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A Message from our Governor

As I sit down to write this Thanksgiving is a week away. It will be very different for me this year as it's the first one without my husband. BUT saying that I know several of my Mayflower Cousins who are on the BOA have lost their husbands in the past few years. I think they will agree with me that we were lucky to have married men who allowed us to pursue our passions and honor our Ancestors by being active in the Mayflower Family. I often think of one of my Ancestors Thomas Rogers, who died shortly after the arrival of the Mayflower to Plymouth. He became ill after the first excursion onto what is now Encounter Beach. The frigid waters and long journey had taken its toll on Thomas. How difficult that must have been for his sixteen-year-old son, Joseph. Many of you have had the experience of having your life change and adapting to a new reality as did Joseph. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you who sent a card or said a prayer for my Joseph. I appreciated the write-up in the last issue by Ann and Jill. I also want to thank Ann and Jill for pitching in and attending the General Board of Assistants meeting in September in Ashville, NC., and for helping me by doing the Governors Message.



In October SMDOH members had the opportunity to get updates from Governor General Pennington on October 23rd. GG Pennington covered.

- The success of the Ashville GBOA Congress, the next meeting is in San Antonio, Texas. Look for information will be in *Mayflower Quarterly* over the next few months.
- She offered her thoughts and prayers for all the members who suffered damage and loss from the recent hurricanes, especially the residents of Ashville, NC.
- *Notes from the boat*, emails – December will cover Christmas in Plymouth.
- Progress on the Meeting House, apparently very close to an occupancy permit being approved. The bells will be installed in early December 2024, in time to play Christmas music for the city.
- Challenge to the states to raise \$5,000 towards completion of the Meeting House.
- Easy App for historians has gone live. This has proven to be faster for all parts of the application process.
- Mayflower -You Tube channel for guided tours of the historical locations in Plymouth.

Several members of the BOA attended the Governors Forum ZOOM meeting on October 15th led by the GSMD executive Director, Mark Schmidt. The topic for this meeting was Officer transition practices. The exchange of ideas at this meeting is always inspirational.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members June 2024-November 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Peter Acuff 13th from Resolved White
 Andrew Cook 15th from Mary Chilton
 Gerald Hrenko 11th from John Alden
 Rebecca Kortjohn 10th from William Bradford
 Mary Thurston 13th from Edward Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Erva Barton 10th from Henry Samson
 Judith Burdsall 10th from Isaac Allerton
 Eric Chaffee 12th from William Bradford
 Dennis Gadley 12th from Edward Fuller
 Mary Ann Hovis 11th from Richard Warren
 Margaret Seitz 12th from William Brewster
 Ann Woodruff 12th from William Brewster
 Mary Ann Woodruff 13th from William Brewster

Columbus Colony

Courtney Andrews 13th from William Bradford
 James Andrews 12th from William Bradford
 Celeste Taylor 10th from John Howland

Toledo Colony

Ruth Babel-Smith 12th from William Brewster
 Grace Eichelberger 13th from Edward Fuller
 Christine Looser 10th from Edward Doty
 Gregory Soules 11th from George Soule

Western Reserve Colony

Kiara Bollinger 12th from John Howland
 Denise Brannan-Prischak 14th from Thomas Rogers
 Romalee Groves 13th from Francis Cooke
 Bradford Nelson 11th from William Bradford
 Lanese Nobbe 12th from George Soule
 Sue Paulus 11th from John Alden
 Guinnevere Seewald 13th from William Bradford

Welcome!

Supplementals Approved June 2024 - November 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Michael Poterek 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 Michael Poterek 13th from John Tilley
 Michael Poterek 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
 Michael Poterek 13th from Mary (Norris) Allerton
 Michael Poterek 13th from George Soule
 Michael Poterek 14th from William Mullins
 Michael Poterek 13th from Francis Cooke
 Michael Poterek 13th from Degory Priest
 Michael Poterek 13th from Francis Eaton
 Michael Poterek 12th from Mary Allerton
 Michael Poterek 13th from John Alden
 Michael Poterek 13th from Richard Warren
 Michael Poterek 13th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 Michael Poterek 13th from Myles Standish
 Michael Poterek 13th from Isaac Allerton
 Georganne Woessner 12th from Richard Warren
 Georganne Woessner 13th from Priscilla Mullins
 Georganne Woessner 12th from William Mullins

Columbus Colony

Janice Adams 13th from James Chilton
 Janice Adams 11th from Resolved White
 Kimberly Koenig 11th from Edward Doty
 Rebekah Malone 12th from John Howland
 Rebekah Malone 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 Rebekah Malone 13th from John Tilley
 Rebekah Malone 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Western Reserve Colony

Darlene Robinson 12th from Myles Standish
 Eric McDaniel 15th from John Tilley

Congratulations!

New Junior Members June 2024-November 2024

Cincinnati Colony

Charles Zib	John Howland	Sponsored by Father Jason Zib
Henry Zib	John Howland	Sponsored by Father Jason Zib

Cleveland Colony

Andrew Rybicki	Richard Warren	Sponsored by Great Grandmother LuAnne Speck
Gwyneth Harrison	John Alden	Sponsored by Grandmother Lynne Scott
Jack Wise	Frances Cooke	Sponsored by Grandfather Kenneth Wise

Columbus Colony

Eliza Hurley	Edward Fuller	Sponsored by Grandfather Brian Adams
Evan Andrews	William Bradford	Sponsored by grandfather James Andrews
Harriet Andrews	William Bradford	Sponsored by grandfather James Andrews

Toledo Colony

Adler Banachowski	Edward Doty	Sponsored by Grandmother Christine Looser
Alden Banachowski	Edward Doty	Sponsored by Grandmother Christine Looser
Annora Banachowski	Edward Doty	Sponsored by Grandmother Christine Looser

Western Reserve Colony

WR Allison Nobbe	George Soule	Sponsored by Mother Lanese Nobbe
WR Joshua Nobbe	George Soule	Sponsored by Mother Lanese Nobbe

Book Review

Mary Brewster's Love Life – Matriarch of the Mayflower

By Kathryn Brewster Haueisen

At Columbus Colony's recent Compact Day luncheon, Kathryn Haueisen, writer and descendant of *Mayflower* passengers William and Mary Brewster, gave an interesting presentation on the Pilgrims' journey to America and their settlement of Plymouth Colony. She has researched and written two books related to the Pilgrims and their era. I have read her fictionalized account of the life of Mary Brewster. A brief review of this book is the topic of this article.

In preparation for writing this fictionalized account, Haueisen extensively researched the lives of the Brewsters and visited the places where they lived. Against the backdrop of Pilgrim history, Haueisen uses the inventions of a fictional diary written by Mary and narration by Mary's daughter, Fear Brewster Allerton to tell Mary's story. Haueisen's images of Mary's thoughts, emotions, and reactions to the events of her world seem very credible and give the reader insight into that world. If you enjoy fiction with a historical flavor, I believe you will find this book a light and entertaining read.

Cheryl Bash, Elder, Columbus Colony

Editor;s note: Kathryn Haueisen is an active applicant for membership in Ohio Mayflower!



Junior Members

This year we had 17 new applications.

Each new member receives a Certificate in a holder, a clear report cover with a sliding bar that includes: Mayflower Compact, Origins of Pilgrims, Welcome Letter, Ancestor Pilgrim Bio and their Find-A-Grave memorial number if they have one. If their Pilgrim ancestor's wife came later, on The Anne or Fortune, I also include that. If their Pilgrim ancestor was buried in Burial Hill, Cole's Hill, or Myles Standish Burial Ground, I also include that information. I have recently added a Mayflower Compact Signers Bookmark and a Seas the Day! Pencil and pencil sharpener.

In August I started following the Pilgrim Family Roll Call listing to send Bios of our Pilgrims. August, we focused on John Alden, Priscilla Mullins Alden and William Mullins and Coles Hill Burial Ground. September, we focused on Isaac Allerton Family. October, we focused on the Billington Family. November, we focused on

William Bradford. December, we will focus on the Brewster family.

The Bios of our Pilgrims will continue monthly until we have included all our Pilgrim ancestors.

We have 2 colonies without a Jr. Membership chair (*Cincinnati* and *Western Reserve*). Each colony Jr. Membership chair (or the Colony Lt. Governor if there's no chair) receives a monthly email from me that they can email to their Jr. Members. If you are in Cincinnati or Western Reserve Colony and would like to step forward to be your colony Jr. Membership chair, please contact your colony Lt. Governor.

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 Junior Membership Coordinator 2023-2026

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."

Cleveland Colony

Gerald McGill Descendant of Richard Warren born 5/11/1929, died 5/27/2024, elected 10/12/1996

Lucy Sekerka Descendant of John Howland & John Tilley, born 5/15/1933, died 7/3/2024, elected 1/11/1975

Columbus Colony

Betty Williams Descendant of William White born 10/13/1928, died 6/5/2024, elected 2/24/2018

Lila Hill Descendant of William Brewster born 1/9/1922, died 7/14/2024, elected 4/15/2008

Merilee Morgan Descendant of Edward Fuller born 1/18/1934, died 9/3/2024, elected 10/13/1990

Ruby Bonecutter Descendant of John Alden born 7/15/1941, died 11/9/2024, elected 1/11/1992

Toledo Colony

Dorothea Lofquist Descendant of Richard Warren, born 5/8/1934, died 7/20/2024, elected 4/19/2016



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If you are not watching the webinars on the GSMD website, you are missing a lot! The webinars are done monthly and last less than an hour and have proven to be very interesting. The most recent on November 14th British author Stephen Tomkins presented highlights from his book, *The Journey to the Mayflower: Gods Outlaws and the Invention of Freedom*. He presented the history of the Brownest movement and the underground church in Britain. It was fascinating. I received an email from Andrew Noone who wrote a book *Bathsheba Spooner, A revolutionary murder conspiracy*, a Howland-Tilley descendant and second cousin to John Adams. Both books are on Amazon. Another new publication, authored by Sue Allen, featured in the American Ancestors bookstore, *In search of Mayflower Pilgrim James Chilton of Canterbury*.

Just a quick mention on the strategic plan. The historian team has been very busy with implementing changes in their work process by including and educating the colony historians. Colonies are beginning to make changes in how they operate and welcoming and inclusion of new members. It was great to see many new members on Compact Day at my Cincinnati Colony gathering. SMDOH still needs an assistant Treasurer to help reduce the workload of that role. Members with financial experience are encouraged to contact SMDOH Treasurer Mary Chase with questions.

In closing I hope that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving, filled with family, food and football. And wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beth Anderson Governor, Cincinnati Colony

Silver Book Donations - Sharing our Pilgrim Heritage



Nancy Pound and Gina Turner deliver the 3 volume index to Laura Kuntzman at the Medina Library



Ann Gulbransen, Becky Woodruff and Mandy Brooks donate books to Mary Plazo the Akron/Summit Co Library



Hilda Pappas delivered the Index to the Bexley Library

GBOA Meeting Report

Jill Parker and Ann Gulbransen attended the GSMD Annual meeting – this year it was in Ashville, NC. Ann did the driving. Our trip to Asheville took 9 hours, including stops for picnic lunch, rest stops and to fill up the car. The location in Asheville was perfect. We stayed in the overflow hotel but it was right next door to the event motel and next door to TGIF Fridays which we visited for dinners on Thursday and Friday evenings. Very convenient. Between sessions and at break times we visited the sales tables, networked with our “cousins” and spent one on one time with former GG Jane Hurt and Jane Schleinzer, GSMD BOA Member at Large.



On Friday we picked up our credentials and Welcome Bag then headed to the Historians Meeting followed by the Treasurers meeting. At the Historians Meeting, we got to view many of the new tools that are now “live” for Historian’s use. The OneSource database is impressive and addresses issues of multiple/conflicting ways of notation such as (), [],/, and various spellings. Kudos to the developer, the Plymouth folks involved and the over 230 volunteer Indexers, including Ann, who are getting the database populated through multiple checks and balances. The database has a ways to go before it is truly “current”. The Treasurers Meeting was a round table discussion about our various issues, how we handle certain financial issues and whether or not the Treasurers would like to have a quarterly zoom meeting. Lots of good discussions. The conclusion

was YES to a quarterly zoom meeting for treasurers.

We were fortunate to be able to have a plated luncheon in an “overflow” room so we could see the presentation, “Uncovering Mayflower Connections through DNA”, via live stream by Christopher C. Child. This was a very understandable presentation with very specific information. Statements by the presenter, such as “the DNA shows that more than likely, if your surname is Bradford, you are a Mayflower descendant.” The afternoon Governor General Lisa Pennington’s Forum focused on the work done by various officers and committee. The presentation on “Successful Meeting Resources” was very interesting and is/will be available on the GSMD website. This information fits well with SMDOH’s strategic plan.



On Saturday we spent the day in the GBOA Meeting. The agenda was extensive but the reports and recognitions were well done and concise. Ann and Jill were both surprised to receive commendations from the GS: Ann for her work as a volunteer indexer and Jill for her leadership work and continued creative involvement with SMDOH. WOW! That was truly a surprise.

Perhaps a highlight for Ohio was Former Governor General Jane Hurt’s report which focused on her visit to the Ohio Annual Gathering and the Great Book Signing. She





gave a wonderful history of the Great Book itself as well as the tradition of Governor Generals signing the Great Book. Clearly she was impressed by this special event that is exclusive to Ohio. Thanks to Jane for the wonderful acknowledgment and tribute to Ohio. One proposal for next year's GSMD meeting in San Antonio is to have a Silent Auction featuring items that would be the "Best of" from each Society. Be thinking about what Ohio could donate to the Silent Auction!

The luncheon presentation (again, Ann and I were in the overflow room for a live stream) was given by David A. Furlow on "The Odyssey of Isaac Allerton: Rebel Pilgrim". This was an enlightening presentation. David believes we should be using the original phrase "Plymouth Combination", not "The Mayflower Compact". And we got to know Isaac in a way that history books do not portray him. The good news for SMDOH members is that David Furlow will be the keynote speaker at the SMDOH Annual Gathering in 2025 hosted by Cincinnati. A side note: David is the husband of GSMD Governor General Lisa Pennington.

We had a 9 hour return trip on Sunday. Beautiful weather the whole trip! We very happy we attended. It is spooky to realize we were in Ashville just a week before the devastation of Hurricane Helene in exactly the area where GBOA was held. Our hearts go out to all those affected.

Jill Parker, Western Reserve Colony, Past Governor

Reflections on Thankfulness

Recently, an emergency maintenance issue at the water treatment plant prompted the issuance of a city-wide water boil advisory where I live. As a rule, I don't buy bottled water, so I followed the guidelines and boiled water for drinking, cooking, and brushing my teeth. It was really a minor inconvenience, but I found it irritating because the wait for the advisory to be lifted turned out to be a day and a half. During that time the dirty dishes were really stacking up!

Later, as I washed my dirty dishes, I reflected on what had happened and started to count my blessings. I thought about people around the world who don't have ready access to clean water in adequate amounts. How they would marvel to have clean water pumped into their homes every day of the year like I do instead of walking miles to a water source which might be contaminated. Even during the emergency, I could use the water for bathing, cleaning the house, and doing the laundry. What did I really have to complain about? Nothing.

As I counted my blessings, verses from the Bible came to my mind and I want to share them in this space. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." *Psalms 100:4-5, NIV Bible*

Blessings to all.

Cheryl Bash, Ohio Elder

FAMILY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

Charles Kibbe was born 11 May 1737 in what is now Somers, Tolland County, Connecticut. He was the fourth of six children of Elisha Kibbe and Mehitable Felt. He married his second cousin Mary Wood on 19 January 1758 in Somers. Mary was the daughter of Josiah Wood and Hannah Killum. She was born 27 November 1736 in Somers. Charles's brother Peter married, as his first wife, Mary's sister Esther. After Mary's death on 27 January 1790 in Somers, Charles married Deborah Payne on 6 July 1791. The marriage likely took place in Vernon, Tolland County, Connecticut and is recorded in both Vernon and Somers. Charles died in Somers on 8 December 1805, and is buried in West Cemetery.

Charles was aged 20 when his local militia answered the alarm for relief of Fort William Henry in August 1757. Fort William Henry was located at the southern end of Lake George in New York. He is on a list of twenty-nine men of Captain Samuel Stoughton's Company who were ordered to continue with the company but deserted and returned home. No explanation accompanies the list. (Today this trip is about 159 miles and 2 ½ hours via I-90 W and I-87 N. Google Maps shows 52 hours to walk 140.8 miles via MA-116S.)

He was an ensign in the Somers Militia when General Howe's fleet blockaded Long Island and New York in August and September 1776. With the captain of their company in Boston, Ensign Charles Kibbe and his brother Lt. Peter Kibbe marched their company to Hartford and then on to New Haven. The company then traveled by water to New York City and were annexed to a regiment under the command of Col. Samuel Chapman of Connecticut. He was also with Capt. Samuel Felt at Fort Mifflin for two months in 1779. Charles was appointed Captain of the 4th Company or Trainband in the 22nd Regiment Somers Militia in October 1782.

In addition to his military service, Charles also performed his civic duties: appointed collector and constable 4 December 1775; appointed to the school committee 9 December 1776 and 2 December 1782; committee to purchase clothing for the Continental Army 25 September 1777 to name a few.

Despite his support for the American Revolution, his support for religious freedom for all only went so far. He was one of many individuals who were suspicious of Mother Ann Lee and her followers, the Shakers. Mother Ann and her followers visited Enfield, Connecticut, in 1781, 1782 and 1783. Details are slim but in 1782 Charles was part of a group of 20 or 30 men from Somers who chased the group of Shakers to the Enfield home of David Meacham, where the group had taken shelter. The men from Somers had broken into Meacham's home, caused considerable property damage and bodily harm to the occupants. The "disturbance" was broken up by the local constable and the group were called before the County Court in Hartford. They were offered the chance to settle without trial by simply confessing their conduct before their own church. The men refused, went to trial and were found guilty and fined. Mother Ann's next visit in 1783 was a peaceful one.

His problems with religion apparently did not end in 1782. Charles was excommunicated from the Somers Congregational Church on 11 March 1804, no reason given. No date of reacceptance into the church appears in the church records.

Charles Kibbe is DAR Patriot #A214897 and a DAC Ancestor. While Charles is not a Mayflower descendant, many of his descendants qualify for membership. His son Joel Kibbe married Howland/Tilley descendant Esther Durkee. His great-grandson Henry Martin Kibbee married Alden/Mullins/Brewster/Warren descendant Maria R. Bovee. Charles Kibbe and Mary Wood are my 6th great-grandparents AND 2nd cousins 8 times removed. A short paragraph about Charles Kibbe's assault of the Shakers appeared in the 7 August 2024 "Readers Respond" section of the The Weekly Genealogist newsletter from AmericanAncestors.org.

Terri Brown, Deputy Historian, Western Reserve Colony

MAYFLOWER TRAVELS

Mayflowerbury Tales

Lee Martin, Western Reserve Colony

Fenstanton Tale

While in England, from 21 July to 12 August, I visited the villages where John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley lived as well as attending a conference in Canterbury, with a tour of Canterbury Cathedral. The first place I visited was Fenstanton, on the 25th, where John Howland came from. I took the train from Black Friars Station in London for about a 45-minute ride, then a short 10-minute bus ride to the Fenstanton, followed by a five-minute walk to Saint Peter and Paul Parish Church where the Howland family may have worshiped.

Henlow Tale

The following day, the 26th, the next village visited was Henlow. The train ride took about half the time than to Fenstanton and upon arrival at the Arlesey train station, I walked a half mile into Henlow along a public footpath. I took some pictures of St. Mary the Virgin Church where Elizabeth Tilley was christened and went back to my hotel room.

Canterbury Tale

I took the train on the first of August to Canterbury. By train, the ride lasted about an hour and upon arrival at the East Canterbury train station, I crossed the street, over a footbridge over roadway and onto the outer wall of the city. I walked along the outer wall to the bus station, then took a bus to the University of Kent where the conference took place. On the third of August the group went to Canterbury Cathedral for the day. When I saw the outside of the cathedral, I was struck by the sheer size of the building with its heraldic display, ornate ornamental architecture, and the Latin inscription of the outer gate: Hoc Opvs Constrvctvm Est Anno Domini Millesimo Qvingentesimo Septimo.¹ Once inside, the beautiful stained glass, the cavernous negative space captivated and enveloped me.

I toured the monastery attached to the cathedral to include the chapter house and wandered around to see the episcopal seat, to see where Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered by Henry II's knights and the tomb of the Black Prince, the father of Richard II. The cathedral became famous after the publication of the *Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, making it a pilgrimage place for over a millennium. To this day, it's still a functional church and welcomes people around the world.

¹ This work constructed in the Year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and seven (author's translation)

Book Recommendation

I grabbed a copy of **Guyasuta and the Fall of Indian America** by Brady J. Crytzer after hearing him speak about the Whiskey Rebellion at the SMDOH Annual Meeting in May.

Brady does an excellent job of telling the history of the Ohio Country that is not taught in history class. He takes the reader through the history and political turmoil of the Ohio Country from 1753 through the Indian uprisings of 1793 and ends with the Treaty of Fort Greenville in 1795. I highly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in the history of Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Terri Brown, Deputy Historian, Western Reserve Colony

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Cincinnati Colony has a new Lt. Governor, Laurence Winters, and a new Historian, Andy Cook. Laurence has been hard at work assisting with the 2025 State Meeting as well as Compact Day. Andy jumped right in and assisted during the Compact Day luncheon.

The Cincinnati Colony 2024 Compact Day Buffet Luncheon was held, November 2nd at RSVP Event Center. 64 adults and 10 children enjoyed food, fellowship and an enjoyable program.



John Burke, Burke's Living History, told us the factual story of the first Thanksgiving between the Wampanoag Indians and the Pilgrims in 1621 in Plymouth Massachusetts.



We welcomed and installed 11 new members into the colony: Zeb Acuff, Lois Cocanougher, Andy Cook, Kathryn Dierckes, Lee Emrick, Gerry Hrenko, Lisa Luecke, Joe



Macke, Michael Poterek, and Georganne Woessner.

Wanda Langdon, past Lt. Governor

News From the 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 Compact Day: The 404th Mayflower Compact Day and 94th Cleveland Colony Dinner buffet luncheon event was held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 16, 2024. We offered zoom availability and Leanne McGann was our zoom manager again. The "Cleveland Millionaire's Row" Program was presented by the Western Reserve History Center's educator Liah Townsley. A donation was collected for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House. The members were encouraged to attend the remaining monthly Mayflower Webinars Thursday November 21 "Squanto A Native Odyssey" and Wednesday December 04 "Mayflower II Replica Project". From November 2023, we approved 13 new colony members and Eric Chaffee new member was in attendance. Prospective member Richard Nemeth was recognized as well. To date, our colony has approximately 180 members. We added a Memorial Service this year by our colony Elder

Dr. Don Nichols. In the service, he recognized deceased members, Rev. David Foster Former Ohio State Board Elder and Cleveland Colony Elder, Gerald McGill and Lucy Sekerka. The passenger family surname roll call was facilitated by our colony Historian Carolyn Cheverine. We recognized Veterans and thanked them for their service and we will never forget. As always, opened the invitation to other historical organizations. Door prizes closed the meeting!

The spring event is targeted for Sunday April 06, 2025. The location and event details will follow. The summer event is targeted for Saturday June 21, 2025. The location and event details will follow.

As part of the festivities for the 2025 State Assembly Day, on Friday May 16, Cleveland Colony and Western Reserve Colony will co-host the "Great Book Signing" event at the Western Reserve Historical Society honoring General Society Governor General Lisa Pennington.

Vicky Heineck. Lt Governor. Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our annual Compact Day Gathering was held at the Heritage Golf Club in Hilliard on Saturday, November 2, 2024. We had 34 members, 18 guests, and 2 junior members in attendance.

Kathryn Haueisen (Kathy), is an author, workshop leader, speaker, and an ELCA pastor. As an author, she's published six books (My Writing) and numerous articles for print and online publications. She writes about family, travel, faith and inspiration, and good people doing great things. Her interesting presentation was from her book "Mayflower Chronicles, A Tale of Two Cultures". Her most recent book is "Mary Brewster's Love Life, Matriarch of the Mayflower". She was truly kind to bring these 2 books to sell and personally autograph. (We had 8 descendants of William Brewster.)



Kathryn's website is <https://howwisethen.com/>

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Hilda Pappas. Columbus Colony Corresponding Secretary

News from the Toledo Colony

Meetings: In 2024, the Colony holds Board of Assistants meetings in person following our luncheon events. Regular meetings followed 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 took place Saturday, 16 November 2024. Our speaker was Frank Kuron, author of several books on area history. His presentation focused on "two Americans you should know," including Major William Oliver, one of the founders of Toledo.

2025 Spring Luncheon: This event is scheduled for Saturday, 29 March 2025. Our speaker for the luncheon will be Ms. Jacqueline Konwinski, president of the Toledo Polish Genealogical Society. She will speak on the Polish presence during the Revolutionary War.

2025 Summer Event: Our summer event is scheduled for Saturday, 28 June 2025, in Bryan, Ohio. We will have lunch together before visiting the Williams County Public Library. Jared Schnee, the library's Manager of History

and Genealogy, will speak on the history of Ellis Island. This library has a complete set of Silver Books, presented by Toledo Colony on behalf of SMDOH.

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. Our next cycle of scholarship awards has been announced in our recent summer newsletter, and the scholarship application forms are on our website.

Newsletter: The “Toledo Colony Chronicle” summer issue was released in August. It carried a summary of highlights from the Spring Gathering, pictures from the Summer event, and a preview of our Fall Compact Day luncheon. The winter issue is being prepared as this is being written, for release in January. It will carry minutes and pictures of the Compact Day gathering and information for the Spring luncheon and the Summer event.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Exciting Events Ahead for the Western Reserve Colony in 2025

The Western Reserve Colony recently marked the 97th anniversary of Compact Day with a special event at the historic Canton Women’s Club. Member Todd Reutzel and his granddaughter Chloe read the Mayflower Compact. Becky Woodruff, a member of the Western Reserve Colony, gave an insightful presentation on the history of the colony.



Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to offer a range of exciting programs and invite our fellow colonies and cousins to join us for these gatherings.

Genealogy & Historical Fair – March 29th We are pleased to announce that our Board of Assistants Representative, Eric McDaniel, is organizing a Genealogy and Historical Fair on **Saturday, March 29th** at Pilgrim Church in Cuyahoga Falls. This event will be open to all members and the public, featuring a variety of historical organizations and genealogical societies. Each organization will have a table to share information about their work and interact with prospective members. There will also be brief presentations from each group. For more details or to get involved, please contact Eric McDaniel at eric.s.mcdaniel@hotmail.com.

Annual Picnic – June 16th On **Sunday, June 15th**, our Deputy Lt. Governor Marilyn Sessions will host our annual picnic at **Plum Street Park** in Kent, Ohio. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, and we ask attendees to bring a side dish to share. The park features playgrounds and sports courts, making it a family-friendly event. As with all our meetings, this picnic is open to family and friends, so we encourage you to bring loved ones for a fun day in the park!

September Meeting at the Spread Eagle Tavern – September 20th Our Historian, David Burnham, is planning our September meeting, which will take place on **Saturday, September 20th**, at the historic **Spread Eagle Tavern**. Located on the National Historic Register, this iconic venue has hosted U.S. presidents and other notable figures throughout its history. Attendees will have the option to order from the menu, and there are overnight accommodations available on-site for those traveling from afar.

98th Compact Day – November 9th To close out the year, we will celebrate our **98th Compact Day** on **November 9th** at the Canton Women’s Club, marking another milestone in our rich history.

We are excited about all the events we have planned for 2025 and hope you can join us for these memorable gatherings!

Cindy Nichols, Lt. Governor, WR Colony

JUNIOR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

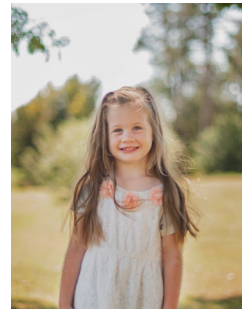
1620s kids were not idle, and neither are The McDaniel kids! Though the children of our ancestors likely had less time for leisure and hobbies than our children do, there is something to be said of the hard work, dedication, responsibility, and maturity that 2020s kids can demonstrate even 400 years later in an era of excess, convenience, and comfort. Read on to learn about 6 siblings who are Junior Members of the Western Reserve Colony: Nora, Dylan, Eli, Mary, Colleen, and Stella McDaniel.

Eric McDaniel, father of the 6 McDaniel Junior Members, knew of his Pilgrim heritage through stories his grandmother would share. As an adult, Eric put forth the effort to thoroughly research his genealogy and submit the necessary paperwork to apply for membership in the Society and was approved in 2020. Shortly thereafter, Eric sought membership for his 6 children and has supported their participation in Society events, including attending Colony meetings and special events such as Compact Day, where they have recited the Mayflower Compact and led the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as being a part of the Signing of the Great Book in the spring of 2024. The McDaniel Family has traced their lineage to John Alden, John Howland, George Soule, The Mullins Family, and the Tilley Family!

Nora, Dylan, Eli, Mary, Colleen, and Stella are home educated students who live in Streetsboro, Ohio. All six of the children are musicians who study piano and have received many awards and accolades at regional music festivals. In addition to piano, the four eldest children also study and perform on various other instruments: Nora and Mary on violin, Dylan and Eli on cello, Mary on guitar, Dylan on harmonica, and Eli on ukulele. The children's repertoire is comprised of both classical and folk music, following in the tradition of their mother's side of the family, and they enjoy participating in monthly old-time music jams and Irish sessions hosted in Northeast Ohio. The four eldest children also participate in Homeschool Band which meets weekly to rehearse and performs seasonally. Most recently, the McDaniel Family's music was featured on stage at the John S. Knight Center in Akron as entertainment for the Akron Children's Hospital Holiday Tree Festival.



The McDaniel children are all active in Homeschool Recitation group, where historic speeches, Bible verses, poetry, and classic literature are prepared for oration at monthly gatherings. This season, Nora, Dylan, Eli, and Mary were cast in the Stow Players' production of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" as Susan, Mr. Beaver, Beast, and Unicorn, respectively. The children have dedicated themselves to this theatrical endeavor, putting their memorization and performing arts skills to task in the show, which will be performed nine times through the month of December.



In addition to their various activities in the arts, Nora, Dylan, Eli, Mary, Colleen, and Stella participate seasonally in homeschool leagues for basketball, baseball, and pickleball, and enjoy a summer night out on the golf course with their dad. Summertime also brings the responsibility of helping on their three-generation family hobby farm, cultivating crops, assisting with beekeeping and honey sales, pruning and harvesting from 75 blueberry

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29, 2025 – Genealogy Expo hosted by the Western Reserve Colony

March 29, 2025 - Toledo Colony spring meeting

Sunday April 6, 2025 - Cleveland Colony spring event

May 1-3, 2025 - Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky OH

May 16, 2025 - Great Book signing, Western Reserve Historical Society

May 16-17 - SMDOH annual meeting hosted by the Cincinnati Colony, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH **SAVE THE DATE**

June 15, 2025 - Western Reserve Colony picnic

June 21, 2025 - Cleveland Colony summer event

June 28, 2025 - Toledo Colony summer event, Williams County Library

September 20, 2025 - Western Reserve Colony fall meeting at the Spread Eagle Tavern

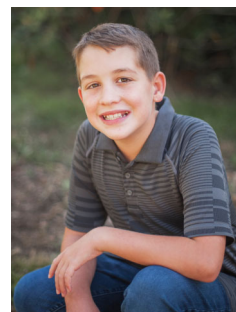
November 9, 2025 - Western Reserve Colony Compact Day at the Canton Women's Club

bushes as well as the acres of orchard trees and the pumpkin patch, tending to the chickens, preserving the harvest through canning, baking, and freezing, and, of course, lots of swimming in grandma's pool when the farm work is done each day.

All 6 of the McDaniel children have personal activities and interests, as well. Nora, age 13, serves at church in the nursery, teaches private violin lessons, enjoys writing fiction,



learning about nautical history and pirates, oil painting, and reading. Dylan and Eli, age 11, are identical twins and were honored to be crowned the Princes for the Twins Days Festival Royal Court in 2024.



Dylan enjoys reading, science fiction, watching football, and learning about pre-history, specifically the Cretaceous period. Eli enjoys watching and playing all sports, loves all things history, and is a competitive

strategy game player. Mary, age 9, loves fashion, makeup, learning about science, and shopping. Colleen, age 7, and Stella, age 5, both enjoy dancing, playing outside, singing, playing with Winnie, the family dog, creating art projects, and spending time at Grandma's house.

Junior Membership in the Colony is something very special to the McDaniel children. They have enjoyed getting to know their Pilgrim cousins and being so warmly welcomed by all the members they have met. Of course, getting to share their personal connection to such a significant part of history with others is a unique and special thing that they do not take for granted. They are very proud of their Pilgrim heritage and are thankful that their dad did so much work to get them established in this remarkable opportunity!

Lisa McDaniel, Friend of Western Reserve Colony

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Announcing the 2025 Scholarship

The application packet for the 2025 Scholarship will be sent to all Ohio Mayflower members in mid-December 2024. Watch your email and www.ohiomayflower.org for details.

The scholarship is available to Ohio junior or full members who are in their first year or higher of post secondary education in a program leading to an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree OR a degree certification at a trade school. A member can receive the award only twice .

The 2025 topic is: "The east side of the National Monument to the Founders in Plymouth, Massachusetts is a tribute to Liberty - depicted as a soldier symbolizing liberation from oppression and the power to defend that freedom. How would you relate this value of the Mayflower Pilgrims to America in the 21st century?"

Essays of 750 words or less must be postmarked by March 1, 2025. Essays will be judged on the following criteria: adherence to the topic, historical accuracy, reasoning, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. References must be provided. Plagiarism of any kind will result in disqualification. The essay of the winning applicant becomes the property of the Ohio Mayflower Society and may be published in the Society's newsletter.

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