

# IOWA HAWKEYE

Newsletter of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants



## Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Iowa Mayflower Society will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, in Urbandale at 11:00am. Lunch will be grilled chicken and roast potatoes with onions and peppers, served individually plated. The fixins' served family style, will be cottage cheese, coleslaw, and bread. Beverages included will be coffee, tea, milk, or soda. The price of the meal will be \$21 per person. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm.

Following lunch, guest speaker Tom Milligan of Humanities Iowa will present his one man show American Dreamer: The Life and Times of Henry A. Wallace. At our Spring meeting in 2023, Tom presented to us Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel.

You are welcome to bring a guest. Reservations by email are preferred. Email name(s) of attendees to [IowaCaptain@iowamayflower.org](mailto:IowaCaptain@iowamayflower.org) or send a text message to 515-491-1270. So that we can provide a final count to the Machine Shed Restaurant, we need your reservation by Friday, April 25, 2025.

We hope you'll be able to attend.



### General Society Officers

Deputy Governor General (D.G.G.) -  
Kenneth R Callison, Sr.

Assistant General (A.G.) -  
Linda Cassmann  
- Randall

### Iowa Mayflower Society Officers 2023- 2026

Governor -

Deputy Governor -  
Mark Church

Secretary -  
Lisa Lang

Treasurer -  
Gerald M. Graves

Historian -  
Rebecca Campbell

Assistant Historian -  
Shawn Albaugh Kleppe

Captain -  
Jackie Peters

Elder -  
Kenneth R. Callison, Sr

Surgeon -  
Barbara Clayton, RN

Counselor -  
Bernadine McGuire

# **Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants**

## **Compact Day Meeting - Saturday, November 2, 2024**

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Compact Day meeting was held Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA

**Meeting Called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Deputy Governor Mark Church**

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain, Jackie Peters**

**Invocation by Elder, Kenneth Callison**

**Introduction of all members and guests.**

Self-introductions were made by members and guests.

### **Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report - Lisa Lang**

Ken Callison moved and Jackie Peters seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the Fall newsletter. Minutes from the May 4, 2024 Annual meeting approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report - Gerald Graves**

The families of Maureen Wilson and Janet Webster left memorial gifts to the Iowa Mayflower Scholarship fund. Others who are interested, can donate for scholarships, memorials and other gifts online at the Iowa Mayflower Society's website. There are books that were donated by Maureen Wilson available to purchase. A \$50,000 bond has been renewed for the treasurer and requires another officer to look at the books. Ken Callison has looked at the books and said he found them in order. 2025 dues are due by December 31, 2024. The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes and filed for review.

### **Historian's Report - Rebecca Campbell**

383 members as of November 2, 2024

13 new members to date

1 pending member

4 supplementals and 1 pending

9 reinstated

0 transferred out

0 transferred in

3 deaths

383 members currently

We have a new 3 volume index to the Silver Books.

There is a portal available to the Historian where she is able to search previous applications. It has been very useful.

All Silver Books are online for the Historian to access to help with applications.

Easy App Generator is new to help find information online and will help to find the most recent information from all applications available.

### **Junior Membership - Jill Brewer**

Jill Brewer submitted the following report for Junior Membership. We have gained new junior members so far in 2024. Jill sends all new junior members a certificate, bookmark and book.

- 244 Junior members
- 11 Juniors aged 25
- 102 Juniors between the ages of 18-25
- 29 Juniors aged 17-18
- Have gained 7 new juniors so far in 2024

## Scholarship Committee - Linda Cassmann-Randall, Lisa Lang, Jill Brewer

The Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship winner for 2024 was Lauren Feller. She had a fabulous essay and was a stellar candidate. She is attending the University of Iowa and studying pre-med. She is the niece of Iowa Mayflower Society member, Bernie McGuire. Her Mayflower ancestors are William Brewster and Henry Samson. We will look forward to many entries for our 2025 Iowa Mayflower Scholarship.

## Newsletter & Website - James Murphy

Send any info or news to be included in the newsletter to: [newsletter@iowamayflower.org](mailto:newsletter@iowamayflower.org) Check out our revised Iowa Mayflower society website. [www.iowamayflower.org](http://www.iowamayflower.org) Thank you to James for all of his work on the newsletter and website!

## Reading of the Mayflower Compact - Captain, Jackie Peters Number of Descendants - Captain, Jackie Peters

John Alden 4	Mary (Chilton) Winslow 0	Richard More 0
Pricilla (Mullins) Alden 4	Francis Cooke 6	William Mullins 3
Bartholomew Allerton 0	John Cooke 0	Degory Priest 1
Isaac Allerton 0	Edward Doty 6	Joseph Rogers 3
Mary (Norris) Allerton 0	Francis Eaton 0	Thomas Rogers 2
Mary (Allerton) Cushman 0	Samuel Eaton 0	Henry Samson 1
Remember (Allerton) Maverick 0	Sarah Eaton 0	George Soule 7
Elinor Billington 1	Moses Fletcher 0	Myles Standish 1
Francis Billington 2	Edward Fuller 3	Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland 5
John Billington 4	Mrs. Fuller (Wife of Edward) 0	John Tilley 3
William Bradford 1	Samuel Fuller (Son of Edward) 0	Joan (Hurst) Tilley 3
Love Brewster 1	Samuel Fuller (Brother of Edward) 0	Richard Warren 6
Mary Brewster 1	Constance (Hopkins) Snow 4	Peregrine White 0
William Brewster 4	Giles Hopkins 0	Resolved White 0
Peter Browne 0	Stephen Hopkins 6	Susanna (Jackson) White Winslow 0
James Chilton 2	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 1	William White 1
Mrs. Chilton (Wife of James) 0	John Howland 5	Edward Winslow 0

***George Soule had the most with 7 descendants present.***

Deputy Governor, Mark Church, gave us information about visiting Plymouth and many of the replicated houses and grounds of our Mayflower ancestors.

**Dismissal for lunch was at 11:32 a.m.**

## Lunch Prayer – Elder, Kenneth Callison

## Speaker Introduction - Deputy Governor, Mark Church

Our guest speaker was Anthony Jahn, State Archivist of the State Historical Society. He gave a presentation about the importance of civic culture; their collections and what visitors can find by visiting the State Historical Building. There are approximately 209,000,000 items in their collections!

**Adjournment by Deputy Governor, Mark Church Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Spring Meeting May 3, 2025**

**Submitted by  
Lisa Lang, Secretary**

## Congratulations

Iowa Mayflower Society members Rebecca Ackerman, Rachel Smith, and Anne Thompson received the Governor General's Commendation Award for their service as Mayflower Indexers. They and the members of other state societies who have been involved in this project have indexed genealogical data from over 14,000 original applications and 1,800 supplemental applications. From this data, the General Society introduced its Easy App Generator last September for State Society Historians to use in preparing new applications, original and supplemental. The indexed data can be used to automatically fill in genealogical information on new applications.

A special thanks to all those who have worked on this project.

Mark Church, Deputy Governor

(Source: The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, Winter 2024, p. 13)

## Scholarship

The Iowa Mayflower Society is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for post-high school education. Any high school senior who is a blood relative of a living and currently active member of the Iowa Mayflower Society may apply. For more information and to apply for the scholarship, please visit our website at [iowamayflower.org](http://iowamayflower.org). Click on For Our Members and then Scholarship Information. Application and submission of all requirements are due **May 1, 2025**.

The scholarship will be awarded to one student, who will be notified by June 1, 2025.

The grandchildren of Karen Diane Hansen each received their Junior Memberships as part of their Christmas presents this year.

They are (from left to right)

Jenna, Hailey, Hanna, Ethan, Conner, and Alexander and are each descended from Francis Cooke and Stephen Hopkins



## Treasurer's report

Firstly, the Iowa Society continues to be in good financial shape. Second, we recently completed and passed our security certification for Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard compliance. This is an important yearly certification in accepting on-line renewals and gifts. For us it is not a practically difficult task because we do not actually see any credit card or banking account information. Only our card processor, which is a division of a major bank, sees the account information.

Unrelated to any actually payment deposits, we did have computer problems recording renewals and changes of addresses, mostly in November and December. When I would record someone had renewed, the information would record and then sometime later not show that they had renewed. In a few cases this was repeated more than once for the same person. At first I thought I had not recorded the renewal, but eventually it became apparent that our master database was no longer saving entries correctly and needed to be repaired. This involved fixing data formats and manually verifying all the renewals entries since July. It simply was very time consuming and had to be done at the very busiest time of the year for treasurer activity and for the other officers who use the database. We apologize for incorrect, duplicate, and delayed renewal notices that some of you received. The database is now working properly and we believe all the entries are correct. There is no connection of the database with our actual banking program or accounts and they were not affected. This was not any kind of security breach or compromise; just an issue with a software application.

## New Members

First Name	Last Name	Ancestor
Elizabeth	Brown	Alden
Jennifer	Cottrell	Doty
Denise	Astorino	S Hopkins
Beverly	Levesque	S Hopkins
Linda	Harvan	P Mullins
Guy	Pick	Brown
Amy	Mills	Howland
Brook	Mahoney	E Fuller
Rachel	Tuttle	Alden
Andrew	Mahoney	E Fuller
James	Matlock	Bradford
Richard	Dobson	S Hopkins
Lori	Tweeton	C Hopkins
David	Morehouse	Alden
Caroline	Barber	Billington

**Board of Assistants Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 2, 2024**  
**Machine Shed Restaurant, Urbandale, Iowa**

***Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Deputy Governor, Mark Church***

**Attendees:** Mark Church, Lisa Lang, Bernadine McGuire, Jackie Peters, James Murphy, Gerald Graves, Rebecca Campbell, Ken Callison

**Secretary's Minutes**

Jackie Peters moved, and Bernie McGuire seconded a motion to approve the May 4, 2024, Board of Assistant's minutes as printed. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report – Gerald Graves**

Gerald Graves handed out printed reports.

A \$50,000 bond has been renewed for the treasurer and requires that another officer looks at the books. Ken Callison has looked at the books and said he found them in order.

126 people have paid their dues for 2025 so far as of November 2, 2024. Dues are due by December 31, 2024.

**Historian's Report – Rebecca Campbell**

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**Committee Reports**

Iowa Mayflower Scholarship--We will offer the Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship again this year (2025) in the amount of \$1,000. Topic will be decided at a future date before application notice goes out. Scholarship applications will need to be sent to [lowamayflower.org](http://lowamayflower.org) in March.

**New Business**

- The speaker from the State Historical Society cannot accept payment as a state employee, but we will write a check in the amount of \$200 to the State Historical Society as a donation.
- It was moved by Jackie Peters and seconded by Ken Callison that the Maureen Wilson memorial donation money will go to the Iowa Mayflower Scholarship fund. Donations in her memory are currently at \$1,014.75. Motion passed.
- Janet Webster's family has donated \$700 to the scholarship fund in her memory.
- Lisa Lang reported that she has been asked by the General Society to provide a copy of the Iowa Mayflower Society charter. Ken Callison state that the original charter may have been lost in the 2008 flood in Cedar Falls. Bernie McGuire stated that she would check with the Secretary of State to see if they have a copy.

**Spring Meeting** will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 at a location to be determined.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:51 a.m.



## Help Needed

We are looking for someone who would be interested in working with our Historian, Rebecca Campbell. As Historian of the Iowa Mayflower Society, Rebecca examines the genealogical records submitted by those applying for membership in the Society. She determines whether applicants have provided sufficient documentation to prove their Mayflower lineage and forwards applications and genealogical records to the Historian General in Plymouth for final approval. Rebecca is looking for someone she could mentor who could help her with the application process.

If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Rebecca via email at:

[iowahistorian@iowamayflower.org](mailto:iowahistorian@iowamayflower.org).

Thank you

Mark Church, Deputy Governor

*Just a Bit  
of Humor*

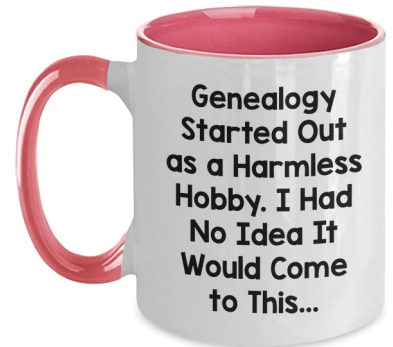
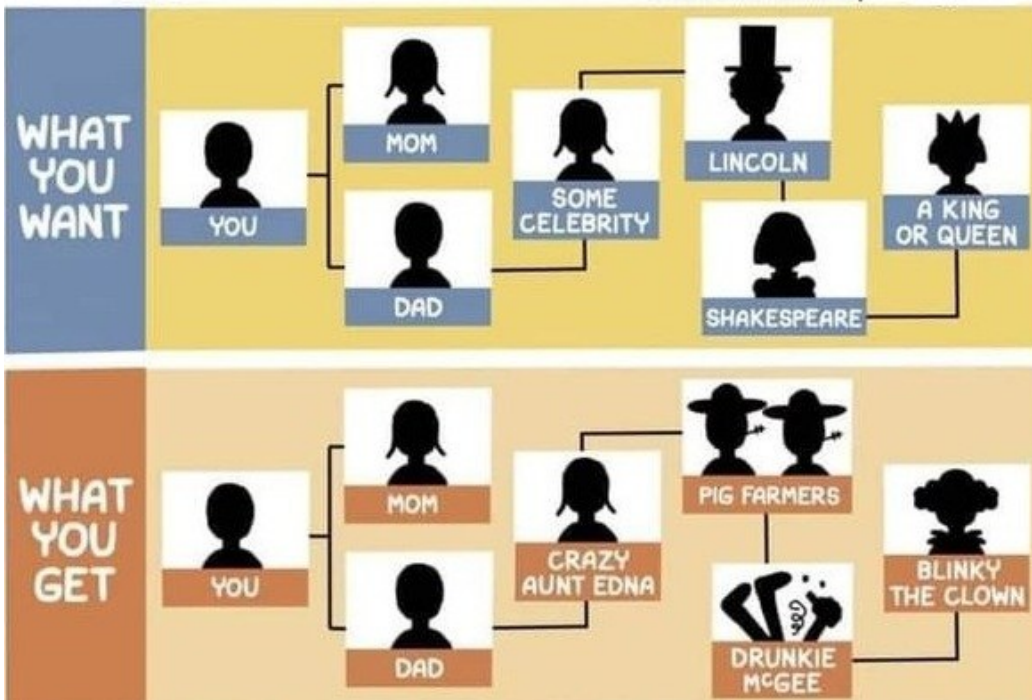
## genealogy

noun [ge·ne·al·o·gy \,jē-nē-'ä-lə-jē]

the art of tracing your family tree as far back as your money will go.

## YOUR FAMILY TREE

@John Atkinson,



## In Memoriam

Name			GSMD #	IA #
Barbara	B.	Acheson	23581	466
Patricia	L.	Redig	100724	1621
Scott	O.	Morrell	103679	1661
George	Colin	Dorman	53035	990
Marian	Sylvia	Thomson	34555	667
Maureen	D.	Wilson	40565	829
Janet	Faye	Webster	57926	1037
Ladene	M.	Eshelman	85867	1424