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2017 General Congress is fast approaching. Registration forms have been sent by GSOMD to all members. Registration information is on the GSOMD Website.

The PPBS Tri-Annual meeting will be held on September 9, 2017 at the 1620 Hotel at 180 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360 between 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A room has been reserved and information will be emailed to each member in June. This information will also be posted on the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society website and on the Facebook page for PPBS.

By-law amendments will be discussed and changes and/or corrections voted on.

Nominated officers will be voted in. If you would like to be nominated for a position on the board, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Werner at ehwcw@wowway.com.

The 2020 General Congress will also be discussed to see what PPBS would like to do for this big event. We want PPBS to have an impact on 2020. Give the board members your ideas and be a big part of the celebration.

The goal of PPBS is to honor the life of Pilgrim Peter Brown. This will be accomplished with the success of PPBS. Your goal, as a member, is to help us to grow by encouraging your family and friends to join PPBS and to become involved in making the society successful.

Inform the members of your own state society meetings that the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society exists, to see if your state society has Peter Brown descendants. PPBS needs your ideas and input on how to make our Society a success. **Members are the Society** and make it what it is. Let us honor our famous descendant and build a great memorial to him and his family.

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INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY OF PETER BROWNE

John Brown(e), Brother of Peter Brown(e) and son of William Brown(e)

Born about 1598 in Dorking, Surrey, England and Died April 10, 1662 in Wannamoisett, Swansea, Bristol Co., Massachusetts; married Dorothy, born in England, died after 1633 in New England.

In numerous accounts, it is thought that John Browne was probably the Mayflower passenger who with his wife, Dorothy, and children, Mary, John, James and William sailed from London on June 22, 1632 on board the Lyon. The Master of the Lyon was William Peirce. The Lyon arrived at Boston, Mass on September 16, 1632. John's destination was listed as Plymouth, Mass. John's son, Peter, was born approximately a year after they arrived. Undoubtedly named after his brother, Peter Browne.

In a Memorand dated October 10, 1644, there is mention of inventory or items given to John Browne which he was to keep for Mary Browne until she reached the age of 17. (Plymouth Colony Records Vol. 2, page 76)

Mary Browne would most likely be the daughter of Peter Browne and niece of John Browne. This would have been due to the death of Peter Browne and the share given to each of his children.

There is not much recorded information about John Browne but any member who is willing to trace John's family may find something worthwhile about the parents of Peter Brown. Anyone who takes on this project should send the information to this editor so that we can publish it in the Newsletter giving them credit for working on the family of Peter Brown.

Courtesy of Wikipedia and Caleb Johnson/Mayflower History.com

PIRATES ASHORE

in Plymouth

Saturday, May 20, 2017
(*Rain date, May 21*)

Pirate & Pilgrim fun for all ages!

Visit the GSMD Website to read about the plans for the 400th year Anniversary. It will be exciting for our PPBS members who plan to attend the 2020 Congress. More information will be given to the GSMD/PPBS members who will be attending the 2017 Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PPBS Members—Important Announcement for 2017

General Congress 2017 Announcement from the GSMD -

General Congress will be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts on September 8-13, 2017.

The two days of business meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 11 and 12th, with the closing banquet Tuesday evening.

We are excited to announce a new venue for our banquet. General Congress 2017 closing banquet will be held at the beautiful Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, MA - just up the road from Plymouth!

Details on other meetings and tours will be announced early next year. If you have any questions, you can email CongressInfo@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

A **Pilgrim Peter Brown Society Meeting** will be held during the General Congress. The date for the meeting is **September 9, 2017 between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm at the 1620 Hotel**. A room has been reserved and further information will be emailed to each member later this year. If you plan to attend the PPBS Meeting, please send an email to Elizabeth Werner at ehwclw@wowway.com. We will be amending the By-Laws and voting on new Board Members. If any member would like to be nominated for a Board position, the email that is being sent by Elizabeth will outline the positions and what the position involves.

Fund Raising for PPBS—The current Board has been considering several ideas for items that we can sell at the General Congress. Fund Raising and donations are necessary in order for PPBS to pay expenditures that are involved in maintaining the PPBS, i.e. website, printing cost, fees for our Non-Profit license, etc. Once the items are decided upon, we will send notices to the members that the items will be available at the Congress. The items will appeal to other society members as well. As our memberships are lifetime, we do not have annual fees that most member societies have. Our only increase in funds to our account will be by donations by members or the sale of items. One of our goals is to have an educational fund that we can offer a college scholarship to one of our members children. We recently donated \$100 to the Save Our Ship fund and hope to become a part of the Family Society Partnership with the GSMD which will give PPBS great exposure in the Mayflower Quarterly. You can check out the GSMD website and the Fall 2016 Mayflower Quarterly for information about this project.

SEARCHING CEMETERIES TO FIND YOUR DESCENDANTS

As long as I can remember, I have always been interested in visiting cemeteries. I believe the fascination is the words on the headstones themselves. Some of them give you insight as to the person who rests beneath the stone. It tells you when they were born and when they died, their name, and their family names. I especially enjoy the older headstones as they usually have some beautiful epitaphs written on them. Some have humorous poems or sayings written on them. It appears that in the olden days, people had fun with the headstones. I think I will have to come up with a clever saying for my headstone just to give someone a laugh when they are looking through my cemetery, wherever that shall be.

When I started tracing my ancestors, I found that visiting the cemeteries where the ancestor was buried, told me much about that person. Oftentimes, there were several family members buried in the cemetery that I was not aware of. In a way, I found new family members.

Some of these cemeteries were deep inside a forest and were, to put it mildly, very scary. Locating the cemeteries can be an adventure in itself. Two of the headstones were in a small cemetery in White Creek, NY and was somewhat secluded. One cemetery that was in a forest and very secluded was difficult to find and was on a dirt road that if we did not have a 4-wheel vehicle probably could not get to it. We were rewarded with finding many of our relatives headstones but unfortunately many were broken and laying on the ground.

However, in the process of wandering all over New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont, we found many of the headstones required repair which my daughter and I felt should be done. It is rewarding to know that the headstone may be around for other generations to find. Many times we could not read the words on the stones. Warning, do not use shaving cream on the stones, it can damage the stones. There are products available to use.

I was fortunate to find a gentlemen from a Bennington, Vermont Funeral Home (Mahar Funeral Home) who was willing to make the repairs. It took him at least two trips. He has since repaired other stones for us. He even made the trip to the New York cemetery to make the repairs of my 4th great grandparents. There stones were off of the pedestals and laying on the sides. This great grandfather fought in the Civil War and had been captured by the Confederate Army in Texas. He was kept prisoner in New Orleans, LA. Being that I was born in Saratoga County, NY and now live in Texas, it sounded so surreal to me that he had marched from New York to Texas and then was captured not far from where I live now. One of our cousins from this family was actually named Houston. Another gentlemen from Saratoga, NY repaired my 5th Great Grandfather's headstone in Wilton, NY. The stone was in 3 pieces.

As you search these cemeteries, you begin to know more about where they lived and where they died. Another Great Grandfather was buried in Windsor, Mass. We found his grave and had gone into the town hall to speak to the town clerk as we wanted to place a D.A.R. plaque on his headstone. There was a large bronze plaque in the foyer which listed the towns men who had fought in the Revolutionary War and this Great Grandfather's name is on that plaque. The plaque use to be outside the town hall but they had moved it inside and they now have plaques for all the wars that their men and women have fought in. Just another great find in the search through the cemeteries. This Great grandfather fought at Valley Forge with George Washington.

This adventure was shared with my daughter, Sheryl Schilling (PPBS Historian) who appreciates roaming the cemeteries as much as I do. by Sandra Sauers



Rosewood Cemetery in White Creek, NY where we found a Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother who lived in the small town of White Creek.

Grandfather fought for the Union Army in the Civil War. Marched from upstate New York to Louisiana and was captured near New Orleans, LA. Was held in New Orleans until he was released.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY ABOUT YOUR DESCENDANTS THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH PPBS MEMBERS?

Contact Editor Sandra Sauers at rec.secretary@pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org

Dick Van Dyke: Brown Descendant in Show Biz By Elizabeth Werner

How many of us enjoyed watching the *Dick Van Dyke Show* during the early 60's, saw Dick Van Dyke play the chimney sweep in *Mary Poppins*, or more recently watched *Night at the Museum*? Almost as enjoyable—or maybe more enjoyable—to genealogy buffs is to discover that they have well-known celebrities or famous people in their family trees. Such is the case with actor, comedian, singer, dancer, writer and producer Dick Van Dyke.

Dick Van Dyke was born Richard Wayne Van Dyke on December 13, 1925 in West Plains, Missouri to Loren Wayne Van Dyke and Hazel Vorice McCord. He grew up in Danville, Illinois. He originally planned to become a minister, but high school drama changed his calling to that of a professional entertainer. His career began in the 1940's as a DJ. He left high school in World War II to join the Army Air Force, but was turned down for being underweight, but was finally accepted for service as a radio announcer and then in Special Services to entertain the troops. **With the January 25, 2017 passing of Mary Tyler Moore, it can be remembered that she played his wife on the *Dick Van Dyke Show*, thus launching her acting career. A listing of his credits and awards is way beyond the scope of this brief article and can be readily found online.** Dick Van Dyke's younger brother is actor Jerry Van Dyke (b. 1931 in Danville, Illinois) and son Barry Van Dyke, born in 1951 in Atlanta to Dick and his first wife Margie Willett (1926-2008) can also be counted among our Peter Brown cousins.

Caleb Johnson's website MayflowerHistory.com lists Dick Van Dyke as a descendant of Peter Brown. This website only gives Dick Van Dyke's direct ancestors, but does not list the spouses or any birth and death years. The Brown volume of *Mayflower Families through Five Generations* and several family trees on Ancestry.com flesh out his Mayflower line.

Dick Van Dyke also descends from Francis Cooke, George Soule and his son John Soule, Myles Standish, and John Alden through his ancestors Esther Wright (generation #3) and Sarah Soule (generation #5).

Here is his lineage starting with Peter Brown. The names of the Brown descendants are in **bold** print and goes through his mother Hazel McCord:

PETER BROWN and Martha Ford

(1) Mary Browne (born ca. 1626 in Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts and died after 1689 Middleborough, Plymouth, Massachusetts), married Ephraim Tinkham (born ca. probably in England and died between January 17, 1683/4 (date of will) and May 20, 1685 (date of inventory) in Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts).

(2) Ephraim Tinkham (born August 5 1649 in Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts and died October 13, 1714 in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts) married Esther Wright (born in 1649 in Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts and died in 1717 in Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts). Esther was the daughter of Richard and Hester (Cooke) Wright and was granddaughter of Mayflower passenger Francis Cooke.

(3) Isaac Tinkham (born June 30, 1685 in Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts and died April 7, 1750 in Halifax, Plymouth County, Massachusetts) married Abijah Wood February 20, 1688 in Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts and died December 25, 1777 in Halifax, Plymouth County, Massachusetts).

(4) Nathan Tinkham (born April 18, 1725 in Middleborough, Plymouth, Massachusetts and died October 3, 1807 in Pomfret, Windsor County, Vermont) married Sarah Soule (born June, 15 1727 in Plympton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts and died September 28, 1807 in Pomfret, Windsor County, Vermont). Sarah Soule was a descendant of Mayflower passengers John Alden, Francis Eaton, George Soule, and Myles Standish.

(5) Isaiah Tinkham (was born September 19, 1757 in Halifax, Plymouth, Massachusetts and died September 29, 1842 in Pomfret, Windsor, Vermont) married Susannah Ellis (born April 22, 1762 in Middleborough, Massachusetts and died 12 May 1844 in Pomfret, Windsor County, Vermont)

(6) Susannah Tinkham (born May 20, 1791 Pomfret, Windsor, Vermont and died June 27, 1870 in Charlotte, Virginia, United States) married David Child, Jr. (born September 15, 1787 in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont and died 24 Nov 1862, Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont)

(7) David Lorenzo Child (born August 28, 1816 in Pomfret, Windsor, Vermont and died April 29, 1871 in Granville, Putnam, Illinois) married Margaret L. Dysert (born 1813 in York, Pennsylvania and died after 1880 in Granville, Putnam County, Illinois)

(8) Susan Elizabeth Child (born May 23, 1842 in Granville, Putnam, Illinois, and died July 3 1930, Vermillion, Butler, Illinois) married Ninian Alphonse McCord (born July 3 1832, in Illinois and died May 12, 1888)

(9) Charles Cornelius McCord (Apr. 5, 1871 in Putnam County, Illinois; died October 15, 1937 in Danville, Vermillion, Illinois) married Adaline "Addie" Verinda Neal (born May 17, 1873 in Indiana and died December 22, 1959, buried in Danville, Illinois)

(10) Hazel Vorice McCord (born October 6 1896 in East Lynn, Vermillion County, Illinois and died September 27, 1992 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas) married Loren Wayne Van Dyke (born 28 June 1900 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois and died 21 August 1975 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona)

(11) Richard Wayne "Dick" Van Dyke December 13, 1925 in West Plains, Missouri.

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WEBSITES

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www.plimoth.org

www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

www.mayflowerhistory.com

Facebook.com (PilgrimPeterBrownSociety)

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www.pilgrimpeterbrownsociety.org/

www.alden.org/

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Research, Books and Documents

Visit the website MayflowerHistory.Com by Caleb Johnson as he has posted the many letters written by the Pilgrims which contain valuable insight as to how the Pilgrims felt about the journey and their life in Plymouth.