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A Message from our Governor

Hello to my Mayflower Cousins and I hope you, like me, are looking forward to the fall season. As much as I like summer, the Fall harvest, colors, and weather are my favorite. This season recalls the relationships between the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims towards the end of 1621 and the harvest celebration. Two totally different cultures coming together to celebrate the harvest and survival of those who lived through the first year of challenges. Over half of the original passengers on the Mayflower had succumbed to disease over the first few months, one of which was one of my ancestors, Thomas Rogers. If it had not been for the support of the Wampanoags, likely more of our ancestors would have died. Like the pilgrims, we are also in a time of multiple challenges, personally, economically, politically, environmentally that have left us floundering about how can we make it through the coming years as a country and a society that annually commemorates the eventual success of our pilgrim fathers and mothers. The lesson I took from this is they had a plan to survive by working with the natives and what they had to teach them about survival in the wilderness.

Like the pilgrims, the SMDOH is working on a plan! In several of the Ohio colonies the challenge is to get members to attend Mayflower gatherings and take the opportunity to meet their "cousins". Also, to take the opportunity to share their time and talents to support their colony. Using the concepts of the "Purpose of our Society" from the SMDOH state constitution and combining them with the ten areas of focus in the working Strategic Plan, which were initially developed without consulting the purpose statement, they are amazingly in sync. See pages 9 & 10 for details.

The next step for the strategic planning process is for colony input. That will come in January after the holidays with more information in the next newsletter.

In closing I want to congratulate our Treasurer, Mary Chase, on receiving recognition from GSMD for her work with Past-Governor Jill Parker on beginning the process of change in how SMDOH does their work.

I welcome all our new members to the Mayflower Society and SMDOH. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends and pray for our cousins who are having challenges of any kind.

Beth Anderson, Governor SMDOH



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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones, March-August 2023

Cincinnati Colony

Lisa Lipps – 55 years
Richard Stephens – 25 years
Ann Stephens – 25 years
Jason Zibb – 25 years

Cleveland Colony

Lynne Scott – 60 years
Mary Burns-Hoff – 40 years
Bruce Burns – 40 years
William Goff – 30 years
Edward Moore – 25 years
Deborah Tahsin – 25 years
Anne West – 20 years

Columbus Colony

Virginia O'Connor – 55 Years
Kent Krause – 55 Years



Brian Elston – 45 years
Sandra Philbeck – 45 years
Heather Phalen – 40 years
Steven Vrooman – 35 years
David Gallit – 30 years
Cynthia Heckman – 20 years

Toledo Colony

Kenton Quint – 25 years

Western Reserve Colony

Jerry Ackerman – 45 years
Melody Younkin – 45 years
Lynda Olsen – 20 years

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

This was my fourth visit to Plymouth as a delegate to Congress. I had intended to go in 2020 but instead participated in the all-day Zoom call. One of the highlights for me was the Historian's meeting on Sunday morning. We first honored outgoing Historian General Midge Hurtuk in her last meeting as Historian General and thanked her for her service. She has supervised 24,800 applications during her tenure!

Barbara Milligan, the new Research Center Director and Executive Director Mark Schimdt shared the Research Center Business Plan. The Research Center will be adding paid research services to their offerings in the coming months. A three-year plan has research services being rolled out very slowly, with limited staff, so as not to compromise any current services to Member Societies. Services will include a 30-minute Consultation Call and 2 or 4 hour "Work with a Genealogist" sessions. The focus will specifically be conducting Mayflower-related research and addressing application-related issues.

Everyone present was excited about our transition to digital submission of applications. Incoming Historian General Allie Golon of Colorado said that initially many historians were resistant but were instantly converted to the new process as soon as they tried it. So far Ohio has submitted 30 initial and supplemental applications using the new digital submission techniques and we will definitely not be going back to paper copies. For some applications, the new process can be time consuming, but for others, it is much faster and easier. I can do the whole process from home - no more trips to the post office! As a result of eliminating the need for all that paper and postage, we have been able to reduce application fees.

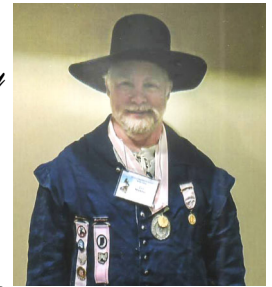
However, as you will read in the Treasurer's Corner, Congress did approve an increase in the verification fee, effective 1 January 2024. Until we work through all our costs, we do not know yet what our new fee structure will be. We will publicize it in the December newsletter. In the meantime, if you are toying with the idea of doing supplemental applications, now is the time to get busy. I will have to submit your supplementals by 31 December for you to take advantage of the current fees. You can start a supplemental with just an email to me or to Deputy Historian Terri Brown. Our addresses are historian@ohiomayflower.org or deputyhistorian@ohiomayflower.org.

Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Cecil Family and the Pilgrims

Lee Martin, Western Reserve Colony



The Cecil family and the Pilgrims had a contentious relationship within a religiopolitical context.¹ On the one hand, the Pilgrims wanted to worship liturgically the way most meaningful to them, while on the other hand, Cecil wanted to worship liturgically the way the monarch thought best because the Cecil family served the Crown and its interests. For a further subplot, a related member of the Cecil family, Robert Browne, for whom William Bradford had hardened feelings and a stinging rebuke towards, started Anglican Separatism, with Edward Winslow's commentary to distinguish themselves from Brownists (Robert Browne reconciled himself to the Anglican Church). <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/208249><https://archive.org/details/hypocrisieunmask0000edwa/mode/2up2>

Since Robert Browne was a relative of the Cecil family, I went to and stayed in London, England while on a two-week holiday ("vacation" in American). I saw and toured the Tower of London, built by William I in the late 11th century along River Thames. I took some pictures of the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, the original Roman Wall that incorporates London,, along with All-Hallows-by-the-Tower Church, built in AD 675 – the oldest church in London; and, during my stay, I went to the Summer Reception on July 12 at the College of Arms in London. I socialized with some members of the Heraldry Society, plus talked with the York Herald, who was in the British Army. We discussed the current Cost of Living Crisis gripping both countries while swapping stories of our military experience.



After the Reception, I attended a tour, on July 22nd, with the Heraldry Society group, of Hatfield House lived in and still owned by the Cecil Family, along with a tour of St Etheldreda's Church in Hatfield, England, which is about an hour's train ride from London. St Etheldreda Church is a 13th century church that has members of the Cecil family buried there, to include the burial spot of Robert Cecil as shown by and discussed by the Church warden. On some of the walls are the coats-of-arms of the families that worshipped there.



I had a wonderful time in England and was the first time I had been back in well over a decade. I enjoyed my chats with the members of the Heraldry Society as well of the tours and soaking in the rich history that has tangential ties to the Pilgrims; despite I wasn't able to see the villages where other family members came from because of the rail strikes that lasted the entire time I stayed in England.

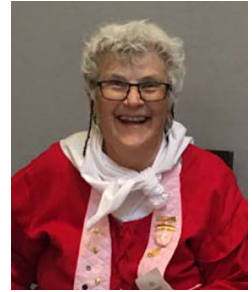
¹ Nick Bunker, *Making Haste from Babylon: The Mayflower Pilgrims and their World, a new History* (New York, New York: Vintage Books, 2010), 198

² William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation* (Plymouth, Massachusetts: William Bradford, 1650), p. 36; State Library of Massachusetts, Adobe PDF eBook (: downloaded 22 June 2020); William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation: The 400th Anniversary Edition* (1650; reprint, Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2020), p. 158 with note 3; Edward Winslow, *Hypocrisie Unmasked* (London, England, 1646; reprint, New York City, New York: Burt Franklin, 1916); Internet Archive, Open Library (: accessed 10 August 2023), p. 98; Bunker, 67, 198

Great Time to enjoy Ohio Mayflower Gatherings

by Jill Parker, WR Colony

What a wonderful organization we have! We are made up of 5 Colonies (Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, and Western Reserve). Each Colony has several gatherings / events during the course of a year and no matter which Colony you “belong to” you are welcome to make reservations to attend events at the other Colonies because we are all members of the Ohio Society. Check out the Buckeye Mayflower newsletter or Ohio Mayflower website for information about gatherings you might be interested in attending!



There are always new members! We are a dynamic group in that we are always adding new members...and not just members, but “cousins”, really, these are our cousins that are becoming members. The fact that we share ancestors is indeed exciting.

Regular change in leaders + changes in “how” we gather! We are fortunate in that our organization encourages and welcomes regular changes in leadership and assisting roles – again, at both the Colony and State levels. And we are seeing some changes in “how” we gather – new events, renewed interest in historic locations. New leadership is welcome and exciting. And we particularly welcome those willing to serve in a Deputy or assistant role so that we have “backup” and we expand the number of members who are familiar with the behind the scenes activities needed to keep the organization functioning. At both the Colony and State levels there are plenty of opportunities to help our organization. Whether you know you are a good fit for an elected position or that you have ideas and skills that would help in a volunteer/ appointed position, there is a place for you. We appreciate your desire and willingness to help out. So talk with someone at the Colony or State level if you would like to help. I know right now we are looking at new ways to serve, include, and engage our Junior Members. Have ideas on how to do this? Share them at the Colony level as well as with Ohio Society Junior Membership Coordinator Hilda Pappas.

Thank you! A thank you to all who have served or are playing a role in the colonies or the state Society. And a big encouragement/nudge to those considering doing so now or in the near future. Let us all help in whatever way we can!!!

Junior Membership

After many years of service, Todd and Vicky Reel have retired as our Junior Membership Coordinators. We thank them for all their hard work.

Our new Junior Membership coordinator is Hilda Pappas of the Columbus Colony. If you want to enroll a child in your family as a junior member and only have the old form with Todd’s name on it, please go to ohiomayflower.org/forms to download the new junior application.

The Board of Assistants has increased the fee for junior membership to \$25.00 to cover the increased costs of printing and postage plus new materials that Hilda is planning to send to our juniors.

Once a junior member turns 18, he/she can become a full member by submitting an application for approval by the Historian General. Ohio will continue to offer a reduced fee to juniors who convert before they turn 25.

ELDERS CORNER

Cemeteries at Lake Hope

Cemeteries can be fascinating places to anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Old headstones often yield information that can jump start an investigation into an ancestor's life. The engravings on some of these headstones are artistic and beautiful with carved symbols having their own distinct meaning.

My search for Bradford ancestors led me to Lake Hope State Park in Vinton County, Ohio. Several decades previous to the creation of this man-made lake and its park, land was donated to Brown Township by George Washington Keeton in 1851 for use as a burial place. This site, known as Keeton Cemetery, is still preserved on the grounds of the park. My great-great grandparents, David and Sarah Bradford Keeton, are buried in this cemetery with other family members. David and Sarah owned land in Brown Township which they farmed during the middle decades of the 19th century.

The remains of another early cemetery can also be viewed within the confines of the park. Pioneer Cemetery can be accessed from one of the Lake Hope hiking trails. Because of their location, Keeton and Pioneer Cemeteries are unique and, as a result, are visited often by vacationers staying at Lake Hope.

Cheryl Bash, Elder, Columbus Colony

TREASURER'S CORNER

If you are an annual member of SMDOH. You should have already received a notice that your dues for the 2024 membership year are now payable. Our annual dues are \$56.00 which includes \$35.00 for the national society, \$8.00 for your Ohio colony and \$ 13.00 for the Ohio Society. The Ohio portion is used for expenses such as donations of sets of Silver Books to libraries, subsidizing this newsletter, the costs of the website and much more. Some Mayflower member societies have offices and paid staff (and higher fees). We do not. All your state and colony officers are volunteers. We work for you because we believe in Ohio Mayflower.

If you did not receive a paper notice, go to ohiomayflower.org/dues. There is a large tan oval button that says "Paper Dues Invoice" - click on that to download and print the form. If you would like to pay online using PayPal, click on the PayPal button on the middle of the page and you will be able to enter your payment. Note there is a \$2.00 processing fee added to the PayPal payment. We know the credit card option is not working well and we apologize for that. We are working on a better solution. If you are a new member, follow the instructions sent to you by our historian.

If you have already made your dues payment, we thank you! The new membership year begins November 1st and we want to have your dues in hand before then. If we do not have them by December 31st, you will be dropped from membership.

One of the more contentious decisions we made at congress was to increase the fee for verification of applications. The current verification fee which we pay for all applications is \$125.00. Last year, the Executive committee recommended doubling that to \$250.00. You can imagine the uproar! That proposal was immediately canceled and a new proposal to increase it to \$175.00 was presented to Congress for approval. That did not happen either. Instead, after an hour or more of debate, the final decision is to increase the verification fee to \$150.00 per application, initial or supplemental. According to Treasurer General Bart Henson, this still does not cover the full costs of verification, but is enough to mitigate some of the current losses. The new fee is effective 1 January 2024. We do not yet know what Ohio's fees will be as we have to include additional costs such as the colony share, certificate costs etc.. Treasurer Mary Chase and Assistant Treasurer Ann Gulbransen will develop a proposal to submit to our Board of Assistants at the next meeting. Once the BOA has approved the new fees. We will share them with you.

Mary Chase, Treasurer

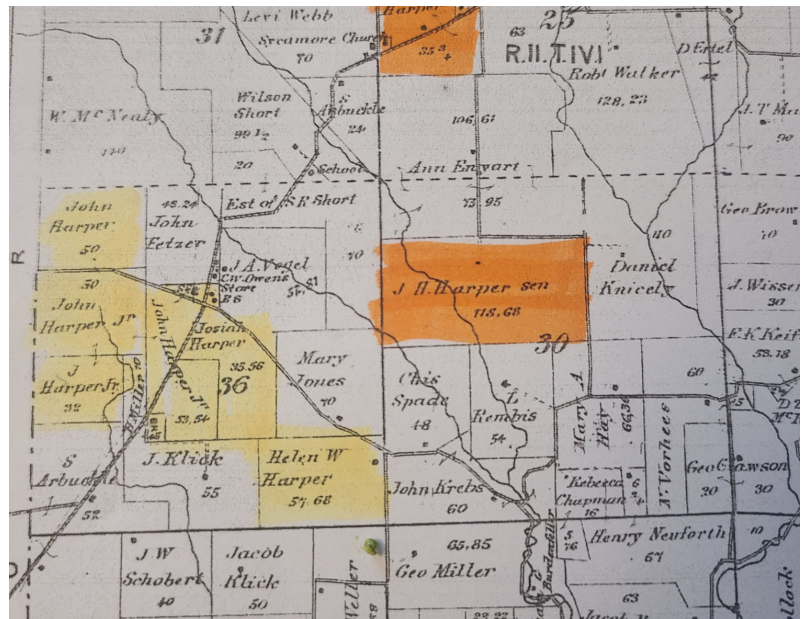
Genealogy Research

Randy Krueger (Life member: DAF, SAR(dual), WCGS, HCGS), Cincinnati Colony

Some Harper Family Research Stories- The Cincinnati Colony recently 'tried out' a New Meeting Location on June 24th at DeSha's Restaurant (in the Nicolson Room) at Harper's Point. Sometimes called 16 Mile Stand, the distance was 16 Miles by stagecoach, to get to Downtown Cincinnati. DeSha's restaurant located in the City of Montgomery, was named for the Famous General Richard Montgomery, leader in the Battle of Quebec Dec 31st 1775. His lofty goal, to quickly push British out of Canada. Interestingly, Aaron Burr (whose sister Abigail married into one of my family lines), and Benedict Arnold were in action at Quebec that day.

At the recent meeting, held at DeSha's, Beth Anderson spoke about contributing in small ways, to make our Colony better. This motivated me to write this very article! The meeting group of 25 or so, seemed interested in my Harper family story, so I am honored to be able to share some research stories: in that, the original Harper Farms were exactly on the same meeting 'spot' as this DeSha's restaurant ~100 years ago! This Article represents a 'work-in-progress' research effort related to this large and seemingly confusing Harper family. I plan to at some point, do a follow-up newsletter article with better proof (and sources etc.) on these Harpers.

On to the rest of the Harpers story: Many locals from Cincinnati and beyond have driven thru this area commonly referred to as Harper's Point (usually shopping at Harper's Point Kroger -or- going to Harper's Point Fitness/Tennis Club). These are popular destinations in a very nice part of town. I found James Harper Sr arriving in the Hamilton County area, abt ~1830, purchasing farming lands North of Cincy. This 1869 map shows the Harper Farms nearly surrounding this 16 Mile Stand Area and around this central intersection/crossroads that can be traced to many land plat maps).



Using some 'time' specific land plat maps, for Years 1847, 1869, 1884, 1914 I was able to see the 'progression of family' ownership and land acreage changes 'over time' (as inherited -or- sold). Some next steps in my research: I'll likely start to track down the records for listed land owners/Harper relatives, etc. including Marriage records, Estate Names, and I'm thinking 'mainly' Obituaries could 'be best', to really learn more about who is who, and what really happened to each Harper Tree Branch (or really, if any Harpers, maybe had Maternal lines inheriting -or- still owning some of these farms --or- other Harper properties exist, not shown on these maps). To clarify, this line was a 'Maternal' Line of mine -and- very important to me since I was Roadblocked for a longtime on these Harper lines!

Some Land Plat Maps found at the downtown Cincy Library, show at least three (of many) siblings, had farms. Please see the map showing farms for: Josiah Harper, John Harper Jr, and (my direct line) which was James H Harper. My link was through his daughter Sarah Harper's line. Sarah married successful Farmer W.C. Irwin (2nd wife). The Road name Irwin-Simpson Road & a Dimmick Road in Warren & Butler Counties are from family lines of W.C. Irwin. His grandfather was Frontier Patriot James Irwin who fought in the Ohio County as it was previously called, and that's when British controlled the Area (later known as the Northwest Territory), and lived in Washington County Penn, before coming to SW Ohio, and friend of Ohio Gov. Jeremiah Morrow (as submitted to WCGS 1st families)

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To conclude, The Harpers trace most of the family to Union-Cemetery Road (Union Cemetery aka Stewart Cemetery in Symmes Township) with the notable exception of Sarah (Harper) Irwin found at Rose Hill with W.C. Irwin's family (Side note: Rose Hill was donated to City of Mason, by my very distant and very removed cousin P.W. Wykoff/Wikoff). Finally, I had some other recent findings that surprisingly some of our Harpers currently own and operate a few well-known roller-skating facilities in the Area, that provide safe entertainment for our community. (Specifically, Loveland Skate Castle -and- Beechmont Roller Arena).

More research will be needed to better connect these skating Harpers, all the Harper farms and other related Harper lines, not listed. Challenges so far were partly due to these farms being very near the borders of both Warren & Hamilton Ohio Counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my recent researching endeavors, and if you might have a Harper connection, or have links to any of these family surnames (above), please let me know? I'd be delighted to tell you more! Or we can try to share info. If anyone, has suggestions on Avenues of Future research steps that I can take, please feel free to email me at rjkrueger7@gmail.com (I'd appreciate it greatly!) Mayflower Cousins, please have a Super Summer and Fall.

Dilemma: When You Need to Find a New Home for your Mayflower Memorabilia

Recently Western Reserve Colony member Jeanne Dusz and her husband (and WR "Friend") Beau, contacted WR member Jill Parker about their dilemma of finding new homes for their Mayflower / genealogical books and memorabilia. They wanted to give the items to individuals who would use them and treasure them as much as they did.

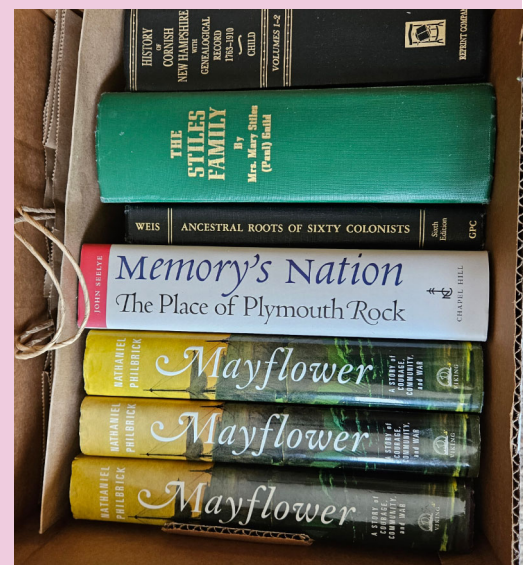
WR is so grateful for the donations from Jeanne and Beau; both had been active in the WR Colony activities. Many will remember them as the "Masters of Ceremony" when the Mayflower Maize game was played at the WR picnics. Beau read the clues; Jeanne handed out prizes.



Some of the books have been given to our Ohio Historian and Deputy Historian. Items have been set aside to give to the Junior Membership Coordinator. Jeanne's hand-painted decorations will be used by WR as table decorations for Compact Day and public library displays. Some items will be donated to our "sales/donation" table; those attending our events will have an opportunity to take a "Dusz Donation" home. Jeanne and Beau are appreciative that WR is handling this for them; one less thing to worry about

or make decisions about as they continue their "downsizing".

If you find yourself in a similar situation, please reach out to your Colony. Chances are they will be able to help you just as WR was able to help Jeanne and Beau.



Details of the Strategic Plan

Purpose of Society from SMDOH Constitution	Goals of the Strategic Plan
To perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Ancestors.	Goal #1 – Mentoring members for future leadership roles. Goal #2 – Increase the meaningfulness of being a Mayflower Descendant and being an ongoing member. Goal #3- Increase focus on Junior Members. Goal#4 – Develop a Speakers Group. Goal #5 – Continue the “Silver book” donations. Goal #6 – Supporting potential members. Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD.
To maintain and defend the principles of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the Compact of the Mayflower, “For the glorie of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our countrie”.	Goal #1- Mentoring members for future leadership roles. Goal #2- Increase the meaningfulness of being a Mayflower Descendant and being an on-going member. Goal #3- Increase focus on Junior members. Goal #4- Develop a Speakers Group. Goal #6- Supporting potential members at the colony level. Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged. Goal #8- Making SMDOH Board roles and meetings more efficient. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio”. Goal #10- Increase the involvement of the SMDOH leadership in colony events.
To cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of American freedom, and to oppose any theories of action that threaten their continuity.	Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio”
To transmit the spirit, the unity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrims to those who shall come after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law.	Goal #1- Mentoring members for future leadership roles. Goal #2 – Increase the meaningfulness of being a Mayflower Descendant and being an ongoing member. Goal #3- Increase focus on Junior Members. Goal#4 – Develop a Speakers Group. Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio”
To promote the interests that are common to all of the Colonies of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio which can only be served by a state body.	Goal #1 – Mentoring members for future leadership roles. Goal #3- Increase focus on Junior Members. Goal #8- Making SMDOH Board roles and meetings more efficient. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio”. Goal #10- Increase the involvement of the SMDOH leadership in colony events.

To secure united effort to discover and publish original matter in regard to the Pilgrims, together with existing data known only to antiquarians.	Goal#4 – Develop a Speakers Group. Goal #5 – Continue the “Silver book” donations. Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged.
To authenticate, preserve and mark historical sites and objects made memorable by the Pilgrim Association. To promote the interests that are common to all of the State Societies, and thus the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.	Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio” Goal #1 – Mentoring members for future leadership roles. Goal #2 – Increase the meaningfulness of being a Mayflower Descendant and being an ongoing member. Goal #3- Increase focus on Junior Members. Goal#4 – Develop a Speakers Group. Goal #5 – Continue the “Silver book” donations. Goal #6 – Supporting potential members. Goal #7- Improving the use of Social Media to keep Ohio members engaged. Goal #8- Making SMDOH Board roles and meetings more efficient. Goal #9- Increased awareness of Ohio activities and history to GSMD. “Push Ohio”. Goal #10- Increase the involvement of the SMDOH leadership in colony events.

All Hands on Deck!

Call for Volunteers

Do you have a good internet connection, a nice viewing screen on your laptop or monitor and some time to spare?

The General Society needs you!

The Mayflower indexing project is underway! This effort will index GSMD's verified applications allowing us to move toward an automated application process. Can you join our effort?

Contact GSMDCertify@themayflowersociety.org for more information or to sign up.

Indexing is easy - you just type what you see on a verified application presented to you into the software. We are starting with the most recent applications but the volunteers will eventually index over 104,000 applications! Each application takes 1-2 hours - faster as you get more comfortable with the software and the data you will be recording.

Historian Ann Gulbransen is offering a special prize for each Ohio member who indexes 100 applications (or more)!



New Cincinnati Colony member Joe Grinkemeyer already dressed in Mayflower garb!

Triennial Congress

The 43rd Triennial Congress was held in Plymouth, MA from September 8 to September 12 2023. The full text of all the reports of the officers and committee chairs will be printed in the next Mayflower Magazine, not here. Instead, Lee Martin has written an essay on his experience at Congress followed by short comments from the rest of the Ohio delegation. Several of the key decisions are detailed in the Historian's and Treasurer's Corners.



Lee Martin, Ann Gulbransen, Betsy Gricar,
Mary Chase, Marilyn Sessions

2023 Mayflower Congress

Lee Martin

Mayflower Congress of 2023 held at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts on September 8-13 began well. I arrived on the 6th to give myself time to recover from the drive and plan out my agenda during my time in Plymouth. I toured familiar places, took pictures, and did some visiting. I looked around the Jabez Howland house, visited Mayflower II, and photographed Town Brook where the Pilgrims would have caught salmon to use when planting crops. The weather was unusually hot and humid; yet plenty of people walked around town.

I attended Mayflower Guard practice and the Pilgrim John Howland Society banquet on the 8th. While at the John Howland Society banquet, I sat with the Executive Director Peter Arenstam along with Carolyn Travers and her husband Len, who gave a lecture on Edward Low, a pirate in the early 18th century. The banquet consisted of food from the 17th century which had a disagreeable effect on my stomach. The following day I attended the John Howland Society meeting at Plimoth Patuxet Museum where officers for the 2023-2026 term were elected. As a treat, Reverend Rosie Tallwin, Rector of St Peter and St Paul Church, Fenstanton, England and Reverend Shuan Speller of St Mary's Church, Henlow, England addressed the delegation present via Zoom.

The main festivities began on the 10th with a Historians Meeting, followed by Pilgrims Progress. I dressed in my Pilgrim garb carrying my musket as a member of the Mayflower Guard and marched to the Pilgrim sarcophagus for a short service, then marched to the Church of the Pilgrim where a church service included a roll call of the Passengers, reading of the Compact and the inauguration of Mayflower Congress. A Mayflower Garden Reception after the invocation of Congress ensued at the Mayflower Society House where convivial sharing went well and enjoyed by all.

The main business commenced the next morning, the 11th, on the 22nd anniversary of September 11, with thoughts on the significance of the day. After introductions of and by the Board of Assistants, and housekeeping procedures of conducting business on the floor, the biggest bulk of the day dealt with Executive Committee reports of varying length and complexity on topics of interest of all, particularly of the Meeting House with updates on the preservation progress.



The last day of Congress dealt with the elections of General Officers and Members-at-Large. The governor general read out the position on the general board and nominees of offices. Where more than nominee was announced from the floor, the entire body caucused about who would be the best nominee for the position. That said, elections by the designated deputy governor general, at the State level, voted based on the consensus of many of the delegates present. One highlight of Tuesday's festivities for the Ohio delegation was the presentation of a Commendation Award to Treasurer Mary Chase.

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COLONY CHRONICLES

Cincinnati Colony

Officers 2020- 2023

LT. GOVERNOR	STARLEYNE VONDRILL	DEPUTY GOVERNOR	NANCY LITTLE
HISTORIAN	SUE BRAY	BOA REP	CAROL BYRD
CORRESPONDING SECY	NANCY LITTLE	RECORDING SECY	WANDA LANGDON
TREASURER	CLAY CRANDALL		
ELDER	TODD REEL	DEPUTY ELDER	KAREN WIGGINS

The Cincinnati Colony met on June 24, 2023 for the Spring/Summer Member meeting. The event was held at deSha's Tavern Restaurant. There were 26 in attendance. *Our speaker was Beth Anderson, newly elected SMDOH Governor. Topic: Her own personal journey in the Society and how anyone can serve in some way to further the strength of the Society.

Star Vondrell, Lt. Governor informed members that in November on Compact Day, we will have our colony elections. All positions are open. The response was encouraging. Wanda Langdon and her many organizational skills has stepped forward to take on the Lt. Governor role. Others have responded positively.

We have had a good year of new memberships.
The colony is in good order financially.

The Colony Compact Day is November 4, 2023, at The Cincinnati Women's Club, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio. Our speaker will be Diane VanSkiver Gagel, former president of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Starleyne Vondrell, Lt. Governor, Cincinnati Colony

Cleveland Colony

Meetings: The colony continues board of assistant's meetings via Zoom and one annual business meeting in 2023.

2023 Spring Business Meeting:

The Cleveland Colony Officer's slate of Nominations was elected and installed by 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 McIntrye.

Cleveland Colony Continued

2023 Compact Day: The annual November 18, 2023 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. Our keynote speaker will be Debbie Weinkamer speaking in character as Lucretia Garfield President Garfield's widowed wife. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize new members from November 2022 to 2023 that attend the event with the "I am Mayflower Descendant" Mug. As always, we will recognize the Veterans and thank them for their service and we will never forget. Details will be sent to all colony members and applicants.

2024 Ohio State Assembly Day: The Cleveland Colony will be hosting the Ohio State Day Assembly April 26/27, 2024. The event will be held at the Independence Holiday Inn located in Independence, Ohio. More details to follow in 2024!

Vicky Heineck, Lt Governor

Columbus Colony

Slate of Officers for 2023- 2026

LT. GOVERNOR	Charles Mays
DEPUTY GOVERNOR	Steven Kelley
State BOA REP	Jan Kleinline
COORESPONDING SECY	Hilda Pappas
RECORDING SECY	Kristen Hallows
TREASURER	Win Worcester
ELDER	Rev. Carol Tong
Captain	Kenneth Smith
Director	Hilda Pappas

The Columbus Colony met on April 1, 2023 for the Spring Member meeting, and the election of officers for the 2023- 2026 term. The event was held at Clintonville Women's Club, Columbus, Ohio. There were 28 members, with ten (10) guests in attendance, for a total of 38.

The Colony Compact Day is November 4, 2023, at The Clintonville Women's Club, Columbus, Ohio. Our own member, Jan Kleinline, will present her Wampanoag program. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

Charles Mays, Lt. Governor, Columbus Colony

Toledo Colony

The Toledo Colony will meet for a buffet lunch at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village on Nov. 4, 2023 at 11:30am. Douglas Forsyth, BGSU History Dept., will give a presentation entitled "Finding Patriots and Enslavers Doing Family History" from his own experience.

The colony is actively seeking a member to become the new Lt. Governor. If interested, contact Judy Rand at davejudy1520@yahoo.com.

Judy Rand, Deputy Lt. Governor

Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony was honored to host the 125th Annual Meeting. We enjoyed hearing from the Keynote speaker Dr Scott Culpepper and the cocktail hour featuring musician Jeff King.

On September 3rd we will meet at Maps Air Museum with featured speaker Dr Van Ness. Dr Van Ness is the grandson of Major General John B Anderson. Major General John Benjamin Anderson (March 10, 1891 – September 1, 1976) was a senior United States Army officer who fought in both World War I and World War II. During the latter he served as the first wartime commander of the 102nd Infantry Division and later commanded XVI Corps during the final stages of the war in Europe. There is a beautiful display dedicated to Major General Anderson and museum admission was a part of the program.



We have had some turnover in WR board members. Sharen Jarzen has stepped up to be our Elder. You will hear her lead us in prayer at our meetings. Eric McDaniel has volunteered to be our new Board of Assistants representative. David Burnham has succeeded Terri Brown as colony historian. Terri concluded that being both colony historian and state Deputy Historian was too much when working full time. WR has greatly benefited from her tenure. We welcome Sharen, Eric and David to their new roles.

Our Compact Day meeting will be on November 12th at Chateau Michelle.

Cindy Badger Nichols, Lt Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Matthew Fuller Lines Closed

After many years of controversy, we received the memo below from new Historian General Allie Golon. What a way for her to start her tenure!

This memo serves as official notice that the Matthew Fuller line is being closed.

Y-DNA testing has conclusively proven that Matthew Fuller of Barnstable was not a son of Edward Fuller the *Mayflower* passenger.

Extensive Y-DNA testing was completed as part of the Fuller Big Y DNA Project. Specifics of the DNA testing were reported in the Summer 2022 Issue of *The Mayflower Descendant*, published by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. The conclusion of this testing was:

The NGSY-DNA results demonstrate that Matthew Fuller cannot be Edward's son or descendant and, that the immigrant Robert Fuller is more closely related to Matthew than Matthew is to Edward. In sum, all three men are kinsmen, but no father-son relationship exists among them. The genealogical timeline makes such kinship impossible.

While this is news no member wishes to learn, please know that the 1,275 members who have

been accepted to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through this line will maintain their membership. The line itself will be marked as rejected on these applications. Relevant applications currently in pending will also be marked as rejected and those application fees will be refunded.

Ohio applicants through this line have been notified as will our active members. I am also a Matthew Fuller descendant so I understand the loss.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10, 2023 - Silver Book donation at the Chardon Library, 110 East Park Street, Chardon, OH 44024 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend

November 4, 2023 – Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

November 4, 2023—Columbus Colony Compact Day, tentatively

November 4, 2023 - Toledo Colony Compact Day

November 11, 2023—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

November 18, 2023 - Cleveland Colony Compact Day

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After Congress concluded, delegates had a wonderful dinner at Indian Park Country Club. Ann and I sat with another Ohio couple, a couple from Hawaii, and a couple from Australia. After dinner, everyone left for the journey home. GBOA meetings will be held in 2024 in North Carolina, 2025 in Texas, and the 2026 Triennial Congress in Plymouth.

Betsie Gricar: This officer attended the Opening Ceremony and all the sessions. Ohio had only 6 delegates in attendance at the first couple of sessions and 5 at the last couple of sessions. All the Bylaw recommendations passed, including an increase for applications/ supplementals. Beginning Jan 1, 2024, the verification fee for all apps/ supps will be \$150. New officers were elected with Lisa Pennington, Esq, being elected to lead us as our new Governor General. It was wonderful to reconnect with friends from the past couple of years when we met in other locations. Please plan ahead as the 2024 meeting will be in North Carolina; the 2025 in Texas; and of course, the 2026 in Plymouth. Hopefully, Ohio can have more delegates attend these events. We had a great time and I got to have my traditional luncheon at the Lobster Hut across the street from the 1620 Hotel. Thank you for this opportunity to represent Ohio at this General Congress.



Incoming Governor General Lisa Pennington standing between outgoing Governor General Jane Hurt and Secretary General Marty Beerman.

Mary Chase: As a first time attendee, I attended the Elder Brewster Society meeting and dinner on Saturday night. The speaker's presentation was on 13 famous Brewster descendants. The opening ceremonies at the Church of the Pilgrimage was awesome from the Pilgrim Guard leading the way into the church and the role call of our ancestors by former Governor General Lea Filson. There was a garden reception at the Mayflower House and fortunately it was moved to an earlier time so we missed the incoming storm. The meeting itself was interactive. The Ohio Society along with other State Societies played a big role in the negotiation of the application and supplemental fee which will become in 2024. It was nice to be able to see friends from other states and to meet new cousins.

Ann Gulbransen: See Historian's Corner

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Marilyn Sessions: This past week I was honored to represent Ohio as the Acting DGG at the Mayflower Congress in Plymouth, MA. As I stood in line to cast a ballot for bylaw changes I thought to myself, "this is IT! I'm really here - really doing this! It was SUCH a thrilling and exciting time and I will be forever grateful for that grand opportunity. The Congress was part of our vacation and in the off days I was able to find the gravesite of my 12th great grandfather George Soule. There were so many cousins at the Congress to meet and get to know, the tour of the Mayflower Society House was incredible, walking the City of Plymouth, seeing the monument of our Founding Fathers was very inspiring, and simply sharing the Congress experience with the other Ohio delegates was something I'll never forget. The Mayflower Congress happens every three years - don't wait that long, go now! It's an unforgettable city filled with incredible experiences and beautiful memories.



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