



## William Bradford Oversees Signing the Mayflower Compact

### America's "First Constitution"

November 11, 1620 the Pilgrims, having "braved the vast and furious ocean", established in America, by written Compact, the first government "of the people, by the people and for the people." (Compact edited for space. Signers listed alphabetically.)

#### Mayflower Compact

Nov. 11, 1620 - In the name of God, Amen. We...do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our...preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;...to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices...shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due obedience.

John Alden	John Howland
Issac Allerton	Stephen Hopkins
John Allerton	Edward Leister
John Billington	Edward Margesson
William Bradford	Christopher Martin
William Brewster	William Mullins
Richard Britteridge	Degory Priest
Peter Browne	John Rigsdale
John Carver	Thomas Rogers
James Chilton	George Soule
Richard Clarke	Myles Standish
Francis Cooke	Edward Tilley
John Crackstone	John Tilley
Edward Doty	Thomas Tinker
Francis Eaton	John Turner
Thomas English	Richard Warren
Moses Fletcher	William White
Edward Fuller	Thomas Williams
Samuel Fuller	Edward Winslow
Richard Gardiner	Gilbert Winslow
John Goodman	

### Certification

**Organizations and prominent individuals who agree that the Mayflower Compact is America's First Constitution**

- wikipedia.org**: "The Mayflower Compact was the seed of American democracy and has been called the world's first written constitution..."
- Britannica.com**: "Mayflower Compact...was the first framework of government written and enacted in the territory that is now the United States of America."
- "The Mayflower" by Rebecca Fraser**: "Plymouth Colony was the first experiment in consensual government in western history between individuals with one another and not with a monarch."
- "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick**: "It is a document that ranks with the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution as a seminal American text."
- history.com**: "The Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the New World"
- Don't Know Much About History by Kenneth Davis**: "The Mayflower Compact is rightly considered the first written Constitution in North America."



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**John Quincy Adams**: "This is perhaps the only instance, in human history, of that positive, original social compact, which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government."

### Descendants of Compact Signer George Soule

George Soule, born 1595

father of

John Soule, born 1632

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1682

father of

Micah Soule, born 1711

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1742

father of

Josiah Soule, born 1801

father of

Charles W. Soule, born 1833

father of

Charles S. Soule, born 1858

father of

Arthur T. Soule, born 1886

father of

Frances Soule Hansel, born 1925

### Confirmation of Descendancy

The above information is on file with local chapter of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants as the first step in confirming our relationship to one of the signers of the Compact.