

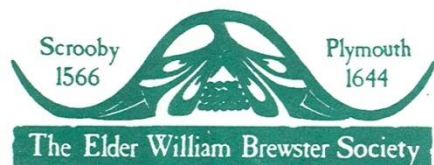
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TREASURER'S REPORT

11/18/19- 3/24/20

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Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$1205.00
Application Fees	\$ 300.00
Insignia Sales	\$ 200.00
Reimbursement for Check	\$ 27.00
Triennial Meeting Dinners	\$ 175.00

Subtotal Receipts	\$1912.00
Expenses	
Fee for bounced check	\$ 27.00
GSMD Membership	\$ 250.00
Server Domain Fees	\$ 31.16
Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$933.88

** - Unofficial until elected at 2020 meeting.

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Respectfully submitted

Jane Cobb, Treasurer

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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

PLEASE NOTE I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

Besides keeping your dues up to date, it is very important to keep us informed of any **postal or email address changes**. Please let

me know of any changes so that you can continue to receive newsletters.

Dues: If you see **2020** on your mailing label, or on your membership card, you need to renew. Those of you that receive the newsletter via email, will need to check your membership cards. Please renew, so we don't lose you as a member! **I am the one to contact, if you are unsure of your Membership Renewal Date.**

Members who receive the newsletters via Postal Mail: \$20.00

Members who receive the newsletters via Email: \$15.00

SEPTEMBER EVENTS: During these uncertain times, it's hard to say what will happen in September with the Triennial Meeting, Dinner, Congress and all the festivities in Plymouth. I have received several reservations for our Meeting and Dinner. You can still send in your reservation/check, knowing that should the festivities be cancelled, I will send out refunds to everyone. The reservation form is included in this newsletter (page 11) More importantly, stay healthy and strong.

All checks should be made payable to: **The Elder William Brewster Society** and sent to:

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Respectfully:

Jane Cobb, Treasurer

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The historian has approved 23 New Members. Please help me welcome them to our Society.

1. **Susan Ann Martin Gauthier**
New York, NY
2. **Rev. Thomas Frederick Pike**
New York, NY
3. **Julia Rae Flieger**
Santa Rosa, CA
4. **Dallas Rae Scouton-Snyder**
Potomoc, MD
5. **Patricia Bowman Jobe**
Delaware, OK
6. **Deborah Ann Day Marr**
Potomoc, MD
7. **Nancy Holland McHugh**
Piedmont, CA
8. **Mary Ellen Rogan**
East Brunswick, NJ
9. **Diane Elizabeth Martini**
Casselberry, FL
10. **Michael Richard Denney**
Kittery, ME
11. **Brad Hart Johnson**
Fredericksburg, VA
12. **Sean Michael Bamman**
Glen Allen, VA
13. **Glenn S.K. Williams**
McLean, VA
14. **Maura Phillips Mackowski**
Gilbert, AZ
15. **Michael T. Binns**

Houston, TX

16. Darlene Ruth Sisson Funk
McKinney, TX

17. Molly Ann Boardman
Bradenton, FL

18. Carla Frances Gline
Waikoloa, HI

19. Darlene Ann Taylor
Murray, VT

20. Jon Thomas Kessell
Franklin, TN

21. Eve Joy Brunner Frazier
Loudon, TX

22. Robert Wales Trezise
Amesbury, MA

23. Jeffrey Allen Myers
Groveport, OH

REINSTATEMENT POLICY CHANGE

We have been experiencing a lot of members who join for one 3 year period, then don't renew and then come back years later and wish to rejoin. Although we are very pleased to have older members return, it does cause us additional work. With that said we will now require that the new \$25.00 application fee be paid with new renewals that have expired for more than 1 year. A lot of times it is just a matter that you've changed your email address or moved and not let us know, and so we can't find you. So please keep us current on any changes in email or addresses when necessary.

BREWSTER INSIGNIA

We have a limited number of Brewster Insignia pins left. This beautifully designed insignia created by our member William Warner of CT, celebrates our pride to be an Elder William Brewster descendant. Wear it with pride to your Mayflower Society meeting.

The pins can only be purchased by current Brewster Society members and eligibility will be checked at time of purchase.

NEW AND IMPROVED!

I had to order a new supply of insignia so I had them make the medal larger and the ribbon of higher quality. They are truly beautiful. If you haven't purchased one yet, now is the time while they last.

To order, they can be purchased for \$35.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

Mail all requests and checks to:

Gregory Evan Thompson
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East Haven, Ct 06512-1125



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**ITINERY OF THE 2020 FESTIVITIES IN
PLYMOUTH, MA**

Saturday, Sept 12:

The Ship Mayflower Gala at the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. A Magical evening under the tent on the Museum grounds will feature food, spirits and historical re-enactments. It is going to be a very special and fun black tie event – a great kick-off to Congress Week.

Sunday, Sept 12:

Morning: Ferries leave from Plymouth and Boston for Provincetown to arrive at 11:00 a.m.

Late Morning – **Mayflower Compact Re-enactment Ceremony** in Provincetown Harbor at noon featuring the Ship Mayflower. Come be part of this moment in history. Ferries will surround the Ship Mayflower for Descendants to view this ceremony. For those who prefer to remain landside, the ceremony may be viewed on the grounds of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. The event will include a memorial service and wreath laying in the harbor. It will be a day for the record books, a memory-making opportunity for members and their families.

Afternoon: **Mayflower Descendant Luncheon** and program at the Provincetown Museum.

Evening: Ferries will return to Plymouth and Boston from Provincetown.

Tickets for all Provincetown events are available for purchase through <https://provincetown400.com/2020-events>.

Monday, Sept 14:

Early Morning: 5:30 a.m. – **Sunrise Toast and Bon Voyage** to the Ship Mayflower at the Provincetown Museum.

NOTE: For Boston events: Ferries available from Provincetown: Buses available from Plymouth for Boston.

**THE OFFICIAL STATEHOUSE SALUTE TO THE
400TH ANNIVERSARY**

4:00 P.M Boston Pilgrim Progress:

GSMD Members and guests are invited to participate in a Pilgrim Progress through the Boston Public Garden and Boston Common and up Beacon Hill to the Massachusetts State House steps. Participants will meet at the Park Plaza Hotel, where special changing rooms have been reserved, no later than 3:00 p.m. to allow time to change into your Pilgrim attire. This will be a historic Pilgrim Progress as it is the first of its kind to ever happen in Boston. (Note: Participants must be in Pilgrim attire and must be able to walk at least one mile, including up Beacon Hill.)

The above is a limited capacity event and is NOT wheelchair accessible.

5:00 -7:00 p.m. Governor’s Reception and Private Viewing of the Bradford Journal.

Immediately following a ceremony on the steps of the Massachusetts State House, GSMD members and guests and NEHGs members and guests will be invited into the Hall of Flags for a private and exclusive viewing of the original journal of William Bradford and a cocktail reception. State House security practices will be in place.

This is a limited capacity event. Wheelchair accessible.

Evening: Ferries will return to Provincetown and buses will return to Plymouth.

TOURS:

Dead of the Night Ghost Walking Lantern Tours

(Limited Capacity) Not wheelchair accessible,

Tours begin at 7:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. and will last about an hour and a half. Meet at the Hotel 1620

Tuesday, Sept 15th:

The Mayflower Congress officially begins and registration opens at Hotel 1620, Plymouth, MA from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Congress attendees can visit Hotel 1620 for the following:

- **Registration and Credentials pickup**
- **Insignia and GSMD Store Sales**
- **Exhibitors Showcase**
- **Member Society Tables**
- **Family Society Tables.**

All Day: **Executive Committee Meeting** at the Hotel 1620.

Early Evening: **General Board of Assistants Meeting** at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.

TOURS AVAILABLE:

- **Cranberry Bog Tour** 8 a.m. -4 p.m. This Cape Cod Canal Cruise, includes lunch: turkey wrap with cranberry sauce or cranberry walnut chicken salad wrap and bottled water. Sorry, no lunch substitutes. Coach Bus. Not wheelchair accessible.
- **Pilgrim Belle Cruise** (All aboard at 10:30 a.m., cruise duration 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Limited capacity, limited wheelchair seating on first deck only) Includes lunch of a baguette sandwich, fruit, brownie, chips,

and bottled water. Sorry no lunch substitutions.

* **Walking Tours of Plymouth by Jenney**

Museum: (Various times) 3 tours available and begins at the Jenney Museum 48 Summer Street. 1620-2020 Discover Plymouth's History – this is a faith-based tour. Not wheelchair accessible.

Wednesday Sept 16th:

From 8:00 a.m. – noon. Congress attendees can visit the Hotel 1620 for the following:

- Registration and Credentials pick-up
- Insignia and GSMD Store Sales
- Exhibitors Showcase
- Member Society Tables
- Family Society Tables.
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Early mornings: **Fort Church Service** at Plimoth Plantation will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. A private ceremony for GSMD only (Limited Capacity)

10:00 a.m. **Massachusetts Mayflower Society's Naturalization Ceremony** at Memorial Hall in Plymouth. Anyone is welcome!

1:00 p.m. **Pilgrim Progress;**

Will begin at the Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill, to the Town Square. Pilgrim attire is required for Pilgrim Progress. Members in street clothes may follow at the end of the Progress.

Immediately following the Pilgrim Progress:

Opening Ceremony will be held in various locations including the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and the Church of the Pilgrimage. Opening ceremonies will include an extended program for the recognition of the deed transfer with the First Parish Church, recognition of special gifts and the recognition of the 400th anniversary of the departure of the Ship Mayflower from Plymouth UK. Both

locations are Wheelchair accessible. (Limited capacity)

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies: **Mayflower Garden Reception:** Reception in the Colonial Revival Gardens of the Mayflower Society House featuring the dedication of the NEW William Bradford Monument. Reservations are required for this event.

Dead of the Night Ghost Walking Tours

7:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and last approximately an hour and a half. Meet in the Hotel 1620 Front Lobby.

Thursday, Sept 17th

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Congress attendees can pick up credentials in the Hotel 1620 Lobby.

Governance Day #1 –First Business Session of the General Congress will convene at 9:00 a.m. at **NEW LOCATION** – Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street.

The hall is air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible with assigned seating for delegates. Reservations are required for admittance due to security issues.

TOURS:

Lexington-Concord and the Orchard House (8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.) Includes a boxed lunch: sandwich, potato chips, cookie and bottled water. Sorry no lunch substitutions. Coach bus. Limited capacity. Not wheelchair accessible.

Hyannis – JFK Museum and the Cape Cod Railroad 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Includes boxed lunch, sandwich, potato chips, cookie and bottled water. No lunch substitutions. Coach bus. Limited capacity. Not wheelchair accessible.

Pilgrim Bell SUNSET Cruise: (all aboard by 6:15 p.m. Cruise 6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.) Limited

wheelchair access – seating on first deck only. Cruise departs from the dock at the end of the pier on Water Street.

Friday, Sept 18th.

Governance Day #2 – Second Business Session of General Congress will convene at 9:00 am, at **NEW LOCATION** – Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street. Election of new officers will be held for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for the 2020-2023 administration.

7:00 -10:00 p.m. – **400th Anniversary Gala** at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, Ma. Memorial Hall will be transformed with elegant lights, draping and décor for this black tie event. A formal receiving line of officers will welcome you! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, fine food stations, libations, desserts, dancing and indeed, a night to remember for a lifetime (CASH BAR)

TOURS:

Pilgrim Belle Cruise (All aboard at 10:30 a.m., Cruise 11:00 a.m. includes a baguette sandwich, fruit, brownie, chips, and bottled water. Sorry, no lunch substitutions. Cruise departs from the dock at the end of the pier on Water Street.

Saturday, Sept 19th

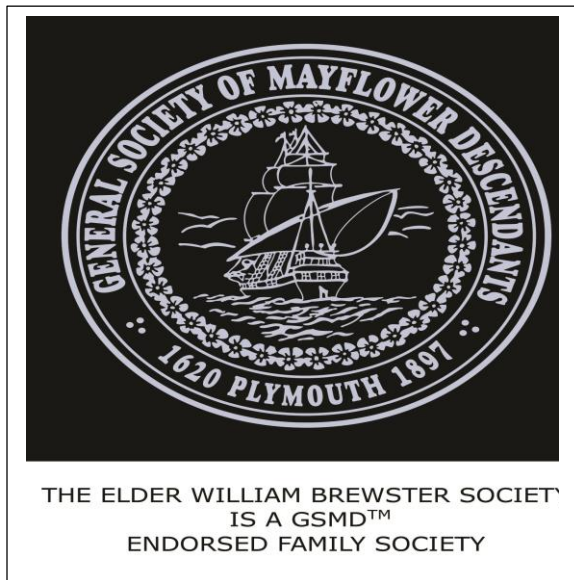
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Executive Committee Meeting** for New Executive Committee Officers at the Hotel 1620.

Plymouth 400's Embarkation Festival and Family Society Events, Plymouth Waterfront. A cultural and arts celebration honoring the traditions, cuisines and music, of the Pilgrim settlers and the Wampanoag Tribe.

The 1620 Club Thank you Event and Dinner will be held on Saturday for 1620 Club members and their guests. (The 1620 Club is for members who have paid the annual stipend of \$1620 for this special membership)

NOTE: As you can see, much is planned for the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. However if you wish to be active in these activities, some of them are only for Mayflower Society members, others for guests. If you plan to attend these events, you must book your reservations for hotels NOW, as many of the hotels in the area are already booked up. You may have to stay in hotels that are as much as 20 miles away from Plymouth.

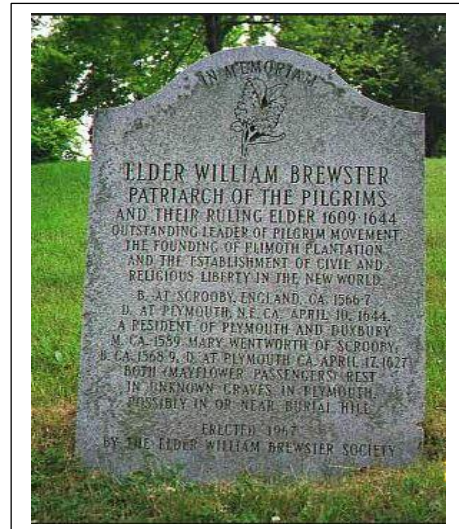
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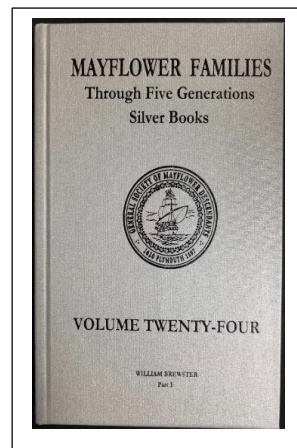
VOLUME 24 PART 3 FOR WILLIAM BREWSTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

Part 3 of the William Brewster family is now available from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The cost is \$40.00 plus shipping. This publication covers generations 5 and 6 of Brewster Descendants covering the descendants of Patience, Fear and Love. Get your copy now as often these publications are sold out

and not reprinted immediately. I have already ordered mine!



Did you know that this is NOT the place where William Brewster was laid to rest? It has been assumed that William was buried on Burial Hill. This marker was placed on the hill by the Elder William Brewster Society. The Elder Brewster could have been buried here, but he also could have been buried at his home in Duxbury is well. We will probably never know the truth. We are going to have the last name of Wentworth removed from the monument as the true name of his wife has not been proven but research has been done and we are working on getting behind this research.



Dear Large, Extended Brewster Family:

These photos are Hugh S. Ross and his wife (my Great-grandmother), Emma J. Brewster Ross. Emma is a direct descendant of William and Mary Brewster. They are buried in a cemetery in Duncan Falls, Ohio. (Just south of Zanesville). I believe Emma had a twin sister named Eva, but I know nothing about her or any children she may have had. If any readers know anything about Eva and her family, I'd love to hear about it. If anyone wants copies of these photos, I'm happy to share them. The other tombstone is Stephen Brewster, Emma's father. According to my records he also had four sons. These tombstones are in excellent condition, so I'm wondering if I have some long-lost cousins living in the Southeast Ohio area that I don't know about who have been caring for them.

Kathryn (Brewster) Haueisen – Houston, TX
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BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES

From the Brewster Genealogy by Emma Jones, Vol I, pgs 502-503.

Theron Daniel Brewster (Daniel 7, Daniel 6, John 5, Daniel 4, Benjamin 3, Jonathan 2, William 1) married first, at Peru, Illinois on January 25, 1844, Phebe A Mann, born in Pennsylvania and died in Peru, January 22, 1849. He married second, at Peru. May 20, 1850, he located at Peru, IL and commenced trading in real estate, and the same year he laid out "Ninawa Addition" to the city of Peru. From 1843-46, he engaged in the mercantile business, and "then began dealing in grain and built a large warehouse on the bank of the Illinois River, where he carried on an extensive business. At the end

of five years he rented his warehouse and engaged in the dry-good several years.

In 1856 he sank the Peru Coal shaft, which was owned by a stock company or which, Mr. Brewster was the president, and the shaft was worked for about seventeen years. He then became connected with the Peru Plow Company which he managed until 1882, when it was organized as a stock company, and Mr Brewster became one of the principal stockholders. After the organization of this company he retired from active business.

Mr. Brewster served as first mayor of Peru being elected in 1851, and was re-elected in 1852 and 1854. He was treasurer of the School Board for eight years and in 1838

was the town trustee. He held the office of president of the old Peru Bank during its entire existence – from 1853 to 1880. He was one of the first directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, was a member of the executive committee and one of the principal men in working up the enterprise.

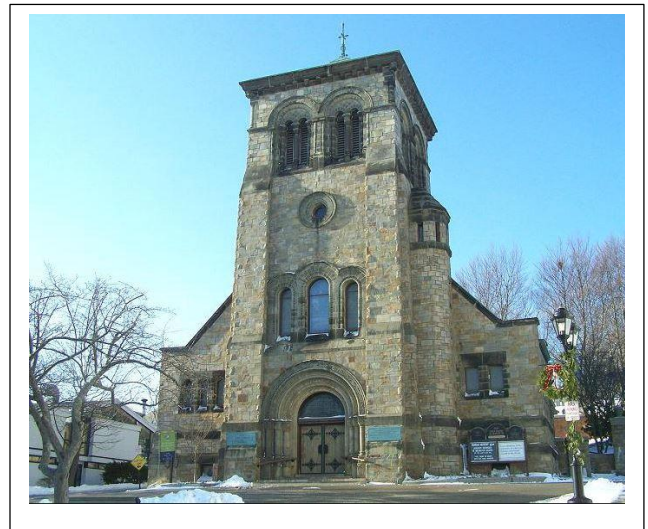
In 1841, Mr. Brewster presented a stone church to the Presbyterian congregation at Peru, which, in 1853, changed to the Congregational, and he was a liberal supporter of that church.

What is known as the “Ninawa Addition” upon which most of the business part of Peru is now situated was originally owned by Lyman D. Brewster and Theron D. Brewster, Pelatiah Brewster and Calvin Brewster and four others.

Theron and his wife Phebe Mann Brewster had 8 children, all born in Peru, Illinois.

1. **Sylvia Asenath Brewster** b. Jan 22, 1845, d. Los Angeles, CA 10 Apr 1904 and was unmarried.
2. **Frank Lyman Brewster** b. 13 Feb 1847, d. at Hot Springs, SD on 29 Sept 1900.
3. **Theron D Brewster, Jr.** b. 28 Mar 1851 and d. 25 Jun 1852
4. **Harry Brewster** b. 09 Jun 1853m d, 18 Jan 1855
5. **Jessie Brewster** b. 25 Jun 1856 and resided in Peru.

6. **Margaret Crossdella** b 13 May 1859, married at Peru, Oct 14, 1889, H Fenmore, son of Henry and Sarah Fenmore of Chicago, IL.
7. **Benjamin Brewster** b 24 Nov 1864 married at Peoria, IL on 4 Jun 1902, Anna Magdalene, daughter of John and Louis Detweiller of Peoria, IL. He was a real estate broker and manufacturer of agricultural implements at Peru.
8. **Theron Daniel Brewster** b 9 Apr 1867, married at Marseilles, IL on 28 Jun 1899, Elizabeth the daughter of Donald and Sarah Nicholson.



Above, is a picture of the Pilgrim Meeting House that now belongs to the GSMD who plans to turn it into a Cultural Center and Museum. Millions of dollars are being raised to restore the church to good repair. If you wish to donate please go to: Themayflowersociety.org/donate/meetinghouse donations.

MY OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE IN PLIMOTH PLANTATION



In August of 2018, I along with a bunch of Mayflower society members, had the privilege of dressing up in Pilgrim clothes and spending the night at the Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Ma. We stayed in the old houses at the village, and made and ate food just like the pilgrims. We picked our own herbs and vegetables and cooked our own food the way the Pilgrims would have done in the early 1600's. Although the food was pretty good, I prefer the foods of today instead (I am the 4th person from the left). It was an enjoyable experience, although sleeping on the floor on a blanket leaves much to be desired. (We had the option to sleep in the straw beds but we were told there might be unwanted creatures there.) We had the whole village to ourselves that night, with the exception of the night time employees.

It gave us a whole new understanding about what Pilgrim life was all about and what they had to go through to survive. This certainly is an advisable experience for those with Pilgrim ancestors. It really gives you appreciation for what kind of life they had and how they dealt with it.

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ATTENTION

With all that is going on with the coronavirus, there might be a possibility that the Sept meeting and dinner may be cancelled. If it is, any reservations that have been made will be refunded in full. Please stay well and follow the guidelines for personal space.

