



ILLINOIS *Mayflower* NEWS

WINTER 2022

Message from our Illinois Governor

Happy New Year, dear Cousins.

I for one am looking forward to the warm weather and spring activities.

In September 2021, I attended the General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts. We learned about the restorations at the Mayflower House and the Meetinghouse. We met our new Executive Director, Mark Schmidt, and learned about the new website and the status of the Silver Books projects. One thing that stood out to me was a fair amount of Illinois genealogical societies have donated to the Meetinghouse. We should be proud of that!

I had the pleasure of meeting and enjoying some of the activities with long-time Illinois Member, Pam Booth, who lives in New Jersey. Other Illinois members included; Jane Schleinzer, Ann Wilkerson, Deborah Domain, Kay Irving, Judy Mayo, and Brett Johnson. Always wonderful to meet members from near and far. I've included a few pictures for all to enjoy.

Our next luncheon is May 21, 2022, at Makray Country Club in Barrington, Illinois. The speaker will be Governor General Jane Hurt. We will also announce the winner of our annual Scholarship. Make sure to have your college-bound family members apply!

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

Take care,

Jessica Schleinzer, Illinois Governor



Kay Irving, Pam Booth, Jane Schleinzer, Jessica Schleinzer, Ann Wilkerson and Deborah Domain dressed like Pilgrims in front of the Mayflower House during the GBOA. They joined the procession and walked through Plymouth to the Meetinghouse (below).



The Mayflower Society is instrumental in restoring the Meetinghouse.



Plymouth hosted the 2021 GBOA Meeting. The next meeting will be held Sept 5 -12, 2022, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

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NOVEMBER 20, 2021 • SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

MEETING & LUNCHEON



Melanie Escot and Michael Escot.



Ann Wilkerson, Hilary Goodnow (aka Elizabeth Tilley Howland) and Jessica Schleinzer.

History on display at in-person gathering

By Mary Morony, *Recording Secretary*

After two years of virtual meetings during the COVID restrictions, the Fall Annual Meeting was held in person in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza. During the 11:30 am reception old friends were finally able to greet one another and catch up on news and family events. Ann Wilkerson's husband, Keith Wodarski – a photography hobbyist – took photos throughout the event, including the ancestor family photos.

The meeting was called to order by Governor Jessica Schleinzer at Noon. Acting Elder Jane Schleinzer gave the invocation, Les Lipschutz led the pledge of allegiance. Deputy Governor Ann Wilkerson read the Mayflower Compact, and Membership Secretary Don Sherman read the Necrology.

Hilary Goodnow from the Plimoth Patuxet Museum portrayed Elizabeth Tilley Howland with a fascinating liv-



Don Sherman holds up the 1962 directory, the last hard-bound version to feature the entire lineage of every member.

ing history program. Les Lipshutz organized a silent auction featuring Society publications including Silver Books and stories of the Mayflower families donated from the collection of Former Governor Ralph Moore. Music in the background was a recording by Passamezzo, a UK-based ensemble known for historical reenactments.

Because of the hiatus in new member installations, Jane Schleinzer and Ann Wilkerson installed a record number of 22, lighting candles honoring their ancestors.

Prior to the officer election of candidates presented by Eva Blanco's Nominating Committee, Don Sherman gave an extremely interesting report featuring highlights from his 14-year tenure as Membership Secretary. Of the 1,120 members of the Illinois Society, a total of 350 of them joined through Don. And those members range in age from 104 to the youngest at 19 months – from 42 states, eight countries and four continents.

Don also announced there would be a 2022 Membership Directory, available free in spiral-bound print or electronic versions. He then held up an enormous volume which he explained was the first directory (1900), then two other big books – one from 1925 and the other from 1962.



Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein with Kathy Dehen (left) and Mary Mucciante.



Ann Polaski and Carol Spanuello.



Linda Baker and Jane Schleinzer.



The Illinois Society welcomed 22 new members. Each received a pink rose and had a candle lit to honor their ancestors.



Carol Day, Carol Wood, Winifred Barbato, James Barbato (wearing a Mayflower Society tie), and John Day (seated).



James Kinney, Les Lipshutz, Mary Morony and Brian White.

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Karen Snedeker, Michael Snedekerr, Larry Schacht and Joan Schacht. The table behind them featured a display of artifacts, documents and other items belonging to the Illinois Society.



Thelma Martin and Remi Martin (seated). Dr. Cody Sweet (standing on left) with her brother, Bill Sweet and sister-in-law Joy Sweet. Joy and is helping Cody with her application and is married to their other brother Chuck.



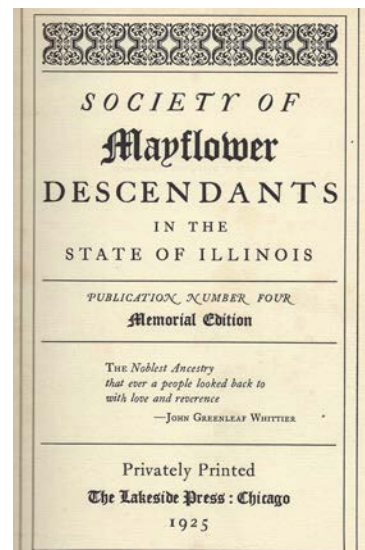
Long-time members share a table with new members at the luncheon.

A history of Illinois Society directories

By Don Sherman, *Membership Secretary*

Our first Lineage Book, Publication Number One, was published in 1900, three years after the organization of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois. That volume contained 120 lineages of the members. Publication Number Two, 32 pages without lineages, was issued in 1905. Publication Number Three came out in 1911 and contained 211 lineages.

In 1925, Publication Number Four was issued, a Memorial Edition presented to the Society by Mrs. Lillian Martha (Blish) Purmort, in memory of her husband, Henry Clay Purmort. That edition (title page shown here) contained 395 lineages, including supplemental lines, which represented the membership of the Society from 1897 to 1925, with the exception of those who had resigned or been dropped from membership or had transferred to other State Societies. Publication Number Five, issued in 1947, was a supplement to Number Four as far as lineages were concerned.



Publication Number Six, published in 1962, included the lineages of the entire 1961 Membership, and was the final publication that included lineages.

• The **2022 Membership Directory** is offered to all members who request one. If you would like a **free copy**, please send an email to Membership Secretary, Don Sherman, at membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com and let him know your preference: **print, electronic (PDF) or both**. *You will not automatically receive a directory unless you request it.*

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Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS

Members attending the Fall Meeting may join their cousins for our Ancestor Family Photos. Join us at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton on November 19, 2022 for our next photo session.



William White: (Front) Ann Wilkerson, Thelma Martin, Jessica Schleinzer, Jane Schleinzer and Ella-Marie Ochowicz with Michael Snedeker in back of her. **John Tilley:** (Back) Don Sherman, Hilary Goodnow, David Richardson (White), Cary Stone-Greenstein and Tony Soper.



William Bradford: (Front) Melanie Escot, Nina Strnad, Edna Strnad with Joy Sweet in back. **William Brewster:** Elizabeth Happ, Cathryn Richardson and Linda Baker in back with Judy Mayo in front. **Priscilla Mullins:** Mary Mucciante. **John Alden:** Ann Sears with Deborah Domain and Tom Garlitz in back.

Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS



John Howland: (Front) Ann Polaski, Thelma Martin, Cristina Campbell, Sarah Musgrave, Carolyn Pribble, (Back) Nicole Mauser-Storer, Kathy Dehen, Don Sherman, Hilary Goodnow, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Tony Soper, Leslie Bischoff and Sally Krigbaum.



John Billington: Joan Schacht, Julie Barnes with John Day, Carol Wood and Nicole Mauser-Storer in back. **James Chilton:** Jessica Schleinzer and Jane Schleinzer. **Isaac Allerton:** Cary Stone-Greenstein.

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Francis Cooke: (Front) Jessica Schleinzer, Carol Spanuello with Jane Schleinzer, Ann Wilkerson, Winifred Barbato, Deborah Domain and Les Lipschutz standing in the back.

Francis Eaton: Joan Schacht and Nicole Mauser-Storer. **Edward Doty:** Kay Irving.



Stephen Hopkins: Joy Sweet and Tony Soper.
Edward Fuller: Deborah Domain. **Samuel Fuller:** Joan Schacht. **Peter Browne:** George Tinkham.



Richard Warren: Ann Wilkerson, Carol Spanuello and Cary Stone-Greenstein with Les Lipschutz in back.
George Soule: Deborah Domain (seated) and Winifred Barbato.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (August 2021 - January 2022).

Descendants of **JOHN ALDEN**

Sheila Marie Fry, Joliet

Mary Lucinda Klossing Ridder, Quincy

Descendant of **JOHN BILLINGTON**

John Robert Day, Carlyle

Descendants of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**

Michael Raynor Swift, Libertyville

**Susan Lee Denson Usherwood,
Glenarm**

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

Eric Lee Epps, Rock Falls

**Elizabeth Ann McIntyre Happ,
Camargo**

Descendant of **EDWARD DOTY**

James Daniel Anfield, Jr., LaGrange

Descendant of **SAMUEL FULLER**

David Michael Boldt, Arlington Heights

Descendant of **STEPHEN HOPKINS**

**Nancy Lee Roberts Gaynor,
Crystal Lake**

Descendants of **JOHN HOWLAND**

Ryan Dale Curtis, Rockford

Walter Murray, Marrisonette Park

Kathleen Anne Pesek Nixon, Glenview

Descendant of **HENRY SAMPSON**

**Katherine Anne Hazelwood,
Hobe Sound, FL**

Descendant of **MYLES STANDISH**

Richard Neil Gardner, Skokie

Descendant of **RICHARD WARREN**

Anthony Earl Cash, Wilmette

Descendant of **WILLIAM WHITE**

**Janice Fay Meyers Moncher,
Kimball, MI**

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

These members have been approved for additional ancestors.

George Scott Mitchell

(Richard Warren)

Patricia Ann Ericksen

(John Alden, William Mullins)

Kathryn Marie Ericksen

(Stephen Hopkins)

Carrie Amalia Homsy

(Stephen Hopkins)

Mary Kathryn Tilstra

(Francis Cooke)

Ralph Walker Harkison

(Thomas Rogers)

Truman MacKenzie Crowell

(James Chilton)

Roger Emery Huddleston

(James Chilton)

David Roger Nuetzmann

(William Brewster)

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Gretchen Cailidh Gunn and Sadie Mae Lemmenes

(Stephen Hopkins)

Sponsored by Wendy Ruth Herder

George Stirling Kammo

(William White, Francis Cooke, Richard Warren)

Sponsored by Ann Warren Wilkerson

Victoria Anne Wiesner (James Chilton)

Sponsored by Linda Kay Matthiesen Wiesner

John Mark Epps, Wake Pierce Epps

and **Heidi Lynanne Epps** (William Brewster)

Sponsored by Eric Lee Epps

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

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Eleanor Conner (Myles Standish)

David Lewis Danner (William White)

Pamela Boggs Glaser (John Howland)

James Elbridge Griffes (Richard Warren)

Tom D. Hughes (Edward Doty)

Jean KixMiller MacMillan (Francis Cooke)

Phyllis Anne Zink-Schwenk

(William Brewster, John Howland,

Edward Fuller, John Tilley)

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

- To file a New or Supplemental Application, contact Membership Secretary, Don Sherman.



Jessica and Jane Schleinzer in New Bedford, MA

After the General Board of Assistants meeting in Plymouth, we attended two events sponsored by the Governor General's 1620 Club – a banquet and a tour of the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA. A mainstay of the museum (shown above) is a whole whale skeleton that is still leaking oil from its bones. The 1620 Club provides funds for special projects of the Mayflower Society. This is one of many organizations that our Illinois Society helps to support. Others include the genealogy research departments of the Newberry Library, Peoria Public Library, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, and Abraham Lincoln Library in Springfield.



Judy Mayo at the unveiling of the William Bradford statue in the garden of the Mayflower House. The artist, Dee Clements, referred to photos of real Bradford descendants to design the bronze statue in honor of the 400th anniversary of the crossing of the Mayflower.

Judy Mayo in Plymouth

I have attended several GBOA Meetings. One of my greatest interests is watching the progress of the Meetinghouse restoration by the Society. I am proud to be a member of the Illinois Society which is a yearly benefactor.

I discovered that my 10th great-grandmother Alice Carpenter Southworth was married to William Bradford in 1627. William adopted her two sons, Thomas and Constant Southworth, and raised them with his family and included them in his will. I have been amused by trying to be accepted into the Bradford Family Association when I tell them that “my grandmother slept with William Bradford for thirty years!” I can't join, as I am not a Bradford blood line! But I still think of William Bradford as my 10th step great-grandfather.

I took part in a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Plimouth Patuxet where the reenactors portraying our ancestors gave us instructions on how to eat like “CIVILIZED English Ladies and Gentlemen.” The prayer before the dinner was led by my 10th great-grandfather Elder William Brewster. I also enjoy meeting new cousins at the William Brewster Family Association meetings in Plymouth.

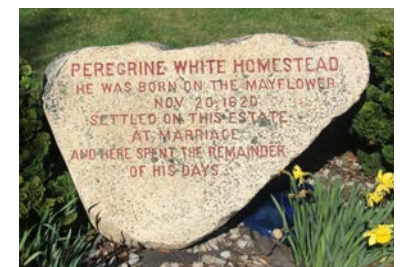
Ann Wilkerson in Marshfield, MA

I was inspired by Stephen C. O'Neill's book “The Life of Peregrine White” to explore landmarks in Marshfield associated with my ancestor, Peregrine White.

- **Peregrine White Homestead:** Although this is now private property having left the ownership of White descendants in 1875, there were ample parking spots available to stop and reflect by a granite marker (shown below).
- **Old Winslow Burying Ground:** The cemetery is still in use for burials in the 21st century. We quickly located the tallest marker which reads “In memory of the early settlers at Green Harbor Marshfield,” and lists several White and Winslow names, including Edward Winslow and wife Susanna, Resolved White and wife Judith, and Peregrine White and wife Sarah.

- **Marshfield Town Hall:** I had to see the weather vane of Peregrine's likeness above the Marshfield Town Hall. It is said that Peregrine would ride his black horse on daily visits to his mother Susanna. The weather vane is barely distinguishable from the ground, but zooming in with my iPhone camera, I could clearly see Peregrine, in pilgrim hat, galloping merrily towards his mother's house. It is nice to know that he was a devoted son.

Marshfield is justly proud of the first baby born in New England to English parents, and visiting these assorted locales made the history more than just words in books.





2021-2022 Board of Assistants at the 2021 Fall Luncheon: (Front) Carol Wood, Ann Wilkerson, Governor Jessica Schleinzer, Jane Schleinzer, Cary Stone-Greenstein. (Back) Julie Barnes, Don Sherman, Tom Garlitz, Deborah Domain, Linda Baker and Les Lipschutz.



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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John Schellinger, Jane Schleinzer, Max Brown, Don West, Mary Ellen Wright, H. Clark Dean, Anthony G. Hoskins, Richard J. Damisch

Spring LUNCHEON

MAY 21, 2022
BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

Governor General to speak

Join us on May 21, 2022 at 11:30 am for our Spring Luncheon and a visit by the Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Jane E. Groves Hurt was elected in 2020 and is in the middle of her three year term. Previously she had been Secretary General of the Society and had also served her Kansas Society in several offices.

Jane is a descendant of William White, Susanna Jackson White, Peregrine White, Richard Warren, Francis Cooke, and John Cooke. Jane is an active member of a number of hereditary societies, including Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial

Dames of the 17th Century, and the Jamestown Society.

We welcome the opportunity to meet Jane in person and to learn of her projects for the General Society and news from Plymouth.

The luncheon will be held at **Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy, Barrington.** All members are invited to attend, along with their guests and children, as well as prospective members who have started the membership process. Invitations will be mailed the month before the event and reservations are required.

We hope to see you there!



Governor General Jane Hurt will be our featured speaker at the May Luncheon.

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Illinois scholarship to be awarded in May

In 2010 the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois created an annual scholarship of \$2,500 to be awarded to a student entering college or currently attending college or graduate school. This is one of the largest scholarship awards by any state society.

To be eligible the applicant must be nominated by a member of the Illinois Mayflower Society. The scholarship will be awarded based upon academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need. A written essay is also required. The young scholar receiving this year's award will be honored at the Society's Spring Luncheon on May 21 in Barrington.

A complete set of the qualifying criteria may be found on our website: www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship.

Questions, completed applications and supporting documentation should be submitted **by email to Max Brown**, Chairman of Mayflower Scholarship Committee, Dr.Tort@comcast.net, phone: 708-420-6886.

Documents and applications can be **mailed** to John Schellinger, 2022 Harrison St. Evanston, IL 60201-2222.

• **Scholarship applications must be mailed or post-marked by April 1, 2022.**

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SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Makray Memorial Golf Club
Barrington, Illinois

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Cantigny Golf Club
Wheaton, Illinois

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This illustration of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins was in our first membership directory published in 1900. Learn about the history of our "Lineage Books" on page 4.