

Illinois State Presidents  
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Miss Patricia Sayers	1997-1999, 1999-2000
Miss Anne Sears	2000-2001
Mrs. William (Betty) Ford	2001-2003
Mrs. Linda Brown	2003-2005
Mrs. George (Jean) Kallal	2005-2007
Mrs. John (Ellen) Perry	2007-2009
Mrs. William (Carolyn) Kraft	2009-2011
Mrs. Lindell (Sara) Caddell	2011-2013
Mrs. Steven (Nancy) Schultz	2013-2015
Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Bittner	2015-2017

Illinois State Society Markings  
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Tricentennial Jubilee Gate, Cahokia, IL	Mar. 27, 1999
Colonial Heritage Tree, Springfield, IL	June 20, 1999
Bothwell Chapel, Lebanon, IL	Oct. 25, 2002
Mermaid House Hotel, Lebanon, IL	Oct. 25, 2002
Lewis & Clark's Visit, Metropolis, IL	Oct. 23, 2004
Home of Pierre Menard, Ellis Grove, IL	June 9, 2007
Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park, LeRoy, IL	Oct. 16, 2010
John Marshall Bank, Shawneetown, IL	Sept. 8, 2012
Mary Smith Fay Genealogy Library, Carmi, IL	Mar. 21, 2015
Marquette & Jolliet Voyage, Grafton, IL	Mar. 18, 2017

Nancy Pease Memorial Fund

Upon the death of Nancy Pease, President of Lac des Illinois, 2012-2014, a Memorial Fund was established to provide a stipend of \$150.00 for State Presidents attending the National Conference, starting in 2016. Chapters are encouraged to donate to this fund to encourage our state presidents to attend National Conference and represent Illinois.

[Information on this page added by Illinois State President,  
Sharon Bittner, March 2017.]

January 20, 1997, Booklet created by  
Anne M. Roy (Mrs. Eugene H. Roy).

"In Celebration Of  
The History of Twenty-five Years:

This booklet is dedicated to the current  
Illinois State President, Ms. Sheila  
Richards, whose inspiration gave it birth.

And To

All the past Illinois State Presidents  
whose administration gave it its existence."

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In Celebration Of  
The History of Forty-five Years:

Updated March 2017 by State President

Sharon Y. Bittner (Mrs. Robert E.)

## The Society's Colors

The colors of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century are colonial blue and gold, which are also the colors of its flag. Its first flag was presented in 1952. The central depiction is described as a "seventeenth century colonial dame garbed in the blue of the Universe and gold of the sun."

## The Society's Motto

"Hold high the standards of the XVII Century heroes. Let all true Americans emulate their noble deeds of loyalty to our country."

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"The State Society has endorsed three members for election to National office. The first endorsement in 1973 asked that Mrs. James Borland be considered for the office of Treasurer General, and it was not until 1992 that another Illinois member was endorsed, Mrs. Eugene H. Roy, Historian General, 1993-1995, Recording Secretary General, 1996-1997. In 1994 Mrs. Anne Krischke, 1995-1997, Treasurer General, was endorsed. A number of members have also been endorsed by the Society to serve on National Committees as Chairman or as member: Mrs. Duane Cultra, Mrs. Richard Cross, Mrs. Eugene Roy, Mrs. Victor Marty, Mrs. John J. Burke, Mrs. Ray Bowman, Mrs. George Frederick, Ms. Joyce Spurling, and Ms. Sheila Richards [and in 2015-2017 Mrs. Steven (Nancy) Schultz as Gravestone Preservation Committee Chairman-SYB].

"The Illinois State Society, from its inception, has always stressed the importance of donations to the National Society, and the State Society itself has generously given to the Scholarship Fund, the Midwest Room located at National Headquarters, the Pocahontas Scholarship Fund and the Headquarters Maintenance Fund. The Society was one of the first State Societies to donate to the Expansion Fund, which was originated by Mrs. John Ennis when she served as President General. Three chapters in the State Society maintain their own Chapter/State Scholarships, formerly named Exchange Scholarships, which have been highly approved by the State Society.

"Today the State Society numbers 292 members with eight chartered chapters, all of which are active and supportive of the numerous National Society projects, and one chapter which has organized [and later chartered: Kickapoo-SYB].

"The Illinois Society may not be the largest, but it is certainly one of the most prominent and active among all State Societies. The very strong foundation built by the founders has stood the test of time, and the members today can be grateful for both the vision of the past and the aspirations of the future. Each member can anticipate with pride the development, participation, and viability of the next twenty-five years for the Illinois State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century."

Anne M. Roy (Mrs. Eugene H.)

“Regrettably, the two oldest chapters and the two which acted collectively to organize the Illinois State Society, Sarah Hodsdon Morrill and Polly Strangeman, returned their Charters to the National Society and disbanded; however, a number of their members transferred to other Illinois Chapters, and in essence the two chapters live today through these transferees. These two chapters’ importance to the State Society should never be forgotten nor made miniscule. [Also regrettably, John Rolfe and La Grande Prairie chapters are also no longer in existence-SYB.]

“As each new chapter has been chartered, the membership of the State Society has grown tremendously, and as such, new projects have been undertaken which have enlarged in scope and consequence.

“One of the most significant projects undertaken by a State President was the search and preservation of old Society minutes by Mrs. Donald Harvey. Most of the early minutes were believed lost; however, Mrs. Harvey, with the help of Mrs. John Black and Mrs. Berlin Campbell, was able to locate and save a large portion of the earliest minutes. These are of significant help when researching Society history as well as serving as a guideline for the Society’s efforts today.

“The State has seen several chapter historical markings at which State Officers were invited to participate: the first marking in Illinois, Guilford Town Hall, marked by Guilford Chapter, Rockford, IL (May 11, 1990); the site of Old Peoria, marked by Pimiteoui Chapter, Peoria, IL (Oct. 24, 1992); and Katharine Clifton Prairie, marked by La Grande Prairie Chapter (Aug. 4, 1993). The State Society, during the administration of the current President, Miss Sheila Richards, marked the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Kaskaskia Island, Illinois (Mar. 23, 1996) -- the first State Society historical marking and one of impressive historical importance in the history of the State of Illinois.

[Dates added-SYB]

“On January 15, 1972, members of the two Illinois National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century chapters, Sarah Hodsdon Morrill and Polly Strangeman, met in the West Lounge of the Wesley Foundation, Urbana, Illinois, to organize the Illinois State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. Miss Beulah Hutchens, President of Polly Strangeman Chapter, was instrumental in getting the two chapters to meet to organize a State Society. Miss Hutchens served at this meeting as Acting Vice President. Mrs. Benjamin Mullen, President of Sarah Hodsdon Morrill Chapter, presided. Special guest at the meeting was Mrs. John Ennis, Nathaniel Foote Chapter, Terre Haute, Indiana, who was serving as Recording Secretary General of the National Executive Board and who is now an Honorary President General of the Society.

“The first State Society Officers elected and installed by Mrs. Ennis follow:

President	Mrs. James D. Borland
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mrs. Benjamin Mullen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mrs. Horace Brown
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Mrs. John Black
Chaplain	Mrs. Thomas Brooks
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Jerry Akins
Organizing Secretary	Mrs. Quinten Buckley
Honorary Organizing Secretary	Miss Beulah Hutchens
Treasurer	Mrs. Curtis Luttrell
Registrar	Mrs. Adam French
Historian	Mrs. A. A. Richey
Curator	Mrs. Duane Cultra
Librarian	Mrs. Berlin T. Campbell

“All of these ladies served diligently and effectively and gave to the Illinois Society a firm foundation upon which each succeeding administration has built.

“At the first Illinois State Society Board meeting, held May 13, 1972, at Urbana, Illinois, Mrs. John Ennis, National Officer, again attended as guest and consultant. She presented to the State Society a gift of the President’s Gavel to be used at all State meetings and to be passed from one State President to the next. This gift is used today, and Mrs. Ennis is considered to be the State Society’s official sponsor due to her excellent guidance and help throughout the Society’s twenty-five year continuity.

“Some of the more important accomplishments of this first administration: state dues decided, first Society Bylaws accepted and printed, location and number of meetings each year [determined] and the organization of the third chapter in Illinois, Thomas Hooker Chapter, [begun].

“At the November 13, 1974, Board meeting of the State Society, it was reported that membership had risen to 99 members.

“Mrs. Berlin T. Campbell was elected the second State Society President, and Mrs. John Ennis, now 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General, attended and installed the new slate of officers. There were 102 members belonging to the State Society at this time. Mrs. James Borland was elected the first Honorary State President at this meeting.

#### Illinois State Presidents

Mrs. James D. Borland (Lenore)	1972-1975
Mrs. Berlin T. Campbell (Catherine)	1975-1977
Mrs. Robert C. Barber (Leona)	1977-1979
Mrs. Duane B. Cultra (Mary Jane)	1979-1981
Mrs. Flodie E. Henson (Doris)	1981-1983
Mrs. George C. Frederick (Nancy)	1983-1985
Mrs. Richard R. Cross (Glenna)	1985-1987
Mrs. Donald L. Harvey (Mary Ellen)	1987-1989
Mrs. Eugene H. Roy (Anne)	1989-1991
Mrs. Victor G. Marty Georgann)	1991-1993
Miss Joyce Spurling	1993-1995
Miss Sheila Richards	1995-1997

[names updated-SYB]

“All of the Illinois State Society Presidents have been elected Honorary State Presidents. Mrs. Borland and Mrs. Campbell are deceased [as of publication of booklet-SYB].



#### Illinois Chapters

Sarah Hodsdon Morrill, chartered March 19, 1959, the Mother Chapter of Illinois, organized by Mrs. Arthur Bruegger.

Polly Strangeman, chartered October 27, 1971, organized by Miss Beulah Hutchens.

Thomas Hooker, chartered February 26, 1975, organized by Mrs. Robert C. Barber.

John Rolfe, chartered October 4, 1979, organized by Mrs. Flodie E. Henson.

Guilford, chartered March 28, 1980, organized by Mrs. Eugene H. Roy.

New France, chartered September 4, 1984, organized by Mrs. Donald L. Harvey.

Lac des Illinois, chartered November 6, 1988, organized by Mrs. John M. Birmingham.

Pimiteoui, chartered May 11, 1990, organized by Mrs. John J. Burke.

La Grande Prairie, chartered August 8, 1992, organized by Miss Sheila Richards.

Shawnee, chartered March 8, 1994, organized by Miss Patricia Sayers [formerly Dennis Garrett Chapter-SYB].

Kickapoo, organized November 17, 1996, organized by Mrs. Robert C. Ilesley [chartered April 4, 1997-SYB].

