

# Iowa Hawkeye

Newsletter of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

## Annual Meeting!!

Saturday, May 6

The Annual Meeting of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

will be held on

MAY 6, 2023 11:00 am until 2:00pm

at the

MACHINE SHED Restaurant

11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale IA 50322

~Featured speaker~

Tom Milligan

GRANT WOOD: Prairie Rebel

A lunch consisting of cottage cheese, coleslaw, bread, grilled chicken breast, rice, broccoli and cookies will be served.

Drinks are included.

The cost is \$22.00 which includes tax and gratuity.

Reservations can be made to Linda Cassmann-Randall lindaellen4765@gmail.com or call 319 215 0360

PLEASE RSVP by May 4, 2023

## Board of Assistants Meeting

August 24, 2022

The Board of Assistants met at the Perkins Restaurant in Altoona, IA, on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. Those attending the Board meeting were Linda Cassmann-Randall, John Butler, Ken Callison, Judy Stumbo, Gerald Graves, Barb Gregersen, Bernadine McGuire and Kristine Bartley.

Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. All Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Callison gave the opening prayer.

### Secretary's Report

### Iowa Mayflower Society Officers 2020 - 2023

Deputy Governor General - Daniel F. Wiechmann, Jr.

Assistant General - Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.

Governor - Linda E. Cassmann-Randall

Deputy Governor - John Butler

Secretary - Barbara J. Gregersen

Treasurer - Gerald M. Graves

Historian - Judy Stumbo

Assistant Historian - Randy Breese

Captain - Thomas R. Jacobson

Elder - Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.

Surgeon - Barbara Clayton, RN

Jr. Membership Chair - Mary Ann Eckhart

Counselor - Bernadine McGuire

Governor Emeritus - Maureen D. Wilson

Ken Callison moved that the minutes of the March 2, 2022 Board of Assistants meeting be approved as written. Bernadine McGuire seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gerald Graves reported that 38 people attended the June 18, 2022 Annual Meeting with the Governor General as honored guest and speaker.

### Historian's Report

Judy Stumbo gave the Historian's Report. There were 331 paid members as of 12/31/21. Since then there have been nine new members, 15 members reinstated, and 3 deaths. As of August 2022 total membership is 352. Judy indicated that the Iowa Society's Historian will need a digital scanner because in the near future, all applications must be completely digital. Gerald Graves moved to approve the purchase of a digital scanner for the Historian. Bernadine McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Deputy Governor Report

John Butler reported that our Compact Day meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Urbandale.

### National Report

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants will hold its Board of Assistants meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September 2022. Assistant General Ken Callison will attend.

### New Business

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants will have a table at the September 24, 2022 meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Gerald Graves will be present for this event.

At the November 5, 2022 Compact Day meeting, a nominating committee will be appointed to find candidates for the 2023-2026 Iowa Society Board of Assistants. The committee will present a list of candidates to be voted on at the May 2023 Annual Meeting. The November newsletter will contain a list of officers and the duties of each office and will ask for interested members to come forward about serving on the Board of Assistants.

### Issues concerning the Iowa Society Newsletter

Judy Stumbo moved that if members receive an email copy of the newsletter, they will not receive a printed copy. John Butler seconded. Motion passed.

The newsletter is to be published 6 weeks before the November and May meetings. Minutes of the preceding meetings will be included in the appropriate newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Recording Secretary, *Barb Gregersen*

## Minutes of the Compact Day Meeting, November 5, 2022

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants met on the fifth of November 2022 at the Machine Shed in Urbandale, Iowa.

Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Captain Tom Jacobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elder Ken Callison gave the invocation.

### Introduction of members and Guests

Self- introductions were made by members and guests.

Secretary Report Minutes of the June 18, 2022 Annual meeting were approved as published in the Fall 2022 Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report Gerald Graves report is attached to these minutes and filed for review. Gerald reminded members that dues for 2023 are \$45. This will be the last increase for awhile. He asks that all members report any changes of address or email to him. Gerald reported that he represented the Iowa Society at the Iowa Genealogical Library open house in Des Moines on September 24.

Historian's Report Judy Stumbo reported that there were 21 new members approved since January 1, 2022, and 15 members have been reinstated, making a total of 364 members. There are 17 potential members in the approval process. Fifteen supplementals have been approved. Processing time at Plymouth is down to 5-6 months.

### National Officer's Report

Assistant General Ken Callison gave a brief report of the September 2022 General Board of Assistants Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The BOA were given a report on expenditures and money available.

### New Business

The following state officers will need to be elected at the Annual Meeting in May 2023:

Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, and Assistant Historian.

Members willing to be on the nominating committee please notify Governor Cassmann-Randall. Members willing to be on the slate should also notify her.

Dismissal for Lunch was at 12:05

Ken Callison led the prayer

Meeting started at 1:00

### Reading of the Mayflower Compact

Captain Tom Jacobson read the Mayflower Compact

### Number of Descendants – Captain Tom Jacobson

John Alden 1	Elinor Billington 1	John Billington 4
William Bradford 2	Love Brewster 1	Mary Brewster 1
William Brewster 4	Peter Browne 1	James Chilton 1
Francis Cooke 6	Edward Doty 3	Francis Eaton 1
Samuel Eaton 1	Edward Fuller 3	Mrs. Edward Fuller 1
Samuel Fuller 2	Dr. Samuel Fuller 1	Mrs. Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 2
Stephen Hopkins 4	John Howland 2	Priscilla Mullins 1
William Mullins 1	Thomas Rogers	Henry Samson 1
George Soule 5	Elizabeth Tilley 1	John Tilley 1
Mrs. Joan Rogers Hurst	Tilley 1	Richard Warren 5
William White 2		

Francis Cooke had the most with 6 descendants present.



To those who follow the issues and questions over the parentage of Dr. Matthew Fuller who died in Barnstable in 1678, it will be of great interest that two new articles have come out in the [Mayflower Descendant](#) that add a new DNA study to the equation. You are likely to get questions from members of your society who descend from Edward Fuller through Matthew.

The issue of Matthew Fuller's parentage is not new and has never been decisively agreed upon.

Background: The question is whether Matthew Fuller was the son of Edward Fuller, passenger on the Mayflower in 1620. Bruce MacGunnigle's MF 4, published in 2006, acknowledged the issues and cited TAG 61:194-9 "Was Matthew Fuller of Plymouth Colony a Son of Pilgrim Edward Fuller?" This article laid out the issue of parentage, the evidence linking Matthew to Edward, the contrary evidence to that linkage, and concluded with accepting Matthew as son of Edward.

New articles: The new articles in MD 70:2 are "The Fuller Family ...Initial Report on the Fuller Big Y DNA Project" and "Matthew Fuller of Barnstable in the Plymouth Colony: Was He a Mayflower Descendant?" The first article introduces a Y DNA study of descendants of Redenhall, England Fullers and presents evidence that Dr. Matthew Fuller was not a biological son of Mayflower Edward Fuller. The second, by Donald G. Blauvelt, works to "introduce the reader to the problem the DNA article presents." Stated another way, the first article lays out the DNA material to date, and the second lays out the issues the DNA material impacts vis a vis the Matthew Fuller parentage. Also stated is that an upcoming article being prepared by Blauvelt will deal with records and lead to the conclusion that Matthew Fuller was Edward Fuller's stepson, the son of Edward Fuller's unnamed wife who was on the *Mayflower*.

We do not yet know the impact of this new evidence and discussion on eligible Mayflower Society lines. As we work through this, there will be situations where alternative lines can be used in place of an Edward Fuller to Matthew Fuller line. There will also be the issue of Matthew Fuller's maternity, and what that means for a Mrs. Fuller to Matthew Fuller line.

Since the first two articles are newly published, we need an interim policy for applications that may be impacted AND YOU NEED A WAY TO ANSWER INQUIRIES FROM YOUR MEMBER SOCIETY.

Policy: For now, we will hold on to any new applications from Edward Fuller to Matthew Fuller. If an application is pending where an alternative line is available, the applicant can opt to make the switch and we will process that in Plymouth.

For now, there will be no status change to any already approved application from Edward Fuller to Matthew Fuller. This will be reassessed when the follow up Blauvelt article is published.

13 October 2022  
Midge Hurtuk  
Historian General

**IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY RUTH HAAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - - - Deadline May 1st, 2023**

A \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the post-high school institution the student attends after the first semester/term is completed.

**Requirements:**

The applicant must be a descendant from one of the Mayflower passengers who came to America in 1620. The applicant need not be a member of the Iowa Society but must have a blood relative who is a member of the Iowa Society. The ancestor and the Iowa member's name and relationship to the applicant must be included.

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

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. In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves.

**The topic is:** Discuss the religious, societal and economic reasons that led to the voyage to the New World. A 500 word original typed or word-processed essay that includes a bibliography of at least two sources must be included.

A relative of the applicant may not be a judge in the rating of applications.

The application must be postmarked no later than May 1st, 2023. Send to: Linda Cassmann-Randall, 21957 Hwy 3, Allison IA 50602-9310, Phone: >319-215-0360<