



Illinois Mayflower News

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Governor's Message

By Jane Schleinzer, Governor

Winter, 2016

Dear Members: I hope you're looking forward to 2016. I know that I am. We'll be hosting the General Society Governor General, Lea Filson, in May so be sure to save the date of Saturday, May 14, 2016. The luncheon and meeting will be held at Monarch Landing in Naperville, Illinois. Come and meet Lea. She is a delightful and accomplished woman.



We're going to continue working with our Juniors and I'm excited about the service project that they have selected. You'll read more about their project later in the newsletter and I'm looking forward to getting to know and working with these young people. After all, they are our future.

We have added a few new members to the Board of Assistants or BOA. Please welcome Eva Blanco and Sue Erlick to the board. I'm looking forward to working with these ladies and getting to know them.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois is growing! Many thanks go to our Membership Secretary Don Sherman, and our Co-Historians Cary Stone-Greenstein, Barbara Hoffman, Vickie Wagner, and Eva Blanco. They work countless hours helping our prospective members with their applications. With the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower's landing at Plymouth just around the corner in the year 2020, I'm sure they're going to be kept quite busy.

Don't forget to join us at the Illinois Heritage Weekend. This year the date is September 16-18, 2016, in East Peoria, Illinois. Many different Societies participate in the weekend and each Society has a time slot assigned for their meeting. We come together on Friday night for a cocktail party and a "meet-and-greet" event. Saturday noon is a luncheon with a historical program and Saturday night is a banquet with a first-person historical entertainer. The time slot for our Board of Assistants meeting is Saturday September 17, 2016, at 11:15 a.m. We will have the registration form on the website starting in May. Come and watch your board in action!

If you haven't signed up for the Amazon Smile program, please do so. The link for Amazon Smile is easy to find, simply go to our website and you'll find it on the opening page, as well as more information in this newsletter.

While I have you working, don't forget to contact your Senators and Congressman/woman asking them to Co-Sponsor the Mayflower Commemorative Coin bill. Ask your Senators to contact Tyler Hardy in Senator Hoeven's office, to co-sponsor S. 1715. Ask your Congressman/woman to contact Gary Timmins in Representative Foster's office, to co-sponsor H. R. 2980. We need 67 Senators and 287 Congressmen to co-sponsor these bills. Thank you for your help with this important Mayflower project. Please feel free to email me if you have questions at email: jsantiques@aol.com.

If you'd like to be more involved with our Society, please let me know. I'd love to hear from you. We can always use more volunteers and I always say, "You get more out of an organization if you volunteer your talents."

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please let me or a board member know. We are here to serve you!

— Jane Schleinzer, Governor

Fall Luncheon & Annual Meeting - Glenview

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was held on November 21, 2015, at the Glen Club in Glenview. The meeting was called to order by Governor Jane Schleinzer at 11:30 a.m. Jessica Schleinzer gave the invocation, and Brian White led the pledge of allegiance after which the members read the Pilgrim Pledge. Deputy Governor John Schellinger read the Mayflower Compact, and Jane Schleinzer welcomed the members and guests, reminding them that this was the day, 395 years ago, that the Mayflower Compact was signed. Past Governors were introduced and members serving the General Society were acknowledged: Max Brown, Pilgrim Academic Research Committee, Ruth Lucchesi, Technology Committee, Laurie Sutherland, Development Committee and Mayflower Quarterly Editorial Committee and Jane Schleinzer, 2020 Anniversary Committee and Insignia and Sales Committee. Junior members were introduced. Mary Morony read the minutes from the Spring luncheon meeting. Governor Jane Schleinzer outlined the progress of the legislation authorizing a commemorative coin for the Mayflower year 2020 celebration, asking that members solicit support of their congressmen and the two Illinois senators. If 287 members of congress and 67 senators sponsor the bill it will not have to be voted upon.

Other announcements: seeking member email addresses; Illinois Society recognized as being top in Social Media thanks to Newsletter Editor Karen Seda and Webmaster Dorr Lewright; thank-you notes received from national for Illinois Society donations; yearbooks in the mail to all members; members can use Amazon Smile when Christmas shopping to contribute to the society; Governor General's visit scheduled for May 14, 2016; Thanksgiving Pilgrim shows will be aired on PBS and National Geographic channels Thanksgiving week. A member requested a listing of the membership by city/town for potential carpooling to meetings. Membership Secretary Don Sherman reported on the membership is currently: Regular- 266, Life- 757, Jr. Life- 18, Total 1,041. A motion was passed approving two new Junior Associates, Colin and Ethan McLean. Don finished his report with the necrology which included 14 members. At 12:05 pm Jane pointed out that the soon-to-be-record-breaking snowstorm was worsening so in lieu of a Treasurers Report Ruth Lucchesi would be available during the luncheon to answer questions, and Jessica gave the blessing prior to a delicious lunch. As dessert was being served John introduced author Beverly Dawson who traced the history of the Glenview Naval Air Station from its beginnings in 1929 as Curtis Aviation through its closing up to the present day. Max Brown explained the procedure for the Mayflower Ancestor Family Photo session to be held at the close of the meeting. Junior Members Committee Chair Jessica Schleinzer reported she is sending birthday books for Juniors ages 5-18 and so needs a complete list of Juniors' addresses. She outlined the upcoming food bank visit and food drive to be held at the May meeting.

At Nominating Committee Chairman John Schellinger's request, motion was passed to elect the following officers: Jane Schleinzer: Governor, John Schellinger: Deputy Governor, Mary Morony: Recording Secretary, Sylvia Brewer: Corresponding Secretary, Don Sherman: Membership Secretary, Ruth Lucchesi: Treasurer, Max Brown: Counselor & Education Chair, Cary Stone-Greenstein: Co-Historian, Barb Hofmann: Co-Historian, Vickie Wagner: Co-Historian, Rosalie Clary: Consulting Historian, Ralph Moore: Elder, Les Lipschutz: Development Committee Chair, Karen Seda: Newsletter Editor & Social Media, Sally Krigbaum: Scholarship Committee Chair, Carolyn Pribble: Assistant, Bob Anstine: Assistant, Mary Gardner: Assistant, Judy Mayo: Assistant, Arielle Dachman: Assistant, Jessica Schleinzer: Assistant, Dorr Lewright: Webmaster.

New members to the Illinois Society were asked to come forward for an installation ceremony performed by Governor Jane Schleinzer, Past Governor Max Brown and Ruth Lucchesi.

There being no further business, Jessica Schleinzer gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

—Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

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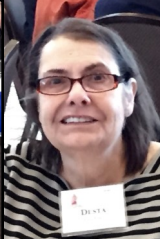
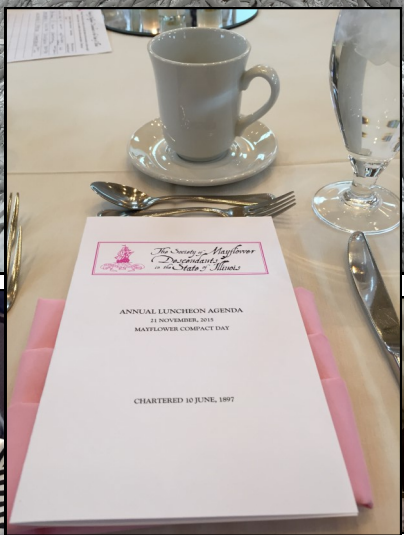
The Mayflower Compact
Signed in the Cabin of the "Mayflower" Nov. 21st, 1620

In the Name of God. Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and of one another covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness hereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11 of November, in the year in the reign of our sovereign Lord King James of England, France, and of Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno. Dom. 1620.

JOHN CARVER	EDWARD TILLY	DEGORY PRIEST
WILLIAM BRADFORD	JOHN TILLY	THOMAS WILLIAMS
EDWARD WINSLOW	FRANCES COOKE	GILBERT WINSLOW
WILLIAM BREWSTER	THOMAS ROGERS	EDMOND MARGERSON
ISAAC ALLERTON	THOMAS TINKER	PETER BROWN
MYLES STANDISH	JOHN RIGDALE	RICHARD BRITTERIDGE
JOHN ALDEN	EDWARD FULLER	GEORGE SOULE
SAMUEL FULLER	JOHN TURNER	RICHARD CLARKE
CHRISTOPHER MARTIN	FRANCIS EATON	RICHARD GARDNER
WILLIAM MULLINS	JAMES CHILTON	JOHN ALLERTON
WILLIAM WHITE	JOHN CRACKSTON	THOMAS ENGLISH
RICHARD WARREN	JOHN BILLINGTON	EDWARD DOTY
JOHN HOWLAND	MOSES FLETCHER	EDWARD LEISTER
STEPHEN HOPKINS	JOHN GOODMAN	



Fall Luncheon & Annual Meeting - Glenview

Table Photos



James Kinney & Brian D. White



Brian D. White & Mary Morony



Judy Mayo, Mary Ann & Max Brown



Judy Mayo, Larry Leiper, Mary Parker



Lisa & Don Rollheiser



Kathy & Dean Haas



Albert & Cathy Tucker



Johnnie & Philip Osborn



David & Kay Elmore



Linda & Mark Pawelski



Don Reitsma, Susan Reitsma, & Mary Spiecker



Linda & Mark Pawelski



Elizabeth Limoges



Pat Prescott, Sean Buckley, Mary Buckley, Thomas Buckley, & Victor Moore



Frank Jarke



Jean & Richard Irwin, Ethan & Colin McLean, Brenda & Kevin McLean

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Jack & Susan Fredrickson



Michele Clifton & Steve Tomaszuski



Cary Stone-Greenstein & Johnnie Osborn



Diane & Larry Holman



Laurie & Al Croke



Richard Gallas & Joyce Steffel



Mike & Ron Langenberg



Stan & Rosalie Clary, Kathy Clary Gorman



Dean Goessen & Jean



Donna Fitzgerald & Mary Ellen Wright



Mark & Laurie Sutherland



Claude & Ruth Lucchesi



Mary Helfrich & Sue Erlick



Barbara & Geoff Halliday



Thomas Lindquist with Erik & Thomas

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Ancestor Family Photos



ALDEN: Seated: William Conger, Karen Seda, Albert Tucker; Standing: Larry Wright, Mark Sutherland, Ronald Langenberg



DOTY, WHITE & COOKE: Seated: Colin and Ethan McLean, Jane Schleinzer, Laurie Sutherland; Standing: Brenda McLean, Kay Elmore, Susan Fredrickson, Steven Folkers



E. FULLER, ALLERTON & CHILTON: Seated: Mary Ellen Wright, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Jane Schleinzer; Standing: Max Brown, Larry Wright, Jessica Schleinzer, Brian D. White, Donna Fitzgerald



HOPKINS & BRADFORD: Seated: Laurie Sutherland, Dean Goessen, Thomas Linqvist, Mary Buckley; Standing: Dean Haas, Al Croke, Brian D. White



HOWLAND: Seated: Don Sherman, Ruth Lucchesi, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Johnnie Osborn, Rosalie Clary; Standing: Marge Piersen, Michele Clifton, Kathleen Gorman, Barbara Halliday, Margorie O'Mahoney

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Ancestor Family Photos



SAMSON, TILLEY & SOULE: Seated: Cary Stone-Greenstein, Don Sherman, Rachel Fowler; Standing: Mark Sutherland, Larry Wright, Steven Folkers



STANDISH, BREWSTER & PRIEST: Seated: Judy Mayo, Mary Ellen Wright, Dorothy Pawelski, Dean Goessen, Mary Morony; Standing: Mark Sutherland, Larry Wright, Brian D. White



WARREN & ROGERS: Seated: Kathy Haas, Susan Erlick, Laurie Sutherland; Standing: Stanley Goodwin, Larry Leiper, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Brian D. White



BOARD of ASSISTANTS: Seated: Cary Stone-Greenstein, Ruth Luchesi, Jane Schleinzer, Rosalie Clary, Judy Mayo; Standing: Karen Seda, John Schellinger, Don Sherman, Max Brown, Mary Morony, Jessica Schleinzer. (Not pictured: Leslie Lipschutz, Arielle Dachman, Don West, Sally Krigbaum, Sylvia Brewer, Ralph Moore, Vickie Wagner, Barb Hofmann, Eva Blanco, Dorr Lewright, Mary Gardner, Bob Anstine, Sharron Hanson, Anna Marie Koontz, and Sue Erlick.)



NEW MEMBERS

Society Officers & Board of Assistants

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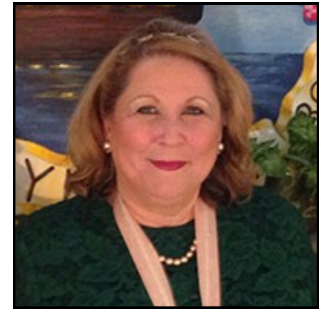
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* Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Assistants

Upcoming Events

Spring 2016 Luncheon:

Please join us at our Spring Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 2016, at Monarch Landing located at 2255 Monarch Drive, Naperville, IL. Our special guest will be the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' very own Governor General, Lea Sinclair Filson. We hope to see you there!



Leah Filson, Governor General, GSMD

Fall 2016 Luncheon and Annual Meeting:

Our Fall 2016 Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held downstate on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at the beautiful Allerton Park and Retreat Center, located at 515 Old Timber Road Monticello, IL. This location has a connection to our very own Mayflower Allerton family! Website: <http://allerton.illinois.edu/>



Monarch Landing

Save-the-Dates:

- * Juniors Day of Service: July 9th, 2016, at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, Illinois.
- * Illinois Heritage Weekend: September 16-18, 2016, in East Peoria, Illinois.
- * Spring 2017 Illinois Mayflower Society Luncheon: May of 2017



Allerton Park and Retreat Center

Social Media & Resources

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois is on Social Media!
Interact with your Mayflower cousins on the following Social Media sites:



Visit our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/illinoismayflowersociety

Follow us on Twitter: [@ilmayflower](http://www.twitter.com/ilmayflower)

Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/ilmayflower

Read our Tumblr Blog: www.ilmayflower.tumblr.com

Illinois Society Website: www.illinoismayflower.com

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Website: www.gsmd.com

Want to contribute to the newsletter? Contact illinoismayflower@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile Donations



Members and Friends: You can now support the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois each time you shop online at www.amazon.com. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com each time you shop. On your first visit, you can designate the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois as your chosen organization. Eligible products will be marked "Eligible for Amazon Smile donation" on their product page. With each purchase, the Amazon Smile Foundation will give us a 0.5% donation. Feel free to let family members and friends know as well!

Membership News

New Members: We welcome our new members since our last newsletter, as of July 2015.

Member Name	Home Town	Ancestor(s)	Election Date
Barbara Caroline Beran	Antioch, IL	George Soule	6/29/2015
Ana Claire Pranger	Chicago, IL	William Brewster	7/8/2015
Nicholas Alexander Pranger	Chicago, IL	William Brewster	7/8/2015
Mary Fielding	Lake Bluff, IL	Richard Warren	7/13/2015
Sharon Anne Crevier	Bradley, IL	Resolved White	7/13/2015
Clair Nicole Wright	Peoria, IL	John Tilley	7/17/2015
Katherine Doolittle May	Fort Lauderdale, FL	John Howland	8/4/2015
Christine Dee Hayes	Urbana, IL	Mary Brewster	8/4/2015
Thomas Bernard Linquist	Chicago, IL	William Bradford	8/6/2015
Marilyn Jean McMillan	Granite City, IL	William Brewster	8/14/2015
Johnnie Jean Osborn	Grand Chain, IL	John Howland	8/26/2015
Brenda McLean	Chicago, IL	Edward Doty	9/1/2015
Larry Jay Leiper	Belleville, IL	Richard Warren	9/28/2015
James Elbridge Griffes	Freeport, IL	Richard Warren	10/23/2015
Linda Kay Childress Keeler	Charleston, IL	Stephen Hopkins & William Brewster	10/23/2015
Kelly Cleveland	Oak Park, IL	Isaac Allerton	10/26/2015
Kay Ruth Elmore	Newark, IL	William White	11/4/2015
Clinton Alexander Soper	Bloomington, IL	John Howland	11/5/2015
Lu Anne Freeman	Park Ridge, IL	Isaac Allerton	11/13/2015
Nancy Jo Fencil	Riverwoods, IL	James Chilton	11/17/2015
Bridget Marie Sheffert	Park Ridge, IL	John Howland	11/28/2015
Judith Lynn Rohlf	Roselle, IL	Priscilla Mullins	11/28/2015
Rita Sue Kress	Brimfield, IL	John Howland	12/1/2015
John Quimby Easton	Chicago, IL	William Brewster	12/9/2015
Philip Douglas Hale	Chicago, IL	Stephen Hopkins	12/16/2015
Dianne Grace Holman	Brookfield, IL	Degory Priest	12/26/2015

New Supplementals: These members have submitted paperwork and have been approved for additional ancestors.

Member Name	Home Town	Ancestor(s)
Phyllis Anne Zink-Schwenk	Urbana, IL	William Brewster, John Howland
Evelyn Nadine Kesler	Savoy, IL	George Soule, Edward Fuller
Larry Richard Wright	Lake in the Hills, IL	Edward Fuller, Myles Standish, John Alden, Henry Samson
Katerina Ann Swanson	West Chicago, IL	Myles Standish, Henry Samson, John Alden, William Mullins, Edward Fuller
Lauren Mae Lochstampfor	Manassas, VA	John Alden, Henry Samson, William Mullins, Myles Standish, Edward Fuller
John Norfleet Wright	Denville, NJ	Henry Samson, John Alden, William Mullins, Myles Standish, Edward Fuller
Susan Eileen Kelderhouse	Island Lake, IL	John Alden, Francis Eaton

Junior Membership News

New Junior Associates:

Name	Sponsor	Ancestor(s)
Andrew Timothy Vespa	Nancee Church Vespa	Thomas Rogers, William Mullins, William Bradford, John Alden
Benjamin Ryan Vespa	Nancee Church Vespa	Thomas Rogers, William Mullins, William Bradford, John Alden
Clarissa Madeline Church Ryckaert	Nancee Church Vespa	Thomas Rogers, William Mullins, William Bradford, John Alden
Aleka Courtney Slayton	Susan Diane West-Slayton	Edward Fuller
Colin Michael McLean	Brenda McLean	Edward Doty
Ethan James McLean	Brenda McLean	Edward Doty
Norah Muriel Smucker	Clinton Burr Soper, Jr.	Mary Allerton
Elvis Alexander Soper	Clinton Burr Soper, Jr.	John Howland
Walter Giffin Soper	Clinton Burr Soper, Jr.	John Howland
Nolan David Crow	Clinton Burr Soper, Jr.	John Howland
William Christopher Ogden	Heidi Ernst Ogden	William Brewster
James Robert Ogden	Heidi Ernst Ogden	William Brewster
Sophia Elizabeth Lepard	Heidi Ernst Ogden	William Brewster
Henry Willard Lepard	Heidi Ernst Ogden	William Brewster
Olivia Margaret Peabody	Robert John Peabody	John Alden

Become a Junior Associate or Sponsor a Junior Associate:

An application to become a Junior Associate may be obtained at the Mayflower Society website or from Membership Secretary, Don Sherman, at DWSherman2@aol.com. A completed application must be returned to Mr. Sherman for each applicant, with a check for \$15.00 and two photocopies of the original birth certificate from vital statistics (stating the name of the father and showing the mother's maiden name). The birth certificates are kept on file to facilitate the transition at a later date from Junior Associate to a full adult membership application.

"Junior-Life" Members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois

There are still two Life Members of the Illinois Mayflower Society who joined as Junior-Life Members for whom there is no date of birth on file. All are maintained in our records as Junior-Life Members even though some of these Members might actually be adults (over eighteen). Our Membership Secretary works hard to keep our member database as accurate as possible, so, if your name, or your child's name, is listed below please provide a date of birth so that our records may be updated. Please send the Member's National Member Number and date of birth to the Membership Secretary by e-mail at: DWSherman2@aol.com or via postal mail at: Donald W. Sherman, Jr. - Membership Secretary, Society of Mayflower Descents In the State of Illinois, P.O. Box 2806, Des Plaines, IL 60017-2806.

Member Name	National Member Number	State Member Number
Matthew Hall Simonds	65788	2652
Angela Joyce Fenoglio	68125	2736

Book Reviews

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

The Witches: Salem, 1692

by Stacy Schiff

As a feature of the 2014 General Society Congress in Plymouth, we had a trip up the Massachusetts coast with a stop in Salem, including a tour of the House of Seven Gables and the once-world-famous Salem Harbor. And as do many of us, I have a good friend who descends from one of the Salem witches, Susannah Martin. Thus when the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff wrote *The Witches/Salem, 1692*, I was at least interested enough to cart the book home from my local library branch.

Did I like the book? Not much. There really is too much material when you count all the witches, all the judges, all the ministers, not to mention the long-suffering adolescent accusers. A spread sheet might work, but, remember, this is a non-fiction book we're talking about. On the other hand, every time I got to the point where I was ready to tote it back to its rightful owner, up would pop some true gem of fascinating history: Did you know most of those bewitched girls were orphaned and/or captured during the Indian wars and thus housed as virtual servants? And did you know that family feuds and fights over inheritances were great motivators for witch informants? Then there was the issue of the New Englanders' fear for their immortal souls. If you had done something that might suggest you were a witch, but you weren't sure you were one, if you confessed to being a witch, your soul was cleansed. Does that sound familiar in this era of suicide bombers?

Ms. Schiff looks at the confounding issue of why those accusing teenaged girls kept dropping to the floor, contorting their limbs, breaking out in pinpricks accompanied by wailing and laments. She quotes 21st Century brain science in saying that anyone living in that cold, dark climate, confined to a depressing, stultifying environment without the loving concern of parents could easily be afflicted with transference syndrome.

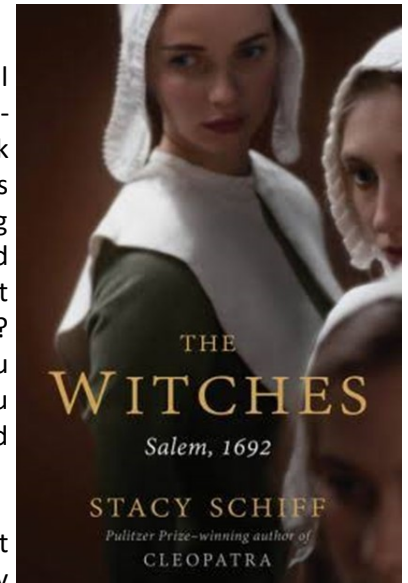
Another thing I found interesting was the author's conclusion that the Massachusetts establishment had made such a botch of the whole witch hunt episode that later generations opted to consign Cotton Mather, his fellow ministers and all the judges to the historical junk heap and replace them as poster children in the annals of Colonial history with our Pilgrim ancestors all dusted off and looking good.

The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's Good Fortune

By P.J. Lynch. In the first book he has both written and illustrated, master artist P.J. Lynch brings a Mayflower voyager's story to vivid life.

At a young age, John Howland learned what it meant to take advantage of an opportunity. Leaving the docks of London on the *Mayflower* as an indentured servant to Pilgrim John Carver, John Howland little knew that he was embarking on the adventure of a lifetime. By his great good fortune, John survived falling overboard on the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, and he earned his keep ashore by helping to scout a safe harbor and landing site for his bedraggled and ill shipmates. Would his luck continue to hold amid the dangers and adversity of the Pilgrims' lives in New England? John Howland's tale is masterfully told in his own voice, bringing an immediacy and young perspective to the oft-told Pilgrims' story. P.J. Lynch captures this pivotal moment in American history in precise and exquisite detail, from the light on the froth of a breaking wave to the questioning voice of a teen in a new world.

And here's a link to a great picture story in the *Guardian*: <http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2015/nov/17/the-boy-who-fell-off-the-mayflower-in-pictures>



Mayflower Juniors Birthday Books

by Jessica Schleinzer, Junior Committee Chair

Birthday Books: We love our Mayflower Juniors! We've begun a new program sending our Junior members a book about the Mayflower voyage for their birthday. Please contact our Junior Chairman, Jessica Schleinzer, by email at: Caluvz@aol.com, if you have sponsored a Junior member and would like to have them receive their birthday book.



Mayflower Juniors Activity

Word Search: Find the towns that our ancestors moved to after living in Plymouth from the list below.

List of Towns

- Barnstable
- Boston
- Bridgewater
- Dartmouth
- Duxbury
- Kingston
- Middleborough
- Plympton
- Portsmouth
- Rochester
- Swansea
- Tiverton

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Mayflower Juniors Day of Service

Join us for a fun summer volunteer activity! The Mayflower Juniors request members help with volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on July 9th, 2016, to sort food for the hungry. We will be meeting at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's West Suburban Center near DuPage Airport at 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva, IL 60134. More information about the organization can be found on their website: <http://solvehungertoday.org>.

Our group's shift is from 9am-12pm, so please arrive at least 15 minutes early to sign in. Please wear closed-toe shoes for your safety and no flip-flops are allowed at the facility. Anyone age 8 and up is invited to join us. Please RSVP to Jessica Schleinzer by email at Caluvz@aol.com before June 18th. Every volunteer will need to sign a Volunteer Consent Form, which can be found online at <http://162.243.78.29/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ConsentForm2014.pdf>. Paper copies of this form will also be available at the Illinois Mayflower Society Spring Luncheon in May.

We will also be holding a food drive at the May meeting and these canned food items will be donated to the food bank on July 9th. Please join us at the Spring Luncheon in May and bring your canned goods for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. I hope to see many of you at the service day on July 9th.



Supporting Education

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

As in the General Society, the Illinois Society's mission is tied to education. Our first project, enacted in 2010, is our Illinois Society Scholarship. One of the largest scholarships awarded by any state chapter, ours awards \$2500 each year to an Illinois resident, enrolled or accepted in an accredited college or university for any undergraduate year or for graduate education. Preference is given to proven descendants of a Mayflower passenger, but all applicants must be nominated by a member of the Illinois Chapter. The scholarship is awarded based upon academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need.

Members of the Illinois Chapter are invited to support this wonderful and worthwhile project. Any amount they may wish to donate is appreciated, but those contributing \$100 or more asked to make contributions in the name of one of their Mayflower ancestors. Names of persons honored are recorded and maintained on the Illinois Society web site. Two years later we added a second education program, a sponsorship of the Chicago Metro History Fair competition. Readers may or may not be familiar with this program which is similar to the better-known national Science Fair. In this annual competition local students present their own historical research projects. Students not only become historians; they also become better citizen. In conducting research, they extend the walls of the classroom into the community by visiting historical and cultural institutions, sites, and interviewing people who are experts or participants in a historic event. In studying the history of their community, they learn how decisions are made in the social, cultural, economic, and political realms that affect their lives.

Since its founding in 1977, the Chicago Metro History Education Center has earned a nationwide reputation for leadership in the field of history education. In addition to training the students, they have trained several of our members as judges of the competition.

Several Illinois heritage societies had worked with one senior professor of history at Northwestern University who would select outstanding research candidates who he recommended for funding. Unfortunately, but the time our State Society made the decision to fund graduate studies, the gentleman was packing his bags in anticipation of his eminent retirement. And he made it quite clear that there was then nor would there ever again be anyone in any school who could replicate his endeavors! But there was a program that fulfilled our requirements and we found it at the same local institution that specializes in genealogy, the Newberry Library, which provides fellowships to support graduate researchers who wish to use their extensive collections. They promise candidates "intriguing and often rare materials; a lively, interdisciplinary community of researchers; individual consultations on your research with staff curators, librarians, and other scholars; and an array of both scholarly and public programs." Although both long term (4-12 month) and short term (1-2 month) programs are offered, to date we have only sponsored Short-Term Fellowships, which are primarily intended to assist researchers who need to examine specific items in the Newberry's collection.

2020 Commemorative Coin

Just a few short years from now, 2020 will be upon us, marking the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony. This is an exciting opportunity for GSMD to commemorate our Pilgrim ancestors and to share their inspirational story with the world!

To organize commemoration events and initiatives, GSMD has created a planning committee at the national level. Many of our 52 member societies are preparing for the 2020 Commemoration as well. Here, you will find everything you need to know about our plans for 2020 and the plans of our member societies, so check back often for updates. GSMD's first 2020 initiative is to push for the United States Congress to pass an Act directing the US Mint to issue a commemorative coin series recognizing key historical elements surrounding the Mayflower voyage and the establishment of Plymouth colony.

Whether you are a member of GSMD or not, whether you are a Pilgrim descendant or not, we are asking for your help to make this project a reality! Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/1PYEbZ6>



Illinois Society Scholarship Award

By Sally Krigbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair

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 scholarships awarded by any state society. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Illinois resident and be nominated by a member of the Illinois Society. The scholarship will be awarded based upon academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, and financial need. A complete set of the qualifying criteria may be found on our website at: www.illinoismayflower.com. Click on the tab for "Memorial Scholarship Fund". The young scholar receiving this year's award will be honored at the society's spring luncheon.

Questions, completed applications and supporting documentation should be submitted to Sally Krigbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair, by e-mail: JS2414@aol.com (email preferred) or via postal mail to: Sally Krigbaum, 65 South Side Country Club, Decatur, Illinois 62521. The deadline for applications to be received is April 1, 2016.

Donations: If you are interested in financially supporting this worthwhile project, your donations may be sent to: Ruth Lucchesi, Treasurer of the Illinois Mayflower Society, at 127 Riverside Drive, Northfield, IL 60093-3238.



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In Memoriam

We remember those members who have passed away recently: Ralph Riley Obenchain, Andrew Gordon Gobczynski, Judith Ella Huff Gordon, Richard Mark Damisch, Kent Keith Kleinkauf, Richard L. Harner, and Thomas Wright Merritt.



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Please join us for the Spring Luncheon on Saturday,
May 14, 2016, at Monarch Landing in Naperville, IL.

Save-the-Date: Our Fall Luncheon & Annual Meeting will
be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016, downstate.

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