

THE PILGRIM PETER BROWN SOCIETY

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

As a GSOMD member and a Board Member of PPBS, I have given much thought to how much research had to be done to prove my ancestry and heritage. In our quest to find our Mayflower ancestry, we have our hopes dashed more times than we care to mention until you finally find the proof either by documents or photos that we need to get one step further into the process.

I would like to take this moment to thank all GSOMD Historians and Co-Historians past and future for the invaluable work they do in a volunteer position. Each state has their own Historians and Co-Historians and many spend years doing this work. It is time consuming and involves many of their own personal hours. **THANK YOU.**

Sandra Sauers, Editor



Pilgrim Peter Brown Society Seal

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Certificates

Our Certificates for Membership to the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society will be sent out by the end of this year. They have been finalized, printed and will be sent to Governor Klim for his signature. It has been a long process as there were many approvals necessary and the design was reworked several times which required another approval. We hope that you like the results. Our appreciation goes to the following who worked on the design, Robin Sauers and Allison, Ashley and Jason Sharer.

Members Feedback for PPBS Meeting in September 2017

Members we need for you to get involved with PPBS. Our meeting will be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts during the National Convention in September 2017. Please send an email to our Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Werner at ehwclw@wowway.com to advise if you will be at the meeting or if you would like to run for a position on the Board. More information concerning the 2017 National Convention as well as the meeting place for PPBS will be sent out in January 2017.

Newsletter

We would like our current members to contribute information and articles to the Newsletter. It could be an article about your heritage and how you found the information to become a member of the National Mayflower Society or PPBS. You can contact Sandra Sauers at s.sauers@sbcglobal.net for further information or to send your article. Please visit our website for additional information. PPBS is also on Facebook.

PPBS Members—Important Announcement for 2017

General Congress 2017

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!

FOR YOUR RESEARCH: Peter Brown Genealogy

By Elizabeth Werner

Here are three genealogical resources reflect the progress in Peter Brown. The first two were published when Peter Brown's origins were still unknown. Caleb Johnson's 2004 article provides his research to determine Peter Brown's probable origins in Dorking, England. All three resources are valuable for researching Peter Brown, his property, family associations and his descendants.

Robert S. Wakefield, Peter Brown, 2nd edition. Mayflower Families through Five Generations. Volume 7. Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, © 2002.

This volume is the seventh volume of the Mayflower Society's Five Generations Project. Genealogist Robert S. Wakefield began this book in 1977 and published 1992. He died in 2002, the year this second edition was published. This book provides documentation from primary sources for 285 members of the first five generations of Peter Brown descendants and lists the names of the sixth generation. At the time of publication, nothing was known of Peter Brown's background. Wakefield stated "He has not been found in any Leyden record, so he must have joined the Pilgrims in England." (Page 1) In 2004, Caleb Johnson published his findings on Peter Brown's background. However, Wakefield's Peter Brown is an indispensable volume for researching Peter's early descendants. It is easy to follow succeeding generations. The book has a list of abbreviations for source titles and terms, and an index of names. By following the descendant numbers, I was able trace my Peter Brown line. The Peter Brown volume is available for \$35.00 from The Mayflower Society store at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/shop/books-publications/silver-books-and-mfip>

Robert Charles Anderson, "Peter Brown," The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633." Vol. I (A-F). Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995-1996, pages 259-261.

Here is brief article about Peter Brown in the three-volume set The Great Migration Begins. Robert Charles Anderson wrote this sketch when Peter Brown's origins were unknown. The article follows the Great Migration series' format of listing Peter Browns' origin, migration, first residence, freeman [date] 1633, education; Estate, Birth, death, marriage[s] children, and Comments. Anderson cites Plymouth Colony records, land records, Bradford and other journals for basic data about Peter Brown. This is a basic reference for data about Peter Brown as an immigrant to New England. The three volume set is available from the NEHGS store at <http://shop.americanancestors.org/collections/great-migration>

The hardback set costs \$125, and the soft-cover set costs \$79.95. (NEHGS members receive discounted prices). If the price of the Great Migration series seems steep, you should be able to find these books in public libraries with good genealogical collections.

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FOR YOUR RESEARCH: Peter Brown Genealogy (Continued)

Caleb Johnson, "The Probable English Origins of Mayflower Passenger Peter Browne and his Association with Mayflower Passenger William Mullins," *The American Genealogist*, vol. 79; no. 3 (July, 2004) pages 164-165.

Caleb Johnson searched for court records concerning Peter Brown's daughters after Peter's death in 1633. His widow Mary maintained her two biological children by Peter; but step-daughters Mary and Priscilla were given a trust and fostered out until the girls turned 17. When Mary and Priscilla Brown turned 17, they requested the Plymouth Colony Court to assign their custody to their uncle John Browne, of Duxbury until they married. Thus Peter had a brother John. Sometimes serendipity and coincidence can help solve genealogical mysteries. Caleb Johnson was researching William and Alice Mullins of the parish of Dorking, county Surrey, England. He had engaged a researcher Leslie Maher to look for Mullins entries in the parish registers. In the process, Leslie found the baptisms of two brothers named Peter and John Browne. Caleb Johnson proposed that the Peter Browne baptized on 26 January 1594/5 was the Peter Browne of the Mayflower. His younger brother John Browne was baptized 29 June 1600. There were no further records of Peter or John in Dorking. Caleb Johnson searched and found social and family connections between Peter Brown and the Mullen's family, thus giving evidence of that Pilgrim Peter Browne from Dorking, England. This is a journal article, which appeared in the July, 2004 issue of *The American Genealogist*, should be available in libraries with good genealogical collections. I obtained my photocopy via interlibrary loan from the John Germany Library of Tampa, Florida. By Elizabeth Werner

Researching—My Inquiry to the Dorking Museum & Historical Centre in Dorking, UK

By Sandra Sauers

In my researching endeavors I emailed the Dorking Museum and Historical Centre to find out if they had records or information regarding Peter Brown and mostly his family. This was the reply:

Thank you for your recent query.

We do not have any information relating to the Peter Browne who you believe is your ancestor. There is a baptismal record for a Peter Browne on 26.1.1594/5 son of William, but no other records of this Peter. There appears to be no link through marriage between William Browne and the Mullins family who were only present in Dorking for a relatively short period of time.

I note that one version of the Passenger List of the Mayflower (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mosmd/mayfpas.htm>) gives Great Burstead in Essex as Peter Browne's place of birth so you might want to try Essex Record Office for any further information (<http://www.essexrecordoffice.co.uk/>). (end)

Researching can be time consuming and difficult at times. However, sometimes you may get a new name to work with. Now onto the Essex Record Office. Searching William Brown and his children.

WHO were the Pilgrims?

They were a small group of Separatists from England who were devout Christians looking for a place where they could live and worship freely without persecution. Other Englishmen joined them who wanted to go to the New World simply to improve their lives.

The Separatists referred to themselves as “Saints” and the others who joined them in London as “Strangers.” No one called them Pilgrims at the time.

William Bradford first called the travelers “Pilgrims” in his journal.

Around 1800, the word “pilgrim” came to be associated with all the Plymouth colonists.

Why did they make this long and arduous journey?

In England, it was illegal to worship apart from the king’s Church of England, so the small group had to meet secretly. In 1608, many of them fled to Holland where there was freedom of religion.

In Leiden, Holland, John Robinson was the congregation’s leader. Since John Robinson did not go to the New World in 1620, Elder William Brewster assumed the role of pastor for the group in Plymouth.

Do You Know Your Pilgrims—Test Your Knowledge

1. Who was Christopher Jones?

2. What date did the Mayflower Sail and How many return trips did the Mayflower make before she actually began the journey to Plymouth?

3. How many days did it take to sail to Plymouth?

4. How many passengers started out on the Mayflower and how many did not complete the journey?

5. Who fell overboard but was recovered from the water?

6. How many dogs and cats were on the ship?

7. Who was born on the Mayflower?

8. What Indian helped the Pilgrims and showed them how to grow crops?

9. What Indian Tribe befriended the Pilgrims?

10. Who was the first Governor of the colony?

Bonus Question: What tribe did the Indian in Question 8 belong too?

FAMILY OF PETER BROWN

Peter Browne was a son of **William Browne** of Dorking. He had **two older siblings, Jane and Thomas**, as well as **three younger brothers, Samuel, John and James**. In or about 1605, when Peter was about ten years of age, his father died and the children may have been sent to family members and friends under apprenticeships. A local weaver probably apprenticed the three youngest sons in that line of work.^[3] Source Wikipedia

Browne may have heard of the proposed Mayflower voyage from his relationship with the Mullins family. William Mullins was a shoe and boot maker in Dorking and was one of Londoners who was later involved in the financial support of the Mayflower voyage. Peter's sister Jane had married John Hammon in Dorking in 1610 and her mother-in-law, Jane Hammon, had appointed William Mullins as her estate administrator. Also, John Hammon's sister Susan married Ephraim Bothell, who purchased William Mullins property and home before he and his family boarded the Mayflower.^[4] Source Wikipedia

John Browne—Brother of Peter Brown(e)

Birth: John Brown was baptized in Dorking, Surrey on June 29, 1600. Death: He died before June 5, 1684, when his will was probated. Ship: Unknown, 1632 Life in England: John Brown has been tentatively identified as John, son of William Brown, baptized in Dorking, Surrey on June 29, 1600. Life in New England: John Brown was the brother of Mayflower passenger, Peter Brown. For several years before her marriage, he was the guardian of his brother's daughter, Priscilla. He was a weaver in Duxbury, and may have learned the trade in England. He has often been confused with another John Brown who arrived in the colony about 1635. Family: John Brown married Phebe Harding on March 26, 1634. She was still alive at the writing of his will on April 15, 1672. Child of John and Phoebe Brown: • Remember was born about 1648 in Duxbury. She married Josiah Wormall about 1668 and had at least six, and possibly eight, children. He died in Duxbury after 1685.

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WEBSITES

www.themayflowersociety.org

www.pilmoth.org

www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

Facebook.com (PilgrimPeterBrownSociety)

PILGRIM FAMILY SOCIETY WEBSITES

www.pilgrimspeterbrownsociety.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/

“My Ancestors didn’t come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat”
Quoted by Will Rogers –

His parents were both 1/2 Cherokee Indian. In the movie, “The Life Story of Will Rogers”, Will Rogers, Jr. portrays his father, he is shown speaking to the descendants of Plymouth Rock and speaks of his Indian heritage and the Pilgrims. Will Rogers was a great advocate for the people and many times during his performances mentions the pilgrims. However, he was not a descendant.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PILGRIMS

1. Captain of the Mayflower
2. September 6, 1620
3. 66 Days
4. 102 Started Out on Journey, 1 Died On Board
5. John Howland
6. 2 dogs and 1 cat was recorded in a Pilgrims Bible
7. Oceanus Hopkins
8. Squanto
9. Wampanoag
10. John Carver

Bonus Question: Squanto belonged to the Patuxet Tribe

10 Points for each correct answer and the Bonus is worth another 10.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING—MAY YOU EACH REMEMBER OUR DESCENDANTS WHO TRAVELLED ON THE MAYFLOWER IN 1620 AND GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR DETERMINATION AND FAITH IN SETTLING PLYMOUTH. IN REMEMBRANCE , PLACE 5 KERNELS OF CORN NEXT TO YOUR PLATES TO REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE THAT COLD FIRST WINTER.

