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**About the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD)**

Founded in 1897, The Mayflower Society, or General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with international headquarters in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Member Societies are located in every American state, District of Columbia, Canada, and Europe. Membership requires proof of lineage from any passenger who traveled to America in 1620 on the Mayflower. Its mission is to educate the public about the Mayflower story and its impact on Western civilization, and to uphold the highest standards of genealogy research in verifying Mayflower Pilgrim lineage. The society operates the historic Mayflower Society House, the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, and a genealogy research library at its Plymouth headquarters. It publishes books to encourage scholarship about the Mayflower story as well as the lineage books, *Mayflower Families Through Generations*, that document five or more generations from Mayflower passengers.

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