



# THE WINTHROP SOCIETY

## DESCENDANTS OF THE GREAT MIGRATION

### Instructions for Completing Application

#### *PLEASE READ BEFORE PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION*

There are two versions of the application form: a full membership form and an associate membership form. Membership type is described under membership.

There are two formats of the application form available; a word processor form and a PDF form. The word processor form may be filled out on the computer with the ability to enlarge spaces if need for additional information. Blanks in the word-processor version are tab-set for easy, direct data entry. If you choose to use the PDF version of this application it must be typed with a black ribbon. Winthrop Society no longer accepts handwritten application.

Winthrop Society is a lineage society which requires a proven, unbroken line from you to the settler who lived in the Massachusetts Bay Area. This must be acceptable proof that will accompany the application.

Acceptable proof includes, but is not limited to: birth, death and marriage certificate or records; certain Bible records; copies of actual federal and state census records; Social Security Death Index transcriptions; tombstones images; church records; deeds, wills and other court records, pension records; certain publications such as family and county histories to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Always include a copy of the title page when submitting pages from a book or Bible. Some application papers for other lineage societies may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Our website; Anderson, Robert Charles "The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633;" and Savage, James "A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England;" are all great to use to build your first few generations. Do not use undocumented lineage found on the Internet or large undocumented family trees.

Now that you have your correct application form and acceptable documentation connecting each generation, please follow the following guidelines.

- The settler or qualifying ancestor is to occupy the space for Generation 1 on the application; progress forward in chronological order ending with yourself.
- Always use complete names and dates of events when known.
- Use complete citations on the application when listing the proofs.
- Write dates using a numerical day, three-letter month, and four-digit year 12May2008.
- Leave space blank if you have no relevant information. No n/a or -0-.
- Use paper clips instead of staples to hold together.
- Put a check in the margin on your documentation next to the relevant information or carefully underline. Do not use highlighter.

Upon completion, this application should be sent to the Registrar with your application check, payable to "The Winthrop Society." Submit to:

*Winthrop Society Member Processing  
Judith Creamer, Registrar  
7174 Egbert Street  
Melbourne, FL 32940-5904*