

General Society of Mayflower Descendants

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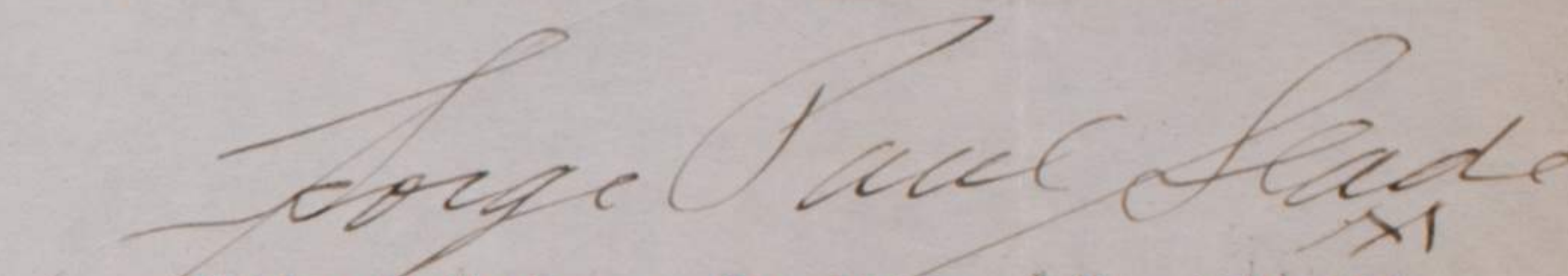
To the State Chairmen of New Activities:-

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be held in New York this fall and at that time I shall desire to present to the Board a composite picture of what the various State Societies are doing along the lines of New Activities. If you have not already sent me a full report on your program for New Activities, will you please send me by October 10th your complete program for the coming year, showing which of the approved activities your State Society will be active in carrying out and what the particular projects under each activity will be.

In talking with the Chairman for New Activities of one of the State Societies recently the view was expressed that since other patriotic societies were doing things along the lines of most of our activities the Chairman thought the Mayflower Society for his State did not need to undertake an active program. It seems to me that this is the wrong attitude. Subversive forces speak through the many mouths of various committees, leagues and other so-called independent agencies to insure the success of their program by the repeated impingement of announcements and actions under the names of these different leagues, committees and societies. Therefore, all the more should the Mayflower Society add its weight to what is being carried on by other patriotic and genealogical societies in order that the utmost in results may be achieved along the lines of the perfectly proper activities which the Mayflower Society has approved and which are calculated to maintain and promote American institutions and ideals. There is also the further thought that by participating in such activities your local State Society will keep the interest of its present members, will attract new members, and will make the public come to look upon the State Society as a vitalizing force in the community rather than as a group living in the past.

Wake up, Chairmen! Lay out an extensive program of projects under the various Activities which interest your State Society, and let us carry forward with an intensive and extensive program during the coming year.

Please let me have a full report or such further report as is needed in addition to what you have previously reported to me by October 10th.


National Chairman, Committee of New Activities
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