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I would like to thank the Texas Mayflower Society for hosting a wonderful General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting in San Antonio this past September. The GBOA meeting is a great way to meet up with fellow General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) members, and I enjoyed seeing many of you in person. If you were unable to attend this year, please enjoy in this 2025 winter issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, the GBOA summary and the many photos of the various events.

In addition to the GBOA coverage, this issue also contains several articles from both new and returning authors. David Furlow has written an enlightening article about the Mayflower Compact and Dale Cook has an article on using State Government sites for genealogy research. Both Lisa Pennington and Bonnie Wade Mucia have great articles regarding Pilgrim connections to royalty. Sally Whiting has shared an interesting article describing her journey to bring her ancestor to life, and then by writing a novel that shares her research, and Anissa Davis writes of the importance of school genealogy clubs. Rounding off the articles we have the usual Member Society news, General Society news and an article on the War of 1812!

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This issue is filled with many informative and engaging articles. Inside you will find information about the upcoming

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Happy New Year and welcome to the first issue of 2025. It is frigid here in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as I write this note, but hopefully by the time this issue reaches you, spring will have sprung.

To begin, I would like to make note of an error in the In Memoriam section of the 2024 winter issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. Mr. Hite's memorial listed him holding office in Tennessee, but he actually served as Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants of **West Virginia**. A corrected version appears in the In Memoriam section of this issue of *The MQM*.

Speaking of this issue, once again there are a number of interesting and informative articles inside for your enjoyment. Peggy Baker has provided part one of a fascinating look at the life of Mercy Otis Warren, an American Revolutionary, Beth Lambright shares a moving experience she and others had in Plymouth last year, while Dale Cook continues his series on historical maps. There are numerous updates from both The General Society and the Member Societies as well as information about this year's General Board of Assistants meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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