

Columbus Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio



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“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” John F. Kennedy

Children Aboard the Mayflower

Despite the expected difficulties of crossing the stormy Atlantic in autumn and the lack of any kind of housing upon their arrival, a surprising number of children traveled with the pilgrims to the new world. There were fifty men, several of whom were past the prime of life; twenty women and thirty-two children. Some of the children were in their teens, such as Priscilla and Joseph Mullins, but others would have been in the first decade of life. We know that infants were born on the ship. Elizabeth Hopkins gave birth to a son, *Oceanus*, during the voyage. Susanna White gave birth to a son, *Peregrine*, while the ship was anchored in the bay, but Mary Allerton's baby was stillborn.

Source material confirms that living conditions on board the ship were absolutely horrendous. Additionally, just imagine the noisy chaos created by bored children who needed to release pent-up energy. It is known that two dogs, a mastiff and a spaniel, were aboard and may have provided distraction for some of the children. Others sought activity that was more adventurous. Not long after the Mayflower had moored in the bay thirteen-year-old Francis Billington shot off his father's fowling piece in the area where the passengers lived. Extra powder was laying about on the floor, but fortunately it didn't ignite. A few months later Francis's older brother, John, got lost in the woods for five days. He was picked up by Indians and later released to a contingent of men from Plymouth that was led by Myles Standish. Apparently, young boys getting into scrapes was as likely then as it is now.

An intriguing set of circumstances placed the four More siblings aboard the ship. Their father, Samuel More, discovered that his wife was having an affair of long standing with a neighboring tenant farmer. Having decided that none of the children resembled him, Samuel divorced his wife. In order to punish her he arranged for the children to be deported to America as indentured servants aboard the Mayflower. *Jasper* (age 7) was placed in the care of

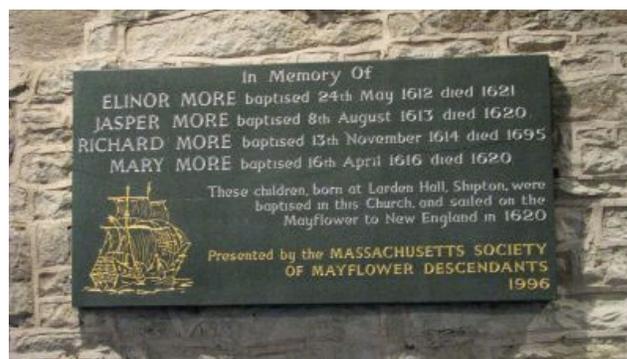
John Carver and his wife. Edward Winslow and his wife took responsibility for *Ellen* (age 8). *Richard* (age 6) and *Mary* (age 4) were placed with William and Mary Brewster who had their young sons, Love (age 9) and Wrestling (age 6) with them. Sadly, all of the More children except *Richard* died that first winter. Their demise must have been hastened by the heartbreak they surely felt as a result of being separated from a loving mother. Court documents in England prove that their mother, Katherine More, made several attempts to regain custody of the children but all attempts ended in failure.

The More children weren't the only children lost that winter. Men and women died, too. The passengers that were still alive lived in a close-knit community in order to survive that hard winter. Children who had lost their mothers would have been tended by Mary Brewster, Elizabeth Hopkins, Susanna White, Eleanor Billington and Alice Mullins who were the only women who escaped death during that difficult time. Happily, some of the children who made the voyage aboard the Mayflower grew to adulthood, married, produced children and made lasting contributions to the Plymouth settlement.

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like sharp arrows in a warrior's hands. How happy is the man whose quiver is full of them!" The Bible – New Living Translation

Submitted by
Cheryl Bash
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Additional notes: the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants placed a memorial plaque to the More Children in St. James Church, Shipton, Shropshire in 1996. *Elinor More*, baptized 24 May 1612, died 1621. *Jasper More*, baptized 8th August 1613, died 1620. *Richard More*, baptized 13 November 1614, died 1695. *Mary More*, baptized 16 April 1616, died 1620.



Oceanus was born to Stephen Hopkins and his wife, Elizabeth Hopkins (née Fisher), sometime between the boarding and arrival dates of September 6 and November 9, 1620. He survived the first winter in Plymouth but died by 1627. He was named 'Oceanus', Latin for 'ocean', because he was born on the Atlantic Ocean.

Peregrine White (c. November 20, 1620 – July 20, 1704) was the first baby boy born on the Pilgrim ship the Mayflower in the harbor of Massachusetts, the second baby born on the Mayflower's historic voyage, and the first known English child born to the Pilgrims in America. His parents, William White and his pregnant wife Susanna, with their son Resolved White and two servants, came on the Mayflower in 1620.. He married Sarah Bassett (abt 1628 - 22 Jan 1711) before 6 Mar 1649 and is the father of 7 children and the grandfather of 29 grandchildren. In later life he became a person of note in Plymouth Colony, active in both military and government affairs.

This cradle is believed to have been brought on the *Mayflower* by William and Susanna White, for the use of Peregrine White, who was born onboard the ship in November 1620 while it was anchored off the tip of Cape Cod. It is on display at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.



Submitted by
Hilda Pappas
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The Ohio Society Mayflower Cookbook project has been transmitted to be printed and available at the October 1-2, 2021 Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. If you have pre-ordered your cookbook(s) and are unable to pick up at the event; I will notify you with directions to mail a check and your cookbook will be mailed to you.

If you have not pre-ordered and wish to do so, please email me hildapappas@gmail.com. The price is \$20.00 each if picked up and \$25.00 each if mailed. I will also have cookbooks to sell at our colony fall meeting. They will make great Christmas gifts for that special person.

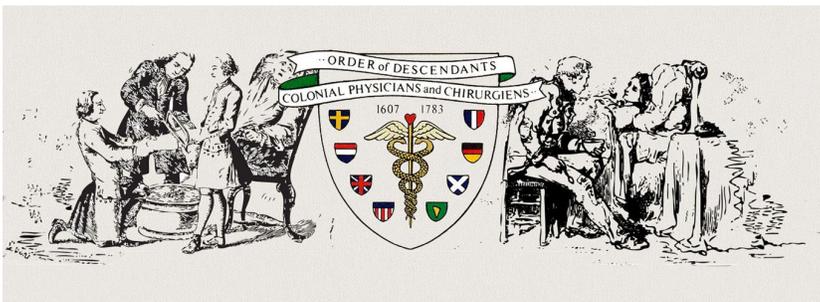
I would like to **THANK** all our Columbus Colony members who so graciously shared their favorite recipes. Our colony had 48 contributors with 188 recipes. Total recipes contributed were 520 by 117 contributors.



Do you have a colonial physician or midwife ancestor?

The Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirurgiens (1607-1783)
Chirurgiens is French for Surgeon. Their website is: ordercolonialpandc.org.

They were organized in 1974 “honoring colonial physicians, chirurgiens, and midwives. The Order recognizes their faithful adherence to duty and commemorates their years of service dedicated to humanity, which earned for them the high esteem of their communities. Without these early practitioners, many colonists would not have survived to become our ancestors.”



There is a list that previous applicants have proved. Bridget Fuller, Matthew Fuller, and Samuel Fuller are listed.

Also on this website is a listing of Medical Men in the American Revolution 1775-1783, from the Army Medical Bulletin Number 25.

The Mayflower Society House 1754-2020 by Bruce MacGunnigle, 2020

Former Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Bruce MacGunnigle takes a fresh look at the history of the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth, Mass.

His detailed research into land records has resulted in a history of the owners of the house for 266 years- the Winslow, Briggs, Jackson, Russell and Willoughby families.

Learn about the owners through letters, reports, articles, studies, maps, deeds, minutes, and first-hand accounts, along with 44 photos and images.

This 108 page soft cover book will be a wonderful keepsake for you and your family, to commemorate this special year as we honor our Pilgrim ancestors. Cost \$30.00 on the GSMD website.

The Winslow Family

Pilgrim Edward Winslow (1595-1655) married 2nd Susanna Jackson White. He was Governor of Plymouth Colony, 1633, 1634, 1636, and 1644.

His son, Josiah Winslow (1629-1680) was the first native born Governor and General to serve in New England.

Josiah's son was Isaac Winslow (1671-1738). He served as Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Judge Probate for Plymouth county.

Isaac's son was Edward Winslow (1714-1784) – great grandson of Governor Edward Winslow. He built the Winslow house in 1754. He was a loyalist who was a government official in Boston until he left the country with his family at the evacuation of Boston, in 1776. They went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he died in 1784, aged seventy-two years. The ceremonies at his funeral were of a style to confer the highest honor. His estates in Massachusetts were confiscated; but every branch of his family was amply provided for by the British government.

After many years of owners, who respected its beauty and tradition of colonial style through renovations and additions; it was eventually acquired in 1941 from a Willoughby family heir.

Columbus Colony Fall meeting

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021

Where: Clintonville Women's Club, 3951 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214

Time: 11:30 Social... 12:00 Dinner – followed by meeting and program presented by John Burke (Living History) portraying a native American with his perspective of the First Thanksgiving.

In mid-October, a separate registration form will be emailed, or snail mailed to those who do not have an email.

We reserve the right to cancel this meeting if restrictions placed on us by the governor are in place and/or if the colony board decides to cancel in the best health interests of our members.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio
Commemoration of the First Thanksgiving in the Americas

October 1-2, 2021

Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 Cassidy Ave., Columbus, OH 43219

Room Reservation: 1-800-491-5717 or (614) 475-7551

Hotel room rate per night: \$95.00 + applicable taxes (Hotel cut-off date for this reduced rate is August 11, 2021.)
(must mention Society of Mayflower Descendants in state of Ohio)

Friday evening Reception (cake) Alcoholic beverages available in the River City Grille.

Saturday Continental Breakfast (Breads, Pastries, Bagels with assorted cream cheese, Assorted Fruit, Juices, Coffee, Teas)

Saturday Lunch menu:

- Field Greens Salad with Cucumbers, Tomatoes, and Shaved Carrots
- Roasted Turkey
- Green Beans
- Corn Bread
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea, Water

**Return form below + \$65.00 per adult person. Special Rate of \$40.00 for child age 12 and under.
Check payable to SMDOH and mail to Kathy Leisure, 38415 Brighton Path, Willoughby, OH 44094**

This must be postmarked by August 31, 2021

Member name: _____ First State meeting: Yes ____ No ____

Contact address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Colony: _____ Initial Ancestor: _____

<u>Circle your food choice:</u>	Turkey Dinner	Hotel Choice Gluten Free	Hotel Choice Vegan
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attending Friday Reception & Saturday _____ # attending Saturday only: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

****Your attendance at this event is taken as consent for all photographs.***

Final day to notify Kathy Leisure (440-942-1805) or kathyleisure@gmail.com of cancellation to receive refund is September 17, 2021.