

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF  
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS (GSMD)  
WAS CREATED IN 1897 TO HONOR  
THE PILGRIM ANCESTORS AND TO  
KEEP THEIR STORY ALIVE.

ANYONE ABLE TO DOCUMENT THEIR  
DESCENT FROM A *MAYFLOWER*  
PASSENGER IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN.  
OVER 120,000 LINEAGES HAVE BEEN  
APPROVED SINCE THE FOUNDING  
OF THE SOCIETY.

GSMD currently has almost 30,000 members  
around the world, with 53 Member Societies  
representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia,  
Canada and Europe. Member Societies host their  
own activities and meetings throughout the year.

Our mission includes telling the story of the  
Pilgrims as well as maintaining the highest  
genealogical standards when researching our Pilgrim  
ancestors. We fund Pilgrim research and  
publish the highly regarded *Mayflower Families*  
Silver Books.

The Society is headquartered in Plymouth,  
Massachusetts, where we maintain a research  
library specializing in genealogy of the  
*Mayflower* passengers. It is open year-round  
to the public.

We also maintain the Mayflower Society House,  
an 18th Century mansion on historic North Street.  
The house is open for tours from May to October,  
hosts special events year-round, and has a Welcome  
Center for members. After your tour, visit our gift  
shop and take a relaxing stroll in our beautiful  
Colonial Revival garden.



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102 BRAVE SOULS  
OVER 10 MILLION  
DESCENDANTS





## THE *MAYFLOWER* PILGRIMS

In 1620, a courageous group of 102 men, women and children sailed across the Atlantic on the *Mayflower*, searching for a life of religious and civil freedom.

These Pilgrims landed in Plymouth harbor, establishing the first permanent European settlement in New England. Only half survived that first difficult winter. Hundreds of years later, from those few survivors are well over ten million Pilgrim descendants.

In addition to bringing their values and spirit of adventure with them to the New World, the Pilgrims created a heritage of liberty and law by drawing up a document of self-government, the *Mayflower Compact*, which they signed onboard the *Mayflower* in Provincetown. The *Mayflower Compact* remains among the most influential of America's founding documents.



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*Bringing together descendants who share the Pilgrims' spirit and who are passionate in keeping their memory alive.*



### PROVING YOUR LINEAGE AND BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership is based on proof of descent from a *Mayflower* passenger. Proof of the first five generations can be found in our *Mayflower Families* Silver Books. Additional generations may be documented by previously approved applications and can be discovered through the **Preliminary Review Form** on our website.

For the generations not already well documented with The Mayflower Society, applicants must provide proof of birth, marriage and death for both the line carriers and spouses.

To join, your first step is to contact one of our Member Societies; each has at least one historian who will assist you with your application. Member Societies set their own membership fees and meeting schedules.

*For more information and Member Society contacts, visit*  
**WWW.THEMAYFLOWERSOCIETY.ORG/JOIN**

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### *Mayflower Pride*



- Official confirmation of your lineage and GSMD Membership Certificate
- Storage of your family's historical documents in our vault
- Members' gifts, jewelry, insignia and grave markers
- Opportunities to serve in officer positions and participate in local and national meetings

### *Exclusive Access*



- Free electronic issues of *Mayflower Journal* and *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*
- College scholarship eligibility
- Free use of the GSMD Research Library
- Free admission to the historic Mayflower Society House
- Access to the Members-Only section of our website

### *Connect with Cousins*



- Socialize with other *Mayflower* descendants
- Invitations to exclusive Pilgrim-related events and activities
- Organized trips to historic Pilgrim sites in the U.S., Canada, England and Holland
- Access to special offers through our partnering organizations



*A gathering of GSMD Members in Plymouth, 1939*