



Pilgrim News

Fall 2020

Virtual Meeting is November 14th

Due to continued uncertainty about in-person gatherings and to keep our members safe, this year's Annual Meeting will be conducted in Google Meet.

Here are the details: Saturday, Nov. 14 - 10 to 10:30 a.m. When it's time to join the meeting, click on this link: meet.google.com/iex-gzev-owf

The abbreviated agenda for this meeting includes:

1. Election of Officers for 2021---see page 6 of this newsletter for the nominees.
2. Approval of by-laws changes for increasing dues and application fees---See page 2 for a description of the dues changes and page 4 for the by-laws changes.

Governor's Greetings

Dear Cousins,

While much of our world is uncertain and seems to be on hold, I do have several important updates to share that should be of interest to all our members.

Due to continued concern regarding the safety of large events and to keep our members as safe as possible in this pandemic time, our 2020 Annual Meeting will be conducted via Google Meet on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. This will be an abbreviated meeting to conduct essential business only—the election of 2021 Officers and Board of Assistants members and approval of proposed amendment changes. I sincerely hope we can all be together in person for our Spring 2021 meeting in April.

Please see the full slate of officers and Board of Assistants members for 2021 elsewhere in this newsletter. First, thank you to Deputy Governor General Gretchen Harvey and Assistant General Kathryn Morrissey for serving as our Nominating Committee. And thank you to all of our current Officers and Board of Assistants members who have agreed to continue in their current roles or take on a new challenge. We will welcome two new members to the Board of Assistants—Verla Ringenberg of Lincoln and Cindy Rademacher from Kearney. We will also elect a new Governor (Kathryn Morrissey), Deputy Governor (John Keller) and Captain (Steve Hunt). While I am stepping away from the Governor role, I will remain as Historian and continue Membership and Website duties, as well as serve as Assistant General to the General Society. I know we will be in great hands under Kathryn's leadership! If anyone is interested in a greater role in the Nebraska Society, please reach out to Kathryn and let her know your interests. We have many opportunities to be involved!

On Sept. 26 during the special General Society Congress, member societies approved an increase in the General Society per capita member assessment from \$15 to \$35 and the increase in application fees (new and supplemental) from \$75 to \$125. This means our Annual Member dues will increase from \$25 to \$45. We will continue to keep our \$10 of the total with the remaining \$35 going to Plymouth. For new and supplemental applications, we will collect \$150, with \$25 continuing to stay here. Please see the by-laws amendments to enact these increases elsewhere in this newsletter. Approval of these amendments will be part of our Nov. 14 virtual meeting. The member assessment increase takes effect for members as of Dec. 31, 2020, so we will begin collecting the increased amount soon for 2021 dues. The application fees increases begin for applications submitted after Dec. 31, 2020. Thank you to Counsellor Rob Laughlin for his work in developing the by-laws amendments.

While it is always difficult to increase dues, our Mayflower Society dues are low in comparison to other societies and the current per capita assessment is falling short in generating funds necessary to grow the Society and prepare for the future. Some of the increase will fund a new General Society website and help modernize the application process—both very needed if we are to attract new members and further engage current members. More information about how the new dollars will be used will be shared in future issues of the *Mayflower Quarterly*.

While not part of the amendment process, I am making a change in the grace period for delinquent Annual Member dues. Our practice has been to pay the General Society per capita assessment for members who fail to pay for one year—with the hope they will pay in the next year and remain members. While many do pay in the second year and catch up, many also don't pay,

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Dues and Application Fees Increases

We provide here several financial items related to the General Society. We, the Nebraska Society, are not increasing our dues but the General Society is increasing what each member pays each year. However, we do need members to pay their dues every year, given the increase in national dues. Also, we need to change our bylaws to reflect these General Society dues increases – see Page 4 for those changes, which will be voted on at our virtual meeting in November.

2021 Dues Increase

At the General Society virtual Congress on Sept. 26, member societies approved a \$20 increase in the assessment each society pays to the General Society for each member of record on Dec. 31. The current annual assessment per member is \$15; the new assessment will be \$35 per member. Our Nebraska Society dues of \$10 are not increasing. So the dues paid by Annual Members for 2021 is \$45. Dues notices will be mailed soon.

Annual Members Must Pay Dues Each Year

It has been the Nebraska Society's practice of only dropping members after dues were not paid for two years. With the increase in the General Society assessment from \$15 to \$35, the Society can no longer pay the annual assessment without payment from each Annual Member.

This means every Annual Member must pay dues every year. All Annual Members who have not paid 2019 and 2020 dues by Dec. 31 will be dropped. Dues notices will be mailed soon. If you have questions about your dues, contact Treasurer Bob Harvey at boharvey@deloitte.com

Application Fees Increase

At the General Society virtual Congress on Sept. 26, the member societies approved a \$50 increase in new member and supplemental application fees. The current fee for each is \$75. The new fee for each is \$125, effective for applications received in Plymouth after Jan. 1, 2021. Our Nebraska Society application fee of \$25 is not increasing.

2020 Directory of Officers

Governor | Marty Beerman
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Deputy Governor | Kathryn Morrissey
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Captain | John Keller
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John Keller (2021)
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Judith Moore (2021)
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John Reinert (2022)
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Fran Ruh (2022)
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Gretchen Harvey (Past Governor)
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General Society Officers

Deputy Governor General | Gretchen Harvey

Assistant Governor General | Kathryn Morrissey

Chairs

Education | Kathryn Morrissey, Omaha

Junior Members | Vacant

Membership | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Photographer | John Keller, Lincoln

Pilgrim News Editor | Stephanie Donsig

Public Relations | Thomas Masters

Webmaster | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Member Directory | Verla Ringenberg, Lincoln

Scholarship | Becky Martin, Lincoln

Scholarship Auction | Cheryl Clark, Elwood

Plymouth Meeting House | Kathryn Morrissey, Omaha

Welcome New Members!

Name	Number	Residence	Pilgrim Ancestor
James Daly Ayres	96247-1163	Lincoln	William Bradford
Suzanne Clare Singer	96458-1164	Omaha	Resolved White
Linda Rae (Raff) Jacobson	96584-1165	Malcolm	William Brewster
Mary Elizabeth (Howland) Askey	96651-1166	Trumbull	John Howland
Denise Ann (Randolph) Richards	97106-1167	Fremont	Resolved White
Susan Marie (Gamble) Decker	97165-1168	Grand Island	Richard Warren
Diane Mary (Ford) Hartman	97195-1169	Plattsmouth	Edward Fuller
Charles Silvey Pugsley V	97250-1170	Omaha	Thomas Rogers
Alfred Theodore Ericson III	97416-1171	Lincoln	John Howland
Christine Kaye (Doll) Cotton	97677-1172	Omaha	Samuel Fuller
Emily Anne Singer	97799-1173	Omaha	Resolved White
Sarah Lyn Singer	97800-1174	Omaha	Resolved White
Robert DeWayne Hinman	97801-1175	Omaha	George Soule
Charlotte Ann (Dafoe) Welch	97918-1176	Hastings	William White
Joan Marie Laughlin	98104-1177	Lincoln	John Alden
Robyn DeVae (Bilsland) Dvoracek	98135-1178	Farwell	Richard Warren

Supplemental Applications Approved

The Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants congratulates:

Gretchen Kay (Heizer) Harvey, Omaha, a descendant of Pilgrims John Howland, William Brewster, Mrs. Mary Brewster, and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland on the approval of Supplemental Applications for **Joan (Hurst) Rogers Tilley** and **John Tilley**.

Diane Mary (Ford) Hartman, Plattsmouth, a descendant of Pilgrim Edward Fuller, on the approval of Supplemental Applications for **Mrs. Edward Fuller** and **Samuel Fuller**.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Spring 2021 Meeting

The Spring 2021 Meeting will be held on April 25, the fourth Sunday of April. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Fall 2021 Meeting

The Fall 2021 Meeting will be held on November 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES - MEMBERSHIP DUES & FEES

As a result of GSMD's recent passage of their proposed increase in per capita member assessment and fees (see Page 2), our Board of Assistants has proposed and unanimously passed a recommendation to amend Article V, Fees and Dues, Sections 1 and 2 by changing the amounts as set forth below.

Amendments to the By-Laws are governed by Article VI which states: "By-Laws may be amended at an Annual Meeting, or at a Semi-Annual Meeting ... by a vote of not less than two thirds ... provided that at least fifteen days prior to the meeting ... a copy of such amendment shall have been mailed or emailed to all Active Members...." Therefore if this is published in the Fall 2020 Pilgrim News, at least 15 days prior to the upcoming virtual meeting scheduled for November 14, 2020, we can vote on the change at that meeting.

The Bylaws currently provide for dues as follows:

ARTICLE V – FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The Entrance Fee shall be \$100.00. \$25 is payable to the Nebraska Society. \$75 is payable to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. (Amended 2011)

Section 2. The Annual Dues shall be twenty five dollars for the calendar year, due and payable in January of each year. The payment of dues by a member elected during the three months preceding the Annual Meeting (November) shall continue his membership until the end of the next succeeding fiscal year. A Supplemental Application Fee shall be \$100.00.

Proposed Amendments:

Section 1. Amend the "Entrance Fee shall be \$100. \$25 is payable to the Nebraska Society. \$75 is payable to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants" to read: "Entrance Fee shall be \$150.00. \$25 is payable to the Nebraska Society. \$125 is payable to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants"

[Note to members: this fee increase is due to the recent increase by the General Society in their application fee for state chapters from \$75 to \$125.]

Section 2. Amend "Annual Dues shall be twenty five dollars for the calendar year" to read: "Annual Dues shall be forty five dollars for the calendar year."

Also Amend "Supplemental Application Fee shall be \$100" to read, "Supplemental Application Fee shall be \$150."

[Note to members: currently our Fee is \$25, \$10 for our local chapter and \$15 due and paid yearly to the General Society in Plymouth. The General Society increased their fee for state chapters by \$20, from \$15 to \$35, thus we must propose our total fee to our members be raised from \$25 to \$45 to cover the \$20 increase paid yearly to the General Society. The General Society also increased their fee for Supplemental Applications by \$50, to \$125; our fee stays at \$25, so \$150 for the total.]

Respectfully submitted,

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Pilgrims' Harvest Food — Adapted by Kathryn Morrissey from “Coming to America”, GSMD

When the Pilgrims departed England their destination was the Virginia Colonies. What was called “Virginia” at that time stretched as far north as New York’s Hudson River Valley—the site they anticipated landing. While in the Netherlands, some of our ancestors had received favorable (and true) reports about the fertility of this area. Likely, they assumed their English seeds would flourish there as they had in their homeland.

However, like a great many things about the journey, what they discovered was much different. The area that a small group of men found when they left the Mayflower to explore the Massachusetts coast had a porous sandy soil. The coastal growing conditions didn’t favor the peas, wheat and barley they brought. Farming experience was not common among the settlers. After a disastrous first winter when 44 Pilgrims died, even the number of those able to try cultivating crops was perilously cut.

So, with all this stacked against them, how did our ancestors harvest enough to survive – let alone found the thanksgiving feast we celebrate 400 years later? Fortunately, in the early spring, two English-speaking Native Americans, Samoset and Squanto, arrived in New Plymouth. Squanto stayed with the Pilgrims. He helped them plant their English seeds as well as native plants his people had grown for generations.

The “imported” crops either failed or did poorly that summer. Once again, the future appeared bleak. However, this time, Providence smiled on our foremothers and forefathers. Squanto’s plantings of maize (corn) thrived. The colonists parched the corn and ground it into meal. Squash and beans planted in the same mounds as the maize – and fertilized with dead fish—also flourished. Along with wild fruit, berries, fish and fowl, this bounty insured the survival of the colony and – eventually—insured that we and other Americans would celebrate a similar feast in November.

If you would like to try a harvest dish similar to one from the early years of the colony, here is a hearty offering from a Plimoth Plantation publication, “The Thanksgiving Primer,” of 1987.

HAIRE’S SUCCOTASH

Ingredients:

3 lbs. corned beef	1 lb. turnip
2 ½ lbs. fowl	1 qt. corn, hulled
2 lbs. potatoes	½ qt. navy beans

Boil corned beef and fowl together for 3 hours and reserve liquid. Stew beans for 4 hours. Mash beans. Boil potatoes and turnip in liquid from the boiled meat until done. Dice meat, potatoes and turnips into ½ inch cubes. Add beans and hulled corn to meat, turnip and potatoes and bring to boil. Set aside to freeze. Shred meat when reheating.

The image on the right is part of *The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth* (1914) by Jennie Brownscombe (1850-1936), who was an active member of our society and of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She specialized in American historical paintings and also illustrated a book entitled *Tales of the Mayflower Children*.



2021 Officers & Board of Assistants Nominees

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers, Board of Assistants members and Chairs for 2021:

Governor: **Kathryn Morrissey**, Omaha
 Deputy Governor: **John Keller**, Lincoln
 Secretary: **Bonnie Kolowski**, Omaha
 Treasurer: **Robert Harvey**, Omaha
 Historian: **Marty Beerman**, Omaha
 Elder: **Ann Reinert**, Lincoln
 Counselor: **Rob Laughlin**, Omaha
 Captain: **Steve Hunt**, LaVista
 Surgeon: **Audrey Paulman, M.D.**, Omaha

2021 Board of Assistants

Stephanie Donsig (2021), Lincoln
Judy Moore (2021), Syracuse
Verla Ringenberg (2021), Lincoln
John Reinert (2022), Lincoln
Fran Ruh (2022), Omaha
Cheryl Clark (2023), Elwood
Cindy Rademacher (2023), Kearney
Marty Beerman (Past Governor), Omaha

Chairs

Education: **Kathryn Morrissey**, Omaha
 Junior Members: **Cindy Rademacher**, Kearney
 Public Relations: **Tom Masters**, Lincoln
 Membership: **Marty Beerman**, Omaha
Pilgrim News Editor: **Stephanie Donsig**, Lincoln
 Photographer: **John Keller**, Lincoln
 Scholarship: **Gretchen Harvey and Marty Beerman**, Omaha
 Scholarship Auction: **Cheryl Clark**, Elwood

General Society Officers

Deputy Governor General: **Gretchen Harvey**, Omaha
 Assistant General: **Marty Beerman**, Omaha



To commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the the Mayflower voyage, the United States and the United Kingdom have jointly issued silver and gold coins. In addition, the U.S. Post Office has issued a Mayflower "Forever" stamp. Above are images of the stamp and the silver coins.



Show Your Pilgrim Pride

Can you think of a better way to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of our ancestors' arrival in America than purchasing a Mayflower Society Pin? It makes a great gift and can be mailed to your home.

Proceeds from the sales will be used for the restoration of the Pilgrim Meetinghouse discussed in previous Newsletters. The funds will go into a Charitable Trust created by the GSMD. Individual donations will be listed online and will count toward our Nebraska Society's goal of \$5,000.

The GSMD gratefully will accept cash donations or credit cards. *(Please add "meetinghouse" in the subject line if you send a check.)* They also are gathering pledges. You can access all of this information, and more, by going to: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/donate/meetinghousedonations>.

If you would like to donate to the project by purchasing our **Nebraska Society pin**, that's another way to show your support! The cost is \$12.50 per pin. Please send your check to Kathryn Morrissey, 681 North 57 Avenue, Omaha, NE 68132. Please make the check payable to the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Pilgrim Family Societies

Family Societies are organizations run by Mayflower descendants with a focus on a particular Pilgrim family and its lineage. As a member of the Nebraska Society, you can easily join one of the Family Societies, listed below.

Alden Kindred of America - www.alden.org

Email Desiree Mobed at dmobed@alden.org

Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society - www.isaacallerton.com

Email Lisa Pennington at lisapennington28@gmail.com

Billington Family Society - billingtonfamilysociety.com

Email Marsha Berland at berland47@3rivers.net

Governor William Bradford Compact - www.mygwbc.org

Email Chip Bradford at Bradfordhenry@hotmail.com

The Elder William Brewster Society - brewsterfamily.org

Email Gregory Evan Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com

Pilgrim Peter Brown Society - www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org

Email Sandra Sauers at ssauers701@gmail.com

Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society -

<https://www.pilgrimfranciscookessociety.org>

Email Charles Willard at info@pilgrimfranciscookessociety.org

The Pilgrim Edward Doty Society - www.edwarddoty.org

Email Rose Reiman at rdreiman@charter.net

The Eaton Families Association - www.eatongenealogy.com

Email Doug MacMillan at dougiemac@comcast.net

The Fuller Society - www.thefullersociety.org

Email Deb Yingst at FullerSociety@aol.com

Lothrop Family Foundation - www.lothrop.org

Email Deborah A. Baker at dbbaker@comast.net OR

Jim Lathrop at jlathrop@outlook.com

Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society - home.pilgrimhopkins.com

Email Lea Filson at governor@pilgrimhopkins.com

The Pilgrim John Howland Society -

www.pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org

Email Jean Albert at sjalbert03@gmail.com

The Nickerson Family Association - <https://nickersonassoc.com>

Email William Nickerson Walker at wnwalker@wnw.net

Thomas Rogers Society - www.thomasrogerssociety.com

Email Tracy Crocker at genealogist@tracycrocker.com

Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred - pilgrimhenrysamsonkindred.org

Email Barbara Williams at gsmhdhistoricsites@gmail.com

Soule Kindred in America - soulekindred.org

Email Sara Renee Soule at kirbychap@msn.com

Society of Myles Standish Descendants, Inc. -

www.mylesstandishsociety.org

Email Charles Willard at smsd@mylesstandishsociety.org

The Warren Cousins - www.facebook.com/thewarrencousins

Email Deborah Shea at dshea57@mac.com

The Pilgrim William White Society -

thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org

Email Alan Smith at das1842@icloud.com

Winslow Heritage Society - www.winslowheritagesociety.org

Email Kathy Myers at jkmymers2@verizon.net

In Memoriam

Nancy Alden (Egbert) Barks

Deceased 24 April 2020

A descendant of John Alden

Joined 1971

June Iris (Pritchard) Hand

Deceased 17 April 2020

A descendant of William Brewster

Joined 1982

Lizabeth Ann (Pett) Helzer

Deceased 8 August 2020

Joined 2009

A descendant of John Howland and

William Brewster

We care about each of our members, so please let us know immediately of any member's illness or death. Send updates to mwbeerman@cox.net

Membership Report

We began 2020 with 277 members. Fifteen new member applications have been approved so far this year. Three members have died. As a result, our current membership total is 289.

Thirteen applications are awaiting approval in Plymouth. Current turnaround time in Plymouth for approvals is about six months. Because of this, not all of the thirteen pending applications in Plymouth right now will be approved this year.

Dues Reminder

If you are an annual member and have not yet paid your 2020 Dues of \$25, you will receive a dues notice shortly.

Two ways to pay:

- 1) Visit www.NebraskaMayflower.org and pay securely using Paypal or a credit card.
- 2) Send a check for \$25 payable to Nebraska Mayflower Society to Grechen Harvey, 17503 V St, Omaha, NE 68135.

Treasurer's Report Bob Harvey

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CASH ON HAND, March 31, 2020			\$ 11,631.54
INCOME			
National Dues	14 @ 15	\$	210.00
State Dues	14 @ 10	\$	140.00
Application Fee	6 @ 25	\$	150.00
Supplemental Application Fees	2 @ 25	\$	50.00
Scholarship Donations		\$	75.00
Reinstatement Fee		\$	15.00
Interest - Checking		\$	5.74
			<u>\$ 645.74</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Society Books		\$	32.80
Spring 2020 Newsletter Expenses		\$	260.64
PayPal Fees		\$	5.57
			<u>\$ (299.01)</u>
CASH ON HAND, August 31, 2020			\$ 11,978.27
OTHER ASSETS			
CD - 1.45% (Matures 10/3/20)		\$	16,566.86
			<u>\$ 16,566.86</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u><u>\$ 28,545.13</u></u>

Donor Report - \$75 from the Downtown Omaha Rotary Club in the name of Liz Heizer for the Scholarship Fund

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leaving us with an unreimbursed liability that was made up from our Treasury. We usually drop about 20 members annually for non-payment of dues. With the per capita assessment increase from \$15 to \$35, we cannot continue to carry Annual Members who do not pay every year. This means that every Annual Member must pay \$45 per year or be dropped on Dec. 31 of that year. Annual Members will see Dues Notices soon. Please reach out to Treasurer Bob Harvey if you have questions about dues.

As we discussed at the November 2019 Board of Assistants Meeting, the General Society per capita increase will have serious implications for our Society in how we fund the increase for Life Members (we have 70 life members) who do not pay annual dues. The life member cost structure did not anticipate a per capita assessment of \$35. In the short-term, I suspended the sale of life memberships earlier this year to stop any increased liability to our Society. Our new governor will be forming an investment committee to consider how best to invest our life membership dollars, address the expected shortfall and determine whether to offer life memberships going forward.

While our 400th anniversary celebrations were significantly muted this year due to the pandemic, we look forward to celebrating the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving in 2021. And our Nebraska Society has a celebration of its own on the horizon. The Nebraska Society was chartered as the 18th state society on Dec. 16, 1922 and organized on May 19, 1923.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Governor. Best wishes to all of you for a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and blessed holiday season!

Marty Beerman
Governor and Historian

Celebrating Membership Milestones

Congratulations to the following members, who have milestone membership anniversaries this year:

1965 – 55 years

Margaret Ann (Masters) Reinert, Lincoln

1970 – 50 years

Kathleen Louise (Harmon) Gray, Atlantic, Iowa

Mary (Havranek) Harder, Ponca

Anne Godfrey (Thorne) Weaver, Omaha

1975 – 45 years

Steven William Anderson, Lincoln

Nancy Ladd (Chandler) Borden, Bastrop, Texas

Ronald Arthur Crisp, New Albany, Ind.

Patricia Elizabeth (Gumbert) Hollabaugh, Lubbock, Texas

Patricia Ann (Smith) Tobiasson, Columbus

1980 – 40 years

Shirley (Gumbert) Balizet, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Jean (Walker) Christensen, Alma

Brandon Michael Loughery, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Kent Bradley Meridith, Overland Park, Kan.

1990 – 30 years

Martin Wayne Beerman, Omaha

Brandon Lawrence Brammer, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Andrew Jacob Frye, Ashland

Nathan William Frye, Yutan

Dennis George Hall, Lake City, S.D.

Tanya Lea (Rosencrantz) Kempf, Shickley

Heather Michelle (Frye) McLaughlin, Yutan

Marc Christopher Newbern, Yutan

Mark Matthew Rosencrantz, Wahoo

Christine Rae Zink, Lincoln

Emily Kay Zink, Grand Island

1995 – 25 years

Nancy Rose Hildebrandt, Amelia

John Martin Williams, Charlotte, N.C.

2000 – 20 years

Sherry Lynn (Rogers) Carlson, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Edward Lee Furman, Omaha

Brooke Regan (Williams) Hefner, Plattsmouth

John William Reinert, Lincoln

Charles Lawrence Robinson, Omaha

2005 – 15 years

Caroline Theresa (Taube) Humphrey, Lincoln

Maureen Annette (Sorum) Westergaard, Valley

2010 – 10 years

Donna Sue Burleaud, Modesto, Calif.

Donna Jane (Lillyhorn) Epley, Lincoln

Barbara Jean (Bourne) Haggart, Omaha

Richard Bourne Haggart, Mountain View, Calif.

Betty Jean (Cady) Mapes, Merriman

2015 – 5 years

Mary Katherine (Abramson) Exstrom, Fremont

Malia Kay Hammerstrom, Ainsworth

Cindy Cherlene (Sealey) Kucera, Kearney

Kae (Figi) Mack, Omaha

William Melvin Miller, Lincoln

Robert Lee Paeper, Westside, Iowa

Gale Rodney Paxton, Lincoln

Clifford Leroy Sawyer, Lincoln

Jeffrey Stuart Spencer, Omaha

Jennifer Rae (Hein) Wang, Washington, D.C.



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Our society has a website:

www.NebraskaMayflower.org It has the latest news, past issues of Pilgrim News, links to other Mayflower-related websites, a link to pay dues and meal costs, and more!

We're on Facebook, too! Like us at

www.facebook.com/nebraskamayflower



Pilgrim News

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Whedon Scholarship Applications due on March 31, 2021

At our spring meeting in April 2021, we will be awarding the sixth Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants Burt & Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,620 to a high school senior planning on attending an accredited 4-year college or university.

An avid genealogist, Becky (Allen) Whedon joined our Nebraska Society in 1982, a descendant of Pilgrim Francis Cooke, as well as Pilgrim Richard Warren. Becky served as our Society's historian for 18 years, from 1989 to 2007, completing applications for 167 members. Burt joined the Nebraska Society in 1977, a descendant of John Howland, as well as William Brewster. The Whedons served the Society as Deputy Governor General and Assistant General for many years, traveling to Plymouth for Mayflower General Congress and to annual Board of Assistants meetings around the country. Becky died in Omaha on January 16, 2011, at the age of 84. Burt died in Omaha on April 27, 2011, at the age of 88.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Nebraska and United States citizens. Applications will be evaluated by a written essay, GPA and class rank, ACT or SAT scores, honors received, school or volunteer activities, employment, demonstrated leadership, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. Mayflower ancestry is NOT a requirement.

You will find the info needed to apply for the scholarship at our website. The applications must be submitted in one PDF attachment, no later than **March 31, 2021**, to: nebraskamayflower@gmail.com