



Pilgrim News

Fall 2022

Our Fall Meeting is Sunday, November 20th

We'll continue the return to "Pre-COVID normal" with our pre-Thanksgiving fall meeting. Details about our traditional menu, reservation form and activities are a part of this newsletter. As before, Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln will host this year's meeting on November 20.

The **Board of Assistants** will meet in the **President's Room** at noon. The **Ballroom** will be the site of our **General Meeting** beginning at 1:00 p.m. The **Silent Auction** also will be set up in the Ballroom.

Please don't procrastinate sending your reservation. We'd love to see everyone in person and need your support for our Silent Auction. Let's make this gathering a meaningful celebration of our ancestors' harvest festival more than 400 years ago.

Fall Meeting RSVP Information

Please RSVP by **Friday, Nov. 8** so we can provide our final count to Hillcrest. Send your reservation form (insert in this newsletter) and checks payable to the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants to **Gretchen Harvey, 17503 V St, Omaha, NE 68135** -- or pay at www.NebraskaMayflower.org/dues using PayPal or a credit card. If you pay online, please contact Kathryn Morrissey with any dietary restrictions, either by email at kathryn4manmorrissey@gmail.com or by phone at 402-670-3836. The cost for the dinner is \$35 per person.

To reach Hillcrest Country Club: from I-80, take exit 409 for US-6 toward Waverly/East Lincoln, then 84th Street north and then a left onto O Street. Hillcrest's drive is on the right.

As noted above, the Board of Assistants will meet at noon before the lunch meeting. As a member of our Society, you are always welcome to attend our Board of Assistants meeting.

Search Your Home for Treasures

Items are needed for our annual Silent Auction. Search your home for treasures -- home décor, tickets to sports events or shows, gift cards to movies or restaurants, or Mayflower-themed items, etc., to donate to the auction.

Proceeds benefit the Burt & Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship fund (see page 7 for this year's scholarship winner's essay). Reach out to Cheryl L. Clark by email at cherylclark@q.com, or postal mail at PO Box 116, Elwood, NE 68937-0116, or by phone at (308) 785-2046, by **Nov. 12** with your item's description and minimum bid. Then come to the fall meeting ready to bid early! This is a fun way to raise money for our scholarship fund. As the photo on the right shows, there was great interest in past years' Silent Auctions.

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Spring 2022 BOA Minutes

Meeting held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Centris Credit Union, in Omaha. A pre-ordered Box Lunch was served.

Governor Kathryn Morrison introduced our guest, Governor General Jane Hurt, and then called the meeting to order. Elder Ann Reinert gave the Invocation. Captain Steve Hunt led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Cindy Rademacher read the Mayflower Compact and Passenger Roll Call was led by Bob Harvey. Passenger Francis Cooke had the most descendants present.

The minutes of the Fall 2021 meeting were approved as printed in the Spring 2022 newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Harvey detailed the Treasurer's report, covering the movement of our investments to a Vanguard account and delineated the following amounts:

Cash on Hand	\$14,858.23
Income	\$8,881.09, which included donations from members
Disbursements	\$9,864.24
Market Value of Investment Portfolio	\$15,597.23
Total Assets:	\$29,472.31

Deputy Governor John Keller presented the findings of the Audit Committee (John Reinert and John Keller), which was published in the Spring Newsletter. A motion was made and seconded that future audits be performed every 2 years. Motion passed unanimously.

Historian Marty Beerman did the membership review: 273 members, 5 waiting for their applications to be approved, and 7 memberships in progress.

Marty then announced that Savannah Kate Jensen, from Gothenburg, was the winner of the Burt and Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,620.

Governor Morrissey re-introduced our guest speaker, Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Governor General Hunt gave a very interesting report with many photographs of the repairs and restorations that are being completed at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, which will become the Educational Center for the GSMD. She also gave an excellent photographic presentation of the work being done on the Mayflower Society House to bring it up to code and restore the 1754 home with the guidance of a historical architect. Governor General Hurt also mentioned the General Society Board of Assistants meeting which will be held in Bloomington, MN, this fall and the "Walk the Path of the Pilgrims" which will tour the Netherlands & England in 2023.

Following Governor General Hunt's presentations, several nice gifts were given to her. Many thanks were expressed to Cheryl Clark for organizing the Silent Auction and to all the members who brought items to auction off. The Silent Auction brought in \$1,209.

Following adjournment of the meeting, a group photograph was taken by John Keller.

2022 Directory of Officers

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Board of Assistants

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Judith Moore (2024)
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Verla Ringenberg (2024)
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Marty Beerman (Past Governor)
(402) 709-3786 or mwbeerman@cox.net

General Society Officers

Deputy Governor General | Gretchen Harvey

Assistant Governor General | Marty Beerman

Chairs

Education | Kathryn Morrissey, Omaha

Junior Members | Vacant

Membership | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Photographer | John Keller, Lincoln

Pilgrim News Editor | Stephanie Donsig, Lincoln

Public Relations | Thomas Masters, Lincoln

Webmaster | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Scholarship | Gretchen Harvey & Marty Beerman, Omaha

Scholarship Auction | Cheryl Clark, Elwood

Audit | John Keller & John Reinert

Governor's Greetings

Happy Autumn, Cousins!

Richard Pickering was the keynote speaker at last month's General Board of Assistants meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota. Richard is the Deputy Executive Director of Plimoth Patuxet (formerly Plimoth Plantation). The man is a walking encyclopedia of life in the village and surrounding areas where our ancestors landed and built their homes. To me and to others there, everything he said was fascinating! One topic really has stayed with me.

Richard explained, that when we think about the Mayflower Compact – which isn't often — it's an historical document. As descendants, we dust it off at our meetings. The archaic language ("Loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord King James"), may be lyrical, but are the words still relevant? Richard says yes!

From 1620 --when that pact for survival was created--until 1692, the Compact was read every time a judicial court convened in Plimoth. For more than 70 years, the Compact's frequent reading told those gathered, "This is how to live as a community."

Our ancestors may not have fully grasped the magnitude and ramifications of their shipboard composition. It wasn't until the 1630s that Governor Bradford writes about the Compact and describes it so that others can understand the powerful effect it had in their expanding settlement. The Compact put the "saints" and the "strangers" on equal footing. Above all, it demonstrated the pilgrims valued reason. Richard speculates that these principles are the cause there were no witch burnings in Plimoth when that hysteria ran rampant elsewhere.

When we read the Compact this November, let's not to recite it like a homework assignment. Listen with a fresh perspective. Let's use those words as a roadmap for making lives better now! Let's "combine ourselves together into a civil body politic for our better ordering..." Let's put the meaning of the Compact – mutual cooperation and respect—into action!

See you in Lincoln!

Kathryn Morrissey, Governor

SAVE THIS DATE!

Spring 2023 Meeting

Our Spring 2023 meeting and dinner will be on the afternoon of

Sunday April 23rd

in Omaha. We look forward to seeing you!

Membership Report

Since the Spring 2022 newsletter, we have gained eight new members and three members have died. Thus, our membership has increased from 274 to 279.

2023 Fall Meeting Reservation Form

Member Name(s): _____

Guests: _____

Adult(s): _____ @ \$35.00/meal Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please send this form and checks payable to the **Nebraska Mayflower Society** to be **received** by **Nov 8** to: Gretchen Harvey, 17503 V St, Omaha, NE 68135.

When: Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

Where: Hillcrest Country Club
9410 East O St,
Lincoln

Menu: Traditional Thanksgiving
Dinner

Way to go, Gretchen and Marty!

Our Deputy Governor General (DGG), Gretchen Harvey, has been named to the Nominating Committee of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). This action took place at the September 2022 General Board of Assistants meeting in Minneapolis. In this important role, our past Nebraska Governor will work with other selected volunteers to determine a slate to stand for election at our Congress in Plymouth in 2023.

As Gretchen noted in her report about the GSMD meeting in Minnesota, our Assistant Governor General (AG), Historian and past Nebraska Governor, Marty Beerman, has been working hard the past two years as a member of GSMD's Technology Committee. Its activities have included the launch of the new GSMD website last year and enhancing many of the services we members rely on and enjoy.

Hats off to both of these volunteers to the General Society. You represent us well and make us proud!

Kathryn Morrissey



New Mayflower Logo

Come See! As you know, we have a big anniversary coming up! **The Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendant was chartered on December 16, 1922.**

One of our newest members, **Jesse Newman Harding**, is a talented graphic artist. He volunteered to help us celebrate this important milestone – with a graphic art surprise.

Please come see the big unveiling at our November 20 meeting at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln. You won't want to miss this!

Welcome New Members!

Name	Number	Residence	Ancestor
Lorene Rae (Cass) Cooper	101899-1207	Waldorf, Md	Edward Fuller
Laura Marie (Hunt) Frey	101992-1208	Cedar Rapids	William Brewster
JoAnna Jean (Stogdill) Sheets	101993-1209	Lincoln	William Brewster
Carrie Ann (Colson) Krett	102352-1210	Parker, Colo.	William Brewster
Judy Kay (Martin) Ekeler	102626-1211	Fremont	John Cooke
Nicole Grace (Thorn) Bonton	102766-1212	Centennial, Colo.	Thomas Rogers
Carole Ann (Wilkinson) Johnson	103063-1213	The Woodlands, TX	Richard Warren
Kathy Marie (Davis) Swanson	103064-1214	Grand Island	George Soule

Applicants Waiting for Final Approval

Fawn Michelle (Glaser) Horner, Plattsmouth
Daniel Verne Agler, North Platte
James Allan Lueders, Hastings
Trudy Lynne (Ritchie) Schlumberger, Omaha

Supplementals Approved We congratulate:

Shirley Ann (Bumgardner) Lowery, Burwell, a descendant of Pilgrim Myles Standish, John Alden, William Mullins and Priscilla Mullins, on the approval of a supplemental application for Pilgrim **John Billington**.

Patricia Ann (Agler) Abels, North Platte, a descendant of Pilgrim Thomas Rogers, on the approval of a supplemental application for Pilgrim **Stephen Hopkins**.

2023 Officers & Board Of Assistants Nominees

The Nominating Committee proposes the following Officers and Board of Assistants:

OFFICERS

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Deputy Governor |
Secretary | Cindy Rademacher
Treasurer | Bob Harvey
Historian | Marty Beerman

Elder | Ann Reinert
Counselor | Robert Laughlin
Captain | Steven Hunt
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BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Cheryl Clark (2023) John Reinert (2025)
 Stephanie Donsig (2024) Susan Rice (2023)
 Jesse Harding, (2025) Verla Ringenberg (2024)
 Judith Moore (2024) Marty Beerman (Past Governor)

GENERAL SOCIETY & OTHER OFFICERS

Deputy Governor General
 Gretchen Harvey
Assistant General
 Marty Beerman

Newsletter Editor | Stephanie Donsig
Photographer | John Keller
Webmaster | Marty Beerman

General Society's BOA Meeting

This fall, Nebraska Governor Kathryn Morrissey, Assistant General Marty Beerman, his wife Jane Beerman, Deputy Governor General Gretchen Harvey and her husband Bill Harvey, attended the General Board of Assistants meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota. We are so lucky to have so many fun Nebraska members at our meetings! The five of us had a terrific time getting back together with our cousins and shopping at Mall of America in Bloomington in our spare time.

Highlights of the meetings included Marty being recognized for all the great work he is doing with the Technology Committee to update the General Society website. Lea Filson, our past Governor General, gave us an update on the progress of the renovations to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. The exterior of the Meetinghouse has been restored, and plans are being made for a side entrance for a giftshop, along with an orientation film for visitors, and interactive displays.

Our Governor General, Jane Hurt, provided an update to all the terrific work that is also being done to restore the Mayflower Society House, which was in need of many renovations. The General Society Congress meeting will be held in Plymouth next year – we need lots of Nebraskans for the Pilgrim Progress, so if anyone is interested in attending, please contact me.

Deputy Governor General Gretchen Harvey

In Memoriam

Shirley Estelene (Smith) Strain

Deceased 3 January 2022

A descendant of Stephen Hopkins
 Joined 1974

Ronald Gale Fink Jr.

Deceased 13 January 2022

A descendant of Francis Cooke,
 Degory Priest, Francis Eaton, and
 James Chilton
 Joined 2018

Robert Lee Paeper

Deceased 2 June 2022

A descendant of Stephen Hopkins
 Joined 2015

Shirley (Gumbert) Ballizet

Deceased 7 August 2022

A descendent of John Alden
 Joined 1980

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

Dues Reminder

All Annual Members who have not paid 2022 dues by **December 15** will be dropped from the Roll of Membership at the end of the year.

Dues are \$45 and there are two ways to pay:

- 1) Visit www.NebraskaMayflower.org and pay securely using Paypal or a credit card.
- 2) Send a check for \$45 payable to Nebraska Mayflower Society to Gretchen Harvey, 17503 V St, Omaha, NE 68135.

If you have questions about your dues, contact Treasurer Bob Harvey at

nsmdtreasurer@gmail.com

2023 Dues Notices will be mailed soon.

Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & Profit/Loss Bob Harvey

Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2022

	Sep 30, 22	Feb 28, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
10000 · Cash		
10001 · UBT Checking	13,846.17	10,551.90
10002 · PayPal	3,756.56	3,323.18
Total 10000 · Cash	17,602.73	13,875.08
Total Checking/Savings	17,602.73	13,875.08
Accounts Receivable		
11000 · Membership Dues Receivable	1,480.00	2,740.00
Total Accounts Receivable	1,480.00	2,740.00
Total Current Assets	19,082.73	16,615.08
Other Assets		
18000 · Marketable Securities		
18001 · Principal Balance	16,636.84	16,636.84
18002 · Unrealized Gain (Loss)	-3,437.42	-1,039.61
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	13,199.42	15,597.23
Total Other Assets	13,199.42	15,597.23
TOTAL ASSETS	32,282.15	32,212.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity	32,282.15	32,212.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,282.15	32,212.31

Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants Profit & Loss March through September 2022

	Mar - Sep 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Membership Dues	1,665.00
41000 · Application Fees	2,700.00
42000 · Individual Contributions	3,419.00
43000 · Interest Income	15.39
45000 · Meals	640.00
46000 · Reinstatement Fee	20.00
Total Income	8,459.39
Gross Profit	8,459.39
Expense	
51000 · Banking Fees	20.29
52000 · Application Expense	1,500.00
53000 · Newsletter Expense	171.94
54000 · Meetings Expense	390.37
55000 · Miscellaneous Expense	101.33
56000 · Scholarship Expense	1,620.00
57000 · Website Expense	79.98
58000 · Supplies Expense	872.83
Total Expense	4,756.74
Net Ordinary Income	3,702.65
Net Income	3,702.65



The Pilgrim Mother statue in Plymouth, MA, built in 1921 for the tercentenary of the voyage of Mayflower (by the DAR)



Visit our Website:
NebraskaMayflower.org

Our society's website 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, at:
www.facebook.com/nebraskamayflower

The Winning Essay for 2022, by Savannah Kate Jensen

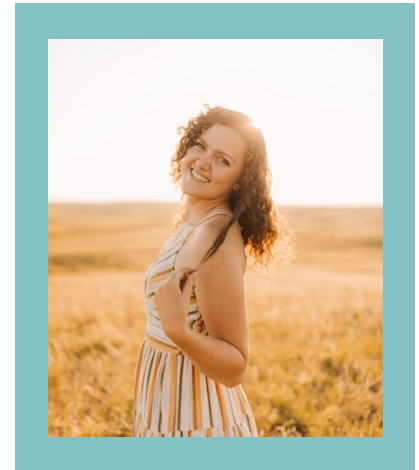
TO MY DEAREST SON, MATTHEW,

I WILL FIRST BEGIN BY SAYING I MISS THEE DEARLY, BUT I AM UNYIELDING IN MY DECISION TO LEAVE THEE IN THE OLD WORLD. THE SEVERITY OF THE VOYAGE ON THE MAYFLOWER WAS HARSH AND RELENTLESS. DISEASE WAS NOT ONLY ON THE MINDS OF ALL THE PATRONS BUT ALSO WAS AMONGST US AT ALL HOURS. THE 'TWEEN DECKS WERE SMALL AND GRIM TO HATH ACCOMMODATED US ALL. RAIN BATTERED DOWN ON THE HATCHES DAY AND NIGHT, AND THE LULLING OF THE SHIP WROUGHT OUR STOMACHS INTO CONTINUOUS RETCHING. FOLK LIKE US HATH NOT THE STOMACH FOR SUCH A TOLERANCE FOR SEA LIKE THIS. GRIEVANCES BROUGHT TO US GREAT SORROWS BY THE ACTIONS OF AN INSOLENT AND SECULAR YOUNG MAN, ONE OF THE SAILORS, AND DAILY EXECRATIONS BURST FORTH FROM HIS MOUTH, ALL THE WHILE THREATENING THAT HE SHALT EVENTUALLY THROW ALL OF US OVERBOARD BEFORE THE VOYAGE HATH ITS END. WAVES BRUNG ON BY CEASELESS STORMS BEAT ON THE SAILS OF THE SHIP, AND HER UPPER MASTS BECAME VERY LEAKY. ONE OF THE MAIN MASTS, BENT AND CRACKED, CAST FEAR OVER US ALL. FOR ONCE THE SAILORS' FEARS MATCHED OURS, BUT WE HATH TRAVELED SO FAR AND SHALT NOT TURN BACK. WE HELPED IN THE ONLY WAY WE KNEW; WE PRAYED "YET LORD, THOU CAN'T SAVE US". I TALKED AMONGST THE OTHER MEN WHO WERT LINGERING BELOWETH THE DECK, REMONSTRATING ON THE MATTER THAT HATH COME UPON US. I HATH BECOME QUITE CLOSE TO A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM BREWSTER, TALKING AMONGST HIM, AND HE REMEMBERED THE GREAT IRON SCREW FOR HIS PRINTING PRESS. WITH GREAT HASTE, WE BEGAN OUR SEARCH AS WE COMBED BELOW THE DREARY DECK OF THE MAYFLOWER UNTIL OTHERS HAD BEGUN TO PARTAKE IN THE SEARCH. AFTER A GREATLY EXHAUSTING SEARCH FOR THE SCREW, IT WAS FOUND AT LAST. THE SCREW WAS TWISTED INTO THE BEAM OF THE MAST WITH A HIDEOUS SCREECHING OF WOOD LIKE UNTO THAT OF A PIG BEFORE IT GOETH TO THE BUTCHER. THE MAST, HAVING BEGUN TO RISE TO ITS ORIGINAL POSITION, WE ALL LET OUT A CRY OF JOY AND PRAISE TO THE LORD OUR GOD, AND FOR ONCE WE WERE IN UNISON WITH THE SAILORS. THE DISTANCE TO THE NEW WORLD WAST CLOSER TO OUR FINGERTIPS THAN EVER BEFORE, AND WE PRAYED AS A CONGREGATION IN THE HULL

OF THE MAYFLOWER EVERY NIGHT AS THE WAVES HIT HER SIDES, AND WE PETITIONED THAT THE LORD SHALT DELIVER US TO OUR PROMISED LAND JUST AS HE HATH DELIVERED THE ISRAELITES.

I WAST OVERWHELMED WITH THE GRATITUDE THAT GOD HATH BESTOWED UPON ME AS I CRAWLED UP THE LADDER THAT LED FROM OUR DUNGEON AND WAS MET WITH FRESH CRISP AIR AND THE OUTLINE OF OUR PROMISED LAND. WE FLED FROM PERSECUTION, AND THIS NEW LAND MEANT A NEW BEGINNING, A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT SHALT LAST FOR GENERATIONS. WE CAME TOGETHER IN THE HOLD OF THE SHIP TO CREATE A NEW SET OF LAWS AND TO ABOLISH A FORTHCOMING REBELLION. THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT FORETOLD THE CODE OF LAWS FOR THE NEW WORLD: EVERY ABLE BODY WAST SEEN IN EVERY EYE AS EQUAL WITH THE PRIMARY FOCUS BEING OBEDIENCE AND ORDER AND LOYALTY TO THE KING. THE MOST IMPORTANT DEED OF THE COMPACT, I WRITE TO THEE, MY SON, IS THE FURTHERMENT OF OUR FAITH, WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE COMPACT. WE PARTOOK TOGETHER IN THE SIGNING OF THE LEGIBLE DOCUMENT. I, EDWARD FULLER, ALONG WITH THE COMPANY OF 40 OTHER MEN, SIGNED THE COMPACT. JOHN CARVER WAST ELECTED TO BE THE GOVERNOR FOR NEXT TWELVEMONTH AND TO GUIDE US ALONG THE RIGHTEOUS PATH.

HOPELESS OF FINDING AN ADEQUATE SETTLEMENT AFTER EXPLORATIONS OF THE LAND, THE HARSH WINTER AIR HATH COME UPON US WITH A FEROCITY. EXTENSIVE EXPLORATIONS TOOK PLACE WITH WINTER FAST APPROACHING US. I CAME UPON THE REMNANTS OF A SETTLEMENT WHERE LIFE HATH EXISTED IN THE PAST; MAKESHIFT SHELTERS AND PATCHES OF CORN WERT SPREAD ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE. AN AGREEMENT WAST REACHED BY THE COMPANY OF EXPLORERS, MYSELF CONCURRING, THAT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION, IF WE HAD WANTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER. THE BUILDING OF THE COMMON HOUSE WENT VERY SLOWLY, WHEN WE HADST ALMOST FINISHED ONE OF THE HOUSES, WE SAWEST THAT ITS ROOF WAS ON FIRE, AND THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE POWER OF US MEN THAT COULDETH PUT THE FIRE TO A STOP. DESPITE OUR HARD WORK, PEOPLE BECAME SICK: EIGHT HATH DIED IN DECEMBER, SIX IN JANUARY, AND 'TIS JUST THE START OF THE SECOND MONTH. WE MUST



MUSTER THE STRENGTH FOR OUR FAMILIES. THE THOUGHT OF THEE, MY SON, ONE DAY BRAVELY CROSSING THE SEA AND COMING HOME TO ME, THY FATHER, BRINGS ME INEXPLICABLE JOY. AWAY FROM THE PERSECUTORS OF MINE FAITH AND INTO THE PROMISED LAND OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY, THIS COUNTRY OF FREEDOM GIVETH ME STRENGTH FOR A NEW DAY IN THE HARSHNESS OF THESE WINTER MONTHS. I PRAY THAT THIS LETTER FINDETH THEE IN EXEMPLARY HEALTH AND SPIRIT.

LOVINGLY, YOUR FATHER,

EDWARD FULLER.

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Celebrating Membership Milestones

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

1952 – 70 years

Dorothy Dean (Henry) Nicholson, Chandler, Ariz.

1957 – 65 years

Vernita Faye (Stevens) Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo.

1972 – 50 years

Judith Faye (Masters) Moore, Syracuse

1977 – 45 years

Susan Marie (Slater) Perkins, Scottsbluff

Brian Dean Shipman, Tucson, Ariz.

1982 – 40 years

William Edward Laughlin, Wichita, Kan.

Lyle Eugene Ring, Missouri Valley, Iowa

Paul Alan Ring, Dunlap, Ill.

1987 – 35 years

Carol Rene Anderson, Yutan

Michael Ward Lowry, Cairo

Susanne Jean (Laughlin) Taylor, Omaha

1992 – 30 years

Eunice Annalee (Corey) Kehler, Grand Island

Elaine DeEtte (Anderson) Michaud, Lincoln

1997 – 25 years

Thomas Eugene Corey, McCook

2002 – 20 years

Carolyn Jean (Harmon) Cahill, Fredericksburg, Va.

Judy Mae (French) Dunham, Omaha

2007 – 15 years

Barbara Jean (Chloupek) Bird, Seward

Cheryl Lynn (Anderson) Clark, Elwood

Shirley Ann (Cass) Dupsky, Goodland, Kan.

Jeremy Scott Fischer, Cary, N.C.

Rebecca Lynn (Fischer) Hardy, Ainsworth

Charles Silvey Pugsley IV, Omaha

Marlene Marie (Copenhaver) Ruhga, Omaha

Victoria Lee (Ruhga) Westerhaus, Overland Park, Kan.

2012 – 10 years

Edna Cleo (Bauer) Barnes, Fairfield, Calif.

Margaret Diane (Doty) Dice, Omaha

Steven Edward Hunt, LaVista

Leon Ray Messenger, Lincoln

2017 – 5 years

Ellen Marie Genevieve Beerman, Omaha

Donna Loy (Foster) Bostron, Gering

Frances Jane (Dumas) Bratt, Omaha

Dean Duane Knight, Lincoln

Rebecca Joyce (Hillman) Martin, Lincoln

Verla Lea (White) Ringenberg, Lincoln

Donor Report (since last *Pilgrim News*)

All Contributions are to the Whedon Memorial Scholarship

Donor	Amount
Gretchen Harvey	\$1000.00
Bonnie Kolowski	\$500.00
Marty Beerman	\$500.00
Cheryl Clark	\$216.00
Gretchen Harvey	\$200.00
Karen Fitzgibbons	\$135.00
Anonymous	\$130.00
Jane Hurt	\$90.00
Amy Dempsey	\$85.00
Steven Hunt	\$70.00
Alfred Ericson	\$65.00
Verla Ringenberg	\$50.00
Mary Hanke	\$50.00
Judith Moore	\$45.00
John Reinert	\$45.00
Kay Janulewicz	\$40.00
Kathryn Morrissey	\$40.00
John Keller	\$35.00
Nancy Wocjik	\$30.00
Rebecca Martin	\$30.00
Margaret Reinert	\$23.00
Marty Beerman	\$20.00
Cynthia Rademacher	\$20.00

The Mayflower

1620

On the 6th September 1620 the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth for the New World with 100 separatists from the Church of England, seeking a life free from religious persecution.

A landing was finally made in the Americas on the 11th December 1620 and the pilgrims – later to be known as the Pilgrim Fathers – set up the colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts: the event now celebrated in America as 'Forefathers Day' on 22nd December.

Forty-one of the passengers were signatories to the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown, Mass., setting up their new government.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants was formed in 1894 to preserve the records of the original pilgrims.



This stamp, with four others, commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, the 75th Anniversary of the birth of the first President of the United States, the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Postal Service, is part of the 1970 General Anniversaries series issued by the British Post Office.



Pilgrim News

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Eighth Whedon Scholarship in 2023

At the Nebraska Society's 2023 Spring Meeting in Omaha, we will be awarding the **Eighth 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 (if available), 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.

The info needed to apply for the scholarship at our website **beginning Jan. 1, 2023**. The applications must be submitted in one PDF attachment, no later than **March 31, 2023** to: nebraskamayflower@gmail.com.