

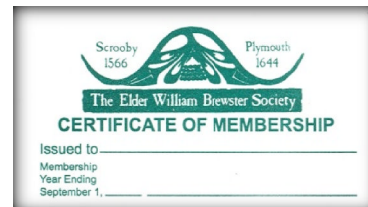
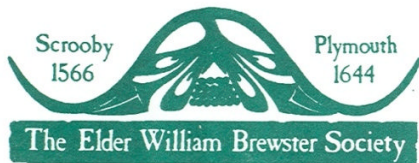
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Membership in the Brewster Society is easy to give to members of your family. Most of the time, all it takes is a copy of a birth certificate or marriage record. You can enroll Aunts, Uncles, Children, Grandchildren, cousins, simply by contacting me and I can let you know what you need. They make GREAT inexpensive Holiday Gifts. Each member receives a membership card, certificate of membership for framing and a subscription to the Brewster Press packed with family information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of last report, 5/31/2010
\$25,676.13

Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$1113.00
Interest on Account	\$ 32.26
2011 Tri meeting	\$ 70.00
Brewster Pin Sales	\$ 108.00
Donations	\$ 101.00
Total Receipts	\$1424.26

Balance \$27,100.39

Expenses	
Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$720.48
Memorial Flowers	\$ 74.98
Total Expenses	\$795.46

Balance as of 10-08-2010 \$26,304.93

Respectfully submitted
Jane Cobb, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to report that since the last newsletter was published, I have approved eleven new members. This is one of the slowest periods I've had, and hopefully membership growth will pick up.

1. **Beth Maxfield Guy**
Portland, Maine
2. **Jared Maxfield Guy**
Portland, Maine
3. **Pamela W. Shanahan**
Tonawanda, New York
4. **Charles E. Case**
Paris Hill, Maine
5. **Donna Vanstrom**
Jamestown, New York
6. **Donna M. Zufall**
Sterling Heights, Michigan
7. **Constance Lee Harter Burton**
Richmond, Virginia
8. **Renee Castles Becker**
Linden, California
9. **Elizabeth Gilpin**
Wethersfield, Ct
10. **Thomas James Castles**
Linden, California
11. **Larry Allen Peck**
Port Charlotte, Florida

Oldest Brewster Society Member

On the list above, one of our newest members, Thomas James Castles, joined us

at the age of 102, having celebrated his birthday last week.

Thomas was born October 3, 1908 in New Plymouth, Idaho, the oldest of 6 children born to Thomas F. Castles and Alma Pauley. (Pauley was the Brewster Descendant)

Around the 1932's the entire family moved to Stockton, California to pursue a family passion " Music". Tom, his father, brothers and sisters formed the Castles Family Orchestra and for many years were a favorite at local venues. Tom wrote the city's first theme song " Stockton Someplace Special" and more recently " Stockton Glory Time" Tom has been a resident for over 78 years.

At various times in his life, Castles was a corrections officer, WWII Aircraft Machinist, and an owner of Castles Truck Service. Tom was secretary and Business Agent for the Musicians Union, Local 189 and is a Life Member.

However, Tom's greatest contribution has to be his wonderful family. Tom married Katherine Murel Horn, September 1932. They celebrated 66 years of marriage. They have four children, 13 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and recently welcomed the first great-great grandchild.

He is truly the patriarch with over 300 extended family members in the general area.

Tom's membership came about when, his granddaughter, Renee Castles Becker, was recently working on the Pauley Family Ancestry and discovered the family's relationship to William Brewster.

On October 3rd, Thomas Castles celebrated his 102nd birthday, singing with his Grandson's Rock band and the local Jazz Club, as he celebrates his long, musical life. The Brewster Society Welcomes Tom and his family to our Society. As far as my records can determine, Tom is the oldest member, ever, of the Brewster Society.

UPDATE OF THE BREWSTER GENEALOGY

Due to many requests of our members, I have decided to embark on doing an update of the Emma Jones, Brewster Family Genealogy. I have been working on this for many years, between gathering information and incorporating information received from our members. Because the original Brewster Genealogy did not include ALL lines of Elder Brewster, those missing female lines will be added. The size and magnitude of this "new and updated" genealogy will prohibit it from being published in print, so it will be done in electronic form. Presently, the new publication is over 1600 pages. I am openly asking ALL of our members, who would like their family lines included to send me all information along with what documents you used. It's true that I have our members lineage, but usually only the members line and not the siblings. It would be nice to include family stories, pictures, documents, etc in this new publication. There is absolutely "NO LIMIT" to what can be included since this will be in electronic format. The finished product will take about five years or more to compile, but the information gathered and added will be of immense use to those people who would like to join in the future. In addition, when completed it will be offered to our members for a nominal fee.

Please mail all family information, photos, documents, stories, etc to me at my address or email listed on the title page of the newsletter.

A Message from the Treasurer

Dues, which covers a three-year period is \$20.00 for members who have their newsletters via postal mail.

IF YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SENDING THE NEWSLETTERS THE DUES ARE ONLY \$15.00.

If you have an e-mail address, please send it to us. This will help cut down on our always increasing postage and printing expenses considerably. We are very pleased with the email responses we have received so far. Please remember. **IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE CANNOT SEND YOU YOUR NEWSLETTER IF YOU DON'T.**

Send checks payable to **ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER SOCIETY** to me:

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION DATE !!!
" REMINDERS AND FINAL NOTICES" went out quite a while ago. Members who's dues expired in 2009 will be dropped after this newsletter from the roster. Please contact me at bwater1@comcast.net or at my mailing address if you think you may be one of those members. We would hate to lose any of our valued members !!!

Sincerely, Jane E. Cobb, Treasurer

BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES

The following article was written by one of our members, Dr. David Wade Morton of Manlius, New York, who visits Southeastern Connecticut 3 or 4 times a year and has traced the footsteps of Jonathan Brewster, the eldest son of Elder William Brewster and Mary Brewster of the Mayflower. David writes the following :

My daughter was born on Thursday evening. That Sunday, My parents came over for our home-coming and had brought with them my dear great-aunt. While holding our new baby daughter, my aunt leaned over to my wife and whispered " we descend from William Brewster".

That was 1996. My aunt's message did not register with me fully until I began my genealogical research obsession on 09 February 2008 when I discovered the proof that my father had indeed descended from John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. Little did I know that my mother had also descended from Pilgrims. My aunt and her sister had been active genealogists with the D.A.R. in 1987, a cousin, Virginia Wood, from Texas, interviewed my great aunt, and other cousins, and wrote a manuscript called " The Cayuga Clue" found at the Syracuse Central Library and the NEHGS Library. In it, she had traced our ancestry to Elder William Brewster and Francis Eaton of the Mayflower.

That's all I needed. I collected vital records, town records, family histories and Mayflower families in Progress (William Brewster) GSMD, 3rd ed. 2000, and basically proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that I descended from William

Brewster of the Mayflower through his eldest son Jonathan.

Now, Jonathan caught my interest from the "get-go" First, his name was rather common compared to his brothers and sisters, Love, Wrestling, Fear and Patience. Second, what as this " Fortune" thing? Third, why had he waited a year to come to Plymouth? and Fourth, what was this " Connecticut" thing all about?. I thought he lived in Plymouth!.

Fast forward to March 2010, my brother has lived in Connecticut for 20 years. While visiting, he and I decided to travel to the Mohegan Sun Casino, not to gamble but to search for a bookstore. My brother is a geologist and soil scientist and actually worked on swales needed before for the Mohegan Sun casino construction, and especially the adjoining Native American burial grounds. We entered the casino property from the maintenance side and stopped at the engineers' office to drop off some papers. Low and behold, the engineer had a topographical map of the Thames River and showed me the exact location of the Jonathan Brewster home. The engineer also told us that he knew of no bookstore but that we should ask at the Brewster Trading Post when we enter the casino. I was searching for books on Native American history and culture. In a small casino clothing store, I found the book, " Uncas, First of the Mohegans" by Michael Leroy Oberg, Cornell University Press, 2003. Perusing the Index, I discovered two names, Jonathan Brewster and his son-in-law, John Pickett.

Jonathan Brewster's Connecticut Trading Post home from 1635 to 1649 was in Windsor, Ct. Jonathan Brewster is listed as a founder of Ancient Windsor. At Windsor,

Jonathan became very much involved in the Pequot War of 1636-7. His brother-in-law, John Oldham had been brutally massacred by the Pequots in a boat off Block Island. " Uncas painted for Brewster a frightening picture of the fate that awaited English settlements along the river.... Alarmed by the news, Brewster forwarded Uncas's message to John Winthrop, Jr, who first founded the Puritan outpost of Saybrook at the river's mouth. (Uncas, pg 53) Uncas and the Mohegan from the west side of the Thames River allied with the English and fought against their cousins, the Pequots, from the east side of the Thames River in Mystic, Ct and where the land of the Foxwoods Casino stands today in Ledyard, Ct. Under the leadership of Captain John Mason of Windsor, Ct, and Captain John Underhill of Massachusetts, and with their allies, the Mohegans, the English burned the main Pequot village in May of 1637 at Mystic, massacring all inhabitants. This virtually ended the war and opened up the land of the Pequots for English settlement. Uncas invited his friend, Jonathan Brewster, to settle across the river from the Mohegans and open a trading post on the Thames (Pequot) River.

In August 2009, I asked my brother for directions to the Brewster Neck Cemetery. He said that it was on Route 2A across from the Thames River near the old State hospital. As he had to work, I took my family for a ride. I'm very good at directions and I did find the old vacant State Hospital. However, adjacent to the hospital property was a Hebrew cemetery. I knew this couldn't be it, So, I backed into the driveway next to the cemetery and my son exclaimed "There it is Dad, There's the Brewster Neck Cemetery." I looked out the passenger side of our SUV and sure enough,

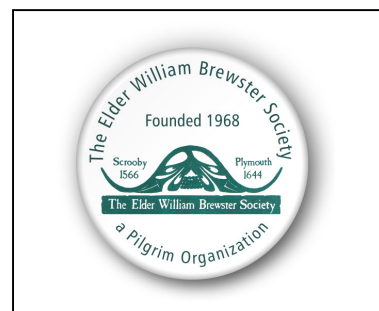
the stone marker said " Brewster Neck Cemetery" Off in the distance was an obelisk monument. We walked directly towards it looking at no markers. We had found the resting place of Jonathan Brewster, Lucretia Oldham Brewster and several of their family members. By the amount of flowers beneath the name of Lucretia Brewster on the granite marker, it was obvious that many people show her great reverence.

Jonathan and Lucretia Brewster and their children were one of the first families in Connecticut. Although Jonathan Brewster lived in Scrooby, England, Leyden, Holland, Plymouth and Duxbury, Ma and Windsor, Ct, my family will always remember Jonathan Brewster of Preston, Connecticut, after our visit to Brewster Neck in 2009 and my visit to the Brewster Trading Post at the Mohegan Sun in 2010.

 "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 P.O. Box 355, Branford, Ct 06405

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



PROMINENT BREWSTERS

Reverend Simon James Humphrey (Rebecca Brewster, Simon, Simon, Benjamin, William, Love, William) He married first, at Millbury, Ma, April 18, 1854, Susan E Batcheller of Millbury, Ma, daughter of John Batcheller and widow of Horace Hutchinson. She was born at Sutton, Ma, February 1824: died at Newark, Ohio, August 30, 1860. Married secondly at Rockford, IL, Elizabeth Emerson, daughter of Professor Ralph Emerson and his wife, Eliza Rockwell, born at Andover, Ma, February 15, 1836. He died at Clifton Springs, NY, April 22, 1906.

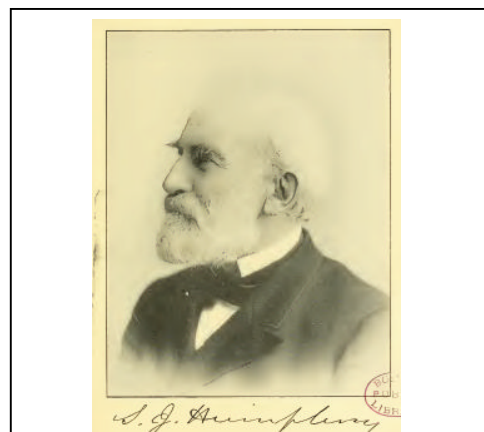
At the age of seventeen years, Simon J. Humphrey went to Rochester, NY. where he was employed in a wholesale grocery house four and a half years. He then decided to enter the ministry: fitted at Oberline College in 1843-43, and was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1848. Working his way, he taught school during the winters, and a year in Pinkerton Academy at Derry, N.H.: was graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1852, and preached six months at Jamaica Plain, a suburb of Boston, during which time the Congregational Church there was organized. He was ordained pastor over the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark, Ohio, March 18, 1854, where he spent seven years. He was then called to the First Congregational Church at Beloit, Wis. where he remained until 1864, and then entered upon what proved his great life work, as district secretary for the Interior States of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and retired in 1893, after twenty-nine years of successful service with them.

" Dr Humphreys " says the Advance, " possesses rare literary taste and felicity of expression, and during all these years his pen has been a busy one. Thirty-three numbers of Missionary Papers, first issued as supplements to The Advance, were prepared by him and attained a circulation of nearly a million copies. Various leaflets, among them " The Story of the Bee and For his Sake" had a circulation of about 200,000 copies. He has also published a delightful volume of missionary sketches, Eshcol, or Surprising Triumphs of Grace in Missionary Lands. Several series of articles have attracted attention, among them " Facts and Fancies of Travel" published after his European tour, and the series entitled " Jesus and the Sages" growing out of the Parliament of Religions at Columbian Exposition, also " The Pathology of Unbelief and the Way Out" and two years of weekly notes on the International Sabbath School lessons.

In addition to the literary work previously noted, Dr. Humphrey spent the evening of his day in collecting the aftermath of labors of his pen of the last twelve years into a number of volumes. The titles of a few of his last works are: The Testimony of the Editions, The More Abundant Life, The Power of Prayer in Common Things, and Studies in the Life of Jesus.

His wife, Elizabeth, was a professor in Rockford Seminary previous to her marriage. Dr and Mrs. Humphrey's resided at Oak Park, Illinois for thirty five years, and in 1900 removed to Clifton Springs, New York.

Dr. Simon James Humphrey



BREWSTER OBITUARIES

We are very sad to report the death of one of our members, **Mrs. Virginia R. Canfield**, of Rockville, Maryland. Her Obituary was published in the Washington Post, on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Virginia began serious research into her family history in the 1980's. In the process of proving her Mayflower and D.A.R. eligibility, she was helped by several members, including Caroline Lewis Kardell, longtime distinguished Mayflower Society Historian General. As a part of her outgoing personality, Virginia greatly enjoyed nearly three decades of interactions with Mayflower Members from Maine to Northern Virginia.

Her obituary is as follows :

Virginia E. Canfield, 90, a teacher and homemaker who volunteered for 30 years with the Woman's Clubs of Bethesda and of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died January 28, at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville after a heart attack.

Mrs. Canfield served on the board of directors of Hearts and Homes for Youth, a Maryland organization that provides support and shelter for troubled children and teens. Born, Virginia Richardson in Malden, Massachusetts. After receiving a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Massachusetts in 1941, she taught high school home economics in Massachusetts for five years until her first child was born.

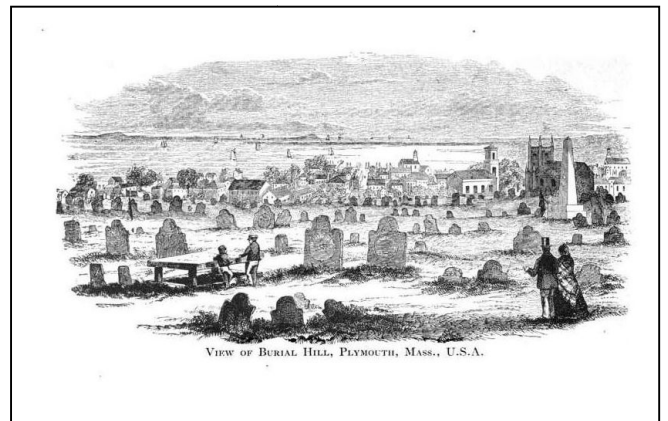
Mrs. Canfield moved with her husband, a meteorologist, to Asheville, N.C. and Long

Island, N.Y. for his career before settling in Potomac in the mid-1970's. She received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Bowie State University in 1985. She was a member of the local chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames XVII Century and the National Society of New England Woman.

She was also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Norma L. Canfield of Potomac: three children, Susan Canfield of Orillia, Ontario, Marsha C. Adou of Woodbury, MN. and Richard LeRoy Canfield of Brownsburg, IN. Five granddaughters and a great granddaughter.

The Brewster Society will publish obituaries for any of its deceased members or relatives. Please send all requests for publication to me at : Gregory E. Thompson, P.O. Box 355, Branford, Ct 06405. The newsletter is published in October and May. Deadline for entry of an obituary is the 1st of May and the 1st of October. Obituaries cannot be returned and become the property of the Elder William Brewster Society and will become part of our archives.



HISTORIANS REPORT

It's fast approaching, another Triennial Meeting of the Mayflower Society and the Brewster Society. It's hard to believe that three years has almost gone by. I am so looking forward to seeing everything, and hope that a lot of our new members will attend next year.

If you have never been to Plymouth, Massachusetts, you do not know what you are missing. I am in awe every time I go there, knowing that this was where my family first began in 1620.

This year will be the year of change. Our long time President, Art Young, will be stepping down after many years of service and we will be voting in new members to take the society on its journey into the future. We have accepted the resume of one of our members who wishes to become President, and that will be voted on at the meeting in 2011.

As usual, Jane Cobb, our Treasurer has arranged for a fabulous feast to be enjoyed at the meeting. It is a marvelous buffet dinner that all of us have enjoyed for many years. We will have a speaker as well, and I hope to have the name of the speaker for the next newsletter in May. There will be only ONE MORE newsletter after this one announcing the meeting. So, please make your reservations as soon as possible. A invitation and form is located on page 11.

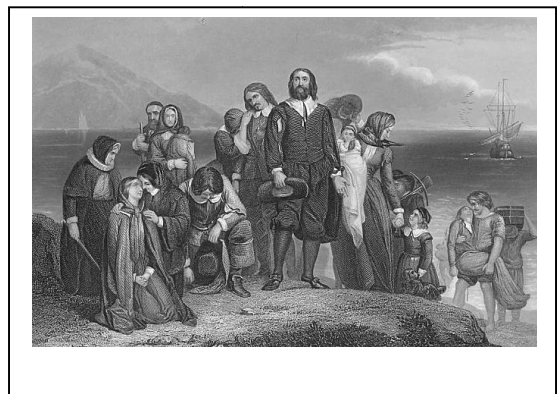
Our membership is growing and the participation of our members in the newsletter is quite impressive. Articles continue to come in for future publications.

As mentioned in the Treasurer's report, there are several members who have not paid their dues for 2009 and unfortunately, we will have to drop them from the rolls if dues are not paid. We don't want to lose any members, but we cannot continue to mail newsletters with the high cost of printing and postage if dues are not paid. Please contact Jane if you fall into this category.

I am continuing to collect Bible Records and letters for our archives. Please feel free to copy and send these records to me when possible.

We also thank you for the donations that we have received from our members for the new filing cabinets which are keeping our records safe. We still need more money to purchase a fire-proof safe for the valuable papers that we possess. I would like to thank, **Dr. Thomas Bird** for his generous donation this past month. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Sincerely, Gregory Evan Thompson



The First Landing of the Pilgrims
published in New York by Johnson in 1859

JONATHAN BREWSTER

The following article comes from the Mayflower Quarterly, Volume 52, No. 2, Page 72-74. Written by Barbara Lambert Merrick.

Jonathan arrived at Cape Cod in the "Fortune" 9 Nov 1621. and Lucretia his wife came over in the "Anne" with her brother, John Oldham, arriving about 10 July 1623. Their first six children were born in Plymouth. Jonathan was active in the settlement of Duxbury which was incorporated 7 June 1637. Records indicate that he served as a surveyor, laid out highways, practiced as an attorney, and was styled "gentlemen." Jonathan served as a military commissioner in the Pequot War in 1637, was on a committee to raise forces during the Narragansett Alarm of 1643, and was a member of Captain Myles Standish's Duxbury Company in 1643. He served several terms as Deputy to the General Court of Plymouth Colony in 1639, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

In 1638 Jonathan Brewster established a ferry service to transport men and cattle across the North River. He sold this in 1641 to Messrs. Barker, Howell and others. He then became the master of a small trading vessel which plied the coast from Plymouth to Virginia. This was evidently unprofitable since he was forced to relinquish his house, land and cattle to his creditors, according to a letter written by Roger Williams to John Winthrop, Jr. Removing to CT. he settled on land granted to him as follows: I, Unquas, Sachem of Mauhekon, doe give freely unto Jonathan Brewster of Pequett, a tract of land, being a plaine of arable land, bounded on the south side with a great Coave called Pocatannocke, on the north with old Pocatuck path that goes to the Trading Coave &c. For, and in consideration thereof, the said Jonathan Brewster binds himself

and his heirs to keep a house for trading goods with the Indians."

Because Jonathan set up the trading post without the authority of the local government, he was censured, but the deed was confirmed by the town on 30 Nov 1652. He was "clarke" of the Town of Peqitt (New London) in September 1649, Deputy to the General Court of the Colony of Connecticut, 1650, 55, 56, 57, and 58, and served as Assistant to the Town in 1657.

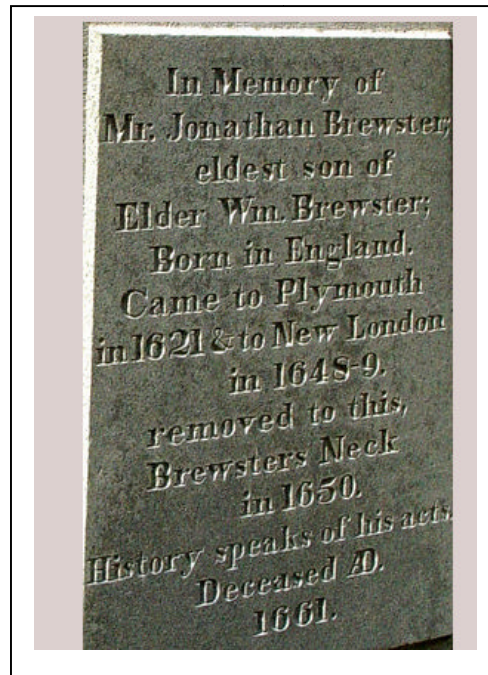
On September 1, 1656, Jonathan "resolved for Old England" according to a letter written to his sister-in-law, Sarah Brewster, widow of Love Brewster. However, he did not return to England. He died at New London in 1659, intestate, having deeded all his property to his son, Benjamin, and his son-in-law, John Pickett, in 1658. John Pickett relinquished his rights to the property on 14 Feb 1661/2 and provided that his "mother-in-law" Mrs. Brewster, the late wife of his father, Mr Jonathan Brewster, shall have a full and competent means out of the estate during her life, from the said Benjamin Brewster at her own dispose freely and fully to command at her own pleasure.

Jonathan Brewster left an invaluable legacy to the Brewster family known as "The Brewster Book" a record in his own handwriting of the birth of his father, the deaths of his mother and father, the birth dates of each of his children, and the marriage dates of his daughters, Mary and Ruth, and of his son, William, as well as his own birth and marriage data. He apparently began the record after the marriage, in Plymouth, of his daughter, Mary, to John Turner in 1645. perhaps after he moved to Connecticut, leaving Mary and his grandchildren behind in Plymouth Colony, but before the date of his second set of entries, which follow the 1651 marriage of

his son William. All of the entries in this book were contemporary and made by three people, Jonathan, himself, his son, Benjamin, and Benjamin's great-grandson, Jabez Fitch, Jr. This book has been of inestimable value to the Brewster family. They had the following children:

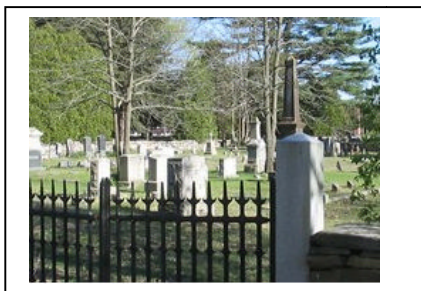
1. William, born 9 March 1625
2. Mary, born 16 April 1627
3. Jonathan, born 17 July 1629
4. Ruth, born 3 October 1631.
5. Benjamin, born 17 November 1633
6. Elizabeth, born 1 May 1637
7. Grace, born 1 November 1639
8. Hannah, born 3 November 1641.

Arial View of Brewster Neck Cemetery

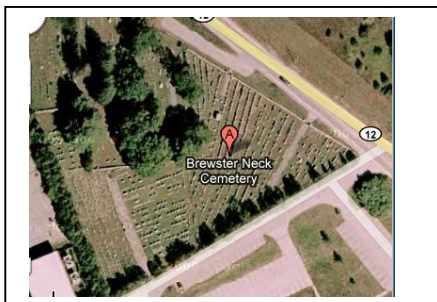


Jonathan Brewster Gravestone

The Mohegan Sun Casino, Across the River from Jonathan Brewster's homestead in Uncasville, Connecticut



Brewster's Neck Cemetery, Preston, Ct



You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Triennial Meeting of

THE ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER SOCIETY

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor

180 Water Street

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Memorial Service at Brewster Gardens (pending)

2:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

3:00 pm

Buffet Dinner / \$35.00 per person

6:30 pm

Please use the form below when placing your reservations. Reservations must be received NO LATER than September 2, 2011. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve early ! Checks should be made out to the Elder William Brewster Society and sent to Jane Cobb, P.O. Box 467, Bridgewater, MA. 02324-0467. (\$35.00 per person)

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Elder William Brewster Society Triennial Meeting

September 10, 2011

Name (s) attending dinner _____

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Attending Memorial Service (if held)

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Number attending meeting only (Members only) _____

Your email address would be helpful, in case of any changes _____

A phone number would be greatly appreciated _____

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