## SOCIETY of MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS in the STATE of KANSAS

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We welcome your interest in the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas and wish you success in tracing your ancestry back to a Mayflower passenger.

**Eligibility:** If you have documentation that leads you to believe you descend from a passenger on the Mayflower voyage of 1620 that terminated on the shores of New England at Plymouth and are over (18) years of age you may be eligible to join The Mayflower Society for Senior Membership. Those less than (18) years of age may be eligible for Junior Membership. You do not have to be a resident of Kansas to become a member.

**Documentation:** Documents for each person (husband/wife) and generation (regardless of date) are required. If the birth/marriage/death was registered or documented within a county or state, copies of those birth/marriage/death certificates or documents are to be obtained and copies submitted. If these events were not registered, other documentation may be acceptable such as wills, probates, baptism, deeds, land records, published genealogies, census and other official records. Most libraries, various genealogical associations, including those on-line may provide assistance in obtaining documents.

The <u>Mayflower Lineage Match</u> offered by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is an excellent tool in determining if there are already approved applications on your ancestral line. This may save you time and money! <u>https://www.themayflowersociety.org/genealogy/explore-your-roots/mayflower-lineage-match/</u>

If you have a direct relative that is an approved member of The Mayflower Society and you can obtain a copy of their approved application, it will greatly reduce your research. CAUTION: If the approval was prior to ten years ago you may be required to submit additional or upgraded evidence.

The <u>New England Historic Genealogical Society</u> created a searchable database of the fifth and sixth generation descendants from The Mayflower Society's *Silver Books*. Go to <u>www.americanancestors.com</u> and in advance search, chose Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants from the dropdown box of databases. Do a name search of your ancestors born between 1700-1840 to find if they have an ancestral line to the *Mayflower*.

<u>Patriot to Passenger List</u> lists patriots of the American Revolution with proven Mayflower lines: <u>www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/genealogy/partiots-to-passengers/</u>.

**To apply for membership:** Submit the Senior Membership <u>Preliminary Application and fee</u> to the Corresponding Secretary. A copy of the Senior Membership Preliminary Application is available on the Kansas Society website, <u>www.ksmayflower.org</u> then click on Join our Society, scroll down and click on the red link for Senior Membership Application.

https://ksmayflower.org/upload/files/PRELIMINARY\_APPL\_FORM\_FILL\_IN\_11.01.2020(1).pdf

Upon receipt of this <u>Preliminary Application and the application fee</u>, the Corresponding Secretary will notify the Historian who will then assist you with the application process. The application fee is \$198 (includes first year dues). Annual dues payable on December 15 are \$53 which includes both the Kansas Society and General Society dues.