



Message from our Illinois Governor

Dear Members,

Everything is Mayflower! That is how I felt while on my bucket list tour of sites associated with our ancestors in The Netherlands and England in June. I was fortunate to travel with Illinois Co-Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein and Illinois Elder Deborah Domain.

We were joined by 14 additional Mayflower Society members and guests representing eight states and one Canadian province. In total, we descend from 20 of the Mayflower Pilgrims, which made for interesting conversations, comparisons and cousin discoveries. See my trip report and photos on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

In September is the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congress,



Co-Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein, Ann Wilkerson and Elder Deborah Domain sign the descendants' book at the Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe, London



Illinois Governor Ann Wilkerson

held every three years in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Immediate Past Governor Jessica Schleinzer, Past Governor Jane Schleinzer, Judy Mayo, Deborah Domain, Kay Irving, Cary Stone-Greenstein and I will serve as delegates from our society, voting on the business matters of the larger organization.

I want to highlight here that there will be a vote on increasing the price to process an original or supplemental application. The GSMD has conducted a thorough review on the revenue shortfall that has been occurring for years, and the motion to increase the fee is likely to pass. If you ever plan to file for a supplemental, or if you have a relative who wants to join, please do so now to avoid the new higher cost.

As always, there are Illinois meeting opportunities in the planning stages. Our next Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be in Springfield on Nov. 18, and the next Spring Luncheon will be in Oak Brook on May 11, 2024. I hope to see you at one or both of these events!

All the best,

Ann Warren Wilkerson
Illinois Society Governor

Report on the 2023 Spring Luncheon

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Luncheon was held May 13, 2023, at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Governor Ann Wilkerson at 12:00 p.m. Elder Deborah Domaine gave the invocation, and Ann led the pledge of allegiance. Deputy Governor Julie Barnes read the Mayflower Compact.

Ann introduced the past Governors and current officers and BOA assistants and acknowledged those who serve on General Society Committees, then welcomed guests, including members of the Jamestowne Society. A thank-you gift was presented to Jamestowne Society member Deb Edlund, who filled in on short notice as newsletter editor for our Society.

The minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting were printed in the Winter Newsletter and approved by the Board. The

Nominating Committee will be contacting current officers and potential candidates.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Linda Wingstrom, Roger Huddleson, Sue Erlich and Tony Hoskins, received 13 very good applications for the two scholarships and selected Lleyton Turk from Chatham and Mallory McCarron from Aurora. Mallory and her parents attended the luncheon, but Lleyton, who was competing in a varsity tennis tournament, was represented by his sponsor grandfather, Toby Chamberlain. Luncheon meeting surveys were placed on tables to receive ideas from members for future venues and programs.

Deborah Domain gave the table blessing and Julie introduced the speaker, Andrew Buckley.

Ann announced that the Fall Annual Meeting will be held on November 18, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, and at 2:05 adjourned the meeting.

At the close of the meeting, Jamestowne Society members, Hopkins cousins, and board members were asked to stay for photos.

Mary Morony
Recording Secretary



Ella Marie Ochowicz, Governor Ann Wilkerson and Travis Ochowicz



"In honor of Stephen Hopkins whose Bermuda shipwreck may have inspired Shakespeare, guests wore sunglasses. Here Eric and Nancy Kilby and Chris and Dan Foster sport the look.

Two scholarships awarded at Spring Luncheon

This year, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois awarded two scholarships, each for \$2,500.

The scholarships, based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service and financial need, went to Mallo-ry McCarron and Lleyton Turk.

McCarron, who graduated this spring from Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, attended the luncheon with her parents, Bonnie and Scott McCarron. She is a descendant of Mayflower ancestors Richard Warren and Stephen Hopkins and her scholarship sponsor is Dawn Wexall.



Scholarship recipient Mallory McCarron with sponsor Dawn Wexall, and her parents, Scott and Bonnie McCarron. She descends from Richard Warren and Stephen Hopkins.

McCarron plans to major in biomedical engineering at the University of Iowa’s College of Engineering. She has a 4.38 weighted GPA, and is an active member of her school, her church and her community. She is an athlete who was on the water polo and swim teams. She also was on the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Music Honor Society.

McCarron has been a flute player since the sixth grade and, among other accomplishments, has been selected for state senior band. She shares her love of music by mentoring young students and playing in an ensemble for a local retirement home.

Turk, the son of Greg and Tracy Turk, graduated from Glenwood High School in Chatham. He was unable to attend the luncheon as his school’s tennis team had a tournament, but was represented by his grandparents, Toby and Sue Chamberlain. Toby is a descendant of Edward Fuller and Turk’s sponsor.

Turk plans to major in computer science at the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana, and said one of his goals is “to make our society a better world in an era dominated by technology.”



Toby Chamberlain, a descendant of Edward Fuller, accepts the scholarship on behalf of his grandson, Lleyton Turk, from Scholarship Chairman Linda Wingstrom.

He has a 5.518 weighted GPA and was named an Illinois State Scholar. He also was a three-sport varsity athlete: besides tennis, he swims and runs cross country.

He was team captain and received awards at the conference and sectional levels and was a state qualifier in both swimming and cross country. He was in the National Honor Society and Key Club, and volunteers in a number of ways in his community.

It’s not too early to start thinking about nominating your favorite student for the Illinois Mayflower Society Scholarship! The deadline is April 1, 2024. To learn more about the requirements, go to www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship---donate.html, email lindawingstrom@gmail.com or call her at 630-357-3316.

Spring Luncheon at the Rosemont Marriott



Above: Guests don sunglasses and tables display Bermuda postcards to mark the Stephen Hopkins' connection to Bermuda. From left: Deborah Domain, Barbara Ryan, Diane Eads, Christian Wells, Ryan Wells, Charles Wells and Judy Mayo. Standing are Ann Wilkerson and Cary Stone-Greenstein.

Right: Toby Chamberlain, Linda Wingstrom, Roger Huddleston and Cary Stone-Greenstein.

Below left: Sue Chamberlain looks over the displays.

Bottom right: James Kinney, Mary Morony and Don Sher-



Right: Joseph and Florence Babos, Helen and Jack Martin. Standing Deb Edlund and Ann Wilkerson.

Middle left: Max Brown, Craig Failor, Mary Pritchard and Dawn Wexell.

Middle right: Deb Edlund, Ann Wilkerson and Jessica Schleinzer.



Jamestowne Society members, from left, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Deb Edlund, Deborah Domain, Ann Wilkerson, Jane Schleinzer, Caroline Heintzelman, Marion Baumgarten, Wendy Herder and Judy Mayo.

Andrew Buckley's 'Hit and Run History' breathes new life into Stephen Hopkins' story

By Roger Huddleston

"Get out of my way — I'm a Historian!" proclaims the trailer for "Hit and Run History," Andrew Buckley's concept for bringing "snackable history" to a generation of viewers who grew up in the era of YouTube and TikTok.

A self-proclaimed investigator, politician and clam digger (not necessarily in that order), Andrew Buckley, guest speaker at the spring luncheon, shared his experiences in producing his latest film, "Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck." His talk shared clips of the film and the challenges of seeking grant funding for its production, and the process of gaining viewership and becoming available to wider audiences.

As described on www.hitandrunchistory.com/, the latest adventure of "Hit and Run History" pingpongs across the Atlantic, tying shipwrecks, mutiny, cannibals, Pocahontas, the Mayflower, Squanto and Shakespeare himself to the one man who knew them all — Stephen Hopkins.

Hopkins was the one Mayflower passenger who had been to the New World, having embarked for Jamestown on the Sea Venture in 1609.

While crossing the Atlantic, the Sea Venture was caught in a violent storm and shipwrecked on Bermuda. Details of the storm and shipwreck were vividly chronicled by William Strachey, secretary of the Sea Venture, whose account made sensational headlines when it arrived in England and became the basis for William Shakespeare's play, "The Tempest."

While on Bermuda, Hopkins was condemned to death for suggesting the appointed governor's power applied only in Jamestown itself, and that he had no authority in Bermuda. Hopkins' life was spared only by his own pleading and the support of William Strachey and Christopher Newport, captain of the Sea Venture..

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Andrew Buckley meets with other Stephen Hopkins' descendants at the Spring Luncheon in Rosemont.

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Hopkins made it to Jamestown nine months later and returned to England in 1616. Born a son of humble tenant farmers in southern England, by the time he boarded the Mayflower, Hopkins was one of the wealthiest men on board, traveling with his entire family and two servants.

Buckley's interviews are in barns, taverns, church towers and beaches — places where the events occurred.

"We go where the story and evidence takes us," he shared at the luncheon. "We don't have a script."

His style is to start interviewing and let the camera run. From all the material, the story weaves together in what Buckley described as "short-form storytelling," and not always along a linear timetable.

"It's like having a box of scraps that you make a collage out of," he said.

A Hopkins descendant himself, Buckley grew up hearing the usual stories and family lore of the Hopkins family.

"It seemed like a story that was tailor-made for our style," he said.

Readings of original accounts by Edward Winslow and William Strachey, provide a flavor of the language and speaking style of the time, but the history comes alive in retracing Hopkins' steps — wondering if the trees felled for beams in the barn were ones a young Stephen Hopkins once climbed, touching the bells in All Saints Church cast in 1616 that may have been delivered by Hopkins, and marveling at the rooms and courtyard in the home where Squanto lived in London while waiting to return home.

As Buckley visits sites and interviews both experts and Shakespearean actors, he is not afraid to fill in the blanks and draw inferences of what might have occurred based on the circumstances at the time.

Hopkins, as assistant to the Reverend Bucke in Jamestown, may have not



Andrew Buckley shares the creative process behind his film "Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck."

only presided over the marriage of Pocahontas and John Rolfe, but he may have taught her English and returned to England on the same ship with her.

Once back in London, it is plausible that Hopkins met Squanto, who was living in London while awaiting his return to America after having been kidnapped, years before they met again in Plymouth.

How did he become so wealthy? Did he sell land he was granted in Jamestown? Did he inherit the tavern owned by his deceased wife's widowed mother in Hursley, England, when she passed?

Such topics were the subject of lively conversation between a boisterous group of the film's cast, crew and Hopkins' biographers in the Mayflower Tavern in Plymouth, England.

Integrated throughout the film are par-

allels between actual events and people and William Shakespeare's play "The Tempest," illustrated with scenes from the play and conversations with the actors. Shakespeare scholars and historians alike agree Shakespeare drew heavily from Strachey's account of the storm for the play, but what about the other characters? Could Hopkins have been the inspiration for Stephano, the "mutinous drunken clown," as Buckley described Stephano's character at the luncheon? There certainly were similarities.

We may never know the full answers, but does it really matter? Much of the fun of history is in the wondering. Buckley's work demonstrates history doesn't need to be a boring reiteration of only those written documents known to exist.

"We don't want to be the last word on a subject, we want to be the first word," he said.

“This is where he was imprisoned.”

“These are gardens they would have seen.”

“This is the church where he was baptized.”

“This is her childhood home.”

Mayflower Tour to The Netherlands and England

By Governor Ann Wilkerson

Since finding my Mayflower connections in 2015, I have read a lot of history books. Photos, drawings and descriptions help to tell the stories of our Pilgrims. What I was lacking was the first-hand experience seeing where the story unfolded. The June 2023 General Society of Mayflower Descendants tour to the Netherlands and England provided the opportunity. Cary Stone-Greenstein, Deborah Domain and myself, embarked on this journey to find our roots.

In Amsterdam, we enjoyed a canal boat ride before heading to Leiden, where our ancestors were welcomed more than 400 years ago. We saw the site of William Brewster’s printing shop, the Pieterskirk Church where Separatist leader John Robinson is buried and the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, recreated as a typical 17th century house our ancestors would have known. We saw the ruins of the Walloon Church where Francis Cooke and Hester le Mahieu were married. I realized Leiden is as historic and charming but less crowded as bustling Amsterdam.

Next on the itinerary was Delfshaven, the sailing port from which the Speedwell began her journey to meet the Mayflower. The Pilgrim Fathers Church in Delfshaven welcomed the Pilgrims as they prepared to depart. This was the first time I have seen a Mayflower ship model in a church, but it would not be the last. From nearby Hook of Holland, we boarded a 21st century ferry for the six-hour sea journey to Harwich, England. After a proclamation by the Harwich Town Crier, we visited the actual home of Mayflower Captain Christopher Jones.

In Boston, England, we visited the Guildhall; dating from the 1390’s, this building represented Boston’s power in the international wool trade of the Hanseatic League. Here also was the 1607 trial and imprisonment of Separatists, including William Brewster, who were arrested while trying to flee to Holland.

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Deborah Domain, Ann Wilkerson and Cary Stone-Greenstein by the stairs to the dock in Plymouth, England.



In Southampton, the ship’s crew would have purchased provisions in this merchant house which dates to the 13th century.

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Viewing the actual jail cells was a reminder our ancestors were treated as criminals in England.

We followed “The Pilgrims Trail,” encompassing the towns of Retford and Bawtry and leading us to sites associated with the leaders of early 1600’s Protestants. Within this small area, a number of Protestant denominations got their start, despite official disapproval. We have our Mayflower Separatists, along with Baptists, Congregationalists and eventually John Wesley and the Methodists, all from this region bordering Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. Blessed with charismatic preachers and a conviction to worship as they wished, many Pilgrim ancestors are commemorated and honored along this trail:

- In Scrooby: the manor house was home to William Brewster and was the childhood home of Susanna Jackson White Winslow.
- In Babworth: All Saints Church to which Brewster and William Bradford would walk miles to hear Richard Clifton preach.
- In Austerfield: the parish Church of Saint Helena where Bradford was baptized, close to his childhood home which is for sale (any offers?).

We stopped at Droitwich where Edward Winslow was born, and baptized in St. Peters Church.

Plymouth is a delightful seaside town! We visited a wonderful museum of Mayflower history, saw and smelled the flowers in Elizabethan gardens, tasted the product at the Plymouth Gin distillery, viewed commemorative plaques, cruised the harbor and ate frozen treats from Pilgrims ice cream shop.

Our history lesson continued in Southampton. From here, Speedwell and Mayflower were meant to depart together. Experienced seamen and skilled laborers were recruited here, including Stephen Hopkins and John Alden, a cooper. Here I learned an interesting conspiracy theory: the Speedwell captain, eyeing the superior and larger Mayflower, deliberately sabotaged his own ship in order to avoid the perilous journey.

We found another ancestor connection in Dorking, now a London suburb. In the 17th century, William Mullins had his shoe shop here. His inventory of 250 shoes and 13 pairs of boots were transported on the Mayflower.

In the Rotherhithe area of London, just downriver from the Tower Bridge, we signed our names in the descendant’s book at the Mayflower Pub. Close by is St Mary’s Church, where Captain Jones was buried, although no one knows the exact location of his grave. After all, who knew the Mayflower and a little trip made in 1620 would become famous?



Top: Scrooby Manor, home to William Brewster and the childhood home of Susanna Jackson White Winslow.

Middle: Interior of Leiden American Pilgrim Museum.

Bottom: The parish Church of Saint Helena, associated with William Bradford, in Austerfield.

RECENT ELECTIONS

Eleanor Ruth Kirkpatrick Dennis (Richard Warren)
Martha Crawford Balance Guarin (William Bradford)
Barbara Ellen Floyd Vender (Isaac Allerton)
Nancy Lu Griffin Kilby (Edward Doty)
Laurie Beth Burke (William Bradford)
Ava Marie Luck (John Howland)
Karen Jane Back Simmons (Susanna (Jackson) White)
Cynthia Rae Tullis Shanahan (John Alden)
Mark Steven Monier (John Howland)

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

Members approved for additional ancestors.

Ella-Marie Wry Ochowicz (Henry Samson, William Brewster, Francis Cooke)
Christina Grover Campbell (Edward Fuller)
Martha Louise Ellsworth (John Bilington, Francis Eaton)
Michael Raynor Swift (John Howland)
Mary Klossing Ridder (Priscilla Mullins)
Dale Anthony Seyler (Myles Standish)
Roger Emery Huddleston (William White)
David Roger Nuetzmann (Constance Hopkins)
Anthony Earl Cash (William Brewster)

IN MEMORIAM

James Ghlee Russell (William Bradford)
Judith Collins Sykora (James Chilton)
Diana Rickards Anderson (Stephen Hopkins)
Alfred Charles Drowne (John Tilley)

We are always saddened to hear of a member's passing. If you have information regarding a death, please contact Membership Secretary Don Sherman: membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com.

TRANSFER IN

Jill DeAnn Warner Brewer (Francis Cooke x2, Degory Pries, George Soule, William Brewster, Mary Brewster, Love Brewster, John Howland x2, Elizabeth Tilley x2, Joan Hurst x2, John Tilley x2))

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

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Sponsored by Karen Simmons

An application to become, or sponsor, a Junior Associate may be obtained at the Mayflower Society website. Complete applications for each applicant must be returned to Membership Secretary Don Sherman with a check for \$15 and two photocopies of the original birth certificate stating the name of the father and showing the mother's maiden name.

The Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois publishes a newsletter twice a year which is mailed to current members. A digital copy of back issues and other information is available on our website:

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Fall luncheon to feature living history program

By Julie Wood Barnes
Deputy Governor

If Honest Abe were alive today, here's the girl he would fall in love with, and we're sure you will too! Pam Brown, performing as Mary Todd Lincoln at the fall luncheon, will have you believing you are actually witnessing history come alive. Brown will present the woman, the mother, the politician and wife of one of the greatest presidents to ever live.

Brown has a bachelor of arts from the University of Oklahoma in acting/directing. She has directed and performed in many productions. One that touched her heart the most was the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum production of "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln," in which she played the title role.

This production was the beginning of her journey in portraying Mary Lincoln in venues such as the Old State Capitol, Lincoln Home, Theatre in the Park, University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas and in two National Geographic documentaries with Fritz Klein, who presents "The Real Abraham Lincoln" and "Lincoln's Secret Killer."

Brown has been taped for PBS and was nominated for a Mid-West Emmy. She is independently employed as a Mary Lincoln presenter. She has the uncanny ability to connect with the audience and seemingly bring life to the historical Mary Todd Lincoln.



Join us at Crowne Plaza for our Annual Fall Meeting

- **New Member Welcome Ceremony:** Recently accepted members will be inducted into our Illinois Society.
- **Living History Program:** Re-enactor Pam Brown will present "Taking Leave," Mary Lincoln leaving the White House for the last time.
- **Ancestor Family Photos:** Group pictures with your Mayflower cousins which will appear in the next newsletter.

All members are invited to attend, along with their guests and children. Prospective members who have started the membership application process are also welcome. Invitations will be mailed in October and reservations are required.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Crowne Plaza
Convention Center,
3000 S. Dirksen
Parkway,
Springfield, Ill.

The gathering will
begin at 11:30 a.m.

Juniors Corner

Expecting a crowd in your kitchen on Thanksgiving?

Help your children (and adults) make festive turkey aprons using the tradition of a handprint!

Materials needed from your local craft store: Plain aprons in all sizes; fabric paint in assorted colors; paintbrushes

Directions:

Paint your hand using brown for the turkey body and multiple colors for the finger feathers.

Press your hand firmly onto the apron. Use your other hand to apply pressure as needed in order to transfer the paint.

Use a paintbrush to add the waddle, eyes and legs to complete your turkey.



Paint your hand brown and your fingers assorted colors for the turkey feathers.



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN

Eligibility

- Women over 18 years old
- Lineal descent from an ancestor, male or female, born in New England prior to the adoption of the Constitution in 1789
- or before 1700 in Nassau or Suffolk Counties, Long Island.

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An invitation to Heritage Weekend

Each year, more than 20 heritage organizations in our state meet in East Peoria to discuss plans, recruit new members and meet friends and cousins.



This year, Heritage Weekend is Sept. 15-17. The Mayflower Society meeting will be on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16.

If interesting in attending or for more information, please contact Jane Schleinzer at jsantiques@aol.com

My Mayflower Story

By Brett Johnson

I stumbled into my Mayflower story as I began my first solo genealogy adventure. My late paternal uncle had begun work on genealogy and regularly shared his findings with the family. I wasn't overly interested but apparently the only person who ever responded, prompting his family to bequeath me his paperwork on his death. That included discoveries he made after connecting with two distant cousins and tracing our Dutch ancestry back 10 generations. Inspired by this, I began my family tree.

Soon I had a breadth of knowledge on my father's side, but only knew the names of my mother's parents, both of whom passed before I was born. Preliminary research identified her father's parents and that they were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, Massachusetts. In 2012, I visited the cemetery, but because the family name was Brown and Oak Grove had 576 people with that surname, I wasn't expecting any great discovery.

Enter the Boomer family. Next to the plot where my grandparents and great-grandparents are resting in peace, a large obelisk marks the graves of Frederick Boomer and his wife, Elizabeth Earle. Because my mother had a brother named Frederick Boomer Brown and a sister named Elizabeth Earle Brown, I knew there had to be a connection. And because of the prominent grave marker, I figured there might be information online about Frederick Boomer. There was, and that quickly led to learning he was a descendant of Richard Warren.

Surprisingly, I was able to make the family connection quickly, and my preliminary application was sent to Plymouth that week. It took the next eight years to prove it. Frederick Boomer's sister, Abby, was my great-grandmother. She was born in 1830, and I could not find a birth certificate, concluding it may not exist. Being a woman in the 19th century, she didn't make it into her the will of William Boomer, her father.

At one point, ready to give up, I took a DNA test which showed a connection to other descendants of William Boomer, encouraging me to continue. Ironically, the answer was in Frederick Boomer's will, which I had a copy of in an unsearched box. Frederick left Abby some money, and identified her as his sister in his will.

In hindsight, it was an easy journey compared with many stories I've heard since joining the Illinois Society. But it took two more trips to Rhode Island and Massachusetts



Top: Brett Johnson at the Warren tomb on Burial Hill in Plymouth, directly behind the Mayflower Meeting House. Above: The Boomer and Brown family plots in Oak Grove Cemetery, Fall River, Massachusetts.

and a lot of visits to municipal clerks, cemeteries, state archives and historical societies. The fun really is in the journey, though. Because I have cousins in Rhode Island, I always had a place to stay and thus learned the secret joy of genealogy: in searching for dead relatives, you renew bonds with those yet living.

Mom was born in 1925 in East Providence, Rhode Island. As it turns out, by marrying my father during World War II and moving to Chicago, she became the first in nine generations from this Richard Warren line to move more than 50 miles from Plymouth.

What's your story?

Would you be willing to share how you connected the dots in your Mayflower family tree? Email Brett Johnson at brettedit@gmail.com.

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Society Officers

and BOARD OF ASSISTANTS



2022-2023 Board of Assistants at the 2023 Spring Luncheon



On June 10, 1897, the charter of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was granted by the Secretary of State in Springfield, Illinois. It became the first state society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, founded in January, 1897. The first meeting was held on June 14, 1897, (Flag Day) at the Auditorium Hotel to adopt a constitution, bylaws, and elect officers.

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Proposed slate of officers: November 2023 – November 2024

Slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting, Nov. 18, 2023, in Springfield.

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A town crier welcoming guests in Harwich during the General Society of Mayflower Descendants tour to the Netherlands and England



We need more hands on deck!

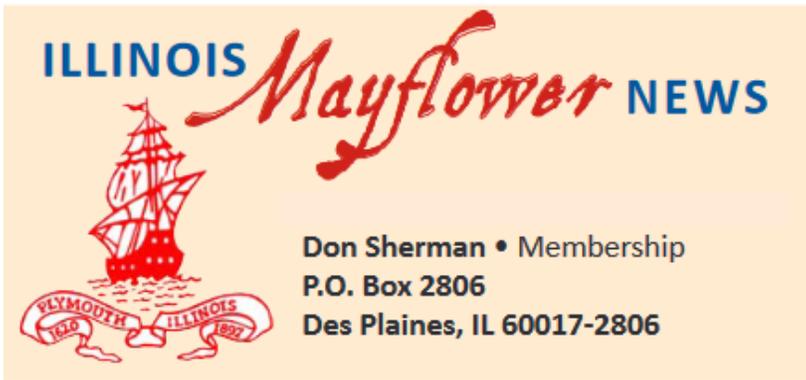
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- Article III, Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois*

We love the members of this Society! You are all interesting and uniquely experienced, and I invite you to share your talents and points of view on the Board of the Illinois Society. We have openings!

Duties may involve assisting with family photos at meetings, evaluating scholarship applications, or program planning.

Board meetings are in person in Chicago or on telephone conference calls approximately eight times/year.

Express your interest to Governor Ann Wilkerson: annwwilkerson@comcast.net



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Sep 8-13, 2023 General Society of
Mayflower Descendants
Annual Congress
Boston, Mass

Sep 15-17, 2023 Illinois Heritage Alliance
Peoria, Ill.

Nov 18, 2023 Illinois Fall Luncheon
and Annual Meeting
Crowne Plaza, Springfield

May 11, 2024 Illinois Spring Luncheon
Maggiano's
Oak Brook, Ill.

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