



Society of Mayflower Descendants

in Michigan

Thank you for your interest in the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan!

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Carefully read these instructions and the pages which describe the documentation required.
- Fill out and submit your Preliminary Application form and the Line of Descent worksheet.
- Add your documentation and send to the Deputy Historian, Lee Bennett, at the address on the Preliminary Application form; along with a check for \$200 payable to SMDM (Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan.) This fee is for: \$125 General Society application fee + \$23 MI application fee, \$52 prepaid dues).
- If an application is found to have a broken lineage before being submitted to the General Society, only the \$125 app fee and the \$52 prepaid dues is refundable. Once an application is submitted to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in Plymouth, MA, only the prepaid dues (\$52) can be refunded.
- Deputy Historian, Lee Bennett, will prepare your file and you will be contacted by one of our other Historians to work with you on your application.
- The Historian will complete the first 5-6 generations and a Lineage Match will be ordered from GSMD. You will need to provide the remaining documentation to connect yourself to the last proven generation. Your Historian will be happy to guide you through the research process.

RECORDS:

- Birth, marriage and death records for **both** parents of each generation are required when they are known to exist. Please see the **Information on Documentation** page for details. This includes all divorces, remarriages and legal name changes. Indexes and family trees are not acceptable.
- If a relative has been a member of the **GSMD**, you may use their approved application. Sometimes research will need to be done to bring the records up to current standards.
- Once all papers are received and free of any potential issues, the final application will be sent to GSMD. Due to heavy volumes and the reduction of workplace accessibility due to COVID-19 pandemic, the verification process at the GSMD is currently taking 5-6 months.
- Send us **only** copies of your documents as they become the property of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and they will **not** be returned.
- Once your application is verified you will receive notification from the Historian. Approximately four weeks after verification, you will receive your certificate and membership packet.

We are pleased that you wish to join us, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Charlene Wolvin Tavarozzi, Historian