



# Columbus Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio

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## February 2022

### Candles in Winter

As I watch the snow fall outside from the vantage point of my comfortable easy chair, I am reminded of the days of my childhood in the 1950s and 1960s. Winter was not a nuisance time just to be endured, but a time of pleasure for my brother, two sisters and me. We built snowmen and imprinted angels in the new fallen snow. There was an occasional squabble over a small sled my brother owned, but generally we managed to play amicably together. Inevitably, there would be snowball fights which usually signaled the end of outdoor play. After a heavy snowfall my mother would scoop up enough of the pristine snow to make snow ice cream for us kids. It was a special treat. I still remember the taste.

Of course, for children the main event of winter is the Christmas holiday. When I was young, we always had a cut tree, so it was set up and decorated just a few days before Christmas. Aside from the tree, our decorations were minimal, but Mom liked to use candles, especially those that were bayberry scented. Candles were always included in the decoration of the mantel. With a fire in the fireplace and the candlelight reflected in the mirror above it, it was quite festive.

Christmas Eve at church was memorable for candlelight communion. After taking communion, each participant lit a small candle. In the darkened sanctuary we held our candles aloft to signify the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

Candles played a part in the celebration of my winter birthday, too. Mom always made a two-tiered chocolate cake with seven-minute frosting which was studded with the requisite number of candles. Dramatically, she would bring the lighted cake into the darkened dining room at the end of our meal.

Our lives are like lighted candles. They burn brightly in our youth and as they burn down, they finally flicker and go out. While we are alive, may we use our time wisely and live good lives so that even when our candles go out, the light they shed is still remembered.

*“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5, New International Bible.*

*Cheryl Bash  
Columbus Colony Elder*

## Bayberry Candles



According to tradition, the candle should be lit in the evening, when you see the first star appear in the sky. You should not extinguish the candle yourself (bad luck!); it should burn until after midnight down to the nub and go out on its own.

*“For a Bayberry candle burned to the socket  
Will bring joy to the heart and gold to the pocket”*

When the first settlers arrived on our shores, every moment was one of survival. Everything was in short supply - including candles. Generally, candles were made of tallow (animal fat) which tend to smoke and give off an odor - they can turn rancid as well. It didn't take long for the early colonists to discover that the abundant bayberry bush had berries that would give off a waxy residue when boiled, resulting in a sweet-smelling wax with a longer, cleaner burn than tallow candles. However, one pound of bayberry wax requires 15 pounds of bayberries, so bayberry candles were considered a luxury and only burned on special occasions.

Bayberry tapers were a real treasure to the colonists who saved them for special occasions - it was a luxury to be saved and relished. Soon, it became tradition to burn bayberry candles on festive days like Christmas or New Year's Eve **to bring blessings of abundance in the upcoming year**. This tradition continues yet today.



**Lila Hill**, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 9, sent a very nice note thanking all the Columbus Colony members who sent her a birthday card. Lila became a member of the Marietta Colony on April 15, 2008. Her Pilgrim ancestor is William Brewster. (*Marietta Colony disbanded in 2013 and most members transferred to our Columbus Colony.*)

## The Ohio Mayflower Society Cookbook Project



Our state society sold 451 of the original 550 ordered. Columbus Colony members purchased 94 of these cookbooks. Congratulations to Tom Gregory who submitted the most recipes from our colony – 27 recipes. Cookbooks will be available at our April Spring Meeting at a cost of \$20.00 each. You can also order cookbook(s) to be mailed to you or someone else, by mailing a check, payable to SMDOH, for \$25.00 to Hilda Pappas, 156 Lakeshore Drive W., Hebron, OH 43025. If you are purchasing multiple cookbooks

to be mailed to the same address, please contact me for a mailing cost. I will be taking all unsold cookbooks to the Ohio Genealogy Society Conference at Great Wolfe Lodge in Mason, OH on April 27-30. Once these are sold – we will not be reordering. This may be your last chance to purchase this cookbook with 520 recipes submitted by 117 members.

### Columbus Colony Pins for Sale

We still have Colony Member Pins, Jr. Member Pins, and Friend Pins for sale They are \$5.00 each. If you are a sponsor of a Jr. Member, this special Jr. Member Pin would be a great gift to give to him/her. If you are a new member, you will receive a Member Pin at no cost with information about the Ohio Society, our Columbus Colony, and an Ohio Mayflower Society Member Handbook. If you became a member in 2021 and did not receive your Colony Member Pin and accompanying information in a pink bubble envelope; I apologize – please contact me (Hilda Pappas).

### 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims Items for Sale

We have items that were purchased for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims that had been cancelled due to COVID. The state society gave each attendee these items at the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving celebration. After the October 2021 event, the remaining items were distributed to each colony to sell. These were made available at our November Compact Day meeting and our colony still has a few of these items for you to purchase. **They will be available at the April meeting:** SMDOH 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tote bag (\$10.00), small SMDOH reusable tin (\$2.00), 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cork coaster (\$3.00), 5”x7” 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary notebook with pen (\$5.00), and a special SMDOH 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin (\$5.00). Please contact Hilda if you have an interest in purchasing one or more of these items.



## Happy Valentine's Day

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”  
Charles M. Schulz, cartoonist



## Our Colony Statistics for January 1, thru December 31, 2021

New members: 15

Transfer into our colony or transfer out to another colony: 1

Resigned: 3

Dropped for non-payment of 2022 dues: 20

Reinstated: 14

Died: 3

Current membership as of February 2, 2021: **313**

## Jr. Members

Have you sponsored a Jr. Member? The application is straightforward and only takes a minimal amount of time. Contact Ann Gulbransen, state historian, for information. If you have sponsored a Jr. Member – please notify me if s/he will graduate from High School or College this year.

Juniors between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five may apply for GSMD Regular Membership in the Member Society in which the Junior is sponsored, keeping in mind that Juniors are removed at the age of twenty-five. **As a sponsor, it would be extremely beneficial that your application remains updated to meet the current General Society requirements for the Junior transfer to Regular Membership.**

### Spring 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, Necrology Service, and program presented by members in attendance. Each member will give a 1-minute presentation of their Mayflower Pilgrim ancestor. Share an unknown or little known fact about your ancestor.

On March 1, 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.