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Mayflower NEWS

SUMMER 2021

MESSAGE FROM OUR *Illinois Governor*

Dear Members:

Happy summer to you. I hope you are enjoying getting together with loved ones that have been missed over the last year.

I know I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Luncheon and Meeting in Springfield, IL on November 20th. We will be having an in-person reenactor from Plimoth Patuxet and our New Member ceremony (details below). I am excited to have both of these events happen in person. So, please, mark your calendars for this event!

The General Board of Assistants

(GBOA) meeting is going to be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts this September, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. I will be attending with a few other board members to represent Illinois. We will be able to see the new William Bradford statue and the updates on the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.

It is a pleasure serving you as Governor. If you have any questions or comments, please let me or a wonderful board member know.

Stay safe and healthy,

Jessica Schleinzer, Illinois Governor



In-Person Meeting Planned for November



The Illinois Mayflower Society Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, Illinois.

The in-person gathering will begin at 11:30 am with social time, cash bar, luncheon and the following:

- **New Member Welcome Ceremony.** Recently accepted members will be inducted into our Illinois Society.
- **Living History Program.** Hilary Goodnow (left) will portray Elizabeth Tilley Howland. Hilary is a Public Historian specializing in engaging, immersive, and thought-provoking historic and cultural exhibits, programs, and living history experiences for diverse audiences. She

holds an MA in Public History from North Carolina State University and a BA in History and Museum Studies from Connecticut College. She is currently the Director of Education & Community Outreach at Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

• **Mayflower Cousin Photographs.** A professional photographer will take group pictures which will appear in next year's 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.

Hope to see you then!

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Spring Meeting

ON ZOOM

By **Mary Morony**
Recording Secretary

A day following the announcement of relaxed Covid restrictions, 61 Illinois Mayflower Society members and visitors met online to meet the 2021 Scholarship winner and hear a delightful presentation by Dr. Alan Smith who presented “Common Mayflower Story Misconceptions and Famous Pilgrim Descendants” via Zoom on Saturday, May 15 at 11 am.

Alan Smith (right) is the Governor of the Mayflower Society in Georgia, and Past Governor of the Pilgrim William White Society. He is a member of several other lineage groups, including the Jamestown Society, First Families of Georgia, Huguenot Society of South Carolina, and Society of the Cincinnati in Georgia. Alan has written several family histories as well as a column



on Pilgrim history and religion for the Pilgrim William White Society.

After listening to Alan, we learned the truth about the importance of Scrooby; the reason people think the Pilgrims only wore black and white; and the basic differences between the Pilgrims and the Puritans.

Then we heard the news about the famous descendants and were

amazed at some of the names of celebrities on the list.

In addition to recommending several books that outline the famous/infamous descendants of Mayflower passengers, Alan directed the audience to a CD album available on Amazon Music, *They That in Ships Unto the Sea Down Go: Music for the Mayflower*. The sheet music is also available in a new edition edited by Tamsin Lewis (who wrote the booklet note), from Rondo Publishing. (See more on page 3). Ann Wilkerson plans to get the album and play it during our social hour at the Fall Annual Meeting in November.

Ann added that she, too, enjoys the TV show “Who Do You Think You Are” but also recommended the website **FamousKin.com** that is devoted to discovering family connections of famous people.

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPRING MEETING – MAY 15, 2021

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Meeting was held virtually on May 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Governor Jessica Schleinzer at 11:00 am. Jane Schleinzer gave the invocation and Jessica Schleinzer led the pledge of allegiance. Ann Wilkerson read the Mayflower Compact.

Jessica introduced the officers and Board of Assistants and extended thanks to all who generously donated to the Society. In particular, she welcomed the new members and encouraged them to attend the Fall Annual Meeting at which time there will be a formal induction ceremony. The minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting were printed in the Winter 2021 Newsletter and approved by the Board. Hearing no changes or corrections, she declared the minutes approved.

Max Brown reported the Scholarship Committee, consisting of himself, Mary Gardner and Mary Morony, received three very good applications and selected Kevin Cantieri of Mt. Prospect, a John Alden descendant, with a 4.64 GPA and 35 out of 36 ACT score. Max

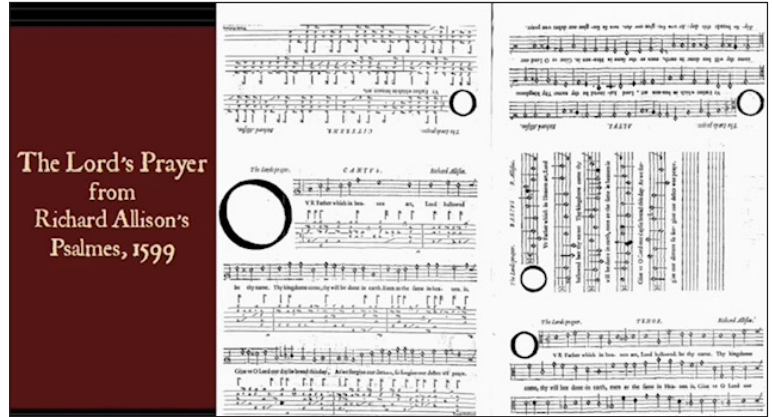
asked Kevin how anyone could have more than a 4.0 GPA, and Kevin explained that Prospect High School offers Advance Placement courses that have a 5.0 grade point. Kevin thanked the Society for the scholarship award, explaining that he is the middle child of a family of three brothers so the award will be a great help to his parents in managing tuition costs for them all. Kevin will be attending the School of Engineering at the University of Illinois, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Deputy Governor Ann Wilkerson introduced guest speaker Dr. Alan Smith who presented a very interesting program.

Jessica announced that the Fall Annual Meeting would be held on November 20, 2021, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield with a speaker from Plimoth Patuxet (formerly known as Plimoth Plantation).

There being no further business, Jane Schleinzer gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

– Mary Morony



Passamezzo ensemble in period costume. Performers gather around the printed sheet music, hence the rotated placements of the songs.

Music FOR THE MAYFLOWER

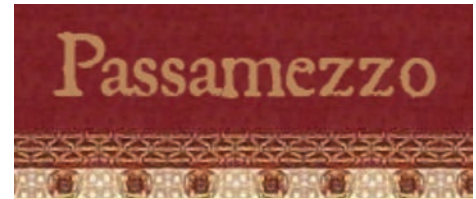
Our May meeting speaker Alan Smith told us about a CD called *They that in Ships unto the Sea down go: Music for the Mayflower*. The Pilgrim William White Society partially funded this project which was recorded by Passamezzo, the musical ensemble.

The selections were recorded to mark the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the *Mayflower*, and include pieces that recreate the world of those on board ship: the Saints, the Strangers, and the sailors. The title song comes from the text of Psalm 107 in Henry Ainsworth's Psalter of 1612 – one of the valued books carried on board the *Mayflower* by Wil-

liam Brewster. The CD also includes hymns, ballads, music for mariners, and songs and dances describing tobacco and other wonders of the “New World.”

Passamezzo is dedicated to the performance of early music in a historical context. Their instruments include ones which we know – such as the harp, recorder, and lute – but also the crumhorn, bombard, and vielle. They have given performances and workshops on early music, song, and dance at Shakespeare’s Globe, Hampton Court, the National Maritime Museum, and King’s College, London.

We will be playing the music of



1. An Italian folk dance of the 16th and 17th centuries
2. Music associated with the dance that follows a pattern of chord progression
3. An ensemble based in the U.K. known for their ability to bring historical events to life through engaging performances and programming

Passamezzo during the Social Hour prior to our Fall Meeting and Luncheon on November 20, 2021.

• To learn more, visit their website: passamezzo.co.uk

Kevin Cantieri Awarded Annual Scholarship

An annual scholarship of \$2,500 is awarded by the Illinois Mayflower Society based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service and financial need.

Kevin Cantieri (shown here) of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, has been named this year’s recipient of the Illinois Mayflower Scholarship. Based on his hard work and good study habits Kevin has earned an impressive grade point average of 4.63 (out of a possible 4.0) at Prospect High School where he participates in numerous extracurricular activities including student tutoring, golf and the science team.

He is also active in Scouts which awarded him the Eagle Scout Award last October. Kevin is looking forward to



focusing on his interest in space and space travel as a mechanical engineering major at the University of Illinois at Urbana in the Fall of 2021.

In a letter of recommendation, one of Kevin’s teachers pointed out that not only is Kevin “smart” but he has the “perseverance” to go on and achieve higher levels of understanding and “the personality and empathy to be a successful leader.”

Kevin is a direct lineal descendant of John Alden.

• **THANK YOU TO ALL** who have donated to the Illinois Scholarship Fund. For information about the scholarship, visit our website www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship. Application deadline is April 1, 2022.

Finding My Ancestry

By H. Clark Dean

Certified Genealogist (retired)

About 1944, when I was in eighth grade, I learned my mother's oldest sister (Aunt Grace) was a member of the Mayflower Society and the DAR. I graduated from New Trier Township High School in 1949 and Swarthmore College (near Philadelphia) in 1953 and worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in 1954 in East Hartford, CT. That September I moved to Harrisburg, PA to work for bridge consultant Modjeski & Masters. After serving in the Army Corps of Engineers, I returned to M&M.



I attended the Illinois Mayflower Luncheon in Glenview in Nov. 2019.

In 1958 my brother wrote that Dad said his father, Frank McClellan Dean, had been born in Philadelphia and asked me to find out more about him. I started going to the Pennsylvania State Library

near my office. There I met Emma Ickes, who offered to do some checking.

She found my great grandfather Merrick Dean listed in Philadelphia directories from the 1860s with a home at 1500 Broad Street near the end of that decade. Because Philadelphia has no vital records circa 1863, by writing to eleven churches in the vicinities of the residential addresses, I received a colorful baptismal certificate for my grandfather from an Episcopal Church giving his parentage and date of birth.

From my father's brother in New York, his sister in Michigan, and a California cousin, I learned my grandfather had sailed on the *USS Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") when he was 16 in 1879. His father, Merrick Dean, had been a publisher in New York City and Philadelphia during the Civil War. He published two handbills, *The Stars and Stripes* and the *Palmetto Flag*. The latter gave the viewpoint of the South, which led to a mob forming at his office on Chestnut Street when Ft. Sumter fell in 1861.

He gave up publishing and became a tobacconist. A newspaper article and a history of Philadelphia mention



(Photo courtesy of the Print and Picture Collection Free Library of Philadelphia)



My great grandfather, Merrick Dean (left), was a publisher and then became a tobacconist. His "Segar" store was at No. 413 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, across from the Philadelphia Bank (above). He was born in 1825 in Windsor, CT and married Eliza Jane Fick in New York City in 1854. She taught school in PS #6 at age 16. Merrick passed away in 1870.

this event and a book of old Philadelphia photos show his "Segar" store on Chestnut Street.

I also learned that Merrick Dean was descended from Lot Dean, (a Revolutionary War soldier) and Walter Deane (a founding settler of Taunton, Plymouth Colony).

In August 1959 I drove from Harrisburg to Glencoe, IL to attend my tenth New Trier Township High School reunion. Afterward I drove downstate to visit my 86-year-old grandfather. He took me to three cemeteries where his father (a Civil War veteran) and his grandparents were buried. He also told me the maiden names of both his grandmothers: Apphia Orton and Elizabeth Violett. Later I learned she was descended



St. Margaret's Chapel (left) in South Chard, Somerset, England, was built in the early 15th century as a chapel of ease and removed from church association during the reign of Henry VIII. It entered the Deane family probably before the 17th century. The building was left to one of William Deane's daughters (Walter's sister) through William's 1634 will. St. Mary's (above) is the Parish church in Chard.

from Edward Violett, a landowner in Fairfax County, VA and an overseer for George Washington at the Muddy Run Farm at Mt. Vernon.

In 1960 I married Peggy McHugh and we moved to Winnetka in early 1961, as I returned to Harza Engineering Company in Chicago. We visited the churches above on our honeymoon and again in 1994 and 2000. They are still an attraction to Deane descendants.

About 1965 I joined the Illinois Mayflower Society with ancestor John Alden. Subsequently, I submitted supplemental descents from William Brewster, Stephen Hopkins, and Richard Warren. I have descents from five Mayflower passengers, because John Alden's wife Priscilla was the daughter of William Mullins. These connections are through my mother's mother, Jennie Ashton Pierce, who was born in Bristol, RI. My son, Merrick Dean, and my daughter, Nancy Dean Cacioppo and her two sons, Matthew Cacioppo and Sean Cacioppo, are all life members of the Society.

In 1966 I was asked to join the Illinois Mayflower Society Board of Assistants and served on it for several years until I was elected treasurer. I came to know the other board members, including Elizabeth (Betty) Pearson White who was instrumental in establishing the North Suburban Genealogical Society (NSGS) in 1975. (Betty was a member of the Illinois Mayflower Society from 1947 until 2011 when she passed away.)

I was elected the second President of NSGS and served as a volunteer at the

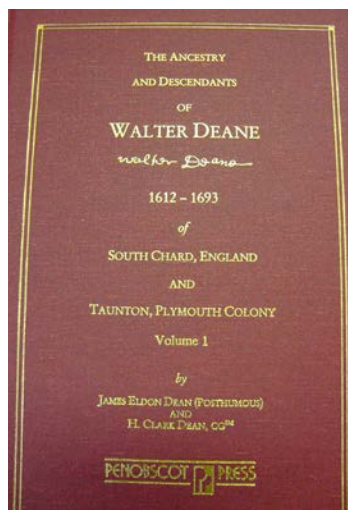
Winnetka Public Library genealogy section for many years. Betty White taught a genealogy class in the late 1970s that I attended. Later she encouraged me to become certified, which I did in 1986. I then began to take on clients and solve genealogical problems for others. I have given presentations and published many articles through the years, including some in the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*.

In the late 1990s I again served on the Illinois Mayflower Society's Board of Assistants and was elected Governor in 1999, serving in that office through 2001.

Betty White prepared the Five Generations Project volumes for the Howland family and had it published by Picton Press. That influenced me to contact them for the publication of my genealogy of the Deane family.

Through the 1970s '80s and '90s, I continued working on my Dean ancestry and made contact with James Eldon Dean, who had been compiling and sorting New England Dean relationships for many years. He had notebooks for each early Deane settler: John and Walter Deane of Taunton and John of Dedham from whom he was descended.

One thing of interest I noted: In all of the places I had lived in the east, a direct ancestor had lived. I gathered considerable additional information on the descendants of Walter and in 2013 Picton Press printed copies for me under its Penobscot Press label of *The Ancestry and Descendants of Walter Deane, 1612-1693, of South Chard, England and Taunton, Plymouth Colony*.



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Book Review

*The Life of Peregrine White:
The First Englishman Born in New England*
by Stephen C. O'Neill

By Ann Wilkerson / Deputy Governor

While doing genealogy research, I often wish there was just one complete resource for information about an ancestor. Gathering documents such as birth, marriage, death, deeds, and wills is exhausting and leaves me to wonder what don't I know that I don't know? Is there more history to be found, if only I had the skills, time, and budget to do so?

For researchers of Peregrine White, life just got easier. The Board of the Marshfield Historical Society commissioned Stephen O'Neill to research and produce a biography of Peregrine. The Pilgrim William White Society also contributed financial support, and the result is the 117-page story of Peregrine's birth on board the *Mayflower*, his life in Plymouth and Marshfield, and his death in 1704.

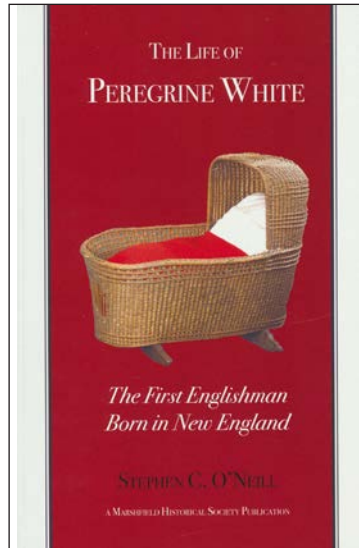
Book chapters are well organized and follow the chapters of Peregrine's own life, such as "Peregrine the Settler" and "Peregrine's Military Life." I had to suppress a chuckle as I read about 28-year-old Peregrine and his new wife Sarah Bassett, then visibly pregnant, having to appear in front of a magistrate on charges of fornication before marriage or contract. They admitted guilt and paid a fine, and O'Neill adds the context of birth statistics that show such fornication was not at all uncommon in Plymouth at the time.

O'Neill also provides the context for studying Peregrine in the first place. In Chapter 1 called "Peregrine, 'The First,'" he states that we Americans have always been

fascinated with "firsts." We love our Mayflower origin story that has such a prominent role in our history. And we love that wicker cradle in Pilgrim Hall Museum that is a visible reminder of Peregrine White's status as the first English baby in New England.

The book ends with a chapter called "Legacy," and it lists an inventory of artifacts and documents associated with Peregrine. These relics include a wooden cane made from Peregrine's apple tree, nails and wood from his house, and his will. Eleven days after Peregrine's death, the Boston News-Letter published this notice:

- *Marshfield, July 22, Capt. Peregrine White of this Town, Aged Eighty three years, and Eight Months; died the 20th Instant. He was vigorous and of a comly Aspect to the last; Was the Son of Mr William White and Susanna his Wife; born on board the Mayflower; Capt. Jones Commander, in Cape Cod Harbour, November 1620. was the First Englishman born in New-England. Altho' he was in the former part of his Life extravagant; yet was much Reform'd in his last years; and died hopefully.*



Peregrine played an important role in the growth of the colony beyond Plymouth. This descendant recommends this book to anyone interested in the 17th century events following the arrival of the *Mayflower*. And if you are also descended from Peregrine, aren't you intrigued that this fornicator was comely, extravagant but much reformed, and he died hopefully?

- Stephen O'Neill's book is available from the Marshfield Historical Society and the Mayflower Society, \$20.00

Myth Dispelled: The Pilgrims Did Wear Colorful Clothes

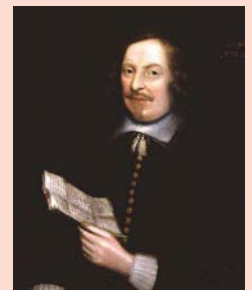
Q: *Why did the Pilgrims always wear black?*

A: Actually, Pilgrims wore a wide variety of colors. The inventory of William Bradford's clothing in 1657 includes many colorful items: A cloak faced with taffety [taffeta] and lined with bays; A "sod" or "sad" colored cloth suit; A Turkey grogram suit and cloak; A pair of black breeches and a red waistcoat; A lead-colored cloth suit with silver buttons; A "sod" or "sad" colored short coat and an old serge suit; A light-colored coat; An old green gown; A light-colored cloak; An old violet cloak; Two hats, a black one and a colored one. (*Sad referred to a dying process that dulled the intensity of the colors.*)

When a later arrival Mary Ring died in 1633, her estate included: 2 violet waistcoats, a "mingled-color" waistcoat, 3 blue aprons and a red petticoat. She also had fabrics of gray, blue and red to sew additional articles of clothing.

Q: *How did this misconception start?*

A: The only likeness of a Pilgrim from life is this portrait of Edward Winslow. The day of his sitting, Winslow chose to wear a fine outfit of black, and from this began the stereotype of pilgrims dressed in black.



Explore Lineage Societies at Illinois Heritage Weekend

Illinois lineage societies will gather for another Illinois Heritage Weekend on **September 17 - 19, 2021, at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria**. The event opens on Friday evening with a social hour and dinner. Friday's Education dinner features "Doing Research at the Illinois Archives" by Dave Jones. The weekend concludes on Sunday with a wrap-up luncheon to discuss plans for next year's Heritage Weekend.

Each Illinois society will hold a meeting that is open to members, their guests and anyone interested in that group. Representatives will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and assist with applications.

Saturday Morning: Daughters of Indian Wars, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Southern Dames of America, Daughters of 1812,

Colonial Daughters of 17th Century, Dames of the Court of Honor, Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims

Noon Luncheon: "Mayflower Meeting House" by Melanie Platte, National President, NSDAC

Saturday Afternoon: Mayflower Society, Colonial Dames of 17th Century, United Daughters of Confederacy and Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War, Jamestowne Society, Daughters of American Colonists, Descendants of American Farmers

7 pm Banquet: "From Obscurity to Greatness: Abraham Lincoln" by Kevin Wood

Sunday Morning: Daughters of the Union, Colonies of New England Women, Huguenot Society, Women Descendants of Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters of Colonial Wars.

Our members are encouraged to attend, as this allows us to introduce the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois to people that may not already know about our organization.

- Please register by August 30, 2021. A registration form with the weekend's schedule and other event details is available on the Illinois Mayflower website:

www.illinoismayflower.com/meetings.

A special room rate is offered by Embassy Suites East Peoria (if reserved by August 30). Call 309-694-0200, use "Heritage Weekend" Code: TAG Or visit **<http://group.embassysuites.com/heritageweekend>**

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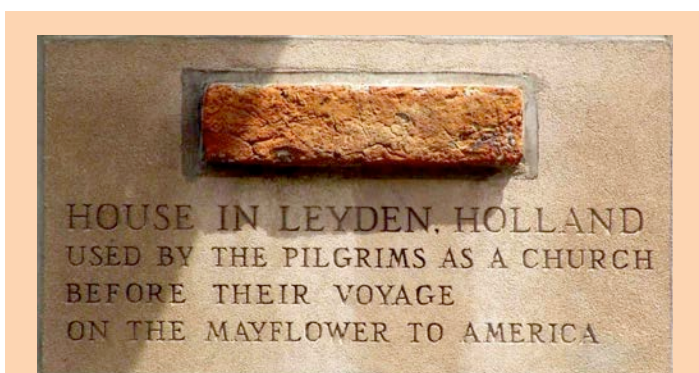
- For more information or problems with hotel reservations, contact Jane Schleinzer, **JSAntiques@aol.com**.



From left: Leslie Gumm and Diana Kay Weyhenmeyer with the DAR Chapter in Chatham, Illinois; Sylvia Brewer and Mary Mucciante representing the Illinois Mayflower Society.

Honoring Abe Lincoln

Sylvia Brewer and Mary Mucciante attended the 65th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Commemorating the 156th Anniversary of the Death of Abraham Lincoln. It was held on April 15, 2021 and organized by The Death Day Association, with 17 participating patriotic societies and veteran organizations. The event brochure included an *In Memory for Jon Nicholas Austin*, our member who recently passed away. He was a noted Civil War historian. Jon and Ralph Moore were instrumental in forming The Great Prairie Colony in Central Illinois – active 2003-2017.



A Bit of Leyden in Chicago

In 1953, the citizens of Leyden sent this stone from a home occupied by John Robinson in 1609 to be embedded in the exterior wall of the Tribune Tower. It is one of about 150 artifacts from significant sites around the world.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (February 2021 - July 25, 2021).

Descendant of **JOHN ALDEN**
Kimberly Marie Janusz Evans,
Plainfield

Descendants of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**
Susan Lee Denson Usherwood,
Glenarm
Phillip Edward Waters, Long Grove

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**
Lawrence Waterman Gray, Chicago
Soffia Helen Kuehner Gray, Chicago
Nelson Stuart Kasten, O'Fallon
Everett Taylor Wagener, Wheeling

Descendant of **EDWARD DOTY**
Jacob Logan Solberg, Lindenhurst

Descendants of **EDWARD FULLER**
Jane Lynn Townsend Antonetti,
Gurnee

Jessica Rose Crowell, Saint Charles
Theresa Nan Treacy, Petersburg

Descendant of **STEPHEN HOPKINS**
Daniel Lee Sleezer, Lisle

Descendant of **JOHN HOWLAND**
Cristina Rose Grover Campbell, O'Fallon

Descendant of **THOMAS ROGERS**
Lucille Louise Molter Hann,
Naples, FL

Descendant of **WILLIAM WHITE**
Ella-Marie Wry Ochowicz, Carol Stream

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

These members have been approved for additional ancestors.

Nicole Lynn Mauser-Storer
*(Francis Billington,
Francis Eaton)*

George Scott Mitchell
*(Stephen Hopkins,
Edward Doty)*

Ana Claire Pranger
*(Edward Doty, Francis
Cooke, Stephen Hopkins)*

**Nicholas Alexander
Pranger** *(Edward Doty,
Francis Cooke, Stephen
Hopkins)*

Joan Edith Schacht
*(Samuel Fuller, Mary
Brewster, Sarah Eaton)*

Carol Ann Spanuello
(Richard Warren)

Joy Ann Sweet
(William Bradford)

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Descendants of **STEPHEN HOPKINS**

Grace Alaine Peterson, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner
Jack Robert Peterson, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner
Robert Joseph Peterson, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner
William Gary Wagner, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner
Frances Elizabeth Wagner, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner
Eleanor Mae Wagner, Sponsored by Nancy Elaine Louko Wagner

- Junior Associates are children who are descendants of members of the Illinois Mayflower Society. Visit our website, www.IllinoisMayflower.org, for an application and more information.

- To file a New or Supplemental Application, contact Membership Secretary, Don Sherman, at membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Charles James Davis, *John Alden*

Meryl Robert Fairchild, *John Howland*
Dean Hopkins Goossen, *Stephen Hopkins*

Ruth Alice Lucchesi, *Richard Warren*,
Edward Doty, John Howland, John Tilley

Betty Scharpenter, *Isaac Allerton*

IN MEMORIAM: Ruth Lucchesi

Ruth Alice Wellstein Lucchesi died unexpectedly on May 19, 2021 at Glenbrook Hospital following a fall in her Northfield, IL home, her residence since 1968. She was born in Madison, WI, the only child of Anton William Wellstein and Hope Victoria Lathrop. Ruth grew up in Geneseo, IL.

Ruth joined the Illinois Mayflower Society in 1998 and was a descendant of Richard Warren, Edward Doty, John Howland and John Tilley. She enjoyed her role as Illinois Membership Chair from 2000-2002 and served as Illinois Treasurer from 2013-2016. Ruth was honored to serve as a Copy Editor and Proofreader of the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* for many years. She also served on three GSMD committees: Technology, Membership and Scholarship.

She traveled to all 50 states and nearly 30 countries. Her first book – *The Wellstein Genealogy*, tracing her father’s family starting in 1650 in Germany through 12 generations – was published in 2000. A book on her mother’s family, *Genealogy of Azariah Lathrop and his wife Esther Lewis*,

followed in 2009. While researching her second book, Ruth confirmed that she had four ancestors on the *Mayflower*. She was so proud of her Pilgrim heritage! She also confirmed her lineage to the American Revolutionary War and was delighted with her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ruth was very active in community affairs. She was Chair of Northfield Local Affairs, a League of Women Voters affiliate. She tutored children from the Cabrini-Green Housing Projects in Chicago. She also became the first female Certified Paramedic in the state of Illinois, serving on the Northfield Ambulance Service for seven years.

Ruth was an Illinois Certified Public Accountant and earned an MBA degree from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. Her professional work began in 1979 at G.D. Searle as an auditor. She also worked at Abbott Laboratories, Northwestern University and University of Chicago, retiring in 1998.

Ruth’s husband, Claudio (Claude)



Alphonso Lucchesi, passed away in 2018. She is survived by her two sons, Nello William Lucchesi and K. Gregory Lucchesi, and two granddaughters, Giuliana Victoria Lucchesi and Alison Ruth Lucchesi.

Reflecting on her life, Ruth said that “nothing was as important, or long lasting” as raising her children. She hoped that “they and her grandchildren will see a better world, made so by their contributions.”

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

- 2 parents
- 4 grandparents
- 8 great-grandparents
- 16 second great-grandparents
- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 sixth great-grandparents
- 512 seventh great-grandparents
- 1,024 eighth great-grandparents
- 2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total sum of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years. That’s a lot of grandparents!

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PURPOSE OF THE ILLINOIS MAYFLOWER SOCIETY



The objects of the Illinois Society shall be to perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers; to maintain and defend the principle of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the Compact of the Mayflower – “for the glorie of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, and honor to our countrie;” to cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of liberty, freedom, justice, and equality, and to

oppose any theories or actions that threaten their continuity. To transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and the steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers to those who shall come after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law. Our purpose is also to educate and to promote the objectives of the General Society.

Proposed Slate for 2021-2022

The Nominating Committee of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois has nominated the following individuals to its recommended slate of officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. All nominees have accepted their nominations. This list was presented at the August 2021 Board Meeting, and will be voted on by our membership at the Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting on November 20.

Governor: **Jessica Schleinzer**

Deputy Governor: **Ann Wilkerson**

Recording Secretary: **Mary Morony**

Corresponding Secretary:

Mary Gardner

Membership Secretary:

Donald Sherman

Treasurer: **John Schellinger**

Finance Chair: **John Kemp**

Counselor: **Max Brown**

Newsletter Editor: **Jan Harrington**

Historian: **Cary Stone-Greenstein**

Co-Historian: **Eva Blanco**

Co-Historian: **Barbara Hofmann**

Co-Historian: **Jan Harrington**

Co-Historian: **Kimberley Calaway**

Elder: **Thomas Garlitz**

Captain: **Les Lipschutz**

Assistant: **Judy Mayo**

Assistant: **Deborah Domain**

Assistant: **Julie Barnes**

Assistant: **Linda Wingstrom**

Assistant: **Carol Wood**

2022

Membership Directory

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois has published a FREE membership directory every three years. The directory includes name, ancestor(s) and contact details for all members, as well as our Society's Bylaws and other information. *Remember* – the directory is FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP ONLY to be used as a resource to reach other members – *not for other purposes*.

Thank you for your prompt attention!

As we prepare the 2022 directory, we are asking members to let us know IF YOU WOULD LIKE A DIRECTORY, and which delivery format. **Choose one of 4 options:**

- 1. PRINTED DIRECTORY mailed to your home
- 2. ELECTRONIC (PDF) DIRECTORY sent to your email
- 3. BOTH, printed and electronic
- 4. NO directory

Only those who contact us by Oct 1, 2021 will receive an Illinois Mayflower Membership Directory in early 2022.

In order to receive a 2022 directory, contact us in ONE OF TWO WAYS:

1.) MAIL THIS FORM TO John Schellinger
2022 Harrison St. Evanston, IL 60201



2.) SEND AN EMAIL TO Don Sherman:
membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com
*Please put **Mayflower Directory** in the subject line.*
(Include current contact info and your directory delivery preference.)

Annual Membership Dues are due by Oct 1, 2021.

Please mail your check with this completed form to John Schellinger.

Life members: Use this form to MAIL your preference OR send an email to Don Sherman.

USE THIS FORM TO: Renew your membership • Select your **2022 directory delivery preference**
• Update your contact information • Make a donation to our Scholarship Fund

• • • PLEASE PRINT CURRENT INFORMATION CLEARLY! • • •

CHECK THE BOX WITH YOUR DIRECTORY DELIVERY PREFERENCE

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City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

EMAIL _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

(* Indicate preferred phone number)

Illinois Mayflower Society Dues for 2021 - 2022: \$75 ____ (check enclosed) I am a life member: ____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$100 __ **\$500** __ **\$1,000** __ Other Amount \$ _____

(Scholarship donations are tax deductible!)

Please make checks payable to **"Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois"**

Mail this completed form and check to **John Schellinger - Treasurer, 2022 Harrison St, Evanston, IL 60201**

Questions about your membership status? Contact John Schellinger john@schellinger.info

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Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021

FALL LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
3000 S. DIRKSEN PARKWAY
SPRINGFIELD, IL

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THANKSGIVING 2021

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