

UTAH MAYFLOWER COMPACT



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Governor's Address - October 8, 2019

We are on the eve of the four-hundred-year celebration of the Pilgrims' landing on this North American Continent. It is appropriate that we pause and consider the bountiful blessings from our Heavenly Father, in both our descendant genealogy and placement in this wonderful country. Ours is a rich heritage, somewhat unique in origin and longevity in the manner in which our democracy and republic form of government was first established and then preserved. Few if any countries rival this United States in being a protective land for religious freedom, freedom of thought and speech, and, for the most part, from government interference. Per capita, as citizens, we enjoy, generally, lives that meet and exceed the basic needs and requirements of survival. For the majority of us, at least in this Society, we live in comparative luxury and abundance materially and socially; and at least with the ability and choice, if we desire, emotionally and spiritually.

Additionally, we live and have lived in a segment of extended time relatively free from threat of world dominance and war, free from devastating disease and plague. We travel, for the most part, without restraint or hindrance. We have access to the highest percentage of gross produced natural products, and yet each of us lives in moderately low-density segments of population. We are provided almost instant access, with great convenience to the majority of information, data and entertainment in a cornucopia of abundance available to the world, and the cost for such access and use is comparatively miniscule.

With all this, where much is given much is expected. More important than what we have access to, and how much of it is apportioned to us, is how we use and develop these resources; how we develop and change internally, in this abundance, and how beneficial, supportive and helpful we are to our fellow men and women. As Jacob Marley lamented to his lifelong business partner, Ebenezer Scrooge, "... [m]ankind was my business." So it can be for each of us.

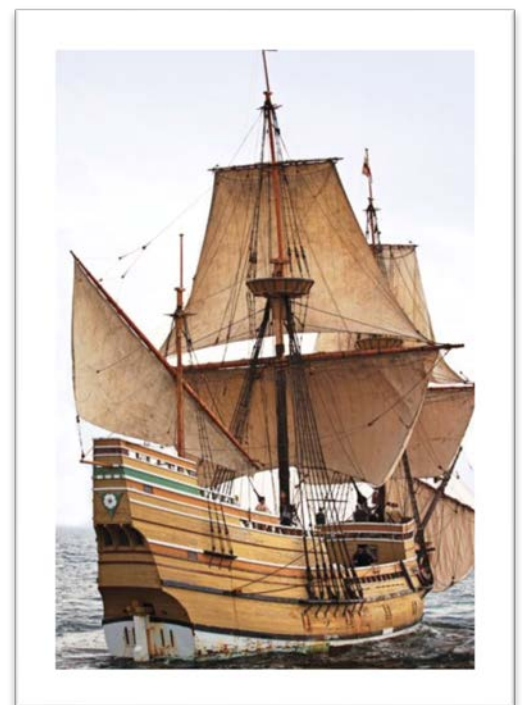
It is good, in this dawning precedent year of 2020, as we associate, gather and celebrate our familial ties and the sacrifice of our ancestors for this great country and to us as their children and descendants, to consider how we can contribute to our society, country, family, fellowmen and God.

It is good to be associated with all of you. May your days and coming year be blessed fully and measured out with assurances and contentment, even amid and notwithstanding the struggles and difficulties that come to us all through this life and mortality.

Your Governor,

J. Mark Smedley

Mayflower II is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Provincetown Harbor, Massachusetts on or about Monday, September 7, 2020 and to depart on Monday, September 14, 2020, pending circumstances of weather, tide, or other conditions that may reasonably interfere with the safe transport of the vessel. During its visit, Mayflower II will be the setting of the historic 400th Mayflower Quadricentennial reenactment of the 1620 signing of the Mayflower Compact.





Dress Like a Pilgrim^{1, 2}

As James Baker, noted Pilgrim historian, points out in his recent *Mayflower Journal*³ article, there is a major image problem associated with what clothing and apparel Pilgrims wore. The image of black clothing, buckles and blunderbusses persist in the public mind. During the upcoming 2020 commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower, many of us will want to participate in reenactment activities. During the preparation involved in gathering pieces of our costumes, we may wonder, "What exactly did Pilgrim men and women wear?"

Fabrics

In 17th Century England and in the Netherlands, there were two basic fabrics that were used for clothing, wool and linen. Silk was also available and used for fancy wear. Light leather was used for men's clothing in doublets and jerkins but was not used in women's wear. There was a combination of wool and linen know as fustian that was also used. However, finding this fabric today is almost impossible. A type of brushed cotton moleskin is available in some fabric stores online. A cotton canvas is also offered by vendors. Cotton, while available, was very rare and very expensive in the early 17th Century.



Colors

We know that the Pilgrims wore a variety of colors in their clothing from probate records where the colors of various clothing items were mentioned including the colors violet, blue, and green. The color red was also listed. However, the reds that were used in the early 17th Century were more of a brick red and a madder red which is a little more orange in nature than modern reds. What was considered black in the early 17th Century was a little different than what we think of as black today. Very dark greys, greens, and blues might count as poor versions of black. Natural black sheep's wool was also available. The deep, rich black was broadly expensive and was the opposite of demonstrating piety in the early 17th Century. Thus, a true black would not have been worn by our Pilgrim ancestors.

¹ General Society of Mayflower Descendants, The Mayflower Guard, *Dress Like a Pilgrim, A Procurement Guide*, January 1, 2019

² Junior Committee of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, *The Pilgrims' Clothing, A Colorful Story*, 2019

³ Baker, James W., Pilgrim Images III, *Mayflower Journal* Vol. 2, No. 1 [2017], pp 7-19

Pilgrim Men's Apparel

The basic apparel for Pilgrim men would have consisted of 1) a shirt (shift), 2) breeches or slops, 3) stockings, 4) latchet shoes, and 5) a hat. Shifts were worn by men, women, and children. They were used as nightgowns and were also worn under daytime clothing. Until children were the age of seven, both boys and girls wore only shifts. Slops were commonly used in addition to breeches in the 1620's. Slops were full, with lots of gathered fabric around the waist and legs and ended just above the knee. Both breaches and slops were worn high, with the waist size measured at the bellybutton. The doublet was a close-fitting, long-sleeved jacket with broad shoulders which buttoned down the front. Since there were no belt loops then, men and boys attached their doublets to their pants with ties. Often a collar was added to the shift to protect their necks from debris or the sun, and to add additional decoration. The seam of the doublet (not including the skirting) sat at the bellybutton. Latchet shoes typically had leather straps used to tie the shoes onto the feet. The cobbler made them by using a single pattern for both feet; there was neither a left nor a right shoe. The hobnails on the shoes' soles helped to make them last longer – and they did not have buckles.

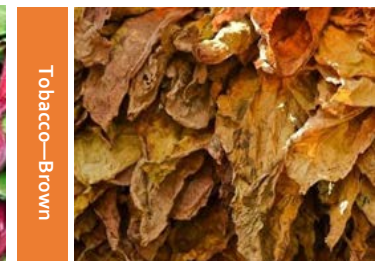


Pilgrim Women's Apparel

The basic apparel for Pilgrim women would have consisted of 1) a smock (shift or chemise) which, like a man's shirt, also served as underwear, 2) petticoat, 3) waistcoat or bodice, 4) stockings, 5) latchet shoes, and 6) a coif (pronounced *koif*). Women also wore brimmed hats, the same as men. Skirts were called petticoats by the Pilgrims. It was not uncommon for the women to wear multiple petticoats for warmth, depending on the chill of the Plymouth day. Petticoats were often made from various fabrics including fustian or a fabric named "stuff," which was a common type of wool. It was said that the wool petticoats would not burn as quickly if accidentally brushed too close to the fire. Women topped their outfits with vests called waistcoats which had sleeves that tied onto the shoulders. Often, a collared shift provided a decorative look to the waistcoat. Pilgrims' brimmed hats were made of beaver pelts which had been processed into felt. Men, women, and children wore knee-length, wool stockings, tied under the knees with ribbons or knitted strips called garters.



The beaver hat of Constance Hopkins who travelled on the Mayflower at the age of fourteen. The hat may be seen at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



CELEBRATING FAMILIES

What is RootsTech?

At RootsTech, we believe in the power of family – and discovering your family story has never been easier! RootsTech is a 4-day event held annually in Salt Lake City, Utah, dedicated to celebrating family and discovering family histories. With over 300 breakout sessions, an exciting lineup of celebrity speakers and a gigantic expo hall, we've got something we're sure you'll love.

RootsTech Salt Lake 2020 will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. They will be honoring both the incredible heritage of the Pilgrims as well as the foundational partnership between the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, American Ancestors and FamilySearch in making validated genealogies and records available to assist researchers and future Society members to discover and document their Mayflower ancestry.

Call to Arms!

RootsTech would like to know if you would be interested in sharing the heritage of the Mayflower at RootsTech Salt Lake City in February 2020. If you have a costume or a Pilgrim craft or activity you would consider wearing or sharing at RootsTech 2020, please email Brandon at mayflower@familysearch.org.

Hosted by FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Utah Mayflower Society Fall Banquet
Thursday, November 14, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Joseph Smith Memorial Building
Salt Lake City, Utah



Mark your calendar for our annual Utah Mayflower Society Fall Banquet, scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our guest speaker will be Utah Mayflower Society's own Tanya Bird, who is currently serving as the society's communication chair. Tanya grew up in the Monterey Bay and San Francisco Bay areas of California – and met and married her husband Bryce when they were both members of the Ute Marching Band as students at the University of Utah. They are the parents of four children (one daughter and three sons), one son-in-law, and one beautiful grandson.

Tanya holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, both from the University of Utah. Tanya taught third grade with Davis School District and recently returned to graduate school, completing a Master of Arts in Professional Communication from Southern Utah University in August 2019. In partial fulfillment of the requirements for that degree, Tanya worked a six-month internship with FamilySearch, assigned to the Mayflower Digitization Project, an impressive collaborative effort involving FamilySearch, New England Historic Genealogical Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. After completing the internship last March, she joined FamilySearch's North America Operations as a full-time employee.

As a parent, former educator, and family history enthusiast, Tanya is looking forward to sharing information regarding ongoing collaboration efforts underway to commemorate the 400th Mayflower Quadricentennial of our Pilgrim ancestors' 1620 landing in New England. Many of these opportunities are available to GSMD members and non-members alike, with some events available close to home. Come and learn about ways of involving your families in this memorable celebration!



Utah Mayflower Society Spring Banquet

Thursday, November 14, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Joseph Smith Memorial Building – Empire Room

Guest Speaker: Tanya Bird, Utah Mayflower Society
 Communications Chair

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 November 7, 2019.

Pay online at <http://utahmayflower.org/payments/>

Pay by Mail Instructions

Name(s) of attendees:

Cost:

Total Enclosed:

Would you like the vegetarian option? How many? _____

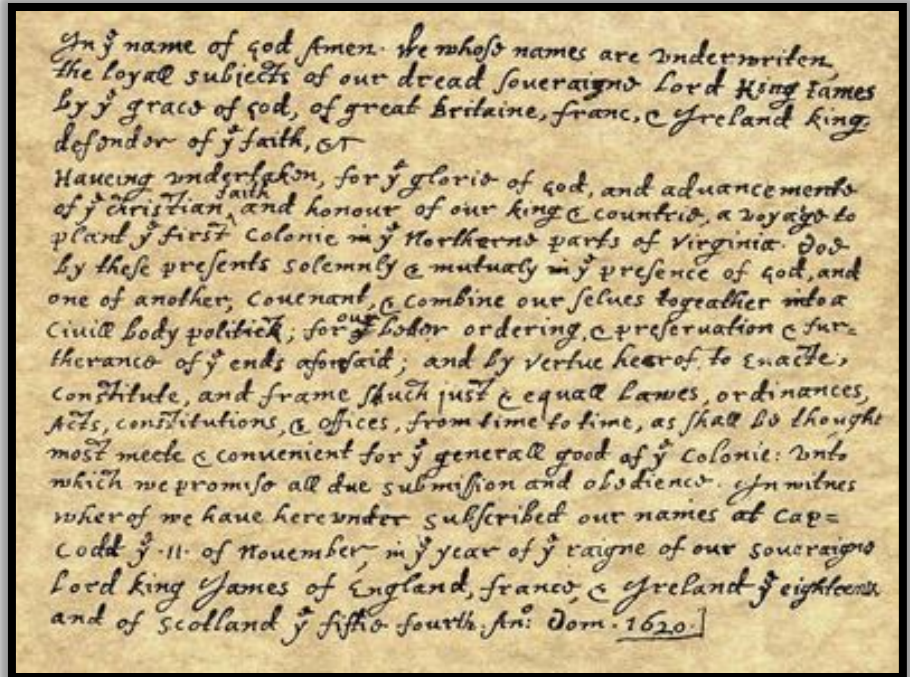
If paying with a check, please make payable to Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants and mail with this reservation form to the following:

Cheryl Fricker, Treasurer
Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants
 14243 South Rockwell Vista
 Draper UT 84020-5750

THE MAYFLOW COMPACT

NOVEMBER 11, 1620

In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, 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, &c. Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and the honour 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 another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid: And by virtue hereof do 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 hereunto 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.



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 Fall 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.

The annual membership fees of \$40.00 per member will be due by November 11, 2019 and annually thereafter – a date which coincides with the signing of the Mayflower Compact. If you have been receiving paper invoices and would prefer receiving electronic notifications, please update your email address to the following:

<http://utahmayflower.org/status-changes/> Keep in mind that electronic invoicing is faster and much more efficient than paper transactions.