



Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the state of
Ohio

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A message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins!

Your Communications to me: I have heard from a number of members on various topics and I appreciate your sharing your thoughts and ideas with me. I hear from people both in Ohio and outside Ohio...which assures me that the Buckeye Mayflower is being read! As well it should. *All who contribute articles and pictures are to be commended (and as a sneak preview/hint...they **will be commended** at the 400th event in 2021).* With your help Ann Gulbransen is able to publish one of the best (if not the best) Mayflower Newsletters in the Country. Our Colonies are the heart of the Ohio Society and they have been busy keeping up communication with their members via zoom meetings or newsletters. New members are being admitted on a regular basis and I know they are excited to join in 2020! And each Colony has found ways to recognize their new members as well as to include applicants in their meetings! Its nice to see more and more people involved! Be sure to read each of the Colony reports.

Gratitude amidst Heartache: My heart breaks for those who have lost loved ones this year as well as those who have endured life threatening illnesses. My heart breaks for the loss of "freedom" most of us felt by being forced to isolate ourselves and not gather. Our ancestors endured years of anguish over the loss of freedom. They relocated several times in search of more freedom and they finally found it in Plymouth. I am grateful that our ancestors were courageous souls who endured unbelievable hardships and heartache. And I am grateful that many of us have kept in touch with one another (letters, phone calls, social distancing, email, text, zoom) during this past year. I am looking forward to 2021!

Recognitions: Kudos to Dep Gov/Dep Historian Lee Martin on the publication of an article in The Howland Quarterly magazine, Sept 2020. And SMDOH honored 2 Historians thru the General Society Mayflower Descendants Historian Brick Walkway Program. We honored the late Dorothy Sieplein who was historian from 1953 – 1993 as well as current Historian Ann Gulbransen who started her service in 2007 and has not shown any signs of

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Ann Gullbransen, Historian

If you have received an email from FamilySearch about a new Mayflower line, be really skeptical. They have been sending out messages based on their community family tree and not on the valid lineage information they have in a separate database. If you get one of those emails, forward it to me and I can check it for you. So far, only one of all the lines I have seen has been good.

In spite of the pandemic, your Ohio leadership team has been busy. We participated in the online virtual congress on the 26th of September. Governor Jill Parker came to my house (she lives just 3 miles away) and we sat 6 feet apart in my study for the event. She was online on the General Society zoom call on one computer while I was on a separate zoom call with the Ohio delegates as we caucused on the proposed Bylaws changes and election of General officers. It was a marathon! I know the full minutes will be in the Mayflower Quarterly, but the key decisions were to redefine the policy on application signatures, to raise the national portion of our dues from \$15 to \$35 and to raise the verification fee for initial and supplemental applications from \$75 TO \$125 which will cover what the process actually costs. Ohio annual dues are now \$56 which includes the new figure for the national dues plus \$13 to SMDOH and \$8 to your Colony. Applications postmarked after 12/31/2020 will require the new verification fee.

I had thought we could eliminate the signature line on our preliminary contact form, but as a result of changes to the first Bylaws amendment proposal, I have put the signature line back. However, once we have an applicant's signature on one prelim, we don't need to repeat the process. So, for our current members, if you want to submit supplemental applications, we are going to eliminate the need for a new prelim as long as your contact information has not changed. So if you want supplementals, please email me or Lee and we will get you started. We may need you to send us the new lineage, but no more prelims will be required.

The folk at the Historian General's office have been busy trying to streamline their processes. They are as unhappy about the current 6 month turnaround as we are, so they are encouraging us to use the new Silver Supplemental form as much as possible and have created what they are calling the Kin Queue for family members of people who have had applications approved in the last couple of years. Applications that fall into these categories will be approved much more quickly, sometimes just a few weeks!

Western Reserve Compact Day

Lee Martin, Deputy Governor/Deputy Historian

15 November 2020, Western Reserve Colony held their Compact Day at Skylines Lodge in Canton. This year's Compact Day was more subdued than previous because of the pandemic; but stories flowed among the tables. Social distancing and face coverings had to be observed (except when eating) and there was no lecture following the meal. This year, the colony provided 47 meals for first responders.



CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members - June 1 2020-30 November 2020

Cincinnati

Mary Ellen Collins	11th from Edward Doty
Frederic Diesbach	12th from John Alden
Marianne Diesbach	11th from John Alden
William Dinan	12th from Edward Fuller
Linda Fullerton	12th from John Billington
Rebecca Gibson	13th from Francis Cooke
Christopher Hogue	13th from John Alden
Stephanie Hogue	13th from John Alden
Susan Serr	12th from Richard Warren
David Stephens	13th from Edward Fuller
Sharon Ware	12th from John Billington
James Williams	12th from James Chilton

Cleveland

Renée Boehnlein	12th from John Alden
Kathleen Boyd	12th from Francis Cooke
Patricia Clark	11th from Edward Doty
Brian Lamb	13th from Francis Cooke
Kyle Mooney	15th from Richard Warren
Matthew Rutter	13th from John Howland
Meagan Witkowski	15th from Richard Warren

Columbus

Tana Arnett	13th from Francis Cooke
Jeffrey Ayers	13th from John Alden
Sheila Baltzell-Linn	10th from Samuel Fuller
Pamela Beeson	12th from George Soule
Thomas Dever	12th from Richard Warren
Susan Funk	11th from John Alden
Stephanie Gwin	16th from James Chilton
Betty Johnson	11th from William White
Ted Kneisley	12th from Richard Warren

Jean McKenzie	10th from John Alden
Mary Miller	11th from William White
Jaclyn Perucki	13th from John Alden
Ronald Sanders	14th from William Brewster
Marilyn Schraff	10th from George Soule
John Schreck	11th from John Howland
Maris Tucker	13th from John Alden
Morgan Wiles	15th from Francis Cooke
Allison Walsh	12th from Stephen Hopkins
<i>Transfer-in</i>	
Rebekah Malone	12th from Richard Warren

Toledo

Janet Blanchard	12th from Richard Warren
Dane Budke	13th from Edward Fuller
Olga Budke	13th from Edward Fuller
Tina Cruz	12th from John Howland
Carol Tomasic	12th from Richard Warren
Bonnie Walendzik	12th from Richard Warren

Western Reserve

James Fuller	12th from Edward Fuller
Sharen Jarzen	12th from Edward Doty
Amber Jones	13th from Edward Fuller
Jonathan Kittredge	11th from Stephen Hopkins
Eric McDaniel	13th from John Alden
Kimberly Milford	14th from William White
R. Bruce Shaw	11th from William Brewster
Duane Thompson	12th from John Alden
Gina Turner	12th from John Howland
<i>Dual Membership</i>	
Reed Kneale	12th from Stephen Hopkins

2021 Membership Year dues

If you have not yet paid your 2021 membership year dues, you are running out of time! Our treasurer must have your dues payment in hand by December 31, you will be dropped from membership. You can pay online at www.ohiomayflower.org or by check for \$56 to Ohio Mayflower Treasurer, 7571 Amber Lane, Brecksville, OH 44141-1905.

Approved supplementals June 1 2020-30 November 2020

Cincinnati

Diane Griffith	12th from George Soule
Stephanie Smith	12th from Joseph Rogers
Stephanie Smith	13th from Thomas Rogers
Stephanie Smith	12th from Constance Hopkins

Cleveland

Mary Jane Burger Alden	12th from Priscilla Mullins
Mary Jane Burger	12th from Richard Warren
Mary Jane Burger	13th from Edward Fuller
Robert Coltrin	9th from Henry Samson
Scott Geddis	11th from Edward Doty
Scott Geddis	12th from Degory Priest
Donarita Vocca	11th from George Soule
Donarita Vocca	11th from William White

Columbus

Sharon Bardus	12th from Richard Warren
Sharon Bardus	12th from Priscilla Mullins
Barbara Farrar-May	12th from William Mullins
Barbara Farrar-May	12th from Isaac Allerton
Sheryl Forte	13th from Richard Warren
Jeffrey Myers	14th from Mary Brewster
Carol Tong	12th from John Alden

Western Reserve

Lee Martin	13th from Joseph Rogers
Catherine Mayer	13th from William Mullins
Thomas Neel	12th from Susanna Jackson

New Junior Members 1 June 2020-30 November 2020

Cincinnati

Sponsored by Grandmother Debra Morrison

Adley Morrison	John Howland
Brantley Morrison	John Howlandison

Sponsored by Grandfather David Grable

Scarlet Grable	Resolved White
Lincoln Grable	Resolved White
Delaney Smith	Resolved White
Layla Smith	Resolved White

Sponsored by Grandmother Sheila Schroeder

Mary Evelyn Schroeder	John Alden
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Cleveland

Sponsored by Grandmother Mary Bolmeyer

Charlotte Rose Kuchta,	Edward Fuller
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Sponsored by Great-Uncle Scott Geddis

Lucille Douglas	Peter Brown
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Sponsored by Mother Renee Boehnlein

Isabella Renee Boehnlein	John Alden
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Columbus

Sponsored by Grandfather David Nuttle

Jaxson Nuttle	George Soule
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Sponsored by Mother Jaclyn Perucki

Johnathan Perucki	John Alden
Natalie Perucki	John Alden

Sponsored by Grandmother Marsha Duffey

Ryan Duffey	John Alden
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Sponsored by Grandfather Gary Thurlan Keyser

Michael Xavier Zink	Stephen Hopkins
Alaxander Thurlan Keyser	Stephen Hopkins
Scarlett Marie Keyser	Stephen Hopkins
Damian Patrick Keyser	Stephen Hopkins
Nathan Christopher Groves	Stephen Hopkins
Noah Christian Groves	Stephen Hopkins
Riley Thurlan Groves	Stephen Hopkins
Sophia McCabe Groves	Stephen Hopkins
Anderson Kirk Groves	Stephen Hopkins

Western Reserve

Sponsored by Grandmother Kathryn Bachman

Katherine Bachman	William Bradford
Margaret Bachman	William Bradford
Bruce Bachman	William Bradford

Sponsored by Father Eric McDaniel

Colleen McDaniel	John Alden
Dylan McDaniel	John Alden
Eli McDaniel	John Alden
Mary McDaniel	John Alden
Nora McDaniel	John Alden
Stella McDaniel	John Alden

Sponsored by Grandmother Jennifer Keaton

Paul Rings	John Howland
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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

Cincinnati

Barbara Proctor, descendant of Edward Fuller, born 4/16/1943, died 6/27/2020, elected 8/3/2011

Michael Sullivan, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 8/28/1938, died 10/20/2020, elected 6/30/2013

Columbus

Carole Kern, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 10/17/1932, died 9/10/2020, elected 1/10/1970

James Frost, descendant of Francis Eaton, born 6/13/1921, died 9/14/2020, elected 10/15/2013

Western Reserve

Mary Stasell, descendant of William Bradford, born 3/18/1927, died 6/25/2020, elected 10/12/1974

David Broehl, husband of OH Counselor Margo Broehl

Hobbamock in the Bradford Manuscript

Lee Martin, Deputy Lt. Governor/Deputy Historian, Ohio Mayflower

In the Fall newsletter¹, I mentioned John Howland as a lustie young man. Continuing with the word “lustie,” the word occurs two other times (that I know of) in Bradford’s manuscript. In both instances, lustie has no other adjective with it to describe the precedent noun and the reference is to Hobbamock.² Hobbamock lived among the Pilgrims and was married. Winslow referred to Hobbamock “himself being a Pnife, [pniese (chief tribal defender)], that is, one of his [Massasoit] chieft champions, or men of valor” (and sent his wife to Pokenoket in Rhode Island)³ while Bradford referred to him as “a proper lustie man, and a man of accounte for his vallour & parts amongst y^e Indeans [Indians].”⁴ An interesting side note, the previous paragraph, Bradford wrote “John Billington [Jr] lost himself in y^e woods [and]...at length he light on an English Indean, 20 mils [miles] Jouth of this place called manamet [Manomet]”⁵ since the father, John Billington, Sr hanged in 1630 for the murder of John Newcomen.⁶ The second instance of the word “lustie” occurred in the next page.

The second instance of the word “lustie” in Bradford’s manuscript occurred on the very next page. The reference occurs in the context of the sachem Corbitant, an ally of Massasoit, but not the English, “offered to stabe [stab] Hobamack, but being a lusty man, he cleared himselfe of him.”⁷ Massasoit feared that Corbitant killed Tisquantum (Squanto) and sent Hobbamock to Plymouth to alert and advise the Bradford and others; later, Hobbamock, along with other Native allies, and Miles Standish with other colonists under Standish’s command went on raids against Corbitant, culminating in English vanquishment over Corbitant’s forces. Corbitant eluded capture, but the raids had the desired effect. The events took place in the Summer and Fall of 1621.⁸ In context of John Howland, Hobbamock may have been about 10 years older than Howland given him a lusty man versus a lusty young man, plus he was married at the time.

¹ Lee Martin, “John Howland in the Bradford Manuscript,” *Buckeye Mayflower* 38 (No 2, September 2020): 8

² William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation* (Plymouth, Massachusetts: William Bradford, 1650), pgs. 63, 64 (pgs. 149, 151 on pdf); State Library of Massachusetts, Adobe PDF eBook (<https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/208249>; downloaded 22 June 2020); hereinafter cited as Bradford

³ Edward Winslow, *Good Nevves from New England: Or a true Relation of things remarkable at the Plantation of Plimoth in Nevv England showing the wondrous providence and goodness of God, in their prefervation and continuance, being delivered from many apparent deaths and dangers, together with a Relation of fuch religious and civill Lawes and Cuftomes, as are in practife amongft the Indians, adjoining to them at this day, as alfo what Commodities are there to be rayfed for the maintenance of that and other Plantations in the Jaid Country* (London, England: I. D., 1624), p. 7; Internet Archive, Open Library (<https://archive.org/details/goodnewsfromnew00wins/mode/2up>; accessed 4 July 2020)

⁴ Bradford, p. 63; William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation: The 400th Anniversary Edition*, Kenneth P. Minkema, Francis J. Bremer, Jeremy D. Bangs, Paula Peters, and Eric D. Reymond, eds. (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Genealogical Society, 2020), 205; hereinafter cited as Bradford (400)

⁵ Bradford, p. 63

⁶ Bradford (400), p. 205, note 16

⁷ Bradford, p. 64

⁸ Bradford (400), p. 206

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Book Review

Letters from the Mayflower ; Dorothy May Bradford, by E.W Robertson

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Dorothy May Bradford has always been a mysterious Mayflower Passenger. Little is known about her only a simple title of William Bradford's first wife, and her untimely and unfortunate death which is still filled with speculation.

The author takes your mind's eye into a world four hundred years back about a Godly woman who is a wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend and a Pilgrim on a journey to a new land. Even though it is fictional it has historical overtones of events, and relationships she might have experienced. With a wide array of emotions. You can experience her bravery, faith, insecurities and sacrifices as she strives for God's will in her life. I believe Readers will not be disappointed. The story also depicts other passengers possible interaction with her in her daily path. This book beautifully honors her life, and that of her fellow passengers. In this depiction She becomes more than just the unfortunate first wife of Governor William Bradford.

Vickie Reel , Cincinnati Colony

The book is available on etsy, amazon, amazon kindle or can be ordered directly from the author, Libby Robertson, 1110 E. Calloway Street, Bloomington, IN 47401, libbyrobertson331@gmail.com. The price from author is \$12.85 (\$10 for book, \$2.85 shipping).

Plaque Dedicated to Wampanoag People in Southampton

From the American Magazine, published 11th November 2020

The plaque, which has been added to the city's Mayflower Memorial, is part of the city's commitment to include the Wampanoag people in the telling of the Mayflower story

A plaque dedicated to the Wampanoag people has been unveiled in Southampton, as part of the city's ongoing commemorations of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower sailing. The new plaque is now part of the Mayflower Memorial, which is located near the harbour in Southampton's Old Town area.

The plaque reads: "In memory of the Wampanoag of Patuxet who perished in the "Great Dying" plague of 1616 to 1619 introduced by European and English invaders. The decimated village of Patuxet - a graveyard - was settled by the pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. They renamed the village Plymouth County".

Southampton has, like many locations involved in Mayflower 400 commemorations, been engaging with the history of the Wampanoag people, helping to make sure their story is told. November is Native American History Month, and the plaque is part of a series of projects aimed at raising awareness of the story of Native Americans, and educating people about the history.

To mark the month, Wampanoag people have co-curated school materials for UK students, which offer perspectives from both Native Americans and Europeans relating to the Mayflower. These resources are free to download.



OHIO Society Business!

Life Member Fund: The Challenge We Are Facing

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

For a number of years the SMODH Board has reviewed and discussed the issues surrounding SMDOH Life Membership and the financial shortfalls of that separate fund. The issue has become so critical that the Board decided to address this with a letter sent to our Life Members (those 153 members who joined under the original life member plans). As a result of the letter sent we have already received several donations to the life member fund; we thank those who sent donations or who are going to send donations – and particularly those who thanked us for letting them know the situation and have said they would make a donation every year.

We wanted to let all our members know the steps we have taken to address the issue of the underfunding of the Life Fund.

Separate Fund: The fees paid by Life Members have always been kept in a separate fund with the anticipation that each year the fund would pay the dues for each life member to (1) the General Society, (2) the Ohio Society, and (3) the individual Life Member's Colony. The truth is the fees charged for the original Life Member program were not enough to meet the future dues obligations for the Life Members.

Make no mistake: This is NOT about our Life Members. We value and cherish each and every one of them. This IS only about the Life Member Fund.

Steps the Ohio Society has taken to increase the balance in the Life Member Fund:

- 1) In May 2009, the Board recommended closing the Life Membership program (as it was originally established) to additional members. The Ohio members approved that change to the By-Laws.
- 2) In October 2011 the Board estimated that the Life Member Fund was underfunded by \$50,000. The Board then approved the transfer of \$30,000 from the Ohio Society General Fund to the Life Member Fund to increase the balance in that fund; the money transferred came from those who pay their dues annually.
- 3) In 2015-2016, the Board agreed to
 - a) use the Life Member Fund to pay ONLY the annual General Society dues as required by the General Society,
 - b) no longer pay each Colony the Life Members' share of the Colony dues (this means that, taken as a whole, the colonies received \$7,500 less than they should have received, in total, since 2015-2016), and
 - c) no longer transfer to the Ohio Society general fund the State dues that should have been paid from the Life Members' Fund (this means the Ohio Society received \$12,000 less in dues than it should have, in total, since 2015-2016).

Despite these actions, the Life Member Fund remains underfunded.

Please remember, Life Membership is a State Society Program: The General Society itself DOES NOT OFFER Life Memberships. Only State Societies chose, on their own, to offer Life Memberships (or not to offer them). During several zoom meetings held to prepare for the zoom Mayflower Congress meeting held September 26th, the issue of Life Membership was front and center. The General Society Treasurer flat out said: *Don't offer Life Memberships. If you have them, stop offering them. If you don't have*

them, don't start. You can be sure that all states who offer Life Memberships will look seriously at revising this practice.

We will continue to ask for voluntary donations to the Life Member Fund, especially from our Life Members. This is why we include the option of donating to the Life Member Fund on the dues notice form and on the annual contact verification form for our Life Members. This is a personal and urgent appeal. If you have been making an extra annual donation, we thank you. You may **make that donation at any time** by mailing a check (made out to **Ohio Mayflower Society** and noting "Life Fund" in memo line) to

Ohio Mayflower Treasurer
7571 Amber Ln.
Brecksville, OH 44141-1905

Ohio Society Cookbook Project

A fundraiser project was suggested to raise money to augment the Life Member Fund (see above) and the BOA approved of a cookbook to be published for the 2021 Celebration. Morris Press Cookbooks will be the publisher of our precious recipes that we have spent time in the kitchen preparing for those special family meals. Members who have email address will be given a password to access our cookbook on-line and enter your recipes. Those who do not have email will be mailed information to send your recipes to a designated colony person who will enter your recipe. Recipe categories are: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies & Candy, This & That. Each participant will be able to add his/her name to the submitted recipe. There will be an index of contributors and an index of recipes. There will be a history of our state society, along with each colony history. This project will start in January 2021, so now is the time to start gathering your recipes to share with your "cousins."

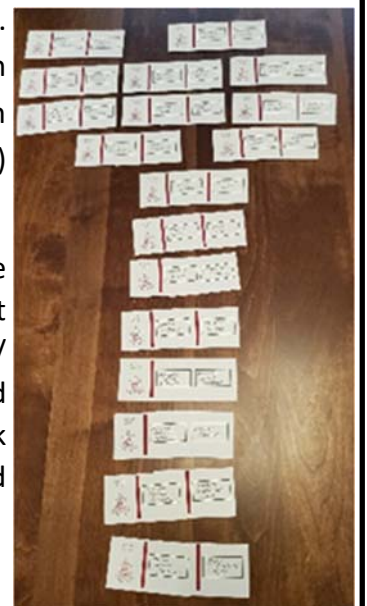
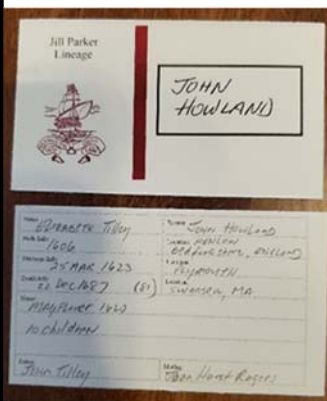


Hilda Pappas, Chair, Columbus Colony

Lineage Activity for All Ages - update from June 2020 article by Jill Parker

In the June 2020 Buckeye Mayflower Newsletter I outlined a lineage activity good for the whole family. In it I mentioned using index cards. Well, after doing that I decided it took up too much space, so I changed to business card size notes. Shown here are the front (with just the name of the ancestor) and the back with key information penciled in.

The "tree" shown here is what the end result looks like for my lineage back to the Mayflower. I know you can't read the information but I think you will get the idea. The left side depicts lineage back to the Howland/Tilley passengers. The right side shows 2 branches back to passenger Richard Warren. Notice where the most "intermarriages" occur...I looked on the back and saw it was around 1670. My next challenge will be to shuffle the cards and see how long it takes me to re-align the lineage!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Why I choose to join the Society of Mayflower Descendants, was to honor my grandmother, and mom. My grandmother had started researching our family tree, back in the 1940's, when my mom asked her "Where do I come from", so instead of the birds and the bees, my grandmother decided to find out where we did come from.

I've been extremely lucky to have most of the research done by both of these ladies, the old-fashioned way, going to those small towns while on a road trip, searching through libraries, archives, and town clerks office's. So to honor both of these ladies in my life, I decided to fine tune their research, and along the way I found a cousin related through my grandfather's line.

My cousin Heather Riechert had been researching one of the wives of our gateway ancestor to John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, we met online, and have become great friends.

Heather has been researching the wife for over 15 years, and I started assisting her about 5 years ago, Heather encouraged me to join her chapter once she could prove the lineage for our gateway ancestor, We both were overcome with JOY when finally she was approved for that line, so I jumped right on her coat tails. I was so Thrilled when I was told that I had been accepted into the society.

Unfortunately my mom is in the beginning stages of dementia, but I also wanted this done for her and the gateway ancestor, I've accomplished that. Heather is the main reason I'm joining the Ohio Mayflower Society, and now my family knows they're descendants to the boy who fell overboard.

Thanks to Heather Riechert and Ann Gulbransen Historian

Tina Marie Harter Cruz, Toledo Colony, Saint Joseph, MO

A Gem of a Discovery: A Nature Preserve named after an ancestor

By Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

I'm sure we've all been there: hit the brick wall, come to a roadblock, or found a fork in the road and didn't know which one to travel. I have resorted to a couple of diversion activities that are both beneficial and fun (well, mostly fun). Doing so helps me ***kick start your interest in genealogy by taking another tact! Here is one of the gems I found:***

Martin and Almira (Hibbard) Parker, who lived in the Coventry area of Connecticut around 1862 to 1907. The Parkers ran a family farm and were also lifetime teachers and very involved in their community. Almira Parker found her creative outlet in writing and gardening - talents and interests that were passed to her daughter Orra Parker Phelps and granddaughter Orra Almira Phelps.

Orra Parker Phelps became a noted botanist and writer. She was the author of "When I was a Girl in the Martin Box," a book about her family (father was Martin Parker) and growing up in Coventry during the 1870s and '80s.

Her daughter Orra became a doctor, naturalist and one of the most influential members of the early Adirondack Mountain Club. She authored their first trail guide of the High Peaks Region in 1934. Active in the Adirondack Mountain Club for 55 years. Phelps Nature Trail in Wilton, NY, was named after Orra Almira Phelps, a 1927 graduate of John Hopkins Medical School. She retired from medical practice in 1968 and could rattle off Latin and English names of every fern, tree, flower, mushroom and bird to be found in the 22 acre geological-fault ravine behind her house in Wilton. The doctor's other loved location is Heart Lake in the Adirondacks, where she pioneered the preservation of these mountains long before most people had heard the word ecology. The editor of important Adirondack trail guides, 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.

I hope to visit the nature preserve in 2021.

20/20 HINDSIGHT

First Thanksgiving 400th Celebration

We hope all our Mayflower cousins are staying safe during this national health crisis of Covid-19. Hopefully, the country will have gone through Covid-19 vaccine distribution and immunization by mid-summer, so we clearly will have our own “great sickness” to move on from, and what better way.

The Annual State meeting will also be held during this event as meeting in person in the spring will not be possible. Our celebration will be at the Columbus Airport Marriott and rooms are being held for the event. We want you to mark your calendars for October 1-2, 2021 that is when the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio will celebrate the “First Thanksgiving”. Since Thanksgiving is a family time that is what this event will be. We have planned a turkey dinner with all the fixings. The focus will be our Mayflower families and extended families.

The program will have designated time for ancestor groups to get together and share stories and take pictures with an appropriate backdrop. Currently, the finance committee is reviewing the proposed budget, but the event will be less costly than the one planned for 2020. A speaker from Plimouth-Patuxet has been secured and at our request they are planning a program based on Mary Allerton Cushman, the “Last Pilgrim” she was the last of the Mayflower passengers to die. This will be a program that our junior members and families can appreciate. Stay tuned, more information on room reservations and event cost to come in the Spring newsletter.

Beth Anderson and Hilda Pappas

Co- Chairs

Treasurer's Report

First and foremost, Thank you for those of you who have renewed your membership for another year. Our dues collection was delayed because we could not set our fee until after the General Congress on 9/26/2020.

WHAT - YOU FORGOT! If you act now and send in your dues payment (check or PayPal) and if I receive it before 12/31/2020, you will remain a Mayflower member for 2021 year.

If you are not interested in renewing your membership, please email me that you are resigning. Email Address: treasurer@ohiomayflower.org.

For those members who received a notice that your dues where not paid when you did pay them, thank you for informing me of the error so I could correct it. We experienced an error in our mailing software which caused that error and in some rare cases errors by your treasurer that resulted in that same notice.

I appreciate the help and patience exhibited by you during our condensed and distorted collection of our membership dues this time.

Hopefully, a new year and the new vaccines will provide the relief we all need after our experiences in 2020.

Stay safe and heathy this holiday season and in 2021,

Lawrence

Lawrence Hoyt

SMDOH Treasurer

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Season Greetings!

Cincinnati Colony officers met via zoom on October 15, 2020. Agenda included:

- Xavier Scholarship fund- The Colony sponsors a \$500 per year scholarship for a history student. Topic is general but focused on Colonial America. Half is funded from colony funds and half from donations.
- We discussed the increase in dues for the General Society, directive from the GSMD Executive Committee.
- Cincy's Beth Anderson -Corresponding Secretary and Hilda Pappas are working together in planning the 2021 Celebration event for October 1-2 2021 in the Columbus area. Early in the planning, they are considering a speaker from Plimoth Plantation based on the book "The Last Pilgrim" – the Life of Mary Allerton Cushman
- Discussion about a possible Spring Fling meeting...TBD



We held our **90th COMPACT DAY!** Saturday November 14(via zoom). 26 members participated in the meeting. We were happy to meet 8 new members at the meeting. One plus about a zoom meeting, members who don't live in the area can still attend. We had two members from California. Jill Parker, our Governor, joined us for the 90 minutes. She is very knowledgeable, offered valuable information. *Thank You Jill*. We did not have a Speaker or a formal presentation, so some members told their Pilgrim stories, which is always quite interesting. Especially, our new members.

Our membership **increased by 32 since last Compact Day in 2019**, our total membership is 221.

Our Colony was contacted by **Cincinnati Magazine**. They are going to feature a story about the Pilgrims First Thanksgiving. To Commemorate the 400th anniversary. The interviews with the writer will take place early Spring, for their Fall Edition.

Cincinnati Colony sends wishes to All for a very Merry and Blessed Holiday Season!

Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2020 Anniversary: The Cleveland Colony reached their 90th anniversary since we were established November 1930.

2020 Board Meeting: We had our first Zoom board meeting November 15th and will most likely have a couple more in 2021 due to COVID-19.

2021 Spring Meeting: The BOA is planning the annual spring meeting in March or early April contingent on the status of COVID-19. More details to come

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 Heinck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Unfortunately, our Compact Day celebration that had been scheduled for Saturday, November 14 at the Clintonville Women's Club was **canceled**. We've not been able to meet with our cousins since November 2019. We are hoping that we will be in better health in 2021.

54 years ago The Columbus Colony Compact Day luncheon on November 16, 1996 was held at the Clintonville Women's Club. There were 45 members and guests present. According to Climate Spy, in November 1966 the average high temperature in Columbus, OH was 51.6°F, and this was 1.3°F cooler than the average of 52.9°F. The hottest day in November 1966 was 9 November when the temperature reached 68.0°F. Overnight the average temperature in November is 36.0°F and in 1966 the average overnight temperature was 1.1°F cooler at 34.9°F.

Since January 1, 2020 we have welcomed **29** new members into our colony. Our current total colony membership is 323.

Schamp Scholarship: Our colony has 76 junior members age 18-24 who have the potential to apply for this scholarship. Jan Ebert and her committee have been diligently working on the application, criteria, and essay topic. Details will be included in the next Columbus Colony newsletter.

Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Ciara Carr is the winner of the Toledo Colony scholarship to be awarded for the second semester of this university year. She is a sophomore majoring in English and Music at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. Her emphasis for the essay topic "What the Pilgrims Brought on Their Journey" were the mindsets the Pilgrims had that were vital for their survival: their tireless work ethic, commitment to their community, and unwavering belief in the power of religious liberty and the providence of God. Ciara is a past recipient of a GSMD national scholarship.

Ciara is a descendant of George Soule. Her parents are member Dawn (Niederhauser) and Scott Carr and her grandparents are member Paula (Beckhusen) and Don Niederhauser.

Caroline Longardner, colony member, often uses her writing skills to inform people in her area of our Pilgrims. She regularly submits to the West Bend News, a newspaper that covers a large portion of northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana. To read her six part item on the 400th Anniversary of Landing of Mayflower Pilgrims, look at the newspaper's website www.westbendnews.net. Then click on Quick Links, Read newspaper, 2020, 11/17 for part 6, which is on page 3.



Members of Toledo Colony and the State B.O.A. extend sympathies to Jeff Stoll, Treasurer of Toledo Colony, on the passing of his father William Stoll on 15 November 2020. Mr. Stoll was 101. He was the "June Bug" to wife Evelyn, the Mayflower descendant. He faithfully attended colony gatherings with her and Jeff, his main caregiver after Mrs. Stoll died. Mr. Stoll was one of two centenarians at Compact Day, 2019.

Member Highlight-Alvin L.Spicer (reprinted from the fall 2020 Toledo newsletter)

My ancestor is William Bradford

I was raised the first few years of my life on a small farm south of Grand Rapids, Ohio. In the middle of the second grade we moved to Liberty Center and I graduated from the Liberty Center high school. I then studied engineering at the University of Toledo earning a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering and a masters in Engineering Science. I am a member of Tau Beta Pi, an Engineering honor society, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

I became an engineer working for General Motors Division New Departure-Hyatt in Sandusky, Ohio. I retired after 29 ½ years with the bearing plant as a Senior Project Engineer. Among the projects I worked on were jet engine bearings and integrated wheel spindle bearings. I helped with the design of the wheel bearing for the lunar rover.

I am an avid bicyclist, riding many thousands of miles over the years. Since I retired, in addition to continuing my bicycle riding, I helped build houses with Habitat for Humanity and also did tax preparation with the IRS program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program and then with AARP, for a combined total of twenty-one years.

I married Marie Duchanne from Thomaston, Connecticut on September 11, 1971. Her ancestors are French Canadians. We have four children and eight grandchildren, all located outside Ohio. So far none of them have joined The Mayflower Society, although some of the grandchildren have expressed interest.

My father, Walter Spicer, was a genealogy researcher of his and my mother's families. His approach was basically assembling family sheets listing father, mother and children. Without modern computer systems he didn't have the families tied together. My mother (Alvirda) typed some of the family information in more presentable form. I almost threw out the research, but my wife convinced me to save it.

When I built my family tree, I realized that the name William Bradford was someone who was historically significant. The internet and sites like Ancestry.com made this possible!

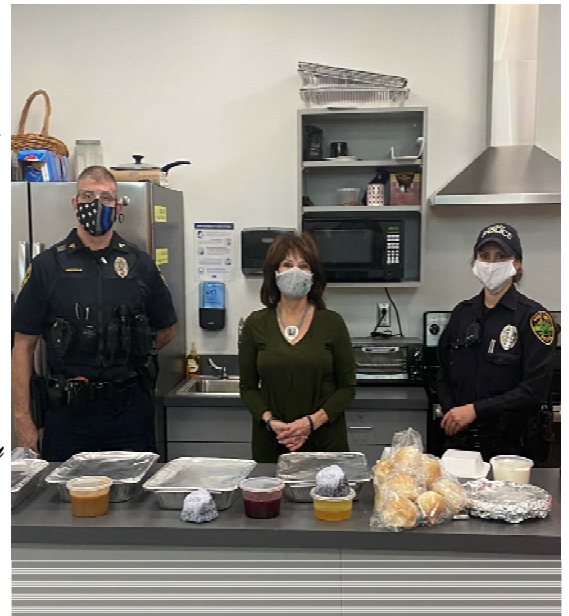
Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Compact Day 2020!

The Western Reserve Colony was able to celebrate our passenger ancestors with a socially distanced Compact Day. Our traditional Thanksgiving meal was enjoyed by 24 members and guests. We had an additional 58 meals that were taken home, picked up or dropped off. Of those, 47 were delivered to police stations in Brunswick and Kent as well as a fire station in Cuyahoga Falls. Our First Responders were so appreciative of the meals, and bags of goodies which included the Mayflower Compact, the Pilgrim's Pledge, and a 1620 stress rock! We continued our support of the Akron Food Bank and were able to send a donation to help our neighbors. We missed seeing several of our cousins but look forward to seeing them soon!

Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony



WR applicant Marilyn Sessions with Kent Police



WR Lt. Governor Christina Schepis with Cuyahoga Falls Fire



WR Historian Terri Brown with Brunswick Police



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Most SMDOH Colony meetings are tentative due to the pandemic and are likely to be held virtually. We now have a pro Zoom account which will allow us to have meetings online until we can resume in-person meetings. Here are some events that you might want to put on your calendars. Watch www.ohiomayflower.org for notices of Colony meetings as they get scheduled.

February 25-27, 2021: Virtual Rootstech Connect. This is a free event. Go to www.rootstech.org for conference and registration details.

April 14-17, 2021: Ohio Genealogical Society Virtual Conference. Go to www.ogs.org for conference details.

October 1-2, 2021: 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving & SMDOH annual meeting, Columbus Airport Marriot. See page 10 for more details.

November 13, 2021: Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club

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

*"Thus, out of small beginnings, greater things
have been produced by His hand..."*

*as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many,
yea in some sort to our whole nation"- William Bradford*

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slowing down!! Thanks, Ann, for all you do!

Financial note: Our SMDOH financial situation is very sound, except for the Life Member Fund. Letters were sent to Life Members (those under the original Life Member Plan) explaining the situation, giving some background and steps taken, and sharing the General Society leadership view on Life Memberships. We have included the essence of the letter in this newsletter so that all our members are aware of the situation. *This is about the Life member fund, not about our life members. We are grateful for all our members and for all the donations that are made annually to sustain the Life Member Fund.*

Special Gratitude: The Ohio Society has received a donation from Jim Shilt, all the way from Washington State, in memory of his mother, **Rose Shilt**, a member of the Columbus Colony who passed away in 2019. She lived in Brookville, Ohio. She was born in 1920, the 300th Anniversary of the Mayflower and I am sure she was looking forward to the 400th! I like to think she is now with all our Mayflower ancestors, including her own William White, in one big family reunion. Thank you, Jim, for your donation to our Scholarship Fund and to our 400th Commemoration Fund (for 2021).

Final thoughts: I hope you embrace this Holiday Season; cherish family and friends; help others as you are able; let others help you, as they are able, all in the Spirit of Christmas. Wishes for a New Year that gives us an opportunity to prepare for the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. Blessings to you all!

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

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2020 –2021 Scholarship announced

All of us on the Scholarship Committee, are looking forward to your efforts regarding the Contest for the year 2020-2021. The Theme is:

The Venture of the Pilgrims and the Merchant Adventurers: *The Merchant Adventurers had made an agreement – the former contributed capital funds while the latter were to contribute their labor. However, the agreement was later altered (by the Merchants) which had effects both positive and negative on the Pilgrim's efforts to succeed in the New World. Explain what those decisions were and the consequences that faced the Pilgrims in their new colony. Also, why, and how the agreement ended.*

Rev. Dr. Donald N. Nichols, Chairperson
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Other Members of the Committee
Mrs. Janice Kleinline – Columbus Colony
Mrs. Susan Fisher – Toledo Colony
Ms. Vicky Heineck – Cleveland Colony

The contest details and application form can be downloaded from the home page at www.cvps.org (bottom of page). If you need paper copy, please write to Dr. Don at the address above.

Please pass this on to your eligible family members