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A Message from our Governor

We just finished the March Meeting of the SMDOH Board of Assistants. I am always inspired by this group of volunteer leaders for the Ohio Mayflower. Prior to the pandemic we always met in person and socialized over lunch. I kind of miss that, but things continually change. SMDOH is undergoing a process of change working through a Strategic Plan with the main goal of being able to meet the needs of the members. The final version of the Strategic Plan will be presented at the State meeting in Cleveland on April 27th. I want to thank the colony leaders who joined a ZOOM meeting in January to help us identify what needs they and the colony membership have identified.



I hope many of you will join us for the state meeting, but if you cannot make it in person the option of joining by Zoom is being made available so that our members can hear remarks from Jane Hurt – Immediate past General Governor of GSMD. This is the first time we have done a ZOOM alternative, and we are curious to see how you like the option. More information on how to register for the ZOOM option was in your mailed invitation. If you live out of state and did not get a mailed invitation, please reply to newsletter@ohiomayflower.org and the zoom information will be sent to you once it is released.

We had a question from one of our colonies on emailing our Junior members (12 and up) to keep them involved and information about scholarship opportunities from the SMDOH and GSMD, and reminders of when they can transfer to a regular membership at a discounted rate. Our SMDOH Counselor, Margo Broehl, assures us as these emails are not a solicitation this is admissible. Hilda Pappas and her team of Colony Jr. Member Coordinators have been busy coming up with ideas to appeal to them. Parents and Grandparents, it's important to keep the information on the Junior members you enrolled updated – postal address or email address. Your colony or state coordinator, Hilda Pappas, can assist you. hildapappas@gmail.com

The project of providing copies of the First Five Mayflower Generations or the "Silver Books" is ongoing and books have been provided to libraries in the major cities in Ohio. But that committee would like to be able to donate books to additional public libraries in the state that have a genealogy department and has active members in the communities. If you know of a library contact SMDOH Library Continued on page 5

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones September 2023-February 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Jean Morrison - 65 Years
Phyllis Wright - 35 years
Neal Glatte - 35 years
Amy Turlock - 35 years
Alan Glatte - 35 years
Carolyn Angel - 25 years

Cleveland Colony

Lynne Scott - 60 years
Mary Ward Peck - 40 years
Heather Millar - 35 years
Heather McLaughlin - 35 years
Phyllis Baron - 35 years
Keith Brown - 25 years
Vanessa Brown - 25 years

Columbus Colony

Susanne Coen - 70 years
Sara McInturf - 35 years

Leanne Platt - 35 years
Sharlene Schoaf - 25 years
Janet Wartman - 25 years

Toledo Colony

Heidi Budke - 55 years
Donald Cook - 45 years
Paula Niederhauser - 35 years
Donella Wilt - 35 years

Western Reserve Colony

William Griffiths III - 55 years
Patricia VanHoose - 35 years
Dorothy Rasnick - 35 years
Janet Van Doren - 30 years
Marcia Spiegelberg - 25 years

Congratulations!

Historian's Corner

There have been lots of changes in the world of Mayflower Historians this year. The most significant one is the implementation of digital submission of applications. This has saved us and our applicants significant money on postage. Yes, the time to prepare the digital files can be a bit onerous, but I am happy with the change. I have heard that there is some confusion on why all the documents have to be submitted as jpg image files. The main reason is that support of our applications is not the final purpose of the files. One of the preparatory steps for the launch of the Easy-App-Generator scheduled for later in 2024 is the digitization of every application. Applications that were sent on paper now have to be scanned by research center staff and volunteers, after which they are stored in an electronic data storage called the Virtual Vault. My understanding is that the software that runs that system does not handle file types other than jpg, docx and pdf well, but that it handles the jpg documents best. Since all historians from every member society want to be able to see the supporting documents, we want them in the formats the Virtual Vault can process and which can be read in any operating system.

Will you be attending the annual Conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society in April? If so, make sure to stop by at the Ohio Mayflower table in the vendor hall. The General Society has provided us with coupon codes good for the duration of the conference and the following week. They will be good for 15% off the price of any single Silver Book and \$30 off the price of the new 3 volume all name index. We will also have a gift card to raffle off that will be good for purchases at the GSMD shop. If you have some time to take a turn at the table, that would be fantastic.

Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian

GSMD NATIONAL COMMITTEE INTEREST

There are many benefits to serving both at the state and the national levels of GSMD. Serving on a committee gives you the satisfaction of honoring your ancestors by serving the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at the national level. Below are some of the benefits to serving if you are appointed by the Governor General:

- *Earn committee title bars which you can place on your national medal ribbon;
- *Attend quarterly GBOA meetings to meet with your committee in person and find out about GSMD initiatives at the national level;
- *Create friendships with your fellow committee members while working together on your committee goals.
- *Add your ideas and insights to achieve the goals of your committee;
- *Improve your leadership skills as you translate your national assignment to the member society level.

Here are some of the committees for which you may volunteer:

Committee: Preferred Experience:

Audit & Financial Review [Finance, CPA, Bookkeeping]
 Awards [Need time to read submissions]
 Bylaws [Legal, administrative]
 Communications [Organizational, PR]
 Development [Fundraising, finance]
 Education [Education, teachers, administration]
 Endowment Funds [Finance, CPA, investors]
 Historian General Appeals [Certified genealogists]
 Historic Sites [Travel agents, historians, interest in travel]
 Insignia and Sales [Retail, sales, artists]
 Juniors [Teachers, educators, admins]
 Mayflower DNA [DNA, genealogy, research]
 Mayflower Guard [Interest in 17th century military]
 Mayflower Meetinghouse [Architectural, fundraising, financial]
 Mayflower Society House [Architectural, realtors, designers]
 Mayflower Quarterly Magazine [Editing, publishing skills]
 Meetings & Events [Event organizing, party planning]
 Personnel [EC officers]
 Scholarships [Teachers, educators, academics]
 Silver Books & Publications [Genealogists, researchers, historians]
 Speakers [Organizational; produce a list of speakers]
 Technology: [Technology, genealogy]

Jane Schleizer, Indiana Society, GSMD Member at Large

If you are interested in one of these committees, please fill out the following, scan and email to membership@themayflowersociety.org or mail to Membership Manager, Attn: Committee Assignments, 18 Winslow St, Plymouth, MA 02361-3297.

I have the time and would consider being appointed: (Please print)

Name and State: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in serving as a member on the following committee: _____

Experience relevant to committee and state society offices you have held:

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Donation Coordinator- Patricia Van Norman at poppin@adelphia.net and give her the information and she will follow up.

By now you have all received the latest issue of the Mayflower Quarterly. I want to bring your attention to the fall meeting of the GSMD which is taking place in Asheville, North Carolina on September 5-8th. It's a beautiful time of the year to visit the Great Smokey Mountains so be sure to check out the program. The Mayflower Quarterly is full of information on research opportunities at the library now renamed the Research Center on your ancestors or if you know someone researching for a link to the Mayflower. There is also an article on the progress on the Meeting House. Last newsletter we identified that as a fundraising opportunity the Meeting House committee has identified items, pews, choir loft pews, etc. for multiple year naming rights. SMDOH will be announcing the state donation to the Meeting House. I am anxious to hear what we have received in donations so that Ohio's contribution will be significant. If you are interested in donating, no amount is too small, you can send your donation to: *SMDOH Treasurer, 7655 Isaac Dr., Cleveland, OH. 44130-6276*. Note Meeting House on your check.

As always, it's my honor to serve as your governor and feel free to contact me via email at: mayflowergovernorohio@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland April 26th and 27th.

Beth Anderson, Governor, Cincinnati Colony

OF INTEREST?

Sometime ago, I began submitting articles to the Ohio Buckeye of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants. I, after talking with the members of the Ohio Board of Assistants, decided I would (with their permission) continue to look for items that might be of interest to our Society.

I began reflecting on two of the stalwart men of the Pilgrim's story. Consider first The Rev. John Robinson and then William Bradford, the many times, governor of Plymouth Colony. The dates of these two illustrious men are as follows: John Robinson, born between March and September in 1576 and died in Leiden, Holland on March 6, 1625 (Please recall that there is about a 10-day difference between the calendar in those days and ours). William Bradford was born on March 19, 1590, and died in the Plymouth Colony on May 9, 1657, thus their lives spanned over a period of 81 years.

I shall be sharing with you members of the Ohio Society a number of the historical happenings that might have been known by these two men and perhaps had an effect on their beliefs. I found that there was a great deal of conflict between the nations of Europe, which may have become known to these two and other Pilgrim friends.

Ray Raphael, author of the book "Founding Myths" refers to Plymouth Rock. The English authorities had passed a law called "The Massachusetts Government Act. "The new act eliminated the sovereignty of the people of Massachusetts and threatened their economic solvency" wrote Mr. Raphael. The established agents of government of all the areas of the state were now under the rule of the agents of England. Mr. Raphael wrote: "From the time the Massachusetts Government Act was supposed to take effect, no county courts, which also functioned as the administrative arms of the local governments, were allowed to conduct any business under British authority. According to merchant John Andrews, rebels in **Plymouth** were so excited by their victory (over the Act's being put into effect) that they "attempted to move a rock (the one on which their fore-fathers first landed, when they came to this country) which lay buried in a wharfe five feet deep, up into the center of town, near the court house. The way being up the hill, they found it impracticable, as after they dug it up, they found it to weight ten tons at least."

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols – former Governor of Ohio

Surgeon' Corner

We are beginning to come out of our annual hibernation here in Ohio. Our human situation is to orient to the sun and many people will be noticing increased energy and improved mood.

Light boxes are usually used through about April, but there is more evidence all the time of the importance of early morning light, and with our ongoing tendency to spend most of our time inside, using a full spectrum light box in the morning is a good choice for many year round.

We will have more interest in outside exercise which remains a really good choice every day for every one. Walking 30min a day is optimal. At minimum it is important to stand up every 30min for those more sedentary. For people with truly limited mobility standing up every 30min is a really good goal.

I want to remind everyone that it is optimal to remove all sugar and highly processed foods from our diet. There is more and more evidence for sugar being the root cause of most if not all inflammatory illnesses (they are almost all inflammatory in nature) - Alzheimer's Disease is now being routinely referred to as Type III Diabetes.

Most important is getting protein at every meal. For those in the older age group biggest concern is lean muscle loss. Getting 1 gram protein per pound of (ideal-if you are carrying extra weight for your height you would base your grams of protein for the ideal weight for someone your height/body weight).

Zack Bush MD-4 Minute work out -check it out on u-tube is a really good doable work out for anyone mobile, start where you are and just do as much as you can.

Best longevity advice today: find a way to have happy SOCIAL meals.

Elizabeth A. Finley-Belgrad, MD

Here is a link to a great article about hidden sugar in processed foods.

<https://totaste.com/just-a-spoon-full-of-sugar/>

Pilgrim Fun Facts



Sam Kean wrote a book which touches on a time the Pilgrims were in Holland. He is a scientist and writes the most interesting facts about such things as DNA. In his book, **The Violinist's Thumb**, he tells the following story: About the year 1600 in Holland all carrots were purple. The farmers, using their knowledge, bred mutants and lo and behold developed our present family of carrots. He wrote they (the farmers) "forever changed the texture, flavor, and color of this vegetable".

Donald Nichols, Past Governor, Cleveland Colony

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Go to <https://feattravel.com/tour/mayflower> for more information on this tour and to register

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The only European tour sponsored by **The Mayflower Society** includes visits to Amsterdam, Leiden, Delfshaven, Harwich, Boston, Retford, Scrooby, Stratford-upon-Avon, Plymouth, Southampton, London and Windsor. Join your Mayflower Cousins on a trip you won't forget to experience the origin sites of our Pilgrim ancestors.

Go to <https://www.feattravel.com/account/#/register/GSMD2024> for more information and to register

From the Treasurer

Thank you for paying your 2024 dues and continuing your membership with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio. We appreciate you!

Because we are a 501c (3) nonprofit organization, donations to our society are tax-deductible. We have several designated funds that are used to run our organization: the Scholarship Fund, Life Member Fund, Junior Member Activities Fund, and General Fund. Through your support, we can grant a scholarship each year to a deserving college student, and we have been able to provide complete sets or sets of the Silver Books to complete collections at libraries throughout Ohio who have active genealogy departments. This past year, sets of the Silver Books were given to the Chardon Public Library in Chardon and the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Cleveland.

At the end of the year, we provided a challenge to our members to raise money for signage opportunities at the Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,500.00 through the end of our fiscal year in April. To date, through your generosity, we have collected \$1,223.00. An additional opportunity to meet our goal will be at the State Assembly Meeting in April in Cleveland.

We want to acknowledge those members who contributed to our various funds this past dues collection cycle:

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Mary Chase, Cleveland Colony State Treasurer

Mayflower on the Sea of Time, oratorio by Philip Sawyers (English Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Nimbus NI6349)

There is a recent release of a very interesting world premiere recording of a newer work by English composer Philip Sawyers. It was commissioned by the Worcester City Council and written in 2017-2018. It was intended to mark the 400th anniversary of *Mayflower's* sailing to America. The premiere was originally scheduled for April 2020 in Worcester Cathedral, but the performance was delayed during the Covid pandemic. The first performance finally took place in June 2023. Set for chorus and orchestra, the hour-long *Mayflower on the Sea of Time* is arranged in four parts: "Persecution and Journey," "Arrival in the New World," "Survival and Making our Community," and "Our New World." The focus of the libretto (based to a large extent on Bradford's history) is primarily Edward Winslow, his wife Susanna, and their son Peregrine. Winslow's importance to this musical project lies in the fact that he was born in Droitwich, near Worcester, and was educated at the King's School, Worcester (1606-1611). Sawyers' score includes a brief quotation from composer Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656) whose music comes from the time of the Pilgrims, and words from one of America's most famous poets, Walt Whitman.

Philip Sawyers is of course a living composer (born in 1951), and the musical language of many contemporary composers is often a challenge for even the most devoted concert-goers. However, his work here is melodious and approachable. Partly this is due to its original purpose of having been commissioned for the Worcester Schools chorus program for performance by younger singers. Sawyers has also written six symphonies; concertos for violin, trumpet, and viola and a double concerto for violin and cello; and several string quartets among much other music.

If you are interested in classical music and want to sample an accessible piece by a living composer based on our Pilgrim history, *Mayflower on the Sea of Time* is recommended listening.

Edmund Trafford, Toledo Colony

Junior Membership



Each of our 5 colonies have a Jr. Membership Chairman
Cincinnati, Jean Meutzel; **Cleveland**, Kathy Leasure;
Columbus, Matilda Davis-Northrup; **Toledo**, Andrea Traunero;
 and **Western Reserve**, Cindy Nichols.

In August 2023 we began a monthly email with interesting facts for our Junior Members using the colony's list of their Junior members' contact. If you are a parent/guardian/sponsor and have not received this email; please contact your colony's Junior Membership chairman.

Who are We?

We have 2 groups of Junior Members: age 0-17 years and 18th birthday until their 25th birthday. On their 18th birthday a Junior Member is eligible to apply for regular membership with a discounted fee. On their 25th birthday, if a Junior member has not applied for regular membership, they are dropped from the system.

Parents/Guardians/Sponsors

We have found that many Junior Members' parents/guardians/sponsors have either not renewed their membership in any given year or have died. This creates several issues. We cannot distribute monthly information or inform them that they are eligible to apply for regular membership. If you are a parent/guardian of a Junior Member who was sponsored by a family member, please contact your colony's Junior Membership chairperson to update their information,

Please visit the Junior Member page

<https://ohiomayflower.org/junior-membership/>

In January, our Ohio Mayflower Society website added: Who Are We, Children of the Mayflower, Education for Junior Members, and What is a Mayflower?

“Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future”

John F. Kennedy

Please consider completing an application for your Child/Grandchild/Niece/Nephew

Hilda Pappas

OH Society

Junior Membership Coordinator 2023-2025

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Dropped your landline or gotten a new cell phone? Do you have a second address? We depend on you to keep your Ohio Society updated with your current contact information. You can send your changes by email to membership@ohiomayflower.org or fill out the member change contact form on the website (under Member Info/Forms). You can also send changes by postal mail to editor Ann Gulbransen, 2234 S. Medina Line Rd, Wadsworth OH 44281. We will send all updates to the General Society so the mail you get from them gets delivered.

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Recording Sec. Paige Craig	Treasurer Clay Crandall
Historian Kim Hall	Elder Karen Wiggins
Deputy Elder and BOA Carol Byrd Jr.	Membership coordinator Jean Muetzel

The Cincinnati Colony is planning a Spring meeting to be held in the next couple of months. The Leadership team is strategizing on ways to get more of the membership active and involved.

Plans are also beginning for the 2025 annual Ohio meeting to be hosted by the Cincinnati Colony. Keynote talks by Lisa Pennington, Governor General and by David Furlow, her husband and a great historian and speaker are highlights of the annual meeting.

The 2025 state meeting will be held May 15-17 2025.

2025 is also the 90th anniversary of the Cincinnati colony.

Plans will be announced soon.

Lt. Governor, Wanda Langdon

Cleveland Colony

Meetings: In 2024, the colony will continue to hold four board of assistant's meetings via zoom and one annual in-person or zoom Spring business meeting.

2024 State & Leadership Strategic Planning Meetings: Vicky Heineck attended the state and leadership strategic planning zoom meetings held in January and February. In addition, board members Bob Coltrin and Rose McIntyre joined the leadership meeting in February.

2024 State Assembly Day: The 126th Annual Ohio State Assembly Day events will be hosted by the Cleveland Colony April 26/27, 2024 at the Independence Holiday Inn South located in Independence, Ohio. The planning committee is working diligently on the event details. The invitation, registration form and zoom notice were mailed ahead of schedule to Ohio members and the out of state members will receive communication via email including the electronic zoom link. The "Great Book" event presentation will be given by Ann Sindelar Rare Book docent at the Western Reserve Historical Society Friday April 26, 2024 at 11:00am in the museum Hannah Room. Former Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt will sign the rare book as Governor General term 2023-2026. Later, Friday the "Meet and Great" including light hors d'oeuvres & variety of desserts will be held at the hotel starting at 7:00pm with greetings from honorary guest FGG Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt. Saturday April 27, 2024 at 8:00am the early Board of Assistants meeting will start the day and at 9:15am the morning speaker and author Brady Crytzer will give his program George Washington "Whiskey Rebellion". The annual general assembly meeting will follow facilitated by Ohio Governor Beth Anderson followed by the attendees breaking for plated lunch. After lunch, the Keynote speaker FGG Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt will give her program "Honoring our Pilgrim Ancestors". Announcements, door prizes and benediction will close the meeting.

2023 Summer Event: No event.

2024 Compact Day: The annual Compact Day buffet luncheon event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 16, 2024. The keynote speaker will be announced at a later date. The new members from November 2023 to 2024 will be recognized. After the passenger roll call by family surname, we will recognize Veterans and thanked them for their service and we will never forget. As always, Door prizes will close the meeting!

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor

Columbus Colony

With much sadness I report the passing of a member of our colony, Marsha Duffey on February 14, 2024, our condolences to her husband Joseph Duffey and family.

A big thank you to Sharon Hendershot and Hilda Pappas for their support with the unexpected passing of my fiancée Sharon K. Hickman in early December.

Our Compact Day Luncheon was a success. We had 37 members present representing 18 lines of our Pilgrim ancestors: Alden (11), Allerton (1), Bradford (4), Brewster (9), Cooke (4), Doty (1), Fuller (6), Hopkins (4), Howland (6), Hurst (1), Mullins (5), Priest (1), Rodgers (1), Soule (1), Standish (2), Tilley (3), Warren (6) and White (1). We had 16 guests in attendance, for a total of 53.

Jan Kleinline was the presenter and gave a very informative presentation about Native Americans, drawing from decades of study and collection of materials from various places.

Our Spring meet will be held at the Columbus Women's Club on the 6th of April, 2024. Our program highlight will be, Van Young who will provide a power point presentation on the Voyage of the Mayflower.

Charles Mays, Lt. Governor

Toledo Colony

Meetings: In 2024, the colony plans to hold three Board of Assistants meetings in person. Regular meetings follow our membership events (13 April 2024 Spring Luncheon Gathering, with Summer and Fall gatherings to be scheduled).

2024 Spring Luncheon Gathering: The annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, 13 April 2024 at Swan Creek. The presentation will be "*The Salem Witch Trials*" by Andrea Traunero. The luncheon details were on the front page of our fall 2023 Toledo newsletter. The newsletter was forwarded to the SMDOH BOA membership and all were invited to attend, if available and interested.

2024 Summer Event: This event is to be arranged. The Toledo Colony BOA will meet as regularly scheduled following the adjournment of our 13 April 2024 Spring Luncheon.

2024 Compact Day: This event is to be arranged. The Toledo Colony BOA will meet as regularly scheduled following the adjournment of our 13 April 2024 Spring Luncheon.

Community Events: The Toledo Colony Scholarship was awarded to Cassi Traunero at our Spring Luncheon. Her essay was entitled "Pilgrim Values Still Needed in American Society in the Twenty-first Century." The values she expanded on were religious freedom, the rule of law, equal justice, property rights, and governance by the consent of the governed. The scholarship is \$1,000 and is available to any eligible Junior or adult member pursuing post-high school education.

Toledo Colony also presented a copy of the "Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee" volume to the Williams County Public Library History Center in Bryan, Ohio.

Newsletter: The "Toledo Colony Chronicle" was released in January 2024 and was sent to the Toledo membership as well as SMDOH BOA membership. Many thanks to those SMDOH individuals who contributed to the tribute for Susan Fisher, our past Lt. Governor. The newsletter is posted on the Toledo page on www.ohiomayflower.org.

Bylaws: Our Toledo bylaws have been completely rewritten. After final approval by the Toledo BOA, they will be distributed to the Toledo membership in advance of the 13 April 2024 luncheon for review. The Toledo membership will be asked to approve the bylaws at the meeting.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor

Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony is looking forward to 2024. We have a mix of activities this year and hope you can join us at one or all of them. Friends and family are always welcome at our meetings.

On Saturday March 9th we will be having our luncheon meeting at The Canton Women's Club at 11:30am with an optional activity afterwards to visit the First Ladies Museum to tour the Kennedy Exhibit. The cost is \$27.

The Canton Women's Club is one of the last historical homes left in Downtown Canton. The construction of the home began in 1866 on land that was originally granted by President James Madison to Bezaleel Wells and was later part of the development of Canton, Ohio. John Rex Bucher purchased "lot K" in June of 1866 and began construction of his family's home. In 1867 the Bucher family took up residence in the Victorian Gothic style home. The house featured ornate wood trim along the large porch and gambrel, double front entrance doors, arched walkway to the carriage house, tower, and small balcony. Guests within the house today still marvel at the original cherry wood work of the curved archways and grand staircase as well as the pocket doors. The chandeliers of the house are another focal point as many are original. The warm glow of the fire place is framed by the 150 year old etched marble mantel.

On Sunday June 9th we are bringing back our annual picnic put on hold during Covid. It will be held in Kent and our Deputy LT Governor Marilyn Sessions and her husband Brian will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone provided by the Western Reserve Colony. There is no cost to attend however please bring your own beverages and side dishes. We will have activities including corn hole, outdoor giant Jenga and the Mayflower Maize Game

Details to be announced soon for our September meeting.

Our Compact Day this year will be held at the Canton Women's Club on November 10th at 11:30am.

In addition to this year's meeting our BOA Representative Eric McDaniel is planning to host a genealogical and historical society gathering to promote new membership sometime in 2025. If you are interested in being a part or represent a historical/genealogical society who would like to be a part of this event please contact Eric at eric.s.mcdaniel@hotmail.com.

Cindy Nichols, Lt. Governor

Genealogy Mystery books

Do you like to read? Of course there are plenty of books covering Mayflower history, but have you explored the wonderful world of genealogy mystery books? If you are on Facebook, there is a group called [Genealogical Crime Mystery Book Club](#) that is worth being a part of to learn about new books. There are new books being reviewed constantly. Any of these will keep you entertained for many hours.

Here are a couple of my favorite authors and series:

Nathan Dylan Goodwin <https://www.nathandylangoodwin.com/>

Forensic Genealogist Series – start with the prequel *The Asylum* and then *Hiding in the Past*

Venator Cold Case Series (genetic genealogy)– start with *The Chester Creek Murder*

M. K. Jones <https://mkjonesauthor.com/>

Maze Investigation Series – start with *Three Times Removed*

The Curiosity Club Series – start with *All Gone*

John Nixon

Madeline Porter series – start with *Family Shadows*

M. J. Lee <http://www.writermjlee.com/>

Jayne Sinclair Series – start with *The Irish Inheritance*

Wendy Percival <https://www.wendypercival.co.uk/>

Esme Quentin series – start with *Blood Ties*

Steve Robinson <https://www.steverobinson.me/Welcome.html>

Jefferson Tayte Series – start with *In the Blood*

You can find these in bookstores and if you are a Kindle reader, many are available in Kindle Unlimited. Just don't blame me when you get lost in these engaging stories and ignore the rest of your to-do lists!

Ann Gulbransen, Historian, book addict

GSMD Commendation Awards

2013 - Evelyn Worstel
2014 - Ann Gulbransen
2015 - Jan Kleinline
2017 - Lee Martin
2019 - Dr. Don Nichols
2021 - Beth Anderson
2022 - Hilda Pappas
2023 - Mary Chase

GSMD makes these awards at each GBOA meeting or Triennial Congress based on nominations from the member society. If you know of an Ohio member who has gone above and beyond and should be nominated, please email Beth Anderson at mayflowergovernorohio@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, 2024 - WR spring meeting, Canton Women's club

March 25, 2024 - deadline for scholarship submissions

April 6, 2024 - Columbus Colony spring meeting

April 11-13, 2024 - Ohio Genealogical Society conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

April 13, 2024 - Toledo Colony spring meeting, Swan Creek

April 26-27, 2024 - State Assembly, Independence, OH

November 10, 2024 - WR Colony Compact Day, Canton Women's club

November 16, 2024 - Cleveland Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club

November 2024 - Cincinnati, Columbus, and Toledo Colonies Compact Day, dates TBD

Mayflower Passengers Trivia Quiz

How well do you know the male passengers who sailed aboard the *Mayflower*? Just for fun, try identifying them from the clues below.

1. A house in which this *Mayflower* passenger lived still stands in Dorking, County Surrey, England. He was one of the more prosperous colonists who brought an inventory of shoes with him aboard the ship. Before dying in February 1620/21, he dictated his will which was witnessed by Master Christopher Jones, Surgeon Giles Heale, and Gov. John Carver. Who was he?

2. Due to the deaths of several close relatives and his own illness in childhood, this passenger became a resolute student of the Bible. In old age he taught himself some vocabulary in the Hebrew language to draw himself even closer to God. Around 1630 he began writing a history of Plymouth Colony. His completed work is regarded as one of the seminal texts of American history. Who was he?

3. This passenger was a London merchant who arranged to join the Leiden church on their voyage. He made the hard decision to leave his wife and five young daughters in England. After the family was reunited in 1623, two sons were born in Plymouth. He died in 1628. Who was he?

4. By 1611 this Englishman was living in Leiden and was an active member of the church. As a deacon of the congregation, he participated in the decision to migrate to America. This man was of vital importance in Plymouth as he was the colony's physician. He died in 1633 of an infectious fever. Who was he?

5. At a youthful age this passenger joined the army of Queen Elizabeth I. It is likely that he was one of the four thousand men that was deployed by the queen to fight the Spanish in the Netherlands. Later, he became acquainted with Pastor John Robinson in Leiden. Through this acquaintance he became known to the church and was selected to be their military leader in Plymouth. Who was he?

6. In England this passenger was a merchant by trade. He purchased four shares in the Virginia Company which was enough to enable him and three others, his wife, son, and stepson, to make the voyage. He was appointed to help with buying provisions for the voyage but was criticized for mismanagement and for his refusal to produce the accounts for the perusal of the leaders. He and his wife died during the first winter. Who was he?

7. In Bradford's passenger list this man's name appears in a listing of London merchants. He was married with one young son at the time of the voyage. His pregnant wife gave birth to another son a couple of weeks after the Mayflower Compact was signed. He died the first winter and his widow soon married Edward Winslow. Who was he?

8. This passenger made the voyage as a servant of Stephen Hopkins. In Plymouth, the colonists knew him to be quick-tempered and shrewd and these qualities landed him in trouble many times. The records show that he participated in physical fights and was sued often in civil court for fraudulent dealings with others. Who was he?

Informational source: The Mayflower and Her Passengers by Caleb H. Johnson.

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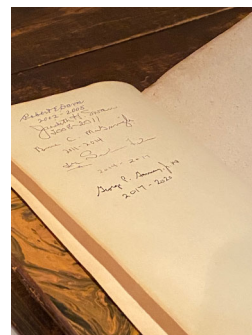
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What is the Great Book?

The book is a religious treatise published by William Brewster in Leiden in 1618. It was donated to the Western Reserve Historical Society by a collector who specified that all Mayflower Governor Generals could visit and sign the front pages of the book. The first signature is from 1929 and the most recent signature is George Garmany in 2019. Past Governor General Jane Hurt will sign the book on April 26th when she is here for the annual assembly and current Governor General Lisa Pennington will be here in 2025. Look for more of the history of the book at ohiomayflower.org. There is a link to a detailed article at the bottom of the History tab on the menu.



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