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A message from our Governor

Cousins,

It was so nice to see some of you at our 121st Annual State Assembly in West Chester. We had an enjoyable Friday evening and a Saturday with good food, conversation, and programs. One never expects everything to go right but it appears that it did. We had two fine presentations which I would recommend to any of you looking for a group speaker. The morning speaker was Mrs. Kathleen Reed from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society. She talked about the various kinds of DNA tests and their use in Lineage Applications. The afternoon speaker was Brandon Marie Miller, who told us about four women from her excellent book, "Women of Colonial America."

The Cincinnati Colony went out of its way to make us all feel welcome. We had ample opportunities to talk with each other. Old friends were greeted and new friendships were made. It was great to be able to finally put a face to a name. The opportunities to browse at the Western Reserve sales table, the SAR information area, and Brandon Marie Miller's display of her books were welcome. I appreciate the work that Lt. Governor Shaun Smith and his colony expended on our behalf. I especially liked the chocolate Mayflower shape candy made by Vicky Reel.

Some of our members are joyfully looking forward to 2020. Many were dressed in Pilgrim clothes for this meeting. So, think about attending our 2020 celebration on May 1st and 2nd and doing so in Pilgrim gear.

Sincerely,



Governor Sandra Carlin St. Martin

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

We did something different with the Ancestor Roll call at the 2019 State Assembly in West Chester. Traditionally, we have only counted those members with approved applications. I was inspired by Cincinnati Colony Lt. Governor Shaun Smith when he asked if his children could stand, even though they are not yet old enough for full membership. I thought about it for a minute and then agreed that this should be an inclusive count. So we counted members with approved applications, members with supplementals not yet submitted, children of members based on their parent's known ancestors, and we counted applicants. This more inclusive roll call resulted in several members requesting supplementals! Here are the results:

John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins—19
 Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris, Mary Allerton—5
 William Bradford - 7
 William and Mary Brewster—17
 Love Brewster—4
 James Chilton and his wife—4
 Mary Chilton—3
 Francis Cooke—7
 Edward Doty—4
 Edward Fuller and his wife—3
 Samuel Fuller, son of Edward—2
 Stephen Hopkins—7
 Constance Hopkins—2
 Giles Hopkins—3

John Howland, John Tilley and their wives—6
 Richard More—1
 Thomas Rogers—6
 Joseph Rogers—4
 Henry Samson—6
 George Soule—5
 Myles Standish—7
 Richard Warren—12
 William and Susannah (Jackson) White—1
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The big surprise was that there were no Billington descendants present!

This last fiscal year has been a good one for the Ohio Society. The Cincinnati Colony added 20 new members, the Cleveland Colony added 13 members, the Columbus Colony added 29 members, the Toledo Colony added 9 members and Western Reserve added 10 members. We processed 157 membership changes, an average of 13.33 per month. During this same time, the Board of Assistants approved 197 preliminary applications, 123 of which have already been completed or are in process. 35 of those applicants are now members of the Society.

Ann Fox Gullbransen, Historian

Subscription information

All Ohio members for whom we have email addresses and who have not requested their newsletter in print receive this digital copy in their inboxes in March, June, September and December. If you would prefer a full 16 page black & white paper copy, the cost is \$5.00 per year to cover printing and postage. You can pay your \$5.00 with your annual dues or by sending a check to Treasurer Larry Hoyt at , 7571 Amber Lane, Brecksville, OH 44141-1905 to subscribe mid-year.

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members December 1 2018—June 1, 2019

Cincinnati Colony

Mary Davis	10th from Edward Doty
John Ford	12th from Edward Fuller
Lana Gerber	12th from Edward Fuller
Thomas Grindstaff	12th from James Chilton
Alison Haskins	12th from Richard Warren
Anders Lindquist	14th from John Howland
Deborah McGinnis	12th from Edward Fuller
Deborah McMullen	11th from Francis Cooke
Rosemary Ryan	12th from Isaac Allerton
Sandra Woy-Hazleton	11th from John Howland
Jennifer Peace Willis	11th from John Howland
<i>Transfer-in</i>	
Kathryn Kamp	13th from Francis Cooke

Cleveland Colony

Esther Blevins	11th from Francis Cooke
John Dingman	13th from Isaac Allerton
Steven Quay	13th from William White

Columbus Colony

Dual Membership

Christina Twardowski	15th from Thomas Rogers,
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Sarah Arnold	11th from Myles Standish
Angela de Fremery	11th from John Howland
James de Fremery	12th from John Howland
Patricia Farnsworth	12th from Myles Standish
Thomas Gregory	11th from Isaac Allerton
Bradley Hamer	13th from Stephen Hopkins
Valerie Merideth	11th from John Howland
Holly Riggs	13th from Stephen Hopkins
Maxwell Montgomery	12th from John Alden
Erin Welker	12th from Edward Doty
<i>Transfer-in</i>	
Richard Neal	12th from William Brewster

Toledo Colony

Katherine Lonsbrough	12th from Richard Warren
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Western Reserve Colony

Kristen Lupsor	12th from John Howland
Joseph Nesbella	15th from Richard Warren
R. Todd Reutzel	14th from William Brewster
Mica Brooks	14th from Edward Fuller

Life Member Program

In the Bylaws changes approved in May 2018, you voted to begin a new Life Membership program for members in good standing ages 60 and over. This program is now open! Your Ohio Board of Assistants has approved a sliding fee schedule based on your age:

- Age 60-69 - \$1,250.00
- Age 70-79 - \$900.00
- Age 80-89 - \$500.00
- Age 90+ - \$250.00

Members who elect to join this new program will no longer be required to pay annual dues. The funds you pay now will cover your annual national, state and colony dues for life.

If you are interested in this new program, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen for a registration form at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com or at 2234 S. Medina Line Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281.

Supplemental Applications Approved

Cincinnati Colony

Wanda Langdon 13th from Richard Warren
 Wanda Langdon 12th from Samuel Fuller
 Wanda Langdon 13th from Mrs. Edward Fuller

Columbus Colony

Gary Barstow 13th from William Mullins
 Gary Barstow 12th from John Alden
 Gary Barstow 13th from Richard Warren
 Linda Collins 12th from Francis Cooke
 Kathleen Dixon 15th from Constance Hopkins

Kathleen Dixon

Julia Lambert
 Suzanne Ress

Toledo Colony

Steven Martin
 Steven Martin
 Steven Martin

14th from Stephen Hopkins
 11th from Edward Fuller
 12th from Francis Cooke

15th from Elinor Billington
 15th from John Billington
 16th from Francis Billington

Western Reserve Colony

William Kempton

12th from Richard Warren

New Junior Members

Cincinnati Colony

Elena Thatcher Edward Fuller
 Elizabeth Heckman William White
 Noah Larson William Brewster
 Oliver Hosing William Brewster
 Owen Larson William Brewster
 Tiffany Rosenwald Edward Fuller
 WYATT Thatcher Edward Fuller
 Zachary Rosenwald Edward Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Amanda Dilello William White
 Elliott Huey William Brewster
 Emmily Prochaska William Brewster
 Jordan Prochaska William Brewsteryt
 Kennedy Urcelay Isaac Allerton
 Mackenzie Durken John Alden
 Madelyn Huey William Brewster

Natasha Quay

Shaun Durken

Columbus Colony

David Hamer
 Ellise Riggs
 Esmeralda Adams
 Lillian Snow
 Mae Riggs
 Reagan McMullen

Western Reserve Colony

Brynne Mosteller
 Garrett Ewing
 Jun-He Nesbella
 Madeline Hesse
 Marian Faceler
 Scout Ewing

William White

John Alden

Stephen Hopkins

Stephen Hopkins

Edward Fuller

Richard Warren

Stephen Hopkins

Francis Cooke

John Howland

Richard Warren

Richard Warren

William Bradford

Thomas Rogers

Richard Warren



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

- CIN Leland Cole, descendant of William White, born 8/10/1934, died 2/9/2019, member since 9/29/2016
- CIN Virginia Thompson, descendant of William Brewster. born 6/11/1933, died 12/21/2018, member since 2/9/2006
- COL Carol Thiery, descendant of Edward Fuller and Samuel Fuller, born 7/1/1955, died 1/13/2019, member since 10/31/2013
- TOL Susan Momenee, descendant of Myles Standish, born 5/26/1941, died 3/28/2019. member since 10/21/1978
- WR Delcie Pound, descendant of William Brewster, born 2/13/1917, died 1/26/2019, member since 4/12/2006
- WR Phyllis Siman, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 7/3/1921, died 5/7/2019, member since 1/9/1982

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

By Macey Smith, Junior Member

The Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants' 121st Annual State Assembly was held on May 17th and 18th, 2019, at the Cincinnati Marriot North in West Chester, Ohio, hosted by the Cincinnati Colony. The registration started Friday night and continued Saturday morning. Gift bags that held sweet chocolate Mayflower ships, made by Vicky and Todd Reel, were handed out to all attendees.



Macey Smith and Vicky Reel at the registration table

At the reception Friday evening, our Mayflower cousins were able to socialize with each other and get reacquainted.



Kathleen Reed

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, Cincinnati Deputy Lt. Governor, Star Vondrell introduced Mrs. Kathleen Reed, the Program Director & Chair of Hamilton County Genealogical Society DNA Interest Group, presented "DNA and Lineage Applications - Can One Support the Other". Her presentation offered many fascinating matters as she gave guidance and explained confusing data for her audience. She was able to share her expertise with DNA and lineage uses to make the topic further understandable.

After the morning presentation, Cincinnati Lt. Governor, Shaun P. Smith introduced State Governor, Sandra St. Martin to begin the business meeting. To start things off Rev. David Foster gave the invocation, Captain, Tom Bradford had all stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, Clay Crandall read the Mayflower Compact, and Todd Reel read the Pilgrim Pledge.



Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad

Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad gave the report of the surgeon, with helpful methods to live a healthier life. She provided many articles on these methods, and copies were made available in the back of the room. This was very educational presentation and many attendees remarked on the abundance of useful information that was provided.

Rev. David Foster gave the memorial service, for each member that had passed this year. A representative from each Colony put a pin on the map corresponding to their location. This was a fitting tribute to the members that are no longer with us.



Rev. David Foster

Finally, Historian, Ann Gulbransen preformed the passenger roll call, which is where the Mayflower Passengers are read off and their descendants in the room are tallied. John Alden had the most descendants attending the meeting. After the roll call, members continued to chat as a delightful meal was served.



Historian Ann Gulbransen



Shaun Smith with Brandon Marie Miller

Cincinnati Lt. Governor, Shaun Smith presented the speaker Ms. Brandon Marie Miller, an award-winning author. She delivered a portrayal of "Good Wives of New England: A glimpse into the experiences of Ann Bradstreet, Ann Hutchinson, Sarah Kemble Knight, Mary Rowlandson, and Martha Corey", she gave a brief background on each woman and their struggles and their amazing accomplishments in colonial times.

The door prizes for the meeting were beautiful centerpieces made by Susan Davis. Susan picked tickets while Macey Smith handed the door prizes out to the winners. To end the assembly, Rev. David

Foster gave the benediction.

Special thanks to the Western Reserve Colony for bring so many interesting pieces of merchandise to the event. The drink coaster and the Mayflower boxes are amazing!



So much goes into planning these annual events, this year the Cincinnati Colony Lt Governor would like to thank many people, but especially the following: Star Vondrell, Beth Anderson, Clay Crandall, Susan Davis, Wanda Langdon, Todd & Vicky Reel, and Macey Smith. These individuals helped enormously in the planning and preparing for this meeting.

The Cincinnati Colony is excited for next year's meeting in Columbus!



WR Lt. Governor Jill Parker at the sales table.

OHIO BOARD OF ASSISTANTS!

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio– Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been formed per the by-laws of the SMDOH for election of officers to begin serving in May 2020. Names of those being nominated for state officers will be going to the Board of Assistants on August 3rd 2019. **Nominations are still open**, and I wanted to share a brief description of the offices and duties:

Governor – Preside at all meetings of SMDOH and the BOA, perform other duties as pertain to the chief officer of an organization and serve as ex-officio (without vote) on all committees except nominating committee.

Deputy Governor- Serves as the Governor during absence, disability or refusal to act and when doing so has all the powers and restrictions of the Governor.

Recording Secretary- keep accurate records of the proceedings of the SMDOH and BOA meetings

Corresponding Secretary- Notifies members of meetings, conduct the correspondence, mail the report of the nominating committee in ballot form and any proposed amendments with notice of the annual meeting, maintain the roll of the members, transmit to the Secretary General of the Mayflower Society number of Ohio members and other requested information by December 31 of each year.

Treasurer- Collect all fees and dues, disbursements, and charge of all funds under the direction of the BOA, Payments to Colonies, Payment to GSMD, cooperate with the finance committee.

Historian- examine and report to the BOA on all candidates for membership, responsible for master copies of all applications, submit report to the treasurer on payments made to GSMD for membership.

Deputy Historian – assist with the duties of the historian as assigned by the BOA

Elder- be an ordained as an elder, minister, deacon of a Christian Church or a member of a Christian Church, officiate at Society meetings.

Captain—maintains the flags, insignia and other property of the Society

Surgeon- Be a physician or other health professional meeting the requirements of the State of Ohio.

Counselor- Attorney at Law and provide legal aid and opinion when requested by the SMDOH, serve a Statutory Agent for the corporation, ensure that appropriate reports filed with Ohio Secretary of State to maintain its active status.

Anyone interested in serving as an officer for the state of Ohio or nominating a member to serve needs to send me the name, position interested in serving, address, contact information by July 23, 2019.

The candidates for all offices will be printed in the December Buckeye Mayflower and ballots will be mailed to all members in early 2020.

Beth Anderson p1620mayflower3@gmail.com

Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$2.00

Send order and payment to:

Ann Gulbransen, Assistant Treasurer
2234 S. Medina Line Rd
Wadsworth, OH 44281

TREASURER'S REPORT

Renewal of your Mayflower membership will begin in August, I thought now is a good time to review what happens with your dues. Your dues of \$36.00 cover the period of November 1st, 2019 to October 31, 2020.

The dues are divided 3 ways: \$15.00 goes to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in Plymouth, MA., \$13.00 goes to the Mayflower Descendants of Ohio (SMDOH), and the remaining \$8.00 is for your local colony: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo or Western Reserve.

Your membership in GSMD offers you many benefits on their website: access to members only benefits, Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, discounted membership to NEHGS website AmericanAncestors.org to mention a few. For more information please visit the GSMD website: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/join/membership-information>.

The SMDOH supports many activities and programs throughout the year. Some of these activities include processing your supplemental lineage requests, awarding scholarships, donating the Mayflower Descendant's Silver books and new updates to various qualified local libraries. The goal is to have a complete set Silver books close to all members for further research. The SMDOH and the Colonies offer programs and speakers throughout the year to keep you updated on many topics, including genealogical trends i.e. Presentations on DNA and future family research.

All of the elected SMDOH officers and the members of the boards of the 5 colonies are volunteers donating their time and talents for your benefit.

In August, please renew your membership, especially if you want to enjoy the members only festivities of the 400th year anniversary celebrations taking place in 2020.

Lawrence Hoyt, OH Treasurer

New Silver Books!

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants continues to publish new and updated Silver books on the descendants of Mayflower pilgrims. This last year saw volumes 2 & 3 of the series on John Billington. Your Ohio Society has continued to donate these books to libraries around the state and gave the new Billington books to all the libraries we currently support. GSMD has just issued William Brewster part 2. We will be purchasing copies of that volume this summer and making sure it gets to all "our" libraries. Here is the list of libraries supported by SMDOH, our Colonies and our members:

Akron/Summit (by WR Colony)

Ashtabula

Bexley Library

Cincinnati

Coshocton (by member Hilda Pappas)

Dayton

Hayes Presidential Library

Hudson Library (by member Chris Karman)

Marietta Library

Medina Library

Ohio Genealogical Society

Toledo Library

Williams County

Wooster/Wayne Co

Should your genealogy library be next?

SMDOH 400th Anniversary Ancestor Box

There is still time to order your personalized Ancestor Box for yourself or family members and have the proceeds support the 2020 Commemoration. 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 commemoration budget.



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.



What do I keep in my Ancestor Box? Anything you want! I have my replica Howland family spoon in mine along with some postcards of the Howland home. But I hope one day to put in a few ADDENDUM SCROLLS. These are lovely scrolls designed by the box maker that contain additional information. So, when I finally prove I am a Fuller descendant I don't need to order a new box I will simply order an addendum scroll for \$5. The scroll order form information is on the SMDOH website under the WR link.

Jill Parker, WR Lt Governor

So what is in YOUR ancestry box?

WR member Terri Brown keeps her lineage society insignia as well as her Save Our Ship/Mayflower II "bracelet" and her Support Your Veterans bracelet.

Jill Parker, WR Lt. Governor also keeps her 300th anniversary coin and misc older Plymouth postcards,

Ohio Historian Ann Gulbransen keeps her addendum scrolls, a Mayflower 2020 bracelet and a backup copy of her genealogy database on a thumb drive.

Send an email to ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com and tell us what is in your ancestry box!



Beth Anderson at the Mayflower table.

The Cincinnati Colony did a fantastic job staffing the Mayflower table at the 2019 Ohio Genealogical Society conference in Mason, OH. The



2020 conference will be at the Kalahari in Sandusky, the same weekend as our 2020 Commemoration. If you live in the area and are not planning to join us in Columbus, your Society would love to have you volunteer to take a turn at the table. If you are interested, please email ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

The evening before the annual state meeting on May 18th the 2020 committee had the opportunity to meet with Sandra St. Martin, Governor and Larry Hoyt, Treasurer to review progress and review the request for funds process. The group also learned that Western reserve has secured our second speaker which will be “Teddy Roosevelt” presented by Ted. E. Dudra, which promises to be very entertaining hour. The Western Reserve Colony is keeping secret from all of us what they plan for the welcome bags and the centerpieces, we will be selling raffle tickets to those who attend for the centerpieces. Here is information you want to be aware of for this *ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT*:

Hotel Reservations for the Polaris Hilton for May 1-2, 2020 ARE OPEN NOW, the direct reservation number is **1-614-885-1600**. The room rate is \$129.00 for all rooms. Ask for MAYFLOWER, please reserve early as this weekend is also OSU graduation.

Invitations will be mailed to members by the Cincinnati Colony on January 10, 2020. We are encouraging you to **register early** as we have capped the event at **180 people**.

A professional photographer has been secured by the Toledo Colony. A 2020 Mayflower photo backdrop is planned for a photo booth.

The cost for this *ONCE IN A LIFETIME* event is \$150 for both days and that **payment must be made at the time of registration**. The Cleveland Colony is managing the reservations and has advised us that you will receive email confirmation of your registration.

You might ask what is \$150 getting me!

Friday evening presentation by *D. Joshua Taylor – The Significance of 2020 in Today’s world*. Mr. Taylor is a well-known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, TV host on PBS’s “Genealogy Road Show”, and researcher. Followed by professional photographs and 2020 backdrop with Mr. Taylor, meet and greet, and a celebratory cake event planned by Columbus Colony. Be sure to have you period dress for this photo opportunity!

Saturday morning will feature a Continental Breakfast, vendor tables, Photo booth with a 2020 backdrop that will be available all day for participants to use, the official welcome and two presentations. Mr. Taylor’s topic is *Finding your English Origins in New England Colonists: The Mayflower and Beyond*. For the second presentation Ted E. Dudra will bring us *Teddy Roosevelt while your Board of Assistants meets*.

Buffet Lunch

Saturday afternoon will be the 2020 annual state meeting with the third presentation by Mr. Taylor *Tracing Mayflower Ancestors in the 21st Century: Digital Records, DNA, and More*.

Early Evening starts with a Cash Bar reception prior to the OHIO 2020 Commemoration Banquet, with a choice of three entrée’s and the final presentation by Mr. Taylor, *The Mayflower Community in Context: Colonial America in the 1600’s*.

If you have period dress, please wear it for this event. The 2020 Committee has worked hard to make this a memorable occasion for our Mayflower Cousins in Ohio and encourage you to register for the event and make your hotel reservations early.

Beth Anderson . Chair 2020 Committee

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony



On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the Cincinnati Colony held a member meeting to socialize with our Mayflower cousins. Our meeting was held at Parkers Blue Ash Tavern. We had 27 members, prospective members and guests attend the meeting.

Cincinnati Colony Lt. Governor brought the meeting to order at 12:30. Our Treasurer Clay Crandall led the Colony in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Corresponding Secretary Beth Anderson read the Mayflower Compact. Our Elder Todd Reel gave the innovation.

Our Cincinnati Colony Mayflower Scholarship Winner for 2019 is Hannah Martin. She received a BA in History from Xavier University. She has a position with Lakota Local Schools as an Innovation Specialist. Her job is to connect students and teachers to new resources and help them integrate them into the classroom. She hopes to become a social studies teacher. After lunch she presented her paper to the Colony. Outstanding work Hannah, Congratulations!

Upcoming events include a fall meeting on September 7th and Compact Day on November 2nd. Details will be sent to all Colony members

Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2019 Spring Business Meeting: The annual Spring Business meeting was held Sunday April 7, 2019. We met at the Penitentiary Glen Nature Park in Kirtland; Ohio and enjoyed Vicki Solomon's "Halles on the Road" program. Samuel H. Halle, who founded the Halle Bros. Co. department store with his brother, established his summer home far from the city in Kirtland, Ohio. Besides a summer house, the Halles added other extravagant amenities including a suspension bridge, a cottage, a horse stable, a vineyard, a rose garden, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and an air strip. The suspension bridge, built in the 1920s, was one-of-a-kind in Kirtland, and connected the summer house to a small cottage on the other side of the gorge. Halle family artifacts were displayed for touching and viewing. We served lite refreshments and concluded the meeting singing Mr. Jingeling theme song.



2019 Summer Event: The board has planned the Sunday June 23 summer event at Hale Farm Park and Village located in Bath, Ohio for a self-guided tour. It will be a family-oriented event and fun for everyone.

2019 Compact Day: The annual November 16, 2019 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. We are sharing our keynote speaker Governor General George Garmany with the Western Reserve Colony due to the Western Reserve Historical Society booking signing Friday November 15. His program will be "Captivities – Terrorism at the turn of the 18th Century that discusses Colonial New England events of the French and Indian Wars that affected Mayflower Descendants in the late 1600's and early 1700's". He will also touch on the upcoming GSMD 2020 400-year event. Our colony is honored to welcome Governor General Garmany to our event and Cleveland. In addition, we have invited the Cocchiola family to sing two of their patriotic songs. They sang at the Western Reserve Colony State Assembly Day two years ago and was enjoyed by all. As in the past, we opened the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests.

2020 State Assembly Day: The colony is looking forward to the event and hearing genealogist D. Joshua Taylor's program. The colonies have been assigned specific tasks for the 2020 Subcommittee and provides updates to Beth Anderson committee chair every quarter.

Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Past Events November 10, 2018: Compact Meeting at Kensington Place. In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the

Armistice ending World War 1, Paul La Rue, at retired Social Studies teacher from Washington Court House gave a program on the war experiences of two African American officers in the Great War. Homer Lawson was a hometown soldier who lost his life in France and the American Legion post #653 is named for him. Ls Rue and his students initiated a project to mark the graves of other local African Americans in WW 1. Liz Burkhart from LB Creations brought samples of 16th Century clothing made by her company. She is taking orders for the 2020 Celebration. Jill Parker came in costume to discuss the fundraiser for the Honor Guard Pins which were for sale. Sharon Hendershot took orders for Coifs & Collars to be worn in 2020 with Pilgrim garb. Hilda Pappas gave an update on the 2020 Conference.

April 13, 2019 Spring meeting at Kensington Place. Our speaker was Alan Davis, a new member of Columbus Colony who showed pictures and shared experiences of his trip to Plimoth Plantation. Many of us had never been there. Sharon Hendershot gave a short presentation of 17th century clothing and encouraged members with Pilgrim clothing to wear them to the meeting. Coifs and collars were for sale. Lee Martin, the Deputy Historian, came dressed as a member of the Mayflower Honor Guard. He talked about his Guard experiences at last year's General BOA meeting. The Honor Guard will march in the Rose Parade January First.

Education & Outreach: Janice Kleinline, Education chair brought items for a sale table on behalf of the State Colony. The registration table had a display of information about the Mayflower Family Societies.

Scholarship: Columbus Colony is pleased to announce the 2019 winner of the Winifred Schamp Scholarship. Allison Walsh is a Summa Cum Laude Valedictorian who has graduated this May with Honors from Dublin Jerome High School as an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate. She is a National Honor Society member, a four-year member of the Jerome Student Cabinet, an officer in the Jerome Drama Club, and Co-Captain of the Jerome Color Guard. She was an exchange student in Germany, and has participated in the College Credit Plus Program since sophomore year. Allison completed a three-year Global Scholars Program and graduated with the distinction of Global Scholar. Earning the Provost Scholarship at The Ohio State University, Allison plans to study Finance with an English minor in the Honors Program at The Fisher School of Business with the hopes of attending Law School.



Allison is very grateful and honored to be receiving the Winifred Schamp Scholarship from the Columbus Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio. She will be honored at the November 9, 2019 Luncheon where she will read her essay. Our thanks go to Dr. Janet Ebert, Scholarship Chair and her committee Jan Kleinline, Sherrie Thomas, and Steven Vrooman

Upcoming Events: Our Fall meeting will be November 9, 2019 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Susan Reid, a retired teacher from Newark. She will tell us about Johnny Clem, a nine year old boy from Newark who ran away to join the Union Army in the spring of 1861. He served first as a drummer at Shiloh and in the Battle of Nashville as a sergeant when he was 13. He retired as a Major General after a long military career. Junior members might enjoy this. Sharon Bardus, junior membership chair, will lead an art project after the program. A child's menu will be available for those under ten years of age.

Our Spring Meeting will be held April 11, 2020 at Kensington Place. John Burke from Burkes Living History will give a portrayal of Captain Wolf, a Delaware Indian who tried to unite the Ohio Tribes against British settlement.

Collars and Coifs Made to Order Sharon Hendershot is still selling woman's coifs and collars for both men & women. These are made of a cotton blend in white and can be used for Mayflower functions especially the 2020 celebration. Money raised will be used to fund Columbus Colony expenses for this upcoming 2020 celebration at the Polaris Hilton. For the 400th Anniversary Conference, Columbus Colony will pay for vendor registration mailing, and food Friday night.

2020 State Conference: Columbus Colony will be taking vendor table reservations. Each Ohio Colony will be given first priority. Tables can be shared.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Summer Colony Gathering

Our summer meetings are casual gatherings. There is no meeting. Come join us for this social gathering with a historic interest.

When: Saturday, 22 June

Where: at 11:00 Fort Ball Pizza Palace, 91 North Washington Street, Tiffin , 12:30 American Civil War Museum of Ohio, 217 South Washington Street, Tiffin Cost is \$5 for seniors.

Meal Cost: \$6.49 plus beverage and tax. See detail in colony newsletter on the State website

Reservations by Tuesday, 18 June, with Jeffrey Stoll, willowcove@lighthouse.net or 906-440-5088; address 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611. **Please tell Jeff if** you will be eating the buffet, ordering your own pizza, or not eating with the group, and if you will tour the museum on your own or wish to go through as a group.

The Toledo Colony of the Mayflower Society met on March 30, 2019 at Swan Creek Retirement Village with 36 present. Lt. Governor, Susan Fisher, called the meeting to order after a time of fellowship. John MacDonald, Compact Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Mayflower Compact with everyone standing. David Martin, Elder, had a prayer before the buffet meal provided by the staff of Swan Creek.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, resumed the meeting after the meal stating the minutes of the November meeting were in the newsletter and the Treasurers' report was placed on each table for review. A Pennies for Planks jar was on the welcome table and Susan told the group that the Mayflower II is scheduled to be in the Plymouth Harbor again in September and money would still be collected in November.

Judy Rand, Deputy Lt. Governor, read a letter from the Williams County Public Library thanking the Mayflower Society for the donation of 48 Mayflower research books to their History Center. Walter Huffer was recognized by the Lt. Governor for being featured in a Member Highlight in the March State Buckeye for sharing how his family got to Ohio at the Toledo Colony meeting in November. Members present were asked to volunteer to share their family story at a future meeting.

Elder David Martin held a memorial service for: Janis Hoyles who passed away Feb. 2, 2018; Carolyn Wells who passed away April 1, 2018; Jane Mierke who passed away May 1, 2018; Richard Calland, husband of member Janet Calland, who passed away June 20, 2018; Marjorie Waterfield, a longtime Toledo Colony member, who passed away December 27, 2018; and Gregory Stoll, brother of our Treasurer Jeff Stoll, who passed away January 29, 2019.

The Lt. Governor explained the letter that was sent to 21 junior members that were eligible to apply for a grant of \$1,000 to travel to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 2019 or 2020. One person qualified and wrote his application letter with language form used in the Plymouth Colony. He will be notified and more information will be given about the recipient in the future.

Information concerning officers who had agreed to serve two more years was on each table for viewing. Nominations were asked from the floor for positions still open. Jeff Stoll nominated Susan Fisher as Lt. Governor again and the members voted to accept the slate of officers: Lt. Governor-Susan Fisher, Deputy Lt. Governor-Judy Rand, Secretary-still open, Treasurer-Jeffrey Stoll, Elder-David Martin, Compact Chair-John MacDonald, Program Chair-still open, Board Member-Paula Niederhauser, Junior Member Chair-still open, and Representative to State Board of Assistants-still open.

Deputy Lt. Governor, Judy Rand, walked around the room with a microphone so each person present could give their name, introduce their guest, tell where they lived, give the name of their Mayflower ancestor and tell what generation they were from the Pilgrim ancestor. New members acknowledged were Carmen Chapman, Julia Janosi and Phyllis Zibbel. They were each presented with a Mayflower ship pin and packet with Mayflower information.

A very informative program about herbs and their uses in Colonial days was given by Patricia James-Hasser. Approximately 100 herbs and plants were brought to the colonies, probably in baskets, inside gourds and possibly in bee hives along with bees. They were very valuable for the colonists to dye clothes, for fragrance and for medicinal purposes as well as cooking. Patricia had many samples of plants and herbs to pass around for the group to touch and smell.

Susan Fisher adjourned the meeting after thanking the guest speaker and inviting those present to be watching for a June newsletter giving information about a summer meeting.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

COLONY ELECTIONS THIS YEAR! WR will hold its triennial elections at the November meeting.

Mark your calendars for these events. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:

June 15 Picnic at Greentown Community Park at noon. No Charge. Bring side dish or dessert and your place setting if you are able. Mayflower Maize will be played and there will be a centerpiece making activity led by Mary Fuller.

September 22 Gathering, Sunday at 11:30. Our speaker will be SMDOH member Tom Neel, "Sinners, not Saints: An Introduction to your Ancestors' Darkside." Should be VERY interesting!

November visit by the General Society Governor General George Garmany: (1) Great Book Signing at Western Reserve Historical Society – on Friday Nov. 15 (details TBD), at Western Reserve Historical Society, (2) WR Compact Day Gathering – **Sunday Nov 17.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15 2019: Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, pot luck

June 22, 2019: Toledo Colony summer gathering, 11:00 Fort Ball Pizza Palace, 91 North Washington Street, Tiffin , followed by a tour of the American Civil War Museum of Ohio

September 7, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

September 22, 2019: Western Reserve Colony fall meeting, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

November 2, 2019: Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

November 9, 2019: Columbus Colony Compact Day, Kensington Place

November 15, 2019: Great Book Signing, Western Reserve Historical Society

November 16, 2018: Cleveland Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany, Lakewood Country Club

November 17, 2018: Western Reserve Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

January 1, 2020: Tournament of Roses parade with Mayflower float

March 21, 2020: Western Reserve spring meeting

April 11, 2020: Columbus Colony meeting and election of officers

May 1-2, 2020: 2020 Commemoration, Polaris Hilton, Columbus

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!

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Mayflower Maize Games Update – It is with sadness that we report the death of one of the co-creators of this wonderful game. Phyllis Grim Siman, 97, passed away on May 7. We are ever so grateful for the work she did to create this popular and unique game. We have just a few left. See our Sales Table at our gatherings.



Ann Gulbransen, Jill Parker and
Lee Martin

Ancestry Box Update – We have sold 22, raising nearly \$800 for the SMDOH 2020 event. Contact Jill Parker to order this box. Please get your order in asap.

Mayflower Guard – Ohio Guarantor Program (providing financial assistance to those who need outfitting for Guard participation as well as financial assistance for mileage, etc.) – 16 donors so far. Donation form is on the SMDOH website. Or contact Jill Parker for details on this program.

WR – 400 Point SMDOH Challenge (a fun way to explore and commemorate the Mayflower Society) – be sure to register (form is on the SMDOH website) to be eligible for prize. See prior issue articles on this fun activity for more information. Members, Juniors, Applicants, Spouses are all eligible but we need the entry form asap. It is on the website.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

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Somewhat a Book Review?

Those of us at the Annual Meeting in West Chester heard the story of Redeemed Captive, Mary Rowlandson, of Lancaster, Massachusetts. Have you heard the story of Lydia Longley of Groton, Massachusetts? Lydia's family was slaughtered by Abenaki warriors in 1694. Only Lydia, her brother, John, and sister, Betty survived. Betty died on the way to Canada. John was redeemed and returned to Groton four years later. Lydia stayed in Canada and was the first nun born in America.

No members of the Longley family reside in Groton today but there is a large stone historical marker on Longley Road, where the family lived. Helen McCarthy, a high school English teacher, who taught both my father and me, researched and wrote about Lydia Longley in 1958. Used copies of her book, "Lydia Longley: The First American Nun" are available through your local library or can be purchased from Amazon. Mrs. McCarthy died this spring in Littleton, Massachusetts at the age of 109.

Sandra Carlin St. Martin

Answer to quiz from the March Newsletter:

The name of the town in Massachusetts originally called Contentment is now Dedham. Congratulations to former Treasurer David Grinnell for being the first to submit the correct answer to your editor!