

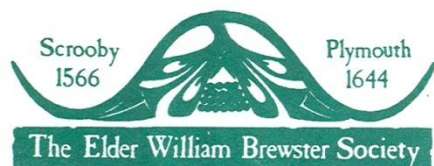
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Message from the President's Desk

Hello Brewster Cousins:

I hope that this newsletter reaches all of you in good health and happiness. This September, we will be having our Triennial Meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts where I will welcome many of our members. The information and invitation are on the last page of this newsletter.

I am looking for someone to work with me and eventually assume the position as President of this organization. I have been active in this society for several decades and it is time for me to turn the reigns over to someone else. If you are interested let me know. I will run for one more term of three years and then that will be my last. I have enjoyed being president but it's time for new blood and new fresh ideas.

I am also looking for someone to work with the website. It is a rather simple site but works well for our society. All that is required is someone who has a little experience in updating, changing dates as well as adding the newsletters as they become available. If you are interested, please let me know.

Our own member, Kathryn Haueisen will be doing a presentation at our Triennial Meeting about her experience in researching her Brewster heritage.

I hope to see many of you in Plymouth in September and meeting you in person. We always have a great time, thanks to the hard work of our treasurer, Jane Cobb, who made all of the arrangements for the meeting and the dinner.

Respectfully yours:

Gregory Evan Thompson, President

**Elder William Brewster Society
Treasurers Report Date from - to**

Balance as of last report: \$43174.45

Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$880.00
Application Fees	\$375.00
Insignia	\$289.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Dinner Reservations	\$390.00

\$1984.00

EXPENSES

Postage, Printing, Supplies	\$960.46
New Printer for Society	\$327.59
GSMD Partnership Renewal	\$250.00

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Respectfully submitted
– Jane E. Cobb, Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

As you know, the Triennial Meeting is fast approaching. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Plymouth on Sept 12, 2026. I have already received many reservations, so please send your reservations as soon as possible, as space is limited. Please see the Invitation in this publication. **I must receive reservations by Sept 1, 2026**

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 **2026** 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.

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

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See you in September

Warmest wishes:

Sincerely, Jane Cobb

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Thank you Christopher Bishop and Robert Trezise for your recent donations.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The historian has approved 17 New Members. Please help me welcome them to our Society.

See Page 10 for a list of 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 been 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 in being 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 \$8.00 shipping and handling.

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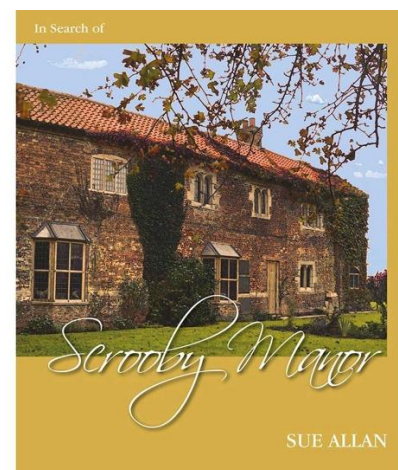
SCROOBY MANOR FOR SALE

Scrooby Manor, an integral part of the Brewster Family History, is for sale. The current owners want to sell it to finance their

retirement. Located in northern England, near York, if the current owners do not find a buyer, they may have to sell it to housing developers.

North Carolinian Jacqueline LeMar is a member of the Mayflower Society. She and other members toured it in 2022. The [BBC](#) wrote an article about her [Go Fund Me](#) drive to purchase and protest its history. As of March 2025, the fund has raised \$7,852 (US) toward a goal of \$16,000 from 57 donors.

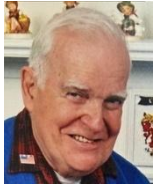
British Historian Sue Allan recently published a book about the history of the Manor. It is available from Pilgrim Hall.



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

RIP Brewster Cousins



Art Young, our president for many years, died Jan. 8, 2025, in Delmar, NY at age 95. He was born in May 1929 in Troy, NY to the late Arthur and Cassie (Williams) Young. He had one sister, Mildred Berard (George).

Arthur grew up on a farm in Rensselaer County. After graduating from Lansingburgh High School, he worked for Manufacturers National Bank of Troy until 1948. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany during the occupation there post-WWII. When he returned to the Albany area he resumed his banking career, and married Anne Dereski Oct. 1956.

Art began his banking career as a teller at the Troy Manufacturers National Bank. After 10 years he went to National Commercial Bank and Trust in Albany (today Key Bank). His banking career spanned 40 years, ending as Senior Vice President and division manager.

Art volunteered with many non-profit organizations throughout the Capital District. Over 70 years, his service included: President of the J.O. Wells Albany Memorial Hospital Nursing Education Foundation; Director, Elder & Governor of the Albany Colony of Mayflower Descendants; Director & Elder of the N.Y.S. Society of Mayflower Descendants; Sons of the American Revolution; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; **President of the Elder William Brewster Society**; Pilgrim John Holland Society member; Thomas Stanton Society member; and Founders of Jamestown Society member.

Art was also involved in local and county Republican political organizations for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife Anne, and children Susan (Shawn) McCormick, Elizabeth (Walter) Waidelich, and David Young; grandchildren, Kelly (Byron) McCormick, and Shawn Michael (Hannah).

Francis (Fran) Robinson

of West Yarmouth, MA died Nov. 18, 2024, at age 95. He was born in 1929 to the late Margaret D. and Charles E. Robinson in Melrose, MA. He graduated from class reunions at Enfield High School until he was in his 90s.



Fran earned an A.B. from Boston University, a master's degree and Sixth-Year professional degree in school administration from the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

He began teaching at Hebron Elementary School, taught social studies at RHAM, a Regional High School, and was principal at Ledyard Center School and Mystic Junior High.

He was Project LEARN's first executive director, a Regional Educational Service Center serving 25 Southeastern Connecticut towns. Her retired in 1989 and served as executive director of Project Independence, a Mystic Seaport interpreter, a Hartford College adjunct professor, and the Montville St. Thomas More School chairman of the Endowment and Development Board.

During the 51 years he lived at Great Oaks Farm he was involved in state and local politics, continuously elected to various town offices and committees over a period of 40 years, including: selectman, chairman of the board of finance, board of education, and town meeting moderator. He also served on the Salem Green Cemetery and library boards, among others.

He was an **Elder William Brewster** and VT Governor Moses Robinson descendant. He belonged to the Cape Cod Genealogical Society and the Historical Society of Yarmouth. He and his wife Dorothy published three books. He taught "Pilgrims, Puritans, and Early Cape History" through the Academy for Lifelong Learning. He is survived by wife Dorothy Bowering Robinson; several children and stepchildren, four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elder Wm. Brewster's "Large" Family

This article by genealogist Louise Walsh Throop, MA, MS, MBA, & formerly Certified Genealogist (193) of Sunol, CA was first published in *California Mayflower Quarterly*.

Little is recorded about William Brewster's family. One brief reference by Bradford gives him "many children" [William Bradford, "Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1644" Samuel Eliot Morison, editor (1970) p. 326], not unusual in the 1500s and early 1600s. Brewster had access to the private chapel in Scrooby Hall for illicit church meetings (called conventicles) and other ceremonies, although technically as church elder he could not perform baptisms but his uncle Henry Brewster or half-brother James Brewster could. The parish records of Scrooby are missing before about 1595 [Sue Allan *William Brewster – The Making of a Pilgrim* (domtom publishing, 2016) pp. 25, 60 but note typo: 1695]. A recent internet search brought up three interesting records in 1600 and 1606---being in the period of time Brewster left Scrooby after being called before the church court in 1598 and before he took off to Leyden ca 1607.

The records are found in the parish of St. Peter, in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England [see database: free reg]. Wisbech was then a small "inland" port on the river Nene, and then about seven miles upriver from the North Sea. As Wisbech is Cambridgeshire's only gateway to the sea, any student at Cambridge University, such as Brewster, would have known about it. It appears to have been a good place for a small party to depart quietly on a vessel going to Holland.

With the addition of the baptism and burial of baby Elizabeth in 1606, daughter of William and Mary Bruster, as well as the baptism of John, son of William Bruster in 1600, we have an indication of where William Brewster's family, as the records show, was hiding out after leaving Scrooby about 1598. During the period 1598-1607 William would have moved around to avoid church authorities and to assist others as church leaders when his signature was needed. He likely left his family in Wisbech so son Jonathan could attend the grammar school there--

--which school was founded in 1379 AD and persists to this day.

Further research (on free reg) has also identified more possible children, buried in out-of-the-way small villages like Wisbech. These guesses are less likely to be correct than the children John and Elizabeth baptized in Wisbech.

William Bruster, son of William, would likely be the first child born about 1591. The first surviving son, Jonathan, was probably born and baptized in Scrooby in 1593; he recorded his birth date in "The Brewster Book." Baby William has an expected first son's name, what with three generations of Williams preceding him.

To continue the family naming tradition and continuing the frequent moving to small country towns, we find another possible son: Thomas Bruster, son of William, was buried in 1596 in Easton-on-the-Hill, near Stamford, Lincolnshire, and only about 35 miles due west from Wisbech and some 65 miles south of Scrooby.

With a slight rearrangement of possible birth years found in the Brewster 'silver' book [MF 24(2014):34], the now eleven projected Brewster children are given below. Thus, we see four out of eleven proposed babies survived into adulthood and married---a not atypical child survival rate for English family's ca 1600. And Mother Mary ended childbearing at the modal age for human mothers: 43 years. So, we have (persons with descendants are in capitals):
WILLIAM BREWSTER/BRUSTER b. 24 January 1566 Scrooby, Nottinghamshire (see NEHGR 18:53), son of William and Mary (Smythe) (Simkinson) Brewster, d. 10 April 1644 Plymouth Colony (see MD 1(1899):7) m. Scrooby? Ca 1590

MARY JACKSON? Bap. 8 May 1569 Halifax, Yorkshire, daughter of Richard and Margaret (Coke) Jakson, d. 17 April 1627 Plymouth Colony (MD 1(1899):7); She m. ca age 21 and was ca age 43 for her last child.

Children (BREWSTER/ BRUSTER) see MF 24(1):39, 53, 82, 105 (2014)::

1. William? Bap. Ca 1591; d.y.

2. **JONATHAN** b. 12 August 1593 Scrooby (MD 1(1899):7); d. 7 August 1659 Norwich, Conn. (MD m. 10 April 1624 Plymouth Colony Lucretia OLDHAM (MD 1(1899):8; he 23 years old)

3. Thomas? B. ca 1595; bur. 27 Jan. 1595/6 All Saints, Easton-on-the-Hill, near Stamford, Northamptonshire, by William Bruster
 4. child? B. ca 1597/8; d.y. ca May 1599
 5. John bap. 14 July 1600 St. Peter, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire; d.y. ca 1606/7?
 6. **PATIENCE** b. ca 1603; d. before 12 Dec. 1634 m. 5 Aug. 1624 Plymouth Colony Thomas PRENCE (she 21 years old)
 7. Elizabeth bap. 15 July 1606 St. Peter, Wisbech; bur. 1 Nov. 1606 Wisbech
 8. FEAR b. ca January 1608 Amsterdam/Leyden? d. before 12 Dec. 1634 Plymouth Colony m. ca 1628 Plymouth Colony Isaac ALLERTON (she 20 years old, second wife)
 9. child b. ca March 1609 Leyden, Holland; bur. 20 June 1609 St. Pancras, Leiden
 10. **LOVE** b. ca August 1610 Leyden; d. 6 Oct. 1650 Duxbury, Plymouth Colony m. 15 May 1634 Plymouth, Plymouth Colony Sarah COLLIER (she aged 23)
 11. Wrestling b. ca 1612 Leyden (mother ca 43 years old); d. before 22 May 1627 Plymouth, Plymouth Colony (aged 14 years).
Please note: William and Brewster were relatively common names in England in 1550-1650. In Wisbech, there was at least one other William Bruster, but that cluster of baptism and burial records ends in 1585. The passenger William Bruster was in Wisbech for two children's baptisms in July 1600 and July 1606 and then disappeared after the 1606 record which gives parents William and Mary. The passenger William Brewster had traveled widely with Davidson, so knew the value of small out-of-the-way villages for people seeking to hide from authorities --- like Easton near Stamford, Northamptonshire. He thus settled his family in a village with a grammar school for son Jonathan's seven years of schooling and quick access to the North Sea and Holland when needed. As for the proposed sons William and Thomas, they could be correctly named but documentation is not available to current researchers.

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Thank you Louise for sharing your research. Please send **your** Brewster family stories to President Greg Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Subject: Ozem Brewster

Date: October 26, 2025

To: kathrynhaueisen@gmail.com

I found your article (in the previous EWBS newsletter) very interesting, thank you for submitting it. I come from Stephen Brewster in Ohio. When I was doing my research online, I kept bumping into your Stephen Brewster. Unfortunately, my Stephen didn't leave as well documented as yours. It became comical, every time I thought I might have found the missing links to complete my application, it was not mine, but your Stephen.

I traveled to Ohio from California to try to find traces of his connections. My Stephen, born 1800, married Eliza Jane Boyd in 1835 in Wayne County (OH). They raised their children in Stark County, and he died alone in Massillon. What I did learn there was that the churches that may have held membership records had lost them to fire or flood. I also learned that he lived next door to a runaway slave, Gilbert Porter. Mr. Porter opened a school for black children. According to his obituary, Stephen volunteered as a teacher in a negro school. I also learned that Massillon was on the main line of the Underground Railroad, which leads me to believe he kept a low profile for a very good reason. He died unexpectedly, leaving no will, and is buried in the Potters Field.

Although others have been accepted into GSMD before me, my application was rejected due to lack of primary source documentation. That's okay, I am very happy to be a member of the Elder William Brewster Society, and the DAR through Stephen.

I guess my purpose in sharing all of this is that I took an opportunity to honor his memory.

Best of luck in learning more about your Brewsters,

Elizabeth Taylor

MORE MEMBER SUBMISSION

Membership Officer Barbara-Lee Kelly received this from Cousin Ken Knopp in November 2025.

Barbara, I have had a rather big mouth in letting others know of my proven "William Brewster" Heritage, but on the known Turner line, and I am hoping that you are getting more applications to the Brewster Society, and you just might be getting more come next year, as thru my genealogy researching, and discovering that Starbird Turner is my Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather, but not only that, he also served in the Continental Army and fought in the Revolutionary War, so he is an American Patriot. With that in mind, one of my cousins suggested I put in an application to SAR, Sons of the American Revolution to get Starbird recognized and put in the books as a "Patriot" which I have done. The application will be headed to Kentucky next week. I just needed to provide them with a little extra proof of the Starbird/Lemuel connection, which I have, so it's for 110% positive sure that thru both the Brewster Society and SAR, not only do we have him and me confirmed Brewster descendants, but also Starbird is a Patriot of the American Revolutionary war, which brings me to my next surprise, a few weeks ago, I found the Rome Maine web page, and sent documents to Kelly Archer. She is the president of their Veterans Memorial Committee, bringing Starbird to her attention as being a Patriot, but with only one clue where he was buried, from one of the documents I sent you from the Turner Family Magazine, stating that Starbird was buried next to his daughter, Eliza (Betsy) in an unmarked grave, and no headstone, except his daughter has one. I made mention to Kelly that here we have a Veteran from the start of America, but he's buried and FORGOTTEN! Since we are coming up to America's 250th anniversary, it would just be amazing if Starbird's grave could be found and honor him with some sort of memorial or headstone?

Guess what? Kelly and her cousin FOUND him! So, I think we are going get a headstone and some sort of memorial for Starbird! I told Kelly that we would have zero problems donating to

the cause. Heck, even my sons said they would donate some cash to help out!

Meanwhile, I found the attached document the other night by sheer accident, was not looking for anything Starbird related! I would like for you to put it with the rest of the documents that you have for me, but also, notice the names for Starbird and Olive Turner, taken from the town of Rome, Maine, handwritten records, with the date of 1804, below Starbird's children is my Great, Great, Great Grandfather Lemuel and Rebecca Turner, my Great, Great Grandfather, first born, and now I know for positive sure he was born in Rome, Maine, but in 1808 and not 1806 or 1810 as other records indicate! and just in case you need the citation, I have included that also. I was also hoping that if any other Starbirds offspring put in an application, you will have this document that will confirm the connection!

As always Barbara, thank you for your help, and yes, we all liked seeing our picture in the Brewster newsletter!! sent that to everyone!!!

Pilgrim Ken Knopp
Gresham, Ore.

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Following in the Footsteps of Courage

Anna Miles Smith's fellow Elder William Brewster descendants eventually moved west along the Oregon Trail. Inspired by the courage of both her pilgrims and pioneer ancestors, she is developing a Peace Pioneer Program based on their incredible courage and resilience. This is a summary of her story. Contact her at annatmiles@gmail.com for more information.

I come from a fascinating and perhaps unique lineage that includes Mayflower passengers William and Mary Brewster, as well as pioneers who journeyed west along the Oregon Trail. For five generations now my family has called the Northern California rural Klamath Mountains in Siskiyou County home. These legacies rooted in courage, sacrifice, and a deep inner calling to explore, dream, and create a better way of life seem especially meaningful and inspiring in today's world.

I often reflect on their character, determination, and resilience. When I taught kindergarten, I shared the First Thanksgiving story about the gathering of the Pilgrims and Pokanokets. Every time I felt a deeply visceral response, often with tears.

As I learned more about my Brewster ancestors and their connection to the Pokanokets, I realized that emotional response no longer felt like distant history, but personal, something living within me.

It means so much to me that both the 1621 feast and the Oregon Trail journey shaped both my family's physical path and my inner landscape of perseverance, grit, cooperation and adventure. My soul is anchored in the rural wilderness of my home, with the profound sense of place and connection to Earth passed down over five family generations who call rural Siskiyou County, CA home.

My Brewster lineage begins 13 generations ago with William and **Mary Brewster**, my 10th generation great grandparents. I've come to deeply respect the Pilgrims' story of hope interwoven with fear, perseverance, and faith.

Mary Brewster's role as the Pilgrim matriarch is very moving to me for her service to community, devotion to family, and her lionheart. Most of Mary's descendants in my line were women who raised large families and became resilient grandmothers and widows.

Mary Brewster is the root of an extraordinary lineage and her courage, perseverance, and deep devotion to family continues to echo and unfold through the generations.

Her daughter, **Patience Brewster Prence**, my 9th great-grandmother, was born in England in 1600, married Thomas Prence in 1624 in **Plymouth**, and with him raised four children. Patience died during the 1634 pestilent fever epidemic of 1634.

Mercy Prence Freeman, my 8th great-grandmother, was born in 1631. In 1650, she married Major John Freeman. They had 8 children. Mercy lived a long life, dying in 1711 in Eastman at age 80. Major Freeman survived her and lived to the remarkable age of 92.

Next came **Mercy "Mary" Knowles**, my 7th great-grandmother, born in 1659 in Eastham, MA. She married Samuel Knowles in 1679. They had 11 children. Mercy lived to be 85, dying in 1745, outliving her husband by 8 years.

Her son, **Captain Cornelius Knowles**, is the only male ancestor in my direct line until my grandfather. He was born in 1695 in Eastham, MA and married Elizabeth Remick, my 6th great-grandmother, in 1723. They had 8 children. Around 1739, they relocated to Chatham (now East Hampton), CT and founded an area known as Knowles Crossing. Captain Knowles died in 1764. Elizabeth was widowed for 25 years until her own passing.

Their youngest child, **Thankful Knowles Shepard**, my 5th great-grandmother, was born in 1745 in Chatham, CT. In 1764, she married Elisha Shepard, and they had 10 children, 9 sons and one daughter. Thankful was widowed for at least 26 years before her death around 1817.

Their youngest child and only daughter was **Sally Shepard Moody**, my 4th great-grandmother. Hers was a life of extraordinary hardship. Her father died when she was about 6 years old. At age 19 she married Jedediah “Dier” Moody, 11 years her senior. They moved to South Hadley, MA and over the next 22 years, birthed 10 children. At least two died in infancy and two more in early childhood. In 1827, at age 42, she was widowed, left to raise her remaining children, including her young daughters Elizabeth Ann, Delphina, and Mary, ages 7, 4, and 1.

Her older sons were likely in their late teens by then and played a significant role in supporting the family. The Moody’s were among the earliest English settlers in South Hadley, Hampshire County, MA. Moody’s Corner is named for Dier’s great-grandfather, Captain Ebenezer Moody, who settled in South Hadley in the early 1700s.

Delphina Moody Hamilton, my 3rd great-grandmother, was Born in South Hadley August 1820, almost 200 years after her great x5 grandmother, Mary Brewster, arrived in Plymouth. Delphina’s childhood was marked by profound loss and hardships. Around 1839, she and her younger sister Mary left home and family. Records from Calhoun County, IL show record that 19-year-old Delphina married Bushrod Hamilton, age 25, of Berkshire, Vermont on September 18, 1839. Mary married in Illinois in 1844, confirming that the sisters had left South Hadley when their sister Amelia died in 1845. Amelia left behind a husband and small children. In 1846. Their mother Sally died and their brothers Chauncey and Shepard in rapid succession between April and June.

Delphina and Bushrod Hamilton lived in Wisconsin and Illinois for 12 years, before deciding to migrate west in 1851 along the Oregon Trail with 5 young children, ages 11, 8, 6, 3, and my great-grandmother, Emma, was just a year old when they set out. Delphina’s sister, Mary Lucretia (Moody) Quigley, and her family traveled with them. They left behind familiar landscapes and family ties for vast horizons and the promise of new beginnings.

Families traveling the Oregon Trail typically walked 15 to 20 miles a day, often alongside ox-drawn wagons, covering nearly 2,000 miles over 4 to 6 exhausting months.

Delphina and the family eventually settled in Scio, OR and built a new life with two more children. Delphina lived to be 83, passing away 12 years after Bushrod. Her obituary speaks of her as a devoted mother and her work as a teacher, and faithful church member, all marks of a life shaped by service, perseverance, and quiet strength. After their great move westward, my ancestors stayed in rural Siskiyou County, CA.

Since with my great-great-grandmother, **Emma Hamilton Grant**, our family has been firmly planted in the Northern California rural Klamath Mountains. The area consists of small towns and remote wilderness, where survival depended on community, knowledge of the land, and deep resilience. When about 25, **Emma** traveled to Oro Fino (near Etna), CA on a visit family and met John Dack Grant, born in Johnstown, Canada. They married June 27, 1875, my own birthday, and ran the Snowden stage stop near Sawyers Bar, a mining town. Emma often ventured into the mountains alone. Known affectionately as “Big Spoon,” she was celebrated for her hospitality and generous meals, especially her hearty stews. Perhaps she was echoing her great-grandmother x6, Mary Brewster, at the First Thanksgiving.

Emma and John, married for 27 years, raised 7 children before John died in 1895. She was a widow for another 31 years. She endured profound loss. Her daughter Jane died in 1889 at age 13. In October 1918, her son John died at age 39, followed in the same month by the death of daughter Emma at age 37. Through the losses she continued running Snowden for at least 14 more years. Emma died in Eugene, OR in 1926 at age 76, leaving behind a legacy of endurance, hospitality, and quiet courage.

Anna Grant Miles, my great-grandmother, was born in Snowden and married John Albertus Miles in 1900. They raised 6 children in rural

Siskiyou County; CA. Anna was only 58 when she died in 1935.

My grandfather, **Albert Moody Miles** was born November 4, 1909. His early childhood years in Snowden were full of adventure, freedom, and the raw beauty of mountain life. My grandfather talked about growing up wild and free to explore the surrounding wilderness.

My father, **Fred Wagner Miles**, also grew up in a rural, untamed landscape. Born October 25, 1946, to Albert & Helen Wagner Miles, his childhood was spent fishing, roaming the mountains, and playing baseball for his high school team in Etna, CA.

There is something profoundly moving about realizing that thousands of lives today carry echoes of that first Thanksgiving feast and those long wagon trails.

I am eager to connect with my distant Brewster relatives, excited to learn the different versions of the story, shaped by geography, culture, and time, yet all rooted in the same extraordinary acts of courage. I look forward to connecting with fellow Pilgrim and Pioneer descendants, as well as descendants of the Pokanoket people, and local Native elders of Northern California. I am excited to listen to their stories and learn how their own branches of Pilgrim, Pioneer, and Indigenous heritage have shaped their lives.

I am specifically interested in weaving these stories into my teaching, storytelling and social advocacy. Currently, I am working on my Peace Pioneer program; a unique offering to honor and celebrate the lessons learned from our history, inspired by a new frontier of Peace and Prosperity for All.

I am seeking to connect with those who feel called to share their family's unique history—the core values, wisdom, and stories of grit and perseverance that define their lineage. If you feel inspired to share your story, please reach out. I would be honored to connect with you.
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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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13. **Cynthia C. (Kelly) Souza**
14. **Janie C Pfautz Brown**
15. **Jeremy K. Weaver**
16. **Margaret Ann B. Stehle**

Congratulations to these new members. We welcome all of our new members and wish to say that it is quite easy to enroll family members, such as cousins, siblings, etc. simply by providing documentation as to how they are related to you.

Contact our membership chair, Barbara-Lee Kelly for more information.

-SAVE THE DATE-
*You are cordially invited to attend the
2026 Triennial Meeting
of
The Elder William Brewster Society*

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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

*Meeting
3:00 P.M.*

*Dinner
6:00 P.M.*

*It's not too early to plan ahead and reserve your place. Below is the reservation form.
Please complete the form and send it with your check to:*

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

\$30.00 per person

Make check payable to Elder William Brewster Society.

Hope to see you in September!!!

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*Elder William Brewster Triennial Meeting/Dinner
September 12, 2026*

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

Guest(s): _____

Number attending meeting (Guests are allowed to Attend) _____

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, 2026*****

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