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Nominations for a New Board for PHHS

Elections of these officers will be at the Triennial Meeting of the Society, which is to be held in Plymouth, MA, just prior to the 41st Triennial Congress of the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants, September 8-13, 2017. The newly-elected officers will assume their three year term immediately upon election.

According to the by-laws of the PHHS, the duties of the respective offices are as follows:

Governor shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Society; supervise all of the business and affairs of the Society; authorize expenditures of funds of the Society up to \$100 without prior approval of the Board of Assistants; authorize other expenditures only for items budgeted in the annual

budget, unless approved by the Board of Assistants as a budget change; and not allow expenditures that exceed the annual budget items.

- b. Answer promptly inquiries and questions of members
- c. Appoint all committee secretaries and chairpersons and be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- d. Assist the Newsletter editor in the preparation for printing of a Newsletter in March, July and November.
- e. Provide timely notice to all members of the Society of the date, place and time of the next Annual meeting.
- f. Call a meeting of the Board of Assistants prior to the Annual meeting.
- g. Appoint a Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting one-year prior to the Triennial Meeting.

- b. Succeed the Governor in completion of an unexpired three-year term.
- c. Perform such other duties as the Governor may request.
- d. Chair the Nominating and Bylaws Committees.

Corresponding Secretary shall:

- a. Initiate and/or answer all correspondence related to Mayflower Pilgrims (not assumed by other Board Members).
- b. Maintain an up-to-date membership list which shall include all members' and junior members' names and current addresses, their membership numbers and the name of the Stephen Hopkins child from whom they are descended, if applicable.
- c. Request from each new member information necessary for the completion of a Membership Directory, which will be prepared at

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Deputy Governor shall:


- a. Exercise all of the functions of Governor in the absence of, or disability of the Governor.

New Year's Greetings from your Editor!

Hopkins Cousins,
2016 is behind us. Let us look toward sustaining our great nation as momentum picks up for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. Included in this newsletter are follow up stories from issues past. Please consider sharing one of your own ancestors timeline as you read these. You don't have to be a "writer". We will work with you if there is a story to be told. Just provide the facts.

And please consider volunteering as one of the officers, whose duties are outlined inside this issue. As 2020 draws nearer, this will be an especially significant time to be involved.

Finally, I would love to see an official logo designated for our society. PHHS currently uses images of the Mayflower and Sea Venture for our publications. However many of us are members of other historic societies and have branch pins on which we may wear representative insignia. I, for one, would be proud to have a PHHS pin in that array! We would love your thoughts and ideas.

Please stay in touch. Keep information and updates flowing. Best wishes to PHHS Governor Rick Denham as he continues to recover from pneumonia and eye surgery. 

Sincerely,
Jackie Sheldon

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the request of the Governor and Board of Assistants.

- d. Record the proceedings from the Annual Membership meeting and all meetings held by the Board of Assistants and submit them to the Governor for approval and distribution as necessary.

Treasurer shall:

- a. Have charge of all funds and financial needs of the Society including, with the trustee's cooperation, the trust account of Life Members payments and surplus monies in certificates of deposits, and make disbursements in accordance with the approved annual budget or changes approved by the Board of Assistants.
- b. Maintain a ledger of accounts of dues payments, cash receipts, and disbursements.
- c. Have a general treasury account meeting the needs of the budget and an interest-bearing account for the deposit of all Life memberships, gifts and bequest; these accounts will

be named The Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society and bear the names of the Treasurer, Governor and Corresponding Secretary.

- d. Present a full, written financial report and budget to the membership at each Annual meeting.
- e. Present complete financial records for annual audit by the Audit Committee
- f. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the Treasurer will transfer all funds and financial records belonging to the Society to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants or another qualified non-profit organization.

Historian shall:

- a. Maintain the genealogical records of the Society.
- b. Conduct research as necessary or when directed by the Governor.
- c. Address members' inquiries as appropriate.

The **three Assistants** shall perform such duties as the Governor may request.

Anyone who has an interest in serving should contact Rick Denham via email:

governor@pilgrimhopkins.com 

Checking back in on Southworth Holmes of Barnstable, Mass and Cincinnati, Ohio by Erica Hahn

Atlantic Crossings invites stories about Hopkins descendants. The more allied families mentioned, the more interconnections we are likely to find! Please send yours to editor@pilgrimhopkins.com.

Several years ago I had a piece about Southworth Holmes in the newsletter, entitled "Hopkins Descendant Moves to Cincinnati."

At that time, I had some unanswered questions about Southworth, to wit:

1. How did he come to go to Cincinnati in the first place?
2. Did he have descendants other than the ones I knew about then?

Six years later answers have found me. Let me first recap some points. Southworth was born 7 Sep 1799 in Barnstable, Mass, which was once a daughter colony of Plymouth colony. He was a descendant of 12 passengers on the Mayflower including Stephen Hopkins and his first wife via his daughter Constance, who herself was also among the passengers on the Mayflower.

He was the son of Nelson Holmes who died in 1800 and his wife Martha Samson, who died in 1817 who are both buried in Barnstable.

Until recently the next time we find Southworth in any records, he was in Cincinnati Ohio in 1824, making a pledge to the Church of the New Jerusalem, a Swedenborgian Church. He had along the way acquired skill in hanging wall paper.

He had two wives, first an English girl named Sarah Andress, who died in 1834, leaving him the single parent of 4 small children including sons William and Charles, then his second wife Mary Bolles Hinman with whom he lived for 50 years and with whom he had only one living child, Harry.

He died in Cincinnati at the ripe age of 83 in 1883.

In multiple records, city directories and census records his occupation is that of paper "stainer" or "hanger."¹

Recently a book came up on Google which finally and movingly answers the questions as to why he went to Cincinnati. The book is *The Biographical Cyclopaedia and Portrait Gallery with an Historical Sketch of the State of Ohio*, published in 1884, only a year after his death.

The sketch about Southworth tells us, his father died when he was an infant and in 1813 he was sent to

Boston to a company called Allen and Marshall to learn the paper trade, but poor Southworth was so homesick that he found an open boat and made his way back to Barnstable. Shortly afterwards he went back to Boston to finish his training. In 1818 (ie just after his mother died) Mr. Allen decided to go to Cincinnati, and Southworth accompanied him. They travelled to Pittsburgh partly on foot and from there got a flatbed boat down the Ohio River to Cincinnati. In Cincinnati for a time Southworth was in business with Mr. Allen producing wall paper but in time they went their separate ways.

The article speaks of Southworth's devotion to the Church of the New Jerusalem and that he was very fond of music and had a beautiful baritone voice.²

The family of his first wife Sarah Andress was a musical family too. In 1906 Sarah's niece, Lizzy Babbit wrote to her cousin, Lavinia Holmes (the daughter of Charles Holmes) and told her something more of the family story. The Andress family were all musical and all of them were in the choir at the Church of the New Jerusalem. Sarah's father built organs.³

That explained how Southworth got to Cincinnati and even how he and Sarah connected, but now I wanted to know if I missed any descendants in my first article.

When I wrote the article, the 1940 census had not yet been released. All I had was the 1930 census and a rather stunning Cincinnati Enquirer obituary of Anna C. Holmes, who died in Riverside in 1986 at the age of 105. A remarkable character in her own right, if nothing else for surviving so long, she was the daughter of Harry. The obituary said she was survived only by her niece Louise Allen Rowley.⁴

I said that other than the descendants of Charles, all of Southworth's other descendants were jointly descendants of William and his half-brother Harry. As far as Harry, the son of Southworth and second wife Mary, was concerned that was true, but it turns out William had other descendants.

I correctly identified all of Southworth's offspring via his son Charles, not too hard since Charles was my great-great grandfather.

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Son William's descendants are all through his daughter Georgianna known as Daisy who married Clark Root Rowley. One of Daisy's children, Arthur Rowley married his cousin, the granddaughter of Harry, named Louisa Allen, of whom Anna's obituary spoke. They had children. Thus for Harry all of his descendants are descendants also of his half-brother William.

But Georgianna also had two other children who had offspring, her son Robert Rowley and her daughter Julianna Rowley who married a man named Joel Benson. And Julianna had a son named Walter Rowley Benson born in 1914 in Chicago.

Photo by Terry Rowley



Picture of Walter on his wedding day with his bride Bonnie, Tommy Dorsey and his wife.

Walter, who was known as Benny, was a professional musician, a trombonist to be precise, who played in the Tommy Dorsey orchestra.⁵ Today on eBay you can buy a 1951 poster featuring a number of well known trombonists who play a Martin trombone including our Benny. You can find a clip of him on YouTube playing with the MGM Symphony Orchestra since both Southworth and Sarah were musical I would suspect they would be thrilled to know one of their descendants helped propel the rise of swing jazz. 🎷

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PHHS Board Votes to join the GSMD Family Society Partnership

In November of this year, the board voted to join the GSMD Society Partnership. Currently the benefits of joining the Family Society Partnership are the following:

- GSMD will make Family Society a part of its public relations and marketing efforts
- Display a link on GSMD's website to a Family Society website
- Designate a meeting time during the GSMD meeting schedule at Congress
- Communicate and market news of Family Societies in GSMD Quarterly
- GSMD will forward information to new members


about Family Society membership

- Family Societies would receive flyers for GSMD membership to include in their new member packets
- Of the \$250 annual donation, \$100 will go to the GSMD Silver Books Project
- A GSMD endorsement symbol will be given to Family Society to display on their website and promotional materials.

In reviewing the benefits and recounting the help the GSMD has already been to our PHHS, founder and board advisor Susan Abanor said, "I think the arrangement benefits them as well as us... I am in favor of joining the Partnership GSMD Family Society if it is agreed by the PHHS Board to take out a membership." 🎷

“Cruisin’ Cousins” Revisit Bermuda by Jacqueline Sheldon

In June of 2012, under the capable organization of now PHHS Governor Rick Denham, the “Cruisin’ Cousins” made a pilgrimage to Bermuda. Stephen Hopkins had been shipwrecked there in 1609-1610 in the Sea Venture. The cruise included lectures by historian Caleb Johnson on his Hopkins-related research, visits in Bermuda to sites linked to the shipwrecked “Sea Venture,” and above all, many wonderful opportunities for Hopkins cousins to connect.

Then Governor Susan Abanor returned summer of 2016 and has shared these pictures of the sites revisited. See [Volume 6, Issue 1, June 2012](#) of *Atlantic Crossings* for more details of the cruise. 



Here is a photo I took at Fort St. Catherine in Bermuda. It shows the wear to our plaque there.



This is the beach they landed on after the wreck of the Sea Venture. This was taken from where the plaque is located.



The Fort and landing beach are on the upper left in the picture. I took this photo on our flight to NYC.

All 3 photos by Susan Abanor



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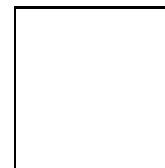
When:
September 9th or 10th, 2017

The Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society will schedule a meeting in September 2017, in Plymouth, MA. All those interested in the PHHS are invited. More details will be provided in the coming months for those interested in attending. See our website for updates.



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