

CASS COUNTY

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter for October

Greetings,

Fall is a beautiful time. Hope you are finding much joy in the seasonal changes. Speaking of changes the next meeting on October 28 is not at the usual place. It will be held at Memorial Hall in American Legion Memorial Building (the Armory) at 201 Poplar Street, Atlantic.

Beth Johnson, Vice-president, has planned interesting programs. Another is happening at this meeting. Carolyn DeLay will tell us about the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). NARA is the nation's record keeper. All documents and materials important for legal or historical reasons of the United States are preserved and available to you, if you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching a historical topic that interests you.

Carolyn DeLay has long had a passion for history and genealogy. She has given many programs to various genealogy societies and chapters of Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

SCHOOL ARTICLE INFORMATION

The article was written by LaVon. Sources of information were Cass County Genealogical Society room, newspaper articles written by Bob Anderson and Jennifer Hart, a book, Iowa's Country Schools Landmarks of Learning, and personal experience. The book gives a brief history of Iowa's one-room schools. It includes a brief description and many photos of schools from Adair to Wright counties.

Research country schools for family histories.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Over 12,000 country school houses were built in Iowa in the late 1800's. They were closed in Cass County, Iowa in 1966. How many can you identify still in existence?

One of those, Pymosa #2, has been used as a family home since 1967. It is shown on a map of Cass County schools as Hell's Half Acre. Do you suppose that was because ornery older boys only attended school when they weren't working on the farm?

The first school at this location was built in the 1870s. It burned and was replaced in 1932. Most schools had their heating stoves in the middle of the space on the main floor. When this one was built it became very modern as it was over a basement housing a furnace. It was not updated at that time to include a well and septic system.

Glenn Pagel bought the building in 1966 and renovated it to become his home until 1983. Then it became home for Fay and LaVon Eblen. The original entry steps and some windows remain in place. There are two other reminders of the original use. Marks in the wooden floor show where a row of desks was attached. A brass plaque identifies it as an "Iowa Standard School" having met listed criteria.

Country school was the beginning of education for those attending who still live in and support local communities. Others went around the world. Bob Broderius was one of those students at Pymosa #2. He graduated from Atlantic High School in 1947 and went into the Air force. He worked for Lockheed in Holland for many years. He attended when a reunion for Pymosa #2 was held in 1995. He said, "This is the thrill of a lifetime to stand on the ground where I used to play."

Do you have memories of a one-room school?

Note from Mary

RUMOR HAS IT... AMERICA WILL BE 401 YEARS OLD THIS NOVEMBER 11TH

That's right. On November 11, 1620, the Pilgrims from Holland landed in America and signed the "Compact" "America's First Constitution." This document laid the foundation for the Independence and Freedom we cherish to this day.

Those who signed the document, called the Mayflower Compact, made a commitment to govern themselves. "For the first time in history, they united "together into a civil body politic ...to enact...such just and equal laws...unto which" they promised "all due...obedience .

As we continue the celebration of the 400th anniversary of America, the Liberty Tree Society, Walpole, NH, is offering to send you, at no cost, a Mayflower Compact Certificate (see sample below). Two certificates are offered; The Mayflower Descendants Certificate has a blank lineage panel which Mayflower descendants fill in or if individuals send a list complete with names and birthdates of ancestors Liberty Tree Society will fill it in and email it to you. The certificate is suitable for framing. Those interested in history but, who are not Mayflower descendants, may request a Mayflower Certificate without the lineage panel.

The Liberty Tree Society seeks to celebrate the Liberty Tree of Boston where Freedom was born. 150 years after landing in Plymouth, Massachusetts, descendants of the Compact signers rallied around the Liberty Tree and organized the Revolution which set them free. More information about the society is available at their website www.libertytreesociety.org

Call (603)209-2434 if you have questions or would like more information.

The above information came through our email very recently and I found it rather interesting. Do you have one or more family lines you are able to trace back to the Mayflower Families? I have at least two families. Both on my Mother's family, one maternal line and one fraternal line. My Mother's maternal line goes back to Francis Cooke. He was a member of the Cooke Family of Parish of Blyth, York and Nottingham, England. He was a grandson of Sir Anthony Cooke who was called "The most learned man of his time," by Galton in his "Hereditary Genius."

Francis became one of the "Mayflower Pilgrims," and was the seventeenth signer of the Compact which was made on board ship, 1620. Francis married Hester Mahieu at Leyden, Holland, June 20th or July 4, 1603.

Francis and Hester's son John Cooke accompanied his father to America on the Mayflower. Hester and the other children arrived on the second ship. In the fall of 1621, the **Fortune** became the second ship after the Mayflower to make the voyage. Fortune was much smaller than the Mayflower and transported only 35 settlers to the colony, arriving - as had its sister ship - in November, one year later. The ship had been unexpected and it brought no supplies, straining the resource of the colony. I descend through Francis and Hester's daughter Mary who was born 1624 in MA. Mary married a John Thompson and that was the start of my American Family Tree.

Josiah Sartwell was from this tree. He was born abt 1691 in Groton, Middlesex Co., MA and died Sep 24, 1753 in Franklin Co., MA. In 1738 he petitioned for a land grant stating that he was a soldier in the service of the Province of sundry years and was in diverse fights against the Indians. He was wounded in some of those engagements. He built a Fort named Fort Sartwell located at what is now Vernon, VT. Its walls were hewn timber, with a hewn plank for its outside door. It was about 38 x 20 feet, a story and a half high. The second floor projected beyond the first, with portholes from which the occupants could fire straight down on their assailants. [Taken from Genealogy of Steve Beller on ancestry.com](#)

[Signers of the Mayflower Compact taken from Plymouth Colony Its History & People 1620-1691 by Eugene Aubrey Stratton](#)

John Carver, William Bradford, Edward Winslow, William Brewster, Isaac Allerton, Miles Standish, John Alden, Samuel Fuller, Christopher Martin, William Mullins, William White, Richard Warren, John Howland, Steven Hopkins, Edward Tilly, John Tilly, Francis Cook, Thomas Rogers, Thomas Tinker, John Ridgedale, Edward Fuller, John Turner, Francis Eaton, James Chilton, John Craxton, John Billington, Moses Fletcher, John Allerton,



Signing of the Mayflower Compact

America's "First Constitution"
 November 11, 1620 - In the name of God, Amen. We, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our... preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid... to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices... it shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony, unto which we promise all due obedience.

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| William Brewster | William Mullins |
| Richard Brinteridge | Gregory Priest |
| Peter Browne | John Rigdale |
| John Carver | Thomas Rogers |
| James Chilton | George Soule |
| Richard Clarke | Phylis Standish |
| Francis Cooke | Edward Tilley |
| John Crackstone | John Tilley |
| Edward Doty | Thomas Tinker |
| Francis Eaton | John Turner |
| Thomas English | Richard Warren |
| Moore Fletcher | William White |
| Edward Fuller | Thomas Williams |
| Samuel Fuller | Edward Winslow |
| Richard Gardiner | Gilbert Winslow |
| John Goodman | |

Certification
 Organizations and prominent individuals who agree that the Mayflower Compact is America's First Constitution

1. wikipedia.org: "The Mayflower Compact was the seed of American democracy and has been called the world's first written constitution..."
2. Britannica.com: "Mayflower Compact...was the first framework of government written and enacted in the territory that is now the United States of America."
3. "The Mayflower" by Rebecca Fraser: "Plymouth Colony was the first experiment in consensual government in western history between individuals with one another and not with a monarch."
4. "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick: "It is a document that ranks with the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution as a seminal American text."
5. history.com: "The Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the New World"
6. Don't Know Much About History by Kenneth Davis "The Mayflower Compact is rightly considered the first written Constitution in North America."



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Descendants of Compact Signer George Soule

George Soule, born 1595

father of

John Soule, born 1632

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1682

father of

Meiah Soule, born 1711

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1742

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1801

father of

Charles W. Soule, born 1833

father of

Charles S. Soule, born 1858

father of

Arthur T. Soule, born 1886

father of

Frances Soule Hansel, born 1925

Confirmation of Descendancy

The above information is on file with local chapter of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants as the first step in confirming our relationship to one of the signers of the Compact.

Contributed by Beth Johnson

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October, 1921
Atlantic News Telegraph

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Priscilla Club

Mrs. W.C. Heers opened her home Wednesday afternoon to the Priscilla Club. Mrs. A.R. Hill was in charge of the program and read a Very interesting paper on "Proposed Mt. McKinley National Park". A two course lunch was served after the meeting.

Ross Camblin has returned from Muscatine, where he attended the meeting of the grand chapter of Iowa Royal Arch Masons as a delegate from the local chapter of which he is high priest. He was presented with a fine souvenir bible and a beautiful paper cutter, which he treasures as a memento of the trip. He reports that the meeting was largely attended by Masons from all over Iowa.

Dr. U.S. Mullins has had special training in Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat ,Mutual Benefit Building

Mrs. Albert Morgan will entertain at a Hallowe'en party Saturday night October 22 at her hoe one mile West of Wiota. About twenty-five guest have been bidden . Hallowe'en games will be the diversion and the decorations and lunch will be in keeping with Hallowe'en.

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A Birthday Surprise A small company of friends surprised Mrs. E. Strittmatter at her home, 1007 Poplar street, Saturday evening on the occasion of her birthday. It was her seventy-eighth anniversary. The guests brought refreshments and presented Mrs. Strittmatter with a pair of gloves. Those present were Mesdames J. H. . Lindemeyer, Albert Ratzlaff, John Ratzlaff, Emilie Collatz, Paul Walter, G.F. Zellmer, Henry Wiechmann, Wm. Zellmer, Kluever, C.W. Otto and Charles Baller.

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