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A message from our Governor

March 2017

Friends,

As I write this, I'm remembering the good weather we've had and hoping for an early spring. It hasn't been too tough spending my entire winter in Ohio this year.

We now have over 900 members in the Ohio Society. It seems to me that amongst the 900+ members we should be able to find someone to be our junior member coordinator and someone to become the next newsletter editor. We've been trying to fill these two positions for almost three years. Don't be shy about volunteering. Send an e-mail to me at carkin9th@yahoo.com to indicate your interest in one of these positions.

In our December issue of "Buckeye Mayflower", I asked to be contacted after January 1st if you were interested in being a delegate at the GSMD meeting in Plymouth in September. We have room for at least 18 delegates. So far, the attendees are the DDG, AG, and four additional delegates. How about it? The most important days to be there are September 11th and 12th. Contact me at the e-mail address above. SMDOH will provide some financial assistance to delegates.

Sheri Bannister from Toledo Colony is planning a bus trip to Plymouth, MA in June 2018. She needs 50 people to make the Plymouth tour work. See elsewhere in this issue of Buckeye Mayflower for more specific information. Sheri can be reached at (419) 874-5269. You must contact Sheri before June 1st so she can determine whether or not this trip is feasible.

Shortly, you will receive your invitation for the 2017 state meeting in Canton. Children and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend. With the invitation, you'll find a ballot for the new officer slate for 2017-2020. Please take the time to vote.

It's been an interesting and rewarding opportunity for me to serve as your governor for the past three years. Thank you!



Sandra Carkin St. Martin

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Greetings Pilgrim Cousins!

This has been a very busy time for your Historian team. We welcomed Ohio member 3,500 with a dual membership for Dr. Julian Woelfel of the Columbus Colony just after the last issue went to press. Since the new member list in the last newsletter in December, we have welcomed 23 new members. The full list will be in the June 2017 newsletter. Eleven supplemental applications have also been approved in the last few months. We currently have 25 new member applications pending in Plymouth, with several more ready to mail as I write this. There are also seven supplementals pending in the Historian General's queue. These numbers change almost daily.

During this same time period, Lee has processed 49 preliminary applications, a few of which are also represented in the figures above. We have been experiencing an uptick in the number of inquiries and preliminary applications that have been arriving. Most likely the upswing is from increased awareness of the 400th commemoration of the *Mayflower*. Marti Bobertz, Director of Research at the General Society told all the member society historians that December was their busiest month to date. The Historian General's office processed 2,146 applications in calendar year 2016. Ohio had 126 applications approved or almost 6% of that total. We suspect the trend to continue up through the commemoration itself in 2020. If you have an interest in helping your Historian team with research for applicants, pulling records from FHS microfilm, a visit to your county courthouse or any other research activity, please let us know.

Are you planning to attend the Ohio Genealogical Society conference in Sandusky the end of April? Because of family obligations, I will not be able to be at the conference full time this year and am looking for any members who would be interested in spending an hour or two at our table in the vendor hall promoting the Ohio Society. Admission to the vendor hall is free. All marketing materials will be provided. Please contact me at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com if you are able to help out. Anyone who helps at the table does have the option of attending one of the conference lectures for free on our vendor pass.

Ann Gullbransen, Historian; Lee Martin, Assistant Historian

Did you sponsor a junior member in the Ohio Society or did one of your parents or grandparents sponsor your children? If so, please make sure we have the current address of the junior member(s) in your family. Our Ohio Colonies are sending mailings to our junior members and finding that many of them are coming back with bad addresses. If your junior member has an email address, please send it to us and we will send him/her copies of this newsletter! Please help keep our records up to date!

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews under the age of 18? Are they already junior members? If not, consider sponsoring them today! They will receive a personalized certificate, recognition in a future Buckeye Mayflower, and mailings from the colony selected. You can download the application form at www.ohiomayflower.org. The cost is only \$10.00. If a junior member becomes a full member between 18 & 25, the Society will waive the application fee—a big savings for you!

You can get the junior member application form at www.ohiomayflower.org.

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership milestones—September 2016-February 2017

Years since election to membership

Cincinnati Colony

George Shillington—30 years

Cleveland Colony

Judith Kunkle—30 years
John Robinson—30 years
Barbara Allen—25 years
Priscilla Spohn—25 years
Kenneth Rodd—25 years
Jane Granchelli—25 years

Columbus Colony

Mary Dellinger—45 years
Susan Brown—45 years
Margaret Klee hamer—45 years
John O'Brien—45 years
Richard Riley—40 years
Martha Noreault—40 years
William Perkins—35 years
Patrick Emery—30 years
Robert Ward—30 years

Robert Kidnocker—30 years
Virginia Fulcomer—25 years
Ruby Bonecutter—25 years

Toledo Colony

Sandra Vonderembse—40 years
Janis McQuiston—35 years
Marilyn Hennon—35 years
Joyce Hennon—35 years
Jacqueline Sautter—30 years
Daniel Cooper—30 years

Western Reserve Colony

Joan Weiss, 50 years
Kenneth Corbus—35 years
Phyllis Siman—35 years
Dorothy Spon—35 years
Leora Duncan—30 years
Barbara Clark—25 years
Kay Campbell—25 years
Barbara Beach—25 years

Milestone Birthdays

Cincinnati Colony

John Hughes—January 30
Richard Fanning—September 13
Michael Moose—September 23
Keith Ellis—October 18
Janet Moland—October 31
Charles Doty—November 15
Gary Silver—November 22

Cleveland Colony

Hug Arey—February 3
Donald Winbigler—September 5
John Brewster—September 22
Jane Zerillo—October 8
Janice O'Neil—October 8
Jerold Bruce—December 28
Cathryn Mecasky—December 31

Columbus Colony

Lila Hill—January 9
Max Coates—January 19
Patti Albaugh—January 22
Paula Bundock—January 23
(Dorene) Linda Hughes—January 26
Mary James—September 6

Paul Schanher—September 24
Virginia Fulcomer—October 11
Virginia Gakle—October 20
Roger Cox—October 24
Peter Bouton—November 11
Sally Cox—December 16

Toledo Colony

Sharon Bannister—February 27
Minna Mierke—October 28

Western Reserve Colony

Martin Gould—January 3
Nancy Tidrick—January 24
Marian Cornell—February 10
Delcie Pound—February 13
Virginia Frisone—October 5
Wayne Prill—October 8
Carol Tracy—November 6
Rosemary Janner—November 13
Paul Morehouse—November 25
Nancy Baker—December 6
Diane Diehl—December 19

**Congratulations to all our
Mayflower Cousins!**

Help Wanted

Junior Membership Coordinator

WANTED—A person who wants to be involved in the future of our Ohio Society. Yes, future. Our junior members are our future. YOU can make a difference if you have the right “stuff.” Up until now, our junior membership coordinator’s sole task is to enroll new junior members as their applications for membership arrive. In his/her expanded role, the junior membership coordinator will develop plans to reach our junior members and involve them in Mayflower-related activities as our 400th Commemoration approaches. The junior membership coordinator will also work with our five Ohio colonies to enrich the colony junior experience. If you have the right “stuff” or think you might, contact your Ohio governor, Sandra St. Martin, at carkin9th@yahoo.com or (614)-279-3689.



Patriot to Passenger

Do you have a Mayflower ancestor who was also a Revolutionary War Patriot? If so, Muriel Cushing from the Florida Society wants to hear from you! Muriel has started a list of patriots with Mayflower ancestry that is now posted on www.themayflowersociety.org. From the main page, click on the Join link and then the Resources link from the bottom of the list that will appear. The Patriot to Passenger link is about 3/4 of the way down the page. To date, Muriel has gathered 63 pages of detail on patriots, many with multiple Mayflower lines. Look at the list to see if your patriot ancestors are there. If not, please send the detail to Muriel at Flash1620@comcast.net.

For those of you who don't know Muriel, she is a Florida Historian, compiled the books on the Delano family and initiated the Women of the Mayflower project. She is a tremendous asset to the Society and this new project is a wonderful tool for Mayflower as well as DAR and SAR.

Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride!



Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each, qty _____
Mayflower pin with ribbon	\$10.00 each, qty _____
Postage per pin	\$1.00 _____
Total	_____



Send order form and payment to:

Mary Chase, Ohio Treasurer
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Spotlight on North-East Ohio—What is the Portage Path?

Becky Woodruff, Western Reserve Colony

In the middle of the 17th century, the natural landscape of the Western Reserve was rich with trees, wildlife and fresh water. Long before Columbus discovered America, Indian tribes had established their homes, growing fields and burial grounds in the Ohio Valley. From time to time the tribes fought each other, but eventually they joined forces to resist the migrating white man who pushed them from their land to build settlements.

Indians relied upon and valued all nature. They used tools made from stone to carve trees into canoes and dwellings, and gathered fruit, berries and nuts from trees and plants to use for food or medicine. The seeds for some of these were likely deposited here when a glacier melted. They hunted large and small wild animals for food and clothing; from deer and bear to fox, otter and rabbit. And the sky was home to many hawks, geese and turkeys. The land fulfilled their every need in great abundance, and they were grateful.



The Erie tribe [also called the Cat Nation] occupied land near Lake Erie. Over time, they migrated south to the Cuyahoga Valley; fishing in the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas Rivers. Many other tribes also inhabited the area we know as Summit County. Among them were the Seneca, Oneida, Chippewa, Mingo, Shawnee, Onondaga, and Cayuga tribes. By 1759, Hopocan, chief of the Delaware, lived on the Tuscarawas River near the site of [the former Young's Hotel](#) on Manchester Road. [Hopocan](#) was also known as Captain Pipe, King of New Portage. Hopocan's wolf tribe settled at Turkeyfoot Lake. For a time, Chief Pontiac's Ottawa camp was at the mouth of the Cuyahoga [in the valley](#), near Botzum. The Mohawk settled at the Little Cuyahoga. Tribes travelled from Lake Erie to the Ohio River or the Cuyahoga [River](#) to the Tuscarawas and back again, carrying their canoes over land. This well defined trail is the Portage Path, which also became the border between the 13 colonies and the northwest territory. Today the path is marked by statues, placards [or](#) large bronze arrowhead markers throughout Summit County. Indian names on area schools, street signs, park pavilions and trail heads also serve as a lasting tribute to our first inhabitants.

Tribal custom was to respect the land by taking from it only what was needed. In his book [The Portage Path \[1911\]](#), author Peter Peterson Cherry wrote "[the Portage Path] was the national boundary and neutral highway for all Indian races" and "the center of all Indian communication in the northwest." This book is an interesting narrative, written by an Akron resident. Mr. Cherry was not quite 8 years old in 1856 when he arrived in Sharon Twp with his parents, and he lived in the area another 80 years until his death in Kenmore in 1937. Mr. Cherry made his living as a stagecoach driver, country school teacher, grocery keeper, rubber worker, and newspaper editor before becoming a well respected local historian and author.

In Ohio's primitive days, tribal territories were well known and respected by the natives; no formal map was needed.

Each tribe lived in a specific village, but no lots were drawn, nor deeds issued for parcels of land. They believed no man could own the land; it was sacred, and must [not only](#) be shared [but](#) carefully preserved for future generations. This way of life changed drastically when settlers began arriving from the east in a steady migration, claiming one parcel at a time that the Indians' land now belonged to them. Understandably, conflicts erupted as settlers built homes in the Western Reserve, and eventually the Indian tribes moved on.

Our Metro Parks serve as [an example of what](#) the landscape may have looked [like](#) when Indians lived here. We are fortunate to have the preserved rustic beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Summit County Metro Parks [as](#) our heritage.

Perhaps you'll be able to travel back in your mind to primitive Indian days while [hiking in the park, enjoying a concert](#) at Blossom Music Center, or finding the Portage Path trail markers by car on a beautiful fall day. Connecting the life of your ancestor to this time period provides depth to the facts of their life; painting a rich picture indeed.



MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Governors of Plymouth Colony

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Start</u>	<u>Term End</u>
John Carver	11 Nov 1620	15 Apr 1621 (died)
William Bradford	May 1621	1 Jan 1633
Edward Winslow	1 Jan 1633	27 Mar 1634
Thomas Prence	27 Mar 1634	3 Mar 1635
William Bradford	3 Mar 1635	1 Mar 1636
Edward Winslow	1 Mar 1636	7 Mar 1637
William Bradford	7 Mar 1637	5 Jun 1638
Thomas Prence	5 Jun 1638	3 Jun 1639
William Bradford	3 Jun 1639	5 Jun 1644
Edward Winslow	5 Jun 1644	4 Jun 1645
William Bradford	4 Jun 1645	9 May 1657 (died)
Thomas Prence	3 Jun 1657	3 Jun 1673
Josiah Winslow	3 Jun 1673	18 Dec 1680
Thomas Hinckley	18 Dec 1680	1692

*What was originally the Plymouth Colony became the Dominion of New England in 1686 and then the Province of Massachusetts Bay in 1692. England made several attempts to exert more complete control over all of the New England colonies.

Source: Wikipedia.org.

Mayflower Deaths Winter 1620-1621 - Males

John Allerton	Richard Britteridge	William Batten/Button
John Carver	Robert Carter	James Chilton
Richard Clarke	John Crackstone, Sr.	Thomas English
Moses Fletcher	Edward Fuller	John Goodman
William Holbeck	John Langmore	Edmund Margesson
Christopher Martin	William Mullins	Degory Priest
John Rigsdale	Thomas Rodgers	Elias Story
Edward Thompson	Edward Tilley	John Tilley
Thomas Tinker	John Turner	William White
Roger Wilder	Thomas Williams	

Mayflower Deaths Winter 1620-1621 – Females

Mary (Norris) Allerton	Dorothy (May) Bradford	Margaret Childton
Sarah Eaton	Mary (Prower) Martin	Alice Mullins
Alice Rigsdale	Agnes (Cooper) Tilley	Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Mrs. Thomas Tinker	Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow	Rose Standish
Katherine (White) Carver		

Mayflower Deaths Winter 1620-1621 – Children

Elinor (Ellen) More, 8	Jasper More, 7	Mary More, 4
Joseph Mullins, 14	Solomon Prower, 14-17	son of Thomas Tinker
2 sons of John Turner		

Sources: Wikipedia and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

SMDOH STATE ASSEMBLY PREVIEW

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio Annual State Meeting

May 19-20, 2017

Courtyard Marriott, 4375 Metro Cir NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

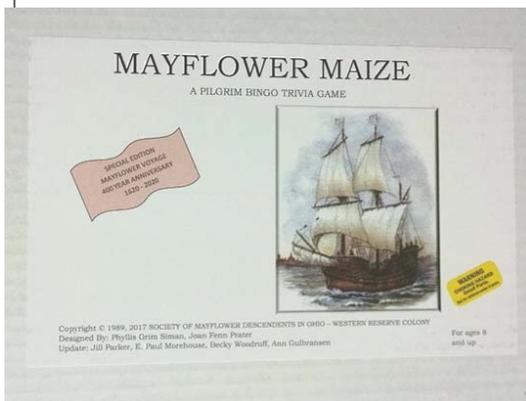
Ask for the Western Reserve Mayflower Society Rate

Make your hotel reservations by calling the front desk 330-494-6494 and be sure to tell them you are with the Western Reserve Mayflower Society to get the special rate of \$115 or plus room tax, or click the link here: [Book your group rate for Western Reserve Mayflower Society](#) The rate is good for Friday and Saturday nights. There are a limited number of rooms so book today. The room rate expires April 20, so make your reservations by April 19.

Watch your mailbox for your invitation to the meeting with full details and reservation form! Your invitation will also include a ballot for SMDOH Officers – please vote. And remember, there will be 2 envelopes – one for the SMDOH State Assembly Reservations and a **SEPARATE** envelope for voting.

Hear ye! Hear ye!! Get your game here!

Mayflower game to be officially re-launched at State Assembly in May!!!



Twenty-five years ago several members from the Western Reserve Colony designed, developed and copyrighted *Mayflower Maize*, a bingo style trivia game. That was quite an undertaking!! And with all the increased activity and new products being developed to commemorate the 400th Anniversary (2020) of the Landing of the Mayflower, it just seemed appropriate for



Western Reserve to update and re-issue its game in time for the 2017 State Assembly. And that, too, proved to be quite an undertaking!

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.

SPECIAL GAME PRICE available only at the State Assembly: \$16.20 (cash or check made out to "The Western Reserve Colony".) After the State Assembly the price goes to, you guessed it, \$20.20! Seriously...how appropriate is that!

State Assembly 2017: Make it more than a day in CANTON!

You've *Saved the Dates!* May 19- evening activity social; May 20 State Assembly and luncheon.

You know the location: Courtyard Marriott in Canton.

But how about making a full weekend of your trip? There are many wonderful things to do in the Canton area (all are in Canton unless noted otherwise):

First Ladies National Historic Site and Library – (closed Sundays and Mondays)

William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum

MAPS Air Museum (Military Aviation Preservation Society) - The museum features 47 types of aircraft dating from the one of a kind 1908 Martin Glider to an F-16 Fighting Falcon and has over 60 displays of acquired historical artifacts and interactive exhibits. The museum is also a War Memorial as within our Gallery of Heroes there is a relic of the battleship USS Arizona from the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. Closed Mondays

Canal Fulton Canalway Center & St. Helena III Canal Boat

Canton Classic Car Museum

Pro Football Hall of Fame

Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron (closed Mondays)

Gervasi Vineyard & Italian Bistro – reservations suggested (along with your gps!)

Canal Spirits Craft Distillery – featured product is Apparition Moonshine, an unaged corn whiskey made from traditional corn mash with corn grown right up the road. Smooth and nostalgic tasting...just like our grandfathers made: original clear, blueberry and blackberry, apple pie and traditional American aged.

Canton Brewing Company (and restaurant)

Harry London (and Fanny Mae) Chocolate Factory and Store

Heggy's Nut Shop (and restaurant) – chocolate, caramels, candies, nuts and ice cream (closed on Sundays) – be sure you go to the store at 3200 West Tuscarawas, not the company headquarters.

A bit further afield, you might also enjoy a visit to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

2017 Election of State Officers

2017 is the scheduled year for election of officers to serve on the state Board of Assistants. Your nominating committee is please to offer the following slate of candidates:

Governor—Sandra St. Martin

Deputy Governor—Betsie Goad

Counselor—Margo Broehl

Captain—Tom Bradford

Corresponding Secretary—Vickie Heineck

Elder—David Foster

Historian—Ann Gulbransen

Assistant Historian—Lee Martin

Recording Secretary—Patricia Hall

Surgeon—Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad

Treasurer—Mary Chase

Your ballot will be enclosed with your invitation to the state meeting. Please return it in the envelope marked "Ballot." Your meeting reservation needs to be in the separate envelope.

If you would like to stand for office in our next election in 2020, please let your Lt. Governor know of your interest.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY MAY 1 THRU SUNDAY MAY 3 2020. The committee has secured a world renowned genealogist as the featured speaker (whose name will be announced soon). We will be inviting other genealogical societies to join us for some of his presentations. Planning is beginning in earnest and as things are finalized will be announced in the newsletter and website.

PENNIES FOR MAYFLOWER II RESTORATION- The 2020 committee is launching a statewide campaign at the Annual Meeting in May to save your loose change to help defray the costs of the Mayflower II Restoration that is presently underway. The plan is to distribute Mason Jars to collect the loose change and on Compact Day collect the money and send it to Plymouth for Mayflower II. We will be doing this through our May 2020 Commemoration Event. This is something that we all can do and seems small but may make a big difference in the long run. So hop on board!!

Mayflower II History

Dr. Donald Nichols

I'm indebted to the volume published by National Geographic with the title "Men Ships and the Sea" new addition by Captain. Allan Villiers, published in 1973. I'll quote snippets from the article which may help us appreciate the labor which was a significant part of the project. The effort was to build a ship that would be as historically true to a ship, such as Mayflower I was in size and weight a 17th century vessel of some 180 tons. She, Number two was built in the shipyard at Brixham, Devon England where Stuart Upham owned the shipyard.

There was a great deal of pessimism regarding this new venture. Some thought the wood to build her could not be found, but with a great deal of effort this handicap was overcome. They didn't believe that shipwrights could be found either! The oak necessary for the timbers, was located by a certain Mr. Upham from the forests of Devon. He had to look at night as some folks wanted their trees left intact. The men who worked on her were from Devon where time moves slowly and skills were retained.

Putting her in the water was a bit frightful as well as she "fell heavily to starboard." Headlines of "Mayflower Capsizes!" said the newspapers. She didn't and once her ballast was in place she was a OK! She sailed to Dartmouth and then "on to Plymouth and sailed from there on an April day."

The time a sea was also no mean adventure! It took several days just to get her out of the channel and sometime just for the crew to learn how to handle the rigging etc. It was a chore to use the cross-staff a much out dated instrument used in navigation. The author noted that it gave only an approximate reading of where the ship was at any one time. He noted "I did not wonder that Captain Christopher Jones, in the original *Mayflower*, had fetched up off Cape Cod when he thought he was going to the Hudson River. I wonder that he had managed to arrive at all." The sea continued to vex them from the very beginning, "On the third morning, it began to blow hard and the little ship began to jump in the choppy sea of the English Channel. How she could jump! She rolled, lurched, pitched, stumbled, with a wild and unpredictable abandon. Even some of the old Cape Horners among the crew were seasick."

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony



The January Cincinnati Colony board meeting was held at the Cincinnati Public Library. The meeting got underway at 11:30am. The main purpose of the presentation was to donate Silver Books to Library, provided by the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants. Thirty new books on the pilgrims and their descendants are now in the library ready for patrons to use in their Mayflower research. This rounded out the collection and replaced some of the older outdated books. Patricia Van Skaik, PLCH, the Manager of the Genealogy and Local History Collection accepted our donation.

The following new members were inducted into our Colony at the meeting: Sue Bray, descendant of Edward Doty and Sue Davis, descendant of Henry Samson.

Doug arranged a great lunch from Revolution Rotisserie & Bar. After lunch we were provided a tour of the genealogical section of the library by Patricia Van Skaik. This section of the library has a significant collection of books from all over the United States. So, you do not have to be from Hamilton County to benefit from this collection. There was even a large section of books from the State of Maine. We ended the tour in the Cincinnati Room.



The next Board/Colony meeting will be at the Firehouse Grill in Blue Ash on March 18, 2017. The featured speaker will be William Konop, Deputy Genealogist of the Ohio Society of Colonial Wars. His topic will be "Multiplying your lineage qualifications." Learn about the vast number of hereditary organizations and how you can modify the research techniques you have already used to qualify for membership in multiple societies.

On May 13, there will be a Board/Colony meeting and Lunch at the Terrace Park Country Club in Milford, OH with a featured presentation from the S.A.R, "The Captain Miller Flag Collection." The collection consists of 70 flags dating from pre-revolutionary times to the current U.S. flag. Captain Miller assembled the collection in the late 1950's and toured throughout the Midwest for more than 25 years giving flag presentations to schools and civic organizations. The collection is now maintained by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This year we will be collecting donations for the freestorefoodbank.org for our Thanksgiving Day Fund. Don't forget we always have merchandise available at our meetings.

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

The spring event of the Colony is scheduled for Sunday April 9th at the Cuyahoga County Library, Warrensville Heights Branch located at 4415 Northfield Road from 1:30-3:30. The speaker will be Jan Kleinline giving her program on the Wampanoag Tribe. The event is also our annual business meeting. Primary business to be conducted will be the election of officers and board members for 2017-2020. Light refreshments will be provided.

The 2017 summer event will be held at historic Lakeview Cemetery at 12316 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland on Sunday June 25. Attendees will meet in the parking lot of the Wade Memorial Chapel at 1:30 p.m. The program will consist of tours of the James A. Garfield Memorial, the Wade Chapel and other points of interest. Cemetery maps will be passed out and attendees can join the two tours or branch out on their own. Following the program, attendees will meet at a restaurant in Little Italy for dinner on their own.

The 2017 Compact Day will again be a dinner and program at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, OH. Plans are being finalized for the event. Plans are also in progress for the 2018 annual assembly.

Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Colony treasurer, William McEwan, Jr., has received an appreciative letter from Ellie Donovan, Executive Director, of Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. She expressed her thoughts for the Columbus Colony gift of \$4,000 in memory of Winifred Schamp to help in the restoration of Mayflower II. She was delighted to share that our contribution will help Plimoth reach their goal needed for the ship's restoration. Without significant investment this year and in the years to come, the Mayflower II will not be seaworthy, and a priceless piece of history will be in danger of disappearing. Restoration work continues on the ship at the Henry B. DuPont Shipyard in Mystic, CT. This work will proceed for an extended period in order to have her shipshape for 2020. They have a vision of Mayflower II as the iconic centerpiece of the 2020 commemorations. She continued by thanking us for helping to keep the Pilgrims' story alive for future generations to learn from and to enjoy.

Our next Columbus Colony luncheon meeting will be at Kensington Place on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 11: 30 a.m. and the meal will be served at 12 noon. Ms. Patsy Gaines, a professional storyteller, will be the speaker and she will portray Hannah Dustin, a Puritan heroine who was captured and escaped from the Indians in the 1600's.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

The proposed bus trip to Plymouth that was highlighted in the December, 2016, issue of this newsletter still has openings. Any Ohio Mayflower member who is interested in the trip but has not mailed in an interest form may access the state website for more information. If you prefer, you may contact Sheri Bannister, 419-874-5269, for more information and a form.

At the November, 2016, meeting the Toledo Colony board voted to donate \$400 to help preserve Mayflower II. The colony's first meeting for 2017 will be on Saturday, March 25. The program will be "The Miami: A Living People with a Past". The speakers will be Diane Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and Doug Peconge, Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Community Programming Manager, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. Colony Secretary Caroline Zimmerman arranged for this program. Colony members will be participating in Pennies for Planks. Fellowship begins at 11:30, the meal will be at noon, and the speakers will begin about 1:15. Swan Creek Retirement Village is the venue; 5916 Cresthaven Lane (off Rte. 20/S. Reynolds Road, opposite Maumee Valley Country Day School). Reservations may be made with Jeffrey Stoll, 906-440-5088.

The \$1,000 colony scholarship is being offered this year. Members and Junior Members of Toledo Colony who will be in the second year or higher of post-high school education during the **2017-2018 school year** are invited to apply. Guidelines, instructions, and the application are available in the recent colony newsletter and on the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org Applications must be **postmarked** by April 29th. Sponsors are urged to share this information with Junior Members, as Junior Members do not receive the colony newsletter.

All Ohio Mayflower members are urged to take advantage of the free on-line genealogy files, newspapers, and historic information through www.rbhayes.org, the website for Hayes Presidential Library and Museums. This gem in Fremont is easily accessible for those in the western part of the state and well worth a visit from anywhere in Ohio and surrounding states. With a membership of \$50 or higher comes a one year subscription for MyHeritage.com. This website features more than 5 billion primary historical records from the U.S., Europe and other regions, with coverage starting from the 16th century. It includes the USA federal census (1790-1940) with images plus new collections containing millions of records added monthly.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Membership News: AS of January 18 we had 205 members, including 21 new members in 2016 and one new one so far in 2017. Expect the new members to continue to increase and I am particularly pleased with the fact that so many of our new members are much younger than most of us!! I think this is a combination of several factors including the upcoming 400th Anniversary of the sailing/landing of the Mayflower as well as today's technology and the admission of some DNA testing!

Colony Events: We have a 2017 State Assembly Hosting Team that has met at the Canton Courtyard Marriot to look over the facility and finalize arrangements. We are looking forward to welcoming Society members from around the state May 19 and May 20. News about this was in the Fall 2016 Buckeye Mayflower, more news appears elsewhere in this publication, and, of course, watch your actual mail for the invitation in late March.

Outreach: We have active relationships with the Akron Summit Library/Special Collections and with the Medina Public Library.

Member Profiles: We have two new members to our Board, Pat Van Hoose is our new Elder and Andra/Andi Riffle is our new Historian. Both have already jumped in proactively and shown they are enthusiastic about their roles. An appointed Board Member, Terri Brown, volunteered to send birthday cards to our Junior Members for 2017. She too has been working creatively to put together postcard size cards of both a Mayflower/Pilgrim scene to color and a biography of each Mayflower ancestor. And Roger Marble has shared a number of wonderful ideas and will be our presenter at our Compact Day 2017...but even better, he will be leading a Mini Genealogical Series at the SMDOH State Assembly during the morning on Saturday, May 20th. Thanks to these members for working so hard!

Junior Membership: WR member Terri Brown has started sending birthday cards to our junior members. She has found that many of the addresses that were given at the time the junior members were enrolled are now incorrect and the cards are coming back. If you sponsored a junior member for WR and that family has moved, please let us know the new address.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Road Trip to Plymouth!

As most of you know the Toledo Colony is planning a trip to Plymouth. We plan to go the 10th of June 2018 and stay until the 16th of June 2018. Why this week? The Carver Inn is still on their winter rates. We get a discount. Why do we want to stay at the Carver Inn? Location, Location, Location. The Carver Inn is across the street from Pilgrim Hall and the Mayflower Society House. The grave yard is out the back door. Leyden Street (where all of the old historic homes are) connects the Carver Inn with Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower dock (5 blocks away). The Plymouth Plantation is only 5 miles away. The harbor and shops are about 3 miles away. There are shuttles and cabs and other transportation-most places are within walking distance.

The items listed on the itinerary are where the bus is going that day. For people who have never been to Plymouth it will be a wonderful and educational trip. That doesn't mean that you have to follow that itinerary. If you have been to Plymouth or Boston before, you can choose what you would like to do for the day. If you want to visit the genealogy library, take the ferry to Provincetown, walk on the beach, take your paper and crayon and do grave stone rubbings, sit in a café with a cold beverage and a good book, stay in town after dinner and enjoy the night life., go fishing. The choice is yours!! Make the trip your own.

The Bus Co. Blue Lake keep asking me How many people are in your group? Don't know. How many rooms do you need? Don't know. I need to get the enclosed form filled out so I have an answer. Once we know the answers, the bus co. will be able to calculate the cost of the trip and let us know what we need for a down payment. It is usually about \$150.00 dollars Then we need to get our deposit down by June of this year to hold the dates for the bus and the hotel for 2018. As we get closer to 2020 the cost and the crowd will both increase. We may not be able to get a hotel this nice in the center of the town. We need 50 people to make the trip affordable and we need the down town location to be able to offer a loose structure, your choice type options.

Join the fun-sign up! The sign up form can be found at www.ohiomayflower.org.

For more information, contact Sheri Bannister, 1065 Cherry St., Perrysburg, Ohio 43551, 419-874-5269, sheribann@aol.com

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Toledo Colony member Michael Brewster attended Lourdes College receiving a BA degree that prepared him for his current job as a Social Worker. He lives at 243 South Enterprise Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402 with his wife, Christy. His email contact is:

mikej0803@gmail.com.

Michael was very proud and excited when his uncle and aunt, Frank and Paulette Brewster, confirmed they were descendants of William Brewster. Mike became a member several months after his uncle in September 2014

Michael loves all things English including British rock music. He is a member of the Air National Guard, loves art and history and attending concerts.



Library Book Donation Project

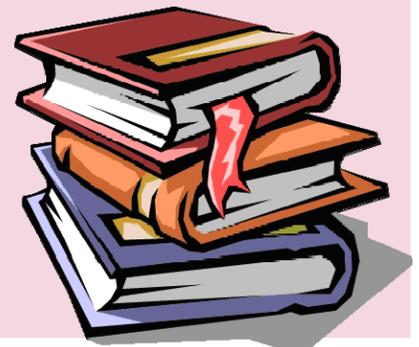
Your Ohio Board of Assistants has been working to make donations of Mayflower books to genealogy departments in libraries around the state. The books we have donated include the Mayflower Families Through Five Generations (Silver Books); Mayflower Families in Progress and other pilgrim related books. In calendar year 2016, we purchased books for the Akron-Summit County Library, the Medina County Library and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Public Library as described in the Cincinnati Colony report.

For 2017, we already have requests for books for the Wayne County Public Library in Wooster, more books for the Medina County Library and a new request for Dayton. We would welcome more requests. We have budgeted \$5,000 per year for library donations.

Does your local library have an active genealogy department? If so, we would love to have you partner with us to make a donation possible. Here is what you would need to do:

- Complete an inventory of your library's current Mayflower collection (we'll send you the form)
- Talk to the genealogy library staff to make sure they would be interested in the books and that they will become part of the permanent collection
- Work with your Colony Lt. Governor to prepare a simple request form (which we will provide) and submit it to the SMDOH Finance Committee. We will prioritize your request so the books for the most frequently proved pilgrims get donated first. Your donation may be spread over several years
- We will order the books and have them delivered wherever you specify. Delivery to your home is simplest, but we can make other arrangements if needed.
- Attach the donation bookplates (will be sent to you) to the books when they arrive
- Arrange for a presentation of the books with the library staff, your Colony Board, SMDOH Governor and Finance Committee members

For more information, contact a member of the Finance Committee: Betsie Goad at mayflowerbgg@gmail.com, Mary Chase at mchase1960@gmail.com or Ann Gulbransen at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18, 2017—Cincinnati Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch, Firehouse Grill, Blue Ash

March 25, 2017—Toledo Colony spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village, Toledo, Speakers from the Myaami Indian Tribe

March 2017—Western Reserve meeting canceled as we prepare for the state meeting in May

April 9, 2017—Cleveland Colony meeting at the Cuyahoga County Library, Warrensville Heights branch, 4415 Northfield Rd, 1:30-3:30

April 15, 2017—Columbus Colony spring meeting, Kensington Place

April 26-29, 2017—Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

May 13 2017—Cincinnati Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch, Terrace Park County Club, Milford

May 19-20, 2017—2017 state meeting, Canton, OH—see pages 8-9

June 17 2017—Western Reserve Picnic, Greentown Community Park, noon

June 25, 2017—Cleveland Colony summer event at Lakeside Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, 1: 30

July 29 2017 Toledo Colony meeting, Port Clinton, OH

July or August 2017 Cincinnati Colony informal get-together (date and place TBD)

August 5, 2017 —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

September 10-12 2017—Mayflower Congress, Plymouth, MA—requests to be a delegate will be accepted beginning January 2017. Contact Governor Sandy St. Martin after January 1st if you are interested.

September 2017—Cincinnati Colony joint event with Warriors & Dames (date & place TBD)

October 7, 2017 —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

November 2017—Compact Day celebrations—dates and places will be announced in future newsletters

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

What are your plans for September? You should be receiving your Mayflower Quarterly Magazine soon and inside you will find details on the 2017 Triennial Congress in Plymouth. Each member Society will have delegates to represent the interests of the state at the business meetings. Ohio is allowed to have 1 delegate for each 50 members. Some Ohio members have already signed up as delegates but we have room for more. If you are interested in spending a few days in the home of our ancestors, please contact Sandy St. Martin at carkin9th@yahoo.com to sign up. In addition to the business meetings, there are many tours being offered, an opportunity to march in the Pilgrim's Progress in the garb of your ancestor, Plimoth Plantation and who can forget—as much seafood as you can eat! Come join your pilgrim cousins in beautiful Plymouth!

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