

# IOWA HAWKEYE

Newsletter of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants



## Compact Day Meeting

The Iowa Compact Day meeting will be held Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, in Urbandale at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable of the day; the main course will be served individually plated. The fixins' served family style, will be cottage cheese, coleslaw, and bread. Beverages included will be coffee, tea, milk, or soda. For those who want a gluten-free option, stuffing and gravy will not be included. The price of the meal will be \$22 per person. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Following lunch, guest speaker Kara Sherman will give a presentation about the Living History Farms. Ms. Sherman is the Event Supervisor at the Living History Farms.

You are welcome to bring a guest. Reservations by email are preferred. Email name(s) of attendees and number of gluten-free meals, if applicable, to [IowaCaptain@iowamayflower.org](mailto:IowaCaptain@iowamayflower.org) or send a text message to [515-491-1270](tel:515-491-1270). So that we can provide a final count to the Machine Shed Restaurant, we need your reservation by Friday, **October 24, 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

## Spring Meeting - Saturday, May 3, 2025

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Spring Meeting was held Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA

**Meeting Called to order at 11:15 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**

The minutes from the Compact Day Meeting on November 2, 2024, were printed in the Spring 2025 Newsletter. Barb Gregersen moved and Marilyn Riddle seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the Spring newsletter. The minutes from the November 2, 2024 Compact Meeting were approved unanimously.

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

The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes and filed for review. The master database list crashed around December 2024 and had to be rebuilt. All is streamlined, working and up to date now. Online renewals through Vanco have been working well for those who choose to pay their dues this way. You may still pay dues via snail mail. Dues continue to be \$45.

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

In the absence of the Historian, Mark Church read the Historian's Report.

332 members as of December 31, 2024  
7 new members to date  
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### **Necrology Report: Those who have passed since Spring Meeting 2024-Spring Meeting 2025.**

Barbara Acheson, Patricia Redig, Scott Morrell, George Dorman, Marian Thomson, Maureen Wilson, Janet Webster and Ladene Eshelman.

The Necrology Report was presented by Elder Ken Callison and Treasurer Gerald Graves.

### **Scholarship Committee - , Lisa Lang, Linda Cassmann-Randall, Jill Warner**

**Iowa Mayflower Scholarship**—No scholarship applications were received in 2025. We will offer the Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship again this year (2025-26) in the amount of \$1,000. A topic will be decided at a future date before the application notice goes out. Scholarship application notification will need to be sent to [lowamayflower.org](http://lowamayflower.org) in the Fall newsletter. Deadline to apply will now be March 1<sup>st</sup> with the winner published in the March newsletter. Lisa Lang, Secretary, encouraged all who have a lineal blood relative (grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews) to apply for the 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 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 2	Mary (Chilton) Winslow 0	Richard More 0
Pricilla (Mullins) Alden 1	Francis Cooke 4	William Mullins 1
Bartholomew Allerton 0	John Cooke 1	Degory Priest 0
Isaac Allerton 0	Edward Doty 3	Joseph Rogers 2
Mary (Norris) Allerton 0	Francis Eaton 2	Thomas Rogers 1
Mary (Allerton) Cushman 0	Samuel Eaton 1	Henry Samson 1
Remember (Allerton) Maverick 0	Sarah Eaton 1	George Soule 4
Elinor Billington 0	Moses Fletcher 0	Myles Standish 1
Francis Billington 0	Edward Fuller 2	Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland 3
John Billington 4	Mrs. Fuller (Wife of Edward) 0	John Tilley 1
William Bradford 2	Samuel Fuller (Son of Edward) 0	Joan (Hurst) Tilley 1
Love Brewster 0	Samuel Fuller (Brother of Edward) 0	Richard Warren 2
Mary Brewster 0	Constance (Hopkins) Snow 4	Peregrine White 0
William Brewster 4	Giles Hopkins 2	Resolved White 0
Peter Browne 0	Stephen Hopkins 7	Susanna (Jackson) White Winslow 0
James Chilton 1	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 1	William White 2
Mrs. Chilton (Wife of James) 0	John Howland 3	Edward Winslow 0

***Stephen Hopkins had the most with 7 descendants present.***

**Dismissal for lunch was at 11:49 a.m.**

## **Lunch Prayer – Elder, Kenneth Callison**

## **Speaker Introduction - Deputy Governor, Mark Church**

Our guest speaker was Tom Milligan from Amana, Iowa. He presented a one act play based on the life of Henry A. Wallace, the agricultural innovator and founder of Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed Corn Company, who also became US Secretary of Agriculture, and later Vice President under Franklin Roosevelt. Henry Wallace was also from the family who published “Wallace’s Farmer” magazine. Mr. Milligan’s portrayal was informative, interesting and entertaining.

## **Adjournment by Deputy Governor, Mark Church**

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:34 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Compact Day Meeting November 1, 2025**

**Submitted by**

**Lisa Lang, Secretary**

# Iowa Mayflower Society Scholarship

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The applicant must descend from one of the Mayflower passengers who came to America in 1620. The applicant need not be a member of the Iowa Society, but application must include a valid Iowa Mayflower Society membership number for a blood relative of the applicant who is a current member of the Iowa Society. Please note that the membership number supplied must be for a living and currently active Iowa Mayflower Society member. The Mayflower ancestor and the sponsor's name, relationship to the applicant, and member's Iowa Mayflower Society number must be included.

The applicant must be a high school senior or a home school student who is the equivalent of a senior. Following graduation, the applicant must attend an accredited university, college, junior college, community college, or certified trade school.

A 500-word original typed or word-processed essay that includes a bibliography of at least two sources must be included. The topic for the 2026 essay will be: "Carrying the Pilgrim Legacy: How My Mayflower Heritage Shapes Who I Am" Application and submission of all requirements is due March 1, 2026. Essays will be evaluated on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, originality, bibliography, grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Application must include at least two letters of recommendation from non-family members. The letters should include identification of the writer along with a home or business address, the relationship with the student and length of time he/she has known the student, and the student's qualities, which make the student an appropriate candidate for consideration.

A list including GPA, community service, school and/or church, or any activities of importance should be provided. These activities are not mandatory but are factors that may be considered.

One student will be chosen from the applications and will be notified by April 1, 2026.

A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be paid to the post-high school institution the student attends after the first semester/term is completed.

A relative of the applicant will not be selected as a judge in the rating of applications.

STEP 1: Complete this google form.

STEP 2: Email your 500-word essay (including bibliography)

STEP 3: Writers of your letters of recommendation: must be emailed directly from writer.

**STEPS 2 & 3 must be emailed to: [scholarship@iowamayflower.org](mailto:scholarship@iowamayflower.org)**

**ALL 3 STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1, 2026**

## **New Officers**

We will be electing new officers at next year's spring meeting on May 2, 2026. Any member is welcome to serve as an officer. The offices of Elder and Surgeon are among the positions that are open. The term of office of all positions is three years. To view a complete description of all positions, please go to our website **[iowamayflower.org](http://iowamayflower.org)**. In the column on the left click on For Our Members, then in the same column in the blue box click on Constitution and Bylaws. In the Constitution and Bylaws scroll down to ARTICLE I - OFFICERS, and see SECTION 3. Duties of Respective Officers.

If interested in serving as an officer or for questions, please send an email to [deputygov@iowamayflower.org](mailto:deputygov@iowamayflower.org). Thank you.

## Historian Update:

Currently, there are 352 active members in the Iowa Mayflower Society. Thus far, in 2025 we have welcomed 14 new members. We also have four applications in the pending queue. If you would like to submit a supplemental application, please get in touch with me at: [iowahistorian@iowamayflower.org](mailto:iowahistorian@iowamayflower.org).

### New Members:

Name		Ancestor
Carrie	Hewitt-Nichols	Hopkins
James Bruce	Fenimore	E Fuller
Rodney	Tokheim	Doty
Carl P.	Malone	Alden
June S.	Malone	S Fuller
Kathryn	Italia	Hopkins
Robin	Cushman	Cook
Kassandra	McKown	Howland
Verne	Nelson	Warren
Charles	Fenimore	E Fuller
Barbara	Wells	Brown
Marty	Shepard	Alden
Robert	Shafer	Allerton
Lori	Reynolds	Warren

### In Memoriam

Name	GSMD #	IA #	Elected	Ancestor	DOD
Joyce E. Welbourne	59451	105 8	11/23/0 2	Hopkins	7/25/2 5

## Thanksgiving Book

With Compact Day and Thanksgiving approaching in a couple of months, you may want to order the book *Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America* by Glenn Alan Cheney. His book has received very favorable reviews at Amazon. Apparently, Mr. Cheney is currently taking orders for the book. If interested, please contact him for prices and availability. His contact information is below.

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18 Parkwood Rd.  
Hanover, CT 06350  
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# Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

## Board of Assistants Spring Meeting - Saturday, May 3, 2025

**Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Deputy Governor, Mark Church**

**Attendees:** Mark Church, Lisa Lang, Bernadine McGuire, Jackie Peters, James Murphy, Ken Callison, Linda Cassmann-Randall, Gerald Graves

### **Secretary's Minutes from Fall BOA meeting**

Ken Callison motioned and Linda Cassmann Randall seconded to approve the November 2, 2024, Board of Assistant's minutes as printed. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Gerald Graves handed out printed reports. The master database for membership crashed, but has been recovered, redone, updated and working well now. Vanco online payment system is operating smoothly and many renewals were processed this way. Some membership cards are still in the process of being sent out. Ken Callison has checked the books and all are in order. Dues next year are remaining the same at \$45.

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### **New Business**

- We received a thank you note from Lea Filson, Former Governor General, thanking the Iowa Society for a \$5000 donation to the Plymouth Meeting House. We are now able to have our name placed on a plaque on a pew in the sanctuary of the Meeting House due to this generous donation.
- Our speaker for the next Spring Meeting in 2026 will be Governor General, Lisa Pennington. We need to consider giving a gift to her and a donation to her project, as this has been traditionally done when Governor Generals have visited in the past. We will need to promote this and encourage attendance at the meeting.
- It has been suggested to send out a survey or notification in our next newsletter to encourage members to serve in Board positions.

**Fall Compact Meeting** will be Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Lang, Secretary

## 2026 IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2026

2025 memberships expire at the end of 2025. You may also renew your membership in the membership area of our website: [IowaMayflower.org](http://IowaMayflower.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ **2026 Annual Dues are \$45 before Dec 31, 2025.**– When paid after Dec 31, 2025 they are \$50 which includes the reinstatement fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Friends of the Iowa Mayflower Society \$15 annual (Available to spouses, adopted, or foster children of an Iowa member)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want my Iowa newsletter mailed by postal mail to my permanent address below rather than emailed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want my Iowa membership card mailed by postal mail rather than e-mailed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

9-digit Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail for newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Send check **payable to Iowa Mayflower Society** to:

**Gerald M. Graves, treasurer**

**28249 360th St.**

**Van Meter, IA. 50261-6011**

**\*\*Life members, 50-year members, and junior members in the Iowa Society do not pay annual dues. (New life membership have not been available for several years.)**

**\*\*Active duty military members are exempt from annual dues, but need to complete this form and indicate their branch of service on January 1, 2026.**

**\*\*The first full calendar year of membership dues for new members after membership approval has already been included in the membership application fee. So no additional dues are needed for the first 12-23 months depending on membership approval date.**

## **Governor General's Visit**

**Governor General Lisa H. Pennington, Esq., will be our guest speaker at next year's Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Please plan to join us at the meeting to welcome Governor General Pennington to Iowa.**