

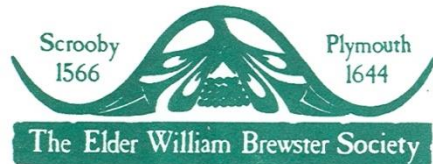
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Message from the President's Desk

Hello Brewster Cousins:

I hope that this newsletter reaches all of you in good health and happiness.

I have just received news that the "Brewster Bell" which the society donated a substantial amount of money to the Mayflower Meetinghouse, is going to be installed in time for Christmas. There is a small article on page 4.

For those of you who volunteered to help with various projects in our society, thank you for doing so, and I have not forgotten your generous offers. I will be in touch with all of you soon.

Don't forget to get your Brewster Insignia, I have a good supply of them, and they can be purchased by Members Only! See the advertisement on page 4. They make great Christmas gifts.

Please remember to keep your email address current as I get a lot of bounce backs when the newsletters are sent out electronically. It also makes it much easier for our treasurer, Jane to let you know when your dues are due. Let's make it easier for her by keeping both your email and your postage addresses up to date!

Our Historian and membership chair has been VERY BUSY with a lot of new applicants. Remember you can enroll family members very easily by just providing documents to a current member. Contact Barbara for details.

Have a Happy Holiday Season to all of you!

Gregory Evan Thompson, President

**ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
4/30/24- 10/14/24**

Balance as of last report, presented at the
Triennial Meeting \$40,343.52

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 2,305.00
Application Fees	\$ 330.00
Insignia	\$ 238.00

\$43,216.52

EXPENSES

Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$ 1267.50
Web Hosting	\$ 216.83
Overage Refund to Member	\$ 5.00

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Balance as of 10/14/24 \$41,727.19

Respectfully submitted – Jane E. Cobb
Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Please check those expiration dates:

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 **2024** 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 send 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: brewsoc1620@gmail.com

Warmest wishes:

Sincerely, Jane Cobb

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The historian has approved 13 New Members. Please help me welcome them to our Society.

1. Tedi J Roach
Seaside, OR
2. Susan C E Johnson
Kingston, TN
3. Betty Miller Ramsey
Nashville, TN
4. Fred H. Rhoads
Myrtle Beach, SC
5. Jacqueline Lynn Cole
Sioux Falls, SD
6. Douglas Alan Lahey
Georgetown, TX
7. Sharon Rae Holmgren

- St. Paul, MN
8. Michael Edward McHenry
Highland Heights, OH
 9. Nina Jean Truman Greenberg
Port Saint Lucie, FL
 10. Sharon Elaine Rooks
Jacksonville, FL
 11. Craig L Howland
Parsonsfield, ME
 12. Rebecca Elizabeth Howland
Concord, NH
 13. Jean Elizabeth Buckhout
Elliott City, MD

Welcome to these 13 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.

The EWBS will soon be offering non-lineage memberships called "Friends of Elder Brewster" Many have shown interest in our society but lack the proof of lineage from the Elder. We will soon offer a "Friends" category of membership where you can join without having to prove lineage to the Elder.

STAY TUNED FOR THIS OFFERING SOON

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 the time of purchase.

To order, they can be purchased for \$35.00 each plus \$7.00 shipping and handling.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: EWBS

Mail all requests and checks to:

Gregory Evan Thompson
17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512-1125



DEATH NOTICES

Grace M. Reale

We are sad to announce that on August 9, 2023, we had to say goodbye to Grace M Reale of Hartford, CT, born in Mineola, NY.

She was predeceased by her husbands: Robert F. Blood and Louis Reale: her parents, Seth Moore and Mary Walsh Moore, her sister Evelyn, her siblings-in-law, Paul Dillberg, Richard Blood, Bernadette Blood and Ellen Blood Brennan, her stepdaughter Elizabeth Reale Chappell (David) and her nephews, Paul Dillberg Jr and Thomas Brennan.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Blood Udice (Dennis) her grandchildren, Laura Udice Parete (Vincent) and Michael Udice, her stepchildren, Robert Reale (Kim Staley) and Joanne Stoddard, and her step-grandchildren, Benjamin Stoddard, Peter, Kellianne and Carson Reale. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

News about the "Brewster Bell"

I have just received news, that the "Brewster Bell" which the *Elder William Brewster Society* donated \$15,000 to the Mayflower Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Ma for the right to name it, has been refurbished and repaired and is going to be installed in the Mayflower Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Ma in time for Christmas. This bell along with about 15 others will be able to play over 100 songs.

As I get more information, I will share it with all of you.



One of our newest members, Betty Miller Ramsey, just celebrated her 101st Birthday.

Happy birthday Betty !!

William Brewster Timeline

1566-7 - Wm Brewster is born the son of William Brewster, probably at Scooby, England

1580- Wm Brewster starts his studies at Peterhouse in Cambridge but leaves without completing his degree- not unusual for someone not planning to be a clergyman.

1580 - Scrooby estate leased to Samuel Sandys from about this time.

1583- Brewster is appointed secretary to Wm Davison, a man with knowledge of the low countries.

Brewster Timeline-Continued

1584- Davison journeys to the Netherlands and France on a diplomatic mission: Brewster travels with him, living for a time at Den Haag.

1587- Davison, Brewster's patron, is disgraced after the execution of Mary Queen of Scots and Brewster needs a new direction.

1590- William Brewster's father dies; Brewster takes his father's place as bailiff of the Scrooby estate and Davison attempts to secure the postmaster position for him.

1606- The Scrooby congregation begins forming around Richard Clifton, the former minister of Babworth.

1607-8- Brewster moves to Boston, Lincolnshire where, after a failed attempt to leave for Holland, he is arrested as one of a large group accused of holding conventicle in the town. Many separatists later leave via Gainsborough and Stallingborough, but unsure of when he travelled.

1608- Brewster is issued with a fine at Southwell in April for not appearing to answer charges of being 'disobedient' in matters of religion.

1609- Brewster moves to Leiden with John Robinson and is chosen as ruling elder of the congregation.

1616- With the help of Thomas Brewer and later Edward Winslow, Brewster starts a printing press in Choorsteeg, Leiden.

1618- Brewster associate in the printing business, Thomas Brewster, is arrested in Leiden.

1617-9- Brewster is actively involved in discussing settling in VA with Sir Edwin Sandys and others.

1620- Already in England, Brewster joins the Mayflower Voyage to America.

1627- Brewsters' wife dies. But never remarries.

1644- Brewster dies in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

The following article comes from the booklet William Brewster 1566-1644, by the Nottinghamshire County Council. Published by the Mayflower 400uk.org. Page 24.

WHY DOES WILLIAM BREWSTER MATTER?

Brewster's reputation depends to a great extent on what others said about him and none has left us more evidence than William Bradford who had known him since childhood. Bradford was able to describe Brewster's last hours and saw the hand of God's Providence in them:

"And notwithstanding the many troubles and sorrows he passed through, the Lord upheld him to a great age. He was near fourscore years of age (if not all out) when he died. He had this blessing added by the Lord to all the rest, to die in his bed, in peace, amongst the midst of his friends, who mourned and wept over him and ministered what help and comfort they could unto him...

Unique among the original Pilgrims, we thus have a personal testimony in detail of Brewster's character:

"He was wise and discreet and well-spoken, having a grave and deliberate utterance, of a very cheerful spirit, very sociable and pleasant amongst his friends, of a humble and modest mind, of a peaceable disposition, undervaluing himself and his own abilities and sometime overvaluing others. In offensive and innocent in his life and conversation, which gained him the love of those without as well as those within; yet he would tell them plainly of their faults and evils, both publicly and privately, but in such a manner as usually was well taken from him." Bradford went on to describe Brewster's manner as a teacher and religious leader, noting that he preferred ministers to pray briefly and often rather than 'be long and tedious' whilst in his own prayers he had a talent for 'ripping up the heart and conscience before God'

There is no doubt Nottinghamshire's William Brewster is pivotal to the Pilgrim story would have been very different and may not have happened at all. Brewster's role in forming the congregation at Scrooby, his role during their time at Leiden and his status as Elder and spiritual leader when they reach America cannot be under-estimated. It is Brewster who led the first Thanksgiving, an event now synonymous with American Culture, and his descendants (and those of the other Pilgrims) now number 35 million people worldwide.

This is why the people of Nottinghamshire are extremely proud of Brewster and his influence in all aspects of the Pilgrim's journey, settlement and self-governance in the New World.

EDITORIAL

Have you ever thought how different the world would have been, had the Mayflower been destroyed while at sea or if it sank and none of the little band of Pilgrims never touched the shores of New England? The thought could be very frightening. Between the several US Presidents, musicians, authors, businessmen and woman, and various other talents that would be absent from our history is mind-boggling. Would America be the same place, or would it have become the United States without them? One will never know, but I do know that those that descend from that little band of Pilgrims that landed at Plymouth in 1620 certainly made a huge impact on the formation of our country.

There are an estimated 35 million of us alive today. Next time you think about the Pilgrims be thankful to them that they survived and help to settle our great United States of America.



Reverend James Vanpelt Schofield D.D.

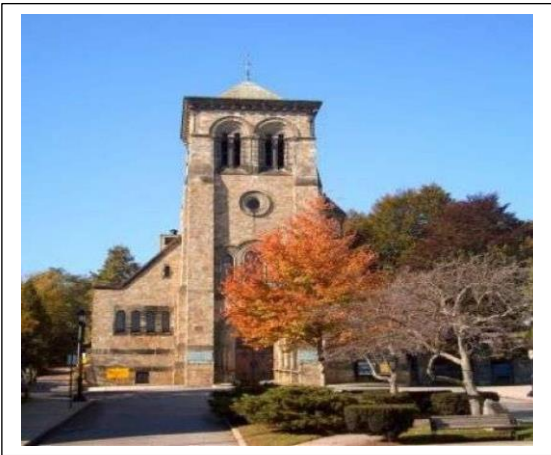
(Alfred McAllister-Sarah Brewster-Elisha Brewster-Elisha Brewster-William Brewster-William Brewster-Love Brewster-Wm Brewster.

Rev. James Schofield, attended Madison, NY University from 1848-50, entered the University of Rochester and was graduated from there with the degree of A.B in 1852, and two years later graduated from the Theological Seminary of Rochester with the degree of B.D and took charge of his first church at Louisville, KY where he was ordained and where he remained for four years. In 1862 Dr. Scofield became pastor of the Third Baptist Church of St Louis, MO which then had a membership of eighty, worshipping in a chapel. He Guided his faith and energy they moved into a handsome house of worship built by them, and when he resigned in 1869, to accept a call at Des Moines, IA, he left his church one of the leading powers of the city. His pastorate in St. Louise covered the most critical period of the city's history, yet during all those years of excitement and strife his congregation stood undivided, due to Dr. Schofield's tact and sympathy as a pastor. He enjoyed a successful pastorate in Des Moines an unfinished church being completed and the debt removed. In 1871 he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of New Britain, CT and after four years, suffering from the climate, he returned to St. Louis and labored in the Fourth Baptist Church and in the establishment of an important mission. He was widely known throughout the denomination as a man of fine thought, impressive and eloquent. He baptized over 700 persons. He was married on 14 July 1854 to Celestia Juliette, daughter of William and Mary Baldwin Frary of Pulaski, NY. Seven children: Garnett Boone, Eugenia, Julia, Margaret, Mary Barnhurst and Carolyn.

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