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A Message from our Governor

Greetings to all my Mayflower Cousins in Ohio. I have several items to share with you, some of them will be explained more in depth in this issue of the *Buckeye Mayflower*. The first is a loss for our Mayflower family, David Ben Foster a member of the Cleveland colony and former Elder for the state society died after a long illness on November 25th at the age of 78. David was a Christian Minister and proud of his heritage from the early colonial wars including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. He was a U.S. Army veteran that was proud of his country and flag. David was an accomplished writer and poet and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his book; *The Epic of Job, the Biblical Warrior-Priest*. He is remembered fondly by his Mayflower family.



The Junior Member committee is off to a great start thanks to the efforts of Hilda Pappas from the Columbus Colony. She has contacted the Junior member officers at each colony, and they will be working together to grow this piece of our responsibility to the leaders who will be following us. In that same category the SMDOH scholarship committee has come up with a unique way for applicants to apply for the 2024 scholarship- see this description in this issue of the newsletter. The opposite of the Junior members, I was pleased to learn that in Ohio we have 42 active members who are 90 and above and one person who is 101! The Mayflower society is a cradle to rocking chair society in Ohio for sure.

It's not too early to be thinking about attending the annual state meeting which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 26-27, 2024. Jane Hurt, Immediate Past Governor General, will be with us. During her visit to Cleveland, she will be welcomed at the Western Reserve Museum to sign the "Great Book". Don't know about the "Great Book" the history is on the SMDOH website with a link on the History page. Every Governor General for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has signed this book. The SMDOH strategic plan is moving along, and my goal is to have it completed for the state meeting in April. So, watch out for your invitations to the annual meeting should be lots of fun!

Changes that were voted on at the September Triennial meeting of GSMD are affecting the cost for new applicants starting in 2024. See the information in this issue of the *Buckeye Mayflower*.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New members June 2023-November 2023

Cincinnati Colony

Huntting Brown 11th from John Alden
 Richard Lee Emrick 11th from Resolved White
 Joan Gillespie 15th from John Howland
 Joseph Grinkemeyer 15th from John Tilley
 Joseph Macke 11th from John Howland
 Lisa Reid 12th from William Brewster
 Susan White 13th from James Chilton
 Douglas Woodworth 12th from Stephen Hopkins

Cleveland Colony

Christian Halloran 14th from Isaac Allerton
 Andrew LeGros 13th from Francis Cooke
 Scott Lewis 12th from John Howland
 Christopher Roy 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 William Savage 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Jeffrey Vaji 11th from John Alden

Columbus Colony

Janice Adams 12th from Francis Eaton
 Richard Bates 11th from John Howland

Christal Etzkorn 13th from John Howland
 Patricia Flavin 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Donald Gillespie 12th from Edward Fuller
 Jana Martino 12th from Samuel Fuller
 Carrie Nelson 11th from Samuel Fuller
 Elizabeth Rieman 13th from William White
 William Robinson 13th from Edward Fuller
 Mindy Wehner 13th from John Howland

Toledo Colony

Jennifer Gray-Catera 12th from Edward Doty
 Kendra Pearce 15th from Richard Warren

Western Reserve Colony

Dawn Blakeney 14th from Thomas Rogers
 Joan Fox-Bow 11th from Stephen Hopkins
 Richard Kelley 11th from Samuel Fuller
 Paul Livingston 11th from John Alden
 Howard Milhoan 11th from Samuel Fuller
 Darlene Robinson 13th from William White
 Mary Sogan 11th from William Bradford

Supplementals approved June 2023-November 2023

Cincinnati Colony

Dorothy Luther 11th from William Brewster
 Dorothy Luther 10th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 Dorothy Luther 11th from Richard Warren

Cleveland Colony

Henry Ruhl 14th from James Chilton
 Brent Durken 13th from Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins
 Kenneth Wise 13th from Francis Cooke

Columbus Colony

William Robinson 12th from Samuel Fuller
 William Robinson 13th from Mrs. Edward Fuller
 Susan Norman 12th from Susanna Jackson
 Susan Norman 11th from Resolved White

Toledo Colony

Stephen Pearce 12th from Edward Doty

Western Reserve Colony

Eric McDaniel 14th from William Mullins
 Patricia Van Norman 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 Patricia Van Norman 12th from Mary Brewster
 Sheila Mosteller 13th from William Brewster

Congratulations!

In Loving Memory

Cincinnati Colony

Martha Anness, descendant of Joan (Hurst) Tilley, born 7/13/1926, died 2/13/2023, elected 6/6/2009

Barbara Lawrence, descendant of William Brewster, born 5/7/1942, died 6/28/2023, elected 9/10/2011

Cleveland Colony

William Martin, descendant of Stephen Hopkins, born 3/22/1936, died 11/24/2022, elected 10/1/1983

Jean Hutt, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 4/11/1941, died 5/26/2023, elected 1/10/2007

Richard Rainey, descendant of William Brewster, born 10/8/1949, died 6/13/2023, elected 4/25/2013

David Foster, descendant of John Alden, born 6/1/1945, died 11/25/2023, elected 11/23/2011, served as Elder 2014-2021

Columbus Colony

Wyman Haskins, descendant of Edward Fuller, born 10/22/1938, died 6/3/2023, elected 10/15/2016

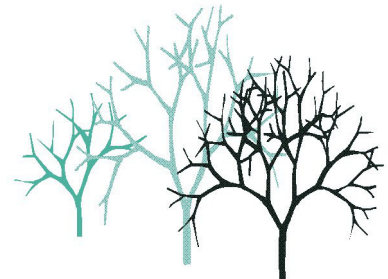
Western Reserve Colony

Former member Virginia Frisone, descendant of Thomas Rogers and William White, born 10/5/1926, died 7/18/2023, elected 5/2/2006

Linda Houyouse, descendant of George Soule, born 7/22/1951, died 8/30/2023, elected 7/20/2007

(Roger) Bruce Shaw, descendant of William Brewster, born 6/19/1943, died 9/27/2023, elected 9/22/2020

Nancy Niernan, descendant of John Howland, born 12/6/1941, died 10/10/2023, elected 8/15/2007



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On December 16, 2023, is the 250th anniversary of "The Boston Tea Party" many of you may have ancestors who participated in that event. The AMERICAN ANCESTOR website, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, is building a data base on the participants in the TEA PARTY. A new society is being formed [The Boston Tea Party Descendants Program](#), information can be found on [AmericanAncestors.org/tea-party-biographies](https://www.bostonteatartyship.com/), and Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum (<https://www.bostonteatartyship.com/>).

I want to congratulate SMDOH Immediate Past Governor Jill Parker on her recognition by the Western Reserve Colony. Please see their story in this issue. Several of the Board of Assistants members have been dealing with significant health issues. I was happy to see them at the recent meeting, and I continue to pray for their recovery.

In closing I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy (and Healthy) New Year.

Beth Anderson, Governor SMDOH.

Happy Holidays

Book Reviews

“The Eastern Frontier: The Settlement of Northern New England 1610-1673” by Charles E. Clark

New England History focuses on the lower colonies of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. What happened in New Hampshire and Maine and then Vermont?

Charles Clark has written an in-depth history of these forgotten lands, life beyond the Merrimack River. The early settlements were fishing camps on the coast but expanded inland to add lumbering, trade in furs, and farming. The settlements they formed were primitive and lawless but of great use to the lower colonies. Fish were always in demand as were furs. The lumber was desperately needed by the British Navy. An advantage to the people living south was that these outposts served as the first line of defense against Native American attacks.

As time went on, the Native American threat lessened. An aristocratic merchant class developed in Portsmouth. Titles to western land in New Hampshire and Vermont were acquired by the wealthy and sold to settlers. This primitive land became a home to pioneers, farmers, clergy, and many occupations necessary to town life.

This book was an interesting read and thoroughly researched. Even though it was written 50+ years ago, it is the “go to” book for early settlement of areas north of Massachusetts. It is available through Amazon in many formats, and in libraries. If you have ancestors in this area, you don’t want to miss this valuable source.

Wild Women of Boston by Dina Vargo

The sons of liberty are celebrated in the rebellious history of Boston—but what of their sisters? An audacious and determined procession of reformers, socialites, criminals and madams made the city what it is today. One hundred years before Rosa Parks, African American abolitionist Sarah Parker Remond refused to give up her seat while attending a play in Boston. Fiery activists Harriet Hemenway and Minna Hall led a boycott against bird plumage in ladies' dress and brought the fashion industry to its knees. Rachel Wall was the last woman to be hanged in Massachusetts after leading a daring life as a robber and pirate. Later, women like Boston Marathon runner Kathrine Switzer also blazed their own trails. Author Dina Vargo unearths the remarkable stories of the wild women of the Hub.

Mayflower Chronicles: The Tale of Two Cultures

by Kathryn Brewster Haueisen

Ms. Haueisen is a pastor and journalist and writes well. Her book begins by talking about Pilgrim life in England. She then changes focus to describe Pokanoket life in New England at the same time. Her narrative then follows the Pilgrims to Holland, the voyage on the Mayflower and the encounter of two very distinct cultures, English and Pokanoket.

She writes an interesting tale of two distinct cultures separated by an ocean with little contact between them. The course of each culture's future changed irreversibly four hundred years ago.

I especially liked her chapters about Pilgrim life in England,

Ms. Haueisen's book is available from Amazon and local libraries. She lives in Ohio now and is willing to do a program for a colony if she is asked to do so.

Sandy St. Martin, Assistant General, Columbus Colony

2024 Scholarship!

The annual Ohio Mayflower Scholarship committee has met and decided the topic for the upcoming year. The Scholarship committee for the 2023-4 includes Beth Anderson, Hilda Pappas, Star Vondrell, and Mandy Brooks.

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

Write an obituary for one of the 18 children who arrived on the Mayflower that grew to adulthood and produced descendants. Include dates, parents, spouse, children, occupation, community activities, hobbies, where they lived and are buried, etc. While dates, people, and places need to be accurate, there is a creative element when you write about their life.

Your choice of a Mayflower child does NOT need to be one of your ancestors.

Good starting points would be The Mayflower Society: <https://themayflowersociety.org>, Caleb Johnson's Mayflower History: <http://mayflowerhistory.com> and the Mayflower Silver Books located at many Ohio Public Libraries.

The applicant must be an Adult member or Junior member of the Ohio Mayflower Society.

During the school year 2024-2025, the applicant must be enrolled in the first year or later of a college or university program leading to an associate, bachelor, or master's degree OR a degree certification at a trade school.

Your submission 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) 30% Creativity 20% Bibliography / References 20% Letters of recommendation 30%

Please go to www.ohiomayflower.org/scholarship for more details and the application form.

Application, Essay, and Letters of Recommendation must be Postmarked by March 25, 2024. Please contact Mandy Brooks with questions at mandy.brooks@gmail.com.



If you have not yet paid your 2024 Ohio Mayflower dues, you are running out of time. Our membership year began November 1st.

If you have paid your dues, thank you and we look forward to another year of fellowship and gratitude for our pilgrim ancestors.

If you have not yet paid and we do not receive your dues by 12/31/2023, you will be dropped from membership. We hate to lose you so please go to www.ohiomayflower.org to either download and print the annual dues invoice or make your payment via PayPal.

Great Time to enjoy Ohio Mayflower Gatherings

by Jill Parker, Assistant General, 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!!!

How much do you know about the Great Book?

Where is the Great Book housed?

When was it donated?

When and where was it printed?

Who was the printer?

Who was the first Governor General to sign the book?

Who was the last Governor General to sign the book?

Go to www.ohiomayflower.org/history and click on the links for the story of the Great Book and photos of the last three signings. All your questions will be answered!

Historian's Corner

2023 has been a year of change in the world of the Mayflower Historians. After many years of service and approval of almost 25,000 applications, Historian General Midge Hurtuk has retired. At the Triennial Congress, Allie Golon from Colorado was elected to be our new Historian General. If you have looked at any of the videos about membership on the General Society website, you have seen some of Allie's work. I am excited for the changes that are in the works.

The first big change is that we are now submitting applications electronically. After 15 December 2023, the General Society will no longer accept applications on paper. The application and all supporting documentation are now submitted as digital files by uploading them to a GSMD portal using the DropBox application. This change will speed up the verification process as well as eliminating the need to expand the Research Center to accommodate more paper. Ohio began submitting only digital applications in late summer. We still have a lot of paper applications in process, but as they are ready to submit, I will be scanning all the paper. As a result of not needing to mail fat envelopes of paper to GSMD, we were able to reduce our application fees. We saved on postage and passed those savings along to our applicants.

However, the fee saga continues. The General Society executive committee had recommended in 2022 that the fee we are charged for verification of applications be doubled from \$125 to \$250. There was of course a huge outcry and that proposal was rescinded. It was replaced with a proposal to increase the fee from the current \$125 to \$175. That proposal was brought to the Triennial Congress for debate. After much discussion, a final increase to \$150 was approved to take effect January 1st 2024. Treasurer Mary Chase and I met to review all the elements of our fees and were able to come up with a fee schedule that passes on only \$20 of the \$25 GSMD increase. Effective January 1, 2024, the fee for an initial application will be \$180.00, a regular supplemental \$170, a "silver supplemental" \$165 and the discounted rate for converting a junior membership to full membership \$160. Our fees include that verification fee, all the pieces of the membership certificate including postage. The initial application fee also includes \$10 that is sent to the new member's selected colony to cover the cost of mailing all the new member materials.

Our new Historian General is working on several initiatives to improve communication between historians. We have been having monthly zoom calls for a while but those will be expanded with additional sessions for new historians. All calls are recorded and are available on the historian's only section of the GSMD website. The historian's Facebook group which had been essentially abandoned a few years ago has been revived and is now being used by many. We have a new tool for asking for assistance from other historians using a tool called Trello.

You have all seen the requests for help to index thousands of approved applications. I just saw a demonstration of one of the end products of that work. It is called Easy App Generation and will be a way to create a new application based on what has already been proved without having to type it all over again and without a research center staff member having to hunt down and scan paper copies. It should begin to be used next summer. Spending time indexing old applications is a great project for cold winter days.

Many of you probably know that there has been a lot of debate over the last few years about the status of Matthew Fuller as a son of Edward Fuller. He has been considered part of that family for decades and many of us are his descendants (including me). Unfortunately modern DNA technology and genealogical research have combined to show us that Matthew was not the son of Edward. If you are one of us who proved a line through him, please be aware that your status as a member of the Mayflower Society will not change. Some of us who are Matthew descendants have other pilgrim ancestors, but some had only Edward Fuller through Matthew. If you joined in good faith through Matthew, you will remain a member as long as you want to continue.

The last new initiative I want to preview will be fully explained in the next Mayflower Quarterly and will roll out in early 2024. It is being called the Passenger Inheritance project. You have to already be a member to apply for this new feature, but if you have an immediate family member who has spent the time and effort to prove more pilgrims than you have, you will soon be able to apply to "inherit" that work for a flat fee. Those additional ancestors will be added to your Mayflower profile at GSMD and in Ohio and you will get new certificates without any of us having to submit applications. For example, Jane Doe has proved 8 pilgrims. Her sister Sally has only proved 1. For the new flat fee,

Supporting Mayflower Society Initiatives – The Ohio Society helps out!

Belonging to the Mayflower Society can be a little confusing at times. Just what do I belong to: a Colony, the Ohio Society, the General Society? ANSWER: All three, but you only pay dues to the Ohio Society (which is responsible for seeing that the Colonies and the General Society receive a portion of those dues).

So, when a request is made to support Mayflower related initiatives, how do I support them?

Colony Initiative (Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Western Reserve): Most Colony initiatives support local/area programs such as a food bank or a library program. Supporting those initiatives usually occur at a Colony gathering though donations given at the meeting or mailed later to the Colony Treasurer.

Ohio Mayflower Society (formally known as the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio): The Ohio Society has had initiatives for donations to be used within the state, such as raising funds for scholarships within our organization and for donations of “Silver Books” to libraries throughout the state. See page 11 for photos from our two most recent donations.

The Ohio Society has worked to support donation initiatives sponsored or supported by the General Society such as:

The “Pennies for Planks” program which successfully raised \$11.2 million to restore the Mayflower II (owned by Plimoth Pawtuxet Museums). **The Ohio Society raised \$1,465.31 for Pennies for Planks.** Shipwrights at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut replaced about 70 percent of the vessel's timbers, planking, structural frames, knees and beams, using six types of wood from eight states and 20,000 board feet of Danish white oak...just in time for the 2020 Commemoration.

In another very exciting collaborative initiative, the state Societies were asked by the General Society to pledge \$5000 to support **the 2018 transfer of the Pilgrim Meetinghouse to the General Society.** At the time the Meetinghouse was owned by the First Parish Church who agreed to donate it to the Mayflower Society on the condition that funds be put in place to permanently maintain it. **The Ohio Society has exceeded that pledge with our donations of \$8,533.40 to date.**

Our members generosity helps us show that the OHIO SOCIETY proudly supports Mayflower related initiatives. We urge you to continue to support the Ohio Society in our effort to show support for the General Society. "Our decision to restore the building and create a fund to support this beautiful structure and its records will be one of the most important legacies of The Mayflower Society."



CURRENT INITIATIVE: We are asking our members to support a wonderful initiative to be part of the ongoing support of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse maintenance and restoration. Our support would result in the *Ohio Mayflower Society's* Name being visible at various locations in the Meetinghouse. At the minimum we would like to be the benefactor for a Sanctuary Seat (for 5 years) and Large Leaf (bearing Ohio Society name) for at least one year. We will be able to do that with a donation of \$1250. We would love to be the benefactor of more components of the Meetinghouse but that will depend on how much money we raise. If you would like to help with this current funding project and see Ohio Society's name in the Meetinghouse showing our support for this important project, you may send a check (“The Ohio Mayflower Society”) to Ohio Mayflower Society, 7665 Isaac Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Thank you so much for any donation you can make!

Jill Parker, Assistant General, Western Reserve Colony

Mayflower / Thanksgiving Puzzles – by Jill Parker



I have always loved doing puzzles. More recently I've had my eye on Fall, Thanksgiving, Mayflower related puzzles. And I am particularly fascinated by old style wooden puzzles with identifiable shapes (such as a pumpkin, a person, or a tree) called "whimsies". The puzzle pictured here is by Liberty Puzzles. They come nicely boxed for gift giving.

Other puzzles pictured here are "The Mayflower" by Clementoni Puzzle Company and "The First

Thanksgiving" by Liberty. All these and more are available online. I try to keep a puzzle "going" all the time Great family, holiday activity.



Dual/Double Dating (<https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/colonialresearch/calendar>)

Between 1582 and 1752, not only were two calendars in use in Europe (and in European colonies), but two different starts of the year were in use in England. Although the "Legal" year began on March 25, the use of the Gregorian calendar by other European countries led to January 1 becoming commonly celebrated as "New Year's Day" and given as the first day of the year in almanacs.

To avoid misinterpretation, both the "Old Style" and "New Style" year was often used in English and colonial records for dates falling between the new New Year (January 1) and old New Year (March 25), a system known as "**double dating**." Such dates are usually identified by a slash mark [/] breaking the "Old Style" and "New Style" year, for example, March 19, 1631/2. Occasionally, writers would express the double date with a hyphen, for example, March 19, 1631-32. In general, double dating was more common in civil than church and ecclesiastical records.

England's calendar change included three major components. The Julian Calendar was replaced by the Gregorian Calendar, changing the formula for calculating leap years. The beginning of the legal new year was moved from March 25 to January 1. Finally, 11 days were dropped from the month of September 1752.

The changeover involved a series of steps:

- December 31, 1750 was followed by January 1, 1750 (under the "Old Style" calendar, December was the 10th month and January the 11th)
- March 24, 1750 was followed by March 25, 1751 (March 25 was the first day of the "Old Style" year)
- December 31, 1751 was followed by January 1, 1752 (the switch from March 25 to January 1 as the first day of the year)
- September 2, 1752 was followed by September 14, 1752 (drop of 11 days to conform to the Gregorian calendar)

George Washington, for example, was born on February 11, 1731 under the Julian Calendar, but afterwards recognized the date February 22, 1732 to reflect the Gregorian Calendar.

Lee Martin, Western Reserve Colony

Library book donations



Present in Chardon were Cleveland treasurer Larry Hoyt, Cleveland member Rose McIntyre, Ohio treasurer Mary Chase, Ohio Historian Ann Gulbransen, Book Donation coordinator Patty Van Norman and Ohio Captain Troy Bailey in addition to several members of the library staff.

Present in Fairview Park were treasurer Mary Chase, library manager Jesse Sanders, Adult services supervisor Brigid McNeely, Cleveland historian Carolyn Cheverine, Book Donation Coordinator Patty Van Norman and Ohio historian Ann Gulbransen.

The following libraries now have complete sets of the Silver Books.

Akron/Summit County Library (maintained by the Western Reserve Colony)	
Ashtabula County Library	Bexley Public Library
Cincinnati Public Library	Chardon Library
Columbus Metropolitan Library	Coshocton Public Library (maintained by member Hilda Pappas)
Cuyahoga County Library Fairview Park branch	Hudson Library (maintained by member Chris Karman)
Marietta Library	Medina County Library
Montgomery County Library in Dayton	Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Belleville
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library in Freemont	Toledo Public Library
Wayne County Public Library	Western Reserve Historical Society
Williams County Library	

As new books are published, your Ohio Society purchases the updates and donates them to our cohort of libraries. Several were distributed in 2023.



Your Ohio Society has donated two complete sets of the Silver Books to local libraries this year in Chardon and the Cuyahoga County Library Fairview Park branch. In the next fiscal year, we will be looking at libraries in the southern part of the state. If your local library has a great genealogy section but is missing these books, talk to your Lt. Governor to suggest a donation there.

Help Wanted

Ohio Mayflower is looking for assistance with this quarterly newsletter. Do you enjoy writing? Interviewing your fellow members? Editing stories? Researching interesting stories about our pilgrim ancestors or genealogy? Do you enjoy graphic design? If you are interested in becoming the Co-Editor of the Buckeye Mayflower, please email newsletter@ohiomayflower.org. The software needed will be provided if you do not already own it.

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony met June 24, 2023. Twenty-six members heard Beth Anderson, the newly elected state governor, speak about her personal journey in the society and encouraged others to serve. Lt. Governor, Star Vondrell announced that elections would be held at the November 4th meeting. She also said that the colony has gained several new members and is in good order financially.

Nov. 4th, 2023 was the colony Compact Day meeting at the Cincinnati Women's Club. Attended by 38 members, a delicious turkey lunch with the "trimmings" was enjoyed by all. Star Vondrell read a greeting from Beth Anderson, the new State Governor. After the reading of the Mayflower Compact and Pilgrim Pledge, Diane VanSkiver Gagel, former president of the Ohio Genealogical Society, spoke about "Social History and Genealogy: Filling in the Gaps". Her presentation was very useful for further genealogical research, and she is an excellent speaker for other groups. She also provided a handout for future reference on the subject.

Elections were held and yielded the following results:

Lt. Governor Wanda Langdon	Corresponding Sec. Dottie Luther
Recording Sec. Paige Craig	Treasurer Clay Crandall
Historian Kim Hall	Elder Karen Wiggins
Deputy Elder and BOA Carol Byrd	Jr. Membership coordinator Jean Muetzel.

As of September 2023, there are 197 active members.

The Cincinnati Colony will host the 2025 state meeting scheduled for May 14-16 of that year. Our Governor General, Lisa Pennington, and her husband, David A. Furlow will be attending this meeting. 2025 is also the 90th anniversary of the Cincinnati colony.

The November meeting was concluded with Karen Wiggins reading a beautiful benediction.

Carol Byrd, BOA Representative

News from the 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. 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
 Historian Carolyn Cheverine
 BOA Representative Troy Bailey
 Board of Assistants: Jonathan Miller, Kim Bland, Cindy Kettler, Rose McIntyre.

Captain Jerry Bruce
 Assistant Historian Bob Coltrin
 Junior Member Chairperson Kathy Leisure

2023 Compact Day: The annual Compact Day buffet luncheon event was held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 18, 2023. Our keynote speaker was Debbie Weinkamer dressed in character as Lucretia Garfield and her program was "Life after President Garfield". The new members from November 2022 to 2023 were recognized. After the passenger roll call by family surname, we recognized the Veterans and thanked them for their service and we will never forget. As always multiple, Door prizes!

2024 State Assembly Day: The State Assembly Day will be hosted by the Cleveland Colony April 26/27 2024 at the Independence Holiday Inn located in Independence, Ohio. The planning committee is working diligently on the event details. More information will follow!

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor

News from the Columbus Colony



Janice Kleinline gave a presentation on the Wampanoag Indians

Junior member Hayden Hallows read the Compact Charter.

Deputy Lt. Gov. Steven Kelley, Lt. Governor Charles Mays, and Elder Rev. Carol Tong led us in prayer



Photos courtesy of Sharon Hendershot

News from the Toledo Colony

Meetings: In 2023, the colony continues to hold three board of assistants meetings in person. Regular meetings follow our membership events (April 15, July 15, and November 4, 2023).

2023 Spring Luncheon: The annual Spring Luncheon was held Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Swan Creek. The presentation was *"The Pilgrims in History and Art"* by Edmund Trafford, who had previously given this program at the 2022 state meeting hosted by Toledo Colony.

2023 Summer Event: Toledo Colony members met for lunch on July 15 in Bowling Green. New members were recognized and welcomed. The group then proceeded to the Wood County Museum for a special presentation on the historic grounds and buildings. Elder Mike Brewster and Program Chair Christy Brewster were thanked for their joint effort in arranging this visit. The luncheon and museum visit were attended by SMDOH Governor Beth Anderson. At the Toledo Colony board meeting following, the office of Toledo Colony Lt Governor was declared open upon the resignation of long-time Lt Governor Susan Fisher. The motion was made that the board should appoint an interim Lt Governor, pending later approval by the assembled membership at the 2023 Compact Day luncheon.

2023 Compact Day: The annual Compact Day luncheon event was held at Swan Creek on November 4, 2023. The speaker was Douglas Forsythe, of the History Department of Bowling Green State University, who spoke on "Finding Patriots and Enslavers While Doing Family History."



The membership duly voted to approve the board's earlier appointment of an interim Lt Governor made at the Summer meeting, and there being no additional nominations from the floor, Edmund Trafford was sworn in as Lt Governor of the Toledo Company. At the business meeting following the luncheon, the new Lt Governor laid out some goals for the Colony. Discussion included the necessity of revising Toledo Colony's outdated bylaws; administering the Colony's scholarship program; appointing a new newsletter editor to replace the current vacancy; and scheduling the Spring 2024 luncheon and a Summer 2024 event.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor

News from the Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony celebrated its 96th Compact day on November 12th at Chateau Michelle in North Canton Ohio. We had over 51 members rsvp.

Three new board members took their oath of offices administered by Past Governor Jill Parker. They are Sharen Jarzen- Elder, David Burnham- Colonel Historian, and Eric McDaniel- BOA Representative.



Our colony awarded the Distinguished Descendant Award for just the third time in our history to past Ohio Governor and Colony Lt Governor Jill Parker. She was honored with many letters, gifts, and The Western Reserve Colony gave two inscribed bricks at the Plymouth House gardens to celebrate her service. We are incredibly grateful for Jill's past and continual service and example. In 2024 we have many exciting activities in the works and we look forward to another great year!

Cindy Nichols, Lt Governor



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2, 2024 - Board of Assistants meeting by Zoom

April 10-13, 2023 - Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Kalahari Resort Sandusky, OH

April 26-27, 2023 - State meeting, Holiday Inn Independence OH. Details and invitation to follow in early 2024

August 3, 2024 - Board of Assistants meeting by Zoom

December 7, 2024- Board of Assistants meeting by Zoom

May 14-16, 2025 - State meeting, Cincinnati, OH

Additional events in 2024 will be posted as soon as information is available

As noted above, the 2024 conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky April 10-13. Ohio Mayflower will again have a table in the vendor hall. Our goals are to tell conference attendees about our pilgrim ancestors and to share information on the application process. If you would be interested in spending some time at the table, please email historian Ann Gulbransen at historian@ohiomayflower.org to volunteer. The vendor hall will open Thursday morning at 9 and will be open all day Friday and Saturday until 3. Even if you don't have the time to spend at the table, please stop by to say hello!

WR Colony member Robert Larson celebrated his 90th birthday on October 3rd! Bob has been a member of Ohio Mayflower since January 2002. His daughters and grandson are also members. Here are a few photos of his party courtesy of his nephew and new member Paul Livingston.



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