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PETER BROWN'S FAMILY HISTORY

Peter Browne married Martha, the widow of a Mr. Ford, both passengers in 1621 on the ship *Fortune* with the husband dying before arrival. She was married to Peter Browne in 1626 and had two daughters before her death in 1630.

Married Mary (maiden name and parentage unknown), married about 1630 or 1631 and had two children.

Children of Martha and her first husband, Mr. Ford:

John Ford, born about 1617. His name appears in a record of January 5, 1640/1 and after that no further reference can be found.

Martha Ford was born about 1619 and died in Plymouth on December 20, 1683. She married William Nelson in Plymouth on October 29, 1640 and had four children.

A son born on November 9, 1621 upon the arrival of the *Fortune* in Plymouth. He died soon after.

Children of Peter and Martha Browne:

Mary Browne was born about 1626 and died after November 1689. She married Ephraim Tinkham in Plymouth by October 27, 1647 and had nine children.

Priscilla Browne was born about 1628 and died after February 17, 1697/8. She married William Allen in Sandwich on March 21, 1649. They had eight children.

Children of Peter and Mary

Rebecca Browne was born about 1631 and died after March 9, 1698/9. She married William Snow about 1654. They had 9 children.

It is reported by several sources that Peter and Mary had a second child that died as there is no information on him or her.

There has been some belief that Peter Browne may have also had a son named Peter Brown of Windsor, CT but this is doubtful. Peter's land was divided in thirds between his three daughters with none going to a son, who if alive would have been a teen. **Source, Silver Book, Second Edition, Volume Seven.**

PETER BROWNE FAMILY HISTORY CONTINUED

Peter Browne's English origins were discovered in 2004, when I (Caleb Johnson) 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.

In a partial list of the house locations of the Pilgrims made out in 1620, John Goodman and Peter Browne appear to have been neighbors on the south side of the Street and the ocean side of the Highway. Peter Browne was apparently still living there during the 1623 Division of Land. By about 1626, he married Martha Ford, who arrived as one of the only female passengers on the ship *Fortune* in 1621. She gave birth almost immediately after arriving, but husband Ford apparently died during the voyage or shortly after arrival. In the 1627 Division of Cattle he, his wife Martha (Ford), his daughter Mary Browne, and his stepchildren John and Martha Ford were included with the Samuel Fuller and Anthony Anable families. About a year later, Peter and Martha would have daughter Priscilla (perhaps named after *Mayflower* passenger Priscilla Mullins who was also from Dorking), but wife Martha would die shortly thereafter. Peter remarried to a woman named Mary, whose maiden name has not been discovered. With her, he had a daughter Rebecca born about 1631, and another child who was born about 1633 and died before reaching adulthood (the name of this child has not been discovered).

Peter Browne died in 1633, probably during the general sickness that occurred that autumn and also killed neighbor Samuel Fuller, *Mayflower* passenger Francis Eaton, and several others in Plymouth. His estate inventory, taken 10 October 1633, shows that he owned 130 bushels of corn, six melch goats, one cow, eight sheep, and a number of pigs, among other things. Peter Browne and his brothers were all weavers, which explains why he had more sheep than anyone else in Plymouth at the time.

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Please visit the MayflowerHistory.com for more information on Peter Browne and other pilgrims. Caleb Johnson has researched the Mayflower Passengers and descendants and provides us with valuable knowledge about all of the Pilgrims including Peter Browne. He is an author and historian and his website is vastly informative . You will find that you visit it often to see if something new has been added. Look at his photographs from his recent trip to England and his photographs of William Mullins house where Priscilla lived as a young girl. The current owner gifted a piece of the original oak from the house to Caleb Johnson. The PPBS appreciates your research into the passengers of the Mayflower.

MANUSCRIPT HANDWRITTEN BY WILLIAM BRADFORD LISTING THE PASSENGERS OF THE MAYFLOWER, WRITTEN ABOUT 1621. (Ref State Library of Massachusetts Archives.) THIS IS THE PAGE LISTING PETER BROWNE. See last entry on the right side.

12	<p>his daughter constanta, is also married, and hath .12. Children all of them living, and one of them married.</p>	6.	<p>Thomas Rogers dyed in the first sickness, but his sone Joseph is still living, and is married, and hath .6. Children. The rest of Thomas Rogers came over, & are married, & have many Children.</p>
4	<p>M^r Richard Warren lived some .4. or .5. years, and had his wife come over to him, by whom he had .2. Sons before dyed; and one of them is married, and hath .2. Children so his increase is .4. but he had .5. daughters more came over with his wife, who are all married, & living & have many Children.</p>		<p>Thomas Tinker, and his wife, and sone, all dyed in the first sickness.</p>
8.	<p>John Billinton after he had bene here .10. yers, was executed, for killing a man; and his eldest sone dyed before him; but his .2. sone is alive, and married, & hath .18. Children</p>	4	<p>And so did John Rigdale, and his wife.</p>
7	<p>Edward Tillie, and his wife both dyed soon after their arrival, and the girle humilily their couse, was sent for into unto England, and dyed ther. But the youth Henry samson, is still living, and is married, & hath .7. Children.</p>	4	<p>James Chilton, and his wife also dyed in the first infection. but their daughter mary, is still living, and hath .9. Children; and one daughter is married, & hath a Child, so their increase is .10.</p>
8.	<p>John Tillie, and his wife both dyed, at a little after they came ashore; and their daughter Elizabeth married with John Howland and hath issue as is before noted.</p>	1.	<p>Edward fuller, and his wife dyed soon after they came ashore; but their sone samuel is living, & married, and hath .4. Children .or more.</p>
4.	<p>Francis Cooke is still living, a very olde man, and hath seene his Childrens, Children, have Children; after his wife came over, with other of his Children) he hath .3. still living by her, all married, and have .5. Children so their encrease is .8. And his sone John is which came over with him, is married, and hath .4. Children living.</p>	6	<p>John Turner, and his .2. sones all dyed in the first sickness. But he hath a daughter still living at Salem, well married, and approved of.</p>
8.	<p>died of a fever 1653 above 80</p>	4	<p>Francis Eaton, his first wife dyed in the general sickness, and he married againe & his .2. wife dyed, & he married the .3. and had by her .3. Children. one of them is married, & hath a Child, the other are living but one of them is an ydeole. He dyed about .16. years agoe.</p>
8.	<p>John Tillie, and his wife both dyed, at a little after they came ashore; and their daughter Elizabeth married with John Howland and hath issue as is before noted.</p>	<p>Moses Fletcher Thomas Williams Vigerie priest John Goodman Edmond Margefon Richard Britterige Richard Clarke</p>	<p>his sone samuel, who came over a sucking Child is also married, & hath a Child.</p>
8.	<p>Francis Cooke is still living, a very olde man, and hath seene his Childrens, Children, have Children; after his wife came over, with other of his Children) he hath .3. still living by her, all married, and have .5. Children so their encrease is .8. And his sone John is which came over with him, is married, and hath .4. Children living.</p>	<p>All these dyed sone after their arrival, in the general sickness that befel. But Vigerie priest had his wife & Children sent hither afterwards, she being M^r Allertons sister. But the rest left no posteritie here.</p>	
8.	<p>John Tillie, and his wife both dyed, at a little after they came ashore; and their daughter Elizabeth married with John Howland and hath issue as is before noted.</p>	<p>Richard Cardinar, became a seaman, and dyed in England, or at sea. Gilbert Winslow after diverse years aboard here, returned into England and dyed ther.</p>	
8.	<p>Francis Cooke is still living, a very olde man, and hath seene his Childrens, Children, have Children; after his wife came over, with other of his Children) he hath .3. still living by her, all married, and have .5. Children so their encrease is .8. And his sone John is which came over with him, is married, and hath .4. Children living.</p>	<p>Peter Browne married twice; by his first wife he had .2. Children, who are living & both of them married; and the one of them hath .2. Children by his second wife, he had .2. more; he dyed about .16. years since.</p>	

PETER BROWNE (Brown)—HEALTH, ESTATE, BURIAL

Peter Browne had health issues which became serious in late 1632. He died later in 1633, possibly in early fall from a probable infectious disease. The inventory of his assets was taken on October 10, 1633. He had apparently been attended to by Dr. Samuel Fuller and his inventory shows a debt by Browne's widow of Dr. Samuel Fuller for one peck of malt and some purgative, and a debt for "letting her man bleed." His estate also owed Kenelm, brother of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Winslow, twelve shillings for building his coffin. Browne's estate inventory detailed such as grain, animals, a fire-arm, tools, household goods, clothing, etc.. Ironically, his attending doctor Samuel Fuller also died from the same disease at that time, as did fellow *Mayflower* passenger Francis Eaton and others.*

Following Browne's death, his widow Mary was made administrator of his estate on November 11, 1633. She was ordered by the court to pay 15 pounds to John Doane to assume custody of Browne's daughter Mary and the same amount to William Gilson for the custody of Browne's daughter Priscilla with the court placing Mary with Doane for nine years and Priscilla with Gilson for twelve years until both were age seventeen. Mary retained custody of her two children by her first husband and was allowed the rest of Browne's estate for her own third for raising her own two children.*¹

At age seventeen, Mary and Priscilla Browne asked the Plymouth Court to assign their custody over to their uncle, John Browne, a weaver then residing in Duxbury. Browne was a brother of their father Peter Browne.*

Peter Browne died shortly before October 10, 1633, when the after-death inventory of his property was taken. His death was not recorded in the records of Plymouth County. Both he and his first wife Martha were both buried at Burial Hill in Plymouth.*

*See Wikipedia for Various Sources on this Article

Name: PETER BROWNE
Interment Date: 1633
Cemetery: COLES HILL
Section:
Plot: 0

There is no grave marker as they would have used wooden markers. There is a Section 0 but Peter's Section is not listed. Only the Plot 0.



SURFING FROM PETER BROWN TO THE BEACH BOYS

Elizabeth Werner

During the 1060's the Beach Boys' songs hit the charts in the 1960's and popularized the surfing scene. The Beach Boys are considered one of the most iconic and critically acclaimed American bands. When I was listening to their music, little did I know they were Mayflower descendants and my distant cousins through Peter Brown and Francis Cooke. Three of the original band members and brothers (Brian Douglas Wilson (1942 -), Dennis Carl Wilson (1944-1983) and Carl Dean Wilson (1946-1998) are direct descendants of Peter Brown. Here is their Brown lineage:

- 1. Peter Brown and Martha Ford**
- 2. Mary Brown and Ephraim Tinkham**
- 3. John Thomson, Jr. and Mary Tinkham**
- 4. Shubael Thomson and Susanna Parlow**
- 5. John Thomson and Lydia Wood**
- 6. Thomas Gifford and Lydia Thomson**
- 7. Abraham Finney and Huldah Gifford**
- 8. Uri Finney and Mary Graves**
- 9. Eli Barnum Finney and Ellen C. Cogan**
- 10. Albert Finney and Elnora Brass**
- 11. Carl Arie Korthof and Ruth Edna "Betty" Finney**
- 12. Murry Gage Wilson and Audree Neva Korthof**
- 13. "The Beach Boys"—Brian Douglas Wilson, Dennis Carl Wilson, and Carl Dean Wilson**

Let us look for other well-known and interesting people in our Brown lineages.

NOTE" Generations 3 to 13 are from The Francis Cooke Society page "**Famous Descendants of Mayflower Passenger Francis Cooke** <http://www.franciscookesociety.org/famous.html>

John Friedman, "It's a Beach Boy's Summer" Newsmax (June 18, 2012) . <http://www.newsmax.com/JonFriedman/Beach-Boys-Summer-Wilson/2012/06/18/id/442618/> (Viewed March 26, 2016) cited in Wikipedia article "The Beach Boys" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Beach_Boys



FAMOUS DESCENDANT OF PILGRIM PETER BROWN by Sandra Sauers

Charles Curtis (January 25, 1860 – February 8, 1936) was an American attorney and politician, elected as the 31st Vice President of the United States (1929–33) with President Herbert Hoover. He grew up in both Native American and European-American households.

Charles Curtis was the first person with significant Native American ancestry and the first person with acknowledged non-European ancestry to reach either of the highest offices in the United States Government's executive branch. He is notable also as an Executive Branch officer born in a territory rather than a state.

Born on January 25, 1860 in Topeka, Kansas Territory, prior to its admission as a state in January 1861, Charles Curtis was nearly half American Indian in ancestry. His mother Ellen Papin (also spelled Pappan) was one-fourth Kaw, one-fourth Osage, one-fourth Potawatomi and one-fourth French. His father Orren Curtis was European American, of English, Scots, and Welsh ancestry. On his mother's side, Curtis was a descendant of the chiefs White Plume of the Kaw Nation and Pawhuska of the Osage.

On June 1, 1868, one hundred Cheyenne warriors invaded the Kaw Reservation. Terrified white settlers took refuge in nearby Council Grove. The Kaw men painted their faces, donned regalia, and rode out on horseback to confront the Cheyenne. The rival Indian warriors put on display of superb horsemanship, accompanied with war cries and volleys of bullets and arrows. After about four hours, the Cheyenne retired with a few stolen horses and a peace offering of coffee and sugar from the Council Grove merchants. No one had been injured on either side. During the battle, Joe Jim, an interpreter of the Kaw of mixed-race, galloped 60 miles to Topeka to seek assistance from the Governor. Riding with Joe Jim was eight-year-old Charles Curtis, then nicknamed "Indian Charley". (Ref Wikipedia).

WEBSITES

www.themayflowersociety.org

www.plimoth.org

www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

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/

UPCOMING EVENTS

There were many State Conferences these past few months and some that are upcoming. Members please let us know if you want them posted for your states and if you have any photographs of your conference scan them or mail them to the editor who is also the Recording Secretary. Information can be found on this website for email addresses of the Board Members. We would also like our members to contribute interesting stories for the Newsletter. Our members all have had to search and find links to prove that they are a descendant of Peter Brown or any of the other pilgrims who