

A QUESTION ABOUT MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS AND THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

In the *Loyalist Trails* UELAC Newsletter 2011-21 May 29, 2011 we conducted a survey to find out if any UE Loyalists could also claim Mayflower ancestors. Here are the results! Thank you to the one hundred and four *Loyalist Trails* readers who participated in the survey.

With your help we found out that two of our Loyalist Trails readers have proven connections and received certification to both UELAC and the Mayflower Society! The top five Mayflower names with Loyalist ties are Stephen Hopkins; William Brewster; Richard Warren; Constance Hopkins; John Alden.

1. *Do you have one or more Loyalist ancestors?*

- Of the 104 who responded to the survey approximately 86% or 89 are able to prove they are UEL descendants.
- Another 12 have most of their proofs or family stories connecting them to a Loyalist ancestor. Three additional respondents do not have Loyalist ancestors.

2. *There were about 100 passengers on the first 1620 Mayflower voyage. Do you have one or more ancestors who were on that voyage?*

- 17 of our respondents have successfully proven to the Mayflower Society that they are Mayflower descendants. Another 16 have documentation proving Mayflower descent.
- That gives us 33 respondents who are able to prove they are Mayflower descendants.

3. *Was one or more of your Loyalist ancestors a descendant of a Mayflower passenger?*

- 14 of our respondents have genealogical documentation proving a UEL and Mayflower connection.
- 15 of our survey participants think they have a Loyalist and a Mayflower ancestor.
- 12 more either have most of the proofs or family tradition indicating a Loyalist/Mayflower connection.
- And 2 of our survey participants have proven connections to the satisfaction of the UELAC and the Mayflower Society.

4. *Have you proven - or are you reasonably certain that you are descended from any of the Mayflower passengers listed?*

We received 51 answers to this question.

Below you will find a list of the top ten named Mayflower passengers.

Stephen Hopkins	29.4%	15 survey participants are descendants
William Brewster	21.6%	11 survey participants are descendants
Richard Warren	21.6%	11 survey participants are descendants
Constance Hopkins	15.7%	8 survey participants are descendants
John Alden	15.7%	8 survey participants are descendants
John Howland	13.7%	7 survey participants are descendants
Priscilla Mullins	13.7%	7 survey participants are descendants
Joan Tilley	11.8%	6 survey participants are descendants
Elizabeth Tilley	11.8%	6 survey participants are descendants
Francis Cooke	11.8%	6 survey participants are descendants

Thank you again for participating. Perhaps this exercise will encourage those with Mayflower ties to dig a little deeper into the family records in hopes of proudly displaying a Mayflower membership alongside their prized UEL certificate. As I am sure you have found, one engaging fact is never enough. The path that opens up when we start asking questions can take some very interesting turns.

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