

ILLINOIS MAYFLOWER NEWS

April 2009



Governor Ralph L. Moore

As I pen this message, I am still in awe of attending a concert last night honoring the Bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in 1809. It was one of the more moving and inspiring events we have ever had the pleasure to attend in our nation.

The "Let Freedom Sing" concert featured the Illinois Symphony Orchestra conducted by Karen Lynne Deal with assistance from Abraham Lincoln as portrayed by Fritz Klein, a Lincoln impersonator.

I pray that we, as a nation, protect our beloved nation and our heritage of religious and personal freedom. These rights and responsibilities are

guaranteed to us by our forefathers who provided us with a Constitution which has withstood the test of time through many generations and crises. Many of us are descended from those who participated in the Constitutional Convention. We are also honored by the efforts and example set forth by our Pilgrim ancestors as they signed a Compact and formed a colony based upon cherished freedoms and honor to God. Let us not forget these examples as we make decisions in our nation during these troubled times.

Our State Society has been quite active this year. We now have three Co-Historians for our State who have worked diligently in restructuring and updating our method of reviewing and processing applicants. On February 26 and 27 we had a training session for our Historians at the library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We were most fortunate to have Michigan Governor, Corydon Randall conduct these sessions for both Illinois and Michigan Historians.

I so appreciate Cory's assistance in my request. We are both Randalls and Michiganders, my being a summer resident in Pentwater on Lake Michigan. A special "thank you" is due to our Captain Don Sherman, for the applicants log which he developed along with suggestions and help from our Historians. With this log we will, at any time, be able to follow the process and progress of one or all of our current applicants as well as know with which Historian the applicant is working.

We appreciate all the past efforts of Jon Austin in his position of Historian. We know that he will

benefit and appreciate the addition of our two new Historians. The three Co-Historians will share the workload of processing applicants.

Our Board of Assistants has a committee working on formulating and implementing our new Scholarship Program for college students. It is our hope to have this program organized and ready to be implemented next year if approved by our membership.

A committee consisting of the Board of Assistants and two past Governors, at my request and the request of several other members of the Board of Assistants, has reviewed our membership fees for both adults and juniors. The group compared fees for membership in other states and evaluated the fees as they affect our financial status both now and in the future. The members decided to continue our present membership fees. We appreciate the time and effort put forth by the committee. I think it is both wise and helpful for an organization to review and evaluate current policies and programs periodically.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our May 17 luncheon at Sunset Ridge Club in Northbrook. Details of the luncheon are given elsewhere in this issue. Our Fall 2009 luncheon will be held at the Union League Club of Chicago. Also, I am pleased to inform you that Governor General Judith Swan will be our guest at our November, 2010 luncheon to be held at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield.

If any of you have an interest in donating to the new Scholarship Program in honor or memory of family or friends, you may call me at 217-498-7891 for further information.

Your participation would be most welcome.

God's blessing on

I nation.

Ralph



In Memoriam

Elizabeth Lawrence Sherman	4/1/2007
Bryce Redmon Peterson	10/14/2008
Lewis Matthews Grigsby	3/11/2007
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Nancy Marie Frederick	12/8/2008
Hope Marston Gregory Burke	8/18/2007
Willard Garden Rowley	10/5/2008
Marie T. Eberle	6/28/2006
Frances Lynette Sherman	1/21/2009
William A. Miller	1/26/2009

Spring 2009 Mayflower Luncheon

Our Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Sunset Ridge Country Club, on Sunset Ridge Road in Northbrook, Illinois. Maps to the country club will be included in the invitation you will be receiving by mail.

On May 16 we will convene at 11:30 for a reception. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 followed by the speaker.

Our speaker for this luncheon will be Chicago's "Cemetery Lady," Helen Sclair. Helen enjoys a well-deserved reputation as THE expert on Chicago area cemeteries. She has spoken to numerous genealogy groups, appeared on many television and radio shows, and has been featured in countless articles on cemetery history. We're looking forward to an outstanding day, and hope you'll be able to join us.



After the Fall Luncheon, Board Member Mary Gardner and her sons Billy and Richie visited the statue of Abe, Mary and Tad that stands in front of the Lincoln Law Office building in Springfield.

Fall 2008 Mayflower Luncheon

The Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society in Illinois was held at the Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Seventy two members were in attendance. Our annual meeting began at 11:00 a.m. Governor Ralph Moore welcomed new board members Jane Schleinzer, Mary Wlodarski, Nancy Blake, Marge Piersen, Mary Gardner and Judy Bernetzke. Outgoing board members Ellen Stortz, Kathy Haas, Don Wright and Margaret Hall were thanked and recognized for their contributions to the society. We were pleased to welcome as a guest, Kenneth Callison, Captain General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants from Iowa.

Luncheon was served at 12:30 p.m.

Our speakers were Wallace Henderson and August Wisnosky, architects who were instrumental in the restoration of the Old State Capitol in Springfield. They spoke of their experiences in bringing this restoration to fruition.

Our luncheon in Spring 2009 will return to the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield, Illinois where our guest speaker will be Helen Sclair, “the Cemetery Lady,” who will give us an overview of the ins, if not always the outs of cemetery issues through the years.



Governor Ralph Moore with outgoing board member Ellen Stortz



Speakers Wallace Henderson and August Wisnosky



Outgoing board member Kathy Haas



Board members Mary Morony and Al Berry

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New Members

These are new members 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.

Full Name	Natl #	Home Town	Ancestor
Danielle Andrea Clifton	80214	Beloit, WI	John Howland
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Story of the Pilgrims, Part IV

Arrival of the Anne and the Little James

Toward the last of July, 1623, the *Anne* arrived at Plymouth, and ten days later the *Little James* anchored. About 80 new people, some of them wives, children or relatives of the earlier colonists, came in these vessels. Some of them were from the old congregation in Leyden; the Pilgrims made great efforts to bring the remainder, and by 1631 succeeded in gathering nearly all of them. Fortunately, the *Anne* carried sufficient food for her passengers to last until they could harvest their own crops the next year.

The 102 passengers who came on the *Mayflower*, the thirty-five who came on the *Fortune*, and the sixty-odd who came on the *Anne*, totaled about two hundred, and constitute the group of early settlers commonly known as the Pilgrims, the First Comers, or the Forefathers.

The Laws and Government of the Pilgrims

Now widely known as a New England institution, the town meeting had its beginning at Plymouth. Originally, the Governor was also the treasurer and secretary of state. The town meeting settled questions of public interest and in criminal cases acted as both judge and jury. December 27, 1623, in town meeting, the Pilgrims passed a statute requiring that "all criminal facts and also all matters of trespasses and debts between man and man, should be tried by the verdict of twelve honest men, to be impaneled by authority, in form of a jury, upon their oath." Thus the Pilgrims brought to America the ancient English practice of trial by jury.

Other laws were passed as needed. In 1628, thatched roofs were ordered replaced by those of boards (shingles were not then used); in 1632 every man living at any distance was required to keep firearms; in 1633 a fine was imposed for drunkenness in one's house. For fifteen years they had no written criminal laws and no prison. Instead, fines and forfeitures were commonly inflicted and the stocks and whipping post were often used.

Commerce, Trade, and New Settlements

From time to time during the early years of the Colony, the Adventurers in England complained that the Pilgrims did not send sufficient goods to the mother country to make their investment a paying one. Often, the goods that were sent were lost at sea. At length, the Adventurers began to abandon the Pilgrims and finally, in 1626, Bradford, Standish, Allerton, Winslow, Brewster, Howland, Alden, and Prence assumed the Colony debt and became owners of the settlement. These owners, with forty-two other Plymouth citizens, formed an equal partnership, including all heads of families and independent young men, who enrolled as "Purchasers" and received one share each in public property, with right of another share for wife and each child. In 1627, the above-named eight men, called "Undertakers", were given a six-year monopoly of all trade within the Colony and with its neighbors and the Indians, by which it was hoped that the debt of twenty-four hundred pounds sterling would be paid.

For years the Pilgrims sent rich cargoes to London to pay their debt. For instance, in 1635, they sent 3,678 pounds of beaver pelts and 466 skins of otter, mink, and black fox. Time and again, when they hoped their debt to have been cancelled, they were informed that because of losses, diminished values, etc., they were still owing heavily. Preferring to endure fraud and robbery rather than sacrifice their honor, the Pilgrims continued to send goods to discharge their obligations. Eventually, in 1648, after twenty-eight years, the Plymouth republic for the first time owed nothing, although several of the "Undertakers" had to sell their own houses and farms to pay the last four hundred pounds.

From the early days of individual bargaining with the Indians, Plymouth commerce had developed into an extensive trade, not only with the natives, but with the white settlers along the Maine Coast, in Boston Harbor, at Narragansett Bay and as far south as Manhattan. It was only natural that as the commerce grew, the Colony should spread. In 1628, certain planters began to work on the northerly side of the harbor, and

in 1632 they formed the settlement of Duxbury (incorporated 1637) with Myles Standish as chief citizen. As dispersion from Plymouth continued, Scituate became a town in 1636; Taunton, Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth, in 1639; and Rexham (Marshfield), in 1640. By special enactment, Plymouth was always to be the capital of the Colony.

In 1643, the four colonies of Massachusetts, Plymouth, Connecticut, and New Haven formed the confederation of "The United Colonies of New England."

With the rise of stronger colonies about her, Plymouth was destined to be absorbed by one of them, and in 1692 she became a part of the royal province of Massachusetts. With this absorption, the body-politic formed by the "Mayflower Compact" became history; but the names of its heroic founders – Bradford and Standish – will live as long as America shall stand as an independent nation. To these men, great of mind and heart, who dared the risks of an unknown wilderness that they and their children might enjoy religious and political liberty, we owe an undying debt of gratitude. The ideals they fostered, and the independence they sought, have become the very foundation of American liberty and democracy.

(NOTE: This excerpt is the final one of a set of excerpts, taken from a small brochure, published in 1956, by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and titled "Story of the Pilgrims.")



Mary Morony, Marge Piersen, Max Brown and Ralph Moore at the Allen Co. Library

Training Session for our three Historians in Fort Wayne, Indiana

As mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter, on Thursday, February 26, several members of our Board of Assistants traveled, in a downpour of rain, to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Those attending were Historians Jon Austin, Max Brown, and Marge Piersen. Others who were part of the assemblage included Governor Ralph Moore and his wife, Carolyn, Deputy Governor Mary Morony, and Captain Dorr Lewright. Our Mayflower Officers attended a training session conducted by Michigan Mayflower Governor and Historian, Cory Randall.

All present agreed that it was a most informative and helpful session. Cory had devoted much time in preparation and gave our group a full measure of instruction. We are most appreciative of his efforts. Our group also had a morning tour of the Allen County Genealogy Center. The library is a very extensive holding. One of the most outstanding features is all of the open shelving and the vast array of location guides that are available.

We stayed at the Clarion Hotel which offers an excellent rate for library visitors including van service to and from the Allen County Library (although in good weather it is quite walkable).

Our group experienced the usual fun and fellowship. We found two good restaurants, one of which is an Irish pub that offered outstanding food. You must experience the Allen County Library if you have not already done so in your genealogy quest.



Assistant Historian Max Brown (L) with Michigan Mayflower Governor Cory Randall

Find Your Buried Chicago Ancestors at the May 16 Spring Luncheon

Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants and their guests who enjoy chasing ancestors through Chicago cemeteries are in for a treat on May 16 at the Sunset Ridge Country Club when they hear from Chicago's Cemetery Lady. Helen Sclair topped off a successful teaching career with a touch of stardom when she developed her hobby of collecting Victorian mourning paraphernalia into a well-deserved reputation as THE expert on Chicago area cemeteries. The only resident of the Bohemian National Cemetery who gets to leave home, Helen has spoken to most of the Midwest Genealogy groups, appeared on numerous TV and radio shows and has been featured in countless articles on cemetery history and cemetery political and economic issues.

As one Chicago genealogist put it, "The first time I met Helen I asked her about some Irish relatives in my great-grandmother's line who lived in the Chicago area. Her first question was 'where?' the second was 'when?' followed by 'what religion?'" Quick as a wink she said 'Mt. Olivet - they're at Mt. Olivet, and you must write to the cemetery telling them every detail you know so they can find your family. And I did what she told me to do and got in return a very detailed account of why THREE plots of their cemetery contained relatives and their spouses."

So get your questions ready, and be prepared to learn a lot of fun stuff about the ins and outs of burials throughout Chicago's interestingly diverse history.

Plimoth Plantation Tickets

If your family is planning a trip to the Plymouth, MA area this summer, you may want to consider a trip to Plimoth Plantation. Our society often has complimentary tickets for our members. Contact Treasurer John Schellinger (847-475-6426 or John@Schellinger.info) for availability.

The **LAST 50** Illinois Mayflower Society **ORNAMENTS!!** Get them while they **LAST!**

The Illinois Mayflower Society ornaments were designed for our Illinois Society only and because of the large minimum order required, it was decided to order them **ONLY ONCE**. We ordered the minimum 250 quantity and the vendor actually produced 300, so we have been selling them over the past several years. Now, we are down to the **LAST 50 ornaments.**

Cost of ornament _____	\$ 18.00 ea.
Cost of Padded Envelope _____	\$.52 ea.
Cost of Shipping Label _____	\$.08 ea.
Priority Mail Postage (2-3 day) _____	\$ 4.80 ea.
First Class Postage (3 to 5 days) _____	\$ 1.17 ea.
<u>Total Cost if shipped Priority Mail = \$23.40 ea.</u>	
<u>Total Cost if shipped First Class = \$19.77 ea.</u>	
<u>Cost at Luncheon with no shipping - \$18.00 ea.</u>	

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 also be hung. 3-1/3 inches high and wide, the Illinois Mayflower Society ornament is navy blue on gold-tone metal; the ship is golden, with white sails; the lettering gold, and the ribbon under the ship emphasizes our historical heritage, reading "Plymouth 1620" on the left and "Illinois 1897" on the right. The stars along the rim of the ornament are punched clear through the metal and each star is outlined in gold against the navy blue background. The rim is slightly elevated from the center, which features the Mayflower ship, giving a 3-dimensional effect. The Illinois Mayflower Society 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.



**Make your check Payable to: Soc. of Mayflower
Descendants In Ill. Send orders to:
Ellen Stortz, 514 N. Chatham, Villa Park, IL
60181-1717.**

Mayflower Scholarship Ready to Embark

In these difficult economic times every bit helps, especially when paying for a college education. Do you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew who is in need of funds for college? If so, you might want to let them know about the new Mayflower College Scholarship Fund.

The Board of Associates of the Illinois Mayflower Society is finalizing plans to launch a new college scholarship fund to be awarded next spring for the 2010 school year. The exact number of scholarships, as well as amounts to be awarded, will depend upon the results of a fund drive to be conducted this year.

Members of the Illinois Society will receive more information this summer as to how they will be able to contribute to this important educational effort.

In the meantime, if you have any questions you may wish to contact our Governor, Ralph Moore, at 217-498-7891.

Mayflower Bloom

The Mayflower is the state flower of Massachusetts. School children of Massachusetts were given the chance to vote for their favorite flower. And the winner was the mayflower, commonly known as ground laurel or trailing arbutus. The mayflower was adopted as the official flower of Massachusetts on May 1, 1918. Unfortunately, since 1925 it has been on the endangered list. The pale pink fragrant flower clusters appear from March to May. Mayflowers have a small purple fruit about the size of a large pea. The flower spreads out on the ground in sandy soil and is found from Newfoundland to Michigan and Saskatchewan and south to Kentucky and Florida. The mayflower was named by the Pilgrims "who saw in the rise of the new leaves over the brown of last year's foliage a parallel to their own rise over great hardship."

from the State History Guide of Massachusetts

Great Prairie Colony News

The Great Prairie Colony will be holding its spring luncheon on April 18, 2009 at the Redfire Grille, 1605 Morrissey Drive, Bloomington, Illinois. Roger Hughes of Bloomington and Ralph Moore of Rochester will share their wealth of information regarding Presidential families with Mayflower connections. The menu will be Portabella chicken, seared mixed vegetables, homemade bread, and coffee or iced tea at a cost of \$16.50. Please make your reservations with Anna Marie Koontz or Jeannine Thoburn., whose addresses are below. Please send a check payable to Great Prairie Colony to Treasurer, Jeannine Thoburn by April 11, 2009. Driving south on I55, take South Veterans Parkway, then turn left on Morrissey Drive. Driving north on I-55, take South Veterans parkway, then turn right on Morrissey Drive

Jeannine Thoburn, 107 Lilac Lane, Chatham, IL 62629, 217-483-8914

Anna Marie Koontz, 10 Meadow Rue Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025, 618-659-1288

The Great Prairie Colony will hold its summer picnic on June 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Shelter on North Fifth Street in Springfield, Illinois. Meat, beverage, and table service will be furnished. A basket for donations will be available to help defray the cost of the meat. Please bring a covered dish to share.



The mayflower blossom

Junior Associate Members Aging Out in 2009

By Shari Worrell, Junior Associates Membership Secretary

The following Junior Associates will reach their Age of Majority in 2009. 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 Society's "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 one 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 one 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
1575	Jonathan David Thurston Ward	1/24/1984	Frank W. Ward, Jr.
1702	Andrew Robert Hodge	1/24/1984	Nancy J. Simms
1788	Benjamin Brett Smith	1/30/1984	Kathie M. Andrus Smith
1912	Elizabeth Catherine Gardner	2/27/1984	Richard S. Gardner
1549	Kimberly Ann Wetter	2/28/1984	Elinor C. Vance
1543	Kimberly Joyce Wetter	2/29/1984	Elinor C. Vance
1932	Hillary Melissa Shoreland	3/1/1984	Carolyn A. Kremer
1621	Leanne Kathleen Carter	3/30/1984	Quentin Evans Carter
1994	William Bryce Traxler	3/31/1991	Charles Dean Traxler
1625	Jeffrey Robert Keleher	4/5/1984	Mrs. Robert L. Howard
1587	Nicole Elizabeth Sanders	4/12/1984	Rhea S. Adler
1586	Erik Nicholas Johnson	5/6/1984	Mrs. Leonard M. Johnson
1616	Lisa Beth Miller	5/22/1984	Elinor Beard Miller
1550	Mary Cathryn Van Geem	6/6/1984	Leo H. Garman
1821	April Ruth Inglis	6/15/1984	Maxine Piha
1815	Stephanie Nicole Maddox	6/20/1984	Marilyn Ford Fox
1559	Caroline Elizabeth Von Sick	7/19/1984	Hazel M. Chamberlain
1601	Rachel Elizabeth Hennessy	9/14/1984	H. Richard Hennessy, Jr.
1748	Kevin Michael Bott	9/28/1984	Shirley A. Bott
1589	Elizabeth Nicole Grayson Jaxon	10/3/1984	Dr. Richard R. Grayson
1771	Allison Mary Bell	10/8/1984	Hope M. Burke
1690	Karl Jo Storm	12/5/1984	Marian T. Leach
1646	John Coleman Greenwood	12/21/1984	Beatrice V. MacBride
1903	Kristin Faye Henne	12/26/1984	Ellen Moore Sinclair



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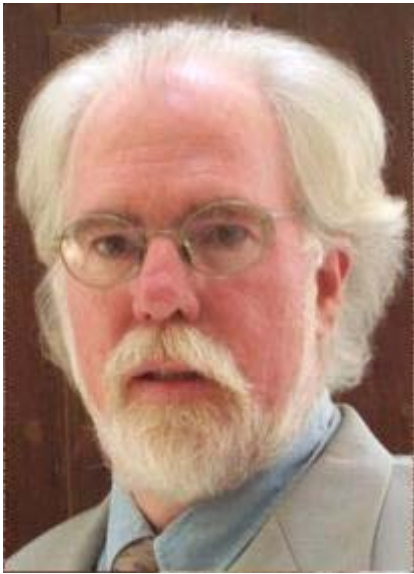


American Debt, Bailouts, Anxiety as Old as Pilgrims

By Glenn Alan Cheney
Atlanta Journal Constitution
Friday, March 06, 2009

Let us bow our heads and remember: America was founded on crushing debt, failed bailouts and the worst kind of stimulus.

The Pilgrims came to America on a business



Glenn Alan Cheney is author of investment was going Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America.'

venture. A few — a minority — came looking for religious freedom, but all of them were in it for the money.

It was a joint venture under the nebulous auspices of The Virginia Company. Investors (not the company) put up most of the cash. The contract called that party the “Adventurers,” and indeed their

on a little adventure. Their investment bought shares in a business that would end up at a no-man’s-land called Plymouth. In return, they were to receive, seven years thence, a share of the profits derived from sales of fish, timber, furs and houses.

The other party: some settlers — or call them workers — who would turn sweat into equity. The contract called them “Planters,” and indeed they would plant not only crops but bodies and souls in the rocky soil of New England. Each Planter’s labor was worth a share in the venture. They owed the venture seven years. At the end of it, they’d receive their shares of the profit.

During the seven years, the Planters were to send products to the Adventurers, and the Adventurers would send supplies to the Planters.

The contract was less understandable than the darkest of derivatives. It would never hold up in court.

Actually, there were two contracts, neither signed

by both parties. One the Planters signed. It seemed to require them to work four days a week for the venture and two for themselves, with a day off for God. It was understood (they thought) that they could keep the houses they’d build and live in.

The Adventurers rewrote the contract. This version, which the Planters never signed, seemed to require six days of labor, with one day off for God. And the houses went to the venture, to be liquidated and divvied up along with everything else, every stone of every wall, each sprig of parsley in each garden.

The Mayflower arrived at Plymouth a little short on supplies but heavily laden with debt. Not trillions of anything, but a debt no less. The 102 passengers owed everything they had — and would have — over the next seven years, roughly the situation of today’s average mortgagee.

Their stimulus: cold, hunger, fear — and debt.

The cold, hungry, indebted (and arguably illegal) immigrants got to work. They built shacks to live in, planted gardens out back. They kicked themselves for forgetting to bring fishhooks. Half of them died that first quarter. Come spring, the survivors sent the Mayflower back with nothing in its hold but rocks, ballast where there should have been assets.

The Adventurers then sent a ship, but as a bailout, it failed. It carried no supplies, just more people. It also brought a nasty note from the Adventurers.

And the new immigrants brought questions: Are we expected to take on your debt? Do we have equity in this venture? What’s for dinner? Where do we sleep?

It was a fiscal mess. The debt got too big and complex to pay off, the dividends impossible to calculate. No supplies arrived.

In time, a few of the Planters made a side deal to satisfy the Adventurers. People moved on. So did history.

And here we are, still dealing with weird agreements and crazy debts in the shadow of hunger, cold and fear.

Glenn Alan Cheney will be the guest speaker for the Vermont Mayflower Spring Luncheon.

Membership Updates

Please contact Membership Secretary, Don Sherman with any changes or updates to your address or phone number at: Don Sherman 1472 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016-6628 or 847-803-9669 or DWSherman2@aol.com.

Nancy Marie (Gubb) Frederick

1925-2008

Nancy Gubb was born in Batavia, New York on 27 February 1925 to William Miles and Marie (Bruno) (Meade) Gubb. She was the oldest of three children. She received her B.S. at Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in Glenside, PA.



In 1950 she met George Henry Clark Frederick, in Buffalo, New York. They married on 30 June 1951 in Batavia, New York. "Fred" was a widower, with two children; Robert and Jean. After their marriage, they moved to Chicago where Nancy worked as a dietician for SkyChef at Midway Airport and then at Marshall

Field's. In 1954, Nancy and Fred moved to 1208 Maple Avenue, Evanston where she lived until June 2008. Fred and Nancy had 2 children; Susan Carol Frederick, born 23 December 1958 and David Clark Frederick, born 18 April 1961. She also had three grandchildren; William, Julia and Lewis, children of William and Susan (Frederick) Small.

Nancy became an avid genealogist, due to her passion for family history. The first group she joined was NSDAR, Ft. Dearborn Chapter in 1974. She has served at local, State and National levels for many groups including NSDAR, NSDAC, Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons, NSNEW, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois, National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, The Huguenot Society of Illinois and NSCDXVIIC. Nancy had the endorsement of the state to serve on a National Committee for CDXVIIC. She had served as President of the Thomas Rogers Society and she continued, until her death, to serve as Parliamentarian for Illinois Court, National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and the Lac des Illinois Chapter, NSCDXVIIC, even though she was legally blind due to Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma.

She has been a guest speaker for many local and state organizations and has assisted many in their family history, specializing in New York state research. Her extensive home library is one most researchers begrudge. Some of her accomplishments within the genealogical community include:

- Volunteer in The Winnetka Library's Katharine Greeley Genealogical Collection for over 30 years;
- Volunteer in microfilm at the National Archives. She was honored for her efforts by being given an award by the National Director in Washington, D.C.;
- As a Thomas Rogers Society member, and President of

the Society, Nancy worked tirelessly for many years on the sixth and seventh generation project;

- Taught genealogy courses through the New Trier High School Extension Program;

- a trip to the Regional Archives where she taught how to find and use census records

- a multi-week course where she lectured and took her students on field trips to the Winnetka Library and the Family History Center in Wilmette.

- When more than 1,000 Illinois names beginning with the letter O were missing when the 1880 Soundex Index were microfilmed, she personally transcribed them from the original cards (*The 1880 Illinois census index : Soundex code 0200-0240, the code that was not filmed* / Nancy Gubb Frederick. Evanston, IL (1208 Maple Ave., Evanston 60202): N.G. Frederick, 1981. 287 p.; 28 cm.);

- Added name indexes to many books including the History of McHenry County, Illinois, together with sketches of its cities, villages, and towns, educational, religious, civil, military, and political ... an added name index by Nancy Gubb Frederick;

- Town of Catlin, Chemung County, New York perfected register of electors ... 1861 and assessment roll, Town of Catlin, 1873 / copied by Marie (Bruno) (Meade) Gubb and Nancy (Gubb) Frederick ; and submitted through Fort Dearborn Chapter NSDAR. Marie was Nancy's mother.

Nancy became a member of the Sarah Hodsdon Morrill Chapter, NSCDXVIIC on 6 Jan 1978. This chapter was Illinois' first chapter. Her ancestor is Henry Bull of Rhode Island. She filed a supplement for Samuel Gorton of Rhode Island. While a member of this chapter she held several offices including that of President.



Mayflower Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Assistants for 2008 will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of Smith Barney at 130 S. LaSalle in Chicago, Illinois on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

The general meeting will be at the Union League Club in Chicago on Saturday, November 21, 2009 in conjunction with our Fall luncheon.

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