

# HOOSIER ANCESTORS

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The Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants joins the state's 150th birthday festivities in celebrating its own Golden Anniversary Saturday in the Propylaeum. Dr. Leonard T. Grant of the Indiana Central College history department, will speak on "Mayflower Society and Indiana History."



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A charter granted by the General Society on March 21, 1916, encouraged 35 eligible persons to organize and found the Indiana Society April 14 of the same year.

Proven descent from a passenger on the Mayflower arriving at Plymouth, Mass., December, 1620, is a requirement for membership. Of the 104 passengers, 54 have no known descendants and the remaining are grouped under 23 heads of families.

Present membership in Indiana is 167 adults and 85 juniors of which a few can trace lineage from several Pilgrim Fathers.

Mrs. Rueben A. Campbell, Miss Dorothy Gummere and Mrs. John N. Metcalf, all of Terre Haute, proudly can claim descent from seven, and Mrs. Clyde Titus of Indianapolis, has three.

Members with two proven lines include the present governor of the Indiana Society, Dr. Harry C. Harvey of Franklin; Mrs. Ernest R. Alcorn of Indianapolis, Mrs. Charles F. Brown of Newburgh, William J. Cleaver of Westfield, Mrs. Joseph E. Janowski of Gary, Mrs. Hubert F. Sackett of Evansville and Mrs. Byron H. Brenton.

The "Mayflower Index," 1960, listing direct line of every General Society member back to their Pilgrim ancestor, has been placed by the Indiana Society in the Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library, as an aid to genealogists. Searchers can "tie in" by finding ancestors in common with a member.