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A Message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins

Much of this issue of the *Buckeye Mayflower* will have many comments about the General Meeting in Independence, OH, hosted by the Cleveland Colony. The Former Governor General Jane Riddel Hurt was our guest for this event that covered two full days. On Friday April 26th we traveled to the WESTERN RESERVE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY and a group of us were hosted by Ann Sindelar of the WRHS, for the purpose of having FGG Jane Hurt sign the "GREAT BOOK". Ms. Sindelar explained the history of the book and the practice of the Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants signing the book (See the article by Carolyn Cheverine in this issue). Later that day FGG Hurt met with SMDOH members at a reception at the hotel. On Saturday the FGG joined the SMDOH -BOA for their meeting. Former Governor General Hurt was the featured speaker after lunch covering the activities of the General Society and progress on the Mayflower Meeting House. For me, it was an opportunity to get feedback on what we are doing with implementing the Strategic Plan that has a focus on member engagement.

Thank you to Cleveland Colony for hosting this memorable event. I appreciate the work and coordination that was required to make the "Great Book" signing happen. There were lots of barriers and hoops to jump through for Vicky Heineck and her team. I also want to thank the staff at Western Reserve Historical Society for all their efforts. And look forward to being there next year with Governor General Lisa Pennington.

During the SMDOH- BOA meeting on April 27th the Strategic Plan was approved for implementation. During the month of June, I will be holding Zoom meetings with Colony BOA's and discussing their responsibilities for the success of the Strategic plan. I am also going to try to set up a meeting with the leadership of other Colonial Societies to find out how they are working on member engagement. I will let you know how that goes.

I recently had an opportunity to engage with other Mayflower State Governors and the GSMD Executive Director, Mark Schmidt for a *Governors Forum*. He opened the meeting discussing the GSMD Long Term Planning Committee that has six overall goals:

1. Funding the restoration of the Mayflower Meeting House as a place to "tell the story".

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members December 2023-May 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Maura Boesch	11th from Edward Fuller
Emilee Brown	14th from Edward Fuller
Susan Cirigliano	11th from John Alden
Lois Cocanougher	11th from Edward Doty
Colin Culbertson	13th from William Bradford
Katherine Culbertson	12th from William Bradford
William Culbertson	13th from William Bradford
Kathryn Dierckes	14th from John Alden
Alison Haas	12th from Stephen Hopkins
Jean Herbert	11th from John Alden
Lisa Luecke	11th from Resolved White
Michael Poterek	12th from John Howland
JoAnn Wissel	13th from John Howland
Valerie Wissel	14th from John Howland
Georganne Woessner	11th from John Alden

Cleveland Colony

William Flickinger	11th from Samuel Fuller
Alyson Scott	13th from John Alden
Margaret Walton	12th from John Alden
Dale Leppo	12 th from Stephen Hopkins
Robert Lundgren	10 th from Henry Samson

Columbus Colony

Alexander Ash	13th from William Brewster
Avril Ash	13th from William Brewster
Amber Davis	14th from Thomas Rogers
Brandy Davis	14th from Thomas Rogers
Eric Doolittle	14th from William Brewster
Peter Flavin	13th from Stephen Hopkins
Kimberly Koenig	12th from Francis Eaton
Jennie Parker	10th from Edward Doty
Annette Ramos	14th from John Howland
Laura Sebastiani	11th from Edward Fuller

Toledo Colony

Heather Farris-Michalak	13th from Thomas Rogers
Andrew Lynch	14th from Richard Warren

Western Reserve Colony

Amy Bevan	14th from William Bradford
Gregory Bevan	13th from William Bradford
Katherine Doherty	12th from Samuel Fuller
Margaret Hunter	11th from William Bradford
Donna Leahey	12th from Stephen Hopkins

Supplementals approved December 2023 - May 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Lois Cocanougher	12th from Francis Cooke
Lois Cocanougher	12th from Stephen Hopkins
Jean Muetzel	11th from Mrs. Edward Fuller
Jean Muetzel	10th from Samuel Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Jennifer Brickner	12th from Samuel Eaton
Brent Durken	13th from Stephen Hopkins

Columbus Colony

Janice Adams	13th from Degory Priest
Jana Martino	12th from Francis Eaton
Jana Martino	13th from Degory Priest

Janice Adams 12th from Francis Cooke

Christine Bohannon 12th from Mary Brewster

Susan Norman 11th from John Howland

Susan Norman 12th from John Tilley

Susan Norman 11th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Toledo Colony

Andrew Lynch 14th from Francis Cooke

Western Reserve Colony

Richard Kelley 12th from Degory Priest

Richard Kelley 11th from Francis Eaton

Eric McDaniel 14th from John Howland

Congratulations!!!

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2. Design and implement a plan to retain and grow membership.
3. Conduct Research, support Genealogy research and write to share the research (for example the "Silver Books")
4. Grow the lineage research services- increasing the "experts" at the Mayflower Society
5. Expand the use of the Easy App Generator (program to be used by historians to submit applications online).
6. Upgrade the Development Program with a goal of \$5million.

I had the opportunity to share what we are doing with our Strategic Plan as the topic was member retention. I had sent Mr. Schmidt a copy of the Strategic Plan and in his summary of the meeting, he mentions many of our interventions. My assessment is that member engagement is an issue with many of the member societies as well as other colonial societies. The plan is for these "Governors Forums" to be held on a quarterly basis. I see this effort by GSMD as very positive and helpful for all aspects of the Mayflower Society.

I also participated in the Governor Generals update which will be open to all members in the future. This will be an opportunity for members to hear firsthand what is happening in Plymouth. Watch your emails for an invitation.

You will also see in this issue a Thank you from Governor General Lisa Pennington for the Ohio society's donation \$2500 to support the Mayflower Meeting House and by getting our name on a choir pew (see Mary Chase's, Treasurer SMDOH article in this newsletter). The donations are from SMDOH members over the past year. Thank you to those who helped us reach this goal.

I am ending this message with a request for a member to step forward to lead the SMDOH scholarship committee. This committee develops a topic for the scholarship submissions, reviews the submissions, and determines the winner(s). Unfortunately, we did not have any submissions for the 2024 Scholarship. Applying for scholarship is a great opportunity for Ohio Mayflower families to defray some of the cost for college. I also want to thank our previous chair, Mandy Brooks from the Western Reserve Colony, she did a terrific job.

In closing I want to thank the three previous SMDOH governors who have supported me in the first year of my term. I am blessed to have their advice and counsel. Have a great summer and don't forget to invite me to your events!

Beth Anderson, Governor – Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio.

Silver Book Index Donations



Batavia Branch of the Clermont County Public Library.

Paige Craig, of the Cincinnati Colony, donates the Silver Book Index to Marcia Jelus, Librarian for the Clermont County Genealogical Society. The three books are on the shelves along with over 3,000 genealogy and history related titles in the CCGS collection at the

Columbus Colony provided the 3 volume Index set to the Columbus Metropolitan Library. On Wednesday, May 1, 2024, Hilda Pappas and Sandy St. Martin presented the 3 volume Index set with Angela receiving on behalf of Genealogy section of Columbus Metropolitan Library.



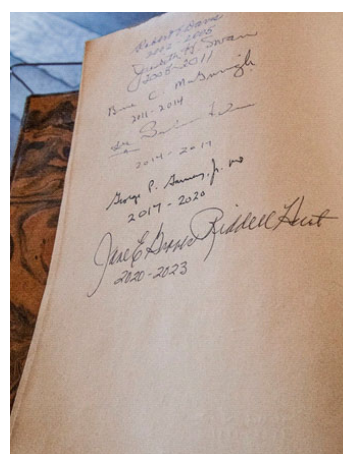
“The Great Book” Signing at The Western Reserve Historical Society

Carolyn Cheverine, Cleveland Colony

On April 26, 2024, members of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants met at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, to celebrate the signing by former Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt of “The Great Book”, more formally titled *A Confutation of the Rhemists Translation Glosses and Annotations on the New Testament, so Farre as they Containe Manifest Impieties, Heresies, Idolatries, Superstitions, Prophanesse, Treasons, Slanders, Absurdities, Falsehoods, and other evils*. This book was published in 1618 by William Brewster at his Choir Alley Printing Shop in Leyden, Holland. Two years later he was one of the passengers on the Mayflower who landed in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620.

It has become a tradition for the Governor Generals of the General Society of Mayflower Society to sign the Great Book. This tradition started with the Governor General who served in 1924, so this was the 100th anniversary. The Great Book is safeguarded at the Cleveland History Center in a climate-controlled room and is available for viewing by appointment only. This book had belonged to Christ’s College in Cambridge, England and bears its nameplate. It subsequently was purchased by John Pearson, a well-known book collector from Cleveland, Ohio. He took the book to the General Congress of the Mayflower Society in the early 1940’s and had the current and former Governor Generals sign the book. Afterward, he donated it to WRHS with the stipulation that all future Governor Generals could sign it.

Attendees from the Ohio Society were Beth Anderson, current Governor; Betsy Gricar, Ohio Deputy Governor; Ann Gulbransen, Ohio Historian; Troy Bailey, Ohio Captain and WR BOA Representative; Eric McDaniel; Vicky Heineck, Cleveland Colony Lt. Governor; Charlie Mays, Columbus Colony Lt. Governor; Board members from various Ohio colonies; and their guests.



You can read more about the Great Book at www.ohiomayflower.org under History in the menu.

Genealogy Corner

WHEN IS IT TIME TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL?

Terri Brown, Deputy Historian, Western Reserve Colony

The answer to that question doesn't have a "one size fits all" answer. Each situation is unique. Occasionally a member of the Historian Team will recommend an applicant at least consult with a professional researcher. The response we usually get is "But they want MONEY." Well, of course they do. You want to be paid for your work, right? Fair is fair. If I wasn't the SMDOH State Deputy Historian, I'd be charging people for what I do, too. There is a lot of time and effort involved in breaking down brick walls. I joke I have two full time jobs – one that pays the bills and one that doesn't.

So, when should you hire a professional researcher? Or at least consult with one? All I can do is tell you about my experiences with hiring New England Historic Genealogical Society <https://www.americanancestors.org/>.

My first experience with AmericanAncestors was to determine the correct maiden name for my 4th great-grandmother Sophronia, first wife of Martin Kibbee. Was her name Sophronia Giles, as the Barbour Collection for Somers CT indicates? Or was her name Sophronia Giffin, as a few Ancestry.com family trees assert? (Those of you who know me know I distrust online trees immensely.) The researcher at AmericanAncestors eventually contacted the Town Clerk for Somers CT and "shmoozed" a copy of the original entry from the town records. Guess what? Barbour was WRONG. When the marriage was recorded in 1822, the clerk spelled her name GIFEN. When Barbour extracted the information from the town records the name was entered as GILES. Upon seeing a copy of the original entry, I can understand how that mistake happened. However, there are probably thousands of trees on the internet that give her the wrong maiden name because Barbour is the only source for Somers CT town records available to most people. The researcher also believes Sophronia is one of the youngest children of John Giffin and his second wife Keziah Smith but did not uncover any evidence in the time allotted for the project. Someday I hope to be able to write an analysis and use John Giffin for a DAR supplemental.

My second experience was a consultation to determine potential sources for proof of Revolutionary War military service or civil service for my 6th great-grandfather Charles Kibbe of Somers CT. He was my best bet to join DAR, but I needed to prove him as a new Patriot. The genealogy for the line is solid, unlike the line I originally tried to prove for DAR which has more holes than Swiss cheese. But that is a story for another time. During the consultation the researcher offered some suggestions, gathered more information from me and asked me to give her a couple of days to check on a few things. Less than a week later she sent me a list of potential sources to check. Thanks to the help I was able to prove Captain Charles Kibbe for both military and civil service. I was accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution on 5 November 2020 as the first Daughter to join under Ancestor No. A214897.

My third, and ongoing, experience has been the most rewarding of all. In 2017, I began a research project with AmericanAncestors to 1) trace my father's European Lissner line and 2) verify the lineage posted on Ancestry.com which includes my father's European Rosnagel/Rossnagel line. Thanks to the AmericanAncestors research team I was able to show my father his grandmother's line back to the mid-1700s in modern-day Poland and Czech Republic before his death in 2022. I never would have been able to progress so far on the Lissner/Rossnagel line without help. The needed records are mostly written in Russian or Polish with a little bit of German thrown in for good measure. At the suggestion of the AmericanAncestors research team I have switched to a monthly "subscription" research plan. This allows the researcher so many hours of time per month for six months to work on pre-determined goals.

My Lissner/Rossnagel research has been featured in print twice by AmericanAncestors. The first was the Winter 2019 edition of *AmericanAncestors Magazine*, "Locating a Marriage Record in Central Europe, Land of Shifting Boundaries". Included in the article is a photo of my great-grandparents Adolph Rossnagel (aka Otto Rosnagel) and Olga Lissner from my photo collection. The second was a short piece in the blog *Vita Brevis* on 13 April 2022 titled "Land Records in Bohemia."

Free research help can only take you so far. Hiring a professional allows someone with experience in a specific region or area of research to dedicate time to your issue. When should you hire a professional? Only you can truly answer that question but I can tell you, with the right research team, it is money well-spent.

Historian's Corner

As you can tell from the lists of new members and approved supplementals, we have been very busy these last few months. I think we always will be! I want to give you an update on some initiatives from the General Society and new activities here at home in Ohio.

You have probably read in the Mayflower Quarterly about the Passenger Inheritance Program. For a flat fee of \$150, any current member can “inherit” pilgrim ancestors from another family member without having to submit a formal application. You have to be a current member to participate, but this is a great way to add pilgrim ancestors to your Mayflower record without any of us having to do additional work. You can read all the details on the General Society website (www.themayflowersociety.org) in the members only section. You will need to create a free account if you have not done so already. If you don't know your general number or the number of the person from whom you want to “inherit” feel free to contact me or Terri for assistance. Ed Trafford as membership coordinator can also do look-ups for you.

GSMD is also working hard on a new tool for historians called the Easy App Generator which will save us many hours of retyping information onto applications. Allie Golon, Historian General is hoping to have it ready later this year. To make the Easy App Generator work, we have to index every Mayflower application that has ever been done - all 105 thousand of them. If you would like to join in the effort, send an email to gsmdcertify@themayflowersociety.org to volunteer. If you are currently indexing, please send me an email at ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com as the Ohio Society would like to recognize our indexers.

GSMD has recently partnered with a company, Church Hill Classics, to sell custom frames for our membership certificates. They can be bought here: <https://www.diplomaframe.com/mayf>. Current members can get 15% off their purchases with the discount code GSMD15. I will be sending the flyers to new members as they are approved.

Here in Ohio, Terri is leading the effort to build a solid network of Colony historians. We are expanding their job descriptions and have been creating lots of tools for them to use as they get more involved in helping our applicants. We will be scheduling some zoom training sessions later this summer. Here is our current roster of historians:

Cincinnati - Kim Hall
Cleveland - Carolyn Cheverine & Bob Coltrin
Columbus - Doris Coy
Toledo - Edmund Trafford
Western Reserve - David Burnham.

Each of these historians will want to have several other members volunteer as assistants to help applicants with their applications. Some of you are already volunteering. In the past, we have been fairly informal, but per new GSMD guidelines, each volunteer will have to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to be allowed to work with the personal information of our applicants. Once you do that, we can make a lot of resources available to you. We want our historian team to grow and be better prepared to help our many applicants become members. Terri has made a great internet portal with lots of resources and a structure of DropBox folders to allow us to safely transfer application files. If you are interested in helping, please contact your colony historian to volunteer.

Ann Fox Gulbrandsen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

Ann & Terri at the
OGS Conference



In Loving memory

*"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die."*

Sadly, each colony has suffered the loss of cousins in the past year.

Cincinnati Colony

Beverly Simmons, desc. of Richard More, b. Jan. 14, 1950, d. Oct. 17, 2022, elected June 20, 2013.

Martha Anness, desc. of Joan Hurst Tilley, b. July 13, 1926, d. Feb. 13, 2023, elected June 6, 2009.

Barbara Lawrence, desc. of Wm. Brewster, b. May 7, 1942, d. June 28, 2023, elected Sept. 10, 2011.

Cleveland Colony

William Martin Jr., desc. of Stephen Hopkins, b. Mar. 22, 1936, d. Nov. 24, 2022, elected Oct. 1, 1983.

Jean Hutt, desc. of Francis Cooke, b. Apr. 11, 1941, d. May 26, 2023, elected Jan. 10, 2007.

Richard Rainey, desc. of Wm. Brewster, b. Oct. 8, 1949, d. June 13, 2023, elected Apr. 25, 2013.

David Foster, desc. of John Alden, b. June 1, 1945, d. Nov. 25, 2023, elected Nov. 23, 2011. Rev. Foster served as Ohio Society elder from 2014 to 2021.

Columbus Colony

Susan Furman, desc. of Wm. Bradford, b. Oct. 4, 1945, d. Jan. 22, 2023, elected Oct. 15, 1988.

Joseph Ray, desc. of Edward Fuller, b. Oct. 31, 1932, d. Mar. 26, 2023, elected Oct. 6, 1984.

Kathleen Murphy, desc. of John Alden, b. June 19, 1962, d. May 19, 2023, elected Mar. 14, 2017.

Wyman Haskins, desc. of Edward Fuller, b. Oct. 22, 1938, d. June 3, 2023, elected Oct. 15, 2016.

Diana Tucker, desc. of Thomas Rogers, b. July 31, 1941, d. Jan. 24, 2024, elected Dec. 28, 2010.

Marsha Duffey, desc. of John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, and Wm. Mullins, b. Nov. 6, 1956, d. Feb. 14, 2024, elected Mar. 24, 2007.

Charles Miller, desc. of John Alden, Myles Standish, Henry Samson, and Edward Doty, b. May 27, 1931, d. Apr. 15, 2024, elected Mar. 9, 1996.

Toledo Colony

Dessamae Curry, desc. of John Howland, b. Aug. 22, 1931, d. Apr. 22, 2023, elected Nov. 9, 2007.

Kenton Quint, desc. of Richard Warren, b. Mar. 10, 1931, d. May 9, 2023, elected July 1, 1998.

Ruth Gangluff, desc. of Wm. Bradford, b. May 21, 1940, d. Mar. 3, 2024, elected May 13, 1994.

Western Reserve Colony

Barbara Sharp, desc. of Wm. Brewster, b. May 1, 1924, d. May 11, 2023, elected Oct. 12, 1996.

Virginia Frisone, desc. of Thomas Rogers and Wm. White, b. Oct. 5, 1926, d. July 18, 2023, elected May 2, 2006.

Linda Houyouse, desc. of George Soule, b. July 22, 1951, d. Aug. 30, 2023, elected July 20, 2007.

Roger Bruce Shaw, desc. of Wm. Brewster, b. June 19, 1943, d. Sept. 27, 2023, elected Sept. 22, 2020.

Dick Fetzer, desc. of Richard Warren and Edward Doty, b. May 8, 1939, d. Oct. 7, 2023, elected Mar. 14, 1959.

Nancy Nierman, desc. of John Howland, b. Dec. 6, 1941, d. Oct. 10, 2023, elected Aug. 15, 2007.

Jeanne Dusz, desc. of John Alden, b. July 8, 1940, d. Dec. 8, 2023, elected Mar. 13, 1999.

Marvin Lare, desc. of John Alden, b. Sept. 22, 1934, d. Dec. 28, 2023, elected Apr. 5, 2009.



Junior Members

Who are We? Where are We?

We have **633** in 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. On their 25th birthday, if a Junior member has not applied for regular membership, they are dropped from the rolls.

Parents/Guardians/Sponsors

Why does your colony Jr. Membership Chair need a good contact?

Articles that may be of interest to our Jr Members are emailed as attachments to each colony Jr. Membership Chair from me monthly. Those articles

are then forwarded to each colony Jr. Member Sponsor or Parent from their colony Jr. Membership list.

For a prospective on the Jr. Membership numbers:

colony	adult members	Jr. Members		
		0-17	18-24	Totals
Cincinnati	201	65	25	90
Cleveland	171	48	52	100
Columbus	290	150	94	244
Toledo	99	23	29	52
Western Reserve	192	70	77	147
Totals	953	356	277	633

If you are a Parent/Guardian please pass on these articles. If you are a Sponsor, other than a Parent/Guardian, would you prefer that these articles be sent to the Parent/Guardian? If this is the case, please notify your respective colony Jr. Membership chair.

I have asked each colony Jr. Membership chair to start contacting Sponsors/Parents to update email address or snail mail address. Each colony has several Jr. Members without a correct contact. We have not had Scholarship applicants for several years and we would like to notify our Jr. Members who will be eligible to apply.

Please visit the Junior Member page

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

“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 2023-2026

Newsletter Updates

If you are reading this newsletter on OhioMayflower.org either as a result of receiving an email notification or just browsing on your own, there will be no changes to the frequency or format. There will continue to be 4 issues a year, one each quarter. There is no charge for the electronic version and you may download and/or print copies or any issue. Older issues will continue to be available.

If you are reading the 16 page paper edition of the newsletter, you will need to continue to subscribe. Annual members can do so at the same time they pay dues, or you can subscribe at any time by following the prompts at www.ohiomayflower.org/newsletters. You can either send a check to our treasurer or pay online using PayPal. Because of increased postage and printing costs, the price has increased to \$8.00 if you are paying with a check and \$9.00 if you are using PayPal to cover their service charge.

The 8 page paper newsletter will be discontinued after the December 2024 issue. It is very difficult to condense 16 pages down to 8 and still have a product that is worth reading. Your BOA has determined that we would rather put our efforts into the longer edition with more interesting articles for you to read. If you have email, we will begin to send you notices about new issues in March 2025. If you do not have email, we encourage you to subscribe to the 16 page paper edition so you stay current with your society.



Treasurer's Corner

We DID IT! Thank you to our members who accepted the challenge to raise money for signage opportunities at the Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Massachusetts. During the State Assembly Meeting in April, the Board voted to sponsor a Choir Pew at the Meetinghouse for a donation of \$2,500.00. Our name will appear on one of the pews for ten years. Before the State Assembly, we raised \$1,223.00; at the end of the State Assembly, we received monies to meet our goal. THANK YOU!

In addition, through the generosity of our Ohio Governor, Beth Anderson and WR BOA representative Eric McDaniel, a small leaf has been sponsored in the name of Ohio Juniors. Thank you, Beth & Eric.

If you are interested in more information about the Pilgrim Meetinghouse, see <https://themayflowersociety.org/give/the-mayflower-meetinghouse-project/>.

Mary Chase, Treasurer, Cleveland Colony



May 9, 2024

Dear Beth,

I would just like to thank you and the Ohio Mayflower Society for your generous donation to the Meetinghouse. We are working hard to tell the Pilgrim story - and the Meetinghouse will tell it to the world. Your gift will help educate Americans about the birth of democratic self-government in North America, and will help us start to tell the story our ancestors began. I hope to thank you personally when we meet at the next GSMD meeting.

Best regards,

Lisa Pennington

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2025 Dues Collection to begin in August

As usual, we will begin collecting for the 2025 membership year which begins 1 November in mid to late August. If you have email, we will send the first notice by email, then follow-up with paper invoices to those who have not responded. The dues amount is the same as last year - \$56 if you pay by check or \$58 if you use PayPal. The breakdown of the dues is that \$35 gets sent to the General Society, \$8 gets sent to your chosen colony and the balance goes into the SMDOH general fund. The general fund covers the expenses of our volunteer officers, the operational expenses such as our website, the Constant Contact subscription and cloud file storage. The fund also provides support to the colony hosting our annual meeting and pays for the Silver Books we donate to libraries.

We must have all 2025 dues payments by the end of December.

When you pay your dues, you have the opportunity to make donations to the Ohio and General Societies. For Ohio, you can elect to donate to the general fund, scholarship fund, or junior membership activities. For GSMD, you can continue to donate to the Pilgrim Meeting House and get the name Ohio placed in more places in the building.

If you are a life member or in active military service, we will also be contacting you to verify your mailing and email addresses and to give you the opportunity to make donations.

If you are receiving this newsletter on paper, don't forget to add another year to your subscription. Look at your mailing label to verify the last issue for which you have paid.

COLONY CHRONICLES

Cincinnati Colony

Current Officers of the Cincinnati Colony:

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Recording Secretary	Paige Craig	Treasurer	Clay Crandall
Elder	Karen Wiggins	Deputy Elder	Carol Byrd
Historian	Kimberly Hall	Corresponding Sec.	VACANT
BOA Representative	Carol Byrd	Junior Membership	VACANT

Current Colony Membership:

207 (as of April 1, 2024)

History:

The Cincinnati Colony was granted its charter from the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio on January 27, 1935. This event took place at a meeting at the Hotel Alms in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. Dr. Frank Phinney, a prominent physician from Cincinnati and Governor of the Ohio Society, was present. The first Lt. Governor of the Cincinnati Colony was Mr. John M. Wallace. 25 charter members were present at this meeting in 1935, including Mr. Raymond Hughes, first Secretary of the Colony, and grandfather of current member Jean Morrison. Jean has been a Cincinnati Colony member since 1959 (65 years). The Cincinnati Colony, in 1985, printed and distributed over 10,000 copies of the Mayflower Compact to dozens of school districts and schools throughout the Southwest Ohio area.

Meetings:

The Cincinnati Colony is revamping the structure of our meetings after the Covid crisis. We are planning for 2-4 meetings a year including the annual Compact Day celebration. Last year's Compact Day event was held at the Cincinnati Women's Club in Cincinnati.

The guest speaker in 2023 was Speaker Diane Vanskiver Gagel, Former President of the Ohio Genealogical Society. *Filling in the Gaps* gave attendees research and presentation tools to give context to our ancestors' lives by using history and culture.

Upcoming Plans:

The BOA is discussing the possibility of a summer family picnic style gathering. Work is also underway for the November 2024 Compact Day with a special guest speaker – Massasoit.

A committee has been formed to plan the 2025 State Assembly and has begun meetings. 2025 will also be the 90th Anniversary of the Chartering of the Cincinnati Colony. The gathering will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH.

Since 1935 – the Cincinnati Colony has grown from 25 members to 207 and now encompasses the entire Southwest Ohio region. We look forward to fruitful days ahead.



Wanda Langdon, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony

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 Assembly Day: The 126th Annual Ohio State Assembly Day events was hosted by the Cleveland Colony April 26/27, 2024 at the Independence Holiday Inn South located in Independence, Ohio. The planning committee worked diligently on the event details including the invitation, program, registration packets and thank you tote bags. The invitation, registration form and zoom notice were mailed ahead of schedule to Ohio members and the out of state members received communication via email including the electronic zoom link. In addition, the reminder email was sent in late March. The "Great Book Signing" event presentation was 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 signed the rare book as Governor General term 2023-2026. She was presented a personalized



Cross ballpoint pen to sign the great book printed by William Brewster. Later, Friday the "Meet and Great" including light hors d'oeuvres & variety of desserts held at the hotel. Saturday April 27, 2024 at 8:00am the early Board of Assistants meeting started the day and at 9:15am the morning speaker and author Brady Crytzer gave his program George Washington "Whiskey Rebellion". The annual general assembly meeting followed

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 gave her program "Honoring our Pilgrim Ancestors". Announcements, door prizes and benediction closed the meeting.



2024 Compact Day: The annual Compact Day Dinner 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. We will add a memorial service presented by our colony elder this year. After the passenger roll call by family surname, we will recognize Veterans and thank them for their service and we will never forget. As always, Door prizes will close the meeting!

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony, SMDOH

Columbus Colony

The Columbus Colony met on April 6, 2024 for the Spring Membership meeting. The event was held at Clintonville Women's Club, Columbus, Ohio. There were a total of 52 in attendance.

Our speaker, Van Young provided a very in-depth presentation on the Voyage of the Mayflower, followed by a question-and-answer discussion. Several of our members shared their personal experiences in their search for their Mayflower passengers.

A short meeting followed to discuss possible venues for future meetings, first and foremost will be our Compact Day Luncheon.

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.

To close a short advertisement for the Cookbooks:

Our Ohio Society thanks you for your support of this very special project.

We had such a great response to send our cookbook as a Christmas gift to our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. I hope that all who ordered will agree that each cookbook was mailed in a timely manner and with “loving hands”.

Published by Morris Press Cookbooks; it's a wonderful cookbook with our Mayflower Society information, including state, and colony information. From our kitchens to yours - it's a collection of 520 recipes from 117 Ohio members.

We have 4 cookbooks remaining of the original 550 ordered. You won't want to miss this final opportunity to purchase our cookbook.

This cookbook would be a great gift for your Jr. Member, Valentine's Day, a birthday, a new bride, Mother's Day, for that special someone who you never know what to buy, or yourself.

Charles E. Mays, Lt Governor, Columbus Colony

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 was held on Saturday, 13 April 2024 at Swan Creek. The presentation was “*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 met as regularly scheduled following the adjournment of our 13 April 2024 Spring Luncheon. The likely venue for our Summer Event is the Hayes Presidential Library with lunch beforehand.

2024 Compact Day: The Compact Day luncheon gathering is scheduled for 16 November 2024. The speaker will be local historian Frank Kuron who will give a presentation on “Two Intriguing Early Americans,” one of whom was a founding father of Toledo, Ohio.

Community Events: The Toledo Colony Scholarship was awarded to Cassi Traunero at our Spring Luncheon on 13 April 2024. 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 Summer 2024 newsletter will be released in August 2024 following our Summer meeting. The issue will include details of our Spring Meeting (13 April), our Summer Meeting (TBA), and information about the Fall Meeting (16 November, our Compact Day luncheon)

Bylaws: Our Toledo Colony Bylaws have been completely rewritten. After final approval by the Toledo BOA and approval by the SMDOH, they were distributed to the Toledo membership in advance of the 13 April 2024 luncheon for review. The Toledo membership was asked to approve the Bylaws at the meeting. The new Bylaws were duly approved.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony, SMDOH

Western Reserve Colony

This past year has been marked by the arrival of new faces, fresh ideas, and emerging leaders, imbuing our colony with a palpable sense of excitement and renewal.

We are delighted to welcome three outstanding individuals to our board, each of whom has made invaluable contributions to our chapter. David Burnham has assumed the role of Colony Historian with enthusiasm and dedication. Beyond extending warm welcomes to prospective members, David has been instrumental in managing our greeters table and crafting plans for future colony gatherings.

Sharen Jarzen, our Colony Elder, exemplifies kindness and thoughtfulness in her leadership. She not only provides guidance during our meetings but also extends her care outside of formal gatherings by sending thoughtful cards to our members.

Eric McDaniel, our new BOA representative, has brought boundless energy and inspiration to our community. His infectious passion for history and the Mayflower Society has invigorated us all, and his multifaceted support has been truly invaluable. We also love when he brings his children to our gatherings.



While our new board members have already added significant value, their success is indebted to the wealth of leadership and wisdom cultivated by our existing board members and leaders. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ann Gulbransen, Western Reserve Colony Treasurer and State of Ohio Historian, as well as Buckeye Mayflower Editor; Jill Parker, former Lt Governor of Western Reserve and Past Governor of the State of Ohio; Terri Brown, State of Ohio Deputy Historian; Mandy Brooks, State of Ohio Scholarship Chair; and Gary and Sheila Mosteller, our Western Reserve Information & Sales Coordinators.

Currently boasting 183 members, the Western Reserve Colony proudly welcomed 11 new members this year, underscoring our commitment to growth and community enrichment.

We want to extend a warm invitation to all our cousins to join us at one of our meetings/events

June 2nd Family Picnic

Plum Creek Park 590 Plum St, Kent, OH 44240 12:00 noon, Hamburgers and Hot dogs Provided
Please Bring Personal beverages and dish to share No cost Please RSVP

September 15th Akron Black Stockings Vintage Baseball Stan Hywet Hall in Akron Ohio Detail TBA

November 10th Compact Day Celebration Canton Women's Club in Canton Ohio Cost TBA

11:30 am - Social 12:00 noon - Luncheon

Genealogical and Historical Organizations Welcome to Attend

Cindy Nichols, Lt Governor and Marilyn Sessions, Deputy Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- *September 6-7, 2024 - General Board of Assistants meeting, Asheville, NY. All members are welcome to attend. Registration is available at www.themayflowersociety.org.
- *September 13-14, 2024 - Ohio Genealogical Society Fall Retreat. More details at OGS.org.
- *September 15, 2024 - Western Reserve event at Stan Hwyt hall to picnic and watch vintage baseball
- *November 2024 – Cincinnati Colony Compact Day, date TBD
- *November 10, 2024—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day
- *November 16, 2024 - Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club
- *November 16, 2024 - Toledo Colony Compact Day
- *November 2024—Columbus Colony Compact Day, date TBD
- *April 30-May 3, 2025 - Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH
- *May 16-17, 2025 - SMDOH annual state meeting, Great Wolfe Lodge, Mason, OH preceded by the signing of the “Great Book” at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, OH

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OF INTEREST

As you members of the Ohio Mayflower Society may recall, I'm always looking for items of interest to our Society. Recently, I've encountered several which might be available to you if you explore old book stores or take an investigative attitude at your local library or one in some other community. The first book I came across was written by Kate Caffrey. The title is "The Mayflower." I found it at a book sale at my local library in Westlake. It had been the possession of the United States Navy. It was published in 1974 by Stein and Day/New York. The other book, Sarah Vowels' "The Wordy Shipmates" was published in 2008. It was recommended to me by a friend who had read it and knew of my connection to the Ohio Society. It takes a rather unusual look at, not the folks at Plymouth but a very pointed critic of the Bay's leadership and theology. She makes no claim to be a Christian, and thus, I feel is very hard on those who fail to live up to their public following of their faith. Governor Winthrop is really called to task. Still, it is good reading for prompting thoughtful considerations. I called my Barnes and Noble Bookstore, and it is available from them. You'll enjoy reading and widen your connection to your family's history.

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols, Former Governor of Ohio Mayflower Society, Cleveland Colony

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