



DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT WINDSOR

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Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor (DFAW). The purpose of the organization is to “record and preserve the history and genealogy of the founders of ancient Windsor, their families and descendants.” Although DFAW is a lineage association, documented descent from a Founder is not a prerequisite of membership. We welcome descendant and non-descendant members.

Founders are individuals who appear on records pertaining to Windsor by the end of 1641. A list of those people, the “**Founders List**,” is updated periodically; the latest version is enclosed. Because we wish to gather and verify as much data as possible, we invite **members with descent from Founders** to take a second, free, but optional step submitting a *Lineage Form* and documented line to a Founder for review.

To become an active member, fill out the accompanying one-page *Membership Application*.

Section 1 confirms your contact information and membership choices. **Section 2** is optional with the opportunity to list one line of descent. No documentation is required at this stage. Those who identify themselves as “Non-descendants” should leave Section 2 blank. **Section 3 helps you identify the fees and dues** associated with the member choices you made in Section 1. Section 3 also gives instructions for returning your application and check to me as the Membership Secretary.

Once I receive and process your *Membership Application* (including a check for fees and dues), you will receive a letter welcoming you to DFAW, sample recent *Newsletter(s)*, your annual or life membership card, and the optional *Lineage Form* and documentation instructions. Once an active member, you may choose to submit one line to one Founder at a time. Our Registrar, Olivia Patch, receives and initially reviews *Lineage Forms* and documentation. Careful final review, validation and data entry by the Genealogist, Ed Strickland, can take up to or over a year and at times longer. If approved, the member receives a Certificate. The active member may then submit additional supplemental lines.

DFAW includes members throughout the United States, Canada and beyond. Your member card provides you access to vital records in Connecticut repositories and town clerk offices. Bylaws are available to any member by writing to the DFAW P. O. address above. Major member benefits include the DFAW quarterly *Newsletter* and two DFAW programs a year. Typically, a fall Annual Meeting, Program and Luncheon, and a Spring Program and Luncheon give members a chance to visit and meet with others with shared interests. The 12-page *Newsletter* includes articles of interest and advertises publications and other memorabilia for sale. Our Registrar, Olivia Patch, facilitates a “Members Cousin Exchange”. An elected Board of Directors and several committees meet regularly throughout the year. We welcome your participation whether you live near or far, there are ways you can help keep the stories of the Founders alive for generations to come. Due to COVID-19, programs and meetings are virtual.

The enclosed *Instructions for Application for Membership* clarifies the process, member benefits, fees and dues. Use the contact information below for any questions. I look forward to your application.

Sincerely,

Pamela L. Roberts
DFAW Membership Secretary

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DFAW FOUNDERS LIST UPDATED 2021

The first Founders List was literally carved in stone when the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims erected the impressive Founders Monument on the site of the first meetinghouse on Palisado Green on May 30, 1930, the three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the *Mary and John* in the waters off Nantasket. That congregation formed the nucleus of the collection of several groups who settled in Windsor before the end of 1641. That day in 1930 marked the 300th Anniversary of the organization of the First Church in Windsor on the dock in Plymouth just before the *Mary and John* set sail. Many turned out for the celebration that day -- a church event, not a town event -- and several future members of DFAW were children in photographs of that day.

In their enthusiasm, the organizers of the monument put on the names of many settlers who arrived well after the pioneer years, including Elder John Strong and Sgt. Josias Ellsworth, names that must be recalled in any remembrance of early Windsor families, without specifying just how early. Other names were left off -- any who came with the Holmes party from Plymouth in 1633 and many of the servants who came with the Stiles and other families. Virtually all the wives were left off.

Another list of early Windsor settlers was apparently developed for the town's Tercentennial in 1933. That September, the *Hartford Times* published a list of founders of Windsor which still circulates. That list suffers from the same inclusion of families arriving much later than 1635 and the same exclusions.

In 1983, the Windsor 350th Anniversary arrived. Working on behalf of the Windsor 350th Anniversary Committee, Stephen Simon and Kent Avery developed a list which included all those in Windsor before 1650, the cutoff date based on a map in Stiles' first volume. To develop their list, they combed the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records for Windsor and the listing of householders in Stiles' first volume. That list was published in the 350th Anniversary Committee booklet, *The Settlement of Windsor, Connecticut*.

When DFAW was organized in the summer of 1983, a Founder was defined as anyone in Windsor by the end of 1640, a cutoff point intended to coincide with the date established by the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford based on the final land distributions there and by the closing of the Great Migration after the Puritans came to power in England. Additions to the Founders List were made in our earliest years on a case-by-case basis, usually by petition of someone whose ancestors had been overlooked in earlier compilations.

As time went on, the late Donna Siemiatkoski and Carolyn Porter-Fraher discovered that in Windsor the grants from the plantation did not stop in 1640 but continued to be made through the summer of 1641. Based on this information, DFAW altered the definition of a Founder to include all those individuals found on records pertaining to Windsor before the close of 1641, thus tying the Founders Era to the recording of the grants from the plantation (the original proprietors). However, we include anyone who is on record in Windsor at that time whether landowners or not.

Meanwhile, in compiling information on each of about 400 surnames in seventeenth century Windsor, Donna Siemiatkoski examined every important document which might contain names of people in Windsor by the end of 1641: Matthew Grant's record, Matthew Grant's reports to the colony, the land records in the Windsor Town Hall, the records of the General and Particular Courts of Connecticut, estates of persons who died in Connecticut before 1641 (which contain names mentioned of heirs, witnesses, executors, and so forth), and lists of men compensated years later for their service in the Pequot War. A few names were mentioned in other jurisdictions as "of Windsor". At the request of the DFAW Board, Donna compared her findings with the existing Founders List.

Further discussion and research ensued. Un-substantiated references in Savage, Stiles, and family genealogies were rejected, although they stand as possible clues. The literature was also combed for any new materials, especially on any names to be deleted. The result was the 1996 revision of the Founders List, which added new individuals but deleted several others including James Basket, Joseph Dwyer, Isaac Sheldon, and Robert Watson. As an example, Isaac Sheldon's name was dropped from the list because he was not found on any record before 1652 even though many of his personal circumstances strongly suggest an earlier arrival. On the other hand, strong preponderance of evidence for the presence of Miles Merwin in Windsor by 1641 came from an article by Douglas Richardson in the July and October 1995 issues of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, and his name was added to the list. The 1996 Founders List appeared in the Spring 1996 DFAW *Newsletter* and was widely disseminated.

In 1999, the History Committee concluded that Richard Lyman was not a Founder (see the Summer 2002 *Newsletter*), and in 2000, the History Committee concluded that Anthony Hoskins was not eligible for being added to the Founders List (see the July 2000 *Newsletter*). In June 2006, the History Committee recommended and the DFAW Board approved the addition of Deacon John Moore and a change of spelling from Thomas "Newell" to Thomas "Nowell". These, and some technical changes, resulted in the first revision of the Founders List in ten years. In December 2020 the Board, based on recommendations from the History Committee, voted to correct the List to remove Thomas Marshall and John Osborn, and to reinstate Richard Osborn (see the Winter 2021 *Newsletter*).

Important as women are in the settlement of the colony (the lack of families spelled the failure of the early fishing settlements in New England), the names of most women living in Windsor by the end of 1641 are not included on the Founders List. If a woman's identity is known, and all her children are by one or more Founders, she is not listed in her own right. However, if a woman had children by a man who was not a Founder, either before coming to Windsor, or after moving away, or after the close of the Founders Era, she is listed as a Founder, enabling her descendants to join DFAW in her right. An example is the widow Mary (Merwin) (Tinker) Collins. Similarly, in July 2007, Elizabeth () (Nowell) Taylor was added to the Founders List.

In the same way, fathers and adult sons who were in Windsor by 1641 are not both listed, as the son's descendants are eligible to join through the father. Brothers are listed separately. Thus, strictly speaking, the Founders List is not a list of all individuals who were in Windsor before 1641, but of the individuals heading a family.

Since 1983, all the primary records pertaining to early Windsor -- vital records, land transactions, estate proceedings, and the colonial court records -- have been thoroughly searched, examined, and analyzed for information on the early inhabitants of Windsor. We believe we currently have the most accurate list of heads of households in Windsor by the end of 1641 that is possible based on the records known to exist. However, it remains possible that evidence may yet be found in other records. DFAW welcomes proposed additions to the Founders List provided they are accompanied by convincing documentation, not unsubstantiated references in family histories. Submissions should be addressed to the DFAW History Committee, P.O. Box 39, Windsor, CT 06095.

Revised: January 2021

Founders of Windsor

The following is a list of the “Founders” of Windsor as amended and approved by the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, Inc. through January 2021:

George Abbot	Thomas Gunn	Edward Preston
Benedictus Alford	William Hannum	Matthew Rainend
Samuel Allen	John Hawkes	Philip Randall
Matthew Allyn	Anthony Hawkins	Jasper Rawlins
Thomas Barber	William Hayden	John Reeves
John Bartlett	Gov. John Haynes	John Rockwell
Margaret (Barrett)	William Hill	Dea. William Rockwell
(Huntington)	John Hillier	Dr. Bray Rossiter
Stoughton	Thomas Holcombe	John St. Nicholas
Thomas Bascomb	Lt. William Holmes	Robert Saltonstall
Thomas Bassett	Mary Holt	Richard Samos
John Bennett	Elder William Hosford	Matthias Sension
Richard Birge	John Hoskins	(St. John)
Capt. John Bissell	Simon Hoyte	Nicholas Sension
Elder John Branker	Samuel Hubbard	Richard Sexton
Jonathan Brewster	Rev. Ephraim Huit	Sgt. Thomas Staires
Thomas Buckland	William Hulbert	Aaron Starke
William Buell	George Hull	Francis Stiles
Joshua Carter	John Hurd	Henry Stiles
George Chappel	Humphrey Hydes	John Stiles
Daniel Clarke	Joseph Loomis	Thomas Stiles
Dea. Henry Clarke	Roger Ludlow	Ens. Thomas Stoughton
Joseph Clarke	Henry Lush	George Stuckey
Capt. Aaron Cooke	Ann Marshall	John Talcott
Thomas Cooper	Thomas Marshfield	Elizabeth (Unknown) (Nowell)
Nicholas Denslow	Major John Mason	Taylor
Thomas Dewey	Mary (Merwin)	John Taylor
Thomas Dibble	(Tinker) Collins	Stephen Terry
John Drake	Miles Merwin	Thomas Thornton
John Dumbleton	Simon Mills	William Thrall
John Dyer	Dea. John Moore	John Tilley
John Eels	Thomas Moore	Peter Tilton
Bygod Eggleston	Thomas Newberry	Michael Try
William Filley	Thomas Nowell	Frances (Unknown)
Thomas Ford	Richard Oldage	(Clark) (Dewey)
Henry Foulkes	Thomas Orton	Phelps
Lt. Walter Fyler	Richard Osborn	Richard Vore
Dea. William Gaylord	Sgt. Nicholas Palmer	Rev. John Warham
Francis Gibbs	Elias Parkman	Richard Weller
Giles Gibbs	Thomas Parsons	Richard Whitehead
William Gilbert	Edward Pattison	Arthur Williams
Jeremiah Gillett	George Phelps	John Williams
Jonathan Gillett	William Phelps	Roger Williams
Nathan Gillett	George Phillips	Lt. David Wilton
Matthew Grant	Humphrey Pinney	Robert Winchell
Thomas Gridley	Eltweed Pomeroy	Elder John Witchfield
Edward Griswold	Samuel Pond	Henry Wolcott
Matthew Griswold	John Porter	John Young



(Office Use Only) Member # _____

DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT WINDSOR
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please refer to the accompanying instructions

Section 1: Fill in Contact Information, Date, and Member choices. See instructions as needed.

Name(s): _____

Street: _____ **Apt#:** _____

City/Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip + 4:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Membership Type (/ one): ___ Single ___ Dual **Status (/ one):** ___ Annual ___ Life ___ Junior

___ I was referred to DFAW by _____ ___ This is a gift from _____

I am a (/ one) ___ **Descendant** (Optionally fill in Section 2) ___ **Non-descendant** (Leave Section 2 blank)

Section 2: Optionally, identify descent from a Founder (see DFAW Founder's list enclosed).

List one line of descent, Founder at left in Line 1, spouses to the right. Continue descent with your name last.

1. _____ m. _____
2. _____ m. _____
3. _____ m. _____
4. _____ m. _____
5. _____ m. _____
6. _____ m. _____
7. _____ m. _____
8. _____ m. _____
9. _____ m. _____
10. _____ m. _____
11. _____ m. _____
12. _____ m. _____
13. _____ m. _____
14. _____ m. _____
15. _____ m. _____

Do you anticipate eventually applying to earn a Lineage Certificate for this line? (/ one) ___ Yes ___ No

Section 3: Determine fees, dues and total payment to enclose.

Initiation Fee: **\$15.** (for a single person) **\$30 for 2 persons** (in a Dual membership) \$ _____
\$15. (for a Junior member under-age of 18) **Total Fees**

Annual Dues: Paid annually by October 1, covering dues October 1 to following September 30

\$15 Single Annual Single membership **(1 person)**

\$23 Dual Annual Dual membership **(2 people-same address in same generation)**

Life Dues: Pre-payment of dues for a lifetime in 1 payment or 3 installments

\$225 Single 1 payment **or** 3 installments of **\$75** over 3 consecutive years

\$345 Dual 1 payment **or** 3 installments of **\$115** over 3 consecutive years

Junior Member No dues until age 18, \$15 initiation fee due. (Birth MM/YYYY) _____ \$ _____

Total Dues

\$ _____

Send this application and check payable to "DFAW" to: Pamela Roberts **Total Fees and Dues**

Questions? E-mail: membership@dfaw.org 596 Gurleyville Road

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DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT WINDSOR **P. O . Box 39, Windsor, Connecticut 06095-0039** **Instructions to Complete Your DFAW Membership Application**

Section 1 (top section): Refer to Table A. below to make your choices for the membership that best meets your needs.

- Fill in name for Single individual or names for a Dual membership and contact information. Your name in the format written here will be on your membership card and should match the picture ID you use for access to vital records as a member under DFAW's authorization as a genealogical researcher as described in the enclosed letter.
- Refer to Table A, below to determine the Membership status (Annual, Life or Junior) or type of Single individual or Dual joint. Check your choice.
- Please also indicate how you found out about us.
- If a "gift" membership - put your name in the space but add the personal contact information above for the person receiving gift.
- Check whether you wish to be considered a Descendant or a Non-Descendant. We welcome either.

Status	Annual Membership		Life Membership		Junior Membership
Type	Single 1 individual	Dual (Joint) 2 persons Same address & generation	Single 1 individual	Dual (Joint) 2 persons Same address & generation	Single 1 individual less than 18 years of age
Onetime Initial Membership Fee	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
Dues Amount based on each option:	\$15.00/yr.	\$23.00/yr.	\$225.00	\$345.00	\$ 0.00 No dues until 18 years of age
	Due yearly by Oct 1 ST	Due yearly by Oct 1 ST	3 equal payments of \$75.00 paid in three consecutive years	3 equal payments of \$115.00 paid in three consecutive years	Junior members pay Annual or Life member dues to receive all benefits of active membership after age 18
Benefits	May vote, hold office, participate in committees and assist leadership. Receives general mailings and quarterly DFAW <i>Newsletter</i> . Receives Membership Card for researcher-access to CT vital records Optional <i>Cousin Exchange</i> participation. Optional <i>Lineage Form</i> submission and document review with certificate if approved.				May not vote or hold an elected office. May not receive membership card and CT researcher status for record access.
					Receives <i>Newsletter</i> . May <i>participate in Cousin Exchange</i> and may submit a <i>Lineage Form</i> for review.

Table A: DFAW Membership Type, Status, and Dues Options with Fees and Benefits Identified

Section 2. (middle): Optional to those identifying as a “Descendant”. “Non-Descendants” leave Section 2 blank.

- Using the numbered lines in Section 2, you may identify **one Founder** from whom you descend in the left-hand column of line #1. Use the right-hand column to list the spouses of your line of descent. Continue and fill in your lineal descent through each generation. Share known information; put a question mark or leave blank any unknown area. Your name will be the last name in the left-hand column with the name of any spouse listed to the right of your name. Do not list your children on this application.
 - No documentation is required at this time. Note the information about the *Lineage Form* review as an optional benefit of active membership.
 - Please just choose descent from **one Founder** for your list on this membership application at this time, even though it is very common for lineal descent from multiple Founders to occur.
- Please √ “Yes” or “No” regarding your anticipated interest in applying for a *Lineage Certificate as a benefit of your membership*
 - Once we process your membership application with your one-time initial fee and dues, you will receive a Welcome to Membership Packet with the DFAW *Lineage Form* where you do list your children and provide specific documentation for births, marriages, and deaths in your line of descent from one Founder. As an active member there is no fee for your Lineage Form review. If approved, your documented lineage will result in a certificate. You must first be a member of DFAW before a *Lineage Form* may be submitted and reviewed for a certificate. Instructions for documentation required are distributed with the *Lineage Form*.
 - Typically, supplemental lines of descent to multiple Founders are submitted after DFAW reviews and records your first line submitted.

Section 3. (bottom) Use to Calculate Total Fee and Dues to pay and send with the completed *Application for Membership*.

- Refer to Section 1. Table A. match your fees and dues amounts owed with choices you made in membership type and status.
- Identify and write the total one-time initial fee amount in the space labeled *Total Fees* based on your choice(s) in Section 1.
- Identify and write the total dues amount in the space labeled *Total Dues* based on your choice(s) in Section 1.
- For Junior membership applications, you must enter the month and year of birth in the space provided so we know when to invoice at age 18.
- To calculate the Total of Fees and Dues to pay, add the amount written on *Total Fees* line with the amount written on *Total Dues* line.
- Write the calculated total of Fees and Dues on the line labeled Total Fees and Dues at the bottom right of Section 3.

Send your completed *Application for Membership* along with check or money order made out to DFAW for the Total Fees and Dues to the Membership Secretary listed at the address listed below. Please be sure to keep a copy of your application for future reference. We do not return your application to you. An online application and payment process is evolving but not ready quite yet.

Pamela Roberts, Membership Secretary, 596 Gurleyville Road, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1408.

If you have questions or if you need clarification regarding your *Application for Membership*, please be in touch with Pam Roberts: E-mail: membership@dfaw.org Phone: 860 428-2406 (Eastern Zone).

Thank you so much for your interest in DFAW.