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Welcome from the Governor General

This is an exciting time to be a part of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. As you read this year’s Annual Report, the exceptional progress the Society has made over the past year will become evident. Through the work of our 52 Member Societies, our Plymouth staff, and a hard-working group of GSMD Officers and committees, we are realizing increasing success in our endeavors.

We have much to be proud of with our Plymouth staff. This professional group of people are an asset to the Society, and their accomplishments in this report will amaze you.

As this fiscal year comes to a close, we should take a moment to reflect on all the positive accomplishments we have realized. Our membership is growing and our efforts have never been stronger in telling the story of our Mayflower Pilgrim ancestors. It has been my honor to be of service to each and every member in this Society.

Sincerely,
Lea Sinclair Filson

Welcome from the Executive Director

I am pleased to offer you this Fiscal 2016 Annual Report, providing a summary of programs and activities at our national headquarters in Plymouth. It has been a remarkable year, highlighted by admitting our 90 thousandth member since our founding in 1897, publishing for the first time since 1642 Pilgrim Robert Cushman’s The Cry Of A Stone, launching the new The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine and Mayflower Journal, presenting our first annual Pilgrim Academic Research Award, and continuing our reorganization of staff to provide better member services and improve our outreach. The Plymouth staff have never been more engaged in working to increase the pace of approving applications, improve our website and social media presence, respond to your many inquiries and visits, and make both the Library and Mayflower Society House more inviting and useful for our members.

As we draw closer to 2020, significant challenges remain, but the opportunities for growth and educational outreach have never been better. I have seen it in the enthusiasm you have shown for many of our programs, and in the outpouring of ideas that you provide. Most encouraging is the ongoing financial support and personal commitments that so many of you make to promote the Society’s mission, vision, and values.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Walter L. Powell
Operations Progress

The GSMD staff in Plymouth is the primary contact for services to our members, Member Societies and the greater Plymouth community. Our priority remains strengthening staff capacity and developing quality services and outreach. To help achieve these goals, the following actions have been taken:

• Hired a new Business Manager with expanded hours.
• Hired a new Communications Manager.
• Hired a new Administrative Assistant.
• Increased Verifier hours at the Library.

Mayflower Society House and Garden Report

• Welcomed over 1,600 visitors for tours and had a record 375 visitors to the Mayflower Society House Gift Shop.
• Hosted the first “Governor General’s 1620 Club” donor recognition event in October 2015, highlighted by the presentation of the first Pilgrim Academic Research Award.
• Hosted an official delegation of visitors from Plymouth, England and Leiden, Holland in March 2016.
• Hosted a reception to launch the publication of Pilgrim Robert Cushman’s *The Cry Of A Stone* in April 2016.
• Hosted and co-sponsored the 2nd Annual “Pirates Ashore” weekend in May 2016, which re-enacted the arrival in May 1646 of 80 “English Pirates” in Plimoth Colony. More than 200 visitors passed through the house.

*Mayflower Society House Docent staff, back row: Sue Fournier, Mary Murray, Karen Yourell, and Marti Finnegan. Front row: Donna Olsson, Head Docent Judy MacDonald, and Janette Somerville.*
Activities of the Genealogy and Research Services Department

Reports from Society Historians show increasing interest in joining the Mayflower Society as the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower approaches. Our numbers also reflect this growing trend. In this department, we are doing everything we can to facilitate this momentum.

Activities of the Genealogy and Research Services Department and the Historian General’s office lie at the core of the Society. A major role of this department is the review of lineage applications in order to confirm whether a blood line from a Mayflower passenger truly exists. Documentation is examined to determine not only that the names, places, and dates are correct, but most importantly to verify that the parent-child connection is proven at every generation. Each marriage is also reviewed to make sure the person documented at the birth is the one showing up at the wedding – and not another person by the same name!

A typical application contains 13 generations. Each generation has five referenced events (birth, marriage, death) with an average of one to five sources cited per event. This can create upwards of 200 pieces of data in each of 2000+ applications – for almost half a million data sources checked this year!

- **Application numbers** are up! During the 2016 fiscal year, 2,244 applications and supplementals were approved. This compares to 1,689 approved in the prior year, a 25% increase!

- **The membership number 90,000** was assigned to a Florida member in March 2016. With the rise in applications, total membership since the General Society began is expected to reach 100,000 by 2020.

- **Application processing time** has been improved. Currently it takes about 8 weeks from receipt to approval.

- **Workshops for Society Historians** began at the 2015 GBOA meeting. The material presented has been made available on the Historian’s section of our website. The staff continues to present training sessions.

- **Preliminary Reviews** produced over $50,000 in revenue for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. January 2016 was a record month with over 200 lineage reviews.

- **Our library** averages 50 visitors each month, with weekday hours available year round. Researchers are welcomed on Saturdays during the summer.

- **Outreach** continues with booths at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, UT, the National Genealogical Society in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and the MA Society of Genealogists.

- **The ‘Booth in a Box’ program** is available for Member Societies to generate interest and awareness in membership. The box includes GSMD brochures, information materials, a display item to raffle, and reference material.
Development Office Highlights

The past year marked significant progress with the development efforts at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The addition of an Executive Assistant and the engagement of a part time Development Consultant has resulted in the formation of a Development Office on campus. One of the goals of the Development Office is to encourage financial investment in our organization and to garner the support of our members, corporations, foundations, and the greater community. With an increased capacity in this area we have been able to further enhance communication with our members and supporters. This has resulted in increased contributions and support of our programs. Some of our accomplishments in this area include:

• Annual Appeal revenue of $105,267.20 from 1,297 donors.
• Annual Appeal donor participation increased 13% from the year prior.
• 41% growth in revenue from the Governor General’s 1620 Club.
• Hosted the first Governor General’s 1620 Club weekend in October, an event that honors GSMD’s most generous donors.
• Installation of 152 inscribed bricks in The Mayflower Society Garden Walkway Project.
• Establishment of a Planned Giving program that allows our supporters to make transformative gifts when conducting their Estate Planning.

How does your donation help?

Every contribution GSMD receives plays an important role in accomplishing our goals. Projects our donors have donated directly to in the past year include our Mayflower Families Project, the Mayflower House Endowment Fund, and our College Scholarship Program. When you give to our unrestricted Annual Fund, a donation of any amount supports a wide range of necessary endeavors.

We are grateful to each of the donors who have played an important role in these accomplishments with their financial contributions and volunteer efforts. We invite you to contact the Development Office to learn more about the many ways that you can support the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.
Donor Spotlight: Ann & Bob Miles

We were honored to chat with our Donor Spotlight members Bob and Ann Miles. Bob and Ann visited the Society to purchase a brick for our garden in June 2016 with their grandchildren, Abbie and Price.

Tell us a little bit about joining the Mayflower Society.

B&A: I (Ann) descend from John Alden (proven), Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins and George Soule. Bob descends from William Brewster (proven), his wife, Mary, Stephen and Giles Hopkins.

Bob and I worked simultaneously on our applications and found that, even though we descended from different Pilgrims and different locations, our lines seemed to parallel. We also discovered that we are cousins many times over through all four of our parents. Our children were horrified by this until we explained how common that really was!

What are you doing to continue the legacy of the Mayflower within your own family roots?

B&A: We’ve combined our passion for gardening and Mayflower history at our house this summer. Three of our grandchildren are here during the week for “Grammie-Camp,” as they call it. We designed and planted a Mayflower Garden. The kids are learning what their ancestors grew, how they lived and how they used plants for medicine and other necessities. I purchased one of the pottery watering jugs on a recent visit, and the kids have learned a new appreciation of how hard and time-consuming chores were in the 1600s.

Why did you decide to include your grandchildren in your visit to the Mayflower Society?

We love Plymouth! Bob and I have been twice and this year was for our grandchildren, Abbie and Price, who are old enough to appreciate and retain what they learn. We wanted them with us when we purchased the bricks for the Walkway Project.

We loved reading the names on the Walkway bricks and we thought this was a wonderful way for descendants to honor, bond and leave a lasting part of themselves in Plymouth where their ancestors once walked and lived. When we joined the Society last summer, we knew we wanted to take part in the project. We also wanted our grandchildren to have a first-hand account of the day we purchased our bricks, so that one day they would be able to pass that memory on. They loved every moment in Plymouth and we have no doubt they will still be visiting long after we’re gone.

1620 Spotlight: Rick Denham

Rick Denham is the Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas, General Society of Mayflower Descendants’ Executive Committee Member-at-Large, a committed Mayflower descendant, and a generous Governor General 1620 Club donor with a story.

Rick’s passion for Mayflower lineage runs strong, and started with his mother, Lucy Dyer Denham. Lucy had expressed pride and joy in being a descendant, although had never submitted an application to GSMD. Upon her death in 2003, Rick spent the next six years following his mother’s notes, gathering documentation, and was finally approved as a descendant from Stephen Hopkins.

After joining the Society through his mother’s side, Rick started discovering his late, biological father’s history. He became interested in DNA to find links he could not prove. Earlier this year he received a notification that a “Close - 1st Cousin” DNA match had been found. It was a woman named Rose and he had never heard of her. Rick made the decision to contact Rose and with her help, they started to piece everything together. As she had no clue who her father was, Rick contacted Ancestry.com and found out that their match was extremely close... to the point where they probably shared a parent! His half-brother Terry, from his father’s second marriage, took a DNA test and confirmed Rose was their sister! The three siblings are now close.

Rick joined the Society with a commitment to devote himself to the General Society on his mother Lucy’s behalf. Contributing to the 1620 Club is simply just another way of supporting programs his mother would have been involved in. By focusing his local efforts towards the Texas Mayflower Juniors’ program, his national efforts on the index he created of the Garden Walkway project, and sharing his lineage success story, Rick Denham is a true example of Mayflower passion and we are proud to honor him as our 1620 Spotlight donor.

Donor Spotlight: The Eaton Estate

Last September GSMD member Alden Shorrs (Alden descendant) stopped by the Mayflower Society library to drop off several boxes of local histories and genealogies that had been donated at the behest of his friend William H. Eaton. Mr. Shorrs also informed the Society that it had been named as one of the beneficiaries of Mr. Eaton’s estate.

William Henry Eaton was born on May 13, 1932, and lived most of his life in Scituate, MA, where he operated a window cleaning business for many years. A descendant of Richard Warren, he joined GSMD in March 1977 and was often a visitor to Plymouth, where Mayflower Society House Head Docent and Curator Judy MacDonald remembered him as a kind and gentle spirit. An active member of the Scituate Grange, where he served in many offices over the years, he also belonged to the Norwell Grange and the Mayflower North Pomona Grange. He was a faithful supporter of the Marshfield Fair, where his fudge and varied desserts were sought after at the Grange Exhibit, and for raffles and meetings at Grange fundraisers. He enjoyed visiting shut-in Grange members and at Christmas would often take plants to many of them. Like many of our members, he had a passion for history and genealogy, and was a member of the Scituate Historical Society and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

Mr. Eaton passed away peacefully after a brief illness on November 10, 2014 at the age of 82. He left behind many close friends. A graveside service and interment was held at Union Cemetery in Scituate. The Mayflower Society is very grateful for his generous gift, which will help advance the mission of GSMD and to preserve the story of our Pilgrim ancestors.
COMMUNICATIONS Progress Report

- Transitioned from The Mayflower Quarterly to The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, a members-only, full-color, 24-page periodical with Secretary General Susan E. Roser as our new Editor.


- Expanded our Members-Only section on the GSMD website with a Publications page that features electronic issues of both the Magazine and Journal, complimentary to our Members.

- Partnered with organizations and businesses, such as Destination Plymouth, Plymouth 400, Inc., Pilgrims Progress, and Back Roads of the South Shore, in an effort to promote tourism and local visibility, and the upcoming 2020 Commemoration.

- Gained 1,500 more subscribers to our email lists including a Member list (1,605), a non-Member list (709), and our Historians Only list (103). We’ve collected 102 of these, from conferences alone in 2016.

PUBLICATIONS AND SALES Progress Report

- Published Robert Cushman’s The Cry Of A Stone, a rare Pilgrim treatise transcribed and annotated by Pilgrim scholar James W. Baker.

- Published a new Silver Book, Sarah Alden Bass (Volume 16, Part 5).


- Added a 2020 Commemoration section and new Insignia items including a new scarf, a tie bar, and a Pilgrim game to the online webshop.

- A blazer badge for Mayflower descendants was redesigned and added to the online webshop.

- Expanded publications sales outreach to a variety of historical societies and libraries.

- Strengthened partnerships with our local vendors, such as Plimoth Plantation and Pilgrim Hall.

- Expanded offerings at the Mayflower Society House Gift Shop to include GSMD promotional items and 2020 Commemoration items in response to growing visitor interest.
Audit and Financial Review
Chooses audit firm and makes recommendations on budget and spending to Executive Committee.
Chair Charles M. Johnson—MS
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Stephen H. Gibbon—NJ
David L. Grinnell—OH & CA

Awards
Presents awards and pins to Members nominated by a Member Society at GBOA and Council.
Chair MAL Virginia A. Mucciaccio—MA
James W. Lucas—MA
FSG Roger L. Young—TN
John R. Payvant—NH

Coles Hill Anthropological Project
Reports on recent archaeology done in Plymouth and the restoration of the Sarcophagus.
Chair AGG George P. Garmnya Jr., MD—CO
Lisa H. Pennington—TX
Sandra St. Martin—OH
Gretchen Harvey—NE
Mary Tabor Griswold—NV
Linda L. Hill—TX
June R. Gorman—MI

Constitution & By-Laws, Resolutions, Standing Committees
Rules & Policies
Discusses and recommends needed changes to the Executive Committee and GBOA.
Chair CG Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.—MA
EG Kenneth R. Whittimore Jr.—CA & DC
FCG Sarah L. Clingman, Esq.—SC
Arthur F. Young Jr.—NY
FG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI

Development
Makes recommendations on fundraising practices.
Chair Linda Hart—MA
FCG Sarah L. Clingman, Esq.—SC
MAL Virginia A. Mucciaccio—MA
Laurie A. Sutherland—NY
Noel H. Kuhrt Jr.—DE

Education
Publishes “Education Gazette” with resources and articles for teachers and Society Junior Chairs.
Chair Mary F. Brown—CT
Grace B. Smith—MI
Jeri U. Kuehn—WI
James B. Battles—MD

GSMD Manual Committee
Creates and keeps up-to-date practices and procedures for Member Societies to use as a guide.
Chair Harry P. Folger 3rd—NJ

Historic Sites
Updates Mayflower Society Historic Monuments and Markers publication, organizes GSMD tour of England and Holland.
Chair Barbara L. Williams—TX & WA
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Ray Rasor—CA

Insignia
Creates, sells and manages proper use of official insignia.
Chair Deborah A. Yingst—NJ
Jane Schleinzer—IL

Juniors
Maintains Juniors Facebook page and creates newsletters for Juniors for use by Member Societies.
Chair Cynthia Timney—MA
Linda K. White—AR
Joan C. Miller—PA
Peggy Marsh—TX
Beth Anderson-Godfrey—MA

Mayflower DNA
Stays abreast of technology and assists in running the FTDNA project on Family Tree site.
Chair Myrtle L. Savage—CA
Muric C. Cashing—FL
Lydia H. Ozenberger, Esq.—LA
SuG Naomi S. Mann, MD—LA
David R. Patek, PhD—NM & PA
Peter Klutcher, RN—TN
James Egans, MD—MD

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine
Editorial
Assists Editor in publishing the magazine.
Chair SG Susan E. Roser, MQ Editor—CN
FCG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI
Laurie A. Sutherland—NY

Mayflower Society House
Makes recommendations to Executive Committee about house maintenance and interior changes.
Chair FGG Bruce C. MacGunnigle—RI
FALG Benjamin G. Proctor Jr.—MD
Mary F. Brown—CT
FCM Priscilla G. Uscher—RI
Sharon A. Wiese—SD

Meetings and Events
Coordinates Congress and GBOA meetings in accordance with GMSD Meetings and Events Guide.
Chair Linda K. White—AR
Grace B. Smith—MI
Jane Hurt—KS
Scott Sawyer-Kershner—PA
Gretchen Harvey—NE
Patricia Sayko—SC
Jeff T. Stark—WI

Membership
Recommends membership initiatives for Member Societies to Executive Committee.
Chair Martha E. Ward—NC
Franklin N. Horton—NC
Michael C. Kelcher—NC
Mary Lee Merrill—MN
Gregory E. Thompson—CT

Personnel
Handles personnel issues working directly with Governor General and Executive Director.
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AGM George P. Garmnya Jr., MD—CO
SG Susan E. Roser—CN
TG Donald T. Studley, CPA—CT
FCG Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.—MA
HGM Marjorie “Midge” K. Hurtuk—CT

Pilgrim Academic Research
Recommends annual award winner to Executive Committee and solicits academics to pursue Pilgrim-related projects.
Chair Walter Powell, PhD
Max D. Brown—IL
Lee Martin—OH

Public Relations
Assists Member Societies in creating programs that attract media attention.
Chair MAL C. Richard Denham—TX
Virginia B. Link—ME
Mary Lee Merrill—DE & ME
Jeff Johnson—TX

Rare Books and Bibles
Researches and locates rare books connected with the Pilgrims.
Chair John J. White—MA
Donna Crosby—WA
Heather Wilkinson Rojo—NH
John Bradford Towle—CT

Scholarship
Creates rules, coordinates, and chooses winning recipients of annual scholarships.
Chair Lorraine A. Link—MN
Mark C. Fulcomer—NJ
Sally K. Johnson—CA
Judith Chace Needham—MA
Laura Sharpe Brock—FL

Silver Books Project
Hires and supervises researchers coordinating changes or corrections to book collection.
Chair FGG Judith H. Swan—CA & CN
AHG Todd M. Holden—RI
SG Susan E. Roser—CN
Beverly Spoorer—CO

Strategic Planning
Updates and recommends Strategic Plan changes to Executive Committee and GBOA.
Chair FCG Sarah L. Clingman, Esq.—SC
EG Kenneth R. Whittimore Jr.—CA & DC

Technology
Identifies and implements technology and software that will improve the operation of GSMD.
Chair Michael S. Nichols—TX
SG Susan E. Roser—CN
Gregory E. Thompson—CT
Ron Dailey—FL
Andrea “Annie” W. John—DC
Ruth Lucchesi—IL
Gordon Smith—AZ

Trustees of Mayflower House Endowment Fund
Separate entity from GSMD that supervises endowment accounts, ensures financial stability.
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Benjamin G. Proctor III—MD
FCG Judith H. Swan—CA & CN
Mark T. Cox IV—VA
GG Lea S. Filson—LA

2020
Creates and recommends programs and events for Member Societies for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.
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Timothy D. Mallory—MD
Ralph L. Moore—IL
Mary F. Brown—CT
Noel H. Kuhrt Jr.—DE
Jane Schleinzer—IL
Elwood M. Porter II—WY
Carlynn Crist-Schwab—NC
FCAW Kenneth R. Callison—IA
Deborah A. Yingst—NJ
Muriel C. Cushing—FL
Robert Dempster—CA
John J. White—MA
Joe Lillis—NY
David Green—LA

Women of the Mayflower
Solicits and publishes articles on Mayflower women and works with DNA committee on the FTDNA project.
Chair Susan Abanor—NY
Muriel C. Cushing—FL
EG Kenneth R. Whittimore Jr.—CA & DC
Carolyn L. Adams, Esq.—CT
Judie Allen—TX
NEW MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW
JUNE 2015 - JUNE 2016

Female Members
1,025

Male Members
690

Dual Members
21

386
Silent Generation
(Before 1946)

719
Baby Boomers
1946-1964

360
Generation X
1965-1984

222
Millenials
1985-2004

28
Generation Z
2005-Present

New Members by Family

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WHERE IN THE WORLD DO OUR MEMBERS LIVE?
Data from +29,000 current active members

Statistics are based on where members physically reside, not which Society/Societies they are a member of.

Less than 50 Members

Argentina (1)
Austria (2)
Belgium (2)
Brazil (2)
Cayman Islands (2)
China (1)
Denmark (3)
France (10)
Germany (1)
Hong Kong (2)
India (1)
Ireland (1)

Less than 20 Members

Argentina (1)
Austria (2)
Belgium (2)
Brazil (2)
Cayman Islands (2)
China (1)
Denmark (3)
France (10)
Germany (1)
Hong Kong (2)
India (1)
Ireland (1)

United Kingdom 36 Members

Canada 269 Members

Australia 38 Members

Germany 22 Members

Armed Forces, Europe, Canada, Middlde East, Africa (14)
Armed Forces, Americas (2)
Armed Forces, Pacific (3)

More than 1,500 Members

Italy (5)
Japan (2)
South Korea (1)
Kuwait (1)
Luxembourg (1)
Mexico (1)
Netherlands (8)
New Zealand (1)
Nicaragua (1)
Peru (1)
Phillippines (1)
Portugal (1)

Puerto Rico (4)
Singapore (6)
South Africa (1)
Spain (2)
Sweden (8)
Switzerland (7)
Thailand (2)
Trinidad (1)
Turkey (1)
Venezuela (3)
Virgin Islands (1)
## FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
for the Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)

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FINANCIALS
Consolidated Statements of Activities
for the Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)

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<td><strong>Total Operating Support and Revenue</strong></td>
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| Expenses | | |
| Program Services | | |
| Genealogy Validation | $459,886 | $409,249 |
| Genealogical Research and Publications | 187,392 | 183,317 |
| Museum House Operations | 145,996 | 202,689 |
| Member Services | 224,657 | 185,800 |
| **Total Program Services** | $1,017,931 | $981,055 |
| Supporting Services | | |
| Management and General | 264,213 | 237,322 |
| Fundraising | 167,690 | 61,780 |
| **Total Supporting Services** | 431,903 | 299,102 |
| **Total Expenses** | $1,449,834 | $1,280,157 |
| Change in Net Assets from Operations | 34,781 | 450,842 |
| Other Changes: | | |
| Investment return reduced by amounts designated for current operations | (354,332) | (305,335) |
| **Change in Net Assets** | (319,551) | 145,507 |
| Net Assets - beginning of year | 10,310,877 | 10,165,370 |
| **Net Assets - end of year** | $9,991,326 | $10,310,877 |

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Our Mission Statement

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, GSMD, is committed to education and lineage research on the journey of the Pilgrims aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620 and their lineal descent. The Society provides education and understanding of why the Pilgrims were important, how they shaped western civilization, and what their 1620 voyage means today.
In 2015, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants realized it needed to encourage new scholarship in the field of Colonial history, so the Pilgrim Academic Research Award was born. The first recipient of this prestigious award was James W. Baker who transcribed and annotated GSMD’s newest publication, *The Cry Of A Stone*.

While future honorees will be chosen from a wide field of scholarly work, it seems fitting that Jim should be honored this year. His notes guide readers as they get a look at a rare manuscript written by Pilgrim Robert Cushman just months before the *Mayflower* sailed. Lost until the 1970’s, this treatise allows for new insight into how the Pilgrim Separatists worshipped.


Jim is a fourth generation resident of his family home in Plymouth, MA and shares it with his wife Peggy M. Baker, Director Emerita of Pilgrim Hall Museum.

It is GSMD’s honor to bestow this cash award to James W. Baker and to congratulate him on being the first Pilgrim Academic Research Award recipient!