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A message from our Governor

Friends,

Our 2016-2017 Ohio Mayflower activities ended with a fabulous state assembly in Canton, Ohio. Our hosts, Lt. Governor Jill Parker of Western Reserve Colony and her team made us feel welcome and comfortable. Our keynote speaker this year was Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson. Governor General Filson was with us for the signing of the Great Book in the Rare Books Room of Western Reserve Historical Society and all of our other activities, including the Board of Assistants meeting. We were honored that Governor General Filson and our Past Governor, Rev. Dr. Donald Nichols installed our 2017-2020 officers using the travelling gavel which is made from wood from the Mayflower II. We had a very moving memorial service this year with Elder Rev. David Ben Foster, Rev. Dr. Donald Nichols, and Lt. Governors or Representatives of our Ohio colonies participating.



We are still encouraging members of our Ohio colonies to represent our state at our national meeting at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The most important days to be there are September 11th and 12th. Anyone is welcome to attend the Plymouth activities. However, we must submit your name to GSMD in order for you to be a delegate. SMDOH will supply some financial assistance to delegates. Currently we have five official delegates, but would like many more. Contact me at carkin9th@yahoo.com if you wish to be a delegate. During our Plymouth Conference, Mayflower Historian Caleb Johnson will share his research on a Mayflower passenger (name withheld) who has been a mystery. The mystery ancestor has been researched AND has many descendants.

Our state Board of Assistants works for you, the members, but we need your help. We have several state committees, most meeting electronically, that would benefit from your ideas. So, if you have an interest in finance, scholarship, rules (by-laws), communication (web page, newsletter), membership, or 2020, I would like to hear from you. As soon as we have a chairman for the committee, I'll submit your name.

To keep up-to-date with the Ohio Society and our national society, I suggest that you regularly check the websites, www.ohiomayflower.org and www.themayflowersociety.org. Past issues of our Buckeye Mayflower can be found on the Ohio site. Our national site offers a monthly newsletter by free subscription and access to past issues of The Mayflower Quarterly and Mayflower Journal. You can learn much about our heritage as well as information on the state and national societies through these websites.

I look forward to working for you for the next three years. We have an awesome Board of Assistants team in place. Consider joining us all at our state conference next year on May 18th and 19th in Cleveland, Ohio. Our speaker will be from Plimouth Plantation. Save the date!

Sandra Carkin St. Martin

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

When I was asked to take this job a decade ago, I was told that I would have to process 2-3 applications a month. Boy was that a lie! Here are the counts for the applications that were completed between 5/1/2016 and 4/30/2017.

Dual memberships - 5
 Initial applications - 94
 Junior to adult - 9
 Reinstatement - 24
 Supplemental - 36
 Transfer in - 5
 Transfer out - 1

That is a total of 174 completed applications or an average of 14.5 per month! We are thrilled to have helped so many to membership in this past year.

In the same time period, the Board of Assistants approved 172 preliminary applications. Of those, Lee did the full processing including creating a worksheet for 102 and Ann processed 70 (mostly close family members of recently approved members or simple supplementals). Of the 172, 95 have already submitted all their documentation and 63 of those are among the new members listed above. Another 22 applications have been sent to Plymouth for approval.

As you can see, this is a lot of work for two people. Do you love genealogy? Would you like to become part of an informal network of members around the state who could assist our applicants with their research? Could you do a courthouse or library lookup in your county to help an applicant who lives far away? Could you help an applicant verify that he/she has all the documentation needed and get it all in the right order to submit? If you think you would like to help bring new members into the Ohio Society, please email me at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

Assistant Historian's Report

The Historian Team (Ann and I) represented Ohio Mayflower in the vendor hall during the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference held at the Kalahari Resort Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio on 26-29 April 2017, assisted by members



Janice O'Neil & Lee Martin

Dennis Moffitt, Janice O'Neil, LaVonne Ayres and Heather Reichert. High pedestrian traffic amounted to frequent visitation to the Mayflower table. Most of the people became struck with the poster Ann displayed showing the 102 passengers on the voyage. The top half shows all the passengers while on the bottom half, the passengers that died the First Winter (Dec 1620-Mar 1620/1) are shown as outlines which made an arresting, jarring impression. Most of the people stopping by had no Mayflower ancestors, but knew people who did. Most of the pamphlets we set out were gone by the end of the conference. To date, one prelim and lineage was turned in (for 3 supplementals) and one application was turned in.

The Historian team both became charter members of the inaugural 2017 class of the Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory 7 pm on 29 April 2017. The new OGS lineage society is open to both members and non-members of OGS that can prove descent to ancestors born or moved to the Northwest Territory before Ohio became a State in 1803. Ann went in on her McDougall and Stockton ancestors while I went on my Starling ancestors.

Lee Martin, Assistant Historian

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members December 1 2016—May 31 , 2017

Cincinnati Colony

New Members

OH3530, Pamela Adkins, 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3512, Alexis Borowy, 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3513, Brad Borowy, 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3514, Madison Borowy, 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3547, W. Roger Davis, 12th from William Brewster
 OH3531, Anthony Drew, 12th from John Alden
 OH3532, Jesse Drew, 12th from John Alden
 OH3542, Margaret Earing, 13th from Francis Cooke
 OH3505, Diane Griffith, 13th from John Tilley
 OH3534, Bradley Jarard, 12th from Edward Fuller
 OH3498, Kristen O'Neil, 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3544, Andrew Palmer, 13th from John Alden
 OH3548, Hollee Raynor, 12th from William Brewster
 OH3516, Julie Simmons, 12th from John Alden
 OH3506, Mallory Smith, 15th from Richard Warren
 OH3533, Andrew Snow, 11th from Peter Brown

Dual Memberships

OH3114, Melody Richardson, dual with NY

Cleveland Colony

New Members

OH3521, William Lear, 14th from William Bradford
 OH3523, Celeste Shepherd, 10th from George Soule
 OH3524, Curtis Vetovitz, 13th from Thomas Rogers

Columbus Colony

New Members

OH3546, Jeffrey Bardus, 13th from John Alden
 OH3501, Sharon Bardus, 12th from John Alden
 OH3497, James Battersby, 11th from John Alden
 OH3515, Ellen Breece, 13th from William Brewster
 OH3503, Sharon Copeland, 14th from William Brewster
 OH3539, Anthony Gricar, 14th from William White
 OH3540, Christopher Gricar, 14th from William White
 OH3541, Richard Jay Mershon, 13th from William Bradford
 OH3517, Andrew Montgomery, 11th from John Alden
 OH3518, Dennis Montgomery, 10th from John Alden
 OH3519, Douglas Montgomery, 11th from John Alden

OH3525, Kathleen Murphy, 11th from John Alden

OH3507, Robert Osborn, 14th from Edward Fuller

OH3499, Kimberly Oxley, 13th from John Howland

OH3526, Conner Roos, 13th from William White

OH3528, Mark Roos, 13th from William White

OH3508, Vikki Setty, 14th from Edward Fuller

OH3509, Margery Simpson, 14th from Edward Fuller

Junior to Adult

OH3527, Erin Roos, 13th from William White

OH3529, Tyler Roos, 13th from William White

Dual memberships

OH2658, Suzanne Ress, dual with Europe

OH3500, Julian Woelfel, 10th from William Bradford, dual with VA

Transfer-in

OH2751, Walter Dean, 11th from Stephen Hopkins

Toledo Colony

New Members

OH3535, Don Calvin, 13th from John Howland

OH3504, Florence Miller, 11th from John Howland

OH3536, Heath Patten, 14th from John Howland

OH3537, Sharon Patten, 13th from John Howland

OH3522, Ronald Rowley, 11th from Edward Fuller

OH3538, Alvin Spicer, 11th from William Bradford

OH3520, Linda Walz, 12th from John Howland

Western Reserve Colony

New Members

OH3502, David Burnham, 12th from Stephen Hopkins

OH3510, Shara Cocchiola, 13th from William Bradford

OH3511, John Hathaway, 12th from Francis Cooke

OH3543, Barbara Keller, 12th from John Howland

OH3545, Ruth Bayliss, 13th from Francis Cooke

Welcome!

Supplemental Applications Approved December 1 2016-May 31, 2017

Cincinnati Colony

OH3422, Clayton Crandall, 12th from William Mullins
 OH3422, Clayton Crandall, 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3477, Susan Davis, 11th from John Alden
 OH3389, William Reel, 14th from Francis Cooke
 OH3410, Connor Smith, 14th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3410, Connor Smith, 14th from John Alden
 OH3410, Connor Smith, 15th from William Mullins
 OH3331, Shaun Smith, 13th from Mary (Norris) Allerton
 OH3331, Shaun Smith, 13th from Isaac Allerton
 OH3331, Shaun Smith, 12th from Mary Allerton

Cleveland Colony

OH2442, Kenneth Clark, 13th from William Brewster

OH3480, Katherine Hodgson, 13th from John Cooke
 OH3480, Katherine Hodgson, 14th from Francis Cooke

Columbus Colony

OH3289, Cheryl Bash, 12th from William Brewster
 OH3497, James Battersby, 13th from Francis Cooke
 OH3260, Florence Clendenen, 12th from John Howland
 OH3260, Florence Clendenen, 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Toledo Colony

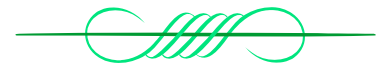
OH3452, Kaye Phillips, 12th from Peter Brown

Western Reserve Colony

OH3312, Andra Riffle, 13th from William Brewster



IN MEMORIAM



THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US THIS YEAR

Cincinnati Colony

Patrick Fanning, descendant of William Brewster, 11/30/1950—4/1/2017, elected to membership 12/31/2015

Toledo Colony

Jean Smalley, descendant of Myles Standish, 6/10/1941—3/17/2017, elected to membership 10/9/1982

Byron Stickles, descendant of Francis Cooke, 3/13/1931—1/12/2017, elected to membership 1/30/2010

Western Reserve Colony

Norma Cape, descendant of Edward Fuller, William Bradford, William Brewster, William White, elected to membership 12/10/2008

Are you receiving the monthly Pilgrim Press?

The General Society is sending out a monthly email called the Pilgrim Press. This new service will keep you informed about Society activities and other interesting events in the Plymouth area. Go to the General Society website and click on the link on the home page to subscribe (www.themayflowersociety.org).



While you are there, sign up for the members only section of the website. There is lots of information on the site that can only be accessed by members. The accounts are free, but you will need to know your general society membership number. If you do not know your number, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen at

OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com.

New Junior Members 6/1/2016—5/31/2017

Cincinnati Colony

Torin Larson, William Brewster
Owen McCoy, John Howland
Alyssa O'Neil, Richard Warren,
Laura Reel, Stephen Hopkins
Samuel Reel, Stephen Hopkins
Gage Sutton, Edward Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Alec Ciminelli, John Tilley
Nikolas Ciminelli, John Tilley
Adalyn Orlando, John Tilley
Andrew Orlando, John Tilley
Gina Ponikvar, John Tilley
Jackson Ponikvar, John Tilley
Benjamin Rickson, William Bradford
Chloe Rickson, William Bradford,
Jeannine Rickson, William Bradford
Jacob Snow, Peter Brown
Michael Snow, Peter Brown

Columbus Colony

Daria Bardus, John Alden

Jadon Bardus, John Alden
Jack Bradford, William Bradford
Kaylah Burns, John Alden
Brylee Heckman, William White
Evelyn Heckman, William White
Brett Kingsley, John Alden
Ethan Kingsley, John Alden
Paige Kingsley, John Alden
Ezekiel Long, John Alden
Jalen Long, John Alden
Matthew Lucas, Edward Fuller
Sutton Monroe, John Alden
Tabitha Monroe, John Alden
Charles Montgomery, John Alden
Ella Montgomery, John Alden
Maxwell Montgomery, John Alden
Samuel Montgomery, John Alden
Wyatt Philbeck, Edward Doty
Daniel Sohngen, John Howland
Ethan Sohngen, John Howland

Toledo Colony

Elliot Althaus, John Alden

Caven Fisher, George Soule
Graeme Fisher, George Soule
Karsten Fisher, George Soule
Kenneth Fisher, George Soule
Maylena Fisher, George Soule
Sonia Fisher, George Soule

Western Reserve Colony

Hannah Benoit, Richard Warren
Jack Benoit, Richard Warren
Aidan Chase, John Howland
Eric Chase, John Howland
Alyssa Cocchiola, William Bradford
Amber Cocchiola, William Bradford
Angelina Cocchiola, William Bradford
Ryan Keeler, Richard Warren
Ethan Pham, Richard Warren
Natalie Pham, Richard Warren
Anna Rohm, Elizabeth Tilley,
Evan Rohm, Love Brewster
Jonah Rohm, John Howland

It's a Family Affair!

Cincinnati Colony member Todd Reel has accepted the position of Junior Membership Coordinator for the Ohio Society! He will be ably assisted by his genealogist wife Vickie and their children. Here is their introduction to the Ohio Society. An updated Junior Membership application has been added to www.ohiomayflower.org.

Hi we're the Reel family. Leading our pack is my husband Todd, Mayflower descendant and stomach cancer survivor. He is also Elder of our wonderful Cincinnati colony. He is a descendant of Alden, Bradford, Brewster, Chilton, Cooke, Hopkins, Mullins and Warren. Our son Samuel, 18, is graduating high school this year, working at Amish furniture store



and pursuing business courses at night. Our daughter Laura is 15, Her interests include cosmetology and getting her driver's permit (help us all). Then there's me, Vickie. I'm wife, mother and amateur genealogist. Todd's Mayflower history was lost several generations back and now that's it's been rediscovered we certainly want to preserve it for future generations. Just as the Pilgrim parents saw their children as the hope for the future, we see your children and ours as a living legacy to continue the rich heritage the Mayflower Pilgrims have left for the foundation of history and our nation. We as a family look forward to the opportunity to work with you and The Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio.

Love and Prayers the Reel Family.

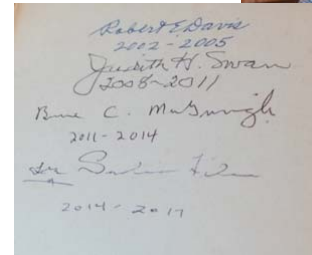
The Ohio Society owes a big THANK YOU to Sandra St. Martin who has served as Junior Coordinator for the last 6 years in addition to her duties as Ohio's Governor. Thank you Sandy!

2017 MAYFLOWER ASSEMBLY

The Ohio Mayflower State Meeting took place at the Courtyard Marriott, in North Canton, on 19-20 May 2017. The meeting featured GSMD Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson as the keynote speaker and the installation of elected officers for a 3-year term.



One of the highlights of the weekend was a trip to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland so Lea Filson could sign the Great Book. The book was printed by William Brewster in Leiden, Holland in 1618. It is a treatise on the New Testament. It was donated to WRHS by a book collector with the stipulation that every Governor General could sign the book.



On Saturday morning, while the Board of Assistants was meeting, attendees had the opportunity to hear Roger Marble talk about genealogy research, play the Mayflower Maize game and talk to representatives of several other lineage societies. The business meeting was short with most officers providing written reports.



Surgeon Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad gave a very interesting talk on the use of essential oils. Scholarship Chair Mary Chase announced the three 2017 winners: Beth Cheverine, Michael Barrett Jr. and Mica Brooks,

none of whom could be present. Dr. Don Nichols and Rev. David Foster conducted the annual memorial service. The tellers counted the ballots



and announced that the slate of officers had been elected. Dr. Don Nichols and Lea Filson conducted the installation ceremony.



In her speech, Governor General Filson

highly praised Ohio Mayflower Governor Sandy St. Martin's leadership and publicly thanked the Ohio Historian team for sustained growth of the Ohio member society. Governor General Filson gave a sneak peek of what lies ahead as 2020 approaches, to include such projects as obtaining and maintaining First Parish Church near the hilltop, at the end of Leiden Street in Plymouth and continued renovations of the Mayflower Society House.

The Cleveland Colony has invited everyone to attend the 2018 meeting May 18-19 with Richard Pickering from Plimoth Plantation.

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The 2017 Essay topic was *What was Chief Massasoit's role in the Mayflower Pilgrim's Story?"*

1st place winner: Elizabeth Cheverine

"Massasoit had come to the Pilgrims' rescue when... the English were 'as a little child' (Philbrick pp. 120.)

As the above quote suggests, Chief Massasoit played a vital role in the Pilgrims survival their first few years in the New World. Massasoit's careful judgement and kindness proved to welcome the Pilgrims into his home and help establish the Pilgrims as a legitimate community amongst the Native Americans.

Chief Massasoit was the grand sachem, or leader, of the Wampanoag tribe, the tribe inhabiting the land where the Pilgrims settled. At this time, most Native Americans had a negative attitude towards Englishmen and saw them as a threat. However, when Chief Massasoit learned of the Pilgrims settlement in Plymouth, he saw it as an opportunity. The Wampanoag had recently lost dominance to the Narragansett tribe because of a wave of epidemics that cost them 75% of the Wampanoag people ("Wampanoag story"). In these tough times, Chief Massasoit was hopeful that an alliance with the Pilgrims would prove fruitful in his endeavor to retake dominance.

With the help of Squanto as a translator between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag, Chief Massasoit approached the Pilgrims in March of 1621 to create peace between the two peoples. "The Pilgrims described [Chief Massasoit] as 'a very lusty [or strong] man, in his best years, an able body, grave of countenance, and spare of speech" (Philbrick pp. 97). Although eager to meet and come to a mutual agreeance, Chief Massasoit was wary of the Pilgrims, and took great precaution before finally meeting face to face with Plymouth's leader, Governor Carver. The Pilgrims Bradford and Winslow recorded the peace agreement between the two peoples, including that neither should hurt the other, they would not steal from each other, they would aid each other in times of war, and weapons were to be left behind when meeting amongst each other. In addition, Chief Massasoit granted the Pilgrims approximately 12,000 acres of land known today as Plymouth plantation.

In the ensuing months, the treaty was put to test. One of the Pilgrims' teenage boys, Francis Billington was a troublemaker in the community. Wandering off into the woods, the boy was found and captured by the Manomet Indians. Instead of returning him to the English, they instead handed the boy over to the Nausets of Cape Cod who had a history of towards the Pilgrims (Philbrick pp. 110-111). This act demonstrated that some tribes were not pleased with Chief Massasoit's alliance with the Pilgrims. After word got back to the Pilgrims that the Billington boy was alive and living with the Nausets, Massasoit had Squanto and another Indian aid the Pilgrims in fetching and returning the boy (Pilbrick pp. 111-112).

Next, it was the Pilgrims turn to show they respected the alliance. Chief Massasoit had been captured by neighboring tribes who were attempting to break the alliance between the Massasoit and the Pilgrims. Massasoit was released, but not before William Bradford (the new governor after Carver's death) had sent Squanto to investigate (Philbrick pp. 113). Squanto in turn was taken captive by Corbitant, one of the Indians attempting to sever the Pilgrim-Indian relationship. Bradford sent Pilgrim Miles Standish and Hobbamock, one of Massasoit's men, to retrieve him and send a message to the Indians that the Pilgrims were to be taken



seriously. Standish led a night raid of the village scaring the Native Americans. He learned Corbitant and his men had fled before Standish arrived, leaving his captives behind. However, Standish's night raid of the village earned the Pilgrims a wave of respect (Philbrick pp. 115-116).

With both sides proving to honor their contact, Chief Massasoit and the Pilgrims were living cordially amongst each other. In 1621, they joined together to celebrate what is now called the First Thanksgiving. Although down the road the treaty would be tested, for the time being they were true allies. "Massasoit's decision to offer them assistance had saved the Pilgrims' lives in the short term" (Philbrick pp. 119). Chief Massasoit's open-mind and desire to regain dominance paved the path for the Pilgrims success.

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Elizabeth Acheni

Note: The June 2018 bus trip to Plymouth planned by the Toledo Colony has been canceled due to insufficient interest. If you did express interest, you will be hearing personally from Sheri Bannister.

Mayflower II History, Part 2

Lee Martin

In Dr. Don Nichol's article, "Mayflower History" (in the March 2017 Buckeye Mayflower) about the voyage of *Mayflower II*, Don mentioned the National Geographic article published in 1973. Warwick Charlton gave a similar account in his book *The Second Mayflower Adventure*. To add further, Warwick gave an account of the financial struggle to get the project moving. He spent many days trying to find backers to support him. After talking with local experts, Warwick surmised the project could be done for about £100,000 in the early 1950s. The first person to give him money to start was Felix Fenston. Felix gave £500.00.

With check for £500.00 in hand, Warwick began the adventure of building the replica of the *Mayflower*. The *Mayflower* was built under Warwick's and Plimoth Plantation's guidance. Financial support wavered, but gained momentum as building progressed. Warwick wrote that he and Villiers changed into their 17th century costumes, walked down "the Mayflower Steps, where a crowd estimated at 10,000 was waiting," and boarded the ship.



The book is divided into two parts: 1) history and building of *Mayflower II* and 2) the actual voyage. With Warwick part of the crew, he recorded the daily activity aboard ship. For fifty-four days, the ship sailed and pulled into Provincetown Harbor June 12, 1956. The next day, the fifty-fifth day, June 13, 1956, *Mayflower* sailed into Plymouth Harbor with much fanfare. Warwick and crew presented the ship to the American people as a gift of our common heritage and as a thank-you for the war effort in Europe during World War II. The book can be bought from Plimoth Plantation.

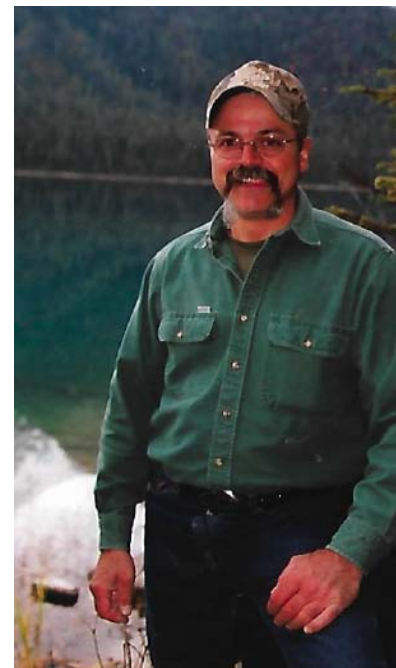
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Richard Wunderley is a descendant of George Soule and has been a Mayflower member since May, 1996. Currently he is the Toledo Colony Program Chair. Last year, Rick led colony members in the letter writing campaign to convince Ohio’s Congressional representatives to support the proposed Mayflower coin for 2020. He drew upon his past experience influencing Ohio legislators on helmet laws for motorcycle riders.

An avid Harley Davidson rider, Rick recently completed his goal of riding the Blue Ridge Parkway from end to end, camping along the way. He has ridden much of the U.S., from Maine to Plimoth Plantation to the Rocky Mountains. Several times he has participated in The Ride to The (VietNam) Wall in Washington, D.C., and was actively involved in getting The Traveling Wall to tour Ohio.

Rick was instrumental in setting up the Toledo Colony Katharyn L. (Huss) Wunderley Memorial Scholarship in 2005. He suggested the guidelines that do not limit this scholarship to just a four year university degree but open it to students in post-high school trade and technical schools as well. His hope was that this would help increase the Junior Membership of the colony.

Born in Toledo, raised in Sandusky, Rick has lived in Findlay the past 40 years. He is an avid reader, particularly of non-fiction American history.



Susan Fisher, Toledo Lt. Governor

Introducing New Board of Assistants Members

You can find the full list of the newly elected Board of Assistants members on page 2 of this newsletter along with the leadership of the five Colonies. Here are the new faces in the group!



Recently elected to the position of Captain for the Ohio BOA, Tom Bradford lives in Dublin Ohio with his wife Karen and son Jack, who is a Junior Member. Tom and his family have lived in Ohio for about six years. His family has moved around for work, working for Nationwide Insurance, where Tom works in Commercial Auto Product. He has lived in Florida as well, where he graduated from the University of Florida as an economics major. His interests include spending time with his family, history, genealogy and watching college football. Tom is a descendant of William Bradford, and is currently working on a supplemental to William Brewster.



Sharon Hendershot is the new Lt. Governor of the Columbus Colony. Sharon, a native of Grandview Heights near Columbus, is a retired elementary teacher and administrator. Her mother inspired a passion for history and genealogy. She is the immediate past state president of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Sharon is excited about serving the Columbus Colony and participating in the 400th anniversary activities of the Society. Sharon is a descendant of William Brewster.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE *OHIO MAYFLOWER SOCIETY* 2020 COMMEMORATION May 1-3, 2020.



The Ohio 2020 committee is proud and excited to announce the principal speaker for the commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage.

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher and a frequent speaker at family history events across the globe. Passionate about family history, Joshua is the President of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B). He is also the immediate past president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Roots Tech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society.

The former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Joshua is the author of numerous articles in *American Ancestors*, *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *New England Ancestors*, and other publications. In 2013 he authored "*The Keane and Sheahan Families of Bridgeport, Connecticut*," a study of a

family's immigration and life in New England after the Irish famine. He is also the coordinator for courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Kelly Clarkson, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe. At the present time Joshua can be seen taking America through their past as a host on the popular PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*.

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Mr. Taylor will be presenting multiple topics surrounding Mayflower Genealogy that are still in progress of being decided. The event will be open to members of the Ohio Mayflower Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, other Lineage Groups and those in the general public who are interested in investigating Mayflower or Colonial Ancestry. Once the program is developed more information will be shared on topics and agenda.

SO PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!

The planning committee has selected a hotel and conference center in the Columbus area to be centrally located for all Ohio Mayflower members. This meeting will take the place of the annual assembly and will be a joint project of all five Ohio Colonies. If you would like to volunteer to help with planning or at the event, please contact Beth Anderson at p1620mayflower3@gmail.com or Shaun Smith at masonsabay@gmail.com.

Member news:

Congratulations to WR junior member (and applicant) Stellan Riffle for being awarded a full scholarship to Vanderbilt University where he will start this fall.

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

We continue to strive to grow our activity and 'friends' on the Cincinnati Colony of the Mayflower Descendents Facebook Page. Please remember to 'Like Us.' A new area will be created on the web site that will be password protected for members. This will be where a new member directory will be located.

Recent events

***March 18, 2017 Colony Meeting:** Firehouse Grill, Blue Ash OH: Colony board meeting and presentation. Speaker, William Konop, professional genealogist and Deputy Genealogist, Soc. of Colonial Wars in Ohio. Mr. Konop spoke on using your Mayflower research to qualify to get into other lineage societies.

***April 30, 2017:** Spring Lineage Gathering: Sharonville United Methodist Church. Our colony had a table set up for this afternoon event featuring several other lineage societies.

***May 13, 2017 Spring Colony Meeting:** Terrace Park Country Club, Milford, OH: Colony gathering featuring lunch and speaker. Society of American Revolution of Ohio, Current President, Don McGraw and Past President, James Schaffer displayed approx. 50 flags dating back to pre-American revolution. They discussed the history and origin of each flag up to the current US flag. The flags were part of The Capt. Howard Miller Flag Collection.



Upcoming Events:

***July or August:** informal lunch gathering – Plans TBD

***September 9, 2017:** University Club, Cincinnati, OH: Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch-Featured speaker, Cin Colony member, Peggy Reid will present her experiences from her recent trip with the GSMD on the pilgrim tour of the U.K. and Netherlands.

***October 15, 2017:** Heritage Village at Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH: Colony meeting, lunch and village historic tour.

***November 4, 2017:** Cincinnati Woman's Club, Cincinnati, OH: Compact day - details to follow.

Education & Outreach: The Thanksgiving Fund in 2017 is underway. We collect funds at our Colony events. Prior to Thanksgiving the colony matches our donations and provides the funds to an organization to provide meals for those who are less fortunate. For 2017 the donation will go to the FreeStore Foodbank of Greater Cincinnati which helps families in 3 states (OH, KY, IN and 20 counties).

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

Meetings: The colony continues to hold four Board meetings and one business meeting annually.

2016 Spring Event: The "Wampanoag Native Americans" program was presented by Janice Kleinline at our annual spring business meeting April 09, 2017 held at the Cuyahoga County Warrenville Heights Library. The attendees especially enjoyed learning about the customs of the children. The voting ballots for the 2017-2020 Officers and Board of Assistants election were counted and reported by the designated teller. The nominees noted below were elected and installed.

Lt Governor – Vicky Heineck

Deputy Lt Governor – Janice O'Neil

Secretary – Kathy Leisure

Treasurer – Mary Chase

Historian – Don Williams

Captain – Jerry Bruce

Colony State Representative – Jonathan Miller

Board of Assistants – Carolyn Cheverine, David Foster, Richard Rezie

2017 Summer Event: The 2017 summer event will be held at the Lake View National Historic Garden Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio Sunday June 25, 2017. We will tour the James A. Garfield Memorial, Wade Memorial Chapel and other points of interest followed by lunch at Trattoria on the Hill Italian restaurant located in Little Italy, Cleveland, Ohio.

2017 Compact Day: The annual November 18, 2017 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Rebecca McFarland, an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness. She will share the Eliot Ness that you won't get from the movies since the truth is more fascinating than fiction! We will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests as we have in the past. Our Colony had 105 guests last year and strives to match that number again this year.

Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

2017 Columbus Colony Officers -

Sharon K. Hendershot – Lieutenant Governor

Hilda Pappas - Deputy Lieutenant Governor

Winthrop (Win) Worcester – Treasurer

Jenney Seely - Corresponding Secretary

Betsie Goad – Historian

Kristen Hallows -Recording Secretary

Cheryl Bash -Elder

SMDOH Rep – Janice Kleinline

Upcoming Events: July or August: informal lunch gathering of Officers & Chairmen. Sharon Hendershot’s home-TBA

November 11, 2017: Compact Day Meeting at Kensington Place. Patricia Hasser, a Columbus Colony member, is an herbalist. She will bring samples of herbs brought from England on the Mayflower and discuss the Pilgrims’ planting, preservation, and usage. This is the 99th anniversary of Armistice Day, the ending of The Great War. Cheryl Bash will give an invocation to honor these veterans.

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

Education & Outreach: Janice Kleinline, Education Chair will present a school program on the Pilgrims this fall in South Bloomfield. She also spoke to the Cleveland Colony.

Scholarship: A \$1000 scholarship was presented to junior member Peter Jakes. It was accepted on his behalf by his mother Corinne Jakes. Peter graduates May 20 from Elon University in NC with double majors in math & statistics and a minor in finance. He will work for Allstate Insurance in Chicago as an actuary. Scholarship applications for the coming year are due to Dr. Janet Ebert, Chairman by June 1.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

When history is written only by the winners, cultural history of other groups is often lost. At the March meeting of Toledo Colony, members heard history from a point of view many people never hear. Two Tribal Historic Preservation Officers of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma presented their history in “A Living People with a Past”. The Miami believe they came out of the water near Michigan’s St. Joseph River and eventually lived along the Wabash River near Fort Wayne, IN. Diane Hunter and Doug Peconge of Fort Wayne then took us through the Miami history in the 1700’s through the present. Currently they work to educate people outside of the tribe as well as the





young Miami people in the cultural ways of the tribe; 600+ tribal citizens live in Ohio and Indiana; 5,000+ live in 43 states.

Elder David Martin conducted the necrology service for Jane Yarnell, Byron Stickles, and Jean Smalley, all members for many years.

New member Marilyn Willey received her Mayflower ship pin. New member James Willey and several preliminary members were welcomed.

The summer meeting will be the last Saturday in July with lunch and a tour of the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton. Please make reservations by 25 July through Jeffrey Stoll, 906-440-5088.

Cost and addresses will be available in the *Toledo Colony Chronicle*, sent to members, and available on the State website after mid-June. www.ohiomayflower.org

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Western Reserve Colony was proud to host the 119th Ohio Society State Assembly in Canton on May 19 and 20th this year. On Friday afternoon a “Witnessing” contingent accompanied Governor General Lea Filson to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland so she could sign “The Great Book”, published by William Brewster while he was in Holland. “The Great Book,” published in 1618, was one of two dozen books printed by William Brewster at his Choir Alley Printing Shop in Leyden, Holland. As time has passed, books printed by Brewster have become collector’s items. A copy of “The Great Book” had belonged to Christ’s College in Cambridge, England and bears its bookplate. This book subsequently was purchased by John Pearson, a well known book collector from Cleveland, Ohio. Sometime in the early 1940’s, Mr. Pearson took the book to the General Congress of the GSMD to have the new governor general, and all previous governor’s general, sign the book. He then donated the book to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio, with the stipulation that all future governors general could sign it. In addition to Friday’s Signing, Western Reserve hosted GG signings in 2005 and 2012.



Lee Martin, John Franklin, Jill Parker, Lea Filson, Becky Woodruff, Roberta Dodd, Pat Hall, Paul Morehouse

On Saturday, attendees could visit the historical and genealogical tables, play the Mayflower Maize game and attend Roger Marble’s Genealogy Mini Series Presentation. These activities were followed by the Business Meeting, luncheon and program with Governor General Lea Filson sharing what is currently happening within the General Society as well as what the future plans are...including a glimpse at plans for 2020.

Kudos to the entire WR hosting team of volunteers who did a wonderful job from logistics, transportation, facility and dining arrangements, to table decorations, greeting, registration, gift bags, and program presenters and facilitators. Members were also treated to a special singing of *God Bless America* by WR member Shara Cocchiola and her junior member daughters - Amber, Angelina, and Alyssa. We are blessed to have this family in our Colony. And a special thank you to all who attended. Your active participation and comradery helped create a feeling of attending a Family Reunion.

WR Colony Meetings: We will hold our picnic on June 17 (noon at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH) .– Colony provides ham and beverages; you bring a side dish or dessert and your place settings...but don’t worry if you forget...we always have extra place settings and lots of food. Games and Prizes and Fun times! No cost. And we will hold our Compact Day Meeting on Sunday, Nov.12.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

June 25, 2017—Cleveland Colony summer event at Lakeview 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 9, 2017: University Club, Cincinnati, OH: Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch-Featured speaker, Cin Colony member, Peggy Reid will present her experiences from her recent trip with the GSMD on the pilgrim tour of the U.K. and Netherlands

September 10-12 2017—Mayflower Congress, Plymouth, MA. Contact Governor Sandy St. Martin if you are interested in being a delegate.

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

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

October 15, 2017: - Cincinnati Colony—Heritage Village at Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH: Colony meeting, lunch and village historic tour.

November 4, 2017—Cincinnati Colony Compact Day celebration, Cincinnati Women’s Club

November 11, 2017: Columbus Colony Compact Day celebration at Kensington Place. Herbalist Patricia Hasser will discuss the Pilgrims’ planting, preservation, and usage of herbs.

November 11, 2017—Toledo Colony Compact Day celebration, Swan Creek Retirement Village

November 12, 2017—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day celebration, details to follow

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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!

We have been contacted by a Mayflower member who lives in Texas but whose roots are in Ohio. Here is her inquiry: “I have in my possession a photo of the old Brewster homestead, which I believe was located in Salt Creek Township between Zanesville and Chandlersville along Route 146. I have not been able to find the place again and am wondering if any of the Ohio chapter of the Mayflower Society might know if it is still standing or if perhaps its been torn town to build something newer on the land. My research indicates it may have been built by one of the Brewsters in the very early 1800s. It is a modest stone home. My grandmother took me there about 50 years ago and her notes are inadequate to find it again.

I am looking for it for two reasons. First, it is part of my family history and if it still exists, I’d like to show it to my daughters and granddaughters. Secondly, I am an author and doing research for a historical novel about relationships between Mayflower families and Native American families from 1620 forward to modern times. If this home exists I would love to find it again and perhaps include some details about it in my book.”

If you know of this house, please email OHMayflowerNewsletter@gmail.com.

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Book Donation Project

The Ohio Society and its Colonies are continuing to donate the "Silver Books" and other books published by the General Society to libraries around the state. In the next few weeks, collections of books will be added to the Wayne County Library in Wooster, the Medina County Library, the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and the Toledo Library. We will be scheduling formal presentations of the books soon. If you would like to participate, please contact your Colony Lt. Governor for details.



Western Reserve Colony donation to the Akron Summit Co Library.

L to R Jane Gramlich, Becky Woodruff, Mary Plazo, Jill Parker

In the next few months, we will be placing orders for the Bexley Public Library, the Ashtabula County Library and the new library that is under construction in Dayton.

Does your local library have an active Genealogy department? Do they have a full collection of the Mayflower resources? Do they want more?

If you would like to start the process for your local library, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com for an inventory list and other instructions.