

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY IS AUTHORIZED FOR INDIANA

THIRTY-FIVE CHARTER MEMBERS
MEET WITH MRS. COFFIN.

REGISTRY OF NAMES INVITED

A national organization, known as the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, of which General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., is the head, has issued a charter authorizing the organization of an Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a meeting of the thirty-five Indiana charter members was held last night at the residence of Mrs. D. W. Coffin, for the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers.

The organization of an Indiana Mayflower Society is the result of a desire to have Indiana represented in the tricentennial celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, which celebration will occur in 1920, and arrangements for which are being planned elaborately by the general society, assisted by the state organizations of which Indiana is the seventeenth to come in.

Proof of Descent Required.

Every descendant over eighteen years of age of any passenger on the "Mayflower," on the voyage which ended at Plymouth in December, 1620, is eligible to membership. Strict proof of descent is required and because records have not been preserved, which is particularly the case in the western states, many who believe they are descendants according to family tradition, are unable to prove it. Only a scant half-dozen were found at first in Indiana who could produce the proof, and twenty petitioners were required to obtain a charter. The following persons qualified ultimately and are the charter members: Dr. Edward F. Hodges, Mrs. E. F. Hodges, Dr. Fletcher Hodges, Mrs. Minnie Coffin Murphy, Arlie L. Rigsbee, Dr. H. R. Allen, Joseph A. Minturn, Dr. Edmund D. Clark, Miss Margaret C. Newcomb, Dr. John Ray Newcomb, Mrs. Myron R. Green, Mrs. Sidney J. Hatfield, William H. Hubbard, Mrs. Mary Chipman Lennox, Mrs. W. W. Winslow, Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Lyman H. Thompson, Miss Ruth Thompson, Henry W. Bennett, Miss Helen M. Clark, Mrs. Florence B. Brooks, Mrs. Pauline W. Harrison and Stanley C. Brooks, all of Indianapolis; Miss Carolyn E. Ford, Madison, Ind.; Mrs. Julia Paine Fay Randall, Ft. Wayne; Albert W. Rigsbee, Arlington; Mrs. Clara E. Rigsbee, Arlington; Herbert A. Minturn, Elkhart; Professor David W. Dennis, Earlham, and his daughter Elizabeth; Degory Priest, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, George Soule, Myles Standish, Richard Warren, William White and Edward Winslow.

Invites Registry of Names.

The Indiana Mayflower Society invites all who believe themselves to be of Mayflower stock to send their names to the historian of the society, Joseph A. Minturn, 835 K. of P. building, Indianapolis, for investigation and permanent record.

The officers elected last night were: Governor, Dr. Edward F. Hodges; deputy governor, Professor David Worth Dennis; secretary, Mrs. Minnie Coffin Murphy; historian, Joseph A. Minturn; elder, William H. Hubbard; treasurer, Arlie L. Rigsbee; surgeon, Dr. Edmund D. Clark, and captain, Stanley C. Brooks.

The society extended a vote of thanks to Herbert Folger, historian of the California Mayflower Society and Joseph A. Minturn, of the Indiana Mayflower Society, for conspicuous services in behalf of the new organization.