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A message from our Governor

Cousins,

As I write this, I'm preparing for the General Board of Assistants Meeting in Indianapolis, September 8th - 11th. Deputy Governor Betsie Goad and I, as well as other members of our society plan to attend the meeting. On Friday of that week, Betsie and I plan to attend the Governor's Meeting in the morning and the Governor General's Forum in the afternoon. On Saturday, we will be at the board meeting all day. An all-day meeting for Historians is also planned. I will share some of the highlights of the meeting in our next Buckeye Mayflower.

I only have rare minutes to indulge in my hobby---genealogy. When I do, I occasionally run across an article about the Mayflower and Pilgrims in an old newspaper. I hope you find the following highlights from an article in Boston Post, of interest. It was published on 7 July 1921 under the title "Pilgrims Land Once Again at Plymouth." A fishing schooner was transformed into a replica of the original Mayflower. The ship was towed from East Boston by the tugboat Nellie Ross. Motorboats delivered 305 Mayflower descendants onboard just before the ship entered Plymouth Harbor. Spectators were on shore and in small boats in Plymouth Harbor to witness the arrival on July 6th."

Most of the reenactment went according to history. But, some interesting changes gave history a twist. The 1921 Mayflower was commanded by Capt. Myles Standish with Governor Carver standing at his side. Dorothy Bradford was present and went ashore in the shallop. John Alden missed the boat. However, Rev. John Robinson was there so he must have stowed away. The Mayflower arrived in Plymouth flying the "Stars and Stripes." I think we'll do a better job in 2020.



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In spite of completing the build of a new house and then moving into it after 23 years in the previous house, I was able to carve out enough time to have quite a few applications completed in the last three months. Eight initial applications, 2 junior to adult applications and seven supplementals were approved by the Historian General. As I write this, we have 44 applications pending in Plymouth. 25 are initial applications, 15 are supplementals and the rest are Junior to adult. Whew! Much as it is a lot of work, I hope to see these numbers increase as our 2020 committee rolls out a new initiative over the next couple of months. Details will be in a future Buckeye Mayflower.

I will be at Diggin' in the Dark, the annual "lock in" at the Canton Public Library on Saturday October 29th from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. I am planning to invite applicants from NE Ohio to come and bring their documents for an informal review and encouragement to complete their applications.

Our library project has started slowly with the donation of a few more books to the Akron Public Library and a request in process for the Medina County Library. If you are thinking about where to start with your library, you might want to start with the books for the ancestors who have the most descendants in Ohio: William Brewster, John Howland, William Bradford, John Alden and Richard Warren. If you would like a list of all the current books to take to your library to survey what they have and what they want, please email me at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com and I will send you the list.

Location, Location, Location

Lee Martin, Assistant Historian

Location for our ancestors is critical. Most of our ancestors stayed in one location for several generations while some of our ancestors moved from one place to another for various reasons. Depending where some of our ancestors moved, they did better at their new residence, at times, than if they stayed at their original residence. Tracking them can be difficult; however, there are tools to help with location.

One of the helpful tools is a software program called AniMap. AniMap is made by GoldBug Software and can be googled on the internet. Essentially, AniMap draws county and state boundaries in all 50 states over time, from the arrival of the first settlers to modern boundaries. Another good program is Google Earth. While Google Earth does not draw boundary changes, it does offer topography and gives the sense elevation change with the data used to create the illusion of elevation. It is helpful to know the physical barriers between places that seem close together.

Why is location important? If you are looking for more records for an ancestor, it helps to know what county his/her home was in at the time of the event. It is a waste of time and resources to look in the current county for records, when the event actually occurred in a different county at the time. We have all heard the stories of families that lived in several counties and even states in their lives, but lived in the same house the whole time!

Studying migration patterns is also helpful to figure out where a missing ancestor might have gone. There are lots of examples of entire communities relocating together. As the west was settled, there were primary travel routes. Looking for ancestors in the new towns growing up along those routes can be quite helpful.

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones: March 2016 - August 2016

Years since election to membership

Minna Jane Mierke, 60 years, Toledo Colony
 Ned Hughes, 55 years, Cincinnati Colony
 Martha Morrison, 55 years, Cincinnati Colony
 Elizabeth Zib, 55 years, Cincinnati Colony
 Donald Winbigler, 50 years, Cleveland Colony
 Betsie Goad, 45 years, Columbus Colony
 Susan Sheldon, 45 years, Cleveland Colony
 Sarah Clifford, 45 years, Cleveland Colony
 Norman Standish, 40 years, Cleveland Colony
 John Harlan, 40 years, Columbus Colony
 Mary Douthit, 35 years, Cleveland Colony
 Janice Hoyles, 35 years, Toledo Colony
 John Beam, 35 years, Columbus Colony
 Suzy Davidson, 35 years, Columbus Colony
 Stephen Huss, 35 years, Toledo Colony
 Laurie Murray, 35 years, Columbus Colony
 Blake Brewster, 30 years, Cleveland Colony
 Brad Brewster, 30 years, Cleveland Colony
 Meg Noah, 30 years, Toledo Colony
 Avis Butler, 25 years, Columbus Colony

Milestone Birthdays (70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95)

Peggy Reid, March 2, Cincinnati Colony
 Vincent Capasso, March 11, Cincinnati Colony
 Byron Stickles, March 13, Toledo Colony
 Marilyn Hennon, March 14, Toledo Colony
 William Martin, March 22, Cleveland Colony
 Carol Rachfal, March 29, Columbus Colony
 Judith Willour, April 4, Columbus Colony
 Jan Hutchison, April 12, Toledo Colony
 Nettie Warner, April 20, Toledo Colony
 Susan Momenee, April 26, Toledo Colony
 William Kempton, April 30, Western Reserve Colony
 Catherine Hammond, May 3, Cleveland Colony

Judith Irving, May 15, Cleveland Colony
 Emily Schmid, May 18, Western Reserve Colony
 Mildred Stephens, May 21, Cincinnati Colony
 Bonnie Hagner, May 26, Western Reserve Colony
 Charles Miller, May 27, Columbus Colony
 Patricia McRowe, May 28, Western Reserve Colony
 Jean Smalley, June 10, Toledo Colony
 June Chapin, June 13, Toledo Colony
 James Frost, June 13, Columbus Colony
 Keith Brown, June 15, Cleveland Colony
 Margo Ellis, June 17, Cincinnati Colony
 Joellen Wilson, June 19, Columbus Colony
 Sally LaFrance, June 26, Toledo Colony
 Phyllis Siman, July 3, Western Reserve Colony
 Timothy Rodgers, July 8, Western Reserve Colony
 Nancy Koverman, July 9, Western Reserve Colony
 Rosemary Khan, July 10, Cleveland Colony
 Martha Anness, July 13, Cincinnati Colony
 Janet Hoffman, July 14, Columbus Colony
 Diane Tichenor, July 14, Cincinnati Colony
 Ruby Bonecutter, July 15, Columbus Colony
 Norma Cape, July 25, Western Reserve Colony
 Susan Babb, July 31, Western Reserve Colony
 Ned Hughes, July 31, Cincinnati Colony
 Diana Tucker, July 31, Columbus Colony
 Heather Phalen, August 1, Columbus Colony
 Thomas Luce, August 1, Cincinnati Colony
 John Beam, August 19, Columbus Colony
 Grace Lewis, August 21, Western Reserve Colony
 Shirley May, August 21, Western Reserve Colony
 Dessamae Curry, August 22, Toledo Colony
 Robert Puckett, August 25, Cleveland Colony
 Roy Allan, August 28, Cincinnati Colony
 Bradley Norpell, August 28, Cleveland Colony

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Junior membership in the Ohio Society is defined as children sponsored by a member of the General Society between birth and the child's 18th birthday. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews who you would like to sponsor as junior members, you can find the application on the "How to Join" page on www.ohiomayflower.org. The cost is only \$10.00. If your junior member decides to become a full member between his/her 18th and 25th birthdays, the Ohio Society will waive the application fee which is a great savings for your family. If you sponsored these Junior Members or they are part of your family, please encourage them to apply for full membership. Contact Historian Ann Gulbransen at OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com for assistance with the process.

Here is the list of our Junior Members who are now 17 years old who will be aging out in the next year.

<u>colony</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
CIN	Katherine Lewis	Margaret Lewis
CIN	Meghan Williams	Betty Williams
CLE	Joshua Hardesty	Janice O'Neil
CLE	Makoto Kewish	Nancy Kewish
CLE	Trevor Taussig	Shirley Taussig
CLE	Lauren West	Anne West
CLE	Grace Elisabeth Lutat	Dawn Richards
CLE	Jacob Hardesty	Janice O'Neil
COL	Brian Hess	Richard Hess
COL	Julia Fuller	James Fuller
COL	Molly Hammond	John Hammond
COL	Cole Woods	Kathie Evans
COL	Jacob Savage	Sherri Hartzler
COL	Richard McEwan	William McEwan
COL	Alden Cravens-Brown	June Battles
COL	Abigail Bouton	Peter Bouton
COL	Madison Moloney	Peter Bouton
COL	Ian Rodriguez	Peter Bouton
COL	Rachel Jakes	Corinne Jakes
TOL	Benjamin Wilt	Paula Niederhauser
TOL	Andrew Jorris	Jacquelyn Miller
TOL	Patrick Gorman	Jacquelyn Miller
TOL	Noah Curran	Kathleen Dowling
TOL	Benjamin Wells	Carolyn Wells
TOL	Brittany Whited	Janis Hoyles
TOL	Grace Eichelberger	Judith Rand
TOL	Anne Makanaakua	Janis Hoyles
TOL	Claire Buehrer	Kathleen Dowling
TOL	Olga Budke	Heidi Budke
WR	Abigail Olsen	Edwin Wallace
WR	Emma Bolyard	Edwin Wallace
WR	Stellan Riffle	Andra Riffle
WR	Natalie Jepsy	Carol Tracy
WR	Lillian Deems	Elizabeth Murphy
WR	Luke Armao	Laurel Roach-Armao
WR	Abigail Armstrong	Clifford Armstrong
WR	Anwen Griffiths	William Griffiths
WR	Jenna Albauugh	Shirley Albaugh

Here is the list of the past Junior Members who will be turning 25 this year and losing their chance to convert their memberships with the fees waived.

<u>colony</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
CIN	Jacob Rosenberg	Mary Eveslage
CIN	William Linhardt	B. Diana Linhardt
CLE	Nathan Detwiler	Charles Rosa
CLE	Bryan Baron	Patricia Steve
CLE	Michelle DiDomenico	Patricia Steve
CLE	Tyler Gates	Patricia Olexa
CLE	Chelsea Allen	Diane Ostrander
CLE	Cullen Taussig	Shirley Taussig
CLE	Jennifer Martin	William Martin
CLE	Emily Collier	Ruluff McIntyre
CLE	Sarah Lewis	Janice O'Neil
CLE	Franz Brinkhaus	Hugh Arey
COL	Jillian Carkin	Sandra St. Martin
COL	Rebecca Mehl	Laurie Chase
COL	Guilia Donadio	Virginia Ress
COL	Shaylin Fraley	Laura Pierce
COL	Jenna Arneson	William Arnebeck
COL	William McEwan III	William McEwan
COL	Dennis Wyman	Sandra St. Martin
MAR	Tanner O'Connor	Virginia O'Connor
MAR	Adam Baker	Joan Lehr
TOL	Andrew Rose	Cynthia Rose
TOL	Raychel Miller	Kenneth McCartney
TOL	Christopher Bryant	Janis Hoyles
TOL	Sarah Wells	Carolyn Wells
TOL	Sarah Bender	Marian Stokes
WR	Cecily Miller	Mary Habra
WR	Kerry Recht	Barbara Sharp
WR	Ashley Youngkin	Ray Garrett
WR	Sarah Rasnick	John Rasnick
WR	Carly Shelley	David Shelley
WR	Evan Clark	Barbara Clark
WR	Jonathan Haggis	Mary Haggis
WR	Anthony Albaugh	Shirley Albaugh

I inherited my relative's research files. NOW WHAT???

Gill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

I recently visited my Florida cousins, Jerry (and Gillian) Schofer. Our visits are way too rare but we truly pick up right where we left off and have wonderful conversations. This time we were focusing on things like retirement, downsizing, housing options and the like. It was Jerry's mother, my Aunt Laura Parker Schofer, who did all the research to document her Mayflower connection to John Howland (and to hint at a possible connection to Richard Warren and to one of the Fullers). And it is her documentation that served as the foundation for my documentation!

So while we were discussing downsizing, out came the "Research Files" – about 3 dozen manila folders with hand written notes, copies from family or town history books and correspondence during the research process. Jerry and Gillian asked "What do we do with these files?" So I said, "If you trust my judgement, I will take these files back to Ohio, and go through them. I will see what might be missing from my digital records, toss items not needed and return anything I feel you should keep or review before tossing." They were thrilled. One less box to move and more importantly, one less box to make decisions about.

Once I got the records home I looked the material over. My goodness! All I can say is I'm glad my Aunt Laura did the work – I am not sure I would have been as persistent as she was. Her story was the classic one of trying to find additional documentation to prove the link from one generation to the next. That final link came down to a family Bible – tracked down as being in the possession of a distant relative in Nashville, TN. The Bible paper was too fragile to photocopy, so it was hand-copied and notarized. The number of court houses, museums, churches, graveyards, libraries, and historical/genealogical societies she visited or corresponded with is mindboggling — and this was done using land line phones, her car, and the US Post Office.

So now, as family historian, it was my turn to make some decisions. Here is what I did:

DECISION 1: Resolved to examine original items, copies, photos, stories, and correspondence and make a distinction between (1) human interest items and (2) critical genealogical documents/evidence (including any items that should find a more appropriate home...see my article in the March 2016 Buckeye Mayflower about donating original diplomas to the Torrington, CT, Historical Society).

DECISION 2: Resolved to scan critical documents/evidence and discard any copies, keep original / notarized hard copies. I also entered any new information into my data base.

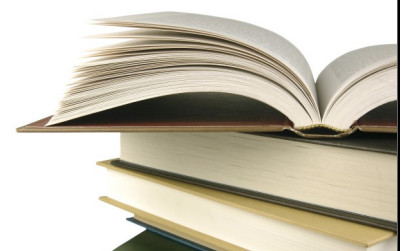
DECISION 3: I already had a spiral bound copy of my Aunt's 87 page type-written story of her four year (1986-1989) research work – including correspondence and travels to LDS, state, and local historical / genealogical societies. So that was an item I was going to keep and felt I could discard any items in her files that were also in her research story titled "Proving Family Lineage to the Mayflower or 'Rebeckah Swift, Where Are You?'"

DECISION 4: Resolved to scan human interest times and to be very selective as to what I keep. For now I will keep "special" photos and any special, beautifully handwritten letters of interest.

THE RESULTS: A much better collection of genealogical material. For example, I already had a copy of the family book, *When I was a Girl in the Martin Box*, written by my great aunt, Orra Parker Phelps, about growing up on her parents' (Martin and Almira Parker) Connecticut farm in the 1870's. But I was able to put pictures of the house and my relatives with the book so that it makes for a more interesting read. And I have just a few items to take back to Florida for my next visit.

DISCOVERY 1: My Ohio roots were established when my grandfather, Lucian E. Parker moved from Torrington, CT to Wadsworth, OH with his young son, my father, Edwin L. Parker, and my dad's step-mother, Anna Foley Parker (my dad's mother died when he was very young). But it was Lucian's father, Martin Parker who first WANTED to move to Ohio. But that was apparently put to rest after he received a letter from his mother reminding him of his marriage vows, his family commitments, etc. I don't know whether the letter filled my great grandfather with guilt or it just gave him pause to think about his life and family, causing him to stay in CT. Glad he did, because had he not, my great aunt would not have been able to write that book.

AND I FOUND ANOTHER THING FOR MY BUCKET LIST: The daughter of the author of the Martin Box book, Orra Almira Phelps (my first cousin, once removed) graduated from John Hopkins Medical School in 1927 and became a physician in upstate New York. She was active in the Adirondack Mountain Club for over 55 years and was the Editor of the first and second editions of the Guide to the High Peaks, Northeast Region in 1934 and 1941. The Phelps Nature Trail in Wilton, NY was named after her. Dr. Phelps started the natural history program at Adirondack Loj (that's how they spell it) and for ten years was the lodge's ranger, naturalist and resident physician. So, visiting the Phelps Nature Trail is now on my Bucket List!!



MAYFLOWER FAMILY HISTORY

Finding Lona Higgins – The Fanning Family link to the Mayflower

Beth Fanning Anderson, Cincinnati Colony

The story of our family's Mayflower journey has definitely been one of continuing discovery, so many early American ancestors of which we had no clue. We always knew we were Irish and that was that. Apparently not! As children our mother told us her mother "was gone when she was three." I don't believe I ever asked her or my grandfather if she died, I assumed that was why she was gone. First discovery, my grandmother evidently left her husband and children, all of who were living with his parents in 1928 and was never heard from again. The reason she left is not known to me although I can make some assumptions but that's not the story. But what I do know now is she was not Irish!

A little background In 2001 I met a cousin of my mother's from her maternal side, first time ever and I was 56. She and her husband were amateur genealogists and they are the ones who started me on this journey. This couple shared stories of my maternal grandmother, Emma Read. Emma left Salem Massachusetts and eventually found her way to Ellenville, New York which is a few miles from the Massachusetts border, there she lived and died, in 1983 at the age of 77. The amateur genealogist cousins also shared a printed lineage with me that went back to two of the Mayflower Passengers, Thomas Rogers, and Stephen Hopkins. Needless to say I was surprised to discover that piece of information.



Lona with second husband Charles Read

In 2012 my husband and I went to Plymouth, specifically the Mayflower Library. I had made some calls and explored the website for suggestions on how to validate a Mayflower Heritage all which looked fairly intimidating to a novice family historian. The librarian on duty spent some time to help me after I shared the family trees; she was really very nice and knew exactly where to look. At this point she was getting busy and we needed to get on the road so she encouraged me to use the form on the Library website for a more concentrated review. Well my bags were just unpacked in Ohio when I completed the form on both *Thomas Rogers* and *Stephen Hopkins* and immediately emailed them to the Mayflower Library. A few weeks later I received two emails from the library that indicated there may be something there but it needed more work and actually gave me resources for both lines, and directed me to David Grinnell, Ohio Assistant Historian. David also sent me an email that triggered my Irish! "It looks like someone was trying to make Lona Higgins fit somewhere to get a Pilgrim ancestor. But it didn't work: sorry you were led to believe this." I had put Lona in one line as the child of her grandparents (rookie mistake). I redid both lineages to correct this error with documentation from Ancestry.com of her birth. BINGO, David sent me an email with the information that was what he needed and now there were three passengers with the addition of *William Brewster*. YEAH!!

The following weeks were spent obtaining the needed documentation; the most difficult one was grandmother's (Emma Read) death certificate, which took several frustrating trial and error attempts. But thanks to the New York State vital records department I finally obtained that. It's a little sad how happy I was to get that piece of paper! I have to say this journey was one of the fun challenges in my life, to discover not only a Mayflower Heritage but a rich colonial history from the ancestors both of Emma Read's parents. But that's a story for another day.

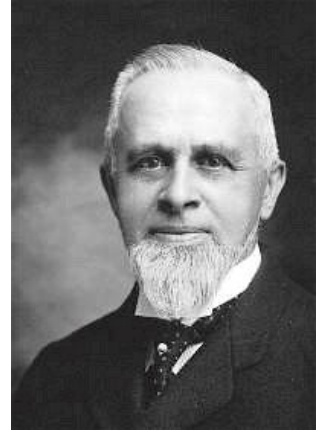
OHIO MAYFLOWER HISTORY!

Ohio Hymnist Composes Music for Mayflower Song

E. Paul Morehouse, Western Reserve Colony

An article in the Summer issue of the *Wisconsin Society Mayflower Descendants Newsletter*, set my wheels spinning. The article was entitled "The Mayflower Song." Like many of you, I had no idea that the General Society had an "official" song. The words were written by Richard H. Greene of the New York Society and the music was composed by W. (William) Howard Doane of the Ohio Society. Doane joined the Ohio Society on 28 March 1899 as General Society #647 and Ohio Society #27, a descendant of Stephen Hopkins.

Doane had an interesting life. Born in Preston, Connecticut, his father was a partner in a cotton manufacturing firm. As a youngster, Doane displayed an aptitude for music, attended country singing schools with his siblings and by age ten he played flute with the local church choir. Next came the violin and the double bass.



As a teenager, he served as choir director at Woodstock Academy, a Congregationalist school from which he graduated in 1848 when he composed his first piece of music, "The Grave beneath the Willow." That same year, he became a clerk in his father's firm. After three years, he left to head the financial department of J. A. Fay and Company, a manufacturer of woodworking machinery. In 1847 he was converted to the Baptist faith and remained an active adherent for the remainder of his life.

In 1856 he published his first cantata and the following year he married Frances Mary Treat, daughter of his father's partner. Two years later he moved to Chicago to run Fay Company's western offices. That same year he received the first of his more than seventy patents and two years later he and his partners relocated the company to Cincinnati and he took control of the firm.

In 1862, he suffered a near-fatal heart attack and pledged to devote his talent to musical evangelism if he recovered.



Keeping his vow, he composed songs for the Sunday School market.

Before his death on 24 December 1915, Doane and his partner of 48 years, Fanny Crosby produced over 200 well known hymns including, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," "I Am Thine, O Lord," and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." Their popular hymn "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was sung at the funerals of President Ulysses S. Grant and James A. Garfield. Doane composed music for about twenty-three hundred hymns and gave all money earned by his music to charities, namely the Cincinnati Art Museum, the YMCA, and Denison University.

Most of Doane's papers are located at the American Baptist Historical Society in Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Mayflower Song

Verses:

When the little pilgrim band Left their home and native land,
And the Mayflow'r sails were trustingly un-furled
Thro' their toils on land and sea, God was leading them to be
His own cho-sen ones to lead and bless the world ..

On the sea as on the land, They could feel His guiding hand,
 And they knew His eye would lead them ev-er-more; ...
 When the waves were rolling high, And the winds their ship would try,
 They could trust His strength to bring them to the shore.
 On this bar-ren coast at last, All the o-cean pe-rils past,
 With a wil-der-ness a-round them to subdue; ...
 They still trusted in His might, In each turn to guide them right,
 And the pil-grim band thus met each tr-ial new.
 Now their labor's at an end, In their place we stand today,
 May we ever prize the triumphs here they wrought; ...
 May our Father's God still send Strength to be as brave as they,
 Ever faithful to the truth the Pilgrims taught.

Chorus;

When they sailed from England's strand
 When they sail'd from England's strand, England's strand
 Leav-ing home And na-tive land,
 Leav-ing home and na-tive land, na-tive land,
 Here they sought A for-eign shore,
 Here they sought a for-eign shore, a for-eign shore,
 Where in peace their hearts could wor-ship ev-er-more.*

*Composed for the Second General Congress of the Society of Mayflower Descendants held on 15 September 1900.

Sources: Wisconsin Society Mayflower Descendants Newsletter, Summer 2016; American National Biography Online, 2014; Christian Biography Resources, undated; and Wikipedia, April 2016.

Introducing our new Webmaster!

After many years of dedicated service, Webmaster Diana Kiser has decided to retire from that job. The Ohio Society extends our appreciation for all her work and wishes her well in her future endeavors. Thanks for all your hard work Diana!

Cincinnati Colony member Shaun Smith has graciously stepped into the Webmaster job. Shaun is a new member of the Ohio Society and has already jumped into service as the Cincinnati Colony Deputy Lt. Governor and co-chair of our 2020 commemoration planning committee. Shaun is originally from the State of Maine. He is a Desert Storm Veteran. He has worked in the technology career field since the early 1990s and is currently the Chief Information Officer at Phillips Edison & Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also a member of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Shaun, Christine and three of their four children moved to Cincinnati in 2014 when Shaun accepted his job offer at Phillips Edison & Company. Shaun is an approved descendant of William Mullins, John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, Miles Standish, Richard Warren, and Henry Samson. He has supplemental applications in process for Frances Crook, Isaac Allerton, Mary (Norris) Allerton and Mary Allerton.

We will begin working on some updates and enhancements of the OhioMayflower.org website later this year. If you have any ideas that would make the site more useful for you, please email them to webmaster@OhioMayflower.org. All changes (except typographical) must be approved by the Ohio Board of Assistants before implementation.



20/20 HINDSIGHT

Shaun and I have enjoyed the summer, he with his family and Maine home and me with my grandsons at the pool, BUT time to get back to work. Thank you to Michael and Christy Brewster, and Jill Parker for taking time to participate in our conference call on June 9th. We had a free flowing discussion on how we can use Social Media to publicize the various 2020 activities of the Ohio colonies. Shaun elaborated on the many ways we can communicate by linking web pages and FACEBOOK notifications. If each colony had a web site with FB links this would speed the sharing of information. Colonies and the 2020 Committee could have a shared calendar on the state website to better promote their activities.



Other ideas shared: Michael and Christy suggested the Ohio Society present a **Gift to the community/state**: an example what is already being done by the donation of books to main libraries in the state another idea was donating a bench to the statehouse in Columbus. Jill shared they are revising a game that Western Reserve had previously developed *MAYFLOWER MAIZE*, a BINGO like game they will be selling at the annual meeting in 2017.

The next item that generated much discussion was the idea of an Ohio 2020 event, the BOA approves of the idea of a major event for the 400th commemoration. The BOA suggested that the event be held in Columbus at a central location. Jill and Beth both agreed the Polaris Hilton was a great spot for the event. The essence of the discussion was to have a 2 day event with a variety of speakers, Beth and Shaun will bring the item to the BOA in October so planning can begin in earnest. ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO A MAIN SPEAKER PLEASE FORWARD TO BETH OR SHAUN.

Recently Shaun and I have narrowed down what we realistically think we can do, sooner or later it comes to that.

- Encourage the Ohio Colonies to communicate with each other when planning their 2020 events that can be open to all state members and guests and to reduce use of same speakers and topics. The implementation of an event calendar on the Ohio Website will help with this idea.
- Focus on statewide membership drive as the future membership is what will sustain the organization to 2120. Possibly a contest to see who can recruit the most family members over the next 40 months. In collaboration with the Ohio BOA, plan a major event in Columbus in 2020 (see above)

Since this meeting several ideas have come to me from various members and states, one of which was: cruises along the Massachusetts coast with a focus on Pilgrim settlements. I did investigate this and it looks like this may already be in the works as Plymouth is constructing a deep harbor for cruise ships. And many cruise companies are planning these type of events. The national society is hosting a trip to European sites related to the pilgrims and the information is on their website.

Beth Anderson, 2020 Co-chair, OFMayflower2020@gmail.com

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony continues to be excited about our growth. The membership is now up to 215 members as of June 26. This includes 35 new members since Compact Day in 2015. And our total includes 35 Junior members. Additionally, we have 42 approved preliminary members which should help us sustain our growth pattern.

Our one summer picnic event was rescheduled from July 24 to October 15 due to extreme heat. Watch for an email invitation soon, and we hope you will plan on attending!

Our annual educational event, The Patriot Fair, will be held on September 17 in Mason, OH. Check our website for more details: <http://www.amerianspiriteducationalalliance.com/events/patriot-fair-2016/>. Please sign up to volunteer with an email to cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com.

To round out our fall events, Compact Day will be celebrated on November 5 at the Cincinnati Woman's Club. Thanks to the generosity of a Colonial Dame cousin we will enjoy a special presentation by a re-enactor/speaker from the Plimouth HQs.

WE NOW HAVE A BLOG AND FACE BOOK PAGE! This includes a 2020 countdown and a merchandise order page. Visit our Cincinnati Colony site, www.cincinnati.colony.org and check it out. And "thank you" to our webmaster, Shaun Smith, Dep. Governor, Cincinnati Colony!

Our colony will hold a board meeting September 6th where we will discuss the nominating slate for vacant and soon-to-be-vacant colony board positions. Those positions are in BOLD below. If you have an interest in serving, please let us know: cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com, or call Doug at 513-2232-6843.

2016 Cin Col Officers

*Doug van der Zee – **Lieutenant Governor** (4 year term expires 11/16)*

Shaun Smith - Deputy Governor – (3 year term expires 11/18)

*Barbara Lawrence – **Treasurer** (4 year term expires 11/16)*

*Open - **Corresponding Secretary** (Doug van der Zee – Interim)*

Beth Anderson – Historian (3 year term expires 11/16)

*Open – **Recording Secretary***

Elder - Jean Meutzel (3 year term expires 11/17)

*Open - **Education officer** (Beth Anderson - Interim)*

BoA Rep – Beth Anderson (3 year term expires 11/17)

Have a great Fall. Hope to see you at an upcoming Colony meeting or event.

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

The Colony Board has met a number of times to plan for Colony meetings in 2016 and in preparation for 2017.

The 2016 summer event was held on June 26 at the National Historic Site, the James A. Garfield House in Mentor, Ohio. Following the museum tour the group met at the nearby Skye Restaurant for lunch. The event was enjoyed by all.

The 2016 Compact Day Meeting will be held at the Lakewood Country Club facility in Westlake, Ohio on November 12th. The program will be presented by Richard Pickering, Executive Director of the Plimouth Plantation. Details will be sent to Colony members soon.

Our last Colony Board Meeting was held on September 11, 2016 at which discussion was held regarding the election of officers at our Colony Meeting in Spring of 2017. There is a need for individual members to volunteer for officer and board positions from 2017- 2020, as well as to serve on various committees to work on programs. Anyone interested can contact Vicky Heineck (heineckhistory@gmail.com).

The schedule for Colony Board meetings for 2017 will be Jan. 8, Mar. 5, May 7, and Sept 17.

Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our next Colony meeting, the Compact Day luncheon, is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016. As usual, we will meet at Kensington Place in Columbus, and the address for those using their GPS is 1001 Parkview Blvd. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meal being served at 12 noon. John Burke, a noted reenactor, will appear as Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag tribe to tell us the true story of the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims in 1620.

The Columbus Colony hosted a very successful Annual Meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio at the Columbus Polaris Hilton Hotel May 20 and 21 with approximately 86 members, spouses, and guests in attendance on either one or both days. Ms. Susan Kilbride gave a very well-received presentation on "Pilgrim Misrepresentations and Myths" as our keynote speaker. She has written and published several articles and books on genealogy and Pilgrim life.

William McEwan, Jr., our Colony treasurer and chair of the scholarship committee, has announced that our scholarship this year is, again, \$1000 and all questions should be directed to him at BillandVirginia6@aol.com.



Wayne Prill chats with Jan Kleinline about her Wampanoag presentation

Cheryl Bash is our new Elder replacing Rev. Virginia Ress who has moved with her husband to North Carolina.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Thank you to Diana Kiser for her many years as State Webmaster. Diana recently resigned from this position of service.

Twenty Toledo Colony members and guests met at Maumee Valley State Park on July 16 to observe and participate in the local Kite Festival. Picnic lunches were brought in coolers and water was provided by the officers to enjoy a day at the picnic tables under the rented sunshelter. It was a sunny, warm day outside of the park and those attending were surprised that a north easterly wind and rain made most of the day chilly. It rained off and on all day so the kites only flew between the rains.

Another surprise was a couple who came to the shelter in the rain to ask if they could get married in our rented shelter as their wedding was to take place on the beach. We welcomed them and their small wedding party with open arms, stayed for the wedding and gave them our congratulations.

Sheri Bannister flew an airplane kite and Charlotte Paschen's grandson, Jordan, flew a fish kite. A memorable kite we saw looked like a ship with sails and we called it the Mayflower.

Thank you to Deputy Lt. Gov. Judy Rand for this portion of the colony news.

November Meeting:

Janice Kleinline, in Pilgrim dress, will present a participatory program about Pilgrim children. The meal will be free for your Junior Member! Please begin now to encourage the children of your family to attend and learn what life would have been like for them. Fellowship begins at 11:30, the meal at 12:00 noon, and the program about 1:00 on **Saturday, November 12.**

The meeting will be at 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. Reservations may be made with Jeffrey Stoll, willowcove@lighthouse.net or 906-440-5088 or address: 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611. **Members of other colonies are invited to this meeting.**

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Membership News: As of late summer we had 214 members, including 16 new members since the first of the year. Just out of curiosity we determined that the average age of our new members is just under 43. Half of our membership is under 65 and under. Just some interesting stats! Will be interested to see if our membership increases as we head to 2020 and to see what happens to our average age.

Colony Events: We had a wonderful picnic in June – great day, good fun (played the *Mayflower Maize* game) and good conversations! Great help from all involved – members, Western Reserve Colony Friends, and guests!

Upcoming Events – You are invited: Our Compact Day, Annual Meeting and Election is on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Arrangements are being made for members to attend an area church service, the noontime meeting will be at Skyland Pines in Canton, and other details will be announced later. And preparations are underway as we get ready to host the State Assembly May 19-20, 2017 (with Governor General Lea Filson as keynote speaker).

Outreach: Two members serve as liaisons to area libraries: Becky Woodruff is liaison to the Akron Summit Library/Special Collections and Pat Van Hoose is liaison to Medina Public Library. We support the genealogical efforts of these libraries thru book donations. Member Kathleen Lambacher is the liaison to the Akron-Canton Food Bank which we support through cash donations made on Compact Day.

Member Profiles: Two of our long serving Board members, Historian Becky Woodruff and Elder Kathleen Lambacher will be “retiring” from the Board following the Compact Day election. Both Becky and Kathleen were enthusiastic Board members and their contributions go far beyond what is summarized below. Thankfully, both will continue to serve the Colony through the Outreach Programs they love so much. The Colony thanks you both!!

Rebecca Fuller Woodruff (Becky) has served as Historian which is much more than “keeper of the history”. She led the team effort to go through all the history files and scrapbooks, identify what should be kept (and whether it should be kept in digital format, paper format or both), and identified items that could be returned to members - such as personal photos. She kept track of membership, served on the SMDOH new member committee, welcomed new members with phone calls and a packet of information and presented each new member to the Colony at their first meeting. Additionally she was instrumental in creating our membership milestone recognition program – using phone calls, notecards, and meeting announcements to recognize members celebrating special birthdays and membership anniversaries. And she arranged for greeters at each meeting. She is a descendant of Edward Fuller and his wife.



She will continue as Liaison to the Akron – Summit Library/Special Collections. She will continue to work closely with the staff to identify donations Western Reserve can make to augment their Mayflower/genealogical collections. She then presents the books to the library and a special Western Reserve book dedication label is affixed to the book.



Kathleen Hartwell Lambacher has served as a wonderful elder. She has delivered the invocations, grace and benedictions at both Board and Colony Meetings. She led the Memorial Service each March in recognition of members, spouses and Friends who have passed away during the prior year. And our members could sense the love and compassion Kathleen had for her role as Elder. Kathleen is a descendant of William Bradford and William Brewster. Her brother is working on a Howland supplemental. She will continue to serve as the Colony’s Liaison to the Akron-Canton Food Bank. She coordinates our Compact Day cash donation drive and makes sure the Food Bank gets our cash donation.

Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Thanksgiving in Western Massachusetts

Pat Van Hoose, Western Reserve Colony

I spent at least 25 years searching for the parents of my ancestor, Luther King, who was in Westfield twp., Medina County. I finally found that he was born in Hawley, Massachusetts, which is in western Massachusetts.

Several years ago, Jim Baker gave a talk at our Mayflower meeting about the history of Thanksgiving celebration in the U.S. He said that after the beginning in Plymouth, people didn't celebrate it that often. That brought to my mind an article that I had found in the History of Hawley, titled "First Thanksgiving." Luther's grandfather, Thomas King, one of the early settlers of Hawley is mentioned in it.

"First Thanksgiving"

"During the summer, the seven families fully realized the hardships and privations of a pioneer life, and felt a strong desire to return to their old houses and enjoy Thanksgiving with their friends; but as traveling in those days was only on horseback or with ox teams it was hardly possible for them to go. Mr. King proposed that they have a Thanksgiving and have all the town meet at one place. Accordingly, each family made preparations and all met at Mr. Burt's. Their number was 22, which included every person in town. Their supper consisted of baked meat, puddings, chicken pie, mince pie made of bear's meat, apple pie made of apples brought from Conway, bread, etc. When their meal was nearly ready, one of the women remarked that they had everything necessary but milk to put in their tea. Mr. Taylor said, 'Give me a pail and I will go milk my horse.' He had driven his farrow cow, harnessed to a sled to convey himself and wife. When supper was ready, they all stood around the table, when God's blessing was invoked upon the food, they took seats and partook of the meal with thankful hearts, also thankful for the pleasant interview they enjoyed. After supper, Mr. King read a portion of Scripture and read a hymn from the Psalter (the most approved hymn book in those days) then offered prayer. Soon came the parting and dispersing to their homes, which closed the first Thanksgiving in Hawley in 1772. In those seven families there were but 3 professors of religion, Mr. King and wife and Timothy Baker."

I sent this story to Mr. Baker, who said that he wished he had known about it earlier. I suggested that he could include it in further talks about Thanksgiving.

I think that this indicates that Thanksgiving had been celebrated earlier in eastern Massachusetts where these settlers had come from.

Annual Fall Mailings

If you are an annual member of the Ohio Society, you should have received an email asking you to pay your dues for the 2017 membership year. We thank all of you who responded and saved us the cost of mailing an invoice to you.

If you have not already paid your 2017 dues, you will receive a paper invoice in September. The new membership year begins November 1st so we want to have your dues paid by then. Any annual member who has not paid by the end of December will be dropped from membership.

If you are a Life member of the Ohio Society, you will receive a letter later this month asking you to update your contact information and an opportunity to subscribe to the long form paper newsletter.

If you have subscribed to the long form paper newsletter, look at the date on your mailing label. It will tell you the date of the end of your subscription (for many of you, it will be this issue). If you want to continue receiving the long paper newsletter, don't forget to add the extra \$5.00 to your dues payment or contact update.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 17 2016—Patriot Fair/Heritage Day, Mason Municipal Center, Mason OH. Check it out here:

<http://www.americanspiriteducationalalliance.com/events/patriot-fair-2016/>

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

October 29, 2016—Diggin' in the Dark—lock in at the Canton Library, 6:00 p.m. until midnight

November 1, 2016—2017membership year dues due

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

January 14, 2017 —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

March 4, 2017 —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, 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

June 17 2017—Western Reserve Picnic, Greentown Community Park, noon

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.

October 7, 2017 —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

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!

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.

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Do you have a black sheep in your family?

Do you have a famous relative?

Do you have stories about ancestors who served in the American Revolution, the War of 1821, the Civil War or any other conflict since?

Do you have stories about how your non-Mayflower ancestors immigrated to this country?

Do you know another Society member who should be spotlighted in these pages?

Do you have any other interesting stories that you think your fellow members would enjoy reading?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then do I have a job for you!!! Your editor is always in need of interesting content for the Buckeye Mayflower and would love to see members from all over the state contribute to these pages. I like to have a stash of articles so I have options to pick from to fill the empty spaces. Articles 1/2 to 1 page are ideal. Please tell us your stories (with photos too if possible)! Send them to OHMayflowerNewsletter@gmail.com.