continental troops, the Americans, helped by French forces, tried unsuccessfully to liberate the city from its yearlong British occupation. The failure to recapture Savannah marked a signal British victory in a distinctly international affair. Senior commanders fighting with the American revolutionaries (or Whigs) included Count Charles Henri d'Estaing of France, Arthur Dillon and his Ireland "Wild Geese", and Polish aristocrat Casimer Pulaski. Together, they faced the Tories, composed of British and Scots regulars, joined by German mercenary troops (Hessians), American Loyalists, American Indians, and armed slaves. Because of the varied participants, Dr. Dean described the battle as a "World War".

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at the Montgomery Country Club.

Alan Davis, Lieutenant Governor

Gulf Coast Colony: The Gulf Coast Colony held its Compact Day Meeting and Luncheon on November 12, 2016, at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant on the Causeway in Spanish Fort. Eighteen members and guests attended, including SMDAL Deputy Governor Alan Davis. Gulf Coast Lt. Gov. Dr. Jack Dwyer welcomed everyone. Ms. Susan Crowson gave the Elder's Prayer and Jack led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim's Pledge. Next, the Roll Call of members present was taken with each member stating their ancestor's names and generation of descent. Alan Davis reported on developments at the GSMD Board of Assistants Meeting in Indianapolis in September. Dr. Dwyer provided an *In Memoriam* for Heather May (Clarke)

Comer, retired educator, successful business owner, and longtime Gulf Coast Colony member, who passed away on August 18, 2016. In the absence of Jane Lies, Colony Treasurer, he then read the Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Dwyer provided a background history on the origins of the Mayflower Compact. He ended his remarks with a tribute to the 41 men that signed the document, reading the names of the 21 of those signers who died during the first three months of 1621, the text of the Compact, and the objects of the Society. After luncheon, Dr. Timothy C. Hemmis, Assistant Professor of History at Spring Hill College in Mobile, spoke on the interesting subject of "The Mayflower Compact and the Martial History of the Plymouth Colony, 1620-1640." After Professor Hemmis' outstanding presentation, the Colony provided him with an *honorarium*. Susan Crowson closed the event with an Elder's Prayer.

Finally, please attend our upcoming, April 8, 2017, 11:30 a.m., Spring Meeting & Luncheon at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant on the Causeway, Spanish Fort, with guest speaker well known Baldwin County historian, *Mr. Bert Blackmon*. *Topic: 200th Anniversary of Alabama Becoming a Territory (created by the U.S. Congress on March 3, 1817)*. Order from menu and pay at restaurant. Guests & friends most welcome.

Jack Dwyer, Lieutenant Governor

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Tennessee Valley Colony: The Tennessee Valley Colony has its spring meeting scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2017, at the Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Parkway SW, in Huntsville, at 11:00 a.m. in their private room. After luncheon, Colony Lt. Gov. Stacy Smith will speak on his *Mayflower* ancestor Stephen Hopkins.

Fall 2017. Our October fall Colony meeting will include a tour of Huntsville's Salem Witch House, with the meeting date and time to be announced this summer. The Salem Witch house is a replica of the home of Jonathan Corwin, who was a judge in the infamous, 1692 witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts. The original Witch House in Salem opened as a museum in 1946, and is the only structure remaining with ties to the trials. Historians think the English medieval-style home likely was built in the 1640s.

This November, our Colony has reserved a display window at the main Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, which is the oldest continuing Library in Alabama (915 Monroe Street, SW). Throughout November, the *Mayflower*-themed display window will showcase our ancestors' memory and promote our Alabama Society.

Stacy Smith, Lieutenant Governor

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Media - from Inge Tingle: During the January 21 BoA meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Facebook and Twitter account for the Alabama State Society. The mission of these social media accounts is to keep current members informed of different events occurring within the Alabama Society as well as to bring in new members. Effective immediately, you can follow us on Twitter @AlMayflower or look for us on Facebook under “Alabama Mayflower Society”.

From The Governor About 2020 Commemoration Activities: The GSMD has tasked the SMDAL to undertake at least one activity in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing, which will be in four years (2020). That gives us a little time to come up with what we want to do in Alabama. Please either e-mail or telephone me with suggestions. alienau@mchsi.com; 256-655-9452. We will discuss them at State meetings.

From Librarian Carol Kitchens: If you have SMDAL member photographs, newspaper articles, or items of interest, please let me include them in our *Mayflower* Scrapbook. Include name, event, date, location, or other data of interest. carolkitch@mac.com; Post Office Box 239, Ranburne, Alabama 36273-0230.

Moving? Let Secretary Nancy Logan, nclnurse@yahoo.com, and Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, mhm.smdal@charter.net, know new street addresses, e-mail addresses (all), or telephone numbers to help keep our SMDAL communications continuous.

Replace your U.S. Mail address with your e-mail address. If you have e-mail, but nevertheless receive this *Newsletter* by much-more-costly-to-SMDAL U.S. Mail, you can save your Society significant money. Give Secretary Nancy Logan, nclnurse@yahoo.com and Treasurer Mary Helen Mahan, mhm.smdal@charter.net your e-mail address.



Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alabama Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, Alabama

Board of Assistants Meeting -- 9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m., Annual Meeting & Luncheon: *Wine Dining Room*

7900 Wynlakes Boulevard (south side of Club, or to left entering lot; 334-279-0297)

Speaker: "Historian of Montgomery" Mary Ann Neeley

Montgomery was officially incorporated in 1819, but in its two centuries the City has only had a handful of truly legendary historians. In our generation, that historian is Mary Ann Oglesby Neeley. Born in Montgomery to Mary Collier and James Robert Oglesby, she studied at Huntingdon College, the University of Alabama, Auburn University, and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM). Subsequently, Mary Ann passed along the vast knowledge she acquired to students at Goodwyn Junior High School from 1966 to 1978, as well as to AUM college students when she served as an adjunct professor for 10 years. But, Mary Ann Neeley's name is often synonymous with Old Alabama Town. For nearly 24 years, she served as executive director of the Landmarks Foundation and Old Alabama Town. From a young age, for this seventh-generation Alabamian "the love of history determined my path." Mary Ann Neeley has given countless presentations and led walking tours of Old Alabama Town, Oakwood Cemetery, the downtown area, and Montgomery's historic neighborhoods. This popular preservationist believes the "land, history, diversity of backgrounds and ethnicities" are among the many things that make the River Region unique, and she loves "the sense of community" found here. In addition to conducting the first professional architectural survey of Montgomery structures, she is the author or editor of many books including *Montgomery: Capital City Corners*, *Old Alabama Town*, *Montgomery & the River Region Sketchbook*, *The Works of Matthew Blue: Montgomery's First Historian*, and her newest, *Montgomery in the 20th Century: Tradition and Change, 1880-2010*. In addition to her frequent research and historic projects, she enjoys spending time with her husband Aubrey, three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild – and listening to classical music. Her dream for the River Region is to see "a strengthening of understanding and good will between all citizens no matter what their backgrounds — rich, poor and in-between."



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R.S.V.P. by U.S. MAIL, E-MAIL, or TELEPHONE

I/we will attend the SMDAL's Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Wine Dining Room, 7900 Wynlakes Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36117. Per person cost for Chef's Choice Lunch Buffet (two salads, entrees, sides, and desserts): \$30.00.

Name(s) _____

_____ Yes, I/we plan to attend. _____ # Guests (please include their names)

_____, _____ Check to SMDAL enclosed or

_____ Pay at the door (you will be billed if you do not cancel by Tuesday, April 25)

Respond no later than Tuesday, April 25, 2017, to Alan M. Davis, 7340 Old Barn Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3976; E-Mail amd7thcedar@charter.net; 334-270-8657; Cell: 334-207-4884.

WE WILL GREET YOU WITH PLEASURE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29!!!