



THE UTAH COMPACT

UTAH SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS VOL 58, NO. 3, FALL 2025

Save the Date and register for the Utah Society Fall Banquet on November 7, 2025

Cousins, our next semi-annual meeting will be on

Friday, November 7, 2025, 6:00 pm at the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Headquarters, 3301 E. Louise Ave., Millcreek. Our tried-and-true menu includes Inside-Out Chicken Cordon Bleu (Chicken breast topped with ham, melted Swiss and creamy white gravy) served with garlic mashed potatoes, mixed greens salad, roll, and mini cheesecake with strawberry sauce, \$35.00 each. Purchase your meal through the state website, utahmayflower.org. Please list any of your guests' names in the description line. The deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 25th. Also, if you know of any musically talented people that would like to share their talents, please talk with someone on the board. Click [here](#) to order your meal

Our **Captain David Wilkinson, Descendant of William White** will be present to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mayflower Compact. Thank you David.

Our guest speaker will be **Judge Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock** who was appointed to the Highland/Alpine City Justice Court in January 2017. Judge Schaeffer-Bullock graduated from Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts, and later earned her Juris Doctor from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2008. Prior to appointment, Judge Schaeffer-Bullock had spent the majority of her legal career as a municipal prosecutor, though she gained civil experience when working for the law firm of Bugden

& Isaacson, LLC. She also continues to serve as a lecturer and researcher at BYU's law school. Judge Schaeffer-Bullock is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and devoted to the mission of that organization.

Please come and hear Judge Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock



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Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters

Utah Mayflower Society Hosts Information Table at Cries of Freedom Event

The Utah Mayflower Society was pleased to host an information table at the *Cries of Freedom* event held at the SCERA Theater in Orem over the weekend of July 3–5. Berti Loken volunteered and was on hand to answer questions and share details about the Mayflower Society and our mission. We were thrilled by the strong interest, with many attendees signing up to learn more about their potential Mayflower connections.

We hope to participate in this meaningful event again next year. If you're interested in volunteering at future outreach events, we'd love to hear from you!

A special thank you to Scott Swain and CriesofFreedom.org for including us in this patriotic celebration.



Pictured: Berti Loken

Utah Mayflower Society Participates in Farmington Founders Day Parade

The Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants proudly participated in the Farmington Founders Day Parade on July 12th at 10:00 a.m. We were honored to have Cousin Trish Springer represent our Society by riding in the parade vehicle on behalf of the Utah Mayflower community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase public outreach, the Society is seeking more opportunities to share and preserve the legacy of our Mayflower ancestors. We remain deeply committed to promoting accurate and

truthful education about our Pilgrim forebears, both locally and nationally.

If you know of an event that would be a meaningful opportunity for the Utah Society to participate in, we encourage you to contact a member of the Board well in advance to allow time for planning.



Pictured is Trish Springer

RootsTech 2026 – Mark Your Calendars! March 5–7, 2026 | Salt Lake City, Utah

RootsTech 2026 will take place March 5–7, 2026, in Salt Lake City, with a free online component available to participants around the world. This premier family history event features inspiring keynote speakers, hands-on workshops, and an expansive expo hall showcasing the latest genealogical tools and services.

Registration opens September 24, 2025.

Attendees who register for the in-person event will receive an **exclusive limited-edition pin**—while supplies last! If you're interested in helping represent the Utah Mayflower Society at RootsTech 2026, please contact our Deputy Governor General, **Thomas Portlock**, at **801-949-6724**.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to connect with your heritage and help others discover theirs!



Utah Board of Assistants Election

A nomination committee has been formed to nominate future board members. If you would like to serve a three-year term, please contact Eileen Johnson at treasurer@utahmayflower.org and she will forward your name to the committee. We will send out the list of nominees by October 8th in order to provide 30 days notice prior to the semi-annual meeting. The secret ballot will take place at the November 7th meeting.

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 positions and Committee Chair positions:

- Governor
- Deputy Governor
- Treasurer
- Outreach Chair
- Membership
- Counselor
- Elder

If interested, please contact a Board member and or the Nominating Committee

2025 GBOA Meeting Held in Historic San Antonio

The General Board of Assistants (GBOA) Meeting took place in San Antonio, Texas, from September 4–7, hosted by the Texas Mayflower Society. The event was open to all members, with efforts made to keep costs low and participation accessible.

Meetings and activities were held at the historic **Menger Hotel**, located on Alamo Plaza and dating back to 1859. Over the three days, attendees enjoyed a variety of tours and official sessions, offering both educational and social opportunities for members of the General Society.

We are proud to announce that **Thomas Portlock** was voted in as the **Utah Deputy Governor General** during the recent GBOA meeting. In addition to this honor, he has also been asked to serve on the **General Society's Nominating Committee** for next year's elections.

Congratulations to Thomas on these well-deserved appointments and for representing the Utah Society with dedication and distinction!

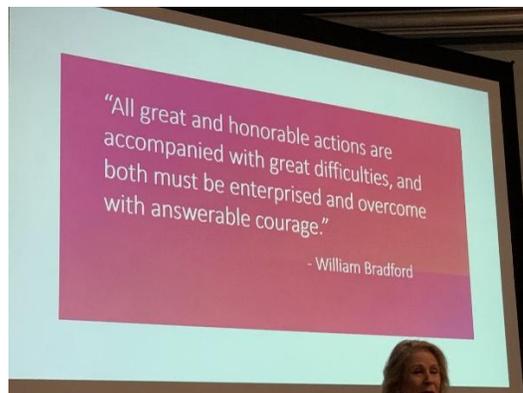
We invite all members to join us in **Plymouth in 2026** for the **Triennial General Congress**, where we hope to hold our sessions at the beautifully **restored Mayflower Meetinghouse**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow General Society members and meet Mayflower "cousins" from across the country. Whether you're a first-time attendee or a returning member, the Congress offers meaningful experiences, historic settings, and lasting friendships.

We hope to see you there!



The Texas society was established in 1931 at the Menger Hotel and was honored 36 years later in 1967.





Mayflower Cousins Dean and Jana Maw with Thomas and Cynthia Portlock on the San Antonio Missions Tour



The Alamo- In San Antonio

GBOA Upcoming General Society Meetings – 5-Year Preview

Mark your calendars! Here are the upcoming **General Congress** and **GBOA Meeting** locations for the next five years:

- **2026** – Triennial General Congress: *Plymouth, Massachusetts*
- **2027** – GBOA Meeting: *Hosted by the Georgia Society in Atlanta*
- **2028** – GBOA Meeting: *Hosted by the California Society*
- **2029** – Triennial General Congress: *Plymouth, Massachusetts*
- **2030** – GBOA Meeting: *Hosted by the Virginia Society in Williamsburg*

These gatherings are excellent opportunities to connect with fellow members, engage in Society business, and celebrate our Mayflower heritage in historic settings.

Membership Dues Cycle

Email invoices for 2026 dues (still \$60.00) will be sent mid-October and payment is due on November 11th in honor of Mayflower Compact Day. If dues are not received by December 15th we will need to report you as dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues. If you prefer to resign, please let me know. Please do not send payment unless you have been invoiced. If you have any questions, contact me at treasurer@utahmayflower.org.

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. We urge you to contribute to the scholarship fund. Once it has been adequately funded, we will announce the qualifications for deserving students. Please consider a donation, we need your support. We thank those members who have contributed to the scholarship fund. Just a reminder that this is tax deductible and a very worthy cause. Please contribute at utahmayflower.org on the payments page. The total contributed so far is \$1,300.00.



Why I Chose to Become a Member of the Mayflower Society?

Dan Newbold- Utah Co-Historian and Descendant of Thomas Rogers

I live in a Country that allows me many freedoms and unlimited opportunities! Growing up in America is a blessing that is possible only because my ancestors made some very bold choices and sacrifices!

There were 102 brave people that literally left everything behind to begin a new life in a land far from their family and friends — far from the businesses that they once owned and the careers they had invested in for years and far from anything that they found familiar . . .

Their departures were not only an exit from the communities and homes where they lived, it was a departure from families that they knew they would most likely never see again! It was starting all over again — in every way — new homes to build, new careers to begin. They did not know what was ahead for them. They had no idea that half of them would die the very first year from starvation, exposure and disease in this new land! They had no way to know of the many challenges that they would face, but they moved ahead courageously anyway - to begin a life where they had freedom to live, worship and prosper as they chose to.

With all the unknown and uncertainty ahead - they did, in fact, leave being committed to a better future for their family — and ultimately, a better future for me! And that is the first reason that I am proud to belong to The Mayflower Society — to pay tribute to those wonderful ancestors who sacrificed for me and my family!

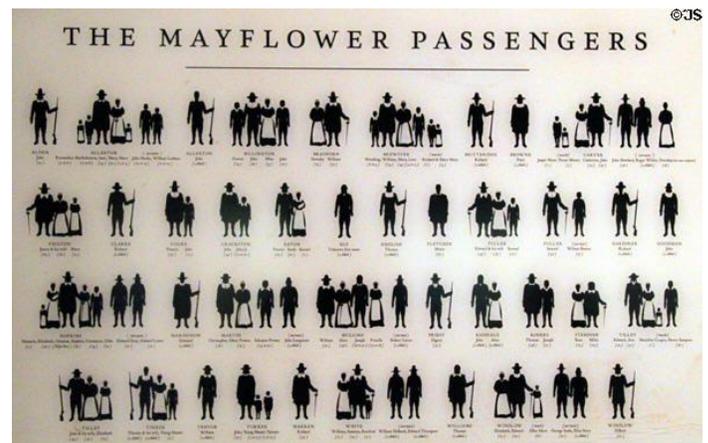
The Pilgrims did not “have it made” in 1620 - upon their arrival! They found that they would have to continue moving West as new choices and new challenges faced them, only generations later. The Pilgrims became Pioneers and again gave up what had been built in this new land. They once again left it all behind, as their great grandparents had done to then settle in a place that I have now called home during my life!

The second reason that I wanted to be a part of this Society is that I have the opportunity to spend time with and share stories with “cousins” that share this rich heritage. There are important lessons to be learned and much inspiration to benefit from in these stories, and from this amazing heritage!

I invite you to join us to see for yourself and to share this invitation with your own siblings, and children and others that may be eligible to become a part of the Mayflower Society as we approach the celebration of 250 years since this great land become a nation and that we celebrate 405 years since the arrival of our brave and wonderful ancestors !



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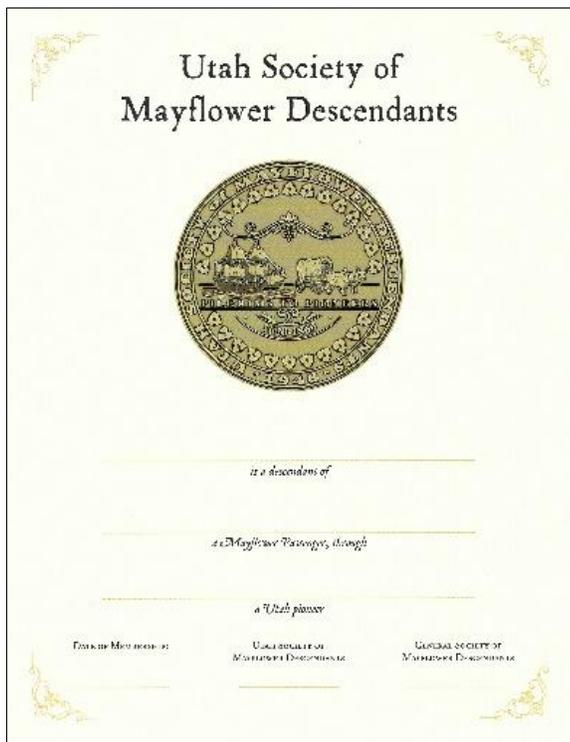
Pilgrims to Pioneers Merchandise

Remember to get your Pilgrim to Pioneer merchandise. Go to the utahmayflower.org website and click on the [SHOP](#) button to go to the links under each item.

Notice our new offering for the **“Utah Pilgrims to Pioneers Certificate” \$10.00** with verification. To order, click [here](#).



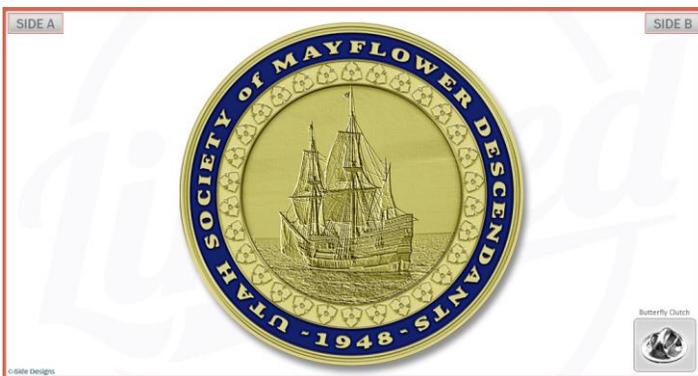
Pilgrims to Pioneers Hot Beverage Mug \$8.00 - In pink with blue print or almond with gold print. To order, click [here](#).



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](#).



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](#).



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](#).