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A message from our Governor

Friends,

I'm pleased to tell you that our past year has been both busy and productive. Your state and colony officers do their best to work for the good of SMDOH and GSMD. At this time last year, I told you that SMDOH identified three areas that we, as a group, need to work on. I'm pleased to report that we have made progress in all three areas.

The first, Junior Membership, definitely needs improvement. The position of Junior Membership Coordinator is open to all members and not limited to persons already serving on the state BOA (Board of Assistants). So, we are looking for a volunteer to work statewide with our children. Since last May, many of our adult members have become members of the GSMD Junior face book group, a source of great ideas for youth involvement. Our program at our annual meeting was "kid friendly." A big "thank you" to the parents, aunts and uncles, and grandparents who brought their children to our meeting!

Secondly, an effective adult membership programs requires coordination. Concern was expressed that some Ohio colonies do not have a program in place to welcome new members. Historian, Ann Gulbransen, constructed a new member booklet and distributed it to all colonies. Each colony was asked to identify a membership chairperson and attempts are being made to form a state committee of membership and junior membership officers.

At the GSMD meeting in Connecticut last September, we were told that GSMD expected a "boost" in membership applications as we approached the year 2020. How do we prepare for this? The 2020 commemoration is the third area we've been working on.

A 2020 committee was formed by the SMDOH BOA. Jill Parker (Western Reserve) agreed to collect and share ideas with the BOA. Your BOA worked electronically to compile a list of ideas and to discuss them. Beth Anderson and Shaun Smith, both of Cincinnati Colony, have stepped up as co-chairmen of the 2020 committee. Our first 2020 action consisted of enhancing the Mayflower Collection at the Ohio Genealogical Society Library. They now have a complete set of books. We are working to identify other Ohio libraries and genealogy centers that would like to complete their Mayflower collections. Greater access to these lineage books will smooth the membership application process. It is also hoped that these centers will open their doors to us as we strive to recruit new members. The 2020 committee is planning education and other events to increase awareness of the arrival of and impact of the Mayflower in 1620.

As you see, your state society is doing well. Thank your officers for their contributions for the good of us all. If you have a little time to spare, your help in some small task would be appreciated. Talk to your Lt. Governor about what your colony needs. Many hands make light work.

I thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being your SMDOH Governor.



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Excerpts from the annual report distributed at the state meeting 5/21/2016:

Since the last state meeting, here are the numbers for the applications that have been completed or in final approval status:

- Dual Membership - 1
- Initial applications approved - 118
- Junior to Adult - 3
- Reinstatement - 14
- Supplemental - 42
- Transfer out - 3

During that same time, your Board of Assistants has approved 175 preliminary applications, some of which are included in the numbers above. We have 16 applications out for signature, 27 waiting for documentation and another 6 new applications that just came in. Because of our move, my queue is bigger than usual, but I expect to clear it shortly.

Turnaround in Plymouth is now down to 2 months! Currently Ohio has 14 applications pending in Plymouth, 7 initial applications, 2 Junior to Adult and 5 supplementals.

Statistics from the General society for 2015 showed that Ohio had the second highest count of approved applications, second only to Massachusetts which has a paid full time historian.

Governor Sandy St. Martin and I had a busy three days at the 2016 conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society where we met many current and prospective Society members. The poster depicting the survivors of the first winter in Plymouth got a lot of attention. The 2017 conference will be in Sandusky - we hope to see you there.

Under the auspices of the membership committee, I developed a simple new member handbook that should be distributed to all new members by their Colony leadership. Copies are available to all members—ask your Lt. Governor for a copy.

Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian

Show your Mayflower Pride with a new Ohio Pin!



Your Board of Assistants is pleased to announce our new Ohio pins! There is a 1 inch round pin with the Ohio Mayflower logo which can be worn alone or on the new pink ribbon with the Mayflower pin topper. You can attach other Mayflower pins or other related pins to the ribbon. The Ohio pin is \$10.00 and the price for the Mayflower pin with ribbon is \$10.00. Postage and handling is \$1.00 for each pin ordered.

Send your orders to Ohio
Treasurer Mary Chase at 7655
Isaac Drive, Middleburg
Heights, OH 44130-6276.
Make your check out to
Society of Mayflower
Descendants.



Deputy Governor Betsie Goad offering pins and ribbons at the state meeting

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

1 DECEMBER 2015—31 MAY 2016

New Members

Cincinnati Colony

OH3428 Nancy Barbeau 13th from William Brewster
 OH3406 Dale Blanchard 12th from John Alden
 OH3432 Alexander Bowers 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3435 Ian Bowers 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3433 Jonathan Bowers 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3434 Patrick Bowers 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3407 Robert Bowers 11th from Richard Warren
 OH3441 Lisa Connor 14th from Edward Fuller
 OH3422 Clayton Crandall 11th from John Alden
 OH3437 Charles Drew 11th from John Alden
 OH3393 Patrick Fanning 13th from William Brewster
 OH3394 Richard Fanning 13th from William Brewster
 OH3425 Charleen Flick 11th from William White
 OH3426 Marilyn Jean Fultz 11th from William White
 OH3396 Roberta Hye 11th from John Alden
 OH3391 Nicholas Larson 15th from William Brewster
 OH3388 Stanley Link 13th from William Brewster
 OH3378 Janet Moland 12th from Edward Fuller
 OH3442 Abigail Otto 14th from Edward Fuller
 OH3439 John Overstreet 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3440 Rex Overstreet 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3389 William Reel 12th from William Bradford
 OH3448 William Reel 13th from William Bradford
 OH3443 Lindsey Schildmeyer 14th from Edward Fuller
 OH3392 Joan Shankle 13th from William Brewster
 OH3410 Connor Smith 13th from Myles Standish
 OH3404 Mary Taylor 13th from John Billington
 OH3444 Starley Test 12th from Edward Fuller
 OH3445 Christopher Vondrell 14th from Edward Fuller
 OH3446 James Vondrell 14th from Edward Fuller
 OH3449 Kim Young 15th from William Brewster

Cleveland Colony

OH3377 Alwyn Chao 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3386 Alexandria Dickinson 15th from William Brewster
 OH3385 Deborah Dickinson 14th from William Brewster
 OH3381 Betty Evans 13th from William Brewster
 OH3383 Peter Evans 15th from William Brewster
 OH3382 Robert Evans 14th from William Brewster
 OH3384 Thomas Evans 14th from William Brewster

OH3450 Lawrence Hoyt 13th from William Brewster
 OH3408 Judith Irving 13th from John Billington
 OH3417 Timothy Jones 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3387 Susan Polatz 14th from William Brewster
 OH3413 Jason Schweitzer 11th from Thomas Rogers

Columbus Colony

OH3430 Tracie Ambler 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3419 Carolyn Bellanca 12th from John Howland
 OH3424 Thomas Bradford 10th from William Bradford
 OH3380 Doris Brown 12th from William Bradford
 OH3420 Timothy Crane 13th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3436 Mary Deen 12th from James Chilton
 OH3414 Janet Hoffmann 12th from John Howland
 OH3447 Dorene Hughes 11th from John Alden
 OH3431 Renae Knuth 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3390 Robert Perry 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3421 Marissa Tompkins 12th from John Howland
 OH3405 Bessie Ulrey 13th from William Bradford
 OH3429 Randal Walker 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3418 Jane Weddle 12th from John Alden
 OH3379 Winthrop Worcester 11th from John Howland
 OH3438 Eli Overstreet 13th from Richard Warren

Toledo Colony

OH3427 Dorothea Lofquist 11th from Richard Warren
 OH3412 Ashley Phillips 12th from John Howland

Western Reserve Colony

OH3395 Mary Ellen Atwood 12th from Thomas Rogers
 OH3423 Sarah Keeler 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3397 Joyce Kesling 14th from William Brewster
 OH3411 Barbara Prudhoe 11th from John Alden
 OH3400 Colin Schmitz 16th from William Brewster
 OH3398 Jennifer Schmitz 15th from William Brewster
 OH3399 Kelly Schmitz 16th from William Brewster
 OH3415 Colleen Unroe 13th from William Brewster
 OH3416 Joel Unroe 13th from William Brewster
 OH3409 Patrick White 12th from William White
 OH3401 Carolyn Zielinski 15th from William Brewster
 OH3403 Joseph Zielinski 16th from William Brewster
 OH3402 Joshua Zielinski 16th from William Brewster

Supplemental Applications

Cincinnati Colony

OH3389 William Reel 13th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3331 Shaun Smith 11th from Henry Samson
 OH3331 Shaun Smith 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3331 Shaun Smith 12th from John Alden
 OH3331 Shaun Smith 13th from William Mullins

Cleveland Colony

OH3377 Alwyn Chao 14th from William Mullins
 OH3377 Alwyn Chao 13th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3377 Alwyn Chao 13th from John Alden

Columbus Colony

OH3065 David Grinnell 13th from William Brewster

Toledo Colony

OH2380 Diane Dunkelberger 13th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3217 Kevin Dunkelberger 14th from Stephen Hopkins

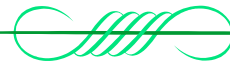
Western Reserve Colony

OH3237 William Kempton 12th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
 OH3237 William Kempton 11th from John Howland
 OH3237 William Kempton 11th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 OH3105 Jill Parker 12th from Richard Warren
 OH3375 Rita Root 12th from Myles Standish

Congratulations to all our cousins!



IN MEMORIAM



THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM
 COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Cleveland Colony

Shirley Taussig, descendant of Richard Warren born 6/21/1933, died 1/11/2016, elected 10/9/1982
 Thomas Moseley, descendant of William Brewster, born 5/16/1922, died 4/1/2016, elected 3/12/1988

Columbus Colony

Richard Gilbreath, descendant of John Alden, born 7/3/1928, died 12/7/2015, elected 4/15/2008

Help Wanted

Junior Membership Coordinator

WANTED—A person who wants to be involved in the future of our Ohio Society. Yes, future. Our junior members are our future. YOU can make a difference if you have the right “stuff.” Up until now, our junior membership coordinator’s sole task is to enroll new junior members as their applications for membership arrive. In his/her expanded role, the junior membership coordinator will develop plans to reach our junior members and involve them in Mayflower-related activities as our 400th Commemoration approaches. The junior membership coordinator will also work with our five Ohio colonies to enrich the colony junior experience. If you have the right “stuff” or think you might, contact your Ohio governor, Sandra St. Martin, at carkin9th@yahoo.com or (614)-279-3689.

New Junior Members, 12/1/2015—5/31/2016

Cincinnati Colony

- *Cayley Smith, Miles Standish, sponsored by father Shaun Smith
- *Grace Martin, John Alden, sponsored by grandmother Roberta Hye
- *Laura Reel, William Bradford, sponsored by father William Reel
- *Lily Sherwood, William Brewster, sponsored by father Richard Sherwood
- *Luke Martin, John Alden, sponsored by grandmother Roberta Hye
- *Macey Smith, Miles Standish, sponsored by father Shaun Smith
- *Samuel Reel, William Bradford, sponsored by father William Reel

Cleveland Colony

- *Jason Dickinson, William Brewster, sponsored by parent Deborah Dickinson
- *Katherine Dickinson, William Brewster, sponsored by parent Deborah Dickinson
- *Marley Kramer, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Leslie Kramer
- *Emilie Evans, William Brewster, sponsored by father Robert Evans
- *Jonathan Evans, William Brewster, sponsored by father Robert Evans

Columbus Colony

- *Andrew Stevens, George Soule, sponsored by Great-Aunt Sandra St. Martin
- *Cooper Strode, William White, sponsored by grandmother Cinda Barton
- *Griffin Galbreath, William White, sponsored by grandmother Linda Earman
- *Jackson Strode, William White, sponsored by grandmother Cinda Barton
- *Jacob Savage, Richard Warren, sponsored by grandmother Sherry Hartzler
- *Kyleigh Nuttle, George Soule, sponsored by grandfather David Nuttle
- *Molly Hammond, William Brewster, sponsored by father John R. Hammond
- *Ronan Mitchell, Richard Warren, sponsored by greataunt Sherry Hartzler
- *Taylor Mahaffey, Isaac Allerton, sponsored by grandmother Florence Clendenen
- *Victoria Savage, Richard Warren, sponsored by grandmother Sherry Hartzler

Toledo Colony

- *Abigail Sparrow, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-Aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Andrew Jorris, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-Aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Caroline Sparrow, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-Aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Claire Buehrer, William Bradford, sponsored by grandmother Kathleen Dowling
- *Eden Eichenberg, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Ella Eichenberg, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Hudson Filas, Francis Cooke, sponsored by grandmother Jacquelyn Miller
- *Lucas Curran, William Bradford, sponsored by grandmother Kathleen Dowling
- *Madeline Miller, Francis Cooke, sponsored by grandmother Jacquelyn Miller
- *Marin Tipton, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Micah Tipton, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Molly Jorris, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Nathan Buehrer, William Bradford, sponsored by grandmother Kathleen Dowling
- *Noah Curran, William Bradford, sponsored by grandmother Kathleen Dowling
- *Patrick Gorman, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-Aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Rachael Gorman, Francis Cooke, sponsored by Great-aunt Jacquelyn Miller
- *Samuel Curran, William Bradford, sponsored by grandmother Kathleen Dowling

Western Reserve Colony

- *Jake Catron, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Joseph VanBuskirk
- *Mark Catron, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Joseph VanBuskirk
- *Max Van Buskirk, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Joseph VanBuskirk
- *Stellan Riffle, Stephen Hopkins, sponsored by mother Andra Riffle
- *Sydney Van Buskirk, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Joseph VanBuskirk
- *Zach Catron, William Bradford, sponsored by grandfather Joseph VanBuskirk

2016 Ohio State Meeting



Wayne Prill and Janice Kleinline



LaVonne Ayres, Theresa Boice and Gary Boice



Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad and
Margo Broehl



Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad



New Member Tom Bradford, Marsha Duffey
and Janice Kleinline



Keynote Speaker Susan Kilbride



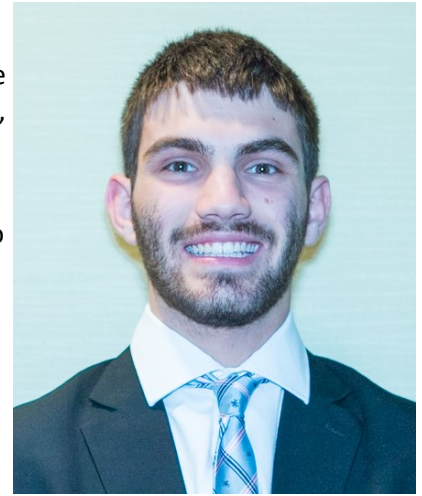
WR Lt. Governor Jill Parker invites everyone to
the 2017 state meeting

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

What hardships were endured in the establishment of the Plymouth Colony?

Hardships exist in many forms: physical, emotional, spiritual, and others. The pilgrims experienced all of these and more when establishing the Plymouth Colony, and this makes the eventual success of the colony even more amazing.

The physical challenges the settlers experienced started even before they landed in the New World, as one of their ships, the Speedwell, was not fit enough to make the journey across the Atlantic Ocean (Plymouth Colony). Hence, all 101 people had to be crammed into the tiny Mayflower for sixty-five days with no personal space or access to basic hygienic supplies. Unfortunately, the settlers' physical struggles were just beginning. They landed at the beginning of winter, meaning that they could not begin to grow food for another three months (ibid.). This turned out to be too much for half of the colonists, as many died from malnutrition or disease (ibid.). Even after the first winter, the colonists had to build the entirety of their colony themselves, from their houses to food storages and everything else they would need to survive. This required everyone in the colony to buy in completely to the foundation of the colony, and this required hard manual labor from most, if not all villagers.



2016 Scholarship Winner Peter Jakes from the Columbus Colony

These physical hardships also caused emotional hardships. First, being quarantined to a small boat for over two months could turn any sane person crazy. Even among the most peaceful of people, tempers can flare and fights can break out. Even worse than this, the solemn fact that half of the passengers died must have created an emotional stress upon the survivors, as many of those who died belonged to families of survivors. This can be seen in William Bradford's Register of the Deaths, as he comments that "sometimes two or three [die] a day" and how many of the passengers want nothing but "houses and other comforts." The tone of this passage reflects the hopelessness that many of the Pilgrims must have felt during that first winter (Fennell).

Finally, the voyagers also experienced significant spiritual hardships throughout their travels. In fact, the initial reason for their departure from Europe was because of religious persecution in England (Plymouth Colony). Some of the Pilgrims left England in 1608 to escape to Holland where they could practice their religion in peace (ibid.). However, many of the Pilgrims did not approve of Dutch lifestyles and needed some place to live where they could worship in peace and also live their lives morally. Therefore, in 1620 the 101 Pilgrims decided to create this ideal situation for themselves in the New World.

It is clear that the settlers on the Mayflower experienced physical, emotional, and spiritual hardships during the founding of the Plymouth Colony. However, despite all the death, sickness, hopelessness, and persecution, the colony survived. It grew slowly and steadily throughout the next seventy years before eventually being absorbed into the colony of Massachusetts (ibid). This speaks to the resiliency and faith that the colonists had that what they were doing was God's will, and they never let all of the obstacles they faced stop them from accomplishing their goals.

Peter Jakes, Columbus Colony

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Take the Mayflower Quiz!

COUSINS - Have your answers ready!!

We know 2020 is just around the corner and we need to be prepared for those inevitable questions that will come from friends, strangers, relatives, little children and even some of our Society cousins. So what should we be ready for? I'll throw out a few ideas here to get us all started...but I look forward to some follow-up articles as to other questions we should be prepared for:

Name of your ancestor (s)

Age while on Mayflower

Key dates and places for birth, marriage, death

Ship and date of spouse arrival

Number and Names of Children...which child is the key to your lineage?

Occupations / trades

From Leiden or Scrooby

Saint, Stranger, Crew member, Hired Hand (hired by....), Servant (Servant to.....)?

Signer of the Mayflower Compact?

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Does your Library have a Complete Mayflower Collection?

The General Society is expecting to see an uptick in interest in Mayflower as the 2020 400th year Commemoration approaches. To assist potential members in Ohio, the Board of Assistants has approved an initiative to augment the collections of Mayflower books in libraries around the state.

We are looking for libraries that already have a substantial genealogical collection but are missing MF Silver books and other books about our pilgrim ancestors.

We know the Akron-Summit County has a complete collection because the Western Reserve Colony has been donating there for years. The library at the Ohio Genealogical Society now has a complete collection thanks to a big donation from Ohio Mayflower (see photo on right).

How about your library? Contact Ann Gulbransen at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com for a full list of books to use to assess your library. If you would like to request books for your library, please contact your Colony Lt. Governor for a request form. This will be a multi-year project to improve Mayflower research at libraries all over Ohio!



Ann Gulbransen, Sandy St. Martin and OGS librarian Tom Neel

SOCIETY NEWS

New Board of Assistants Members

In the last Buckeye Mayflower, we announced the resignation of Treasurer David Grinnell. Since that time, Governor Sandy St. Martin also regretfully accepted the resignation of Recording Secretary Sharleen Shoaf. We are pleased to announce the following changes to the Board of Assistants as the following three members have volunteered to complete the terms of David and Sharleen.

Treasurer: Mary Chase, Scholarship Chair and past Corresponding Secretary has accepted appointment to the position of Treasurer. Mary is a descendant of George Soule, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins Alden. She holds several positions in the Cleveland Colony and other lineage organizations. Mary is scheduled to retire from her day job the end of June!



Corresponding Secretary: With Mary's move to the Treasurer position, Cleveland Colony member Vickie Heineck has accepted appointment as Corresponding Secretary. Vickie is a descendant of John Alden and transferred to the Ohio Society from Massachusetts along with her daughter. She works for Key Bank in Cleveland.



Recording Secretary: Western Reserve Colony member Pat Hall has accepted appointment as Recording Secretary. Pat is a descendant of Edward Fuller and is a Clinical Nurse Specialist by trade.



Many thanks to Betsie Goad, Deputy Governor and chair of the Nominating Committee for filling these positions so quickly. Contact information for all these BOA members are on page 2.

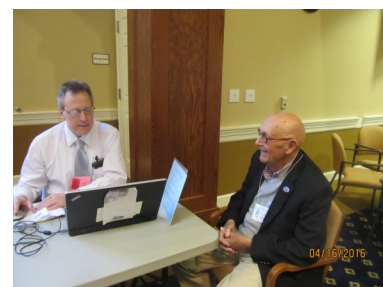
2020 Coin Project Involvement

Toledo Colony has taken the lead in Ohio in encouraging Ohio's Congressional representatives to co-sponsor GSMD's 2020 Coin Project. Before our colony meeting began on April 16, 38 members and guests sent over 80 emails and letters to Ohio's Senators and members' representatives. Members sat by the computers of Judy Rand and Jeffrey Stoll and dictated their thoughts. Others wrote paper letters; the colony paid for the envelopes and postage. Each person included her name and address to verify her voting residence. Having many contacts arrive within a few days of each other gains more attention than if one or two letters arrive per week.



Secretary Caroline Zimmerman and Letter Writing Chair Rick Wunderley at letter composition table.

Letter Writing Chair Rick Wunderley spoke about ways to continue to influence these office holders through face-to-face contacts as well as through various organizations in our home communities. At the end of the meeting, members took prepared letters for friends and family to use in support of this Mayflower project. If your colony has not yet had a letter writing campaign, please urge your colony board members to do so at your next meeting.



Member Walter Huffer of Lima dictating his email letter to Treasurer Jeffrey Stoll.



Elder David Martin dictating his email letter to Deputy Lt. Gov. Judy Rand.

20/20 HINDSIGHT



The Ohio 2020 committee is coming together and will be having a conference call in mid- June. We are still looking for volunteers from Cleveland and Columbus. If you have not been involved before but are interested in helping we want you, for a short project of for the next several years. The 2020 Commemoration is a major event for those of us who descend from the Mayflower passengers. In Ohio we want to recognize all aspects of the Pilgrim Story, not just the Thanksgiving story. As a descendent many of you have read more on the Mayflower and your ancestor(s) role in the survival of Plymouth Colony and are rightfully proud. The 2020 Commemoration is the perfect opportunity to thank our ancestors for their courage and determination to build a new life in a new world. Shaun and I welcome any and all to help us in our effort to recognize their efforts and those of their many descendants.

The committee and BOA have identified the following activities as part of our 2020 Commemoration:

Brochure for the recent OGS conference highlighting help for those who are researching their Mayflower ancestors.

Sandra St. Martin and Betsie Goad (Governor and Deputy Governor) on behalf of the Society recently donated a full set of the SILVER BOOKS on Mayflower genealogy to the OGS library.

The Ohio BOA has approved and is now selling a Ohio Pin and ribbon bar that were sold at the annual meeting and will be available to the colonies. The proceeds are going to support the 2020 activities.

BOA has given approval for the 2020 Logo, website and Facebook page. The reasoning for the addition of the internet is to begin reaching the 20 plus members and get them involved in their heritage.

The 2020 Committee is encouraging each colony to have at least one presentation in the next 4 years with a focus on the 2020 Commemoration. As of the annual meeting in Columbus, two Colonies have invited speakers from Plymouth for their Compact Day presentations.

November 5- Cincinnati will have a female Pilgrim re-enactor

November 12 Cleveland has invited Richard Pickering who is the Deputy Director of the Plimoth Plantation and a Howland descendent

In addition to all the BOA members, current committee members include Margaret Cheney, Pat Van Hoose, Dick Fetzer, Mike and Christi Brewster and Tom Neal. Shaun and I are asking that you come and join the fun and excitement as we move toward 2020.



Beth Anderson

Committee Chairs Beth Anderson and Shaun Smith

Email OHMAYFLOWER2020@GMAIL.COM

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony continues to grow our membership. We have a total membership total as of May 15, 154 members plus 40 junior members through May 2016. This includes a total of 13 new members so far in 2016. We also have 50 approved preliminary members and 28 applicants. We are excited at seeing so many new members join our group. It has been to great to see some new faces and have some eager volunteers.

We have been busy with several meetings and colony gatherings in the first half of 2016. In January, March, April and May we had regular monthly Colony & Board Meetings. These were held at various venues in the Cincinnati area including the DAR owned historic Waldschmidt home where we had the pleasure a private docent led tour. We have begun to conduct induction ceremonies at the conclusion of every meeting which includes the pledge of allegiance, reading of the pilgrim's pledge, a welcome to the new members in attendance and presentation of a mayflower passenger scroll. Sandra St. Martin joined us at our May 14 Colony meeting. Sandy gave a detailed talk on the workings of the BOA, the 2020 plans and led the discussion about 'why' we all join lineage groups. See picture below from the May 14, 2016 Cincinnati Colony meeting. All in the picture are Pilgrim descendants.

June, July and August we will not meet except for an informal summer Family picnic: July 24 – Armco Park, Lebanon, OH (Warren County) – 11:30-3:00 The Colony will be supplying hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask that members bring another dish. All welcome!



We plan to have a board meeting in September where we will be working on nominating our new board for the upcoming year. We will be participating in an annual tradition called **"the Joint Event"**. This year it will be hosted by the National Society of Colonial Dames. Besides the dames and Mayflower, the Jamestowne Societies and the Society of Colonial Wars (Warriors) are invited. This will be held – September 1, 2016 – At Quince & Quinn, Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH. Also in September is the educational event that we have a table at. This is the **Patriot Fair**: September 2016 – Mason, OH

Compact Day will be celebrated November 5 at the Cincinnati Woman's Club - There will be a speaker from Plimouth HQ.

We are very happy about our **New Cincinnati Colony Website**, www.cincinnati-colony.org. Our Webmaster is Shaun Smith, Dep Governor, Cincinnati Colony. We now have a blog, Facebook page with a 2020 countdown and merchandise order page. Shaun continues to improve this as ideas 'bubble up' from our members.

Merchandise: We have been adding items and are continuing to seek other new merchandise to feature for sale at our events on cincinnati-colony.org

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

Meetings. The colony continues to hold regular Board and Colony meetings.

The 2015 Compact Day Dinner. The Annual Dinner was held at the Lakewood Country Club in the west side of the Cleveland area. Other societies were invited and we had a great number in attendance. The meal and speaker were excellent and all enjoyed the meeting.

The 2016 Spring Event. The event, held at the Western Reserve History Center in Cleveland, was successful with approximately 30 members and guests attending. We were delighted to have one young Junior Member attend with her father and grandmother. The girl was given a miniature model of the Mayflower Ship. John Frato, Secretary of the Euclid Beach Carousel Society gave a talk on the carousel which was originally at Euclid Beach Park. The carousel has been refurbished and is in operating condition in the building. Guests received admission "coins" for rides on it. Advantage was also taken of the displays of automobiles, airplanes and clothing. The facility also has an extensive genealogical library which is open during weekday hours. We heard positive feedback from the attendees regarding the venue, refreshments and speaker.



The 2016 Summer Event. The 2016 summer event will be held at the James A. Garfield House National Historic Site, Mentor, Ohio, on Sunday June 26. A Museum Tour will be the program and attendees will be on their own for lunch at the nearby Yours Truly Restaurant.

The 2016 Compact Day Event. Out Compact Day Program and Dinner is again scheduled at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, Ohio. Details are being worked out to have Richard Pickering, Executive Director of the Plimoth Plantation, as the speaker.

Future Events. Preliminary planning is being accomplished for future events.

Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Susan Kilbride was the Keynote Speaker at the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Assembly hosted by the Columbus Colony at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris in Columbus, Ohio on May 21, 2016. She gave a wonderful talk entitled "Pilgrim Misrepresentation and Myths." She, also, graciously autographed her two Our America series books – Our America... The Pilgrim Adventure and Our America...The King Phillip's War Adventure. For any other groups that may want to contact her, please use the following address: funtasticstudies@aol.com.

Mr. Gerald Payn, a Lincoln presenter for many years, was in costume and gave a very interesting talk about President Abraham Lincoln's last week in the White House before his assassination. Payn spoke at our Compact Day luncheon, and David Foster, our Ohio GSMD Elder, spoke at our Spring luncheon. His presentation was entitled, "Sweat and Blood –the Diary of a Civil War soldier."

Our new membership chairperson is Judy Snyder. She will replace Jan Kleinline who will continue as our Deputy Lieutenant Governor and has been doing double duty admirably as the membership chairperson for several months. Cheryl Bash is replacing Rev. Virginia Ress as our Colony Elder. Reverend Ress and her husband have moved to Florida.

The colony members agreed to send a \$100 donation to Plymouth in memory of Bernice Canaday, a former Colony member and Ohio GSMD Treasurer.

Our Compact Day luncheon will, again, be at the Kensington in Columbus on November 12, 2016, and our speaker will be John Burke who portrays Chief Massasoit, the chief of the Wampanoag tribe in a first person portrayal of the first Thanksgiving.

Our current membership total of the Columbus Colony is 272 members.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Next Meeting: The summer picnic will be on Saturday, July 16, during Kite Flying Days at Maumee Bay State Park. The colony newsletter in June will contain details.

Memorial Service: Elder David Martin conducted the annual Memorial Service in April. Past Lt. Governor Ric Harner,

Barbara Crosby Cornell, spouse David Cornell, and spouse Bob Cook (Ruth) were remembered.

Thank You: Toledo Colony is extremely grateful for Paula Niederhauser's 10+ years of service as the Representative to the State B.O.A. This is just one of the offices Paula has filled over the years. A volunteer is needed to fill this position.

Members in State Positions: Membership Committee: Judy Rand; State Webmaster: Diana Kiser; 2020 Committee: Mike and Christi Brewster

Current Colony Officers: 2016 – 2019

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Past Lt. Governor	Marjorie Waterfield		Rep. to State B.O.A. OPEN

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony membership total as of May 11, 2016 was 212, a net increase of four since last year. In addition we have 103 Junior Members under age 18 and 66 Junior Members between 18 and 24.

WR Adopts new Colony By-Laws: In March the membership adopted the By-Law changes recommended by the By-Laws Committee and WR Board. Thanks to Don Williams and his Committee at SMDOH for their help and guidance.

WR Colony Member presents Billington program: At the March WR Colony Meeting, WR member Wayne Prill gave a presentation on John Billington – his research to validate his descendancy as well as interesting facts about the Billingtons.

WR Colony Meetings coming up:

June 18, 2016: WR will hold its annual (No Charge!) picnic at Greentown Community Park. All SMDOH members and their families are invited...this is potluck... contact Jill Parker at cfrtroutgal@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. She will get you directions.

Nov 13, 2016: WR will hold its Compact Day. Program TBD. We will also have our officer elections at that time – and we have a full slate ready to go! Watch for details in upcoming Buckeye Mayflowers.

May 19-20, 2017 - WR will be hosting the State Assembly in Canton, OH. **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Lea Filson, Governor General, Society Mayflower Descendants.

SMDOH

Five WR members are currently serving in positions on the state BOA (Don Nichols, Ann Gulbransen, Lee Martin, Margo Broehl, and Patricia Hall).

It was wonderful news when the SMDOH finance committee allotted funds to our colonies for library book donations. Over the years, Western Reserve Colony has forged a wonderful working relationship with the Special Collections Division of the Akron Summit County Public Library through our Silver Book Memorial Program. Thanks to state funds we donated the following on May 3, 2016: Robert Bartlett of the "Anne", Richard Church and his Descendants for Four Generations, Robert Cushman of Kent and the new release, Cry of the Stone, penned by Pilgrim Robert Cushman. These books were all on the library's wish list. Judy James, Division Head, Jane Gramlich, WRC's librarian liaison and Becky Woodruff, Colony Historian are pictured left to right.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 26 2016— Cleveland Colony summer event, Garfield House, Mentor, OH. Tour starts at 1:30 p.m. with a meal to follow at Yours Truly in Mentor. Contact Kathy Leisure at kathyleisure@gmail.com to register. Reservations are due by 20 June 2016.

June 18, 2016— Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH. Rain or shine—we will be inside! Come play with your cousins!

July 16, 2016— Toledo Colony summer picnic, during Kite Flying Days, Maumee Bay State Park

July 24, 2016—Cincinnati Colony summer picnic, Armco Park, Lebanon, OH 11:00—3:00

September 1, 2016 – “The Joint Event” at Quince & Quinn, Madison Road, Cincinnati

September 2016—Patriot Day, Mason OH

October 1, 2016—Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

November 5, 2016—Cincinnati Colony Compact Day, Cincinnati Women’s Club

November 12, 2016— Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village

November 12, 2016—Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club, Westlake, OH

November 12, 2016—Columbus Colony Compact Day at Kensington Place

November 13, 2016—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Skyline Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH

April 26-29, 2017—Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

May 19-20, 2017—2017 state meeting, Canton, OH—details to follow

September 2017—Mayflower Congress, Plymouth, MA—requests to be a delegate will be accepted beginning January 2017. Contact Governor Sandy St. Martin after January 1st if you are interested.

If you know of other genealogy or family history events that should be listed here, please email them to ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com and they will be posted in future issues!

SAVE THE DATE – Western Reserve Colony is pleased to host the 2017 SMDOH State Assembly. We invite you to SAVE THE DATE: May 19, 20 in Canton, Ohio. Governor General Lea Filson will be the featured speaker. We hope many of you will come give her a rousing Ohio welcome! Watch upcoming Buckeye Mayflower editions for more details.

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Did your ancestor start on the Mayflower or the Speedwell?

Did your ancestor survive that first awful winter?

And then there are the inevitable basic facts questions:

When did the Mayflower set sail? Be prepared to answer with the facts about the *Speedwell*, the number of false starts, and explain how this affected their landing date and thus their ability to plant, etc.

When did it land?

So....how long did the voyage take?

Who was the ship's captain?

Why did the Mayflower wind up at Cape Cod instead of its original destination near the mouth of the Hudson River?

What happened to the Mayflower after it landed in Plymouth?

How many people signed the Mayflower Compact?

What is the Mayflower Compact?

Why is membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants important to you?

OK, that's a start, let's see some follow-up/add-on questions in the next issue!

Jill Parker, WR Lt. Governor