



## 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.