



ILLINOIS *Mayflower* NEWS

SUMMER 2025

Message from our Illinois governor

Dear Cousins,

This will be my last governor's message. The Illinois Society's bylaws state that a governor may serve three consecutive one-year terms, and in November, members will vote on a new slate of officers (see page 12).

As I look back, I see that "value for members" has been a theme during my terms. Here are some of the things implemented or emphasized by our board in these three years for which I am grateful and proud:

- A February Zoom program on Mayflower history, because we know that not everyone is able to attend luncheons.
- A robust newsletter always consisting of 16 pages of content provided by our members.
- Mail Chimp emails to supplement communications between newsletters.
- Placement of Silver Books in more Illinois libraries.
- Support for the Mayflower Meeting House project through fundraising raffles and donations. Our financial commitment has provided the Illinois Society with a "naming opportunity" for one of the sanctuary chandeliers.
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants recognition for Don Sherman, Cary Stone-Greenstein and Jessica Schleinzer for their years of volunteer service to the Illinois Society.
- Written survey of members at two luncheons to learn preferences for meeting locations, costs and programs. Receiving and acting on suggestions are vital for keeping our members and gaining new ones.
- Fun table decorations and favors at luncheons to facilitate conversations and leave you with a little souvenir to take home. We've had tulip bulbs, Plymouth rocks and candy turkeys. We hope these small gifts make you want to see what's in store at the next luncheon in Bloomington.
- An ongoing commitment as always to our next generation of Mayflower descendants as we continue to provide college scholarships and a strong program of books for Juniors.

Our Illinois Society was founded in 1897 — that's an incredible 128 years of volunteer service in memory and honor of our Mayflower ancestors. I thank you, the members, and I congratulate your next board that will take our mission into the future. I wish them the best.

Gratefully yours,

Ann Wilkerson
Governor, Society, Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois



Governor Ann Wilkerson and Deputy Governor Julie Barnes at the spring luncheon.

Report from the 2025 annual luncheon

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Luncheon was held on May 10, 2024, at Maggiano's Oak Brook. The meeting was called to order by Governor Ann Wilkerson at noon. Elder Deborah Domain gave the invocation, and Ann led the pledge of allegiance. Deputy Governor Julie Barnes read the Mayflower Compact. Membership Secretary Don Sherman's memorable presentation included quotes from the speech given at the third Illinois Society banquet in 1899.

Ann introduced the past governors, current officers and board of assistants and thanked all the board members for their help in setting up the luncheon, and Pilgrim Hall for its donation of the post-cards at each place setting. She welcomed Jamestowne Society guests and all guests.

Ann invited everyone to consider serving on the board or one of the committees. The Nominating Committee, John, Ann and Jessica, will be contacting current officers and potential candidates.

Ann thanked members and the board who have supported projects that help to tell our story, including donations of the Silver Books to Illinois libraries and a mid-winter Zoom lecture. The Roof Tile Tray being auctioned off (tickets \$10 or 2/\$20) to benefit the Plymouth Meeting House was donated by Deb Domain.

The minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were printed in the Winter Newsletter and approved by the Board.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Linda Wingstrom, Roger Huddleson, Tony Hoskins and Jessica Schleiner, received seven very good applications for the \$2,500 scholarship, all with a 4.0 or better GPA. The winner, Nash Williams of Dublin, Ohio, attended the luncheon with his family.

At 1:00 Julie introduced the speaker, Professor David Richmond, of Harper College. Julie presented Richmond with an honorarium in his name for Harper College Scholarship Fund.

The Meeting House tray raffle netted a total of \$380.

Julie announced that the Fall Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 15 at the Bloomington Country Club. The program will be by re-enactor Martina Mathisen.

After the benediction by Deborah, Ann adjourned the meeting at 1:45. At the close of the meeting, board members were asked to stay for photos.

Mary Morony,
Recording Secretary



Membership Secretary Don Sherman, Consulting Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein, Deputy Governor Julie Barnes, Co-Historian Roger Huddleston and Governor Ann Wilkerson



Table settings included car cup holder coasters and postcards from Plymouth.

Ohio student receives 2025 scholarship

Hopkins, Bradford descendant plans to major in engineering at Purdue

The Illinois Society stretched east to Ohio this year to award the 2025 Illinois Mayflower scholarship of \$2,500.

Nash Williams, then a senior at Dublin Jerome High School in Dublin, Ohio and a descendant of Mayflower passengers Stephen Hopkins and William Bradford, was chosen. He attended the spring luncheon with his parents, Paula and Brian Williams. His grandmother, Christine Foster, is a member of the Illinois Mayflower Society and was his scholarship sponsor.

In addition to excellent academics, Williams is active at his school, in Scouting and his community. He has excelled at youth hockey and has become a referee, and was a mentor to his teammates when he was injured with a broken collarbone. As his Eagle Scout project, Williams planned and built picnic tables, complete with wood-burned checkerboards so children at the elementary school he attended would have a place to go and learn outdoors.

In his application essay, he noted the arduous journey of the Mayflower passengers and the hardships they faced settling in Plymouth that first year.

“Similar to the Pilgrims, between academics, hockey, refereeing, scouting, Young Life, Senior Cabinet, the Celtic Advisory Program, and my summer jobs, I have always emphasized two things: working hard and giving back,” he said.



Scholarship recipient Nash Williams at the spring luncheon.

Williams is majoring in mechanical engineering this fall at Purdue University, with a specialization in business and leadership. He said new products and ideas have revolutionized the world, and he wants to be on the frontier of the next breakthrough invention, finding ways to fix and alleviate problems and inconveniences of billions of people.

“While the Pilgrims undoubtedly significantly influenced history, laying the foundation for religious freedom, and forging the foundation of the free world, I too look to influence history,” he said. “With this scholarship, I can obtain a high-quality education to guide me in future large-scale positive engagements for the greater good.”

There were seven highly qualified and worthy applicants.

The committee, made up of Linda Wingstrom, Jessica Schleinzer, Tony Hoskins, Roger Huddleston and John Schellinger, determined Williams rose above the rest.

- Brett Johnson



Scholarship recipient Nash Williams shows his certificate. With him, from left, are Jerry and Becky Williams, and his grandparents Dan and Christine Foster. His parents, at right, Paula and Brian Williams, won the raffle for a serving tray made from slate tiles that roofed the 1897 Meeting House Church in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Illinois Mayflower Society spring



luncheon at Oak Brook Maggiano's



Precursor to Civil War

Spring luncheon guest connects the roots of conflict to how both Plymouth and Jamestown were settled

By Roger Huddleston

Who would have thought the seeds of the American Civil War were sown in the early 1600s in Colonial America?

David Richmond, a history professor at Harper College in Palatine, shared at the spring luncheon many key differences between the original Northern and Southern colonies that would culminate in conflict two and a half centuries later.

These differences stemmed from the earliest foundation of the Jamestown and Massachusetts colonies — Jamestown founded as a business venture and settled predominantly by sons of English nobles, while Plymouth was founded as a religious settlement by families and cohesive communities.

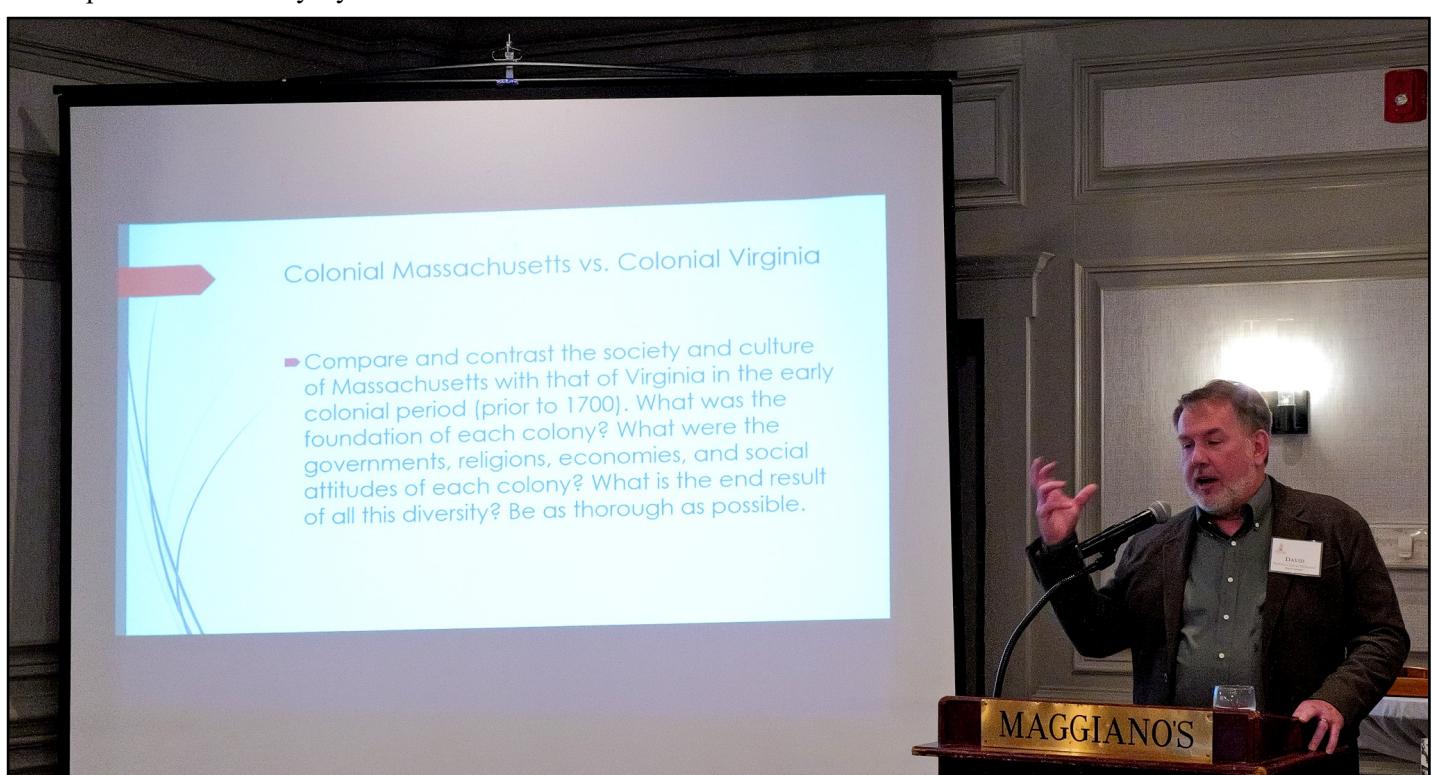
Although Virginia lacked the mineral riches exploited in many of the earlier Spanish colonies, the finding that Virginia was well-suited for tobacco cultivation led to the development of large plantations often separated by miles. Each plantation owner was wealthy and powerful ("the king of his own castle," as Richmond described) with work performed initially by indentured servants and later

African slaves. The plantations produced large-scale cash crops, mainly tobacco, rice and later cotton, and relied on trade for other goods and supplies.

In contrast, religious communities of the North "were designed to get you into heaven," Richmond said. Puritans believed that "success" was the key to reaching heaven, but success meant hard work and working together rather than wealth. By living and working closely together, neighbors could keep an eye on each other and ensure that no one sinned. As a result, northern farms were smaller scale, focused on food production and people stayed in more "urban" communities (at least, relative to more rural southern plantations). Towns diversified into broader industries and relied less on trade for basic goods.

Northern communities were governed by town meetings, where everyone had a voice and each household had a vote rather than the concentrated power of Southern plantation owners (although Northern ministers wielded considerable influence — if a minister deemed something a sin it was often made against the law).

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Even leisure time was viewed differently. In the South, plantation owners with money and free time enjoyed hunting, boxing, racing and lavish parties — activities generally considered sins in the Northern religious communities, where time not spent working was largely filled with religious services or Bible study.

Ultimately, these foundational differences led to what Richmond called the “Three S’s” at the root of the Civil War: Slavery, State’s Rights (the Southern colonies’ tendency to put the individual state/colony above the collective), and Sectionalism (fundamental differences in class, religion, culture and economies).

With such strong differences between the North and South from the very beginning, Richmond suggests the more incredible outcome is not the advent of the Civil War, but that the colonies could come together at all at the time of the Revolution and founding of our nation.



Deputy Governor Julie Barnes thanks Harper College History Professor David Richmond for his insights.

Fall luncheon will feature ‘The Six Wives of Henry VIII’

This year’s fall luncheon and annual meeting will feature a reenactor sharing the stories of the six women who were married to King Henry VIII.

Queen, lover, mother, outcast, victim, survivor: Meet the six wives of Henry VIII as presented by Martina Mathisen of Edu-tainment Living History. She will share compelling truths about these remarkable women from an intriguing time in history.

These fascinating women led equally fascinating lives, apart from the manner in which they ended. Mathisen artfully interweaves tales of power, personality and politics.

Do these six famous wives deserve their popular labels? Meet all six wives of Henry VIII and find out for yourself.

Saturday Nov. 15, 2025

Bloomington Country Club
605 Towanda Ave.
Bloomington, Illinois.



Members find seeds of growth from luncheon gifts

Tom Dummer attended his first Illinois Mayflower Society luncheon in November 2022 and was given a pink rose.

His wife, Janelle, nourished it through the winter so it would grow roots and they planted it.

It bloomed several times, producing almost 20 flowers. Dummer compared it to the Mayflower Pilgrims leaving their home for a new continent, unsure what they would encounter. But they took root and made Plymouth their home.

He noted each set of blossoms became more elaborate, reflecting how our ancestor families have grown through generations, becoming more abundant each year.

Eventually the Dummers were able to root two other clippings, planting one in their yard and giving one to Illinois Society member Kris Sellers, who they met at their first luncheon.

Unfortunately, Tom Dummer reports neither their original plant nor their clipping survived the past winter.



Tom Dummer and Kris Sellers with one of the clippings. If hers survived the winter, he may seek a clipping from her so they can continue the growth.



Through the tulips

Illinois Mayflower Society member Kimberly Bowman took home the tulip bulbs from our fall meeting in 2024 and planted them in her garden. She shared this photo of the tulip blooms she enjoyed this spring.

Lincoln Death Day observed

The Illinois Mayflower Society was represented at the Lincoln Death Day Celebration April 15 at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Julie Barnes and Mary Mucciano placed a wreath.

The speaker for the luncheon was former superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Timothy Good, who shared details of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theater in Washington.



Who wrote the Mayflower Compact?

Richard Pickering offers theories on origin of the revered document

The importance of the Mayflower Compact is well known and revered among the various descendant societies — we open all of our luncheons reading it.

But did the Pilgrims recognize its importance at the time? And did they even write it?

Those were questions posed and answered by Richard Pickering, senior historian at Plimoth Patuxet Museums, during our Zoom conversation Feb. 2, as he shared history, discoveries and the latest thinking on the 199 words that formed the basis of Plymouth government.

Pickering said William Bradford, in his voluminous work “On Plymouth Plantation,” wrote an entire first column describing the time in Leiden, the decision to leave, the voyage of the Mayflower and the first year in Plymouth without once mentioning the Mayflower Compact.

Pickering said while the Pilgrims were all members of the same congregation and bound by a church covenant, they needed to account for others on the voyage. There were people from 17 different dialect regions in England, and in some instances dialects were so thick people couldn’t understand people from three towns over.

“They were outside that covenant so what was going to hold them all together, a civil government, because our ancestors were not about to force anyone to join their church,” he said.

Pickering said the men were binding themselves and their households together into a civil body. He then offered what he called his controversial opinion.

“We do not know where or when the Mayflower Compact was written,” he said. “The traditional story is it was written in response to the crisis as the mutinous speeches started when the Mayflower was going to stay in New England.”

Instead, Pickering says he suspects the Compact was written in Leiden before the voyage, to be signed by the Pilgrims wherever they landed. The document was not created during a crisis, but was planned to respond to a crisis.

Pickering said historians Jeremy Bangs in Leiden and Carla Gardina Pestana at UCLA came to similar conclusions independently. In part, he notes the Mayflower Compact’s brevity and, in Nathaniel Philbrick’s words, without a word of waste, to give them powers to create constitutions.

“Over time, the story has been projected backwards … that



Richard Pickering from Plimoth Patuxet Museums presented a Zoom program Feb. 2 for the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants.

it was written in the moment, but you can’t write that beautifully and that economically in crisis,” Pickering said.

He points to a letter written by their pastor, John Robinson, to the congregation in the summer of 1620, as the passengers were preparing to depart for the New World. It shares some startling similarities with the subsequent Mayflower Compact.

In his letter, Robinson tells the Mayflower passengers, “you are become a body politic, using amongst yourselves civil government,” much like the words of the Mayflower Compact stating the settlers would “combine ourselves together into a civil body politic.”

Did Robinson borrow words and concepts from a document that was already written? Pickering says yes, and the plan was to form a body politic, not because they landed far from Virginia, where they were granted a charter, but because it was always the plan to settle away from the king’s jurisdiction.

Bradford may have left clues. When the Fortune arrived in 1621, it carried some excoriating letters from the merchants who backed the voyage.

Bradford wrote back in defense, saying the merchants didn’t understand the starting of a settlement, and sent a chronicle detailing the first year in Plymouth. But the Fortune was captured by French pirates before its return to England, and Bradford’s letter and documents were confiscated.

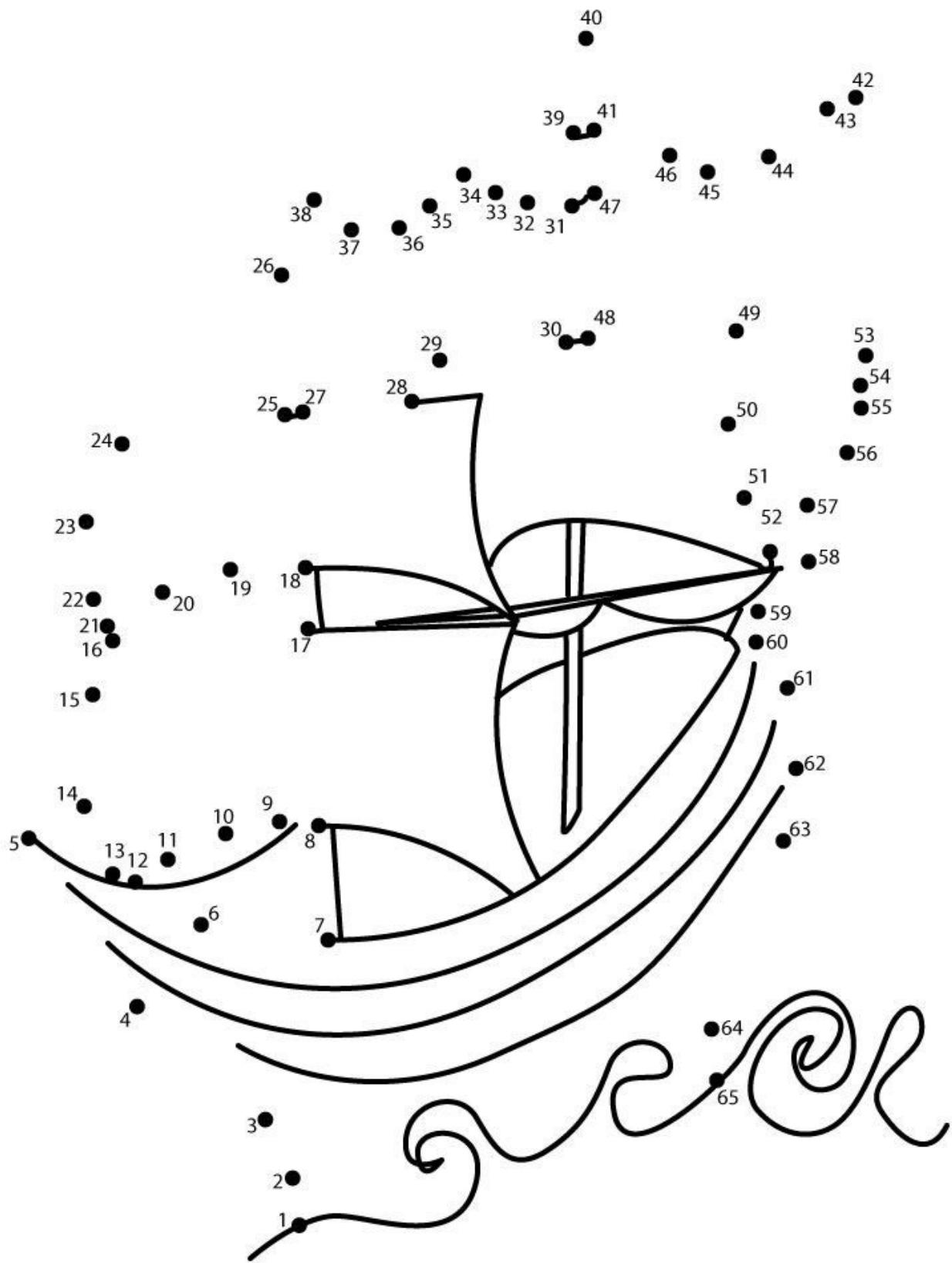
Perhaps, Pickering suggests, a deep dive into the archives in Paris may someday uncover Bradford’s letter and reveal the truth.

- Roger Huddleston and Brett Johnson.

Juniors Corner

Connect the dots, color in the ship and then send us your completed work. We'll publish some of the drawings in a future newsletter. Scan then email brettedit@gmail.com.

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Mayflower Memorials

Crete church founder descended
from Bradford, Alden and Mullins

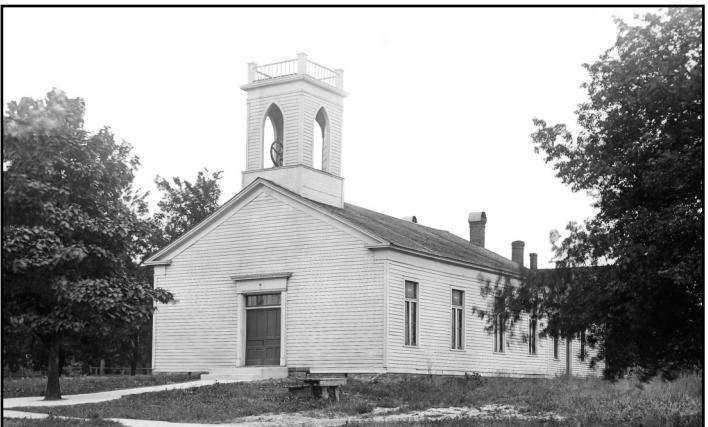
By Cheryl Fornelli

At 550 W. Exchange St., in Crete, Illinois, sits a simple, white wooden building. Signs indicate it was erected in 1853 as the First Congregational Church in Crete Township and its later role as an important stop on the Underground Railroad.

Eight stained-glass windows, donated in 1894, still bear the surnames of early members of the church, some of whom are buried in the adjacent graveyard. After serving more than 100 years as a church, the building became an antique shop and later a market.

It was purchased in 2022 by the Crete Area Historical Society with plans to restore the building as the Crete Historical Museum. The original bell that resided in the belfry has been returned and building restoration is in progress. Inside walls, previously damaged by fire, have been stripped down to the original logs, massive black walnut and white oak, hand-hewn by members of the original church.

This church was conceived by the Rev. David Bradford Ripley, a descendant of Mayflower passengers Governor William Bradford, John Alden, and William and Priscilla Mullins. David Ripley was born in Connecticut, educated at Yale and became a reverend, like his father. In 1838,



The First Congregational Church of Crete Township, built in about 1850. Stained-glass windows bear the names of early members.

after pastoring three New England churches, he responded to the call to become a congregational home missionary and moved to Illinois with his wife and children.

On May 23, 1839, about one year after the Ripley family arrived in Will County, David called a meeting with seven neighboring pioneers to determine their interest in organizing a church. The vote was unanimous, and the Congregational Society of Beebe's Grove was conceived. Tragically, within another year, the Rev. Ripley, his wife, Betsey, and one daughter would succumb to disease.

Although Rev. Ripley did not survive to see the congregation develop or the church building built, the little building that still stands proudly in Crete might be considered a monument to his faith. Without a doubt, Ripley was familiar with the scripture in Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see." That confidence was not unlike the hopes and dreams of his Mayflower ancestors, who had faith and tirelessly labored to bring them to fruition — although many would not see them fulfilled in their lifetimes.

Hidden gems

Do you know of any Mayflower memorials in Illinois, perhaps in your community? We are looking for other examples to share in our newsletter. Contact Brett Johnson at brettedit@gmail.com.



The interior of the Congregational Church built about 1850.

Slate of candidates for election in November

The following slate of officers for November 2025 to November 2026 will be voted on at the annual meeting, Nov. 15, 2025, in Bloomington.

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Carolyn Pribble
Linda Walker
Linda Wingstrom
Carol Wood



Zoom meeting set

Mark your calendars for our annual winter Zoom presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026. The guest speaker will be Lisa H. Pennington, the governor general of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Details will be sent out in January.

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Your annual membership fee of \$75 is due by Nov. 30, 2025.

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My Mayflower Story

By Mary Morony

Past Illinois Mayflower Governor Tony Hoskins taught an awesome genealogy class at Chicago's Newberry Library. After an initial introductory session, he did regular advanced classes, always on a new subject. I learned how to get local help in towns where I knew my ancestors lived and how to use the local and family history collection at the library to do my research.

I had database management software to record a family tree. Wow! My grandmother's New England roots were a great source of interesting ancestors, most notably the eccentric Bingham clan and the relations of the famous John and Samuel Adams.

I had visited the cemetery in Evansville, Wisconsin, where my mother's great-grandparents, Albert Adams and his wife, Dolly Parker, were buried. In fact, I had read in an early Evansville newspaper an account of Albert's funeral, with a list of attendees visiting from out of town including their relationship to the deceased.

Eventually, I traced Albert back to his Revolutionary antecedents, Levi Adams and Levi Jr., cousins of John and Samuel, using the Newberry's copy of the Adams family genealogy book "History of the Adams family with biographical sketches of distinguished descendants of the several American ancestors, including collateral branches" by Henry Whittemore.

Hoskins marveled at that. He said he could never find anyone in those books because it was so hard to find someone with a common first name in those massive listings of names in the index.

"That was easy," I said, "I didn't look up Albert, I looked for his brother Dorastus and found him right away."

And, yes, Dorastus was there at that Evansville funeral.



Portraits of Ellen and her husband, Loyal Bingham, from their wedding photos.



Mary Morony's great-grandmother, Ellen Adams Bingham.

My database listed Levi Jr.'s wife as Mary Abecca Perry of Groton, Massachusetts. And her origins? She had virtually none. The only record of her was in her son's will where he named her as his mother.

So I started a Miss Marple-type search for Mary A, mostly using tapes from the Mormon library, trying to fit her into existing family groups in the Groton region. I found the Ebenezer Perry family, and sure enough, she fit right in. So I solved the mystery, right?

But I asked at one of the genealogy conferences, how do I prove it? The answer was, "Apply for membership in an appropriate heritage society. If you get in, that means you solved the mystery."

The Perry family history book suggested a Mayflower link, so I applied to prove what a clever person I was. That, my friends, is how I became a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois.

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



2024-2025 Board of Assistants at the 2025 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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Tyler Kenneth McMillin (William Brewster)
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Recent supplements

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David Alfred Willcox (Stephen Hopkins)

In Memoriam

Gail Rosenow Ripka (William Bradford)
Marilyn Patterson Carr (William Bradford)
Colette Paulan McCarthy (William Bradford)
Nathalie Fowler Alberts (William Bradford, William Brewster)
Patricia Patton Young (John Howland)

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.

New Junior Associates

Gracie Jo Flowers, Weston Roy Flowers, Gunnar Roy Flowers, Jobie Leona Hutchinson, Ezra Brian Hutchinson, Jack Bernard Heitzig, Waylon Max Heitzig (John Howland)

Sponsored by Barbara Ogden

Sophia Bejar Prince (William Brewster)

Sponsored by Timothy C. Prince

An application to become or to sponsor a Junior Associate may be obtained at www.themayflowersociety.org or from membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com.

A completed application, with a check for \$15 and two photocopies of the original birth certificate from vital statistics (stating the name of the father and showing the mother's maiden name) must be returned.

Birth certificates are kept on file to later facilitate the transition to a full adult membership, but will be returned or destroyed, at the sponsor's request, after the application has been approved.

Junior Associates age 18 who would like a "Junior-to-Adult" application, should contact Sherman. The application fee, \$175, will be waived if the preliminary application is submitted before the Junior's 19th birthday, and only the first year's dues, \$75, will be required.

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Sept. 19-21	Illinois Heritage Alliance
Nov. 15	Fall luncheon and meeting Bloomington Country Club
Feb. 5	Zoom program
May 30	Spring luncheon, Sunset Ridge Country Club, Northfield

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