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A message from our Governor

Cousins,

Our Ohio Society has had another successful year. We are doing well in membership and our planning for 2020 activities. Our five colonies continue to be the backbone of our organization. The efforts of our colonies and the dedicated members of the Board of Assistants keep SMDOH going.

We are busy with our approaching 2020 on both the national and state levels. The highlight of the 2017 GBOA in Plymouth was witnessing the transfer of the First Parish Church of Plymouth to our Society. In Ohio, we continue to celebrate the approaching 2020 celebration through our book donation program. We've donated complete available sets of silver books to libraries which have supporting resources. Our most recent donations have been to libraries in Ashtabula, Bexley, Dayton, Fremont (Hayes Center), Medina, Toledo, and Wooster. The Dayton donation was accomplished at the local genealogy society meeting. We even served Mayflower designed cookies in Dayton!

As we approach 2020, you may want to commemorate the year by purchasing a memento. Current possibilities include Ohio pins and pink ribbons, the recently reissued Mayflower Maize Game, and personalized wood boxes honoring your own ancestors and your membership in the Ohio Society. Western Reserve Colony has also found a seamstress willing to provide custom pilgrim costumes. A word of caution---Mayflower Maize was featured on a full page in the latest Mayflower Quarterly. The games are selling fast and quantities are limited.

Our SMDOH 2020 committee, led by Beth Anderson of Cincinnati Colony, has involved all five colonies in preparing for our annual meeting on May 1st and 2nd, 2020. The 2020 meeting will be in Columbus and features Josh Taylor, renowned genealogist, as our keynote speaker. Mr. Taylor will speak on four separate occasions. Our 2020 celebration will also offer special Pilgrim themed activities for us all.

SMDOH had some recent changes. The vote to reopen life membership was favorable so we are going to make that happen. We are also sponsoring our own Pilgrim Guard. On a sad note, our state treasurer and Scholarship chairman, Mary Chase, has resigned her position. We appreciate having Mary on our board and wish her well.

If you aren't contributing to our Ohio Society other than paying your dues, consider offering your services. Since we're approaching 2020, now is the perfect time to be an active participant in our Ohio Society. We'll find a job for you that you'll like.



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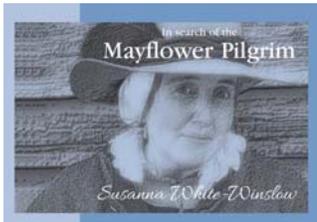
HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Greetings cousins

FY 2017-2018 has been quite a year. Turnaround in Plymouth for applications has been greatly reduced in the last couple of months, resulting in a large number of approved applications as you will see on page 4. We are thrilled to welcome so many Mayflower cousins to membership. We have also seen an uptick in supplemental applications, but are always ready for more! If you have more pilgrim ancestors that you would like to prove, let us know and we will be happy to get the process started for you.

We are working to develop a group of members who love genealogy and are willing to help struggling applicants to prove their lineage. If this is something that you would like to do, please let me know. It should not be a big time commitment—mainly a few friendly phone calls to encourage prospective members and to help them find the documents they need. Meeting with prospective members to review their documentation for completeness and correct presentation is encouraged but not required.

We will be sending out initial dues notices by email in mid-August. Watch your inbox for them! The next membership year will begin November 1st—we need to have your dues paid by that date. New this year—we are working on setting up a Paypal account so you can pay your dues that way. Further information will follow once we have the process set up.



Are you a William & Susanna White descendant? You may be interested in the new book by Sue Allan detailing her research with Caleb Johnson and Simon Neal to discover her English origins and her surname. It can be purchased from www.domton.co.uk.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian and Acting Treasurer

Ohio Mayflower State Assembly, 19 May 2018

The 2018 Ohio Mayflower State Assembly had a couple of interesting programs: first dealt with Cleveland during WW I and WW II, and second, the Mayflower Compact from the perspective of women who were there when the document was signed. I did not realize how involved Cleveland was industrially, in that most of the weapons used by soldiers, were made right in Cleveland. On the other hand, I found the presentation of the Mayflower Compact refreshing because the role playing by the presenter, showed how the women present may have played a part in conflict resolution, even indirectly, to resolve discord enough to settle disputes and become a cohesive group to get jobs done and survive as a colony.

A new and exciting development took place at the Ohio Mayflower Board of Assistants meeting in that the BOA approved the Mayflower Guard Guarantor program proposed and spearheaded by the Western Reserve Colony. The Mayflower Guarantor program is designated to help equip people interested in the Mayflower Guard. Property purchased by the individual, belongs to the individual and property purchased by the Colony, belongs to the Colony.

For example, I bought the clothing myself, so the clothing is my property unless I choose to donate it. Similarly, with armor, if I bought the armor, that would be my property unless I choose to donate it to the Colony. When I bought my clothing, I was reimbursed because equipping, even with just clothing, is quite an expensive undertaking. Property acquired, whether by Colony or the individual, can be used as an educational tool in local schools.

While at the State meeting, I modeled my “uniform” and received positive feedback. As a note, Jim Battles, commander of the Guard emailed me that the inaugural appearance of the Mayflower Guard will be at the General Board of Assistants meeting in Illinois in September. Anyone, men or women in Ohio, with questions about the Guard, should contact myself or Jim Battles (battles.mayflowerguard@gmail.com). Or if anyone is interested in the Mayflower Guarantor program, contact Jill Parker (cfrtroutgal@gmail.com) for further information.

Lee Martin, Deputy Historian



CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members December 1 2017—May 31, 2018

Cincinnati Colony

Initial applications

Caitlin Burgess 13th from John Alden
 Cullen Burgess 13th from John Alden
 Kelly Burgess 12th from John Alden
 Cynthia Cole 12th from Richard Warren
 Frank Davis 12th from Richard Warren
 Paul Griffith 11th from George Soule
 Laura Hawthorn 12th from Isaac Allerton
 William Hawthorn 12th from Isaac Allerton
 Lisa Hoffman 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 Wanda Langdon 13th from Edward Fuller
 Lisa Snauffer 13th from James Chilton
 Nancy Steinke 11th from Edward Fuller

Junior to adult

Samuel Reel 14th from John Alden

Transfer in

Doris Austin 13th from William Brewster

Cleveland Colony

Dual membership

Janet Romanski 10th from John Howland

Initial applications

Brent Durken 13th from John Alden
 Trent Gages 11th from Francis Cooke
 Joyce Gorretta 11th from Stephen Hopkins
 Laura Gorretta 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Lisa Gorretta 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Leslie Sekerka 12th from John Howland

Junior to Adult

Adele Belgrad 12th from John Alden
 Jason Dickinson 15th from William Brewster
 Jamie Sohngen 14th from John Howland
 Kevin Sohngen 14th from John Howland
 Madeline Sohngen 14th from John Howland
 Tess Sohngen 14th from John Howland

Columbus Colony

Christine Bohannon 12th from William Brewster
 Kaylene Corcoran 13th from Francis Eaton
 Kathleen Dixon 14th from Francis Cooke
 Charles Fuller 11th from Edward Fuller
 Kathryn Hamer 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Freda Hill 11th from William Brewster
 Leslie Holmes 11th from Richard Warren
 Norman Knapp 11th from Richard Warren
 Linda Moore 13th from Edward Fuller
 Matthew Morgan 13th from Francis Cooke
 Melinda Olmstead 12th from John Alden
 Alaina Pappas 12th from Myles Standish
 Alexis Pappas 12th from Myles Standish
 George Pappas 11th from Myles Standish
 Natasha Pappas 11th from Myles Standish
 Elizabeth Peltier 11th from William Bradford
 Nicholas Robinson 13th from William Bradford
 Kathleen Rowley 10th from Myles Standish
 Paul Rowley 11th from Edward Fuller
 Anne Smittle 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 Betty Williams 10th from William White
 Steven Williams 11th from William White

Toledo Colony

Lisa Faber 12th from John Tilley
 Steven Martin 16th from John Tilley
 Diane Meyer 12th from William Brewster
 Christine Olzak 12th from William Brewster

Western Reserve Colony

Kathryn Freed 11th from George Soule
 Cheryl Green 11th from John Howland
 Sydney Green 12th from John Howland
 Allyssa Kendrick 14th from William Brewster
 Bruce Kendrick 13th from William Brewster
 Sheila Mosteller 13th from John Howland
 Diane Thomas 13th from Francis Cooke

Supplemental Applications Approved December 1 2017-May 31, 2018

Cincinnati Colony

William Reel 14th from Richard Warren

Cleveland Colony

Brent Durken 13th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Columbus Colony

Gary Barstow 13th from William Brewster

Cheryl Bash 11th from John Alden

Cheryl Bash 12th from William Mullins

James Battersby 12th from Stephen Hopkins

Thomas Bradford 12th from John Howland

Helen Cullison 11th from John Tilley

Helen Cullison 10th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Helen Cullison 11th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Helen Cullison 10th from John Howland

Janet Hoffmann 11th from John Alden

Toledo Colony

Steven Martin 16th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Steven Martin 15th from John Howland

Steven Martin 15th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Western Reserve Colony

David Burnham 12th from Thomas Rogers

Shara Cocchiola 12th from Mary Allerton

Shara Cocchiola 13th from Mary (Norris) Allerton

Shara Cocchiola 13th from Isaac Allerton

Holly Porada 11th from John Alden

Holly Porada 12th from William Mullins

Cheryl Strong 12th from Francis Cooke

New Junior Members

Cincinnati Colony

Dyson Ponce Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

Emmerson Lee Ponce-Laffayette Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

John Palmer Sponsored by Father Andrew Palmer

Koa Alice Ponce Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

Miles Baird Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

Noah Baird Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

Phoebe Raynor Sponsored by Grandmother Hollee Raynor

Wyatt Baird Sponsored by Great Aunt Hollee Raynor

Cleveland Colony

Amanda Schaefer Sponsored by Grandmother Jean Schaefer

Dylan Schweitzer Sponsored by Father Jason Schweitzer

Julia Schaefer sponsored by Grandmother Jean Schaefer

Makayla Schweitzer Sponsored by Father Jason Schweitzer

Nathaniel Schweitzer Sponsored by Father Jason Schweitzer

Columbus Colony

Carson Jordan Sponsored by Grandmother Margaret Earing

Jacob Haskins Sponsored by Grandfather Wyman Haskins

Mary Bailey Sponsored by Grandmother Margaret Earing

Myriam Werbrouck Sponsored by Great Grandmother Joan Lehr

Nocholas Haskins Sponsored by Grandfather Wyman Haskins

Rafael Werbrouck Sponsored by Great Grandmother Joan Lehr

Summer Jordan Sponsored by Grandmother Margaret Earing

Vivian Bailey Sponsored by Grandmother Margaret Earing

Western Reserve Colony

Melanie Parker Sponsored by Great Aunt Jill Parker

Tanner McMichael Sponsored by Grandmother Holly Porada



JN MEMORIAM



THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Colony	Member	Ancestor	Birth date	Death date	Election date
COL	William Perkins	John Howland	9/14/1922	12/16/2017	1/9/1982
WR	Barbara Clark	John Alden	10/22/1927	1/12/2018	10/19/1991
TOL	Carolyn Wells	George Soule	5/9/1933	4/1/2018	3/14/1998
COL	JoAnn Cornish-Gerwig	Richard Warren	9/24/1953	1/18/2018	10/10/1998
CLE	Hugh Arey	Stephen Hopkins	2/3/1927	12/23/2017	11/2/2006
COL	Peter Bouton	Stephen Hopkins	11/11/1936	1/19/2018	4/11/2012

2018 State Assembly



The 120th Annual State Assembly was held at Radisson Hotel-Gateway located at 651 Huron Road East Cleveland, Ohio. The Friday night event included a late afternoon Soldiers and Sailors Monument Tour and Euclid Beach Silver Bullet rides by the “Rocket Girl” touring Public Square and nearby attractions.



The morning speaker was the Western Reserve History Center’s Curator of Collections & Exhibits, Eric Rivet’s **“Cleveland at War”** program. He talked about Cleveland’s role in World War I and World War II. We learned about how Cleveland’s industrial power made key contributions to both wars. He told stories of prominent Clevelanders and local heroes who helped achieve victory, and heard about some of the treasures of the Western Reserve Historical Society’s military collections. It was a fascinating presentation!



The annual business meeting was kept short. Highlights included outgoing scholarship chair presenting winner Mica Brooks with her certificate. The other two winners, Alyssa Kendrick and Benjamin Wilt were not able to attend. You can read Alyssa’s essay on pages 8-9 in this issue. The other two will follow in future issues. Beth Anderson updated us on the planning for the 2020 commemoration in



Columbus. Elder David Foster conducted the memorial service for our cousins who have left us in the last year with assistance from representatives from each Colony. The tellers counted the ballots and all the Bylaws changes were passed. An updated copy will be posted on www.ohiomayflower.org shortly..



The keynote speaker was Plimoth Plantation’s Director of Education and Public Programs, Vicki Oman. She illuminated the **“Mayflower Compact”** by discussing it from the perspective of two women aboard Mayflower. She used changes in head covering and other minor adjustments to her costume to distinguish the two women.



On the journey, and in the early years of the colony, the line between the worlds of men and women was not as

firm as it had been in England. The limited space on the ship and in the first homes created an unusual intimacy; women probably witnessed events which were ordinarily only witnessed by men. Vicki Oman will explore the creation and influence of the document by portraying Goodwife Elizabeth Hopkins and Mistress Mary Brewster, two of our nation's founding mothers. Her portrayal of the two women was excellent.

All in all, a great time was had by all!
Here are a few more photos from the day!



50 Year members recognized at the annual assembly 19 May 2018

- Lisa Lipps, Cincinnati Colony
- Virginia O'Connor, Columbus Colony
- Kent Krause, Columbus Colony
- Heidi Budke, Toledo Colony

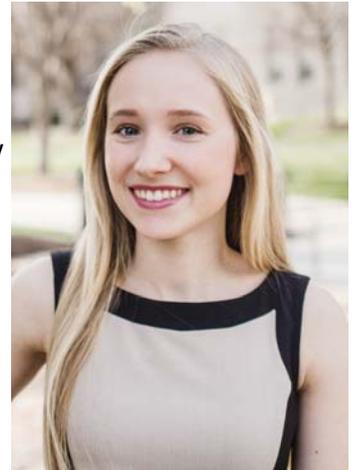
Congratulations!

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Religion's Fundamental Role in Separatist's Migration to the New World

Alyssa Kendrick, Creighton University

As proclaimed by Separatist William Bradford in his *of Plimoth Plantation*, "blessed ye God of heaven, who had brought them over ye vast & furious ocean, and delivered them from all ye periles & miseries thereof," religion played an imperative role in bringing the Separatists over to the New World. Bradford was not alone on this journey across the ocean as he was joined by a handful of other individuals with the same separatist mission. A separatist is defined as, "a person who supports the separation of a particular group of people from a larger body on the basis of ethnicity, religion, or gender" (New Oxford American Dictionary, 2005). In exploring this definition of a separatist, it is easier to draw connections between who these noteworthy people were and what this religious mission was that they were pursuing so fervently.



Alyssa M Kendrick

In looking at the origins of the Separatist group that ventured over to the New World, one must flashback to a minute English village known as Scrooby where influential radical Protestants congregated around 1606 (Mills, 1999). They clustered in this area due to a conflict in their Protestant Christian Beliefs and those of the Church of England. The Separatists sought after a complete separation from the Church of England, a desire that strongly distinguished them from the well-known Puritans who simply desired to reform the Church (Philbrick, 2006). A conflict between church and state arose as historian Michael Braddick claims, "anyone who separates from Church separates from royal authority" (Burns, 2015).

Not long after this group had established itself in Scrooby under the lead of prominent Separatists like William Brewster, Bradford became interested and joined in on the movement (Burns, 2015). However, due to external religious pressure by the English throne, more specifically from King James I, they began to desire refuge elsewhere. In 1609, they migrated to join those with beliefs similar to their own in Leyden, Holland (Faragher, 1998). It is because of their firm religious beliefs that they even dared to make this venture.

Even though religious tensions were initially eased, it was not long until the Separatists began to seek out a better life for themselves and their descendants. First and foremost, religious tensions grew once more as the Thirty Years' War was only beginning to erupt, challenging Protestant beliefs (History.com Staff, 2009). Not only did the external environment place pressure on the Separatists in Leyden, but there were also pressures within the community as well. The Separatists wanted a life that involved English heritage, not Dutch, and also employment that was better than factory backbreaking labor (Burns, 2015). The combination of oncoming religious challenges, heritage preferences, and grueling employment are some of the factors that led to the Separatists seeking refuge in the New World.

Although their religious beliefs were the primary driving force behind their migration to the New World, these beliefs were also one of the only things holding them back. Many of the investors involved refused to pay unless others who were more experienced, later known as "Strangers," joined this group of Protestant radicals (Burns, 2015 & Philbrick, 2006). Even though leaders like Bradford and Brewster initially opposed this outrageous thought, they agreed to allow them to join in this venture with them. This delay in financing and agreement based off of religion led to a late departure, which only added to the hardships they faced down the road when they finally reached the New World during the harsh winter.

In summary, the Separatist's strict, Protestant religious beliefs led to the accumulation of strength that drove them to the New World. This group of individuals had to fulfil a mission of separating completely from the Church of England, and they, "were willing to endure almost anything if it meant they could worship as they pleased" (Philbrick, 2006, p. 4). The religious conflict between the Separatists and the Church of England, and also the rest of the surrounding countries, is what drove them to Leyden and then eventually all the way to the New World.

Lastly, it is because of religion that they began the Mayflower compact with the words that would bind them together for the rest of their days, "In the name of God, Amen" (Webmaster, 2012).

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Help Wanted – SMDOH Treasurer

The Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants is seeking a member to complete the current term of treasurer, beginning immediately through May 2020. The appointee may run for future terms if desired.

Qualifications:

Organized and detail oriented

Experienced user of Microsoft Office applications, particularly Excel. Working knowledge of Microsoft Access a bonus. Current applications are all Windows based (must have Windows for Microsoft Access).

Financial experience such as in banking, accounting or bookkeeping strongly preferred

User of QuickBooks accounting software strongly preferred (software will be provided by SMDOH)

Able to attend 4 Board of Assistants meetings annually physically or by Skype (3 in Columbus)

Responsibilities per the bylaws:

“The Treasurer shall collect all entrance fees and dues, shall attend to all disbursements and shall have charge of all funds of the SMDOH under the direction of the BOA. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the SMDOH and shall make a report to date, including outstanding obligations at all meetings of the BOA and shall, at the Annual Meeting, report in full the receipts and disbursements of the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall disburse only such funds that are in the annual operating budget as approved by the BOA or as the SMDOH, BOA or the Finance Committee shall direct. The Treasurer shall ensure that the required financial filings with the State of Ohio and the Internal Revenue Service are filed on a timely basis.”

Training will be provided.

If you are interested in this rewarding position, please contact Governor Sandra St. Martin at carkin9th@yahoo.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Ohio Member Celebrates a Milestone Birthday this June



Columbus Colony Mayflower Descendant, Helen Campbell Hilty will soon celebrate her 105th birthday. Helen has been a Mayflower member since 1987. She is a descendant of Francis Cooke and she is very proud of her English--Scottish heritage.

Helen grew up on a farm in Putnam County. She was born June 21, 1913, the 6th of 9 children born to Emma and Albert Campbell. Helen married Donald Hilty July 6, 1940. They lived all their married life in Columbus Grove, Ohio, except for the time Don was in the military. They had three children: Ann Hilty, Sue Wilson, and Nancy Wilson, five grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Helen is a “people” person and always has a smile on her face. She has enjoyed gardening, and was an excellent cook. She has had a life long interest in learning and has always taken an interest in others.

Happy Birthday Helen!

Mayflower Guard

At the 2017 Congress last September, the GSMD announced that it has created **The Mayflower Guard** to serve as the ceremonial color guard. They are looking for society members to participate in the Mayflower Guard who are willing to attend GSMD meetings and events appropriately dressed and equipped as were *Mayflower* passengers who formed the militia of the Pilgrims in 1620-1621. The Mayflower Guard will visibly promote the education and understanding of the Pilgrims through their historically correct apparel.

In the spirit of “providing Mutual Aid” to the Guard, our BOA approved the “**Mayflower Guard – Ohio Guarantor**” Program. WR Colony has volunteered to coordinate this. Funding will be tracked separately and will be financed solely thru Mayflower Society member donations.

Guard Membership: If you are interested in being part of the costumed guard, contact Lee Martin, (buckeyemayflower@gmail.com) for more information. Future information will be provided about getting financial help with your outfit. Guards will dress for Colony and State gatherings as well as for other educational events.



How to Be an Ohio Guarantor: You can **become a Guarantor** by donating, anytime, by sending a check to the WR Colony Treasurer Ann Gulbransen, 2234 S. Medina Line Rd., Wadsworth, OH 44281. Make the check payable to **Western Reserve Colony** and write **MAYFLOWER GUARD** in the memo line.

Show your Support: Each person donating \$25 or more will receive a “Guarantor” pin which can be proudly worn to show support.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

Plans for the 2020 event are moving along and here is some information that was decided at the Annual State Meeting in Cleveland that may help you plan for this event:

Date for the event is May 1 & 2, 2020

Location is the Polaris Hilton in Columbus with free parking

A block of rooms will be saved, room rate is \$129 +tax and reservations can start June 1, 2019. We are recommending that if you are planning to stay overnight to make your reservation early as that is the same weekend of OSU graduation.

Our featured speaker is D. Joshua Taylor the noted genealogist and TV host of PBS's Genealogy Road Show. Mr. Taylor will do four presentations:

The Significance of 2020 in Today's World

Finding your English Origins in New England Colonists: The Mayflower and Beyond

Tracing Mayflower Ancestors in the 21st Century: Digital Records, DNA, and More

The Mayflower Community in Context: Colonial America in the 1600's

Conference Fees include all presentations and three meals (Continental Breakfast/ lunch and Banquet) on

Saturday:

Both days \$150

Friday only \$50

Saturday only \$100

Registration will be capped at 180 attendees', so you will want to register early, the invitations will be sent by January 15th of 2020 and Registration will be closed on March 15, 2020.

The 2020 Committee is looking forward to this once in a lifetime event and want you to join us. Wear your Mayflower period costumes and connect with your Mayflower Cousins.

Beth Anderson, 2020 Committee Chair

OHIO MAYFLOWER 2020 COMMEMORATION

MAY 1-2, 2020

POLARIS HILTON IN COLUMBUS

The featured speaker for this event is nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher

D. Joshua Taylor

Topics:

- The Significance of 2020 in Today's World
- Finding your English Origins in New England Colonists: The Mayflower and Beyond
- Tracing Mayflower Ancestors in the 21st Century: Digital Records, DNA, and More
- The Mayflower Community in Context: Colonial America in the 1600's



COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Membership 5/17/2018

Colony has 174 members and 53 Junior Members. We have 55 total approved preliminary applications.

Past Events:

On November 4, 2017 Cincinnati Colony held Compact Day at the Cincinnati Woman's Club. The presentation was Puritans and Indians by Karim Tiro, Professor of History at Xavier University.

On January 6, 2018, the Cincinnati Colony held a board meeting at Parkers Blue Ash Tavern.

On February 10, 2018, Dayton Library Silver Book Donation coordinated by Beth Anderson

On March 3, 2018 the Cincinnati Colony held a colony meeting to socialize and review committee activities.

Upcoming Events:

June 23, 2018- 11-5PM – Preble County Library – Genealogy department – Genealogy Fair in Eaton Ohio.

September 8, 2018 - Cincinnati Colony Board/Membership Meeting

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

November 3, 2018 - Compact Day

Cincinnati Scholarship Committee

The Cincinnati Colony has established a \$500 scholarship annually from the Cincinnati Colony with the Xavier University History Department. The scope of the Scholarship was anyone in a Bachelor or Master's Program with a broad focus on colonial history. Three history professors would judge the scholarship contest.

2019 Annual Meeting Committee

The Committee has made the following progress. The location will be at the Cincinnati Marriott North in West Chester. Our morning speaker will be Mrs. Kathleen Reed and the subject will be DNA. The afternoon speaker will be Ms. Brandon Marie Miller, author. Save the date cards have been created.

Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2018 Spring Event:

The 2018 spring event and Colony annual business meeting was held on Sunday April 15th at the Dunham Tavern Museum located at 6709 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio. The tavern is the oldest building in Cleveland, Ohio. Rufus and Jane Pratt Dunham built their first home on the site in 1824 which later became a stage coach stop and tavern. The business meeting was held in the replica barn with light refreshments included. Additionally, we collected "Pennies for Planks" at the meeting. We introduced and welcomed our newest Board of Assistants member Bob Coltrin and his wife. Bob has accepted the Historian position and plans to help Ann Gulbransen and Lee Martin with member applications. After the meeting, we had a guided tour of the museum. The event was well attended, educational and fun for sure.

2018 State Assembly: The Cleveland Colony Board has diligently planned the 2018 SMDOH State Assembly Day. See pages 6 & 7 for details of the events and photos of the participants.

2018 Compact Day: The annual November 10, 2018 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Dr. Michael T. George presenting his new program "**War of 1812**". He is the author of the Best Selling book "My Story of America". Dr. Michael was the keynote speaker at the

Cincinnati Colony State Assembly Day a few years ago and the Cleveland Colony has invited him to our Compact Day Dinner. As in the past, we will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests. More details to follow.

Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Membership:

The Columbus Colony membership total as of May 2, 2018 is 287 members

Past Events

Columbus Colony Board meeting was held February 17, 2018 at the home of Lt. Gov. Sharon Hendershot. The Colony standing rules were approved as corrected and were available at the April 14, 2018 meeting. State Counselor Margo Broehl had approved the Colony by-laws and they were submitted to the membership for vote by electronic or paper ballot to all members. Corresponding Secretary Jenney Seely counted the votes and reported the vote to approve was unanimous of the ballots returned to her.

April 14, 2018: Spring Meeting at Kensington Place. Dr. Janet Ebert will give a presentation about the Star Spangled Banner and lead the members in singing the "other" verses. The Mayflower Maze was introduced. The Columbus Colony by-laws were approved. Signed copies of the by-laws and standing rules were placed in the files of the Colony Lt. Governor and the Recording Secretary. A signed copy was also sent to the Ohio State Colony Recording Secretary.

Upcoming Events:

June 3, 2018 The Summer Picnic: Sharon Bardus, a retired teacher, is our junior member chair. She is planning a family picnic for juniors and their sponsors on Sunday June 3 from 4-7 at the Gantz Shelter House in Grove City. It will be a potluck with the Colony providing hot dogs and paper products.

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

Education & Outreach: Janice Kleinline, Education Chair presented a school program on the Wampannoog Indians this fall in South Bloomfield and in New Albany. She also spoke to the Cleveland Colony.

Scholarship: Scholarship applications for the coming year were due to Dr. Janet Ebert, Chairman by May 1. Dr. Ebert reported that Rachel Jakes, last year's winner, has submitted an application for this year's Colony \$1000 scholarship. Her essay is being judged by the scholarship committee.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony last met on 21 April at the Swan Creek Retirement Village, Toledo, Ohio. Thirty-two people were in attendance, which included members, preliminaries and guests. An opening prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a buffet style lunch. The meeting opened with the reading of the Mayflower Compact.

Lt. Governor Susan Fisher requested volunteers to fill positions for the upcoming year as well as a request for two people to help judge applications and essays for the Toledo Colony Scholarship.

Lt. Governor Susan Fisher informed the Colony of the loss of member Carolyn Wells, who passed on 1 Apr 2018. Elder David Martin presented a memorial service for two members who passed last year, by recognizing their accomplishments.

Deputy Lt. Governor Judy Rand presented new members, Steve Martin and Diane Meyer with a pin and welcome packet.

The speaker was Frank Kuron, author of the book entitled "Thus Fell Tecumseh". Tecumseh, respected by both the Americans and British,



was considered a handsome, courageous, humorous, diplomatic man with a purpose. He tried to stop the cruel treatment of the British by his warriors and endeavored to band the Native American tribes together to save their native lands. Tecumseh was killed on 5 Oct 1813, during the Battle of Thames. Mr. Kuron's book covers the many stories on who killed Tecumseh, whose death was attributed to Richard M. Johnson. Over 200 years later, the mystery question remains....who killed Tecumseh? To purchase a copy of Frank Kuron's book, you can reach him by email at: kuronklan@bex.net

Preliminary member, Vicki Kuli won \$5.00 by answering the question: "What fund raiser was on the welcome table?" (the correct answer was Pennies for Planks)

Toledo Colony's next meeting will be a picnic at the lodge in Mary Jane Thurston State Park, near Grand Rapids, Ohio on 28 July 2018. The Colony will supply chicken, guests are asked to bring a covered dish to share, table service and their own drink. Betsy Ross (portrayed by Sandy Zikurish) will be the speaker!

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Membership: We currently have about 208 adult members, 98 Junior Members + 71 in the 18-24 age range), 12 Initial Applications (plus 6 pending supplementals), and 42 Approved Preliminary Applications.

SMDOH and 2020 SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT ANNIVERSARY BOXES: WR is offering personalized "Mayflower Ancestry" wooden boxes to SMDOH members for a SMDOH fund raising price of \$75. All net proceeds from these sales will be put into the SMDOH coffers for the 2020 activities. As of 5/13/18, seven boxes have been sold. Order forms are available at www.ohiomayflower.org.



COSTUMING: Western Reserve is working with LB Designs to make Pilgrim outfits for women desiring their own costume. Order information and a display of color swatches will be at the State Assembly. The designer is willing to create men's costumes and same color swatches would apply, but pricing and designs have not been completed yet.

MAYFLOWER MAIZE GAMES & ANNIVERSARY GAME BOX: Mayflower Maize games are still available for \$20.20 (we'll take \$20!) and special Anniversary Wooden GAME Boxes designed to hold your game in a commemorative fashion are available, at cost,

of \$30.96, tax included (shipping extra).



WR COLONY ACTIVITIES

Friends of Western Reserve: Founded several years ago to enable spouses, blended family members, adopted children, and just plain friends to show their support for the Mayflower Society and particularly Western Reserve. Friends receive a specially designed WR pin with the word "Friend". *Recently we switched from an annual fee to a "lifetime" membership fee of just \$5.*

WR Colony Board Meetings: Our Board meetings are held at the Wadworth Buehler's (grocery store) Community Room (no charge). Ample parking & Buehler's will cater a light meal for us.

WR Colony Meetings: We will hold our picnic on June 16 (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.

We have added a new Colony Gathering for members, Friends and guests during the month of September 16...a precursor to October's Family History Month. Ted E. Dudra, who has portrayed many historical figures, who will be "presenting Teddy Roosevelt". Updated information will be added to the SMDOH website posting as we get closer to the date. In the meantime you can check Teddy out by searching on **Teddy Roosevelt presenter** on facebook or doing the same search in Google. Location: Skyland Pines Banquet Center, 3550 Columbus Road NE, Canton, OH 44705.

And we will hold our Compact Day Meeting on Sunday, Nov.12, 2018. Since this corresponds with the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, our program will focus on Veterans.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Parker, Lt. Gov., cfrtroutgal@gmail.com. Please note we do not know the cost of the meetings until a month or so before the meeting; but all are reasonable.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

July 28, 2018: Toledo Colony summer picnic with Betsy Ross at Mary Jane Thurston Park

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

September 8, 2018: Cincinnati Colony Meeting, details TBA

September 16, 2018: WR Colony meeting, "Presenting Teddy Roosevelt," Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge

September 29 2018: BOA meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale, Upper Arlington

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

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

November 10, 2018: Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village, fellowship 11:30 a.m.

November 10 2018: Cleveland Colony Compact Day; Lakewood Country Club

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

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

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

Ohio Mayflower Society's 400th Anniversary Ancestor Box – how to order yours

Earlier this year the Ohio BOA approved a special way for our members to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower. Western Reserve Colony is coordinating this offering which will also raise funds for Ohio's 2020 State Assembly Event.

You can order your own "Ancestor" or "Ancestry" Box as detailed here:

Measurements are 7" square by 4" high. Two types of finish are available: natural and gray wash. The boxes cost \$75 (\$88.65 if shipped) with over \$30 going to the SMDOH 2020 budget. The top is the same on all boxes: it is the official 400 Year Anniversary Ohio Logo. The front is personalized with YOUR membership information. That leaves the 2 sides and back for additional information. We know your ancestor passengers will need at least one side. We will find a way to get your ancestor information on one, two or three sides. If your ancestor information only needs one side, we have ready made information for the other two sides: (1) a map and explanation of the voyage itself and (2) the famous one small candle quote by William Bradford.

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

We have included some pictures here for you to get an idea of what the boxes look like. And a number of these have already been produced so you may even see one at a Colony meeting.



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The Wanderlust

When we trace back our ancestry ,we can see sleepy little towns, farmlands even just passing through places they settled. Definition of wanderlust: A strong desire for, or an impulse to wander, or travel and explore the world. We know about the religious reasons of some of the Mayflower passengers but, what about passengers like Richard Warren who was called a "Merchant" from London? Or William Mullins from Dorking ,England who was a shoemaker. He brought with him on the Mayflower twenty-two pairs of shoes, and thirteen pairs of boots! Or the most notable wander luster of the Pilgrims; Stephen Hopkins, his incredible adventures travelling to Jamestown on the ship the Sea Venture when a great storm hit and he was shipwrecked on the island of Bermuda. Eventually helping to construct a boat and eleven days later landing in Jamestown . He would later go back to England in 1614 presumably finding out by letter his first wife had died. Then of course being a passenger on the Mayflower which included his children and his second wife.

The pilgrims could have never known the vastness of America but their descendants would experience the wanderlust as well. New England's population grew, towns were created, and land grants from Revolutionary War pensions were given so it was only natural that Mayflower descendants would move west. Author Laura Ingalls Wilder (Warren descendant) wrote of her travels west from the Big Woods in Wisconsin to the Dakotas, always looking for a better life a place to settle. A adventurous Amelia Earhart (Warren & Edward Fuller descendant) was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Astronaut Alan Shepard was a Warren Descendant. It is safe to say he's went the farthest. In 1961, he became the first American to travel into space. Our history is a amazing puzzle we piece together as we research our genealogy. Going back generation after generation, seeing the contributions and sacrifices our Mayflower ancestors had made, until we go so far back to a little colony in Massachusetts called Plimouth and a ship called the Mayflower. Those daring, wondrous ,brave Pilgrims wanted a better life for themselves and their children. In doing so, they blessed generation after generation because of their choices and sacrifices. Does wanderlust still exist? YES! For a genealogist I can say yes. We just travel backwards into time to discover and connect with the ones who had the wanderlust for the future.

Vickie Reel