

PILGRIM PETER BROWN SOCIETY

Founded September 6, 2014

JULY 2018



Hold the Date! —

**42nd General Congress September 11
thru September 20, 2020**

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants along with Pilgrim Family Societies will be commemorating our Pilgrim ancestors with various projects and events during the 42nd Congress in 2020. The Pilgrim Peter Brown Society is making plans to participate in association with Pilgrim Hall and other family societies. Possible events are being discussed at meetings in Plymouth with Governor General George Garmany, Chair of the 2020 Committee.

We are also in discussion with other Pilgrim family societies about having a joint event during Congress. Possibly to be held at the Alden House and most likely Friday September 11 or Sunday September 13th, 2020 and possibly a BBQ! This would give us a chance to meet and mingle with other family societies. We are open to your ideas and suggestions for possible activities to help commemorate 2020 and to honor our Pilgrim ancestor Peter Brown.

We hope to have a great turn out of PPBS members in Plymouth in September 2020 so mark your calendar now to be there! If you have not yet attended a GSMD Congress this will be the one you will want to attend! Don't miss the boat!....or ship!

Sandra Sauers

Governor, PPBS

**REMINDER—Our membership cannot grow without you!
Please extend an invitation to all Peter Brown descendants
you bump into at your local colony and state events AND
don't forget to encourage your family members to join.**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2020 Project	1
More about the Charles W Morgan	2-3
Peter Brown's Tankard	4
Researching Peter Brown's Family	5-6
In Appreciation	7
Websites	8
Editor -Sandra Sauers	



PILGRIM PETER BROWN SOCIETY
IS A GSMD™
ENDORSED FAMILY SOCIETY



Whaleship CHARLES W. MORGAN under sail in 1938 ©Mystic Seaport

Charles W Morgan Ship

Ezra Thompson



More About the Charles W. Morgan at Mystic Seaport

By Elizabeth Werner

Mystic Seaport is the largest maritime museum in the United States and the site of the restoration of the Mayflower II. In our previous newsletter, Sandra Sauers reported on the visit that she and Sheryl Schilling made to Mystic to view the Mayflower II and their tour with head shipwright Matthew Barnes. Matthew and fellow shipwrights are dedicated to restoring and preserving wooden vessels at Mystic Seaport.

Among Mystic's collection of ships, boats, and rare commercial structures is its flagship the Charles W. Morgan. It is the last remaining whaleship of a fleet of 2700 vessels and now the oldest commercial ship afloat. The Morgan was launched in 1841 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. During its career of 80 years, the Morgan made 37 voyages that lasted an average of three years and carried a 35-member crew.

The company that owned the Charles W. Morgan the longest was the J & WR Wing Company. This company started by Joseph (1810-1895) and William Ricketson Wing (1830-1908) from an old Dartmouth (MA) family but started their business in New Bedford and lived there during rise and decline of the whaling industry. The Wings started their business with stores that provided clothing and wares to the crews as well as supplying the food. The J & WR Wing Company bought the Morgan in 1863 and sold it in 1916, making it the firm that owned the ship the longest. Under Wing ownership the Morgan made 27 voyages. In 1887 they moved the Morgan to the West Coast to reach Arctic whaling grounds from San Francisco. The Morgan's sailing career ended in 1938. It came to Mystic Seaport Museum in November 1941. In 1966. The Charles W. Morgan became a National Historical Landmark. Millions of visitors have toured the ship. In 2014 it made a voyage to historic ports of New England to raise awareness of America's maritime heritage. For more about the Charles W. Morgan, visit <https://www.mysticseaport.org/explore/morgan/> to read articles and view videos. (continued on next page)

More About the Charles W. Morgan at Mystic Seaport—Continued

About the Wing Family and their Connection to a Peter Brown Descendant:

The Wing family arrived in Massachusetts in 1632. Four brothers were sons of Rev. John Wing, an Oxford educated minister with Puritan leanings. Rev. Wing wanted to take his family to New England, but his death in 1630 cut that dream short. His widow Deborah, a son-in law and four sons sailed to Massachusetts, eventually settling in Sandwich. Most of the family became Quakers. One of John Wing's sons who sailed from England, Stephen Wing, is the ancestor of Joseph and William R. Wing, who bought the Charles W. Morgan. Stephen Wing is also my seventh great grandfather. Among Stephen's children were Sarah (1657-1702) and Matthew (1673-1724) Wing. Sarah is my sixth great-grandmother. Joseph and William R. Wing were 3-great grandsons of Sarah's brother Matthew, making them my fifth cousins three times removed. Many of the Wings married into another Massachusetts Quaker family, the Gifford's, with several lines that go back to Mayflower passengers. My great-great grandfather Ezra Thompson (1792-1862) (a descendant of Peter Brown) married Cynthia Gifford, the great-great granddaughter of Sarah Wing. Possibly looking for better business opportunities, Ezra moved from Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts to New Bedford, where he owned a grocery store E Thompson & Son that supplied whaling ships. Judging from the New Bedford city directories his business flourished from the 1840's to the late 1850's. Ezra Thompson might have had dealings with or competition from his distant cousins of the J &WR Wing Company.



Charles W Morgan Ship at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut

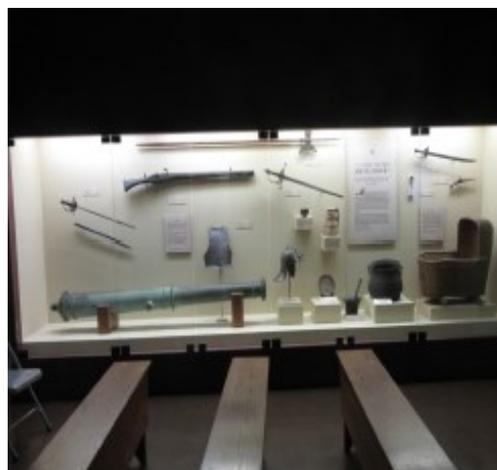
Photo Taken by Sheryl Schilling

PETER BROWN'S TANKARD IN PERSPECTIVE AT THE PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM

by Elizabeth Werner

Overlooking Plymouth Harbor and Plymouth Rock, the Plymouth Hall Museum is a must-see destination for Mayflower descendants and anyone interested in the history of Plymouth Colony. Opened in 1824, the Pilgrim Hall Museum is the oldest continuing operating museum in the United States. The museum contains artifacts and possessions of the Mayflower passengers and tells the story of Plimoth Colony from its beginnings to its absorption into the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1692.

During my trip to the Mayflower Triennial Congress in September 2017, I was eager to visit the museum to see some of my ancestors' artifacts on display. After having seen pictures of the Brown tankard alone on websites, it was interesting to see the tankard as displayed with Plymouth Colony artifacts. The tankard is in the Lower Hall Exhibit Gallery in a group display window of items owned by members of Plymouth Colony. Among the artifacts are swords, guns, a cannon, breastplate, spoons, a cradle and of course Peter Brown's tankard. A sign below tells that it was made in the Baltic Area of northern Europe for export to western Europe. It is built like a barrel of oak staves and circled by birch hoops. It likely held beer, the common beverage of 17th-century Englishmen. Mrs. Gorham Brown donated the tankard in 1957. The ten-inch tankard looks small in comparison with other objects in the window but is significant in that it belonged to our ancestor Peter Brown and gives us insight into his daily life.



Researching Pilgrim Peter Brown

by Sandra Sauers

Our members have expressed an interest in the research of Peter Brown and his family. For those who did not attend General Congress in 2017, Caleb Johnson, who has the website MayflowerHistory.com, spoke to the members attending Congress about a new pilgrim that he and fellow researcher Simon Neal had discovered. At a Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins Heritage meeting, which the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society was invited to attend, Caleb spoke about finding documents on pilgrim Susanna Winslow White, but he also mentioned that there could be a possible connection between Alice Mullins and Peter Brown. Caleb had a suspicion that Alice and Peter were related. The reasoning behind this thought, is that Peter was a possible friend to the Mullins and apparently there may have been a connection to the Mullins family for him becoming a passenger on the Mayflower. (Speculation only at this point). Editors Note, I am awaiting an article from The American Genealogist in which Caleb Johnson, Simon Neal and Sue Allan report on their findings. The article includes more about the Peter Brown connection to the Mullins family.

I would like to have Caleb and Simon work on our behalf to research more on the Brown family. Simon lives in England and does research for GSMD and other Societies. I will let members know if this something that would be possible for our Society to undertake.

I would encourage all our members to visit Caleb's website MayflowerHistory.com. It is very informative, especially when he adds articles showcasing his trips to England. See below:

An Excerpt from his website: Copyright © 1994-2017, MayflowerHistory.com. All Rights Reserved.

We left Nottinghamshire in the early morning, and made our way south to the town of Dorking, Surrey, England. This was the home parish of Mayflower passengers William, Alice, Priscilla and Joseph Mullins, as well as Peter Browne. William Mullins was a shoemaker and operated his business out of, and lived at, the four-unit house in Dorking shown below. (Approval to reprint this excerpt given by Caleb Johnson).

Caleb Johnson speaking at the 2017
General Congress



Researching Pilgrim Peter Brown -Continued-

Peter Browne's English origins were discovered in 2004, when I published the results of my research into his origins in *The American Genealogist*, 79(July 2004):161-178. Peter Browne was baptized in Dorking, co. Surrey, England on 26 January 1594/5, the son of William Browne. The Browne family appears to have had several associations with the Mullins family of Dorking, who also came on the Mayflower. Peter Browne's brother John Browne came to Plymouth Colony about 1632 and settled in Duxbury, the next town just to the north of Plymouth. John Browne was baptized in Dorking on 29 June 1600. Excerpt from MayflowerHistory.com—Approval given to reprint this article by Caleb Johnson.

Editors Note: We hope that in the near future more information will be found proving perhaps, that the wife of William Mullins (Alice) is possibly a relative to Peter Browne. There will be a new revised Peter Brown Silver Book published shortly. We have knowledge that it will contain more vital information on the Brown family. The Silver Books may be ordered through the GSMD website. Ph: 508-746-5058 or Email: sales@themayflowersociety.org .

Caleb Johnson has said that there is a small amount of research that could be done with the research on the Peter Browne/Alice Mullins connection but the majority of the records have already been searched by himself and Simon Neal. He stated there is one record set that has not been fully exhausted and it may or may not yield the information that would be needed to find out if there was a family connection between Peter Brown and Alice Mullins. Our members would have to help with the cost of this research, as our Society is not large enough, at this time, to fund from our budget. If any member is interested in donating to this research fund, please contact Sandra Sauers, President/Governor at ssauersPPBS@gmail.com. The cost of research is approximately \$500. The research would require travel expenses along with the cost of the researcher and would be done in England at two different sites. If enough of us are willing to help with donations, it could finalize something that has been thought for sometime that the possibility of Alice being a Brown could be settled. We have yet to find out her last name. Caleb states that there is only a 15% chance of discovering anything about them, but it is the last research that can be done with regard to the connection to find who Alice was. Many other societies have been involved in this research with Caleb and Simon, as we know from the General Congress and the Susanna Winslow White discovery. Let me know what you think and email me whether you would be interested, or feel it is not necessary. Thank you. Sandra Sauers at ssauersPPBS@gmail.com.

The PPBS wishes to thank the children and grandchildren of our members who donated their artistic talents by submitting Logo and Certificate designs to the PPBS board. These young designers are members of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Junior Program. Good job Juniors!



Robin Sauers



Jason Sharer



Allison and Ashley Sharer

WEBSITES

www.MayflowerSociety.org

www.plimoth.org

www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

MayflowerHistory.com

Facebook.com (PilgrimPeterBrownSociety)

PILGRIM FAMILY SOCIETY WEBSITES

www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org

www.alden.org/

www.isaacallerton.com/

www.franciscookesociety.org/

www.edward-doty.org/

www.thefullersociety.org/

cromartiefamilyassociation.com/

www.pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org/

www.thomasrogerssociety.com/

www.soulekindred.org/

www.bartlettsociety.com/

www.delanokindred.us/

www.harlowfamily.com/

www.thepilgrimwilliamwhitesociety.org/

www.winslowheritagesociety.elisting.us/

www.home.pilgrimhopkins.com/

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

POST CARDS, PENS AND MUGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. CONTACT SANDRA SAUERS OR SHERYL SCHILLING (EMAIL INFORMATION ON PPBS WEBSITE), IF INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ANY OF THESE ITEMS. FUNDS WILL PROVIDE FURTHER EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS AND EXPENSES FOR PPBS.

Post Cards contain 10 different scenes.

