

Columbus Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio



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A Pilgrim Press Special Edition
Four English Wives Host Harvest Supper.
Massasoit and Ninety Warriors Gate-Crash Event!!
By Your Local Roving Reporter
Dateline: Plymouth Colony, Autumn 1621

Mistress Mary Brewster, Mistress Susanna White Winslow, Mistress Elizabeth Hopkins and Mistress Ellen Billington were the hostesses of a recent harvest supper in Plymouth Colony. The four women are the only adult female survivors of last winter's general sickness which was experienced in the fledgling colony. They have labored all spring and summer in their gardens as well as foraging the woods for nature's bounty to feed everyone through the upcoming winter season.

This special meal, which was originally planned to mark the end of the harvest, expanded into a celebration lasting three days when Massasoit and ninety of his warriors gate-crashed the event. With their arrival, the sedate supper planned by the women became very boisterous with the consumption of an abundance of food and drink. In the days following, the Englishmen and their native guests enjoyed showing off their respective skills with their weaponry. The warriors demonstrated their prowess with bow and arrows while the Englishmen shot off their fowling pieces with great enthusiasm.

Before leaving the event, your local roving reporter overheard a conversation among the women which reveals some of their thoughts on the occasion.

Mary Brewster: "Thank goodness I know how to take a few recipes with their ingredients and stretch them to feed this multitude! I am so glad Massasoit had the forethought to bring five deer since he brought all those warriors with him! How in the world did they find out about this harvest supper anyway!"

Susanna White Winslow: “Well, you know my Edward is fascinated by the natives and their culture. He is always sneaking off to see them and I am sure he told them all about our supper. I don’t know why he is always traipsing off to explore since I am his new bride of just a few months! I guess the honeymoon is over!!”

Elizabeth Hopkins: “I have noticed that Stephen is always going off with Edward even though he knows I am still getting used to being a step-mother to Constance and Giles. I know I have been a little short-tempered with all the work and with little Oceanus teething and Damaris toddling about, but he could help me more if he wanted to!! At least Stephen can keep Edward out of trouble. You know Stephen lived in the Jamestown Colony for a few years before we married, so he knows how to deal with trouble!”

Ellen Billington: “Be glad Edward and Stephen get out of your hair occasionally! I wish my John would wander off with our two aggravating sons, John Jr. and Francis, and give me a rest from the constant uproar and bickering! Thank God John Sr. didn’t get into a fracas with the natives. You know about that hair trigger temper he has. He could have **murdered** somebody with his fowling piece!!”

Putting all leg pulling and levity aside, it’s time to remember and honor the lives of eighteen married women who traveled with their husbands on the *Mayflower* in order to help establish a colony in the new world. Fourteen of these eighteen women had perished by the autumn of 1621 which is a rather staggering and sobering statistic. The four women who survived cooked the harvest meal which has come to be referred to as the First Thanksgiving in America. Short biographies of each of the women are detailed in the following paragraphs.

Born circa 1569 **Mary Brewster** was one of the older women who sailed aboard the *Mayflower*. She married William Brewster circa 1591/92. Mary and William had several children. Jonathan, Patience and Fear were born in England. When the church went into exile in Holland, Mary gave birth to an unnamed child who did not survive, and whose birth was soon followed by the births of her sons Love and Wrestling. William and Mary traveled aboard the *Mayflower* with these two young sons, leaving the older children with the church in Leiden. Jonathan sailed to Plymouth aboard the *Fortune* in 1621. Patience and Fear arrived in 1623 aboard the *Anne*. Mary and William must have been very happy to be reunited with all of them. Mary died in Plymouth in 1627. Her husband William did not remarry.

Recent research suggests that **Susanna White Winslow** was born about 1592, the daughter of separatist Richard Jackson. She traveled to America aboard the *Mayflower* with her first husband, William White and their young son, Resolved. Susanna was heavily pregnant during the voyage. She gave birth to their second son, Peregrine, who was the first white child born in New England, while the *Mayflower* was moored in Provincetown Harbor.

William died in February 1621. In May 1621 Susanna married recent widower, Edward Winslow. Theirs was the first marriage performed in Plymouth with Governor William Bradford officiating. It’s likely that they knew each other in Leiden, which probably accounts for their quick marriage after the deaths of their first spouses. Also, Susanna had her two little ones to provide for and Edward adopted them as his own. Susanna bore five children for Edward. They were named Edward, John, Josias and Elizabeth. The name and gender of the other child born to the couple is unknown.

Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins was the second wife to Stephen Hopkins. He was previously married to a woman named Mary who bore three children named Elizabeth, Constance and Giles. During his marriage to Mary, Stephen was away from home on an expedition to the new world. He lived in the Jamestown Colony for some time, only returning to England when Mary died. He married Elizabeth Fisher in Whitechapel on 19 February 1617/18. Their first daughter, Damaris, was born shortly thereafter. Only Constance, Giles and

Damaris traveled with the couple on the *Mayflower*. Famously, Elizabeth gave birth to a son named Oceanus during the voyage. She gave birth to a few more children during her residence in the colony. These children were enumerated in Stephen's will. He died in 1644. Elizabeth predeceased him, but the exact date of her death is unknown.

Eleanor (or Ellen) Billington traveled with her husband John and their two sons, John and Francis, aboard the *Mayflower*. This non-separatist family proved to be a trial to the other colonists while on the ship and on land. The boys got into a few scrapes, but the trouble they caused was nothing compared to the trouble their father got into. In March 1621 John was tried before the company for failure to follow the orders of Captain Myles Standish. The punishment that was ordered for him was to have his neck and heels tied together but he managed to talk his way out of it. In 1630 John was tried and hanged for the murder of John Newcomen. Ellen's problems did not end with her husband's execution. In 1636 she was fined five pounds and ordered to be whipped as well as to sit in the stocks for slandering John Doane. In 1638 she was married to Gregory Armstrong. This marriage was childless. It ended with Ellen's death which occurred sometime between the years of 1642 and 1650.

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm all the days of her life. Proverbs 31: 10-12, NIV Bible.

Cheryl Bash

Columbus Colony Elder

Recommended Thanksgiving Themed Books for Mayflower Juniors, from the GSMD website. These books may be ordered online from Amazon.

The First Thanksgiving: A Lift-the-Flap Book by Kathryn Lynn Davis. Approximate ages 2-4 cost \$5.99

This First Thanksgiving Day: A Counting Story: by Laura Krauss Melmed. Approximate ages 4-7 cost \$7.99

The Pilgrims' Thanksgiving From A to Z by Laura Crawford and Judith Hierstein. Approximate ages 4-7 cost \$8.47

The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving by Ann Mcgovern. Approximate ages 4-8 cost \$6.99

The First Thanksgiving by Linda Hayward approximate ages 5-8 cost \$4.99

The First Thanksgiving by Jean Craighead George approximate ages 6-10 cost \$7.99

The Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving by Mary L. Englar approximate ages 8-12 cost \$8.10

What Was the First Thanksgiving? By Joan Holub approximate ages 8-12 cost \$5.27

The Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgliesh (A Caldecott Award winning book) approximate ages 8-12 cost \$8.99

Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America by Glenn Alan Cheney approximate ages teen to adult cost \$16.95 to \$63.29

The Story of the Pilgrims' Coloring Book by Fran Newman-D/Amico approximate ages young and old cost \$3.99

Columbus Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants
Minutes of Fall Meeting
Clintonville Woman's Club
November 6, 2021

We had 28 members and 1 Jr. Member present representing 12 lines of our Pilgrim ancestors: Alden (7), Allerton (2), Bradford (3), Brewster (8), Chilton (1), Cooke (3), Fuller (1), Hopkins (1), Howland (5), Standish (2), Warren (6) and White (2). We had 9 guests in attendance, for a total of 38.

The Columbus Colony opened with a greeting from Lieutenant Governor Hilda Pappas. Elder Cheryl Bash read the blessing, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch including coffee, tea, turkey, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

Hilda Pappas introduced today's presenter, John Burke, who provided an informative presentation titled, "The Real Story of the First Thanksgiving from Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag."

Hilda Pappas called the meeting to order. Junior Member Audrey Hallows led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge and read the Mayflower Compact. Cheryl Bash gave the invocation.

Hilda Pappas began the business meeting.

Recording Secretary: Minutes from April 10, 2021 were on the tables, and they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Copies were also on the tables. There were fewer expenses this year. Our account at Park National Bank no longer exists. Our Colony account is at Fifth/Third.

Total Assets (Beginning)	\$11,045.50
Total Income	\$
Total Expenses	\$
Total Assets (Ending)	\$14,588.31

Lt. Governor: Columbus Colony hosted the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving Celebration on October 1-2, 2021. There were 24 attendees from the Columbus Colony, 15 from the Cincinnati Colony, 11 from the Cleveland Colony, 6 from the Toledo Colony, and 10 from the Western Reserve Colony.

Hilda Pappas thanked Sharon Bardus; Cheryl Bash; Gary Barstow; Marsha Duffey and her husband, Joe; Sharon Hendershot; Sandy St. Martin; Charles Mays; and Win Worcester for their help.

Ann Gulbransen emailed the special edition of the newsletter, which included pictures from the event. To view and/or purchase photos, please visit <http://mayflower2021.nebuleux.com>.

Deputy Lt. Governor: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: The 2020-2023 directories are available.

Elder: There were no deaths to report in the Columbus Colony, but at the state level, there have been over 30 deaths over the last two years.

Historian: Sharon Bardus was absent.

Board of Assistants Representative: No report.

Committee reports:

Education Committee: Jan Kleinline isn't visiting any schools, but she'll be presenting to a genealogy group in two weeks.

Junior Membership Committee: No report.

Scholarship Committee: Jan Ebert said we have decisions to make regarding the scholarship, and input is requested. The Colony's high standards are not being met, and fewer applications are being received. The Ohio Mayflower Society also offers a scholarship and is experiencing similar issues. She had given a survey to each member addressing future needs for Jr. Membership. Her committee will review the surveys.

Membership Committee: We have 13 new members since January 2021. There are 327 regular colony members. Jr. Members are: 182 in the 0-17 age group; 75 in the 18-24 age group.

New member, Mary Clark, was welcomed. Her ancestor is John Howland.

State Nominating Committee: No report.

Social Committee: Carolyn White selected door prizes with the assistance of John Burke.

Announcements: Cheryl Bash was congratulated for her new position as elder with the Ohio Mayflower Society.

These Columbus Colony minutes will be published in the mid-November newsletter.

Please consider purchasing a cookbook; they are \$20.00 each.

The next Columbus Colony meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at noon at the Clintonville Woman's Club. The program, "Get Acquainted with Your Ancestor." Members are asked to provide one or two little-known facts about their ancestor(s).

The annual state meeting will be hosted by the Toledo Colony at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Perrysburg on May 13-14, 2022.

Cheryl Bash gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Kristen Hallows on November 7, 2021.

Need a last-minute gift?

Shop from home and support our Ohio Mayflower Society

Buy a Cookbook for \$25.00 (includes S/H)

"A collection of 520 recipes from our kitchens to yours."

21 pages of Mayflower history from general society to our 5 state colonies

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The Wampanoag

“People of the First Light” or “People of the Dawn”

There were about 30,000 Wampanoags before the Pilgrims arrived.

Squanto and about 20 Wampanoags were captured in 1614.

Up to 90% of the Wampanoags died of disease from 1616 – 1619.

91 Wampanoag may have been at the First Thanksgiving.

12,000 acres were given to the English by Massasoit.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (legally Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc.) is one of two federally recognized tribes of Wampanoag people in Massachusetts. Recognized in 2007, they are headquartered in Mashpee on Cape Cod. The other tribe is the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) on Martha's Vineyard.

The tribe has its own health services, police force, court system, and education departments.

In 2019, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe consisted of more than 2,900 enrolled members. In 2015 their 170 acres in Mashpee and an additional 150 acres in Taunton, Massachusetts were taken into trust on their behalf by the US Department of Interior, establishing these parcels as reservation land. There was an article on page 48 of the 28 July 2020 Columbus Dispatch titled *House Oks bill protecting tribe's reservation*. This was sponsored by US Representatives Joseph Kennedy III and William Keating to stop the March 2020 efforts to undue the 2015 decision to put their land into a trust.

(information from: The Wampanoag, A True Book, Scholastic. Internet. Columbus Dispatch.)



Spring Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2022

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

Time: 11:30 Social... 12:00 Dinner – followed by meeting and program. “Let's Get Acquainted with Our Ancestors.” Each member is asked to provide a 1-2-minute piece of information about their Pilgrim ancestor(s).

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.