



Meet the New Membership Chairperson

Hello fellow Doty'ites,

I am Linda Spencer. I was born in Massachusetts, home of our Mayflower ancestors, to Lawrence and Priscilla Blake Haines. My introduction to the world was “Doctor, there’s something wrong.” I was an unexpected twin. I inherited my Mayflower lineage, and hence my interest in the Doty Society, from my Mother. She has been involved in genealogy for as long as I can remember.

I remember, as a teenager, going with my mother to the family history library in Salt Lake City. We had a mystery family member, Julianne Howell, that we had spent many years searching for records of her. Year after year she had alluded us. I sat at the microfilm reader completely absorbed in my work as I searched through the records. When I came across her name I was so excited at finding her that without thinking I shouted out “I FOUND HER!” Then realizing that I was in a library I looked sheepishly around. Much to my relief, I found people smiling with understanding.

We met the Doty’s several congresses ago. They were such a fun and welcoming group. When we discovered that our connection to Pilgrim Doty were not as solid as we had once hoped, (We are Mayflower through others) we opted to stay because we enjoyed meeting with you so much. For now, we are Wildflowers. We are still looking for a Mayflower link on my father’s side. Perhaps I am a Doty after all.

Perhaps you have felt the same excitement I felt when you discovered you were a Doty descendent. Or perhaps you feel that excitement when you discover the history of the Mayflower people. Whichever you are, I am excited to get to know you and to serve you.

Sincerely,

Linda Spencer

We have all worked with Linda for many years and find her a joy and a very hard worker. We wish her the best of luck in her new position and know she will do a wonderful job for all of us. We also hope she has her electricity back on after that horrible snow storm on the east coast. We send all our cousins out east warm wishes.!