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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of last report, 10/06/14

\$34,302.89

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Receipts

Membership Dues \$ 760.00
Dinner Reservations \$ 525.00

Balance \$35,587.89

Expenses

Postage, Printing, Supplies \$ 221.83
Memorial Wreath \$ 47.81
Radisson Hotel Balance \$ 2841.42
City Pride Limited \$ 1004.99
New Balance \$31,471.84

A Message from the Treasurer

It was wonderful to see so many new faces, and to get re-acquainted with old friends, at the Triennial meeting and dinner.

As I reported, there were approximately 100 members whose dues expired in 2013. I have sent out reminders to all and as of Oct 6 2014 there are still 63 unpaid members. Please check your labels and send in your renewals as soon as possible. Members who show 2014 on their label, are now also due. If you are not sure of your date, please feel free to contact me.

Dues, which cover a three year period, is \$20.00 for members who receive their newsletters who receive their newsletter by mail. **If you provide us an email address for**

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sending the newsletters, the dues are \$15.00.

If you have an email address please send it along. 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, be sure to send it to us.**

Send checks to payable to the Elder William Brewster Society to:

Mrs. Jane Cobb, Treasurer
Elder William Brewster Society
604 Mallow Scrub Way
Sebastian, FL. 32958

Most sincerely, Jane Cobb, Treasurer. Email address: bwater1@comcast.net Be sure to type Brewster Society in column so I won't delay the message. Again... Please check your expiration date

BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES

Brewster family articles are accepted for publication on a first come first serve basis. Please send all articles to Bonnie Towle 98-D East Broadway, Milford, Ct 06460

NEW BREWSTER INSIGNIA AVAILABLE:

We now have our new Brewster Insignia available. They are \$35.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Please mail all requests to Gregory E. Thompson 17 David Drive, East Haven, Ct 06512. WE HAVE A LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE.....



NEW BREWSTER INSIGNIA PIN

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

I have approved 28 new members this period.

1. Barbara Grant
Warwick, R.I.
2. Hugh Cooke MacDougall
Cooperstown, New York
3. Daryl Juergen Goss
Chalfort, Pennsylvania
4. Bradley Wallace Goss
Chalford, Pennsylvania
5. James Thomas Goss
Chalford, Pennsylvania
6. Frank Wayne Brewster
Swanton, Ohio
7. Bonnie Wade Mucia
Bluffton, South Carolina
8. Nicholas Snow Maher
Beaufort, South Carolina
9. Candice M. Cortell
Plymouth, Massachusetts
10. Easan Katir
Davis, California

11. Barbara Beth Walden
East Granby, Ct
12. Peggy Reid
Rohnert Park, California
13. Diane Louis Webb
Nashville, Tennessee
14. Judy Mayo
Chicago, Illinois
15. Timothy S. Middlebrook
Poughkeepsie, New York
16. Venita Katir Siuamami
Davis, California
17. John Bradford Towle
Milford, Ct
18. Richard Marshall Armand
Danvers, Massachusetts
19. Zackary Calvin Armand
Danvers, Massachusetts
20. Jeremy Richard Armand
Danvers, Massachusetts
21. Molly Greene Haywood
East Lansing, Michigan
22. Robert Fredrick Bartlett
Escondido, California
23. Rev. Cathie Fisher Braman
Fredericksburg, VA
24. Eliza Jane Jensen
Centerfield, Utah
25. Valerie Jene Hansen
Midvale City, Utah
26. Gordon Neal Johnson
Redmond, Utah
27. Deborah Bennett Elfers
Wellesley, Ma
28. Diane Marie Bowen
Rockland, Ma.

MEMBER DEATHS

We are sorry to report that we have had three members deaths during this period. Our hopes and prayers go out to all these families.

1. Jean Wilber Roscoe passed away on July 28, 2013.

2. Robert W. Dunlap, Sr.

On March 18, 2014, HONORABLE JUDGE Robert W. Dunlap, Sr. ret. (84) passed through the struggles of this life and in to the arms of his Shepard, Jesus Christ, and who he had placed his Trust.

He was a 1947 graduate of Watsonville High School, a MONTEREY COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF, MONTEREY COUNTY JUDICIAL JUDGE, Master Masonic lodge #777, Worthy Patron Eastern Star. #282, Active member in the Redding Society of the Mayflower Descendants and S.A.R. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and building furniture. He made Shasta county his home for 42 years.

His journey in this life was Blessed, the moment he married his HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART & UNWAVERING COMPANION, Ruth Tindall. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, His children are: Beth Carlson (Rich) Rose Hablitzel and Allan Fulton, Bob Dunlap, Jr, (Pam) Patty Bailey (Nate) and ten grandchildren and 21 Great Grandchildren. and sister, Lois Merkle (Bill) and numerous nieces and nephews.

3. Michael J.L.Greene

Mike was born at West Point on July 4, 1919 and was buried there 92 years later on June 27, 2012. One of seven children, Mike lived the life of an army brat, attending public schools at various army posts and the Drexel Institute, and entered USMA as a plebe with the class of 1941, along with his brother, Ladie.

His cadet days rushed by without incident. Academically he maintained an even keel, being at one time or another in first and last sections simultaneously: Most classmates knew his by his long Irish Name (one of his favorite claims to fame was that father Duffy, of WWI's fighting 69th was his godfather.) Or by his female roles in the 100th night show - the only member of the class of 41 to sit on the Commandant's lap. Upon graduation he reported to the second armored division: then on to the 11th armored division with which he stayed until he was

wounded near the end of the war. He was awarded the Silver Star for his action in the battle of the Bulge: The Bronze Star: and the Purple Heart: during this period.

In December 1945, he returned to the states on a 45 day RR and married Ruth Eileen Conner, daughter of his former eleventh armored division regimental commander. Mike and Eileen met at Camp Polk, in December 1942 when he was detailed to date the regimental commanders daughter during her Christmas visit. They dated at Fort Leavenworth for three weeks in 1943 and became engaged at Camp Gruber while she was visiting his parents at Camp Chaffee, and had driven to Oklahoma to meet his brother!. After Mike went overseas they corresponded by mail for 18 months until their wedding at the Catholic Chapel at Fort Leavenworth on January 1 1946. Upon his return to Germany he was assigned to the Second Constabulary Regiment in the Army of Occupation in Freising, where Eileen later joined him and in due course, their daughter Molly was born. Mike next's assignment was the armored school at Fort Knox. where daughter and Becky and son Michael were born: then he went on to earn a master's degree in foreign affairs at the University of Virginia. A four year assignment at the Pentagon during which time daughter Katie was born. And then, back to Germany as a Battalion Commander and SGS 7th army. He then attended the Naval War college in Newport: went back to the Pentagon and then served a two year tour as executive assistant and SJS COMUSMAC- V (under generals Harkins and Westmoreland) With Eileen and four children in tow, subsequent assignments included Brigade Commander at Fort Hood, The first army fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations at NYC, six months at the Pentagon, Deputy Commandant at the Army War College (Where he was promoted to Brigadier General and back to Vietnam as ADC, 25th Infantry Division. His final assignment was as, CG HQ area command, Saigon. during this time Eileen and daughters Becky and Kate were at Clark AFB in the Philippines. Mike retired in July 1971. Decorations earned during his 20 years of service, include, Distinguished Service Medal. The Silver Star,

The Distinguished Flying Cross. The Legion of Merit W-2 OLC, The Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal W-23 OLC, The Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.

Following his retirement from the US Army, Mike and Eileen returned to Alexandria, Virginia, their home of many years, where he became active in local civic affairs. Including President of the local West Point Society for one term. For many years he served as executive secretary for the society. He also served as executive director of Army Distaff Hall in D.C., a military retirement facility now known as Knollwood where Mike and Eileen moved in 1998.

For many years he was the President of his West Point Class of 41, and served in that position until his death. He was also Chairman of the West Point Centennial's program, for over 15 years, and a member of the Cosmos Club, from 1987 until his death.

One of his favorite interests was genealogy, and he was a member of the Mayflower Society, SAR, sons of the Revolution, Order of First Families of Rhode Island, Barons of the Magna Carta, American's of Armorial Ancestry, Order of the Founders and Patriots, Order of the Indian Wars, Sons and daughter of the Pilgrims, Elder William Brewster Society (where he served as President and Director) and the hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors, and serving as an officer in most of these. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Eileen Connor Greene: Four children, Mary Ellen (Molly Greene) Rebecca (Becky) Greene Fellows, Michael J.L. Greene Jr, and Katherine (Kate) Greene: their spouses: 9 grandchildren: and four great granddaughters.

His ties to West Point were many: Grandfathers (Lewis D Greene 1878 and Michael J. Lennihan 1887) Father Douglas T. Green 1913, Father in law, Leo B. Connor, August 1917, brothers, Lawrence B Greene, 1941, and Thomas P. Greene, 1950. Son in law, Michael H. Fellows, 1968, and grandson, Christian Fellow.

BREWSTER FAMILY STORIES
By: Benita Stewart Towle

Re: Historical Brewster: a Maine Encounter

Heading for annual care of my BRADFORD cemeteries in Maine, from class reunions at my boarding school in Vermont, I wished to visit new areas such as Rangely.

In researching overnight possibilities before leaving home, few options appealed, but one of them absolutely intrigued--because of the Inn's name, BREWSTER, whenever I see the name to tell you the truth, though discovery of kin cannot be assured, this would not be the first time I'd go out of my way to do business in honor of the name Brewster.

The Brewster Inn

DEXTER, MAINE

Well, now I know that my Mayflower Brewsters also helped to settle Maine. But of all things, it was a British subject who educated me by way of pages tucked into his guest room folio.

Mark Stephens has resurrected a once crumbling mansion, built where Ralph Owen Brewster's family homestead was located. Brewster memorabilia of Ralph Owen Brewster and his wife Dorothy around, especially in the parlor, are somehow enhanced by items for sale that feature the Brewster Inn name-- with British and American flags crossed in friendship. For those of us who travel back to Great Britain, a tradition of respect for movers and shakers includes preservation of so much that also relates to the Mayflower and this is just shy of four centuries late. Of that kind of spirit, Mark Stephens in his quest for citizenship is forced to maintain a struggle exactly opposite to illegals roaring freely over our Southern borders.

In a Maine climate notably, Mr. Stephens has graced The Brewster Inn with English

gardens, and one, just outside the dining room that can be appreciated from the second floor, creates a butterfly. The Brewster Inn collects environmental awards. On the front end of the threat to butterflies and what this means to our human health and the environment, Mark does Dorothy (Foss) very proud. A VP of the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. Brewster he says above her list, "was one of Maine's most prominent club women".

Ralph Owen and Dorothy BREWSTER

Having cleared out my DVD pile, seems in this image driven world I should begin with Ralph Owen Brewster covered by Hollywood in The Aviator. Portrayed by Alan Alda, how does a country lad of Dexter end up associated with Howard Hughes?! A biographical history begins with high school graduation in Dexter, Maine (1905), then Bowdoin-Maine's first college- summa cum laude in 1909. Following one year as Principal of Castine High, it was Harvard Law (LL.B. 1913). Practicing in Portland he would marry a graduate of Wellesley. Maybe a daughter of a client, Schlotterbeck and Foss Vanilla Co., Dorothy Foss and Ralph Brewster would have two Brewster sons, Charles and Owen.

A Representative in The Maine Legislature and a Captain in The National Guard, Ralph Owen Brewster would leave his firm, Chapman and Brewster (Portland) to be Governor of Maine (1925-1929), United States House of representatives (1935-1941), United States Senator 1941-1953--I could have, but did not know know this cousin. Many happy miles were spent accompanying my father figure during growing years. As Chairman of the Republican party in the State of Maine (on and off)over twenty five years, Bradford Hutchins (Bowdoin/Princeton/Yale) would have assisted the elections of this notable Brewster. With gratitude to Mark Stephens and his continuing rescue of the Brewster

mansion and history of its owners, may many descendants of the Elder follow my tracks to Dexter, Maine. ---by Anne Jones Hall

DOMINICA NIETO RECEIVES HOUSTON COLONY AWARD

The first scholarship of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas Houston Colony was presented to Dominica Nieto by Charles Prince and Lisa Pennington on May 3, 2014. The \$1620 scholarship memorializes the year 1620, when Mayflower Pilgrims and other passengers concluded their 66-day voyage to the New World.

The scholarship has been established to help deserving descendants of Houston Colony members in acquiring a higher education, in the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves and who will likely benefit from a scholarship.

Dominica graduated from Carnegie Vanguard High School where she was a member of the Aviation, Media, and canine clubs. She was also a member of Amigos de Las Americas and through that program, she spent eight weeks in Peru doing community volunteer work.

Dominica is both a United States citizen and a citizen of Mexico.

She is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio and will major in Business with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship. Her goal is to own her own business. Dominica, a Texas Mayflower Junior Member, is descended from William Brewster and Edward Doty.'

***Hello and Thank You from Your
New Editor***

I am very excited to be editing my first issue of The Elder Brewster Press, and am so grateful to Gregory Thompson for his guidance and the trust he has placed in me in assuming this new role.

My grandmother and my mother (through whom my Brewster line has come down to me) both loved to write, and were both pretty good at it. Gramma Brainard wrote under pseudonyms for True Story, Modern Romance, and the like, because my grampa did not approve of her hobby/passion. She also wrote letters to the editor of the Waterbury, CT newspapers, and gave talks about her 5th great-grandmother, the unfortunate Rebecca Towne Nurse.

My mother wrote many comical articles for the Crosby High School newspaper, The Argus. Though her desire was to be a journalist, her father's rule prevailed, and this was denied her. She had two career choices: nurse or teacher. Unhappily but dutifully, she entered Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing, but dropped out after one semester. She continued writing- in a small way- ad copy for Waterbury radio stations. Once my sister and I were old enough to be left with a babysitter, she went back to work part time for the Waterbury Republican-American, writing for the society page. There were short stories that came back from various publishers with kind letters. Her biggest story was the one published in 1960 by The Ladies Home Journal, entitled "I Dieted During My Pregnancy!" The magazine was very good to her, putting mommy and daddy up for a night or two in a New York Hotel, sending them to a Broadway show, and giving my mother a beautiful makeover and a designer dress and the "glossy" photos to keep. But that, as far as I know, was the end of her writing career. Sadly, her last writing was done as an assignment for a college writing class from which she withdrew due to ill health, which was diagnosed finally as lupus, and which

took her away from my father, my sister, and me in May of 1969, just shy of her thirty-eighth birthday.

So here I am, ready to take up the writing reins as your editor. We'll see where this horse takes me. Respectfully yours: Benita Stuart Towle

Message From Your President

I am pleased to find the Elder William Brewster Society to be a vibrant, financially sound and growing group of historically minded cousins. For this I would like to thank both the officers who have contributed in previous terms and especially those who are continuing into the future with me. Like all hereditary / historical groups our future is dependent on recruiting new members. While we are growing, it would be great to see young blood in the group. If anyone has any input as to how best to attract the younger crowd please let me know. Please don't forget the younger members of your family. John Bradford Towle.

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:

Bonnie Towle - Editor
98D East Broadway
Milford, Ct 06460

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence about renewals and new memberships to me at my new address:

Gregory Evan Thompson
17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512

Please send all RENEWALS to:

Jane Cobb

604 Mallow Scrub Way
Sebastian , Florida 32958

Membership fees have not changed in many years. They currently are \$20.00 for a three year membership with your newsletter mailed to your address, or : \$15.00 if you wish to receive the newsletter via e mail. Remember, if you choose the second option you MUST keep me updated on any changes that you make to your e mail address or it will bounce back and you will not receive the newsletter. Currently, I have at least 50 addresses that are out of date, so Please let me know when the addresses change.

Triennial Meeting Report

The Brewster Society Triennial meeting was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014. At 3:00 p.m. at the Radison Hotel, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Vice President, Ben Brewster led the meeting. Julia Parker Post, Secretary, read the minutes from the 2011 meeting which were accepted.

Jane Cobb, Treasurer gave that report which was also accepted.

Greg Thompson, Historian, reported that there were 567 current members. There are 57 who have died or have not paid their dues and were dropped. Greg reported that he has a Mayflower database which he uses to help new perspective members and those who inquire about the society. Life membership was brought up, but Greg explained that the book keeping involved would make this type of membership unfeasible at this point. But, he mentioned that a member could pay in advance and since our membership is so inexpensive,

you could create your own life membership by paying 20 or 30 years in advance.

Our member, William Warner of Connecticut, designed a brand new Brewster Society insignia (see Pg2) which Greg put to the membership for vote for authorization to spend \$1,000 for the purchase of medals to sell to the membership. The motion was carried. It was decided by the officers, that each person who was a member that attended the Triennial meeting, would receive a medal for attending. It was agreed that the new insignia would be sold to “ Members Only” for \$35.00 each, plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling.

Greg Thompson, brought to the members, the new slate of officers for the years 2014 to 2017. There were no motions from the floor to oppose the slate. It was voted on and carried. See page one for the new slate of officers.

Vice President Benjamin Brewster after many years of service to the Society, decided during the meeting to step down and hand over the Vice Presidency to a new member. He was thanked for his years of service.

Honorary Member, Patricia Fortaine, introduced Sue Allen from Scrooby, England who is promoting the construction and fund raising for a visitor’s center on the property of the Old Scrooby Manor Mansion, in Scrooby, England. She spoke on the subject and what is currently in progress, and about the support that is needed in order to accomplish this goal. She will need to raise a certain amount of money before the Government will give a grant for construction of the center. The name of the

organization that she is working with is the “ Pilgrim Fathers UK Origin Association”. On the next page is a questionnaire/Survey which she would like members to fill out to show interest in the organization.

Some photos of the Brewster Meeting.



Sue Allen discussing the Visitors Center to be built at Scrooby Manor.



Jonathan Brewster (actor) from the Plymouth plantation addressing the group.



Greg Thompson, Ben Brewster and Julia Parker Post at the Brewster Meeting



Our members enjoying the Buffet.

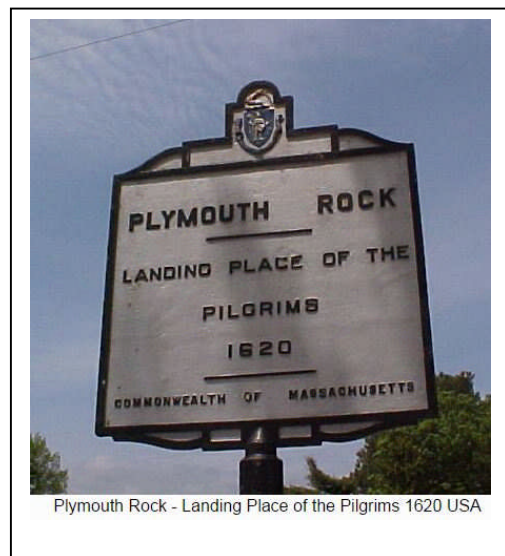
After the meeting, which concluded at 4:00 pm followed by the dinner at 6:00 p.m. 89 guests joined us for dinner. We had a wonderful Buffet of Turkey, Roast Beef, assorted vegetables and various desserts.

After dinner, we had an actor who played Jonathan Brewster telling us about life at the Plymouth Plantation during the early years of Pilgrim history. He did an excellent job in his presentation.

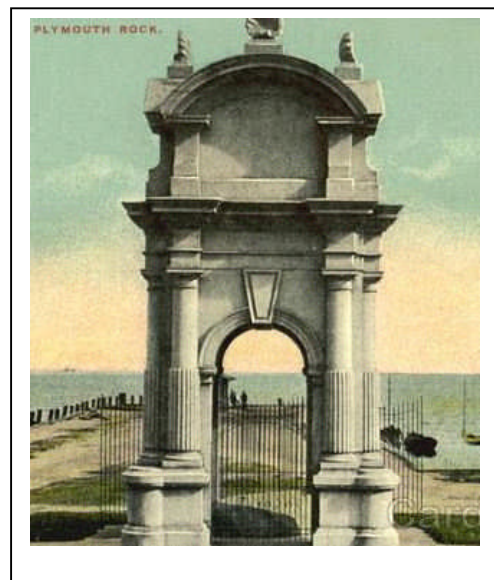
With several new officers, we are looking forward to bringing the society into a new era, as well as increasing the size of

membership. We are always looking for suggestions and ideas of what our members would like to see either in the newsletter, or in terms of membership. Please feel free to contact us with any comments.

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Plymouth Rock - Landing Place of the Pilgrims 1620 USA



Questionnaire/Survey

Proposed Heritage/Education Centre in Scrooby, UK

1. Yes, I would like to become a "400th Anniversary Member' of the Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association. \$80 family membership \$25 single membership.

I will pay my subscription by:

Paypal (via www.pilgrimfathersoriginsassociation.org)

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Other.....

2. I pledge to pay an annual membership donation of \$..... by:

Paypal

Other

3. I pledge to make a donation to the Heritage/Education Centre Fund of \$..... by

Paypal

Other

4. I/my family/friends, would visit the centre in the future YES/NO

In 2020

YES/NO

In another year:

5. If flights were available, I would fly into Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster (5 miles from Scrooby and Austerfield). Yes/No

Name:Email:.....

Address:

Any other comments:.....

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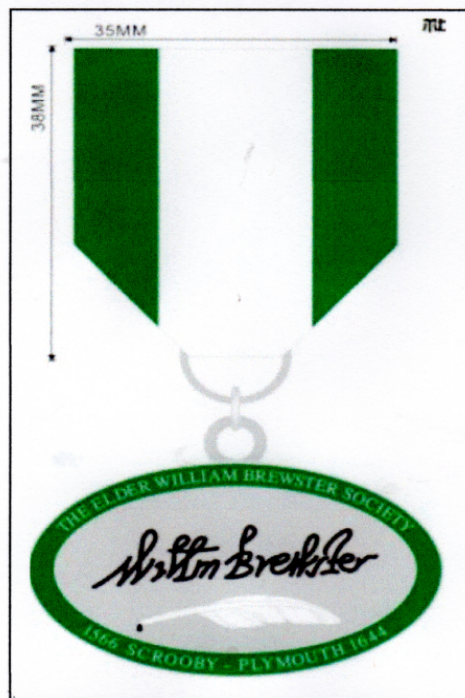
If you wish to help this organization, please fill out this questionnaire, and mail it to me at Gregory E. Thompson, 17 David Drive, East Haven, Ct 06512. When I receive them, I will forward them to Sue Allan in England. If you wish to donate money, please do so online at :

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BREWSTER SOCIETY INSIGNIA NOW AVAILABLE!

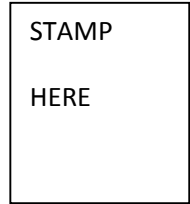
We now have insignia available for “members only” of the Elder William Brewster Society.

\$35.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling



Mail payment to: Gregory Thompson, 17 David Drive,
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