



Tarheel Pilgrim

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina

Governor's Remarks

Greetings to each of you, Mayflower Cousins!

In 2021 we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth. Make this a special Thanksgiving. Tell the story of the harvest festival our ancestors shared with the Wampanoag Indians.

This spring/summer, members of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina had several resources to enjoy and learn more about our ancestors. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has had webinars with authors talking about the lives of our Pilgrim ancestors. On our Face Book page, The Reverend Becket Soule, has contributed information on the daily lives of the Pilgrims. It makes it more real to read these. I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy these resources.

We are growing in membership and inquiries continue to come in. We appreciate the work of Ray Maxson and our Historians, Cheryl Vislay, Lynn Pritchard, Karina Stephenson and Becket Soule.

Our big news is that our state society is starting a Junior Membership Program. Joining the program is designed to be a straightforward process and will help pass on the heritage in one's family.

Summer/Fall 2021

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Cheryl Vislay has included information on joining in the newsletter. We hope you will enroll your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The Board of Assistants (BOA) is looking into having a Virtual Colony. The Reverend Soule would be the Colony Governor and will arrange virtual, on-line meetings. This will offer an opportunity to those members who cannot attend in-person meetings or may be out of town at that day. We value our in-person meetings to get acquainted with cousins and those who share an interest in history. This is not to replace the in-person meetings.

In early September, the General Board of Assistants Meeting (GBOA) will be held in Plymouth, MA. We have eight members attending. Each member society may have a Deputy Governor General (DGG) and an Assistant General (AG). This officer and Martha D'Alessandro will be representing our North Carolina Society there. We are looking forward to our annual state meeting on Friday and Saturday, November 5-6, 2021. The event will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Charlotte. We thank Charlotte Colony Governor, Courtney Layne, and colony members for their preparations for this special event.

We are honored to have Governor General Jane Hurt of GSMD attending. She will give a program at our Saturday luncheon. More information is in this newsletter.

This is our time to greet new members and hear the latest from the GBOA in September. Mark your calendars and come join us in Charlotte!

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting.

Best regards,
Jill S. Chapman
Governor SMDNC
DGG

North Carolina Society's Webpage

We invite you to look there for upcoming events, all newsletters, listing of officers, a roster of members, history of our society and much more. The website is located at <http://www.mayflowernc.org>

Facebook

Please visit our newly created FACEBOOK Page, "Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina.". Please feel free to visit and add content.

Tarheel Pilgrim

Editor's note: Do you have an ancestors' sketch you would like to share, interesting Mayflower history, news in your colony or 400th Anniversary Events being planned? Please feel free to share, next issue - Winter/ Spring is being planned for February 2022. Also, an emailed version is emailed to all members with an email address. If you want to get the emailed version, please pass along your email address.

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Necrology

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of the Pilgrim servants departed, and grant them entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints. Amen

William D.	Albright	48658	1237	22-Mar-21
Walter M.	Spaeth	40655	1031	31-Mar-21
Penelope	Easton	60355	1518	12-Nov -20



New Members -The North Carolina Society is pleased to welcome eighteen new members:

New Members Since Last Newsletter

NC#	GS#	Name	Colony	City	Ancestor	Membership	Date Elected
2186	99329	David Calvin Jackson	Central	Cary	Edward Fuller	Regular	12-Jan-21
2187	99442	Donna Grandy Sims	Piedmont	Kernersville	Brewster	Regular	2-Feb-21
2188	99443	Julia Christine Sims	Piedmont	Kernersville	Brewster	Regular	2-Feb-21
2189	99475	Jean Marie Thom	Central	Apex	E Fuller	Regular	5-Feb-21
2190	99496	Mary-Ruth Odessa Duquette	Piedmont	Lexington	John Alden	Regular	12-Feb-21
2191	99635	John Parkhurst Love	Charlotte	Catawba	Isaac Allerton	Regular	5-Mar-21
2192	99711	Erica Megumi Ham	Charlotte	Charlotte	George Soule	Regular	16-Mar-21
2193	99758	Carrie Stoshak Field	Central	Durham	John Alden	Regular	23-Mar-21
2194	99759	Peyton Bobbitt Field Jr.	Central	Boydton	John Alden	Regular	23-Mar-21
2195	99803	Donald Chester Straffin	Piedmont	Greensboro	William Brewster	Regular	30-Mar-21
2196	99870	Robert Morgan McLean	Western	Weaverville	John Howland	Regular	13-Apr-21
2197	99889	Nancy Liesa (Smith) Wells	Central	Mebane	John Alden	Regular	16-Apr-21
2198	99902	Cristin Clark Gregory	Charlotte	Huntersville	Richard Warren	Regular	20-Apr-21
2199	99903	Fred Clark Gregory	Charlotte	Davidson	Richard Warren	Regular	20-Apr-21
2202	99970	Christine Eades	Charlotte	Charlotte	Stephen Hopkins	Regular	30-Apr-21
2203	99987	Jacqueline Anne La Mar	Southeast	Leland	William Brewster	Regular	4-May-21
2204	100005	Kevin Richard Marshall	Piedmont	Kernersville	William Bradford	Regular	7-May-21
2205	100152	John Wilson Dorward	Piedmont	Burlington	John Howland	Regular	4-Jun-21
Transferred Members							Transferred
2206	97622	Transfer Rebecca "Becchi" Susan Lane	Charlotte	Mount Holly	James Chilton	Regular	14-Jun-21
2200	63201	Transfer Lois Simmons	Piedmont	Asheboro	George Soule	Regular	26-Apr-21
2201	87927	Transfer Franklin Simmons	Piedmont	Asheboro	George Soule	Regular	26-Apr-21
Supplemental Lineages							Approved
2180	98979	Douglass Wayne Wheeler	Charlotte	Davidson	John Alden	Regular	28-Jan-21
2065	91637	The Rev. Dr. W. Becket Soule, O.P	Western	Maggie Valley	Second George Soule Line	Life Member	12-Mar-21

NEW SMDNC COLONY!

The Board of Assistants of the SMDNC, at a special meeting on Monday, 16 August 2021, unanimously approved the formation of a new, non-territorial (virtual) colony to be known as the "Speedwell Colony." The first 15 petitions were filed with the Recording Secretary, but all applications received before the first broadcast on 10 September will be classified as "charter members." Becket Soule was appointed acting Colony Governor until elections. An appropriate date for the charter would be 2 August 2021, four hundred and one years after the departure of the original *Speedwell* from Delfshaven in The Netherlands with the Leiden Pilgrims.

Regular meetings are on the Third Thursday of the month; there will also be projects (educational, fundraising, research, giving Silver Books, etc.), trips (both in person and virtual, with enough lead time), lectures, presentations, and workshops. This will appeal not only to our numerous At Large members, as well as members from smaller or inactive colonies; and it may bring in more members who live elsewhere but simply can't participate in SMD functions where they live, as well as those who would prefer this sort of connection. It will have its own e-newsletter, the "Leaky Speedwell," and a private Facebook group. There will also be discussions of books (like ones reviewed in the *Mayflower Quarterly*, since the book review editor of the *Quarterly* is also the acting Colony Governor) or the *Mayflower Day-by-Day* blog (posted on the SMDNC Facebook page).

The Speedwell Chapter can obviously handle social distancing easily, and thus can keep meeting throughout any pandemic, national emergency, traffic jam, company from out of town, etc. The budget is minimal, and the program quality can be superior; the meetings can be recorded.

NAME: "Virtual Colony," while descriptive, is a bit flat. The Florida SMD named colonies after Mayflower Passengers, although one does not have to be descended from that particular ancestor to be a part of that colony. "Speedwell Colony" was proposed and adopted: it is kind of leaky, and smaller, but it is right alongside the other Mayflower colonies. The *Speedwell's* original (1577) name was *Swiftsure*, which sounds appropriate for a virtual enterprise.

MEETING: The first meeting will be Friday, 10 September at 7:00 PM, and broadcast from the General Board of Assistants in Plymouth, hosted by Becket Soule (acting Deputy Governor General, Canadian SMD) and Martha D'Alessandro (Assistant Governor, North Carolina SMD). We will talk about what that meeting is, and hope to have brief interviews (either recorded or from the hotel). The regular September meeting will be the Third Thursday (16 September) on "Mayflower DNA"; to discuss experience [or lack thereof] with researching Mayflower lines with DNA after a brief [20 minute] presentation. Meetings will be forty-five minutes, with social time before and after. Once a quarter, the meeting will be the more formal webinar.

DUES: \$10 a year, going towards either a Zoom Meeting or a GoToMeeting platform; we can waive it, if necessary. Please send no money now -- we need to set up a bank account first.

OFFICERS: We need a Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, and Techno-Whiz or Zoom Guru.

REGISTRATION: Applicants must be members of SMDNC in order to register and be a member of the colony; **they can also be a member of another NC colony**. One must have an e-mail address (and an internet hookup) to join. Members of other GSMD member societies may be "Associate Members" - contact the acting Colony Governor, Becket Soule (at wbsoule1620@gmail.com) for more information. A registration form is included in this issue of the *Tarheel Pilgrim* -- send yours in today!



**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SPEEDWELL COLONY**

I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina, apply for **MEMBERSHIP** in “The *Speedwell* Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina.”

Signature: _____

Name (printed): _____

Address: _____

Membership Numbers: GSMD _____
SMDNC _____

Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

A scanned copy can be sent as a .pdf by e-mail to: wbsoule1620@gmail.com or printed out and sent by regular mail to:

**W. Becket Soule
PO Box 1359
Maggie Valley, NC 28751**

North Carolina Society Merchandise

Medallion

The North Carolina Society has minted a commemorative 400th Anniversary .999 Pure Silver Medallion commemorating the 1620 Pilgrims Landing at Plymouth Rock. 1 Troy Ounce - Proof Quality



Medallion Order Form:

Medallion in Presentation Case- \$85.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Encapsulated Medallion - \$75.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Sterling Silver Bezel (to create a necklace) - \$25.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Shipping: \$5.00 per Medallion	X _____	\$ _____
Sub Total:		\$ _____
Credit Card Surcharge (3.5% of Subtotal)		\$ _____
Grand Total		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to SMDNC. All proceeds will benefit the SMDNC Annual Scholarship program

Mail to: Michael C. Keleher 42 West Road, Leicester, NC 28748

Name: _____
 Full Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Credit Card info: _____

Pin

Our new North Carolina society lapel pin is available. Cost is \$15. Attaches by clutch back pins. All sales proceeds from our Pins and Medallions go to the SMDNC Martha Ellen Ward Educational Scholarship Program for Graduate Students enrolled in a College or University within the State of North Carolina



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Colony News

Charlotte Colony

The Charlotte Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of North Carolina donate new books on the genealogy of the Mayflower passengers as they are published called *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* also referred to as the Mayflower silver books because the book covers are silver. Complete sets are available at the Mecklenburg, Gaston and Rowan County libraries. You can review the collection titles from their library websites. This series of books documents the genealogy of each Mayflower pilgrim who had descendants down to the 6th generation birth in most cases. These books are vital in documenting a Mayflower lineage and proving a Mayflower ancestry.

Piedmont Colony

The Piedmont Colony will host a meeting on December 4 at the High Point Country Club at 800 Country Club Drive. The meeting will begin at 11:30 and lunch will be served at 12:00. We will have a speaker following lunch. Please mark your calendar now and contact Sallie Bardelas closer to the event date and no later than November 29th. if you are able to attend. Our club is always decorated beautifully during the holiday season and our lunch is always great. After reservations are made, I will contact you with the menu and wit speaker information and also, if any changes have occurred. I look forward to visiting with all of you,

Western Colony

The Western Colony has not met since the Covid restrictions occurred. However, we are planning an in-person meeting at 3 pm on Sunday, October 24th at our former meeting place (in the Galax Dining Room at Deerfield Retirement Center, Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC).

The focus for this meeting will be getting re-acquainted and celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims First Thanksgiving in the harvest season of 1621. If each member would like to participate by adding to the commentary about this First Thanksgiving all information will be welcomed. We also hope to plan for our future meetings. All suggestions will be appreciated.

Judy Hughes, Governor, would appreciate each member sending her updated contact information via email at: [judyhughes36@gmail](mailto:judyhughes36@gmail.com) or by calling her at (828) 524 7740.

I look forward to seeing each one. Masks must be worn over your mouth and nose throughout the meeting (except when eating or drinking).

“Outfits of the Pilgrims”

By William Munsil - 50-year member of the Arizona society

As we approach another Thanksgiving perhaps it's time to attempt to dispel some myths and rumors about the Pilgrims of New Plymouth.

As a proven descendant of five signers of the Mayflower Compact, one of whom fell overboard at sea and was rescued, I am extremely tired of seeing the black-and-white-clad figures purported to be "Puritans" or "Pilgrims." Perhaps the Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony dressed that way but the Pilgrims of New Plymouth Colony (separate colonies for close to 50 years) did not.

Here is a partial list of the clothing the Pilgrims brought with them to the New World:

William Mullins took 126 pairs of shoes and 13 pairs of boots. Clothes of all sorts had to go: oiled leather and canvas suits, stuff gowns and leather and stuff breeches, shirts, jerkins, doublets, neckcloths, hats and caps, hose, stockings, belts, piece goods, and what was nicely called "haberdasherie." The predominating colors were russet or deep green but many of the women had saffron or dark-blue dresses, fairly low-necked with wide white collars and split or deeply cuffed sleeves and William Brewster had a violet coat, a red cap, a quilted cap, a lace cap and a pair of green drawers among his belongings. Myles Standish wore a rust-brown doublet with shoulder caps, braid stripes down the sleeves and buttoned tie fastenings with white cuffs ("Cromwell's Russet-coated captain") and all the men wore knee-breeches with knitted stockings and buckled shoes. The older women had caps tied under their chins but the girls (including my ancestor, Mary Chilton - age 16) pinned their caps to their hair. The children with almost three centuries to go before clothes would be specially designed for them dressed like tiny copies of their elders.

Now, when was the first Thanksgiving? No one knows for sure but it was definitely not the fourth Thursday in November! It was held sometime between the first of October and the first week of November.

The celebration was over some time prior to November 10th 1621 because it was on that date that the first ship - the "Fortune" - to return to Plymouth Colony landed. (Abraham Lincoln set the date as the last Thursday in November in 1863 - over 240 years later!) Again, quoting from the book "The MAYFLOWER" by Kate Caffrey (who in turn was quoting):

The harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help besides, served the Company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted. And they went out and killed four deer which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor and upon the Captain and others.

Caffrey goes on to write: "In addition to the military review the Pilgrims played games of chance and skill and the Indians danced for them. They all enjoyed roast duck and goose, eels, clams and other shellfish, leeks, watercress 'and other salad herbs,' wild plums, dried berries, white bread and corn bread, white and red wine. They certainly ate roast turkey, but not, that first time, cranberry sauce."

As could be expected after more than three centuries many other long cherished "truths" could be exposed as sheer fabrications. To name one, Priscilla did not say "Speak for yourself, John." That story was made up by a poet, a descendant of the two.

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The Charlotte Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina wishes to invite you to attend the 97th Annual Meeting to be held on Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6, 2021. The location is the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton SouthPark Charlotte at 6300 Morrison Blvd. Charlotte, NC 2821.

Jane Hurt, the GSMD Governor General, will be our guest for the weekend. Plan to come and meet her!

Please use the accompanying form to register and reserve meals. The registration fee is \$30 for members. There is no registration fee for guests. Registration deadline is Friday, October 1, 2021.

The Board of Assistance will meet at 4:00 pm on Friday, November 5. At 7:00 pm, Friday evening there will be a Lasagna Dinner for the price of \$30 per person. Our Corresponding Secretary, The Revd. Dr. W Becket Soule, O.P. who is very knowledgeable about all things Mayflower will give a talk on “After the *Mayflower*”. He will tell about the three ships who arrived after the *Mayflower*, the *Fortune*, the *Little James* and the *Anne*.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 10:00 am, November 6, Saturday morning covering the important business of our State Society. At noon, our luncheon will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal offered for \$35 per person. Governor General Jane Hurt will be our honored speaker for the luncheon.

For out-of-town visitors, hotel reservations can be made by following the link on the bottom of the Registration Form. Please be aware that DoubleTree is offering you our special rates for two nights. If you plan just a one-night visit (rates will be \$119 each night), please adjust your departure date on the link or use the phone number to call. A Hospitality Suite will be available for snacks and breakfast items. Times will be announced at a later date.



Society of
 Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina

97th Annual Meeting – November 5 & 6, 2021

To be held at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton SouthPark Charlotte

6300 Morrison Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28211

Registration and Meal Reservations

Member Name _____

Ancestor Name(s) _____

Guest Name _____

Your email address _____

Your phone number _____

Registration Fee (Member Only) _____	\$30	<u>\$30</u>
Friday night Lasagna Dinner(s) with salad and dessert__	\$30	\$_____
Saturday luncheon of Turkey Dinner(s) with dessert __	\$35	\$_____
	Total	\$_____

Please mail registration and reservation checks to: Courtney Layne

1610 Windsor Run Lane, Apt. T03, Matthews, NC 28105

Please make checks payable to Charlotte Colony SMDNC

Reservations Deadline: October 1, 2021

Please contact Courtney Layne, courtneylayne@hotmail.com or 704-443-6987, with dietary restrictions.

To make hotel reservations at \$119 plus tax (reservation cut off 10/15/21), please follow the link below or call 704-364-2400.



Junior Membership

The Junior applicant must be a blood or adopted relative of the sponsor with the same Mayflower lineage.

Children can become Junior Members of the SMDNC from age birth - 18 years by having a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who is an Active member of the SMDNC (Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina) in good standing.

The Benefits of Junior Membership

All newly enrolled Juniors receive a certificate of Junior Membership, a pin and a bio of their Pilgrim Ancestor. When a Junior Member is 18-years old, we send them information about how to join as Full Members. Upon turning 18 years of age the Junior will remain on Junior roll until turning 25 years of age.

TO APPLY FOR A JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:

Junior Membership does not require "proof" that the Junior is a descendant. Once the child becomes 18 years of age, he/she will need to fill out a Membership application, pay the application fees current at the time of processing and submit all primary source documentation to prove the Mayflower lineage from his/her self to the last well proven generation.

COSTS:

As of August 1, 2021, the Junior Membership Fee is \$35.00 per child. This is a one-time registration fee which includes the cost of the pin and certificate. Junior Members pay no annual dues and are not considered full members of the Society for voting purposes at any Membership Meeting.

HOW TO SPONSOR A JUNIOR TO "JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP":

Sponsors, simply download the Junior Membership application. Please fill out the form completely, sign and date it. All Sponsors must be a current member in good standing of the North Carolina Mayflower Society and General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Your GSMD number and North Carolina State Number must be on the Junior Application form. You, as the "Sponsor", must have direct blood-lineage or adoption with the Junior(s) you sponsor. Typically, we expect a parent or grandparent to sponsor the child. All information must be completely filled out, signed, and dated before sending the application to the Junior Membership Chair.

Once the Junior Application is approved, the sponsor will be notified and asked to send payment to the State Treasurer. Once this step is complete and the Junior Membership Chair is notified that payment has been received, the Junior Membership Chair will send the Welcome Packet to the sponsored Junior. The Welcome packet will include a Welcome Letter, a JUNIOR CERTIFICATE with their name, Ancestor Bio and North Carolina Mayflower pin.

Junior Membership is valid from age birth - 18 years. Upon turning 18 years of age the Junior will remain on Junior roll until turning 25 years of age. It is our hope that the Junior will apply as an adult to become a full member (please note that adopted juniors who do not have a direct blood connection to the Mayflower ancestor will not be able to become full members at age 18 due to the lineage qualifications) by providing the same rigorous documentation adults are required to provide for application to The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina and General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, MA.

Please remember, Junior Membership is not Full Membership in The General Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina, nor a prerequisite for Full Membership.

For additional information, or to download the Junior Membership application, go to the North Carolina Mayflower Society website at: <https://www.mayflowernc.org/membership>

or contact:

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Privacy Policy

Collection of your Personal Information

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina ("SMDNC") encourages you to review our privacy policies so that you can understand how this Society collects, uses and shares your information.

Use of your Personal Information

It is the policy of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina to protect the personal information it collects about living persons. It does so in the following manner:

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina collects two kinds of personal information about applicants and members: 1) contact information and 2) genealogical information.

1. Contact information is: name, address, member numbers, telephone number (if it has been provided by the applicant), e-mail address (if provided by the applicant), date of membership, category of membership (annual, or other), occupation (if provided by the applicant), and name of the Pilgrim ancestor.

2. Genealogical information is: Information concerning birth, death, marriages and divorces, adoptions, etc. At the beginning of the application process, the State Historian(s) provides applicants with a partially completed application based on what the SMDNC and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) knows about the proposed lineage. That document may include contact or public domain genealogical information or both. The files of applicants who fail to complete their applications in a timely manner are considered to have been abandoned. Those files are shredded after 3 years elapses without completing the application. In order to join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) and one of its member societies as a full member, it is mandatory the applicant provide acceptable genealogical proof s/he is a direct descendant of one of the 102 passengers who made the crossing aboard the Mayflower. Other categories of membership do not have this requirement. All categories of membership must provide contact information in order for the member to realize the benefits of joining GSMD or the member society. Where an applicant completes the application, and submits it to the Historian together with its supporting documents, that file becomes and remains the property of the SMDNC. The SMDNC Historian preserves a copy and sends another copy of the application and documents to the GSMD by USPS. That copy of the file becomes property of the GSMD and is subject to its privacy policy. The GSMD privacy policy is at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/privacy-policy>. If the GSMD rejects the application, the SMDNC Historian destroys the SMDNC copy of that file. If the GSMD approves the application, it returns a copy of the approved application to the SMDNC Historian. The SMDNC Historian retains a copy of the approved application and sends a copy to the applicant only. No additional copy will be distributed unless the applicant requests such an action. At that time, the Historian destroys everything in the applicant's file which was not included in the transmission to the GSMD, leaving the SMDNC with a member file consisting of the approved application and the supporting material.

Using the information contained in the approved application, the SMDNC Historian provides contact information to relevant members of the SMDNC Board of Assistants so that the new member may be placed on various lists (e-mail and dues, for example) and included in the directory of members which is copyrighted and published to the membership only at regular intervals. It bears the following distribution notice: "This Directory of Officers and Members is intended solely for the use of the Mayflower Society ...it may not be reproduced..." The same procedure is followed with respect to Supplemental Applications. The Historian updates the contact information from time to time and reports changes to the relevant members of the SMDNC Board of Assistants and to the GSMD.

The SMDNC does not sell, or rent the information in the membership directory (or any other information in the member's file). In the case of financial transactions (payment of dues, fees etc.), the SMDNC does not collect bank account numbers or credit card data. SMDNC does not collect personal information from its web site.

Changes to this Policy:

The North Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants will occasionally update this Privacy Policy to reflect SMDNC Board of Assistants or SMDNC member feedback. The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina encourages members to periodically review this Policy to be informed of how SMDNC is protecting member information and following US personal privacy regulations.



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