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ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, May 2, 2015 Nevada Public Library 631 K Ave, Nevada, IA



Unconditional Surrender: An Evening with Ulysses S. Grant

Presented by Peter Grady,
Assistant Attorney General,
Member of Marshalltown Community Theater

Peter Grady of Marshalltown wrote, produced and perform the original production as a one-man show about Ulysses S. Grant. The program format is similar to the "Mark Twain Tonight" production by Hal Holbrook, or "Give 'Em Hell, Harry" by James Whitmore.

The show, "Unconditional Surrender: An Evening with Ulysses S. Grant" is a visit with Grant during his last year of

life, as he is writing his memoirs and attempting to complete the work before he succumbs to cancer. The show runs about an hour and highlights his presidency, the war with Mexico and his service in the Civil War.

Grady has worked as an assistant attorney general in Iowa since 1995. He graduated from Waukon High School in 1971, and was active in theater throughout his high school years. Since 2004, he has participated in community theater as an actor, director and member of the Marshalltown Community Theatre's board of directors.

9 A.M. Coffee & Visiting
10 A.M. Board of Assistants
11 A.M. Business meeting

Noon LUNCH - \$15 per person
Broiled Chicken Breast Sandwich
Green Beans w/bacon & Onions
Macaroni Salad

RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH ARE NECESSARY

Call Linda Cassman-Randall (319-215-0360) and leave a message before Friday, April 24.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

The geese are flying; the robins are back; the tulips are up. Spring is officially here, but we shall wait for warm temperatures and drying winds to begin work in our gardens. My seeds are all here, and I'm ready to plant potatoes on Good Friday.

Speaking of ready, the 2020 Celebration is just a short five years away. In your March Mayflower Quarterly is a request from George Garmany, Chair of the GSMB 2020 Committee, for each of us to contact our U.S. Representative to ask them to co-sponsor Representative Foster's bill to authorize the U.S. Mint to issue a commemorative coin series honoring the Pilgrim landing. If you are unsure of how or what to say, check the 2020 Anniversary section of the GSMD.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Nevada has special entertainment. Peter Grady, Assistant Attorney General, will present his one-man show he wrote entitled "Unconditional Surrender, A Visit with Ulysses S. Grant." I've seen this program twice and it is excellent. Let us have a good turnout of our members! See you in Nevada, IA!

Daniel F. Wiechmann, Jr.

Governor

MINUTES

IOWA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at the Bonanza Restaurant in Des Moines on March 7, 2015. Governor Daniel Wiechmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Board members in attendance were Daniel Wiechmann, Danielle Knutson, Iris Eriksen, Ken Callison, Maurine Wilson, Pam Manning, Linda Cassman-Randall, Barb Gregersen, Kevin Shipley, John Butler, and Bernadine McGuire.

Captain Kevin Shipley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Elder John Butler gave the invocation.

The minutes of the November 1, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Danielle Knutson gave the Treasurer's report. There are 25 members who have not yet paid their membership dues. Pam Manning will call those members. National dues will be sent by the end of this month. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for review.

Pam Manning gave the Historian's report. The membership is 360 adult members as of March 1, 2015. There are 14 preliminary applications and 8 approved applications since November 1, 2014.

Ruth Tucker submitted a written report on Jr. members. As of March 1, 2015, there are 259 Jr. members. Fourteen will turn 18 years old and become eligible for adult membership this year, and eleven will turn 25 years

old. One hundred and twenty Jr. members are between the ages of 18 and 25. Ruth mailed 38 birthday cards to Jr. members having January and February birthdays and included a preliminary application form to those turning 25.

Deputy Governor General Ken Callison gave the National Officers' report. The September 2014 meeting will be in Connecticut.

Old Business

Asst. Governor General Linda Cassman-Randall reported on the scholarship which will replace the Calvin Ferris Essay contest. The profits from the T-shirts will go into the scholarship fund. Other sources of income will need to be found. A committee consisting of Asst. Governor General Linda Cassmann-Randall, Elder John Butler and Junior Membership Chair Ruth Tucker will determine the criteria for the scholarship contest and explore funding sources.

Linda Cassman-Randall reported on the sales of the T-shirts and hoodies.

The position of Surgeon remains unfilled. Jason Zilk, who was suggested to fill the position is not yet a member. The Surgeon does not need to be a doctor but must be in the medical field.

The Governor General Leah Sinclair Filson will attend the November 7, 2015 Compact Meeting at the Reserve in Des Moines. Maurine Wilson will make the room reservation and arrange for the meal on Saturday. The possibility of a Friday evening meal will be explored.

Counselor Bernadine McQuire reported that as of January 2015 we are a 501 (C3) corporation. In the past, Maurine Wilson has filled out the needed corporate report. Bernadine McQuire will file this report in the future. Governor Daniel Wiechmann has filed the required tax return.

The next Board of Assistants meeting will be May 2, 2015 at the Nevada library at 10 a.m. The annual meeting will follow at 11 a.m. at the same location. The cost of the catered meal is \$15. The program will be re-enactor Peter Grady portraying Ulysses S. Grant.

New Business

During the Annual meeting in May the Necrology report is read. The Historian prepares it and the Elder reads it.

The Treasurer Danielle Knutson prepares and submits the Annual Billing by April 30, 2015. Five dollars is paid to the National Society for each deceased member during the previous year. This money goes to support the 6th generation book

Other Business

Linda Cassman-Randall moved and Maurine Wilson seconded that we do not participate in the Iowa State Fair parade in August 2015. Motion passed.

Barb Gregersen showed the Board the official proclamation signed by Governor Terry Brandstad declaring November 21, 2014 as Mayflower Compact Day. It is going to be framed and presented to Governor General Filson at the Compact meeting on November 7, 2015. Ken Callison suggested that this proclamation be submitted to the National Public Relations committee for recognition. Iris Eriksen will use the Mayflower website to find out how to submit it.

Pam Manning moved and Iris Eriksen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Recording Secretary,
Barb Gregersen

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Descendants of William Bradford

G# 87774 IA# 1457
Sandra Jean Shipley Harmel

Descendants of Willam Brewster

G# 87851 IA# 1458
Gale Lewis Stalford Pierce

Descendant of George Soule

G# IA# 1459
Benjamin Michael Peters

Descendants of Edward Fuller

G# 87743 IA# 1454
Barbara Elaine Hayes Clayton

G# 87751 IA# 1455
Alyssa Mae Borkowski

G# 87752 IA# 1456
Wyatt Andrew Borkowski



IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY SHIRTS

Orders will be taken for these shirts to be delivered at the Annual Meeting in May, 2015. They come in Mayflower Hot Pink or gray with black lettering. Payment requested at time of ordering,

Tee shirts - Sizes S, M, L, XL - \$15; 2XL & up - \$17

Hoodie sweatshirt - \$30

IOWA SOCIETY IS A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

As of December 9, 2014, the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that donors to the Iowa Society can deduct their contributions on their tax returns. If you would like to make a donation to the Iowa Society, please make your check payable to "Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants" and send it to Danielle Knutson, Treasurer, 18473 Co. Hwy. D65, Hubbard, IA 50122-8401. Thank you!

Since the Iowa Society Board of Assistants has vote to discontinue the Essay Contest for 2015 as previously offered, members have been working on establishing a Scholarship program. Donations will be welcomed to make this become a reality. More information will be coming as guidelines are developed.

JUNIOR MEMBERS in IOWA

JUNIOR MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 18 & 25

Junior members in Iowa, between the ages of 18 & 25, have the opportunity to become regular members of the General Society of Descendants of the Mayflower by completing the application form, providing necessary documentation and the application fees. When the application is approved by the Historian General at Plymouth, a portion of the application fee is refunded to the person paying the application fee. If they have not started the application process by the age of 25, they will be dropped from membership.

Junior Iowa members who are reaching the age of 18 in the year 2015 are:

Jr. # 779 Jonathan Christian Graham **Clemens**
Sponsor, Marjorie Clemens
Jr. # 1161 Briana Victoria **Franz**
Sponsor, Richard Forrester
Jr. # 1082 Keegan Alexander **Bruess**
Sponsor, Dawn Sayre
Jr. # 1136 Henry Louis **Allen**
Sponsor, Mary Helen True
Jr. # 1180 Joshua David **Vrenick**
Sponsor, Linda A. Matter
Jr. # 780 Kyle Douglas **Ferris**
Sponsor, Calvin Ferris
Jr. # 1057 Rodney Edward **Jones, Jr.**
Sponsor, Marvin E. Jones
Jr. # 781 Julia Louise **Beswick**
Sponsor, William H. Beswick
Jr. # 1018 Nicole Ann **Campo**
Sponsor Betty D. Wallace
Jr. # 1031 Katherine Lynn **Freund**
Sponsor, Thomas F. Ashing
Jr. # 1076 Austin Joe **Meyer**
Sponsor, Linda Cassman-Randall
Jr. # 808 Tad Allen **Schweizer**
Sponsor, Vernon E. Doty
Jr. # 1167 Tyler Patrick **Humphreys**
Sponsor, Nancy C. Brown

Junior Iowa members who are reaching the age of 25 in the year 2015 are:

Jr. # 707 Stacy Ann **Renfrow**
Sponsor, John E. Renfrow
Jr. # 1017 Caleb James **Housley**
Sponsor, Sharon Cozad
Jr. # 1125 Chellsee Erryn **Fuller**
Sponsor, Samy R. Fuller
Jr. # 1029 Leah Janelle **Hansen**
Sponsor Roger M. Hogle
Jr. # 715 Lauren Ashley **Schafer**
Sponsor, Roberta Brown Schweizer
Jr. # 1050 Brett Alan **Brones**
Sponsor, Betty Ruth Whitehead Schaal
Jr. # 1053 Jacob Edward **Jones**
Sponsor, Marvin E. Jones
Jr. # 709 Mathew Steven **Keith**
Sponsor, Cora Mae Stevens
Jr. # 805 Stacey Melissa **Lyne**
Sponsor Shirley A. Neely
Jr. # 1127 Kristina Sue **Fuller**
Sponsor, Samy R. Fuller
Jr. # 1042 Samantha Lee **Wirtz**
Sponsor, Eleanor L. Wirtz

If you know of these young people, please encourage them to become regular members of the Iowa Mayflower Society and help them complete their applications. Help our Society grow.

From - Vita Brevis

A resource for family history from AmericanAncestors.org

Many Hands, Many Cradles

March 13, 2015

Alicia Crane Williams

I'm in the middle of doing some research for a lecture that I'll be giving in April at NEHGS entitled "The Hand that Rocked the Cradle." It will use an informal statistical sampling of the women who have been included in the Early New England Families Study Project so far to see if we can form any general pictures about these ladies and their families. Preliminary statistics are interesting.

The gross totals: 88 women who had 116 husbands, 608 children (an average of about 7 each) and 174 step-children. I think that is what they call "populating a wilderness!"

On average these women were born about 1620, came to New England about 1636 (about age 16), were married for the first time about 1640 (age 20), and lived to about 1682 (age 62). Those who had multiple marriages averaged age 41 for the second marriage (22 women), 46 for the third (4 women), and 42 for the fourth (1 woman).

The youngest at first marriage was 15, oldest at first marriage, 32. The woman who lived to the greatest age was 97, and the one who died the youngest was 21.

These women were wives, mostly, of the second generation Great Migration sons who came to New England with their parents, and, themselves, came to New England during the Great Migration with their own families, or as servants to extended family or to families who were often neighbors in their society or church at home.

An example of an “average” woman in this group is Elizabeth (Baker) (Watkins) Hudson. She was younger than average when she came to New England, only 3 when her parents Alexander and Elizabeth Baker came to Boston, but she married first to Thomas Watkins at about age 20 and had seven children before being widowed at age 57. She was 63 when she married her second husband, Francis Hudson (who was 77), as his second wife (his first having died the year before), and became step-mother to his four grown children. Elizabeth died two years later at age 65.

For me the most interesting statistic is the average birth year of these women, 1620. They were born, almost literally, as the Pilgrims were stepping on Plymouth Rock, and their entire childhoods would have been spent among families talking about, planning, and executing their removal from the old world to the new. They would have had no choice about coming to New England, but did they see it as a great adventure or were they sulking teenagers? I know that I would have been one of the sulking teenagers. I get seasick and I hate sleeping on any mattress but my own.

About Alicia Crane Williams

Alicia is the lead genealogist on the new NEHGS study project, Early New England Families, 1641-1700. Prior to joining the NEHGS staff, she compiled and edited numerous important genealogical publications including *The Mayflower Descendant*, the Alden Family Five Generations project, and the Harlow Family: Descendants of Sgt. William Harlow (1624/5-1691) of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Alicia has served as Historian of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Assistant Historian General at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and as Genealogist of the Alden Kindred of America.

She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut and a master’s degree in History from Northeastern University.

Mayflower Society House



Find more information about this beautiful home on the General Society of Mayflower Descendants website. <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>

Excerpts from

2020 Commemorative Coin Series: A Call to Action

By George Garmany, AGG, Chair GSMD 2020 Committee

As you can see from Mr. Maher’s article in the March 2015 issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly*, there is a significant history of official commemoration of the Pilgrims landing by coin minting organizations. The US Mint did issue an official coin in 1920 but has not done so since that time.

Mr. Maher has described the process required for Congress to authorize the US Mint to issue such a coin series in 2020. Plenty of advance effort will be required, and the time to start is right now. Illinois Representative Bill Foster will be introducing a bill in this Congress to authorize the US Mint to commission a commemorative coin series in 2020 to honor the events surrounding the landing of the *Mayflower* and the establishment of Plymouth Colony. Of course, this was the first successful settlement in New England, but the significance of their colony stretches far beyond that region. Throughout the United States (and the entire English speaking world) we recognize the accomplishments, the bravery, and the examples that the *Mayflower* Pilgrims set for modern society.

In order for the Congressional bill to pass, it will require hundreds of additional Congressional co-sponsors from all over the country. The success of this project will depend on a national demonstration of support. No one is better positioned to demonstrate this support than the Mayflower Society. We are often asked just what our Society does. This is the moment to show our strength!

You can look up contact information for your Representative in the new Congress by going to House.gov and entering your zip code. Please do that today. Over the next day or two, please write a letter, either by email or old-fashioned US Postal Service hard copy, to your Representative. The key elements of the letter should include the importance of the 400th Anniversary in 2020 and the request that your Congressman join Representative Foster as a co-sponsor of the bill to authorize the US Mint to issue a commemorative coin series honoring the Pilgrim landing. (If you want a draft or template, please check the 2020 Anniversary section of the GSMD website: TheMayflowerSociety.org for an example.)

If your children are old enough to write a letter (especially if they are Junior Members!), you may encourage them to participate. Congress members tend to be particularly responsive to letters from young people. Many of the children who would write letters today will be of age to appreciate these coins in 2020 when they are issued. GSMD and Plymouth 400, Inc., the organization formed in Plymouth to plan for the celebration, are initiating the process to ensure that these coins are issued, and we need this national support.

Who is needed for the success of this project? YOU! YOUR FAMILY! When do we need your help? TODAY! Of course, we'll also need your help tomorrow, but that will unfold over the next few years as we prepare for this important anniversary. The Mayflower Society and the GSMD 2020 Committee appreciate your help today.

Have you visited the General Society of Mayflower Descendants website?

[<https://www.themayflowersociety.com/>](https://www.themayflowersociety.com/)

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1. [Log in to the Members Only Section](#) of our website.
2. On the left sidebar of the website, bring your mouse to the 'Members Only' link and choose '*Mayflower Quarterly*' from the drop down menu.
3. Click on the front cover of the issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly* that you want to read.

Or the Mayflower Descendants in Iowa website?

[<http://sites.google.com/site/mayflowerdescendantsiniowa/>](http://sites.google.com/site/mayflowerdescendantsiniowa/)

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There are several advantages to receiving the digital copy. You receive your newsletter at least a week before the printed copy, the photos are in color, you can enlarge it on the computer to make it easier to read, and it saves the Society money. The cost of printing and postage has increased. Since so many of you do receive the digital copy, we have added the Winter issue to help keep you better informed of the activities of your Society.

**Please contact us if there is a death, marriage, address change, etc.
We need this information!!!!**

Please use this membership form to help keep addresses current when you renew your 2015 Membership.

**IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - 2015**

2015 Annual Dues (\$25) _____ **\$30 if submitting after 31 December, 2014** _____

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**2015 MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
DUES**

Complete Membership form

We thank you if you have already paid your 2015 dues, but if you have not paid your 2015 dues by May 1, 2015, your membership will be dropped. We don't want to do this. Use the form on the inside and mail it today.

ANNUAL IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEETING

Saturday, 2 MAY 2015

NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEVADA, IA

Information inside.

Please plan to attend. Guests are welcome!

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