



# Columbus Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio

**Organized 01 October 1929**  
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## November 2022

### A Spirit of Thankfulness

Our modern thanksgiving celebration has its roots in our ancestral past, but the separatists' version of the celebration was not referred to as thanksgiving. For the separatists, a day of thanksgiving was associated with fasting, prayer and a long church service where believers were seeking God's direction. A more familiar model for our modern thanksgiving tradition is the English harvest supper. The harvest took place between the end of September and the beginning of November. English landowners celebrated the end of the harvest by hosting a supper for the families of their tenant farmers. The harvest supper tradition was well-known by our English ancestors.

The severe winter of 1621 and the necessary grueling work to establish their plantation took a harrowing toll on the Plymouth colonists. About half of the colonists died. But things were looking up by harvest time. Evidence supplied by colonist Edward Winslow proves that the harvest supper was brought to New England. In a letter to friends in England Winslow described an event ordered by Governor Bradford and enjoyed by the colonists as well as ninety native Americans who may or may not have been specifically invited. The celebration lasted three days and included much feasting, recreation, and contests of athletic prowess between the colonists and their guests. The event Winslow described seems to be a pattern for our present-day celebration which for many people includes a veritable feast of traditional dishes, the presence of family and friends, and a day for watching football.

In the letter to his friends Winslow also wrote the following words. "And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time for us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty." A spirit of thankfulness is embedded in Winslow's words that was surely echoed in the thoughts, words, and deeds of others on that day so long ago.

Whether you are going "over the river and through the wood to Grandmother's house" or hosting your own event on the big day, may you be happy, healthy, and thankful.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18, New International Bible.

*Cheryl Bash, Columbus Colony Elder*

Columbus Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants  
Minutes of Fall Meeting  
Clintonville Woman's Club  
November 5, 2022

We had 31 members present representing 15 lines of our Pilgrim ancestors: Alden (9), Allerton (1), Bradford (3), Brewster (9), Chilton (1), Cooke (5), Doty (1), Fuller (4), Hopkins (3), Howland (8), Priest (1), Soule (1), Standish (2), Warren (6) and White (2). We had 21 guests in attendance, for a total of 52.

The Columbus Colony opened with a greeting from Lt. 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 called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Cheryl Bash. Junior Member Audrey Hallows led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge, and Junior Member Mary Davis-Northrup read the Mayflower Compact.

Hilda Pappas began the business meeting.

The Pilgrim ancestor roll call was conducted by ancestor. Veterans who served were recognized; we have one member who is active duty: Air Force Captain Cody Malone (Fighter Pilot).

Guests and visitors from other lineage societies were recognized.

Recording Secretary: Kristen Hallows. Minutes from the April 2, 2022 meeting were in the pink folder and emailed to each member attending on October 31, 2022; they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Win Worcester. Copies were in the pink folder.

Total Assets (Beginning)	\$14,593.77
Total Income	\$ 2,539.37
Total Expenses	\$0
Total Assets (Ending)	\$17,133.14

A message from Ohio Governor Jill Parker was in the pink folder and read by Sharon Hendershot.

Lt. Governor: A Nominating Committee (Sharon Bardus, Kristen Hallows, Sharon Hendershot, and Carolyn White) has been appointed for voting at the April meeting for the 2023-2026 term. A slate of officers with ballots will be sent by email and regular mail in February 2023.

The Columbus Colony newsletter will be posted on the Ohio Mayflower website. The next newsletter will be available in November 2022.

Deputy Lt. Governor: Charles Mays. No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Jenny Seely. No report.

Elder: Cheryl Bash. No report.

Historian: Sharon Bardus has been assisting with the finalization of applications. We currently have 15 preliminary applications, five of which are waiting on Plymouth. Ten are close and may need a "push," but we can expect at least these 15 new members. A lot of research help is available if there are any concerns about documentation.

Board of Assistants Representative: Jan Kleinline shared that we're just eight away from Ohio member #4,000. Also, there are several vacancies at the state level: The Governor position expires in 2023, and the Lt. Governor has resigned; the Treasurer has also resigned (currently there are two co-treasurers). According to our Ohio Society Surgeon, Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, if you're feeling blue around this time of the year, a light box may help. The State Society annual meeting will be hosted by Western Reserve Colony on May 5-6, 2023 in Kent, Ohio.

### **Committee reports:**

Education Committee: Vacant.

Junior Membership Committee: Matilda Davis-Northrup. No report.

Membership Committee: Judy Snyder was unable to attend. There are 324 members. In addition, we have Jr. Members: 172 (age 0-17) and 78 (age 17-25).

New members attending today were welcomed: Susan Basta, Doris Coy, Cathy Edwards, Steve Kelley, and Ken Smith. Also, Cynthia Free was a member attending her first meeting.

Social Committee: Carolyn White selected door prizes, including mums and 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary tote bags, with the assistance of Sandy St. Martin.

Old Business: Member, Jr. Member, and Friend pins are available at \$5.00 each. Cookbooks are available at \$20.00 each.

New Business: None.

Announcements: 2023 dues are due.

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

The next Columbus Colony meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at noon at the Clintonville Woman's Club.

The Ohio Mayflower Society 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Western Reserve Colony at the Kent State University Hotel in Kent on May 5-6, 2023.

Hilda Pappas introduced today's presenters, Mary Rogers and Stephanie Van Horn, daughters of WWII POW Army Nurse Sallie Durrett Farmer, who provided an informative presentation titled, "You've Come a Long Way, Little Nurse: A POW Story."

Elder, Cheryl Bash, gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Kristen Hallows on November 14, 2022

**A big Thank You** to Sharon Bardus, our colony Historian and her volunteers. With 324 members in 45 counties, 27 states, Switzerland, and Italy; she and her volunteers help applicants get through their "Brick Wall". Following the concept of "many hands make light work"; our current list of volunteers includes: Lisa Battersby, Teresa Boice, Sherri Copeland, Florence Clendenen, Helen Cullison, Sheryl Forte, Corrine Jakes, Gary Mcmann, Charles Mays, Karen Ream, Jerry Rees, Judith Snyder, Sherri Thomas, and Teri Walsh.





## Library Coordinator

A new volunteer position was created within our Ohio Society. Patricia Van Norman (Western Reserve Colony member) coordinates with our state Historian, Ann Gulbransen, to make sure our various Ohio libraries have updated Silver Books for research. Patricia coordinates with the facilitators/liaisons in each of our 5 colonies who deliver Silver Books within their colony area.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants publishes a series of Mayflower Families Through Five Generations and Mayflower Families in Progress books.

Libraries with complete or nearly complete collections of the books are:

- Akron/Summit County Library
- Ashtabula County Library
- Bexley Public Library
- Cincinnati Public Library
- Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Coshocton Public Library
- Hudson Library
- Marietta Library
- Medina County Library
- Montgomery County Library in Dayton
- Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Belleville
- Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library in Freemont
- Toledo Public Library
- Wayne County Public Library
- Western Reserve Historical Society
- Williams County Library

### **Columbus Colony Library facilitators/liaisons**

- Bexley Public Library:
- Columbus Metropolitan Library: Hilda Pappas
- Coshocton Public Library: Hilda Pappas
- Marietta Library: Marie Nutter & Ginger O'Connor

**The Ohio Society Scholarship information will be available in December.**

<https://ohiomayflower.org/ohio-mayflower-scholarship/>

## Thoughts for the Christmas season



"May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year!"

Although Santa Claus and St. Nicholas have nothing to do with the true meaning of Christmas, many people do love the story about this man who did, in fact, give gifts to the poor and demonstrated for us a wonderful example for Christmas giving.

Louise Bishop [Giving Quotes](#)

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

Saint Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death.

Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving. He was a popular saint in Europe until the time of the Reformation in the 1500s, a religious movement that led to the creation of Protestantism, which turned away from the practice of honoring saints. Saint Nicholas, however, remained an important figure in Holland.

The Dutch continued to celebrate the feast day of Saint Nicholas, December 6. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that Saint Nicholas had left there for them. Dutch immigrants brought the legend of Saint Nicholas, known to them as Sint Nikolaas or by his nickname, Sinterklaas, to America in the 1700s.

Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in America: Sinterklaas became Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6, he became a part of the Christmas holiday. In the 1820 poem "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, he is described as a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. The cartoonist Thomas Nast added to the Saint Nicholas legend with an 1881 drawing of Santa as wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus we know today.

*From Biography Newsletter*



"Christmas is the only time of year in which one can sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of socks. Enjoy!"





### Need a gift for yourself, a relative, or friend?

Ohio Mayflower Society Cookbooks for sale. The cost is \$20.00 if pickup or \$25.00 if mailed. If you need multiple cookbooks mailed to the same address, please notify me:

[hildappas@gmail.com](mailto:hildappas@gmail.com) for a S/H cost.

### Columbus Colony Spring meeting

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

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

Time: 11:30 Social... 12:00 Dinner – followed by meeting (*election of officers for April 2023 to April 2026*) and program presented by Connie Schalenski. She will be dressed in period clothing and will present “Beekeeping in Colonial Times.”

In mid-March 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.



### Ohio Mayflower Society 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 2023

Date: May 5 (Friday evening) and May 6 (Saturday)

Hosted by: Western Reserve Colony

Where: Kent, OH

Look for a notice, post card, or letter in the spring of 2023 for your invitation.