

Toledo Colony Chronicle

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio

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IMPACT -- CONTINUING

by Susan Fisher

Patience might be a lesson of this time of covid virus. In trying to plan meetings to offer you, so much has been uncertain: how many members will attend; where can we meet; if we don't meet, how will that affect membership; will information be ready in time for the newsletter deadline?

Several days past the deadline, none of those questions were answered. Our usual venue, Swan Creek, had been closed to outside groups since March. Then on 6 October, a call came from the staff member we work with at Swan Creek. She and I had been doing some brainstorming, and she had been doing the same with her workers and boss. When I was almost ready to give up finding a venue for us, Sara called with some new ideas. So, there is now concrete information to share with you.

We will be the first outside group to meet at Ohio Living Swan Creek since covid restrictions. Read the following changes, decide for your best interest if you will attend, and make your reservation with Jeff Stoll by 6 November. The first 25 people making reservations will be accepted.

The meeting on Saturday, 14 November, will begin at 10:30. Your temperature will be taken on your forehead as you arrive, and a mask will be required during your time in the building. If you are feeling ill around the date, please do not attend, even if you have a reservation. The speaker will finish by 11:45. **At noon, your pre-ordered Thanksgiving dinner in a box will be ready for you to take home with you.** You do not have to order the lunch. There will be no meal at Swan Creek.

CANCELLED

Colony Meeting—Compact Day

When: Saturday 14 November

Meeting has been cancelled. After being able to make the venue arrangements above, the speaker emailed that he had to cancel after having surgery. Attempts to find another speaker or present a video for the program have failed. Please know that we have tried, again, to have a program for you, but it seems the best decision at this time is to cancel the November meeting and try in April. Enjoy the news in this newsletter! Have a good Thanksgiving. Share the Pilgrim story!

Next Colony Meeting

17 April 2021

Member Highlight—Alvin L. Spicer

My ancestor is William Bradford

I was raised the first few years of my life on a small farm south of Grand Rapids, Ohio. In the middle of the second grade we moved to Liberty Center and I graduated from the Liberty Center high school. I then studied engineering at the University of Toledo earning a bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering and a masters in Engineering Science. I am a member of Tau Beta Pi, an Engineering honor society, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

I became an engineer working for GENERAL Motors Division New Departure-Hyatt in Sandusky, Ohio. I retired after 29 ½ years with the bearing plant as a Senior Project Engineer. Among the projects I worked on were jet engine bearings and integrated wheel spindle bearings. I helped with the design of the wheel bearing for the lunar rover.

I am an avid bicyclist, riding many thousands of miles over the years. Since I retired, in addition to continuing my bicycle riding, I helped build houses with Habitat for Humanity and also did tax preparation with the IRS program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program and then with AARP, for a combined total of twenty-one years.

I married Marie Ducharme from Thomaston, Connecticut on September 11, 1971. Her ancestors are French Canadians. We have four children and eight grandchildren, all located outside Ohio. So far none of them have joined The Mayflower Society, although some of the grandchildren have expressed interest.

My father, Walter Spicer, was a genealogy researcher of his and my mother's families. His approach was basically assembling family sheets listing father, mother and children. Without modern computer systems he didn't have the families tied together. My mother (Alvirda) typed some of the family information in more presentable form. I almost threw out the research, but my wife convinced me to save it.

When I built my family tree, I realized that the name William Bradford was someone who was historically significant. The internet and sites like Ancestry.com made this possible!

Have You Heard . . .

You are encouraged to share your joys and concerns with other colony members, such as special anniversaries and Junior Members graduating from high school or a post-high school institution. Members are encouraged to pray for each other. To have your special event included, send the information to Dawn Carr or Susan Fisher.

- ◆ Any member or friend of Toledo Colony may submit an article to the *Toledo Colony Chronicle*.
- ◆ The 401st commemoration of our Pilgrims' Thanksgiving will be a State event for all Ohio members in early October, 2021. A reenactor from Plimouth-Patuxet (formerly Plimouth Plantation) will be presenting. The cost will be less than the event postponed from this past May. Watch for more details.
- ◆ *The Last Pilgrim* by Noelle Granger is a new book about Mary Allerton Cushman, the last Pilgrim to die.
- ◆ Our colony needs someone to begin training to be the next Lt. Governor.
- ◆ The Ohio Society has bought a Zoom license so any colony can use this technology for meetings. We need a volunteer from Toledo Colony to oversee this opportunity.
- ◆ The Ohio Society, led by volunteers from the Columbus Colony, will be compiling a cookbook as a fund raiser. All Ohio Society members are encouraged to contribute one or more recipes. The book will include some history on the Pilgrims and the ensuing Mayflower Society. **Each colony is asked to provide a representative** who will serve on the cookbook committee. Please volunteer to any colony officer or directly to Hilda Pappas, Columbus Lt. Governor, hildapappas@gmail.com Tel: 740-819-5529

Reader Needed

Like to read? A new fiction book, *Letters from the Mayflower*, by author Dorothy May Bradford is available. The Ohio Society Governor is looking for someone to read and write a review of this book. The review would need to be submitted by the end of November to the State newsletter editor for publishing in the *Buckeye Mayflower*. To volunteer, contact

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Dues Due / Dues Do

Dues for the 2021 membership year are due by November 1st. *Dues do* increase. They are now \$56. This time it is because national society dues increased to bring their computer technology up to date. This dues increase will not give an excess to keep them progressing in that area. *Dues do* get distributed. Our Ohio Society receives \$13 of each member's payment, and Toledo Colony receives \$8 of each member's payment. *Dues do* pay for our speakers, the cost of this newsletter (a good number of our members receive this by USPS mail), computer programs for our Treasurer's use, mailings to encourage our adult members and preliminaries, mailings to help our Junior Members learn their history, and other items as seen in the Colony Treasurer's report.

Please pay your dues on time. If your notice has been lost, the form can be found on the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org or you may contact Susan Fisher and a form will be mailed to you (your *dues* at work).

The Kin Queue

The Historian General's office of the national society (GSMD) has been working hard to speed up the verification process of each applicant's ancestral line. (Your increased dues money will help buy technology to aid in this process.) One of the newest improvements is being called the "Kin Queue." Used for applications after January, 2016, this expedited queue is for applications that are just one or two generations off a recently approved application. Parents, children, even grandchildren can be expedited because the rest of the application does not need to be revisited. Pair this with the new "Quick References", where only the General Society number of a recently approved application can be used instead of recreating all the citations, speeds up the process for the State Historian and Deputy Historian as well as the verifiers at GSMD. These new processes have cut the wait time for applications from six months to four months in most cases. This should be encouraging to those of you in the application process. Currently Ohio has 77 applications in various stages in Plymouth (at GSMD). About 52 applications are with preliminaries in Ohio; these numbers change almost daily! Unfortunately, Toledo rarely has new members or new Junior Members. Let our colony officers know if you need help bringing family members into our fellowship.

What Percentage are You In?

Many people work hard to keep Ohio Mayflower members informed. One way is through the State newsletter, the *Buckeye Mayflower*. Through the new delivery system, MailChimp, we can tell how many people open their e-version of that newsletter. Only 53% of members receiving the e-version in June did that. That means a lot of information was never read by our members. **Were you in the 53%...OR** were you in the 47% who did not keep up to date on the workings of our Ohio Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants?

In an attempt to improve that percentage, the September issue of the *Buckeye Mayflower* is available on the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org

The dues notice was sent by e-mail also. It was sent

on September 27, titled 2021 Mayflower Membership Dues Statement. By 3 October, 64% of members had opened that email. That means 36% of members may not pay their dues on time (due by 1 November). **Which percentage are you in?**

This newsletter, the *Toledo Colony Chronicle*, strives to keep you informed of future colony events, special activities in our colony members' lives, and information about our ancestors and Mayflower history. If you are reading this, thank you, and please keep it on hand for at least a while. If you did not open this e-version, 😞 you have lost out on opportunities to be with very interesting people and topics to share with your family.

Revised Schedule for 400th Anniversary

Plymouth 400 has revised their schedule of anniversary events. Go to www.NBCBoston.com and search "Plymouth 400"

Here is a short summary of a few events and dates that are in the article.

In 2020:

Indigenous History Conference, Oct. 29-30

Illuminate Thanksgiving 2020, Nov. 20-25

In 2021:

Plymouth 400 Remembrance Ceremony, April 23, 2021

Wampanoag Ancestors Walk, May 2021

Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary, June 25-27, 2021



Children's Corner & Junior Members

Hi, All Junior Members,

This letter gives you some computer sites and pictures celebrating the 400th year of the arrival of our Pilgrims to this country.

In the summer issue of the newsletter *Toledo Colony Chronicle*, you met Allison Sharer, a Mayflower Junior Member from the Houston, Texas, area. She created a website for Junior Members to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims to what we now know as Massachusetts. There are links and activities on www.mayflowerjuniors2020.org



This is the first website for youth in the U.S. and other countries to commemorate the anniversary of the 1620 arrival of the ship *Mayflower*. The website design helped Allison win the Girl Scouts of America's Gold Award, the organization's highest achievement. Her winning project also included building Pilgrim and Wampanoag games, which her brother Jason designed.

Mayflower II is a replica of the ship the Pilgrims arrived on. Originally given by the people of Great Britain to the people of the United States over 60 years ago, the ship was restored over the last years, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. The ship returned to her home port of Plymouth, Massachusetts on August 10, 2020. Your Mayflower sponsor received a magazine named *The Mayflower Quarterly, Fall, 2020*. Ask your sponsor to share page 19 with you; it has pictures of many boats greeting *Mayflower II* as she entered the harbor. You may also view the return on your computer at:

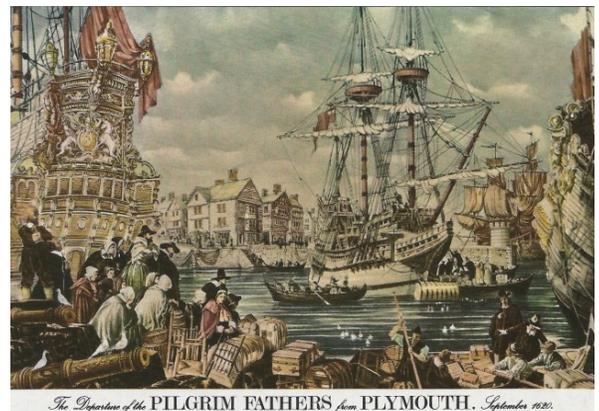
<https://mayflowersails2020.com/> and

<https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/mayflower-ii-to-return-to-plymouth/2174892/>

Finally, type in the title below for a good history of the Pilgrims' life in England and Holland before coming here.

10 Places That Tell the Story of the Mayflower

<https://heritagecalling.com/2020/08/14/9-places-that-tell-the-story-of-the-mayflower/>



Scholarships

Yes, that's more than one scholarship! Since our last colony newsletter, the Ohio Mayflower Society has announced its annual scholarship. It is open to all qualified Junior Members of all the colonies of the Ohio Society. Application deadline is in February, 2021, and the money will be awarded for use during the 2021-2022 university year. More information, including guidelines, essay topic, and the application, is available at the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org

Available **only to adult and qualified Junior members of Toledo Colony** is the \$1,000 Toledo Colony scholarship. **Postmark deadline is 2 November.** Note that this is one day later than in the summer edition of our newsletter. The money will be awarded in time for use during the second semester of this current university year (January, 2021). We hope this timing will be helpful in this year of strange events. Guidelines are included in this issue of the colony newsletter. Other information and an application are available at the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org Because Junior Members do not receive this newsletter, **please help** by informing people you know are qualified to apply.

PLYMOUTH 400 BULLETIN September 24, 2020

MAYFLOWER IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR - STAMP

Plimoth Plantation and Plymouth 400 hosted a viewing of the United States Postal Service's virtual First Day of Issue Ceremony for the new "Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor" Forever stamp on September 17th.

Issued by the USPS, the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor stamp marks the 400th commemoration of the ship's historic voyage. Artist Greg Harlin illustrated the stamp, using a combination of watercolor, gouache, and acrylics with digital refinements to convey a scene of desolate beauty at the end of the Pilgrims' harrowing journey to an unfamiliar world. The stamp also features a stylized hawthorn flower printed in intaglio. In England, the hawthorn is sometimes called mayflower. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp and pane. The stamp is being issued as a Forever stamp, which will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price. Plimoth's commemorative cachets and stationery also can be ordered online via the museum's shop at www.plimoth.com.

Thank you to the USPS and special appreciation to George McKay and the Plymouth Rock Stamp Club for their years of advocacy for this stamp.

Did You Know...Table of English Colonial Measurements

Dry Measure

Anker: 1/2 barrel

Bole: (wheat or beans): 4 bushels

Bole: (oats, corn, barley, potatoes): 6 bushels

Firkin: 56 pounds

Hundredweight: 112 pounds



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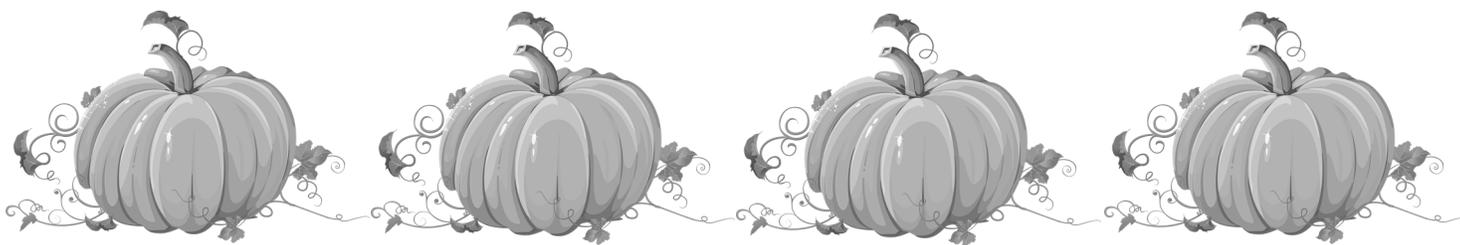
First Day of Issue Ceremony

*Mayflower in
Plymouth Harbor*
Stamp

Toledo Colony Scholarship Guidelines

The Toledo Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio is offering a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year.

1. One \$1,000 scholarship is available.
2. The applicant must be a member or Junior Member of the **Toledo Colony**. There is no restriction on the age or residence of the applicant.
3. For the 2020-2021 school year, the applicant must be in the **second year or later** of any post-high school program, including university, college, trade, or technical schools. Qualified applicants in all study areas are urged to apply. Preference will be given to students majoring in studies related to agriculture and/or students majoring in genealogy/history.
4. The award is to be used only for school expenses, as defined within IRS guidelines.
5. A person may be awarded a scholarship more than one time.
6. The original essay must be written and **signed** by the applicant.
7. The committee will judge according to this rubric: Accuracy of historical facts 30%; content of essay (organization, clarity of thought, grammar, punctuation) 25%; GPA 5%; bibliography 10%; letters of recommendation 30%.
8. Please use a size 14 or larger font.
9. Send only the originals of documents.
10. The scholarship need not be given if the committee decides there are no qualified applicants.
11. The winner will be notified by late November. Expanded information about the winner will be printed in the Colony newsletter, the Toledo Colony Chronicle, and offered to the state newsletter, The Buckeye Mayflower.
12. The award will be paid directly to the student by the Colony Treasurer upon receiving proof that the student is enrolled for the second semester.
13. An application for the scholarship and more information is available at www.ohiomayflower.org



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- 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