

Toledo Colony Chronicle

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio



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Welcome Message from Lt. Governor Edmund Trafford



Lt. Governor
Edmund Trafford

We hope you enjoyed our Annual Compact Day Gathering Luncheon. The presentation by Christopher Gillcrist, Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, was fascinating —“The Archaeology of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812.” (See page 9 for a follow-up to his presentation.)

One item of discussion of our Toledo Board of Assistants was the option of opening up our meetings to the general membership to attend if they wish to do so. Our BOA meetings always follow the luncheon gatherings and last about an hour. Agenda topics include Old Business, Continuing Business (such as ongoing planning for the 2027 Annual State Meeting, to be hosted by the Toledo Colony), and New Business (such as arranging for the speaker and presentation for the Spring Luncheon and scheduling the Summer Event).

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Toledo Colony Spring Gathering

- When:** Saturday, 18 April 2026
- Time:** Fellowship 11:30AM, Luncheon 12PM (noon)
- Meal:** \$16 Reservation per person to Treasurer Jeff Stoll by Monday, 13 April 2026*
- Where:** Ohio Living Swan Creek—5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, Ohio 43614. (See page 8 for a map.)
- Speakers:** Andrea Traunero, Juniors Chair, Toledo Colony, and Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony, on “John Robinson, Pastor of the Pilgrims.” (See page 6 for a preview.)
- Reservations:** By Monday, 13 April 2026* to Jeffrey Stoll; 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611

***PLEASE NOTE:** Reservations must be **prepaid** to our Treasurer prior to the luncheon and cannot any longer be accepted at the door. Please make your checks payable to **TOLEDO COLONY MAYFLOWER**.

Toledo Colony Meeting Minutes

Compact Day Gathering—1 November 2025



Toledo Lt. Governor
Edmund Trafford

Toledo Colony's Compact Day Fall Gathering Luncheon was held on Saturday, 1 November 2025, at Swan Creek. After an initial period of fellowship and acquaintance renewal, Lt. Governor Edmund Trafford called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Elder Mike Brewster, followed by the reading of the Mayflower Compact by prospective member Lynne Dixon. Lynne has completed her application and it has been approved at the state level and is now being reviewed at Plymouth.

Minutes of the previous Spring Luncheon Gathering on Saturday, 28 March 2025, were submitted as having been published in the Summer 2025 issue of the **Toledo Colony Chronicle**

Introductory remarks were made by Lt. Governor Trafford welcoming those present to the event. Following the luncheon (catered by Swan Creek), Lt. Governor Trafford reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Officer reports submitted by Lt. Governor Trafford, Deputy Lt. Governor Judy

Rand, Treasurer Jeff Stoll, Scholarship Chair Susan Fisher, and Juniors Chair Andrea Traunero were distributed on all tables prior to the luncheon, and the officers were available for follow-up questions.

Deputy Lt. Governor Judy Rand welcomed three new members to the Toledo Colony (*see the separate article on page 3*) and conducted the Pilgrim Roll Call.

The luncheon talk was a fascinating presentation by Christopher Gillcrist, Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes on the War of 1812 on Lake Erie. (*His presentation was previewed in the Summer 2025 issue of **Toledo Colony Chronicle**. See the separate features in this issue on pages 3 and 9.*)

Closing activities included awarding the door prizes and final comments by Lt. Governor Trafford. He mentioned next year's Colony elections and the desire to make the Colony more visible at the state level by submitting articles to the newsletter.

The Benediction was delivered by Elder Mike Brewster. The Compact Day Fall Gathering Luncheon was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

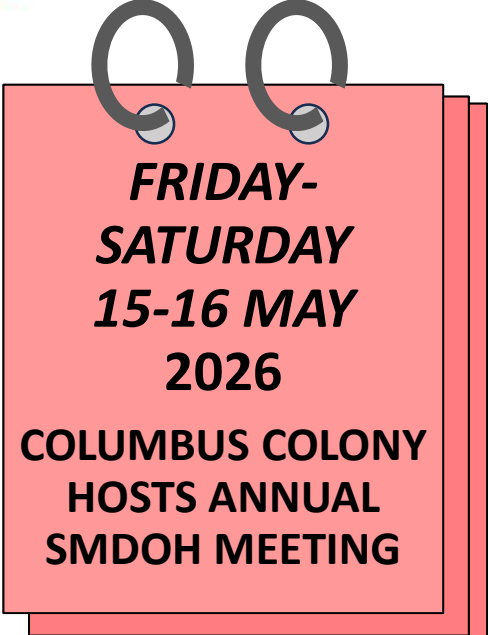
Save the Date



**SATURDAY
18 APRIL
2026**

**TOLEDO SPRING
LUNCHEON AT
SWAN CREEK**

(see page 1)



**FRIDAY-
SATURDAY
15-16 MAY
2026**

**COLUMBUS COLONY
HOSTS ANNUAL
SMDOH MEETING**

Christopher Gillcrist Delivers 2025 Compact Day Luncheon Gathering Talk



Christopher Gillcrist

Christopher Gillcrist, Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes, presented a fascinating talk on the War of 1812 as it occurred on Lake Erie. He pointed out that the naval battle that occurred on 10 September 1813 was probably the single most consequential military event before the Battle of Midway during World War II (June 1942). If the American Navy had not defeated the British Navy, the Americans would have lost control of the entire Great Lakes region, including much of the Northwest Territories area of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Mr. Gillcrist touched on some of the controversy that surrounded Oliver Hazard Perry's command during the battle. *(See the article on page 9 for more on this event.)*

New Members Welcomed at 2025 Compact Day Luncheon Gathering

It was a great privilege to recognize three new members of the Toledo Colony at our 2025 Fall Compact Day Luncheon Gathering on 1 November 2025. It is sometimes difficult to appreciate how much effort can be required to establish a Pilgrim heritage to the exacting genealogical standards required by Plymouth. Even in a time when digitized historical documentation is widely available, a lot of work can still be necessary, as we all know. The new members are pictured below, with Deputy Lt. Governor Judy Rand standing on the right.



William James Barber

Bowling Green

Pilgrim Ancestor: George Soule
Membership Approved:

6 May 2025

Susan Renee (McCourt) Daniels

Columbus Grove

Pilgrim Ancestor: William Brewster
Membership Approved:

30 May 2025

Annette (Paschen) Hatfield

Oregon

Pilgrim Ancestor: William Brewster
Membership Approved:

30 May 2025

Toledo Colony Contributes to National Silent Auction Goal

An article on page 21 of the Summer **Toledo Colony Chronicle** highlighted our participation in the National Society's Silent Auction event to raise funds for the restoration of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House.



The priciest item offered was a week's stay at the Mayflower House in Plymouth, donated by the National Society. It garnered the high bid of \$7,000. The less expensive items include the New Mexico Society's donation of a gift card to the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe (\$120), a Washington, DC gift basket (\$130), and a high-quality reproduction of an Andrew Wyeth painting from the Pennsylvania Society (\$300). The five Ohio Colonies collectively contributed items with a combined total value of approximately \$265:

- 1999 Longaberger: Traditions Basket with the original fabric liner and plastic inserts all original. This was a company in Columbus, Ohio that closed several years ago and the baskets are collectors' items.
- Two books on the Mayflower and Plymouth written and signed by Katheryn Brewster Hausen; titles are , *Mayflower Chronicles: a tale of two cultures*, *Mary Brewster's Love Life: Matriarch of the Mayflower*.

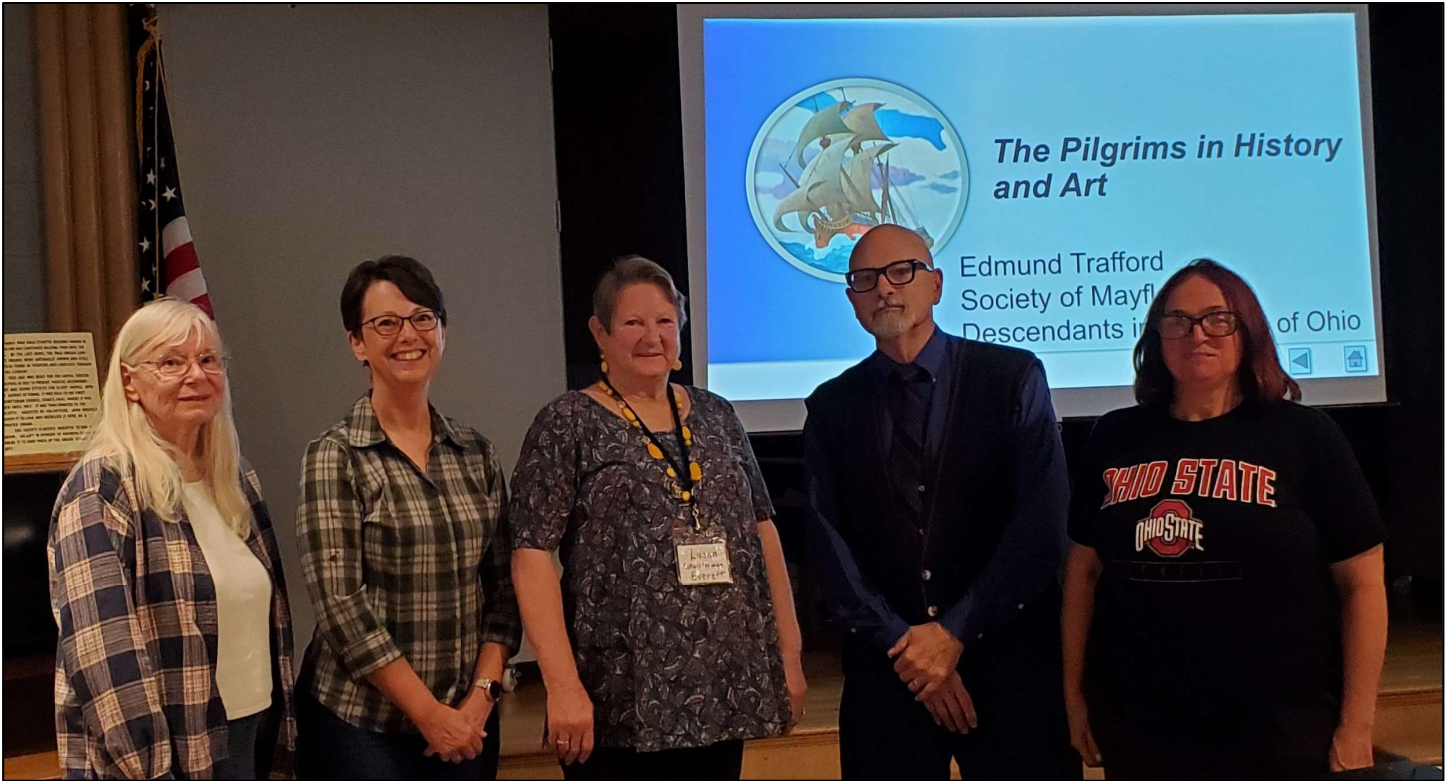
- SMDOH cookbook: Pilgrims Descendants Favorite Recipes
- Two Mayflower Descendant coffee mugs
- 1620 Mayflower Rock: squishy stress rock!

Our Ohio gift basket went for \$400, contributing to the overall auction result of \$22,875. All proceeds go towards the renovation of the Pilgrim Meeting House.



Lt. Governor Trafford Presents Talks at Area Organizations

Lt. Governor Trafford was invited by the Allen County Genealogical Society to deliver a presentation on the Pilgrims on Saturday afternoon, 18 October 2025 at the Allen County Museum in Lima, Ohio. It was a good opportunity not only to “set the record straight” about some of our “Pilgrim lore” as well as to introduce our Toledo Colony/SMDOH to a receptive audience.



Pictured L-R are officers of the Allen County Genealogical Society along with Lt. Governor Trafford (who is second from R): Pam Thaman, First Family Committee Lead; Janice Althaus, Vice President; Luann Everett, Secretary; and (far R) Becky Pescosolido, President.

Lt. Governor Trafford also spoke to the Thaddeus Walinski History Club in Toledo on Monday evening, 3 November 2025. Pictured, L-R, are Julie McCann, Lt. Governor Trafford, and Lynn Jagos.



Lt. Governor's Column (cont.)

There is nothing “secret” or “confidential” about these meetings. The issue of opening BOA meetings to any interested members and guests was raised at last summer’s Annual State Meeting in Cincinnati, with the goal of ensuring transparency of business. Locally, we’d like to encourage attendance at any of our BOA meetings by members and guests who would like to experience firsthand what goes into making the Toledo Colony work. The single restriction is that anybody who would like to attend is limited to observation only; any comments “from the floor” will not be permitted. Here is the opportunity to see your Toledo Colony Board of Assistants in action, and I strongly encourage you to make the most of it!

Please mark your calendars now for our Spring Gathering Luncheon, scheduled this year for Saturday, 18 April 2026 at Ohio Living Swan Creek. Our speakers will be Andrea Traunero, Juniors Chair of Toledo Colony, and Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor of Toledo Colony, presenting on “John Robinson, Pastor of the Pilgrims.”

I made an announcement at the luncheon that I was currently serving on the SMDOH Nominating Committee, helping to identify and nominate interested individuals for state offices. Similarly, I want to be sure that locally we are all aware that 2026 is an election year here in Ohio, and we in Toledo must also participate in the process at the Colony level. Colony leadership is elected for 3-year terms. Leadership is up for election this year, at Compact Day 2026. Nominations will be accepted at next spring’s meeting in 2026 and voted on in November 2026. Please give some thought to those among you whom you would like to see leading the Colony and be ready to nominate them at the spring meeting. **Nominations could include yourself, if you have an interest in a specific office.** I can’t emphasize enough that this is YOUR organization, and I hope you’ll want to take a greater participation in it.

Also, **PLEASE NOTE** that we can no longer accept payment for luncheon reservations at the door. We must have your reservation checks in to our Treasurer, Jeff Stoll, in advance of the luncheon so that we can ensure that we have an accurate count for attendees to give to Ohio Living. Please make your checks payable to **TOLEDO COLONY MAYFLOWER** and respond to Jeff by Monday, 13 April 2026.

Spring Luncheon Presentation Will Focus on Rev. John Robinson



“IN MEMORY OF REV. JOHN ROBINSON, M.A. PASTOR OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH . . . A.D. 1609-1625, WHENCE AT HIS PROMPTING WENT FORTH THE PILGRIM FATHERS TO SETTLE IN NEW ENGLAND IN 1620.”

A plaque in Pieterskerk (Saint Peter Church), Leyden, in The Netherlands commemorates the work of Pastor John Robinson. He was one of the early leaders of the Separatists, and although he encouraged them to leave Holland for the New World, he himself did not go with them. He continued his ministry in Leyden until he died in 1625.

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Member Spotlight—Susan Daniels



Susan Daniels, of Columbus Grove, Ohio, is descended from William Brewster. Her Mayflower Society application was approved on 30 May 2025. Susan's mother, Annette Hatfield, also with a descent from William Brewster, joined the Mayflower Society on 30 May 2025. Both Susan and her mother were recognized at our Toledo Colony Compact Day Luncheon on 1 November 2025 (*see page 3*).

Susan Daniels

My name is Susan Daniels; born to Bobby McCourt Sr. and Annette Hatfield (Paschen) on Sept. 11, 1983. I am a descendant of William Brewster of the Mayflower with proven lineage, I am the 15th generation. My great-grandfather was a previous member of the Mayflower Association, Ohio Society, followed by my grandmother Charlotte Paschen (Walters). My grandmother used to attend the meetings regularly and my mother expressed interest at that time, as did I when we drove Charlotte to the meetings. Since then Charlotte had passed away and we decided to pursue our membership application. Which brings us to being new/current members of the Mayflower Association, Ohio Society.

I grew up in a couple of communities. I was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio until the age of thirteen. Then from age thirteen to eighteen, I lived in Ottawa, Ohio with my mother and stepfather. At eighteen, I moved back to Toledo to help care for my grandmother. I have one sister (deceased), three half-brothers, and one stepbrother. I got married on June 30, 2008 and took responsibility as a step-parent of 3 children. I divorced on July 26, 2010.

Remarried on August 20, 2011, became a step-parent of 2 children; one of which is deceased. Divorced in 2017.

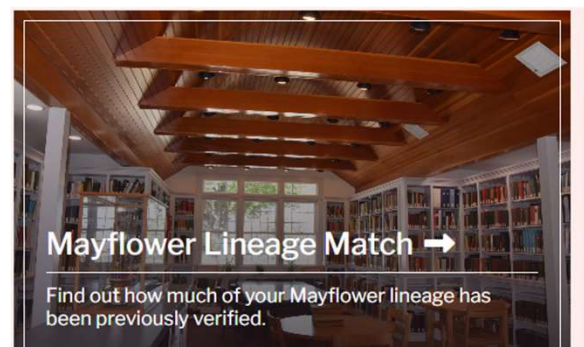
Currently I reside in Columbus Grove, Ohio.

I originally started my major in Medical Assisting at Stautzenberger College in Maumee, Ohio (formerly Toledo, Ohio). I graduated with a Medical Assisting Diploma on December 22, 2006. Then, I went back to Stautzenberger College in Maumee, Ohio in 2008, to get an Associates degree in Medical Assisting; and graduated in 2009. In June 2023, I expressed interest in becoming an EMT to my local Office of Public Safety Director. He informed me that he would add my name to the list for the class. In mid-February 2024 I received a phone call that I will be added to the class roster. I spent the next 5 months completing course materials through Apollo Career Center, in November 2024 I became a NREMT certified Basic EMT.

When I am not working as an EMT, I clean for some local banks. I also like spending time with my family and friends. I love cooking, crafting and selling Tupperware.

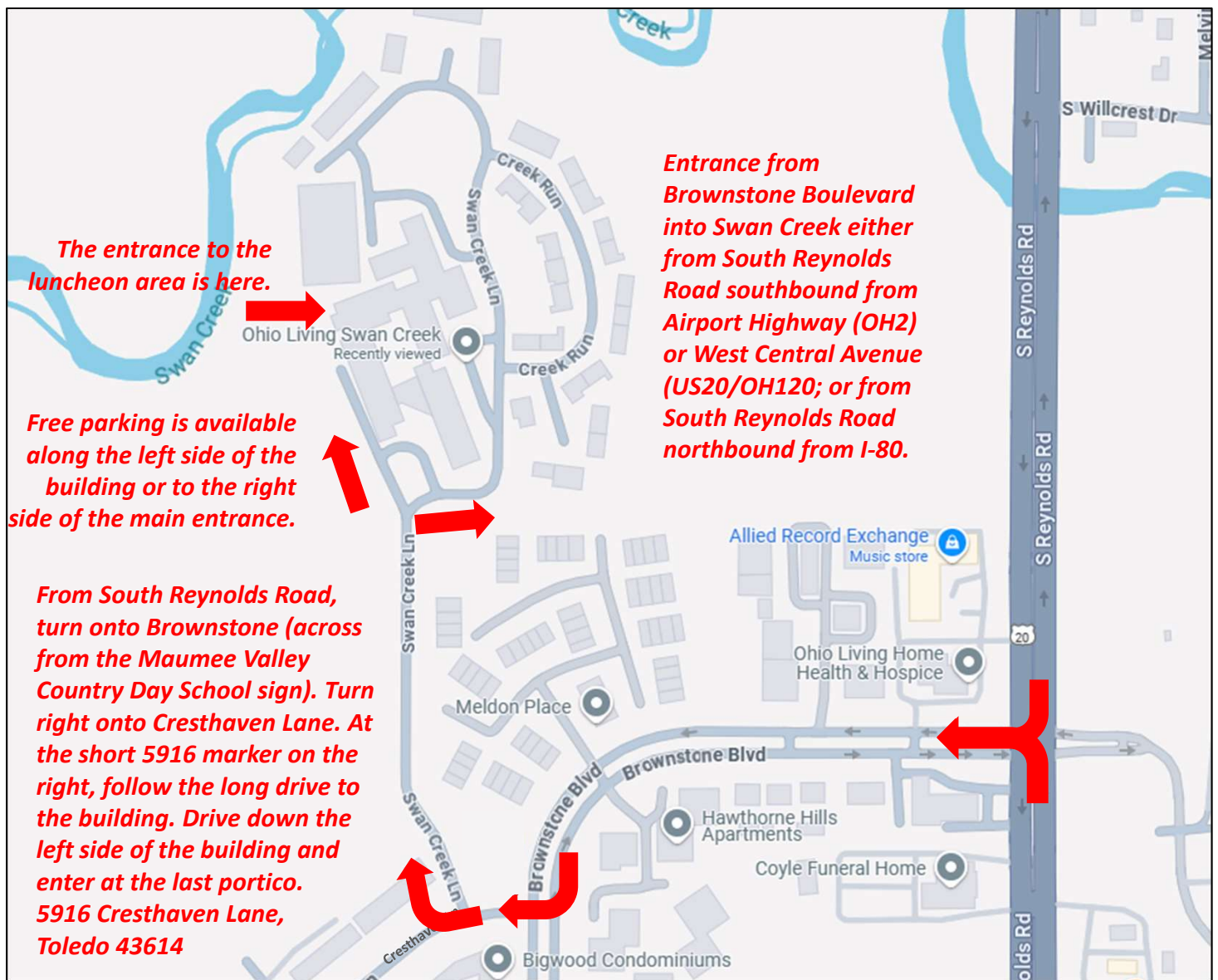
How You Can Help Potential New Members

If someone asks you about how to apply for membership, remember to alert them to the fact that Plymouth offers the “Mayflower Lineage Match” service to help prospective members identify potential previous descents that could fill in some of the blanks in their own descent. The national office of the Mayflower Society in Plymouth has extensive research into all known Pilgrims and also references to all previously approved lineages. There is a fee for this service of course, but it can save many hours of research. With that information in hand, we here in Ohio can help further in the effort to build a well-documented application. Depending on where the potential member lives in Ohio, we have local historians in Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, and Western Reserve available for assistance.



[General Society of Mayflower Descendants
https://themayflowersociety.org/](https://themayflowersociety.org/)

Directions to Swan Creek



Caroline Wells Longardner

Genealogist, Local Historian & Family Lineage

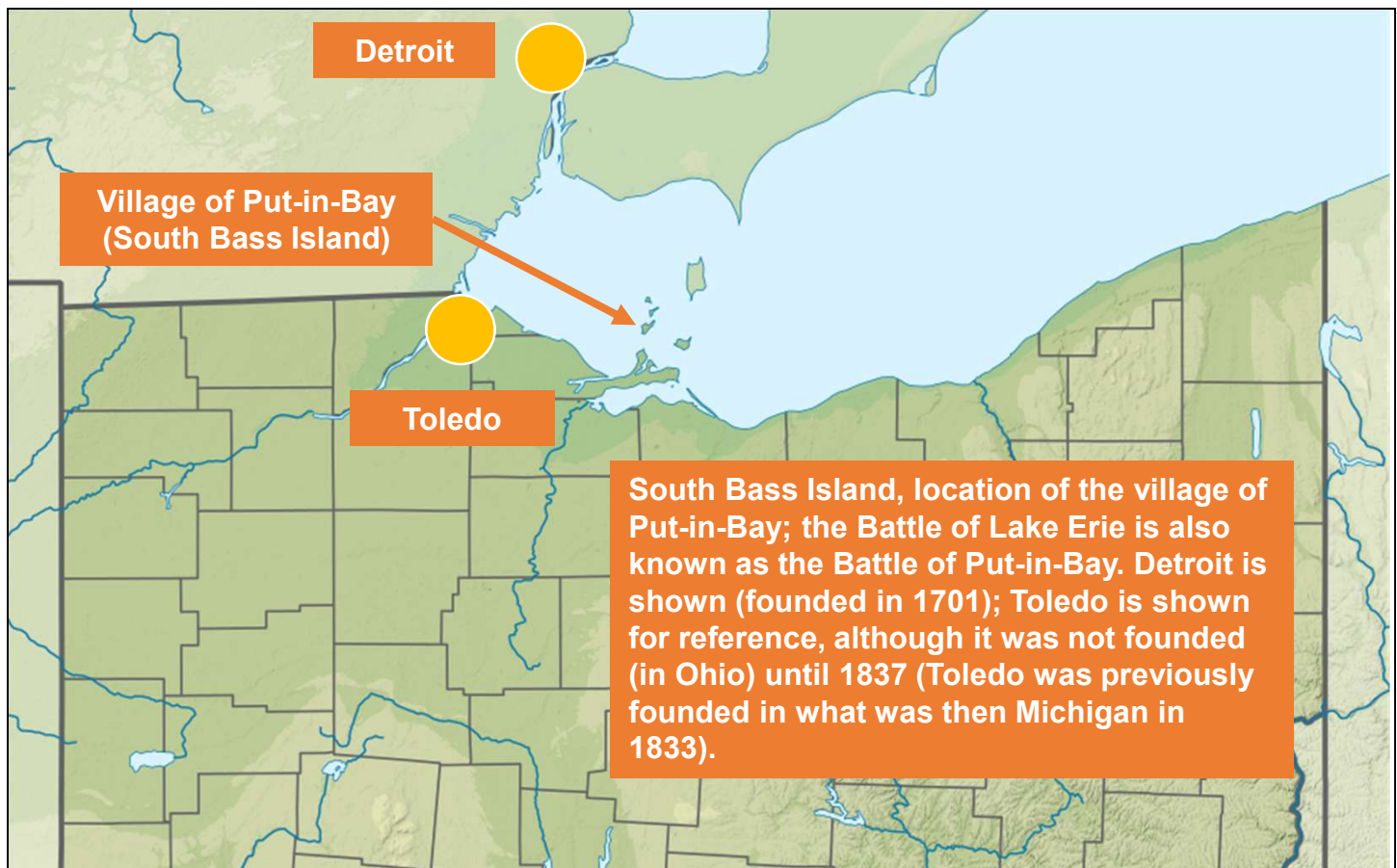
7292 County Road 176
(Old Antwerp Reservoir Road)

Antwerp, Ohio 45813

419-670-5098

The Battle of Lake Erie

Christopher Gillcrist spoke to us during our Fall 2025 Compact Day Luncheon. His topic was the War of 1812 on Lake Erie. He discussed archeological efforts on the maritime battlefield and how they were hampered by the discovery of numerous live ammunition shells fired during artillery practice during World War II.



*Oliver Hazard Perry
(from an 1818 portrait)*

The Battle of Lake Erie was fought on 10 September 1813, on Lake Erie off the shores of Ohio during the War of 1812. Nine vessels of the US Navy, under the command of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, defeated and captured six vessels of the British Royal Navy. This battle is also known as the Battle of Put-in-Bay, a village on South Bass Island, as this is where Perry's vessels were sheltered at anchorage prior to sailing out to battle. Afterwards, Perry became famous for declaring "We have met the enemy and they are ours."



A 352-foot monument—the world's tallest Doric column—was constructed in Put-in-Bay, on South Bass Island, Ohio, from 1912 to 1915. The memorial was designed after an international competition from which the winning design by Joseph H. Freeland and A.D. Seymour was chosen.

Toledo Colony Junior Members Section



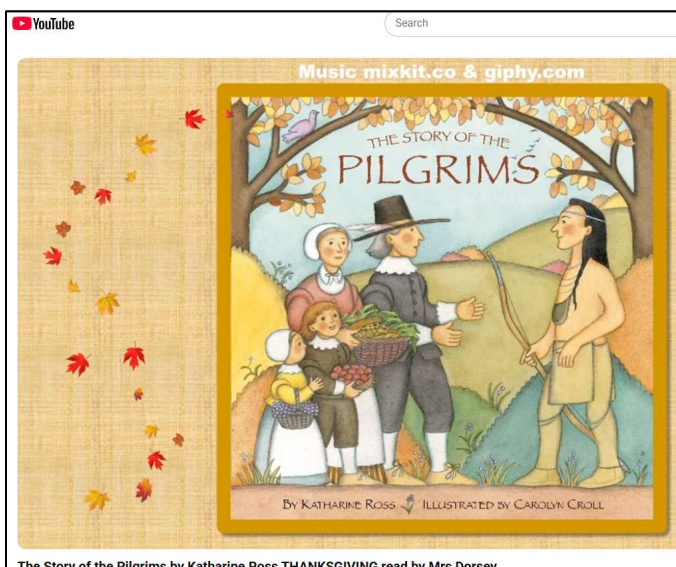
Happy Birthday Junior Members 0-24!

If you turn 25, you are dropped from Junior Membership. You may apply for full membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants in State of Ohio at the age of 18+.

Andrea Traunero, Toledo Colony Juniors Program Chair



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Free Video on YouTube: *The Story of the Pilgrims*

This short video (less than 10 minutes long) is based on the book written by Kathrine Ross and Illustrated by Carolyn Croll. It was narrated by Meg Dorsey (who has narrated other children's books available on YouTube).

Access the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4AxrHih5LE>

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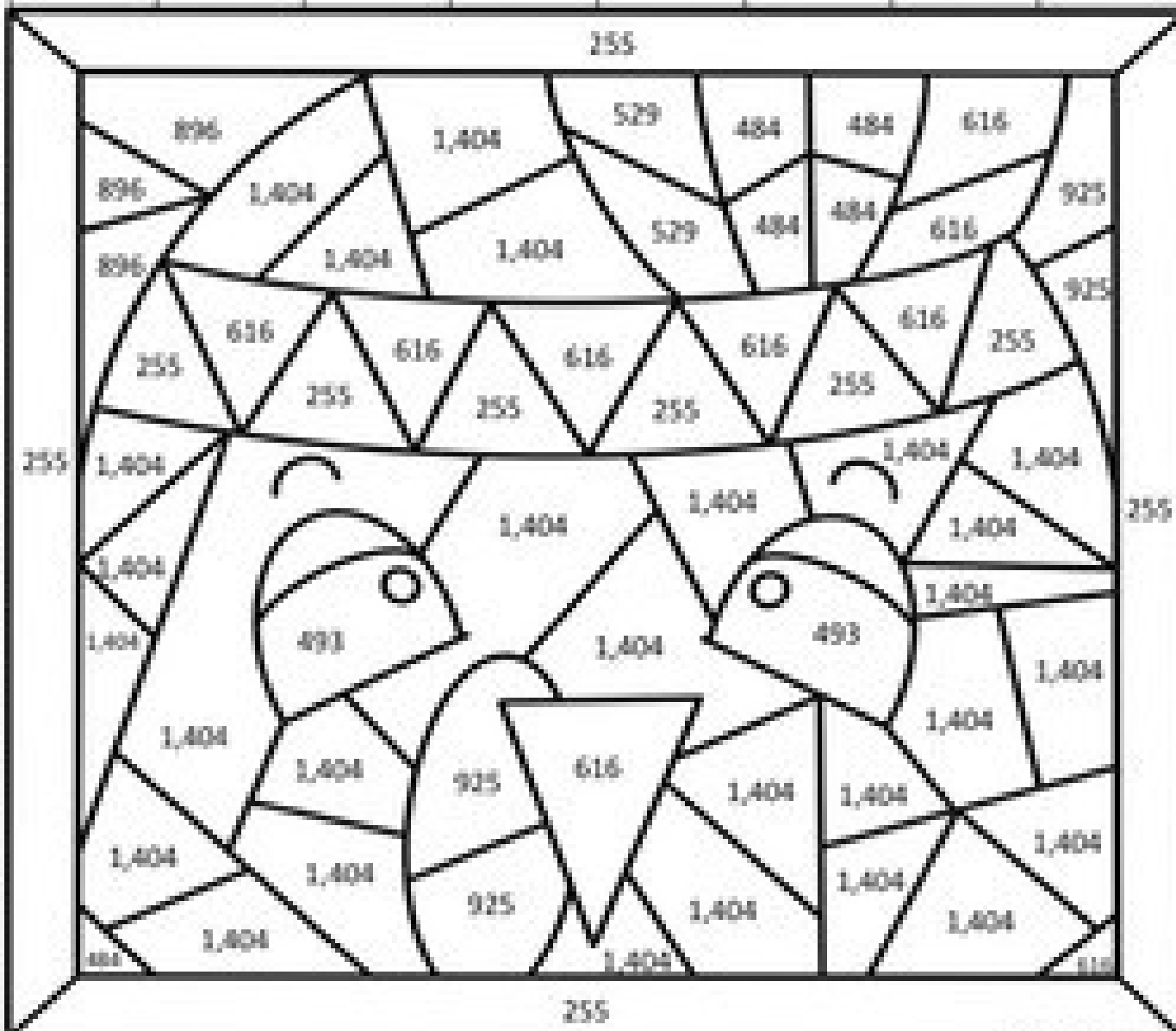
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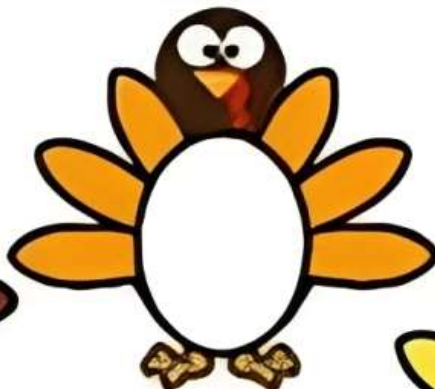


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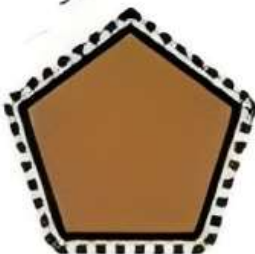


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HELP THE PILGRIMS GET TO THE SHORE

