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A Message from our Governor



I hope all of you enjoyed Thanksgiving, the Pilgrim Descendant's favorite holiday. It's hardly a blip in time now with our attention being drawn to Christmas before Halloween, but as descendants we appreciate the challenge our ancestors had getting through the first year in Plymouth. How hard our ancestors worked to survive and learn to collaborate with the native peoples. We have the Wampanoag to thank for their continued existence. I am not giving you a history lesson as you know this as Mayflower members, but I do see a correlation here for us now. As Ohio Mayflower members we need to work "to keep the story alive" as our Governor General, Lisa Pennington, is always reminding us. Part of that work is keeping the colonies functioning, and that we do by supporting them not only with money but, more importantly, with your time. I know several colonies have open officer positions or assistant positions, please consider giving some of your time to helping grow the Mayflower story but helping with those roles. None of which take a lot of time and a little energy.

We are excited about the progress of the new website, if you have not yet logged on to check it out, please do so at www.ohiomayflower.org. The website group led by Mary Chase is working on how to utilize the Google workspace features for SMDOH to make our work less time consuming and more efficient. So, watch this space .

I want to encourage all of you to consider attending the GSMD 2026 Triennial Congress in Plymouth next September. In Ohio we are allowed as many as 20 delegates to the Congress, If you are interested in attending, we will be budgeting resources to support member attendance at the meeting, this is a great way to see how the society functions. Check out the Mayflower Quarterly, Buckeye Mayflower and www.ohiomayflower.org for ongoing information. The Ohio Mayflower leadership team would love to see a big showing from the "Buckeye" State.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

We're pleased to welcome the newest additions of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants. Whether you're newly approved, transferring from another member society, joining as a young descendant, or friend, we are honored to have you among us. Thank you for becoming part of our community dedicated to remembrance education and the preservation of our shared Pilgrim heritage. Welcome aboard! Here are the new members from June to November 2025.

Cincinnati Colony

Christina Colley 13th from William Brewster
 Deborah George 13th from William Brewster
 Marion George 12th from William Brewster
 Cheryl Jackson 13th from George Soule
 Alison Maicke 13th from Isaac Allerton
 Janice Mains 11th from George Soule
 Donna Patrick 13th from George Soule
 Mary Jane Rumpke 10th from William Bradford
 Andrea Smyth 16th from James Chilton
 Katherine Tang 11th from Edward Fuller
 Susan Vallee 13th from Isaac Allerton
 Transfer-in
 Eileen Roberts 13th from Edward Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Scott Allen 11th from William Bradford
 Michael Holland 12th from William Brewster
 Cynthia Polzin 12th from Richard Warren

Columbus Colony

Annette Frost 12th from Edward Doty
 Sarah Henry 12th from William Brewster
 Angela Herron 13th from John Howland
 Corson Kiester 14th from John Howland
 Kristin Kiester 13th from John Howland
 Robert Messmore 12th from Edward Doty
 Michael Pacca III 12th from John Alden
 Karen Strahler 12th from Edward Fuller
 Jeremy Weaver 13th from Constance Hopkins
 Laurie Wirt 11th from Samuel Fuller Jr.
 Dual membership
 Donald Smith 13th from John Howland

Toledo Colony

Michael Byrd 13th from John Howland
 Lynne Dixon 12th from Edward Fuller

Western Reserve Colony

Diane Davis 11th from John Alden
 Gary Davis 11th from John Alden
 Sally Rogers 11th from William Bradford

Approved Supplementals

Cincinnati Colony

Paul George 13th from Mary Brewster
 Paul George 13th from John Cooke
 Paul George 12th from Francis Cooke
 Paul George 12th from Richard Warren

Cleveland Colony

Kathleen Boyd 13th from Thomas Rogers
 Kathleen Boyd 12th from George Soule

Columbus Colony

Patricia Hasser 14th from William Mullins
 Patricia Hasser 13th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 Patricia Hasser 13th from John Alden
 Patricia Hasser 11th from Resolved White
 Patricia Hasser 12th from Susanna Jackson
 Patricia Hasser 12th from William White

Toledo Colony

Kevin Dunkelberger 10th from George Soule
 Richard Dunkelberger 11th from James Chilton

Western Reserve Colony

Bradford Nelson 10th from Henry Samson
 Bradford Nelson 13th from John Alden
 Bradford Nelson 12th from Thomas Rogers

New Junior Members

*Azariah Acuff Resolved White Sponsored by Father Peter Acuff
 *Beckett McCalman Stephen Hopkins Sponsored by Great Grandmother Beth Anderson
 *Alice Ulrey William Bradford Sponsored by mother Bessis Ulrey
 *Ivan Ulrey William Bradford Sponsored by mother Bessis Ulrey
 *Asher Woods John Howland Sponsored by Great Grandmother Kathie Evans
 *Delilah Woods John Howland Sponsored by Great Grandmother Kathie Evans
 *Samuel Woods John Howland Sponsored by Great Grandmother Kathie Evans
 *Daisy Wilson Myles Standish Sponsored by Great Grandmother Hilda Pappas

In Memoriam

We pause to remember and honor members of our Society who have recently passed away. Their lives and contributions remain part of our shared legacy, and we extend our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones.

Cleveland Colony

John Nichols, descendant of John Alden, born 4/13/1953, died 3/7/2025, elected 4/12/2022

Helen Previts, descendant of William Brewster, born 4/26/1944, died 9/25/2025, elected 6/24/2009

Columbus Colony

Joseph Poole, descendant of George Soule, born 12/1/1948, died 6/21/2025, elected 2/28/2014

Western Reserve Colony

John Rasnick, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 9/2/1956, died 3/10/2021, elected 3/10/1990

James Rasnick, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 9/5/1954, died 8/19/2023, elected 3/10/1990

Dorothy Rasnick, descendant of Francis Cooke, born 10/4/1933, died 6/6/2025, elected 1/14/1989

Kathleen Lambacher. Descendant of William Bradford and William Brewster. Born 8/7/1935, died 10/27/2024, elected 5/8/1999

Edwin Wallace, descendant of William White, born 10/10/1939, died 5/22/2025, elected 10/14/2000

Mary Ellen Atwood, descendant of Thomas Rogers and Myles Standish, born 8/28/1935, died 10/26/2025, elected 1/21/2016

We have also learned of the deaths of these former members:

Cincinnati Colony

Barbara Luce. Descendant of John Alden, born 4/19/1938, died 9/2/2025, Elected 10/26/2006

Toledo Colony

William Schumaker. descendant of William White, born 9/8/1934, died 9/26/2025, elected 10/12/2002

Charlotte Paschen, descendant of William Brewster, born 6/22/1935, died 8/17/2023, elected 5/19/2001

Western Reserve Colony

Lois Simmons. Descendant of George Soule, born 5/13/1957, died 7/14/2025, elected 10/12/1996



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The 2025 Mayflower fundraising auction was very successful for the General Society and the Ohio contribution of a Longaberger Picnic Basket with a few other goodies sold for \$400. Fundraising for the Pilgrim Meeting House continues at GSMD, as well as building a research team of genealogists at the Mayflower Library not only for Mayflower research but for Genealogy research in general. This may be another resource for your "Brick Wall" ancestors.

I do have an invitation for any of you who will be attending the 2026 Ohio Genealogical Society "Finding Genealogy Gems" April 29- May 2, 2026, in Sharonville Ohio. I will oversee the Mayflower information table and if you want to spend some time interacting with attendees and promoting The Mayflower Society, let me know I would love the company.

In closing I want to remind you that to remain an active member you need to pay the annual dues. If you forgot you can be re-instated for a small fee. Don't let your dues lapse, your support means everything.

I want to wish you Merry Christmas 2025 and Happy New Year in 2026. We hope to see you in Columbus on May 15-16th for the 2026 state meeting.

Beth Anderson, Governor SMDOH

Preserving Local History

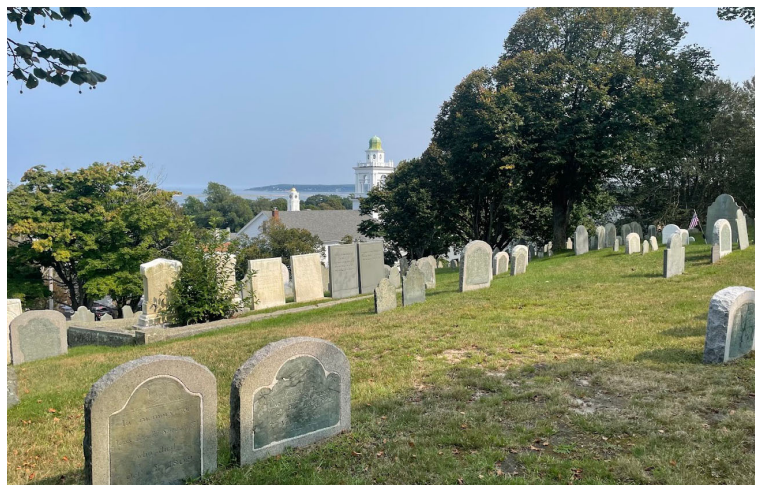
As a member of the Fairfield County Heritage Association, I attend several sponsored events throughout the year. An interesting workshop was held in October in a unique location - Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. The attendees assembled there to learn the proper techniques for cleaning and preserving old gravestones. The workshop was led by Michael Johnson, marketing director of the Heritage Association, and director of the Sherman House Museum. He was ably assisted by his young son, Isaac.

Before demonstrating the cleaning of an old gravestone, Michael emphasized the importance of obtaining permission from cemetery officials before starting any cleaning project. Then he showed us the proper tools to use, including the right chemical solution, which are both extremely important. If the wrong solution is used, you can speed up the further deterioration of the stone.

For his demonstration, Michael had chosen a stone on which the engraving was indecipherable. Once he had taken the proper steps, the engraving became quite clear. The stone marked the grave of a young girl named Stella who had died at the age of seven.

Cleaning and maintaining old gravestones for future generations is important to the preservation of local history. The efforts of Michael and his son, Isaac, as well as the efforts of unknown others who engage in such preservation, are very commendable.

Cheryl Bash, Ohio Society Elder



Scholarship News

Congratulations to Audrey Hallows on writing the winning Winter SMDOH Junior Newsletter Essay! Audrey is an 8th grade student at Ridgeview Junior High School in Pickerington. We continue to get many excellent entries and I want to encourage Juniors to keep writing. These essays are for students who have not yet graduated from high school. If participation grows, we will consider awarding two prizes per issue in the future.

Writing is an important skill, greatly valued by our Mayflower ancestors. SMDOH awards college scholarships as well as our SMDOH Junior Newsletter Essay prizes. The college scholarships are up to \$3000 and a person may win up to twice. They are open to current college freshmen through masters and equivalent levels of trade programs. The question for the 2026 scholarship is published in this issue under the article on the scholarship. If any SMDOH Juniors who have not graduated from High School, and thus are not currently eligible for the scholarship, want to submit a practice entry to me at the Spring meeting, I will give it back with feedback. Hopefully this will help you write better essays when you are eligible for the scholarship competition.

The question for the Spring SMDOH Junior Newsletter Essay is; "If you could visit any Mayflower related site, where would you go? What would you like to see there?"

Entries should be about 250 words, double spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Please submit to SMDOHedu@hlhorton.org with a subject line: Juniors Essay Competition.

Please submit your entries by February 15th.

The SMDOH Junior Newsletter Essay contest is open to Ohio Mayflower Society Junior Members grades 5-12. In your email please include your name, age, grade, school (or homeschooled), contact email and contact phone number. The author of the best essay will be awarded \$100 (if he or she hasn't already won this year) and have his or her entry published in the Spring newsletter.

Here is Audrey's winning essay;

If I were a Mayflower passenger who had to choose items that would fit in a 12-inch cube, I would choose a sourdough starter, clothing, and writing materials.

The sourdough starter would be a helpful item because it is small, and as long as flour and water are available, sourdough bread could be made once we reached land. Sourdough was very popular and versatile, and it could be a warm reminder of home. It also would be much tastier than the hard, dry "bread" they had aboard the Mayflower.

Also because of the length of the journey, I would need at least one extra outfit due to the impossibility of doing laundry on the ship. I would tightly fold a waistcoat, skirt, and whatever else might fit into the cube. Other items, such as a smock, petticoat, and a cap might take up too much room.

Many interesting things were sure to take place on the Mayflower, so I would appreciate having a pencil and some paper so I could record all the events that happened. Perhaps the passengers knew they would encounter births, deaths, and other major changes. We know these events included two babies being born, a person dying, the Speedwell's abandonment, the Mayflower Compact being signed, and the discovery of Cape Cod.

If I were a Mayflower passenger with only a 12-inch cube for my belongings, I would include things that can survive the long journey and be used later (sourdough starter), make the trip a little more pleasant (clothing), and allow me to record a once in a lifetime experience (writing materials).

Congratulations Audrey!

GSMD Scholarship update

In addition to the college scholarships offered by SMDOH, the General Society offers 4 college scholarships to GSMD graduating seniors going directly to college-no gap years. \$17,400 in scholarships will be awarded to 4 graduating seniors.

The 2026 GSMD Scholarship Application Process will be open from January 5th to March 2nd. In past years, seniors had to register to access the essay question, and you had to be a graduating senior and have a GSMD number of your own or a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent to register.

The scholarship details will be on the GSMD website behind the member wall after January 5th. Go to TheMayflowerSociety.org. Have your member parent, grandparent or great-grandparent log in. Go to Members Only, then the Member Benefits section. Scroll down to the third set of items, the scholarship information with link is on the right.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is awarding three High School Senior students scholarships in the amount of: \$6000, \$5000, \$4000. In addition, a \$2,400 Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship will also be awarded. For all these scholarships, it is required to be a graduating high school senior who is a Mayflower descendant and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

ANCESTRY REQUIREMENTS

For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Applicant must provide the name of the Mayflower Ancestor(s) from whom they descend. They must also provide a valid GSMD membership number for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the applicant. This member must be active – not deceased, resigned or dropped.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each scholarship applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior
- Complete and submit the application form
- Complete and submit the essay
- Submit a recent transcript
- Enter a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

Good luck!

Heather Horton

SMDOH Scholarship Chair

Moving? New email? New winter address?

Your Ohio Society needs to be informed of any changes in your contact information to make sure you get all communications from us and the General Society without issue. We also need to be notified of any deaths in our Mayflower family promptly.

SURGEON'S CORNER

I am a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist with special interest in Infancy and significant experience with Autism Spectrum Disorders, beginning my career in 1990 about the time we began to see a relatively rapid increase in the Autism spectrum disorder. At that time it was Autism- one of 5 pervasive developmental disabilities (Autism, Asperger's disorder, Child hood disintegrative disorder, Retts disorder and pervasive developmental disability NOS-not otherwise specified), In 2013 the field decided that we really did not know enough about these disorders, especially with the rapidly increasing numbers, to separate out these children with separate disorder labels and the label was changed to Autism Spectrum Disorder .

I became especially interested in the growing body of knowledge about the biomedical treatment of Autism that was beginning to take shape in the early 1990's. Through about 2010 when Bernard Rimland (the father of an Autistic child- now about 68yo and the first to counter the assumption that ASD was caused by "refrigerator mothers"- consistent with the behavioral concepts of the time – with a book entitled " Infantile Autism") the clear initial driver of the movement died and there was no one willing to really pick up the pieces and champion it in the same way. In addition, there has been a lot of push back from the mainstream medical community all along. Championing such a controversial movement is not without its risks-

Andrew Wakefield the British gastroenterologist who 1st published information suggesting some association with Autism and the measles vaccine- when he identified the measles virus that was the same strain as that in the vaccine in the guts (nodular lymphoid hyperplasia) of 10 children with Autism in his gastroenterology practice after parents begged him to look into a possible connection with ASD and the GI issues these kids all had. He lost his license, and was stripped of his credentials and basically vilified. With mainstream medicine saying there was absolutely no connection of vaccines to ASD.

When the evidence for this assertion, (that there was no connection between ASD and Measles vaccine) was found to be manufactured and inaccurate and other studies showed some support for the connection there was no publication about this and no publicity to support Dr. Wakefield's vindication. This remains an extremely controversial area.

When I completed my fellowship in 1994 the data suggested that 1:10,000 children had ASD. The currently published numbers are 1:31 children, 1:12 boys are currently diagnosed with ASD, a 5 fold increase from 2000 numbers.

There has been a lot of discussion about ASD being "genetic" and clearly there need to be genetically based vulnerabilities, but this epidemic is not consistent with the way genetics work, clearly there are environmental components driving the increase.

Recent information from the government has been super controversial with association of Tylenol use prenatally and the development of ASD.

The concern about Tylenol is coming up now because in August 2025 the BMC Environmental Health published a study entitled "Evaluation of the evidence on acetaminophen use and neurodevelopmental disorders using the Navigation Guide methodology" The lead author is Andrea Baccerali the dean of faculty at The Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. The Study was led by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and also included co-authors from other institutions. The researchers analyzed results from 46 previous studies worldwide that investigated the potential link between prenatal acetaminophen use and subsequent neurodevelopmental disorders in children. The researchers used the Navigation Guide Systematic Review methodology- a gold -standard framework for synthesizing and evaluating environmental health data-which enabled them to conduct a rigorous , **comprehensive analysis that supported evidence of an association between acetaminophen exposure during pregnancy and incidence of neurodevelopmental disorders**" (such as Autism) .

Tylenol (Acetaminophen) actually reduces your body's glutathione, the body's major antioxidant, and we know that glutathione is often low for kids with ASD. This is actually a good reason for everyone to use

acetaminophen as little as possible. NSAID's (like ibuprofen) are a better choice for pain unless bleeding issues are a concern.

Also lowering temperature (fever) is also over rated and should really only occur with high fevers , over 102-103, and a temperate bath is a better choice to start with most often .

We can say with good support that ASD is multifactorial and is often associated with enzyme based (genetically determined) weakness in detoxification pathways and metabolism of certain nutrients like B vitamins.

Ideas to reduce risk:

Avoid toxins, (plastics, additives, preservatives in vaccines), cleaning up the diet, avoiding inflammatory foods (dairy, grains and sugar).

Focus on organic nutrient dense foods.

One of the bigger areas that is somewhat neglected is identifying weakness in areas of information processing early and providing specific focused support for these weak areas of development and information processing.

There have been many pieces of information linking various standard treatment in some way to Autism- this is just the 1st time the powers that be are publicizing it- prioritizing the needs of patients over corporate interests.

Dr Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad. SMDOH Surgeon

The Mayflower Compact

In the name of God, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony on the Northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, Anno Domini, 1620.

COLONY CHRONICLES

Cincinnati Colony

As we near the close of another successful year, the Cincinnati Colony continues to stay active and engaged, representing our community with pride and planning meaningful opportunities for fellowship and learning. Below are highlights from this past quarter and details on our upcoming Compact Day celebration.

Representation at the GSMD GBOA

Cincinnati was proudly represented at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, this September. It was an inspiring and productive gathering where societies from across the country came together to share ideas, celebrate accomplishments, and strengthen our shared mission of honoring our Mayflower heritage. We were delighted to connect with fellow descendants, exchange best practices, and bring back fresh perspectives to support the continued growth of our Ohio societies.

Compact Day Luncheon

Our upcoming Compact Day Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, and was an engaging and memorable event. We were delighted to welcome Vince McGeehan from the Cincinnati SAR Chapter as our guest speaker. Mr. McGeehan presented "The Captain Howard Miller Flag Collection." Captain Howard Miller served over 21 years in the 8th and 9th Air Force during World War II before embarking on a long career as a Postal Department Auditor. A passionate vexillologist, he and his wife traveled the country giving flag presentations, educating audiences about the rich history and symbolism behind our nation's flags. Captain Miller generously donated his 65-flag collection to the Cincinnati SAR Chapter, with the request that it be displayed annually. A smaller version of this remarkable display was available for viewing at the luncheon.

Colony Elections

Our Colony elections were held during the Compact Day Luncheon. The new board will be announced in the next newsletter.

Laurence Winter, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony

Cleveland Colony

2025 Meetings: In 2026, the colony will continue to hold four board of assistant's meetings via zoom and one annual in-person or zoom Spring business meeting.

2025 Compact Day Dinner: The 405th Mayflower Compact Day and 95th Cleveland Colony Dinner buffet luncheon event was held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 08, 2025. We again offered zoom availability with Leanne McGann as our zoom manager. Our Keynote speaker was Kathryn Haueisen. She has published two historical fictions about our beloved ancestors. *Mayflower Chronicles: The Tale of Two Cultures* gives a lot of the background of events in England that drove our ancestors to Holland for a decade and then on to the *Mayflower*. It includes a section from the perspective of the Indigenous peoples of New England and the first encounters between the two groups. *Mary Brewster's Love Life: Matriarch of the Mayflower* is a fictional biography of Elder William's wife and the other women she traveled with on her journey. It is part fictional diary and her recounting her life to one of her daughters toward the end of her long life. As always, the passenger family surname roll call took place. We recognized new members and the memorial service was presented by our colony elder Dr. Don Nichols. We recognized Veterans and thank them for their service and stated we will never forget. As always, opened the invitation to other historical organizations. Door prizes closed the meeting!

2026 Spring Event: The 2026 Spring event will be held at the Dunham Tavern Museum Barn Sunday April 12, 2026 located at 6709 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio. Established in 1824, Dunham Tavern is the oldest building still standing on its original site in the City of Cleveland. The program will be "The New Pilgrims" family band. They are the children of the Western Reserve Colony member Eric McDaniel. The talented six siblings performed at the 2025 State meeting held in Mason, Ohio hosted by the Cincinnati Colony. Their instrumental performance was enjoyed by all. Additionally, the museum will be opened for a tour.

2026 Summer Event: The 2026 Summer event is scheduled for Sunday June 28, 2025 at the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Civil War Museum which includes a private tour located at 5501 E. Lake Road Sheffield, Ohio. The 103rd OVI Memorial Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the heroic deeds and services of the men who served in 103rd Regiment during the Civil War. It was originally built by the veterans themselves to serve as a barracks during the reunions. In the 1970's this structure was completely restored and became the permanent home for the museum and artifacts. The Museum bordering Lake Erie is a historical landmark. Light refreshments will be served.

Here is a note we received from Kathy Haueisen:

Dear Cleveland Colony Friends — Thank you for inviting me to speak to your fall luncheon. I grew up in Lakewood and Bay Village and have such great memories of those years. I meant to tell you that I write regularly on Substack about our Pilgrim ancestors. My posts usually come out on Friday mornings and most of them are related to the Mayflower story, though I do cover other things now and then. I also write a series that comes out on Tuesday mornings that I call People of Hope. Each one is about some person living or long since deceased who has done something good for society. I never charge for these. I invite you to check them out at <https://kathrynhauaisen.substack.com/> and sign up if you're interested. Here's the most recent article I wrote about our ancestors: <https://kathrynhauaisen.substack.com/p/wheres-the-money>

Again, thank you for letting me join you for the luncheon. It was the most fun I've had so far this fall.
Gratefully yours - Kathryn Brewster Haueisen

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Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

Columbus Colony

The Columbus Colony is happy to have donated a Longaberger Basket for the Silent Auction.

It is 1999 Longaberger -Traditions Basket with the original fabric liner and plastic inserts all original. This was a company in Dresden, Ohio that closed several years ago and the baskets are collectors items.

Included were:

Two books on the Mayflower and Plymouth written and signed by Katheryn Brewster Hauelsen; titles are, *Mayflower Chronicles: a tale of two cultures*, *Mary Brewster's Love Life: Matriarch of the Mayflower*.

Several additional items were donated to fill the basket, they included:

SMDOH COOKBOOK - Pilgrims Descendants Favorite Recipes - (\$25)

Two Mayflower Descendant coffee mugs- (\$10)

1620 Mayflower Rock- stress rock! (\$5)

Our Compact day luncheon: was conducted by our Deputy Lt. Governor Steven Kelly as I was scheduled for surgery.

Tony , our guest speaker commented, that he has 500 hours in the Ohio Patriot find data base! It will be on the Ohio History Connection Website when it is completed at year end.

The 128th Annual Ohio Assembly two day event will be hosted by the Columbus Colony May 15/16, 2026 at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel located in Columbus, Ohio. More details will follow in 2026!

Charles Mays, Lt Governor, Columbus Colony

Toledo Colony

Events: Toledo Colony Lt. Governor Edmund Trafford spoke to the Allen County Genealogy Club at the Allen County Public Library in Lima, Ohio, on Saturday, October 18, 2025. He also spoke at the Thaddeus Walinski History Club in Toledo on Monday evening, 3 November 3, 2025.

2025 Summer Event: This event took place on Saturday, 28 June 2025, with lunch in Bryan, Ohio, at Seasons Coffee & Bistro on Bryan Square followed by a visit to the Williams County Public Library for a presentation on Ellis Island by the Local History and Genealogy Manager, Jared Schnee. The Library is the recipient of Silver Books donated periodically by SMDOH through the Toledo Colony.

2025 Compact Day: This event took place on Saturday, 1 November 2025. Our speaker was Chris Gillcrist from the National Great Lakes Museum in Toledo who presented a talk on the War of 1812 on Lake Erie.

Newsletter: The “Toledo Colony Chronicle” Summer 2025 issue was released following our Summer Gathering in Bryan, Ohio and carried information about that event and an invitation to our Compact Day Gathering in November. Our Winter 2026 issue will be released following our 1 November 2025 Compact Day Gathering. It will carry the minutes of Compact Day as well as information announcing our Spring Luncheon Gathering on March 28, 2026 with a presentation on John Robinson, “Pastor to the Pilgrims.”

Edmund Trafford, Lt Governor Toledo Colony

Western Reserve Colony

The Western Reserve Colony held a wonderful program in September, hosted and organized by our Historian, David Burnham, at the historic Spread Eagle Tavern in his hometown of Hanover, Ohio. The featured speaker presented an engaging program on the Underground Railroad and its presence in the local area. We had a great turnout as this photo shows



Following this event, a presentation and review of the Mayflower Silver Books was held at the Youngstown Library, open to all members and guests interested in attending.



The Colony celebrated Compact Day on November 9th at 11:30 a.m. at the Canton Women's Club. Our featured speaker was Mark Holland,

Archivist at the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum with a great program on the history of Canton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the McDaniel children. The Mayflower Compact was read by Todd Reutzel and his granddaughter Chloe.



At the end of the meeting, Jill Parker, past Ohio Governor inducted the new Colony board.

Lt Governor - Eric McDaniel
Deputy Lt Governor - Cindy Nichols
Treasurer - Ann Gulbransen
Elder - Sharen Jarzen
Historian - David Burnham

After the meeting, Charles Thomasson accepted the BOA Representative position.



In 2026, we are looking at meetings in March, a summer picnic and gathering in September in addition to Compact Day in November. Details will be available soon.

Cindy Nichols, past Lt Governor and Ann Gulbransen, Treasurer

2026 SMDOH SCHOLARSHIP**Deadline: March 1, 2026**

2026 Essay question: Discuss your favorite Revolutionary War era speech or quote. Why did you select that quote? What was its purpose? How effective was it in fulfilling that purpose?"

The applicant must be an Adult member or Junior member of the Ohio Mayflower Society. Visit the Ohio Mayflower website on how to join.

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.

Your submission needs a cover page that includes the title of the essay, your name, Ohio member number or Junior member number, and your signature. Please use a size 12 font, double spaced, with one inch margins. Essays should be between 1500 and 2000 words, not including the speech or quote words. Any AI generated text or plagiarism of any kind will result in immediate disqualification. Do not include your name on the actual essay, only on the cover page.

Please enclose two sealed letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher or advisor and the other should be a character reference from a person not related to you (coach, clergy, employer, etc.).

The judges will consider the following rubric when ranking the applications:

Essay: Accuracy of historical facts 30%

Content (Organization, Clarity of Thought, Grammar, Punctuation) 30%

Bibliography / References 7%

Letters of recommendation 30%

GPA 3%

The **Application, Essay, and Letters of Recommendation must be Postmarked by March 1, 2026** to be considered for a scholarship.

The winner(s) will be notified in April 2026 and will be invited to attend the Annual Assembly, May 16, 2026 at the Airport Marriott in Columbus, OH. Expanded information about the winner(s) and their essays may be printed in the "*Buckeye Mayflower*" and posted on the Ohio Mayflower website.

The award(s) will be paid directly to the student in the summer by the Ohio Mayflower Treasurer upon receiving a copy of their fall 2026 tuition bill. (or equivalent if OSU goes tuition free for Ohio residents)

The award may be granted twice to the same applicant in different years.

The scholarship need not be given if the Committee decides there are no qualified applicants.

Look for the application form on the ohiomayflower.org website in the Forms section under Member Info.

Questions should be directed to Heather Horton, Scholarship Chair at SMDOHedu@hlhorton.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2026 - Western Reserve Colony spring gathering - details TBD

March 28, 2026 - Toledo Colony spring luncheon

April 12, 2026 - Cleveland Colony spring gathering at the Dunham Tavern

April 29-May 2026 - OGS annual Conference, Sharonville Convention Center. Register at <https://www.ogs.org/2026-conference/>

May 15-16, 2026 - Ohio Mayflower annual assembly, Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel

June 28, 2026 - Cleveland Colony summer gathering at the 103rd OVI museum in Sheffield Lake

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

We are slowly growing our historian team but always have room for more members who want to help our applicants. We now have at least a core group in each colony. Deputy Historian Terri Brown has developed an incredible website of resources, both links to documents to explain our processes and links to other online resources for research in Ohio and many other states. She has built it with links to the Dropbox folders we use so that the documents do not count against the limits of the free accounts most of our team use. We have also developed an extensive library of published genealogies and histories so we don't need to keep multiple downloaded copies.

Many Ohio members have been working with GSMD to index approved applications to make the information accessible to the Easy App Generator. The indexing is temporarily paused while the Executive Committee (EC) evaluates the ongoing costs of the project which are exceeding the original budget. For more details, you can watch the recording of the Governor General's quarterly address on the members only section of themayflowersociety.org website.

This pause does not affect the work of the Ohio historian team. Those of us who are NDA compliant, still have access to every completed application that has been scanned which is almost all of them back to the first. We can use the Easy App Generator to pull the information that has been uploaded to date which is almost half of all approved applications. For Ohio applications, we already have every application back to number 1 in 1898 digitized from the work that I and my predecessors have done. We will continue to generate worksheets as we have always done and to work with prospective members to help them be approved.

I reconcile our membership with the General Society every quarter. This is what we agreed to in September.

Cincinnati Colony - 225 members

Cleveland Colony - 181 members

Columbus Colony - 288 members

Toledo Colony - 98 members

Western Reserve Colony - 188 members

Across the state, that is 980 members!

Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

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Note from Our Treasurer:

Happy Holidays! Thank you to members who have paid their 2026 dues. We still have many members whose dues have not been received. Just a reminder that if dues are not received by the end of December the member will be dropped from membership. The deadline to receive dues will be based on postmarks of December 20, 2025. Knowing that the holiday mail may be delayed, we will hold out for mail receipt through January 7, 2026 for drops. Doing this will hopefully avoid last-minute reinstatements due to mail delays. We will hate to lose you! Through the link on our website, you can download a paper copy of the dues notice, or you can link to PayPal to pay online.

Mary Chase

State Treasurer

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