



# THE UTAH COMPACT

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## Utah Society Spring 2025 Banquet

**S**ave the date, **May 2, 2025**, for the Spring banquet at the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters. It is located at 3301 E. Louise Ave. (2920 S), SLC. The business session is at 6:00pm, with dinner starting at 6:30pm. It will be catered by Brown Brothers and is \$45.00 a person. The website payments page will be accepting registrations for the banquet starting on **March 10** and will remain open for registrations until **April 18**.

Come and listen to more stories of our ancestors: John Howland, Miles Standish, Thomas Rogers, and Richard Warren. **Interested in sharing the above ancestors' stories? Please notify someone on the Board.**



*Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters*



The Utah Society wants to thank Susan McEvoy for her service as the Governor for the past four years. She served and led the Utah society through the rough years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you, Cousin Susan, for your dedicated service. Susan is succeeded by Acting Governor, Vicky Davies Dewsnap.



**New Acting Governor** Vicky Davies Dewsnap has been a college president for over 30 years. She has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining several campuses, and spearheading programs including nursing, surgical technology, and bachelor's and master's degree programs. She is a talented administrator and educator, having also taught at high schools and community and private colleges. Vicky has studied at the University of Utah, Weber State University, and Utah State University. She has worked with the Utah State legislature in the legislative sessions and has been featured in *Utah Business* magazine. Besides serving as Acting Governor for the Utah Mayflower Society, she has served as Deputy Governor of the Society, DAR School Committee Chair for Daughters of the American Revolution, and 2nd Vice Captain for her Daughters of the Utah Pioneers camp. She has Allerton, Hopkins, Warren, and Cooke ancestry. Vicky is honored to serve our Society and its members.

## Board Member and Committee Chairs Needed

Interested in serving the Utah State Society as a Board Member or Committee Chair? We'd love to have you join us! We are looking to fill the following Board position and Committee Chair positions:

- Historian
- Membership Chair
- Outreach Chair

**If interested, please contact a Board member.**



Please come to the RootsTech 2025 GSMD booth! It will be held on March 6-8 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Come and enjoy the world's largest family history and genealogical conference in the world. With over 4.7 million people attending, including in-person and online participants, it gets bigger and bigger every year.

We have several volunteers from the State Society and from GSMD. Come by the booth and visit with your cousins. The dress is business casual.

If you dress up in period costume, be sure to wear clothing that is appropriate to the Pilgrims' time period. A common misconception is that they wore black. Black clothing during that period was very expensive and most likely not worn by our Pilgrim ancestors.

The GSMD website has examples of appropriate clothing and a link to buy Pilgrim attire. What did the Pilgrims wear? Click on the following link to find out: [Dress Like a Pilgrim](#)



*A photo of Mayflower cousin volunteers from years past.*



*From RootsTech 2020- the Mayflower was the center piece of the expo.*



### **RootsTech 2025 Daily Schedule**

March 6–8, 2025. All Times listed in Mountain Time.

#### *Day 1 - Thursday*

- Classes 8:00 AM–5:30 PM
- Expo Hall 9:00 AM–7:30 PM
- General Session 11:00 AM
- Night at the Expo Hall 5:30–6:30 PM

#### *Day 2 - Friday*

- Classes 8:00 AM–5:30 PM
- Expo Hall 9:00 AM–6:00 PM
- General Session 11:00 AM
- Industry Highlight Forum 1:30 PM

#### *Day 3 - Saturday*

- Classes 8:00 AM–4:00 PM
- Expo Hall 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
- General Session 11:00 AM
- Family Discovery Session 1:30 PM
- Family Discovery Day 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/> to sign up or contact the Utah Mayflower Society DGG Thomas Portlock at 801-949-6724.

Thanks to Utah Assistant General Jill Dewsnup we have excerpts from GSMD Governor General Lisa Pennington's 1st Quarter Address. The recording is available in the Members' Area of the GSMD website. Here is the summary:



*GSMD Governor General Lisa Pennington*

1. Governor General Pennington visited six states recently: Connecticut, New Mexico, Arkansas, Georgia, Delaware, and Maryland.
2. The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce gave GSMD the "Most Festively Decorated Tree Award" for their Christmas tree.
3. The December Notes from the Boat was sent to 25,000-30,000 members. Views of the Christmas in Plymouth YouTube video went viral. Because of this, YouTube put a link to this video on their homepage. It garnered over 22,000 views and received comments from the UK, the Netherlands, and even a comment from someone in the Cape. GSMD will include more links to their YouTube videos in future Notes from the Boat emails.
4. The Tour of Leiden Street YouTube video has received 5,400 views and has been added to the See Plymouth webpage.
5. GSMD Development at the end of the year was reported to be good.
6. Designs of the Meetinghouse interior have been completed. GSMD is concentrating on the side entrance, restrooms, and the machines room. David Peck (architect volunteer) was thanked for his efforts.
7. 15 Victorian stained-glass windows from the Meetinghouse will be used for new naming donation opportunities.
8. GSMD has successfully migrated its computer systems to the cloud.
9. The next Teddy Bear Tea will be in June.
10. GSMD has acquired the services of Hands On Heritage (with a one-year subscription service). This group will research and write four grants for GSMD.

11. Planning is complete for 2025's GBOA. GSMD has worked on making this GBOA meeting less expensive than the previous two. The Keynote speaker will be DNA guru Blaine Bettington. The GBOA schedule will be: Thursday-two tours and Treasurer and Historian meetings. Friday-more tours and fellowship activities. Saturday-the business meeting. The hotel will be near the Alamo and other sites of interest.

12. GSMD's scholarship applications are now available online. As a result, the numbers of applicants have doubled.

13. Secretary General Beerman has worked hard on developing benefits for GSMD members. A new benefit is free will and estate planning offered by Free Will. On a related note, any member who includes GSMD in their bequests will become a member of the newly created Candlelight Society and will receive a newly designed pin. Other member benefits are discounts to Plimoth-Patuxet Museum and at hotels and restaurants in Plymouth.

14. To celebrate America 250 commemorative events, GSMD has developed "Pilgrims to Patriots" scarves and ties. All proceeds will go towards the Meetinghouse.

15. Governor General Pennington is looking forward to RootsTech. GSMD officers and Utah Society officers and members will be at the booth. Bonnie Mucia will be speaking about the Silver Books at the convention.

16. New Silver Books entering the editing process are the Desire Howland and Thomas Rogers books. The Eaton and Soule books are close to completion.

17. On Feb. 19th at 2pm EST, Bonnie Mucia will be giving a Legacy Tree webinar.

18. New Notes from the Boat emails and videos are currently being made. A new video about the Pilgrims and the beaver pelt trade will be released soon.

19. Governor General Pennington encouraged members to attend the Heritage Week breakfast at the Army-Navy Club in Washington, DC, on April 8th. Elder General Nash will be speaking at this event.

As you can see, a lot is going on!

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## Pilgrims to Pioneers Merchandise

**Remember to get your Pilgrim to Pioneer merchandise. Click on the links under each item to take you to the Utah Society website.**



**Utah Mayflower Descendant Lapel Pin \$7.00** 1" size, 3mm thick, Soft Enamel, Standard Flat Cut edge Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants Lapel Raised High Polish Bronze, Bronze Sandblast Recess. To order, click [here](#).



**From Pilgrims to Pioneers Coin \$12.00** - Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Coin 1.75" size 3mm thick, Standard Flat Cut edge Pilgrim to Pioneer Coin Raised High Polish Bronze, Bronze Sandblast Recess. To order, click [here](#).



**Pilgrims to Pioneers Hot Beverage Mug \$8.00** - In pink with blue print or almond with gold print. To order, click [here](#).



**Commemorative Medallion \$20.00** - Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Medallion 4" size 3mm thick, Standard Flat Cut edge Pilgrim to Pioneer Medallion. Raised Antique Bronze, Antique Bronze Brushed Recess. To order, click [here](#).

## 2025 General Board of Assistants Meeting

The next GBOA Meeting will be held in **San Antonio, Sep 4-7**. They are working to keep the cost for the event low. If you are interested in going, please check the GSMD website for more information. All are welcome to attend the event. There will be tours and opportunities to mingle with fellow General Society members. Registration opens **March 3**.



## Membership and Dues

The year-end membership total for 2024 was 253 members.

The dues button was taken off the website. An invoice will be sent out for dues. Please contact Treasurer Eileen Johnson at [treasurer@utahmayflower.org](mailto:treasurer@utahmayflower.org) for payments on dues.

From our Treasurer:

Cousins: Please pay your annual dues only when you receive an invoice or after checking with me. Several members have paid dues unnecessarily and are at least two years ahead of schedule. I can refund the overpayment to your credit card within 180 days; I just need the expiration date of the card used. I have emailed the member when the duplicate payments are made but I do not always receive a response. I would appreciate your cooperation with this request.

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## Remember Scholarships

While our Society focuses on lineage, we are also a non-profit organization and should give back to the community. We now have a payment button on the website where you can contribute towards scholarships for students related to our members. Thank you to those members who have contributed to the scholarship fund thus far! Just a reminder that this is tax deductible and a very worthy cause. Please click [here](#) to donate. We will announce the total contributed so far at the May banquet. Our goal is to raise \$1000. We are looking forward to awarding scholarships to our first recipients. Please consider a donation, we need your support.



## Discovering your Mayflower Ancestor

How well do you know your Mayflower ancestor? Thank you to GSMD Member-at-Large Beth Lambright for providing the following questions:

1. Where is your ancestor from?
2. When was your ancestor born?
3. Did your ancestor have a specific skill/career?
4. Did your ancestor belong to the Separatist or Anglican Church?
5. Did your ancestor belong to the Scrooby Church?
6. Did your ancestor ever live in Holland?
7. To whom was your ancestor married?
8. Did your ancestor sign the Mayflower Compact?
9. Did your ancestor live or die in the first winter at Plymouth?
10. Did your ancestor ever hold a civic office at Plymouth?
11. Did your ancestor ever move out of Plymouth? Where?
12. Is there one incident for which your ancestor is particularly known?
13. When did your ancestor die?
14. Where is your ancestor buried?
15. Which of your ancestor's children are you descended from?
16. If you wanted to go see the places your ancestor lived, where would you visit?
17. Have you seen your ancestor's will?
18. Why did your ancestor come to the New World?
19. Can you name one famous descendant from your ancestor?

Have fun researching the stories of your Mayflower ancestors!