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TREASURER'S REPORT

05-9-18 – 10-02-18

Balance as of last report, 05-9-18
\$39,174.18

Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,325.00
Application Fees	\$ 485.00
Insignia Sales	\$ 240.00
Cemetery Proj. Donations	\$ 100.00

Subtotal Receipts \$2150.00

Expenses

Postage, Printing, Supplies	- \$925.51
Website Costs	\$538.31
Hotel 1620 -2020 Deposit	\$500.00

Balance as of 5-09-2018 \$39,360.36

Respectfully submitted
Jane Cobb, Treasurer

** - Unofficial until elected at 2020 meeting.

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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

REMINDER: If you see 2018 on your membership card, "It's time 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! Feel free to send me an email, if you are not sure of your date.

Members who receive the newsletter via postal mail: \$20.00

Members who receive the newsletter via email: \$15.00

(It is also important to keep us up to date if your email address changes.)

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

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

Respectfully,

PLEASE NOTICE THAT I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS. THANKS!

Jane Cobb, Treasurer
Bwater1@att.net

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The historian has approved 22 New Members. Please help me welcome them to our Society.

- 1. Dayna Lee Drake-Walker**
Plantsville, CT
- 2. Lore Waters Goodnight**
Santa Rosa, CA
- 3. Olivia Peterson**
Fort Myers, FL
- 4. Russell Edward Perkins**
Brockton, MA
- 5. Roberta Ford**
Pittstown, NJ
- 6. William Brewster Anderson**
Lutz, FL
- 7. Juliana Nichole Anderson**
Lutz, FL
- 8. Joel Augustin Anderson**

Lutz, FL

- 9. Preston Hugh Long**
Phoenix, AZ
- 10. Sarah Ann Shetland**
Griswold, CT
- 11. Amy Setser-Cochran**
John's Creek, GA
- 12. Sarah Andrews Stinson**
Holbrook, MA
- 13. Timothy Chandler Prince**
Hamilton, OH
- 14. Nancy Hambach Holzer**
Groton, MA
- 15. Kathryn McGregor**
Princeton, IN
- 16. James Patrick Finch**
Parker, CO
- 17. Matthew Drinkwater**
West Suffield, CT
- 18. Dorothy Kuehler Kidd**
Lighthouse Pt. FL
- 19. Della Regenold**
Topeka, KS
- 20. Sarah Elizabeth Perry**
Mill Valley, CA
- 21. Theresa Rosnagel Brown**
Brunswick, OH
- 22. Wendy Bridget Smith**
Bethesda, MD

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Everyone. We hope you all had a Great summer. I was fortunate enough to go on two wonderful vacations this summer, One to Greece and the other to Scotland. Now it's time to get ready for the cold winter that will be here shortly.

I want to remind all of you, that 2020 will be here before you know it. Time to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

There will be so much to do in Plymouth in 2020 and make sure you mark your calendars for Sept 2020 to join us for our Triennial Meeting in Plymouth. And remember to book your hotel VERY EARLY, as we expect thousands of people to be in the area during that September. The Mayflower Society alone will occupy a good amount of the Hotels in the area just for their members, so don't wait. I hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,

John Bradford Towle - President

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

One of the most frustrating things that I have to work with in emailing the newsletters is that each time there are as many as 25-30 bounce-backs because we don't have your correct email address. Could you all take a moment and let us know if you changed your email and email the correct one to us? It would be VERY HELPFUL to both myself and the treasurer, as well as help keep out costs down by not having to mail paper notices... Thanks!!!

New Membership Chairperson

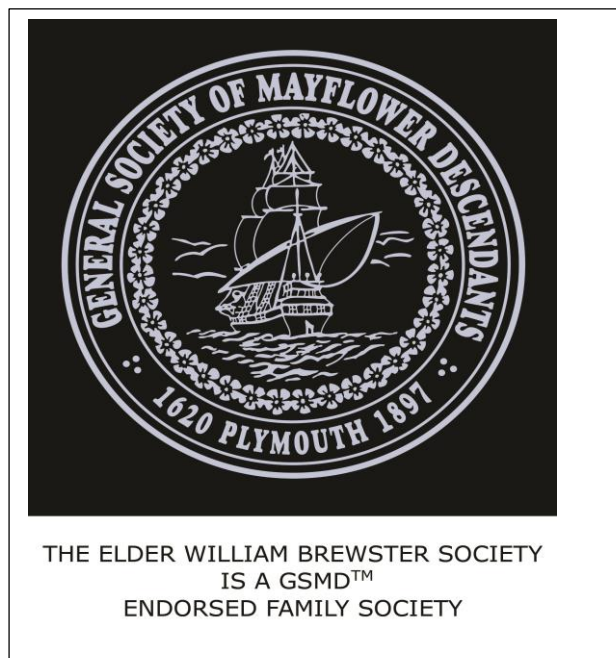
In the Last issue, I talked about our new Brewster Chairperson who is responsible for reviewing all new applications and then forwarding them to me for my approval. Her name again is **Barbara Lee-Kelly**.

I've been working with Barbara for the last 6 months and she has done a FANTASTIC Job in approving and forwarding completed applications to me for approval. I am so thankful and fortunate to have found

someone with so much experience and talent to take over this vital position. At our 2020 meeting she will be elected to this position and I shall resign. Barbara is the person to contact if you have members of the family who would like to join, etc. She may be reached at: blee1090@rocketmail.com.

Still looking for Newsletter Editor.

Do you have a few hours to put together a newsletter twice yearly? I am looking for someone who has some kind of editorial experience where you can create your own format, include basically anything you like. You must be able to get the newsletter done in May and November, as that is when our members expect to receive it. This is a VOLUNTEER position and you will be reimbursed for any expenses that you may incur. Please let Greg Thompson know at Gthomp5749@aol.com if you are interested.



Membership Deaths

I am very sad to report the death of Bette Innes Bradway, who help establish the Brewster Society along with her husband Phil who passed away several years ago.

I asked our former President, Arthur Young to put down on paper a few words about Bette and I will add to it, if I can.

“Bette was past Lt. Governor of the New York Albany Colony (Long before the title for our Colony changed to Governor. She has been our nominating Chair for more years than I can count: Bette was the person who knew everyone in the organization, when terms expired and who was good member to fill the position. Bette has served on our Albany Colony Board for more than 35 years. “

“She was one of the founders of the Elder William Brewster Society and served many positions throughout the years and continued to serve as a Director until her death”

“In September of 2003 at Congress, Bette was elected Historian General, 2004-2006, this was before the position became a paid job. Bette was really the last of our Societies Volunteer Historian Generals. She and her husband moved from their home in Niskayuna, New York and lived for 4 years in the then small apartment at Plymouth Headquarters. They took on this position because of their love of our Mayflower Society and could not have managed without Phil’s retirement income. Bette was the Historian who got most of our membership backlog caught up during her term of Office and she ran the Office not just doing membership backlog.”

“During her time as Historian General of our General Mayflower Society and as Historian for our New York State Mayflower Society, Bette approved or assisted obtaining membership approval for thousands of Mayflower memberships”

She and her husband Phil had been married for 43 years when he died in 2012.”

Bette was always ready and willing to help wherever and whenever she could, I she shall be sorely missed.

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 still have plenty of Brewster Insignia pins left. This beautifully designed insignia created by our member William Warner of CT, celebrates our pride to be a 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.

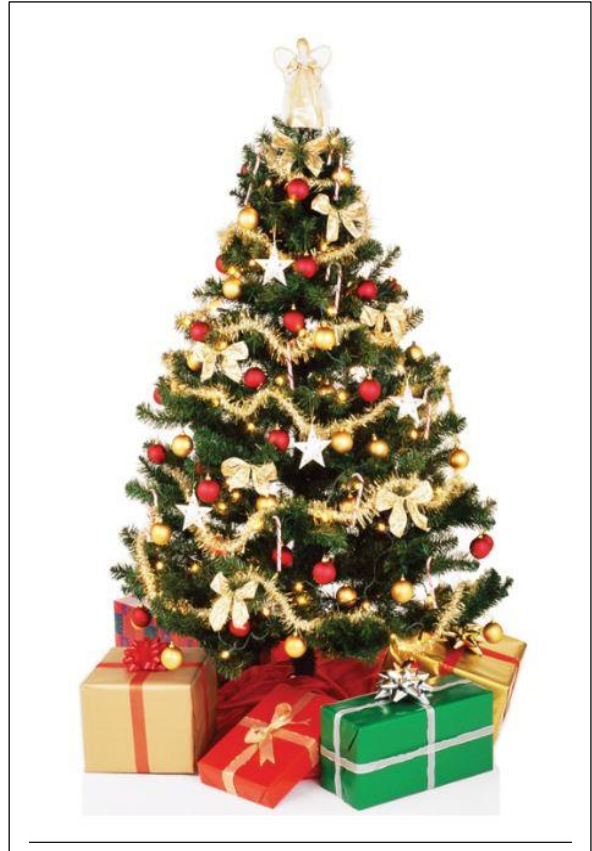
To order, they can be purchased for \$35.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

Mail all requests and checks to:

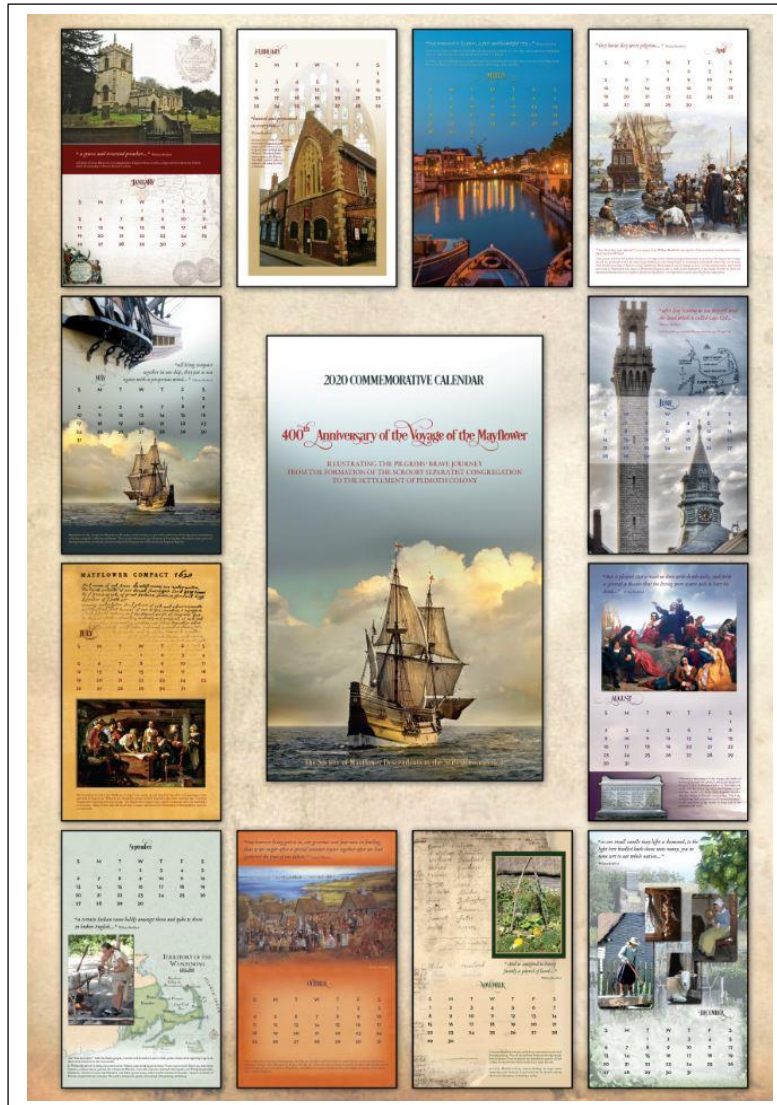
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17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512-1125



ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR THAT HARD TO BUY GENEALOGIST



Have you ever wondered what to purchase for the family member who LOVES genealogy or family history? This year we are very lucky to have several items of interest for that hard to find gift for your favorite genealogist. Normally I don't tout items for sale from other vendors, but these 3 items are just too good to not share with all of you.



This beautiful 2020 Calendar was created to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the Mayflower. It illustrates the Pilgrim's journey from their early days in England to the Settlement of Plimoth Colony in America along with the trials and blessings in between. Great effort was taken to provide accurate information as well as striking images. The Calendar pages can be viewed at http://ctmayflower.org/2020_calendar.php. Sales will benefit the Ct Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund. **\$20.00 each plus shipping and handling** Size is 11' X17.5' printed on 80# silk cover, and bound at the top with wire looping binding.

This can be ordered at: www.ctmayflower.org Paypal is available to pay.

DASHING DAN PUZZLES

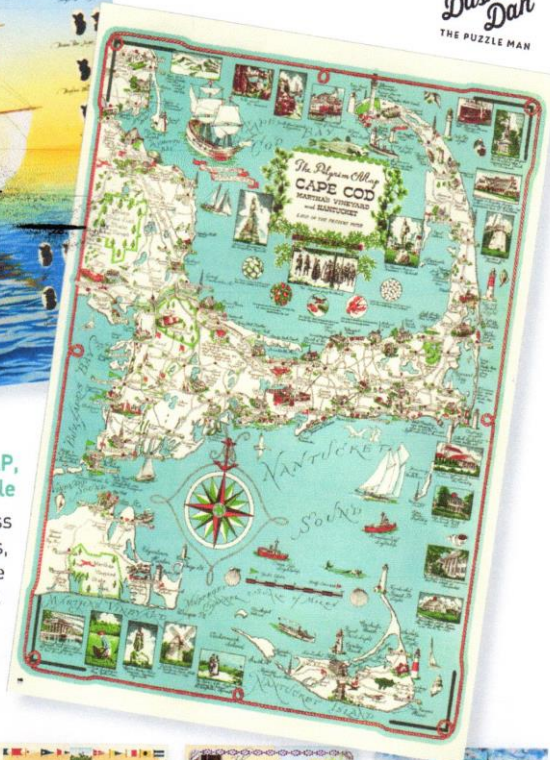
Share some jigsaw puzzle fun with your family this holiday season!



ACTUAL SIZE

MAYFLOWER PASSENGERS, 500 piece puzzle

The Brewster family is here along with all the Pilgrims who braved the 1620 voyage to the new world!



THE PILGRIM MAP, 1000 piece puzzle

Map features the Pilgrim's progress along the Cape detailing historical places, events, and people throughout the Cape and Islands, Plymouth, and Duxbury.

Puzzles measure 19.25" x 26.625"
Suitable for framing upon completion
Proudly made in the USA



SHOP AT WWW.DASHINGDAN.COM

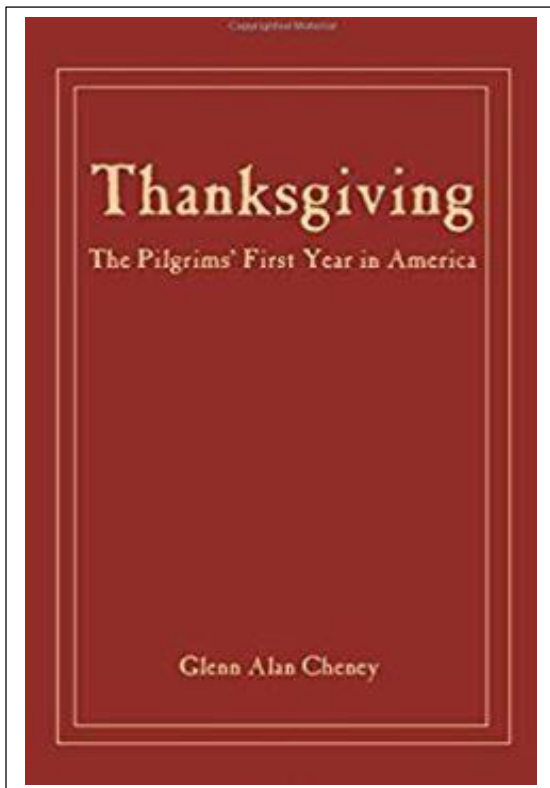
Every American should read...

Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims' First Year in America

It's a different kind of history. It's not about kings, battles, wealth or inventions. It's about just plain people who got off the boat in the wrong place at the wrong time and did what they had to do. And in so doing, they planted the seeds of a nation.

Every American needs to read this book before bowing for grace at Thanksgiving meal.

Excerpts at NLLibrarium.com/thanksgiving.



PURCHASE AT:

NLLibrarium.com/thanksgiving

**THE HOUSE ON HAMPTON HILL –
CONTINUED.**

Last issue, I published an article about the House on Hampton Hill. This was a home that was purchased by Rich Prario who bought the house and renovated it. This issue I'm going to show you pictures of the house and Rich's hard work. These pictures are courtesy of Rich Prario.





HELPFUL RESEARCH TIPS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER.

Did you know that the Mormon's have been microfilming the world's records for over 50 years? Did you also know that they keep these world records in a Granite Mountain Vault which is storm, bombproof, fireproof, etc.? You probably did, however, did you know that most of the 2.5 Million rolls of microfilm have been added online for all to access FREE OF CHARGE!!! What began about 8 years ago as a ten year project is now almost completed.

No longer do you have to always go to the town clerk's office if you need a vital record before 1900, or that land record before, say 1930. Now, you can access them online from their website at www.familysearch.org.

Once you go to the web site it will ask you to create an account with a password, just so they will know who is accessing their records.

Once you sign on, you will go to the Catalog and look for the area you are researching. For instance, if you are researching in New Haven, you'll enter the following:

Connecticut, New Haven, New Haven,
The State, the County and the Town.
Once you do that, it will tell you what is available for that town.

You simply click on the record group that you are interested in and hit enter. The records that are available will be shown. Some records, however have restrictions and are either not available to the public, or you need to go to a local family history center to access that record. Most record

are accessible. You will see various symbols next to the records you want to access here they are and what they mean:



If you see this symbol, it means that there is a picture of the actual document and it's accessible.

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If you see this symbol, it means that It is restricted and you must go to a Family history center to access it.



If you see this symbol it means that There is an index AND the picture of the original record available.



If you see this symbol, it means that You will need to go to a family history center to access this record

Gone are the days where you must go to the repository to access records. As an experience genealogist, I can now do most of my research from home, and at 3 a.m in the morning if I so wish. A long way from the good old days. Of course not everything is online yet, but a good portion of the earlier records are.

Have Fun and give this site a whirl. I can promise you that you won't be disappointed.

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