

Mayflower Chronicles

YOU THINK THIS WEATHER IS ODD...

**Please Join Us for our
Meeting:**

April 7th

**Holiday Inn French
Quarter**

**10360 Fremont Pike
Perrysburg, Ohio
Gather at 11:30**

\$14.00 per person

Coffee & Tea

Speaker:

**Dr. Kevin Kern, Prof.
of History at the
University of Akron**

Lecture:

**Ohio As America: How
Ohio Became The
State of The
Nation**

June 23, 1882 Cleveland Plain Dealer: “Large waves arriving from a calm Lake Erie have hit the North Coast at least twice, in 1882 and 1942. Seven people were drowned in the 1942 wave, reported to be up to 15 feet high from Bay Village to Geneva. The 1882 wave was more than 8 feet high. It came ashore at 6:20 A.M. “carrying before it everything movable and some things supposed immovable.” Huge logs were carried hundreds of feet inland, fires were extinguished at the Lake Erie rolling mill, barges tossed onto dry ground, and the mooring lines snapped on ships. Distant thunder was heard offshore ten minutes before the wave hit and a heavy cloud was observed over the lake. The lake was calm and the approaching wave swept along silently until it reached shallow water, where it made a loud “swishing noise and broke on the shore with a great roar.” No strong wind was reported that morning from shore. There was no report of a large wave elsewhere on Lake Erie and no reports of an earthquake. It seems likely that violent thunderstorm winds several miles offshore from Cleveland created a large wave that moved toward the shore. A similar explanation may apply to the 1942 North Coast wave, as lightning was observed offshore.”

And this from the Cincinnati Inquirer

“A vicious wind and rainstorm swept southwestern Ohio on the evening of Wednesday July 7, 1915. The death toll of 38 at Cincinnati is the greatest known in Ohio for a windstorm in which no tornadoes were involved. The wind caused extensive damage throughout Cincinnati and in nearby communities. There were no reports of tornadoes and the damage was all toward one direction, so the wind is presumed to have been the result of thunderstorm microbursts. Homes, apartment houses, and commercial buildings were demolished or unroofed by the winds. Wires, signs, trees, cars, and streetcars were blown over in downtown Cincinnati. Most of the deaths were in collapsed buildings although three men died when a train carrying racehorses was blown from the tracks at Terrace Park. An uncertain number of people drowned in overturned boats in the Ohio River. The greatest tragedies developed in the collapse of buildings along West Sixth Street and a house on West Eighth. Eighteen people died in the collapse of five buildings on Sixth Street and another 11 people died when two nearby houses collapsed. Outside of Cincinnati, there was extensive wind damage at Washington Court House and Wilmington, and floods washed out hundreds of bridges in Montgomery County.”

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..... **A D E L L E S H E A R M A N**

Adelle Shearman became a new member in November. Her daughter, Pat, proved their ancestry to William Bradford. Pat, a Maine Mayflower member, is also working on proving their relation to several other Mayflower passengers.

Adelle was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and moved to Toledo in 1961. Her life became very busy as a pastor's wife and raising six children.

She now has nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Adelle has worked as a teacher's aid to autistic children and was employed by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department from where she retired.

After retirement, Adelle ushered for concerts at the Peristyle at the Toledo Museum of Art. She was an active quilter at her church, Ashland

Avenue Baptist Church, where she is still active. She visits shut-ins, enjoys books, nature and most of all, she loves music.

Adelle's address is 3501 Executive Parkway #528, Toledo, OH 43606. Phone 419-578-4373, and you can send her email via Pat at patshearman@hotmail.com.

..... **M A R Y A N N K N A C K**

Mary Ann Knack became a Mayflower member in December through John Howland. Her cousin who lives in Maine, Myrna Bates, got her interested in pursuing membership. She has been deaf since birth and her sister, Ethel, helped with the interview. Mary Ann and Ethel live at 316 Southview Drive, Toledo, OH 43609-1617, their phone number is 419-385-7726

and email is mrbbeazie@roadrunner.com Mary Ann attended a school for the deaf in Toledo, Scott High School, and then Davis Business School learning skills to become a bookkeeper. Her husband, Harry, died when Mary Ann was 35 leaving her to raise their three children; Suzanne a bookkeeper; Catherine a traveling

nurse; and Daniel who heads a dialysis center. Mary Ann has taught sign language classes and is active in a Toledo club for the deaf.

Cont. from page 1 **The Cleveland Plain Dealer details the Great Lakes Hurricane**

“The immense storm that ravaged the Great Lakes in early November 1913 has been called the “Great Lakes Hurricane, “ the “Ultimate Storm, “ and the “Big Blow.” It was unmatched for early winter severity and is one of the greatest winter storms in Cleveland’s history. Twelve commercial lake boats were lost with their entire crews on the Great Lakes and at least 235 sailors perished. Freezing rain and wet snow coated telegraph, telephone, and electric wires early in the storm and lines, poles, and trees were toppled by winds over 40 mph. A one-minute average wind of 79 mph was recorded at Cleveland. Precipitation fell for two days giving 22.2 inches of snow at Cleveland. Elsewhere, snowfall was 18-25 inches in eastern Ohio. Shortages of milk and food developed when products were stranded on trains and trucks. Some farmers carried milk to dairies on horse-drawn sleds and families had to walk to the dairies for milk. Several large buildings in Cleveland collapsed under the weight of snow. The city of Cleveland was using 50 teams of horses and 300 men to clear snow from streetcar intersections. There was fear of a fire disaster in Cleveland. The number of horses pulling fire engines was increased from three to five and Boy Scouts were asked to clear snow from around fire hydrants.”

MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2011

As the group gathered to begin the meeting, Marlene Harner entertained us with her wonderful piano playing. The call to order was given by Ric Harner. Susan Fisher gave the invocation. Jeff Stoll led the Pledge of Allegiance and Marge Waterfield led the reading of the Compact. A wonderful Thanksgiving dinner complete with homemade pumpkin pie was enjoyed by all. The new room was the perfect size and private, so there was no problems with hearing or walking alleviating the problems that we had last year. Roll call was given by each person giving their name, ancestor, and what they were most thankful for now.

Jeff gave the treasurers report. The checking account contains \$3,704 in the general fund and \$2,895 in the scholarship fund for a total of \$6,598. He encouraged us to raise monies for the scholarship fund. Minutes were read by Judy Rand as Sheri was not at the last meeting. Susan announced the Wunderley Scholarship was awarded to Marge Waterfield who is pursuing a degree in history from Lourdes College. Marge thanked everyone and said that the money would paid for a semester of books. Prelims Adelle Shearman, Pat Shearman, Mark Shearman, Susan Kennedy, and Jan Purinton were announced. New member pins were awarded to Sandra Schmitt and John MacDonald.

Ric announced Charlotte Paschen was recovering from surgery. Ken and Carlene McCartney celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. When asked for his secret to a happy marriage, Ken replied, "You were right, I was wrong , I am sorry." John and Patricia MacDonald celebrated their 59th anniversary. Jan Hutchison had been in an accident, but is expected to recover.

Our next meeting will be April 7, 2012 at the Holiday Inn French Quarters, Perrysburg, Ohio. The speaker will be Dr. Kevin Kern, professor of history at the University of Akron. He will speak about "Ohio As America: How Ohio Became the State of the Nation."

Ric introduced our speaker Mark Young. Mark gave a very interesting talk about the Union prison on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie during the Civil War. He also discussed the new American Civil War Museum in Tiffin, Ohio. The new museum is a hands on facility and we are encouraged to take our children and grandchildren. A collection was taken up for the new museum and the \$87.00 collected was given to Mark. Susan gave the benediction.

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