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Hotel info

A message from our Governor

I hope that you enjoyed a splendid Holiday Season with family and friends. Now that March is here we can look forward more pleasing weather and the activities that it brings. All of our colonies will be meeting in March or April. Embrace the opportunity to meet other Mayflower descendants or renew your acquaintance with "cousins" you already know.



This spring, April 28-30, our Ohio Society will have a booth in the vendor hall at the Ohio Genealogy Society meeting at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason Ohio (King's Island exit). The vendor hall is free to all and is open Thursday 11-5, Friday 9:30 to 6, and Saturday 9:30-4. I'm encouraging you to stop by even if you just want to say "hello." If you can stay a little while, our Historian, Ann Gulbransen, would appreciate some help at the booth. If your schedule allows volunteer time, contact Ann at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com to agree on a time.

Our state conference is in Columbus this year on May 20th and 21st. You'll be receiving an invitation soon. As always, guests are welcome and we encourage you to bring children to the luncheon. Our luncheon speaker is Susan McBride, who writes history themed children's novels. She's written an excellent book about the Pilgrims. We'll have copies there to purchase. During the conference, we plan on having an "e-mail blast" for our 2020 Commemorative Coin Project. What is an e-mail blast? Simply, we'll try to catch the attention of our senators and representatives by flooding them with e-mails supporting the coin project. Sample letters can be found on the GSMD website, www.themayflowersociety.org. I urge you to participate from home if you can't attend the conference. This project is VERY important to us.

Happy spring, cousins. I hope our paths cross soon.

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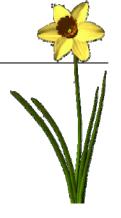
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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

When I was asked to take on the Historian's job in 2007, I was told that we processed maybe 1 or 2 applications a month. Ha! In the last two months alone, I have mailed 26 initial applications, 6 supplemental applications and 1 Junior to Adult application to Plymouth for review by the Historian General. Whew! Here are the statistics for the number of applications we have processed over the last few years:

2007: 53 2008: 80 2009: 113 2010: 77

2011: 65 2012: 81 2013: 97 2014: 92

2015: 143 (only two states in the country had more than Ohio last year!)

I think the gal who recruited me either could not count or stretched the truth a whole lot!

So, we want to keep up these crazy numbers! We want you! Do you have supplemental applications you could submit? Now is the time. Do you have family members who could join the Society? Send them to us! The preliminary application is on our website, www.ohiomayflower.org or you can email me at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com.

How about the junior members you have sponsored? Have you kept us up to date on their addresses? Are they in the age range of 18-25 when they can convert to full adult membership with the application fee waived? We are working on expanding programming for our junior members but need to know that we have the right addresses. We want to help juniors 18 and over become full members. We need your help to make all this happen!

I hope to see many of you at the Ohio Genealogical Society meeting at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason Ohio April 28-30. Many volunteers from the Cincinnati Colony will be helping to staff our table in the vendor hall which is free to the public. Next year, the conference is scheduled to be at Kalahari in Sandusky. I hope to see members from the Cleveland and Toledo Colonies there and to have some of you volunteer to help market your Society!

Sparrow-Hawk!

Lee Martin—Assistant Historian

Wilkins, Mark C., Cape Cod's Oldest Shipwreck: The Desperate Crossing of the Sparrow-Hawk. Charleston, South Carolina: The History Press, 2011. Pp. xvi, 125. \$17.80. ISBN: 9781596298606

The *Sparrow-Hawk* wrecked in 1626 off the coast of Massachusetts upon the sand bars in Pollack Rip near Chatham, Massachusetts on its way to Virginia from England with an Irish crew and English passengers in a series of storms in the Atlantic. The crew repaired the vessel, continued to sail until repaired sections came apart, sailed into a protected harbor, and partially sank. The passengers and crew met with Natives who took them to Plymouth and stayed until another ship came to take them to Virginia. The remains of the ship lie partially submerged in the sands, preserving parts of the ship. The remains pillaged by local residents, collected by various people, Wilkins argued the shipwreck is the oldest in the area. As a marine historian, Wilkins used primary and secondary source material to reconstruct the ship itself along with the probable route the crew took to its original destination, Virginia. Wilkins gave some historical background behind the voyage itself to coincide with the rise of English mercantilism of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Cape Cod's Oldest Shipwreck: The Desperate Crossing of the Sparrow-Hawk falls in the same genre as Land Ho!: A Seaman's Story of the Mayflower, Her Construction, Her Navigation, and Her First Landfall by Warren Sears Nickerson. Both works involved reconstruction of a ship based on the writer's interpretation, navigation of the vessel



on the ocean, and the original intended destination; both works used similar sources in writing the respective works. However, Wilkins does a better job contrasting the varied shipbuilding constructions using Bradford's account of the wreck along with other scant primary documents.

The remains of the Sparrow Hawk, owned by the Pilgrim Hall Museum are on display at the Cape Cod Maritime Museum in Hyannis.

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones: September 2015 February 2016

Years since election to membership

Richard Dunham—60 years, January 1956 Kenneth McCartney-55 years, October 1960 Robert Rusoff—55 years, October 1960 Lynn Stafford—55 years, October 1960 Priscilla Marrah—50 years, October 1965 Nancy Smekel—45 years, October 1970 Kathleen Perry—40 years, March 1975 Maureen Hunter—40 years, October 1975 Cynthia Bush—35 Years, October 1980 Elizabeth Hakli-Bucci—35 years, October 1980 Patrick Miner—35 years, October 1980 Patricia McCarty—35 years, October 1980 Roberta Cook—35 years, October 1980 Victoria Brooks—35 years, October 1980 Diana Ewald—35 years, October 1980 Doreen Ferguson—35 years, October 1980 Deborah Smith—35 years, January 1981 Vivian Harig—30 years, October 1985 Michael Harig—30 years, October 1985 Eleanore Kilpatrick—30 years, October 1985 Susan McCoy-30 years, October 1985 Blanche Rabbitts—30 years, October 1985 Joan Glatte—30 years, October 1985 Christopher Standish—30 years, January 1986 Jane Yarnell—30 years, January 1986 Teresa Okrutny—30 years January 1986 Allison Kingsley—25 years, October 1990 Merilee Morgan—25 years, October 1990 Renee Szechy—25 years, October 1990 Jennifer Keaton—25 years, October 1990 Mary Habra—25 years, October 1990

Constance Anderson—25 years, October 1990

Brenda Sandy—25 years, October 1990

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

Janice Kleinline, January 5, Columbus Colony Marcia Snyder, January 11, Western Reserve Colony Shirley Cordingly, January 14, Western Reserve Colony Marjorie Waterfield, January 29, Toledo Colony Jean Mankamyer, January 30, Western Reserve Colony Leona Mann, January 31, Western Reserve Colony Audrey Gomez, February 21, Western Reserve Colony James Corcoran, February 22, Cleveland Colony William Schmertz, September 6, Columbus Colony Barbara Beach, September 13, Western Reserve Colony Marilyn Ball, September 23, Western Reserve Colony Ara Waldock, September 23, Toledo Colony Thomas Baughman, September 27, Columbus Colony Susan Furman, October 4, Columbus Colony John MacDonald, October 8, Toledo Colony Rose Shilt, October 10, Columbus Colony Donald Nichols, October 11, Western Reserve Colony Jacqueline Sautter, October 14, Toledo Colony Richard Dunham, October 16, Toledo Colony Barbara Lockyear, October 16, Cleveland Colony Patricia Kublin, October 16, Cincinnati Colony Charles Snow, October 25, Cleveland Colony Barbara Allen, November 9, Cleveland Colony John Penty, November 11, Cleveland Colony Norma Cowan, November 14, Columbus Colony Jerome Gordon, November 15, Columbus Colony Hilda Pappas, November 24, Columbus Colony Shirley Herbert, November 29, Western Reserve Colony Jean Morrison, November 30, Cincinnati Colony Leon Wood, December 5, Toledo Colony Florence Clendenen, December 7, Columbus Colony Bobbie Krause, December 30, Toledo Colony Janett Calland, December 31, Toledo Colony

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MAYFLOWER Names in Ohio—Part 2!

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BILLINGTON: In September 1630 John Billington was tried and convicted of the murder of John Newcomen and hanged. This was the first murder trial in the Colony. A search for places in Ohio named for Billington turned up no results, however two prominent ministers at the Akron Baptist Temple were Dallas and his son, Charles F. Billington.

BROWN An Ohio County along the Ohio River just to the east of Cincinnati. In the 2010 Census there were 44,846 residents. The County was named for Major General Jacob Brown who was injured at the Battle of Lundy's Lane during the War of 1812. There was no apparent connection to Peter Brown.

DOTY: Perhaps the first settler of Middletown, Butler County, Ohio was Daniel Doty who died there in May, 1848. There was no apparent connection to Edward Doty of the Mayflower.

EATON: Eaton is the county seat of Preble County just north of Cincinnati in south west Ohio. The city was named for General William Eaton, U. S. Consul in Tunis who lead a ragged army from Egypt to meet the U. S. Navy at the start of the First Barbary War. There is also an Eaton Township in Lorain County, Ohio.

FULLER: There is a stream named Fuller Creek in Sandusky County, Ohio, named for William Fuller (born in 1799 in Massachusetts) through whose land it traversed. There is no apparent connection to either Edward or Samuel Fuller.

HOPKINS: Ohio's largest airport, Cleveland Hopkins International, is named for former City Manager William R. Hopkins. This airport is important in American aviation history for the following firsts: 1) first municipal airport in the U. S.; 2) first American airport to have a control tower; 3) first U. S. airport with a runway lighting system, and, 4) first American airport to have a railroad transit system bringing passengers to it eliminating the need to park automobiles on site.

STANDISH: There is a Standish Cemetery in Salem Township, near Langsville, in Meigs County, Ohio. There is a monument in this cemetery to Myles Standish, not of the Mayflower, but perhaps a descendant. It is believed that many of those buried here are descendants of Myles of the Mayflower.

MAYFLOWER ACTIVITIES

Looking for an adventure? Think about the 2017 Historic Sites Tour!

If you want to explore the original homes of the pilgrims in England and/or the Netherlands, this might be the trip for you! There are one and two week options to meet your schedule. These trips are scheduled for September 2017.

There is much to see and do. Even a two week tour does not do it justice. Some of the Historic Sites are lost. Many do not care about the Pilgrims/Separatists. You are the ones keeping the story alive and well!! For more information contact Barbara at gsmdhistoricsites@themayflowersociety.org

New Peter Brown Society

Are you a descendant of Peter Brown? If so, you may be interested in joining the new Peter Brown Society! The new Pilgrim Peter Brown Society was formed in late 2014. They are striving to seek out descendants of Peter Brown and grow their membership.

You can learn more about them at their website, www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org, or on their Facebook page. You can read their first newsletter and learn more about membership.

Pilgrim's Progress

Are you planning a visit to Plymouth this summer? if you are, then, as a Mayflower descendant or a Mayflower Junior, you and members of your extended family are invited to take part in a special Pilgrim event which is held on the first four Friday evenings in August.

The event begins at 4:15 pm at the Mayflower House located in Plymouth. There you will dress in costume to represent one of the 51 Pilgrim survivors of that first winter. In costume and to the beat of the drummer accompanying the procession, you will walk to Plymouth Rock, continue along Water Street, and up Leyden Street to Town Square which is the beginning of Main Street. Your procession, which recreates the Pilgrims' procession to church, will then continue to and end at Burial Hill.

This procession has been a popular yearly event since 1921. We would love to have you join us on each of the August 2016 Fridays (August 5,12,19 and 27) for Mayflower Descendants.

More information is available by contacting Cynthia Tinney at 781-878-5273 or at cmtinney@yahoo.com

Sandra St. Martin, Governor of the Ohio Society has accepted the resignation of Treasurer David Grinnell with regret. We thank David for his years of exemplary service and wish him well in his future endeavors. We anticipate announcing a new Treasurer very soon.

Help Wanted!

Your Ohio Society is in search of a new editor for this newsletter to take over from Historian Ann Gulbransen who already has too much on her plate! Ann agreed to take on the newsletter as an interim role and would like to pass it on to someone new. This newsletter is sent out by email 4 times per year and a printed copy to those who have subscribed on the same schedule. A shorter printed copy goes out 2 times a year to the rest of the members. Help is available to prepare the printed copies for mailing. Requirements: good editing and writing skills, ability to comply with the publication schedule, persistence to find good stories. The editor will be welcome at all BOA meetings to gather information and will receive newsletters from other states for ideas. All printing and postage expenses will be reimbursed. For more detail, email ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Hello Fellow Members,

Some time ago I found a small book in a sale at Goodwill or some such place. It had the title "Discovering Surnames: Their Origins and Meanings" and was written in 1968 republished in 1979 and was published in Great Britain. The subtitle on the bottom of the cover states "A pocket guide to 1,000 surnames with special chapters on Irish, Scottish and Welsh names." It is one of a series of "Discovery" titles published by the same company, Shire Publications Ltd. I have written to them several times asking about quoting a portion of the book. I've heard nothing and so will just touch on some of the names, but giving credit to J.W. Freeman the author.

These are some of the names with regard to the "Pilgrims" of our heritage. This information is found on pages 60 and 61. Freeman says that "White" originated "from the Anglo-Saxon hwita," which denotes someone with blond or "fair hair or completion". The name "Warren" arrived with the coming of the Normans to England's shore telling of someone from "La Varenne in France." "Howland" is "a pet name for Hugh; the first record of the family comes from Devon with Walter Howlat" in 1310. "Ralph de Stanedis lived in Standish in 1201" and thus the name Standish. There are two sources for the name "Tilly". "Otto de Tilli of York (1185) and may have come with William the Conquerer from Tilli France. The other Tilly was perhaps a certain Simon Tyly who lived in Sussex in 1296, his name came from the Anglo-Saxon tilia". "Goodman" comes from godmann meaning master of the house. "Tinker" who mends pots and pans as did Robert le Tinker of Somerset in 1243. "Chilton" has many towns of the same name. Moses Fletcher's name comes from *flechier*, a person who makes arrows. There was a Peter de Fletcher in Bedfordshire in 1227. Degory Priest carries one of the oldest surnames in England and there was an Aelfsige Preost, who in 963 lived in Hertfordshire. John Rigdale's name came from a place name as does the name Eaton, for Francis. The Carver name was at one time, Ceofan. It meant one who cuts wood or stone. A certain Brun de Bradford lived in Bradford, Yorks. The author says that Suffolk is where the Brewster name had its origins, and it had to do with being a female brewer. The town of Allerton in Yorkshire gave us Issac Allerton's name, meaning "son of Allot". Alden is derived from the Anglo-Scandinavian healfdene with the meaning "halfDane". Christopher Martin carries a name associated with Mars of Roman mythology. The Anglo-Saxon's had a sense of humor in naming someone Mullins as it meant "darling" as it may at one time been a pet name for a son. Hopkins, came from the pet name for Hobb, which rhymed with Rob (short for Robert).

I'll continue to look for items of interest to the Ohio Pilgrim Family.

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This title often conjures up images of actresses and actors in their younger years. Where do they live now? The same thought applies to some of our Junior Members. They may have been enrolled at such a young age, the Junior Member doesn't remember the event. The sponsor may no longer be around. Over time, the Junior Member moves, and we no longer have current contact information for many. Toledo Colony is looking especially for the people below. If you have current contact information for anyone on the list, please send it to Paula Niederhauser, Colony Junior Member Chair, dpnieder@toast.net 419-836-8823 or State Historian Ann Gulbransen, ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com

Junior Member	Last Known City	Sponsor
Kaitlyn Patrick	Sandusky	Russell Patrick
Stephanie Hutchings	Dublin	Elise Hutchings
Anne Makanaakua	Melbourne, FL	Janis Hoyles
Lynn P. Bajorek	Portland, OR	Richard Palmiter

Other Ohio Colonies have the same problem—if you sponsored a junior member, please make sure we have the current address!

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

How the Celebration of Thanksgiving Evolved Over Nearly 400 years

Elizabeth Cheverine

If the staunch group of colonists from the "first" Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621 in Plymouth Colony could see how Americans celebrate Thanksgiving in the 21st century, they would be surprised at how different today's celebrations are from the one they celebrated almost 400 years ago though serving bountiful food is a continuing theme. Today, Americans generally view Thanksgiving as a time to get together with family and friends, eat lots of food, watch football, and give thanks for all of their blessings. Also, Thanksgiving is now celebrated on the same day each year rather than feasting for three days.



Sometime between September 21 and November 9, 1621, the small band of survivors from the *Mayflower*, called "Pilgrims", celebrated for three days by feasting on harvested corn and barley (Stratton 24) and plentiful fowl due to the migrating birds (Philbrick 117). This is considered the "first" Thanksgiving though the Pilgrims did not call it that. Edward Winslow wrote about the feast and noted that the Wampanoag Indians came, including Massasoit with 90 men, bringing five deer to share (Stratton 25). His description is more of a secular harvest festival than a day of thanksgiving as the latter more commonly meant a time of fasting and prayer (Philbrick 117).

Another early celebration occurred in August 1623 when Governor William Bradford remarried and an attendee wrote that they feasted on roasted venison, grapes, plums and nuts (Stratton 25). Other sources state that a "second" Thanksgiving celebration was held in July 1623 to spend an entire day fasting and praying for rain as there had been a drought since May and the day after the fast a light rain began to fall (Kelly). Afterwards, "Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving to offer prayers and thanks to God" (Kelly). He again declared a day of Thanksgiving in 1631 when a missing ship full of supplies arrived in Boston Harbor (Kelly).

Several New England settlements held days of fasting and thanksgiving on an occasional basis (History.com), and records show Thanksgiving proclamations in Connecticut towns in September 18, 1639, 1644 and after 1649 (Kelly). In December 1775, the Continental Congress declared the first national celebration of Thanksgiving to celebrate the win at Saratoga, and six more Thanksgivings were set aside over the next nine years on an autumn Thursday as a day of prayer (Kelly). In 1789, George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the U.S. national government and asked citizens to express their gratitude for winning the American Revolution and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution (History.com). New York adopted an annual Thanksgiving celebration in 1817 and several other states followed suit (History.com); however, in the American South, most people were not familiar with celebrating Thanksgiving.

Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Hale are important figures in getting Thanksgiving recognized as a holiday celebrated by all Americans. Ms. Hale wrote a novel in 1827 in which she discussed the importance of Thanksgiving being a national holiday (Maranzani). She wrote to President Lincoln in 1863 requesting "'to have the day of annual Thanksgiving made a National ...Festival" (Kelly) and Lincoln proclaimed that the final Thursday of November would be a nationwide Thanksgiving Day (History.com). It was held on this day until 1939 when President Roosevelt moved it up a week during the Depression to provide more shopping days before Christmas (History.com). Because the date confusion continued, in 1941 Roosevelt signed a law making the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day (Kelly).

Because the Pilgrims had limited food sources, what they ate at the earliest Thanksgiving celebrations, except for turkey, is different from what Americans usually eat today. A typical Thanksgiving meal in the 20th century and today includes turkey, stuffing or dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

Another difference between the Pilgrims' celebration and ours today is that the Pilgrims were not focused on being altruistic but in surviving. Today, many people volunteer and help with food drives for the less fortunate. Cities started holding parades on Thanksgiving Day and the Macy's department store parade (started in 1924) in New York is the nation's largest and most famous (History.com). Some Americans celebrate Thanksgiving by watching football; the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions have hosted Thanksgiving Day games for many years.

Americans today celebrate Thanksgiving much differently than the Pilgrims did 400 years ago though the one common theme is that they feasted with family and friends and were celebrating their good fortune.

Elizabett & Cheverne 3/10/15

Documents, photos and family heirlooms...

Finding the right home

By Jill Parker, Lt. Gov. Western Reserve Colony

I have been downsizing for several years now. I actually call it "peeling layers of the onion" because it is a never ending process of sorting through items I have accumulated and displayed over the years. When I moved from a three story townhouse to a one level smaller condo I gave away many items to relatives and friends. I have several special, unique cousins – you see going back to my grandparents generation, two brothers married two sisters...so we call ourselves double cousins.

I took pictures of inherited items, mostly dishes that I didn't want anymore, but felt my relatives should have first preference. Special china <u>teacups</u> and great grandmother's <u>serving dishes</u> found new homes with my very appreciative cousins. When I visit these are beautifully displayed and used on special occasions. I asked my first cousin, once removed if she had any of her grandmother's (my great grandmother's) <u>quilts</u>. She did not. I asked her if she would like one and she was thrilled. The beautiful quilt is a prized possession of hers and serves as her bedspread.

Now, on the other side of the family, the side that goes back to the Mayflower, I had two beautiful <u>diplomas</u> belonging to my grandmother who died in her mid twenties. Years ago when I was able to display such items, I had each appropriately matted and framed. They were quite large but beautiful. I got to thinking, I wonder if the Torrington, Connecticut Historical Society would have any interest in them. They did, but wanted to see them in person to make sure they didn't already have similar items.

Since I went to Massachusetts for Christmas I took a side trip down to Torrington. The Curator was a very gracious, young woman who clearly had a passion for Torrington history. She had never seen anything like what I presented to her and was very glad to include them in their collection. In our correspondence she indicated that she had information about my grandmother and grandfather as well as other relatives and that they had been the beneficiaries of items from some of my relatives' estates. I sent her as much information as I had about my Torrington relatives and we completed the donation paperwork! As a bonus I received a personal tour of the Historical Society home...they are very fortunate to have such a beautiful home.

I left very pleased that two items which were part of my "inheritance" are now a permanent part of the Torrington Historical Society collection.







MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Toledo Colony Member Highlight

Jeffrey R. Stoll, Treasurer of Toledo Colony since 2011, uses his financial skills in both his professional life and his time as a volunteer. The first 10 years of Jeff's professional career were in New Jersey at Wang Laboratories and Sony. After moving to the unique Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1992, he worked for the Eastern U.P. Mental Health Board, the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the Edison Sault Electric Company. The U.P. remains Jeff's permanent home and residence, even though he has been in the Toledo Area since 2006 to be with his parents William and Evelyn Stoll. Currently Jeff is



the Information Technology Lead in Global Financial Systems at Dana Holding Corporation.

As a volunteer, Jeff has been associated with several groups in addition to Toledo Colony: Mon-Arc of Monroe County, MI, an organization that serves and advocates for persons with developmental disabilities; the Monroe County Community Mental Health Board; the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board in the eastern U.P.; the Brevort Lake (MI) Association, which provides education, fosters community involvement, and coordinates lake preservation services for the lake area; his church at each place he has lived.

Born in Toledo, Jeff is one of four children. In high school and college, he worked in his parents' business, Hillcrest Manufacturing Company, which produced "dairy products" package coding machines and supplies. He is a University of Toledo alum, graduating with a B.B.A. Accounting in 1982.

Jeff's mother was very interested in genealogy and was an active member of Toledo Colony. Jeff became a member in May, 2005. His Pilgrim ancestor is Richard Warren. His father and he attend every meeting. Thank you, Jeff, for your service to Toledo Colony and State Mayflower.

Ohio Mayflower 2020 Commemoration

It's hard to miss all the references in the Mayflower publications and newsletters that the year 2020 is the 400th Anniversary of our ancestor's arrival in "the New World". Under the auspices of the Governor and the Ohio Board of Assistants, the 2020 committee leadership was finalized on March 5th. Cincinnati Colony



Historian and BOA member Beth Anderson and Cincinnati Colony Deputy Governor Shaun Smith will be leading the plans for the 2020 Celebration. They are both excited to have this opportunity not only to celebrate the significance of the Pilgrim landing but to involve as many Mayflower descendents as possible in the planning, implementing and celebrating the bravery our ancestors. The first step will be to recruit one or two people from each Colony to participate in brainstorming ideas for the 2020 Celebration. This can be done over conference call before the annual meeting on May 21 2016.

This is the official first call for anyone who wants to help begin the celebration to get involved. You can email ohmayflower2020@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the brainstorming process.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS – an intro and challenge

by Jill Parker, Lt. Gov/Western Reserve Colony

We have all heard about the Commemorative Coin initiative, but what about stamps. Let me add a disclaimer here – I am not a stamp person. However, I do find them interesting from both artistic and historical perspectives. And, of course, there are "First Day" issue items such as postcards or letters.

In 1920 there were stamps of the Mayflower (1 cent), the landing of the Mayflower (2 cents), the signing of the Mayflower Compact (5 cents) – all celebrating the 300th Anniversary.



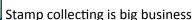




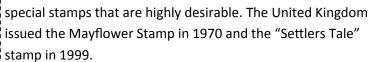


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First day issues include the 1970 Landing of the Mayflower stamp and the 1986 8.5 Cent Non-Profit stamp



and many other countries like to issue







Now here's the challenge...there has to be a stamp collector

or two out there who can shed additional insight into other stamps issued, errors or mistakes in the design, as well which might be the most valuable stamp Mayflower stamp we should watch for!

What is your Mayflower Legacy?

Does your local library have a genealogy section? Do they have the full selection of Mayflower books to aid the research of future members of the Ohio Society? Ohio member Hilda Pappas of the Columbus Colony grew up in Coshocton. She recently visited the library there and found they had almost none of the Mayflower books. She then decided to donate the entire set of books to her hometown library! What a wonderful legacy for the future Hilda! Have you thought about making a donation of one or more Mayflower books to your home library?

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Membership:

The Cincinnati Colony membership total as of March 5th, 2016 includes 144 members. This includes a total of 12 new members so far in 2016. We also have 44 approved preliminary members and 31 applicants.

Past Events:

January Board meeting of Cincinnati Colony. Held at Silver Spring House restaurant. 4 board members attended.

Upcoming Events:

2016 Events: We have the following events planned:

March 19th:Council/Board meeting and lunch is planned at Riversbend TPC in North Cincinnati (Maineville). New member induction ceremony will be launched.

April 16 Annual Meeting: To be held at the historic DAR owned Waldschmidt House in Camp Dennison, OH. A Council/Meeting will be held in their function room. We will invite prospective members to this event. We will also encourage members to bring materials about other lineage societies they may belong to and share information about the groups. The hope is to promote 'cross-pollination' of membership.

May 14: Council/Meeting and lunch: To be held at Cincinnati Woman's Club

Summer Picnic: TBD September Council Meeting: date TBD Cotober Council Meeting: date TBD September Patriot Fair: Mason, OH

Compact Day: November 2016 - TBD

Education:

Our education officer position is open. Beth Anderson has stepped up to help until we find someone to fill the position.

Patriot Fair 2016: We will again participate in this education event.

OGS Annual Meeting (4-28 to 4-30, 2016): Cincinnati Colony will send a notice to our members to sign up for time slots to help staff our stand.

2020 Committee: Two of our members, Beth Anderson and Shaun Smith have agreed to step up and co-chair this committee.

<u>Cin Colony Board Meetings</u>: We are now going to be having these meetings on a bi-monthly to monthly basis in an effort to encourage more member involvement. We are renaming them to be Council/Board Meetings. It is a joint meeting where all members are welcome to our meetings. We will also begin a new member induction ceremony complete with a reciting of a special proclamation and presenting a special gift, a Mayflower passenger list on parchment paper. The presentation will include the passenger list sealed with a Mayflower seal and tied with a 'GSMD Pink' ribbon.

<u>Merchandise:</u> We will be listing our mugs and stickers for sale on our Cin Col web site. Soon to be launched! Thanks to my cousin (Myles Standish) Dep. Gov, Shaun Smith!

2016 Cin Col Officers

Doug van der Zee – Lieutenant Governor (4 year term expires 11/16)
Shaun Smith - Deputy Governor – (3 year term expires 11/18)
Barbara Lawrence – Treasurer (4 year term expires 11/16)
Open - Corresponding Secretary (Doug van der Zee – Interim)



Beth Anderson – Historian (3 year term expires 11/16)

Beverly Simmons – Recording Secretary (3 year term expires 11/16)

Elder - Jean Meutzel (3 year term expires 11/17)

Open - Education officer (Beth Anderson - Interim)

BoA Rep – Beth Anderson (3 year term expires 11/17)

<u>Succession:</u> We will be reaching out to our members to ask for volunteers to step up to take over positions that are currently open or will be expiring in November.

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

The April 10, 2016 spring meeting will be held at the Western Reserve Historical Society. The \$7 admission will include light refreshments, a talk about the Euclid Beach Carousel plus two rides on the restored carousel. If you would like to attend, please contact Kathy Leisure at kathyleisure@gmail.com. Plans are underway for Compact Day in November and 2017 meetings.

Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

The Columbus Colony has been busily working on preparations for the state meeting that will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris on May 20th and 21st. Invitations will be sent to you shortly but please plan to join us for the festivities on the evening of the 20th and the meeting and speaker on the 21st. Noted children's author Susan Kilbride will be the featured speaker and will have copies of her books for sale. There will be a kid's menu so hopefully more children will be able to attend. If you are planning to be there, make sure to see the details on the hotel on page 16.

The Columbus Colony Spring meeting will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd., Columbus, OH. Our State Elder, David Foster, will be our speaker. His talk is titled "Sweat and Blood- The Diaries of a Civil War Soldier". He also will have his books available for purchase. Members of another colony may attend by contacting William McEwan, Jr. at BillandVirginia6@aol.com.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

On Saturday, April 16, Mr. Clint Mauk will speak about early Toledo history. His book <u>Historical Tales of Toledo</u> will be for sale, with all proceeds to be donated to the Toledo Rotary Foundation. Fellowship begins at 11:30 at Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo (off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road.) Meal cost is \$15. Please reserve by April 13 with Jeffrey Stoll, 906-440-5088; <u>willowcove@lighthouse.net</u> or by mail at 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611

Before the meeting, each attendee will have access to and help at a computer to send a personalized letter asking the area's Congressional Representative and the Ohio Senators to **co-sponsor** the Mayflower coin bill for 2020. Toledo Colony members will be part of the mass mailing of such letters during the spring meetings of all Ohio Colonies and the Annual Assembly in May. Colony members who live out of state are encouraged to send letters to their Congressional representatives on that same weekend of April 16. Friends not in the Mayflower Society are invited to write also. Refer to page 274 in the September 2015 Mayflower Quarterly for ideas/more information.

Summer Picnic: This fun time for all ages will be on Saturday, July 16, at Kite Flying Days at Maumee Bay State Park.



Compact Day: Mark your calendar now! Invite the grandchildren/the Junior Members you have sponsored. They will eat free! On November 12, Janice Kleinline, in Pilgrim dress, will talk about Pilgrim children.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

We are pleased to report that our membership is currently 206 and that we have a number of applications in the pipeline as well as a number of supplementals. One of our newest members, Nancy Koverman, wasted no time in getting her sister, daughters and grandchildren (Joyce Kesling, Jennifer Koverman Schmitz, Colin Schmitz, Kelly Schmitz, Carolyn Koverman Zielinski, Joseph Zielinski, and Joshua Zielinski) to complete their paperwork – they were voted into membership on January 26th this year. Now's the time to help your relatives complete the paperwork!

We invite you to our events in 2016:

If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Parker, Lt. Gov., cfrtroutgal@gmail.com.

<u>Memorial Service - 3/19/16</u> (12:30 meal at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH). Speaker: Colony member Wayne Prill will be speaking on "The Infamous John Billington Family"! And we are all looking forward to that presentation!

<u>Picnic</u> – **6/18/16** (noon at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH) – Colony provides ham and beverages; <u>you bring a side dish or dessert and your place settings</u>...but don't worry if you forget...we always have extra place settings and lots of food. It is a tradition at our picnic that Jeanne and Beau Dusz host our playing WR's own *Mayflower Maize* trivia bingo game – lots of prizes too! No cost for meal or game.

<u>Compact Day – 11/13/16</u> (around noon gathering, meal around 12:45, at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH). Speaker: TBD

WR Colony Donations: Our Liaison to the Akron-Summit County Library Special Collections, Becky Woodruff, and Andra Riffle, visited the library to present them with the Silver Book <u>John Alden V 16 pt 4</u> [pub 2015]. This brings them up to date with the Society's latest Silver Book revisions.

SMDOH: Four WR members are currently serving in positions on the state BOA (Ann Gulbransen, Historian & Buckeye Mayflower Editor, Lee Martin, Assistant Historian, Margo Broehl, Counselor, Don Nichols, Assistant General)



WR Property & Records: WR members Ann Gulbransen, Andi Riffle and Jill Parker met at Colony Historian Becky Woodruff's home to go through the "history" totes. This was a worthwhile venture as we designated only a few key items to be retained, set aside items to be scanned (and then tossed), and were able to discard many items. We will be storing in digital format going forward and share more items in displays, including electronic slide shows, so that they may be enjoyed by all.

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

Lt. Governor – Jill Parker Dep. Lt. Governor – Roberta Dodd Secretary – vacant Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen

Historian - Rebecca Woodruff*

Andi Riffle has stepped forward to be on the ballot, for Historian, for this Fall's election; she has joined us for our Board meetings so she can hit the ground running when she steps into Becky's shoes!

Elder – Kathleen Lambacher*

Looking for someone who would like to serve as our Colony Elder after Kathleen ends her Elder service this fall. Kathleen will continue to serve as the Colony Liaison to the Akron Canton Food Bank

BOA Rep. - Paul Morehouse

*Serving their 2nd 3-year term in their office

WR Board Appointed/Volunteer Positions:

Junior Membership Coordinator – Amanda (Mandy) Brooks

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 19, 2016— Cincinnati Colony Board/Council meeting, Riversbend TPC, North Cincinnati

April 10, 2016—Cleveland Colony Spring meeting, Western Reserve Historical Society, come ride the restored Euclid Beach Carousel!

April 16, 2016 — Cincinnati Colony annual meeting, Waldschmidt House, Camp Dennison, 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 14, 2016— Cincinnati Colony Board/Council meeting, Cincinnati Women's Club

May 20-21, 2016— SMDOH Annual Assembly, Columbus, OH—details to follow, mark your calendar!

June 2016 — Cleveland Colony summer event, Garfield House, Mentor, OH, date TBD

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

July 16, 2016 — Toledo Colony summer picnic, Maumee Bay State Park

September 2016—Patriot Day, Mason OH

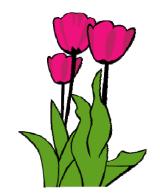
October 1, 2016—Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

November 12, 2016 — Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village

November 12, 2016—Cleveland Colony Compact Day

November 13, 2016—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

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!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

If you read Sandy's article on page 1, you know we are planning to send a "blast" of emails to our state congressional representatives and senators about the 2020 Mayflower coin initiative at the state meeting in May. We have been told by experts that individual letters or emails have little effect, but a large number on the same day have a much greater effect. Even if you cannot be at the state meeting, <u>you</u> can participate!

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Send an email or letter to your state congressional representative and both of your state senators. You can find sample letters on the General Society website at www.themayflowersociety.org on the 2020 Commemoration page. The letters can be copied into emails. There are links to lists of senators and congressional representatives if you don't have the contact information for yours.

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The rooms and rate will expire after 4/20/16

Watch your mailbox for your invitation to the meeting with full details!

You invitation will also include a ballot to amend our Bylaws—please vote!