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Membership Dues	\$ 2765.00
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Donations	100.00
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### **Expenses**

Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$ 959.23
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Respectfully submitted

Jane Cobb, Treasurer

### **NEWSLETTER UPDATE - G THOMPSON**

I must apologize to the membership for not getting out the newsletters on time. In April of this year, I was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer which has put my life into a tailspin. I had not been feeling well for the last three years. I am doing OK but have had to retire from work and move in with my sister who can help me if needed. If anyone is interested in taking over the newsletter responsibility, please let me know.

### **A Message from the Treasurer**

The move is complete: I'm finally settled in Florida. The house was completed and we moved in the end of December. Thank you all who sent their dues renewals to Greg,

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while I was in the transition stage. All renewals can now be sent to me.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**  
**Dues are to be sent to Jane Cobb at:**

**604 Mallow Scrub Way**  
**Sebastian, FL 32958**

Remember: Dues are \$20.00 for a three year period for newsletters via postal mail and \$15.00 for electronic newsletters. Please be sure to check your expiration dates. If you aren't sure of the date, please feel free to contact Greg Thompson or me. **There are a large number of members whose dates have expired.** We value our members and hate to lose any of you. Sincerely, Jane Cobb.  
email address: Jane: bwater1@comcast.net  
Greg: GThomp5749@aol.com

#### **BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES**

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"Brewster family stories" accepts articles written by members and non members. If you would like your article published in the Brewster Press, please email to GThomp5749@aol.com or mail to me at 67 S Main St, Unit 21, Branford, Ct 06405  
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#### **BREWSTER PINS NOW AVAILABLE**

The new Brewster pins are \$4.00 each including postage and can be purchased by mailing a check to: Gregory Thompson, P.O. Box 355, Branford, CT 06405 **LIMITED QUANTITY LEFT**

#### **ARTICLES WANTED**

Please send me family articles for publication in the Brewster Press. I will accept articles by e-mail or snail mail.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

I am pleased to announce that I have approved 20 New Members:

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS  
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1. **Kyle Patrick Brewster**  
**Hoyt, Kansas**
2. **Tracy Wells**  
**Castle Rock, CO**
3. **Christian Kearns Tootle**  
**Beaufort, SC**
4. **Judith Norene Rohrich Quinn**  
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9. **Dorothy Louise Stauffer Dreher**  
**Black Creek, WI**
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**Savannah, GA**
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- 18. **Cynthia Kauffman**  
**N. White Plains, N.Y.**
- 19. **Keith James Kauffman**  
**N. White Plains, N.Y.**
- 20. **Kenneth W. Kauffman, Jr.**  
**N. White Plains, N.Y.**

To those people who may have relatives who would like to join. All I need is documentation linking them to you in order to approve membership. EXAMPLE: If your grandson wants to join, I will need his birth certificate, if he is married I will need his wife's B.C. as well as the marriage certificate and his parents information if they are not members. If it's a son or daughter, all I need is the birth certificate of the child and if they are married, the Marriage certificate. Please direct all new membership information to me at my new address:

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### MEMBER DONATIONS

The Board of directors of the Elder William Brewster Society would like to thank Rev. Dr. Thomas Bird and Mr and Mrs. Robert Meiser for their generous gifts. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be used for a variety of purposes. Donations can also be made in remembrance of a loved one or for a particular project that we may be working on. THANK - YOU .

We are thankful for the donation given to the society in memory of one of our members who has passed away, Mrs Beatrice Tomson.

### MEMBER DEATHS

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1. Beatrice Tomson

2. Wilma Locke

Wilma Louise Locke entered her heavenly home on December 27, 2012 in Greeley, CO. She was born December 18, 1915 in Hemet, California to Orson Barker and Nellie Louise Hill Lolmaugh.

Wilma graduated from Hemet High School in 1933 and went on to graduate from the University of Redlands, Redlands, CA in the class of 1938. She met Carl D. Locke, the love of her life, while a student at Redlands. Their wedding was January 13, 1938, and they were married over 66 years at the time of Carl's passing in 2004.

As a minister's wife, Wilma worked alongside her husband, Carl for many years under the auspices of American Baptist Churches. They served primarily in neighborhood ministries working with the underprivileged. Over the years they lived in 13 different states and moved more than 35 times.

She enjoyed working on family genealogy, and was proud to be a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants with three direct lines to the Mayflower. She wrote the book "China Candles" which chronicled the story of her missionary aunt, Viola C. Hill. In later years she

was writing her autobiography – a work in progress at the time of her passing. Books were her passion, and she served 81/2 years as volunteer librarian at Bonell where she lived for over 12 years.

Survivors include her brother-in-law, Howard G. Locke Jr, of Simi Valley, CA, daughter Carol L ( Harold) Medbery of Greeley, sons C. Douglass (Kathy) Locke of Mooresville, N.C. and Richard W ( Barbara) Locke of Vadnais Heights, MN: twelve grandchildren, twenty seven great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wilma is preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl, brother O. Bernard (Jean) Lolmaugh, sister Clara Jeannette ( Gordon) Curzon, and sisters-in-law Marjorie and Pat Locke.

A memorial service was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, in Borgmann Chapel at Bonell Good Samaritan Community. Private family interment was held at Sunset Memorial Gardens prior to the service.

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**OBITUARIES WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR ANY MEMBER. PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM PUBLISHED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Good morning all- This is a very hard letter for me to write as I have so fully enjoyed my many years as President of our Society and working with our present and past officers and Directors. However, the time has come for me to step aside as your President as I will not be present for any of the several Mayflower Family organization meetings, to which I am a member, next year in Plymouth. I hope to be in Plymouth next year but if so, only to attend the Mon-Tues business meeting days of the General Society Meeting.

Therefore, effective with this newsletter date I have resigned as your President. After talking to Vice President Ben Brewster and one other of our Directors it seems that the appointment of an acting President until our next year's election would be in the best course of action and I have offered this acting position to Paul Bumpas the present Historian General of the General Society, as Paul was going to run for the office at our last meeting and withdrew his name when he learned that I was still interested in another term. I have told Paul that this position would mostly be running our Meeting next year in Plymouth and assured him that our other officers would assist in the organization of the meeting as they have for me in the past several years.

As many of you know, Paul is a very busy man in our General Society Plymouth Office these days but has agreed with your help to take over for me as acting President, and I am sure that with the help of VP Ben, Treasurer Jane, Membership/Historian and Newsletter Editor Greg, there should be no problem with the Meeting. ( also I will help where I can)

I will be attending our General Mayflower Board Meeting in New Orleans next month and would be happy to talk to anyone there about any other suggestions or interests for our Elder William Brewster Society. I would like to thank you all again for your support over these many years.

Sincerely, Arthur Young, President.

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### **Volunteers Needed**

With Art Young retiring as President and my illness. There are several positions that will be coming up on the board. I would like to continue my role as Historian but would

like to relinquish the Membership and Newsletter Rolls. If anyone has talent with writing and would like to take over as newsletter editor or would like to handle our membership rolls, please let us know. The Membership Chairman primarily takes care of all of the correspondence with members and directs applications to the Historian for approval. It's relatively a very simple job but get you a lot of exposure with our members.

### TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

It's hard to believe that next September will be the Mayflower Society Congress and our Triennial meeting in Plymouth. Dates are not set yet but watch in a future issue for the dates.

### FAMOUS BREWSTERS SERIES

Among the descendants of William Brewster is Actor Bing Crosby.



Line of Descent

William Brewster ----- Mary  
 Patience Brewster ----- Thomas Prence  
 Mercy Prence ----- John Freeman  
 William Freeman ----- Lydia Sparrow

William Freeman ----- Mercy Pepper  
 Daniel Freeman ----- Mercy Freeman  
 Sarah Freeman ----- Chillingsworth Foster  
 Chillingsworth Foster ----- Mercy Winslow  
 Ruby Foster ----- Nathaniel Crosby  
 Nathaniel Crosby ----- Mary Lincoln  
 Nathaniel Crosby ----- Cordelia Smith  
 Harry L Crosby ----- Catherine Harrigan  
 Harry Lillis (Bing) Crosby

### BIOGRAPHY OF BING CROSBY

The article below is from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby was born 3 May 1903 and died 14 October 1977. He was an American singer and actor. Crosby's trademark bass-baritone voice made him one of the best-selling recording artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with over half a billion records in circulation.

A multimedia star from 1934 to 1954 Bing Crosby was a leader in record sales, radio rating and motion picture grosses. His early career coincided with technical recording innovations: this allowed him to develop a laid-back, intimate singing style that influenced many of the popular male singers who followed him, including Perry Como, Frank Sinatra, and Dean Martin. Yank magazine recognized Crosby as the person who had done the most for American G.I. morale during World War II, and, during his peak years, around 1948, polls declared him the "most admired man alive" Also in 1948, the Music Digest estimated that Crosby recordings filled more than half of the 80,000 weekly hours allocated to recorded radio music.

Crosby exerted an important influence on the development of the postwar recording

industry. He worked for NBC at the time and wanted to record his shows, however, most broadcast sound quality of recording at the time was not as good as live broadcast sound quality. While in Europe performing during the war, Crosby had witnessed tape record, on which the Crosby Research Foundation would come to have many patents. The Company also developed equipment and recording techniques such as the laugh track which are still in use today. In 1947, he invested \$50,000 in the Ampex company, which built North America's first commercial real-to-reel tape recorder. He left NBC to work for ABC because NBC was not interested in recording at the time. This proved beneficial because ABC accepted him and his new ideas. Crosby then became the first performer to pre-record his radio shows and master his commercial recordings onto magnetic tape. He gave one of the first Ampex Model 200 recorders to his friend, musician Les Paul, which led directly to Paul's invention of multi track recording. Along with Frank Sinatra, Crosby was one of the principal backers behind the famous United Western Recorders recording studio complex in Los Angeles.

During the "Golden age of radio" performers often had to recreate their live shows a second time for the west coast time zone. Through the medium of recording, Crosby constructed his radio programs with the same directorial tools and craftsmanship (editing, retaking, rehearsal, time shifting) being used in motion picture production. This became the industry standard.

Crosby won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Father Chuck O'Malley in the 1944 motion picture *Going My Way*,

and was nominated for his reprise of the role in *The Bell's of St Mary's* opposite Ingrid Bergman the next year, becoming the first of four actors to be nominated twice for playing the same character. In 1962, Crosby received the first Grammy Global Achievement Award. Crosby is one of the 22 people to have three stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Born in Tacoma, Washington on May 3, 1903, in a house his father built at 1112 North J. Street. In 1906 Crosby's family moved to Spokane, Washington. In 1913, Crosby's father built a house at 508 E. Sharp Avenue. The house now sits on the campus of Bing's alma mater Gonzaga University and formerly housed the Alumni Association.

He was fourth of seven children: brothers Larry (1895-1975), Everett (1896-1966), Ted (1900-1973), and Bob (1913-1993), and two sisters, Catherine (1904-1974), and Mary Rose (1906-1990). His parents were Harry Lillis Crosby, Sr. (1870-1950), a bookkeeper, and Catherine Helen Harrigan, (1873-1964). Crosby's mother was a second generation Irish-American. His father was of English descent: some of his ancestors had emigrated to what would become the United States in the U.S. in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and included Mayflower passenger, William Brewster.

In 1910, six year old Harry Crosby, Jr. was forever renamed. The Sunday edition of the *Spokesman-Review* published a feature called "The Bingville Bugle" Written by humorist Newton NewKirk, the Bingville Bugle was a parody of a hillbilly newsletter filled with gossip tidbits, minstrel quips, creative spelling, and mock ads. A neighbor, 15 year old Valentine Hobart, shared

Crosby's enthusiasm for "The Bugle" and noting Crosby's laugh, took a liking to him and called him, "Bingo from Bingville" Eventually the last vowel was dropped and the nickname of "Bing" stuck. In 1917, Crosby took a summer job as property boy at Spokane's Auditorium, where he witnessed some of the finest acts of the day, including Al Jolson, who held Crosby spellbound with his ad libbing and spoofs of Hawaiian songs. Crosby later described Jolson's delivery as "electric"

In 1923, Bing Crosby was invited to join a new band composed of high school students much younger than himself. Al Rinker, Miles Rinker, James Heaton, Claire Pritchard and Robert Pritchard, along with drummer Bing Crosby, formed the Musicaladers, who performed at dances both for high school students and club-goers. The group disbanded after two years.

In 1925, Crosby formed a vocal duo with partner Al Rinker, brother of singer Mildred Bailey. Mildred introduced Al and Bing to Paul Whiteman, who was at that time America's most famous bandleader. Hired for \$150 a week, they made their debut on December 6, 1926, at the Tivoli Theatre (Chicago) Their first recording was "I've Got the Girl" with Don Clark's Orchestra, but the Columbia-issued record did them no vocal favors, as it was inadvertently recorded at a speed slower than it should have been, which increased the singers' pitch when played at 78 rpm. Throughout his career, Bing Crosby often credited Mildred Bailey for getting him his first important job in the entertainment business.

Crosby soon became the star attraction of the Rhythm Boys, and in 1928 he had his

first number one hit with the Whiteman orchestra, a jazz-influenced rendition of "Ol' Man River". However, Crosby's reported taste for alcohol and his growing dissatisfaction with Whiteman led to his quitting the Rhythm Boys to join the Gus Arnheim Orchestra. During his time with Arnheim, the other two Rhythm Boys were increasingly pushed to the background as the emphasis was on Crosby. Harry Barris wrote several of Crosby's subsequent hits including "At Your Command" "I Surrender Dear" and "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams". But the members of the band had a falling out and split, setting the stage for Crosby's solo career.

As the 1930's unfolded, Crosby became the leading singer in America. Ten of the top 50 songs for 1931 featured Crosby, either solo or with others. A so-called "Battle of the Baritones" with singing star Russ Columbo proved short-lived, replaced with the slogan "Bing was King" Crosby played the lead in a series of sound era musical comedy short films for Mack Sennett, signed with Paramount and starred in his first full-length feature, 1932's *The Big Broadcast*, the first of 55 films in which he received top billing. He would appear in 79 pictures, and signed a long-term deal with Jack Kapp's new record company Decca in late 1934.

Around this time Crosby co-starred on radio with the Carl Fenton Orchestra on a popular CBS radio show. By 1936, he'd replaced his former boss, Paul Whiteman, as the host of NBC's *Kraft Music Hall*, the weekly radio program where he remained for the next ten years. "Where the Blue of the Night (Meets the Gold of the Day)", which showcased one of his then-trademark whistling interludes, became his theme song and signature tune.

The biggest hit son of Crosby's career was his recording of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" which he first introduced on a Christmas Day radio broadcast in 1941 (of which no extant copy is known) and soon thereafter in his 1942 movie Holiday Inn. Crosby's recording hit the charts on October 3, 1942, and rose to No. 1 on October 31, where it stayed for 11 weeks. A holiday perennial, the song was repeatedly re-released by Decca, charting another 16 times. It topped the charts again in 1945, and for a third time in January 1947. The song remains the best-selling single of all time. According to the Guinness World Records, Crosby's recording of "White Christmas" has sold over 100 million copies around the world, with at least 50 million sales as singles. Crosby's recording was so popular that he was obliged to re-record it in 1947 using the same musicians and backup singers: the original 1942 master had become damaged due to its frequent use in pressing additional singles. Though the two versions are very similar, it is the 1947 recording which is most familiar today. Crosby was dismissive of his role in the song's success, saying later that "a jackdaw with a cleft palate could have sung it successfully.

With 1,077,900,000 movie tickets sold, Crosby is by that measure the third most popular actor of all time, behind Clark Gable and John Wayne. The Quigley Publishing Company's International Motion Picture Almanac lists Crosby in a tie for second on the "All Time Number One Stars List" with Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks and Burt Reynolds. His most popular film, White Christmas, grossed \$30 Million in 1954 (\$256 Million in today's dollars). Crosby won an academy award for Best Actor for

Going My Way in 1944, and was nominated for the 1945 sequel, The Bells of St. Mary's. He received critical acclaim for his performance as an alcoholic entertainer in the Country Girl, and received his third Academy Award nomination.

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### **BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES**

The following article comes from a book that is in the Brewster Society Archives which was given to us by Marshall and Dorothy Brewster Brainard. The book is called "English Thread in American Homespun" Privately published, Book #32. Published 2006 Dr. Francis Brewster. Pgs 8-29 to 8-32.

Dr. Francis Augustus Brewster, his wife Abby Fisher, and their two younger daughters, Alida Maria and Lula Abby, arrived in Brunswick, Georgia in 1867, with full intentions of becoming permanent residents. On September 25, 1868, Dr Francis Brewster purchased Lot No. 262 in the "Old town of Brunswick" from John J. Newton, Trustee for Mary E. Newton, for \$350 and on the same date purchased adjacent Lot No. 263 from B.C. Franklin, Trustee for his wife and children, for \$550 in lawful money. These two purchases combined to make a parcel of land 180 feet by 180 feet, bordered on the east by Ellis Street, on the south by Prince Street, and the west by Union Street.

Dr. Francis' oldest daughter Maria and her husband Warren Fuller had arrived in Brunswick two years before the Brewsters, and were the ones who had convinced her family that Brunswick held their promise for the future. Tragically, that promise was not to be for daughter Alida Maria, for she died in Brunswick on February 8, 1869, at age

twenty-one, and was laid to rest in Brewster Plot #128 of Oak Grove Cemetery in Brunswick.

The 1870 Census shows Dr. Francis (52) Abby (51), and Lula (17) in Brunswick, but does not give their residential address. Apparently Francis Brewster, Warren Fuller, John Cook, and their families were living in rented quarters, and acquisition of home lots by Dr. Francis in 1868 was their first move in actions to acquire homes of their own. The public record shows that on November 10, 1870, Francis Brewster sold his Lot No. 263 to his son-in-law Fuller for \$4,000, the same lot for which he had paid \$550 just two years earlier. This big price differential, says historian Fred Cook, indicates that Warren Fuller also got a house with his lot, a two story house with a separate kitchen structure connected by a breezeway.

Lot #262, the other part of the land purchased by Dr. Francis, turned out to have an interesting, convoluted and mysterious history. On February 13, 1817, John R. Cook obtained an unsecured loan from Lula A Brewster, Dr. Francis' 18 year-old daughter, by giving his promissory note for \$650, payable on demand three years after date at the Cook Brothers office in Brunswick, with interest payable annually at 10%. It was executed on a distinctive, printed promissory note form of Cook Brothers & Company. Notations on the reverse side of the form show it was paid off as promised. What was the nature of this transaction? While it appears simply to be a loan by a man needing working capital for his lumber business, and a way for a young woman to make a little money with her savings, Mr. Fred Cook contends that it was for the purchase of Lot No. 262 from

Francis Brewster by his great-grandfather, John R. Cook. Further, he believes he knows how John R. Cook put a house on the lot. During the Civil War, quarters were built on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for Union forces involved in the Confederate blockade. When the war ended, houses built for officers were no longer needed, and were available for sale. John Cook bought one of those "war surplus" houses, floated it by barge down the intercoastal waterway, had it moved to his Lot No. 262 on Union Street, and lived there with his wife and family for the balance of his lifetime.

Abby Fisher Brewster, Dr. Francis' wife, died on June 15, 1871 at age 52, and was buried next to her daughter Alida in the Brewster Plot of Oak Grove Cemetery in Brunswick. Also in 1871 Dr. Francis lost his sister, Lucy Brewster Carpenter, a scholarly and "no nonsense" lady, who died at Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Although Francis Brewster was known as a physician in Brunswick, he did not engage in medical practice there, according to an entry in a family record by his grandson, Dr. Warren A Brewster. A search through Francis' life fails to reveal any period when he chose to make substantial use of what, for his day, were fine medical credentials. Why? Was he aware of the revolutionary changes taking place in the understanding of disease and its management during the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, which made him feel poorly qualified to care for patients? From the time of his apprenticeship with his father and lectures at Yale, did he dislike the work of a physician? Even as he searched for a way to support his family during and after the Civil War, he did not turn to medical practice. So,

we wonder what work Francis Brewster did in Brunswick? Perhaps he sold insurance during these later years of semi-retirement, as he had done in Springfield.

The First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick was organized in 1867, and the job of designing the new church building was given to George W. Laine, a young architect of Atlanta. During his time in Brunswick in connection with this work, he became acquainted with Dr. Francis Brewster and his young daughter, Lula Abby Brewster. Although Lula was only seventeen years of age in 1870, they began keeping company, and their affections matured during the next three years with plans for marriage.

Francis' wife Abby had been gone more than two years by December 16, 1873, when Francis took as his second wife Sarah Hampton, daughter of John Jefferson and Elizabeth Sheppard Hampton of Columbia, South Carolina. The groom, age 56, his bride, age 40, and his twenty-year-old daughter Lula crowded in with the growing Fuller family at 263 Union Street. In the following year, on November 4, 1874, Lula Abby Brewster was joined in marriage with George W. Laine, and they hurried home to Atlanta. She was 21, he was 30.

In early September, 1876, Warren Fuller moved with his family to St. Simons Island, leaving Francis and Sarah Brewster alone in the house in Brunswick. One week later a terrible epidemic of yellow fever exploded in Brunswick, creating panic, and causing people with means to flee from the area. Dr. Brewster knew yellow fever was deadly, for his older brother, William Henry Brewster had died of it when he was a military officer in Central America. What actions were taken by Francis and Sarah to

avoid the disease, or to assist others in the crisis, are not known, but they survived the epidemic unharmed.

With room to spare in their house, the Brewster took in a boarder, William Downing, age 50, a bookkeeper at the mill, and employed young M. Washington as a servant in the quiet house. That tranquillity was broken in early 1880 by the arrival of Francis' son Parmela, his wife Mary, and their six-year-old son Warren from Philadelphia. In this happy reunion, how did the little boy and his grandfather interact? Well, the lad was old enough to begin his reading and writing, and the "old grammar professor" may have laid it on him! In turn, little Warrie may have lightened up his old grandfather in unexpected ways:

Parmela and his little family stayed with his father and step mother only a short time, for in 1881 they moved to St. Simons Island, near Parmela's older sister, Maria Brewster Fuller.

Francis and Sarah Brewster, with the help of a cook, lived on in the house at 263 Union Street (but now with an address around the corner at 705 Prince Street) until 1898, when they were moved, elderly and feeble, to the home of his son Parmela in Crescent, Georgia.

A one-cent "United States of America Postcard with Paid Reply" dated February 18, 1905, at Savannah, Georgia, was addressed to Dr. Francis A. Brewster, Crescent, GA. It read: "Savannah, Ga, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 1905. Dear Sir – President Hadley will be in Savannah on the evening of Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and it is the intention of the Savannah Yale Club to tender him a

banquet on that date. The cost probably will be around \$4.00 per plate. We desire to have present as many Yale Alumni as possible. Please advise me on the attached postal card whether it will be possible for you to join with us in entertaining President Hadley on the date mentioned. Awaiting your reply, Yours truly, G.A. Gordon, Sec'y & Treasurer. Savannah Yale Club" In a handsome handwritten script at the bottom of the card is written: " I am more than 87 years old & very feeble..." and the writing trails off unfinished. The response card portion of the communication may have been completed and returned to Savannah with the help of a family member.

Francis Brewster died on September 16, 1906, in Crescent, Georgia, at the age of 89. Sarah Hampton Brewster died two months later, on November 10, 1906, at age 71. The Brewster Plot #128 of Oak Grove Cemetery in Brunswick, Georgia contains the remains of Dr. Francis Augustus Brewster, Abby Fisher Brewster, his first wife, Sarah Hampton Brewster, his second wife, and Alida Maria Brewster, the second of his three daughters.

One week after Francis Brewster's death, The Brunswick Daily News of September 23, 1906, screamed the headlines: " ATLANTA THE SCENE OF REGULAR RACE RIOT.. Twenty -five blacks have been killed by infuriated whites... ALL MILITARY IS CALLED OUT.... Continued Assaults on White Women Precipitated the Trouble... Many white men also injured.

The Brewster Press encourages news articles and family stories for inclusion into the Brewster Press. Please send articles to me at the address listed below

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## NEW ADDRESS

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence about the Brewster Press and new membership to me at my new address:

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