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A Message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins!

This has been a busy couple of years for me and I have truly enjoyed serving as Governor of the Ohio Mayflower Society. My first "role" in the Ohio Mayflower Society was as Western Reserve's Lt. Governor and I have to say I loved being the Lt. Governor. We accomplished a lot but more importantly we had a lot of fun along the way. And in my travels around the state to Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo Colony meetings, I have seen the same in each colony; much is accomplished...with lots of fun and laughs along the way. Each of those colony meetings is like a family reunion! What fun.



WELCOME Ohio Society member # 4000

We have been waiting patiently, but we have finally welcomed Ohio's 4000th member (counting from our start on March 22, 1898). Read more about this in this issue!

COMPACT DAYS

Our Compact Day gatherings are behind us for this year and I hope you had a wonderful time at this very traditional event each of our Colonies holds. I have been fortunate to attended at least one Compact Day at each of our 5 Colonies over the last couple of years. Each one is unique, with different formats and activities. But they are all very special!

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY 5 & 6, 2023 – Ohio Society Annual Meeting (Kent, Ohio)

All our members and applicants and friends are invited to our Annual Meeting which in 2023 will be hosted by the Western Reserve Colony and will be held in Kent, Ohio. Western Reserve held their elections on their Compact Day and have new leadership. They have been busy making plans since this past summer and their enthusiasm is indeed contagious.

DON'T "WAIT YOUR TURN" – RAISE YOUR HAND / JUMP IN

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members 6/1/2022 - 11/30/2022

Cincinnati

Debra Bentley	12th from William Brewster
Melinda Bice	13th from Stephen Hopkins
Cynthia Calver	12th from Stephen Hopkins
Timothy Calver	13th from Stephen Hopkins
Bruce Chester	11th from William Brewster
Nathan Chester	12th from William Brewster
Cynthia Grant	14th from John Alden
Albert Ireland	11th from Stephen Hopkins
Mark Klingaman	12th from Constance Hopkins
Transfer-in	Virginia Field
	11th from George Soule

Cleveland

Amy Badertscher	11th from John Alden
Jillian DePoy	13th from John Alden
Katherine Dickinson	15th from William Brewster
Thomas Manley	11th from Edward Fuller
Richard Roy	12th from William White
Diane Wallace	12th from John Alden

Columbus

Susan Basta	11th from John Howland
Daniel Block	12th from William Brewster
Jennifer Block	11th from William Brewster
Megan Block	12th from William Brewster
Linda Chaffee	11th from William Bradford

Sherri Dunlavy	12th from Richard Warren
Cathy Edwards	11th from John Alden
Christine Renee Grooms	12th from William Brewster
Kenneth Porter	12th from William White
Larry Potter	12th from George Soule
Doris Rhea	12th from Degory Priest
Benjamin Roesse	12th from William Bradford
Transfer-in	Janelle Sharkey
	11th from William White

Toledo

Joseph Brewster	10th from William Brewster
Elizabeth Deitzel	12th from Edward Fuller
Virginia Gray	11th from William Bradford

Western Reserve

Craig Badger	13th from John Howland
Mary Jane Bliss	11th from Mary Allerton
Evan Brewster	13th from William Brewster
Joshua Farley	13th from William Bradford
Alan MacCracken	14th from William Brewster
Charles Thomasson	11th from Samuel Fuller Jr.
Linda Ueland	13th from Edward Fuller
Julia Karman	13th from William Brewster
Samuel Karman	13th from William Brewster

Supplementals 6/1/2022-11/30/2022

Cleveland

Robert Coltrin	12th from Mary Brewster
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Columbus

John Beam	12th from Stephen Hopkins
John Beam	12th from Edward Fuller
Ramona Brinker	11th from John Howland
Suzu Davidson	12th from John Billington

Toledo

Richard Szakovits	11th from John Alden
Richard Szakovits	11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
Richard Szakovits	12th from William Mullins

Western Reserve

Carl Swanson	12th from Francis Eaton
Carl Swanson	12th from Samuel Fuller
Carl Swanson	13th from John Tilley
Christopher Karman	12th from Mary Brewster
Kathleen Middlecoop	14th from Edward Fuller
Kathleen Middlecoop	13th from Elizabeth Tilley
Howland	
Kathleen Middlecoop	14th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Kathleen Middlecoop	14th from John Tilley
Susan Tavenor	13th from William Brewster
Patricia Van Norman	12th from William Bradford
William Wilcoxson	11th from Isaac Allerton

New Junior members 6/1/2022 - 11/30/2022

Cincinnati Colony

Elias Chester, descendant of William Brewster, Sponsored by father Nathan Chester

Meira Chester, descendant of William Brewster, Sponsored by father Nathan Chester

Columbus Colony

Callie McQueen, descendant of William Brewster, Sponsored by father Matthew McQueen

Colin Lovegrove McQueen, descendant of William Brewster, Sponsored by father Matthew McQueen

Toledo Colony

Justin Keck, descendant of George Soule, Sponsored by mother Lisa Keck

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Cincinnati Colony

Kathryn Matson, descendant of John Howland, born 6/19/1922, died 8/1/2022, elected 12/14/2019

Cleveland Colony

Donarita Vocca, descendant of John Alden, William White, George Soule. Born 5/5/1939, died 7/1/2022, elected 5/15/2018

Thomas Allyn Brandt, descendant of William Brewster, born 5/2/1933, died 11/29/2022, elected 4/21/2018

Columbus Colony

Barbara Murphy, descendant of John Alden, William Mullins, Priscilla Mullins Alden, born 8/29/1940, died 10/29/2022, elected 4/15/2014

Harlow Walker, descendant of Isaac Allerton, William Brewster, born 7/17/1932, died 12/9/2021, elected 11/9/2007

Janet Ebert, descendant of Richard Warren, Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris, born 8/29/1935, died 8/13/2022, elected 7/26/2008

Western Reserve Colony

John Lennon, descendant of John Howland, born 10/18/1929, died 6/28/2022, elected 10/14/2000

E. Paul Morehouse, descendant of John Howland, Edward Fuller, John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley Howland, born 11/25/1941, died 9/8/2022, elected 6/24/2009

Helen Stefanka, descendant of John Howland, born 10/9/1928, died 10/2/2022, elected 11/23/2005

Dr. Martin Gulbransen, descendant of William Bradford, born 3/20/1953, died 11/12/2022, elected 6/14/2006

COLONIAL HISTORY

Hello Friends,

Way back in time, while our families were thinking about new living quarters. Good old William Shakespeare was doing his thing in 1604. He presented "Othello" at the Whitehall Palace in London. Wonder if any of our folks saw the play?

Agape
Dr. Donald Nichols, Past Governor

Member Spotlight

Troy Bailey, Cleveland Colony

I was born December 10th, 1946, as Merlyn Bailey, named after my father's best friend, Merlyn Parker. He was known as "Chug". Over time I have been given several nicknames; Merle, McBailey, and others and finally for the past 40 or so years, settled on Troy. I am from Rock Creek, Ohio and live in Austinburg with my wife Christine nee Syguda. We wed August 18th, 1973, and have two grown children and two grandchildren Paul, 5 and Patrick, 2.

My interest in genealogy began when I was pretty young, not sure exactly when. But my interest was peaked by my Grandfather Albert Bailey. While grandpa was not all that interested in genealogy, he was very interested in relating stories about older events and things related to our Bailey family. He took me to see where my Bailey ancestors settled in Ashtabula County. He showed me the site along "Three Brothers Creek" where the family came and built a log cabin. They came from Groton, New London County, Connecticut.

Caleb Bailey and his 9 brothers and sisters all came together in 1836. Eight of them stayed in Ashtabula County, and two brothers, Dudley and David continued west and settled in what is now Lake County, Ohio. On my mother's side of the tree, the Boyles family immigrated to Pennsylvania from Donegal Ireland in 1836. My search for Irish ancestors is a work in progress.

Over the years, my interest in tracing my family history continued to grow and eventually I became a member of the local genealogy society, became president of the group and remain in that position today. With the assistance of some very helpful people in the Mayflower Society I was able to join the Western Cleveland Colony as a descendant of William Brewster. I have since connected with supplementals for John Alden, Priscilla Mullin Alden and William Mullins! I have been a member of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution for 25 years, a past president of the Ohio Society SAR and currently serve as the Ohio Society Registrar and serve on several committees at the National Society SAR. I have assisted in conducting research for two Ohio Mayflower applicants and on occasion helped with genealogy research for interested applicants.

In addition, I am a Life Member of the Ohio Genealogical Society and the OGS lineage society The Society of Civil War Families, First Families of Ohio, Settlers and Builders of Ohio, Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory, Century Families of Ohio; Settlers and Builders of Ohio Wayne County, Ohio Pioneer Families and the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio.

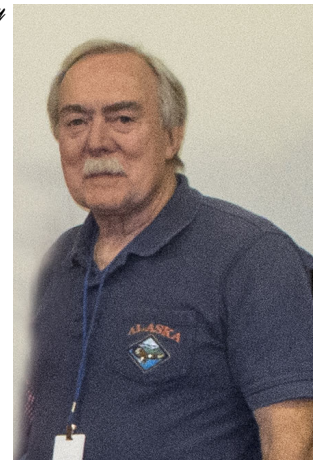
Here is a picture from the Silver Books presentation at Ashtabula Library on Wednesday Sept 7th.

Pictured are:

Troy Bailey; member contact person for the Ashtabula Library

Carrie Wimer; Genealogy / Local History Archivist for Ashtabula Public Library

Also present were the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society board members and Ohio Library Donations Coordinator Patricia Van Norman.



Mayflower History

Law and Order in Plymouth Colony

When the Pilgrim Church departed for America, it did not have a plan for civil government for the colony that would be established. While the church was in exile in Holland, William Brewster was selected as the church's ruling elder. He was responsible for governing the church and disciplining its members whenever the need arose. As Brewster was going on the journey, it was assumed that church discipline would be adequate to keep order in the colony. But our forebears had not counted on the treachery of their mercurial broker, Thomas Weston. After the members of the church had liquidated their assets, effectively placing themselves at the point of no return regarding the journey, Weston changed the terms of their contract and required them to take other settlers who were not members of their church. They were forced to abide by the changes Weston made to receive the essential financial backing of the merchant adventurers.

Descriptions of the problems that arose aboard the Mayflower during the journey between church members and other passengers called "strangers" can be found in Bradford's writings. When the passengers landed in New England instead of northern Virginia, some of the strangers seized the opportunity to suggest they were free agents who had no duty to remain subject to the authority of the group's leadership. However, an interim document called the Mayflower Compact was proposed and the signatories agreed to be bound by any laws and ordinances that were enacted.

Initially, the governor was the person responsible for maintaining order with the assistance of an informal council on an ad hoc basis. The plan worked well enough until 1624 when Governor Bradford asked to be relieved of his onerous duties. Instead of being relieved of the governorship, Bradford was given five assistants to help with governing. By 1633 the number of assistants grew to seven. The governor and the assistants served as magistrates who were the civil officers that administered the laws that were enacted. Elections were held once a year to select these officers. As the governmental structure evolved, other positions were created as needed. Some of these positions included clerk of the courts, coroner, constable, executioner, and treasurer.

As the colony grew in physical area and in population, it became especially important to maintain cooperation among segments of the population. The magistrates were scrupulous in trying to maintain peace and apply the laws justly between members and non-members of the church. Also, it is shown in the colony records that the magistrates were not considered above the law and were fined or otherwise punished in accordance with their offenses.

The magistrates formed the court of assistants which dealt with civil cases of a trivial nature and with minor offenses. They were also responsible for holding preliminary hearings for more serious offenses. These cases were sent to the general court for trial by jury. The magistrates also had the authority to wed couples as marriage was considered a civil matter. The colony continued in this pattern until it was absorbed into the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691.

Source: Plymouth Colony, Its History & People, 1620-1691 by Eugene Aubrey Stratton

Cheryl Bash, Acting State Elde, Columbus Colonyr

If the Shoe Fits

Edmund Trafford, Toledo Colony

One of my lines to the Mayflower was William Mullins, of Dorking, Sussex. His biography in the Mayflower Silver Books notes that he was a shoemaker; his April 1621 will records that his extensive inventory consisted of “21 dozen pairs of shoes and 13 pairs of boots.” (This information was dictated by Mullins himself to the witnesses of his oral will.)

Today, when one thinks of “shoes,” one might think of zipper boots, Velcro sneakers, rubber Crocs, and so forth—quite an array of stylish and functional footwear. However, we need to keep in mind that Pilgrim footwear was a far cry from these items, and certainly from that frequently shown in paintings and popular illustrations. Pilgrims emphatically did not swagger around in shoes with oversize silver buckles!

Mullins was probably more accurately termed a “cordwainer” (shoemaker) than a “cobbler” (one who repaired shoes), although he may certainly have provided both services. A cordwainer was often a guild-trained craftsman, while cobblers were usually far less skilled. Cordwainers were first recorded in the American colonies in Virginia by 1619. The first person in New England who was identified as a “cordwainer” was one Thomas Beard, who landed on May 28, 1629—aboard the Mayflower. No, not the same Mayflower as the ship that arrived at Cape Cod in 1620. In fact, a London ship registry for the years 1603-1625 showed as many as 25 vessels under the “Mayflower” name. (It was clearly a very popular name—but that may be another story.)

New England shoemakers often set up shop in their homes (or even traveled to homes to make their shoes, living with the family while plying their trade). Later, shoemakers built or leased their own small shops in towns and villages. On large farms and on plantations in Southern colonies, shoe making was a self-contained business, practiced on the premises for the benefit of the extended household.

There were no left/right shoes at the time. Shoes could be worn on either foot, or switched from foot to foot to even out the wear. Shoes were generally “latchet”-style. Latches were narrow leather straps or laces that fastened a shoe or sandal on the foot—the latchet draws the left and right sides of the instep together and secures them over the top of the foot. Well-to-do shoe-wearers might have latchets fashioned of elaborate ribbons with large bows. It was not until nearly two centuries after the Pilgrims, in Springfield, Massachusetts about 1828, that manufacturing was set up to create lasts (wooden footwear shapes) in mirror left-and-right configurations.

The Mayflower Society’s national site offers some information on finding or creating reproduction latchet shoes that fit—and you don’t need silver buckles to complete the look!

Silver Book Donation

On November 22nd, Western Reserve Colony members presented four of the new Silver Books to the Akron-Summit County Library. This donation brings the library’s Silver Book Collection up-to-date. Pictured from left to right are Mandy Brooks, Akron-Summit County Public Library Division Manager Mary Plazo, Becky Woodruff and SMDOH Governor Jill Parker.



GBOA Meeting

Lee Martin, Deputy Assistant Governor/Deputy Historian, Western Reserve Colony

The GBOA meeting took place between 7-10 September 2022 in Bloomington, Minnesota. I drove from Ohio to Bloomington, checked into my hotel room, and met the Mayflower Guard Commander, Jim Battles. Jim told me the gameplan of what the Guard will be doing throughout the meeting. On the 8th of September, I picked up my credentials at the registration desk, went to my room and underlined the important meetings (Historian meeting, Mayflower Guard meeting, and the GG Forum). The following day, the Mayflower Guard had a meeting at 8:00 am that lasted an hour followed by the Historian's meeting by a discussion of updates to the Historian's manual and a new application process to better streamline the applications to get more members into the society. After lunch, the Governor General forum took place then a reception later in the evening.

Next day's meeting started with a benediction followed by the procession of the Mayflower Guard posting the colors. I carried and posted the Mayflower flag. With colors posted, we all marched out and returned to our seats to resume business along with the other delegates (the Ohio delegation included Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, Mary Chase, Betsie Gricar, and myself). Business consisted of officer and committee reports followed by new business and retiring of the colors. The meeting went quickly with breaks to socialize. Several amendments proposed passed quickly with little interruption. After amendments passed, announcements were made about the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with various Member Societies offering to host the GBOA between 2023-2017. Since next year is a Congress year, the GBOA announced that Mayflower Congress will be held in Plymouth 7-12 September 2023 with reservations to be made as early as 1 March next year.

Historian's Corner

Lee Martin, longtime Deputy Historian resigned his position in October. He has been a tremendous asset to the Ohio Society and we thank him for his many years of service. We hope to keep seeing his smiling face in full Mayflower Guard regalia at future Colony and State meetings.

Terri Brown, WR Colony historian has accepted appointment as Deputy Historian. We have just started her training but I expect her to hit the ground running. She is an excellent genealogist and will bring great passion to the position. It will also help that we live only 20 miles apart so we can work together often.

As Lee wrote in his article on the GBOA meeting above, there are lots of changes happening at GSMD. The turnaround time for applications has been cut in half and is down to 4 months. The verifier staff are working diligently on new procedures to allow electronic submission of applications which will save us lots of money on paper and postage. We expect to transition to the new system sometime in 2023. I scan every application file now, this will just move that task from the end to the beginning of the submission process.

Ann Gullbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

Governor's message continued

Think you need to have “worked your way up the ranks” in the society to play a leadership role? Think again! Both Western Reserve's Lt. Governor and Deputy Lt. Governor joined the Mayflower Society in the same month in the fall of 2021! Now talk about enthusiasm! WOW!

You've heard many of us say this before...YOU have skills, talents, interests that you can use to help the Mayflower Society – be it at the Colony level or the State level. You don't have to perfectly fit a “title” in order to serve. If you have an interest or skill that can help your Colony or the Society, let us know. We'd love to have your help out!



I recently attended the Western Reserve Colony Compact Day and had so much joy seeing the unanimous election of the new Board. Cindy Nichols was elected Lt. Gov. and Marilyn Sessions was elected Deputy Lt. Gov. They both became members of the Ohio Mayflower Society in September 2021. They both have a love for history, and a love for genealogy. And their 1st challenge? Hosting the 2023 Ohio Mayflower Society Annual Meeting. I have had some good discussions with them and they are comfortable and excited assuming the leadership because they know we stand with them. We are their cousins and will be there to help. Confident that individuals will step forward to say, “I'll be glad to check attendees in and give them their gift bag” or “I'll be glad to wander around and greet folks.” Confident that if they ask someone to help put together the gift bags they will get the help needed.

Congratulations to the entire WR Board on their recent election: Lt. Gov. Cindy Nichols, Deputy Lt. Gov. Marilyn Sessions, SMDOH/BOA Rep Mandy Brooks, Historian Terri Brown, Treasurer Ann Gulbransen, Elder Pat Van Hoose; appointed: Information and Sales Coordinators Sheila and Gary Mosteller.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we close out 2022, I wish you, my “cousins”, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And my prayers and well wishes are especially with all who are currently dealing with health, personal and/or financial issues.

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Ohio Member 4,000!!

My name is Timothy Calver, and I have been an active-duty officer in the United States Air Force for over 16 years. I am currently stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH, where I am an Assistant Professor of Physics at the Air Force Institute of Technology. I teach applied physics courses and mentor graduate students (Master's and PhD) who will be the future leaders of the Air Force and sister services.

I have always been interested in genealogy and strongly believe that where we come from is an important part of who we are and where we are going. I became interested in the Society of Mayflower Descendants when I found out my mother was considering starting the journey toward membership (she loves genealogy). One of my most exciting genealogy moments occurred five years ago when I was able to confirm the line from myself all the way back to Stephen Hopkins with an extensive online genealogy database on the internet. Going backwards through the generations and then seeing Stephen Hopkins' name appear was a tremendous feeling (I am 14th from Stephen Hopkins). The experience steeled my resolve to assist and encourage my mother to continuing the journey that culminated in the approval of both our memberships on 11 November 2022.

In addition to joining the Society of Mayflower Descendants, I was both humbled and honored to find out that I am the 4000th member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio. Many thanks are due to my mother for all her efforts at researching the line and tracking down numerous documents, and to Ann Gulbransen for her assistance during the application process.



2023 Ohio MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP

Mandy Brooks, Scholarship Chair, Western Reserve Colony

The annual Ohio Mayflower Scholarship is now accepting submissions! This scholarship assists students with furthering their education. Specific instructions are on the Scholarship Information sheet are available on the Ohio Mayflower website www.ohiomayflower.org/scholarship.

A few changes to the scholarship have been made. The committee decided to open the scholarship to students enrolled in the first year or later of a college or university program leading to an associate, bachelor, or master's degree or degree certification at a trade school. This allows high school Seniors to now apply.

Scholarship award amounts and number of awards given are based the available money in the scholarship endowment account and the judges ranking on the essay rubric. The winning essay award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Other awards given will be based on money available.

The topic for students to base their essay on is the following:

The Mayflower men and women had various occupations before sailing to the new world. Discuss your ancestor's occupation before they sailed and what it became after living in the new land. What skills translated to their new occupation? Which of these skills will apply to your future career?

If your ancestor's occupation is unknown or they perished in the first winter, then select any of the other pilgrims that survived.

The applicant must be an Adult or Junior member of the Ohio Mayflower Society. Visit the Ohio Mayflower website on how to join. During the school year 2023-2024, the applicant must be enrolled in the first year or later qualifying school program listed above. The award may be granted twice to the same applicant in different years.

The original essay needs a cover page that includes the title of the essay, your name, Ohio member number or Junior member number, and your signature. Please use a size 12 font, double spaced, with one inch margins. Maximum of 750 words. Do not include your name on the actual essay, only on the cover page.

Please enclose two sealed letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher or adviser and the other should be a character reference from a person not related to you (coach, clergy, employer, etc.).

The judges will consider the following rubric when ranking the applications:

Essay: Content (organization, clarity of thought, grammar, punctuation)	20%
Identification of ancestor's skills and description	20%
Description of how skills translated	15%
Identification of skills to their career	15%
Bibliography / References	10%
Letters of recommendation	20%

The winner(s) will be notified by late March of 2023 and will be invited to attend the Annual Assembly, May 6, 2023 at Kent State University. Expanded information about the winner(s) may be printed in the Summer issue of the "Buckeye Mayflower" and on the Ohio Mayflower website.

Application, Essay, and Letters of Recommendation must be Postmarked by February 11, 2023. Any questions, please contact Mandy Brooks, Scholarship Chair at mandy.brooks@gmail.com. We look forward to reading your application!



On Saturday, September 10, the James Fowler Chapter DAR resumed meetings after a summer hiatus. The meeting was held at the Highland Branch of the Medina County Public Library. Western Reserve Colony Historian Terri Brown, who is also a James Fowler member, gave a presentation to the group titled "So You Think You Know the Pilgrims: Little Known Facts About the Mayflower and Her Passengers." Topics covered included 17th century fashion, facts about the Speedwell and Mayflower, the journey and the passengers. A Power Point presentation accompanied the talk. There was also a display of Mayflower-themed items from Terri's collections: dolls dressed in 17th century style, the Mayflower Maize game and several books including Noelle Granger's "The Last Pilgrim" and the Diamond Anniversary Mayflower Quarterly compilation. Each attendee received a folder with GSMD membership information, WR Friends membership information and Mayflower-themed handouts. The Mayflower Maize game was also presented. It was decided that the group would play the game at a future meeting. In attendance were eight James Fowler Chapter members, including WR Elder Pat Van Hoose and GSMD prospective member Romalee Groves; one DAR prospective member and one guest, WR Friend John Van Hoose. It's rumored that Terri wore 17th-century attire however without photos there is no proof!

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Season's Greetings! To All of our Ohio Cousins!

Cincinnati Colony Update December 2022

2022 has been an active year for the Colony. Our membership increased with 16 new members joining since 2021. Cincinnati Colony has 203 members

Special News: The SMDOH now has 4000 members.**

The 4000th member is Cincinnati Colony new member Timothy Ireland Calver (Stephen Hopkins).

Congratulations Tim! He beat out 3999th new member Cynthia Marie Ireland Calver (his mother)... Welcome to you both!

Compact Day was commemorated on **November 5, 2022**. We had a wonderful day at the beautiful **Manor House**, Mason, Ohio. The social gathering prior to lunch was a very joyous event. Lots of reconnection.

There were 49 members present.

Karen Wiggins Deputy Elder said the prayer of the Departed: This year we lost members Kay Matson, Beverly Simmons.

*Induction of New members to the Colony- Starleyne Vondrell Welcomed New members with a Certificate from the Cincinnati Colony and the 1620 scroll

New members present who received their Cincinnati Colony Certificates: Bruce Chester, Nathan Chester, Nancy Storch, Randi Pettigrew, Mark Klingman, Chris Stevens

Featured Speaker: Dr. William Trollinger from the University of Dayton "American Origin Stories": Columbus and the Pilgrims. Followed by Q & A. A very interesting presentation.



Special thanks to Carly Vondrell for photos and AV assistance. Carly is the daughter in law of the Cincy Lt. Governor Starleyne Vondrell. Carly is not a Mayflower descendant. She is Native American (Oneida).

She graciously stepped in to assist last minute. Kind of like the Wampanoag bringing Deer to the Pilgrims...

Colony Health update: Our beloved Beth Anderson, Corresponding Secretary has relinquished her role for the remainder of 2022-2023. Beth has had multiple back

surgeries that have been a difficult challenge. Please keep her and all those who are struggling in your thoughts.

Nancy Little has taken on the interim role as corresponding secretary.

Possible dates for next year:

Spring meeting April 15, 2023

Compact Day Saturday November 4, 2023

Our next Compact Day will be the 2023 Election of Officers for the Colony. Please think about if and how you might want to serve. Contact me or any of the officers, if you have any questions.

Wish you all a very Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas!



Star Vondrell, Lt. Governor, Cincinnati Colony

News from the Cleveland Colony

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Meetings: The colony continues board of assistant's meetings via Zoom and one annual business meeting in 2022.

2022 Compact Day: The annual November 12, 2022 Compact Day buffet luncheon was held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. Our keynote speaker was Past Governor General Lea Filson now President of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust and her program was about the Pilgrims First Meetinghouse. She showed the progress of the restoration of the iconic building that now belongs to the society members and our colony gave her an honorarium towards her cause. After the traditional passenger roll call, we recognized new members from 2020 to 2022 that attended the event with the "I am Mayflower Descendant" Mug. As always, we recognized the Veterans and thank them for their service and we will never forget.

2022 Summer Event: No event for 2022.

2023 Spring Business Meeting: The annual Spring Business Spring Meeting will be held March 19, 2023 via zoom. The program and speaker will be announced at a later date with the invitations sent electronic mail and USPS mail if needed. Also, The Cleveland Colony Officer Nominations will be elected and installed for the next term 2023 to 2026. More details to come.

Vicky Heineck Lt. Governor Cleveland Colony, SMDOH

News from the Columbus Colony

Our colony met on November 5, 2022 for our Compact Day luncheon. This year we honored our veterans with a presentation by 2 daughters of WWII POW Army Nurse Sallie Durrett Farmer, who was 1 of 77 nurses held in the Philippines. We had 51 attendees, including members of other lineage societies. Jr. Member, Audrey Hallows, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge; Jr. Member, Mary Davis-Northrup, read the Mayflower Compact. A Nominating Committee for the 2023-2026 administration years was appointed and they are busy making contacts for the available offices. Voting will be held at the April 15, 2023 annual Spring meeting. Our presenter will be a Beekeeper. She will be dressed in period clothing and her presentation will be "Beekeeping in Colonial times." Our November colony newsletter will be posted on the Ohio website. You can visit Columbus Colony section to read it.

Hilda Pappas Columbus Colony Lt. Governor

News from the Toledo Colony

Our Compact Day speaker was David Rousculp. David is from New Haven, Indiana, and he represents The General Mad Anthony Wayne Organization in Fort Wayne. He is a funeral director, actor, playwright, and local television host; portrayed "General Mad Anthony Wayne." He is the official living Historian for the city of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Rousculp gave a talk about "his adventures" in fighting wars against the Native Americans and the Tories; and how he successfully won the battle of Fallen Timbers. Anthony Wayne had not had any formal military schooling, but he was an avid reader of Roman Warfare and gained his knowledge to fight through reading. He received the nickname of "Mad" due to his aggressive fighting style and tactical boldness, and others say he was nicknamed when a prisoner asked if he was mad at him. He died in 1796 while traveling back east from the scene of his recent military and diplomatic triumphs. He was buried near Erie, Pennsylvania, a long way from his home in the southeastern part of the state. Some years later, his family decided to bring his remains back to Radnor, Pennsylvania, for reburial, a decision that was to have some dramatic and unforeseen consequences. Upon opening the General's grave, the excavators did not discover the skeleton they expected. Although more than ten years had passed since his burial, Mad Anthony's corpse turned out to be in remarkably good shape. Faced with the problem of transporting a decaying but still largely intact corpse, the excavators decided to scrape and boil away the flesh and reduce the General to a bundle of

relatively clean bones. What was left over supposedly got poured back into his original grave (with the exception of a few souvenirs taken by bystanders). The bones were then transported back to a church in Radnor for reburial.

The story doesn't end there, though. There is a strong oral tradition in Pennsylvania that all of Mad Anthony's bones did not make it back home. As the story goes, the bones had not been properly packed, and many of them were lost on the long overland trek from Erie to Radnor. This circumstance gave rise to one of the best ghost stories about a Revolutionary War hero. Every year on January 1, the General's birthday, Mad Anthony Wayne goes out searching for his lost bones. His ghost rides along U.S. Route 322 in Pennsylvania, a road that follows the path along which the bones were scattered, and seeks to recover them. Understandably, the General is mad that he is buried in Erie, in Radnor, and at several locations in between. named after the General, as well as why Marion Robert Morrison took the professional name of John Wayne. The "Old Guard" who watches over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is General Anthony Wayne's Third Regiment!

New Members: We would like to welcome our two newest members of the Toledo Colony. Virginia Gray and Heather Pierce. Our new members joined the Toledo Colony on November 12, 2022, at Ohio Living Swan Creek. They are cousins to each other, and both descend from William Bradford. They have received their pin and a new member packet. We look forward to seeing them at our other functions in the Toledo Colony.



Andrea Traunero, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

On the 13th of November, The Western Reserve Colony celebrated Compact Day at Chateau Michelle in North Canton, Ohio. Our Colony had the pleasure of hosting the Honorable Bill Johnson, congressional representative from the Ohio 6th district. He spoke on the contributions that Ohioans have made throughout America's history and everyone enjoyed his inspiring words.

This Compact Day we celebrated the accomplishments and leadership of our departing board. We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to former Lt Governor Christina Wagner Schepis, Deputy Lt Governor Sarah Keeler, Treasurer Ann Gulbransen, Historian Terri Brown, Elder Pat Van Hoose and BOA Representative Jill Parker for an incredible job leading our colony. We also would like to extend a special thank you to Lee Martin for his help as Guard and Gary and Sheila Mosteller for hosting the sales and information table. Finally, words cannot convey our appreciation for the guidance, support, and wisdom from Jill Parker. We appreciate her selfless service to both our chapter and as Governor of the Ohio Society.

We were so excited to welcome two new members: Craig Badger (Howland) and Charles Thomasson (Fuller). We look forward to the continued growth of our colony.

Our colony then voted on our new board and by unanimous decision elected Lt Governor Cindy Badger-Nichols, Deputy Lt Governor Marilyn Sessions, Treasurer Ann Gulbransen, Historian Terri Brown, Elder Pat Van Hoose and BOA Representative Mandy Brooks. Sheila and Gary Mosteller and were appointed Information and Sales Coordinators. The new board is honored to serve and excited to continue the legacy of our past leaders and members.



Foremost, the Western Reserve Colony is honored to be hosting the upcoming 125th Annual Meeting and we hope everyone can attend this very special event. It will be held at The Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center on May 5-6th, 2023. The board and annual meeting committee have many special plans for the Ohio Society's quasiquicentennial Annual Meeting! The official "save the date" will be emailed after the first of the year with reservation information.

Cindy Badger-Nichols, Lt Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 11, 2023 - Scholarship application submission deadline

March 4, 2023 - Board of Assistants meeting, by Zoom

March 19, 2023 - Cleveland Colony business meeting - by Zoom

April 15, 2023 - Cincinnati Colony spring meeting

April 15, 2023 - Columbus Colony spring meeting

April 26-29, 2023 - Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH

May 5-6, 2023 - Annual meeting, Kent OH, hosted by the Western Reserve Colony

May 6, 2023 - Board of Assistants meeting

August 5, 2023- Board of Assistants meeting, by Zoom

December 2, 2023- Board of Assistants meeting, by Zoom

November, 2023 - Compact Day meetings in Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Western Reserve Colonies

November 4, 2023 - Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

Wishing you a Peaceful and Joyful Holiday!

The Board of Assistants of Ohio for SMDOH would love for you to share any comments or suggestions how you may better serve our organization. Right now we have a very committed and interesting group of Officers who serve in many different roles and perform a variety of projects and yearly functions. Our beloved Governor Jill Parker reminds us that our meetings are about fellowship and that as our ancestors did, we share the responsibilities of leadership within the colonies and work together for the whole community. The Society is a cause we all believe in.

In May 2023 at our next state annual meeting, the Board will have openings for new recruits who might be interested in sharing their skills for the good of the community. Volunteers are what boosts our organization. What we are about "helping others". Involving more member volunteers in the Society. If you feel that you can contribute a minimum amount of time to serve the Society in any way...

We will be electing a new slate of officers at the meeting and still need volunteers for the roles of Governor and Captain. Neither job is difficult. If you are interested, please contact Star Vondrell, Lt. Governor Cincinnati Colony, or your Colony Lt. Governor.

If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2023 membership year, you are running out of time. We must have your dues in hand by December 27th or you risk being dropped from membership. Go to www.ohiomayflower.org/dues. You can either download a paper dues notice to pay by check or use the online widget to pay using PayPal. We are diligently working to get the credit card system to work but are having technical difficulties.

Apologies to our members for sending the delinquent dues message to all out members. It was supposed to only go to those who had not yet paid.

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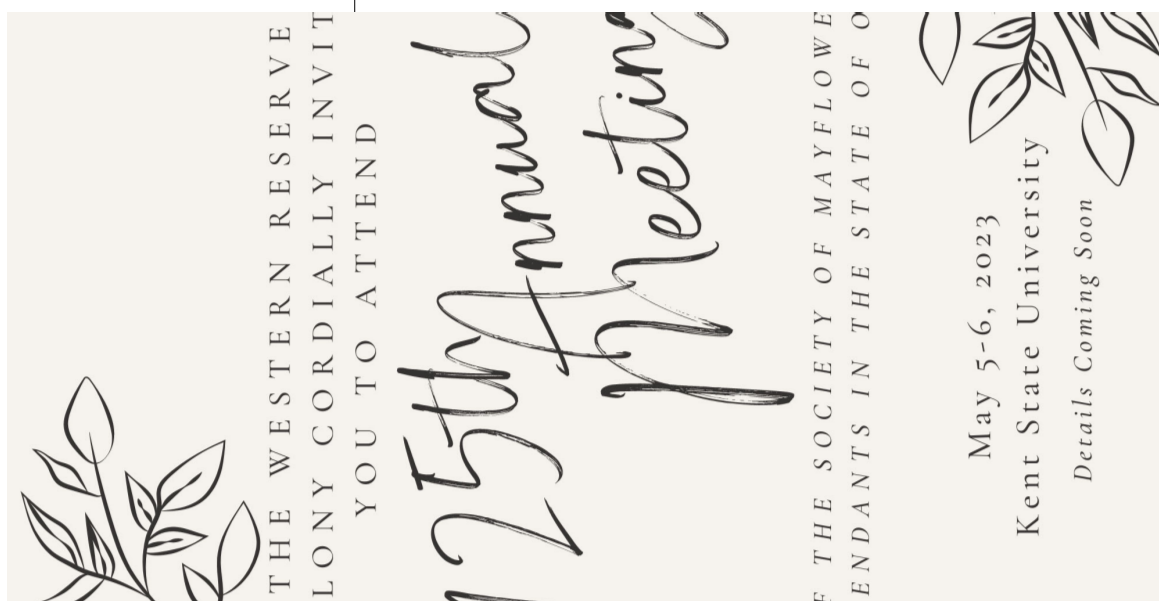
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