

IOWA HAWKEYE



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Iowa Mayflower Society Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 6, 2017 Bonanza Steakhouse Restaurant 5029 NE 14th St. (I80 Exit 136) Des Moines, Iowa

9:30 A.M. Coffee & Visiting



10 A.M. Board of
Assistants

11 A.M. Business
meeting

Noon - LUNCH -
Buffet from menu

1 p. m. Program

Lance V. Mack Presents
President Abraham Lincoln

<http://lancepresentsabe.com/index.html>

Using Mister Lincoln's own timeless words and wearing period attire, including President Lincoln's signature stovepipe hat and black frock coat, Lance has been mesmerizing his audiences for more than twenty years.

**HAVE YOU VISITED THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS WEBSITES?**

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

Or the Mayflower Descendants in Iowa website?

<http://sites.google.com/site/mayflowerdescendantsiniowa/>

GO GREEN: EMAIL REMINDER

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants now uses email exclusively wherever possible to communicate with members,

applicants and prospective members. This includes distribution of the Iowa Hawkeye newsletter. Regular mail is used only for those members who do not use email, or by request to rmftucker@gmail.com

MINUTES
IOWA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at the Bonanza Steakhouse in Des Moines on March 4, 2017. Deputy Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. Board members in attendance were Danielle Knutson, Iris Eriksen, Ken Callison, Maureen Wilson, Pam Manning, Barb Gregersen, John Butler, Tom Jacobson, and Bernadine McGuire. Guest was Gerald Graves.

Ken Callison led the Pledge of Allegiance. Elder John Butler gave the invocation. Ken Callison moved and Pam Manning seconded that the minutes of the November 5, 2016 meeting be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Treasurer Danielle Knutson gave the Treasurer's report. Danielle noted that \$25 of the money listed in the scholarship fund should be listed in membership. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for review.

Pam Manning and Danielle Knutson reported that 24 members have not paid their dues. Barb Gregersen moved and Bernadine McGuire seconded that delinquent members be notified that if the \$30 dues are not paid by May 6, 2017, they will be dropped. Motion passed.

Historian Pam Manning reported that since Nov. 5, 2016 there were 9 preliminary applications submitted, 10 applications approved, and 2 supplemental lines approved. The National Society has Iowa's membership as 374 as of December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2016 there were 251 Junior members.

Deputy Governor General Ken Callison reported that due to the newly elected U. S. Congress, the 2020 commemorative coin bill needs to be restarted. The Society is now cooperating with Plymouth on a bill. The purchase of the "Old Church" is still pending. A decision on a monument for the 2020 celebration is being deliberated. Options suggested were the Compact, One Little Candle, and Squanto Planting Corn. Some of these ideas are already monuments. Maureen Wilson stated that she was notified that Plymouth has no records of her line.

Nominating Committee reported the following have been nominated to be elected and installed at the May, 2017, meeting:

Governor - Linda E. Cassmann-Randall
Deputy Governor - John Butler
Recording Secretary - Barbara J. Gregersen
Corresponding Secretary - Iris C. Eriksen
Treasurer - Danielle L. Knutson
Historian - Pamela J. Manning

Ass't Hist & Jr. Mem - Ruth M. Tucker
Captain - Thomas R. Jacobson
Elder - William Nichols
Surgeon - Barbara Clayton
Counselor - Bernadine McGuire
Governor Emeritus - Maureen D. Wilson

The following will be elected at the May, 2017, annual meeting and installed at the General Society Congress in September, 2017:

Deputy Governor General - Daniel F. Wiechmann, Jr. **Assistant Governor General** - Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.

Linda Cassmann-Randall reported that 2 students turned in Scholarship Applications. Since one of them was related to her, she could not be a judge. Barb Gregersen was appointed to be on the Judging committee along with Pam Manning and John Butler. That committee will judge the applications and declare the scholarship winner.

Old Business

a. T-Shirt Sales at Triennial - Linda Cassmann-Randall reported that 200 T-shirts (without Iowa on the back) will be ordered to sell at the 2017 Triennial. A 6-foot table has been reserved. Profits will go into the Scholarship fund.

b. Turkey Decoration – Maureen Wilson will provide Danielle Knutson with a turkey pattern for Caitlin Knutson to cut out and stain.

c. The Necrology Report will be read by Elder John Butler at the Annual Meeting, May 6, 2017.

d. The Financial Report needs to be reviewed.

e. Pam Manning moved and Maureen Wilson seconded to keep the Junior Members application fee refund when applying for GSMD membership as stipulated in the Bylaws at \$40.

f. New Position – Governor Emeritus. This change to the Iowa Society Constitution and Bylaws needs to be published before the May meeting so that it can be voted on at that meeting. John Butler moved and Iris Eriksen seconded that the Constitution and Bylaws should be amended according to the draft amendment presented at today’s meeting, with the addition of a statement that the Governor Emeritus will be a non-voting position. Motion passed. Bernadine McGuire agreed to revise the proposed amendment accordingly and send it out to the Board members.

g. Iris Eriksen moved and Ken Callison seconded that an invitation to the anticipated Governor General be issued for his attendance at the May 2019 Iowa Society meeting. Motion passed. Ken Callison will send the invitation. The National Society will pay for housing. John Butler will arrange hospitality for the Governor General during his stay in the Des Moines area.

h. John Butler reported on new laptop and software for the Treasurer. Gerald Graves of Graves Consulting was introduced and he explained his services. He volunteered to donate a laptop and to help set up the appropriate software which will be at a nominal cost. John Butler moved and Iris Eriksen seconded to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 for purchase of the software for the treasurer and assistant historian and the appointment of Gerald Graves to assist in the implementation of this program. Motion passed.

New Business

a. Next Board of Assistants Meeting is May 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Bonanza. The program will be “Abraham Lincoln” portrayed by Lance Mack.

b. Raise fee for Program – Tabled.

c. Silent Auction – Items for a Silent Auction will be available at the May 6, 2017 meeting.

d. Introduction of Captain Thomas Jacobson.

e. Bernadine McGuire reported that she filed the 990-N e-postcard with the IRS and the Biennial Report with the Iowa Secretary of State.

f. August Board of Assistants meeting will be held August 26, 2017 at Bonanza at 10:00 a.m.

g. New Directory Format – The Board agreed to change the format for the new Directory to 8 ½ x 11 pages and to eliminate the booklets. The Membership Directory is published every 3 years. Maureen Wilson moved and Iris Eriksen seconded that the Board include a notice in the next newsletter concerning the availability of the new directory. Ruth Tucker will be asked to include a notice similar to the following; “The new Directory will be coming out after the May meeting. All email subscribers will receive a copy of the Directory via email. Any member who desires a hard copy of the Directory must request a copy and pay a fee for printing and postage. Requests should be directed to Ruth Tucker.” The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Barbara Gregersen, Recording Secretary

Proposed Amendment to be voted on at Annual Meeting, 6 May 2017

IOWA SOCIETY OF THE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS CONSTITUTION is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – OFFICERS

SECTION 2. The Board of Assistants shall consist of the above named officers and include the following:

Captain	Surgeon	Elder
Assistant Historian	Junior Membership Chairman	Newsletter Editor
Immediate Past Governor	<u>Governor Emeritus</u> (added)	

SECTION 3. Duties of Respective Officers

Q. The Governor Emeritus shall provide general guidance and assistance to the Board as requested. The Governor Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board. The Governor Emeritus shall have served as Governor of the Iowa Society for at least one term. This position shall be filled at the discretion of the nominating committee. (added)

ARTICLE V – ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 2. At the Compact Day meeting prior to the Annual Meeting when new officers shall be elected, a nominating committee shall be appointed.

A. At the annual meeting that follows, the nominating committee shall present a list of candidates for these offices:

Governor	Deputy Governor	Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer	Historian
Counselor	Elder	Captain
Surgeon	Assistant Historian	Junior Membership Chairman
Governor Emeritus (if applicable)		

APPROVED APPLICATIONS Since the Winter, 2017, Newsletter

Descendants of William Brewster

Gen# 90367 IA# 1503 Supplement # 1
 Vickie Alice Smith
 Muscatine IA

Gen # 91006 IA# 1514
 Randy Lee Smith
 Muscatine IA

Descendants of Edward Doty

Gen# 91054 IA# 1518
 Alfred Lee Harris
 Morning Sun IA

Gen # 90117 IA# 1515
 Steven Scott Smith
 Joplin MO

Descendants of Stephen Hopkins

Gen# 91137 IA# 1519
 Lorely June Downes Van Sant
 Blue Grass IA

Gen# 91008 IA#1516
 Cindy June Smith Williams
 Muscatine IA

Descendants of Richard Warren

Gen # 91005 IA# 1513
 Floyd Lee Smith, Jr.
 Muscatine IA

Gen# 91009 IA# 1517
 Stephanie Gail Strine-Price
 Council Bluffs IA 51503

JUNIOR MEMBERS in IOWA

Did you sponsor a junior member in the Iowa Society or did one of your parents or grandparents sponsor your children? If so, please make sure we have the current address of the junior member(s) in your family. We are sending mailings to our junior members and finding that many of them are coming back with bad addresses. If your junior member has an email address, please send it to us and we will send him/her copies of this newsletter! Please help keep our records up to date!

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews under the age of 18? Are they already junior members? If not, consider sponsoring them today! They will receive a personalized certificate, recognition in a future Iowa Hawkeye, and membership for a one-time application fee of \$15 through the age of 25. If a junior member becomes a full member between 18 & 25, the Society will waive \$40 of the application fee—a big savings for you!

You can get the junior member application form at [Mayflower Descendants in Iowa](#).

JUNIOR MEMBERS added since February 2017

JR#	NAME	SPONSOR	MF ANCESTOR
1266	Merrick James MARSH	Christine Bender, Grandmother	Edward Fuller
1267	Layna Jane MARSH	Christine Bender, Grandmother	Edward Fuller
1268	Sylvia Lynn WIECHMANN	Daniel F. Wiechmann Jr., Grandfather	George Soule

1269 Ryker David WOODBURN
 1270 Cooper David GARRISON
 1271 Barrett James GARRISON
 1272 Alayna Renee WILLIAMS

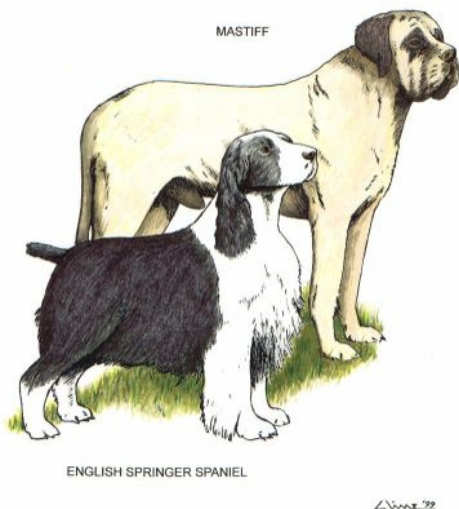
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The Mayflower Dogs

In Mourt's Relation, (1622) Edward Winslow has left a record of at least two dogs who participated in the settling of Plymouth Colony. He tells us a mastiff and a spaniel were involved in the first explorations of discovery on Cape Cod and the activities of homebuilding during the first winter ashore. Although there may have been other pets aboard Mayflower during her historic voyage, they are not mentioned.

THE MASTIFF

The breed of dog properly described as the 'Old English Mastiff' is a giant short-haired dog with a heavy head and short muzzle. It had been bred in England for over two thousand years as a watchdog. The mastiffs were referred to as 'bandogs' or 'tiedogs, meaning they were tied up during the day, but loose at night.' They were also used as hunting dogs by the nobility. They were powerful, agile and courageous dogs. These were large dogs which stand from 27 to 30 inches high at the shoulders. The color of the dogs runs from apricot to silver fawn and fawn brindle.



THE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL

The Spaniel breeds have been valued by the hunters because of their inherent desire to hunt. This quality allows the dog to search the ground ahead of the hunter at a fast, snappy pace. However, the dogs must be trained to be under control at all times. Ordinarily trustworthy and adaptable, the spaniel has always been popular because of its love of home and family. The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-size sporting dog with a moderately long coat and glossy feathering on its legs, ears, chest and brisket. It has pendulous ears and a gentle expression. This is a member of the ancient family of spaniels. The dog is friendly, eager to please, quick to learn and willing to obey. The English Spring Spaniel is a black and white dog which stands between 19 and 20 inches at the shoulders.

THE HISTORICAL RECORD

The first indication of Pilgrim dogs being present comes during the second exploration of discovery (from November 30 through December 10, 1620). During that exploration the group of men stumbled upon two Indian dwellings. In recounting what they found, we are told they found two or three pieces of venison thrust into a tree, which they thought 'fitter for the dogs than for us.' The specific words 'the Dogs' are significant in that they seem to indicate specific dogs and are not used in reference to dogs in general. This passing remark would seem to indicate John Goodman and his two dogs were with that group of men.

On Friday, 12/22 January, 1620, John Goodman, aged about 25 and Peter Browne, also in his 20s, went out from the village accompanied by two other unnamed men to cut thatch for roofing on the houses. With the men were John Goodman's two dogs, the mastiff and the spaniel. The men cut thatch until about noon when John Goodman, Peter Browne and the two dogs moved farther way, instructing the two remaining men to bind up the thatch and follow when they had finished. However, when the men finished the task and moved to follow, they could not find John and Peter.

Somewhat alarmed, they went to the village and alerted the men there. Several men joined in the search, but could not find a trace of John and Peter. Then on Saturday, a group of ten or twelve men joined the search with no success. Finally, late Saturday afternoon, John and Peter stumbled into the village with the two dogs.

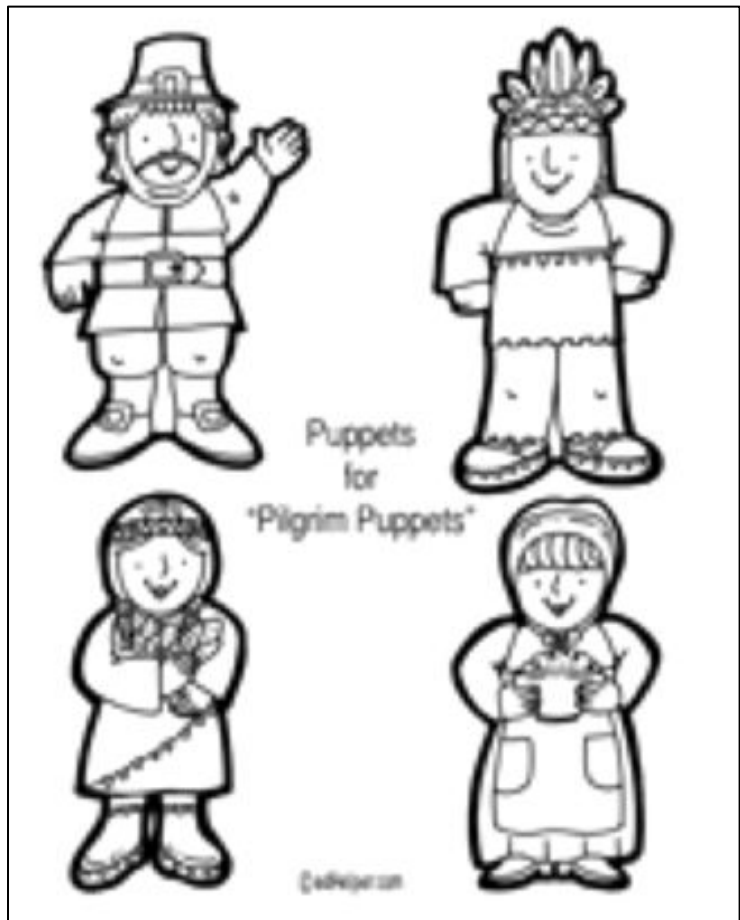
They recounted the story of how they became lost in the woods with no weapons except their sickles and no food other than the meager amount they had with them for the first day's work. Having become lost, they had wandered all afternoon, cold and wet. The men sat down that evening to eat what little food they had with them. That evening, after eating their meager supply of food, they went for a walk and found a small lake. By the waterside was a large deer. The excited dogs chased after the deer with John and Peter following until they became lost.

The night was bitterly cold, frosty and snowy. Neither of the men was dressed for the bitter cold, and they had no bed but the cold ground. During the night they heard what they took to be two lions roaring in the woods and a third nearby. Frightened, they climbed a tree for safety. However, it was bitterly cold and neither man was dressed for the extreme temperature. They descended to the ground where they walked about the tree all night.

We are told they had to ‘hold the bitch by the neck to keep her from following the lion.’ We are never told which of the two dogs was the female. At first light on Saturday they traveled again until late afternoon, covering a distance they estimated to be about five miles. When the cold, hungry men finally limped into the village on Saturday evening, John Goodman had to have his shoes cut from his frost-bitten feet because they were so swollen from the cold causing him to be lame. However, we are told John Goodman and the spaniel ventured out of the village on 19/29 January 1620 because John ‘wanted to use his lame feet.’

Nearby, they were met by two wolves who chased after the spaniel. The frightened dog ran between John's legs for safety. Having no weapon with him, John picked up a stick and threw it at the wolves, hitting one of them. Then with another stick in his hand, he stood watching the wolves with the frightened spaniel covering between his legs. The wolves sat down at some distance, seeming to grin at them, and watched the pair for a while; then, losing interest, wandered away.

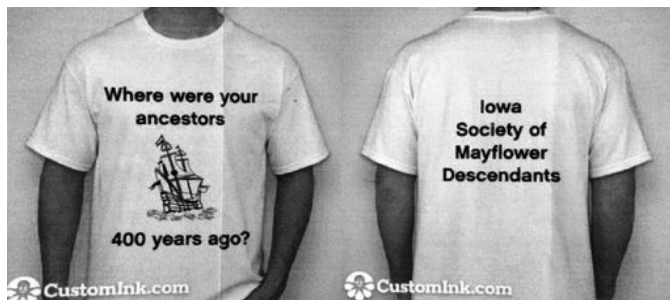
Although John probably had pet names for the two dogs, they were never recorded in the historical accounts. Even so, they are given a place of recognition in records of the founding of Plymouth Colony. John Goodman died that first winter and we have no record of what became of the two dogs. Surely one of the surviving colonists took them in and cared for them.



**Winner of 2017 Iowa Mayflower Scholarship will be announced
at the Annual Meeting, 6 May 2017.**

If you would like to make a donation to the Iowa Society Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to "Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants" with *Scholarship* in the *Memo* space, and send it to Danielle Knutson, Treasurer, 18473 Co. Hwy. D65, Hubbard, IA 50122-8401.

Orders are still being taken for these tee shirts or hoodies to be delivered at the Annual Meeting May 6, 2017. They come in Mayflower Hot Pink or gray with black lettering. Payment is requested at time of ordering,



Contact Linda Cassman-Randall

(319) 267-2297 • lindaellen4765@gmail.com

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

Hoodie sweatshirt - \$30

Profit from these shirts goes to the Scholarship Fund.



GSMD Congress 2017

The 41st Mayflower General Congress will take place at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 8-13, 2017.

The business meetings of Congress cover two days, Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12; if you are a GBOA officer or delegate from your Member Society, do not register for any tours these two days. We are pleased to offer a new venue for our closing banquet, the beautiful Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. New to this Congress will be an Exhibit Room and Family Society Lounge.

Registering for Congress can be done in two ways: online or by mail. We encourage members to register for the Congress online. It is quick, easy and confirmations are sent out immediately. If you prefer to mail your Form in, the pink Registration Form for Congress is included in the spring 2017 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and will not appear in future issues. You can also download the form below to print out at home.

You can register on line at www.themayflowersociety.org

Additional to the conference some great tours are being offered.

Ancestors that Missed The Mayflower

By Maureen McGee (From March, 2017, issue of "The Canadian Pilgrim")

The original plan was for two ships to sail to America together. The *Mayflower*, chartered by the London investors (the Adventurers) was to have been accompanied by the *Speedwell*, a ship purchased by the Separatists from Leiden, Holland. The plan was that the *Speedwell* would stay in New England and be used for fishing. The fish could then be sent back to England to repay the Adventurers and to give them some return on their investment.

Of the 300 or so the Separatists in Leiden, Holland, only about 50 chose to leave for America in 1620 and almost half of these were children. The rest were to follow. They left Holland on July 21, 1620 and sailed for Southampton to join the *Mayflower*. At Southampton, they were joined by approximately 70 Strangers recruited by the Adventurers.

On August 5th, 1620 the two ships sailed from Southampton but, after a few days at sea, the *Speedwell* was leaking so much that the ships decided to return to Dartmouth so the *Speedwell* could be repaired. Two weeks later the ships again set sail for New England but had to turn back a 2nd time due to the leaking *Speedwell*. This time they docked at Plymouth and *Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth without the *Speedwell*.

About 20 passengers were bumped from the voyage. William Ring, his wife, Mary (Durrant) Ring and their three children were among this group. Robert Cushman, who along with William Ring and his family, had been on the *Speedwell* wrote to his friend, Edward Southworth, "Poor William Ring and myself doe strive who shall be meat first for ye fishes, but we look for a glorious resurrection."

William Ring must have perished in Leiden before 1629 because his wife, Mary, and their three children who were now in their late teens or early twenties, Elizabeth (my ancestor), Susanna and Andrew arrived in Plymouth about 1629 or 1630. They were among the last of the Leiden Congregation to come to Plymouth. Mary died in July of 1631 at the age of 51. The inventory of her estate provides evidence that she was a woman of means and intelligence. She signed her will with her name, owned books and had debts owing to her from England and from Governor Bradford and other Plymouth residents.

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

**If you have not paid your 2017 dues (due 31 Dec 2016), please send \$30 to
to: Mrs. Danielle Knutson, Treasurer, 18473 Co. Hwy D-65, Hubbard, IA 50122-8401 before
May 6 or you will be dropped from membership.**

Ruth M.F. Tucker
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Evansdale IA 50707-1231



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Address Correction requested.



Hear all the News!!!

**ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, 6 May 2017
Bonanza Steakhouse**

**5029 NE14th St. (I80 Exit 136), Des Moines, Iowa
See page 3 for proposed amendments to Iowa Society
Constitution/Bylaws to be voted on at meeting.**

**Pay 2017 Iowa
Mayflower
Society Dues by
May 1 to avoid
being dropped
from
membership.
See Page 7**

IOWA MAYFLOWER 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 Scholarship Fund can deduct their contributions on their tax returns.**

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