

Toledo Colony Chronicle

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio

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COMING EVENTS

by Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor

Usually Toledo Colony meets for a spring, summer, and November Compact Day meeting. This year we will meet on March 26, on May 13 and 14, and in November. The 124th Annual Meeting for the Ohio Society will be held on those May dates and will be our colony meeting also. The Ohio Society Constitution requires an annual meeting and the Ohio Society sets which colony will host it. That is usually once every five years.

This year Toledo Colony will host that meeting at Holiday Inn and Suites in Perrysburg. Just as in hosting company in your own home, **we need people to greet our cousins. Please plan to attend T3**, Toledo Talk Time, the Friday evening free dessert meet and greet. This casual gathering time will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday morning offers a presentation on "The Pilgrims in Art" at 9:00, open to all. Saturday also brings the Annual Meeting, the business portion, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The luncheon begins at 12 noon, offering more time for re-connection and casual conversations.

The highlight of the day is speaker Steve Bennett, a member of Toledo Colony. His speech is on "Early Eastern U.S. Migration and Migration Trails". He is a proficient speaker and recently retired President of the John Hancock Chapter of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in northwest Ohio. **Please plan to attend on Saturday, May 14.** Detailed information about registering for the Annual Meeting will arrive in your mailed invitation in late March.

At the time of this writing, **we still need two people to cover the registration table** from 5 - 8 p.m. on Friday evening and/or 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. All you need to do is check in people as they arrive. All the information you need will be provided. You will give a gift bag, which will be all prepared for you. Please volunteer by calling Susan at 517-238-5302. **Please plan to stay after the March 26th meeting to help stuff invitation envelopes for the Annual Meeting. Probably we will finish within 75 minutes.**

SPRING COLONY MEETING

When: Saturday 26 March, fellowship 11:30; meal at 12:00 noon

Where: Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo
(off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road. Drive along the left side of the building and enter at the last portico.)

Speaker: Last November, Peter Wilhelm spoke on draining the Great Black Swamp. He has been invited back to speak on "Indians of Northwest Ohio."

Meal Cost: \$16

Reservations by Tues. 22 March with Jeffrey Stoll

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PROFOUND THANKS

PROFOUND THANKS to these colony members and June Bugs who said "Yes!" right away when asked to help with the Annual Meeting. They have been working hard already. Ed Trafford; Andrea Traunero; Judy Rand; Jeff Stoll; Mike Brewster; Christy Brewster; Steve Bennett; Vickie Kuli; Peggy Hutchison; Michaelene Gorney; Cassi Traunero; Steve Martin; Tom Fisher.



TOLEDO COLONY MINUTES—November 13, 2021

Twenty-six members and guests of the Toledo Colony of the Mayflower Society met November 13, 2021 at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo after a hiatus since November 2019 due to the covid virus. Lt. Governor Susan Fisher called the meeting to order at 12 noon after a half hour of greeting and fellowship. Mike Brewster, the newly appointed elder after the death of David Martin, opened with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Mayflower Compact. After a Thanksgiving lunch of turkey, dressing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans and pumpkin pie, the meeting was resumed.

Susan, Lt. Governor, had researched and relayed to us the Toledo Colony members who are in the top 41 SMDOH by age. Marilyn Willey is the oldest at age 102 followed by June Chapin at age 95. Walter Huffer is the 12th oldest, Charles Ruggles the 15th oldest, Natalie Wiseman the ? oldest and Dessamae Curry 41st. John MacDonald who passed away on Nov. 6 was the 34th oldest.

Mike Brewster, the new elder and Ed Trafford, a new board member, were introduced. State guests attending the meeting were introduced. The state Governor, Jill Parker and Lee Martin, Deputy Governor, attended from the Western Reserve Colony. Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor of the Columbus Colony and the state chairman of the Cookbook Project also attended.

Susan Fisher stated that the June minutes were in the colony newsletter and Jeff Stoll provided the Treasurer's report for each table.

Jill Parker, State Governor, greeted the group as a representative from the state officers. Hilda Pappas brought cookbooks to sell during the day. Susan told us that Walter Huffer was the first to order cookbooks and bought 9 for his family.

Judy Rand, Deputy Lt. Governor, gave each person the microphone to introduce themselves. A pin and folder were presented to Cassi Traunero, a new member of the Mayflower Society in February.

The speaker for the day was Pete Wilhelm who presented an informative power point on "Draining the Great Black Swamp. Julie Wilhelm, the speaker's wife, received the prize for the most correct answers on the Fact or Fiction handout.

The next meeting will be in March, 2022. Members were encouraged to attend and help fill the invitation envelopes for the state meeting in May. Elder Brewster gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned. Members were invited to attend the Board of Assistants meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Rand

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES...

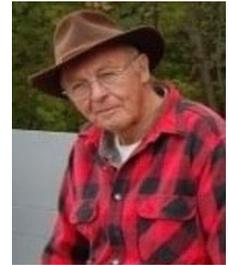
Toledo Colony has lost several members over the past six months. All were regular attendees at meetings. The latest three are:

Sharon Mathers Bannister of Perrysburg. She was the colony's most recent secretary. No recent picture was available. D.O.D. December 4, 2021



Walter L. Huffer of Lima. Walter was a U.S. veteran and the twelfth oldest member in the Ohio Society at the time of his death. At our November, 2021, Compact Day meeting, Walter stood and told us of ordering at first nine of the new Ohio Society cookbooks and then ordering more, for a total of 14, as Christmas presents for his family. The family notified an officer of the colony soon enough that a colony representative was at Walter's funeral. D.O.D. January 3, 2022

Frank Wayne Brewster of Swanton. He was a farmer all of his life and also worked for Sun Oil Refinery for 30 years. Wayne and wife Paulette helped Toledo Colony by distributing the e-version of the colony newsletter. They encouraged their family members to attend colony meetings with them. D.O.D. February 3, 2022



Mar 2022 Gov Message –

Ohio Mayflower Society – HELP WANTED!

TREASURER – SMDOH is looking for a member who is familiar with Quickbooks, Excel and email. We need to fill this BOARD Officer vacancy before the end of April. The sooner the better for a smooth transition. You will be working with the Finance Committee and Larry Hoyt, the Current Treasurer, will help you transition into the role. [Larry is stepping down after 3 years of service. Thank you, Larry!]

If interested, please contact SMDOH Governor Jill Parker, ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – SMDOH is looking for a member who is familiar with Access, Excel and email. This is a **newly created**, appointed position which we need to fill as soon as possible. This person will work with Historian Ann Gulbransen to become familiar with the Ohio Mayflower database and the responsibilities of this position. You will handle email and USPS inquiries from members and non-members alike, briefly responding in certain situations and forwarding other emails to the appropriate individual for handling (in most cases this will be Historian, Deputy Historian or GSMD Membership Manager). You will keep the database updated with changes such as email, address, phone, dues payment. There are a few monthly and annual summary reports which will need to be generated from the database and sent to appropriate Leaders at SMDOH, Colony and GSMD levels plus reports for every BOA meeting. This should only take an hour or two most weeks though probably more during dues collection months.

If interested, please contact SMDOH Historian Ann Gulbransen, historian@ohiomayflower.org

Take It Seriously

Over the past few years, the membership of Toledo Colony has consistently been asked to help more. No one has offered to help fill the following positions that last for three years. This is election year, and it is time to take **this request for help seriously**. One person has filled these spots over recent years and, for the Toledo Colony to thrive, that needs to change. Our current officers and Board of Assistants members all do their jobs and are willing to continue in their current positions. Please don't think "But I don't know how to do this." The current officers didn't either when they started their jobs.

NEED: State Board of Assistants: Attend the meeting of the SMDOH Board of Assistants, held in Columbus area three times a year and the Annual Meeting at the host colony each May. If you attend in person, mileage and meal reimbursement are available. We now have the option to Zoom such meetings, so you could attend from the comfort of your lounge chair at home. The experienced Board members do most of the talking, so you could just listen and take notes. You would report any item of interest to the colony meeting or through our newsletter. Before each SMDOH meeting, you would submit a report on colony activities; there are plenty of examples for you to follow. Amount of time *per year: about 15 hours*. More training available. Usually this person sits on the colony board also, but you would not have to. **This job could be filled by an out-of-state member using the computer.**

NEED: Secretary: Judy Rand, our Deputy Lt. Governor, has been doing this job as a "fill in" for about three years. She should not have to do this in addition to her other duties. The Secretary takes notes of each colony meeting and the colony Board meeting. The minutes become part of the colony historic records. Minutes are distributed in print or by email to the other Board members and to the colony newsletter for colony members. The Secretary would also receive email notice of new members and would distribute that info to other Board members. This person would need to sit on the colony board. *Amount of time per year: about 30 hours*.

NEED: Junior Member Chair: If we want Toledo Colony to thrive, we need to keep the correct Pilgrim story alive to our child members. This position is especially important because Jr. Members do not receive the colony newsletter and some of the sponsors of these children are no longer with us. In the recent past, we have divided the Junior Member list into thirds: 1 - 11 years old; 12 - 17 years of age; 18 - 24 years of age. An article of interest to one of these age groups appeared in each edition of our newsletter, the *Toledo Colony Chronicle*. Such articles could be re-instated. Examples can be found in other states' newsletters plus there is a national committee chair to help colony Junior Member Chairs. We have mailed items of interest to each of those age groups. Currently we have books that need mailed to the 1 - 11 year old group. Birthday cards could be mailed to all Junior Members. None of these have been done for two years now. Reimbursement is available for costs incurred. Usually this person sits on the colony board but would not have to. Amount of time per year: about 30 hours. **This job could be filled by an out-of-state member using the computer.**

NEED: Program Chair: The colony board has been filling this need, but another person would help. If you belong to other genealogical groups, you would be ideal. Consider sharing your knowledge of speakers from the northwest Ohio area. You would present names to the colony board and then contact the potential speaker with a meeting date. You could also introduce the speaker at our three colony meetings per year. However, if you are too shy, someone else can do the introductions. Usually this person sits on the colony board but would not have to.

NEED: Newsletter Writer: This person writes the articles for the *Toledo Colony Chronicle*. It would help if you regularly attend colony meetings. That way other members feel comfortable sharing news of family joys and sorrows with you. The Deputy Lt. Governor arranges for Member Highlight articles. You would email your news/articles to Dawn Carr, our talented Newsletter Editor, who designs the newsletter. *Amount of time per year: about 60 hours*

If all of these positions were filled, it would make the top leadership position of the colony easier. Don't wait to be asked or asked again. **Please seriously consider volunteering now** rather than waiting to be asked. If you care for Toledo Colony and wish it to thrive, please consider how you can help. Call or email Lt. Governor Susan Fisher or another officer as in the contact information on the left side of page one.

Member Highlight—Ed Trafford

I began seriously researching my family genealogy after my father died. My father had done some research after he retired, and I later discovered that it contained errors, which I started to correct. Of course one thing led to another. I claimed my first SAR ancestor in 2000, and subsequently expanded my family tree to include a dozen more Revolutionary War soldiers. Now I'm currently at work on my 14th and 15th SAR ancestors. I joined the Mayflower Society in 2001 originally from Myles Standish (traced back from another SAR ancestor), and have since added John Alden, James Chilton, William Mullins, and Richard Warren.

I was born in Michigan, and have lived in Illinois, Iowa, California, Ohio (University of Cincinnati, where I married my wife in 1974), Georgia (35 years working in Atlanta, and where I served as Mayflower State Historian for almost ten years), and Ohio again (now retired in Toledo, my wife's home town). Having moved around a good bit, there is no single place I call "home." The joy of genealogy (both Mayflower and SAR) is that it gives me a sense of place that I don't otherwise have. I take great satisfaction in knowing where my various families lived and how they lived and what they achieved.

I have a DMA degree from the University of Cincinnati, but actually spent the bulk of my working years as a graphic artist for some very large companies, Arthur Andersen and Deloitte & Touche. At Deloitte, the last ten years of my career encompassed writing and delivering arts training for the company's US design centers and then for worldwide graphics locations in Canada, India, and Europe.

Our son lives in New York City. He graduated from the Manhattan School of Music and has worked as the technical manager at a performing arts center in Manhattan for about five years. As a professional percussionist with the new music ensemble TAK, he has toured the US and appeared in Canada, Greece, and Iceland. His studio is in Brooklyn and he lives in Queens—a true New Yorker. We love visiting him.

I became a member of the Toledo Colony in 2019, having transferred from Georgia upon retirement and relocation here, and continue to do what I can to contribute to Ohio's Mayflower activities as a genealogy volunteer and graphics/design assistance.

Ed currently is designing and producing all of the printed materials to be used at the SMDOH Annual Meeting to be hosted by Toledo Colony in May.

Silver Books Donation

A letter and email with this news from Hayes Library and Museums arrived early in January.

We wanted you to know that Kristina Smith (communications manager for the Hayes Presidential Library and Museums) sent an article to various newspapers regarding the Toledo Colony's gift of new Mayflower family books a short time ago. A link has been attached so that you can see the information which appeared in the Tiffin Advertiser Tribune.

<https://advertiser-tribune.com/news/364117/hayes-library-receives-mayflower-families-books/>

In addition, the information has been posted on our web site. See the link below.

<https://www.rbhayes.org/news/2022/01/07/general/hayes-presidential-receives-mayflower-families-books-that-help-with-genealogy-research/>

We have also received several phone calls inquiring about our hours of operation from individuals who are planning to visit the library for the expressed purpose of looking at our Silver Books collection. They mentioned that they learned about our collection from a recent newspaper article.

Sharon Barnett, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library Research Technician