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A message from our Governor

Since our Compact Day meetings in November (which I hope you attended), our Ohio Society Board of Assistants (BOA) has not met. However, work has been going on behind the scenes. The Executive Committee of the BOA met in Belleville in January. Issues such as changing our Historian's position and providing some financial aid to attendees of GSMD annual meetings were discussed.

The Finance Committee, with SMDOH Captain Thomas Bradford as Chairman, has been working on a budget for 2018-2019. The budget will be ready in time for our March 10th BOA meeting. The committee is waiting for various officers and committees to inform them of their projected financial needs for their 2018-2019 tasks.

The 2020 Committee is in full gear preparing for our Ohio Celebration. Each of the five Ohio colonies is participating in the preparations under the leadership of Chairman, Beth Anderson, of Cincinnati Colony. Tasks are assigned and a reporting schedule is in place.

At this time, I anticipate that all members of the Ohio Society will be voting this spring on changes to our bylaws. The first change to be considered is adjusting the historian's position to make the workload more manageable. The second item concerns reopening life membership in Ohio. Your BOA voted unanimously on the latter but the issue must go before our general membership to become a reality.

On February 10th, I participated in a book donation ceremony at the Dayton Metropolitan Library. SMDOH donated every GSMD lineage book in print to the library's genealogical collection. Beth Anderson of Cincinnati Colony, our 2020 chairman, arranged every aspect of the donation. Several members of the Cincinnati Colony and the Montgomery County Genealogical Society were there to show their support.

Each of our colonies will be meeting this spring. Information on meeting dates and places can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Buckeye Mayflower. All are welcome to attend meetings held by any colony.

I encourage all of you to seriously consider responding positively to our annual meeting invitation. It will take place in Cleveland on May 18th and 19th and will feature a great speaker from Plymouth. 2020 will be here soon and I encourage increased participation by all of our members, their children, and friends.

If you haven't already, spend a few minutes this winter/spring to check out our newly designed website at www.ohiomayflower.org



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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Since our last newsletter in mid December, we have welcomed 13 new members. One additional new member has transferred in from another member Society, two members have been reinstated and 5 supplementals have been approved. The full list of new members will be printed in the June newsletter.

We have also welcomed 15 new junior members. Our Junior member coordinator and his family will be moving to a new house sometime in early March. If you are waiting to send a junior member application to Todd, you might want to download a new application from www.ohiomayflower.org so you have the new address.

Do you love genealogy? Would you like to contribute a few hours to help your Society bring in new members? There are only two of us working on applications for new members and we need help! We are looking for one or more members in each Colony who can assist prospective members with their applications. We are not expecting these volunteers to do research (unless they want to do so), but to help point prospective members to documentation resources, help them evaluate if they have really gathered everything they need and to put their application together correctly. We send out the submission instructions to every applicant, but it never ceases to amaze me how many applicants do not follow them! We will provide all the training you need to be able to help our Mayflower cousins. If you would like to help us by being a local resource, please let me know at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com.

We have a lot of applications in play as I write this on March 4th.

- Applications in Plymouth: 62
- Waiting for documentation: 28
- Waiting for signed applications: 8
- Waiting for other family members: 3
- Waiting for previous supplementals: 3
- Not yet reviewed: 1

Turnaround in Plymouth is running about 3 1/2 months. There is such a large volume of applications being submitted, that the verifier staff is struggling to catch up.

Lee and I will have a table in the vendor hall at the annual conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society in April at the Columbus Hyatt Regency. The meeting is April 12-14, You can download the conference brochure and registration form at www.ogs.org. If you are going to be at the conference, please stop by and say hello. I always like to put faces with names! If you would like to take a turn at our table to promote your Society, we would love to have you. If you know now that you want to help, please email me at the address above. You can also just stop by and offer to help out!

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones September 2017-February 2018 Years since election to membership!

Cincinnati Colony

James Hughes - 45 years
Meredith Weber - 30 years
Vincent Capasso - 20 years

Cleveland Colony

Alice Harrison - 40 years
Elizabeth Barnhouse - 40 years
Walter Harwood - 40 years
Laureen Steele - 40 years
Jerold Bruce - 35 years
John Penty - 35 years
Catherine Hammond - 35 years
James Whitehead - 35 years
Linda Miller - 30 years
Constance Britton - 30 years
Leigh Brewster - 25 years
Robert Brewster - 25 years
Barbara Lockyer - 20 years
Michal Barnes - 20 years
Jeffrey Taussig - 20 years
Ann Zarnas - 20 years



Columbus Colony

Brent Elston - 40 years
Rebecca Zink - 40 years
Eva Hughes - 30 years
Lisa Cravens-Brown - 30 years
Emma Burkhardt - 30 years
Debra Wood, 20 years
John Hammond - 20 years
Scott Hammond - 20 years
Susan Johnston - 20 years
Michael Miller - 20 years
Leslie Price - 20 years

Toledo Colony

Helen Smolinsky - 40 years
Clarabelle Bothe - 20 years
Marcia Hickey - 20 years

Western Reserve Colony

Donald Nichols - 20 years
Lee Martin - 20 years
Patrick Corbus - 20 years

You never know where sharing your Mayflower Heritage may lead...

I didn't do a generic Christmas letter this year, but instead wrote short notes to out of town friends. But I think next year I will do a letter to everyone. Why? The Mayflower Society and genealogy!

I mentioned my involvement in preparing for "2020" to a long time special friend...we stay in touch at Christmas and have seen each other just once in the past 47 years! She was, in fact, the wonderful teacher under whom I did my student teaching. What memories I have...I'm sure we both have.

Anyway, in my Christmas card to her I mentioned my involvement in the Mayflower Society and 2020 activities. In her card and letter she mentioned that her family history has her descended from William White. I called immediately! We chatted and promised that after the first of the year we would get together to see what she has; apparently the grandmother was quite the genealogist so I am hopeful and optimistic. In our conversation she said that she had mentioned the William White connection because of my mentioning of my Mayflower involvement and she was hoping that her genealogical journey just might be re-started! I'm sure it has been. We will get together in 2018 to re-ignite her Mayflower research!

Jill Parker, Western Reserve Colony

The Gift of Genealogy

When I mention Genealogy, historical events and a fifth great grandmother, family member's eyes begin to roll. But seriously it really is a gift that honors the past, celebrates the present and enlightens future generations.

Genealogy can bring history alive in a personal way with ancestor's travels, triumphs and tragedies. What's mind boggling is, almost every decision made by them has impacted future generations, such as location, religion, traditions. As we will impact our descendant's.

Our Mayflower journey started off with my husband's grandmother who humorously said you'll only find some French Canadians and I only know grandparents names. Researching I found her Great grandmother Sarah Adams Perkins B.1836 in Plympton, Massachusetts. Tracing back I was sure I was going to have a connection to President John Adams. Instead I found Governor William Bradford. Shamefully, I did not know who or what that meant. I had to Google who he was. Hard believe, but yes.

Though this female line I have found eight Mayflower Pilgrim fathers. Lessoned learned - expect the unexpected and have a opened mind to the information you find. Also do not count out the maternal lines.

Genealogy can be a rewarding ,fascinating journey of personal family history that can be persevered for future generations. To grow you need to have roots. To know your family history is to know yourself.

Vickie Soard Reel

Have you given the gift of genealogy to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews? You can sponsor any child in your family from the day of birth up to his/her 18th birthday as a Junior member of the Ohio Society. The child does not have to live in Ohio.

Once a Junior member turns 18, he/she can apply for full membership. This requires that an application be sent to the Historian General for review and approval. Your application will provide a framework. If you joined recently, your documentation may be all that is needed. If you joined a long time ago, we may need to ask you to bring the documentation up to modern standards. We will let you know what needs to be done.

As a special perk for Junior members who join through Ohio, if he/she does so before turning 25, we will waive the application fee.

Merchandise Corner



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride!

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$1.00

Send order and payment to:
Mary Chase, Ohio Treasurer
7655 Isaac Drive
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130-6276

Mayflower Maize

Mayflower Maize is a Trivia Bingo Game developed by the Western Reserve Colony 25 years ago. It has been reprinted and reissued in advance of the 2020 celebrations.



The updated game is intended to be an outreach activity, not a fund raiser. Consider

buying games as gifts, prizes, donations to local groups such as boy scouts or girl scouts. It is a great tool for teachers to use to educate their kids about the pilgrims - or for you to get your kids or grandkids excited about their heritage!

Send orders to Jill Parker
886 Rosemarie Circle
Wadsworth, OH 44281
cfrtroutgal@gmail.com

price \$20.20
packaging & mailing \$8.80
Total = \$29.00,

Check made out to
"Western Reserve Colony"



SMDOH 120th Annual State Assembly Day

May 18 – 19, 2018

Radisson Hotel Cleveland Gateway

651 Huron Road East Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Website: <http://www.guestreservations.com/radisson-hotel-cleveland-gateway/booking>

Phone: 440-377-9000

Fax: 216-377-9001

20 Blocked Rooms @ \$129.00 + plus taxes (King & Double beds available)

Passkey for Room Booking: **1805FLOWER**

Valet Parking with in and out privileges: \$26.00

Friday May 18, 2018

Registration at the Radisson Hotel: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Soldiers & Sailors Monument Free Tour: 4:15pm – 5-5:15pm (located at Public Square)

Euclid Beach Silver Bullet Rocket Car Tour: 6:00pm – 7:00pm (tour downtown Cleveland)

Saturday May 19, 2018

Registration at the Radisson Hotel: 8:00am – 10:00am

Morning Speaker Program “Cleveland At War”: 9:45am – 10:45am

Business Meeting: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Luncheon “The Mama Mia Buffett”: 12:15pm – 1:30pm

Keynote Speaker Program “Mayflower Compact”: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Morning Speaker: Cleveland at War

The morning speaker will be the Western Reserve History Center’s Curator Of Collections & Exhibits, **Eric Rivet**. What was Cleveland’s role in World War I and World War II? Learn about how Cleveland’s industrial power made key contributions to both wars. Hear the stories of prominent Clevelanders and local heroes who helped achieve victory, and see some of the treasures of the Western Reserve Historical Society’s military collections.

Keynote Speaker: Mayflower Compact

The State Day keynote speaker will be Plimoth Plantation’s Director of Education and Public Programs, **Vicki Oman**. She will illuminate the Mayflower Compact by discussing it from the perspective of two women aboard *Mayflower*. On the journey, and in the early years of the colony, the line between the worlds of men and women was not as firm as it had been in England. The limited space on the ship and in the first homes created an unusual intimacy; women probably witnessed events which were ordinarily only witnessed by men. Vicki Oman will explore the creation and influence of the document by portraying **Goodwife Elizabeth Hopkins and Mistress Mary Brewster**, two of our nation’s founding mothers

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

(3) CONTINUATION OF MAYFLOWER II COMING TO AMERICA

As promised in the second installment, there was still danger ahead and an encounter with the great ship the Queen Elizabeth. The captain tells of having “queer weather at the tropic’s edge, sailing the route Columbus sailed. The ominous roll of thunder, the threat of heavy clouds piled high in gloomy, overcast sky, the odd rain squall bursting down with a temporary puff of fresh wind from the east to hurry us westward – all helped me understand the fears of Columbus’s distraught crews. Go back, go back! The dark skies seemed to say.

Danger! Spirits of the crew were good and this was needed for what lay ahead. A Gulf Stream gale was about to challenge their skills and seamanship. Captain Villiers reported that “morning began with the sea lumpy and confused and the air hazy and humid.” These changing winds resulted in the seas ebb and flow changing moment by moment. “The sea was getting up...Nightfall came wild and with threat of growing wilder...Would the sunset take the wind and quiet the sea? What could I do if it did not. The squalls still freshened. The mainyard was bending like a wand.” Our captain being a resourceful fellow had read Governor William Bradford’s book “Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647. His active mind recalled “that in Gov. Bradford’s account of the first *Mayflower’s* voyage, Captain Jones took in all sail in high winds and the ship lay, as he put it, ‘at hull’ – just left to her own devices in the raging waters.” He goes on in much detail to tell of all the orders given to the crew in the management of the sails and so came through a very dangerous situation.

After “53 days out from Plymouth, England, having sailed 5,400 sea miles they sailed round the Nantucket Lightship. “At daybreak that morning the liner Queen Elizabeth came out of her way, slowing down gracefully to blow a salute on her siren...” the United States Coast Guard training bark Eagle also joined her.

He concludes the story as follows, “The sun shone and the sea flattened, and the little new *Mayflower* put her best foot forward, bounding along with the beam wind at an average of 7.7 knots. Soon we were approaching Provincetown. After a call there we sailed on to Plymouth to moor at a special buoy off famous Plymouth Rock.”

I hope you’ve enjoyed this sidelight on the 1957 sailing of Mayflower II. After all if your reading this, your relatives were involved below decks.

Agape,

Dr. Donald N. Nichols, Assistant Governor

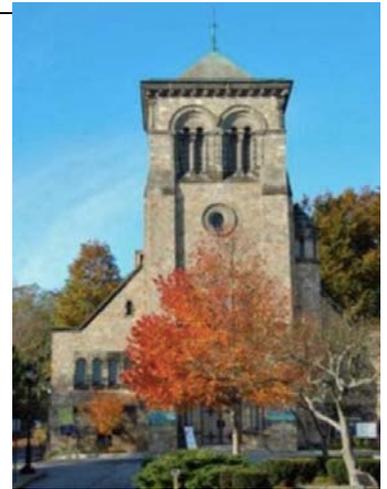
Please note: Jan Kleinline no longer has the "Plymouth 400 pins" for sale. They sold out. Jan will be at the state meeting in Cleveland in May with many Mayflower items for sale. Come look for goodies for yourself, stocking stuffers for the kids and other items for the whole family.

We will have the Ohio pins and ribbons for sale at the meeting and Western Reserve will be bringing Mayflower Maize games (see page 5). Come ready to shop!

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse
GSMD's Legacy Project

by Former Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson

On my first trip to Plymouth, MA many years ago, I walked alone into the peaceful stone church at the top of Leyden Street on the location of the Pilgrims' first 1621 Meetinghouse. Guides were standing outside and told me I could go into the sanctuary on my own. As I walked through the doors at the top of the stairs, the early morning light streamed gently through the beautiful stained-glass windows and danced across the room. The only sounds I could hear were birds chirping outside. The muted colors and soothing silence inside seemed to whisper to me. I was overcome with a spiritual presence and I felt a tangible bond with my Pilgrim ancestors. I said a prayer of thanks for their sacrifices and their contributions and as I made my way down the aisle, I was filled with awe and a feeling of peace and love.



There are many stories like this one from Mayflower descendants concerning the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. Since the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) was founded in 1897, the same year the present structure was built at the top of Leyden Street, families of descendants – our families – have made regular pilgrimages to this spot.

In fact, our Member Societies have helped to furnish this structure with Tiffany stained-glass windows from the New York and New Jersey Societies, objects in the sanctuary from Rhode Island, as well as many other contributions through the years.

Today, that same Meetinghouse still stands at the top of Leyden Street. It has now taken on an image of faded greatness. Stained-glass windows are stored away because the structure is too weak to support them. There are stains where rain is penetrating the roof into the sanctuary. This is not because of neglect. The Meetinghouse is no less loved. The First Parish Church congregation that has tended the property through the years has dwindled and to save the building they love, they have agreed to donate it to GSMD upon the condition that funds be put in place to permanently maintain it, and that they be allowed to continue scheduling their services there.

Along with the Meetinghouse, we will be given all the church records from modern times back to 1620, written by William Bradford, William Brewster, Robert Cushman, and many others. There are references and stories of our Mayflower ancestors going back to Leiden, information that simply must be curated and properly maintained permanently. There is no group better to do this than the actual descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims!

Our decision to create an endowment for this beautiful spiritual structure and its records will be one of the most important legacies of The Mayflower Society. The First Parish Church congregation that has lovingly tended the memory of the Pilgrims in this sacred place has recently signed a Charitable Trust with GSMD that will place the deed into a partnership between our two organizations until GSMD can raise \$3,000,000. At that time, the church will transfer the deed to our society and we will become the new stewards responsible for preserving and maintaining this memorial to our ancestors.

We have been given until September of 2020 to raise \$3,000,000 but our responsibility to finance and care for the Meetinghouse will continue. The congregation chose our society because they knew we would show the same love and reverence they feel toward this spiritual place. They know we will not let the Mayflower Pilgrim story be forgotten. As our center of education, GSMD will bring the world to the Meetinghouse, the very place where the Mayflower Pilgrims built their life on this continent.

The first Meetinghouse was built in 1621, in the middle of a wilderness, the year after the Mayflower landed. Records of our ancestors were stored there and passed on from congregation to congregation through the years. This is the fifth spiritual structure built here, designed to honor and memorialize the Mayflower Pilgrims. A more authentic historic place in America cannot be found!

All 51 Member Societies attending Congress pledged to donate to the Meetinghouse, and since then, several other

individual members have come forward and donated \$1000 each, inviting other members to match the donations.

We are asking that those who give choose whether they want to give to the **restoration or preservation** of the Meetinghouse. By giving to the restoration, your donation will go into the Charitable Trust, where we have agreed that no matter whether we accept the donation of the Meetinghouse or not, the funds will still restore this marvelous memorial to the Mayflower Pilgrims. Or, if you choose to give to the preservation of the Meetinghouse, your funds will go into our GSMD Meetinghouse endowment fund, that will use only a percentage of the funds to maintain and operate the Meetinghouse in coming years. Now that your donations are coming in, we can now demonstrate our own 100% commitment to this project as we approach foundations and corporate donors for grants. Together we are going to make this happen!

Restoring the Meetinghouse and making it the center of our Pilgrim education mission is the best possible legacy the General Society of Mayflower Descendants could leave in 2020, to honor the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

Regardless of which fund you or your Member Society chooses to donate to, Member Societies, as well as individuals committing to \$5000 or more by 2020 will be listed on a plaque in the Meetinghouse. When the total donation amounting to \$5000 is received by a Member Society, the current Member Society Governor, Deputy Governor General (DGG), and Assistant General (AG) will receive a certificate, and a beautiful pin. One pin and certificate per \$5000 donation will also be given to individuals, family society heads, or families that give. All gifts, no matter what the amount, will be recognized at www.TheMayflowerSociety.org in our donor section.

We can make this project a reality together! Restoring and maintaining the Meetinghouse will honor our ancestors while creating a permanent national legacy to the Mayflower story.

Here are instructions to donate to the Meetinghouse project.

By Mail: Send your check in care of Kathy Liolios made out to 'GSMD'. Put in the subject line the word 'Meetinghouse'. Your funds will be placed in our account for the Meetinghouse and used only for that purpose. Address: P.O. Box 3297 * Plymouth, MA * 02361-3297.

By Internet:

Go to the www.theMayflowerSociety.org homepage and click on 'DONATE' on the top right side of the page. Then click on 'Donate Online Now'. Choose 'Donor Level' and click on Founders Circle. Then click on 'Please Apply My Gift' and choose 'Meetinghouse' Then continue filling out the rest of the form.

If you have questions or are interested in a Major Gift, a family naming opportunity, a bequest, or other type of planned giving, please contact any of those listed below. We will get the information needed to help.

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Thank you sincerely for your dedication and generosity to preserve the story of our Pilgrim ancestors. I am personally honored to work with my distant relatives that are so dedicated to the heritage of our Mayflower ancestors.

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Printed below is the third place essay winner. Congratulations again to all the 2017 winners.

"What was Chief Massasoit's role in the Mayflower Pilgrim's Story?"

Mica Brooks

Chief Massasoit was a Wampanoag Indian Chief who lived in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. His official title was the grand sachem, which made him the overall chief of the Wampanoag tribes who lived on the eastern coast. Seeing the potential for a strong ally and a new trade market, Chief Massasoit befriended the Pilgrim community. He did this with the help of Samoset, an ambassador to the Pilgrim people and one of the lesser chiefs of the Abenaki tribe.

His key role in relation to the Pilgrim community was that of a peace keeper. Under his leadership, the Wampanoag-Pilgrim Peace Treaty was signed on April 1, 1621. It stated that the relationship between the two communities would remain civil and non-confrontational. The neighboring native nations would be made aware of the treaty, and specifically the amicable relationship they chose with the Pilgrims. In addition, each community would surrender offenders of the treaty to the opposite part for discipline. Through this treaty, Chief Massasoit was able to maintain peace between the communities until his death in 1661. One instance in which the treaty greatly aided the Pilgrims was during the Pequot war of 1636. The treaty kept the Wampanoag Indians neutral, which greatly benefitted the Pilgrim colony. Even after Chief Massasoit died, the peace remained until Massasoit's second son Metacom, also known as Philip, led King Philip's War in 1675.



Over the years the two communities built up a strong trade relationship which greatly improved the relationships of the two community's leaders. One example of this was when Chief Massasoit became gravely sick in the winter of 1623. The pilgrim community took care of him, specifically Edward Winslow who was the governor of Plymouth at the time.

Massasoit served as one of the friendly connections between the Pilgrim colony and the Native American tribes. He helped the Pilgrim colony lay down roots and form trade relationships with neighboring communities. The Pilgrims became less isolated through their connection to him, and were more successfully able to begin their new lives as a colony.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

The 2020 Committee has been very busy these past several months. Every Colony has some involvement in the May 1-2nd 2020 event in Columbus, and sub-committee chairs have been identified from each colony: Columbus- Hilda Pappas, Toledo- Susan Fisher, Cleveland – Vicki Heineck, Western Reserve- Jill Parker and Cincinnati- Beth Anderson. The first task of each sub-Committee chair is to project a budget for their assigned responsibilities and they have the information to complete this task. A Big THANKS to all who are helping, especially Peggy Reid from Cincinnati Colony that is helping us stay organized and on task.

The Committee is encouraging anyone who has any form of “Mayflower” period dress to wear that at the 2020 event. In the past this Newsletter has published ways to create your Mayflower clothes. Back issues are on the website for the crafty among us.

We have collected the first of the “Pennies for Mayflower II” donations from last year. This is a campaign to help defray the costs of the restoration of Mayflower II which is underway Mystic Seaport. You can check this out on the Plymouth Plantation website. Each colony member is encouraged to participate by putting your pocket change in a jar, piggy bank, etc. to bring to Compact Day for collection and send to Plymouth Plantation, who is responsible for the Mayflower II. Every little bit helps.

On February 10, a set of the Mayflower “Silver Books”, or the first five generations of the Mayflower passengers, was donated to the newly rebuilt Metro Dayton Library’s genealogy department. Ohio Mayflower Society Governor was on hand to present the books to the Library during the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Chapter of OGS. The donations have been done in many areas of the state as part of the education initiative of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants to spur interest as the 400th Commemoration of the Pilgrim Landing. The Librarians in Dayton were thrilled, and we are hoping to collaborate with the Montgomery County Chapter to provide any education they may want on the Mayflower and its passengers.

One last item, since many of us belong to other heritage organizations in our Communities the committee is asking that you send the email address of the Ohio or Local leadership of the organization to Beth Anderson at ohmayflower2020@gmail.com so we can keep them in the loop and make sure they know of the opportunity to meet and hear Josh Taylor and network with each other. Only 792 days to go!

Beth Anderson, 2020 Committee Chairperson



As Beth wrote above, as part of our 2020 initiative, Our Ohio Society, donated a set of all available GSMD silver, green and pink lineage books to the Dayton Metropolitan Library. The donation ceremony took place at a meeting of the Montgomery County Genealogical Society at the Dayton Library on February 10th. The library was very grateful for this donation, which was organized by 2020 chairman, Beth Anderson, of Cincinnati Colony..

picture 1: Shawna Woodward, Genealogy Librarian; James McQuinn, Manager of the Genealogy Department; Sandy St. Martin, Governor of SMDOH; and

Beth Anderson, chair of the SMDOH 2020 committee.

picture 2: Members of the Cincinnati Colony SMDOH who were present for the donation ceremony.



COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

On March 3, 2018, the Cincinnati Colony held a member meeting to socialize with our Mayflower cousins and discuss the various committee activities that we are working on. Our meeting was held at Parkers Blue Ash Tavern. On March 20th one of our members, William Reel, is heading off to Army basic training. William led the Pledge of Allegiance for us to start the meeting. Good luck William!

At this meeting we discussed our committee activities to make sure everyone knew what we were working on.

2020 Committee: Beth has been working diligently with members from all the Colonies to plan the 2020 event. She has had a lot of assistance from Peggy Reid in planning and tracking all the details.

There was a good amount of discussion by the group regarding the 121st Annual State Assembly in 2019. Beth and Starr are leading the charge by scouting locations off of 75 on the north side of the city.

In an effort led by Doug, the Cincinnati Colony has established a \$500 scholarship annually from the Cincinnati Colony with the Xavier University History Department. The scope of the Scholarship is anyone in a Bachelor or Master's Program with a broad focus on colonial history. Three history professors will judge the scholarship contest.

We had one new member join us at the meeting, Dr. Mike Davis. Dr. Davis has been researching his ancestry for many years. He has a wealth of knowledge about many aspects of history, genealogy, and DNA research. Welcome to the Colony Dr. Davis!

We did something a little different at this meeting. We have had so many new members attending meetings we wanted to take some time to get to know each other. We introduced the concept of telling your "Mayflower Story". Several members shared a cool thing they learned about their Pilgrim

family, the greatest challenge in their Mayflower search, and how long it took them to them to validate their ancestry.

It was a great meeting. I enjoyed listening and learning from everyone's Mayflower journey. We hope to see you at the next event!

Upcoming Events:

June 23, 2018 - Genealogy Event, Preble County Room at the library in Eaton, OH

September 1-2, 2018 36th Fair at New Boston, George Rogers Clark Park, Springfield, OH

September 8, 2018 - Cincinnati Colony Board/Membership Meeting

October 13-14 - Fall Festival at the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead

November 3, 2018 - Compact Day



Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2018 Spring Event:

The 2018 Spring event and Colony annual business meeting will be held on Sunday April 15th at the Dunham Tavern Museum located at 6709 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio. The tavern is the oldest building in Cleveland, Ohio. Rufus

and Jane Pratt Dunham built their first home on the site in 1824 which later became a stage coach stop and tavern. The annual business meeting will be held in the barn with light refreshments included. After the meeting, we will have a guided tour of the museum.

2018 SMDOH State Assembly: The Cleveland Colony Board has been diligently planning the 2018 SMDOH State Assembly Day. The event details will be published in a different location of the newsletter

Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

We have 293 members. Welcome to new members Charles Fuller (ancestor-Edward Fuller) and Kathleen Rowley (ancestor-Myles Standish)

An early Columbus Colony member (1931), Dr. Clarence S. Gee, purchased and donated four antique framed, steel engravings to the Columbus Colony. The large engravings were: *"The Signing of the Compact in the Cabin Aboard the Mayflower, Pilgrim Exiles, The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers and The Return of the Mayflower"*. These were hung in Columbus, Ohio's Center of Science and Industry until 1999. At that time the engravings were returned to the Columbus Colony and taken to Plymouth, MA, where they were once seen hanging in the Mayflower House and/or Library. Three of four are now hiding in a closet awaiting restoration. Greyscale 8.5x11 Prints of The Signing of the Compact and Pilgrim Exiles may be purchased from the General Society's website and will be available at the April 14 meeting.

A MEMBER HONORED

Winifred Schamp was born Sept 13, 1915 and joined the Mayflower Society October 14, 1967. Her ancestors were John Alden, Richard Warren, William Brewster, and William Bradford. She served as Lt. Governor of the Columbus Colony from 1967-1975 and was active in the Colony until her death on March 4, 1999. She bequeathed \$10,000 each to Columbus Colony and the State Society. The Colony Scholarship was established in her name and the Mayflower II \$4000 donation was made in her memory. We purchased a stone and held a ceremony when it was placed. Janice Kleinline even found a home for her little dog. Winifred is buried by her mother in Hathaway Cemetery at West Mansfield in Logan County, Ohio. She is by the south entrance 1/2 way up the hill from the driveway. Her Mayflower cousins were her only family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14, 2018: Spring Meeting at Kensington Place. Dr. Janet Ebert will give a presentation about the Star Spangled Banner and lead the members in singing the "other" verses. The Mayflower Maze will be introduced. The meeting invitation with menu is also attached. Come and bring a perspective cousin. Janice Kleinline will have a table of sale items she purchased in Plymouth. Ohio ribbons and pins will also be available to members at the registration table. Betsie Goad reminds us that there will be a collection jar for change to go for the restoration of the Mayflower II. It will be passed for your contributions. \$83 was collected at the last meeting. Can we reach \$150?

MAY 1, 2018 Submission deadline for the \$1000 Colony Scholarship which is available for juniors who are high school seniors or college under graduates. E-mail Dr. Janet Ebert for application and requirement drjan@ctcn.net.



Caroline Kardell, Assistant Editor of Genealogy at Plymouth, is shown here accepting one of four lithographs given to the General Society by the Rev. Virginia Ress, a Columbus Colony representative. Three of the pictures are presently hanging in the library at Plymouth and the fourth will be hung in the Mayflower Society House.

JUNE 3, 2018 Summer Picnic from 4-7 P.M. for juniors and their sponsors. The Colony will provide hot dogs and paper products. Members bring their own beverages and a dish to share. Sponsors with last names A-G bring a salad, H-N, bring a side dish, and O-Z bring a dessert for Fun, Food, and Fellowship at the Gantz Park Shelter House in Grove City. Our juniors will learn about their ancestors, play Pilgrim games, and enjoy the Park which has extensive herb gardens, nature areas, a gentle wading creek, and a labyrinth. It should be fun for all.

November 10, 2018 Compact Meeting at Kensington Place. Paul La Rue, a retired Social Studies teacher from Washington Court House will give a program on the war experiences of two African American officers in the Great War. He and his students initiated a project to mark the graves of African Americans in WW 1.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Upcoming Events: On Saturday, April 21, Frank Kuron, author of [Thus Fell Tecumseh](#), will speak about War of 1812 events that affected northwestern Ohio. Gather for fellowship at 11:30, meal at 12:00, speaker at 1:15. Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, 43614. Please make meal reservations with Jeffrey Stoll, 906-440-5088, willowcove@lighthouse.net

On the last Saturday in July, join us at Mary Jane Thurston State Park lodge along the lovely Maumee River at Grand Rapids for a picnic with Betsy Ross. Gather at 11:30; meal at 12 noon. Make reservations as above.

More details will be available in the colony newsletter, mailed or emailed to all colony members and preliminaries, and posted on the State website, about one month before each meeting.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Our March Meeting 2018 – This is our Memorial Service in which we pause a moment in memory of the members who have passed away since the last Memorial Service. We meet at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton. Our program will feature [Columbus member Jan Kleinline](#), in pilgrim costume, presenting “Life of the Pilgrims – 1620”. Jan’s presentation is part of Western Reserve’s plans to spark enthusiasm for 2020 activities and events.

And to further that interest in 2020, Liz Burkhart from LB Designs, will be present to meet with any women who are interested in having Liz make a **pilgrim outfit**. Fabric color samples will be available so those interested can choose the color for skirt, jackets and aprons. Order forms will be available and Liz will take all your information for whatever you want. Currently available for women: Skirt, bodice/jacket (lined or unlined), chemise (under garment), coif (headwear), pocket (tied around waist), and apron. Just women’s outfits for now; we are hoping to add men’s options by November.

And bring your checkbooks! We will have several Mayflower sales tables. Jan Kleinline will have the materials she normally offers at her tables (if you have been to any of the State Assemblies you will know how extensive her selection is). Jan tries to bring a little bit of Plymouth to Ohio for our members. This is her outreach passion! And Western Reserve will have its sales table. Mayflower Maize games and 1620 Stress rocks are among the items we have for sale.



The Western Reserve Colony Facebook page is now live. If you are a Facebook user, check it out ([Facebook.com/WesternReserveColony](https://www.facebook.com/WesternReserveColony)). Please like the page and post your Mayflower news.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17, 2018: Western Reserve Colony spring meeting, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge

April 12-14, 2018: Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus. Details at www.ogs.org.

April 14, 2018: Columbus Colony Spring Meeting at Kensington Place. Dr. Janet Ebert will give a presentation about the Star Spangled Banner and lead the members in singing the "other" verses

April 15, 2018: Cleveland Colony spring event & annual business meeting, Dunham Tavern Museum

April 21, 2018: Toledo Colony Spring meeting, beginning with fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo. Colony Board meeting immediately after.

May 18-19, 2018: Annual State Assembly hosted by the Cleveland Colony

June 2, 2018: Columbus Colony picnic for juniors and sponsors, Gantz Park Shelter House

June 16, 2018: Western Reserve Colony summer picnic. Greentown Community Park, potluck lunch, games and prizes

July 28, 2018: Toledo Colony summer meeting

August 4, 2018: BOA meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale, Upper Arlington

September 8, 2018: Cincinnati Colony Meeting, details TBA

October 6, 2018: BOA meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale, Upper Arlington

November 3, 2018: Cincinnati Colony Compact Day Meeting, details TBA

November 10, 2018: Columbus Colony Compact Day, Kensington Place, details TBA

November 10, 2018: Toledo Colony Compact Day, details TBA

November 11, 2018: Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, details TBA

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

Do you wish there was more genealogy information on the radio? Well, there is an easy solution - podcasts! A podcast is a recorded program that you can listen to through software called a podcatcher or by clicking a link on a website. There are podcatcher apps available for IOS and Android so you can listen on your phone, iPod or on your tablet or computer using a web browser.

Some genealogy podcasts that you might want to check out include:

- Extreme Genes - <http://extremegenes.com/>
- Genealogy Gems - <https://lialouisecooke.com/> - there is a free podcast and if you become a premium member, you can get the premium podcast
- Genealogy Guys with Genealogy Connection - www.genealogyguys.com/ Drew Smith and George Morgan are well known genealogy speakers. On the Genealogy Guys podcast, they review the genealogy news and other topics. On the Genealogy Connection, Drew interviews the leaders in the field.
- Family Tree Magazine podcast - <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/podcasts/>

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Constitution and Bylaws updates

When you receive your invitation to the annual state assembly (see page 6), you will also find a ballot to approve some changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio. Your Board of Assistants revisits these documents regularly, and this year, we determined that there were enough changes needed to bring them to you, our members, for approval. Included in the changes is clarification of the titles and duties of some of your elected officers, clarification on the Scholarship committee, using junior membership fees to fund programming and activities for junior members, and authorization to begin a new life membership program, plus some simple reorganization to make the documents more understandable.

If you are interested in life membership, the BOA will be developing the details of the new program over the next few months. We are hoping to be able to roll out the details before the end of 2018. Once we have the program finalized, we will announce it in this newsletter, at your Colony meetings and on www.ohiomayflower.org.

When you receive your ballot, please read all the supporting documentation, fill out your ballot with your vote and send it back to our Recording Secretary. Or even better, bring it in person to the state assembly in May and spend the day with your Mayflower cousins!