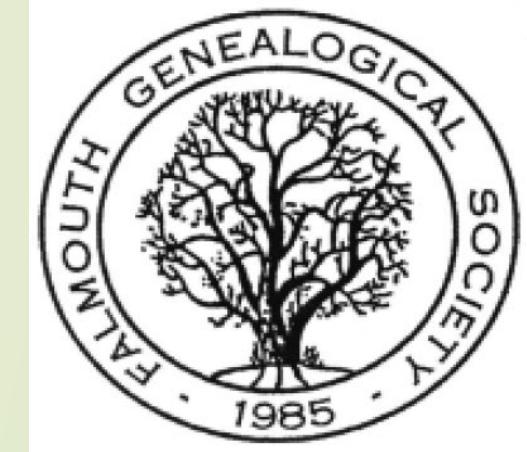


Let's Do Genealogy! Class #3:

> Building a Family Tree <

> Applying to Lineage Societies <



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Family Tree goals for this talk:

- Build a family tree at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) : \$229-\$389/year
 - This is a personal stand-alone tree
 - [Ancestry Library Edition](#) does not allow tree building
- Build a family tree at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) : Free
 - This will likely create connections to the FS “World Tree”
 - Examine “World Tree” options and their uses”
 - [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) – free
 - [WikiTree.com](https://www.wikitree.com) – free
 - [Geni.com](https://www.geni.com) – free or paid: [description here](#)

Some summary points building a family tree:

- Start with yourself (or with proven info) then work back.
- Take care when assessing other trees and information.
- Build out family groups for a broader catch-net.
- Back up your work somehow:
- Family Tree Maker - \$80 at Mackiev
 - Syncs with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org
 - Saves media files locally - many print report add-ons
- Roots Magic 8 - \$40
 - Syncs with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch
- Legacy Family Tree 9 – Free to \$35.
 - Does not sync with online trees.
 - Hints from GenealogyBank, FindMyPast, FamilySearch, MyHeritage

We will start from an Obituary:

HERALDTIMESONLINE.COM | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 | 3A (Bloomington, Indiana)

Patsy Elliott

BLOOMINGTON - Pat
sy Elliott, 95 of Bloom-
ington went to be with
her Lord on October 6,
2022. She was born to
Roland and Eva Rum-
ple on April 25, 1927. Pat
was married to Forrest
(Bud) Elliott on Decem-
ber 23, 1943.

Pat attended Bloom-
ington High School. A
homemaker for most of their married life, she
enjoyed gardening and raising her many, many
flowers, and spending time with her family. She
was a life long member of the Young Mothers
Club which began in the mid 1940's. Pat was
also a long time member of the Fairview United
Methodist Church.



She is survived by her daughter Marsha (James)
May and a sister Mary Mitchell of Bloomington;
daughter in law Marsha Kay Elliott and son in law
Duncan McKinlay; grandchildren, Chris White
(Ameika) of Arizona, Andy Stephenson (Laurie)
of North Carolina, Stephanie Sink (Tony) of Mar-
tinsville: great grandchildren Kain White, Peyton
White, Donnell White, Kyndal White, Kamoren
White, Z Stephenson, Ty Stephenson; step great
grand daughters Lisa Dula and Laura Olivia. Also
surviving are 3 great great grandchildren, 3 great
great great grandchildren as well as many nieces
and nephews.

Pat was predeceased by her parents, her husband
Bud of 53 years, daughter Terri McKinlay, son
Jerald "Buddy" Elliott, brother William Rumple,
and a sister Betty Jo Griswold.



Compare building a small tree at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) with a new account at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)

- Place son Jerald “Bud” Elliott at the tree base.
 - Find his burial at [FindAGrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) in Indiana.
- Place Patsy Rumble (1927 IN – 2022 IN) as his mother
- Find Forrest Elliott as her husband married 23 Dec 1943
- Find sources: evaluate and attach them.
- Include siblings, go only 2-3 generations at each site.
- Note the status of 1950 Census indexing for:
[Family Search](https://www.familysearch.org) and [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- Note the value of floating/disconnected trees.



World Trees and their uses:

- To explore known people and their relationships.
- As a source of hints for your tree.

FamilySearch.org

- Find famous relatives and Where am I From?
- Stand-alone trees: FamilySearch Genealogies.

WikiTree.com – free

Geni.com – free or paid: description here

Joining a Lineage Society

What is a lineage society?

- A group of persons who are united in their shared descendancy from a particular person, event or tradition.

GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS



In ye name of **GOD Amen!** 
We whose names are underwritten doe by virtue
of these presents solemnly and mutually declare that

Percy Coe Eggleston

having to our satisfaction proven descent from 
John Alden

who was a passenger on ye good ship **MAYFLOWER**, when for ye glorie of
GOD she made her first voyage to America, Anno Domini, 1620 has been creat^{ed}
a member of ye **General Society of Mayflower Descendants**

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names at
New London in ye State of Connecticut ye twelfth
day of July, Anno Domini 1897



Henry E. Husband

Governor-General

George Ernest Bourne Secretary-General

Frederick W. Greene

Historian-General

Augustus Hyde Governor
Percy Coe Eggleston Secretary
Edwin Allston Hile Historian

General Number 155

DATE OF ADMISSION
March 7th 1896.

State Number 4



This certifies that

Deborah Gray (Spohr) Martin

descendant of

John Howland

is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, founded 12 January 1897 to perpetuate the memory of the Pilgrims, to maintain and defend their principles of civil and religious liberty, and to honor their unfailing strength, undying courage, and abiding faith, to which they committed their lives.

Lea Sinclair Filson

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Governor General

Marjorie K. Hurtuk

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Historian General



Anno Domini

GSMD Number 90370

Member Society Massachusetts Number 12471 S

10 February 2017

History of Lineage Societies

Began with military events:

- Society of the Cincinnati – descent from Revolutionary War officers.
- Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

After USA Centennial (1876):

- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Sons of the American Revolution
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Societies are large and small

Large: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, DAR, SAR,
United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Not so large: Welles Family Association, Luby Family,
Luther Family, Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor.
Associated Daughters of Early American Witches

A list of lineage societies at:

- <https://www.cyndislist.com/societies/lineage>

Can you think of others?



Why Join a Lineage Society?

- Bragging rights!
- Access to publications and meetings.
- Ability to meet people with a shared ancestry.
- Pass on membership capability to other family members who share your line of descent.
- Caution: Is membership affordable?

Applying:

Minimum documentation needs:

- Each Society has specific requirements.
- Need to check website of each group for their requirements.
- At the minimum you will need government issued vital records (birth, marriage and death) for you, your parents and grandparents.

A good summary of the process at:

- <https://www.thefamilyheart.com/lineage-society/>
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants [free webinars](#)
- [Getting Started video by GSMD](#)



Hints:

- Caution. You probably need to prove about twelve generations for a Mayflower descent.
- Can you jump to the earliest generations?
- Are there approved early generation publications?
- e.g. Mayflower Silver Books
- Come visit us on a Tuesday and we can help!

Conclusion

- Next week our topic is "**Genetic Genealogy**"
- Get HELP any Tuesday 2-4pm at the Falmouth Public Library.
- FGS monthly talks are FREE! (2nd Saturday of month)
- NERGC – Springfield Mass – May 3-6, 2023 <https://nergc.org/>



<https://falgen.org> Resources -> Links