



The Pilgrim Times

Spring 2008

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in
the State of Colorado



Carol Singer – May Luncheon Featured Speaker

Our May luncheon speaker will be Carol Singer. Her topic is “Sod to Sandstone.”

You may remember Carol as our featured speaker at our last Compact Dinner in November. Carol’s family is now in its fifth generation of native Coloradans. Both sets of Carol’s great-great grand grandparents came to Colorado in 1887. Her current research shows that her first family members immigrated to America from England in 1641 settling in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and Stamford, Connecticut.

Five years ago she retired after owning and operating her own Insurance Agency for 21 years. After six months in retirement she got bored so she accepted a position as Council Aide for Denver City Councilman Charlie Brown and has been working for him for the past 5 years.

She is also a volunteer at the Colorado History Museum, giving museum tours and teaching 4th graders about sodbusters and cowboys. Carol picked the sodbusters class to teach because her great grandfather and his son were both sodbusters in Vernon, Colorado, just south of Wray. She is also part of the Speakers Bureau.

Carol has been married to John Singer, a former legislator and lobbyist for 40 years, and has one daughter, Rosemary. She loves sharing her knowledge of Colorado history and invites anyone else with some spare time to join the Colorado Historical Society as a docent.

The luncheon will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club on Saturday, May 17th. The country club is located at 6255 West Quincy Ave., Denver 80235. Social time at 11:30 a.m., Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome Aboard

New Members

Edward Fuller
Shawn Paul Buchanan
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John Clifford Wood

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Kristie L. Harris

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Eleanor Emogene Soule Horton
Sandra Johnson
Lisa Hartman

John Alden
Joseph Frank Lathrop
Maria A. Seelye
Rebecca Lancour

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John Taylor Love

Thomas Rogers
Richard Paul Rogers
Dean Alexander Rogers

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Fox Anthony Lancour
Shania Marie Lancour
Nicholas Bentley Snider
Conor Snow Farrell
Lia Brewster Farrell
Samuel Stuart Wood
Grant Alexander Wood
Abbie Jayne Fisher
Christian Reese VanCleave
Peter Lake VanCleave
William Dudley Winthrop Underhill
Jake Douglas Raymond Croft

Transfers to Colorado

Gary Eugene Parrot
Transferred from California
from Rogers

Brent Botts
Transferred from California
From Fuller

Jennifer Lake VanCleave
Transferred from N. Dakota
From Bradford

Supplementals

Blythe Nancy Boyes
10th from Soule
12th from Mullins

~~~~~ In Memoriam ~~~~~

Marilyn Florence Shepherd died Saturday, February 15, 2008 at her home in Sedalia. Marilyn was born on May 22, 1930, in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, the daughter of Weston Burton and Esther (Torrey) Belcher. She grew up in Rockland, Massachusetts; graduated Pro Merito from Rockland High School; then graduated from the Chandler School for Women in Boston after first attending Simmons College. She worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston as an assistant to the administrator of Mortgage Regulation X. In June of 1952 Marilyn married Philip Bickford Shepherd of South Weymouth following which they moved to New Jersey where Marilyn was active in Republican Party politics, and the First Congregation Church of Bound Brook. Marilyn moved to Sedalia, Colorado, with her husband in August of 1972, along with their children, Lisa Jeanne and Barry Philips. Prior to retiring, Marilyn was co owner and proprietor of a retail store in Denver that featured needlework supplies, and instructions together with miniature furniture. She is survived by her husband Philip, daughter Lisa Romeo (a member of our Society) and her husband Jeffrey of Westminster, and son Barry Shepherd and his wife Cherie of Highlands Ranch, granddaughter Lauren Romeo of Westminster, and grandsons Matthew and Ryan Shepherd of Highlands Ranch.

Meet The Secretary
Delilah Blount



Dee's Autobiography - My older sister and I were born in Connecticut and lived in Old Lyme. Even though we've lived in Colorado the longest we still think of ourselves as Connecticut Yankees. My father died a few months before I was born so I never knew him or his parents. However, he had researched our family genealogy and I had a copy of the family tree he had done to show that he and my mother had Capt. George Denison as a common ancestor. I'd also been told that we had an ancestor who came on the Mayflower. After I retired from teaching, I decided to really investigate these claims and see if they were really true or just family "stories". That's how I caught the "genealogy bug". As it turned out, both the family tree and Pilgrim ancestry were correct.

We came to Golden, Colorado, because my uncle was graduating from the School of Mines. My mother remarried and we remained in Colorado, occasionally returning to Old Lyme until the home there was sold. When my sister married, she and my brother-in-law lived in Boulder where he attended the University of Colorado. I would go to Boulder to stay with them and soon to baby-sit. For awhile they rented a little house right across from the UMC. I think that's when I fell in love with the university and campus. I still think it's the most beautiful college campus in the country. I got my BA in mathematics there and later I got my MAT in mathematics at CSU. I taught math for 31 years in Adams Co. District 12, 16 years at Huron Junior High and then 15 years at Thornton High School. At Huron I also coached volleyball and gymnastics. I really enjoyed teaching but being a retired teacher is more fun and I have no papers to grade. I also love CU football and have had season tickets for 34 years, only missing one home game!

Now I have lots of time to continue work on the family genealogy and do the never-ending but enjoyable yard work. I have a daughter Kimberly and twin sons Kevin and Kerry and they are all members of the Colorado Mayflower Society. I have eight grandchildren and five of them live in Colorado. I always enjoy watching whatever they do.

I joined the Mayflower Society under John Howland. I have also documented William Brewster and I lack one document to establish the John Alden line.

I joined the Society in 2000 and soon was on the Board of Assistants. I was first elected secretary for the 2002-2004 term and I still enjoy that office.

Meet Board of Assistants Member
Nilou Kahn



Nilou's Autobiography - I grew up in a small orchard town nestled against the San Gabriel Mountains in southern California called Glendora. It was a great town to grow up in. I spent my childhood playing soccer, softball, tennis and swimming in the summer. At the age of fourteen my parents moved us to Algeria where my father had a job building a liquefied natural gas plant. The next year I attended high school in Switzerland at the American School of Leysin. I learned to ski that year, as it was a mandatory class for all students. It was a great year for me as you can imagine. After two years in Algeria my parents moved to Saudi Arabia where they lived for the next 10 years. After that I went to boarding schools in New England and spent my summers in the Kingdom working. I met my future husband, Scott Holiday, in Riyadh in the summer of 1978 and in 1979 we came to Colorado together to go to college. I graduated from CU Boulder in 1984 with a B. A. in Communications Theory. Scott and I were married in 1985 at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Boulder. We live in a 1940's brick bungalow in The Highlands neighborhood in Northwest Denver, two blocks north of Sloans Lake. I have worked in the Title Insurance business for the past 22 years. I currently work as a part time Escrow Officer at Chicago Title of Colorado. We love to ski and play tennis and roller blade. We bought some bikes two years ago but I don't think we've been on them more than two or three times. We have an English Pointer named Phoebe who we regularly walk around Sloans Lake and take to the dog park. She is our doggie daughter and we love her very much. I also love to garden and cook. My husband and I are also home improvement addicts. We popped the top on our brick bungalow ten years ago and just last summer we built a new front porch. I vow that every project will be my last but... we just keep on going. We are members of the Denver Art Museum and the Denver Botanic Gardens. I am also a member of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado and of course my favorite The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Colorado. I really enjoy being on the Board of Assistants with my distant Mayflower cousins. I am a descendant of James Chilton on my mother's side, through her mother Marion Francis Myers, her grandmother Anna Elizabeth Brown and her great grandmother Emily Howard Marshall. I feel very blessed with a strong maternal heritage that ultimately leads to Mary Chilton Winslow.

A note about the origin of my name: My father was born and brought up in Hyderabad, India. When he was a boy, the nizam (or prince) of Hyderabad married the youngest daughter of the last Ottoman Emperor and her name was Princess Niloufer. My father and all his friends thought she was wonderful.

So when my father grew up and got married and had his own daughter, me, he named her after the Turkish princess. I believe it is originally a Persian name because that is what Persian people tell me. But I know of at least a dozen other Niloufers who are Indian and Turkish and Afghani as well as Persian. In fact there are at least 5 other Niloufers in Denver. I met another Niloufer at a party last year who lives three blocks away from me!

Thoughts About Those 5 Kernels of Corn



Just about every time I attend a Mayflower Society dinner I have brought home the dried kernels of corn I find in front of my plate. We hear the story of how just five kernels each helped to keep our ancestors alive. A few days ago I noticed my kernels here on my desk and began to really think about corn. I love to read history and so began to investigate the role of corn in the lives of the Indians and the Pilgrims whom they taught to grow corn. Indian corn was native to our country and the Indians had long known how to sow, cultivate and grow it. A few years before the Mayflower came to our shores, Chief Powhatan of Virginia and his men also had taught John Smith and his men to grow corn and helped him break up the soil and plant forty acres of corn which yielded a very good crop.

When Captain Standish and several of the men from the Mayflower were exploring their surroundings in late November of 1620, they found an area of ground carefully covered, and the sand patted smooth as though something were buried there, yet somehow different from the graves they had discovered earlier. Upon digging, they discovered a large stash of dried corn; some yellow, some red and others mixed with blue. Nearby they also discovered a woven reed basket that contained corn still on the cob.

Their own stores were sadly depleted and lacking and so eventually they decided to plant what they had found. We all know the story of Squanto and his kindness in sharing what the Indians had learned to fertilize the corn to stimulate its growth with fish. The Pilgrims were also helped by using the fields that had been earlier prepared by the Indians who died. That terrible outbreak is now thought to have been bubonic plague that was brought to the area prior to the landing of the Mayflower.

The Indians not only taught the Pilgrims to plant and raise the corn, but also showed them how to grind the dried corn and cook it in many tasty ways. These recipes are still common today, and some by the old names, such as hominy, corn pone, suppawn, samp and succotash.

I was delighted to read of the colonists “parching” a corn that became all soft and white where it broke open. Yup! I’m sure it’s in my genes that I am a popcorn nut!

Mickey Boyes

Corn Chowder

- ¼ finely cut up lean salt pork or bacon
- 2-3 Tbsp. onion finely chopped
- 1 can cream-style corn
- 2 cups finely chopped potatoes
- 1 cup boiling water (may use chicken broth)
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 can (16 oz.) whole tomatoes
- 2 tsp. snipped parsley
- ¼ tsp. thyme
- ¼ tsp. white ground pepper



Cook and stir salt pork or bacon with the onion until pork is crisp and onion is tender. Add potatoes, corn, water or broth, and celery. Cook until potatoes are tender (about 10 minutes). Add tomatoes and heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. May serve with crackers or fresh warm bread with butter.

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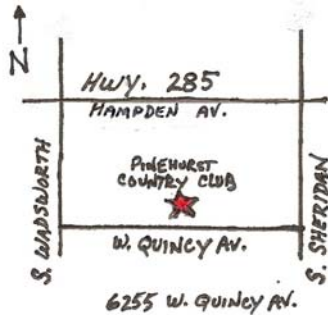
The General Society Congress will be held
Sept. 7th - 9th at Plymouth, Mass.

The General Society website is
www.TheMayflowerSociety.com

The Compact Dinner will be held November
15th at the Denver Country Club.

**Please note the new location for the spring
luncheon – Pinehurst Country Club
6255 West Quincy Ave.
Denver, CO 80235**

**You are requested to silence cell phones and
pagers and wear proper attire (no denim)**



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Mrs. Beverly Spooner, Treasurer
7739 East Hillgate Way
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Please make _____ reservations for the Spring Luncheon

Remittance enclosed \$24.00 per person: _____.

- a. *Beef Burgundy with Noodles*
- b. *Chicken Picatta with Pasta*
- c. *Seafood Crepes*

Attendees' names and entre' selections (a, b, or c)

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