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## A Message from our Governor

I am so proud to be the 2023-2026 Governor for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio (SMDOH). It's a terrific opportunity to build on the work done by previous Governor's and BOA's. (Board of Assistants) This role is not something I would have imagined doing when I was first elected to the Society of Mayflower Descendants ten years ago. Having grown up in Salem Massachusetts the Mayflower history was well known but my siblings and I never knew we had a connection to the story. My Dad, the first-generation Irish- American took us to Plymouth in the 1950's to see the rock and the Pilgrim Monument, a trip I remember to this day, but discovering we had a possible Mayflower line from my Mother's side did not happen until 2001 and was verified in 2013 with William Brewster. Since then, we have approved supplementals for Thomas and Joseph Rogers, Mary Brewster, and Stephen, Constance, and Giles Hopkins.



As the BOA representative from the Cincinnati Colony in 2015, I volunteered and was encouraged by then Governor Sandra St. Martin and the BOA to lead the 2020 commemoration for Ohio. And, as we all know, due to Covid the world stopped. During the 5 years of the project, I really got to appreciate the skills of the people who led the SMDOH and the creativity of many of our members. In 2021 Governor Jill Parker was determined to have a celebration to recognize our Ancestors, and the BOA supported her challenge not knowing what the post Covid world would look like? Much like our Mayflower ancestors who landed in a new world we were navigating a new time. With the productive collaboration of Hilda Pappas, the Lt. Governor of Columbus Colony and Governor Jill Parker and myself we had a memorable event that recognized the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Thanksgiving.

When I became involved in the Cincinnati Colony leadership and the BOA, I was content to do the roles I was elected to and help to develop the skills of the younger and newer members. Last year I needed to step back from volunteer activities due to the need for major surgery and never thought I would feel good enough to be involved in a leadership role again. But due to the skills of surgeons and therapists and the support of my husband and children, and my Mayflower "cousins" I have my life back!

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## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### New Members December 2022 - May 2023

#### **Cincinnati**

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Gerald Bellas    | 12th from Richard Warren   |
| Kimberly Hall    | 10th from William Bradford |
| Janice James     | 12th from Stephen Hopkins  |
| Scott Macmann    | 12th from William Brewster |
| Laurence Winters | 12th from Edward Doty      |

#### **Cleveland**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Jennifer Brickner | 13th from John Billington |
| Henry Ruhl        | 13th from Richard Warren  |

#### **Columbus**

|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Mark Ashley  | 11th from Isaac Allerton |
| Alan Gill    | 14th from Francis Cooke  |
| Michael Gill | 14th from Francis Cooke  |

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Heather Horton | 13th from Francis Cooke    |
| Ann Keim       | 12th from Stephen Hopkins  |
| Kay McNeal     | 14th from William Brewster |
| Jonathan Pabis | 12th from Thomas Rogers    |

#### **Toledo**

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Stephen Pearse | 14th from Richard Warren |
| Cora Scharf    | 12th from George Soule   |

#### **Western Reserve**

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Carlota Castellanos | 12th from Francis Cooke |
| Janita Clark        | 11th from Samuel Fuller |
| Troy Zaro           | 13th from John Howland  |

### Supplementals Approved December 2022 - May 2023

#### **Cincinnati**

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Melinda Bice | 12th from Giles Hopkins    |
| Melinda Bice | 14th from William Brewster |

#### **Columbus**

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jean McKenzie  | 10th from Priscilla Mullins Alden |
| Jean McKenzie  | 11th from William Mullins         |
| Ramona Brinker | 11th from Elizabeth Tilley        |
| Kenneth Porter | 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley     |
| Kenneth Porter | 13th from John Tilley             |
| Kenneth Porter | 12th from Elizabeth Tilley        |
| Kenneth Porter | 12th from John Howland            |

#### **Toledo**

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Andrea Traunero | 12th from James Chilton |
|-----------------|-------------------------|

#### **Western Reserve**

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Patricia Van Norman | 11th from Peter Brown             |
| Patricia Van Norman | 12th from William Mullins         |
| Patricia Van Norman | 11th from John Alden              |
| William Wilcoxson   | 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden |
| William Wilcoxson   | 11th from John Alden              |
| William Wilcoxson   | 12th from William Mullins         |

# Congratulations

## New Junior Members December 2022 - May 2023

### Cincinnati

Callan Good                      Stephen Hopkins Sponsored by Great grandmother Beth Anderson  
 Samuel Viner                    Stephen Hopkins Sponsored by Great grandmother Beth Anderson

### Cleveland

Angela Chaffee                William Bradford Sponsored by Grandmother Linda Chaffee

### Columbus

Daivi Roberts                Myles Standish    Sponsored by Great grandmother Hilda Pappas  
 Clara Potter                George Soule       Sponsored by Father Larry Potter  
 Elaina Potter               George Soule       Sponsored by Father Larry Potter  
 Joseph Potter               George Soule       Sponsored by Father Larry Potter

### Toledo

Caleb Kowalski               William Bradford Sponsored by Grandmother Barbara Mitchell  
 Codi Kowalski               William Bradford Sponsored by Grandmother Barbara Mitchell

## In Loving Memory

### Cleveland

Cathryn Mecaskey, descendant of Edward Fuller, born 12/31/1931, died 6/24/2022, elected 3/22/1975  
 Thomas Brandt, descendant of William Brewster, born 5/2/1933, died 11/29/2022, elected 4/21/2018

### Columbus

Susanne Ress, descendant of William White; Francis Cooke, John Alden, William Mullins, Priscilla Mullins, born 4/25/1958, died 4/1/2023, elected 10/13/2001, dual member with Europe

Former member David Grinnell, descendant of Richard Warren, John Billington, Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris Allerton, John Howland, John Tilley, Joan (Hurst) Tilley, William White, Peter Brown, William Mullins, John Alden, Henry Samson, Susannah White Winslow, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley Howland, Remember Allerton; Peregrine White, Eleanor Billington, Francis Billington, Priscilla Mullins Alden, William Brewster, Mary Brewster, John Cooke, born 9/17/1943, died 4/18/2023, elected 2/22/2010, served as Treasurer 2011- 2016, Assistant Historian 2011-2013, dual member with California

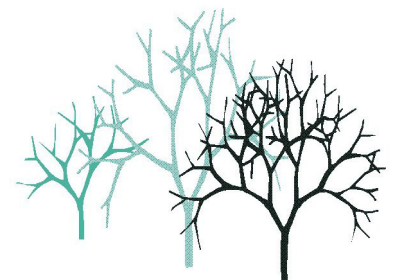
Kathleen Murphy, descendant of John Alden, born 6/19/1962, died 5/19/2023, elected 3/14/2017

### Toledo

Dessamae Curry, descendant of John Howland, born 8/22/1931, died 4/22/2023, elected 11/9/2007

### Western Reserve

Former member Barbara Sharp, descendant of William Brewster, born 5/1/1924, died 5/11/2023 elected 10/12/1996



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Over the years I have discovered that more can be accomplished with a group that is engaged, focused, and has ownership of the success of the organization. The process that has proved successful for many groups I have been involved with in the past is that of Strategic Planning. The basic concepts are:

- Assessing the present successes and struggles
- Clear articulation of core purpose and values
- Specific vision of how to change for the better in the future.
- Practical Plan for achieving change and overcoming potential obstacles.

One of the first things your new board will be doing is having strategic planning sessions to determine the goals for the next three years. As I write this piece some of my thoughts are how we can best: mentor our members to have them ready to take our place, increase the meaningfulness of being a Mayflower Descendant, increase focus on junior members, develop a speaker's group. But also, to continue the work begun on the Silver Books donations and working with potential members on their applications, improving the use of social media to engage our members in Ohio. These are just my thoughts; we need to know what you think. The strategic planning will include input from members of the five colonies. So be watching for emails in the next months on this process and get involved by giving your input.

This September is the Triennial General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) meeting in Plymouth. Ohio will be sending a delegation of about 10 people. We should be able to incorporate what they bring back into our plan based on what the new GSMD leadership discusses and their goals for the next three years.

Before closing I want to extend my thanks to the Western Reserve Colony planning committee for their outstanding hospitality and speaker selection for the 2023 SMDOH annual state meeting in Kent, OH. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Now on the future, by using the wisdom of our past and future leaders.

*Beth Anderson, Governor, Cincinnati Colony*

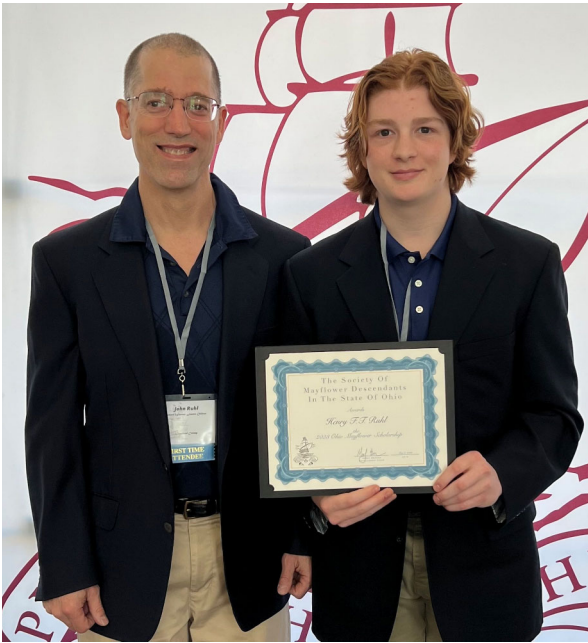
### Governor Bradford's Sons

Governor Bradford and his second wife, Alice Carpenter Southworth, were the parents of two sons, William and Joseph. All of Bradford's descendants stem from these two men. I am a descendant of both.

William achieved the rank of major in the Plymouth Colony militia. He commanded the Plymouth Regiment at the Great Swamp Fight during King Philip's War in 1676. He suffered a wound to his eye and was hit by a musket ball which he carried in his flesh for the remainder of his life. William was married three times and sired fifteen children with his wives.

It is believed that Joseph lived in Plymouth Colony for his entire life. He married Jael Hobart of Hingham in 1664. The couple were the parents of three sons. Joseph died in his 85<sup>th</sup> year in 1715.

*Cheryl Bash, Elder, Columbus Colony*



Henry F.T. Ruhl of Solon, Ohio was presented with Ohio Mayflower Scholarship at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Kent, Ohio. He will be attending Case Western Reserve University in the fall. Accompanying Henry to the presentation was his father John Ruhl.

## THANK YOU!

At the Annual Meeting, we elected Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony, as the next Governor. Now, as a Past Governor, I will continue to provide support and encouragement to the entire Board. I thank the entire membership for supporting me as Governor as well as for the wonderful gift of the General Society's **Past State Governor Medal** which I will wear with pride. Special Thanks to Western Reserve Colony (Lt. Governor Cindy Nichols and Deputy Lt. Governor Marilyn Sessions) for hosting a wonderful 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Kent. The speaker was an inspiration and I hope this is not the last time we hear from him. Finally, thank you, the members, for all the service, support and participation at both the



Colony and State levels. I look forward to seeing you next year at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting hosted by Cleveland Colony.

*Jill Parker past Governor, Western Reserve Colony*



## 2023 Annual Meeting

The one hundred and twenty-fifth Mayflower Annual Meeting took place in Kent, Ohio on 6 May 2023 at Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center. The Friday evening event went well and enjoyed by all, for the social gathering and interactive fellowship, to reconnect with the past, flowing into the present, to remember losses to appreciate life in its complexities, as a small community of surviving descendants. My Pilgrim heritage is on both maternal grandparents, in the context of my maternal grandfather descended from John Howland, Elizabeth Tilley, along with her parents John and his wife Joan (Hurst) Tilley. My Pilgrim heritage on my maternal grandmother's side came from Thomas Rogers and his son Joseph Rogers, which, ironically enough, became a challenge for me to prove because I had to go eight generations, on a straight maternal line, i.e., my eighth great grandmother's paternal grandmother, was the granddaughter of Thomas Rogers.

You may be asking yourselves, what does my maternal grandmother's matrilineal history matter. Back in the mid-1970s, or thereabouts, my maternal grandmother told me she taught school in a one-room schoolhouse in the 1920s prior to State certification for teachers. I remembered, as a child, I watched my grandmother cracking the books to keep current on her certification. She told me she attended Kent State University to get her master's in education and had to be "grandfathered" into the new State law that teachers had to be certified. At that time in her teaching career (she taught for at least fifty years up to that point in time). This is the first time that I have been on campus where my maternal grandmother attended; barring watching the riots under the Rhoads administration on TV.

The next day, the sixth, Ohio Mayflower Governor called the meeting to order, and we conducted Mayflower business to include counting the ballots for changing bylaws and election of Mayflower State officers. The bylaws passed and election of current slate of officers installed with the change of authority passed from Jill Parker to Beth Anderson. After concluded business, we had a wonderful lunch and talked among ourselves as we ate. The guest lecturer, Dr. Scott Culpepper, gave a presentation on the meaning of the Pilgrims 400



years ago linking the documents, religion, politics and brought the stories of resilience and courage to contemporary times. His talk made me well up and because of the resonance as a former soldier; indeed, at one point, I thought of speaking aloud, but decided against it because I did not to bore anybody, plus I wanted to save time and savor the moment. However, I went up privately, and told Dr. Culpepper my own experience of the war, to briefly include the horrors of war to drive home the point.

As I told him my experience, my mind flooded with the music of Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings with the textual setting of the Requiem Mass for the Dead – Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata Mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World, grant them eternal rest.

*Lee Martin Former Deputy Historian, Deputy Governor*



### Newly Elected Board of Assistants

Cheryl Bash, Elder, Mary Chase, Treasurer, Terri Brown Deputy Historian, Beth Anderson, Governor, Betsie Gricar, Deputy Governor, Ann Gulbransen, Historian, Nancy Little, Recording Secretary.

Not pictured Troy Bailey, Captain, Margo Broehl, Counselor, Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, Surgeon, Wanda Langdon, Corresponding Secretary

Many thanks to the members who have retired from positions on the Board of Assistants: Jill Parker, Governor, Lee Martin, Deputy Governor and Deputy Historian, Tom Bradford, Captain, Patricia Hall, Recording Secretary, Vicky Heineck, Corresponding Secretary



New Governor Beth Anderson receiving the medal of office

Installation of the new Board of Assistants

## John Alden, Cooper

John Alden is a familiar figure among the original Pilgrims, and it's a well-known fact that he was a cooper. A common Mayflower trivia question is "what is a cooper?" And of course the familiar answer is "he made barrels." But what exactly were the duties and responsibilities of a cooper? Barrels and casks—we often think of water barrels or casks of wine or beer as interchangeable these days. But there is actually a distinction between "barrels" and "casks." The typical barrel had straight sides and, depending on size, could serve as a pail or bucket, churn, or tub. ("Kegs" are a variant of barrels; even today, aluminum beer kegs often have straight sides.) Large, straight-sided barrels were called hogsheads and were used for bulk storage, like tobacco. The typical cask (probably what most of us visualize when thinking of a barrel) was not straight-sided; it had the familiar bulge around the center. Casks stored not just liquids but flour, oil, nails, salted fish—an endless array of goods. And a master cooper was responsible for knowing how to construct the various forms of barrels and casks as the situation required. This was a very important job since everyone's food and drink were stored within these barrels and casks.

The type of wood selected by a cooper was not necessarily haphazard, based only on whatever trees were abundant in the area at the time; imbibers of fine wines and whiskies know well that the kind of wood chosen for the barrel or cask has a marked effect on the contents. The wood is split or sawn into narrow strips or planks, called staves, which are set aside to dry. Barrel staves are straight; cask staves are wider in the center and tapered where the narrower ends are gathered at the top and bottom of the finished shape. The staves are then secured firmly in place by wooden or metal hoops.

Alden, about 21 at the time of the Mayflower's voyage, was hired in Southampton as a ship's cooper by Mayflower master Christopher Jones (Jones was termed a "ship's master" as apparently only military ships had "captains"). Although he was a member of the Mayflower's crew, Alden decided to remain in Plymouth Colony when the Mayflower sailed back to England. (William Bradford, in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, wrote of Alden that he was "left to his owne liking to go or stay when he came here, but he stayed, and maryed here.") He signed the Mayflower Compact in November 1620, and at his death in 1687, he was the last of the original signers. While he was prominent in Colony public affairs for many years, his skill as a cooper may have continued to be of use to the settlers. Among the trades of other Pilgrims (weaver, tailor, wool carder, sawyer, shoemaker, etc.), he is the only individual known to have been a cooper.

*Edmund Trafford. Toledo Colony*



Picture found on: <https://revolutionarywarjournal.com/>

## Surgeon's Corner

We have all been adapting and adjusting to the requirements of Covid . This has been a stress on us all.

An area that has been sorely neglected with our focus on distance and infectious safety has been Social Connection. Social Connection is crucial for humans- we are social beings

Strong ties with family, friends and community provides us with Happiness, Security and Sense of Purpose.

People who engage in meaningful and productive activities with others tend to: live longer, improve their mood and have a sense of purpose.

This is especially important now that so many of our connections are at a distance, and we have all been more isolated over the last few years.

Optimally we find ways to feel "I am part of something bigger than myself" and "I can do something good for others"

Our involvement here with the Society of Mayflower Descendants offers us all an excellent opportunity for valuable social connection.

As a lineage society we all have an automatic sense of belonging and shared interest. The next best step is to get involved. No need for overwhelming involvement, just get involved with something small, attending meetings is a good start but then offer to help out in a small way, or dive right in and become a leader - our colonies offer many options. Without a doubt whatever you choose will not only benefit our whole group but you and your well-being as well.

As your Ohio State Surgeon for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio I am happy to have any member contact me for any kind of support, guidance, information or recommendation that you think I might be able to help you with. The best contact is my email eafb95@gmail .com, though you may also reach me by phone 33-503-4661. I look forward to being helpful in any way I can.

*Elizabeth A. Finley-Belgrad, MD. Surgeon. Cleveland Colony*

## Historian's Corner

Application turnaround at the General Society continues to be a wonderful new low of 1-2 months. My file drawer of pending applications is getting quite empty.

The exciting news out of GSMD is that we are now cleared for the transition to electronic submission. This means that instead of sending reams of paper document copies with applications, I can now upload digital copies to a shared DropBox folder. Any application that I am able to submit electronically will have a reduced fee as our postage and printing costs will be reduced.

We will be in mixed mode for a while as I have so many applications in progress with paper documents. For those of you with supplementals in process or family members who want to join, make sure you check with me before you send any documents or fees so I can tailor your fee to how I will have to send your application.

If you are thinking about supplementals or applications for family, now is the time to get started. The GSMD staff have analyzed the cost of application verification (mostly salaries) and have determined that they are losing money on every application which we are all subsidizing with our annual dues. As a result, GSMD is proposing a verification fee increase that will most likely take effect in January so start now to beat that increase. The fee increase proposal will be voted on at Congress in September.

*Ann Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony*

## DNA Corner

## When ThruLines is Right – well, sort of...

Have you ever heard of double cousins? It is where a particular person is related to you on both your mom and dad's sides of the family. I have several double first cousins, and a few other double cousins. This situation is where all the "DNA interpretive" tools just do not accurately describe the relationship and why it is so vital to still do the "old fashioned" paper trail with documentation.

**You and JG**  
Shared DNA: 364 cM across 18 segments  
Unweighted shared DNA: 364 cM  
Longest segment: 44 cM

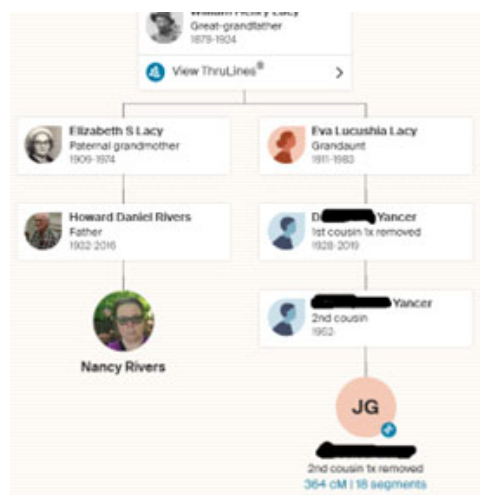
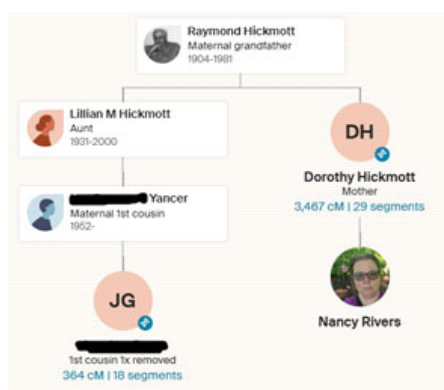
**How do we estimate DNA relationships?**

**Possible DNA relationships**  
This table shows the percentage of the time people sharing 364 cM have the following relationship

| Percent | Relationship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 96%     | 1st cousin 1x removed<br>Half 1st cousin<br>2nd great-grandparent<br>2nd great-grandchild<br>Great-grandson/grandniece<br>Great-grandniece/grandnephew<br>Half grandaunt/granduncle<br>Half grandniece/grandnephew<br><a href="#">See less</a> |
| 3%      | 2nd cousin<br>1st cousin 2x removed<br>Half 1st cousin 1x removed<br><a href="#">See less</a>                                                                                                                                                  |

I have a cousin, JG, who has taken an Ancestry DNA test. We match at 364 cM according to Ancestry. According to their relationship chart, JG and I should be in the first cousin to 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin range.

Now I take a look at ThruLines to see the actual relationship(s):



Yes, JG, and Mr Yancer both are related to me twice – once through Mom's side of the family and once through Dad's side of the family thanks to my paternal great-aunt's son marrying my maternal aunt.

The DNA says we are related, ThruLines attempts to show the possible relationship based upon the amount of DNA and the various trees that are on it's site. However, under no circumstances does the actual relationships include double cousins as a possibility until you start to examine the relationships and document them.

If I had not known that JG (and Mr Yancer) were double cousins, and just saw the one relationship (which Ancestry typically shows the closest relationship), I could have easily assumed that we are simply first cousins 1x removed. But that isn't the whole story.

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## COLONY CHRONICLES

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Since the last State SMDOH meeting, the Cincinnati Colony met on November 5, 2022, Compact Day at the Manor House, Mason, Ohio.

This year included Silver book donations to the Dayton, Ohio Library.

Lt. Governor Star Vondrell sent an email to incumbent officers concerning the elections for Cincinnati Colony Officers at Compact Day November 4, 2023, inquiring of status of re-election or not. All officer positions are open for nominations currently.

During my 3 years as Lt. Governor, the Colony has been very fortunate to have many talented and committed members. Three Colony members are on the SMDOH Board of Assistants election ballot for May 2023. Beth Anderson , Governor; Nancy Little; Recording Secretary; Wanda Langdon, Corresponding Secretary.

March 2023 member report includes 189 active members. We have had a good year of new memberships but some did not renew and were dropped. Working on that. Colony is in good order.

Our next Colony meeting is June 24, 2023, at DeSha's American Tavern in Montgomery, Ohio in the Nicholson Room. Our agenda will focus on the upcoming election process, as well as the purpose of the Society and member involvement. According to our Governor Jill Parker, from her message to the Colonies...the Objectives of the Society per our Constitution.

Our Xavier University Scholarship Program was put on hold this past school year after 5 years. Discussion at next meeting about how to proceed with the Program.

The Colony Compact Day is November 4, 2023, at The Cincinnati Women's Club, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio

*Starleyne Vondrell, Lt. Governor, Cincinnati Colony*

### **Cleveland Colony**

**Meetings:** In 2023, the colony continues to hold four board of assistant's meetings via zoom and one annual in-person or zoom Spring business meeting.

**2023 Spring Business Meeting:** The annual Spring Business Meeting was held Sunday March 19, 2023 1:30pm via zoom. The program was *"Home Sweet Home: Settling the Western Reserve"* and the speaker was Tonya Busic from the Lake County Historical Society. Topic overview: Before a beautiful landscape took shape in the Western Reserve, men with grit, guts and guile had to survey the rough and dangerous land. Hear the stories of the original surveyors and the hindrances they encountered, their unique negotiating tactics with Native Americans, and the names they went by that sound familiar even today.

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Additionally, the Cleveland Colony Officer's slate of Nominations was elected and installed by Mary Chase for the next term 2023 to 2026. Installed as follows:

Lt. Governor Vicky Heineck, Deputy Lt. Governor VACANT, Elder Dr. Don Nichols, Treasurer Larry Hoyt, Secretary Kathy Leisure, Captain Jerry Bruce, Historian Carolyn Cheverine, Assistant Historian Bob Coltrin, BOA Representative Troy Bailey, Junior Member Chairperson Kathy Leisure, Board of Assistants: Jonathan Miller, Kim Bland, Cindy Kettler, Rose McIntyre.

**2023 Summer Event:** No event.

**2023 Compact Day:** The annual Compact Day buffet luncheon event is scheduled to be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 18, 2023. Our keynote speaker will be TBD. The new members from November 2022 to 2023 will be recognized. We plan to setup the table for the for state and colony merchandise again since the sales collectively were \$225.00 last year. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans and thank them for their service and we will never forget. As always, Door prizes! More details to come!

*Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## **Columbus Colony**

Columbus Colony elected our 2023-2026 officers at our April 1, 2023 annual meeting. Elder Cheryl Bash, was the Installing Officer, using the Pilgrims At Prayer Installation Service.

Lt. Governor, Charles Mays; Deputy Lt. Governor, Steven Kelley; Recording Secretary, Kristen Hallows; Corresponding Secretary, Hilda Pappas; Treasurer, Win Worcester; Elder, Rev. Carol Tong; Historian, Dr. Doris Rhea; Captain, Kenneth Smith; State BOA Representative, Jan Kline; Director, Sharon Hendershot (past Lt. Governor 2017-2020); Director, Hilda Pappas (immediate past Lt. Governor 2020-2023). We welcomed 3 members on the ballot who have not previously held an office in our colony: Rev. Carol Tong, Dr. Doris Rhea, and Kenneth Smith. Deputy Lt. Governor, Steven Kelley was absent and will be installed at our November 2023 Compact Day luncheon.

Our annual Necrology Service was held remembering Allison Kahl, Mary Carr, Dr. Janet Ebert, and Barbara Murphy. We included Queen Elizabeth (BD April 21, 1926, Coronation date June 2, 1953, DD August 8, 2022) because of our Pilgrim heritage dating back to England and the British Empire.

Silver Books were delivered to Bexley Public Library by Hilda Pappas, and Sharon Hendershot, Past Colony Lt. Governor 2020-2023 on January 9, 2023. Silver Books were delivered to Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main by Hilda Pappas and Sandy St. Martin (Past Columbus Colony Lt. Governor and Past state Society Governor) on May 1, 2023.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as our Columbus Colony Lt. Governor from April 2020 thru April 2023. Being an officer is a rewarding commitment to help lead our colony and our state society into the future. It is my hope that each member supports our newly elected officers for the 2023-2026 administration period.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
Nothing is going to get better. It's not."  
Dr. Seuss, The Lorax*

*Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony Past Lt. Governor 2020-2023*

## Toledo Colony

The Toledo Colony held their Spring meeting on April 15, 2023 at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo. Twelve members, four preliminaries and eleven guests attended the meeting. New members who received pins, Mayflower bags and information packets were Stephen Pearse, Cora Scharf, Hailey Lynch and Ricky Mohn. The death of Don Niederhauser, Paula Niederhauser's husband, was recognized with a memorial service.

After a buffet lunch and business meeting, Ed Trafford presented the power point titled 'The Pilgrims in Art and History' he had prepared for the State Assembly in Toledo in 2022.

The Summer meeting is planned for a visitation to the Wood County Museum south of Bowling Green in mid July. Complete information will be in the Summer edition of the Toledo Colony Chronicle.

## Western Reserve Colony

*Judy Rand, Deputy Lt. Governor*

The Western Reserve Colony would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the 125th Annual meeting held at the Kent State University and Conference center. I personally had a wonderful time meeting everyone and getting to know you.

I also would like to extend a thank you to everyone who helped in making the Annual Meeting a success. Jill Parker, Marilyn Sessions, Terri Brown, Ann Gulbransen, Sharen Jarzen, Gary and Sheila Mosteller, Mandy Brooks, Nancy Pound, and Sarita Cunningham.

Our keynote speaker Dr. Scot Culpepper was glowing in his compliments about everyone and his time at the Annual Meeting. For those who wish to follow his research and future publications you can do so by the following social media accounts. Facebook: Scott Culpepper (regular page) K. Scott Culpepper (Author page) Twitter: @KScottCulpepper

Outside of the Annual Meeting our society would like to say thank you to Pat Van Hoose for her many years of service as The Western Reserve Colony's Elder. She has decided to step down and Sharen Jarzen has graciously agreed to serve as our new Elder.

Our upcoming meetings are September 3rd MAPS Air Museum featuring Dr. Van Ness

Dr Van Ness is the author of the book General in Command The Life of John B Anderson. John Anderson was a Major General who served directly under Eisenhower and commanded the largest combat corps in Europe.

Major General Anderson's personal effect and military memorabilia are on display at maps. Admission to MAPS Air Museum is included with the luncheon cost. Dr Van Ness will have his book available for sale and signing. This program will be a great program to bring children and family members.

November 11th Compact Day Meeting Chateau Michelle. Once again thank you and I hope you can attend one of our upcoming meetings!

*Cindy Badger-Nichols, Lt. Governor*

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honor of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, Anno Domini; 1620.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 15, 2023 - Toledo Colony summer meeting, Wood County Museum

September 3, 2023 - Western Reserve meeting MAPS air museum

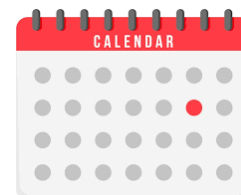
November 4, 2023 - Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

November 4, 2003 - Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village

November 11, 2023 - Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

November 18, 2023 - Cleveland Colony Compact Day

Columbus Colony Compact Day



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When you find a relationship to a DNA cousin in ThruLines, you must investigate if that is the **ONLY** way you are related. Yes, this is an example that has close relationships, but it still illustrates the point. It is true that normally, if you have multiple relationships with a DNA match, they will appear to be a “closer cousin” than they may be because of the amount of shared DNA. However, after a certain point, cousins may not appear to share ANY DNA even though they are documented blood cousins. A good illustration of this is The Shared cM Project at DNAPainter.com. What you see in each box are 3 lines. The first is the relationship – parent, cousin, etc. The second line is the AVERAGE amount of DNA that you would share with that person. The third line shows the RANGE of DNA you would share with that person. Notice how quickly that amount of DNA in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line drops to zero? It could be as close as a second cousin 2x removed or a third cousin.

| amount                                   |  |                                             |  |                                        |  |                                               |  |                                                |  | Great-Great-Grandparent               |  | GGGG Aunt / Uncle        |  |                         |  |                       |  |                       |  |                      |  |                      |  |
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|                                          |  |                                             |  |                                        |  |                                               |  |                                                |  | Great-Great-Grandparent               |  | GGG Aunt / Uncle         |  |                         |  |                       |  |                       |  |                      |  |                      |  |
| Half GG-Aunt / Uncle<br>208<br>103 – 284 |  | Great-Grandparent<br>887<br>485 – 1486      |  |                                        |  |                                               |  | Great-Great-Aunt / Uncle<br>420<br>188 – 713   |  | 1C3R<br>117<br>25 – 238               |  | 2C3R<br>51<br>0 – 154    |  | Other Relationship      |  |                       |  |                       |  |                      |  |                      |  |
| Half 1C2R<br>125<br>16 – 269             |  | Half Great-Aunt / Uncle<br>431<br>184 – 668 |  | Grandparent<br>1754<br>984 – 2462      |  |                                               |  | Great-Aunt / Uncle<br>850<br>330 – 1467        |  | 1C2R<br>221<br>33 – 471               |  | 2C2R<br>71<br>0 – 244    |  | 3C2R<br>36<br>0 – 166   |  | 6C<br>18<br>0 – 71    |  |                       |  |                      |  |                      |  |
| Half 2C1R<br>66<br>0 – 190               |  | Half 1C1R<br>224<br>62 – 469                |  | Half Aunt / Uncle<br>871<br>492 – 1315 |  | Parent<br>3485<br>2376 – 3720                 |  | Aunt / Uncle<br>1741<br>1201 – 2282            |  | 1C1R<br>433<br>102 – 980              |  | 2C1R<br>122<br>14 – 353  |  | 3C1R<br>48<br>0 – 192   |  | 4C1R<br>28<br>0 – 126 |  | 6C1R<br>15<br>0 – 56  |  |                      |  |                      |  |
| Half 3C<br>48<br>0 – 168                 |  | Half 2C<br>120<br>10 – 325                  |  | Half 1C<br>440<br>156 – 979            |  | Half Sibling<br>1759<br>1160 – 2436           |  | Sibling<br>2613<br>1613 – 3488                 |  | SELF                                  |  | 1C<br>866<br>396 – 1397  |  | 2C<br>229<br>41 – 592   |  | 3C<br>73<br>0 – 234   |  | 4C<br>35<br>0 – 139   |  | 5C<br>25<br>0 – 117  |  | 6C2R<br>13<br>0 – 45 |  |
| Half 3C1R<br>37<br>0 – 139               |  | Half 2C1R<br>66<br>0 – 190                  |  | Half 1C1R<br>224<br>62 – 469           |  | Half Niece / Nephew<br>431<br>492 – 1315      |  | Niece / Nephew<br>1740<br>1201 – 2282          |  | Child<br>3487<br>2376 – 3720          |  | 1C1R<br>433<br>102 – 980 |  | 2C1R<br>122<br>14 – 353 |  | 3C1R<br>48<br>0 – 192 |  | 4C1R<br>28<br>0 – 126 |  | 5C1R<br>21<br>0 – 80 |  | 7C<br>14<br>0 – 57   |  |
| Half 3C2R<br>27<br>0 – 78                |  | Half 2C2R<br>48<br>0 – 144                  |  | Half 1C2R<br>125<br>16 – 269           |  | Half Great-Niece / Nephew<br>431<br>184 – 668 |  | Great-Niece / Nephew<br>850<br>330 – 1467      |  | Grandchild<br>1754<br>984 – 2462      |  | 1C2R<br>221<br>33 – 471  |  | 2C2R<br>71<br>0 – 244   |  | 3C2R<br>36<br>0 – 166 |  | 4C2R<br>22<br>0 – 93  |  | 5C2R<br>18<br>0 – 65 |  | 7C1R<br>12<br>0 – 50 |  |
| Half 3C3R                                |  | Half 2C3R                                   |  | Half 1C3R<br>60<br>0 – 120             |  | Half GG-Niece / Nephew<br>208<br>103 – 284    |  | Great-Great-Niece / Nephew<br>420<br>188 – 713 |  | Great-Grandchild<br>887<br>485 – 1486 |  | 1C3R<br>117<br>25 – 238  |  | 2C3R<br>51<br>0 – 154   |  | 3C3R<br>27<br>0 – 98  |  | 4C3R<br>19<br>0 – 60  |  | 5C3R<br>13<br>0 – 30 |  | 8C<br>11<br>0 – 42   |  |

It is because of this, that you can't trust that ThruLines (or any tool for that matter) is telling you everything about your relationship with a DNA match. There is NO substitute for doing the actual documentation to figure out the relationship – and if it is the **ONLY** relationship. Yes, DNA is a TOOL, not an answer unto itself. It needs to be put into context and the only way to accomplish that is to do the old fashioned hard work of documentation.

*Nancy Little, Cincinnati Colony, Recording Secretary*

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## **126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting hosted by the Cleveland Colony**

Program: "The Whiskey Rebellion" A Distilled History of an  
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