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A Message from our Governor

As many of you are aware my life was turned upside down these past few months when my husband, Joe, was diagnosed with a terminal illness, passing away on August 21st. (There is a tribute to him elsewhere in this newsletter.)

I was registered and ready to attend the annual GSMD/BOA meeting in early September in



Asheville, NC. With my priorities shifted to my husband and family, I needed to find someone to represent the Ohio Society. That happened very quickly with Ohio BOA members Ann Gulbransen and Jill Parker readily (and without hesitation) stepping forward. I am so grateful for all my Ohio Mayflower "cousins" for your thoughts, prayers and support during this time.

One of the benefits of belonging to the Mayflower Society is being able to network with, socialize with, and learn from others, including members and special speakers. Ann and Jill have already reported back much of what they experienced in Asheville and are excited to share this with our members through this newsletter, at Colony Gatherings and at the 2025 Ohio Annual Gathering. Perhaps the most exciting news is in the area of technology, member databases and the application process. Our member database is resolving "conflicting information" by establishing various standards and protocols as far as naming conventions are concerned (but without losing any information). The use of [], (), / and the like will be consistent in the database and spellings of names and locations will be made consistent, again, without losing original data. Those working on the database have found around 15 different spellings of Catherine Whelden, wife of Giles Hopkins, all the same person. Establishing one approved spelling for the ancestors in our approved lineages will make our Historians' searches much easier with these changes.

As always, there was the Annual BOA meeting which was well run by Governor General Lisa Pennington. There were lots of Officer and Committee reports but they were concise, focusing on highlights of their activities. As you can imagine there were updates about the Meeting House in Plymouth and many other society initiatives. You will be able to read these reports in the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine and on the GSMD website. Lots happening.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones March 2024-August 2024

Cincinnati Colony

- John Hughes – 65 years
- Robert Galbreath – 60 years
- Jean Muetzel – 35 years
- Nancy James-Dombrowski - 15 years
- Dee Bardes - 15 years
- Alexander Muetzel - 15 years
- Laura Baumeister - 15 years
- Sarah Evans - 15 years
- Samuel Todd IV - 15 years
- Garrison Todd - 15 years

Cleveland Colony

- Kathleen Kosmala – 55 years
- Gary Materna – 30 years
- Sharon Haynes – 25 years
- Charles Norris – 20 years
- Sarah Sheldon – 20 years
- Mark Sheldon - 20 years
- William Previts - 15 years
- Vicky Heineck - 15 years
- Andrea Aussant - 15 years
- Susan Whitelaw - 15 years
- Benjamin Belgrad - 15 years
- Jean Hoffman - 15 years
- Laura Bauschard - 15 years
- Helen Previts - 15 years
- Robert Coltrin - 15 years

Columbus Colony

- Irwin Hobbs – 55 years
- Randolph Peterson – 40 years
- Polly Peterson – 40 years
- Susan Roberson – 40- years
- Katrina Peterson – 40 years

- Julia Lambert – 35 years
- Virginia Ress – 30 years
- Judith Snyder - 20 years
- Paula Bundock - 15 years
- Colleen Bodin - 15 years
- Helen Lucinda Barton – 15 years
- Kathy Evans - 15 years
- Linda Earman - 15 years
- Lynne Brinker - 15 years
- Robert Crowell - 15 years
- Deborah Mayes - 15 years

Toledo Colony

- Caroline Longardner – 35 years
- Dawn Carr – 35 years
- Nathalie Givins – 30 years

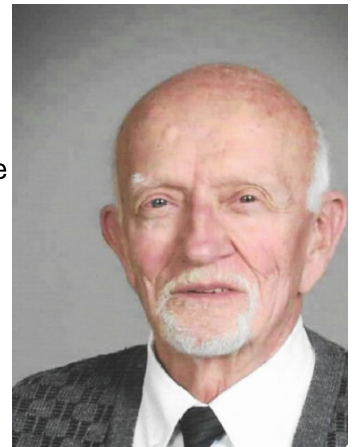
Western Reserve Colony

- Pauline Zaro – 30 years
- Kathleen Lambacher – 25 years
- Samuel Hartwell – 25 years
- James Mayer – 20 years
- Nancy Pound – 15 years
- William Griffiths - 15 years
- Byron Brown - 15 years
- Christopher Edmonds - 15 years
- Phyllis Hahn - 15 years
- Amanda Beebe - 15 years
- Becky Hoffman - 15 years
- Patricia Hall 15 years
- Jennifer Daniels – 15 years
- William Haggis - 15 years
- Ethelynn Deluca - 15 years
- Patricia McCandless - 15 years
- Amanda Shaeffer - 15 years

Congratulations!!!

Our Heartfelt TRIBUTE: Joe Anderson, special Friend of the Ohio Mayflower Society

Joe Anderson, beloved husband of our Ohio Mayflower Society Governor General Beth Anderson, passed away August 21, 2024 after a brief illness. We always looked forward to seeing Joe with his mischievous grin, the twinkle in his eye and his wonderful talent for carrying on a conversation with anyone! And I know he looked forward to seeing us too! Little did we know that the Western Reserve Colony's Spring picnic would be the last time we would feel the joy he always brought to any Mayflower gathering Beth attended.



We grieve with and for our Beth and her family. They were with Joe all the way as he made his final journey. Beth and Joe were married for nearly 59 years and there was no doubt they traveled through life with and for each other.

Joe, you were a very special part of the Ohio Mayflower Society. We will miss you!

Beth, we are here for you; we look forward to seeing you at our Colony Gatherings and at the Annual Gathering next year, May 16-17, 2025. Coincidentally, our Annual Gathering will be held at Great Wolf Lodge and hosted by the Cincinnati Colony, Beth Anderson's Colony!

Note: you might be able to view Joe's service on YouTube:

Go to the church website <https://www.stjosephdayton.org> and follow the links to the live stream masses on Facebook under Sacraments. They will be on the FB page after the funeral.

Condolences can be sent to Beth at 1720 Piper Lane #102, Centerville, OH 45440-5067

Jill Parker, Assistant General, Western Reserve Colony

Treasurer's note

Thank you to all members who have already paid their 2025 membership year dues. It is much appreciated. Dues for 2025 are \$56.00 which includes your national, Ohio and colony dues. The 2025 membership year begins November 1st. We expect payment by that date. Members who do not pay by December 23, 2024 will be dropped from membership on December 31.

You can pay your dues by check mailed to the address below or at www.ohiomayflower.org/dues to pay using PayPal or credit card. If you are paying for someone other than yourself, please complete the payment form on the dues page so we can be sure we are applying your payment to the correct member(s).

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Mary Chase, State Treasurer, Cleveland Colony

Note:

The insignia prices on the back cover of the most recent Mayflower Quarterly Magazine are incorrect. For the correct prices, go to the Shop page at the General Society website (www.themayflowersociety.org). Log in to the members only page to order insignia.

Ohio Mayflower Society Sales Tax Requirements – Good Plan!

A wonderful plan was adopted by the Ohio Mayflower Society in the summer of 2024 to address the longstanding “uncertainty” about whether or not we had to charge and submit state sales tax receipts for items “sold” at our Colony and State meetings. Thank you Governor Beth Anderson for appointing Treasurer Mary Chase and Counselor Margo Broehl, Esq. to bring their findings and recommendations to the Board. The Board adopted the committee’s recommendations unanimously on August 3, 2024, with great gratitude.

Below is a summary of the investigation by Margo and Mary (after much research and professional opinions from the SMDOH CPA):

- Under Ohio Tax code R.C. 5739.02(B)(9)(a) – Sales by Charitable Organizations, we are exempt from paying sales taxes as long as we do not make taxable sales on more than SIX days in any calendar year. If we exceed the six-day limitation, we must apply for a vendor’s license and start paying sales tax to the state.
- This means that we have a six-day selling period total for the Ohio Society; not six days per year per colony.
- We should not have an online presence for selling products.
- If we choose to proceed with a six-day selling period, the Colonies will need to provide an income/expense report to the State Treasurer at the time the Colony provides their annual financial report.

Below are the Recommendations from the State Counselor and State Treasurer:

- Each Colony will be allowed one selling day if they choose to sell product (Compact Dinner Day, Spring Event or whatever). This would account for five sales days, even if 2 or more Colonies were meeting on the same day.
- At the State Assembly, each Colony can have a sales table which would account for a “sixth day” of sales (same day, same location).
- Each Colony Treasurer will have the responsibility to manage the sales reporting as part of the year end financial statement which is provided to the State Treasurer.

The above recommendations were unanimously approved on August 3.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN Q & A?

Does each Colony HAVE to have a sales table? NO

Do the Colonies have to offer the same item for sale? NO. Each Colony is encouraged to identify items their members might be interested in: coffee mugs, T-shirts, puzzles, books, etc. This would result in a good variety of items being offered at the State Assembly.

If a Colony wants to have a Sales Table (say at Compact Day), they should

- 1) have a Volunteer or appointee to manage “inventory”, (talk to your Lt. Governor to volunteer!)
- 2) properly report sales to the Colony Treasurer, who includes that information on his/her annual report to the State Mayflower Treasurer,
- 3) ensure there are no copyright issues with regard to the products they offer for sale

Can a Colony offer items for free and/or have a “donation” basket or jar for people to voluntarily make a donation to the Colony (usually for items members have donated such as books they have read, etc.). YES, but to be perfectly clear, a section of the Sales Table should be marked “FREE” (for new or used items offered for free). A separate “DONATION” basket or jar could be placed at the registration or check-in table with a note as to what the donation is for (Example: Donations for Akron/Canton Food Bank; Donations for Colony Scholarship Fund, etc.)

So watch for possible changes in your Colony regarding selling items, and definitely check out the sales tables at the 2025 State Assembly hosted by the Cincinnati Colony!!

Jill Parker, Assistant General, Western Reserve Colony

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Former Governor General Jane Hurt focused her report on her visit to Ohio for our Annual Gathering in 2024, hosted by the Cleveland Colony. She went into great detail about the Great Book, its history, and explaining the significance having Mayflower Society Governor Generals signing the Book. She had high

praises for the experience and that Ohio incorporates this into their Annual Gathering.

Both Ann and Jill received commendations while there (a surprise to both). Ann was recognized as an “Indexer” for participating in the creation of the OneSource database and Jill received the Governor General’s Commendation in recognition for her contributions, creativity and leadership (see below).

The speakers were excellent. Christopher Child’s “Uncovering Mayflower Connections through DNA” was highly informative and very understandable.

David Furlow (GG Lisa Pennington’s husband), spoke on “The Odyssey of Isaac Allerton: Rebel Pilgrim” and gave us a different look at what “history” says about Isaac. HEAD’S UP! David Furlow will be our keynote speaker at the 2025 Ohio Annual Gathering hosted by the Cincinnati Colony! You won’t want to miss his presentation.

The Mayflower Society gathers in Plymouth every 3rd year to host the Mayflower Society General (aka Triennial) Congress (43rd Congress was in 2023, 44th Congress will be in 2026). In the other years the Society gathers at locations other than Plymouth for what are called General Board of Assistants Meetings. San Antonio will host this meeting in 2025, then on to Plymouth in 2026. These meetings are a wonderful experience. Please give serious thought about being an official delegate from Ohio for an upcoming congress. You do not have to be on the Ohio Society Board to serve as a delegate when the GSMD meets.

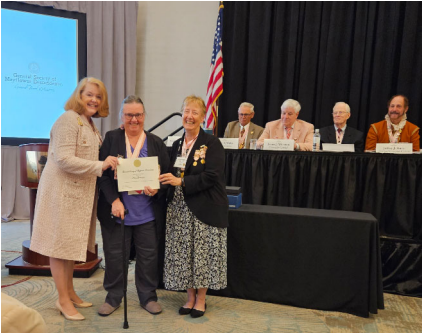
Jill Parker, Assistant General and Ann Gullbransen, Historian

It is my pleasure to nominate Jill E. Parker for the GSMD 2024 Commendation Award for the state of Ohio. Jill has been a member of the society since March 2011. She is a Tilley, Howland, and Warren descendant. Jill has given much of her talents in the ways she has served SMDOH:

- 2014-2019 - Lt. Governor for the Western Reserve Colony and during that time planned a state meeting in Canton, Ohio with then Governor General Lea Filson as the keynote speaker. The attendees of that meeting received a stress ball replica of “Plymouth Rock”.
- Jill renewed the “Mayflower Maze” game developed by the Western Reserve Colony in the 1990’s. This is a bingo type game with Mayflower facts.
- Jill was one of the BOA representatives at the quarterly SMDOH meetings and was active in ideas for society at that time.
- Developed a fund-raising effort with the “Mayflower Ancestor Box”, with the members, name, and Ancestor(s) name on the box.
- 2020- 2023- Jill was Governor for the SMDOH and during that time stimulated the BOA to:
- Support the development of the Ohio Mayflower Guard program by designing and selling “Mayflower Guard Support pins” to help fund the program.
- Led the Western Reserve colony in its assignment for the planned 2020 event by setting up the “gift bags” and table decorations for the event.
- Supported the committee that planned the 2020 program, which was canceled due to the pandemic, to plan, and have a successful, Fall 2021 program to commemorate the “First Thanksgiving”.
- As Governor for SMDOH she led the effort to begin changes to streamline the workload of the SMDOH officers and encouraged more members to take “deputy” or “assistant” positions to help them prepare for a possible future role in SMDOH.
- Developed a recognition program for contributors to the “Buckeye Mayflower” with a small token gift and recognition in the newsletter and annual state meeting.
- 2023- Present – Jill is an active member of the Strategic Plan core committee for SMDOH and continues to use her creativity to support the new and potential members. Has simple ideas to recognize the junior members who attend meetings.

The SMDOH has a lot to be grateful for by having Jill as one of our leaders.

Beth Anderson, Governor



Surgeon's Corner

I am a resource for you all never hesitate to contact me with medical questions, If I do not know, I will be happy to track down info, You may contact me at eafb95@gmail.com

General health supportive routine reminders:

1. Work on getting regular exercise -min 30 min best- walking is the best. If you have greater limitations standing up every 30 min is an important goal.

Zach Bush, MD has a 4 minute workout on YouTube that can be an excellent daily routine!! Improves your microbiome and increases body's access to nitric oxide and actually improves productivity at the cellular level .

For yoga enthusiasts- 1 min of downward dog and 1 min of plank is sufficient to significantly improve overall strength, crucial as we age.

2.Focus on eating whole, unprocessed foods

Try to restrict your eating to a limited eating window, the smaller the better, best to eat exclusively during daylight hours.

3. Maintain and build your social network- this turns out to be one of the most consistent items unique to "Blue zones"(places in the world with the greatest number of centenarians (people age 100 or older). Nutrients are better absorbed if food is eaten in a social context. Zoom/phone – more options than ever.

4. Try to maintain a daily routine.

5. Sleep is key. We only have control over wake up time. It is best to maintain the same wake up time every day. Shoot for 9 hrs of sleep - with a 3-4 step same every day wind down process. Avoid eating , drinking and bright light s 90 min (3-4 hrs even better) before bed.

Magnesium 4-500mg 30 min before bed can be quite helpful (gluconate, citrate best- carbonate and oxide-are found most often in OTC preparations which is less absorbable and can cause loose stools). "Natural Calm." a powder you dissolve in water (also comes in gummies) is a popular form.

As we age, we tend to need less sleep. If you are really having trouble lying in bed awake, get up do a quiet activity for 30min and return to bed- we really want to keep bed for sleeping and not get used to being awake in bed if it is an issue. If you have trouble falling back to sleep after a wake up (we wake up briefly after each dream), breathing in the following pattern is the most useful way to help get us back to sleep- breath in for count of 4, hold for count of 7 and out for count of 8- this will help lower your heart rate which needs to be less than 50 beats per min to fall asleep. This was designed by Navy Seals to help lower their HR and optimize their marksmanship.

Elizabeth Finley Belgrad, MD, Cleveland Colony



The Mayflower Guard at the GBOA meeting in Asheville, NC

Historian's Corner

This is an exciting but challenging time to be a historian in the Mayflower Society. New tools and processes are being rolled out, but that means that GSMD is passing some work that their staff used to do on to the member societies. That means Deputy Historian Terri Brown and I need your help so our society and your Colony continue to thrive.

Some back story - record keeping at GSMD has been a hodgepodge of systems over the decades. Copies of all the original applications and supporting documentation are stored at the Research Center (library) and that storage is overflowing and has been for years. In the past, lineages were recorded on index cards and then in a multitude of other record keeping systems. There was no consistency which made hunting for a matching lineage a daunting task. When a historian needed to know about a past lineage, we had to request it, let the staff find what we needed, copy the older applications (blanking out any detail on generations under 100 years old) and then mail it out. This process could take weeks meaning we were unable to complete worksheets for our applicants.

GSMD determined that a single, coordinated system was needed to track lineage information and to make the record keeping robust for future generations. Several innovations were born from this need. First was the transition from paper to digital submission in 2023. New applications are no longer adding to the burden of paper storage at the research center. To make this process work, we now use DropBox folders to transfer applications and supporting documentation to and from GSMD.

As part of the re-design, a plan for a single digital repository for lineage information was envisioned - replacing everything from those index cards and everything since then. This "One Source" repository has been created and is slowly being populated with data. The current indexing project spurred by the vision of the Easy App Generator is feeding lineage information into this new repository. To date, over 14,000 applications have been indexed and all past, present and future applications will be added to the repository over time. The Easy App Generator was introduced in past Mayflower Quarterlies and more information will be coming.

A new online application was developed initially as a portal for the indexers, but has been expanded to include what is called the virtual vault - scanned copies of thousands of initial and supplemental applications and supporting documents, scanned copies of the Historian General's Silver Books complete with additions, deletions and corrections, and a genealogy software program called TNG. This incredible resource is available to all NDA compliant historians and assistants. It is an incredible resource. Now, instead of waiting weeks for a GSMD staff member to research a lineage, we can do it ourselves with no wait time. Yes, we can think of it as more work for us, but the immediacy of the results are worth the time.

The latest tool to be added to the GSMD portal is the Easy App Generator which went live on Monday September 9th. Those of us at the GBOA meeting in Asheville got a great preview as Historian General Allie Golon demonstrated the application by preparing an application for the wife of the developer. By selecting the appropriate pilgrim ancestor and then clicking to select the other line carriers in the lineage, the application can create an application complete with all the names, dates, places and citations of all the generations that have been added to the One Source database with just the click of a button. This software will become more and more useful as more applications are indexed and added to the database and will save hours of typing information from previously approved applications.

One of the wrinkles of this process has been the discovery that GSMD needed to standardize the spelling of the names of our ancestors. Our ancestors were not very consistent and neither were past historians. As was indicated in the Governor's message, they found 15 different spellings for the wife of Giles Hopkins! The correct answer is Catherine Whelden. Francis Cooke has an e at the end. Edward Doty is just Doty, not Doten or Doughty. The names have to be consistent for searching to work and these new tools will make that easy.

So, all that being said, where are we in Ohio? Deputy Historian Terri Brown and I have determined

that this job is now too big for just two people. Each Ohio Colony has a historian and we can bring in as many membership assistants and helpers as we need. Anyone who can access the personal information of our applicants will need to sign an NDA, but that is an easy step. We want to push assistance for our applicants down to the Colony level so Colony members are invested in the success of their applicants and the applicants develop relationships with the colony members. Colony historians, membership assistants and other helpers can assist applicants in finding the documentation they need, giving support, guidance and encouragement with regular follow-up so that applicants feel welcome as they pursue membership. We would love to have help actually preparing applications, but just helping applicants to find the documents they need and preparing them properly would be a huge bonus. Terri and I cannot do it all. Here are some ways you could help.

Are you skilled at genealogy research? Many of our applicants could use your help in guidance at finding the documents they need for their applications. We would welcome any time you can volunteer.

Are you a computer wiz with skills in digital imaging or photo editing? Many of our applicants are struggling to put their documents in the format that GSMD requires. I will admit to getting frustrated with applicants who do not (or can not) follow our instructions. Can you help?

Do you enjoy sending and receiving email? Our applicants who submit a Mayflower Lineage Match to GSMD need follow-up with forms and instructions. Applicants who have started the application process need frequent contact to offer encouragement and to know that we want them to be members. We don't want anyone to get lost in the process.

Do you have a few hours a week you could help by indexing approved applications? Email certify@themayflowersociety.org to volunteer. There are many thousands more to index and even doing a couple will aid the effort.

So, if you would like to help, let your Colony historian or Lt. Governor know you are interested. The most important qualifications are a love of genealogy and time to help. You can help in person, on the phone or online using a tool like Zoom. Training will be provided as will access to resources. Terri has built an incredible portal for Ohio resources. We are going to try to have a Zoom meeting for the Historian team every month or two. We would welcome any time you can give.

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Toledo - Edmund Trafford (apollo501@att.net)

Western Reserve - David Burnham (bnyooh46@yahoo.com)

Ann Gullbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

Help Wanted

Ohio Mayflower is looking for members who want to help us thrive!

State Treasurer Mary Chase is recruiting for an Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant will assist with the annual dues collection process, annual budget development and preparation of financial reports. The assistant would be in line to assume the Treasurer position when current Treasurer Mary Chase steps out of office. You can reach her at treasurer@ohiomayflower.org.

Cincinnati Colony is looking for a member to become the Colony Historian. In addition to helping to prepare applications as needed, the Historian will coordinate the other volunteer helpers and assign them to applicants. Contact Lt. Governor Wanda Langdon at ltgovernorcincinnati@gmail.com

We are recruiting for membership assistants for all Colonies. Contact your Colony Historian (See above) or your Lt Governor (see page 2).

We are also looking for someone to chair our scholarship committee. If this would interest you, please contact Governor Beth Anderson.

What is a PIP

PIP is the abbreviation for the General Society's new Passenger Inheritance Program. If you are a member, you can "Inherit" pilgrim ancestors from a parent, grandparent, child or grandchild without having to submit a regular supplemental application for a flat fee of \$150.00. You can purchase ancestor bars and/or certificates for each inherited ancestor.

What are the rules for a PIP?

1. Both the beneficiary [the person receiving the inherited ancestor(s)] and the benefactor (the person who had the lineages approved) must be previously approved, regular (adult) members.
2. The person you want to "inherit" from has to be a blood-line relative – your parent, grandparent, child or grandchild.

How many pilgrim ancestors can I inherit?

The number is unlimited providing the line(s) have never been rejected or closed.

Can I inherit ancestors from both my mother and my father?

Yes, but they are two separate PIPs with separate fees

Can my sibling and I both inherit ancestors from our parent?

Yes, but your children cannot inherit those ancestors from you. Once an ancestor is inherited, that inheritance cannot be passed down to future generations.

I am a member and I would like my child to inherit my ancestors? Can I do that?

Only if your child is already a member of the Mayflower Society. This program is not a way to get your child into the Society without having to complete an initial application.

My grandmother has passed away, can I still inherit her pilgrim ancestors?

Yes, you can inherit ancestors from a deceased benefactor if she was a member of the Society.

Will my member society be notified of my inheritance?

Absolutely! Your inherited ancestors will become a part of your permanent record.

If you are interested in a PIP, go to www.themayflowersociety.org and log in to the members only section where you can read more details and complete the online application. You will need to know both the Ohio and national numbers for yourself and the beneficiary. If you do not know them, email OHMayflowerhistorian@gmail.com for assistance.

DATE ADJUSTMENT of 11 days in 1752

In 1752, September was only 19 days long in England due to the Calendar Act of 1750. That parliamentary move transferred the country from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar — the former having overestimated each year's length by about 11 minutes. Back in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII had declared that all countries under the dominion of the Catholic Church needed to adopt the Gregorian calendar, but many Protestant nations — such as England — resisted the pope's demands. During the 18th century, as international trade and diplomacy increased, Britain and its colonies began to view the adherence to a now-antiquated Julian calendar — first implemented in Rome by Julius Caesar in the first century BCE — as more spiteful than practical. When England finally converted to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, they jumped straight from September 2 to September 14, skipping the 11 days in between to make up for the errors of the Julian calendar. Though protests against the law arose among some anti-reformers — who purportedly rallied behind the slogan "Give us back our 11 days!" — the calendar was adopted without any further delay.

Jill Parker, Assistant General, Western Reserve Colony

COLONY CHRONICLES

Cincinnati Colony

The Cincinnati Colony BOA has created a survey that has been sent to all members. The goal is to obtain some guidance on what would get members to attend meetings, how many meetings a year they would attend, topics for programs, and other topics to increase involvement.

We have begun planning the Compact Day luncheon. The date this year will be November 2, 2024. We are working on a venue. A speaker has been booked: John Burke (burkeslivinghistory.com) will present Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag tribe and tell the real story of the first Thanksgiving dinner with the Pilgrims in 1620. He will talk about how Squanto and Samoset helped the Pilgrims survive the first year at Plymouth Rock. He will show what foods were served at the initial harvest feast and what ultimately happened to the Wampanoag tribe. All SMDOH members are invited to attend.



A first edition of a colony newspaper was created and sent it out to the membership.



Several meetings of the 2025 State meeting planning committee have been held. The venue has been decided on, and a contract has been signed for Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. It is a family-oriented destination venue. Amenities available include an 84-degree indoor waterpark and a game-filled arcade. 20 Tables are included for vendors and registration at no cost. In addition to a small room for the Friday night reception there is a covered outdoor area we can

use. The Governor General, Lisa Pennington and her husband, David A Furlow, lawyer, historian, and writer, will both speak.

Wanda Langdon, Lt. Governor, Cincinnati Colony

Cleveland Colony

2024 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 "Great Book Signing" event was hosted by Ann Sindelar, Rare Book docent at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Friday April 26, 2024 at 11:00am in the museum's Hannah Room. Former Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt signed the rare book as Governor

General from 2023-2026. She was presented a personalized Cross ballpoint pen to sign the great book printed by William Brewster. The FGG was honored to sign the book as the Mayflower



Governor General on the 100th year anniversary of the first signature dated 1924.

2024 Silver Books Presentation Event: Colony Assistant Historian Bob Coltrin and colony Treasurer Larry Hoyt presented requested Silver Books to Morley Library on August 08, 2024 located in Painesville, Ohio. Also in attendance were Historian Ann Gulbransen, past Governors Rev. Donald Nichols and Jill Parker, BOA Rep Troy Bailey, Cleveland Colony Historian Carolyn Cheverine and Book Donation Coordinator Patricia Van Norman. The donation will complete the missing Silver Books to their current collection.



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 "Cleveland Millionaire's Row" Program will be presented by the Western Reserve History Center and the keynote speaker educator name will be announced closer to the event. 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, we will open the invitation to other historical organizations. Door prizes will close the meeting!

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony, SMDOH

Columbus Colony

I begin with the death of one of our Colony members, Lila Hill, 102 years young, GS#78811, Ohio# 2928.

Hilda Pappas and Sandy St. Martin presented the new Silver Book index to the Columbus Public Library.

The Columbus Colony Compact Day luncheon will be Saturday, November 2, 2024 at the:

Heritage Golf Club
3525 Heritage Club Drive
Hilliard, OH 43026

Our speaker:

Kathryn Hauelsen (speaker and author)
"The Story Behind the Mayflower Story"



Charles Mays, Lt Governor, Columbus Colony

Toledo Colony

Meetings: In 2024, the Colony holds Board of Assistants met in person following our luncheon events. Regular meetings follow our 13 April 2024 Spring Luncheon Gathering, and our Compact Day luncheon on 16 November 2024.

2024 Summer Event: This event took place 20 July, with lunch in Fremont, Ohio, followed by a visit to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, including a group guided tour of the Hayes House.

2024 Compact Day: This event is scheduled for 16 November 2024. Our speaker will be Frank Kuron, author of several books on area history. His presentation will focus on "two Americans you should know," including one of the founders of Toledo.

2025 Spring Event: This event is not yet scheduled, but we have already lined up a speaker for the luncheon: Ms. Jacqueline Konwinski, president of the Toledo Polish Genealogical Society. She will speak on the Polish presence during the Revolutionary War.

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.” She subsequently graduated from Tiffin University on 4 May 2024 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.



Toledo Colony has received a copy of the most recent Silver Book, *Thomas Rogers Volume 19, Part 3*. It will be presented to the Lucas County Public Library (metropolitan Toledo and vicinity) to be added to the existing collection of Silver Books previously donated on behalf of SMDOH.

Deputy Lt. Governor Judy Rand previously presented a copy of the book to Jared Schnee, local history manager of the Williams County Public

Library in Bryan, Ohio on behalf of SMDOH on 5 August 2024

On 14 September 2024, Lt. Governor Edmund Trafford presented a copy to Mrs. Jill Clever, Manager of the James M. and Patricia Kirchner Appold Local History and Genealogy Department of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Newsletter: The “Toledo Colony Chronicle” summer issue has been prepared for release as this is being written. It carries a summary of highlights from the Spring Gathering, pictures from the Summer event, and a preview of our Fall Compact Day luncheon. The newsletter was sent to all Toledo Colony members and has been posted on the Toledo page at www.ohiomayflower.org.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony, SMDOH

Western Reserve Colony

September 2023 Meeting:

On September 15th the Western Reserve Mayflower Society met at Stan Hywet for their annual Akron Black Stockings Vintage baseball game. The game was against the Canal Fulton Mules and attendees were able to tour the grounds and house for Stan Hywet’s Vintage Living History Day, where you could meet friends and the domestic staff of the Seiberlings, and learn about life in the 1920s.

Nancy Pound and Gina Turner presented the Thomas Rogers part 3 to the Medina county library



Compact Day 2024:

On November 10th the Compact Day Celebration will be held at the Canton Women’s Club. Social time will start at 11:30 with Lunch at Noon (12:00). Speaker/Topics TBA

March 2025 Meeting:

The Western Reserve Colony will host a regional genealogy/heritage event on March 29th, 2025. It will be held at the Pilgrim Church (fitting name), located in downtown Cuyahoga Falls. The event will be open and free to the public to bring attention to not only the Mayflower Society, but other historical groups, heritage societies, and affiliated organizations. The event will not be a meal/sit down atmosphere, instead it will involve both a time for the organizations to provide a short presentation on their organization, as well as the opportunity to set up a table/booth for the community to browse and gather information to consider joining or support. The event will take place on Saturday afternoon, with light appetizers/refreshments are planned on being provided. More details to come.

Cindy Nichols, Lt Governor & Eric McDaniel, BOA representative, WR Colony

At our recent annual meeting, Columbus Colony member Don Gillespie mentioned to me that his wife is a descendant of Pastor John Robinson. I have done a little research on this prominent individual in the life of the pilgrims which may be of interest to our readers.

John Robinson, Beloved Pastor of the Pilgrims

Born in Sturton-le-Steeple, Nottinghamshire, England in 1576, John Robinson would become a leader in Puritan circles and would eventually become the pastor of the Mayflower pilgrims in Leiden, Holland. Along with Puritan Separatists Robert Browne and Henry Barrow, he came to be regarded as a founder of the Congregational Church.

Robinson was a well-educated man. His enrollment in Cambridge University's Corpus Christi College in 1592 brought him into the sphere of radical religious thought. During his years at Cambridge, he gradually embraced the principles of Puritanism. By 1596 Robinson had earned a Bachelor of Arts degree followed by a Master of Arts degree in 1599. He was ordained as a priest in the Church of England. Robinson also was a fellow of Corpus Christi College for a few years, but he stepped down from this position to marry Bridget White, also of Sturton-le-Steeple, on February 15, 1604. Bridget was the younger sister of Katherine Carver, the second wife of John Carver, who was a leader in the Leiden congregation and later the first governor of Plymouth Colony.

Around the time of his marriage, Robinson obtained a position as associate pastor at St. Andrew's Church in Norwich, a town with a significant Puritan population with contacts in Holland and Flanders. His pastorate was short-lived. He was suspended by church authorities for his refusal to recant his heretical beliefs. It was at this time that Robinson truly broke with the Church of England. Robinson and his wife returned to Nottinghamshire where they began their association with other separatists including William Brewster, William Bradford, and Pastors John Symth and Richard Clifton.

Upon their arrival in Leiden, Robinson became the pilgrims' pastor in 1609. With the help of three other persons, he purchased a property called the "Groene Poort" or Green Gate which was adjacent to the Pieterskerk (St. Peter's Church) and close by to the University of Leiden. The property was not only the Robinson family home, but also the meeting place of the church. Robinson was the leading Separatist theologian at the university and was a prolific author of essays and pamphlets. He died in 1625 in Leiden and was buried in the aisle of the Pieterskerk.

Interestingly, Bridget chose to stay in Leiden for the rest of her life. Six children have been documented for John and Bridget Robinson. John, the oldest child, obtained a medical degree and moved to England. Both Mercy and James died before reaching adulthood. Daughters Bridget and Fear lived in Leiden with their husbands. The only child to live in Plymouth Colony was Isaac who lived to the age of ninety-four. He arrived in 1631 and married three times with issue from each of his marriages.

Internet Sources: Wikipedia and Mayflower 400

Elder Cheryl Bash . Columbus Colony

Reminder: the December 2024 8 page paper issue of the Buckeye Mayflower will be the last. It is a really difficult job to take a full 16 page edition and chop it down to 8 pages without the resulting product not being worth reading. All members have access to this full color version at www.ohiomayflower.org where it can be downloaded and printed for those who do not like to read online. Members can also subscribe to a black & white paper edition that will be mailed to your home for a fee of \$8/00 for 4 issues. Go to www.ohiomayflower.org/newsletters to subscribe online or for information on ordering by mail.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2, 2024 – Cincinnati Colony Compact Day, venue TBD
 November 2, 2024—Columbus Colony Compact Day, Heritage Golf Club
 November 10, 2024—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Canton Women's Club
 November 16, 2024 - Cleveland Colony Compact Day - Lakewood Country Club
 November 16, 2024 - Toledo Colony Compact Day
 March 6-8, 2025 - RootsTech online and in person in Salt Lake City, Utah. Online access is free.
 March 29, 2025 - Wv Colony regional genealogy/heritage event, Pilgrim Church, Cuyahoga Falls
 April 30-May 3, 2025 - Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH
 May 16-17, 2025 - Annual Gathering, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH SAVE THE DATE!
 July 12-17, 2025 - Follow the Footsteps of the Pilgrims, email lisa@feattravel.com for details

News from the Soule-Delano Reunion in Maggie Valley, N.C.

Caleb Johnson is working on Mayflower Genealogy when he has a chance. His latest work on the Soule family involves the records in Haarlem, Netherlands and London, England. Mr. Johnson has a theory that the father of George Soule was named John. However, he has not found a child named George in Haarlem's John Soule family but he continues to study the records. He did note that Edward Winslow and a John Soule family were living in London at the same time.

Rev. Dr. W. Beckett Soule was working on the Soule Silver Book but GSMD decided to hire another genealogist who will be starting from scratch. Since the first five generations of Rev. Soule's book were already completed, Father Soule decided to publish his work as the Descendants of George Soule. The Soule book is in the indexing phase so should be completed soon. A limited edition of hard cover books will be published by Heritage Books. After the first run, additional books will be printed in paperback. This Soule book will be the first of five books. The second volume will be on the families of John and Nathaniel Soule.

Of interest to some of our Mayflower people will be two other books that Rev. Dr. Soule is working on. One is on the Delano family. The other is on the Abraham Samson family. Abraham Samson was a cousin of Mayflower passenger Henry Samson and his descendants include many Soule, Standish and Delano individuals.



Sandy St. Martin, Past Governor, Columbus Colony

Caleb Johnson, Rev. Beckett Soule,
Sandy St. Martin

Have you checked out the Mayflower videos on YouTube? Go to the site and search for Mayflower Society. There are lots of videos to watch. You will see ads on the page, but they are easy to ignore.

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This tray is made from a roof tile from the Pilgrim Meeting house and will be on display at the annual gathering in Mason Ohio in May 2025. The heart ornament is made from wood from the Mayflower II during its restoration. The Plymouth Rock stress ball will be available at the WR Colony sales table at the event.

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