



# Past and Present

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## Quote of the month

"Facts get recorded. Stories get remembered."—Lewis Schiff

## Genealogy detectives at the SGES Library

MA82 Mayflower Marriages from the files of George Ernest Bowman at The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. George Bowman (1860-1941) made it his life's work to document descendants of 23 male Mayflower passengers. He sources included court, church, bible, probate records, wills, charts, cemetery inscriptions, etc. This resulted in 10,000 + entries over 5 centuries. Fifty pages detail descendants of Richard Warren, subject of this month's story. Susan E Roser transcribed Bowman's work for this book which was published in 1990.

## Announcements

Elections for the SGES Executive Board will be held at the November 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. The Nomination Committee presents the following slate for consideration:

*President*—Carol Clay; *Vice-President*—Alana Masters; *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President*—Michael Ports; *Recording Secretary*—Chuck Young; *Corresponding Secretary*—Georgia Pribanic; *Treasurer*—Garry Clay; *Historian*—Liz DuClose.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor before balloting. Elected candidates will be sworn in at the December monthly meeting.

### **\*\*\*Important change of location for November meeting only\*\***

Since we do not have access to the Kori Road library this month, we will gather at the Watson Realty Building, 4194 San Juan Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32210. This office is at the corner of San Juan and Herschel Street a few blocks east of Roosevelt/SR 17.

## Story of the month

### **A Girl Scout's Discovery of her Mayflower Connection**

**By Valerie Bennett**

My daughter's Girl Scout troop was working together on the Genealogy badge. With the requirement to complete a pedigree chart, Cherish mailed one to her father's cousin, Frank, who lives in Taunton, MA. It was not much later that a big brown envelope arrived with more information that she expected.

A draftsman by trade, Frank had prepared a 3 foot by 4.5 foot chart showing her ancestors back to The Mayflower! Imagine her surprise to learn that she is descended from not one, but three of the ship's passengers: William White, Richard Warren and George Soule.

The 102 passengers (along with 30-40 crewmen) departed England in September 1620, bound for the Virginia Colony. At that time the colony extended up the Atlantic Coast from the area we now identify as the state of Virginia to the mouth of the Hudson River in New York.

After a 66 day voyage, the ship arrived in the Cape Cod Bay area. North of their targeted destination (New York City area), the decision was made to not travel south as bad weather and meager supplies would most-likely doom the voyage.

The Mayflower Compact, the first self-governing document of the New World was signed aboard ship. Anchored in Provincetown Harbor the date was 21 Nov 1620 (since Britain was still using the Julian calendar, the actual date was 11 Nov 1620). Merchants William White and Richard Warren, signed 11th & 12th, respectively. George Soule, who traveled as an apprentice to Edward Winslow, was 35th.

White and Warren participated in "The First Encounter" 06 Dec 1620, when a small group of men left the ship and scouted for a suitable living location for the colonists. Warren and Soule received allotments in the 1623 Division of Land and the 1627 Division of Cattle.

William White was accompanied on the voyage by his wife, Suzanna and young son, Resolved. A second son, Peregrine, was first English child born in New England, onboard ship while anchored in the Cape Cod Harbor the end of November 1620. Williams son Resolved received allotments in the division of land & cattle mentioned above.

Among the Pilgrims that passed way in early 1621 were William White and Elizabeth Winslow. The first marriage of the Plymouth Colony took place in April 1621 when their surviving spouses, Suzanna White and Edward Winslow wed.

Warren's wife, Elizabeth (Walker), and five daughters came to Plymouth on the Ship Anne in 1623. Two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph, were born in the New World. George's future wife Maria/Mary Buckett also arrived on the Anne.

With seven surviving children, many Americans can trace their lineage back to Richard & Elizabeth Warren. Recognizable names include: US Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Franklin D. Roosevelt, astronaut Alan B Shepard, Jr., actors Richard Gere and Matt Damon and author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

To see how these people and others are related to Richard Warren and/or other Mayflower passengers go to <http://mayflowerhistory.com/famous-descendants/>

## **Website**

Thomas MacEntee's "Genealogy Do-Over" is unavailable this month.

We've all seen headstones with the person's age in years, months and days. Someone had to be patient to determine that information. With modern technology, one does not have to "do the math". Use this website and all the hard work is done for you!

<http://copperosity.com/genealogy/DateCalculator.htm>

## **New additions to the SGES Library**

(EF-375) Farm Owners of Essener by Bernard Clemens Broring (in German)

(GA-518) 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Georgia Volunteer Cavalry Troop A- D, Troop F (CSA)

(FH-317) New World Book of Lawsons by Halbert's Family Heritage

(LA-21) Generations, past to present Vol 1 a book of charts by Phoebe Chauvin Morrison

(FH-1314) Descendants of John M & Mary Francis Pelham Schofield compiled by Lynda Schofield Corley & others



**SGES salutes all Veterans \*\*Thank you for your service\*\***

#### **Significance of Veterans Day**

In 1918, the Armistice ending the hostilities of World War I was signed by the Allies and Germany upon the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in France. Celebrated in the US as Veterans' Day, in other countries the date is known as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day.