

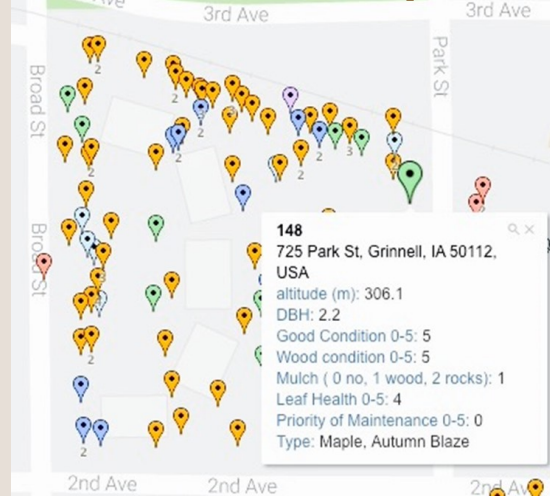
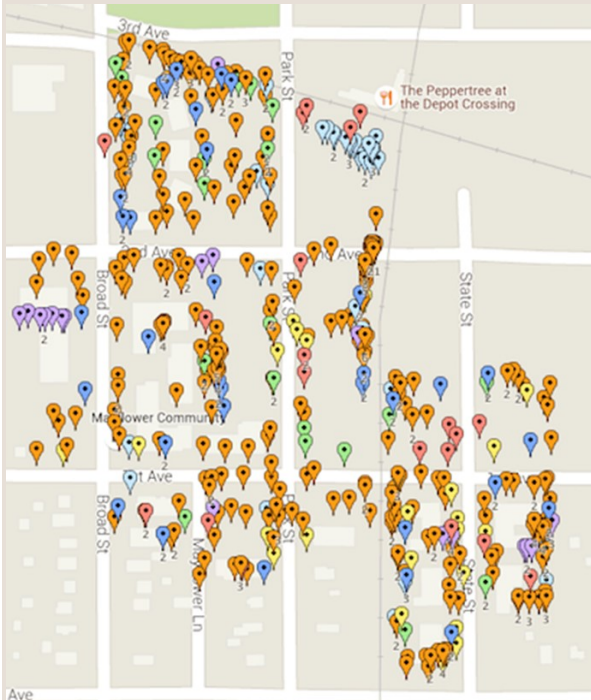
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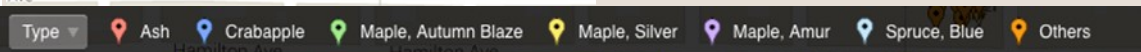


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THE TREES OF THE MAYFLOWER COMMUNITY (Part II)



Encyclopedic information about all of the 400 trees in the Mayflower Community is available in a numerical database and an interactive digital map that can be accessed from the Internet and manipulated to show detailed information selectively.



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Welcome New Residents



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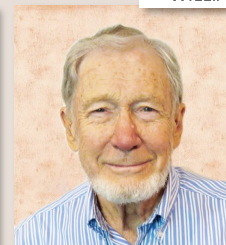
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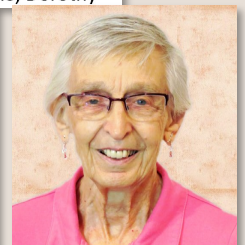
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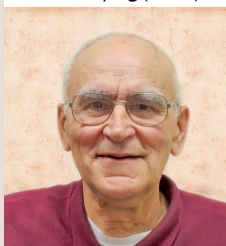
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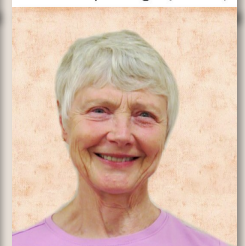
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SZARY, Tom (* Kathy)



WUBBELS, Gene (* Joyce)



WUBBELS, Joyce (* Gene)

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Access to the data and software is available by clicking on the following link:

<https://batchgeo.com/map/b7c95f890ccb453beaca7d0f4b5a8118>

A street map of the Mayflower area opens to reveal a black dot surrounded by a colored circle for each of the 400 trees at its corresponding location on the map. The size and screen location of the display can be manipulated to select and expand areas of particular interest.

The area shown on the map includes all 9 blocks that contain Mayflower properties. Each dot represents a tree (or multiple trees if they are too close together and overlap). The color of the circle surrounding the dot identifies the variety of tree for some of the most common types corresponding to the key shown below the map. A mouse click on any colored circle brings up a description of that tree, which includes the variety (type) of tree, its location, size and other information regarding its condition and care at the time the inventory was assembled in 2012. The example below is for tree Number 148, the Autumn Blaze Maple located at 725 Park St., represented by the large green circle next to Park St. on the map of Harwich Terrace North.

For most of us the option to identify individual trees by location, type, and size in our Mayflower forest surroundings is probably the most valuable use of the computer program. An additional option allows the convenient display of only the trees of a given type. For example, clicking on the blue crabapple symbol of the key below the map simplifies the display to show only crabapple trees, etc. The display can also be shifted from the street map format shown to the satellite view which highlights the background buildings more clearly.

Mayflower Tree Additions-2016. With the completion of the Watertower Square, a detailed landscaping and tree-planting plan has been developed for the grounds

surrounding the unit. The 18 trees shown in the 2012 inventory map for that block have all been removed and have been replaced by 42 trees in Watertower Square and the Pearson/Edwards Hall gardens as listed below.

Watertower Square Varieties(33 trees): Crabapple, Camelot (2); Crabapple, Spring Snow(1); Elm, Accolade(3); Elm, Princeton (2); Lilac, Japanese Tree(1); Magnolia, Ann (1); Maple, Amur Flame(2); Maple, Autumn Blaze(2); Maple, Japanese Red Emperor(2); Maple, Sugar(2); Oak, Regal Prince(2); Pine, Mugo Tannenbaum(1); Pine, Vanderwolf's Limber(3); Redbud(4); Serviceberry, Autumn Brilliance(2); Spruce, Norway(3).

Pearson Hall Varieties(9 trees): Oak, Regal Prince(4); Pine, Mugo Tannenbaum (5)

I found the selection of the larger trees for this upgrade particularly interesting. In addition to several oaks and maples, 5 elm trees have been planted in these areas. These elms have been developed to be resistant to the Dutch elm disease that decimated Grinnell's street tree population 50 years ago.

I leave you with a favorite cartoon that has graced our Jasper County log cabin wall for many years.

Luther Erickson



"It's good to know about trees. Just remember nobody ever made big money knowing about trees."

MAYFLOWER'S PHYSICAL HISTORY: A STORY OF CONSTANT GROWTH

Mayflower has never stopped growing. Here's a synopsis history. This information is drawn from various chapters in A Journey in Faith: The Story of Mayflower Home. (This book is located at the front desk in Pearson.)

During the 1940s and '50s, retired clergy of the United Church of Christ (UCC) in Iowa often found themselves in difficult financial circumstances. Their salaries were never large and their pensions were meager. Because they lived in church-owned property during their careers, they had no home equity and their savings were typically non-existent, unless there was inherited wealth. In retirement, they often lived in run-down rented rooms and had difficulty paying for both medical care and food. The mission of Mayflower's founders, who were themselves retired UCC clergy, was to build a retirement facility in which a certain number of apartments were purchased specifically for Iowa's UCC clergy and their spouses. Paying only a reasonable monthly maintenance fee, these clergy could then live comfortably and with dignity for the remainder of their lives. All other residents would purchase their apartments just as we do today. Over time, the circumstances of the clergy improved and endowments became unnecessary. But Mayflower's mission is still the guiding force.

Mayflower's growth has always been driven by demand. The construction of the first building, Montgomery, was completed in 1953. It was quickly followed by Edwards, dedicated in 1955 and Pearson in 1959. With each new building, the resident population doubled. Buckley, dedicated in 1963, added an additional 50 apartments and housed a large dining room. Altemeier came next in 1972 with its concept of separate exits to the outside from each apartment. To offer prospective residents

additional housing choices, Harwich Terrace duplexes began to pop up in 1986. The 50th duplex was added in 2014. At that point, Char Ewan, a resident who is also a Plant Operations employee, noted that Mayflower was not likely to build any more duplexes because we had run out of ground to build on.

In 1955, the health care side of Mayflower began in Edwards' lower level, where a four-bed infirmary was established. By 1964, the infirmary had become a ten-bed facility but it was still insufficient to meet the need. After a flurry of fundraising, the building we now know as Beebe was dedicated in 1970 as the Merrill-Park Health Care Center. In another 13 years, Merrill-Park became Beebe, a two-story assisted living building and the current Healthcare Center on Park Street came into being. Mayflower's "aging in place" concept, featuring multiple levels of care, became a model for retirement facilities all over Iowa.

All this growth was accompanied by an explosion in hiring. Nurses, nursing assistants, food service workers, plant-operations crews, housekeeping and laundry staff, administration and central office personnel all became a part of the Mayflower community.

Growing right along with physical structures and staff was a residents' group that began in 1957 with the Montgomery and Edwards residents. This early group established gatherings called "Town Hall Meetings." The first two committees established by the residents were the Social Committee and the Friday Night Program Committee. As more residents joined the community, the organization became more formalized as the Mayflower Residents Association (MRA) with written by-laws that codified its purpose

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“to provide opportunities for residents to interact educationally, recreationally, religiously and socially.”

By 2014, most of us thought Mayflower had probably reached its capacity to expand. We had 236 residents housed in five apartment buildings, 50 duplex units, a two-story assisted-living facility, and a healthcare center with a section for memory support. We had a staff of 140 and an MRA that developed a vibrant program of activities and a plethora of services.

But we aren’t done evolving. In January 2015, a three-story, 26-unit apartment building went up right across the street from Mayflower’s first two buildings, Montgomery and Edwards. In the table below, you can compare our growth from

Year	Living Unit		Resident Census		Total Living Units	Total Census
2013	Ind. Living Residents	133	Ind. Living Residents	164	211	236
	Healthcare Residents	78	Healthcare Residents	72		
2014	Ind. Living Residents	134	Ind. Living Residents	167	211	236
	Healthcare Residents	77	Healthcare Residents	69		
2015	Ind. Living Residents	133	Ind. Living Residents	165	208	235
	Healthcare Residents	75	Healthcare Residents	70		
2016	Ind. Living Residents	159	Ind. Living Residents	206	233	275
	Healthcare Residents	74	Healthcare Residents	69		

January 2013 through January 2016. This data comes from Bob Mann’s quarterly census reports for the last four Januarys.

I asked Char if there are plans to expand Mayflower again. She responded that a committee of Mayflower’s Board of Trustees is currently discussing this. So, stay tuned for further development.

Alice Breemer

WELCOME JUDI AND SIG BARBER - 1110 1st Ave.

This interview took place at the Episcopal Church. Only Judi could be there. Sig was busy with the following:

1. Moving out of their old house
2. Moving into their new house
3. Preparing to teach his humanities course at the Newton prison
4. Getting ready to play with the Too Many String Band.

Judi would soon go home to help him, but she was at church because she:

1. Serves on several committees there
2. Chairs Happy Birthdays, Unlimited, and needed to find bakers for the cake orders that had come in from college parents
3. Had generously agreed to do this interview.

This level of activity is not unusual for the Barbers.

Judi spent her first years in LeRoy, a small town in upstate New York. Sig was

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born in Taxenbach, Austria, so his first language was German. The two met in a biology class at SUNY Albany, where, Judi explained, "our test tubes got mixed up and we sort of had to fudge the experiment." Judi was 17; Sig, 19. They married in 1970, after which Judi worked in the local schools, while Sig began his PhD studies and taught German in area colleges.

In 1977, Sig was happy to accept a tenure-track position at Grinnell College, and the couple quickly fell in love with the community. Judi, a trained speech pathologist, worked in the public schools for 40 years, touching the lives of many students.

The Barbers' two daughters, Melissa and Jessica, were born in Grinnell. After college, Melissa moved to New York, then begged her sister to join her because she "needed a friend to go shopping with." Each sister met her husband in New York, but Melissa's husband, Dave, adored

Grinnell, and persuaded the Barber daughters and Jess's husband, Seth, to return to the Midwest. Dave and Melissa, with their daughters, Ani and Emi, and Jess and Seth with their sons, Evan and Louis, now live in Grinnell, immensely enriching Judi and Sig's lives.

The retired "senior" Barbers remain busy and involved. Judi enjoys quilting, church activities, sailing with the family, and teaching her grandchildren to sew, cook, and love the buffalo at Neal Smith/Prairie Learning Center. In addition to teaching at the prison, playing guitar and banjo, taking pictures in the national parks, sailing, and acting in Community Theatre productions, Sig makes spectacular dinners for family and friends. (And did I mention that Judi is a superb baker?)

Sig and Judi are pleased to become part of the Mayflower community, and we enthusiastically welcome this energetic, talented, and generous couple.

Betty Moffett

WELCOME FRANK AND DOTTIE BLAZEK- HTS 528 Broad St.

When Dottie Blazek says that Mayflower feels like home – a mere week after she and husband Frank moved in – it should be no surprise. Dottie's father, the Rev. Homer Perry, was one of the founders of Mayflower, and he and his wife, Bonnie, were among the early Mayflower residents. Dottie and Frank made regular trips to visit them in Grinnell, and Dottie spent a year in Grinnell when her mother was ill.

The Blazeks arrived at Mayflower for good in early September. They are currently living in Edwards while their Harwich Terrace home at 528 Broad Street is being readied.

Dottie, as the daughter of a minister, lived all over Iowa while growing up. (Newburg, she will tell you, was her

favorite town.) Frank grew up in Cedar Rapids. The two met at Coe College in Cedar Rapids in the fall of 1962.

(An interesting tidbit: Frank remembers playing table tennis with Mayflower's Warren Reinecke, who was director of student activities at the college at the time. Asked if he plans to take on Warren at Mayflower, Frank mentioned Warren's reputation with a paddle and ball, and said, "Not unless he plays left-handed.")

Frank graduated from Coe with a major in Spanish. Dottie finished a year later with a degree in Coe's five-year nursing program. Over their working lives, Frank taught high school Spanish

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and Dottie had a career in nursing, mainly as a pediatric nurse practitioner. They lived and worked mostly in Chicago's south suburbs. Along the way, Frank earned a master's degree, spent a year immersing himself in Spanish while working as an insurance claims adjuster in Texas, and operated a travel agency that specialized in trips to Central and South America.

Like most teachers, Frank eventually felt the stress of the classroom. "One day he came home and said he wanted to raise llamas in Colorado," Dottie recalls.

The Blazeaks made numerous trips to Colorado in search of land. They ended up with 40 acres outside Pueblo – a spot where they could see mountains, including Pikes Peak, in three directions.

"Pikes Peak looked like it was in our lower 20," Frank said.

They built a log home and Frank did indeed raise llamas as well as horses. Dottie took a nursing job at the state

mental hospital in Pueblo.

They lived there for 18 years, until Frank realized he no longer wanted to do the strenuous work needed to maintain the animals and the property. When they thought of their options, they came up with Mayflower. They visited the campus, sold their ranch and moved, bringing with them Lady, their German Shepherd mix who seems mellow enough to be a therapy dog.

"The only time she gets excited is when she sees squirrels," Dottie said, noting that their location in Colorado did not have squirrels. (Lucky Lady gets five walks a day.)

The Blazeaks have three children – a daughter in Columbus, Ohio; daughter in Boston; and son in the Chicago area – and six grandchildren, including granddaughter 16-year-old Hevyn, who lived with the Blazeaks in Colorado when they were appointed her legal guardian. She continues to live and attend high school in the Pueblo area.

Mary Schuchmann

WELCOME MARGE AND JOHN GRAVES - B 315

Marge and John Graves are leaving a farm they have loved for 46 years to join the Mayflower community. On their 60 acres near Newton, in addition to their two daughters, they raised corn, oats, soybeans, hay, sheep, cows, and hogs.

John can't remember when he didn't like working on the land. When he was growing up in Gower, MO, he spent a lot of time helping his grandfather on the farm; his grandfather was the last farmer in the area using only horses and mules for farm work. John was driving a team and helping with field work when he was eleven. Marge, a city girl from Urbana, IL, also likes the outdoors, participating in Girl Scout camping and helping her father in the yard and garden. But she has especially enjoyed their farmhouse, built about 1871, and the satisfaction of decorating it, one room at a time.

John used draft horses, Belgians and Percherons, for some of the farm work, (even for occasional old-fashioned "thrashings"), and bred and raised foals. Marge remembers being concerned about one very young colt who "seemed like a sick child." She called the vet while John was gone, and, sure enough, the baby had a fever. So her mother-instinct worked for horses, too.

Before Marge and John met, Marge attended Drury College in Springfield, MO. After graduation she moved to Des Moines to teach first grade. About a year later, John got out of the Navy and went to visit an uncle in Des Moines, where he met Marge at his uncle's church.

Right away, he decided to enroll in ISU. He was already serious about her, and, he

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had four girl cousins who “thought it was time he got married.” In 1956 he took their advice.

John majored in Agriculture at the University, and afterwards worked briefly for the Extension Service and as a farm manager. By the time the Graves moved to Newton, John was working for FmHA, a farm lending agency of the Department of Agriculture. In that position, John made loans on farms, farm operations, rural water and sewer systems, and houses, when credit was unavailable from conventional sources. Marge says her husband worked hard, especially during the farm crisis of the early '80s, trying to make difficult situations work, and helping a lot of people who wouldn't have gotten loans otherwise. He still gets an occasional heartfelt thank you.

Marge taught second grade for 27 years in the Newton public schools. She liked trying different techniques and “watching the light bulb go on” in her young

students' minds. The couple found a circle of close friends, who called themselves the Lunar Society because they met for discussions every month near the time of the full moon, preferably around a campfire.

During this interview, Marge took out pictures of their farmhouse, and of family members and friends making apple butter in a big copper kettle in their back yard. One of their twin granddaughters is stirring the kettle with a wooden ladle.

John and Marge, as many of us have done, are leaving a place they have loved and moving to a place they plan to love. Why did they choose the Mayflower? They like the atmosphere of Grinnell—the Bucket classes and the events at the college. They appreciate Mayflower's stable, positive administration and staff, from Bob Mann on down. And, they noted, so many folks have been so welcoming. We look forward to the Graves' arrival.

Betty Moffett

WELCOME DEBI OLSON - WS 107

Family is important to Debi Olson, and her apartment on the first floor of Watertower Square testifies to her connections to her family.

Many of the items that Debi Olson has in her apartment—such as the watering can outside her apartment door, the primitive animal yoke hanging on her wall, the old wooden shipping crate with yellowed label—link to her family heritage, which includes Native Americans, ancestors who migrated from the Lorraine region of France, and early settlers in Brooklyn, Iowa.

Debi grew up in Brooklyn, IA, a member of the large Manatt family. She graduated from BGM and attended the University of Iowa, where she met Bill Olson. He had served two tours of duty in Vietnam and

had returned to student life. After they married, Bill reenlisted in the Army and they spent two 3-year tours in Germany. The popular saying is “you come home with either a cuckoo clock or a baby” from those assignments. Daughter Gretchen was born in Heidelberg and Ulrica (Uli) was born in Frankfurt.

Debi and Bill decided to leave military life in 1979 to raise their daughters closer to the extended family. They returned to Iowa City where Bill attended University of Iowa Law School; the family moved to Grinnell in 1981, as Bill joined the law firm of Tomasek and Vogel.

Bill had received a calling to serve the church as well, and following three years of preparation, Bill was ordained

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Permanent Deacon in 1984. He served St. Mary's parish in Grinnell (and the Church at large) for nearly thirty years before God called him home.

Debi's friendships formed in La Leche League in the early Grinnell days, led to organizing a cooperatively-run buying club to procure healthful products for members at good prices. Thirty-five years later, Debi is still doing the bookkeeping for the 30-member group, in addition to managing the finances of three small family corporations. Debi also helped organize a Birthright chapter in Grinnell and continued on the board and as an office volunteer for 25 years.

Daughter Uli is a high school math teacher in Minneapolis. Her husband is a school administrator at a different school, and her two daughters, 9 and 11, are ardent ice hockey players. Daughter Gretchen is a software engineer at ACT in

Iowa City. Her dog Nigel occasionally spends a few days with Debi when Gretchen is traveling.

Debi and Bill visited much of Europe. They also visited Madagascar on a church-related trip and Debi traveled to India with several of her relatives. Currently, her only travel desires now are to spend time with family or close friends. Now that she is feeling completely settled in her Watertown Square home, Debi plans to make more frequent trips to Minneapolis for hockey tournaments and school programs!

After Bill died in December of 2013, Debi was ready to downsize and simplify her life. But she designed her Watertown home with just enough room to comfortably accommodate her daughters, son-in-law and granddaughters when they all come to visit. This care befits a person whose family means so much to her.

Judy Hunter

WELCOME MARY AND RUSS SCHUCHMANN- HTSE 531 State St.

Mary and Russ Schuchmann, who have recently moved in to a beautiful patio home at 531 State Street, are settling in well. Russ is busy setting up the garage for his woodworking and repair hobbies and practicing banjo for his appearances as a member of the Prairie Jewel Dixieland Band. Mary continues her volunteer work for her church, the historical museum and the Bucket Courses. Both of them enjoy tending their garden located on Howard McDonough's farm. In fact, if you are lucky enough to interview the Schuchmanns to write a Log article, you will leave with warm feelings, an awe at their life, and perhaps an ample collection of tomatoes and cucumbers!

Mary and Russ are well known to many Grinnellians because they have lived in the community for 15 years. They lived

previously on Broad Street, where Russ planted grapes to make wine and a cherry tree to make pie. They enjoyed their proximity to the college and the international students they hosted.

The Schuchmanns are both native Iowans – Mary from Cedar Rapids and Russ from Strawberry Point in northeast Iowa. They met in Cedar Rapids one summer during their college years when Russ noticed Mary playing clarinet in the community band and determined that he wanted to meet her. As it turned out, they were both in the wedding of mutual friends a few weeks later. They were married in 1962, took jobs in the Milwaukee area and lived in Wisconsin for the next 39 years. They moved to Grinnell in retirement.

Russ graduated from Iowa State

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University with degrees in both electrical and mechanical engineering. He worked first for General Motors, focusing on navigation systems for the Titan missile and the Boeing 747, then for Cutler-Hammer, now Eaton Corporation. Along the way he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Marquette University. During his career he earned 14 patents, one for his work miniaturizing the ground fault interrupter so that it could be included in ordinary wall outlets

Mary has a degree in government from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. Her first job was for a publisher of children's books in Racine, Wis. When she and Russ moved to Milwaukee, she fulfilled a lifelong dream by working for a newspaper, first as a reporter for seven years and then as the

editor for 15 years. She loved the newspaper business, noting that she was fortunate to work in the field at a time when print newspapers were still widely read. (She probably wouldn't have a job today, she laments.) In retirement she continues to write: newsletters, publicity for community groups, and even, with Lynn Cavanagh, a pictorial history of Grinnell. In fact, she has joined the Log staff.

The Schuchmanns have two grown children – Sarah, a high school English teacher and swim coach in Newton, and Joel, who is director of communications for the PGA Tour in Jacksonville, Fla. He spent three weeks at the Olympics in Rio this summer as the press representative for the U.S. golf team.

Judy Hunter

WELCOME KATHY AND TOM SZARY - HTS 728 Broad St.

Kathy and Tom Szary (the S is silent) are currently living in Altemeier while they wait for the completion of renovations to their Harwich Terrace home at 728 Broad Street. They have lived in Grinnell since February 1989. Their sons, Kyle and Karl, completed public school here. Kyle now lives in Boston, MA, where he is an FAA air traffic controller, and Karl is a service advisor at Housby Mac Trucking in Des Moines. So far, there aren't any grandchildren.

Kathy was born to a farming family in southeast Iowa near Milton. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in physical education. She was employed in administration at Production Credit Association for the first 12 years of her working life. In 1985, Kathy took a job as an administrative assistant at Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC.) She rose through the ranks to Executive Assistant/Medical Staff Services Coordinator and retired last December as a key member of

the administrative team.

Tom was born and raised in Elizabeth, NJ. He left there at age 17 to attend Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa. He majored in physical education and health with a minor in science. He later returned to school and earned a Master's Degree in secondary school administration at Truman University in Kirksville, MO. After 33 years of teaching, Tom retired from the BGM school district in 2000.

Tom and Kathy met in Milton, IA, in 1967 and married in Memphis, Mo, in 1970. They are polar opposites physically. Tom is quite tall and looks like a well-conditioned athlete, which he is. Kathy is petite and full of energy. Tom's passion is golf, and Kathy said jokingly that Tom's loves are first, golf, and second, her. Kathy's passion is cooking, at which, Tom says, she's highly skilled. Both love traveling and have enjoyed a number of cruises.

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Tom and Kathy agreed that the reasons for their move to Mayflower were that they are familiar with Mayflower's good reputation and the high level of care provided for residents because Kathy's mother, Pauline McNabb, was a resident here for many years. They also were ready to downsize and happy to leave the constant need for, and cost of, upkeep and maintenance on their home in Grinnell.

Kathy is a SHIIP volunteer counselor at GRMC and Tom volunteers as an intake person in the surgical waiting area. He also is a driver for Grinnell College.

While not ready yet to jump into participating in the various activities available at Mayflower, I'm certain this couple will find their comfort level here quite soon and become involved.

Alice Breemer

WELCOME DOROTHY WILLIAMS - WS 301

Dorothy Williams was born in New York City where her mother was a fashion designer and her father was executive assistant to Wendell Willkie. Graduating from Scarsdale High School, she attended Swarthmore College where freshman year she stopped the show in a college musical—not for her singing but for a student who ate an entire phonograph record while she sang. Fifty years later, classmates still remembered their duet.

Auditioning for another musical, she met Wendell Williams, a physics major who, like her, loved music, especially Gilbert and Sullivan, which led to their founding the Swarthmore Savoyards (Savoyards are devotees, performers, or producers of Gilbert and Sullivan). That group's first production, "HMS Pinafore," involved a third of the student body.

Graduating at 20, she worked in NYC as secretary to an editor of Collier's magazine and later as associate copy editor, earning a whopping \$5 raise and the "honor" of being the first to rise from the secretarial ranks to the editorial staff.

Married in 1952, she moved to Ithaca, NY, where Wendell earned a doctorate from Cornell University and Dorothy was awarded a "PH.T" for "Putting Hubby Through." She was the New York State Extension Service Editor for Home

Economics. The couple also founded the Cornell Savoyards, which lasted more than 25 years.

In 1956 they sailed for Europe, staying until their money ran out, visiting 12 countries on \$3.50 a day (couldn't afford Frommer) and returning to the US after 3 ½ months with \$75 to their name.

From 1957-67 Wendell was a research scientist for Union Carbide in Cleveland and Dorothy worked as editor of a weekly fine arts guide and as feature editor of a weekly newspaper. They also founded a community chorus, the Southwest Messiah Chorale, with Wendell as music director, performing "Messiah" in December and other oratorios in the spring with a professional orchestra.

Their two daughters were born in Cleveland. Jennifer, a musicologist, is chair of the Grinnell College music department, and Laura, a psychologist, is associate director of the counseling center at St. Mary's College of California.

In 1967 Wendell was appointed professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dorothy worked as assistant director of public information focusing on the fine and applied arts, and later became senior editor of IlliniWeek, an 8-page award-winning faculty-staff

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newspaper. She also earned a master's degree in English and sang in the Unitarian church choir that Wendell directed.

In 1987, Wendell became head of materials science at Case Western Reserve University and back they went to Cleveland, where Dorothy held three jobs: writer-editor for the Cleveland Orchestra, editor of the Case Alumnus Quarterly magazine, and part-time Realtor.

After retiring from CWRU, they alternated between Urbana and Sarasota,

FL. Wendell was invited to teach at MIT and later at New College, Sarasota. Thanks to computers and FAX machines, Dorothy continued working for the Orchestra for 10 years. Her latest job is secretary for her Swarthmore class.

Wendell died in 2010. After Dorothy broke her hip, Jennifer persuaded her to sell her Urbana house and move to her new home in Watertown Square.

Dorothy Williams

Judy Hunter

WELCOME JOYCE AND GENE WUBBELS - HTSE 1025 1st Ave.

My introduction to Joyce and Gene Wubbels dates from the day in early 1968 when they came to Grinnell for Gene to interview for a position in the Chemistry Department at the College. Gene anticipated completion of his PhD in organic chemistry at Northwestern University that year, and we were pleased to have him accept our offer as Assistant Professor of Chemistry effective with the start of the fall semester of 1968-69. Gene and I were colleagues in the Chemistry Department for the next 20 years as he rose through the ranks to Associate Professor, and Full Professor, and then Dack Professor.

Gene and Joyce were essentially newlyweds when they moved to Grinnell, though they had known each other for several years as Minnesota natives (Joyce from St. Paul; Gene from Preston) and undergraduate students at Hamline University in St. Paul (Joyce in Music; Gene in Chemistry). After initially living in a rented apartment in Grinnell for 3 years, they purchased the large white house at the corner of 9th and Summer, just two doors south of our 1415 Summer Street address, where they lived until 1990. During that time, all three of their children

--Kristen, Benjamin, and John--were born and educated in local schools. Kristen now lives with her husband and their two Wubbels grandchildren in the Twin Cities; Benjamin lives in Milwaukee, and John in Lawrence, KS.

After a very successful 20-year career as a highly respected chemistry teacher and productive researcher at Grinnell College, Gene accepted a position as program director at the National Science Foundation in 1990. The Wubbels resided for two years in Arlington, VA, while Gene managed grant programs in science education for NSF.

The family then moved to Chestertown, MD, where Gene took a job as Provost of Washington College, and Joyce taught music at the K-8 Kent School.

In 1995, Gene accepted a position as Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemistry at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). In 2013, Gene retired as Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the University. While in Kearney, Joyce served as accompanist at Kearney High School and at UNK. In her spare time, Joyce enjoyed

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Tai Chi and Yoga, and volunteered regularly for Hospice and Meals on Wheels.

This summer Gene and Joyce returned to Grinnell to live in retirement in the Mayflower Community at 1025 1st Ave, where they will rejoin many old friends and former colleagues from their first two decades in Grinnell.

No account of the Wubbels' activities would be complete without further reference to their musical talents which have enriched and entertained so many of us. Joyce was organist and choir director at UCC church in Grinnell. She continued in these capacities in Chestertown and Kearney in Episcopal churches in those communities. They have both enjoyed

singing in many choirs, ensembles, and musical theater productions. We look forward to again enjoying their regular participation in future musical events in Grinnell.

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