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Greetings From Governor Debbie

Dear Fuller Cousins,

I hope this finds you and your families doing well and finding safe ways to stay busy! It's been quite a spring and summer and now we are into the Fall with no end in sight for the Corona virus pandemic.



Hopefully, next year things will turn around for the better and those that are expecting to take the tour to England will be able to do that! I am also looking forward to holding the Annual Meeting in Plymouth in September and seeing many of you there. If the meeting can be held, we will dedicate the Fuller gravestone at the Nemasket Hill Cemetery. I was hoping to be able to see the gravestone but it was still in Vermont in September when I planned to be in Plymouth.

I haven't yet heard definitely when the General Society Board of Assistants meeting will be held in Plymouth next year. Tentatively, our Annual Meeting will be held 11-15 September.

Please remind the high school seniors in your family about the Fuller Society Scholarship.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

The Cudworth House Scituate, MA

Samuel Fuller and Jane Lothrop, daughter of Rev. John Lothrop, were married at the Cudworth house in Scituate on 8 April 1635 by Captain Myles Standish. On that same day Samuel was granted a four acre lot, the first lot on the north side of the Green Field,

The Cudworth House sits on land granted to Richard Garrett before 1646. In 1728 Jael Garrett sold the dwelling house and land to James Cudworth. Ownership passed to his grandson, Zephaniah, who built the present house in 1797 around the chimney of the original structure on the site. In 1851 Israel Thorndike purchased the property from the Cudworths, and in 1916 it became the property of the Town of Scituate. That same year the Scituate Historical Society formed, and the Town turned administrative control of the site over to the non-profit organization. I hope we can visit the Cudworth house next year.



Keeping the Faith: A New Book written by Fuller Society member Elaine McDonald

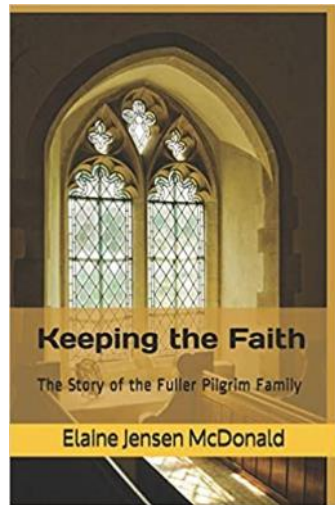
"When the Mayflower sailed to America in 1620, four of the passengers were members of the Fuller family, originally from Redenhall, England. They were Edward Fuller, his wife, their 12-year-old son Samuel, and Edward's younger brother Samuel. Edward's other son, 15-year-old Matthew, remained behind and did not arrive in Plymouth Colony until almost 20 years later. This book tells the story of the struggle for religious freedom through the eyes of these family members, including Matthew Fuller's fight against the establishment of a state religion and the persecution of Quakers in the later years of Plymouth Colony.

The historical record of the Fuller family leaves many questions unanswered. How did Edward and his brother Samuel come to be part of the Separatist group now known as the Pilgrims? Why did Matthew remain behind? What caused him to wait almost 20 years before joining his younger brother in Plymouth Colony? This short novel imagines the answers to those questions and others, while remaining true to the known historical facts. The book includes an Appendix that summarizes the research upon which the fictional account is based." The book is available in a Kindle and paperback version at [Amazon.com/dp/B08J1V8J9S](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08J1V8J9S).



Above: The Cudworth House today.

The picture on Page 2 is a depiction of Samuel and Jane in the Cudworth House in 1635 by Fuller Society member Steve Isham.



Fuller Society Pin and Miniature Member Medal

Visit the Fuller Society website to order Fuller Society 2020 pins and Miniature Member medals. The pins can be ordered from the *Lineages & Jewelry* page and the Member medal from the *Members Only* page.

The password is 'Harleston'. Pins \$30.00 for 1 or \$50.00 for 2. Medals \$72.00—Includes shipping. Contact Governor Debbie at FullerSociety@aol.com or call 717-512-3655 with any questions or for pricing if you wish to purchase more than two pins or one medal.



St. Mary's Redenhall Church is engraved on the bell. Why a bell? Robert Fuller, father of Edward and Samuel, donated a bell to St. Mary's which is still in the bell tower.

The medal is about 4 inches long. This medal is only available to members.

Show your Pilgrim pride by wearing a Fuller Society Member medal and Fuller Society 2020 pin to your Mayflower meetings or other hereditary society meetings!

FULLER SOCIETY MAYFLOWER 400 TOUR

The Fuller Society 2021 tour to England is filling up quickly but there is still room for several more! This tour has been specifically designed for Fuller descendants. The tentative tour dates are 11—18 July 2021. If you are interested, please contact Governor Debbie at FullerSociety@aol.com for all the details.



Will you be part of the special events in 2021?

Hope to see you in Plymouth next year!

Next year's meeting will take place tentatively
in Plymouth September 11-15.



The Fuller Society 2020 Anniversary Pin



The Fuller Society

2021 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Award Application

The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Awards are offered to 12th grade High School Students of *Fuller descent*. A total of \$1620 *may* be awarded with at least \$1000 to be awarded to the first place winner.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone : _____

High School: _____ Class Rank: _____ Of: _____

GPA (include grade transcript if available): _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List extra curricular activities, honors and awards on a separate sheet.

Are you a Fuller Society member? _____ **If you are not a member, list the Name and your relationship to your relative that is a member.**

An original essay of at least 750 words written by the student must accompany the application. See Page 7 for this year's essay topic.

A copy of your college acceptance letter must also be included.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail all documents to be received by April 18, 2021 to:

Kimberly Skellie, Scholarship Chair
328 Skellie Rd, Greenwich NY 12834



The essay topic for the 2020 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

“What Mayflower Pilgrim do you best identify with and why? How does the Pilgrim’s journey have meaning for us today?”

You may not copy any text from outside sources. Sources must be cited in appropriate bibliographic form. Essays will be evaluated for accurate historical content, organization, and grammar. All essays should be 12 font, double spaced and *at least* 750 words. Failure to comply with any of the Fuller Society Scholarship rules will cause the application to be disqualified.

The applicant must be an active member or descended from an active member as of 10/31/20 to be eligible to apply.



“Thank you” to all who have contributed to The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Fund! All donations are tax deductible.

Why is the Fuller Society Scholarship named for Bridget Lee Fuller? Bridget Fuller arrived at Plymouth Colony on the ship Anne in 1623. She was Dr. Samuel Fuller’s third wife, and they had two children together. Bridget survived her husband for many years and did not remarry. Her name appears in the Plymouth Colony Records many times, as she acquired or traded land and livestock.

Bridget Fuller lived until after 1667, and exerted a strong influence on the educational life of Plymouth Colony.

Welcome New Members!

Gregory Gates—Binghamton, NY

Robert Fuller, Jr—Potomac, MD

Carolann DeMoss—Los Banos, CA

Karen Fuller—Meshoppen, PA

Elizabeth Badart—Santa Barbara, CA

John Fuller—Norfolk, UK

Charlotte Shelburne—Saint Charles, MO

Brenda Severance—McCalla, AL

Gwen Lockwood—San Jose, CA

Peggy Anderson—Inverness, FL

Nanette Armstrong—Sedona, AZ

Jo Ellen Heil—Ventura, CA

Patricia Bagley—Ojai, CA

Gerard Carelton—North Ridgeville, OH

Melissa Cole—Orwell, OH

Susan Johnson—Hutchinson, KS

Debra Murphy—Mogadore, OH

Mandy Harmon—Burlington, WA

Donna Fuller-Goetzenberger—Phoenix, AZ

Ronald Fuller—Chino Valley, AZ

Elaine McDonald—Tucson, AZ

Joshua Hulecki—Mesa, AZ

Matthew Fuller—Magnolia, TX

Anissa Harper—Binghamton, NY

***Karen Myers—Williamsport, PA
Deborah Domain—Chicago, IL
Michael Clark—Rigby, ID
MaryLou Eveland—Frisco, TX
Rich Milner—Dallas, TX
Keith Hurd—New York, NY
Bradford Murphy—Flint, MI
Richard Fuller—Wellington, FL
Patricia Collins—Boonton Twp, NJ
Rosemary Eason—Eugene, OR
David Fuller—North Ridgeville, OH
Lisa Fisher—Carmel, IN***

New Junior Members —Nicole Collins and Ella Eason



Member Ancestor Query

Fuller Society member Joshua Hulecki is seeking information on his 4th Great Grandfather, William Fuller.

William Fuller - Estimated birth date March 1810 - Died before 1880.

He married my 4th Great Grandmother Susan Taylor Black. She was born in 1826 in Philadelphia and died April 22 1901 in NY.

They had 6 children: Susan Black Fuller, William Lee Fuller, Howard Fuller, Aspinwall Fuller, James Jones Fuller and Bessie Daisy Fuller. They were born at Staten Island, NY.

If you have any information please contact Joshua at: joshuahulecki@gmail.com. Thank you!

Go Green!
Help your Society save \$\$\$\$
and
Keep the dues at \$10.00!

If you are still receiving our newsletters through the U. S. Mail, please consider receiving future newsletters via email or access them on the web site.

The newsletter is more interesting in color!

Do you have an article to submit for the newsletter?

Would you like to share a story about one of your Fuller ancestors or your Pilgrim experience?

Send an email to the Editor at FullerSociety@aol.com to remove your name from the mailing list or to submit an article for future publication.



www.thefullersociety.org

Have you visited the Fuller Society website yet?

The Members Only page password is: **Harleston**

The password is the same for all members.

Junior Members

Christmas is just around the corner!

Are you looking for an idea for your children or grandchildren for Christmas? Our Junior membership is a one time payment of \$10.00.

New Junior members will receive a packet of facts and games about the Mayflower.

**Junior membership is for ages 0 –18.
At age 18, adult membership may be obtained.**

**Please send a check payable to “The Fuller Society”
or pay on our web site with PayPal.**

**Send the name of the child, birthdate and expected
year of high school graduation to:**

Roxy Pemrick

17 Cottage St, Greenwich, NY 12834.

Happy Holidays!



The Fuller Memorial

Below is a depiction of the approved design for the Fuller memorial gravestone that will be placed in the Nemasket Hill Cemetery in Middleborough, MA. The front top of the stone will be a replica of a Nathaniel Fuller carving. Nathaniel was the great grandson of Dr. Samuel and a well known carver in Middleborough.

Please consider a donation to the John F. Hoffman Research Fund earmarked for the gravestone. Your donation is tax deductible. Be a part of this lasting historical tribute to our Fuller ancestors. If you have already donated, thank you! The Fuller Society will dedicate the gravestone in September 2021.

