

THE PILGRIM PETER BROWN SOCIETY

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Pilgrim Peter Brown

There is little known about the origins of Peter Brown. He was baptized in 1594/5 in Dorking, Surrey, England. He may possibly be the son of William Brown of Dorking, Surrey and may have had 5 siblings, Jane and Thomas who were older and younger brothers, Samuel, John and James. His brother John Brown came to Plymouth Colony about 1632. It is supposed that the children may have been apprenticed to weavers after their father died.

Peter may have heard of the proposed voyage to the new world through an association he had with the Mullins family. He was a single man of about 25 years when he departed England along with 102 passengers and crew aboard the Mayflower. He was not a member of the Leiden Separatist community. After 3 months at sea in mid-November 1620 they landed at Cape Cod. After unsuccessfully trying to get to their correct destination of the Virginia Colony they anchored at the harbor at the Cape Cod Hook. It was there that the passengers decided to bind themselves together for the sake of all. They penned and signed what we



Site of Peter Brown Home in Plymouth, Massachusetts

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now call the Mayflower Compact that created a democratically governed and administrated society. Peter Brown along with most of the adult males signed the document.



Meet the Board

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MARK HASSENPLUG, TREASURER

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SHERYL SCHILLING, HISTORIAN

HOWARD BOOTH, ASSISTANT

WITH SUSAN ABANOR OUR FOUNDING MEMBER



Photograph taken at the National Mayflower Convention September 6, 2014, the date the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society was founded.

WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AT THE NEXT MAYFLOWER NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS IN SEPTEMBER 2017. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO EACH MEMBER REGARDING THE DATES , TIME AND PLACE WHERE OUR PPBS MEETING WILL TBE HELD.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society, we are a young society founded September 6th 2014 in Plymouth, Massachusetts after nine years of work by our society's foundress Susan Ballam Woolly Abanor. Our society is National in scope, and a nonprofit organization. The society's website can help you with many questions you might have, www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org. I am delighted to have you participate and share in becoming part of our Society now or in the future.

James Klim, Governor

I would like to see the society gain members by showing the importance of the history all pilgrims have had on our country. I would like to have Peter become more of a recognizable and well known pilgrim.

Stephanie Greenberg, Vice Governor

Publicize PPBS and attract new members.

Research and document the descendants of Peter Brown, looking for their contributions to society.

Elizabeth Werner, Corresponding Secretary

My hopes for PPBS are simple. Increase the membership.

Howard Booth, Assistant

Attract new members through existing information from our state Mayflower Societies who have knowledge of our Peter Brown descendants. Look to the future with our younger members and begin an educational program that will involve the giving of an annual scholarship for those young members. Format a way to bring in donations to help us with those future endeavors. Have our new members be involved 100% so that they can share their expertise with the Society and help to seek new members within their families. Peter Brown was an important member of our family and one to be proud of. Thank you new members for your patience in our development phase in setting up our application process and website.

Sandra Sauers, Recording Secretary

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD (continued)

Like so many people I longed to find out my family history and roots, so as to know where I fit into this world. It comes as no surprise that the world, even our relatively small part of it, is so large that the magnitude of individual research almost caused me to give up. By finding like minded individuals that support each other and help in such a daunting task, it made the journey easier. That is what I wish to pass on to others and create an opportunity to meet others who are part of a large family of relatives that share a common bond through this organization

Mark Hassenplug, Treasurer

As the first historian of the PPBS I am in a unique position of helping to lay the ground work for our application process and lineage database. I hope that what I can accomplish will serve this society successfully for many years. I am looking forward to assisting our close and distant cousins in learning more about their pilgrim ancestor. I look forward to interacting with other societies and organizations in our common passion of remembering and honoring our pilgrim forefathers and mothers who made a profound impact to American history. There is a great need to educate young people about the pilgrims and I am hopeful that through the PPBS we will be able to help do this through educational scholarships and outreach.

Sheryl Schilling, Historian

DID YOU KNOW?

The first street in Plymouth was appropriately named First Street (later changed to Leyden Street) - claimed to be the oldest continuously inhabited street in the thirteen colonies. It has been used since the original settlers built houses here in 1620.

LEYDEN STREET TODAY



The Pilgrims didn't name Plymouth, Massachusetts, for Plymouth, England.

In fact, the Pilgrims didn't name Plymouth, Massachusetts, at all. It had been dubbed that years earlier by previous explorers to the region, and was clearly marked as Plymouth (or Plimoth—spellings varied somewhat) on maps that the Mayflower's captain surely had on hand. It's sheer coincidence that the Mayflower passengers ended up sailing from a town called Plymouth in England and then landing in a town called Plymouth in America.



PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND TODAY

Thank You “Team CODEX” of the University of Houston for our website.

Back in September 2014 I met with a group of IT students at the University of Houston to discuss the building of the website for the newly formed Pilgrim Peter Brown Society. It was interesting to be bringing 21st century technology together with the intent of remembering a person of the 17th century. The students were given a project of designing a website for an organization, proposing their plan, and finally presenting the website to our board along with an operating manual. They chose the name “Team CODEX” for their group. The project had to be complex enough to satisfy their professor’s requirements. Due to the demanding nature of handling a future lineage database, an event calendar and also application processing it was deemed acceptable to the professor as their project.

The students had many questions for me about the society. They were curious as to why we were setting up a society to remember a man of seemingly little significance who died so young. Many of them were likely to be unaware of the full importance and impact of the Mayflower on American history. I hope that in working with them on this website and answering the many questions they had for me I helped them to understand our passion for remembering our pilgrim ancestor.

The resulting website that they developed for us will serve us for many years.

Sheryl Schilling, Historian

**WEBSITES**

www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org

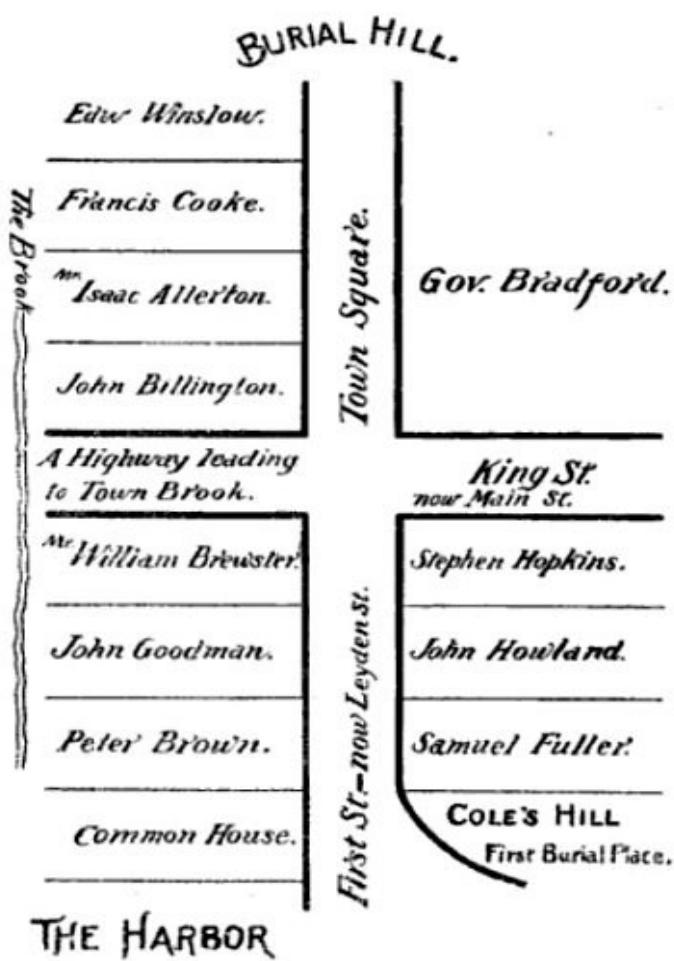
www.themayflowersociety.org

www.plimoth.org

www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

[Facebook.com](#)





Photographs of Plymouth, Massachusetts landmarks and map of original settlement indicating where Peter Brown's home was located.

Mayflower Society House



PILGRIM HALLMUSEUM



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15—18, 2016 Pilgrim Hall Museum Kids' Week -

10 to Noon Each Day.

Students and children under 18 admitted FREE!

Admission for adults is \$10, \$8 for seniors.

Free for residents of Plymouth or members of Pilgrim Hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Texas State Mayflower Society Conference

San Antonio, Texas April 1 and 2, 1016.

FOREFATHERS MONUMENT



PLIMOTH PLANTATION