

# IOWA HAWKEYE

Newsletter of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

## Don't miss the opportunity to meet the Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants



### Lisa H. Pennington



## She will be the guest speaker at our May 2nd Spring meeting

Lisa Pennington is the Mayflower Society's Governor General for 2023-2026. She previously served as Counsellor General and Member-at-Large on GSMD's Executive Committee. She joined the Mayflower Society in 2000 and has held officer positions in both the Texas and Massachusetts member societies over the years.

Lisa is a retired attorney and earned her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She practiced business litigation for thirty-four years and was elected Managing Partner of her firm's Houston office for eighteen years until she retired in 2018. She and her husband, David Furlow, have three children and six grandchildren and enjoy travel and speaking and writing on historical subjects.



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### 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 – Lori Reynolds

Assistant Historian - Shawn Albaugh Kleppe

Captain - Jackie Peters

Elder - Kenneth R. Callison, Sr

Surgeon - Barbara Clayton, RN

Counselor - Bernadine McGuire



## Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Iowa Mayflower Society will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, in Urbandale at 11:00 a.m. 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 12:00 p.m.

Following lunch, Governor General Lisa Pennington will give a talk titled "Lighting the Candle: Why We Must Tell the Mayflower Story."

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 24**, 2026.

We hope you'll be able to attend.

### **Deputy Governor Position Wanted**

We are looking for a member of the Iowa Mayflower Society who would be interested in serving as the Deputy Governor. The term of this position will be 3 years. The duties of the Deputy Governor are as follows.. In the absence or inability of the Governor to preside, the Deputy Governor will assume and perform such duties as pertain to the office of Governor.

### **Committee Positions Available**

We are looking for members of the Iowa Mayflower Society who would be interested in serving as Committee Chairs for the following committees:

Education

Public Relations

Membership

If interested in any of these positions or for questions, please email [deputygov@iowamayflower.org](mailto:deputygov@iowamayflower.org)

Thank you.

# Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

## Compact Day Meeting - Saturday, November 1, 2025

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Compact Day Meeting was held Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA

**Meeting Called to order at 11:11 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 Spring Meeting on May 3, 2025, were printed in the Fall 2025 Newsletter. Randy Breese moved and Jill Warner seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the Fall newsletter. The minutes from the May 3, 2025, Spring Meeting were approved unanimously.

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

The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes and filed for review. There is a \$50,000 security bond that insures all officers. Dues will remain the same at \$45 per year. No dues for active military. There are no lifetime memberships issued. The treasurer's report was reviewed by Ken Callison and found to be in order.

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

332 members as of December 31, 2024

14 new members to date

4 pending members

1 supplemental

9 reinstated

0 transferred out

0 transferred in

1 death

354 members currently

Rebecca Campbell is resigning as Historian and Lori Reynolds has agreed to become our interim Historian for the rest of the term (through May 2026) and was appointed unanimously by the BOA.

### **Junior Membership—Jill Warner**

- 248 Junior members currently

\$15 application fee to become a junior member. This covers dues through age 25. At age 26 members pay yearly dues. Jill sends a welcome packet of items when they become a junior member.

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

**Iowa Mayflower Scholarship**—We will offer the Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship again this year (2026) in the amount of \$1,000. 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. The winner will be published in the Spring newsletter. All information about the scholarship opportunity is available on the Iowa Mayflower website. To find out more about the scholarship, go to <https://iowamayflower.org/scholarships.html>

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.

## **National BOA Meeting update – Ken Callison**

There was a National BOA meeting in San Antonio in September 2025 that Ken Callison attended. The triennial meeting in Plymouth, MA will next take place September of 2026. Delegates from the Iowa Society will be appointed. There are fundraising efforts to raise money for the Meeting House in Plymouth.

## **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 continuing to 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 6	Francis Cooke 9	William Mullins 3
Bartholomew Allerton 0	John Cooke 1	Degory Priest 1
Isaac Allerton 0	Edward Doty 5	Joseph Rogers 2
Mary (Norris) Allerton 0	Francis Eaton 2	Thomas Rogers 3
Mary (Allerton) Cushman 0	Samuel Eaton 0	Henry Samson 1
Remember (Allerton) Maverick 0	Sarah Eaton 0	George Soule 8
Elinor Billington 2	Moses Fletcher 0	Myles Standish 1
Francis Billington 2	Edward Fuller 2	Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland 6
John Billington 4	Mrs. Fuller (Wife of Edward) 0	John Tilley 2
William Bradford 0	Samuel Fuller (Son of Edward) 0	Joan (Hurst) Tilley 2
Love Brewster 3	Samuel Fuller (Brother of Edward) 0	Richard Warren 4
Mary Brewster 3	Constance (Hopkins) Snow 5	Peregrine White 0
William Brewster 4	Giles Hopkins 1	Resolved White 0
Peter Browne 1	Stephen Hopkins 7	Susanna (Jackson)White Winslow 0
James Chilton 1	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 1	William White 1
Mrs. Chilton (Wife of James) 0	John Howland 6	Edward Winslow 0

***Francis Cooke had the most with 9 descendants present.***

**Dismissal for lunch was at 11:46 a.m.**

**Lunch Prayer – Elder, Kenneth Callison**

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

Our guest speaker was Kara Sherman presenting a program about Living History Farms. She spoke about the past, present and future plans for LHF. She had an interesting slide show that featured the many types of farms that are available to tour. The village of Walnut Hill within Living History Farms showcases many buildings typical of a town in the late 1800's.

Deputy Governor, Mark Church gave the closing remarks of the meeting and reminded us that our speaker for the Spring Meeting will be the Mayflower Society's Governor General, Lisa Pennington.

**Closing prayer by Elder, Ken Callison.**

**Adjournment by Deputy Governor, Mark Church**

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Spring Meeting May 2, 2026**

**Submitted by**

**Lisa Lang, Secretary**

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**Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants  
Board of Assistants Compact Day Meeting  
Saturday, November 1, 2025**

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

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

**Secretary's Minutes from Fall BOA meeting** Ken Callison motioned and Mark Church seconded to approve the May 3, 2025, Board of Assistant's minutes as printed in the Fall 2025 newsletter. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report – Gerald Graves** Gerald Graves handed out printed reports. Treasurer's bond is secured. Ken Callison checked the treasurer's report and found all to be in order.

**Historian's Report – Rebecca Campbell**

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New members include: Carrie Hewitt-Nichols, James Bruce Fenimore, Rodney Tokheim, Carl Malone, June Malone, Kathryn Italia, Robin Cushman, Cassandra McKown, Verne Nelson, Charles Fenimore, Barbara Wells, Marty Shephard, Robert Shafer and Lori Reynolds.

### **Jill Warner – Junior Membership Report**

- Total Number of Juniors – 248
- Number of Juniors age 25 – 11
- Number of Juniors age 18-25 – 102
- Number of Juniors age 17-18 - 29

### **Committee Reports**

**Iowa Mayflower Scholarship**—Lisa Lang reported that we will offer the Iowa Mayflower Society scholarship again this year (2026) in the amount of \$1,000. 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. The winner will be published in the Spring newsletter. All information about the scholarship opportunity is available on the Iowa Mayflower website. To find out more about the scholarship, go to <https://iowamayflower.org/scholarships.html>

### **New Business**

- Rebecca Campbell is resigning as Historian and Lori Reynolds has agreed to become our interim Historian for the rest of the term (through May 2026) and was appointed unanimously by the BOA. Updated information for the new Historian will be sent to Plymouth by Secretary, Lisa Lang.
- Historian and Assistant Historian duties have been reworked in the officer duties document. Bernadine McGuire will update the document and send it out to board members. Gerald Graves has updated instructions for the master database for our membership.
- There was a discussion about who sends out the directory, when sent out, when to update and who receives it. Shawn Albaugh Kleppe has overseen our directory.
- We will be electing new officers in May of 2026. Deputy Governor, Mark Church, will appoint a nominating committee for the slate of officers. The nominating committee consists of: Mark Church, Ken Callison and Bernadine McGuire.
- The Silver Books that Rebecca Campbell has will be donated to the Iowa Genealogical Society Library and/or Ames Public Library.
- 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. \$1,000 is suggested. A supper with board members on the previous night before the Spring meeting has been tradition. It has been suggested that the board meet early March to finalize details for the Governor General’s visit. We will need to promote this visit and encourage attendance at the meeting.

**Spring Meeting** will be Saturday May 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned** at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Lang, Secretary

# Historian Report

Nov. 2025

Paid Membership 12/31/24		322
New members		14
Reinstated		9
Transfer In		0
Transfer Out		0
Deaths		1
Resigned		0
Dropped		0
2025 TOTAL		354

## New Members

Major Key	Society	STATE_NO	Mailname 1	Mailname 2	Date Elected
106647	IA	1733	Carrie	Hewitt-Nichols	2/11/2025
106700	IA	1734	James Bruce	Fenimore	2/28/2025
106762	IA	1735	Rodney	Tokheim	3/28/2025
84634	IA	1736	Carl P	Malone	4/7/2025
99380	IA	1737	June S.	Malone	4/7/2025
106800	IA	1738	Kathryn	Italia	4/11/2025
106827	IA	1739	Robin	Cushman	5/2/2025
106828	IA	1740	Kassandra	McKown	5/2/2025
106829	IA	1741	Verne	Nelson	5/2/2025
106949	IA	1742	Charles	Fenimore	6/10/2025
106950	IA	1743	Barbara	Wells	6/10/2025
106991	IA	1744	Marty	Shepard	6/17/2025
107217	IA	1745	Robert	Shafer	8/12/2025
88450	IA	1746	Lori	Reynolds	8/22/2025
				Total Approved	14

## Deceased

Joyce E.	Welbourne	28-Jul-25	16-Jul-25

Four original applications and one supplemental application are pending.