



Spring Meeting and Luncheon



"Horticulture in Plymouth Colony"

Our speaker, Gardner Bob Alonso, will give a presentation on the horticulture of the pilgrims in Plymouth Colony. Bob is a physician with a lifelong interest in horticulture. In his early years he was employed in a local nursery having worked in every capacity from growing and propagating and transplanting stock to designing and installing landscapes. He has landscaped and maintained his 2 ½ acre lawn and garden which includes formal English cottage gardens, orchard, ponds and a greenhouse. He has also prepared container gardens, landscape plans and provided planting information for multiple friends and family. The greenhouse contains palms, cacti, camellias, ferns, a lemon tree (with multiple lemons), banana tree and orchids as well as many other plants. He has had a lifelong interest in American and European history as well, with his ancestors coming to America soon after the Mayflower and is a descendant of George Washington's grandfather. His special interest is in early colonial American gardening and architecture, and he with his family have visited multiple early American historical sites throughout the years. His large personal library reflects this with multiple volumes on early American, European history and Roman as well as botanical tomes of all types.

Spring Meeting & Luncheon with Bob Alonso
Woodstock Club,
Saturday,
April 19, 2025
11:00 AM

[ISMD Spring Luncheon RSVP](#)

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Spring Luncheon Menu

- Sugar Shack Pork Tenderloin
Marinated in soy, maple & molasses and grilled. Glazed with Ruby Port & Veal Jus, served with whipped potatoes & green beans (GF,DF)
- OR
- Grilled Vegetable Crepe Marinated portobello, asparagus, carrot, red onion and squash in twin crepes, accompanied by chef's starch and sun-dried tomato coulis. (V)
- Dessert: Key Lime Tart: Graham crust, whipped Chantilly cream & raspberry sauce
- Luncheon served with house salad, Rolls, Butter, Tea, Coffee, and Lemonade.
- Children's Menu: Chicken fingers, fries, fruit cup & small Sundae
- Cost of the luncheon will be \$40 for adults or \$20 for children (age 10 and under).

Pre-paid reservations are due by Saturday, April 11, 2025 and can be mailed to Erica Gould 2436 Hopwood Dr Carmel, In 46032. Cancellations are required by Wed., April 15th and can be made by contacting Erica Gould via email: etgould@yahoo.com.

On the reservation, you may specify vegetarian, gluten or dairy free only.

Note: this is your only notice of this event—no invitation is being mailed separately. Please respond by due date. Please complete the reservation form on page 11 & send check to address noted and/or to reserve online click the following link: [ISMD Spring Luncheon RSVP](#)

Governor's Message

Dr. Laura Smith—Indiana Society Governor



Dear Indiana Mayflower members,
As I sit down to write this message, I'm reminded that last weekend was the shortest of the year as we sprung ahead and had a gorgeous nearly 70-degree Sunday. Hopefully, we won't have too many cold days before the tulips and hyacinths begin to bloom.

I was channel surfing a couple of weeks ago and happened upon a PBS program called 50 years with Peter, Paul and Mary and decided watching one of my favorite folk groups was a needed respite from my normal busy life. As music often does, this program took me back to when I was 10 years old and my parents took me to see them as my first concert. I don't remember them singing some of their tried and true hits that I've come to love like If I had a Hammer, Blowing in the Wind or Puff the Magic Dragon, what I remember is that is the day I first heard "Where Have all the Flowers Gone" written by Pete Seeger. For those of you unfamiliar with the song, it's a circular song based on a

novel "And Quiet Flows the Don" about 19th century Cossacks (soldiers) in Russia. Flowers in a graveyard are picked by young girls, the young girls marry, those husbands become soldiers, the soldiers are killed in war and buried in the graveyard where their family puts flowers on the grave-stones. I'm not sure why the song resonated with me so much as a child and I'm sure I didn't understand at the time how it was about innocence, beauty, the consequences of war and history repeating itself. I think, even at 10 years old, I had an understanding of the importance of the Circle of Life and the passion I'd had for genealogy for as long as I can remember was how the song spoke to me that day. Each time I listen to it, I'm reminded of my ancestors and the hardships they went through so that I could live to see the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower crossing and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. I wonder if our Pilgrims would have understood my connection to "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

I'm VERY excited to be welcoming Bob Alonso as our speaker for the spring meeting. When I became Governor, I really wanted to have someone present on Horticulture in Plymouth. The plants they grew, both edible and medicinal really intrigued me. I was super excited when I found out Bob not only is an amazing gardener but he has a special interest in history and was willing to do research to present on this topic. And in case you didn't know, he's also married to our Immediate Past Governor and current Historian Deb Givan so he often comes to our meetings too! Fun fact: Bob is a neurologist just like my dad and when they sit at the same table, medicine always ends up in the conversation.

I'm also REALLY excited to announce that Mayflower's Governor General Lisa Pennington will be the speaker at the Fall 2025 meeting. Her program will be on how we can tell the Pilgrim story which is our story. I hope everyone will be able to attend both of our meetings this year. We also are planning on having a summer get together at Assistant Treasurer Dick Gould's house with more information to come soon. As always, if anyone has a question, idea or concern, please feel free to contact me.

All my best,

Laura Smith, DVM

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☞ Would you like to learn more about our Society? Did you know that Board Meetings are open to any Indiana member?

If you are interested in attending, please email Governor Laura Smith at indianamayflower@gmail.com and she will send you an invitation. Our meetings will be at the Woodstock Club!

A Pilgrim in the Schools program director is needed to promote and administer the program to our Indiana Schools.

If interest, please contact Governor Laura Smith at indianamayflower@gmail.com

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Fall Members' Luncheon Highlights
"LATEST DISCOVERIES OF MAYFLOWER RESEARCH"
With Caleb Johnson
 Nov 23, 2024

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*..as one candle may
 light a thousand, so
 the light here kindled
 hath shone unto many,
 yea in some sort to our
 whole nation.*

-William Bradford



Caleb Johnson lighting the ancestor candle of Henry Samson

**ISMD NEW MEMBERS
 WELCOME!!**



Wade Brown, Marsha Hanley, Mary Creamer, Paulene Butler, Ken Williams, London Martinez, Ed Barrett and Historian Deb Givan



Teresa J. Walker, guest of Sarah Weddle, was closest to Caleb's birthday won "Here Shall I Die Ashore". Congratulations!!

Fall Members' Luncheon Highlights

"LATEST DISCOVERIES OF MAYFLOWER RESEARCH"

With Caleb Johnson

Nov 23, 2024



Our Past Governors & Governor Laura Smith with Caleb Johnson



Indiana Mayflower Compact Fellows
Carolyn Niemantsverdriet, Dick Gould, Laura Smith
and Chase Slaughter



Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants Officers and Board Members

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Historian's Report Welcome New Members!!!!

In 2024 we welcomed 27 new members and had one transfer to our Society. Four members had approved supplementals applications. We also have 46 preliminary members applications in progress of approval.

NEW MEMBERS

Susan Bukowsski	(F Cooke)	Colin McNabb	(W Bradford)
approved 22 Jan 2025	GS 106570 IN 1721	approved 28 Jan 2025	GS 106605 IN 1724
Susan Kubley	(G Soule)	Andrea Bradley	(S Fuller)
approved 28 Jan 2025	GS 106603 IN 1722	approved 11 Feb 2025	GS 106648 IN 1725
Kathleen Hash	(F Cooke)		
approved 28 Jan 2025	GS 106604 IN 1723		

Application in Plymouth

Amanda Booher, Brian Chelius, Geoffrey Bradley, Jason King, Kenneth Williams, Laura Brezindene, Mallory Michael, Margarete Jones. Walter Nims, Joanne Vetter, Gail Williams
Supplements– Lawrence Hasenstab and Sharon Coble.

MAYFLOWER MEMORIAL BOOKS

Donated by the
Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants
in memory of

Robert Hessong (Ancestor George Soule) - "*Biographical Notices of Distinguished Men in New England*"

Mary Baker (Ancestor James Chilton) "*Index to Ohio Pensioners of 1883*"

Recommendations from the State Library for memorial books are pending for the members noted below.

Delores Ann (Gustin) Schuttrow (Ancestor Edward Fuller)

Edna Irene (Sowle) Elliott (Ancestor George Soule)

Bueford Ebert (Ancestor: John Howland)



Mayflower Notes

A Pilgrim Moment from member Susan and her husband Gene Bukowski as related to our Historian Deb Givan

I had just finished studying how my wife Susan's ancestor, Abel Rowley, had come to meet and marry Susanna Conant from Connecticut, who was a descendant of Mayflower passenger Francis Cooke. I knew that Abel's family had ties to Connecticut and that he later moved to Dutchess County, New York where he married Susanna. I knew that Abel's parents were Jabez Rowley and Mary Hambleton, and that they were married at Kent in Litchfield County, Connecticut according to their marriage record.

Susan saw an advertisement for the 48th annual Kraft fine arts auction in Valparaiso, Indiana. We went to the auction to preview some T.C. Steele oil paintings and other items. While looking at the merchandise, I came across a table of items with famous signatures. I noticed a framed document with Roger Sherman's signature from 1758 as a witness to a promissory note at New Milford, Connecticut. Roger Sherman not only signed the Declaration of Independence, but he was the only person to sign all four documents of the American Revolution. He also signed the Continental Association of 1774, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. Naturally, I was interested in bidding on it. The promissory note was for a father co-signing a loan with his son for 25 pounds and six shillings. While inspecting the document, I noticed "Beekman Precinct in Dutchess County" and "Kent in Litchfield County." My heart leaped, and immediately I noticed the name "Hambleton."

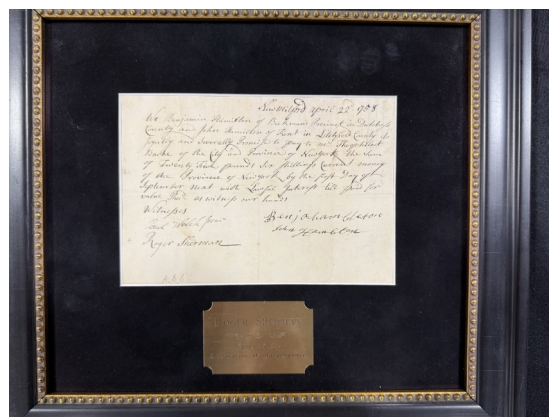
The father was Benjamin Hambleton from Dutchess County NY who was the brother of David, Mary Hambleton's grandfather. Mary Hambleton was Susanna Conant's mother-in-law. David is my wife Susan's 9th great-grandfather and our grandchildren's 11th great-grandfather! Sure, this was a document with Roger Sherman's signature on it, but it was also a nearly 300-year-old family document with a signature of Benjamin Hambleton, 9th great-granduncle. Benjamin and David were sons of William Hambleton, Susan 10th great-grandfather, immigrant from Scotland. William is said to have killed the first whale off the north eastern coast of America somewhere near Cape Code where he first settled. In the document, Benjamin's son John is from Kent, Litchfield County, the same exact place as Mary!

I could not believe my eyes! This document is additional primary evidence that supports my hard work and research involving Abel Rowley/Rowley and his Connecticut connection! Susan did buy a few paintings yesterday, but not the Steele paintings - they went way too high. A Bob Ross painting went for \$58,000! But the highlight of yesterday was that we secured a family document and returned it to the family where it will remain as long as we have descendants of our own.

I attached a few pictures. This document will look so handsome alongside Susan's recent Mayflower certificate!

Just by chance, do you know of any Mayflower descendants from that time period named Hambleton or Hamilton?

Gene and Susan Bukowski



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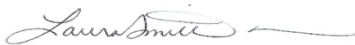
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Indiana Deputy Governor General Report

- Mayflower You-Tube channel [General Society of Mayflower Descendants - YouTube](#)
 - ◊ The Tour of Leiden Street video was uploaded in the Fall 2024 and showed to the best of our knowledge where the Pilgrims lived on modern First Street (later renamed Leiden Street) in Plymouth.
 - ◊ The Christmas in Plymouth video on our YouTube channel had 22,000 views around the Holidays and helped promote telling the Pilgrim Story.
 - ◊ The next one will be on the Beaver and Fur trade and will be available soon
- The society continues to need members to index approved applications. Please email Technology chair Chris Schlosser or Historian General Allie Golon at GSMDCertify@TheMayflowerSociety.org for more information or to sign up.
- Future national events:
 - ◊ Heritage Fortnight breakfast is April 8th from 8:30-10:30 AM at the Army Navy Club in Washington DC. Registration is open now on the GSMD members only portion of the website. GSMD Surgeon General David Nash will present on Death and Survival in the First Year in Plymouth.
 - ◊ The 2025 GBOA is in San Antonio, TX. Registration opens March 3rd on the GSMD members only portion of the website. The Keynote speaker is genetic genealogist Blaine Bettinger
 - ◊ The 2026 Congress is in Plymouth, MA
 - ◊ The 2027 GBOA is in Atlanta, GA
 - ◊ The 2028 GBOA is in CA (no city named)
- GSMD continues to have giving opportunities for the Meetinghouse restoration. Visit the GSMD website for more information. [The Mayflower Meetinghouse Project - General Society of Mayflower Descendants \(themayflowersociety.org\)](#)
- Upcoming Mayflower Virtual Lecture series:

◊ Already aired	A Grave Mistake? The English Origins of Thomas Clarke by Bill Cole
◊ Already aired	Plunder? How Museums Got Their Treasures by Justin Jacobs
◊ Already aired	The Mayflower in Britain by Graham Taylor
◊ March 19 th 7 PM	Welcome to the Graveyard by Brenda Sullivan
◊ April 3 rd 7 PM	The Bible: A Global History by Bruce Gordon
◊ June 17 th 3 PM	The Blazing World: Revolutionary England 1603-1689 by Jonathan Healey
◊ June 24 th 7 PM	The Photo Angel by Kate Kelley
◊ The 2021-2025 completed lectures are available to view on demand on the website and are password protected Lecture Series - General Society of Mayflower Descendants (themayflowersociety.org)	
- Progress with the Silver Books
 - ◊ Desire Howland silver book is in editing
 - ◊ Thomas Rogers 19: 4 is in editing
 - ◊ The Eaton and Soule books are close to completion and hopefully will out by the end of the year
- New benefit for members
 - ◊ GSMD has partnered with Free Will to help members prepare wills and complete their estate planning for free. They also provide Power of Attorney and do not resuscitate documents.
 - ◊ There will be a new scarf and tie available in the Mayflower shop to celebrate America 250 from Passengers to Patriots available soon.

.Respectfully submitted,



Laura Smith, Indiana Deputy Governor General



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Mayflower Notes

The Mayflower Compact Fellowship

Our society strives to provide our members and our scholarship recipients with meaningful education on our Pilgrim ancestors and to build fellowship among our members. Our work has brought benefit to thousands of our members and hundreds of school-aged and college-aged students. To better connect our members to the purpose of our society, we have created a giving program called the Mayflower Compact Fellowship.

The Mayflower Compact Fellowship will exist to help the society continue to support our mission. Gifts made through the Fellowship will support our Governor's Fund, which is used for every activity of our Society. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution of \$250 to become a member of the Mayflower Compact Fellowship.

This Fellowship will last one calendar year from the date gift was made. Fellows will also receive a Mayflower Compact Fellowship pin and a certificate which will be presented at the following Luncheon or mailed directly to recipient.

ISMD has officially created an endowment for our scholarship fund! This will allow the Society to continue to support our members and their students!

Look for updates on ways to give to the Mayflower Compact Fellowship or the Scholarship Endowment Fund online or complete the form below!

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The Mayflower Compact Fellowship Donor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pay by: Cash Check Credit Card (please pay online at indianamayflower.org/donate)

Anonymous? Y/N Name for recognition (recipient)

Please fill out if recipient is **DIFFERENT** from donor:

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bring this form to a luncheon or mail to Erica Gould – 2436 Hopwood Dr. Carmel, IN 46032

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Your financial donations to ISMD provide approximately one-half of the revenues needed to fund our Society's activities. Donations are needed to pay for our Luncheon Programs, invitations, postage, newsletters and delegate expenses to represent Indiana at annual General Society Meetings. Our three outside activities include placing books in libraries, Pilgrim in the Schools and our Scholarship Program. Please consider making annual contributions to ISMD and please include ISMD in your long term, intentional donation plans. All donations to ISMD are fully tax deductible by the donor as a 501©3 charitable, educational society. Donations can be paid using PayPal on our website <https://indianamayflower.org/donate/> or mail donations to:

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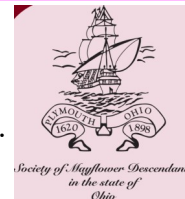
Or

Dick Gould, ISMD Assistant Treasurer, 2436 Hopwood Dr, Carmel, IN 46032

Mayflower Notes



We are invited by Beth Anderson, Governor for the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants, to attend their state meeting at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason Ohio on May 15 & 17 2025. Governor General Lisa Pennington and her husband David Furlow will be the feature speakers. Contact Beth at mayflowergovernorohio@gmail.com.



Join the GSMD YouTube channel [General Society of Mayflower Descendants - YouTube](#) and view the Mayflower Virtual Lecture [Lecture Series - General Society of Mayflower Descendants \(themayflowersociety.org\)](#) for informative subjects about our Pilgrim ancestors.



Look for a new scarf and tie to celebrate America's 250th anniversary and Passengers to Patriots Program.. Check out the new member benefits on the GSMD website, themayflowersociety.org



Coming Soon: . GSMD Governor General, Lisa Pennington will present "How we can tell the Pilgrim story" at our Fall Members Luncheon in November 2025. Don't miss it!!



Did you know that a reward program can help our Indiana Mayflower Society?

Our members can register online by finding the [Kroger Community Rewards website](#), selecting our organization with the code TU674, and choosing their home Kroger store.



Questions? Contact Erica Gould etgould@yahoo.com



ATTENTION MAYFLOWER STUDENTS AND FAMILY

Don't forget to apply for the Indiana Mayflower Merit Scholarship. This scholarship is open to any current high school senior, as well as students currently enrolled in post-secondary education. Share this information with any family member, who may be eligible for this scholarship.

Please visit our website and download an application at www.indianamayflower.org/events-news/scholarship-applications. All applications must be received by February 1, 2025.

Scholarships information from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is available on the website, www.themayflowersociety.org.

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Mayflower Notes

Calendar

April 19, 2025 Spring Luncheon 11:30
 **Sept. 21 2025 Fall Board Meeting 12:00
 Nov 22, 2025 Fall Membership Meeting 11:30
 ** Note Change in calendar
 (All dates tentative)

What's your Pilgrim Moment?

If you would like to share your Pilgrim Moment in our newsletter, please send it to Tom at editor.thehoosiermayflower@gmail.com.

Don't forget to send in your reservation by mail or online
 Hope to see everyone at our Spring Luncheon.



Please mail in your reservation form with payment and/or click the link to reserve online [ISMD Spring Luncheon RSVP](#)

Luncheon Reservation Form

Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants Meeting & Luncheon

Where: Woodstock Club, 1301 W. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

When: Saturday, April 19, 2025 11:30 am meeting, luncheon to follow

I/We Reserve _____ place(s) at The Woodstock Club for luncheon at \$40 per adult and \$20 for age 10 and younger.

Main course # _____ Pork Tenderloin # _____ Vegetable Crepe

Child's menu # _____

Please specify vegetarian, gluten or dairy free only. Please write name(s) of attendees and their meal preference below.

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ **Email Address** _____

Amount Enclosed _____ (Check payable to IN Society of Mayflower Descendants)

Please reply by April 15, 2025 to Erica Gould 2436 Hopwood Dr Carmel, IN 46032
 I will contact you via email to confirm receipt of your reservation



MEMBER UPDATES: Please send updates to us with changes in your family member's status if they are current Indiana Mayflower members. Changes include address/email, names or any death (obituary or email notice with date and location).

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