



ILLINOIS *Mayflower* NEWS

SUMMER 2022

Message from our Illinois Governor

Dear Members:

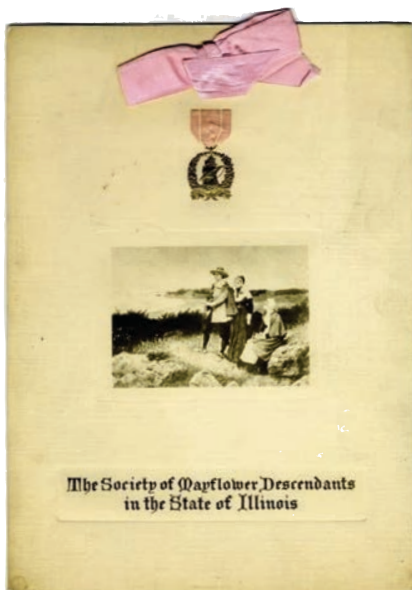
It has been a fabulous three years serving this Society. We had a rough beginning with Covid, but we adapted with having Zoom meetings. I am glad we were able to see members who normally are not able to make it. I have been able to represent the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois at 2020 Congress and the 2021 General Board of Assistants meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In September, I will be attending the General Board of Assistant's meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota. GBOA is open to all members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Please think about attending this meeting!

Our Annual Fall meeting is coming up on November 19, 2022, at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, Illinois. I hope everyone will be able to attend. We will be conducting our New Member Ceremony, taking family photos and holding a silent auction to support the Society's activities. Paul Nelson, a Revolutionary War re-enactor, will present a living history program.



I am looking forward to the next administration and serving them in the future. As always, I will be around to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for keeping the Pilgrim spirit alive and sharing the history of our ancestors!

— Jessica Schleinzer, Illinois Governor



Cover of an Invitation from 1908.

125th Anniversary of Illinois Society

By Donald Sherman
Membership Secretary

It was a momentous occasion when Governor General, and Illinois native, Jane Hurt, was the honored guest at our Spring Luncheon, as we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of both the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois. The following is a brief history of how it all began.

A group of known Pilgrim descendants met together in New York City and, on December 22, 1894, organized a Society of Mayflower Descendants. Connecticut followed on March 7, 1896; Massachusetts

on March 28, 1896; and Pennsylvania on July 1, 1896. Representatives of these four state societies then met and arranged to form a General Society. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants was organized at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on January 12, 1897, the year that Governor Bradford's journal, *Of Plimouth Plantation*, was returned to America.

On April 19, 1897, a group of twenty ladies and gentlemen, members of the Mayflower Societies of New York and Connecticut, but residents of Illinois, petitioned the Board of Assistants of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for authority to organize a Society in Illinois. This petition was

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Spring Luncheon

May 21
Makray Golf Course
Barrington, Illinois

Governor General takes us on a tour of Plymouth properties

By Mary Morony / Recording Secretary

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Luncheon was held on May 21, 2022, at the Makray Memorial Golf Course in Barrington, Illinois. After a delicious lunch, Illinois Deputy Governor Ann Wilkerson introduced the speaker, Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, who took the society on a fascinating tour of the Mayflower properties in Plymouth. She pointed out how her background in real estate aided episodes of old house crisis management encountered when restoring the historic buildings. Thankfully, all of them ended well and everything that needed fixing is fixed. The recently acquired and partially restored Meeting House will be dedicated as an Education Center.

In addition to photos of all the properties and the ceremony commemorating the first Thanksgiving in 2021 in Plymouth, she showed photos of staff members and outlined upcoming on-line and in-person events, especially the GSMD meeting in Minneapolis.

And did you know the Society has approved 100,000 applications? Or that the Governor General's medal is actually a "book" with leaves engraved with the names of all the past governors?



Mayflower Governor General Jane Hurt with Illinois Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein.

Governor Hurt also pointed out that 2022 is the 125th Anniversary of both the Illinois Society and the General Society and that the General Society's Value Statement includes "the preservation of historic properties" so members should consider making donations to the cause.



Diane Eads and Sally Gill.



Frank Soule and Brett Johnson.



Geneve Harris and Katherine Bedingfield.



Edith Northfield, Eileen Silver and Nancy Gaynor (above). Eric Wiser and Bonnie Wiser with their daughter Heather Wiser at right.



Three new members happy to be at our in-person meeting: Kathie Donahue, Wendy Faber and Diane Bailey.



Governor General Jane Hurt joined members of the board as well as any member who wished to be included in the group photo.

2022 ILLINOIS SPRING LUNCHEON – MEETING MINUTES

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Luncheon was held on May 21, 2022, at the Makray Memorial Golf Course in Barrington, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Governor Jessica Schleinzer at 12:00 pm. Jane Schleinzer gave the invocation and Captain Les Lipschutz led the pledge of allegiance. Deputy Governor Ann Wilkerson read the Mayflower Compact.

Jessica introduced the past Governors, current officers and BOA assistants, and acknowledged those who serve on General Society Committees. The minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting were printed in the Winter Newsletter and approved by the Board. The Nominating Committee members, Jane Schleinzer, John Schelling and Eva Blanco will be contacting current officers and potential candidates.

Membership Secretary Don Sherman reported on his studies of old Society directories: on December 22, 1894, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Societies met and in January of 1895 the General Society was formed. In April Illinois submitted its petition and was granted the Number One Charter. The first Illinois Society meeting was held on June 14 at the Auditorium Hotel with Governor Walter Morton Howland presiding. That was 125 years ago.

Max Brown reported the Scholarship



Committee, consisting of himself, Jessica Schleinzer, Tony Hoskins, Mary Gardner and Mary Morony, received three very good applications and selected Bryn Callahan of Moline, grandson of member Luanne Bruckner (see page 4).

Jane Schleinzer gave the table blessing

at 12:20, and lunch was served.

At 1:34, Ann Wilkerson introduced Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, 35th Governor General and fifth woman in that office, who took the Society on a tour of the Mayflower properties in Plymouth.

Jessica announced that the Fall Annual Meeting would be held on November 19, 2022. Jessica thanked Jane and presented her with a token gift bag (shown at left) containing “made in Illinois” treats and at 2:45 adjourned the meeting.

Following the meeting, members posed for a group photo, and the Silent Auction items were presented to winning bidders by Captain Les Lipschutz.

– **Mary Morony, Recording Secretary**



Education Chair Max Brown in center of table next to Membership Secretary Don Sherman and Patti Sherman. Our Illinois scholarship winner, Bryn Callahan, is on the far right next to his grandmother, Luanne Bruckner, and Brianna Bruckner.



Enjoying lunch at the Makray Golf Club: Finance Chair John Kemp, Martha Kemp, Ruth Smith, William Smith, Allison Gardner, Neil Gardner, Ella-Marie Ochowicz and Travis Ochowicz. More than 90 members and guests attended the Spring meeting.



Carole Rose accompanied John Alden descendant Anne Krischke.



Cathryn Richardson (William Brewster descendant) and David Richardson (William White).

Scholarship awarded to Bryn Callahan

By Max Brown / Education Chair

Bryn Callahan – who will be entering his junior year at Eureka College (Eureka, Illinois) – is this year’s recipient of the Illinois Mayflower Scholarship. A resident of Moline, Illinois, Bryn went to Eureka College to major in Political Science (pre-law), play soccer and participate in the music program (he sings in the Eureka College Choir and plays in the Peoria Pops Orchestra). Bryn is part of the Eureka Honors Program and a member of the Student Senate. He is President of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (a service fraternity) as well as Treasurer of the local chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (a social fraternity). He previously served as President of the Illinois Society of Children of the American Revolution (2019-2020). Bryn was nominated by his grandmother Luanne Frosch Bruckner and both are very proud to be descendants of Mayflower passenger George Soule.

Bryn was presented a Scholarship Certificate by Governor General Jane Hurt at the Spring meeting of the Illinois Mayflower Society at the



Governor Jessica Schleinzer and Max Brown with scholarship recipient, Bryn Callahan.

Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington, Illinois on May 21, 2022. At the award ceremony Bryn was accompanied by several family members.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois has created an annual scholarship of \$2,500 to be awarded to a student entering college or currently attending college or graduate school.

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, 2023.

Illinois Mayflower Society began 125 years ago

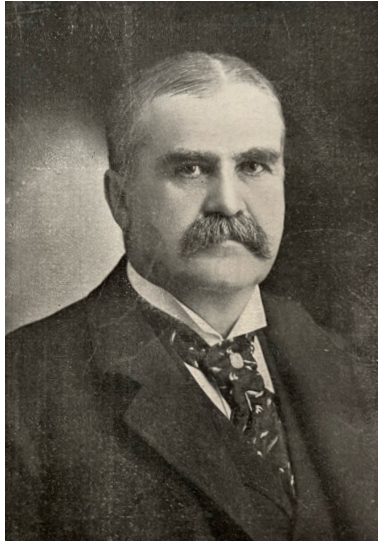
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approved, and a charter granted on June 1, 1897. The following persons were persons were licensed to organize: Edward Milton Adams, Prof. Victor Clifton Alderson, Minard Townsend Barbour, Lester Orestes Goddard, Jennie Barbour Hartwell, Rev. James Gibson Johnson, DD, Scott Jordan, Josiah Lewis Lombard, Ida Tucker Morris, Amelia Francis Nevers, George Whitfield Newcomb, John Bearse Newcomb, Charles Ridgely, John Smith Sargent, John Alden Spoor, Arthur Train Whitman, Mary Barbour Whitman, Flora Ripley Wilson and Dr. Harry Cushman Worthington. This was the first charter granted by the General Society.

On June 10, 1897, the Secretary of State of Illinois issued a State Charter to Ida Tucker Morris, John Smith Sargent, John Alden Spoor, Victor Clifton Alderson, and Frances Moore Sargent for the "Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois."

The Charter Meeting was called for Monday evening, June 14, 1897, (Flag Day) at 8:00 pm, at the Auditorium Hotel, for the purpose of Completing the organization of the Society, adopting a Constitution and By-Laws and electing officers. Twenty-one charter Members were elected and the following officers were chosen:

GOVERNOR	Walter Morton Howland
DEPUTY GOVERNOR	John Alden Spoor
ELDER	Rev. James Gibson Johnson, DD
SECRETARY	Ida Tucker Morris (Mrs. Seymour)
TREASURER	John Smith Sargent
HISTORIAN	Prof. Victor Clifton Alderson
SURGEON	Dr. Harry Cushman Worthington
BOARD OF ASSISTANTS	
	George Whitfield Newcomb, Flora Ripley Wilson (Mrs. John R.), Amelia Francis Nevers (Mrs. Edward), Charles Ridgely, Lester Orestes Goddard, Arthur Train Whitman, Josiah Lewis Lombard



Walter Morton Howland
First Governor of The Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois

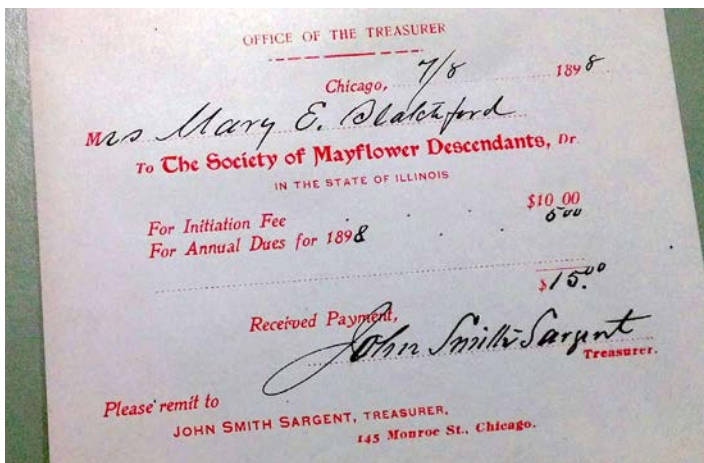
On Monday evening, Nov. 22, 1897, the first annual meeting and banquet of the Illinois Mayflower Society was held at the Union League Club, in Chicago. The officers chosen at the charter meeting were reelected. The members of the Society and their friends and families then assembled in the Tower Room of the Union League Club, at the first banquet given by the Society. An after-dinner program of nine vignettes, related to the Pilgrims' lives in England, Leyden and Plymouth as well as their voyage on the Mayflower, was presented by Society Members.

Our custom of holding a Spring meeting, in May, as well as the annual "Compact" meeting in November, was initiated on Monday evening, May 23, 1898. Then, as now, the Spring meeting was a bit more of a social gathering, with Society elections and other business being conducted in the Fall.

The third annual banquet of the Illinois Society was held in the banquet hall of The Grand Pacific Hotel, in Chicago, on Tuesday evening, November 21, 1899. The Illinois Society's first Governor, Walter Morton Howland, gave a short address of welcome, reminding the members that theirs was the same Pilgrim ancestry, and that they were united by memory and tradition. He said that:

"As we look over these attractive tables and into the faces of those gathered around, the distinguished features of Governor Bradford, the lofty purpose and faith of Elder Brewster, the doughty courage of Myles Standish, the fine bearing of the Chilton and Warren heirs, the more spirited qualities of the Hopkins family, the Howland modesty, the love-light that shone in John Alden's eyes, and the sweet responsive look of Priscilla, are everywhere suggested. Surely, we are brethren, all true descendants of the Pilgrim band, and later we are all emigrants for a second time; emigrants from that fair land away down East."

***"Where the fragrant sweet arbutus
Hides her flower beneath her leaf
Where the Mayflower of New England
Twines her rosy-tinted wreath."***



A receipt for **Mrs. Mary E. Blatchford**, signed by Treasurer **John Smith Sargent** in 1898. (Newberry Library collection)

• A total of 3,560 men, women, boys and girls have been elected to membership in the Illinois Mayflower Society since the twenty-one charter members back in June 1897. Our current active membership is 1,110. Now, 125 years later, we still gather twice a year, with our Mayflower cousins and friends, to honor the ideals of the Pilgrims, and remember our ancestors' valiant struggles as they established their first homes in New England.

2022

Annual Meeting

November 19
Cantigny Golf Club
Wheaton, Illinois



Fall Luncheon to feature living history program

By Ann Wilkerson / Deputy Governor

Paul Nelson, Revolutionary War re-enactor, will be the featured performer at our Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 19, 2022. He will appear in frontier militia clothing to present his program: "The Conquest of the Old Northwest: How Illinois came to be part of the United States."

Paul Nelson is a retired commander of the Aurora, Illinois, Police Department. He has been a member of the Northwest Territory Alliance Revolutionary War re-enactment group since 1994. He is the commander of Joseph Bowman's Company, the official Revolutionary War re-enactment unit for the State of Illinois.

A bit of historical context: in 1778, Illinois County was a part of Virginia. George Rogers Clark and his men were tasked with ending the raids of the hostile Ohio and Illinois Indians on the Kentucky settlements in the extreme northwest portion of Virginia. We will learn how the capture of Kaskaskia and Vincennes without a shot being fired greatly weakened British and Canadian (sic) influence and led to the territory being ceded to the United States. Illinois Statehood would come 40 years later.

Astute readers may remember reading about this program in an earlier edition of Illinois Mayflower News. Paul had committed to being our presenter first in 2020 and then again in 2021. Both of these dates were cancelled due to the pandemic, but he has graciously accepted our invitation again for our luncheon.

Join us at Cantigny Golf Club for our Annual Fall Meeting

Our Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting is typically held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, so that we may celebrate the First Thanksgiving with our Mayflower cousins.

• **Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Cantigny Golf Club, Wheaton, IL.**

The gathering will begin at 11:30 am and include:

- Election and Installation of new Officers and Board of Assistants.
- **New Member Welcome Ceremony.** Recently accepted members will be inducted into our Illinois Society.
- **Living History Program.** Revolutionary War re-enactor, Paul Nelson, will present "The Conquest of the Old Northwest: How Illinois came to be part of the United States."
- **Ancestor Family Photos.** Group pictures with your Mayflower cousins which will appear in the next newsletter.

All members are invited to attend the luncheon and program, 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.



Our meeting on Saturday, November 19 will be held in the Red Oak Room of the Clubhouse at Cantigny Golf Club, 27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton, IL 60189



Cantigny Park is a 5 minute drive (2.5 miles) from the Cantigny Golf Club where we will hold our November meeting.

Enjoy gardens, museums and more at Cantigny

By Ann Wilkerson / Deputy Governor

Our next luncheon venue has a bit of everything: history, golf, nature, and seasonal family events. Cantigny (pronounced in an Anglicized way as can-TEE-nee), located in Wheaton, Illinois, is the former estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, famed as the editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

Cantigny in Wheaton is named after a small town in the Somme Department of Northern France. During World War I, the German Army was confronted at Cantigny by the U.S. 1st Division, the most experienced of the five American divisions then in France. Supplemented with French air cover, artillery, mortars, and tanks, the Americans took the village in 30 minutes on May 28, 1918. Colonel Robert R. McCormick commanded the 1st Battalion of the 5th Field Artillery Regiment, and Cantigny, France has a place in history as America's first victory in World War I.

The Illinois Cantigny is the 500-acre estate where Colonel McCormick lived from the 1920's until his death at the age of 74 in 1955. His will established a foundation which designated the grounds to be operated as a nonprofit public charity. Cantigny Park opened in 1958 and includes the following features:

- **The Robert R. McCormick House** interprets the life and legacy of the Colonel. Descended from the inventor of the McCormick reaper, the Colonel was a lawyer, a Republican Alderman in Chicago, and an opponent of Roosevelt's New Deal and later, of America's entry into World War II. His newspaper provided the platform for his political views. *(Note: At this writing, the house is under renovation and is due to reopen later in 2022.)*
- **The First Division Museum** depicts the history of the famed 1st Infantry Division of the US Army. By the end of World War I, the division had suffered 4,964 killed in action, 17,201 wounded, and

1,056 missing or dead of wounds. Five division soldiers received Medals of Honor. During World War II, members of the division were part of the first wave of troops to land at Omaha Beach on D-Day. 1st Division forces have had roles in the Cold War, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. Fort Riley, Kansas is the home base for the division. The museum is closed on Mondays.

- **Cantigny Gardens** contains nearly 30 acres of theme plantings and statuary displays. The Gardens were created in 1967 to offer four delightful seasons of exceptional beauty.



The First Division Museum strives to be the best military history museum in the United States.

- **The Visitor's Center** includes a scale model of the estate, a movie theater with an introductory film, a cafe, and shop.
- **The Education Center** is located in a Prairie-style building and is the hub for children's programs, youth and senior groups, horticulture workshops, and art classes, fulfilling the Foundation's commitment to the community.
- **Cantigny Golf Club** opened for play in 1989. The 300-acre complex includes 27 holes, a golf academy, a 9-hole Youth Links and a full-service clubhouse where our Illinois Mayflower Fall Luncheon will be held in the Red Oak Room.

- **Walking Trails** of nearly 3 miles – perhaps a good place to walk off the calories of our lunch!

I hope this article whets your appetite for our delicious lunch, long-planned program, and socializing with Mayflower cousins. And I hope that you will plan your visit to Wheaton to take advantage of all that Cantigny has to offer. For those needing overnight accommodations, there are many hotels in nearby suburbs.

- *Cantigny Park is open 9:00 am to sunset and is located near the Cantigny Golf Club at 15151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL. Parking is \$10 per car. Admission and all attractions are free. All buildings and pathways are accessible. Website: cantigny.org*

Illinois Mayflower MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (February - August 2, 2022).

Descendants of **JOHN ALDEN**

Thomas Hale Dummer, South Beloit
Christopher Allen Runyan, Heyworth
Sarah Christine Runyan, Heyworth
Jane Ann Hubbard Pease, Sterling
Angela Rene Gillmore Kim, Highland

Descendants of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**

Michael Raynor Swift, Libertyville
Frederick Leo King, Jr., Shorewood

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

Monique Michelle Aduddell, Rockford
Regan Rebecca Aduddell, Waxhaw, NC
Ruth Ann Calvert Smith, Bourbonais
Barbara Lynn Van Der Griend Svoboda, Alsip
David Alfred Willcox, Urbana

Descendants of **PETER BROWN**

Kathie Kristine Bowdle Donahue, Sterling
Gail Lynn Pearson, Poplar Grove

Descendant of **JOHN BILLINGTON**

John Robert Day, Carlyle

Descendant of **JAMES CHILTON**

Beverly Jo White Otto, Park Ridge

Descendant of **EDWARD FULLER**

Toby Lee Chamberlain, Chatham

Descendants of **JOHN HOWLAND**

Diane Margaret Weigle Bailey, Lake Forest
Nathaniel DaeHyun Howe Koh, Winnetka
Walter Allan Murray, Merrionette Park

Descendants of **THOMAS ROGERS**

Kimberly Lynn Gardner England, Delray Beach, FL
Wendy Marie Bullock Faber, Palatine

Descendants of **RICHARD WARREN**

Carolyn Eve Polak Borner, Edwardsville
Lori Sue Aten Davis, Charleston
Cynthia Ann Stone Horrie, Toulon
Mary Yvonne Steiner Kerr, Tallula

Descendant of **PEREGRINE WHITE**

Eileen Mary Sutherland Silver, DeKalb

Descendant of **RESOLVED WHITE**

Roxanna Lynn Poling Lauderdale, Elgin

Descendant of

SUSANNA (JACKSON) WHITE

Kathy Ann Sutherland Van, Belgrade, MT

Descendant of **WILLIAM WHITE**

Janice Fay Meyers Moncher, Kimball, MI

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

These members have been approved for additional ancestors.

David Roger Nuetzmann

(William Brewster)

Ann Wilkerson

(Susanna (Jackson) White, Peregrine White, John Cooke)

Nicole Lynn Mauser-Storer

(John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, John Billington, Elinor Billington, Samuel Eaton, Sarah Eaton)

Ella-Marie Wry Ochowicz

(William Bradford, John Alden, Priscilla Mullins)

Martha Louise Ellsworth

(Stephen Hopkins)

Eles Helen Miller

(Francis Cooke, Richard Warren, Stephen Hopkins)

Roger Emery Huddleston

(James Chilton)

Anne Spencer Polaski

(Joan Hurst Tilley, John Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley)

Lydia Laquer Roberts

(Francis Cooke)

Patrick Brennan Bell

(John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins)

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Adeline Hatcher Dean, Sponsored by H. Clark Dean

(John Alden, Richard Warren, Stephen Hopkins, William Brewster)

Ellie Louise Harris, Sponsored by Geneve Louise Harris

(John Alden, Edward Fuller, William Brewster, John Howland)

Elizabeth Diane Bailey, Sponsored by Diane Margaret Weigle Bailey (John Howland)

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

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

Honoring two former Illinois Society Governors

Mary Ellen Wright

34th Illinois Governor

Mary Ellen Wright née McMahon, passed peacefully on June 9, 2022. She was born September 4, 1937 in Chicago, IL, and attended Northwestern University in Evanston, majoring in film and theater.

Having a strong passion for history led her into the field of genealogy in the late 80's, decades before it became popular. Her extensive research traced her roots back to the Mayflower. She was accepted as a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants on October 4, 1989 and sat on the Board of Assistants for 10 years before serving as Illinois Governor from 2001-2004.

Her original application was made to Edward Fuller with a supplemental to William Brewster.

Her devotion to genealogy paved the way for her to join over 30 genealogy societies including The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, the



Roger Williams Family Association and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In the early 90's Mary Ellen and her husband Jack began to travel extensively. These adventures swept them from one corner of the globe to another, resulting in her membership in the Circumnavigator's Club. Mary Ellen's summer passion was golf and she played on 3 different women's leagues over the past 40 years.

She is survived by her husband Jack Wright, her daughters Joanna (Derrick Stout) Claypool Walla and Melissa (Shawn Cunningham) Claypool Brohan; grandchildren, Taylor (Bea) Wagener and Hollister Brohan; great grandson,

Everett; Stepdaughters Wendy (Mike) Mospan, Aimee (Mike) Farrell and Shawna (Dennis) Bartimoccia; Stepson Tim (Amy); 10 step-grandchildren and 7 step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Maureen Kehoe and her brother Nelson McMahon.

Richard James Damisch

28th Illinois Governor

Richard James Damisch, 94, of Colorado Springs, CO and formerly Northbrook, IL, passed away on March 4, 2022. He was the youngest of five children born to Marcus William Damisch and Edna Emma (Hannah) Damisch on September 10, 1927 in Elgin, IL. He grew up on a dairy farm near Hampshire, IL. Richard served in the US Navy on the USS Sarpedon (ARB-7) during World War II and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the Northwestern University School of Commerce in 1950. He built a successful business with the Damisch Advertising and Marketing Agency and was instrumental in the development of his family farm, Triple Oaks Farm subdivision in Hampshire, IL.

Richard Damisch joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1972

and served as Illinois Governor from 1983-1986. His original application was made to Edward Doty with a supplemental to William Brewster. He was also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, Northwestern University Alumni Association, Circumnavigators Club, Northbrook Rotary, and The Village Presbyterian Church.

He circled the world five times, visiting Africa, the Great Pyramids, the Holy Land, India, Kathmandu, 38th parallel, China, Japan, Australia, and Bora Bora.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Jean Marilyn Larson, and their son, Richard Mark Damisch. He is survived by his brother, John W. Damisch of Northfield, IL; his son Kent (Kimberly) Damisch, Indianapolis, IN, and daughter Diane (Craig) Miller, Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren Brian (Catriona) and Brett (Jill) Damisch, Jessica and Christopher (Elizabeth) Miller, Bridie and Timothy Damisch and a great granddaughter.



IN MEMORIAM

Mary Reedy Ahlering (Richard Warren)

Charles Lobdell Bradford (William Bradford)

Richard James Damisch (Edward Doty, William Brewster)

Joyce Servis Falk (John Howland)

Mary Laffin Field (William Brewster, William Bradford)

Hope McFadden Hanson (Edward Fuller)

Jaquelyn Miller James (Degory Priest)

Nancy Russell Jewison (William Bradford)

Margaret Nusbaum Klipp (Stephen Hopkins)

John Foster Moore (Richard Warren)

Donald William Spooner (William White)

Elizabeth Harper Sullivan (Stephen Hopkins)

Doris Glade Vogel (Thomas Rogers)

MaeVon Nielsen Wolff (George Soule, Henry Samson)

Harold George Woodworth (William Brewster,
John Howland, Henry Samson, John Alden)

Mary Ellen McMahon Wright (Edward Fuller, William Brewster)

• 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.



Spring Luncheon 2022: Mary Gardner, Max Brown, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Jan Harrington, Ann Wilkerson, Deborah Domain, Jessica Schleinzer, Governor General Jane Hurt, Mary Morony, John Kemp, Les Lipschutz, Jane Schleinzer and Donald Sherman.

2021-2022 ILLINOIS SOCIETY OFFICERS & Board of Assistants

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Members of the Board of Assistants):**

John Schellinger, Jane Schleinzer, Max Brown,
Don West, H. Clark Dean, Anthony G. Hoskins

Proposed Slate for 2022-2023

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 2022-2023 year. All nominees have accepted their nominations. This list was presented at the August 2022 Board Meeting, and will be voted on by our membership at the Annual Meeting on November 19, 2022.

Governor: **Ann Wilkerson**

Deputy Governor: **Julie Barnes**

Recording Secretary: **Mary Morony**

Corresponding Secretary: **Jessica Schleinzer**

Membership Secretary: **Donald Sherman**

Treasurer: **John Schellinger**

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Counselor: **Mary Gardner**

Newsletter Editor: **Jan Wheaton Harrington**

Co-Historian: **Cary Stone-Greenstein**

Co-Historian: **Eva Blanco**

Co-Historian: **Barbara Hofmann**

Co-Historian: **Barbara Ryan**

Co-Historian: **Mary Kerr**

Co-Historian: **Linda Lyons**

Elder: **Deborah Domain**

Captain: **Les Lipschutz**

Assistant: **Judy Mayo**

Assistant: **Carol Wood**

Assistant: **Linda Baker**

Assistant: **Ella-Marie Ochowicz**

Assistant: **Linda Wingstrom**

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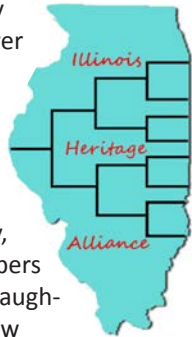
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Illinois Heritage Weekend

Illinois lineage societies will gather for the Tenth Annual Illinois Heritage Weekend on **September 16-18, 2022, at the Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL.** The event opens on Friday evening with a social hour and dinner. Friday's education dinner features "Modern Civil War Reflections" by Amanda Becker. Saturday luncheon speaker is Dorothy Thompson, "Gain, Retain, and Train" with a banquet Saturday night, "Black Hawk's View of American History" by Brian "Fox" Ellis.

Representatives from several Illinois Societies will hold meetings Saturday through Sunday morning and provide information, answer questions and assist with applications. Groups include Daughters of Indian Wars, Southern Dames of America, Colonial Daughters of 17th Century, Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, First Illinois Company of Jamestowne Society, Daughters of American Colonists, Members of Descendants of American Farmers, Daughters of the Union, Illinois Colonies of New England, Illinois Huguenot Society – and more.



• **Please register by Sept 10, 2022.** 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 Aug 26). Call 309-694-0200, or go to www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com Special rate: =HWD.

• For more information or problems with hotel reservations, contact Jane Schleinzer, JSAntiques@aol.com, or call 630-380-2089.

Special Stephen Hopkins program – May 13, 2023

By Ann Wilkerson / Deputy Governor

This is my confession: I have Ancestor Envy. Although I know I am descended from six Mayflower passengers and several figures of Jamestown history, I am not related to the one historical personage who is both: Stephen Hopkins. Like a 17th century Forrest Gump, Hopkins travelled through time and space to be present for those two significant events in the founding of our country. And before reaching Virginia, Hopkins was marooned in Bermuda, following the hurricane and shipwreck that is said to have inspired Shakespeare's play "The Tempest."

It is the board's pleasure to announce our May 13, 2023 program on Stephen Hopkins. In advance of our meeting, you will be able to view the documentary "Stephano," produced by Andrew Buckley. Mr. Buckley will then be present at our luncheon to talk about the making of "Stephano" and to answer questions.

Several other Mayflower member societies have sponsored Mr. Buckley's program to rave reviews. For one such review of his presentation in California, I refer you to page 24 in the latest *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* (Summer 2022).

More details will be provided closer to this event. Your society will be renting the documentary for you to view at your leisure in your own home with a confidential password. Viewing isn't mandatory to attend. Members of the First Illinois Company of the Jamestowne Society will also be invited to join us for this exciting program.

The luncheon and meeting will be held at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare.

My Stephen Hopkins Ancestor Envy? This program will probably make it worse. It is hard to imagine a more fascinating role in history. **Please save the date – May 13, 2023!**

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GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS



In ye name of **GOD** Amen!
We whose names are underwritten doe by virtue
of these presents solemnly and mutually declare that

Ida Nesbitt Tucker Morris

having to our satisfaction proven descent from

Gov. Wm. Bradford

who was a passenger on y^e good ship **MAYFLOWER**, when for ye glorie of
GOD she made her first voyage to America. Anno Domini, 1620, has been creat
a member of y^e **General Society of Mayflower Descendants**

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names at
Chicago in ye **State of Illinois**, ye
14th day of August Anno Domini, 1897



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DATE OF ADMISSION

General Number 26

March 23rd 1895

State Number 1

Membership Certificate for our first member, **Ida Nesbit Tucker Morris**, in 1897 – when the Illinois Society was formed. Learn about our 125th anniversary inside.

Saturday, November 19, 2022

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

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