

April 2008

Governor's Message

Governor Ralph Moore



I am most honored and humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois. It is with sincere commitment that I will serve in this office. It is my goal to always hold the best interests of our society as my foremost concern.

As an introduction, I would like to share some information about myself. I am a native of Rochester, Illinois which is about 7 miles southeast of Springfield. I attended Rochester Schools for 12 years. I graduated from Illinois State University with a B.S. in Education. My graduate work and studies beyond were in educational administration from the University of Illinois in Champaign.

I was employed by Springfield Public Schools for 32 years. My wife, Carolyn and I owned gift shops and art galleries in Rochester and Pentwater, Michigan for many years. In recent years, we added a restaurant and tea room to our gift businesses in Rochester. These were located in an historic Federal home and a turn-of-the-century bank building.

My interests include my family, my church, genealogy, American history, British history, Presidential history, and a study of British royalty. I collect British commemorative items, Gorham silver, and books in a wide range of topics. I share the following sentiment of a Howland cousin, Sir Winston Churchill, "I love books. I have so many that I will never be able to read them all. I like being surrounded by them. I consider them my friends."

Our Illinois society is so fortunate to be served by our present Board of Assistants. This Board consists of a group of individuals who possess a wealth of qualifications, experience, and expertise in so many fields. At each meeting I am reminded of these abilities. These people are also a most pleasant and personable group with which to serve. Please rest assured that our Illinois Society is in most capable hands. It is with much enthusiasm that we look ahead to a positive and fruitful year for our Illinois Society. We will benefit greatly from wise and sound decisions made by our past Governors and Boards of Assistants as we go forth with new considerations and decisions.

The following are areas which I feel deserve consideration by our membership and Board of Assistants:

1. An evaluation of our current efforts and policies regarding promotion of educational opportunities for Illinois school children. (website, methods of material distribution and possible sessions for educators and students)
2. Developing a scholarship program for Illinois students who plan to pursue study in the field of American history and related fields.
3. Special consideration should be given to planning and developing additional opportunities for our Junior members (both educational and enjoyable).

In considering the first area, we must extend our sincere commendation to the efforts of Margaret Hall, Education Chairman, who distributes copies of the Mayflower Compact and teacher guides every fall to Illinois 5th grade public, private, and parochial schools. We must evaluate continuing this mailing as well as consider efforts in reaching out to young people via the internet by revising and developing an appealing website offering educational materials for members and Junior members.

The second area is self-explanatory. We should also consider raising funds for these scholarships. Possible suggestions include an annual concert, an antique show, or other venues.

Shari Worrell has worked so hard in planning for our Junior members. She, too, deserves commendation for her efforts. One of our foremost goals should be to plan annual activities for our Juniors.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Spring Luncheon in Lombard in May. Details are included in this newsletter. I would also encourage you to attend the Thirty-eighth Mayflower General Congress in Plymouth on September 7, 8, 9, 2008. It promises to

be an exceptional and educational experience. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please let me know. Our Society is strengthened only by you and your support.

In closing, I would like to share a special event in my life this past year. In July, 2007 our first grandchild, Julia Lynn Musgrave was born. She is in the process of becoming a Junior member. In November when I assumed the position of Governor of the Illinois Society, I was pleased to have Baby Julia and her mother among the members and guests.

I again express a thank you for your confidence in selecting me to be your Governor. Please feel free to call me as I am always glad to hear from members. My phone number is 217-498-7891. May God bless you our members, our nation, and our citizens, especially those serving in the military, in these troubled times.

Respectfully,

Ralph L. Moore

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In Memoriam

Dolores Anita Wright	9/3/2007
Janet Jones Smith	9/14/2007
Evelyn Catherine Lincoln Fogarty	8/31/2007
Bernice Mason Coyle	4/30/2002
Stanley Haven Rich	7/18/2005
Frances Peers Bedard	11/11/2007
Lt. Col. Clifton Brooks Batchelder	8/17/2001
Honorable Hyde Gillette	6/16/2007
Harlan Carther Thomas	1/1/2007
Robert Allen Wright	1/1/2007
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Supplemental Lines Files

(Included are members whose supplemental Mayflower Lines have been filed and approved since the last issue of the *Illinois Mayflower News* was printed.)

Member

Thomas Patrick Corcoran

Supplemental Ancestor

John Alden; William Brewster

Fall 2007 Mayflower Luncheon

Over ninety people attended the Fall Annual Luncheon of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society in Illinois on Saturday, November 17, 2007. The luncheon was held at the Carlisle Banquet Center in Lombard, Illinois. A business meeting was held at 11:00, followed by a reception at 11:45 and the luncheon at 12:30.

Outgoing officers were thanked for their service, in particular out-going Governor, Don West. Board members each gave a short report on the responsibilities of their office and accomplishments throughout the year and new officers were installed. New officers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.



Our speaker for the Fall Luncheon was John McDonagh, Executive Director of Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Since John began his tenure in 2005 he has been dedicated to the history and importance of

Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum which relates the "Pilgrim Story" to those who visit.

In 1957 the people of England presented to Plimoth Plantation the *Mayflower II*, a full scale reproduction of the original ship that brought our ancestors to this country. This past summer marked the fiftieth anniversary of her historic arrival in Plymouth Harbor. Mr. McDonagh shared many of the activities, celebrations and excitement that accompanied this historic occasion, including many vintage photographs.

Our new Governor, Ralph Moore, thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting, and the Carlisle for their hospitality. We look forward to the Spring Luncheon in May 2008.

Mayflower Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Assistants for 2008 will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the offices of Wayne Hummer at 222 South Riverside Plaza, 28th floor board room in Chicago, Illinois on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

General meeting dates are at 11:00 a.m. on:

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Mayflower Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Carlisle Banquet Center in Lombard, Illinois (across the street from the Yorktown Shopping Center).



We are honored to have as our speaker for the spring luncheon, D. Brent Simons. Mr.

Simons has served as President and CEO (formerly Executive Director) of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since December 2005. Previously he served as Chief Operating Officer of the Society and, over more than a decade, held several other management positions at NEHGS. During his career he developed some of the Society's most popular services, including its website, www.NewEnglandAncestors.org, its member magazine, *New England Ancestors*, and its special publications imprint, the Newbury Street Press.

He is most recently author of *Witches, Rakes, and Rogues: True Stories of Scam, Scandal,*

Murder, and Mayhem in Boston, 1630-1775, recipient of the 2006 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. He is also the

author of *The Langhorne of Langhorne Park* (1997) and co-editor and originator of *The Art of Family: Genealogical Artifacts in New England* (2001). His articles have appeared in several historical and genealogical journals. He is currently featured as a guest narrator of "The Boston Audissey: See the Sites—Hear the Legends," an audio walking tour on CD. His book, *Boston Beheld: Antique Town and Country Views*, will be published by the University Press of New England in 2008.

A graduate of Boston University, Mr. Simons is a Council member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and a member of The Society of the Cincinnati and The Society of Mayflower Descendants.

He may be contacted at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3007, or by email at administration@nehgs.org.

Membership Updates

Our new Membership Secretary is Don Sherman. Changes of address, phone numbers and preliminary applications should be sent to him at: Don Sherman
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DWSherman2@aol.com

Illinois Granted First State Charter

Illinois has the honor and distinction of being granted the first Charter by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on 10 June 1897. The first meeting was held at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago. The building still stands at 430 South Michigan Avenue and is the home of Roosevelt University.

(from page 14 of "Mayflower and Pilgrim Historic Sites" published by the Historic Sites Committee of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Barbara Lewis Williams, served as Chair of the Historic Sites Committee.)

New Members

The following members are new since the last issue. LIFE membership payments and any changes which occur after AUGUST 15 (for the October issue) and after FEBRUARY 15 (for the April issue) will not appear in the current newsletter. Memberships which occur after the above dates will be listed in the next issue.

NEW MEMBER	NUM	HOME	ANCESTOR
Nancy Lee Birnbaum Blake	78487	Wilmette, IL	William Brewster
Stephen David Perry	78469	Bloomington, IL	Richard Warren
Judith Ann Church Jones	78453	O'Fallon, IL	Richard Warren
Jan Hardy Berning	78452	Sycamore, IL	John Alden
Jack Farnsworth Smith	78428	Princeton, IL	William Bradford
Kevin Aaron Gebner	78414	Naperville, IL	William Brewster
Merle Sturtevant	78353	Lanark, IL	Francis Cooke
Margery Lee Hendrick Piersen	78352	Deerfield, IL	John Howland
James M. Lyon	78318	Zion, IL	Richard Warren
Pamela Petersen Bork	78246	Thawville, IL	Stephen Hopkins
Thomas Patrick Corcoran	78245	Mount Prospect, IL	John Alden; William Brewster
Janis Deirdre Milne	78317	Naperville, IL	Edward Doty
Dawn Marie Houghtaling	72813	Arlington Heights, IL	William Brewster
Jane Lawrence Schleinzer	78125	Aurora, IL	James Chilton
Andrew Gordon Gobczynski	78081	Teutopolis, IL	John Alden
Stephanie Maria Gobczynski	78080	Teutopolis, IL	John Alden
Carolyn Louise Muirheid Pribble	77938	Homer, IL	John Howland

New Junior Associates

Listed are those who became Junior associates between August 2007 (when the last issue of the *Illinois Mayflower News* was sent to the printer) and February 2008.

<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Virginia Anne Fox	Kenneth Lawrence Fox, III	Francis Cooke
Kenneth William Fox	Kenneth Lawrence Fox, III	Francis Cooke
Julia Lynn Musgrave	Ralph L. Moore	John Howland

An application to be a Junior Associate is obtained from Shari Worrell, 269 Bluff Court., Lake Barrington, IL 60010-7312. Her phone is 847-277-0268. The application is completed and returned for each applicant, with a check for \$15.00 and two copies of the original birth certificate from vital statistics, stating the name of the father and the name of the mother by her maiden name. The birth certificate is kept on file and facilitates the transition at a later date from being a Junior associate to filing a full adult membership application.

Story of the Pilgrims, Part II

The Landing At Plymouth

The *Mayflower* lay off Provincetown for nearly five weeks, during which time expeditions went ashore under the command of Captain Myles Standish. Standish was a short man, but was a soldier who had fought against the Spanish in Holland and had become acquainted with the English exiles there. He allied himself with the Pilgrims, and for thirty-six years (until his death in 1656) was their most chivalrous and daring associate. As captain, magistrate, engineer, explorer, interpreter, merchant, and physician, Myles Standish earned the title of one of the foremost of our Pilgrim Fathers.

On his first scouting trip, Standish and his men found Indian corn. The seed which he brought back probably saved the colonists from starvation; its product was their only successful grain crop in 1621. As the winter weather became more severe, and the cramped quarters on the *Mayflower* became more and more unhealthy, sickness increased, and Edward Thompson and Jasper More died. At this time, too, there was born to William White and his wife a son, called Peregrine.

On December 17, 1620 an expedition to find a home site encamped on Great Meadow Creek (Herring River) in Eastham. Next morning, the woods suddenly rang with yells, and the Pilgrim sentinel cried: "They are men! Indians! Indians!" A quick skirmish followed and the Indians fled into the woods. This fight is known as the Pilgrims' "First Encounter."

Although the mast of their shallop split in three pieces, Standish and his men continued exploring until they reached an island in Plymouth Harbor. Captain John Smith, leader of the Virginia Colony, had visited this harbor five years earlier, had named it Plymouth, and had made a map of it, which was then well known in England. The Pilgrims had this map and at once recognized the harbor and the name. They landed on Monday, December 21, 1620 - the day now observed as Forefathers' Day. As the water was too shallow to bring their heavy shallop close to shore, the Pilgrims

according to tradition, stepped from their shallop to a large boulder, now called Plymouth Rock.

After an absence of a week, Standish returned to the *Mayflower* at Provincetown with the good news that a site for the new settlement had been found. The rejoicing was mingled with sadness, for Mrs. Bradford and James Chilton had died, and many others were very ill. With all haste, the *Mayflower* sailed for the new harbor. High wintry winds forced her back to anchorage, but setting forth again on December 26, 1620 she made a successful passage. She remained anchored in the bay until all the Pilgrims were established on shore - a stay of four months - and then set sail for England on April 15.

The First Winter

"Thus out of small beginnings, greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our own nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise."

(—William Bradford, in his book: *Of Plymouth Plantation*)

Saturday, January 2, 1621 the Pilgrims went on shore, felled timber, and began the building of Plymouth town. The first building, which probably had walls of hand-squared logs and roofing of swampgrass, was for common use - and later this building served as a meeting place.

The company was divided into nineteen families, the single men being assigned to different households. Each family was given a plot of land for each of its members. The plots, which were three rods long and half a rod (per member of the family) broad, were on a single street running back from the water front, and each family was to build its own house.

Unfortunately, one of the first houses finished had to be used for a hospital. Exposure to winter weather, cramped living, and lack of proper food and care, undermined the strength of the Pilgrims. Before the

winter was over, half their little band was laid to rest on Cole's Hill. Fearing that the Indians might see the number of graves and attack, the Pilgrims sowed grain over the burial plots.

Further precaution against the Indians had taken the form of a military organization, adopted February 27, 1621, at a meeting of the people in the common house. Myles Standish was chosen Captain, a post he held for thirty-five years. 5 cannon were placed on Fort Hill; the men were organized and regularly drilled. Although Captain Standish was too good a soldier to neglect fortifying the settlement against attack, he was wise enough to seek safety by gaining the friendship and confidence of the Indians.

When Samoset, sachem of the Monhegans, entered the village on March 26, 1621 exclaiming: "Welcome!" the Pilgrims accepted his friendship, feasting and entertaining him for two days. From him, they learned that the Indians around Plymouth had died of a plague four years earlier, and through him they became acquainted with Tisquantum (Squanto), who was to remain their friend. The Pilgrims learned from the Indians to plant corn when the oak leaves were as big as mouse-ears, and to catch fish with which to fertilize the soil. On April 1, 1621, Massasoit, grand sachem of the tribes of Pokanoket, and his warriors appeared on a hill opposite Plymouth. Edward Winslow took gifts to the great chief, and as the latter crossed Town Brook, the Pilgrim guard saluted him. After great ceremony and feasting, Massasoit and Governor Carver entered into a treaty of peace which was faithfully kept for half a century.

As spring approached, much of the sickness ceased and the colonists began their planting. Twenty-one men and six large boys constituted their entire male working force. With heavy hoes (having no horses or domestic animals), they tilled and planted twenty acres of Indian corn, six acres of barley and peas, and small vegetable gardens about the houses. While working in the fields late in April, Governor Carver became ill and soon died. William Bradford was chosen to succeed Carver and except for five years when he refused to serve, held this office until his death, May 19, 1657.

(NOTE: This excerpt and two more to follow in future issues, was taken from a small brochure, published in 1956, by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and titled "Story of the Pilgrims.")



First seal of
Plymouth Colony,
stamped 1620

Thirty-Eighth Triennial Mayflower Congress

The thirty-eighth Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be held this September 7, 8, and 9 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

On Sunday, the Congress opens with a convocation preceded by a Pilgrim's Progress walk from the Mayflower House museum to the sarcophagus on Cole's Hill to The Church of the Pilgrimage in Old courthouse Square. After the opening there is a reception in the gardens of the Mayflower House.

Monday and Tuesday will be working sessions with reports by the officers and committee chairs followed by new and old business and election and installation of the new officers. Tuesday evening's banquet will include a receiving line of officers, dinner and guest speaker.

There will also be time for viewing the Mayflower II, Plimoth Plantation (a re-creation of Plymouth in 1627 with interpreters as our ancestors), several monuments, and of course, the "Rock." Tours to outlying areas are available on the Saturday and Tuesday before and after the Congress. Several family societies schedule their annual meetings on the Friday and Saturday before the Congress.

The next issue of the Mayflower Quarterly will have more details about the meeting, activities and lodging. The Illinois Society is entitled to twenty one delegates. If you are interested in joining our delegation, please contact our Illinois Governor, Ralph Moore.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AGING OUT IN 2008

By Shari Worrell, Junior Associates Membership Secretary

The following Junior Associates will reach their Age of Majority in 2008. The Junior Associate category terminates on this birthday and he/she are automatically dropped as Junior Associates from the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants. We would like to invite these "Juniors" to continue on in our prestigious society as Adult Members.

The Societies "gift" to those who have been a Junior Associate, and choose to become an Adult Member, is to waive the customary application fee! The member has 1 year from his/her birthday to complete an application for membership. All normal requirements and procedures for membership must be fulfilled except the Application Fee is waived at this time. If the "Junior" decides to become a Regular or Life member later than 1 year after his/her birthday, the regular fees, etc. will apply.

If you are a sponsor or a Junior Associate, please check to see if your name appears below. If it does, and you want to become a Regular Member or a Life Member, please contact the Membership Secretary for a preliminary Application. His contact information is: Don Sherman (847) 803-9669 or dws Sherman2@aol.com

Membership #	Name	Birthdate	Sponsor's Name
1463	Steven Michael Fischer, Jr.	1/6/1983	Mrs. Charles E. Lowes, Jr.
1760	Kendra Dawn Bucklin	2/28/1983	Hope M. Burke
1486	Amelia Fay Crouch	3/7/1983	Mrs. Leonard Johnson
1483	Todd Christopher Upson	3/28/1983	Mrs. Frederick K. Barber
1846	Amy Lynne Klipp	4/13/1983	Mrs. Milton L. Klipp
1554	Jill Marie Dulany	4/16/1983	Louis F. Dulany, Jr.
1498	Richard Chester Hestilow	4/19/1983	Dr. Richard R. Grayson
1488	Christiana Michelle Dolph	4/29/1983	Myron P. Dolph
1493	Abigail White Johnson	5/4/1983	Mrs. Leonard Johnson
1492	Steven Anthony Schar	5/14/1983	Kenneth V. Schar
1509	Alexander Norton May	8/1/1983	Patricia B. Besser
1599	Samuel Bevans Bradley	8/6/1983	Stuart Goodhue Bradley
1600	Steven Goodhue Bradley	8/6/1983	Stuart Goodhue Bradley
1750	Michelle Rene Roark	8/9/1983	Logan Roark, Jr.
1670	Alaric Matthias Schaufele	8/11/1983	Elva Collins Thoening
1539	Steven Ray Waughtel	8/17/1983	Alan Lee Deakin
1552	Amy Lynn Weaver	8/19/1983	Warren W. Weaver, Jr.
1551	Sarah Elizabeth Kiesewetter	10/7/1983	C. Kathryn Burkett
1800	Erin Peck Mulfinger	10/12/1983	Mrs. Richard Mulfinger
1578	Sarah Meghan Banta	11/11/1983	Mrs. W. B. Banta
1656	Blake Ryan Kerz	11/22/1983	Harold G. Woodworth

Children's Corner

The Ghost in Allie's Pool, by Sari Bodi, is a novel for readers ten and up. It expertly weaves Allie's struggles in navigating eighth grade social life, with the true story of Dorothy May Bradford, who in 1620 sailed on the Mayflower with her husband, William, future governor of the Plymouth colony. This book is about family history, friendship, and an exploration of the harrowing Mayflower voyage, as seen from a modern teen's point of view.

from *The Hoosier Mayflower*, Fall 2007



Tony Hoskins, past Governor of the Illinois Mayflower Society currently works at the Sonoma County, California library. In September 2007 he presented Kate MacMurray and the Gallo family the society's historic preservation award for their work on the ranch. Kate's father and mother, Fred MacMurray and June Haver, bought the ranch in 1941, and it was for decades their retreat from Hollywood. In 1996, after Fred's death, June, Kate and her siblings sold the ranch to Ernest and Julia Gallo & Co. The Gallos have since restored the house (parts dating back to the 1840s) and out-buildings. In front of the Murray ranch house are, from left, Tony Hoskins, Carol and Bob Gallo, Kate MacMurray, Matt and Kathy Gallo, and Guy Smith.

Edward Winslow Book Available

Pilgrim Edward Winslow, New England's First International Diplomat: A Documentary Biography, by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs (Boston: NEHGS, 2004. xxxi + 454 pp., index. Softcover, \$34.95). Information about purchasing this book is available at www.NewEnglandAncestors.org.

The title of this detailed biography summarizes the extraordinary career of Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow (1595-1655). After holding a series of leadership positions in the New World, he returned permanently to England in 1646 to represent the Confederation of New England in London. He stayed on and became a diplomat and military leader under the Commonwealth, and represented England in 1654 in the negotiations to end the Anglo-Dutch War. The author has wisely given only the most basic information about Winslow's ancestry and wives, all of which is the subject of ongoing research. This book will stand as the definitive biography of Edward Winslow.

- from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 2006, p. 129

Illinois Mayflower Gifts

Our Illinois Mayflower Society currently has an Illinois Mayflower ornament which would make an excellent gift for birthdays or graduation for your Mayflower cousins, sons or daughters. Each colorful, stamped metal ornament comes with a metal stand, so it can be displayed on any flat surface, such as a desk or coffee table. A gold cord is secured through the loop at the top, so it can be hung, if desired. The ornament is 3 1/3 inches in diameter and is navy blue on gold tone metal. The Mayflower ship fills the center and around the rim, it reads, "Plymouth 1620" and "Illinois 1897." The ornament comes in a navy blue gift box, with the emblem of the ornament stamped in gold on the top, nestled on a white velvet background. The cost of this ornament is \$18.00 and it will be available for purchase at the spring luncheon. We are hoping to have several other items of memorabilia at the luncheon, such as a Plimoth Plantation Cookbook, and perhaps a paper weight. If you have ideas of Mayflower items you'd like to see available for our membership, please contact Ellen Stortz or Luann Benoit.



If you would like to purchase an ornament prior to the Spring Luncheon, please contact Ellen Stortz, 514 N. Chatham, Villa Park, IL 60181-1717. Cost of the ornament with shipping is:

First Class Shipping (3-5 days)	\$19.66
Priority Mail (2-3 days)	\$22.45

Please make checks payable to: Society of Mayflower Descendants in Illinois

Mayflower Family Societies

The following is a list of various societies that exist in honor of specific Mayflower passengers.

This information can also be found at www.themayflowersociety.com. Click Contacts, then Canada, then Canada Mayflower. Scroll down to Mayflower Family Societies -- Updates.

-Alden Kindred of America, Alden Ringquist, P.O. Box 1632, Duxbury, MA 02331-1632

-Allerton Family Association, Laura Crossey, 724 Monroe NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

-Billington Family Association, Carl J. Anderson III, 3830 Parade Blvd., Erie, PA 16504-2044

-The Society of Gov. William Bradford Descendants Inc., Carol Scarborough, 820 Morning Star Circle, China Spring, TX 76633-3314

-The Elder William Brewster Society, Gregory Thompson, P.O. Box 355 Branford, CT 06405

-The Pilgrim Edward Doty Society, Ben Doten, 27901 N. Point Lake Rd. Webster, WI 54893-8856

-The Fuller Society, John F. Hoffman, Governor, 42 Sugar Maple Lane, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724-2716

-The Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society., Catherine Hopkins, 80 Keene Woods Rd., Damariscotta, ME 04543

-The Pilgrim John Howland Society, Judith A. Elfring, Registrar, 365 N. Road, Yarmouth, ME 04096

-Degory Priest Society, David Richardson, 130 Gingercake Ct., Fayetteville, GA 30214-7600

-Thomas Rogers Society, Inc., Mary Brown, President, 218 Green Hollow Rd., Danielseopn, CT 06239

-Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred, no mailing address, contact Valeria Reckert by email (directions above)

-Soule Kindred in America, Inc., Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer, 53 Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12205-3615

-Myles Standish Society, Becky Lindgren-Dyas, 1129 Huntleigh Dr., Naperville, IL 60540

-Warren Cousins, George C. Bingham, Registrar, 208 Lewis Rd., Belmont, MA 02478-3833

-Winslow Family Association, P.O. Box 474, Fairview, PA 16415

-The Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth, Mass., James W. Lucas, no mailing address, contact by email (directions above)

-Delano Kindred, Muriel Curtis Cushing, 605 Via Tunis Dr., Punta Gorda Isles, FL 33950

-from The Oregon Pilgrim, Fall 2007

Great Prairie Colony's Spring Luncheon

The Great Prairie Colony will hold their Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at historic Pere Marquette Lodge and Conference Center located at Grafton, Illinois. We will meet at 11:30 for a social gathering with lunch at 12:00. Board members will meet before the luncheon at 11:00. The menu offered will be a Fried Chicken Buffet at a cost of \$20.00. Baked chicken breasts are also available instead of fried chicken. You must be sure to make note of your choice with your reservation. Members and guests may make their reservations by April 1, 2008, with a check made payable to Great Prairie Colony and sent to Jeannine Thoburn, Treasurer, 107 Lilac Lane, Chatham, IL 62629-8055.

The speaker is Daniel L. Brannan, Executive Editor of The Telegraph in Alton, Illinois and Publisher of Brannan Publications. The program will be about his book "Boy Giant," the story of Robert Wadlow, the world's tallest man. We welcome all members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and their guests. Help us make this a memorable occasion.

Dear Ancestors

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care,
Though it's too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist –
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.

Our blood flows and beats a pulse
Not only just our own.

Dear Ancestors, the place you filled
One hundred years ago,
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder how you lived and loved.
I wonder if you knew

That someday I would find this spot,
And come and visit you.

*(Poet Unknown – from Nutmeg Gratings,
newsletter of the Connecticut Mayflower Society,
Fall 2006 issue.)*

Free Tickets to Visit Plimoth Plantation

Illinois members should note that every year, our State Society of Mayflower Descendants pays for a corporate membership at Plimoth Plantation.

As a result, we receive about twenty free entrance tickets for the world-famous historic village AND to tour the *Mayflower II*, anchored in Plymouth Harbor. If you are planning a trip to Massachusetts and might like to see either of these worthwhile exhibits as a 'trip back in time,' let our treasurer, John Schellenger, know about it and he will send you the tickets.

These tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and so when they are gone, they are gone for the rest of the year. We receive the tickets in early Fall and do not get them again until the following Fall. So if you want them -- don't put off asking for them. Contact John Schellinger at 847-475-6426 or john@schellinger.info.



“Founders of Early American Families” 2nd Rev. Ed.

The Ohio Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America has made the **Second Revised Edition of the Founders of Early American Families** available. The original **Founders of Early American Families** was published in 1975 and contained historical information about some 3,300 male heads of families who emigrated to the thirteen original colonies from 1607 to 1657. The Revised edition, published in 1985, was sold out and reprinted in 1993. It has been out of print since 1999. The **Second Revised Edition** is close to 500 pages and contains data on almost 4,500 emigrants. Family historians and genealogists will find this book an invaluable addition to their library. Send requests, along with a check made payable to Founders Book, for \$35 to:
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Proposed Bylaw Change

The following bylaw change has been proposed by the Board of the Descendants of the Mayflower in Illinois. The current bylaw reads:

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 5. Quorum At the Annual or the Spring meetings of the Illinois Society, 50 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At all meetings of the Board of Assistants, nine members shall constitute a quorum.

The proposed change shall read:

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 5. Quorum At the Annual or the Spring meetings of the Illinois Society, **25** members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At all meetings of the Board of Assistants, nine members shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed bylaw changes will be voted on at the Spring Luncheon on May, 17, 2008.