

The Canadian Pilgrim

A publication of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

The CSMD is a chapter of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Governor's Message

With this issue of Canadian Pilgrim, we welcome our new Editor, Anne Doty Wright, succeeding long- time volunteer Robert White. Anne joined the Board of Assistants as our Librarian in 2016 and volunteered to act as our new editor starting this year. Anne has been interested in genealogy for many years and has published a splendid family history entitled *The Dotys Came Over on the Mayflower* showing her descent from Mayflower passenger Edward Doty. We are delighted that Robert will stay on as a member-at-large.



I am pleased to report that we have received approval from the Canadian Heraldic Authority to pursue a grant of arms and that we will be working with Assiniboine Herald, Darryl Kennedy, over the coming

months to come up with a suitable design and motto. See page 6 to find out more...

I have noted in the past that Canada is a vast country and it is sometimes difficult for members of an organization like ours to feel a sense of community. Treasurer Maureen McGee has made some excellent suggestions elsewhere in this newsletter about how we can all reach out to fellow members. On that note, I am pleased to report that Bill Curry, our new Deputy Governor, resides in Port Maitland, N.S., so your Board has representation from the east coast to the west! Still, we invite your suggestions for better ways to engage our members.

Although the year is still young, please mark your calendars for the Society's Annual General Meeting and Compact Luncheon which will be held this year on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Toronto Cricket Club, 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto, ON M5M 3A3. We'd also love to hear from you if you have ideas for a guest speaker.

Sincerely,
George G. McNeillie, III UE

Governor

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Members meeting Members

Recently, several of our members have contacted us saying they intend to resign as they can no longer travel to meetings or don't know any other Mayflower descendants living in their vicinity. Spread out over our large country, it can be impossible to get together for meetings.

And so, in response, we are looking for better ways to connect.

The CSMD Facebook page is a great way to find people, but many of our members are not online and are looking for other means of communication, perhaps by mail or telephone. Others prefer meeting in person.

If you would like to connect directly with other CSMD members, please contact Maureen. (See her information, below.) Let us know if you are interested in contacting members in general, those in your area, those who have the same Mayflower ancestor or those who live in a warm place you can visit. (Joking but not really.☺)

We can publish your details in the newsletter or share your information privately with others who have contacted us.

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GO GREEN: EMAIL REMINDER

The CSMD now uses email wherever possible to communicate with members, applicants and prospective members. This includes distribution of The Canadian Pilgrim newsletter. If you wish to receive a copy by regular mail, please contact: governor@csmd.org

Membership

Welcome to the 15 new members who were approved or transferred to Canada in 2017.

Marjorie McGee (BC)
Glenn Cook (transfer from AZ)
Margaret Fearon (NS)
Elsie Landers (NS)
Harold Aylesworth (ON)
William Innes (ON)
Linda Watson (BC)
Nancy Conn (ON)
Anne Mackenzie (NS)
Deborah Trask (NS)
Helen Senack (ON)
Celeste Watson (BC)
Robert Elliot (NS)
Marshall Moses (NS)
John Innes (ON).

Total membership at the end of 2017 was 249.

Ontario 104 members
Alberta 45 members
Nova Scotia 33 members
British Columbia 5 members
New Brunswick 4 members
Manitoba 3 members
Saskatchewan 27 members
Quebec 9 members
Prince Edward Island 2 members
Newfoundland 1 member
United States 15 members
Europe 2 members

Two new members have been approved in 2018.

Amy Newman (BC)
Catherine Webb (ON)

Donald Hall (ON) has been reinstated.

Honouring Robert White

For the past 14 years, Robert has spent countless hours putting out the Spring and Fall issues of our publication.

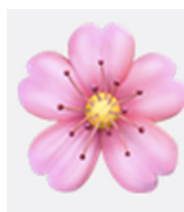
Robert White, past editor of The Canadian Pilgrim was recently presented *in absentia* with a miniature Mayflower medal at the 2017 Fall Compact Luncheon and Annual General Meeting in Toronto for his devoted service to the CSMD.

The Mayflower medal is available to all members from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and may be purchased in either large or miniature sizes. Since it is not part of the official Canadian honours system, the Mayflower medal is worn on his right, next to the lapel and beside the Beaver medal. * Both are civilian honours. Robert's military medals worn on the left are reserved for Canadian and Commonwealth military and civilian honours. Robert wears the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal and the Canadian Forces decoration with clasp for his service in The Canadian Forces.

When asked how he came to receive these awards, Robert modestly replied, "In retirement I volunteered a lot of time because I was not much good at looking out the window." Robert continues to serve as Member at Large. He lives in North Vancouver, BC.

***The Beaver medal** was given to Robert White for his contribution to his community and country in honour of the officers and men of the SS *Beaver*.

SS *Beaver* was the first steam-powered vessel on the west coast of North America. She operated up and down the BC Coast for 52 years. Built for the Hudson's Bay Company, she functioned as a floating trading post and coastal freighter starting in the 1840s. The gold-plated medals are cast from materials salvaged from the wreck of the ship after she grounded on Siwash Rock outside Vancouver in 1888.



The Mayflower Medal

Why is the ribbon for GSMD insignia pink and white?

The *Epigaea repens*, known as the Mayflower, ground laurel or trailing arbutus, has a flower with five petals that is pink or white in color.

It is sometimes referred to as Plymouth Mayflower and is said to be the first flower to cheer the hearts of the Pilgrims after the rigors of their first New England winter.

In 1918, it became the Massachusetts state flower. It is also the floral emblem of Nova Scotia, where many *Mayflower* descendants live.

From the themayflowersociety.org website



Coming to Canada

The Dotys came over on the Mayflower

I grew up hearing this, and not much more, about the history of my father's family: On his 90th birthday, when he was working as a crossing guard, my grandfather, Charles William Doty, b 1881, was even quoted in the Toronto Star, saying, "The Dotys came over on the Mayflower in 1620 and I'm the first generation Doty born in Canada." The headline read, "Crossing guard celebrates his 90th birthday – at work."



It took years of research, but here, briefly, is what I know about my family coming to Canada.

My ancestors, descendants of Edward Doty, were independent-minded people who became Quakers soon after arriving in Plymouth. Facing further persecution and over five generations, they made their way up the Hudson River Valley to northwestern New York, settling on Lake Ontario next to Fort Niagara by the early 1800s.

Records tell us that the British burned their house during the War of 1812, but it wasn't until 1851 that the family came to Canada. My grandfather's grandfather, John Doty, moved with his wife and three young sons to Oakville, Ontario where he set up the first machine shop in the area. By the 1870s he had moved the business to the Toronto waterfront where he and his sons established the John Doty Engine Works specializing in shipbuilding and the construction of marine engines.

One spinoff of this business was the Doty Ferry Company, which provided a ferry service to the Toronto Islands. The pride of the fleet, christened the *Mayflower*, was built by the Doty Works and launched in 1890. It incorporated "the latest conveniences and improvements, including electric lights".

My grandfather often told the family how as a child, he and his brothers could ride the ferries for free, just by saying, "We're Dotys!"

Anne Doty Wright, Toronto

My family history, *The Dotys came over on the Mayflower* can be viewed online at <http://www.blurb.ca/b/7100387-the-dotys-came-over-on-the-mayflower>.

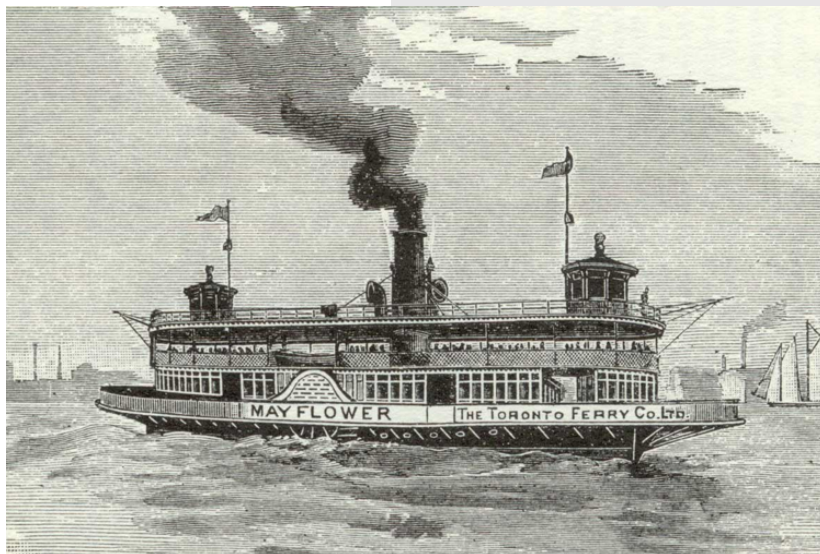
Tell us your story

Being both Canadians and Mayflower descendants, we have a unique story to tell. It's the one about how our families came to Canada. It is often a dramatic tale of war and peace, suffering and hardship, and a struggle for survival. By way of introduction as the new editor The Canadian Pilgrim, I am sharing mine in this issue.

In the spirit of getting to know each other better, I am asking each of you to do the same. Please submit up to 250 words for publication in a future issue of this newsletter. Think of it as an introduction to fellow CSMD members across our large country.

Please send your submission by email to editor@csmd.org

The Mayflower, below, was later purchased by the Toronto Ferry Company



Graveyard Research in the Annapolis Valley

By Ian Cook

No ancestry archive is complete without a collection of gravestone photos. The farther we go back, the more their value, particularly when the stones predate written death records.

My Canadian Mayflower connections to Richard More and James Chilton start in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. My people were part of the migration of New England planters who arrived starting in 1760 and settled in Granville Township.

I had the opportunity to visit the Annapolis Valley in September 2017. Preparing for the visit, valuable sources that I had discovered during my Mayflower line certification helped me find my family's gravestones and I have added a number of new photos to my collection.

Oldest stone discovered: Susanna Dodge, my 5th Great Grandmother dated 1788.

My newest stone is for William Troop and Annie Bent, my Great Grandparents. Their birth years shown are incorrect. William's was 1849 and Annie's was 1868. Oh well, so much for accuracy!

Specific to graveyard research, the best Annapolis Valley resource I found was the fabulous work of Dr. Allan Marble. He put together a record of every single legible gravestone in every single graveyard throughout the Valley. Doing a web search for "Annapolis Valley Cemeteries" led me to a "rootsweb" site where all the cemeteries were listed, with links to all his recorded interments.

My next question, how was I going to possibly ever find these sites? For this I turned to the good folks at the O'Dell Museum in Annapolis Royal, run by the Annapolis Heritage Society. I arranged a Thursday afternoon cemetery tour with two of their volunteers. We visited seven sites and I had the opportunity to learn so much more about the people and history of the area.

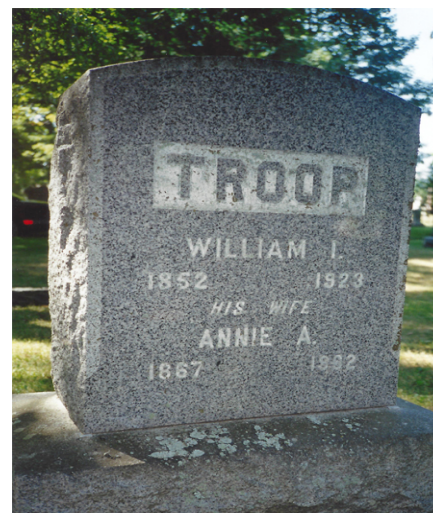
At the end of our visit the Nova Scotia Colony of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants was holding their conference in Middletown. The group put together a very informative program over a Friday evening and Saturday.

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Susannah, wife of Israel Fellows died Jan. 26, 1788, in the 46 year of her age

Under this turf you may behold a lamb of God fit for the fold"
Chesley Cemetery, Upper Granville, N.S.



Troop, William I. 1852 1923
his wife Annie A. 1867 1962
Riverside Cemetery, Bridgetown, N.S.

**Ian Cook is a Member at Large for
The Canadian Society of Mayflower
Descendants.**

Designing our new Coat of Arms

Following the approval of the CMSD request for a coat of arms, we are working with Assiniboine Herald, Darryl Kennedy, over the coming months to come up with a suitable design and motto.

Grants of arms are honours from the Crown of Canada and will provide the Canadian Society with a unique and recognizable public symbol. Many other lineage societies (e.g., the United Empire Loyalists of Canada) have displayed arms on their collateral materials for a number of years.

Darryl Kennedy has been Assiniboine Herald since 2002. Heralds are part of the Public Service of Canada and work full-time at the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The heralds of arms, responsible to the Chief Herald, are each assigned a badge of office. The heralds' titles are taken from the names of significant Canadian rivers. Following the tradition of older heraldic authorities, heralds' titles are territorial designations, although it should be noted that the heralds serve the entire country and are not limited to the region of their title.

Find out more on the Governor General of Canada website.
www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=2&lan=eng

Your Mayflower DNA

In 2017, the GSMD met with the genealogy, ancestry, and family tree research organization, Family Tree, to discuss the establishment of a DNA project for Mayflower descendants.

Why does DNA matter? As research continues, if enough of us provide the results of our own DNA tests, we will soon be able to identify the DNA of our Mayflower ancestors. These tests will also help you in your search for your Mayflower family members.

The project consists of three initiatives:

1. Identification of direct lines to male ancestors using YDNA tests
2. Identification of direct female lines using MtDNA tests
3. Family Finder tests using autosomal tests that will contribute in identifying Pilgrim Ancestor lines.

If you have your DNA tested by Family Tree or any other DNA testing provider, you are encouraged to make a contribution to the research by uploading your results to the GSMD Family Tree DNA Mayflower project.

See GSMD website: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>

Graveyard Research

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Of note I learned about the Old Beaver River/Port Maitland Cemeteries Preservation Society that was formed in 1999 to rehabilitate cemeteries that were in desperate need of maintenance. You can find it at "oldstones.ca".

I am hopeful that a similar undertaking may be launched for some of the sites I visited in the Annapolis Valley.



I would strongly encourage everyone to make the trip to the Annapolis Valley. Annapolis Royal is a wonderful community with

great accommodations, eating spots, sites of historic note and warm and hospitable people.

Helpful websites for Ancestry Cemetery research in the Annapolis Valley

Annapolis Heritage Society:
annapolisheritagesociety.com

Cemeteries and Churches of Annapolis County:
mapannapolis.ca/google_church.html

History of the County of Annapolis, Calnek (On-line version):
archive.org/details/cihm_00386

Nova Scotia Archives, Genealogy Guide:
archives.novascotia.ca/genealogy-guide

Annual Compact Meeting

of the Membership of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants

Saturday, October 21, 2017, Toronto Cricket Club

Descendants Roll Call – Donna Denison, Co-Historian

Alden Descendants were the largest group with four present. Howland, Hopkins and Tilley had three each, Brewster, Mullins, Cook, Rogers, Brown, Soule and Doty had two each and there was one Billington.

The meeting was followed by a banquet of turkey, salmon, decadent desserts and other delicious dishes.



George McNeillie with guest speaker, author and lecturer Jane McNamara, who talked about Ontario land grant records and what they can reveal about our ancestors.

Next meeting: Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Toronto Cricket Club, 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto, ON M5M 3A3. We'd also love to hear from you if you have ideas for a guest speaker.

On our website: CSMD.org

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You will need your CSMD membership number to create an account and log in to members only content.

Annual Meeting: Who was there ...



Julie MacDonald and Bettina Cook



Doug Brice, Nathan Mean, and Connie Brice



Ian Cook and Donna Denison



Pamela Foster and Joan Peters



Robert Canning and Marion Tait



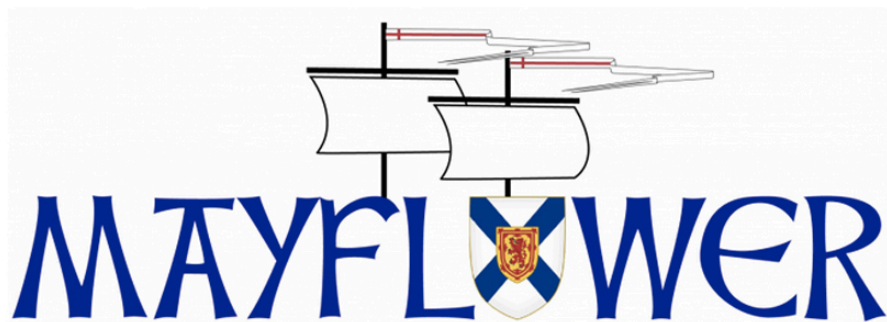
Doug Grant, Nancy Conn, David Reed



Kelly Nesbit, Judith MacKay-Kowalski, and Wendy Parry



Tim Stuart, Anne Doty Wright, Sami Sherwin, Paul Malarcher (Back row): Donald Foster



The Colony of Mayflower Descendants in Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants is a group of people who celebrate their descent from one of the 26 families who left progeny after arriving in Plymouth, Massachusetts in the fall of 1620. Many of the people who landed in those first years established families naturally enough in the area surrounding Plymouth and what is now Cape Cod.

In 1761, almost 150 years later, a group of people from Sandwich, Massachusetts and surrounding areas answered the call of the Nova Scotia Government and took up the land formerly held by the Acadians in our Province, but which at the time lay vacant after the expulsion of 1755.

The founding five families of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and most of the founding families of Barrington, Nova Scotia (also founded in 1761) were Mayflower descendants from the Cape Cod area. For this reason, many people who can trace their ancestry in southwest Nova Scotia to its founders or early settlement are also Mayflower descendants – in fact, the Yarmouth and Shelburne County areas of Nova Scotia probably have more Mayflower descendants per capita than any other place on earth – with almost as many as in New England! Just as an example, the three oldest cemeteries in Port Maitland and Beaver River, NS have over 70 percent of the people buried in them identified as possible Mayflower descendants.



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2018 Conference and Annual General Meeting

The next Nova Scotia Mayflower
Colony conference will be held in
Port Maitland, Yarmouth County,
NS, on 28 & 29 September 2018 at
the Port Maitland Elementary
School.

Stay tuned for updates on program
and registration coming later in the
spring! Visit:

<http://www.mayflowernovascotia.ca>

< 2017 Nova Scotia Mayflower
Colony Conference

Old Stones project reveals burial sites of dozens of Mayflower Descendants

In addition to his role as Deputy Governor and Nova Scotia Regent for the CSMD, Bill Curry plays a large part in researching our genealogy with the discovery and protection of the graves of Mayflower descendants.

For decades, three abandoned cemeteries in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia – the Founders Cemetery, the Free Will Baptist Cemetery, and the Calvinist Baptist Cemetery in Beaver River and Port Maitland – were objects of neglect. Most people driving by did not know these cemeteries, overgrown with alders and brush, were even there.

In 1999 the Old Beaver River/Port Maitland Cemeteries Preservation Society, under the leadership of the late Rev. Ulric Dawson, was formed to restore and maintain the three cemeteries.

Restoration work entailed removing brush; placing stones upright, often with new bases; and preparing the grounds for mowing. Signs were erected at each site identifying the cemeteries, the location of the Free Will Baptist Church, and the walking path.

All three cemeteries hold graves of early settlers. Close to 70 per cent are descendants of the pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620. They are represented with a Mayflower symbol next to their name.

It has become a matter of community pride, historic relevance and genealogical importance that the restoration be completed and the maintenance continue.

The cemeteries are all on Highway 1 in Beaver River and Port Maitland. They have been designated as registered heritage properties and are part of the Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative. *See page 11 ...*



< Restored headstones

Photo from Old Stones website

2017 NS Mayflower Colony Conference

Held on 22 & 23 September 2017 at the United Baptist Church, Middleton, NS, the theme was: Exploring our Remarkable Mayflower Heritage. Judi Archibald, Historian, conducted an Ancestry workshop and guest speakers Paulette and Dave Whiteman described How to Research Locally When Nothing Appears to be Recorded.

Roll Call

Passengers	Descendants
Present	
John Alden	7 (5)
Priscilla (Mullins) Alden	3
Isaac Allerton	6 (11)
Mary (Norris) Allerton	5
John Billington	10 (8)
William Bradford	2 (0)
William Brewster	14 (3)
Peter Browne	3 (0)
James Chilton	8 (5)
Francis Cooke	12 (11)
Edward Doty	1 (1)
Francis Eaton	8 (7)
Moses Fletcher	0 (0)
Edward Fuller	0 (0)
Samuel Fuller	7 (7)
Stephen Hopkins	19 (16)
Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins	1
John Howland	18 (12)
Richard More	3 (3)
William Mullins	5 (4)
Degory Priest	0 (0)
Thomas Rogers	4 (1)
Henry Sampson	3 (0)
George Soule	0 (0)
Miles Standish	3 (0)
John Tilley	9 (10)
Joan (Hurst) Tilley	3
Richard Warren	13 (9)
William White	5 (1)
Edward Winslow	3 (2)

The Old Stones project

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The society's reclamation project has since been renamed Old Stones, with Bill Curry as chair of the project. Bill is also a leader in the ground-breaking endeavour to add QR codes to each headstone. Scanning a QR code with a smart phone connects you to a web page with information about the interred. So far, QR codes are installed on close to 200 graves.

Of the 200 interred in the three cemeteries, Curry is related to 187 of them, albeit many distantly.

He predicts there will be tremendous interest in the Old Stones project in 2020, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage. Many descendants who visit will likely be able to trace their heritage to these three cemeteries.

Curry speaks for others involved in the project when he says, "It's lots of work but very rewarding as we restore, preserve and perpetuate the memories of our ancestors,"



Bill Curry, chair of the Old Stones project, scans a QR code to learn more about a person buried more than a century ago.

With information from Old Stones and the Chronicle Herald websites:
www.oldstones.ca

thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/1526728-old-stones-project-brings-the-past-to-life-through-qr-codes

HELP WANTED

Historian

As members of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, we all know how valuable it is to have someone help guide us through the process to qualify for membership.

Here is your chance to assist other Mayflower descendants in proving their lineage and joining our Canadian group of 249 people (2017) stretched out across the country.

Read more about the duties of the Historian on page 12 of this publication.

To volunteer, or find out more, contact Susan Roser at sroser@themayflowersociety.org

Volunteers are also needed to fill the following positions on the CSMD board:

Deputy Governor
 Recording Secretary
 Corresponding Secretary
 Captain
 Elder
 Digital Administrator (Member at Large)

Members interested in any of these positions are asked to contact George McNeillie at governor@csmd.org

Historian Team: What We Do

The Historian team of volunteers is central to the operations of the organization. Currently, the team consists of the CSMD Co-Historian and the Nova Scotia colony associate. The CSMD is seeking an Historian.

Step One: First contact with prospective members

Historian team members have front-line contact with prospective members. The CSMD Co-Historian is the first point of contact for prospective members using the CSMD website, and also for referrals from Plymouth. Nova Scotia prospects may alternatively contact the Nova Scotia associate.

Step Two: Creating a file for each prospect

Currently, the CSMD Co-Historian receives all prospective CSMD membership requests. Upon receiving a request, the Co-Historian creates a unique email file, records the new email address in the contact list, and adds the new prospect to the CSMD database.

Step Three: Preliminary e-mail synopsis

Next, the Co-Historian e-mails prospects a preliminary synopsis form, which most complete and return. The Co-Historian then checks the stated lineage for the first five Mayflower Family generations.

Step Four: Preliminary interactive worksheet package

If the outlined lineage for the first five generations on the synopsis seems accurate, the Co-historian then e-mails a preliminary package. This consists of an interactive worksheet in Word or PDF format, the current CSMD guidelines and fee structure, and a format guide which models place, date and evidence references precisely.

Successful use of the interactive worksheets by both prospect and Co-Historian can often take trial and error, depending on the operating systems used by prospects, and prospects' overall computer skills. If the forms don't work correctly initially, the Co-Historian attempts to find ways to make worksheets usable.

Step Five: Preliminary review

Once the worksheet operates correctly, the Co-Historian reviews initial applications when returned. Prospects have differing degrees of research experience, which affects how successful a first attempt may be. Upon preliminary review, the Co-Historian addresses worksheet issues, and provides an overview of the information still needed, as well as generic suggestions about how to go about obtaining it.

Step Six: Request for preliminary administrative fee payment

Along with the preliminary review, the CSMD currently asks for payment of an administrative fee of \$55.50 if prospects wish to continue. This fee is non-refundable, and payment does not guarantee a successful application.

Most prospects do not pay this fee, and stop corresponding with the CSMD at this point. With increasing access to Ancestry and Family Search sites, these vanishing prospects may have a false sense of the kind of time commitment and deep research a successful application requires. As a result, their files go dormant, and at the six-month mark after initial contact, the Co-Historian removes them from email files and contacts.

Those who provide the fee at this point may be 10% or less of those making initial contact with CSMD. These applicants tend to be determined to complete a successful application, or see a path to do so. While the Historian team offers assistance in preparing an appropriate application, the CSMD does not carry out the research.

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