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A message from our Governor

Cousins,

Excitement is growing for the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. Plans are in motion to make 2020 a meaningful year for us all. For example, the two California Societies are building a float for the 1 January 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade. In Ohio, we're having a big bash in May 2020 with genealogist Josh Taylor as our keynote speaker. The General Society has announced plans for the national celebration which will take place in Plymouth, Boston and Provincetown from September 12th through 20th, in 2020. In Ohio, our celebration bash is strictly limited to 180 people. So, in early 2020 when we open registration for the Ohio event, procrastination is not in your best interest. For the national celebration in Massachusetts, rooms are already at a premium so start making your arrangements.

My question to you is relatively simple. Where are you? If you are reading this, you are a member of our Ohio Society. Why aren't you attending your colony meetings or state meeting? The meetings are planned for you. We need you to attend. And, a big "thank you" to those who are already active in the colonies and the Ohio Society.

I have some good news to share with you. The restoration of the Mayflower II is almost completed at the repair facility in Mystic, Connecticut. If you are interested in donating to this project, your donation can be made at your colony meeting or mailed to our state treasurer, Larry Hoyt. Our "Pennies for Planks" program is ongoing. Plimoth Plantation has hearts crafted from wood from the Mayflower II rehab. Hearts are available at our state meeting or from Plimoth Plantation for \$25. All of the heart money goes to the Mayflower II fund.

Have you heard about the church? The General Society of Mayflower Descendants now has ownership of the National Pilgrim Meeting House in Plymouth. We had to find \$3 million to acquire the church from the congregation who could no longer sustain it. The



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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Cousins

Your historian team has been really busy these last few months. We have welcomed 27 new members and completed 15 supplemental applications! We have 39 applications currently in the queue at the General Society (and more on the way every day) so that list should be longer by June. All the names of these members will be listed in the June Buckeye Mayflower.

Do you have lines of descent from multiple Mayflower pilgrims? If so, you can submit supplemental applications to get credit for those ancestors! For example, if you have proved John Howland, you can also prove his wife Elizabeth Tilley and her parents John and Joan (Hurst) Tilley. There are several family groups that can yield supplementals. There were also many intermarriages between the children and grandchildren of the pilgrims. We are expecting that the verification fee will increase after Congress in 2020, so the time to submit is now! If you are interested in submitting supplemental applications, please contact me or Deputy Historian Lee Martin. We will be happy to help you!

Do you love genealogy? Are you interested in helping applicants for the Mayflower Society find the documentation they need or review their applications to make sure they are complete? All the Ohio Colonies have been recruiting volunteers to help our Society grow by helping out applicants. We have many wonderful volunteers already, but always have room for more to spread the help out across the state. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or talk to your Colony Lt. Governor at your next Colony meeting.

Please remember to notify your Ohio Society if you move, change your email address or phone number. You can notify me or Corresponding Secretary Vicky Heineck. We will make sure the General Society is notified too. We want to make sure you get all the postal mail and email from us and GSMD.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

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building needs ongoing maintenance and the General Society appreciates donations for that. The Tiffany windows in the church are stunning. You may donate through your colony or our state treasurer. Even your pocket change will help.

So, what can you do in 2019 to celebrate your Pilgrim heritage besides donating money? Attendance at your colony meeting would be appreciated. Do you want more ideas? Take your family to Plymouth. All of the sites will be open in 2019. Do you have children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces in your Mayflower line? Enroll the kids in our junior membership program for only \$10. Forms are available on our website. The kids get a nice certificate to put up on the wall and information about his/her Mayflower ancestor. Did you know that it is fun to dress like a Pilgrim? Give it a try.

Sincerely,

Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Governor, SMDOH

Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$2.00

Send order and payment to:

Ann Gulbransen, Assistant Treasurer
2234 S. Medina Line Rd
Wadsworth, OH 44281

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Recognizing years since election to membership October to March!

Cincinnati Colony

Jean Morrison - 60 years
 John Hughes - 60 years
 Phyllis Wright - 30 years
 David Fisher - 30 years
 Neal Glatte - 30 years
 Amy Turlock - 30 years
 Alan Glatte - 30 years
 Carolyn Angel - 20 years

Cleveland Colony

Kathleen Kosmala - 50 years
 William Martin - 35 years
 Mary Peck - 35 years
 Heather Millar - 30 years
 Heather McLaughlin - 30 years
 Phyllis Baron - 30 years
 Keith Brown - 20 years
 Vanessa Brown - 20 years

Columbus Colony

Susanne Coen - 65 years!
 Irwin Hobba - 50 years

Susan Furman - 30 years

Leanne Platt - 30 years

Sharlene Shoaf - 20 years

Toledo Colony

Heidi Budke - 50 years

Ruth Cook - 40 years

Donald Cook - 40 years

Gordon Wildermuth - 40 years

Paula Niederhauser - 30 years

Donella Wilt - 30 years

Doreen Ferguson - 30 years

Nathalie Givens - 25 years

Western Reserve Colony

Richard Fetzer - 60 years

William Griffiths III - 50 years

Patricia VanHoose - 30 years

Dorothy Rasnick - 30 years

Janet Van Doren - 25 years

John Coates - 25 years

Marcia Spiegelberg - 20 years



Call for Nominating Committee for 2020

This may seem early but according to the bylaws for Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio, the BOA appointed chair of the Nominating Committee is to appoint 7 people for this committee: 2 of which are to be from the BOA and the next 5 should be one from each colony. If you have wondered how our organization works or are a colony officer who can help; this is a great opportunity to participate. This will not call for an in-person meeting as the discussions could be via brief conference calls. If you are interested, please email me at ohmayflower2020@gmail.com or call me at 937-938-6286.

Beth Anderson, Committee Chair

A message from Former Governor General Lea Filson

February 19, 2019

Hello Everyone,

It is with great joy that I let you know that at 10:30 am this morning, we registered the final papers at the Plymouth Registry of Deeds office. We are now sole owners of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse!

At the same time that was happening, the white panels placed in the front windows of the Meetinghouse, where our beloved Stained-glass Robinson windows used to be, have been removed. Photos of the stained-glass windows were placed on the white panels both inside and out.

Two beautiful banners were placed on either side of the facade, one announcing the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and the other with information about the CPC grant that we received to do the exterior restoration. Now, while the work is being done, at least the front will look better than it has.

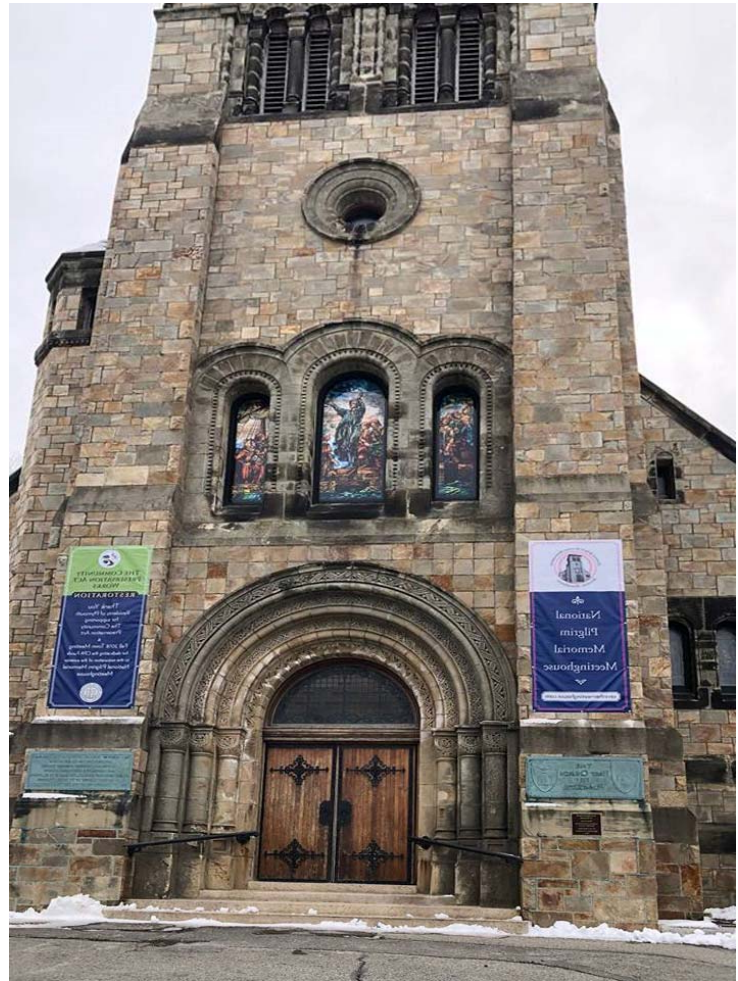
Watch for photos of all this on our Facebook page and website. (themayflowersociety.org)

The exterior restoration will begin tomorrow and when the beautiful windows themselves are replaced, I will be in touch to tell you. That will be later this year. We expect the exterior work to be completed by end of year. While the exterior restoration is happening, we will continue raising the funds for the interior.

We have so much to be thankful for! Take a minute and talk to your ancestors. Tell them you are proud to be a part of forever keeping their story alive!

With much appreciation to you for your support,

Lea



Call, Email or Text your Lt. Governor...and say, "I'd like to help".

Whether you are a new member or are celebrating your 50 year membership; whether you are a junior member or a senior citizen, you have special abilities that are worth sharing with your Colony. Colony leadership is not just for the elected Board. There are many ways to help out – there are appointed positions as well as ways to help on an as needed basis at Colony gatherings. Share your ideas with your Lt. Governor. Hey, you might even want to take a volunteer selfie with your Lt. Gov. and submit it to the Buckeye Mayflower for publications!!! Get your Volunteer On!!

SILVER BOOK DONATION TO WILLIAMS COUNTY LIBRARY

On December 20th, the Williams County Library, Local History Center, in Bryan, received the complete set of Mayflower books to aid people researching their ancestry. The entire set consists of Mayflower Families through Five Generations books, also known as the "Silver Books", and the pink "Mayflower Families in Progress, and green books for several allied families. The 48 books at a value of \$1,611 will remain a part of the library's permanent collection. Receiving the books for the library was Pam Lash, local History Center assistant and Williams County Genealogical Society member; also present was JoEllen Culbertson, W.C. G. S. newsletter editor. Their excitement was contagious!

Also present for the presentation were the people named in the photo. Afterwards, Pam shared some of the highlights of the History Center. It is located within a one block radius of other repositories of local history, including the county court house and the county recorder's office. Local family histories, histories of Williams County, microfilms of newspapers, and free access to obituaries are available in the History Center. An image data microfilm reader, affectionately dubbed "The Beast" can be used. An up-dated model, already dubbed "Beauty", will be in place soon. A Knowledge Image Copier is available to copy as much as an entire book.



Don Calvin of Bryan, descendant and Toledo Colony member; Jeffrey Stoll of Toledo, Toledo Colony Treasurer; Susan Fisher of Coldwater, MI, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony; Judy Rand of West Unity, Deputy Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony; Pam Lash, Williams County Public Library, Local History Center Assistant; Sandra Carkin St. Martin, Governor, SMDOH; Sharon Patten of Bryan, descendant, Toledo Colony member, and Society Editor of the [Bryan Times](#).

Toledo Colony once again thanks the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio for making these sets of books available to libraries around the state and for allowing each colony the opportunity to nominate those libraries in the colony's territory that will best make the books available to those researching their ancestry. Also, thanks go to Sharon Patten of [The Bryan Times](#) for the publicity. Sharon and her brother Don Calvin are colony members. The article from the [Times](#) was also printed in the Coldwater, MI, [Daily Reporter](#), a sister newspaper, with help of Christy Editor.

Visit to Florida's Bradford Colony

On February 2, Jill Parker, Western Reserve Colony's Lt. Governor, attended the Florida Bradford Colony's annual Memorial Service. Florida has 17 Colonies, each named after a Mayflower Passenger. Bradford Colony meets at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in downtown St. Petersburg. They have 2 meetings a year (February and May). I had a chance to talk briefly with the Colony Governor (Helen Bennett), the Elder (Peggy Christie), the Secretary (Elizabeth Werner), the Historian/Treasurer (Laura Brock), and spoke with Kathy Rottino whose name I recognized as a purchaser of a Mayflower Maize game. The Memorial Service was very nice and was followed by a presentation by "President Abe Lincoln" who gave a wonderful program. **Do you have travel plans? Check to see if there is a Mayflower Meeting near your destination.** It was a delightful time and I came back with several new ideas!



Dear Friends,

As you know I run across names that are associated with the Mayflower story in strange places. In some cases the name "Mayflower" for example, is used to denote the authors take, that those folks and their descendants, were and are "full of themselves". In short, the names are used in a pejorative sense!

In the book I'm reading at present, "501 Most Notorious Crimes" by Paul Donnelly, the story is told of Tony Cermak a former mayor of Chicago. He was popular with the large contingent of immigrant folks who had settled in Chicago. In 1931 he beat out "Big Bill" Thompson of whom it was said "Big Bill" was corrupt. Thompson, like any good politician, looked for ways to attack Cermak. He resorted to mispronouncing Cermak's name. Cermak's retort to "Big Bills" attack was to say "He (Big Bill) doesn't like my name...it's true I didn't come over on the Mayflower, but I came as soon as I could."

At a later date on February 15, 1933 Cermak was shot while in Miami. President-Elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Cermak were shaking hands when Giuseppe Zangara attempted to shoot Roosevelt! Cermak was hit! Cermak was reported as having said, "I'm glad it was me instead of you," to Roosevelt. Cermak died as a result of the gun shot to his lung on March 6.

I often wonder as I recall my family tree, what might the world be like, without having had those folks on the Mayflower come on that long journey? What would have happened in WWII if Roosevelt had been killed? Just food for thought, as we recall the gift of our lives which have been made possible by some Mayflower passengers of little status.

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols- AG

What early New England town was originally named "Contentment"?

I like to stop by Used Books stores when I see them, always looking for Mayflower related books. I recently picked up 2 books near St. Petersburg, Florida. One of them looks at the story of one "Utopian Commune, 1636-1686". In the early days, settlers would petition the General Court of the colony for a grant of land for a "plantation". In this case the petitioners asked for full control of the distribution of the land they would be granted, for exemption from taxes during the next four years, and for "immunity" from military obligations except in dire emergencies. They also requested that the name of the plantation be "Contentment". Clearly the settlers were hoping to live in a utopian manner. Well, they were pretty much granted everything except the name. The General Court changed the name from Contentment to _____. Research this interesting fact and share at your next Colony gathering. Hint, the original land grant has long since been divided into more than a dozen separate towns, but the name given by the General Court still remains as the name of one of those towns.

Jill Parker, WR Lt. Governor

What will you be watching on 1/1/2020?

Did you know that the California Society of Mayflower Descendants is hard at work preparing a float for the 2020 Tournament of Roses (TOR) Parade? They have been working on the project since 2017 with meetings with TOR staff, practice decorating other floats and a whole lot of planning with the able assistance of GG George Garmany, FGG Lea Filson and Bob Demster, chair of the CA 2020 committee. The float will be entered under the name of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with the CA Society doing the heavy lifting. This is an incredible opportunity to tell the story of our pilgrim ancestors and to attract new members who will carry that story forward in perpetuity.

You can read more about this wonderful project at <http://camayflower.org/index.php/activities/> including how to make a donation to the project and how to get tickets to sit with your Mayflower Cousins. You can also volunteer to help decorate the float if you will be in California in December. There is information on the CA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaMayflower/>. You can view the video that they have made to kick off the project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=190C1BrOrQI>. Come and watch "The Voyage of Hope 1620" sail on New Year's Day.

Come join your Mayflower cousins at the 121st Annual Meeting in West Chester May 17-18, 2019. You will receive an invitation in the mail but the details below will help you plan. Period attire is encouraged on Saturday!



121st Annual Meeting of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio
May 17-18, 2019
Cincinnati Marriott North
6189 Mulhauser Rd
West Chester, Ohio



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Featured Morning Speaker
Mrs. Kathleen Reed

Program Director &
Chair Hamilton County
Genealogical Society DNA
Interest Group



Featured Afternoon Speaker
Ms. Brandon Marie Miller

Award Winning Author
United States History
Books include:
Women of Colonial America
Growing up in the New World

Hotel Information

Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre
6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069
\$129.00 per night

Website to book a room <https://tinyurl.com/y3stmxwf>
Last day to book a room: 5/3/2019

Friday Night May 17th, 2019

Registration & Cocktail Reception: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday May 18th, 2019

Registration: 7:30am - 9:30am
BOA Meeting: 8:00am - 10:00am
Morning Speaker: 9:30 - 10:30am

DNA and Lineage Applications – Can One Support the Other?
This presentation will include an overview of the types of DNA, what the tests can reveal, and what can and cannot be used to support a Lineage application for membership.

Kathy Reed has been researching her German, Irish and English roots for the past 18 years. She is involved with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, currently serving in the role of Director-at-Large and leads a regional DNA Interest Group.

Business Meeting 10:45am - 11:45am
Lunch 12:15pm - 1:30pm

Afternoon Speaker: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
"Good Wives of New England: A glimpse into the experiences of Anne Bradstreet, Anne Hutchinson, Sarah Kemble Knight, Mary Rowlandson, and Martha Corey"

Brandon Marie Miller writes award-winning biographies and history for young people. Her books have been honored by the National Council for the Social Studies, the International Reading Association, and the American Library Association, among others.

RSVP and Payment due by May 3, 2019

Menu Option 1 - Braised beef short ribs / Menu Option 2 - Pan roasted chicken breast / Menu Option 3 - Spinach/cheese ravioli

	Menu Option (circle one)		
Member Name: _____	I	2	3
Guest Name: _____	I	2	3
Guest Name: _____	I	2	3
Guest Name: _____	I	2	3
Guest Name: _____	I	2	3
Guest Name: _____	I	2	3

Total Payment: \$37.00 (32.00 for lunch + 5.00 Registration Fee) X _____ Number of persons = \$ _____

Make Check payable to **Cincinnati Colony**

Send total payment with your reservation form to: Shaun Smith, 10305 Crestwind Circle, Montgomery, OH 45242

SMDOH 400th Anniversary Ancestor Box

There is still time to order your personalized Ancestor Box to support the 2020 Commemoration. Measurements are 7" square by 4" high. Two types of finish are available: natural and gray wash. The boxes cost \$75 (\$88.65 if shipped) with over \$30 going to the SMDOH 2020 commemoration budget.



You can get the order form from the state website: OhioMayflower.org, select Western Reserve Colony, Announcements to print off an order form. Complete the order form and send to Jill Parker, 886 Rosemarie Circle, Wadsworth, OH 44281; or email the order form to her at cfrtroutgal@gmail.com (please put Mayflower Ancestry Box in the subject line). Currently the only method of payment is by check, made out to "Western Reserve Colony". You will be emailed a proof of the box, for your approval, before it is actually produced.



What do I keep in my Ancestor Box? Anything you want! I have my replica Howland family spoon in mine along with some postcards of the Howland home. But I hope one day to put in a few ADDENDUM SCROLLS. These are lovely scrolls designed by the box maker that contain additional information. So, when I finally prove I am a Fuller descendant I don't need to order a new box I will simply order an addendum scroll for \$5. The scroll order form information is on the SMDOH website under the WR link.

SNEAK PREVIEW: GG Garmany coming to Ohio in November 2019!

George Garmany, Governor General of the Mayflower Society, will be visiting Ohio November 15-17, 2019. All Ohio members, families and friends are invited to the events surrounding his visit. He will be the guest of Western Reserve Colony on the 15th for a visit to The Western Reserve Historical Society so he can sign *The Great Book*, published by William Brewster before the voyage of the Mayflower. Governor Generals have been signing the book for decades. The time of this event will be announced in a future newsletter as well as posted on the OhioMayflower.org website. Space will be limited for this event as the room is small.



Governor General Garmany will be at the Western Reserve Compact Day gathering on the 17th, 11:30 registration at Skyland Pines, 3550 Columbus Rd NE, Canton, OH 44705 and will deliver his "*Captivities -- Terrorism at the turn of the 18th Century*" that discusses Colonial New England events of the French and Indian Wars that affected Mayflower Descendants in the late 1600's and early 1700's. He will also induct our new officers and give an update on 2020 events.

On the 16th he will be the guest of the Cleveland Colony, 11:30 registration at Lakewood Country Club, 2613 Bradley Road, Westlake, OH. The title of his presentation is the same, but because he speaks extemporaneously, the content will inevitably be different.

All Ohio members, family and applicants are invited to attend either Compact Day event.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

At the November, 2018, Compact Day meeting, Toledo Colony began a new tradition: How We Got to Ohio. The idea came from Walter Huffer of Lima, who spoke on how his ancestors came from Plymouth Colony to Allen County, Ohio, his home town.

Richard Warren was a native of England, probably London. He was not of the Leiden Group. Richard was married and his wife and he had five daughters: Mary; Anna; Elizabeth; Abigale; Sarah. Warren learned of the Virginia voyage, signed on for the Mayflower, endured the experiences and hardships along with the other passengers, and ended up at the New England site. Upon arrival, he was a signee of the Compact and experienced the hardships and survived the first winter. Probably he was present at the 1621 Thanksgiving.

His wife and daughters had remained in England. In 1623 his wife Elizabeth and the five daughters arrived at Plymouth Colony on the Good Ship Anne. In 1628 Richard died leaving his widow, the five daughters, and Nathaniel and Joseph, two sons who were born in the colony. The family became owners of large tracts of lands in the Swansee and Rehoboth area. Circa 1630 his daughter Elizabeth married Richard Church, also a passenger on the Anne. They became the parents of 12 children. Seven generations of descendants all lived in the eastern (Massachusetts) area: three Church; a Boomer; three Mason.

In 1805, Elisha Mason, his wife Sarah Horton, and their large family relocated to Cummington, Massachusetts. Elisha was a Revlounitary War veteran, and he may have been granted land in exchange for service in the war. One of their children, Jarvis, was 14 when they moved to Cummington. Jarvis married Elizabeth Hall in 1814 at Rome, New York. The father Elisha died in 1827 of small pox.

The land in that area of New York was not very fertile for cultivation. Franklin Mason, son of Jarvis, was an adventuresome lad, and he and some other men ventured into the new state of Ohio in 1833. Franklin's good news of more fertile lands must have prompted Jarvis Mason to consider moving his family to the west. In 1834, the following spring, Jarvis Mason with his family and others packed up their possessions in covered wagons and set off for Ohio. The trails were primitive and the pace was slow. Finally they arrived in Allen County, Ohio. At that time, Lima was the county seat of Allen County. Lima had been chartered a town in 1831. When the Jarvis Mason family arrived, they found a parade ground and a few log cabins, some primitive log buildings, and the Peltier Trading Post/Country Store. The family stayed in an abandoned log cabin for a short time until they were able to purchase some land in Bath Township, northeast of Lima, in the area known as the Sugar Creek Settlement.

One of the families that accompanied them was Jarvis' younger sister, Hannah, her husband, and four children. The Bridges family stayed nearby for a short time before removing to Wood County, Ohio. In 1838 Hannah died and is buried at Ft. Meigs Cemetery near Toledo. There are still members of that family in Wood County.

Walter also read this from an old newspaper article:

Jarvis Mason, 25 years of age, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Hall, 16 years of age, were united in marriage at Rome, Oneida County, New York in 1814. Rome, New York, is located east and north of Syracuse. Jarvis, Elizabeth, and their children Franklin, Eliza, Laura, Jane, Jeanette, Sumner, and George Alden along with Hannah and Darius Bridges and their children Caroline, Samuel, Nancy, and Orpha left Remsen, New York, in the spring of 1834 for the Ohio Country. Hannah Bridges was the younger sister of Jarvis Mason. It was early in the spring and the roads were not yet settled. Two big teams of oxen under yoke each pulling a covered wagon headed the procession; cattle, sheep, and boys ran helter-skelter to keep the animals from scattering. a large part of their way to Ohio was slow progress through the woods. It was weeks before they emerged from the forest. Finally they reached the town of Lima, a parade ground with a few cabins and primitive buildings. They first lived in an abandoned cabin for a short while, which was located just south of the river. They soon purchased some land in Bath Township, Allen County, near what is called the Sugar Creek Settlement. They cleared the land and built their first log cabin. Soon after Hannah and Darius Bridges left and relocated in Wood County, Ohio. In 1838 Hanna Mason Bridges died and was buried at the Ft. Meigs Cemetery. Later in 1850 Darius Bridges died and is buried next to Hannah at the Ft. Meigs Cemetery.



20/20 HINDSIGHT

All five Ohio colonies are moving forward with their responsibilities for the May 1-2nd 2020 event in Columbus. The goal of our committees is to have an event that will honor our Mayflower Ancestors, learn more about them and their lives, have fun! Our featured speaker will be D. Joshua Taylor the noted genealogist and entertaining speaker.

Invitations will be mailed to all the members of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants in mid-January of 2020, and about two weeks later to the various Ohio Genealogical and Heritage Societies. As mentioned previously attendance will be capped at 180 and responses will be "first come- first serve" so respond early. We are planning on having several ways to register; on-line with Pay Pal and by mail. We hope to see many of you in period dress to honor our brave ancestors. Hotel reservations will be open on May 20, 2019. Don't forget to reserve your hotel room early as mentioned before this is the same weekend as Ohio State graduation.

Other opportunities to participate in the 2020 celebration is the BRING THEM ALL ON BAORD challenge, by getting all your eligible relatives to apply for Mayflower membership the person who brings in the most new members in their family will receive a prize at the event. You also have the chance for a prize with the Challenge from Western Reserve Colony, see September 2018 issue of the Buckeye Mayflower on the Ohio Mayflower Descendants web site, by tracking points for your Mayflower Activities. For more information and the point tally sheet is on the website under Newsletters.

The refurbishing of the *MAYFLOWER II* is now almost completed at the Mystic Seaport in Groton, CT. Plymouth Plantation is leading this effort and from their website you can watch the progress of the massive rebuilding of the ship. The Ohio colonies have been asked to participate in the PENNIES FOR PLANKS program to help pay for this project. Get a piggy bank or mason jar and save your loose change you can bring this to your compact Day meeting in 2019 and your colony treasurer will forward the money thru the Ohio Mayflower treasurer to Plymouth Plantation for Mayflower II. The 2019 Compact Day will be the last time to participate.

Beth Anderson, 2020 Committee Chair

Ohio Mayflower 2020 Event with D. Joshua Taylor May 1-2, 2020

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY – OPENING RESERVATION DATE May 20, 2019.

Polaris Hilton, Columbus OH

Reservation # 855-680-3239

Identify as Ohio Mayflower 2020 event

400 Point Challenge Registration

2019 is here and it is time to Register for The 400 Point Challenge organized by Western Reserve Colony. Fall and Winter 2018 Buckeye Mayflower articles introduced the program to encourage members of all ages to expand their Mayflower involvement and exploration during the next 2 years and to earn prize for doing so. Point counting is on the honor system and while the website has a sample tracking sheet, you are encouraged to be creative in additional ways to earn points. For example, have you purchased the official Ohio Mayflower pin and/or the pink ribbon to show off your pins? If so, give yourself 10 points.

So, Western Reserve needs to know who is entering the 400 Point Challenge so we can plan for the creation of the awards for those who earn at least 400 points. Go to the Ohio Mayflower website, ohiomayflower.org, and click on the 400 Point Challenge Registration Form listed next to the link to the Spring 2019 newsletter. If you are receiving this newsletter by email, it is attached. Instructions are on the form for either mailing the registration form or emailing it. Register now so you don't forget!! And share your ideas on how you are earning points with other members...Do you own the replica Howland spoon? Should be good for 10 points! Happy Counting!

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony has been very busy over the last few months preparing for the annual meeting. We had a meeting in January to discuss the agenda and menu. This meeting took place at the Marriott hotel, the venue where the annual meeting will be held. We have arranged for two very interesting speakers that everyone should enjoy. The invitations for the annual meeting have been printed and will be sent out over the next few weeks. In this newsletter there is also a copy of the invitation that you may use. The next Cincinnati Colony meeting will be on March 23rd. We will be hearing from our scholarship winner from Xavier University and finalizing our plans for the annual meeting.

Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2019 Spring Business Meeting: The plans are under way for the colony annual Spring Business meeting Sunday April 7, 2019. We are meeting at the Penitentiary Glen Nature Park in Kirtland; Ohio and the program will be “Halles on the Road”. Samuel H. Halle, who founded the Halle Bros. Co. department store with his brother, established his summer home far from the city in Kirtland, Ohio. Besides a summer house, the Halles added other extravagant amenities including a suspension bridge, a cottage, a horse stable, a vineyard, a rose garden, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and an air strip. The suspension bridge, built in the 1920s, was one-of-a-kind in Kirtland, and connected the summer house to a small cottage on the other side of the gorge. The Lake County Metro Park website is <http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/penitentiary-glen-reservation>. As always, lite refreshments will be served.

2019 Summer Event: The board is tentatively planning the June summer event at Hale Farm Park and Village located in Bath, Ohio. It will be a family-oriented event and fun for everyone. More details to come in the May colony report.

2019 Compact Day: The annual November 16, 2019 Compact Day buffet luncheon was held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. We are sharing our keynote speaker Governor General George Garmany with the Western Reserve Colony due to the Western Reserve Historical Society booking signing Friday November 15. His program will be “Captivities – Terrorism at the turn of the 18th Century that discusses Colonial New England events of the French and Indian Wars that affected Mayflower Descendants in the late 1600’s and early 1700’s”. He will also touch on the upcoming GSMD 2020 400-year event. Our colony is honored to welcome Governor General Garmany to our event and Cleveland. In addition, we have invited the Cocchiola family to sing two of their patriotic songs. They sang at the Western Reserve Colony State Assembly Day two years ago and was enjoyed by all. As in the past, we opened the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests.

Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Alan Davis, a new member of Columbus Colony, who will show pictures and share experiences of his trip to Plimoth Plantation. Many of us have never been there. Sharon Hendershot will provide a short presentation on 17th Century Clothing and will encourage members with Pilgrim clothing to wear them. Lee Martin, State Deputy Historian will share his experiences serving on the Mayflower Honor Guard.

Our Fall meeting will be November 9, 2019 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Susan Reid, retired teacher from Newark. She will tell us about Johnny Clem, a nine year old boy from



Newark who ran away from home in the spring of 1861 to join the Union Army. He served first as a drummer at Shiloh and in the Battle of Nashville as a sergeant when he was 13. He retired as a Major General after a long military career.

Dr. Ebert reminds us that the \$1000 Winifred Schamp Scholarship is available to any junior member who is presently a high school senior or attending post-secondary education. An application is enclosed with this newsletter.

Requirements are the same as last year.

The General Mayflower Society has a number of Family Societies. Information will be available at the April meeting for those interested.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

On 20 December 2018, a complete set of Mayflower books was presented to the Williams County Library, Local History Center, in Bryan. An article will be in the March issue of the Buckeye Mayflower. Once again Toledo Colony thanks the B.O.A. for making these sets of books available to libraries around the state and for allowing each colony the opportunity to nominate those libraries in the colony's territory that will best make the books available to those researching their ancestry. We have asked the State Finance Committee to set aside \$3,200 for two more libraries in the T. C. area to receive books in 2019-2020 budget year.

Two long-term members died recently. Jane/Minna Mierke died on 1 May, three days before the 61st anniversary of her acceptance into Mayflower. Well-known genealogist and Mayflower enthusiast Marjorie Waterfield died on 27 December. All those associated with Toledo Colony who died in 2018 will be remembered in the Memorial Service at the 30 March meeting.

Thank you to Sheri Bannister and Heather Reichert for their service to the colony. Sheri was Secretary under Ric Harner's leadership and continued under our present leadership. She also was a colony board member and offered many interesting ideas for meetings and activities. She has resigned due to health concerns. Heather has been our colony representative to State Board of Assistants and has been on our colony board for almost two years. She has resigned so other members can have the opportunity and privilege of serving.

Toledo Colony is offering a \$1,000 grant to a T.C. Junior Member aged 11 -17 to help with travel to Plymouth, MA, and the Pilgrim sites there in 2019 or 2020. The J.M.'s name must be submitted in writing before the 30 March meeting. At that time, one name will be drawn from those submitted. Details are in the colony newsletter, on the State website, and have been mailed to each qualifying Junior Member.

The slate of officers and board members for spring, 2019 – spring, 2022 will be presented for approval at the March meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Members must realize that help is needed for the colony to function smoothly and survive.

Lt. Governor **OPEN**
 Deputy Lt. Gov. Judy (Hutchison) Rand
 Secretary **OPEN**
 Treasurer Jeffrey Stoll
 Elder David Martin
 Compact Chair John MacDonald
 Program Chair **OPEN**
 Board Member Paula (Beckhusen) Niederhauser
 Junior Member Chair **OPEN**
 Representative to State Board of Assistants **OPEN**

On Saturday, 30 March, the spring meeting will be held at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, beginning with fellowship at 11:30. Meal cost is \$15. Reservations should be made with Jeff Stoll, willowcove@lighthouse.net, 906-440-5088. Pat Hasser will speak on Herbs and Their Uses in Colonial Days. Her herbal products will be for sale and plants will be on display. Information has been sent in the colony newsletter to all members and preliminaries and is on the State website.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

COLONY ELECTIONS THIS YEAR! WR will hold its triennial elections at the November meeting. Colony members are encouraged to let Nominations Chair Paul Morehouse (or Lt. Gov. Jill Parker) know if they are interested in serving on the Leadership Team, either in an elected or appointed capacity. Elected Positions are Lt. Gov, Deputy Lt. Gov., Treasurer, Historian, Elder, Communications Secretary, Board of Assistants Representative. Appointed positions include Jr. Member Coordinator, Assistant Historian, and Information & Sales Coordinator, and any other position you think we should have!!! **Let us know how you would like to help!!!**

Special Need: Would you like to help us by creating Save the Date and Program Information / Reservation flyers and emailing them to our members? This is a great way for you to help out and be part of our leadership team. Contact Jill Parker (wrcolonysmdoh@gmail.com), subject line FLYERS if you can help out. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for these events. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:

March Gathering: Our March Meeting 2019 will be on **Saturday, March 16 at 11:30** – 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, sharing her “Wampanoag” program with us. This is a follow up to the program Jan did for WR last year on “The Pilgrims – 1620”.

June 15 Picnic at Greentown Community Park at noon. No Charge. Bring side dish or dessert and your place setting if you are able.

September 22 Gathering, Sunday at 11:30. Program TBA.

November visit by the General Society Governor General George Garmany: (1) Great Book Signing at Western Reserve Historical Society – on Friday Nov. 15 (details TBD). at Western Reserve Historical Society, (2) WR Compact Day Gathering – **Sunday Nov 17.**

Mayflower Maize Games Update – following the initial rollout in 2017, we have sold 48 cardboard box versions and 77 Wooden Anniversary box editions. We still have a few left. See our Sales Table at our gatherings.

Ancestry Box Update – We have sold 21, raising over \$750 for the SMDOH 2020 event. Contact Jill Parker to order this box.

Mayflower Guard – Ohio Guarantor Program (providing financial assistance to those who need outfitting for Guard participation as well as financial assistance for mileage, etc.) – 16 donors so far. Contact Jill Parker for details on this program.

Colony Roster available WR members, if you would like a copy of the roster of our current members (which changes frequently), please email Jill at WRColonySMDOH@gmail.com. Please let her know if you want a paper copy or an electronic copy.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16 2019: Western Reserve Colony spring meeting, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

March 23, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

March 30, 2019: Toledo Colony spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village, fellowship 11:30 a.m.

April 7, 2019: Cleveland Colony spring business meeting, Penitentiary Glen Nature Park in Kirtland, Ohio

April 13, 2019: Columbus Colony meeting at Kensington Place, details TBD

May 1-4, 2019: OGS Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

May 17-18, 2019: Ohio Mayflower state assembly, hosted by the Cincinnati Colony

June 1, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

June 15 2019: Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, pot luck

September 7, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

September 15, 2019: Western Reserve Colony fall meeting, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

November 2, 2019: Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

November 9, 2019: Columbus Colony Compact Day, Kensington Place

November 15, 2019: Great Book Signing, Western Reserve Historical Society

November 16, 2018: Cleveland Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany, Lakewood Country Club

November 17, 2018: Western Reserve Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

January 1, 2020: Tournament of Roses parade with Mayflower float

March 21, 2020: Western Reserve spring meeting

April 11, 2020: Columbus Colony meeting and election of officers

May 1-2, 2020: 2020 Commemoration, Polaris Hilton, Columbus

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!

Are you thinking about going to Massachusetts in 2020? If so, you need to start planning now as hotel space for the events in September surrounding Congress are scarce. Ohio will be sending a delegation to the business meetings for Congress. Governor Sandra St. Martin will be collecting names for that delegation in January.

Have you seen the schedule of events? The schedule is posted on the website of the General Society, www.themayflowersociety.org. In order to see the full schedule and other content in the members only section of the website, you need to set up a free account. Click on the Login link on the home page and then on the "Don't have an account" link at the bottom of the page. Answer the questions on the next screen and then click the Register button. You will need to know your General Society number to create the account. It is on the certificate you received when you joined, your membership card if you have requested one or on the copy of your approved application. If you can't find it, contact Ann Gulbransen, Historian at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com to get your number.

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Restoration of Mayflower II on Schedule!

MYSTIC, Conn. (AP) — The restoration process for the Mayflower II is going according to schedule.

The Day reports that the director of maritime preservation and operations at Plimoth Plantation, Whit Perry, says he expects the replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to the New World in 1620 to be in the water by September.

The ship is in the process of getting a \$7.5 million makeover in time for the 2020 festivities marking the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing.

It has been in dry dock at Mystic Seaport Museum's preservation shipyard since 2016. The replica dates to the mid-1950s.

Remaining work includes planking the upper sections of the hull, ballasting the hull and installing the masts.

Senior shipwright Walter Ansel says the restoration is expected to last 60 years.

