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## A message from our Governor

I knew immediately what my topic for this newsletter would be---New England weather. In Massachusetts this February, roofs were collapsing and transit systems were down. There was no place to put the snow and competition over parking spaces was fierce. After speaking to my parents on the phone, I learned that they paid a neighbor to clear 4 feet of snow from the roof of their home in Massachusetts. Access to the roof was gained through climbing a snow bank, not a ladder.



I wondered what that snow and the chilling temperatures would do to thatched roofs and quickly constructed Pilgrim homes of 1620? Since Plimouth Plantation has a reconstructed 17<sup>th</sup> century village, I figured they'd be the people to ask. It's been ten days and I've heard nothing. Maybe they went to Florida on the Mayflower II? Oh, well! ( I did hear from them after almost a month of waiting! They said they are collecting information and will get back to me!)

According to the internet, Boston did not permit thatched roofs after 1631 because of a perceived fire hazard. Massachusetts outlawed the use of thatched roofs in 1640 for another reason. Thatch is lighter than most other roofing materials so a lighter support structure could be used to support a thatched roof. But if snow accumulates on a lightly constructed thatched roof, it could collapse. For those of you who haven't experienced New England snow, I can verify that it is measured in feet, not inches. The snow is very heavy, not fluffy, and you can see the water in it. It's great for making snowmen, forts, and snow balls. It's tough on adults and buildings.

Apparently, it didn't take the New Englanders long to make other adjustments to New England winters. Most notably, barns and other out buildings were built attached to the house. Why go outside to milk the cows if you don't have to? Perhaps New England life was more relaxing before the days of commuting to work and dependence on grocery and department stores? Right now the warmth of the fire and the aroma of a pot of soup seems pretty good.

Sandra Carkin St. Martin

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

### Giving the Past as a Present!

Have you ever thought about giving Mayflower membership as a gift to one of your family members? Have you hesitated because you were not sure how to make the gift a surprise? Have no fear, your historian team is willing to help you conspire to give membership gifts as surprises. As always, our process starts with a preliminary application which you can download from [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org). For a surprise gift, we will accept your signature on the preliminary application. Fill it out with the person's real address including email, but attach a note that this will be a surprise and include your contact information. We will make sure to only communicate with you until you are ready to give your gift. You will need to figure out how to get the required documentation and to get the finished application signed without the recipient knowing what he or she is signing!



If you want inspiration, Carolyn White from the Columbus Colony has just given membership to her daughter Shannon as a Christmas present. She conspired with Shannon's husband to get all the documentation she needed and was able to get Shannon's signature without really showing her the whole document.

We have several other surprises in progress so join the fun!

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One thing to remember, if you are helping a junior member in your family become a full member or are working on a surprise, the Historian General requires that all applications be brought up to modern documentation standards. If your application was approved a long time ago, we may need to ask you to provide additional documentation to make it current. If you have questions about what might be needed, please contact us. Ann can be reached at [ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com) and Lee can be reached at [buckeyemayflower@gmail.com](mailto:buckeyemayflower@gmail.com).



### GSMD Annual Commendation Award

Each year, the General Society gives a Commendation Award to members nominated by their state Societies. In June of 2013 WRC nominated Ann F. Gulbransen for the Annual Commendation Award. In July 2013 WRC was notified by the selection committee that only one nomination for the award is accepted annually and that a nomination had already been submitted from the Ohio Board of Assistants. For this reason, our nomination would be held until the 2014 awards.

At the September 2014 Triennial Congress Ann Fox Gulbransen received well deserved National Recognition.

Here is the text from the congress minutes:

- Patricia Huprich, Lt. Governor of the Western Reserve Colony of the Ohio Mayflower Society presents Ann Fox Gulbransen for recognition today. Ann has served seven years as State Historian, and in that time has processed 513 preliminary and supplemental applications. She gives freely of her personal time assisting the applicants through the process, and decreased the time of completion. At the present time, she is entering all members into a database reducing the rental space necessary to store file cabinets for all past members. This system also allows easy accessibility to all colonies. As the Assistant State Treasurer, she has developed a budget, all the while serving on the State Newsletter Committee. She is indeed a multi-tasker.

We congratulate Ann on this award. Her continuous and untiring support of and activity within the WRC and SMDOH is tremendously appreciated. Thank You!!

Past recipients from Ohio were Evelyn Worstell and Jan Kleinline. Do you know someone who should be next?

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Milestones — August 2014-February 2015

#### Years since election to membership

Shirley Cordingly, 60 years, January 1955  
 Martha Bishop, 60 years, January 1955  
 Audrey Gomez, 60 years, January 1955  
 Olive Priest, 50 years, October 1964  
 John Burns, 45 years, October 1969  
 Beth Voltz, 45 years, October 1969  
 Rose Shilt, 45 years, January 1970  
 Carole Kern, 45 years, January 1970  
 Mary Stassell, 40 years October 1974  
 Patricia Stebbins, 40 years, October 1974  
 Cynthia Swilley, 40 years, October 1974  
 Lucy Sekerka, 40 years, January 1975  
 Mills Judy, 35 years, October 1979  
 Cameron Morton, 35 years, October 1979  
 Joseph Ray, 30 years, October 1984  
 Richard Schmidt, 30 years, October 1984  
 Robert Schmidt, 30 years, October 1984  
 Cleora Chapin, 30 years, January 1985  
 Andrew Wallace, 30 years, January 1985  
 Maria Berry, 25 years, October 1989  
 Norma Cowan, 25 years, October 1989  
 Craig Gerhart, 25 years, October 1989  
 Carole Keith, 25 years, October 1989  
 Dorothy Leik, 25 years, October 1989  
 Cynthia Schlett, 25 years, October 1989  
 Lesley Stavola, 25 years, October 1989  
 Candace Puma, 25 years, October 1989  
 Christine Lieb, 25 years, October 1989  
 Robert Voltz, 25 years, October 1989  
 Mark Shellhorn, 25 years, January 1990

#### Milestone Birthdays

Sandra Schmitt, January 5  
 Adella Shearman, January 18  
 Patricia McCandless, February 3  
 Sylvia McGregor, February 7  
 Mary Elizabeth Anderson, February 17  
 Patricia Huprich, August 9  
 Martha Noreault, August 11  
 Susan Brown, August 16  
 Richard Harner, August 22  
 Joan Lehr, August 23  
 Mary Keller, August 28  
 William Shumaker, September 8  
 Susan Fisher, September 13  
 Marvin Lare, September 22  
 Clifford Armstrong, October 4  
 Edwin Wallace, October 10  
 Jeanine Roediger, October 15  
 John Lennon, October 18  
 Ruth Cook, October 21  
 Jan Duncan, October 23  
 Donald Burgess, October 26  
 Joan Weiss, October 27  
 John Snow, November 8  
 Thomas Stanton, November 20  
 Vivian Harig, November 22  
 Mary Ann Knack, November 22  
 Barbara Tucker, November 30  
 Robert Coltrin, December 6  
 Richard Petrencsik, December 16  
 Dorothy Painter, December 31

**Congratulations to all these members! If you see them, wish them well!**

## SHARE YOUR STORY

In a recent edition of the Pilgrim White Society newsletter, they initiated a new feature called Share Your Story. We would like to do the same thing in this newsletter and use this as an opportunity for any Ohio member to tell the story of how she/he became a member and anything else she/he wants to share. The first installments tell the story of Joan Barrett of the Toledo Colony written by her son Michael and a story by Kathleen Lambacher of Western Reserve Colony about her father. If you have a story you would like to tell (about yourself or another member), please send it to [ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com).

### ***Pilgrim's "Process" towards proving a lost lineage***

It all started with a hunch, thus leading to suspicions, profuse investigating, nascent questioning, some soul-crushing doubt, and finally a *Eureka* moment resulting in a successful conclusion. The entire process lasted the better part of five years and juxtaposed the tried and true elements of traditional genealogy research with the innovative techniques of modern biomedical science, statistics, and a clever methodology. Here's a story on proving a Mayflower lineage using your paternal DNA, ample time and plenty of luck.

The journey embarked 14 Oct 2009 when I spontaneously had the idea to investigate the lineage of my mother's father. His lineage was a question mark, but one thing was certain—we all knew he had English roots. No one in our family even remotely fathomed how deep those roots were in the great American narrative. It turns out my late cousin, one Janet Richardson, knew just how far those roots stretched when she sleuthed the lineage several decades ago—back in a time when correspondence genealogy and microfiche viewing were among the standard canon of genealogical research. DNA, used only by genetic scientists in cutting-edge university labs, was still in its infancy. Today, DNA is an undisputable and unquestioned tool of genealogical research.

The DNA lab our family used to prove our lineage may be familiar to some readers, that is, Family Tree DNA (<http://www.familytreedna.com>). This lab works out of the world-renowned genetics testing apparatus of the University of Arizona. Decades ago, DNA sequencing would have cost tens of thousands of dollars per sample; now, it can be ordered online by anyone for around a hundred dollars per test kit (prices depend on test precision level).

Using Family Tree DNA, I was able to meet and work with a cousin online—of whom I never knew before, and may not have without the unique DNA matching feature of this site. He lives in Iowa and he is a direct descendant of the first of my mother's patrilineal ancestors— Henry Rowley, Planter, of Plymouth (emigrated 1632). His lineage is the one that connects to Mayflower passenger, Edward Fuller, through a son/daughter-in-law marriage. The problem, was that primary vital records were noticeably absent between the late-1700s and mid-1800s.

This "vital records gap" is a very common impediment for family lineage researchers and the reason is simple: pioneer ancestors departed the confines of "vital-records rich" New England and removed into the western wilderness of New York and Pennsylvania. They were essentially outpacing the *record keepers* in their Conestoga wagon trains, vying to claim their War of 1812 land bounties and seeking the promise of new wealth and economic opportunities.

Since early-American New England was already burdened with high population growth pre-industrial revolution, the antecedent agrarian economy was not producing wealth commensurate with the high-growth rate. This led to a thin job market at a time pre-dating social safety nets. The absence of historical records during this antebellum period is common and hence, consequential in having American Ancestors who chose a life of pioneering—akin to the spirit of their Pilgrim forebears. The Pilgrim Fathers also left the relative comfort of their society in order to seek new lives, freedoms, religious expressions and new personal identities.



Joan Barrett gs # 87,482 on board the Mayflower II

Using my maternal uncle's DNA (David L. Rowley), we were able to match his Y-chromosomal DNA using 67 out of 67 markers in a unique region of the Y-chromosome (called single tandem repeats -STRs) in which genetic variation is expected over the course of around 10-12 generations. This variation is simply the mutation of which Watson-Crick nucleotide base-pairs are exchanged and substituted by their opposite base-pairs. The mutation rate is statistically random and hypothesized to be triggered by background irradiation of the somatic cell lines over the course of a male lineage in roughly two-century spans. This rate is predicted using statistical models, bioinformatics simulations and measured through experimentation.



Mayflower II at dock in Plymouth

The statistical possibility of matching all 67 markers with another cousin who has an approved Mayflower lineage, rich in vital records, and spanning the 10 generation limit meant that there is an exceedingly minute likelihood that this could have occurred by chance alone. There is an over 98% confidence that the match shows a definitive lineal relationship.

Thus, the Mayflower application, using traditional vital records, a standard research regimen, and ingenious genetics testing techniques mitigated two circumstantial ancestors in our lineal application procedure. That the drama lasted five years until science provided a most welcome resolution was especially gratifying to a B.S. in biology graduate from college—myself.

Michael Barrett Jr

“To name a thing is to manifest the meaning and value God gave it.” And so the name “Gratitude here is the meaning of the 2nd Commandment—expressing action always timely.

## Gratitude

My desire is to serve others with the kind of help my father gave people when their lives reflected grief, struggles and imperfections. My father was a surgeon in Muskegon, Michigan beginning his medical practice there during the earliest years of the great depression.

During this time, a lot of the patients he saw were those who arrived in the Hospital's emergency room seeking treatment for stab wounds. In trying to find out from them what happened, not only would they not tell him but they would never divulge who did it. Every one of these patients lived in near, poor black neighborhoods.

In those days, every doctor made house calls, but Dad was the only Muskegon doctor to make house calls in this part of town, surely because fear was out of the question not being in his heart, and certainly because he believed what it said in the Hippocratic Oath about “having utmost respect for human life from its beginning.”

The purpose of Dad's house calls was to follow up his emergency surgery with any necessary medical care, including making sure that his instructions were being followed and that healing was taking place. Grateful patients made payments to him with their service of cleaning his car and with squirrels that had been carefully skinned. Mother was quoted as being thankful the squirrels were skinned and these gifts were received with gratitude.

Every home my father entered he would introduce to his patients, discussing with them and their families the art of making what he called bread pudding. The noble ingredients were all the fresh leftovers from every food category found at the time at hand. Bread pudding was an original recipe mixed together in a bowl, poured into a pan and baked onto goodness. It was another meal, every time.

My father was Shattuck Wellman Hartwell, MD, eleven generations forward from bloodline ancestors William Bradford and William Brewster, passengers on the Mayflower voyage which terminated at Plymouth, New England, December 1620.

Kathleen Lambacher, May 2014

## New Junior Members!

**Welcome to the following Junior Members, sponsored August 2014-February 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Colony</b>
Jordan McCullough	Myles Standish	Carolyn White	grandmother	COL
Jordan Xander	Myles Standish	Carolyn White	Grandmother	COL
Latham Alexandra	William Brewster	John Latham	Grandfather	CLE
Latham John	William Brewster	John Latham	Grandfather	CLE
Latham William	William Brewster	John Latham	Grandfather	CLE
Powell Anna	William Bradford	JoAnne Powell	Grandmother	COL
Powell Adalyn	William Bradford	JoAnne Powell	Grandmother	COL
Lucus Cabrera	William Bradford	JoAnne Powell	Grandmother	COL
Michael Anderson	William Brewster	Beth Anderson	Grandmother	CIN
Dillon Anderson	William Brewster	Beth Anderson	Grandmother	CIN
Kaitlin Carlisle	Edward Fuller	Christopher Carlisle	Father	COL
John Carlisle	Edward Fuller	Christopher Carlisle	Father	COL
Cole Forte	John Howland	Sheryl Forte	Grandmother	COL
Christopher Simmons	William Bradford	Judy Simmons	Grandmother	COL
Tatianna Simmons	William Bradford	Judy Simmons	Grandmother	COL
Amelia Leonard	Richard Warren	Jan Leonard	Grandmother	COL
Caden Leonard	Richard Warren	Jan Leonard	Grandmother	COL
Anthony Dunlap	George Soule	Julia Lambert	Great-Aunt	COL
Carmen Dunlap	George Soule	Julia Lambert	Great-Aunt	COL
Olga Budke	Edward Fuller	Dr. Heidi Budke	Mother	TOL
Dane Budke	Edward Fuller	Dr. Heidi Budke	Mother	TOL
Serena Hayden	Thomas Rogers	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Mason Hayden	Thomas Rogers	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Melyssa Donovan	William Brewster	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Bailey Donovan	Stephen Hopkins	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Jane Fanning	Thomas Rogers	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Samantha Fanning	William Brewster	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Everly Fanning	Stephen Hopkins	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Maximus Fanning	Thomas Rogers	Beth Anderson	Great-Aunt	CIN
Christopher Philbeck	Edward Doty	Jack Elston	Great-Grandfather	COL
Olivia Manalansan	Edward Doty	Jack Elston	Great-Grandfather	COL
Cooper Holman	William Bradford	Colleen Bodin	Aunt	COL
Cadence Holman	William Bradford	Colleen Bodin	Aunt	COL
Charlotte Bodin	William Bradford	Colleen Bodin	Mother	COL
Paige Holman	William Bradford	Colleen Bodin	Aunt	COL
Brooks Bodin	William Bradford	Colleen Bodin	Mother	COL
Aubrey Brown	John Howland	Carmen Brown	Mother	COL

At the Congress held this past September, I had the opportunity to shop at the Plymouth Plantation Book Store. I came across two books that I'd recommend to you. The first, written by Caleb Johnson, is "Here I shall Die A Shore". For those with Stephen Hopkins as a forbearer, you will find this very interesting as it recounts his ship wreck adventure. He was sentenced to death, but because of his heart felt pleading he was spared. It does into some considerable detail about his time with the Pilgrim group and in the years following their establishment at the New Plymouth. The second book is also by Caleb Johnson, "The Mayflower And Her Passengers". It's an excellent compendium of all those who made the voyage and their histories. Examples of how they were noted in the records of Plymouth are also a part of the book.

Dr. Donald N. Nichols, Assistant Governor

## OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

### The Significance of the Remarkable Mayflower Compact

Jacob Ferguson

November 1620 was a time of great uncertainty for the passengers of the Mayflower. Having just landed on the coast of Cape Cod, the pilgrims realized they had arrived outside of their intended destination within the Virginia Company's jurisdiction (Churchill, 1956). Problems arose shortly thereafter among the passengers and crew, leading to the drafting and signing of the Mayflower Compact to quell the difficulties. The significance of this document is two-fold in how it impacted the lives of the pilgrims and shaped the future of America and thus the world.

The first reason the Mayflower Compact is remarkable is due to the fact that it kept the group of pilgrims together in a time of great uncertainty. Since they landed outside of their intended zone, the patent the pilgrims had been following was invalid. This factor led to a rise in discontent among some of the crew and passengers due to separate factions of differing religious views as well as differing social statuses (Mayflower and the Mayflower Compact, 2014). If the Mayflower Compact had not been drafted and signed to bring civil unity, then it is possible that the group would have been dismantled at some point. Had a separation occurred, it is likely that none would have survived and the voyage of the Mayflower would have ended in vain. Sickness and starvation made life difficult for the pilgrims in the early years of Plymouth. One author writes "If everyone didn't pull together for the common good, they might all starved in the wilderness" (Ammerman, 2014). If the group had not stayed together they may not have survived at all. Clearly the Mayflower Compact was instrumental in keeping the voyagers together and ensuring their survival in the New World.



The second reason that the Mayflower Compact was considered remarkable is summed up by Churchill himself. He stated that it was "...a spontaneous covenant for political organization" (Churchill, 1956). The Mayflower Compact was able to bring the group together in a time of need. It helped to bind the people together, stating that they sought to be a civil body to better preserve their future. They sought elements like equal and just laws, ordinances, constitutions and other democratic ideas to benefit the colony and all who dwelt within. These same elements can be found in later documents and ideas of democracy. President John Quincy Adams once said that the compact was "the only instance in human history of that positive, original, social compact" (Adams, 1837). This compact became a source for the ideas that lead to democracy being foundational in the United States in the years to come. The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are both believed to have been influenced by the Mayflower Compact (Mayflower and the Mayflower Compact, 2014). The signing of the Mayflower Compact sparked the idea of civil unity and democratic ideas that can now be seen throughout the world. At no other time in history had such an agreement been made for the good of the people. In this way the Mayflower Compact is certainly one of the most remarkable documents ever draw up in such a spontaneous matter.

Winston Churchill is correct in his evaluation of the Mayflower Compact. The remarkable document helped keep the band of pilgrims together after landing away from their intended destination, ensuring their survival in America. The compact also spread ideas of civil unity and democracy, which was significant in the shaping of America and its influence on the rest of the world. Due to these reasons, Churchill is correct in stating that it was a truly remarkable historic document.

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## Mayflower Names—Where in Ohio??

### Part One



**ALDEN:** an unincorporated village in Washington County, Ohio, southwest of Marietta. The library at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, is named the Alden Library.

**BREWSTER:** a village of 2,112, as of the 2010 Federal Census, located in western Stark County, Ohio. The village is home of Shearer Foods, the Brewster Works of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad and the Brewster Dairy, owner of the largest Swiss cheese plant in the United States.

**BRADFORD:** a village of 1,842 located on the Darke County, Miami County, Ohio line. It is home to the Bradford Railroad Museum which is open Saturdays from April through December from 10-4.

**EATON:** a village of 8,407 in Preble County, Ohio and county seat of Preble County. Many of the town's streets are named for heroes from the First Barbary War and the Second Barbary War in north Africa. There is also an Eaton in Lorain County.

**FLETCHER:** an unincorporated village of 473 in Miami County, Ohio, not far from Dayton, Ohio. The village is heavily dependent upon agriculture for sustenance.

**HOWLAND:** the only township in Ohio named for this Mayflower family. It has 19,451 residents and was founded near Warren in Trumbull County, Ohio, by Joseph Howland, a descendant of John of the Mayflower.

**PLYMOUTH:** a village of 1,857 on the boundary of Huron and Richland Counties in north central Ohio. The village was home of Plymouth Locomotive Works which manufactured industrial railroad engines and the Plymouth Motor Car Company, which manufactured Plymouth cars before Chrysler Motor Company. There is a second Plymouth in Ashtabula County.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Toledo Colony Member Highlight

Paula Niederhauser has been a Mayflower Society member since October of 1988 and a member of the Toledo Colony all of that time. She and husband Don live on land that borders Maumee Bay State Park on Lake Erie, affording them many pleasant opportunities to observe the wildlife in the area.

Currently Paula is the colony representative to the State Board of Assistants. Her healthy laugh and hearty smile greet colony members, as Paula is the keeper of the nametags for colony events. As a descendant of George Soule (through daughter Susanna), she is joined by several cousins at colony meetings. Paula's mother, Frieda (Huss) Beckhusen, was one of the earliest family members to join Mayflower. Frieda's involvement encouraged two of her sisters to join the Mayflower Society also. Now all three of Paula and Don's daughters are members, and three of their grandchildren have been winners of the Ohio Society's State Scholarships. Paula is also the Junior Member Coordinator for the Toledo Colony



While growing up, Paula played trombone in school and then later in the church worship band. She graduated from Findlay College (its name then) in the early 1960's and went on to teach physical education and retarded and severely retarded students (the name used then). During her 30 years of teaching, Paula taught at Lakota High School, the Cloverleaf Public Schools near Akron, and with the Toledo Public Schools, including at Fassett Junior High and Jay Schuer in Oregon, Ohio.

Now in retirement, not only is Paula busy in Mayflower, but she and Don are well known for their work with the Gideons and in their church, plus they love to spend time with their grandchildren.

#### Coming: The "Sense"—ational 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly

Toledo Colony invites you to northwestern Ohio for the State Annual Assembly on Friday evening, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 is the social gathering. The sense used will be hearing. Two talented colony members will sing and play a musical portion of each hour, including some songs from our Pilgrims' era. The rest of each hour will be set aside for greeting our Mayflower cousins, thus using the sense of speech.

Saturday morning from 9:00 – 10:00, action (well, subdued action) is the name of the game. Plan to touch games that have continued since the Pilgrim era. Try your hand at draughts, boss-out, spanners, toss and catch, and hubbub plus games on paper about the Pilgrims. If you wish to try walking on stilts, please note that on your reservation, and we'll have a pair there for you!

After eating your tasty entrée at 12:30, we will hear about and see one of the few remaining copies of Justification of Separation from the Church of England, the book by our Pilgrims Pastor John Robinson, published in 1610. Watch for your more formal invitation to arrive by postal service in late March. That leaves time to make your reservation with the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg (a Toledo suburb at I-80 and I-75) and your luncheon reservations, per the details in the formal invitation. We look forward to a "sense"—ational time together!

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

### *Lessons from the Colonies*

If asked to name some of the Leaders from the early days in the Colonies, most of us would provide names like Bradford or Carver. Like today, the early communities were established, grew and thrived because of the unsung, behind the scenes work of so many volunteers.

An ancestor might have served as town surveyor because he was good at math. Another might have served as a sort of mediator because he could read (contracts) and was a creative problem solver. These were not full time positions; the individuals would have made their living in some other fashion...usually farming or milling. Most received no compensation; others received a token amount. Some served for a few years then rotated out for a few years only to return to serve again. It was not unusual for town folk to take turns helping their community. They had an interest in seeing their town succeed.

We are not so different today. Whether it is volunteering in our community, church, or organizations, we make a difference by doing what we can.

As we move forward toward 2020, let us take time to ask ourselves how we might be able to help our Colonies grow and thrive. Being a volunteer means working with others; discussing issues and ideas; looking for ways to reach out to others; providing ways for our young people to become more involved; encouraging scholarship and research; and planning events.

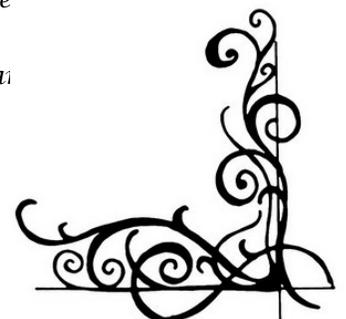
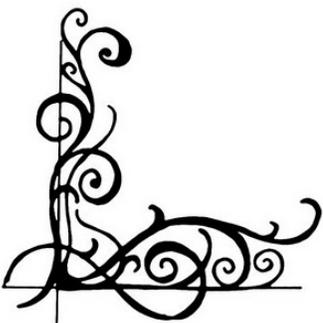
What can my role be? Are there any vacant positions on my Colony's Board that I can fill? Are there any non-Board positions that could use my involvement (Program, Junior Membership, Public Relations, Education, Outreach)? Are there activities I can lead? Other groups and organizations are always looking for programs...could I put together a 15 minute program to share the Mayflower story. Who can I find to volunteer with me...so that the "I" becomes a "we" and together we help our Colony. If asked, consider serving; but you don't need to wait to be asked...go ahead and volunteer...you will find you have a lot to offer...and you get a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction in return.

Jill Parker, Lt Governor, Western Reserve Colony

### *Do you just belong*

*Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed?  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home, and crab both long and loud?  
Do you take an active part to help the group along?  
Or are you satisfied to be among those who "just belong?"  
Do you ever go visit a member that is new?  
Or do you talk about the "clique" and leave them the work to do?  
There's quite a program scheduled that means success, if done  
But it cannot be accomplished by one member all alone.  
So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart  
Don't just be a member, but take an active part.  
Think this over member! Are we right or are we wrong?  
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?*

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## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

The officers of the Cincinnati Colony met January 12 to start the planning for the new year.

Several ideas were discussed including how we can celebrate and honor the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Jan 27, 1935) of the Cincinnati Colony. The board felt it worthwhile to note the founding of the Colony with a celebration. It was decided upon to hold this event in the spring, a better time of year for travel. Planning is underway for the event. We will have a dinner party at a local restaurant in the Cincinnati area. Invitations will be forthcoming.

Another idea that is being planned is to have a summer picnic. A venue somewhere between Cincinnati and Dayton is our goal. A committee has been formed to plan this event.

Marketing and outreach are also under review. An officer suggested marketing idea for Cincinnati/Dayton area: We need to have an event or information available at the local libraries and Church of Later Day Saints (LDS) history centers. Our Education officer will be spearheading this effort. If any member is interested in assisting, please contact us. [cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com](mailto:cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com)

To garner support from the members of the Cincinnati Colony, a survey was sent out via email to all of our members using Survey Monkey. While the response rate was only from a small minority of our members the board has decided to move ahead with our plans and hope that our members decide to join us and support the organization.

We will be participating in another joint event this year with The Soc. of Col Wars, National Society Of Colonial Dames and Jamestowne Society. The details will be forthcoming

Compact Day 2015 planning is underway. We are on the lookout for a speaker.

The Cincinnati Colony board of officers will be meeting March 14 to continue to make plans for 2015.

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

### News from the Cleveland Colony

#### Spring Event

Pending final coordination the Spring Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015 with a luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to I-271 near Mayfield Road. After the luncheon we will travel to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage (about 10 minutes away) located on Richmond Road south of Shaker Blvd.

The program will be a guided tour of the facility based on the program "Becoming American: Jews in the Cleveland Area including immigration to America." Remembering that our ancestors too were immigrants and they likewise had their difficulties, the program should provide great insight into their problems and history in assimilating into America.

Final details will be worked out at our next BOA meeting and invitations sent out shortly thereafter.

#### Summer Social Event

A summer social event is contemplated to be a train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Line, with members meeting for individual lunches. The date is to be determined.

#### Compact Day Celebration and Meeting

Final coordination is in process for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at a great Cleveland west side venue, with an excellent local speaker.

All of the above meetings will be open for attendance by visitors.

### News from the Columbus Colony

The spring Columbus Colony meeting will be Saturday, April 18 2015 at Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd. in Columbus. The social time will begin at 11:45 a.m. with lunch being served at 12 noon. As usual, family and friends are welcome to attend. Invitations and more information will be sent to all Colony members in March. If for some reason you do not receive information about the meeting, please let our Corresponding Secretary, Jenney Seely, know of the oversight by the end of the first week of April. Her email address is [chipjen@aol.com](mailto:chipjen@aol.com).

Entertainment for the meeting will be supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marple as they give us an "Afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt" and discuss some connections between the Roosevelts and Mayflower descendants. The Marples had been scheduled for the last Compact Day meeting, but were forced to cancel due to a family emergency.

The deadline for the Winifred Schamp Scholarship is June 1, 2015. The winner of this Columbus Colony scholarship will win \$1000. To be eligible, the applicant must be a Junior Member of the Columbus Colony. He/she must be a high school senior or enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college in the 2015-2016 academic year. Anyone interested in more information or an application form should contact Bill McEwan, RR1, Box 580, Sugar Grove, OH 43155. Mr. McEwan is the chairman of the Columbus Colony Scholarship Committee.

The Colony recently voted at the last Compact Day meeting to send a gift to the library at Plymouth in memory of Evelyn Worstell and her many years of service to the former Marietta Colony and more recently the Columbus Colony.

Also at our last meeting in November we greeted and presented Mayflower pins to six new Colony members bringing our total membership to 249. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

### News from the Toledo Colony

The Toledo Colony has been busily working to prepare for the 2015 state meeting. See page 10 for a preview!

On March 21st, the Toledo Colony will celebrate its 75th anniversary at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. The first meeting of the Colony was 20 March 1940 with formal presentation of the charter on 20 April 1940. The speaker will be Dr. Mary Robinson, Chair of the History Department at Lourdes University. Her topic will be "*The Pilgrims' Progress: Religious Changes in Europe that Led to the Pilgrims' Journey to the New World.*" Reservations can be made by emailing treasurer Jeffrey Stoll, willowcove@lighthouse.net. The meal will cost \$15.00.

### News from the Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony membership total as Feb 10, 2015 was 196.

**WR Colony Board Meetings:** We hold 3 Colony Board meetings, one between each Colony Meeting. Additionally we rely on email for most communications.

**NEW! WR Membership Communication & Outreach:** We have begun a program to reach out to those who have completed the preliminary application process: 35 personalized letters offering encouragement and assistance in completing their application as well as an invitation to join us at any and all of our 2015 and 2016 Colony events (a list is included with the mailed). They will also be included in the emailing of the detail flyers for each event.

**NEW! WR New Member Welcome Packet:** WR Historian Becky Woodruff continues to welcome each new member with personal phone calls, emails and mailings (as needed). She has added 2 items to her Welcome Packet: a WR Leadership list with contact information and a schedule of WR Colony events for the next few years.

**WR Colony Meetings:** If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Parker, Western Reserve Lt. Gov., [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com). Details on the 2015 meetings are in the Calendar of Events.

**WR Colony Donations.** We have two donation traditions: (1) cash and canned good to the Akron Canton Area Food Bank raised at our Compact Day Meeting and (2) Silver Book donations to the Akron Summit County Public Library / Special Collections in Memory of Colony Members who have passed away during the year.

### WR Colony Recognitions:

March Memorial Service: We acknowledge the loss of members during the year  
Each Meeting – special recognition of membership anniversaries and service

**WR Property & Records:**

We are looking at having a workday to go through the “scrapbooks” to see what we can digitize in an effort to improve

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

Lt. Governor – Jill Parker  
 Dep. Lt. Governor – Roberta Dodd  
 Corresponding Secretary – vacant  
 Recording Secretary – vacant  
 Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen  
 Historian – Rebecca Woodruff\*  
 Elder – Kathleen Lambacher\*  
 BOA Rep. – Paul Morehouse

*\*Serving their 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term in their office*



WR Historian Becky Woodruff presenting the newest Silver book to the Akron Public Library in honor of our 2014 deceased members

**SMDOH**

WR members currently serving in positions on the state BOA: *Ann Gulbransen, Historian; Lee Martin, Assistant Historian; Margo Broehl, Counselor; Rev. David Foster, Elder; Don Nichols, Assistant General; Jill Parker, WR Colony Lt. Gov.; E. Paul Morehouse, WR Colony BOA Rep*

**Book Review: Mayflower Dreams by Dr. Karen Petit**

Karen Petit spins an interesting time-travel tale of Rose Hopkins, a troubled woman who drifts between her real life of today and a dream world where she interacts with her 17<sup>th</sup> century Pilgrim ancestors. Rose, the time-traveler, experiences religious persecution, the difficult voyage of the Mayflower and the challenges of living in early Plimouth. Through Rose, the reader can experience Pilgrim lifestyle and language. The Rose Hopkins of the 21<sup>st</sup> century visits Pilgrim related sites such as Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plimouth Plantation, and the Mayflower II. The author, Dr Karen Petit, is a native Rhode Islander and a descendant of Rev. John Robinson, pastor of the Pilgrims in Leyden.

Reviewed by Sandy St. Martin

**Dues changes for the 2016 Membership Year—effective November 1 2015**

As you read in your December Mayflower Quarterly, one of the amendments that was passed at the General Congress in September was an increase in the annual per-capita assessment that state Societies pay to the General Society. Currently, we pay \$11.00 for every member, life or annual, who is on our roster as of December 31<sup>st</sup> each year (the only exceptions are for those in active military service). The amendment that was passed raises that amount to \$15.00 beginning with the 2016 membership year.

Because of this increase in the annual assessment, the Ohio Board of Assistants has reluctantly decided that we must increase our annual dues to make up for the added expense. Effective with the 2016 membership year that begins 1 November 2015, the Ohio dues will increase to \$36.00. Of this \$6.00 increase, \$4.00 will cover the GSMD assessment, \$1.00 will be paid to your local colony to enhance their ability to provide quality programming for you, and \$1.00 will help cover other growing expenses of the state Society and let us serve you better.

You do not need to pay anything extra at this time. You will be invoiced at the new rate in September 2015.

As the Treasurer General said, this increase is less than a couple cups of coffee at Starbucks! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Betsie Goad, Chair of the Finance Committee ([mayflowerbgg@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowerbgg@gmail.com)).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 21, 2015**—Western Reserve March meeting and Memorial Service, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH. Jay Russell, founder of RIP, Respectful Interment Preservation, a cemetery preservation company; will speak on “Preserving History-Cut in Stone”

**March 21, 2015**—Toledo Colony Spring meeting Speaker: Mary Robinson of Lourdes College will begin at 11:30 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, I-75 and Rt. 20, Perrysburg, OH. The meal will be served after the speaker. Please note this change of format. Check the State website for up to date information or call Lt. Gov. Susan Fisher at 517-238-5302.

**April 9-11, 2015**—Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Columbus, OH. Go to <http://www.ogs.org/conference2015/index.php> for more information.

**April 18, 2015**—Cleveland Colony Spring meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, 1271 at Mayfield Road. Following the meal, there will be a tour of the Maltz Museum of Jewish History.

**April 18, 2015**—Columbus Colony spring meeting, Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd. in Columbus. The topic will be “An Afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt”

**May 15-16 2015**—Annual State meeting, hosted by the Toledo Colony. Details coming soon...

**June 1 2015**—deadline for submissions for the Columbus Colony Winifred Schamp Scholarship

**June 20, 2015**—Western Reserve summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, Greentown, OH. Potluck picnic, games, prizes

**Summer 2015**—Cleveland Colony summer event—date and place TBD

**November 14, 2015**—Columbus Colony Compact Day, place and speaker TBD

**November 15, 2015**—Western Reserve Compact Day, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH. Speaker: John Burke, Indian Portrayer (also Medina County Treasurer)

**November 2015**—Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo Compact Day celebrations—dates and places TBD

### Help Wanted

Your Ohio member colonies are looking for volunteers to help with important activities. The most important new positions are to provide support to our Junior Members in the colonies that do not have a coordinator!

- Cincinnati Colony—Junior Member Coordinator
- Cleveland Colony—Junior Member Coordinator
- Columbus Colony—Junior Member Coordinator
- Western Reserve Colony—Junior Member Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

Activities for Colony Junior Member Coordinators include contacting each junior member annually (e.g. birthday or Thanksgiving card), arranging activities for juniors at Colony meetings if desired and encouraging juniors between 18 & 25 to convert to full membership. All coordinators will be encouraged to submit material for junior members to this newsletter.

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## **Puzzles are still fun!**

I love putting together puzzles! All kinds! Although space limits me to puzzles with no more than 750 pieces. I especially love nature puzzles, landscapes, and historical events! Here are some puzzles you might enjoy putting together:

**Liberty Puzzles** – wooden; and most pieces have identifiable shapes like tree, person, etc. (on the expensive side but well worth it & great fun)

Skating in Holland (493 pieces)

The First Thanksgiving, 1621 (561 pieces)

### **Clementoni Puzzles – available at Puzzle Warehouse**

Mayflower – wooden (500 Pieces)

### **Dowdle Puzzles – available at Serious Puzzles**

Plymouth – modern day as seen from bay (1000 pieces)

### **Plimoth Plantation Museum Shop – Puzzle/Model Ship**

Mayflower II – 3D wooden puzzle (exclusive to Plimoth Plantation Museum Shop) – assemble, paint or stain.

**And for the very young...check out Café Press, there are some really nice 30 piece puzzles that have the Pilgrim, Thanksgiving theme: 1) a 30 piece puzzle of the Mayflower with the word "Descendant" below the ship! How nice! 2) a 30 piece puzzle of the Mayflower layout view with list of ships parts labeled, 3) a 30 piece puzzle of the Tercentenary coin, both sides.**

Jill Parker, LT. Governor, Western Reserve Colony