

UTAH MAYFLOWER COMPACT

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF UTAH, VOL 52, NO 1, SPRING 2019



Dear Members of the Utah Mayflower Society;

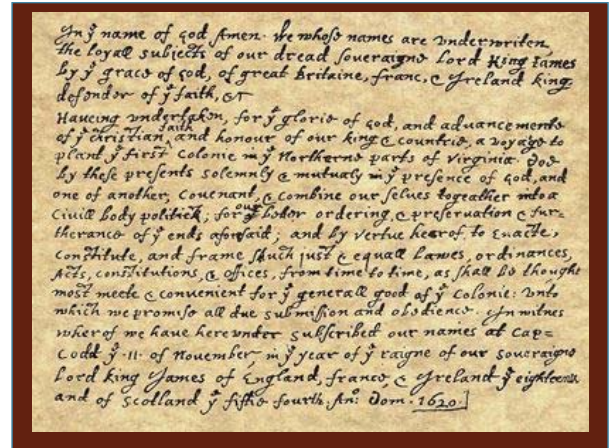
In anticipation of the General Mayflower Society 400-year national commemorative celebration, our Utah Society is combining and partnering with the following outreach partners: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and FamilySearch. I would encourage all of us to access each of these entities and look for events and opportunities to engage with them in the coming months and year to experience and contribute to the celebration. Here in Utah, we are in a unique and favorable position to enjoy the association and closeness of a relationship of all three of these entities.

Our membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and our local Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants provides us with wonderful opportunities to expose, educate and guide our associates and families through the annals of history and vast amounts of information associated with the Pilgrims, these initiators and foundational bulwarks of our Country. They and their story are the geneses of our great and wonderful land. Indeed, some would argue that our constitutional law is grounded in the Magna Carta, which was the template for the Mayflower Compact, which preserves a place of honor for that Compact. This history and legislative intent should be learned, taught and passed on to our children and future generations. The histories are being retold and changed throughout our nation's schools. In some circumstances, the Pilgrims' relevance and contribution are being consistently diminished and reduced, and to some extent, changed and infused with misinformation.

May we do our part to learn, teach, defend and preserve our combined legacy as children and ancestors of such a great, God-inspired people.

Your Governor,

J. Mark Smedley



In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are under-written, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.



Roots Tech 2019

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah



Roots Tech 2019 was an amazing four days - with over 25 volunteers sharing their passion for our Mayflower heritage! As a tool to help prospective applicants understand established lineage lines, we distributed well over 1,000 free lineage forms. For those who resubmitted completed forms, Diane Stevenson Stone donated a copy of her “Stand Firm” watercolor folk-art piece. It was exciting to visit with many potential, future Mayflower cousins and to feel their enthusiasm.

The word is out about the 2020 celebration back in Plymouth, Massachusetts. As you know, the year 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of our Pilgrim ancestors' 1620 landing in New England. We encouraged many to visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' (GSMD's) Society House and gardens located at 4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Of particular interest are the garden's memorial brick pavers. Directly behind the Mayflower house is the GSMD Library, equipped with a knowledgeable staff ready to assist researchers, historians, genealogists, and tourists alike. The society offers scholarship opportunities - as well as scholarly publications such as the Silver Books, the *Mayflower Journal*, and the *Mayflower Quarterly*, many of which are available through GSMD's website. Be sure to check out the link below for an updated list of GSMD's upcoming 2020 commemorative events:



<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration>



We had the privilege of having several members visit from the GSMD including Governor General George P. Garmany who spent three days with us meeting and talking with everyone he could. The GSMD shares our vision of the importance of celebrating our rich heritage through family history. As we prove our lineage through applying for membership to the GSMD and joining its 30,000+ members, we add to the archived data, thus documenting our work for future generations. This further provides a sense of satisfaction as we connect our families to the history of the geneses of this great nation – and helps us build a sense of camaraderie with our Mayflower Society cousins.

RootsTech 2019 was a huge success! We all look forward to volunteering at and participating in Roots Tech 2020 in preparation for the 2020 celebration. Be sure that you're a part of it!

Thomas Portlock - Utah Deputy Governor General

Greetings, Utah Mayflower Society Members!

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) is deeply engaged in documenting descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims, and FamilySearch is deeply engaged in preserving genealogical documents. Both, in partnership with the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), are connecting and preserving a documented lineage collection of Mayflower descendants called The Mayflower Project.

“The resulting lineage database is extremely important because it is documented,” said David Barss, Project Manager with FamilySearch. A person who finds an ancestor in this data should be able to move up or down the tree to see his or her family.

GSMD is providing access to their records and space for FamilySearch to digitally preserve them. GSMD and NEHGS will help with a scholarly review of the finished merged files. FamilySearch will share digitized copies of the documents and indexes with GSMD and NEHGS.

FamilySearch is digitizing and indexing:

- Generational index cards to Mayflower Applications.
- Lineages on GSMD Applications (1896-2019). Images, extracted data, and GEDCOM files will be posted to FamilySearch for people born more than 100 years ago. For privacy, current names will not be included.
- GSMD published a series of books of five-generations descendant Mayflower Pilgrim genealogies. These volumes with silver-colored bindings are often referred to as the “Silver Books.” FamilySearch is converting NEHGS indexes of Silver Books to GEDCOM Files. Starting with Silver Book information,

FamilySearch will add data from the applications to create a unique file for each Pilgrim then merge those Pilgrim files into a single, searchable Mayflower database to be published on the FamilySearch website with linked images and shared with GSMD & NEHGS.

The Silver Book series is on the second floor of the Family History Library filed as 974.4 D2mf and on microfilm. The Family History Library is located directly across West Temple Street from the Tabernacle on Temple Square.



Family History Library

35 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150
Phone: 1-801-240-6996

<https://www.familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library>

Normal Hours of Operation

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

About the Author

Diane Sagers is a service writer for FamilySearch International. Prior to retiring, she wrote as a freelance newspaper columnist and feature writer for 30 years. She loves to cook, sew, garden, write stories, do genealogy, and spend time with her 6 children and 25 terrific grandchildren



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Get ready for 2020 by exploring the resources available on American Ancestors

<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/>



Utah Mayflower Society Members' – Treasurer Corner

Do you need to get up-to-date on your membership dues – or would you like to place your Spring Banquet reservations?

Check out our quick and easy payment options available on our website: <http://utahmayflower.org/payments/>

When using our online payment feature, be sure to include your information in the notes to help us identify your payments. For example, if you're paying for a banquet reservation, include your name, the names of your guests and your meal selections of either the standard dish or the vegetarian option.

Because our banquet costs are subsidized with Utah Mayflower Society membership dues, please pay the \$37.00 price for all non-member guests. If your application has been submitted but not approved, go ahead and pay the member price of \$30.00. Keep in mind that membership dues must be up-to-date to qualify for the reduced price.

Beginning in 2020, annual membership fees of \$40.00 per member will be due by November 11 and annually thereafter – a date which coincides with the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

Meet Our Guest Speaker – David S. Barss

Utah Mayflower Society Spring Banquet – Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Project Manager for FamilySearch/GSMD/NEHGS 2020 Mayflower Digitization Project

David S. Barss has been involved in genealogical research and related activities since he graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1977. As an Accredited Genealogist specializing in the New England and Mid-Western States of the United States, he has shared his expertise both personally and professionally from that day forward. Earlier in his career, he managed lineage linked databases for genealogical companies. From there he devoted five years to doing client research in the records for the United States and Canada, working in the New England, Mid-Western, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern States, plus occasionally the records of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

In 1991 Barss became a full-time employee of what is now FamilySearch International, working in the Family History Library as a reference consultant for United States and Canada records - and later serving as supervisor for that unit. He began working with the database that would eventually generate the International Genealogical Index in 1998. In 2006 he began working on the Community Trees Project, an effort to build the genealogy of a whole community (town or county, or ethnic or religious group, etc.) from their extracted records. This process is currently called Family Reconstitution - and Barss is still very much involved in those efforts. FamilySearch has published 220 Community Trees, and more are in process. The largest collection is the Norway Project with 155 Clerical Districts published so far. He later contributed his expertise to publish 46 million records from an older extraction process - and additionally served as Project Manager for the publication of FamilySearch's Sub-Saharan Africa Oral Genealogies Project.



Utah Mayflower Society Spring Banquet

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Joseph Smith Memorial Building – Empire Room

Guest Speaker: David Barss, Project Manager for
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Digitization Project

Current Society Member Dinner Cost: \$30.00

Non-Member Dinner Cost: \$37.00

Vegetarian option available.

Utah Mayflower Society dues must be up-to-date in
order to qualify for the reduced, member price.

Reservations are due by May 1, 2019.

Name(s) of attendees:

Cost:

Total Enclosed:

Would you like the vegetarian option? How many? _____

If paying with a check, please make payable to Utah Society
of Mayflower Descendants and mail with this reservation
form to the following:

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Draper UT 84020-5750*

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