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A message from our Governor

Summer greetings to all of you from rural New England. Did you know that piles of Boston snow were still melting here in July? Yes, snow!

As you may recall, last spring I was wondering how much the heavy New England snow could damage the thatch roofs of the homes of our Pilgrim ancestors. I found that in our early history, thatch roofs were legally prohibited in many Massachusetts towns. Surely, that meant that thatch couldn't function well in cold New England winter with heavy snow? Not so! The use of thatch was frowned upon because of fire.



So, I asked the folks at Plimouth Plantation about their cold and snow damage. In July, I received a reply. "Our 17th-century English Village suffered no lasting damage from the 2015 winter storms. We lost a little bit of thatch on a few houses, but they have repaired by the talented artisans in our Built Landscapes Division. With the exception of Hopkins House, which is undergoing a larger restoration project unrelated to the winter storms, all the houses are currently open and available to visit. "

The Pilgrims, unlike those they left in Europe, were blessed with an abundance of trees for firewood. They did much of their work in small houses full of people and stayed close to the fire. They brought Dutch foot stoves with them. These foot stoves were wood boxes with vents on top and a small pottery coal pot inside. Stocking clad feet were placed on top of the stove. Sound good? Think of this on your next hazardous drive to work in a snow storm!

I'll be attending the General Board of Assistants meeting on your behalf the second week of September. I'll share the highlights of the meeting in our next Buckeye Mayflower.

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Mayflower Membership is Wedding gift for the Future

Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony

My niece Katrina (Katie) was born 17 Oct 1987 in Concord, MA. And is the only child of my sister Joan (Fanning) and her husband Ed Shankle. Our Katie is far from the stereotype of an only child, she was fortunate in her choice of parents; they raised her to focus outside of herself to the larger world. After High School, Katie attended American University. During her time at AU, she spent several months in Cuba and twice in India. While in these countries, she spent the majority of her time with struggling populations, learning their cultures and barriers to progress primarily for women. Her summer breaks were spent working as a research assistant in solving cold cases with the Massachusetts state police. During her time in college Katie served as an intern in



Beth Anderson, niece Katie and brother Jim Fanning

had the honor of standing with the Kennedy staff on the Capitol steps as his funeral passed on the way to Arlington Cemetery.

Upon graduation from American University she applied for the Peace Corps and was accepted for a two year assignment to a small village in Benin Africa, again living and working with the people in this environment. It was during this time in Benin that she met her future husband, Ryan, who was also in the Peace Corp. Katie and Ryan returned in 2014 from Benin where Katie started Grad school at Georgetown University in International Studies. During this program, students are expected to intern in various government departments as part of their studies.



Katie and her new husband Ryan

The discovery of a Mayflower Ancestry for me and my seven siblings has let us come to a realization that our roots in our country have a very rich colonial heritage. Many of our Ancestors gave much to live in freedom over the past 395 years. As we see our children and grandchildren grow in service to the country we are proud. But as I look at my niece I see the spirit of the pilgrims in her willingness to venture into the unknown to make life better and more promising for other underserved populations. William Brewster would be proud.

Beth did it not once but twice!

Cincinnati Colony two new members! The descendants of Stephen Hopkins have two new Mayflower Cousins, Kathleen M. (Anderson) Borowy and Ashtyn Laren Borowy. The ladies were submitted by Beth Anderson (Mother, Nana) as a wedding gift for Ashtyn and her new husband Tyler Good.

Kathleen was born in Killeen, Texas while her father was awaiting deployment to Viet Nam, she is a 1989 graduate of Bowling Green University and mother of four. She and her husband Brad Borowy were Air Force parents and have been stationed not only in Dayton at Wright Patterson Air Force Base but in Denver, CO; Louisville, KY; Anderson AFB in Guam and then back to Wright-Patt. Kathleen appears to have carried the Hopkins trait for surviving "Tempests" in

December of 1991 her husband was sent to the war zone and she was left in Guam with four small children during one of the largest Typhoon's to hit the island in decades. She and Brad now reside in Centerville Ohio where she manages a jewelry store.

Ashtyn is a recent graduate of Bowling Green University. Ashtyn was a member of a sorority where she sharpened her leadership and social skills. Ashtyn and her new husband Tyler Good are living in New Orleans, LA where he is serving in the Coast Guard, where they are starting their greatest adventure. Ashtyn was very excited to get her Mayflower membership so that as she and Tyler progress in their lives they can share this heritage with both families.



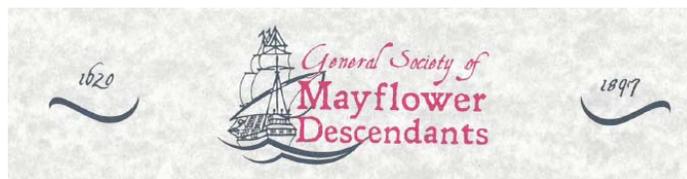
Kathleen, Beth & Ashtyn

Beth already has another wedding present of membership in the works—do you want to follow her example?

New Style Certificates and other GSMD Updates

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants will begin distributing a new style of membership certificates in the next month or so. There have been many certificate designs since the Society was formed. The certificates with the large image of the Mayflower have been used for at least ten years so the Executive Committee thought it was time to update the design. The new certificates will have the logo below. The rest of the text is essentially the same. I still have a small supply of the old style certificates and will use them until they are gone, but don't be surprised if you get a new style one with a supplemental or if a family member who joins gets a different certificate.



You may have noticed in the Mayflower Quarterly that the language used to refer to all the member Societies has changed. Since Canada and the District of Columbia are not states, they cannot be called State Societies. So, the new language is to call us all Partner Societies.

Junior Membership

Sandra St. Martin, Jr. Membership Coordinator SMDOH

Our Ohio Society recently won an education packet from the leaders of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Junior Membership site. The packet has started its journey to junior membership chairpersons for each colony.

All colony junior membership coordinators are asked to join the GSMD Junior Member Facebook group. Any member who has an interest in Mayflower history or junior education is also welcome to join the group. Contact me at carkin9th@yahoo.com so that I can have your name added to the invitation list. Ideas, craft ideas and other resources are shared on this site.

If you have a junior member in your family who is between the ages of 18 and 24, now is the time to start the process of full membership! We will waive the application fee if the application is submitted before the junior member turns 25. Pass your pride in your heritage along to the next generation...

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones — February 2015-August 2015

Years since election to membership

James Morrison—55 years, May 1960
 Peter Galbraith—45 years, March 1970
 David Hughes—45 years, May 1970
 Carl Nissen—45 years, May 1970
 Catherine Mecasky—40 years, March 1975
 Lisa Miller—40 years, March 1975
 Roger Sanford—40 years, March 1975
 Joan Lehr—35 Years, March 1980
 Andrew Gondleman—35 Years, March 1980
 Marjorie Waterfield—35 years, May 1980
 Margaret Lauritzen—35 years, May 1980
 Patricia Arrott—30 years, May 1985
 Allan Worstell—30 years, May 1985
 Brian Worstell—30 years, May 1985
 Gary Silver—30 years, May 1985
 Jeanne Lindquist—30 years, May 1985
 James Halls—25 years, March 1990
 James Rasnick—25 years, March 1990
 John Rasnick—25 years, March 1990
 Robert Rasnick—25 years, March 1990
 Ara Waldock—25 years, May 1990
 Robert Waldock—25 years, May 1990
 William Waldock—25 years, May 1990

Milestone Birthdays (70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95)

Josiah Mason, February 21, Cleveland Colony
 Marcia Spiegelberg, February 28, Western Reserve Colony
 Dorothy Liek, March 2, Cincinnati Colony
 James Halls, March 3, Cincinnati Colony
 Beth Voltz, March 10, Cleveland Colony
 Donald Corey, March 11, Western Reserve Colony
 Joseph VanBuskirk, March 17, Western Reserve Colony
 Lynne Scott, March 20, Cleveland Colony
 Edward Gould, March 27, Western Reserve Colony
 Blythe Gehring, March 30, Cleveland Colony
 Roberta Cook, April 3, Toledo Colony
 Betty Boatwright, April 11, Cleveland Colony

Milestone birthdays continued

Charles Fuller, April 5, Western Reserve Colony
 Richard Schmidt, April 7, Cleveland Colony
 John Griffith, April 9, Cleveland Colony
 Norman Standish, April 11, Cleveland Colony
 John Coates, April 13, Western Reserve Colony
 Ted Dunbar, April 14, Western Reserve Colony
 Charles Osborne, April 17, Western Reserve Colony
 Kay Johnston, April 24, Western Reserve Colony
 Carol Keith, April 29, Cincinnati Colony
 Elaine Hugill, April 29, Western Reserve Colony
 Donna Smith, May 6, Toledo Colony
 Judith Kunkle, May 11, Cleveland Colony
 Alice Harrison, June 1, Cleveland Colony
 Susan McCoy, June 1, Cincinnati Colony
 David Foster, June 1, Western Reserve Colony
 Jean Britton, June 2, Cleveland Colony
 Stephen Beckwith, June 5, Cleveland Colony
 Donald Seager, June 6, Cleveland Colony
 Charles Mays, June 8, Columbus Colony
 Alyce Altwies, June 8, Western Reserve Colony
 Ann Ficks, June 9, Columbus Colony
 Jerry Ackerman, June 10, Western Reserve Colony
 John Warlick, June 11, Columbus Colony
 Marjorie Murfin, June 15, Columbus Colony
 Sharon Hendershot, June 20, Columbus Colony
 Eva Hughes, June 22, Columbus Colony
 Charlotte Paschen, June 22, Toledo Colony
 Margaret Lauritzen, June 25, Western Reserve Colony
 Carl Nissen, June 26, Columbus Colony
 Carole Dreffer, June 30, Columbus Colony
 Jeanne Dusz, July 8, Western Reserve Colony
 Diana Linhardt, July 24, Cincinnati Colony
 Judith Bay, July 30, Cincinnati Colony
 Kathleen Lambacher, August 7, Western Reserve Colony
 Janet Ebert, August 29, Columbus Colony
 Thomas Evans, August 14, Columbus Colony
 Barbara Murphy, August 29, Columbus Colony

Congratulations to all these members!



Flag Etiquette

Betsie Good, Deputy Governor

The flag of the United States is the emblem of our identity as a nation.

We usually have a flag at our meetings but frequently forget the protocol regarding the display of our flag or the courtesies it demands. I was recently at a meeting where few stood when the color guard carried the flag to its post. Few remembered that when a flag is in motion, one stands out of respect until it is posted. As we are in the season of parades and remembering our veterans, let us also remember the respect for the flag, the symbol of what they fought for.

- ❖ Citizens (non military) should stand when their flag is passing (in a meeting or a parade.) Persons should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart and remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Remain standing until the colors (flag) are posted or the flag has moved past in a parade.
- ❖ The flag should not be displayed on a float except from a staff, not draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
- ❖ No other flag should be placed above the flag of the United States. When several flags are displayed, none should be to its right.
- ❖ When displayed on a platform, it should be above and behind the speaker with the union uppermost or to the observer's left or to the speaker's right.
- ❖ The flag is never dipped to any person or thing.
- ❖ The flag's own right refers to the "right" as the position of honor developed from the time when the right hand was the "weapon hand." The right hand raised without a weapon, was a sign of peace. The right hand, to an observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, Flag Code states the flag's blue field is displayed to the observer's left, which is the flag's "own right."
- ❖ No part of the flag should touch the ground.
- ❖ The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman, and members of patriotic organizations. It should not be used for advertising purpose as printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. It should not be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

If you have a worn flag to dispose of, don't just throw it away. Contact your local Boy Scouts, VFW or SAR chapter to arrange for proper disposal.

Flag Display Days

- New Year's Day January 1st
- Martin Luther King Day Third Monday in January
- Lincoln's Birthday February 12th
- Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day) Third Monday in February
- Ohio Statehood March 3rd
- Easter Sunday Variable
- Mother's Day Second Sunday in May
- Peace Officers' Memorial Day* (half staff) May 15th
- Armed Forces Day Third Saturday in May
- Memorial Day (half staff until noon) Last Monday in May
- Flag Day June 14th
- Father's Day Third Sunday in June
- Independence Day July 4th
- National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27th
- Labor Day First Monday in September
- Patriot Day (half staff) September 11th
- POW/MIA Recognition Day Third Friday in September
- Constitution Day (Citizenship Day) September 17th
- Columbus Day Second Monday in October
- Navy Day October 27th
- Veterans Day November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day Fourth Thursday in November
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (half staff) December 7th
- Christmas Day December 25th

And such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of states (dates of admission); and on state holidays.

*The flag shall be flown at half staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.

It would also be appropriate to fly your POW/MIA with your United States flag on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.

Paul Morehouse, Western Reserve

If We Value Our Time: Thoughts on Efficient Lineage Research

Kenneth Schroeder, Western Reserve Colony



I recently had a Circumstantial Supplemental Lineage Application approved by the Historian General. I write this in the hope that my experiences might benefit other members. The application was to John Alden. It was supplemental because I had already joined under Constance Hopkins. It was circumstantial because I was unable to locate a birth record or documented parents for my generation six ancestor, Sally (Kneeland) Ames.

I did much of the research online. However, it was certainly not a solo project. I received encouragement and guidance along the way from our Ohio Historian and former Assistant Historian. I also had a co author who was also descended from Sally Kneeland. She contributed to the project early on. To her credit, she also accepted major family responsibilities which precluded her from doing much research during the latter part of the project. One of the pleasant parts of the project was working with many helpful and friendly town librarians, archivists and town clerks. My brother-in-law happens to be a professional

copy editor. My faithful wife located many typos including elusive spacing and comma problems.

How would I tune the process?

I would begin by having a good supply of manila file folders at the very start. Too many papers in too few folders is very inefficient. Begin with yourself, and have a folder for each generation, as well as subtopics as needed. Make sure to document every source, including web addresses, and make three copies of every document you know must be included with the application.

A good first step when you run into difficulties is to send a research request to Plymouth. I did this and found it very helpful. The researcher brought to bear the facilities of the Society's library. The researcher found several helpful facts. The researcher identified areas to research and to prove or disprove. And, the researcher suggested presenting my case as a journal article, which I did. I was most fortunate that Susan Gillette had just written a fine article for the NEHGR. I used this as a guide. (The article also allowed me to claim another Mayflower ancestor.)

My research centered around Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I wish I had joined NEHGS earlier. Having access to the American Ancestor database is essential for New England genealogy. In hindsight, I would also have joined Ancestry.com.

Be prepared to find incorrect or unsubstantiated information. Half of my fourteen page report centered around disproving inaccurate information. I could not have effectively presented my evidence with the misinformation blocking the way. In my case, the Historian General very open mindedly authorized a change in the silver books after I presented my case.

Be prepared for records to be lost by fire or never to have been made. Due to a lack of birth records, I based much of my case on the naming of children, including and especially the middle names when found. In my case, I was convinced that Sally Kneeland's parents were John Kneeland, printer of Boston, and his wife, Abigail Adams of Milton. The chosen names of Sally and Timothy's children fit the traditional naming pattern of naming children after grandparents. Most importantly, Sally Adams Ames, their firstborn child, carried the maiden name of Abigail Adams. This Adams name was repeated several times in several generations. I also found the Adams name repeated in descendants of Caleb and Abigail (Kneeland) Richardson, who I was convinced was Sally's sister.

One satisfying result of my four year project is that descendants of both Sally (Kneeland) Ames and Abigail (Kneeland) Richardson are now eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society.

2016 Membership Year Begins 1 November 2015

Thank you to all our annual members who responded to our email request to pay your 2016 membership year dues. To date, over 230 members have rejoined for another year. Paper dues invoices for the rest of us will go in the mail the week of September 14th. Please watch for yours and respond quickly! If you don't get yours, please let us know!

Remember, Ohio has increased our annual dues to \$36.00 to cover the increased amount (\$15.00) we need to pay to the General Society for each member each year. The increased fees for our Life members will come from the Life Member Fund so we encourage our Life members to make donations to keep replenishing this fund.

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

As we know from reading the Mayflower Quarterly (MQ), many members are diligently at work, volunteering their time for a “special event” in 2020; namely, the 400th anniversary of the arrival of our Pilgrims. The information about **coins** in the March MQ is the subject of this article. Please, won't you take the time to join with us by sending letters to your Representative in Congress and/or to your Senator encouraging Congress to pass a bill requesting a minted coin for the celebration of the arrival of our Pilgrims. In particular, we would be delighted to have our Junior members participate by sending letters. Encourage parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to talk with your Junior members about this project. Not only would this be a learning experience for future voters, but perhaps their teacher(s) would give credit when informed about the General Societies “**Coin Project**”? Ohio Mayflower will receive significant income from sales if this is approved!

Template letters are below or simply go to <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration>

Subj: HR.2980 Co-sponsorship

Dear Representative _____:

I am writing to request that you co-sponsor HR.2980, titled “To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of arrival of the Pilgrims.” The bill is sponsored by Rep. Bill Foster and introduced on 7/8/2015. The proposed coins will honor the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower Pilgrims on our shores. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has over 28,000 proud members who descend from the Pilgrims and this will help us with our mission to educate the public about this important part of American history.

In 1620, a small group of barely one hundred souls arrived to establish the first permanent settlement in New England. They brought with them ideals that far surpassed their numerical significance. Their new community of Plymouth can fairly be called the first home of religious freedom in the New World. Furthermore, their establishment of a “civil body politic” through the *Mayflower Compact* that they signed before landing they set a precedent for self-governance that remains vital to this day.

It is important to note that this legislation has bipartisan support. Rep. Foster (D-IL) represents one party, and the corresponding Senate bill is sponsored by Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND), representing the other. You may contact staff member Gary Timmins in Rep. Foster's office to find out details of this bill. Won't you please join Representative Foster as a co-sponsor of this bill?

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely yours,

Your Name

Your town

Subj: S.1715 Co-sponsorship

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Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely yours,

Your Name

Your town

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The Progression of Thanksgiving

Jacob Ferguson, Toledo Colony

In modern America, Thanksgiving is thought of as a time to be with family, watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade and football games, and of course, to enjoy a well-deserved meal with all of the trimmings. When asked today about the history of Thanksgiving, most people today would likely say something about the original Thanksgiving taking place with the Pilgrims and Native Americans in early northeastern America. Apart from that, most modern Americans are missing out on the vast actual history of Thanksgiving, in part because of the commercialization of the holiday. To the Pilgrims and Puritans that followed shortly after, Thanksgiving had different meaning than it does today, yet some of the same factors that influenced the original celebrations can still be seen today around the modern day Thanksgiving table feast.

The first Thanksgiving, taking place in 1621, was a celebration of a bountiful harvest that the Pilgrims reaped after a year of hard labor, sickness, and scarcity of supplies. The Pilgrims celebrated with their Wampanoag neighbors by feasting on part of their harvest, as well as turkey and venison. The original Pilgrim festival also greatly consisted of giving thanks to God and rejoicing over of the harvest that He had given them, as well as sport and recreational activities. Even though the Pilgrims were thankful to God for the harvest, they did not consider the celebration to be a religious event, nor did they deem this event to be an official "Thanksgiving Holiday". These elements of the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving celebration can still be seen today, as the modern holiday is full of celebrating a year of hard work by feasting and enjoying sport, most notably the Thanksgiving day football game.

The arrival of the Puritans in America brought about another type of Thanksgiving celebration. The tradition that the Puritans brought fourth was a religious "Day of Thanksgiving", which was commonly issued by a religious leader in response to an act of Divine Providence. There were no great feasts or merrymaking on these days on observance. Instead, IPuritans would spend the day in church, praying and giving thanks to God for His provision in their lives. A significant proportion of modern Americans still give thanks to God for this provision in their lives, which undoubtedly is passed down from Puritan tradition. Unfortunately, in many American households, the tradition of giving thanks to God has withered away.

There is yet a third aspect to the origination of the modern Thanksgiving that is celebrated today. Throughout history, various leaders would declare a civic day of Thanksgiving, mainly to commemorate a great victory or other national event. November 26th, 1691 was on such day, where King William and Queen Mary of England announced a day of Thanksgiving for a victory over the French. While the modern Thanksgiving holiday has little to do with giving thanks for a victory, we still celebrate the day on the 4th Thursday in November, just as was done in England after their victory over the French.

The modern Thanksgiving that is celebrated today has aspects from the Pilgrim, Puritan, and other civic Thanksgiving celebrations, yet there was no official annual holiday for many decades after these original events. Eventually, these three traditions combined into a day of prayer, feasting, and enjoyment of family and friends. Throughout the 1800s, the tradition of giving thanks continued, although it was generally celebrated on different dates in each state, and not every state celebrated the occasion. However, in 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed the first annual national Thanksgiving, and every President since had likewise issued an annual Thanksgiving Proclamation. The Thanksgiving holiday continued to evolve over the years. In the 1920's, football was available in the home, with families gathered a radio as a form of after dinner entertainment. 1956 saw the first televised football games, which is now a centerpiece of the modern American Thanksgiving tradition.

Today, most American families celebrate Thanksgiving with feasting, merrymaking, and sports -watching, but the commercialization of the holiday has left out the most important part of the original celebrations, giving thanks to God. However, giving thanks and enjoying family, friends, and food are all still a centerpiece of the American Thanksgiving tradition just as it was for the Pilgrims in early America, and that is something to be proud of.



Watch for details on the 2016 Scholarship contest in the December 2015 newsletter. If you have children or grandchildren or sponsored other junior members in the right age range, make sure to get the information to them. All winning essays will be published in the Buckeye Mayflower.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

John Franklin MacDonald is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins and has been a member of Toledo Colony since June of 2011. His interest in genealogy was sparked by his Burnham High School sweetheart and wife Patricia. Pat's family had a family reunion and started a genealogy tree of sorts. John decided to have a complete tree of his family and continues to this day to search cemeteries and other records for missing "branches and leaves".

While in school, both John and Pat were involved in music—band from 7th grade through high school, with John playing trumpet in both concert and marching band. He continued playing with the University of Toledo band, later earning an MBA in accounting. He sang tenor in the church choir.

Right after high school, John began in the Naval Reserve, training for active duty in 1948. While training near New York City, he called Pat and told her if she could get to the city, they would "go buy a ring". (On 1 November of this year, they will have been married 63 years.) Commissioned as an ensign in 1952, John managed supply depots. He retired as a captain in 1983 and continues at that rank. He serves on many veteran advocacy posts and mentors members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Commodore Perry Division.

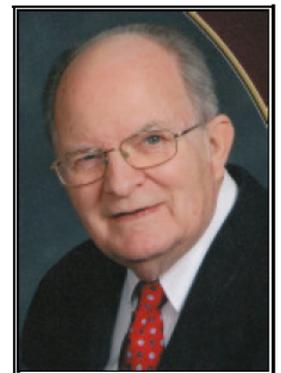
John is an active member of many organizations centered around history. In April, 2015, he received an "old timer's medal" from the Ohio Genealogical Society. In May, 2014, he was inducted into the Sylvania Schools Academic Hall of Fame. This May, John was the very able General Chair of our State Annual Assembly. Thank you, John MacDonald, for your work in Toledo Colony!



JN MEMORIAM



Richard L. Harner, 85, of Toledo, OH, passed away unexpectedly on August 5th. He was born in Ashland, OH, on Aug 22nd 1929, to Floyd and Ethel Harner. He was raised in New London, OH, and graduated from New London High School. He joined the United States Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Toledo and married his college sweetheart, Marlene Spencer. They celebrated 59 years of marriage together this year. He worked for National Family Opinion who transferred him to Chicago where he lived for over 30 years. Later he started his own financial planning business. He was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford of the Pilgrims who settled Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. He served as Lt Governor of the Toledo Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants for several years. He was extremely proud of his Mayflower heritage. He was also active in the Civil Round Table where served as President. Ric founded and was President of the Fort Meigs Military History Group. Ric was an active member of Calvary Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed fellowship there including the Men's Christian Book Club meetings. He was an avid reader and borrowed so many books from the library that the clerks called him Professor Harner. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert. Richard is survived by his wife, Marlene; sons Mark of Toledo, Bryant of Downers Grove, IL, daughter Dinah (Allen Filloon) of Racine, WI, and grandson Nicolas.



MY TURN? MY TIME?

SERVING ON MY COLONY BOARD...My Turn? My Time?

Jill Parker, Lt. Gov., Western Reserve Colony

While these questions aren't original, there is a story behind WHY I asked myself these questions.

It all began when I was doing my research to gather the necessary documentation to submit with my application to become a member of the Mayflower Society. (Don't most of our stories begin that way?)

I remember being fascinated as well as impressed with my seventeenth and early eighteenth century ancestors who served in particular capacities for their communities (service was usually voluntary or had a small stipend associated with it). This service was in addition to their regular jobs – farmer, preacher, miller, tailor and so forth. I recall that individuals would fill a role in the community for a few years, then give that role up for a while before returning to perform that role again.

My 8th Great Grandfather, William Carpenter, (1631-1703) served on a town board that resolved land disputes. It made sense. William was a surveyor by trade. Town history records say he had superior ability, was a good businessman, was accurate in all his business transactions and....had good penmanship. Good Penmanship??? Absolutely. And for all these reasons he not only resolved land disputes but served as town clerk which meant he recorded many town events and attested to various legal dealings...because of his good penmanship. There was a perfect match between his skills and abilities and what the town needed!! **It was His Turn. It Was His Time.** And he served the town of Rehoboth with distinction.

So when I took a call from Western Reserve Colony Board member Becky Woodruff asking me to serve the Colony, it got me thinking...**is it MY TURN? Is it MY TIME?** My concern was not about "title" but about the role I would play within the Colony and the skills needed to fulfill that role. The role I would play required organizational skills, speaking skills (actually, just loud voice skills), good listening skills, not taking comments personally, being open to suggestions, willingness to try new things, and not getting flustered if things don't go exactly as planned (i.e., the ability to "go with the flow" or to "go to plan B" – with a SMILE). Note that GOOD PENMANSHIP was not one of the things required!! Thank Goodness!

My only regret was that Becky had to call me. I wish I had just gone ahead and stepped forward. Would it have been brazen and bold? Perhaps. But I have skills the Colony can use and I can fill the role!

So...is it Your Turn? Is it Your Time? Let your Board know you are ready to serve!!!

Book Review: Mary of the Mayflower By Diane Stevenson Stone

Available in Kindle, paperback and hardback editions.

Author Diane Stevenson Stone has provided the pre-teen reader with a well-researched and written story of her ancestor, Mayflower passenger Mary Chilton. Stone takes what is known about Pilgrim life in England, Holland and America and weaves these facts with a moving dialogue and a smattering of tiny illustrations. Antiquated vocabulary and unfamiliar words are clarified through footnotes and a glossary so the reader will learn from but not be frustrated with new material. The Mayflower Compact is introduced as part of Mary's story. Stone provides an Epilogue and several interesting "extras" at the end of her book including a diagram of the Mayflower, a copy of Mary's will, an inventory of Mary's estate, a photo of Mary's grave, and a small section of "other interesting facts."

Reviewed by Sandra St. Martin

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony enjoyed an 80th Anniversary of the Cincinnati Colony during a lunch event at a local Cincinnati area eatery. Thanks to member, Judy Overstreet we were able to have a gathering and wonderful lunch at La Petite France restaurant well known eatery serving wonderful French cuisine on June 30th.

There were 18 members and guests that attended. Restaurant food/service was wonderful and Lt Governor Doug van der Zee provided sweets he brought back from Dublin, Ireland. Recording Secretary, Beverly Simmons prepared and presented an exceptional presentation on her trip to England/Mayflower sites. Everyone that attended commented on how interesting the presentation on Richard More and the ancestral trail in England was that Beverly spoke about. Her husband Dick assisted at the projector and pix. It was great to see some of our newest and prospective members attend.



The Cincinnati Colony has been active. We have updated our bylaws to align with the other Ohio colonies. Thanks to the Rules Committee for their help. On September 3rd we will be co-hosting a joint event in Cincinnati at the Heritage Tastings at the Cottage in Cincinnati from 5-7PM. This is a cooperation with the Society of Colonial Wars in Ohio, National Society of Colonial Dames in Ohio, CDA of Ohio and the Ohio Jamestown Society. This should be a fun summer evening in the garden that should help expose others to our group and visa versa.

We continue to look for volunteers to step up and fill some current openings on our board (Deputy Governor) and some upcoming vacancies (Lt Gov, Corr Sec & Treasurer). Please contact Cincinnati Colony at cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com if interested. We are also planning on Compact Day November 14 at Parkers Grill in Blue Ash, OH. A speaker is still needed.

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

About 20 (including some children) from the Cleveland Colony met for an informal social event on June 20, 2015. We took a ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad starting at Canal Road in Valley View and went to Peninsula where we had lunch, and had some time to go into shops that were open. When the train returned to Peninsula we returned to Valley View. We all had a great time.



Cleveland's Compact Day celebration will be November 14, 2015 and will be held at Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake on Bradley Road. The speaker will be Dan Ruminski and his program is about the book he wrote regarding the Women of Millionaire's row.

Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our next Colony meeting, the Compact Day luncheon, is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2015. We will be meeting at Kensington Place, as usual, and the address is 1001 Parkview Blvd. in Columbus for those using their GPS. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the lunch being served at 12 noon. The entertainment will be supplied by Mr. Gerald Payn, a noted Abraham Lincoln scholar and presenter. He is planning to give an account of the last few days of Lincoln's presidency before he was assassinated.

Our scholarship for college-bound students is, again, \$1000. According to our Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bill McEwan, and the title/theme this year is, "The Mayflower Pilgrims and Their Influence on the United States of America." Questions and additional information should be directed to Mr. McEwan at BillandVirginia6@aol.com.

Our Colony officers are: Don Burgess, Lieutenant Governor
 Jan Kleinline, Deputy Lieutenant Governor
 Kristen Hallows, Recording Secretary
 William T. McEwan, Jr., Treasurer
 Jenney Seely, Corresponding Secretary
 Rev. Virginia Ress, Elder
 Betsie Goad, Historian

The Columbus Colony BOA met in July and continued to make plans and decisions on the next Annual Meeting that we will host on May 20 and 21, 2016 at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus. Susan Kilbride from Elk River, Minnesota will be our speaker and the subject of her talk will be, "Pilgrims and Their Relationship with the Native Americans."

The Columbus Colony Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2016 at Kensington Place.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony will meet for the Compact Day luncheon on Saturday, November 14, at Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road, Toledo. Gather for fellowship by 11:30, with the current traditional Thanksgiving meal being served shortly after. Attorney Frank Melhorn, Jr., will speak about the Magna Carta and the Mayflower Compact. Reservations may be made by Nov. 10 with Jeffrey Stoll, 906-440-5088, willowcove@lighthouse.net or 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611-2257. The first meeting of 2016 will be on April 16 at Swan Creek.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Membership: The Western Reserve Colony membership total as August 1 was 205 (including 10 new members so far in 2015, 1 being a Junior to Regular member and 1 being a dual member with Florida). We have had one death so far in 2015 – Jim Fuller, descendant of Edward Fuller, John Howland and John Tilley.

Junior Membership: We have 114 juniors 18 and under and 64 Juniors in the "we encourage you to transition" to regular membership group, over 18 and under 24.

WR Colony Board Meetings: We hold 3 Colony Board meetings, one between each Colony Meeting. This way we can review the prior Colony meeting and plan the next Colony meeting. Additionally we rely on email for most communications. We are thinking about using the free audio Skype but have not done so yet.

WR Colony Meetings: We want to share the dates and speakers for upcoming Colony Meetings and invite other Ohio members to attend our meetings. If a meeting looks interested and you would like to attend, please contact Jill Parker, Lt. Gov., cfrtroutgal@gmail.com. Please note we do not know the cost of the meetings until a month or so before the meeting; but all are reasonable.

Compact Day – 11/15/15 (12:30 gathering, meal at 1:15, at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH)

Speaker: John Burke, Indian Portrayer, will portray Squanto (also Medina County Treasurer)

Memorial Service - 3/19/16 (noon at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH)

Speaker: TBA

Picnic – 6/18/16 (noon at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH) – Colony provides ham and beverages; you bring a side dish or dessert and your place settings...but don't worry if you forget...we always have extra place settings and lots of food. Games and Prizes and Fun times! No cost.

WR Bylaws and Standing Rules: We are working on rewriting our Bylaws and Standing Rules. We are making changes that acknowledges technology changes and creates new ways for individuals to serve the colony. This is still a work in progress.

WR Election of Officers: The WRC Officers for January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016 are:

- Lt. Governor – Jill Parker
- Dep. Lt. Governor – Roberta Dodd
- Corresponding Secretary – vacant
- Recording Secretary - vacant
- Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen
- Historian – Rebecca Woodruff*
- Elder – Kathleen Lambacher*
- BOA Rep. – Paul Morehouse
- *Serving their 2nd 3-year term in their office*

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

On June 6, 2015 Cincinnati Colony Lt. Governor, Doug van der Zee presented staff member, Diane Mallstrom in the History & Genealogy department of the main branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County with a new copy of the Mayflower Quarterly, Diamond Jubilee Edition. The book was presented in recognition of the Cincinnati Colony's 80th anniversary of their Charter on January 27th, 1935. A book plate was included that noted the Colony and Society names. The library was thrilled to have this volume as no other library in the area holds this title.

Doug wishes to again thank Dr. Donald Nichols for his generosity in attaining this for his colony.



SMDOH Financial Statement

July 31 2015

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| Assets Beginning of Period: | |
| Checking account | \$3,287 |
| Investments: | |
| General Fund | 56,046 |
| Life Members Fund | 72,841 |
| Scholarship Fund | <u>30,201</u> |
| Total Assets | \$162,375 |
| Receipts: | |
| Membership | 3,827 |
| Change in investments | -1,162 |
| Miscellaneous | 136 |
| Donations | 95 |
| From Scholarship Fund | <u>4,000</u> |
| Total Receipts | 6,896 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Membership | 1,980 |
| Financial | 624 |
| Public relations | 391 |
| Scholarship awards | <u>4,000</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>6,995</u> |
| Assets End of Period | <u>\$162,276</u> |

Keep in Touch

Moving? Changing your email? Make sure you include Ohio Mayflower in your notifications. You can send changes to Mary Chase at mechase1960@gmail.com, 7655 Isaac Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130-6276 or Ann Gulbransen at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the dates!

September 26, 2015—Patriot Fair, Mason, OH 9-5. See <http://www.americanspiriteducationalalliance.com/events/patriot-fair-2015/> for details.

October 3, 2015—Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville 11-2

October 31, 2015—Genealogy Lock at the Library, Stark Co District Library, Canton, OH, 6 p.m.—Midnight. Ohio Mayflower will be represented.

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January 9, 2016—Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville 11-2

March 19, 2016—Western Reserve Colony meeting, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH

April 16, 2016—Columbus Colony Spring meeting, Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd, Columbus

April 16, 2016—Toledo Colony Spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village

April 28-30, 2016—Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH. Ohio Mayflower will have a table in the vendor area (free to the public). Come visit and take a turn at the table!

May 21, 2016—SMDOH Annual Assembly, Columbus, OH—details to follow

June 18, 2016—Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH

If you know of other genealogy or family history events that should be listed here, please email them to ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com and they will be posted in future issues!



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Book Review "The King Philip's War Adventure" by Susan Kilbride

This novel is part 2 of Susan Kilbride's "Our America" series and begins after the children, Finn and Ginny, return from "The Pilgrim Adventure." Finn and Ginny once again use the remote control to the time machine to search for their missing parents in the past. This time, instead of appearing together on the "Mayflower", a playful dog separates the two in transit. Finn begins his adventure in Rhode Island and Ginny regains consciousness in Lancaster, MA. They must find each other in the past since the remote control, held by Finn, is the only way back to their proper time.

King Philip's War was a particularly brutal war with atrocities committed by both the colonists and the native peoples. Kilbride is able to tell the story of the war, give us an idea about what it was to live in New England at that time, but shields the reader from the worst of the violence. "The King Philip's War Adventure" was written for children aged 10 and older but some parents might want to read this book to younger children. You do not have to read "The Pilgrim Adventure" first to enjoy this book. The author, Susan Kilbride, will be our speaker at the 2016 Ohio Society meeting in Columbus on May 21st.

Reviewed by Sandy St. Martin

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