



THE WINTHROP SOCIETY

DESCENDANTS OF THE GREAT MIGRATION

READ before Completing Application

First, save the blank application to your own computer, and use the saved copy. Applications must be completed on your computer or typed with a black ribbon. The Winthrop Society WILL NOT ACCEPT handwritten applications.

1. The Winthrop Society (WS) is a lineage society that requires a proven, direct, unbroken line from the settler who lived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the Applicant. All generations must be entered on the application. Cite proofs in "Proof" area of each generation and include copies of the proof documents with the application.
2. Winthrop Society does NOT accept DNA.
3. The Applicant's original signature is required.
4. WS requires birth, marriage, and death proofs for the last 3 generations (you, your spouse, your parents, your appropriate grandparents), unless you are using a record copy from another society.
5. WS does not accept undocumented lineages found on the Internet or large undocumented family trees.
6. Always use names exactly as shown on proofs (do not include middle names if they are NOT on the proof) and dates and places of events when known.
7. **All entries require proofs.** A hard copy of the proof must be included with the application when the application is sent to the Registrar. A hyperlink or URL address is not proof. A book name is not proof; copies of the appropriate page(s), including title pages, must be included.
8. Write dates thusly: 23 Sep 1856. Do not convert Julian Calendar dates. Write Quaker dates precisely as written. Beware of double-dating (example): 21 Mar 1631/2. It's not a guess; it is a *real* date.
9. Leave space blank if you have no provable information. **Do NOT** use n/a or -0- or "living".
10. Information summaries from FIND A GRAVE are NOT acceptable. A picture of a tombstone, if legible, is acceptable. Include the name and location of the cemetery/burial plot (which may be handwritten or typed). If the Registrar cannot read the inscription, it is not acceptable.
11. **Underline in RED** all pertinent information for each generation and indicate the generation number for which the proof is intended. **DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTER**, as some colors do not scan properly.
12. **The Great Migration series by Robert Charles Anderson should be used to start your first two generations.** If you are unfamiliar with his series, a list of his works is on our website.
13. Always include a copy of the title page, including title, author/editor/compiler, and date, when submitting pages from any book, including bibles.
14. If several generations use the same book, make one copy of the title page, and label it: "Gen 1, 2, 3, etc." and put "Gen ____" on the appropriate page(s) of the proof. **DO NOT** make multiple copies of the same pages for different generations. All pages + Title Page should be put together (paper clips are helpful here) and sent as one packet.

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15. The first time you use a book for a proof, write it out in full: Robert Charles Anderson, "The Great Migration Begins, Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633," p. 179; thereafter, you may use an abbreviated form of citation for that source: "GMB, p. 179"
16. Unacceptable books are volumes by James Savage, Charles Banks, and William Richard Cutter. Those works have been superseded with more modern volumes, and therefore are disallowed.
17. Record copies from other genealogical societies **might** be accepted as proof. Ask the Winthrop Society Registrar for approval first, as not all societies have the same documentary requirements. Instructions for using a record copy will be sent to you if it is deemed acceptable.

For further help, go to <https://www.winthropsociety.com/ApplicationHelp.pdf> and
<https://www.winthropsociety.com/ApplicationExample.pdf>

QUESTIONS will be answered by the Registrar as soon as possible, remembering that the Registrar holds many similar positions. Please be patient in awaiting a response. E-mail your questions to GreatMigrationImmigrants@gmail.com.

Submitting your Application

Payment must be made in **two checks**, as noted below. Fees and dues are as follows:

Annual Membership Enrollment: \$80 + \$30 application fee (non-refundable)

Life Membership Enrollment: \$350 + \$30 application fee (non-refundable)

Supplemental Enrollment: \$20 + \$30 application fee (non-refundable)

As noted, the \$30 application fee is non-refundable. Your check for the application fee should be made payable to **Alexander Bannerman**. All other checks should be made payable to **The Winthrop Society**. Be sure you indicated which type of application you are submitting by ticking the appropriate box at the top of the first page of the Application.

Annual Membership Enrollment includes your first year's annual dues. All options include a certificate.

Once you have completed the application, send the signed application and your proof documents, together with your checks, payable as noted above, to:

Winthrop Society Registrar
Alexander Bannerman
1716 Bigley Avenue
Charleston, WV 25302-3938



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Tick one Preliminary
 Supplementary

Membership Application

Name for Correspondence*: _____

Name for Certificate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older. I hereby apply for membership in THE WINTHROP SOCIETY: DESCENDANTS OF THE GREAT MIGRATION by virtue of my direct descent from a qualifying ancestor (terms set forth below).

My descent is from my qualifying ancestor _____
who arrived on (date) _____, 16____
and settled first in _____, Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Proof of above information may be found in the following source:

Qualifying ancestors will have arrived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony on or before 31 Dec 1640. This includes:

- passengers of the Winthrop fleet and the passengers of the *Mary & John*, 1630;
- the earlier Puritan settlers who arrived in the 1620s with Mr. Thomas Gardner, Capt. John Endecott, and Rev. Francis Higginson;
- passengers of relief ships that arrived on or before 31 Dec 1640;
- a certain few Plymouth men, such as Isaac Allerton, Hon. Roger Conant, Dr. Samuel Fuller elder, and Gov. Edward (b. c. 1595) Winslow, who made significant contributions to the early settlement of the Massachusetts Bay Colony;
- worthy non-Puritans who settled in the Colony between 1622 and 1640 who remained in New England, such as Mr. Blackstone and Mr. Thomson;

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- pre-1640 permanent settlers of Piscataqua, Sagadahoc, and Maine, such as the Hiltons and Mr. Wiggin;
- the Adventurers (investors) of Rev. John White's Dorchester Company, 1623-1628, and the Adventurers of the Massachusetts Bay Company, 1628-1640, whether or not they ever settled in Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Excluded are those settlers who were executed or expelled from the Colony for felonious crimes.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

Remember, payment must be made in **two checks**, as noted in the instructions, and included with this Application and your proof documents.

Approved _____

Member Number _____

Check Number _____

Amount Paid _____

Winthrop Society Registrar

My descent from an ancestor of the Great Migration era is as follows:

1. _____, my QUALIFYING ANCESTOR, was
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

2. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

3. _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____
m. _____ at _____
to _____
b. _____ at _____
d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

4.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

5.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

6.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

7.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

8.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

9.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

10.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

11.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

12.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

13.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

14.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs:

Their child was

15.

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

m. _____ at _____

to _____

b. _____ at _____

d. _____ at _____

Proofs: