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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of last report, 5/25/15
\$33,439.37

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 635.00
Brewster Pins	\$395.00
Donation Cemetery Project	\$940.00
	\$1970.00

Expenses

Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$ 890.35
Hotel Dep. Triennial Meeting.	\$500.00
Tri-Cnty Memorials Cem. Proj.	\$2000.00
	-\$3390.35

Balance as of 10/12/16 \$33,860.01

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Cobb,
Treasurer

A Message from the Treasurer...

The next Triennial Meeting is September, 2017. Only a year away!! Not too early to make your plans/reservations. The invitation is included in this publication

Reminder: If you see 2016 on your mailing label. "It's Time To Renew!"

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

If you provide us with an email address for sending the newsletters, the dues is \$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. Please remember: **if your email address changes, be sure to send it to us.**

(Not sure of your expiration date??? Send me an email and I will look it up.)

Send checks 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: Jane Cobb
bwater1@comcast.net

Be sure to type "Brewster Society" in subject line, so I won't delete the message.

Again...please check your expiration date!!
:-)

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

1. Robert Alan Tenney
2. Amy McKay Butler
3. Darien Bentz
4. Kathleen Sturgess Quimet
5. Chase Harrison Slaughter
6. Penelope Brewster
7. Benjamin Barnes Brewster, Jr.
8. William Wrestling Brewster
9. Abigail Brewster
10. Barbara Jean Knisell

11. Ernest J. Mortensen
12. Christopher Morgan
13. James Louis Langill
14. Bailey Aron Riley Langill
15. Harry Watts Swanson

***DONATIONS TO THE
BREWSTER CEMETERY
PROJECT***

We sincerely thank ALL of those members and other societies that have helped us in our quest to preserve the Brewster Neck Cemetery in Norwich, Ct. We have finished with the first project and there is plenty more to do, so please continue to contribute if you can. Those that gave this period are:

Ronald Miller, Wallace Paprocki, Muriel Owen, Joyce Bayless, Rae V. Meiser, Fred Burdick, Francis Robinson, Evelyn Harper, Caroline Tate, Debra Keller AND 3 members from the Ct Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to our passed member's family and friends.

James H Brewster, Jr.

East Falmouth, Massachusetts – James H Brewster, Jr., 87, passed away quietly at Falmouth Hospital on Monday, January 25, 2016, due to complications of pneumonia. He was born November 8, 1928 in Attleboro, Ma, the son of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Brewster, Sr.

A graduate of Attleboro High School (1946) Boston University (1948) and Babson College (1951) and he served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 in the Army Security Agency.

He was employed by Xerox Corporation for over 30 years in Sales and Management, primarily in the Boston and Philadelphia area.

Jim was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Marine Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Falmouth, Ma. He was also a fund raiser for the Shriner's Hospital for children. While he lived in Westborough, Ma he was a member of the Westborough Civic Club and while living in Wellesley, Ma he was the District Commissioner of the Westwell District of the Boy Scouts of America. He had also been an active member of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia during his time in Pennsylvania.

He was Vice-President of the Boston University Alumni Club of Cape Cod from 2002-2008 and he also enjoyed sailing, skiing and woodworking.

He was a 11th generation descendant of Elder William Brewster, religious leader of the Pilgrims. Jim was a member of the Mayflower Society and the Elder William Brewster Society.

In June of 1954, he married his beloved, Elizabeth Virginia Cresswell at St. Barnabas Memorial Church in Falmouth. They were married for 55 years until she passed in 2009.

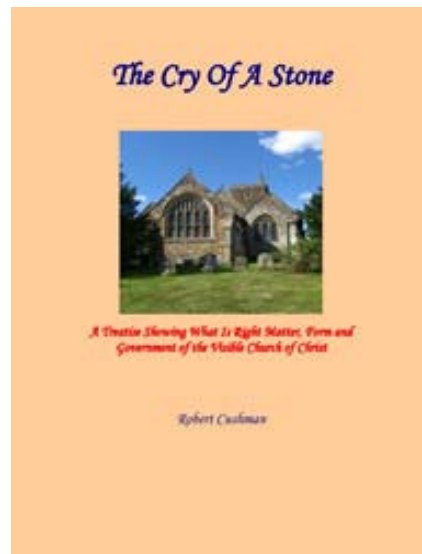
He is survived by his son, James H. Brewster III and daughter-in-law Christine Brewster of Port Washington, NY, three grandchildren, Melissa Struck,

Elizabeth Brewster and Mark Brewster: his daughter, Cynthia Brewster-Keating and son-in-law, James Ralph Keating of Aiken, S.C. two sisters, Harriet Verheyen of Lockport, New York, and Margaret Brewster of New York City, NY. And two nieces and one nephew.

The Brewster Society is happy to publish obituaries in the Elder Brewster Press (space permitting) Please submit them either by postal mail or email to the editor.

The Brewster Society and its members send our condolences to the families who have lost loved-ones.

BOOK REVIEWS



The Cry of A Stone, A Treatise
Showing What Is Right Matter, Form
and Government of the Visible
Church of Christ
Robert Cushman 1619

Michael R. Paulick, Editor

James W. Baker, Transcription and Annotation

Foreword by Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson

*Published in 2016 by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants
188 pages*

Beginning to type this review into the current issue of EWBP, I had to mass-delete my articles from the last issue I edited a year ago, and bumped right into “Learning How Little I Know.”

“I was going to write about the evolution of religious tolerance and about religious dissidents in early Massachusetts. But the more I read, the more I realized how much I have to learn, in order to cover either topic even superficially, and my desire was to go deep. So for now, I will stick with smaller topics and leave the big ones to true scholars who are also very good writers...”

Well, I was right to say that, especially having read a good part of this reprint of Robert Cushman’s 1619 treatise. I do know a little more now, but only a little. Many other reviewers, more knowledgeable than I, have written about it- in rightfully glowing terms- I might add. I do now see a little better why the Mayflower Pilgrims were not friendly toward disciples of other faiths or denominations who came to town, and I think it is a very important thing that others also

understand. As James Baker states in his preface,

“The Separatists knew that their beliefs would conflict with other people’s consciences and they did not force anyone to conform. Only a minority of Plymouth residents were ever accepted into full church membership. However, they were not about to allow dissidents to lead people into perceived “error,” asking them rather to keep their views to themselves.” Cushman’s own wife, by the way, was a Puritan but not a Separatist (they must have had some interesting arguments!).

The book should be on every Mayflower student’s shelf as a reference, if not as “fun” reading. Truth to tell, the reading was rough going, even for me, for whom reading is almost a vice. The Pilgrims had a very different worldview from most 20th-21st century first world people, as well as an interior life wildly divergent from the same group. As Mr. Baker so helpfully tells us in his preface, to them, the only true form of “Christianity,” was that “revealed in the Bible in the practice and injunctions of the ‘primitive’ Apostolic Church. It was imperative that all Christians acknowledge and obey these examples to the utmost of their ability, *whatever the cost* (italics mine) in worldly terms.” Then there was predestination, the doctrine whereby all souls to be saved were already chosen throughout eternity: the Elect. Now,

follow me: “only the Elect (Saints) could be members and benefit from the devotions in a true Church.” So that, hoping they might be members of the Elect, they created and worshiped in their own Church. The way of the Mayflower or Leiden Pilgrims was considered (by them) a moderate or “middle” way. As descendants of William Brewster, this is spiritually part of where we come from. Had I been born back then, I think it is safe to say that I would have remained in the “unregenerate” national Anglican Church.

As much as latter-day historians have tried to rehabilitate the perception of our Pilgrim ancestors from their very serious, “nothing funny here” persona, in the mind of this descendant, the “Saints” must evermore remain straitjacketed by their very deep religious beliefs, showcased and explained in this volume. I found the foreword, preface, and annotations to be a great help in understanding Cry of A Stone; indispensable, to be honest.

Benita Stuart Towle

FAMOUS BREWSTERS



Kingman Brewster Jr. was born in Longmeadow MA, June 17, 1919. Both of his parents were Phi Beta Kappa. His father, Kingman Brewster Sr. was graduated from Amherst College and the Harvard Law School. His mother, Florence Foster (nee Besse) was graduated from Wellesley College. His maternal grandfather, Lyman W, Besse owned a large chain of clothing stores known as “The Besse System”.

When he was four, his parents separated and later divorced. His mother remarried to Edward Ballantine, a Harvard music professor. Brewster entered Yale University where he was chairman of *Yale Daily News*. While at Yale, he turned down an invitation to join the exclusive fraternity Skull and Bones,

a very unusual thing to do. After his graduation from Yale, he entered the military where he would meet his future wife and the mother of his five children, Mary Louise Phillips. Mary had attended but not graduated from Vassar. He had volunteered immediately after Pearl Harbor and served as a Naval aviator.

Brewster worked for a year as an assistant to Professor Milton Katz who was in Paris implementing the Marshall Plan. At Katz's suggestion he starting working at MIT in the Department of Economics and Social Sciences. From 1950 to 1953 he was an assistant professor of law at Harvard and then in 1953-1960 as a full professor.

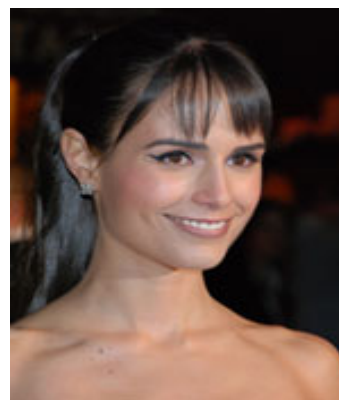
Brewster is most remembered from his time at Yale serving as Provost from 1960-1963 and President from 1963 to 1977. It was a tumultuous time in American History and Brewster's term featured some controversies. He is remembered for his skillful handling of student protesters during the Vietnam War.

While serving as President of Yale, Kingman Brewster was appointed by Jimmy Carter as the US Ambassador to Great Britain. He was a popular ambassador with the British population and was involved in smoothing over difficulties with Rhodesia.

After his service as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, he served as Master of University College, Oxford until his death in 1986.

An interesting life with service to many great institutions of learning.

1. William Brewster (c 1566 - 1644) & Mary (c 1569 - 1627)
2. Jonathan Brewster (1593 - 1661) & Lucretia Oldham (1600 - 1678)
3. Capt. Benjamin Brewster (1633 - 1710) & Ann Addis Dart (____ - 1660)
4. Capt. Daniel Brewster (1666/67 - 1735) & Hannah Gager (1666 - 1727)
5. Jonathan Brewster (1705 - 1776) & Mary Parish (1704 - 1771)
6. Deacon Jonathan Brewster (1734 - 1800) & Zipporah Smith (1735 - 1794)
7. Capt. Elisha Brewster (1755 - 1833) & Sara Huntington (1768 - 1841)
8. Elisha Huntington Brewster (1809 - 1878) & Sophronia Martha Kingman (1810 - 1879)
9. Charles Kingman Brewster (1843 - 1908) & Celina Sophia Baldwin (1840 - 1917)
10. Kingman Brewster Sr. (1882 - 1957) & Florence Foster Besse (1885 - 1965)
11. Kingman Brewster Jr. (1919 - 1988) & Mary Louise Phillips (1920 - 2004)
12. Alden Brewster (____ - ____) & Maria Joao Leal De Sousa (____ - ____)
13. Jordana Brewster (1980 -)



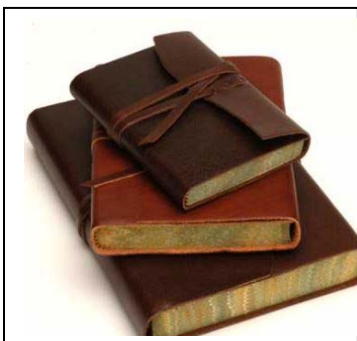
Jordana Brewster born in Panama City, Panama in 1980, was the child of Alden Brewster, an investment banker, and Maria Joao, a Brazilian swimsuit model who appeared on the 1978 cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. She is the granddaughter of Kingman Brewster Jr, She is married to producer Andrew Form whom she met while filming The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning. She has two children born via a gestational surrogate.

Jordana began her acting career in the soap opera, All my Children and then performed in As the World Turns for which she won Outstanding Teen Performer. She landed a starring role in the 1999 NBC television series The 60s. Her career breakthrough role came in the Fast and Furious series of movies. She received two Teen Choice awards for her role in The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning.

She has appeared on many other TV shows as both a guest or in a recurring role.

John Bradford Towle

We are always looking for interesting articles that are about Brewster Descendants. Please feel free to send articles on your family. Space permitting, we will publish them when we can.



Update on the Brewster Neck Cemetery Project

A while ago, we were approached by the Ct Society of Mayflower Descendants who had been in touch with Fred Burdick, A Mayflower Society and Brewster Society member regarding the disrepair and deterioration of the Stone of Jonathan Brewster, son of Elder William Brewster.

His stone had been tipped over and was almost entirely buried in the ground. With Fred's experience, he knew well, that this stone could no longer be left there if there was anything to be left of it for further generations. Fred asked us if we would be willing to raise money to have what was left of the Brewster Stone sand-blasted into the Monolith behind it that was placed by the Colonial Dames many years ago. Of course we said yes. And with the donations of some very generous members and a donation from members of the CT. Society of Mayflower Descendants we were able to have the stone moved. The Brewster Society donated one thousand dollars to the project. The total cost to have the project done amounted to \$2,000. Anyone with any experience with gravestone repair, knows that it is a costly endeavor.

Fred also repaired two bases for two stone of relatives of Jonathan at his own time and expense, and we thank him for doing that.

With the above said, there is still much work to be done at this cemetery, including repairing the iron gate at the entrance, cleaning some of the stones that have moss on them, as well as repairing a number of stones that are damaged. This of course will

be a long-term project and money will be needed for this project in the years to come.



On the left, you will see two pictures. The first one is showing the obelisk and its inscription to Jonathan Brewster. If you look on the right hand side, you will see a brown square. That is where Jonathan's original stone was sand-blasted into the side of the monument.

The second picture shows a front view of the monument and shows the stone in its position on the obelisk. The way the stone has been mounted will prevent it from being damaged by the elements and will insure that this stone will be there for our future generations to view.



For anyone who had the opportunity to visit Connecticut, this cemetery is located in Norwich, right across the river from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Montville. It is located not far from where the Ct State Norwich hospital was located (now demolished) on property that was originally part of the land that was given to Jonathan from Indian Chief Uncas in the early 1600's.

Buried there along with Jonathan are many of his descendants. It's really worth the visit if you are in the area.

Donations are still being accepted for the Cemetery project. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used expressly for the project.

Gregory Evan Thompson
Historian

BREWSTER SOCIETY INSIGNIA

The new Brewster Insignia has been selling fast. We have sold most of our supply but still have some left. If you want one, please purchase them as soon as you can, as we are not sure when a new supply will be ordered. The cost is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Please send your request to:

Gregory Evan Thompson
17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512

Please make your check payable to:

The Elder William Brewster Society

UPCOMING TRIENNIAL MEETING

It's hard to believe that almost three years has gone by already, and that it's time for the Triennial Meeting. On the next page you will find the reservation form, please copy it, or tear it out and send in your reservations as soon as possible. If you are coming from out of town, make your reservations for a hotel early, as the General Society meets at the same time and the area Hotel's fill up fast. There are a number of great Hotel's in the Plymouth area.

Our meeting will be hold at **Hotel 1620**, which is the former Radisson Hotel. It is

located at 180 Water Street and you can call and make a reservation at: **508-747-4900**.

The second Hotel that I could recommend to you is the **Comfort Inn**, It is not located on the water front but it is at 155 Samoset Street in Plymouth, you may call and make a reservation at: **844-395-9647**.

One of the most popular Hotels in the center of town is **The John Carver Inn**, located at 25 Summer Street. It is one of the oldest Hotels in the area and is said to be haunted. You may make a reservation by contacting them at: **844-395-9647**.

Our last recommendation would be for the **Hampton Inn**, it is located at 10 Plaza Way and they can be reached at: **844-395-9647**.

Our speaker for the meeting will be **Fred Burdick**, who was mentioned earlier as the man who has worked with us on the Cemetery Project. Fred will talk about the cemetery, its history and will have a great slide presentation on the work that is being done, as well as what needs to be done. It most certainly will be a very interesting talk. Fred is a member of the Elder William Brewster Society. Fred is the Historian for the Town of Stonington and is descended from almost ALL of the original founders and families of that town. He is on the Board of the Avery Memorial Society. He does a lot of cemetery repair work and I believe he's even published a few books. A very interesting gentlemen who I know you will enjoy listening to.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30, 2017

We hope to see a lot of you there.

*You are cordially invited to attend the
2017 Triennial Meeting
Of
The Elder William Brewster Society*

Saturday, September 9, 2017

*Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
(Formerly Radisson Plymouth)
180 Water Street
Plymouth, Massachusetts*

*Memorial Service at Brewster Gardens
2:00 P.M. (pending)
Meeting (Members Only)
3:00 P.M.
"Meet & Greet" Cocktail Hour
5:00 P.M.
Dinner / \$35.00 per person
6:00 P.M.*

*Please use the form below when placing your reservations. Reservations must be **received**
no later than August 30, 2017. Space is limited, so be sure to **reserve early!***

*Checks should be made payable to **The Elder William Brewster Society** and sent to:
Jane Cobb, 604 Mallow Scrub Way, Sebastian, FL 32958 (\$35.00 pp)*

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*Elder William Brewster Triennial Meeting
September 9, 2017*

Name(s) attending dinner: Member: _____
(Please print)

Guest(s): _____

Please circle: Attending Memorial Service (if one is held) Y N

Number attending meeting (Members Only) _____

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

A phone number would be greatly appreciated: _____

*****ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 30, 2017*****

Things to see while visiting Plymouth, Ma.



Founders Monument



Burial Hill

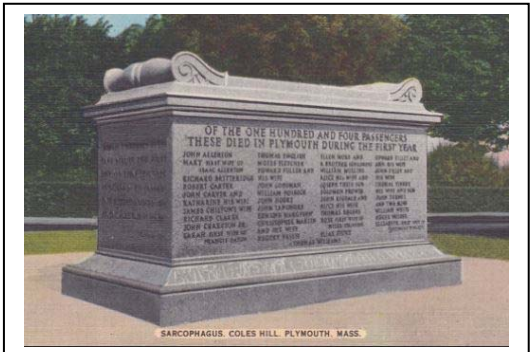


Plymouth Rock



Plymouth Plantation

Burial Vault on Coles Hill



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