

Toledo Colony Chronicle

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio

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Nominations Needed

by Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor

The slate of officers and board members for spring, 2019 - spring, 2022 will be presented for approval at the March meeting. Volunteers may call an officer before 30 March or speak with an officer at the meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted that day. Members must realize that help is needed for the colony to function smoothly and survive.

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Compact Chair – John MacDonald

Program Chair – OPEN

Board Member – Paula (Beckhusen) Niederhauser

Junior Member Chair* – OPEN

Representative to State Board of Assistants - OPEN

*The Junior Member Chair can be done by someone who is not able to attend many meetings but who has a heart for children.



Next Colony Meeting

When: Saturday, March 30, fellowship 11:30; meal at 12:00 noon

Where: Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo (off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road. Drive along the left side of the building and enter at the last portico.)

Meal Cost: \$15 Buffet meal with strip steak, turkey w/ gravy, horseradish crusted salmon entrees, glazed carrots red potatoes, pumpkin and cherry pies.

Speaker: Pat Hasser will speak on "Herbs and Their Uses in Colonial Days". Plants will be on display and her herbal products will be for sale.

Reservations by Tues. March 26 with Jeffrey Stoll, willowcove@lighthouse.net or 906-440-5088; address: 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611.

Next Meeting: 9 November 2019 at O.L. Swan Creek. The colony member who had volunteered to plan a summer meeting now has health problems which keep her from doing that. Another colony member is needed to plan the summer meeting. Please volunteer by contacting any officer before the meeting or at the meeting on 30 March.

Please put the dates of coming meetings on your calendars or in your electronic devices now. The goal is to have the colony newsletter out six weeks before the next meeting, but that doesn't always happen.

DONATION TO WILLIAMS COUNTY LIBRARY

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

Also present for the presentation were the people named in the photo. Afterwards, Pam shared some of the highlights of the History Center. It is located within a one block radius of other repositories of local history, including the county court house and the county recorder's office. Local family histories, histories of Williams



County, microfilms of newspapers, and free access to obituaries are available in the History Center. An image data microfilm reader, affectionately dubbed "The Beast" can be used. An up-dated model, already dubbed "Beauty", will be in place soon. A Knowledge Image Copier is available to copy as much as an entire book.

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

Don Calvin, Treasurer Jeffrey Stoll, Lt. Gov. Susan Fisher, Deputy Lt. Gov. Judy Rand, Pam Lash, SMDOH Gov. Sandra St. Martin, Sharon Patten

- The State Society website is www.ohiomayflower.org
- The National Society website is www.TheMayflowerSociety.org. Members are urged to check this site often.
- The Mayflower Shop has new items. Shop at TheMayflowerSociety.org
- Facebook: facebook.com/TheMayflowerSociety
- Twitter: twitter.com/gsmid
- Instagram: Instagram.com/TheMayflowerSociety
- YouTube: youtube.com/user/MayflowerSociety
- Go to www.GenealogyCenter.org to enroll to receive the very informative e-zine Genealogy Gems: News from the Allen County Public Library at Fort Wayne



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Looking for...

These members have not responded to several inquiries recently. Several are among our oldest members. Please let an officer know if you have knowledge of the health of any of them.

Susan Momenee (Oregon)

Stephen Huss (Woodville)

Leon Wood (Findlay)

Paula Lazarony (Sandusky)

Diane Meyer (Monroeville)

Evelyn Althausen
(Junior Member)

2020 Event

Event date is May 1 & 2, 2020, at Polaris Hilton in Columbus. Mark your calendars!

Please be sure to review the 2020 Report on page 9 of the September Buckeye Mayflower. Note that hotel reservations should be made early, as 1-2 May 2020 is the same weekend as the OSU graduation weekend.

Have You Heard . . .

You are encouraged to share your joys and concerns with other colony members. Members are encouraged to pray for each other. To have your special event included, send the information to Dawn Carr or Susan Fisher.

- ⇒ **New Members since November, 2018:** Welcome to Carmen (Brewster) Chapman of Lawton, MI; Kenneth Wayne Brewster of Swanton; Phyllis Zibbel of Rossford; Steven Martin has added his sixth supplemental, Samuel Fuller.
- ⇒ **Thank you** to June Bug Christy Brewster for mailing out the paper copies of the newsletter during 2018.
- ⇒ **Happy Birthday** to Marilyn Willey of Toledo who will celebrate her 100th birthday on 18 March. A family organized celebration will take place early in March. Marilyn moved here from Massachusetts and became a Mayflower member in November, 2016. Other family members are eligible for Mayflower membership.
- ⇒ **Walter Huffer** went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., last October.
- ⇒ **Janett Calland** is going through an illness and would appreciate your prayers. She is the member who arranged for the tour of the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton a few summers ago.
- ⇒ **Exhibit at William L. Clements Library at University of Michigan:** "Over There" With the American Expeditionary Forces in France During the Great War. This exhibit ends on 26 April 2019.
- ⇒ **Coming Historical Events at Hayes** in Fremont can be found at rbhayes.org. These exciting opportunities include an exhibit on the involvement of the Hayes family in World War I. Open through 27 May 2019.

Dear Toledo Colony,

I am most honored to be selected as this year's scholarship recipient. This scholarship will help me complete my Master's degree in public history at Texas State University. It is a privilege to be part of an organization that continues to support young academics, like myself. With your help, my research in the field of early American history will work to bring our founding stories to young audiences in museums. Thank you for encouraging my passion for history!

Sincerely,

Mikayla Brown



NOTE: Recently Mikayla completed her transfer from Junior Member to adult member of Toledo Colony, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio, and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2018

The Toledo Colony of the Mayflower Society met November 10, 2018 at Swan Creek Retirement Village. The meeting was called to order by Lt. Governor Susan Fisher. Thirty-one guests and members were greeted including Janice French, whose membership is in Connecticut, her three young daughters, Dan Alstaetter, a new preliminary, and his wife, Lucy.

John MacDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Compact. As it was Veterans' Day, David Martin shared information about World War I. He stated that it originated in Europe and lasted from July 28, 1914 to Nov. 11, 1918. On April 7, 1917 President Wilson called for war on Germany and the U.S. passed the Selective Service Act which led to the drafting of 2.8 million men.

Lt. Governor, Susan Fisher, shared news that Janet Calland's husband passed away in June, Clarabelle Bothe moved to a memory unit, Paulette Brewster was unable to attend because of an illness and Jackie Sauter would enjoy hearing from members as she resides in a nursing home and is unable to attend meetings.

Walter Huffer shared how his family arrived in Ohio before a bountiful buffet Thanksgiving lunch was served by the Swan Creek staff.

Susan Fisher introduced the speaker, Tom Tomlonson, chief Engineer of WMUK at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo and his wife, Karen. Tom shared information about Train Travel in 1916. At that time in U.S. history model T's were being built but they needed maintenance and roads were muddy so people traveled on trains. Baggage carts moved trunks for passengers to the trains. Tickets were needed for passenger cars and sleeping cars plus tickets to transfer to hotels from the train where the destination was arrived. Different rates were charged for Coach Class and First Class and included different services. Trains had dining cars with full course meals and ala carte available. Rear platforms on the caboose were used for pictures and sight seeing.

Mr. Tomlonson shared that railroads were very important in World War I carrying troops to various camps. After the war passenger service declined as cars were made better and became more popular and roads were being paved for smoother rides.

Attendees were directed by Susan Fisher to discuss one new thing that was learned from the program at their tables.

The next meeting will be March 30 at Swan Creek. Elder David Martin gave a benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

SAVE MAYFLOWER II

In 2017, the Connecticut Society started Pennies for Planks by urging members to save their "pennies" (any size coin or bills) to take to colony meetings. The Ohio Society and, thus, Toledo Colony will do the same for the next two years. If 30 members would donate 10 cents for each Saturday in March, that would be \$15. Your donation can be made at our meetings and then will be taken to the Annual

Assembly in May to be added to the other collections from across Ohio. Look for the Pennies for Planks jar at the registration table at each 2018 and 2019 colony meeting.

THANK YOU

to Sheri Bannister and Heather Reichert

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

Genealogical Interests Shared

In an effort to expand interest in membership among genealogical groups, Toledo Colony and the Williams County Genealogical Society are exchanging meeting information. All meetings are at the Williams County Public Library, Local History Center, 107 E. High Street, Bryan, OH. The Local History Center is at the corner of Rts. 15 and 34.

March 11, 2019 - Naturalization Documents Harmon Room, Local History Center 6:30 pm

A record that may help supply one with genealogical data for an immigrant ancestor is a naturalization document. This type of record can give one clues to more biographical facts about that individual and perhaps his/her family as well. View a genealogical video that addresses the preliminary steps needed to search for that naturalization record.

April 8, 2019 Springfield Township History Harmon Room, Local History Center 6:30 pm

Sue Buehrer, Treasurer and Terry Wieland, President from the Stryker Area Heritage Council will share the history of Springfield Twp. and inform us about the past, present and future of the SAHC.

May 13, 2019 Sharing: Our Female Ancestors Harmon Room, Local History Center 6:30 pm

With the meeting a day after Mother's Day our program will focus on our female ancestors. Please bring an article, photograph or item of special significance to a female ancestor. Items and information shared may be used in an upcoming newsletter or pamphlet for members.

June 2019 Banquet

Montpelier Moose, June 17, 2019

Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Program to follow

New members of the Williams County First Families and the recently formed Century Families lineage societies will be inducted. Special speaker will be Roger Lash, antique evaluator will give a presentation on the items previously submitted to him by members. Public is welcome.

Contact Jane Huffman at the Local History Center (phone 419.636.6734 ext 275, or email jane@mywcp1.org) for ticket information. In addition, you may email Kim Smith at lineagesociety@williamscountygenealogy.org.

JONNYCAKE OR JOHNNYCAKE

A true Rhode Islander would not dream of using an "h" in that title word. However, those in Massachusetts do. These thin pancake-type items are made from white johnnycake cornmeal, boiling water and milk, plus, in Massachusetts, small amounts of flour and sugar. They were originally called Journey Cakes. As the Pilgrim Fathers traveled from the Plymouth Colony to their garrison post at Russell's Mills, Dartmouth, Mass., they stopped on a hill in what is now New Bedford and ate the journey cakes they had brought with them. In time the hill became known as Johnnycake.

Hill. P. 133, *The New England Yankee Cookbook* by Imogene Wolcott, 1939

Children's Corner

A CHANCE TO TRAVEL! All Junior Members of Toledo Colony Mayflower, ages 11 - 17, have a chance of a travel grant of \$1,000 to use on a vacation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Read the terms below, talk with your parent(s), and if you want to take part, send us your name. **Names must be received by March 28th.** On March 30th, at the next colony meeting, one name will be drawn as the winner of the grant.

Send your name on paper to Susan Fisher, 880 Huss Lea Lane, Coldwater, MI 49036-7542 or by email to stfisher@dmcibb.net

ENTER NOW!

Junior Member Travel Grant

To be considered for this Plymouth travel grant, you and the adult must agree to all terms and conditions:

1. Only Junior Members of Toledo Colony are eligible. Those *currently* 11 - 17 are eligible. The Junior Member must be 17 or younger (down to age 11) at the time of the drawing. Also, those Junior Members who *will be* 11 *by the time of the trip* may enter.
2. Parent(s) or adult Mayflower relative must accompany the winner.
3. Travel must occur in 2019 or 2020. All planning and travel will be the responsibility of those traveling.
4. Visits to at least three of the following are mandatory: Plimoth Plantation; Mayflower II; the Mayflower Society House; Pilgrim Hall Museum; Plymouth Rock.
5. You will present a program at a colony meeting after the trip.

Reimbursement of up to \$1,000 will be made after the trip. Further explanation of eligible expenses and a waiver of liability will be included in a mailing sent to all eligible Junior Members in early March, 2019. This award/grant is not taxable to the recipient.