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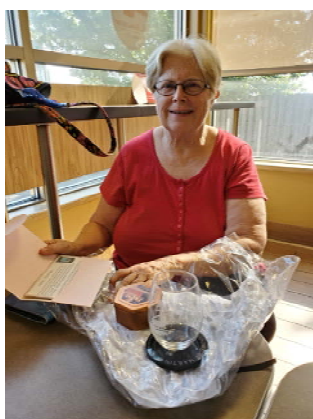
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A message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins!

Mayflower II is HOME! I hope you had a chance to see the glorious return of the Mayflower II to Plymouth (arriving on August 10th). If you missed its arrival or want to see a variety of videos of the event, just do a search online or on YouTube and I know you won't be disappointed. It has to be the most beautiful ship I have ever seen. I look forward to seeing it in person in 2021.

And while looking at pictures and videos of the Mayflower II, look for the Shallop Elizabeth Tilley, a 38-foot wooden shallop owned by the Pilgrim John Howland Society. Shallops were smaller vessels used by the Pilgrims for coastal travel and exploration. About 20 years old, this boat was designed to provide a more complete story of what the Pilgrim's harbor and shore life was like.



Thank You gifts were (*finally*) delivered to **Sandy St. Martin** (in appreciation for her time as our Governor) and to **Beth Anderson, Peggy Reid** and **Larry Hoyt** for their hard work on the 400th Commemoration Event in Ohio, tentatively planned for late summer/early fall 2021. You will see their pictures in this newsletter.

I hope it won't be long before we start seeing the Mayflower Commemorative stamp on items we receive in the mail. This would make a nice item to save for your descendants, perhaps a little 450 or 500 anniversary box of mementoes! After all, it is a forever stamp so it should be good for a long time. The stamp is scheduled for issue in September 2020 and it depicts the ship in harbor with the shallop heading to land in search of fresh water, food sources and a good place to build their future! Or perhaps the shallop is returning with good news of what they found! The stamp is available for preorder now. Beautiful stamp.



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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

This has been a crazy year! We were on the way to a record year of approvals and then the Massachusetts government enforced the Covid-19 lockdown. The offices at the General Society were forced to close as a non-essential business. The Executive Director and the Director of Genealogy Services Marti Bobertz have worked miracles and were able to set up systems where the verifiers could work from home. Since the pandemic hit, they have approved 71 Ohio applications! One of the steps that got delayed was the scanning of approved applications. They are finally up to the applications approved in July so new members approved in the last month or so should get their certificates and copies of their approved applications soon.

We currently have 70 applications pending in Plymouth, a mix of initial and supplemental applications.

If you have read your newest Mayflower Quarterly, you read about the GSMD Bylaws change to increase application fees. You may be wondering why this is being proposed. When our executive director took office 3 years ago, she did a time study of the work of the verifiers to see what their work really cost. She came up with an average of \$150.00! With some process changes, that average has been brought down to \$125.00. We currently pay them \$75.00 so they are losing \$50.00 on every application! Obviously, this is not sustainable. The increase is to allow the Society to hire the best people to verify applications to keep our genealogy services the gold standard. The 4th amendment is to allow the General Board of Assistants to make future updates and not have to wait 3 years for Congress. Your BOA supports both.

The first of the Bylaws proposals would eliminate the need to have hand written signatures on applications which will open the door (eventually) for electronic applications and make surprise gift applications a whole lot easier. Details on this change will follow as GSMD rolls out future changes. We are actively submitting the new Silver supplementals and applications with the "Quick References" that just cite recent applications to make life easier for the verifiers.

In the meantime, since the proposal eliminates the wording "preliminary application," Lee and I have made a few changes to our processes.

- The form to initiate an application for someone who is not currently a member is now called the Preliminary Contact Form. The main purpose of the form is to collect an applicant's contact information. There is a link to a copy at the bottom of the How to Join page on www.ohiomayflower.org. No signature is needed!
- If you are a current member of the Ohio Society and want to submit supplemental applications and your contact information has not changed, we will skip the contact form completely. It is busy work for you and for us. Just drop one of us an email (historian@ohiomayflower.org or deputyhistorian@ohiomayflower.org) and we will kick off the process for you. We may ask you for a lineage form if it is a totally new line for you, but we want to make this easier for all of us.

Where the magic happens!



Historian Ann Gulbransen hard at work on an application spread all over her desk. The dual monitors let her have the application on one and a browser or PhotoShop or some other application on the other! Whatever it takes...

Ann Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Cincinnati Colony

James Robert Morrison—60 years
 Peter Neff Galbraith—50 years
 David Finley Hughes—50 years
 Gary Lee Silver—35 years
 George Edward Shillington—35 years
 James Russell Halls—30 years
 Keith Osborn Ellis—20 years
 Janet Louise Keller—20 years
 Charles Warren Parkinson—20 years
 Marc George Parkinson—20 years
 Laura Pat Klaine—20 years
 Linda Lee Jordan-Keller—20 years
 Roy Folger Allan—20 years
 Joseph Roy Mosher—20 years

Cleveland Colony

Catherine Ann Mekasky—45 years
 Roger Clark Sanford—45 years
 Andrew Merrill Gondelman 40 years
 Rebecca Cadwallader McCullam Moore—30 years

Columbus Colony

Kathleen Lynn Elston Perry—45 years
 Lisa Ann Kern Miller—45 years



George Leland Gordon—25 years

Michele Renee Parkinson Travis —20 years

Gary Robert MacMann—20 years

Toledo Colony

William Louis Waldock—30 years
 Robert LeRoy Waldock—30 years
 Richard David Dunkelberger—25 years
 Diane Josephine Givins Dunkelberger— 25 years

Western Reserve Colony

Margaret Jane Greer Lauritzen—40 years
 Mark Andrew Shellhorn—30 years
 James Deming Rasnick—30 years
 John Frederick Rasnick—30 years
 Robert Lea Rasnick—30 years
 Stanton George Thomas—25 years

Congratulations!

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio (SMDOH) also known as The Ohio Mayflower Society is a non-profit organization. You may notice that we pay our dues to The Ohio Mayflower Society and that payment covers our State, Colony and General Society dues. Our Treasurer, **Larry Hoyt**, writes one check to The General Society that covers the dues for all of us. And he sends one check to each Colony as their per member share of the dues we pay.

Non-Profit Status: The Ohio Mayflower Society is a non-profit organization, and the umbrella under which our five Colonies function. One way of thinking about that status is to ask “how do we serve the public good?” We don’t need to dig very deep to realize that we do this on an on-going basis. We provide genealogical and historical educational programs for our members and guests. We offer scholarships. We provide library and historical society displays. We offer our services as educational presenters/speakers at public events. We staff information tables at conventions such as OGS. We provide genealogical guidance to those seeking to research their own histories. We do a great deal and we are always looking at ways to do more. Perhaps your Colony can provide a library display and/or program this fall.

Dear Friends,

I thought, because I like the study of history so much, I returned often to asking myself what it was like in England before they sailed away to the new adventure. So, here I am thinking out loud (on paper) about such things as what was going on in jolly old England between 1688 when the Spanish Armada was defeated by the sailors of the Queen. Elizabeth I was in some sense no friend of those who would upset even further a nation that had all kinds of conniving going on in her court. Such as the constant pressure to get married! She would have none of that! Also, Mary Queen of Scots was looking to become Queen in her place given the chance. Those good ancestors of ours were just another problem she dealt with, by executing some of them. She died on March 24, 1603 and then we got James I. He was not much help either. According to author Brenda Ralph Lewis, (The Dark History: The Kings and Queens of England) he loved crude jokes and had what one might call a “foul mouth” which must have offended our folks. He did get some scholars together to produce the King James Bible a plus for him, however the Pilgrim family continued to use the Geneva translation for their study and worship.

I wish our good friend and author, Governor Wm. Bradford author of “Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647” had filled in the details, as to how what was happening around them, was dealt with during the day to day events of life.

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols Former Governor of Ohio.

Book Review by Jill Parker:

The Thanksgiving Megapack™

The Thanksgiving Megapack™ is an ebook (Kindle, nook, etc) collection of 35 Thanksgiving short stories by such authors as O. Henry, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Horatio Alger, Eugene Field, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and more. I bought/downloaded the book a few years ago for 99 cents. But pulled it up to read during this pandemic shut down. I first read a number of the short stories by the authors I was most familiar with and recognized their style from my high school readings in the 1960's. Most of these have “universal messages” that apply as much today as they did when the stories were written. Generally these stories are not for children but certainly middle school/high school students could read these and understand the message. You can pick and choose what stories to read. It is a good “book” to turn to when looking for something to do for 20 minutes or so during the Thanksgiving season. Enjoy!

Have an Ohio Yearbook that needs a new home?

Western Reserve Colony member Tom Neel was featured in a lengthy article (Akron Beacon Journal 8/23/2020) about The Ohio Genealogical Society. The article highlighted it's collection of nearly 20,000 Yearbooks (high school, private schools and colleges). The oldest yearbook in the collection is from 1876. Yearbooks are valuable sources of genealogical information – names, friends, interests, clubs and so forth.

If you have a yearbook you would might want to donate, contact Tom at 419-886-1903 or by email at tneel@ogs.org. Tom is the Library Director at the Ohio Genealogical Society library in Bellville. Their hours are 9 am to 5 pm Tuesdays thru Saturdays at 611 State Route 97 W in Bellville...just off Interstate 71. It's also the exit for Der Dutchman, just in case you get hungry while doing a little researching.

Note: During the pandemic masks and social distancing are required.

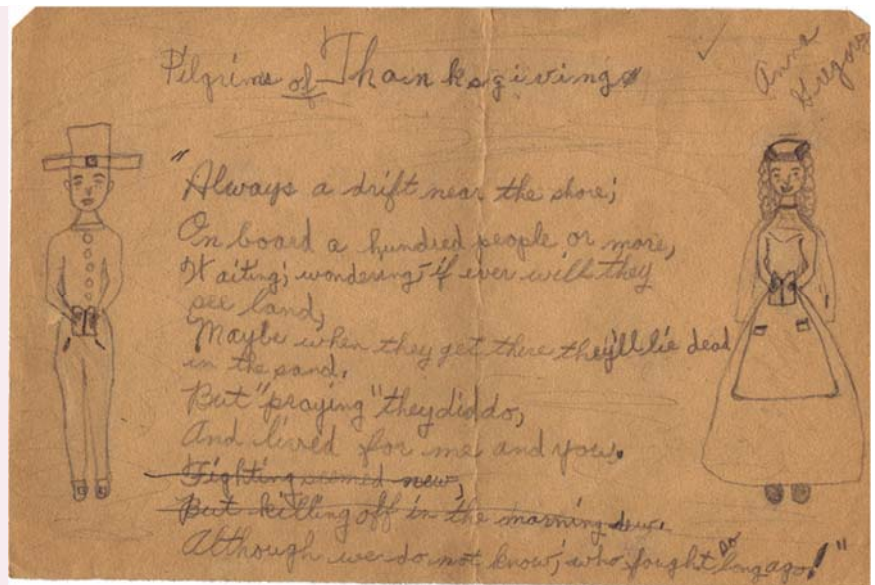
Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Minnie Bishop stressed the importance of history to classes at Bronson School in Norwalk, Ohio. Bronson was a rural school where children in grades 1 to 8 clambered off the busses (before kindergarten came to our country school) to begin their school day.

Fall was upon us and that could only mean Thanksgiving with writing projects, black hats cut from construction paper and colorful turkeys. Our writing project was to be a poem or story about the pilgrims, illustrated.

I had an inside track over my classmates: Our mother made certain that her nine children knew that we were descended from pilgrim George Soule.

Sixty-three years later, I can see myself: head bent over lined paper, the wooden kitchen chair close to the table where I was working out cadence and rhymes, the story line, spelling, and don't forget the punctuation. My pilgrim ancestors would have found my childhood poetry a tad maudlin.

Bookending the poem was the pilgrim couple I had laboriously drawn. (It is surprising to me that these school papers survived the decades.)



Anna L. (Gregory) Bristol, Norwalk, Ohio

Buckeye Mayflower newsletter

In 2000, Jolinda Kleinline, daughter of Jan Kleinline, was awarded one of two Columbus Colony Schamp Scholarships. The same year she volunteered to take on the job as editor of the Buckeye Mayflower Newsletter she enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan University majoring in Business. After graduation and moving to Colorado she continued to edit the newsletter for another year. She enjoyed working on the newsletter and was appreciative of the articles and information sent to her by members and officers. Each final version was sent to Jan who took it to the printer's, then with her personal touch, folded it, and applied postage and address labels. Several volunteer editors since and thanks to our current editor, Ann; our newsletter is still going strong.

Ann likes articles and pictures sent to her so our members can enjoy reading this. When Ann emails the website link to you, please visit the Ohio Mayflower website to read it. Once you're on the website you can stay connected to our 5 colonies and our "cousins" across the state. It appears we do not have many members who connect to our state website, so I encourage you to pass the word to your "cousins" to let them know what a wonderful thing we have going for us, here in Ohio.

Hilda Pappas and Jan Kleinline, Columbus Colony

Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$2.00

Send order and payment to:

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Wadsworth, OH 44281

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Plimoth Plantation Changes Name to Plimoth / Patuxet



by Jan Kleinline, Columbus Colony

When our Governor, Jill Parker, asked me what I thought of Plimoth Plantation changing its name to Plimoth / Patuxet I hesitated because I had missed this name change consideration. I think it is great idea and wonder why it has taken so long to include the Native Americans that are so much a part of our country's history and especially the history of Plimoth Colony in its title. Our world is changing so fast and this is a positive change that needed to be made, and I am not just saying this to be PC. According to Kate Sheehan, Associate Director of Media Relations and Marketing at Plimoth Plantation, they have been considering changing the name for over a year. They plan to drop the word "Plantation" as the use of it conjures up thoughts of slavery, but in reality the historical meaning of the word "plantation" meant "colony" or "new settlement". The new logo will feature only two words "Plimoth" & "Patuxet" (telling the whole story in the title) reflecting on the relationship between of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Between the two words is a graphic representation of what appears to ocean waves - simplistic yet beautiful.

So why these two words "Plimoth" and "Patuxet"? The site now becomes inclusive of both the worlds in its title - Pilgrims and Native Americans. Plimoth – the spelling is phonetic and in the 17th century that was the way it was done (spell as it sounds to you). Governor, William Bradford's writing "Of Plimoth Plantation" uses many different spellings in his book, but the most common form he used was Plimoth. I would venture a guess that is why they selected that particular spelling when the Living History Museum was first created.

Patuxet was the name of a Wampanoag tribe that had their summer village at the exact same site where the Pilgrims chose to build their colony. The site had been abandoned only 4 years prior to the Pilgrims' arrival. The Patuxet village had been so ravaged by disease that all who had lived there had died. Only later did they learn that one of the tribe's members had survived - Squanto. Squanto had been taken captive earlier. He lived in Spain and then England returning to the shores of his homeland five years later, finding all of his family and friends had perished during an epidemic. Squanto would soon become an integral member of the Plymouth Colony, translating and negotiating between Plymouth's governors (John Carver, and later William Bradford) and tribal leaders including Massasoit. It was Squanto that had taught them so much in the beginning about the land and his people. The location, first chosen by the Patuxet tribe, had a plentiful fresh water supply, good harbor, cleared fields, and a hill that made it the perfect spot to protect their village. It was also chosen by the Pilgrims for the same reasons.

When you now go to the Plimoth / Patuxet Living History Museum you can still visit both sites as in the past and contrast how each lived, how their homes looked, the way their food was prepared, comparisons in clothing, and learning from them about their fears, hopes, and future. I have always had a profound respect for our Native Americans, their knowledge and way of life. Individuals at each of the two museum sites are willing to engage in conversations with you and share knowledge. Even though the name Patuxet has been added to the name of the site, Steven Peters, a Wampanoag spokesperson said, "It is a good start, but more changes need to be made. Plimoth has an entire village and Patuxet only one home site. Adding more home(s) would provide a better representation of our culture." Other changes are in the works as well.

Plimoth / Patuxet (formerly Plymouth Plantation) was and is a Living History Museum located in Plymouth, Massachusetts. When founded in 1947 by Henry Hornblower II, it consisted of two English cottages and a fort on Plymouth's waterfront. Since then the museum has added at different locations the Mayflower II (1957), the English Village (1959), The Wampanoag Homesite (1973), the Hornblower Visitor Center (1987), the Craft Center (1992), the Maxwell and Nye Barns (1994), and the Plimoth Grist Mill (2013). If you travel to Plymouth take the time to visit these sites, as there is so much to see, so much to do, and so much to learn.

The name change was officially made in July to coincide with the return of the Mayflower II to Plymouth (after a nearly 4 year \$20 million restoration stay at Mystic Seaport Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard).

John Howland in the Bradford Manuscript

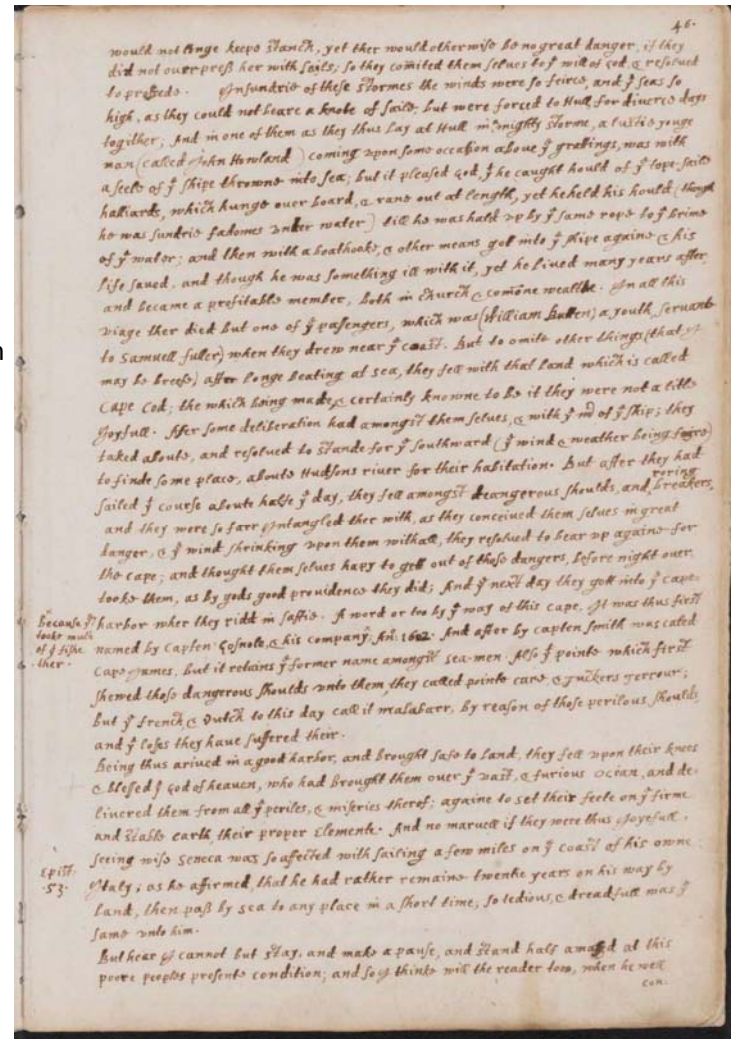
Lee Martin, Deputy Lt. Governor/Deputy Historian, Western Reserve Colony

In his manuscript, William Bradford wrote, "In Iundrie of theſe ſtormes the winds were ſo fierce, and y^e Jeas ſo high, as they could not beare a knote of Jaile, but were forced to Hull, for diuerce days together; And in one of them as they thus Lay at Hull in a mighty ſtorme, a luſtie youge man (called John Howland)..."¹ Here within Bradford's manuscript, John Howland appeared as a Stranger from London and would be a major backbone in the community, along with Bradford and others.

What caught my eye in Bradford's description of John Howland was the phrase, "a luſtie youge man." The word lusty is a different context than what most people are accustomed. Modern context suggests a sexual connotation; however, in the early 17th century, the context is completely different. In the early 17th century, lusty, as adjective, describes someone who is hard-working, industrious; or, what today we might call as strapping. Given the description, John may have been born between 1598-1600; not 1592 as given by Elizabeth Pearson White and Robert Charles Anderson.² Given this, John would have been about 20-22 years of age at the time of sailing and put him about 80 years or more at the time of his death in 1678 in Plymouth.³

After the harrowing rescue in October 1620, in the middle of the Atlantic, John Howland and other male passengers signed the Mayflower Compact. The text as come down to us appeared on p. 54 in Bradford's manuscript with no signatures of those who signed it (signatures would be added much later).⁴

Bradford wrote on a single side of the manuscript in iron-gall ink⁵ that bled through the opposite side, with some of the text squeezed tightly together in parts and sprawled out in others. At the back Bradford listed the survivors of the Winter 1620/1 and their families on pages 530-534 of the pdf version.⁶



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Update on the Dues Invoices and Life Contact Letters for the 2021 membership year

In the newest Mayflower Quarterly, you have read about the proposals to increase the national dues from \$15.00 to \$35.00. The \$15.00 figure was set at Congress 6 years ago and we pay that fee per capita for all our active annual and life members as of December 31st each year. The General Society has been operating at a significant deficit for many years, funding daily operations from endowments and other sources and postponing updates that would benefit all of us. This increase may seem large in relation to what we have been paying, but is much less than many other lineage societies. The increase will allow the General Society to invest in modern technology and many other updates that are long overdue.

The proposed increase will be voted on at a special online Congress on September 26th. We obviously know what is proposed, but not what the final figure will be, so we elected to delay our dues collection until we have a final figure. You should receive your initial dues notice by email or mail the week of September 28th. The decision of the Ohio Board of Assistants is that the Ohio dues will increase only by whatever is approved at Congress. The portions of your dues that go to your Colony and the Ohio Society will not change.

The due date for your payment is November 1st. We must have your dues payment by December 31st when we have to tally our membership for GSMD. Otherwise, you will be dropped from membership.

For you Life members, we will be sending out our annual contact update form and hope that when you return it, you will make a generous donation to the Life Membership Fund. Our Life Memberships were very underpriced for decades and for most of you, the money you paid is long gone. Our Life Membership fund cannot long sustain the hit the increased national dues will impose and we cannot expect our annual members to subsidize your memberships. As it is, we are only paying your national dues. SMDOH and your Colonies receive nothing for you from the fund.

A STRANGER AMONG SAINTS: Stephen Hopkins- The Man who Survived Jamestown and saved Plymouth. Author Johnathan Mack, Chicago Review Press, 2020. 228 pages excluding chapter notes and Index. Available in both book and digital formats.

Mr. Mack writes an interesting story as he moves through the life of Stephen Hopkins. In 1609 when Stephen, due to economic necessity, decides to join a supply venture to Jamestown as an indentured servant for seven years, he was married and had young children the oldest being nine and the youngest two, that he left behind in England. During the voyage he was assigned to the Anglican religious leader of the *Venture* and assisted him with many of his duties. The story of the shipwreck of the "*Venture*" in Bermuda and the events that followed is shared. Mr. Mack then takes us to Jamestown where for the next six years he is exposed to the wilderness and native people in the New World. Stephen gained knowledge of many elements of the new land which likely led to the family's subsequent voyage on the *Mayflower*.

Mr. Mack gives us the history of the separatists and how they come to be brought together with the strangers. He takes the reader through as observers of : the 2020 voyage, writing of the *Mayflower Compact*, arrival at Provincetown, the search for an appropriate location for the fledgling colony, the interactions with the native people, and later years of the colony. Throughout the book Mr. Mack relates the known historical facts but attempts to use what is known about Stephen's life experiences and helps to understand why he made the decisions he made.

Hopkin's descendants will get a fuller picture of their ancestors' contribution to, and his value towards the growth of the Plymouth colony.

Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Yikes, I grew up living in a cemetery!

Robert E. Coltrin. Cleveland Colony

My 2nd great grandparents, Aaron Sage Bliss and Harriet Akins, settled in Euclid, OH circa 1823 in the area of Euclid Ave and E 222nd Street and established Bliss Farm. At that time Euclid Ave was known as Plank Rd and E 222nd Street was known as Bliss Rd. The Farm was inherited by my great grandfather Henry Dwight Bliss who married my great grandmother, Ann Dille. Henry gave half of the land to his son Eugene, and on Henry's death the remaining half was inherited by his wife, Ann.



In about 1900, Ann built a house south off Euclid Ave and just West of E 222nd St. on her land that abutted her son Eugene's land. In 1903, Eugene deeded an additional 15 feet of his land to her. I have a copy of the deed. This seems like a trivial piece of land to be highlighted.

But then, a few months ago I was researching Aaron Sage Bliss on the computer and up popped a 2015 book published by History Press entitled "Buried Beneath Cleveland" by William G. Krejci. Krejci had conducted extensive research on burial grounds that had been used by early settlers in the Cleveland area before formal cemeteries had been established. Chapter 17 is entitled "Bliss Cemetery". I thought Ok this should be interesting, as I knew nothing about a Bliss Cemetery.

Krejci gives a convincing argument that the 15 foot strip of land on Eugene's deed was used as the Bliss Cemetery starting in 1826 with the burial of Aaron and Harriet's four year old son, Charles. Aaron and four other Bliss's were buried there by 1871 before the family started interring there dead in Euclid Cemetery. Krejci's argument stems from the fact that three days after the Deed for the 15 feet of land was received by the Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office, four of the bodies were reinterred in Euclid Cemetery (I have located their gravestones). However, there is no record of the bodies of Charles or Aaron being reinterred so it is likely they are still there.



My Grandmother, Anna H. Bliss, inherited the house (with the 15 feet of land) from her mother and she married my Grandfather, Charles E Coltrin. My father, Edward Dille Coltrin, was born in the house and he inherited it when his mother died. Dad married my mother, Geraldine G. Goetzman, and my sister Geraldine J Coltrin Webb and I were raised in that house and played in that yard. My Dad knew about the additional strip of land but as far as I know, had no knowledge of the cemetery. I mowed that yard from the time I was a teenager until I left the house and then again as Dad aged, I came back weekly to mow it until he moved to assisted living. Therefore, I can now add Cemetery Sexton to my Resume.



20/20 HINDSIGHT

The First Thanksgiving 2021 Celebration for Ohio

Early plans are underway for the 2021 First Thanksgiving event. Plans are to hold this in Columbus, location to be determined. We want this to be a fun family event, time for us to have a reunion of sorts after the restrictions of this year. Active planning will begin in January 2021, hopefully by then we will have a better handle on the pandemic situation. We hope many of you have taken the opportunity to see the Mayflower II videos of the ship in full sail. If you go to "YOU TUBE" and search Mayflower II you will see multiple videos of the ship in open water and on her way back to Plymouth. It certainly gives a new respect for how our Ancestors travelled to the new world.

Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony



Key members of the 2020 planning team with their recognition gifts from the Board of Assistants.

Star Vondrell, Beth Anderson, Peggy Reid, Larry Hoyt

Dear Jill and the Board of Assistants (and anyone & everyone involved in choosing to include me!),

I sit here looking at my beautiful gift, very grateful that I am among those so honored. I absolutely love this beautiful box, and I've decided to think of it as my Mayflower 'Chest', imagining the many chests our Pilgrim ancestors took with them on that incredible, daring voyage! My favorite part of the 'Chest' is the side with the maps, ship, and the description of their voyage! This is an extraordinary memento, and from the moment it was created and shown to all of us, I have wanted one! Additionally,...

Your words on my personal card mean so much to me. I'm not sure I was always as patient as you thought, but I did attempt to keep myself in check, haha! I hope this finds each one of you safe & well, and please know that I thank you with all my heart, for including me in this honor! Let's hope for a **Great Commemoration** - whenever it may happen; I stand ready! ...with love and gratitude, Peggy (Reid)...

PS - I wish I could show this off to my former Sequoia Colony members in Palo Alto, CA; they would all want to have one, as I did!

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Although our Colony has not met since November, we have sent a few E Connects to our members, to let them know we are thinking about them during these very challenging times.

Our board members did meet officially via Zoom July 8, 2020. Our meeting agenda primarily was about how or if to pursue a Compact Day, it was decided to not push for that, and we are hoping for a Spring Fling meeting in March/April 2021.

We approved some changes to our By-Laws.

Change in officer term to two years instead of three

Wording of Article VI Section 1

Changes were approved by Margo Broehl July 2020

Member Paul Griffith has been keeping us informed about the upcoming 400th Anniversary stamps and coins made available for purchase. This information was sent to our members. Thanks Paul

We have a few new members since our last Compact Day: Fredrick Griffith- *George Soule*, Patricia Hoover-*Francis Cooke*, Kathleen Stevens-*Edward Doty*, Nancy Little-*John Howland*, Katheryn Matson-*John Howland*, Sheila Schroder-*John Alden*, Marsha Wise-*Samuel Fuller*, Charlene Dinan-*Edward Fuller*, William Grindstaff-*James Chilton*, Dorothy Luther-*John Howland*, Benjamin Morton-*William Brewster*, Nathan Morton-*William Brewster*, Samuel Morton-*William Brewster*, Margaret Namie-*Stephen Hopkins*, Laura Reel- *Pricilla Mullins*, Kristin Sneider- *William White*, Mary Ellen Collins-*Edward Doty*, David Allen-*Richard Warren*, Keith Grindstone-*James Chilton*, Karl Matson-*John Howland*, Debra Morrison-*John Howland*, David Stephens -*Edward Fuller*

Jill Parker, our wonderful State Governor, came to Cincinnati August 11, to present Beth Anderson with a gift of appreciation for all of her hard work planning for the May 2020 Celebration. Star Vondrell Lt. Governor attended. Jill also met with Peggy Reid and presented her with a gift of appreciation. Both Peggy and Beth spent many hours putting this wonderful "to be" event together. No matter that it did not come to fruition, our **Pilgrim ancestors** know what that means to plan, work hard, sacrifice, only to have best laid plans go awry. We are all made of that same Spirit! Thank you Peggy and Beth. And to Jill for making it special.



We have no upcoming meetings planned. But will continue to be in contact with our Colony members.

Cincinnati Colony wishes good health to all and Have a Blessed Fall.



Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2020 Compact Day: The annual November 21, 2020 Compact Day has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

2021 Spring Business Meeting: The annual Spring business meeting to be determined in 2021. More details to come

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2021: Summer Event: To be determined in 2021. More details to come.

2021 Compact Day: The annual November 13, 2021 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. Our keynote speaker will be Past Governor General Lea Filson and her program will be published closer to the event. Our colony is honored to welcome the Past Governor General to our Compact Day dinner this year. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and let them know we will never forget. As in the past, we will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests. More details to come.

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Since January our Columbus Colony has welcomed 16 new members, 1 transfer from Jr member to regular member, and 1 transfer from South Carolina. Our Compact Day meeting is still scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. If that changes, we will notify all Colony members. I am working on a number of projects to bring our Colony records up to date. I will provide the details to our Colony members when there is news to report.

Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony Compact Day 14 November. Toledo Colony still hopes to meet on that Saturday. However, at the time this article was written, our venue at Ohio Living Swan Creek in Toledo is still closed to outside groups because of the corona virus. Colony members will receive the *Toledo Colony Chronicle* in October. Watch for the latest news there. The same news will be on the State website, www.ohiomayflower.org. In case of cancellation, that news will be posted on the State website by 5 November, and members will be notified by e-mail.

Toledo Colony Scholarship

The Toledo Colony is offering a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. The completed application packet must be **postmarked** by 2 November 2020. Complete guidelines, packet information, and application form are available at www.ohiomayflower.org

The applicant must be a member or Junior Member of the Toledo Colony. There is no restriction on the age or residence of the applicant. For the 2020-2021 school year, the applicant must be in the **second year or later** of any post-high school program, including university, college, trade, or technical schools. Qualified applicants in all study areas are urged to apply. Preference will be given to students majoring in studies related to agriculture and/or students majoring in genealogy/history.

The winner will be notified by late November so the money can be used for second semester fees of this school year. The award will be paid directly to the student by the Colony Treasurer and must be used within IRS guidelines.

Adult members are urged to share this information with their qualified Junior Members.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Compact Day 2020!

The Western Reserve Colony is happy to announce that we will be able to honor our passengers by celebrating Compact Day 2020! Our venue, Skyland Pines in Canton, has eagerly stepped up and helped us create a way to hold our traditional Compact Day meal with some added options for those who prefer to pick their meal up and eat at home. We will even be offering local delivery for those who cannot attend in person or use the "drive through" option.

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We will be using this event to honor our local heroes and educate the public on the GSMD in Ohio. Cousins and Friends will have the opportunity to donate meals to our first responders and other community members. Each takeout meal will include copies of the Mayflower Compact and other information about our organization. More details to come! Be sure to check out the website and our Facebook page later in October. A registration form with all details will be sent to Colony members and applicants in October.

Western Reserve Colony Compact Day
Sunday, November 15th
Skyland Pines
3550 Columbus Road NE
Canton, OH 44705
Time: TBD

Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Website update

Our Ohio Mayflower Society website is a great resource, particularly in these times of uncertainty – meetings cancelled or rescheduled. But additionally the site has updates from the Colonies and from the Society as a whole. Columbus and Toledo have their own Colony Newsletters and they make for good reading no matter which Colony you belong to – they provide news, recognitions and inspiration for all of us.

And just in time for the upcoming Thanksgiving Season, special links have been provided on a new Links page for you to view YouTube videos. We provide these links on our website for your convenience and to provide an easy way to find just a few videos to watch. As with all YouTube videos, we are not responsible for content or accuracy or even for the occasional removal of a video from YouTube. We selected a handful of videos and grouped them into these categories / links for your enjoyment: Mayflower, Mayflower II, Pilgrims, Plimoth/Patuxet (the new name for Plimoth Plantation), Wampanoag, and Mayflower Society 400th. So if you find yourself wanting to refresh your memory a bit...check out *OhioMayflower.org*.

ANCESTRY ANNIVERSARY BOX

Many of you have seen the beautiful 400th Anniversary Ancestry box that SMDOH is offering.



Mayflower and Pilgrim information is on all 4 sides, personalized with your membership information and your ancestry information. The cost thru 2020 is \$75 but will increase after that due to the increase in materials.

SO...if you wish to get one of these for yourself or to order one or more for family members, now is the time to do this. Contact Jill Parker (ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com) or contact your Colony Lt. Governor who will know other ways to reach Jill. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner and that is one of the busiest times for our designer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check with your Colony leadership to confirm that these events are occurring. Until the shelter-at-home orders are lifted, all dates are tentative.

September 26, 2020—Special GSMD Congress via Zoom, dues notices will be mailed the next week

~~**November 7, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony Compact Day~~ **Canceled**

November 14, 2020: Columbus Colony Compact Day

November 14, 2020: Toledo Colony Compact Day

November 15, 2020: Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Skyland Pines—see the WR report on how we will celebrate Compact Day in the 2020 reality

~~**November 21, 2020:** Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood County Club~~ **Canceled**

We hope to see you in 2021 as the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic are lifted. We hope to start scheduling in person meetings soon.

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!

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HUMAN “CONTACT” – In meeting with Sandy, Peggy, Beth (along with Beth’s husband Joe and Cincinnati Lt. Gov. Star Vondrell), and Larry, I was grateful for our face to face gathering no matter if it was 15 minutes or a couple of hours. There were smiles and laughter and our souls “touched”. Our 1620 ancestors did not have the luxury of cell phones, texting, messaging, email, nor even a reliable “postal” service. Our Plymouth survivors had only each other...and hope. They relied on each other because they were close. They were neighbors. They were a Colony. Our Colony gatherings have that same neighborly feel. I am looking forward to when our Gatherings resume! It’ll be a family reunion!

MEMBERS – 2020 has been an active year for new members to join our Society. **New Members**, don’t lose heart, each Colony is looking forward to welcoming you in a more formal fashion...soon! I know for some of you this was a very long process and for others a matter of just completing one or two generations of information. No matter how you made it, we are **HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU!**

ZOOMING AHEAD - Your Board met via Zoom on Aug 1. Committees have been formed: **Sandy St. Martin** is Chair of the Finance Committee, **Dr. Don Nichols** is Chair of the Scholarship Committee, **Margo Broehl** is Chair of the Rules Committee, and **Ann Gulbransen** is chair of both Membership and Communications Committees.

GENERAL SOCIETY CONGRESS - The General Society Congress gathering in Plymouth is being replaced by a virtual meeting on September 26 via Zoom; and the Ohio Society will be holding a simultaneous but separate Zoom meeting of Ohio’s Delegates to Congress so that we might caucus as needed. The agenda includes officer elections and Bylaws amendment considerations. We will keep you posted as to the results.

CHANGE WORTH NOTING - Be sure to read Columbus Colony member **Jan Kleinline’s** article about the name change for Plymouth Plantation...it is now **Plymouth-Patuxet**. You will notice the change in signage at the Museum itself and in their communications.

Jill Parker, Governor

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Sharing our Talents and Skills

Jill Parker, Western Reserve Colony

In the March 2020 Buckeye Mayflower a request was made for someone to help with a special project involving Pilgrim / Mayflower related artwork and a PowerPoint presentation. **Toledo's Ed Trafford**, a recent transfer from the Georgia Society, contacted me and he took on this project. The end result was a wonderful PowerPoint presentation that could be used by any colony in need of a program, especially an emergency program, as in a last minute cancellation.

Online meetings and educational seminars have been around for a long time but the recent covid-19 pandemic has made such gatherings and viewings very popular. We have not yet made Ed's wonderful PowerPoint available (complete with commentary notes for the moderator presenting the slide show). We will do that soon. In the meantime, I would encourage each colony to think about acquiring a projection device that a laptop could connect to for use at your meetings. You'll want to have somebody a little familiar with technology look into this for your group. And if someone in your colony already has one that you can borrow, all the better.

Ed's "*The Pilgrims in History and Art*" PowerPoint is the first of what I hope will be several presentations available using shared resources and technology. **THANK YOU, ED!!!**

If you have an idea for a program that could be put into a PowerPoint or YouTube or some other form that a Colony could use for a program, please let Governor Jill Parker know either at her regular gmail address or (ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com).