

Date: 18 April 2018

Subject: Mayflower Society preliminary review

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To: Jason Crews

Mayflower Preliminary Reviews to me, Maura

Apr 18

Hello Mr. Crews,

Thank you for your interest in the Mayflower Society. We have received your Preliminary Review Form and have attempted to determine the best previously approved lineage paper in our files that follows your stated lineage. GS#73771 (CT 3998) matches your proposed lineage, from Mayflower passenger William Bradford, from the 3rd generation through the 8th generation: Ezra Whiton m. Josephine Hawes. This is a moderately well documented paper, which then follows this couple's son Ezra Whiton; but we have no previously approved lineage papers that follow a daughter Florence. This does not, of course, mean that your proposed lineage is invalid, only that no one has ever filed it as an application for Mayflower Society membership beyond the point of generation 8.

Regarding the early generations of your line, Generation 1 through Generation 2 is documented in our *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 22: William Bradford* book. No additional documentation is required for the portion of the lineage included in the *Mayflower Families* books. Please note that GS#73771 documents a lineage beginning with Mayflower passenger William Mullins. This Mullins line enters your proposed Bradford line with the marriage of Hannah Rodgers to Samuel Bradford. As there are no lineage papers in our files that follow your proposed line exactly as proposed (directly from William Bradford) beyond the point of generation 3, GS#73771, when used in combination with the *Mayflower Families* books, is the best lineage paper in our files applicable to your proposed line. If you request a copy of this lineage paper using the form below, please indicate William Mullins on the "passenger" line.

Membership to the Mayflower Society is approached at the state level, with contact information for the various state societies being found in the "Membership" section of our website, themayflowersociety.org. There are no residency requirements and a prospective applicant can approach membership through whichever state society they choose. Contacting the state society of your choice, as to full requirements in proceeding to membership, would be the prospective applicant's next best step. The historian of the Mayflower Society in the state where you reside will also receive a copy of this lineage review so that they will also be aware of your interest.

In general, an applicant will be required to prove their lineage beyond whatever point for which the Mayflower Society already has an up-to-date previously approved lineage paper on file. Usually, the best place to begin working back in order to link into an accepted lineage is with your immediate family. Full documentation, including all applicable birth, marriage and death certificates, for the most recent three generations should be assembled. When moving back beyond grandparents, documentation can be provided in the form of birth, marriage and death certificates, wills and other probate records, land records which state relationships, or, in the absence of these, published sources such as vital records of towns, town histories, published genealogies etc. Census records may also provide good corroborative evidence. There are a number of other types of records that can be used to prove descent from one generation to the next, but this is the challenge of proving a Mayflower lineage: finding these. Hopefully you already know some of this and perhaps your family has some of these documents.

As a standard disclaimer, we must call your attention to the fact that even though a lineage was approved in the past, it may not be approved today without additional source documentation. Even though a paper may list references, some of the sources cited may not be present in the file. Standards today require that such sources be provided. Many older applications have no documents with them at all. Often, many of the documents cited were never actually submitted because there were no copy machines available at the time of the original application. It may be necessary to update even more recently approved lineages, providing documents for events that have occurred since the lineage was originally submitted or to make up for missing or weak documentation.

Follow-up on this assessment of your proposed lineage cannot be approached here at Plymouth due to the large response we are receiving for the online lineage reviews. Therefore, contacting the state through which one would be considering membership would be the potential applicant's best next step. PLEASE DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTATION DIRECTLY TO PLYMOUTH.

Thank you again for your interest in The Mayflower Society.

Best regards,

Erin Gillett
GSMD

Request a copy of a previously approved lineage paper

If you would like a copy of the previously approved lineage paper(s) mentioned above to assist you in your research, you may obtain such a copy (or copies) for a charge of \$10.00 per paper. You may receive your copy (or copies) as a scanned copy by e-mail (pdf format), or as a paper copy by postal mail. Note: in accordance with our privacy policy, information on individuals born after 1910 must be blocked off.

Please specify scan or paper copy and please provide GS # and name of Mayflower passenger. At this time, payment can only be accepted by check or money order. Please mail your check or money order for \$10.00 per paper, payable to GSMD, along with the request form below, to:

GSMD
P.O. Box 3297
Plymouth, MA 02361

Lineage Paper Request Form:

I would like a (please check one): scanned copy _____, paper copy _____

of Lineage paper(s) GS# _____, passenger: _____

GS# _____, passenger: _____

Please send to:

Name: _____

e-mail address: _____

mailing address: _____

On Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 1:27 PM, jason.crews@gmail.com <webmaster@themayflowersociety.org> wrote:

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Name of your Mayflower Pilgrim Ancestor: William Bradford

2. Son/Daughter: William Bradford
2. Married: Alice Richards

3. Son/Daughter: Samuel Bradford
3. Married: Hanna Rodgers

4. Son/Daughter: Welthea Bradford
4. Married: Peter Lane

5. Son/Daughter: Sarah Lane
5. Married: Thomas Jones

6. Son/Daughter: Emma Jones
6. Married: Ezra Whition (1772)

7. Son/Daughter: Ezra Whition (1797)
7. Married: Jane Truman Spear

8. Son/Daughter: Ezra James Whition
8. Married: Josephine Hawes

9. Son/Daughter: Florence Adeline Whition
9. Married: William Hadley Edwards

10. Son/Daughter: Rachel Winch Edwards
10. Married: Oliver Haswell James

11. Son/Daughter: William Oliver James
11. Married: Elsie Rose Birkett

12. Son/Daughter: Jennifer James
12. Married: Joseph Crews

13. Son/Daughter: Jason Crews
13. Married:

14. Son/Daughter:
14. Married:

15. Son/Daughter:
15. Married:

16. Son/Daughter:
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