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Mayflower NEWS

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Message from our Illinois Governor

Dear Cousins,

Do you have a Silver Book story? While researching my family on Ancestry.com, I had to keep warning myself not to get too excited. After all, the information shared online is frequently misleading, undocumented or just plain false.

For verification, I turned to my nearest public library with a genealogy section in Arlington Heights. There, in Silver Book Volume 13, I found proof that my 10th great-grandparents were William and Susanna White.

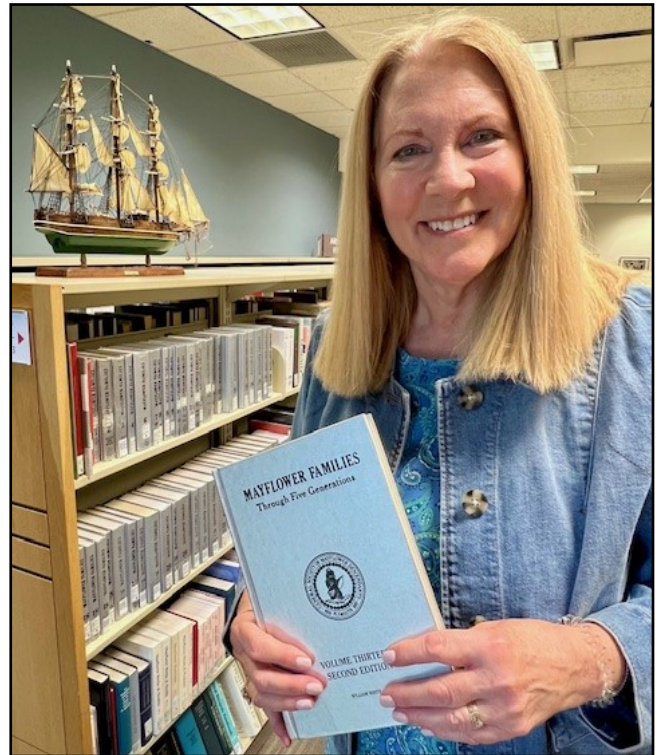
I was also able to find five more generations that were in my line, as well as my descent from the Cooke and Warren families. I was ready to apply to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants!

The availability of Silver Books in Illinois is crucial to the process of accepting new members into our Society. Your Illinois Board of Assistants recently undertook a study of the public libraries we support with donations of Silver Books. These are located in Chicago and in the following counties: Cook, Adams, Williamson, Macon, Rock Island, Champaign, Sangamon, Lake, DuPage, Kane, Peoria and Winnebago.

Seeing a gap in the geographic coverage in our large state, the board approved the purchase of Silver Books for the Louis Latzer Public Library in Highland, Illinois (Madison County).

We would love for you to share your Mayflower story, with or without Silver Books, in this newsletter. Our stories continue to bring us together these 404 years later.

With warm regards,
Ann Wilkerson



Top: Illinois Governor Ann Wilkerson with the display of Silver Books at the Arlington Heights Public Library.

Above: Deputy Governor Julie Barnes shows the Silver Books donated to the Louis Latzer Public Library in Highland, Illinois.

Report from the 2024 spring luncheon

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Spring Luncheon was held on May 11, 2024, at Maggiano's Oak Brook, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Governor Ann Wilkerson at noon.

Elder Ella-Marie Ochowicz gave the invocation, and Ann led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Governor Julie Barnes read the Mayflower Compact.

Ann Wilkerson introduced the past governors, current officers and board of assistants, acknowledged those who serve on General Society committees, new members and long-time members, then welcomed guests.

The minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were printed in the Winter Newsletter and approved by the board. The Nominating Committee will be contacting current officers and potential candidates.

Membership Secretary Don Sherman's memory presentation was the speech given at the third Illinois Society banquet.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Linda Wingstrom, Roger Huddleson, Sue Erlick, Tony Hoskins and Jessica Schleinzer, received five very good applications for the scholarship, all with a 4.0 or better grade point average. The winner, Katherine O'Connell of Gilberts, Illinois, attended the luncheon with her family including her aunt, member Jane Pease. Katherine will attend the Nursing School at University of Tennessee.



Newsletter Editor Brett Johnson and Recording Secretary Mary Morony at the Spring Luncheon.



Keith Wodarski, left, and David Furlow were in charge of photos at the Spring Luncheon, taking many of the photos in this newsletter.

Ella-Marie Ochowicz gave the table blessing at 12:25, and a delicious, family style lunch was served.

At 1 p.m., Julie Barnes introduced the speaker, Governor General Lisa Pennington from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, whose topic was "Saving American History: Why We Must Tell the Pilgrim Story."

Ann Wilkerson announced that the fall Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 16, 2024, at Mackray Country Club in Barrington and at 2 p.m., adjourned the meeting.

At the close of the meeting, board members were asked to stay for photos.

*Mary Morony
recording secretary*

Alden descendant receives scholarship

Katherine Elizabeth O'Connell, of Gilberts, Illinois, who just graduated from Hampshire High School, is this year's recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship from the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois. O'Connell will attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

O'Connell was nominated by her aunt, member Jane Ann Hubbard Pease, who said her niece would be a wonderful representative of the values and ideals of the Illinois Mayflower Society.

"Katherine derives great pleasure from helping others and with every new science class, the conviction to go into the nursing field strengthened," Pease wrote. "She is a volunteer at a local hospital working in the Emergency Room where she organizes waiting patients, restocks carts and cleans rooms between patients among other duties."

O'Connell said she was raised with a strong work ethic, with her parents teaching her to work at a job until it was finished properly. Perhaps, she wrote in her essay, that is a testament to her Mayflower lineage.

"When my aunt researched our family history and found we are related to John Alden, it piqued my interest in the life experiences and difficulties the pilgrims endured when traveling to this land," she wrote. "The hardships alone signify their own dedication and work ethic to survive and prosper in a new world."

O'Connell was in the top 5% of her high school class, and took six Advanced Placement classes. She was designated an AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honors and as a Rural and Small Town recognition award recipient from the College Board.



This year's scholarship recipient with her parents, aunt and uncle. From left, Jane Pease, Deana O'Connell, Katherine O'Connell, Glenn O'Connell and Ron Pease.



Scholarship Committee Chair Linda Wingstrom presents a certificate to this year's recipient, Katherine O'Connell of Gilberts, Illinois.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, a mentor for the Ignite Peer Mentoring program supporting freshmen in their transition to high school and was vice president of the Medical Careers Club that informs students on different positions in the medical field. She was also on the Class Council her junior and senior years.

It's not too early to start thinking about nominating a student for the 2025 Scholarship. Learn more about the scholarship requirements at www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship---donate.html, email Scholarship Committee Chair Linda Wingstrom at lindawingstrom@gmail.com, or call her at 630-357-3316.

The Illinois Mayflower Society spring



luncheon at Oak Brook Maggiano's



Cutting through the Pilgrim myths

Lisa H. Pennington, the governor of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, urged those at the spring luncheon to cut through myths and present the facts, especially at a time when the history is challenged.

“We endure a hit job every Thanksgiving with these myths and retelling,” Pennington said. “So it’s important for us to know and tell our story.”

That includes the myth that Native Americans were not invited to the celebration, but heard gunshots of the celebration so came to see what was happening. She also recounted being in line for the Mayflower II in Plymouth, overhearing people ask if it was the Nina or the Pinta, confusing it with the Columbus voyage.

“Even when the story is wrong, it’s enthralling,” she said. “The things that the Pilgrims grappled with we still grapple with today, and they can be role models for us.”

Among the chief accomplishments was the Mayflower Compact. All of the adult men got a vote. Most of the signers couldn’t vote in England, as only about 5% of the population there could, Pennington said. Here they had a right to vote for their leaders.

The treaty signed with Massasoit lasted 50 years, an unheard of long time for a treaty, she said. While it ended with a horrible war, it was a remarkable accomplishment that the peace lasted so long.

“It’s critical to learn how people resolved differences in 1621,” she said.

That included a justice system set up in the treaty, stating each side would punish crimes committed by their people. For the Pilgrims, that meant establishing a right to trial by jury in 1623, Pennington said. This was a right outlined in the Magna Carta 400 years earlier, so the Separatists knew their English history and put it into practice.

Veterans benefits was another first. Under a 1636 law, Capt. Miles Standish’s units were given care for life if they were injured, she said.

Accomplishments continue with the descendants through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Pennington said, noting Illinois was one of the first states to join



when it was created in 1897.

From the beginning, a goal was education, something that continues with the research center, online lectures and publication of the Silver Books with five generations of descendants researched by paid professionals and made available.

Pennington said scholarships provided by the General Society and the various state societies together give out \$158,000 annually.

“The Pilgrims would be very proud that we are actually helping our kids go to college,” she said.

The General Society also is about history. It created the sarcophagus in Plymouth to store the remains that washed down from Burial Hill. Funds have also been used to recreate the Mayflower steps in Plymouth, England, that the Pilgrims took to the shallop to reach the Mayflower.

The society also saved the Winslow House from demolition and then gave it to the Red Cross for use during World War II. The Mayflower House is also used for community events, board meetings and receptions.

“These are some of the events we do to be relevant to the town of Plymouth,” she said.

Pennington said the General Society continues such programs.

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There is the 1620 Club for donors of \$1,620 or more, with funds used for designated projects such as restoring the bell chimes in the Mayflower Meetinghouse.

She shared about the SWAT team, members from across the country who volunteer to help applicants find documents without having to travel. They will go to help search or pull records in their area for people who cannot make it there or afford to hire researchers.

A new program now is digitizing records not publicly available, such as family documents or pages from a family Bible someone may have used for their application, but now can be made available to all.

Another project by elite historians is to create an easy app generator, so information from approved applications and various proofs will auto populate on applications when someone types in a name. This will help more people prove their lineage, and cut the time historians have to spend checking it.

The biggest project at the Mayflower Meetinghouse is plans for an interactive museum with exhibits allowing visitors to “speak” with hologram images of a man, woman, boy and girl about their experience on the Mayflower. Plans also call for a 360-degree multimedia exhibit.

Pennington said this is all to educate and share our history: “Telling the story and telling it accurately.”



A meeting of governors: Lisa H. Pennington, left, from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Illinois Society Governor Ann Wilkerson.

There is still money needed for this project, and then for the IMAX film and exhibits.

“Together we can tell the Pilgrim story to the children of America from the place where it began,” she said.

For more information on Pennington’s history presentations, visit www.youtube.com/@mayflowersociety.

- Brett Johnson

Fall luncheon meeting will feature Ryan J. Woods of American Ancestors

The speaker for our annual meeting and fall luncheon will be Ryan J. Woods, president and chief executive officer of American Ancestors, New England Historical Genealogical Society.

He was the lead creator of AmericanAncestors.org. By fostering important collaborations with commercial and nonprofit partners, he recruited more than 1 billion searchable records to

American Ancestors. He also led the collaborative effort to establish its Jewish Heritage Center.

Woods is now focused on record access, partnerships, business planning for capital expansion, the creation of a national visitor destination experience and the launch of 10 Million Names.

He is a member of the Order of Saint John, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the Revolution, the Saint Nicholas Society of New York City and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society.

In 2022, Woods was elected an Honorary Life Fellow of the Mas-



Ryan J. Woods

sachusetts Historical Society. He has authored pedagogical articles about the use of historical biographies to teach character and ethics. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history education from Boston University.

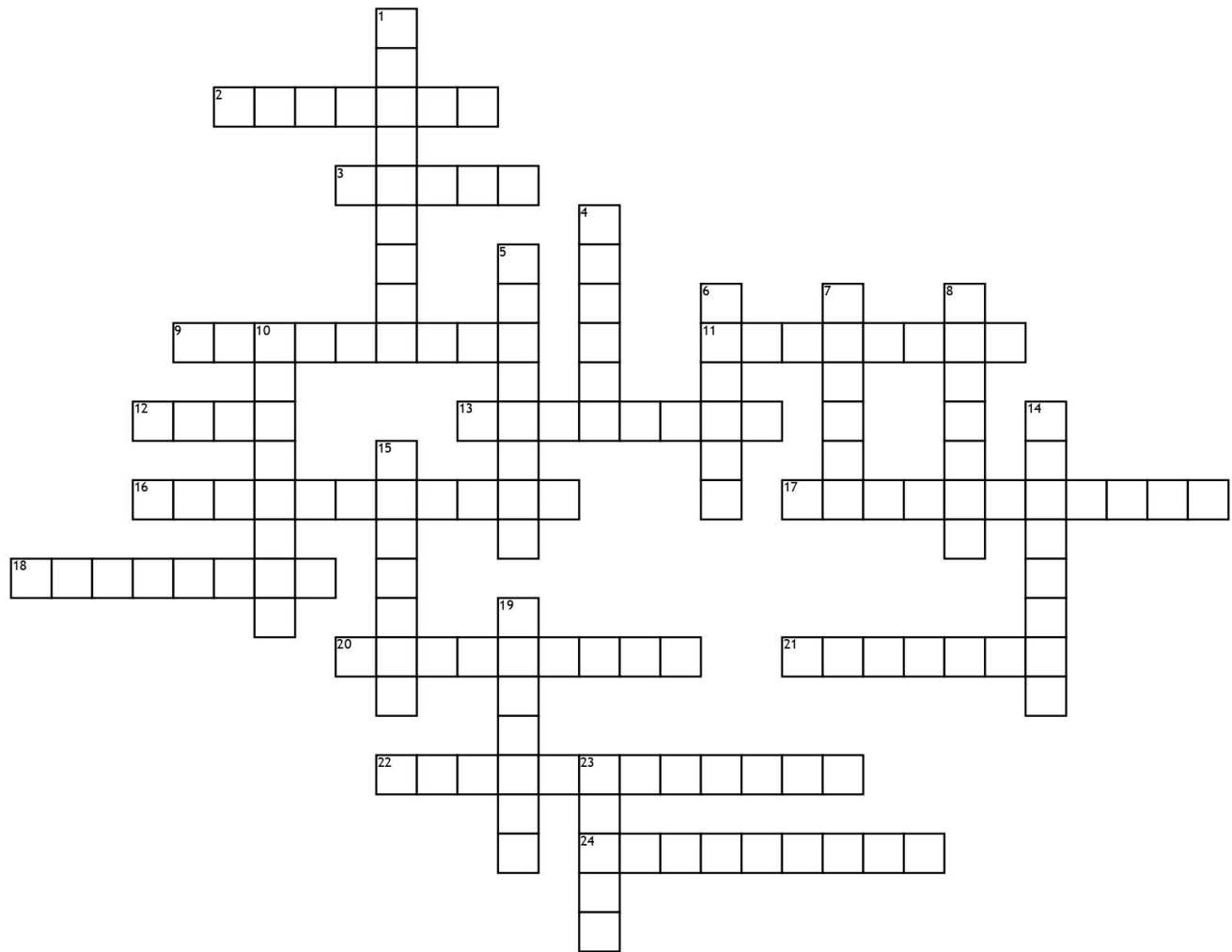
Saturday Nov. 16, 2024

Makray Memorial Golf Club

1010 S. Northwest Highway

Barrington, Illinois

Juniors Corner



Across

- 2. a person who travels for religious reasons
- 3. a large meal with lots of food, typically in celebration of something
- 9. a small, red berry usually used in cooking or drinks
- 11. a specific time or event; reason or cause
- 12. a plant that is grown as food
- 13. a person chosen by the people to be their leader
- 16. having bad luck; unlucky
- 17. an agreement between two or more groups to end a fight

- 18. an amount of space between two things
- 20. a Native American tribe that lives on the coast of North America
- 21. a Native American who is best known for helping the Puritans
- 22. the act of being close to other people
- 24. still surviving, present, or in use; not yet used or leftover

Down

- 1. to treat someone badly because of their race, politics, or religion
- 4. a very long trip, usually by sea or in space

- 5. the first colony built by the Puritans on the coast of North America
- 6. a small town that is controlled by a country from far away
- 7. a public walk for celebration that may include marching bands and floats
- 8. a person who creates an organization
- 10. to come near or nearer to someone or something
- 14. a person who is alive after an event in which others died
- 15. a person from a religious group that ran away from the Church of England
- 19. the time for gathering crops
- 23. very mean; severe

Word List	APPROACH	CRUISE	GOVERNOR	PARADE	PLYMOUTH	SURVIVOR
	CRANBERRY	DISTANCE	HARSH	PEACETREATY	PURITAN	TOGETHERNESS
	COLONY	FEAST	HARVEST	PERSECUTE	REMAINING	UNFORTUNATE
	CROP	FOUNDER	OCCASION	PILGRIM	SQUANTO	WAMPANOAG

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Sit right back and you'll hear a tale

Zoom presentation offered tour of early Separatist sites

Our members were invited to “follow the footsteps of the Pilgrims” Feb. 4 with a Zoom gathering with English historian Adrian Gray, who took us on a virtual tour of sites in England and Holland where the early Separatist movement began.

While many people often consider the origin of the Mayflower Pilgrims to be William Brewster's congregation in Scrooby, England, Gray's presentation shared much deeper roots.

The tour begins at a small church in Marnham, England, where in 1586 the Puritan Richard Clyfton was appointed vicar. After just five months, Clyfton moved to the larger church in Babworth, and his post in Marnham was replaced by John Smyth.

Both men became influential leaders during the growth of the Puritan movement. At a time when it was illegal in England to attend church services outside your home parish, people were known to travel to Babworth to hear Clyfton preach. Among them was William Brewster.

By 1605, Clyfton's Separatist practices became too much for the archbishop, who relieved Clyfton of his duties as vicar for “nonconformity.” Clyfton moved to Scrooby, where William Brewster led his small congregation that included a young William Bradford.

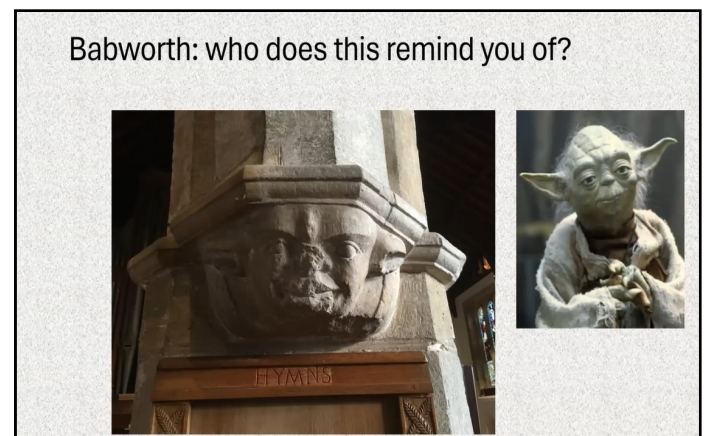
Gray's tour highlighted the homes and churches where these leaders lived and congregations met, and followed them to the English coast as they gathered to depart for a more tolerant religious community in Holland.

A monument in Immingham commemorates their departure in 1608. Except, there are no records that the Pilgrims actually departed from Immingham (documents indicate they actually departed from Stollingsborough).

The tour included plaques, monuments and artwork telling the narrative of these Separatists, often containing inaccurate dates, locations or histories. Were these inaccuracies simple mistakes, or a more blatant attempt to draw tourists and donations? It's hard to say.

Gray corrects the records, but also acknowledges that in some cases where Pilgrim roots are claimed, even if facts are not entirely accurate, there was likely some indirect association to the Pilgrims.

The tour proceeded through sites in Holland and ended in Plymouth, England. Although the Mayflower never intended to stop there, and only harbored out of necessity to abandon the leaky Speedwell, Plymouth is now considered



Historian Adrian Gray brought some history, geography and a little fun to his Zoom presentation of sites in England and Holland.

the Pilgrim's final stop before departing for America.

Or was it? Gray suggests it is likely the Mayflower made one final stop at either Newlyn or Falmouth for fresh water and supplies but admits any records of a stop at either of these ports most likely will never turn up. Having already debunked many myths of the Pilgrim story in England and Holland, perhaps one final unsolved mystery is fitting. After all, he said, “Why spoil a good story?”

- Roger Huddleston

Society wreath placed at Lincoln tomb

The Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants was represented April 15, 2024, during the Lincoln Death Days Ceremony in Springfield. The ceremony was the 68th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and commemorated the 159th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death.

The 114th Infantry Regiment Illinois Volunteers Reactivated posted the colors. The program also included the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, address of welcome, the national anthem, presentation of wreaths, singing of "God Bless America," a benediction, the playing of Taps and retiring of colors.

There were 20 organizations represented in the wreath presentation, and our society was represented by Linda Baker, Kathy Dehen, Julie Barnes and Mary Mucciante.

Two ladies from the Soldiers Aid Society were in period dress from the time of 1865.

After the event, there was a luncheon at the MCL Cafeteria in Springfield, attended by Mucciante and Dehen.



Linda Baker (from left), Kathy Dehen, Julie Barnes and Mary Mucciante from the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants lay a wreath at Abraham Lincoln's tomb during the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield.

What are all those medals people wear at meetings?

You've seen people at our luncheons sporting these ribbons and medals, often with multiple bars.



Jane Schleinzer, past governor and General Society board member, explains there are three different medals. The charm on the bottom of the ribbon is different on all three.

The Member Medal top bar has your member society (Illinois) on it. The only bars that go on this medal are to represent your ancestor(s).

The Member Society Medal also includes your member society, but the charm is different. The only bars on this medal are for any positions you've held with your member

society. This includes any officer positions or any committees you've been on.

The last medal is called the GSMD medal. The only bars on this medal represent positions you have held for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. There are also bars for attending special meetings.

Both Member Society and GSMD medals may hold the meetinghouse house bar along with a few other bars.

If you have a Past Governor Medal, you may transfer all of the bars you have on the Member Society Medal to the Past Governor Medal.

There are different categories for neck medallions. Member society governors can wear one during their term. Once their term is over, it is given to the new governor.

There are also medallions for a deputy governor general and assistant general. Each member society has both positions, and their job is to represent their society on the General Society Board. They may wear these medallions during their term and when it's over it is passed to the new officers.

The last medallions are for members of the Executive Committee, the elected officers of the GSMD.

Mayflower Memorials

The 'Brewster Font' traveled from its Scrooby church home to Lincoln Park, to St. Charles

The baptismal font where Pilgrim William Brewster may have been baptized in Scrooby, England now rests in the narthex of a Lutheran church in St. Charles, Illinois.

The font dates back to the 14th century and was used in the village church in Scrooby, England. It is significant historically because William Brewster, later called "the chief of the Pilgrims," lived in Scrooby in the early 1570s and from 1588 until 1607.

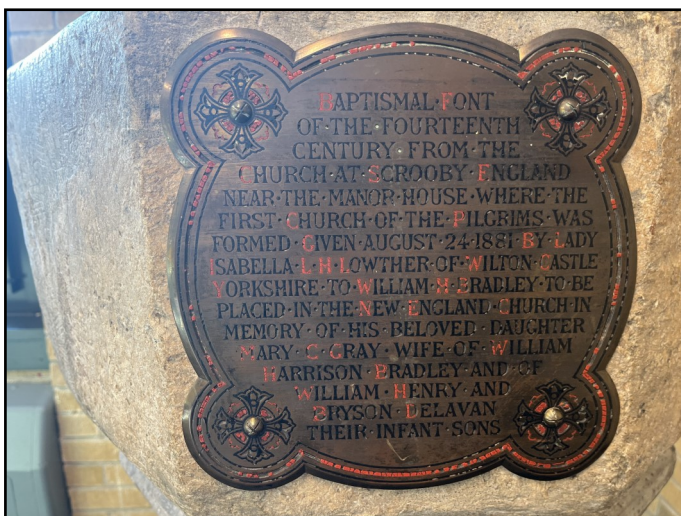
Brewster was appointed "Master of the Postes," bailiff and receiver in Scrooby in 1590, taking over the position from his late father, and served in this position until Sept. 30, 1607. Brewster then left the church and joined John Smyth and others at the Gainsborough Church, and he hosted meetings of the Separatist Movement at the Scrooby Manor House.

William H. Bradley of Chicago learned about the font during an 1881 trip to England and made arrangements to acquire it. The font was presented to the New England Congregational Church in Chicago on March 1, 1882.

On July 14, 1936, the church had a fire, but the font was saved. The Wellington Avenue Congregational Church in



John Volkening shows the Scrooby Font in the narthex of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Illinois.



Lincoln Park became its custodian Feb. 25, 1942, in order that "it may be conserved and used to the glory of God."

John Volkening, once minister of liturgy and art at Wellington where he created artistic displays, later moved to St. Charles and joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In 2000, as Wellington Avenue Congregational was moving to a new site, he asked about the Scrooby Font, and shepherded its move to St. Charles.

Hidden gems

Do you know of any Mayflower memorials in Illinois, perhaps in your community? We're looking for other examples to share.

Contact Brett Johnson at brettedit@gmail.com.

Slate of candidates up for election

The following slate of officers for November 2024 to November 2025 will be voted on at the annual meeting, Nov. 16, 2024, in Barrington.

Governor: Ann Wilkerson

Deputy Governor: Julie Barnes

Recording Secretary: Mary Morony

Corresponding Secretary: Jessica Schleinzer

Membership Secretary: Don Sherman

Co-Historians: Barb Hofmann

Barbara Ryan

Roger Huddleston

Ella-Marie Ochowicz

Cary Stone-Greenstein, consulting historian

Treasurer: John Schellinger

Newsletter Editor: Brett Johnson

Finance Chairman: John Kemp



The Illinois Society will raffle this serving tray, handcrafted from one of the slate tiles that roofed the 1897 Meeting House Church in Plymouth, Massachusetts, at the luncheon Nov. 16. We received it after donating \$1,000 toward converting the Mayflower Meetinghouse into an immersive and multimedia museum experience.

Elder: Deborah Domain

Counselor: Max Brown

Captain: Deborah Domain

Assistants: Judy Mayo

Carol Wood

Linda Baker

Mary Mucciante

Linda Wingstrom (also scholarship chairman)

ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DONATION FORM

Your annual membership fee of \$75 is due by Nov. 30, 2024.

Please use this form to renew your membership, make a donation to our Scholarship Fund, and update your contact information including preferred mailing address, email and phone.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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2024 –2025 Dues: \$75

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\$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$1,000 _____

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Donation in honor of:

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Make checks payable to “Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois”

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

My Mayflower Story

By Libby Happ

My search for my Mayflower ancestor began with a meeting with the registrar of Daughters of the American Revolution. I took all my papers handed down to me from my grandmother, hoping it would help in applying for DAR membership. Little did I know that would begin my search for my lineage to William Brewster.

In the papers was a card with ancestors listed from my great great grandfather back to William Brewster. I never really paid much attention to it, but the registrar said "this is your line back to the Mayflower and it is all lined out here."

I knew my grandmother spoke often of this line because it was her family. I began to go through all her papers including letters to a cousin, and discovered she pretty well figured it out but never pursued it. I decided this would be my goal, to finish what she had started.

I had never done any research like this and it was overwhelming at first. I "spun my wheels" trying to find anything I could. Then the DAR registrar told me what to look for and I began again. I spent a lot of time trying to retrace this family's footsteps as they were pioneers moving to Ohio. I lived their stories day and night!

My lineage was proved from William Brewster up to my patriot, Simeon Chester. But records were hard to find because of all the moving. Being one of the first settlers of Ohio, very little was recorded. I relied on people with the historical society and they helped me find answers, land grants and deeds.



Elias Chester was the x3 great-grandfather of Libby Happ.

After proving two generations in Ohio, I had only my great great grandfather down to me to prove. I thought it would be easier because there were more records kept at that time, but still there were gaps. Finally I thought I had my documents all together and sent in my application. A couple of other steps had to be done, things I missed or that didn't have enough proof. It was a challenge, but I enjoyed the "hunt." These people were my family and they became real!



Libby Happ holds photos of her great grandfather, Thaddeus Powell Chester, and her grandmother, Jamie Margaret Chester McIntyre, with her younger sister, Dorothy Chester Burchell.

After my application was accepted, my husband and I took a trip to Ohio. I wanted to visit the cemetery where they were buried. I stood right there next to my great great great grandfather and grandmother's grave.

I thank my grandmother daily for keeping all she did and I am amazed that she even wrote notes for some things like dishes and jewelry and attached them so I would know the history behind them. I have pictures of the family four generations back labeled, so I know who the people are and even pictures of the houses they lived in.

I was able to put the pieces together of this family that in my younger years I did not have time for, and pay attention to all that I have that was theirs. My search for Mayflower eligibility brought me closer to my grandmother and my ancestors of many generations. Thank you Jamie Margaret Chester McIntyre.

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.



2023-2024 Board of Assistants at the 2024 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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Co-Historian: Barbara Ryan

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Co-Historian: Mary Kerr

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Scholarship Chairman:
 Linda Wingstrom

Recent elections

Nancy Ann Bergman Krasinski, Cheryl Elaine Wilson Fornelli, Amelia Brooke Rolighed (William Bradford)

Crystal Robin Scrivner Bernes, Gustav Lowell Dixon, Edward SungHyun Howe Koh (John Howland)

Jeanne Marie Neltnor, Joseph David Fallon (George Soule)

Dennis William Nelson (John Alden)

Kathleen Marie Mumbower Schank, Mary Edna Lange Muenchow (Richard Warren)

Samantha Kay Kurkey (James Chilton)

Sue Ann Nelson McMillin (William Brewster)

Kenneth Richard Seneca (Francis Eaton)

Rodger Allen Salzman (John Howland)

Recent supplementals

Lori Aten Davis (Peter Brown)

Cynthia Rae Shanahan (William Mullins)

Debora Taylor Swisher (Isaac Allerton)

Sallie Galloway Gill (Priscilla Mullins)

Dennis William Nelson (Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins)

Cheryl Wilson Fornelli (John Alden)

In memoriam

Clyde William Whitman (William Brewster, William Bradford, John Alden, Richard Warren)

Carol Gidding Wilson (James Chilton)

Margaret Zimmerly Waggoner (John Billington)

Ellen Moore Sinclair (Isaac) Allerton, Degory Priest)

Susan Wetle Kelderhouse (John Alden, Francis Eaton, George Soule)

Claire Chalmers Priller (Francis Cooke)

Martha Molter Seif (Thomas Rogers)

William Scot Johnson (Edward Fuller)

Eve Buell Pellettiere (John Howland)

Roger Richards O'Neill (John Howland)

Patricia Fitton Stone (William Bradford)

Thomas William Reedy (Richard Warren)

Diana Turnbull Skarda (William White)

Mary Fogarty Martwick (John Alden)

Shirley Brockway Bott (William White)

Harold George Wolff (George Soule)

Grace Towne Cerniak (John Alden)

New Junior Associates

Robert James Wagner (Stephen Hopkins)

Sponsored by Nancy Wagner

Callie Jane Lemmenes (Stephen Hopkins)

Sponsored by Wendy Herder

Cristina Alicia McMillin (William Brewster)

Sponsored by Sue McMillin

Collins Marie Church (Richard Warren)

Sponsored by Zachary Church

An application to become or to sponsor a Junior Associate may be obtained at the Mayflower Society website or from Membership Secretary Don Sherman at

membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com. A completed application must be returned for each applicant, 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). Birth certificates will be kept on file to later facilitate the transition to a full adult membership application, but will be returned or destroyed, at the sponsor's request, after the application has been approved.

The Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois publishes a newsletter twice a year which is mailed to current members. A digital copy of back issues and other information is available on our website:

www.illinoismayflower.com

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2024 Asheville, North Carolina

Sept. 27-29 Illinois Heritage Alliance
2024 Peoria, Illinois

Nov. 16 Illinois Annual Meeting/lunch
2024 Makray Memorial Golf Club
 Barrington, Illinois

Feb. 2, 2025 Zoom presentation

May 25 Spring Luncheon 2025
2025 Maggiano’s Little Italy
 Oak Brook, Illinois

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