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A Hopkins Thanksgiving in America's Hometown by Lea Filson

Register now for 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 to ride in the Thanksgiving parade in Plymouth, MA!

Where else can you go besides America's Hometown to see the real deal? A place where you can also register at Plimoth Plantation for a real Pilgrim Thanksgiving dinner and see a parade to end all parades. Here is a photo of the finished Hedge House float and a photo of our Mayflower Society House float

under construction. To learn more, go to the website: USAThanksgiving.com.

Only fifteen people, family members, or Family Society partners can ride on the float in Pilgrim dress, but for much less, you can walk the parade. The Mayflower Society House float will be the second or third in the lineup and the route is only a mile and a half. Once you arrive, a VIP seat will be waiting so you can watch the rest of the parade in comfort. After that, head to the real Mayflower Society House to warm up with some festive hot apple cider.

GSMD is fronting the cost but those who ride the float or march behind will help defray the expense. Any additional monies after expenses will go to the Meetinghouse!

For all, you must be dressed in Pilgrim attire.

2018 and 2019:

Float Fee: \$562 per person (think 1620)

Marchers Fee: \$162 per person

Children 12 and under: \$62 per child



2020 and 2021: (Year of 400th anniversary and first Thanksgiving)

Float Fee:

\$1000 per person

Marchers Fee:

\$500 per person

Children 12 and under:

\$250 per child



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Message from the Governor

Hello Hopkins Kin,
I am proud to be Governor of the Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society. I just learned I was descended from Stephen and Elizabeth in mid-2017. I thought I had found all my Mayflower ancestors until my dear friend and relative Carol Sellers called me with a surprise. It's what we all love hearing...she had found four more Pilgrims, to add to our already proven four ancestors, bringing our total to date to eight! No wonder I am obsessed with this historic time. It is in my DNA.

One of my first duties was to contact the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America (HSC). That is the group that recognizes official genealogy societies in America. We are now a part of that distinguished group. There is a link to our website, we are listed by our founding year 2005, and we can post our meetings there for Heritage Week, should we have one. If you haven't attended Heritage Week in Washington, DC, you should try. It is a week of genealogy overwhelm. It is possible to attend a genealogy society breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner, and reception every day of the

week. It is a great opportunity to share your love of all things lineage and make new friends. You can see our information at www.hereditary.us.

We have renewed our partnership with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). It benefits us in many ways including a listing on the GSMD website, ability to cross promote our activities, inclusion in many of their activities, registration to put a display in the Congress exhibition room, various discounts and the list goes on. More important, it allows all with a common interest to communicate regularly and join hands to tell the Mayflower Pilgrim story in a bigger way.

It's an exciting time to be a part of PHHS. Enjoy our newsletter! 📧

Sincerely,
Lea Filson



Message from the Editor

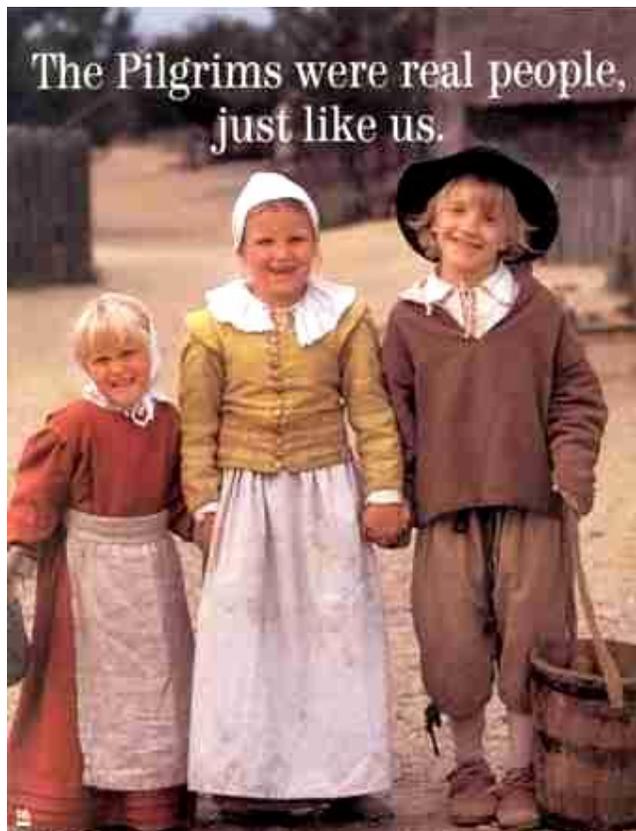
“Greetings Pilgrims”...
(How many remember the origin of that expression in popular culture?) To follow are a few thoughts from your editor!

We would so much like to hear from you with your stories. If you are not comfortable writing it, send the details and we will compose for you. Pictures are always welcome! Also let us know what you enjoy reading and what you would hope to see in the future.

If you are not aware, we have a Facebook page in addition to our official website. Found at www.facebook.com/groups/1490912137821418 or search for Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins Descendants. It is a closed group, so ask to join.

We need your juniors! Begin to talk up Plymouth festivities for 2020. It's a great opportunity for a history lesson...especially one that is your family's history! 📖

Cordially,
Jackie Sheldon



Hopkins Family Donates to Meetinghouse by Lea Filson

Any Hopkins cousin that has visited Plymouth, MA has no doubt walked up Leyden Street to trace the steps of the Hopkins family. At the top of the hill sits the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, a beautiful 1897 structure that was built to honor the Mayflower Pilgrims. The historic stone edifice is a replica of William Bradford's church in England.

The congregation that meets there has dwindled to a little over 50 members. In 2015, talks to donate the Meetinghouse to GSMD began. It was decided that if the society could raise \$3,000,000 by September 2020, the deed would be turned over to GSMD at a ceremony during Congress. GSMD will then use the

Meetinghouse to fulfill its education mission of telling the Mayflower Pilgrim story.

The creation of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust, made up of members of GSMD and the congregation, will assure all monies collected will go to the preservation and restoration of the structure. Once the monetary goal has been met, only GSMD trustees will remain as owners of the Meetinghouse.

During the June 2018 PHHS Board call, a vote was passed to donate \$5000 to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. We will challenge all other Family Societies to match our contribution. PHHS has already requested a reservation so that we can hold our 2020 PHHS meeting there. 

Your Insignia Vote is Needed by Lea Filson

PHHS Insignia was a big topic at the 2017 Hopkins meeting. Below are four choices for a medal which will also become the PHHS logo. The medal will be in a base relief style, not like a photo. Choose only one and send your choice to Lea Filson at Governor@pilgrimhopkins.com.



Medal #1
Clip art of Stephen Hopkins



Medal #2
Just one ship



Medal #3
Ship names hard to read



Medal #4
Dates small but readable

Our ribbon color is still something we need to choose.

Please choose from one of these:

Striped:

- Royal Blue and White
- Black and White
- Green and White
- Red and White

Solid:

- Royal Blue
- Black
- Green
- Red

One more choice:

Some societies, like SAR, have neck medallions that all members wear with a striped ribbon, and officers wear with a solid ribbon. Other societies have a small medal that you wear on your chest.

Which would you prefer?

- Neck Medallion
- Chest Ribbon

Don't worry about price right now. You will get to choose between each of these when you see samples once we have the medal and color choices.

Once we have a color, I will have the Executive Committee choose the actual hue of the favored color. We will then get a final photo with prices and send to everyone. Hopefully, in 2020 we will all be proudly wearing our Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society ribbons!

You have until November 30, 2018 to vote. 



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Next Meeting

Where:
TBD
Plymouth, MA

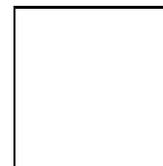
When:
September 2020

The Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society will schedule a meeting in September 2020, in Plymouth, MA. All those interested in the PHHS are invited. More details will be forthcoming for those interested in attending. See our website for updates.



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