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**Iowa Mayflower Society
Compact Day Meeting
Anamosa Public Library and Learning Center
601 E. 1st St, Anamosa Iowa
Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**10 A.M. Board of Assistants
11 A.M. Business meeting
NOON - LUNCH**

**Choice of Meat & Cheese Sandwich tray w/condiments,
vegetable tray, fruit tray, brownies.**

**Reservations are needed. \$12 includes lunch. Please contact John Butler at jb22630@yahoo.com
or call/text him at 402-630-2567 before Monday, April 30.**

**1 P.M. Program
“History of Jones County”, presented by Steve Hanken, Jones County Historical Society.**

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
Linda Cassman Randall

Greetings from your Governor,

In my part of Iowa, it has hardly felt like spring. Last weekend we had 15 inches of heavy, wet snow.

This winter I have been thinking a lot about our ancestors first months in America. In late December they began building homes on the site of an abandoned Wampanoag village called Patuxet. By this time they are beginning to die of the 'general sickness' as a result of their living conditions during their voyage and arrival in America. They are forced to live on the Mayflower in Plymouth harbor while those men who are healthy enough start building homes.

The weather in America is harsher than the weather they were accustomed to in England. No heat, very little food and two babies born since they left England. By the middle of March 1621 about half of them are dead. They have been forced to bury their dead at night so that the Indians do not know how many of them have died.

The Pilgrims had heard stories about the savage Indians in America so I can only imagine the fear of having a half naked Indian walk into their village. This Indian was Samoset. He was instrumental in connecting Squanto and Chief Massasoit with our Pilgrim ancestors.

If you have not been on Caleb Johnson's web page, MayflowerHistory.com, please do so. It is a wonderful source of information. One of the pages, Tisquantum ("Squanto"), tells the story of Squanto. I believe without his help many of us would not be here today.

If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of his story, I will be happy to send one to you. I hope to see you at our Annual meeting in May.

Linda Cassman-Randall
Governor

IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MINUTES

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at the Bonanza Steakhouse in Des Moines on March 3, 2018. Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Board members in attendance were Danielle Knutson, Iris Eriksen, Ken Callison, Maureen Wilson, Pam Manning, Barb Gregersen, John Butler, Dan Wiechmann, Bernadine McGuire, Ruth Tucker, and Gerald Graves.

Ken Callison led the Pledge of Allegiance and said the prayer.

The minutes of the November 4, 2017, meeting were approved as corrected. The correction of the National Officers' report should read "The Iowa Society nominated Ken Callison as DGG and Daniel Wiechmann, Jr. as AGG. Both of them were elected and sworn in at the 2017 Triennial Congress in Plymouth, MA.

Treasurer Danielle Knutson gave the Treasurer's report. Danielle said that she would change the location of our CD in June to Edward Jones because we will get a better interest rate. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for review. The requested review has not been completed.

Pam Manning, Calling Committee Chair, was given the list of the 27 members who have not paid their dues.

Assistant Historian Ruth Tucker emailed the attached report. Since Nov. 4, 2017, there were 6 preliminary applications submitted, 7 applications approved, and 1 supplemental line submitted and 1 supplemental line approved. The National Society has Iowa's membership as 376 as of December 31, 2017.

Junior Membership Report as of December 31, 2017 showed there were 245 members. Twenty-five members will age out in 2018.

Technical Advisor/Webmaster Report - Gerald Graves reported that he was able to purchase a printer for Pam Manning under cost. As per request of Ruth Tucker, the scholarship information will go on the front page. Members who are willing to do Thanksgiving presentation will be on the website. The Iowa Society website is www.iowamayflower.org

National Officer's Report Daniel Wiechmann, Jr. updated the Board on the fund raising for National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Currently, there is \$80,000 in the fund. Each Society is being asked to donate \$5,000 over 3 years. Daniel Wiechmann, Jr. moved and Ruth Tucker seconded that the Iowa Society donate \$5,000 over 3 years to the Fund for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Motion passed. Daniel Wiechmann, Jr.

moved and Iris Eriksen seconded that 1/3 of the \$5,000 donation be sent to the Preservation Fund for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse at the March Board of Assistants meeting. Motion passed.

Ken Callison reported that he would be attending the National Board of Assistants meeting in September 2018 in the Chicago, IL area. Daniel Wiechmann, Jr. will not be attending.

Scholarship Committee Report: There are no applications yet. The deadline has been extended to April 15, 2018. The committee is John Butler, Barb Gregersen, and Pam Manning.

Old Business

- a. Turkey Decoration – Pam Manning brought a very attractive sample made of stained wood. She will determine the price to produce them. She will have 30 made and ready for sale at the May 2018 meeting. Tentative cost is \$15.
- b. Status of lineage papers/documents scanning – Ruth Tucker reported that all the documents have been scanned and are on flash drives. She will make other flash drives with the material on them.

New Business

- a. John Butler led a discussion on possible locations for the May 5, 2018 meeting. It is hoped that a different location may increase attendance at the meeting. The Ox Yoke Inn in the Amanas was suggested. John will explore the option and report the meeting location in time for the Spring Newsletter.
- b. Linda Cassman-Randall will email individual state societies about the T-shirts in hopes of increased sales leading up to the 2020 celebration.
- c. Bernadine McGuire reported that she filed the 990-N e-postcard with the IRS. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Barb Gregersen, Recording Secretary,

APPROVED APPLICATIONS since the February, 2018, Newsletter

Descendants of Isaac Allerton

General # 92783 Iowa # 1537
Jeffrey Allen KAUFMANN
Wilton Iowa

Descendants of Edward Fuller

General # 92784 Iowa # 1538
Lucy Eileen McGEHEE
Iowa City Iowa

Descendants of John Billington

General # 92704 Iowa # 1536
Carol Clarice FISHER BRIGGS
Davenport Iowa

Descendants of John Howland

General # 92888 Iowa # 1539
HARRIS, Jessica Ann
Davis California

General # 92887 Iowa # 1541
Mary Jo BLANCHARD DONAHOE
Davenport Iowa

General # 92889 Iowa # 1540
Katharine Elizabeth NEILSON MILLER
Sandy Oregon

Descendants of Francis Eaton

General # 92631 Iowa # 1535
Kristine Marie BARTLEY
Des Moines Iowa

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's family 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 and save a little money!

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**.

Juniors aging out in 2018

If you are a sponsor, or know any of these young people, please encourage them to become adult members. They will need to provide a photocopy of their birth certificate, parent's birth and marriage certificates if not Mayflower Society members, and any documentation required.

EDMONDS, Jessica Dawn
 BUWALDA, Jonathan Lucas
 KEITH, Stephanie Marie
 BASKINS, Ryan Duane
 STEILEN, Hannah Nicole
 SCHADE, Jenna Catherine
 APPELGATE, Shelby Jo
 BORCHARD, Seth Michael

WIRTZ, Michael Keith
 SCHNEIDER, Garrett Douglas
 HABBEN, Nigel Christian
 TURNER, Rhett Steven
 WIEGMANN, Cody Ray
 NORING, Tia Marie
 GURWELL, Thomas J.

JUNIOR MEMBERS added since 1 February 2018

JR#	NAME	SPONSOR	MF ANCESTOR
1280	Rachael Renee Purdy	Janice Peterson, IA # 1530, Grandmother	John Alden
1281	Gary Dean Purdy	Janice Peterson, IA # 1530, Grandmother	John Alden

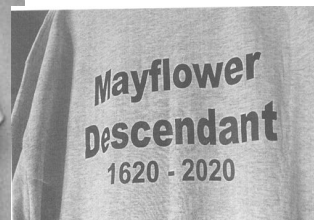
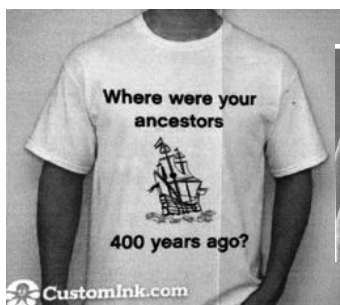
IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP



400th YEAR COMMEMORATIVE MAYFLOWER SHIRT

Profit from these shirts goes to the Scholarship Fund.

Orders are still being taken for these tee shirts or hoodies to be delivered at the Annual Meeting May 5, 2018. 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



Iowa Mayflower Shirt
Back View

Today In our History

The Mayflower Leaves Plymouth Harbor - April 21, 1621

In March of 1621, there were enough structures built in Plymouth that everyone could live on land. After the harsh winter, *Mayflower* was preparing to leave to return to England. The ship's crew felt comfortable that they were leaving the Pilgrims with a good start to new homes and Wampanoag friends. The crew began filling the ship's hold (the lower part of the ship which held the supplies) with stones from Plymouth's shore to replace the weight of the unloaded cargo that had made the 66-day voyage.

April 5, 1621 ~ The cargo ship *Mayflower*, was pulling up anchor, leaving the Pilgrims in this New World. On the ship were Captain Christopher Jones and the few remaining crewmembers that had survived winter's illnesses. One young crewmember that was hired as a cooper (a barrel maker), chose to stay in Plymouth. That young man, John Alden, remained in Plymouth, later married, had ten children and was a prominent member of Plymouth. Today, visitors frequent his second home in Duxbury, which was built in 1651 and still stands in Duxbury.

Captain Jones had lost his gunner, the cook and more than a dozen sailors, including the boatswain (the sailor in charge of the shallop). Even the captain seemed to have suffered the effects of the previous winter. He died about a year later.

The last recorded reference to the *Mayflower* was in May of 1624 when an application was made from the widow of Christopher Jones and two other owners. This declaration was made to sell the ship for scrap since it was said to be "in ruins". Visit Caleb Johnson's scanned copy of "Johnson's Probate Inventory" of the *Mayflower*: <http://mayflowerhistory.com/probate-inventory-of-the-mayflower>

The *Mayflower* was probably built in the early 1600s. Christopher Jones was in command of the ship by 1609 and became part owner in 1612. After loads of various goods such as: herring, wine, cloth, pine planks, salt and vinegar, the captain of this cargo transported 102 English colonists, our Pilgrim ancestors.

If you have ever wondered what actually happened to the *Mayflower*, Caleb Johnson explains: "The claim, first originating from J. Rendel Harris' book *The Finding of the Mayflower* (1920), that the *Mayflower* ended up as a barn in Jordans, England, is now widely discredited as being a figment of an overzealous imagination on the tercentenary anniversary of the *Mayflower's* voyage, combined with a tainted oral history. None of the evidence has withstood subsequent investigation."

Jordans is a village located in Buckinghamshire, England and is a center for Quakerism. The village is the also the burial place of William Penn, founder of the Province of Pennsylvania. Tourists from all over the world believe the folklore, flocking to see the Mayflower Barn in this quaint town. They believe that it is made from timbers of the beloved ship, which transported the English Pilgrims to the New World in 1620.

The following are only a few of the curiosities of the Mayflower Barn:

~ The *Mayflower* was taken apart at the Rotherhithe, which is on the south bank of the

Thames River. Jordans is approximately 8 miles away. ~ The elm door is supported by four bars of oak, each with carved floral decorations, possibly indicating symbols of the ship's name, *Mayflower*.

~ There is a cracked support beam, just as the *Mayflower* suffered during an Atlantic storm.

~ The barn was definitely built from the timbers of salt-infused wood from a ship which was the size of the *Mayflower*.

~ One of the owners of the *Mayflower*, Robert Child, lived only a few miles away from Jordans, and Richard Gardiner, a *Mayflower* passenger lived in the neighborhood.

We may never be able to visit this unique barn for ourselves, but it will always be known as the Mayflower Barn.



Interior of the Mayflower Barn - Internet Photo

A PAGE TO COLOR

Perhaps this is your Pilgrim ancestor selecting a fish for dinner on the top of a barrel (not a tun). Write the name of your Pilgrim "mother" on the line provided. below.

My Pilgrim "mother" _____



The mascot on Mayflower II was named Felix. You can name this Pilgrim cat and write its name here:

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.**

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.

Ruth M.F. Tucker
339 Lawrence St.
Evansdale IA 50707-1231



IOWA SOCIETY HAVE
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
Address Correction requested.

IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The application must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2018.**
Send to: Linda Cassmann-Randall, **21957 Hwy# 3, Allison, IA 50602-9310**
Information on www.iowamayflower.org



Hear all the News!!!

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Saturday, 5 May 2018
**Anamosa Public Library &
Learning Center**

601 E. First Street, Anamosa, Iowa
Reservations requested – See Page 1.

**VISIT THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
Website?**

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

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