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Cousins,

It is with regret that I report on the passing of Mable Topping, loving wife of Past Governor Ruddy Topping. I'm not sure of the date of death but it occurred in the recent past. Many of us became officers under Rudy's Governorship and have great admiration for him and his wife. Remember the family in your prayers.

Our next Board of Assistants meeting will be at the NC State club on May 7, 2011. The sign up notice is in this newsletter. Our program will be presented by our Education Chairwoman Carolyn Crist-Schwab. She will speak on the Pilgrim Fathers and the Fur Trade. She has collected several references from Plymouth concerning the subject. Frances Emory will again help sponsor the meeting so please attend if you can.

At this meeting the primary activity will be selecting our representatives to the General Society Congress in September 2011 in Plymouth. Also on the discussion list is the campaign for DGG Martha Ward as a candidate for one of the At-Large positions on the General Board of Assistance. Martha is very active at the GBA meetings and through her efforts, brought the North Carolina Society to the forefront of the Society. I think every member on the GBA now has a North Carolina distinctive pin.

Mark your calendars for May 7 and for the Annual Meeting November 4-5, 2011. This year we will change our State Officers. The nomination committee headed up by Past Governor and DGG Ward is finalizing the slate of nominees. See you on May 7 in Raleigh.

Thanks,

Frank



NC Governor Frank Horton and Wade Alley





Henry Joseph Shiloff  
13<sup>th</sup> From John Howland  
Charlotte Colony

James Allen Hill, Jr.  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren  
Central Colony

Brendan E. Dawal  
13<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
Piedmont Colony

Heather Claire Dalton  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
Charlotte Colony

Charles Patrick Lochary  
11<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
Charlotte Colony

Jocelyn B. Dawal  
13<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
Piedmont Colony

Heidi Wheeler Greve  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
Charlotte Colony

Sharon Lynn Meeker  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford  
Western Colony

Judson D. Taylor, Jr.  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke  
Piedmont Colony

Kathy Sue Dils  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty  
Central Colony

Marilyn Rieker  
10<sup>th</sup> from John Alden  
Piedmont Colony

John A. Teer  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
Central Colony

Donna Jean Rhyne  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule  
Central Colony

Ray Melvin Maxson  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke  
Charlotte Society

Michael W. Dils  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford  
Central Colony

Dr. James Roy Rabon, Jr.  
10<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
Southeast Colony

Henry Gest, Jr.  
12<sup>th</sup> from Joan Hurst Tilley  
Central Colony

Michael P. Teer, Jr.  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
Southeast Colony



Sue Ann Otos  
10<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford  
Central Colony

William P. Rabon  
10<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
Southeast Colony

Jane H. Ross  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
Southeast Colony



North Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants  
Board of Assistants Meeting and Central Colony Meeting  
Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 10:00am  
Luncheon at 11:30am at North Carolina State University Club  
4200 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC

**BOARD OF ASSISTANTS SPRING MEETING/LUNCHEON**

NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$17/person)

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Central Colony and mail to:  
Frances Emory, 1208 Duplin Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27607



SMDNC DGG REPORT  
Martha Ward, DGG



GSMD BOARD OF ASSISTANCE  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

GSMD Attending: 40 State Societies and Canada; 124 members and guests.

GSMD Finances: Year end profit: \$ 171,636  
Cash on hand: 511,531  
Investments: 5,451,641  
Inventory: 221,361

GSMD Approval: Action to recommend the adoption (by vote) of the reorganized Constitution and By Laws to the General Congress, September 2011.

GSMD Historian: Large reduction in applications due to the economy. Present membership is 28,250.

GSMD Awards: Committee honors Jean Slater for 50 years of service to the Charlotte Colony and SMDNC. (see insert for Jean's biography)

GSMD Garden Walkway Project: Garden Walkway's center octagon of 150 bricks is being reserved as a Place of Honor for our GSMD State Societies and State Society Officers with a \$250 donation per brick.

GSMD Insignia: Problems with DGG and AG ribbons on new neck medallions. There will be a neck medallion in the future for all Colony Governors as well as a GSMD members flag.

GSMD 2011 Historic Tour: Join GSMD on a Journey to Historic Massachusetts.

GSMD Triennial Congress: September 2011, Plymouth, Mass. New General Society Officers will be nominated and elected.



# NC State Society Officers

Governor - Frank Horton

Deputy Governor - John McDaniel

Recording Secretary - Frances Emory

Treasurer - Wade Alley, Jr.

Historian - Frank Horton

Elder-Bishop - Graham Rights

Corresponding Secretary - Laurel Van Deusen

Captain -Michael Keleher

Counselor - Claudia Belk

Librarian - Susie Gatland

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**<http://www.ncmayflower.org>**

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**Florence Jeanette Cutler Slater (Jean)**  
**4830 Carson's Pond Road**  
**Charlotte, NC 28226**  
**(704) 542-1909**

Jean, Mrs. Charles A Slater Jr., a native of Birmingham and East Grand Rapids Michigan, attended Michigan State University, graduated from Simmons College, in Boston Massachusetts with a B.S. degree in retailing. She and her husband were married in Bryn Mawr, Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. They have lived in Gladwyne, PA, Short Hills, NJ, Louisville, KY, Indianapolis, IN, and after retiring in 1987 moved to Charlotte, NC.

They are parents to Richard Rusling Slater, Nancy Jeanette Slater Young, and Charles Bradford Slater, all of whom are members of the NC Mayflower Society. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jean has participated in many church activities from working in the kitchen to teaching Sunday School and including being a Deaconess at Gladwyne Presbyterian Church. She currently attends Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC.

Memberships

1. Society of Mayflower Descendants-Pennsylvania, Indiana, and North Carolina.  
Member since 1955  
Offices held in North Carolina Society
  1. State Governor
  2. State Deputy Governor
  3. State Treasurer
  4. State Librarian
  5. Charlotte Colony Governor
  6. Chairperson-Finance and Membership (current)
2. Daughters of the American Revolution Liberty Hall Chapter, Charlotte, NC. Member since 1950
3. The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne
4. Hereditary Order of the Presidents and First Ladies
5. Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery
6. Associated Daughters of the Early American Witches
7. The Order of the First Families of Connecticut
8. The Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation
9. The Hereditary Order of the First Families of Massachusetts
10. Clan Cummings, Forrester, and Armstrong
11. Thomas Rogers Society
12. DeHaven Family Association
13. Lower Salford, PA. Historical Society
14. Schwenkfelder Society
15. National Society of Colonial Dames of America
16. The Baronial Order of the Magna Carta
17. National Society of Founders and Patriots
18. Historic Homes of Louisville, KY
19. National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century
20. The Daughters of the American Colonists
21. Junior Leagues of Philadelphia, PA. Oranges, and Short Hills, NJ. Louisville, KY. Indianapolis, IN. and Charlotte, NC.
22. Embroideries Guild of America Indianapolis Chapter

Charter and Board Member of several of the above organizations

Volunteer Services

1. Schools
2. Hospital Axillaries
3. Nursing Homes
4. Homeowner Associations
5. National Needlework Association
6. Designed custom needlepoint pieces for many national organizations and churches
7. Received the key to the City of Indianapolis for designing needlepoint canvas for the office of the Mayor and the four foot State Seal of Indiana which is displayed in the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

Jean and her husband owned four retail needlework stores in Indianapolis, IN from 1970-1987. During that time she lectured and taught needlepoint and genealogy classes. After their move to Charlotte she worked in wholesale marketing for children and gifts, and as an office manager for a retail business of women's fashions and clothing.

Jean has inherited a framed piece of the Baptismal Blanket brought on the Mayflower in 1620. It belonged to Elder William Brewster. The August 1988 issue of The Mayflower Quarterly has an article about this blanket.

Jean says, "Without my husband's love and support over the past 60 years I would not have been able to accomplish these endeavors."



Martha Ward and Jean Slater