

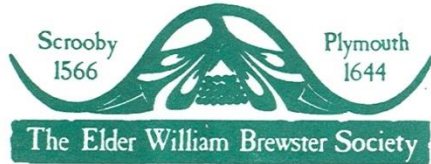
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ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT 10/25/22 – 3/15/23

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Balance as of last published report, 10/25/22
\$39,166.51

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| Receipts | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 515.00 |
| Application Fees | \$ 275.00 |
| Tri Mtg. Dinners | \$ 525.00 |
| Deposit Correction | \$ 40.00 |
| | \$ 1315.00 |

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| Expenses | |
| Postage, Printing, Supplies | \$ 945.34 |
| Domain Registry (2yrs) | \$ 105.00 |
| Website Host Renewal | \$ 31.16 |
| GSMD – Partnership Renewal | \$ 250.00 |
| Reimbursement for 2 dinners | \$ 70.00 |
| | - \$1401.50 |

Balance as of 03/15/23 \$39,120.01

Respectfully submitted – Jane E. Cobb
Treasurer

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

The Triennial Meeting is September 9, 2023!! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you, as it has been WAY too long!! The invitation and reservation form are included in this newsletter. Space is limited, so it is important to reserve your place NOW. This will be on a first come, first served basis. **All checks need to be made payable to Elder William Brewster Society.**

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 the newsletters.

DUES: If you see **2023** 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.** Please do this as soon as possible. Postage is at an all time high and it costs our society a lot of money to sent out all the reminders. Again, just drop me an email, if you are not sure of your membership date.

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

Members who receive the newsletters via Email: \$15.00

Checks must be made payable to the Elder William Brewster Society and sent to:

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

Email address: brewsoc1620@gmail.com

Warmest Wishes....

Sincerely,
Jane

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Historian has approved 8 new members, please welcome them:

1. **Marybeth Louise Roper Anderson**
Warrenville, IL
2. **Alan Jewett**
Wilmington, DE
3. **Craig Martin Failor**
Oak Park, IL
4. **Beverly Ann Burden**
Honolulu, HA
5. **Diane Ruth Evans**
Arnold, MD
6. **Donna Bee Ulrich**
Albany, OR
7. **Patricia Gail Meyer**
Checktowaga, NY
8. **Dania Adelia Van Schuyler**

Welcome to all of our New Members!!!

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 good supply of Brewster Insignia pins. 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.

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
17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512-1125



other Mayflower descendants on the Mayflower Society’s trip to Holland and England. One of the stops was to visit the former home of Elder William Brewster, in Scrooby, England. Because the Governor General was also on the trip, they had the

NEW CHALLENGE COIN

(BENEFITS PILGRIM MEETINGHOUSE)

The Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Ma is one of my favorite charities. Please help support the Meetinghouse by purchasing on of these beautiful Challenge Coin. All proceeds after the cost of the coin are given to this great cause.

Make All Checks payable to: CSMD

Mail checks to:

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(Postage is being paid by G.E.T.)



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Please help me raise money for this very important piece of history and to help educate the public about the Pilgrims.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

The following article was submitted by: Kathryn Brewster Haueisen from Blacklick, OH. Thank you for your submission.

A Brewster Homestead in Ohio

The Descendants of Elder William Brewster and his wife Mary fill two thick volumes of the “Brewster Genealogy” 1566-1907 compiled by Emma C. Jones in 1908. It has

since been republished by Forgotten Books, (www.ForgottenBooks.com). My branch of the family descends from William and Mary's son, Jonathan, then Benjamin and on toward my generation through all men until my great grandmother, Emma Jeanette Brewster Ross. Our branch moved from Plimoth Plantation to Connecticut, to Vermont, and into Ohio in the early 1800's.

My great grandmother Emma Brewster's grandfather is recorded variously as Johnston, Jonathan, and Johnson. Born in Tinmouth, VT in 1780, he moved to Ohio in 1802. In 1812 he married Catherine Reise, the same year this stone farmhouse was completed, according to the date on the apex of the home. It was built from stones hauled by wagon from a nearby quarry and is located in Salt Creek Township, on Chandlersville Road (Route 146), a few miles southeast of Zanesville. Johnston and Catherine are buried at a cemetery in nearby Duncan Falls.

One of their sons, Ozem, born in 1825 is credited with being one of the first native Muskingum pioneers. Another of their sons, Stephen Brewster, is our link to the Mayflower Brewsters. He and his wife Elizabeth Brown has six children, four sons and a set of twin girls. One of the twins was Emma, my great-grandmother. Stephen and several others of his family are also buried in the Duncan Falls Cemetery, including Emma and her husband, Smiley Hugh Ross.

Kevin and Deborah Deal live next to what was the Brewster farm. John T. Deal purchased the farm in 1891. The house was inherited by his daughter, Alice upon his death and the land by his son, Silvers R. Deal. Alice sold the house and moved to Zanesville about 1940. It was always Silver's

dream to have the house back in the family. This was accomplished in 1965. Deborah believes Ozem and his family were the last Brewsters to occupy the home. The Deal family have lived in the house off and on through the decades. Lance Deal, Deborah's son is considering remodeling the house as a family guest house. Deborah has an old photo of a church picnic along the lane bordering the property, which shows up on a map as Brewster's Lane.

I am most grateful to Deborah for her help researching the history of this former Brewster home. She is co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburg, PA, an organization dedicate to providing in-depth genealogical education. She say that as a farm wife, married to a man whose family has been farming the same land since 1830, she understands the importance of preserving the heritage of the land and it's people.

My mother (Elizabeth Jeanette Ross Hieber) was equally dedicated to preserving our family's Brewster history. Her detailed research into our family's connections to Elder William Brewster prompted me to write *Mayflower Chronicle: The Tail of Two Cultures*, released in 2020. My new historical fiction biography of the Elder's les well-known wife Mary was published by Van Velzer Press in March 2023. *Mary Brewster's Love Life: Matriarch of the Mayflower*, recounts the first seven years in a new settlement. She was one of four women still alive the following fall. Both books are available in print and eBook through my website: www.HowWiseThen.com or wherever books are sold as well as in numerous libraries

Those these books are not genealogical resources; they do accurately follow the trail from Scrooby to Leiden to Plimoth. I wrote them as fiction so I could have people talking to one another and sharing their reactions to the remarkable adventures they had.



As a builder of houses, Wrestling would have been aware of the need for tight, sturdy construction, ample fireplaces and nearby out-buildings. Bundles of hay stacked against exterior walls would be substitutes for today's wall insulation. Was I in the attic too?

Wrestling's houses had no running water, indoor plumbing or bathtubs. Can we imagine the discomfort and danger of a trip to the outhouse? Or to feed and bed down the oxen, cow and hogs. No wonder the first in the fireplace never as permitted to die. Yet, in winter heavy loads could be moved over ice and snow, and travel by sleigh was not limited as by the muddy and dusty paths of summer.

FROM THE BREWSTER BOOK

The following article comes from a book given to the society many years ago called: *English Thread in American Homespun*: Page 3-5

THE LITTLE ICE AGE

" Climatologists call the period around 1400 until 1850 the " Little Ice Age" when much of the Northern Hemisphere was in the grip of significantly colder weather than we have now. From 1645 until 1715, when it was it's coldest, the River Thames in England froze over on its surface. By 1815 the weather had warmed, and the Thames stopped freezing.

Wrestling Brewster and his family lived their entire lives during this colder period, frequently in winter having their house buried in snow to it's roofline, as is recorded in some Plymouth Colony villages.

The following is an entry that was transcribed from the "Brewster Book" which was transcribed by Caleb Johnson for the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. This article is from page 93 of this book.

"This entry was made by Daniel Brewster, The "Great Snow" of February 1717 is considered one of the biggest snowstorms to have ever hit New England. Cotton Mather wrote his own account of it: "One the twentieth of the last February there came on a snow, which being added unto what had covered the ground a few days before, made a thicker mantle for our Mother than what was usual: And ye storm with it was for the following day, so violent as to make all communication between ye neighbors every where to cease.... The Indians near a hundred years old, affirm that their fathers never told them of anything that equaled it. Vast numbers of

Cattel were destroyed in this Calamity. Whereof some there were.... Found standing dead on their legs, as if they had been alive many weeks after... One gentleman, on whose farms were now lost above 1100 sheep, which with other Cattel, were interred..in the Snow, writes me word that there were two sheep..found alive, which had been there all this time, and kept themselves alive by eating the wood of their dead companions.... A man had a couple of young Hoggs, which he gave over for dead. But on the twenty seventh day after their burial, they made their way out of a snowbank as the botto of which they had found a little Tansy to feed upon.... A vast multitude of Deer, for ye same cause, taking yt the same course. And ye Deep snow spoiling them of their only Defense, which is to run, they became such a prey to those Devourers, that it is thought not one in twenty escaped... It is incredible how much damage is done to ye orchards. For the Snow freezing to a crust, as high as the boughs of ye orchards. For the snow freezing to a crust, as high as the bough of ye trees... the Cattle also walking on ye crusted snow a dozen foot from ye ground, so fed upon ye Trees as very much to damnify them.”

The Brewster Ancestry of “Mamie” Eisenhower, wife of President D.D. Eisenhower.

William Brewster – Mary Brewster

Love Brewster – Sarah Collier

Wrestling Brewster – Mary _____

Jonathan Brewster – Mary Partridge

Sarah Brewster – Jehosaphat Holmes, Jr.

Elijah Holmes – Hannah Patterson/Pattison

Harriet Holmes – Asa Lord Sheldon

James Henry Sheldon – Susan Hill

Mary C Sheldon – Royal Houghton Doud

John Sheldon Doud – Elivera M. Carlson

Mamie Doud - Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower



Mrs. Mamie Doud Eisenhower

Wife of

President, Dwight David Eisenhower

*You are cordially invited to attend the
2023 Triennial Meeting
of
The Elder William Brewster Society*

Saturday, September 9, 2023

*Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
180 Water Street
Plymouth, Massachusetts*

*Meeting (Members Only) Atlantic Room
3:00 P.M.*

*Dinner | 6:00 P.M. | \$35.00 per person Atlantic Room
Featuring "The Pilgrim Buffet"*

*Please use the form below when placing your reservations. Reservations must be **received**
no later than September 1, 2023. Space is limited, so be sure to **reserve early!**
We have been assigned a small room. This will be on a first come/first served basis.*

*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)
brewsoc1620@gmail.com*

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*Elder William Brewster Triennial Meeting
September 9, 2023*

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

Guest(s): _____

Number attending meeting (Members Only) _____

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

A **phone number** would be greatly appreciated: _____

*****ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023*****

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