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Family of

BREWSTER

William BREWSTER, the Pilgrim

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Brewster Family.

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I. (ELDER) WILLIAM BREWSTER was born during the last half of the year 1666 or the first half of 1667. This is determined by an affidavit made at Leyden, Holland, June 20, 1609, in which he, his wife Mary and his son Jonathan declared their ages to be respectively 42, 40 and 16 years. His father, William Brewster, of Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, held various offices of responsibility in that place, was of good family and belonged to the gentleman class, the family arms being identical with those of the Suffolk branch. Sept. 19, 1607, the Ecclesiastical court of York issued a warrant for the apprehension as a Brownist of the younger man, describing him as "William Brewster of Scrooby, Gentleman". He married Mary H-----, and migrated to New England in 1620, in the "Mayflower", located in Plymouth, became the ruling elder of the church and one of the most distinguished of the Pilgrim laymen. His wife Mary, whose maiden name has never been recovered, "died in Plymouth in New England the 17th of April, 1627", and was survived by her husband fourteen years. He "died at Plymouth in New England the 10th of April 1644".

Second Generation.

Children of (Elder) William (I) and Mary () Brewster:

- i. Jonathan, born in Scrooby, Aug. 12, 1693, followed his parents to New England in the "Fortune", arriving at Plymouth in November, 1621. He married April 10, 1624, "Lucretia Oldam of Darby", probably a sister of John Oldham of Plymouth in 1623, whom Jonathan Brewster called "brother". About 1630, he removed his family to Duxbury, which place he represented in the General court of the colony in 1639, '41, '42, '43 and '44.

Thence he removed to New London, Conn., about 1649, where he was admitted an inhabitant Feb. 20, 1649-50, locating in that portion which was later established as Norwich, his farm lying in both towns. He was a deputy to the General court of Connecticut in 1650, '55, '56, '57 and '58. According to a letter dated Sept. 1, 1660, written by Jonathan to his sister-in-law, Sarah, widow of Love Brewster, he and his whole family "resolved for Old England" the following year. It is possible that two of his sons, William and Jonathan returned to England, but the remainder of the family remained here. Jonathan Brewster died Aug. 7, 1689, and was buried in the old graveyard at Brewster's Neck, which is now in the town of Preston. A portion of his footstone still remains to mark the spot of his interment. His wife died March 4, 1678-9.

Their children were:

- William, born in Plymouth, March 9, 1625, married Oct. 19, 1651, Mary Peime (?) of London, and perhaps lived in England.
- Mary, born in Plymouth, April 16, 1627, married Nov. 10, 1645, John Turner of Scituate.
- Jonathan of Duxbury, born at Plymouth, July 17, 1629 1629, may have gone to England.



Ruth, born at Jones River, Oct. 3, 1631; died in New London, April 30, 1677; married (1) March 14, 1631, John Pickett of New London, who died at sea, returning from Barbadoes, Aug. 10, 1667; married (2) July 16, 1668, Charles Hill, formerly of London, England, a son of George Hill of Barley, county Devon.

Benjamin of Brewster's Neck, born at Duxbury, Nov. 17, 1633; died Sept. 14, 1710; married "Ann Dart" the last Daye of febeare: 1656, who may have been the widow of Ambrose Dart of Boston who married Anne Adis, daughter of William Adis of Cape Ann, the 24th of the 4th month (June) 1663. He father, William Adis, was a resident of New London at the time of Benjamin Brewster's marriage. She died May 9, 1709.

Elizabeth, born in Duxbury, May 1, 1637, married (1) Sept. 7, 1653, Peter Bradley of New London, who died April 3, 1662; and (2) Christopher Christophers, who died July 23, 1687.

Grace, born at Duxbury, Nov. 1, 1639; died in New London, April 22, 1684; married Aug. 4, 1659, Daniel Wetherell of the latter place, a son of Rev. William and Mary (Pisner) Wetherell of Scituate, Plymouth colony who was born in Maidstone, county Kent, England, Nov. 29, 1630, and died April 14, 1719.

Hannah, born in Duxbury, Nov. 3, 1641; married Dec. 23, 1664, Samuel Starr of New London. She was living as his widow, Feb. 22, 1687-8.

- ii. Patience came to New England in the "Ann", in July, 1623. She married Aug. 5, 1624, Thomas Prence, and died in 1634.
- iii. Fear came in the "Ann" to New England in July, 1623. She married as his second wife, before May 22, 1627, Isaac Allerton.
- iv. A child died in Leyden, Holland, June 20, 1609.
- v. Love(2).
- vi. Wrestling came to New England in the "Mayflower", in 1620, with his parents and brother, Love. He was living May 22, 1627, but died before his father. Gov. Bradford said he "dyed a yonge man unmarried".

2. LOVE BREWSTER came to New England in the "Mayflower", in 1620, with his parents and brother Wrestling. He married, May 10, 1634, Sarah, a daughter of William Collier of Duxbury. They made their home in that place occupying the house belonging to his father, which, after the Elder's death, came into Love's possession. Gov. Bradford, in speaking of Love Brewster's family in 1630, said that he "left 4 children, now living", all of whom were mentioned in their father's will which bore date Oct. 6, 1630, and which was proved March 4, 1630+1.

His widow, Sarah, married after Sept. 1, 1636, Richard Parke (or Parks) of Cambridge, who died in 1665. She was living March 2, 1679-80.

Third Generation.

Children of Love (2) and Sarah (Collier) Brewster:

- i. Sarah married, about 1666, Benjamin, a son of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlett.
- M Nathaniel ii. ~~William~~ of Duxbury, was called "eldest sonn and heir apparent" in the will of his father. But little is known of him. He died in 1676, leaving a widow, neither of whose names is known. He was probably childless.

iii. William, (3).

iv. Wrestling of Duxbury, carpenter, was called "my youngest sonn" in his father's will. He married Mary, whose identity is unestablished, by whom he had three sons and five daughters. He died Jan. 1, 1696-7, and his widow married, May 23, 1700, Joann Partridge of Duxbury, who died April 9, 1761. She then removed to Kingston, where some of her children had settled, and died there as per her gravestone, "Novbr. ye 12th 1742 Aged 80 year II mo & 27 days".

Their children were:

Mary, born Feb. 10, 1678-9; died April 17, 1761, aged 82 years. She married as his second wife, Joseph Holmes of Kingston, born July 9, 1669; died June 26, 1733, aged 63 years and 23 days, a son of Rev. John and Mary (Wood) Holmes.

Sarah married in Duxbury, March 4, 1700-6, Caleb Stetson of Plymouth, born in March, 1682, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Dodson) Stetson.

Abigail married in Duxbury, Oct. 23, 1707, Elisha Stetson, a brother of Caleb, who married her sister Sarah. He died Feb. 11, 1755, and she May 6, 1761. Jonathan of Duxbury until 1727, when he disposed of his property there and removed to Lebanon, Conn., married March 6, 1709, Mary, daughter of his step-father, John Partridge of Duxbury, by her mother, Hannah Seabury. Mary was born May 2, 1693. In 1730, Jonathan Brewster purchased land in Windham, Conn., being called "of Lebanon" in the deed, and removed to that place. He evidently outlived his wife and died there Nov. 24, 1733.

Hannah married Benjamin, son of David and Mary (Southworth) Alden, and died Jan. 8, 1763, aged 74 years.

Elizabeth married Ephraim Bradford, and died Dec. 5, 1741, in her 61st year.

b Aug. 4, 1695, —Wrestling of Kingston, cordwainer, became a deacon of the church in that place. He married, July 12, 1722, Hannah Thomas, born Aug. 30, 1698, a daughter of James and Mary (Tilden) Thomas of Duxbury. Deacon Wrestling Brewster died Jan. 1, 1767; his widow died Aug. 20, 1788.

John of Kingston, carpenter and innholder, married Rebekah, a daughter of John and Rebekah (Bartlett) Bradford of that place. She was born Dec. 14, 1710, and died about the year 1771. He died between Sept. 20, 1769, and Jan. 1, 1770, upon which latter date administration upon his estate was granted to his widow.

3. WILLIAM BREWSTER of Duxbury, was called "my second sonn" in the will of his father. He married, Jan. 2, 1672, Lydia, a daughter of George and Sarah (Tracy) Partridge, became a freeman in 1689, and for many years was a deacon of the church. He died Nov. 3, 1723, "Aged Near 78 year", as is learned from his gravestone in South Duxbury. His widow died Feb. 2, 1742-3.

Fourth Generation.

Children of William (3) and Lydia (Partridge) Brewster:

i. Sarah, born April 26, 1674.

ii. Nathaniel, (4).



- iii. Lydia, born Feb. 11, 1680.
 iv. William of Duxbury, and before 1701 of Wrentham, and lastly, about 1766, of Exeter parish, Lebanon, Conn., born May 4, 1683, married, May 20, 1708, Hopestill, a daughter of John and Abigail (Andrews) Wadsworth of Duxbury. He died in Lebanon, Dec. 26, 1768, as did his widow, March 26, 1775.

They had children:

- Oliver, of Lebanon, born July 16, 1708, married, March 22, 1732, Martha Wadsworth.
 Ichabod of Remoroke and Lebanon, born Jan. 19, 1710-II; died in 1797; married, June 5, 1735, Lydia Barstow.
 Elisha of Middletown, Conn., born Oct. 29, 1715; died in 1789; married, Sept. 30, 1742, Lucy Yeomans.
 Seth, at one time of Wrentham, born Dec. 20, 1720; married (1) Jan. 14, 1745-6, Jerusha Ware; (2) June 9, 1752, Eunice Mann; (3) Sept. 13, 1757, Hannah Carter.
 Lot of Woburn, physician, born March 25, 1723-4; died Jan. 13, 1765; married April 4, 1754, Lucy Reed of that place.
 Huldah, born Feb. 20, 1725-6; died April 27, 1750; married, June 13, 1749, John Gould, born Feb. 23, 1718; died March 12, 1777; a son of John and Lydia (Jacob) Gould of Hull.
 v. Mercy, born Dec. 7, 1685, married, Oct. 8, 1706, Edward Arnold.
 vi. Benjamin of Preston, Conn., born July 7, 1688, married (1) in that place, Oct. 16, 1713, Elizabeth Witter, born March 3, 1694; died Feb. 21, 1740-1; a daughter of Ebenezer and Dorothy (Morgan) Witter. He married (2) June 10, 1741, Sarah Caulkins of Norwich, who died prior to Jan. 24, 1755. Administration on his estate was granted Nov. 7, 1752.
 Children by first wife:

William of Preston, Canterbury and Windham, born Sept. 16, 1714, married (1) March 24, 1737, Damaris Gates; and (2) Jan. 16, 1752, Esther Sabin.

Grace, bapt. April 7, 1717; died before her father. Simon of Preston, born June 10, 1720; died June 29, 1801; married, May 25, 1742, Anne Andrus.

Judah, born April 7, 1723; died young.

Abel of Norwich, born May 22, 1725; died Aug. 13, 1787; married (1) July 26, 1760, Rachel Wetmore, who died March 30, 1769, in her 30th year; married (2) Susanna -----.

Judah, born Feb. 27, 1729; died before his father.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 27, 1732; died Dec. 22, 1806; married April 4, 1750, Samuel, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Brewster) Freeman, who died May 28, 1801.

They lived in Preston.

Amos of Canterbury, Conn., born June 22, 1735; died before 1778; married Jerusha, a daughter of David Knight of Norwich.

Cyrus of Stillwater, N. Y. and Norwich, Vermont, born Aug. 18, 1738; died in 1816; married (1) Tabitha Jones, who died without issue; married (2) Hannah Wills. He was graduated at Yale College in 1765.

Children by second wife:

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Jonas, born June 16, 1742; died before March 7, 1777; married, June 30, 1776, Eunice Pellet of Canterbury. He left no children.

Lois, bapt. Nov. 11, 1744; died Nov. 14, 1777; married Zadock, a son of Joseph and Jedidah (White) Brewster.

Elias, bapt. May 8, 1748; died before his father.
 Joanna, bapt. April 24, 1752; married, Jan. 23,
 1777, Daniel Morgan, born Oct. 1, 1744; died Feb.
 16, 1817; a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Forsyth)
 Morgan of Preston.

- vii. Joseph of Duxbury, born March 17, 1698-4; died April
 20, 1767; He married Elizabeth -----, who died in
 April, 1786.

They had children:

Lemuel, married Jan. 29, 1756, Abigail, a daughter
 of John and Rebekah (Bradford) Brewster, and died
 about 1774. They lived in Kingston.

Eunice married Nov. 22, 1758, Timothy Walker of Wil-
 mington, born July 25, 1732; died May 9, 1809; a
 son of Samuel and Hannah () Walker. She died
 June 2, 1815, aged 84 years.

Truelove was drowned Jan. 18, 1757, when about 21
 years of age.

- viii. Joshua of Duxbury, married, March 13, 1721-2, Deborah
 Jackson, born March 11, 1703-4, a daughter of Eleazar
 and Hannah (Ransom) Jackson of Plympton. She died in
 Duxbury, Sept. 1, 1769, as did he March 27, 1776, aged
 78 years.

Their children were:

Nathan of Duxbury married three times and had a
 family. He died Nov. 3, 1808, aged 84.

Sarah married Nov. 8, 1748, Joseph Wright of Plymp-
 ton.

Job married, Sept. 1, 1754, Elizabeth Ellis of
 Plympton, and had a family.

4. NATHANIEL BREWSTER of Duxbury, born Nov. 8, 1676, married,
 Dec. 24, 1705, Mary Dwelley, born about 1684, a daughter of Richard
 and Eunie (Glass) Dwelley of Scituate. The will of Nathaniel
 Brewster, dated Feb. 11, and proved April 7, 1755, named his wife
 Mary, and all of his five children. His widow died July 29, 1764.

Fifth Generation.

Children of Nathaniel (4) and Mary (Dwelley) Brewster:

- i. Samuel, twin of Mercy, born April 5, 1708; was living
 in 1755.
 ii. Mercy, twin of Samuel, born April 5, 1708, married,
 Aug. 18, 1731, Nathaniel Woodcock of Attleborough, a
 son of Israel and Elizabeth (Gatcnel) Woodcock.
 iii. Ruth, (6).
 iv. William of Duxbury until 1750, and perhaps longer, born
 Feb. 14, 1714-15; died about 1755; married, Jan. 1,
 1748-7, Priscilla Sampson.

Their children were:

Daniel, bapt. in Duxbury, Nov. 1, 1747.

Nathaniel, ~~bapt.~~ bapt. in Duxbury, Nov. 11, 1750.

Stephen, bapt. in Duxbury, Nov. 11, 1750.

Timothy.

Lydia.

- v. Joseph of Duxbury, born July 3, 1818; died ~~Sept. 3,~~
 1791; married, Nov. 26, 1740, Jedidah White.

Their children were:

Zadock, born March 15, bapt. April 18, 1742, Duxbury.

Mary, bapt. at Attleborough.

Joseph, bapt. at Attleborough.

Ruth, bapt. at Attleborough.

Nathaniel, bapt. at Duxbury, Aug. 3, 1755.

Truelove, bapt. at Duxbury, Jan. 13, 1760.



5. RUTH BREWSTER, born Dec. 9, 1711, married May 8, 1739, ^{Capt.} Joseph Morgan of Preston, Conn., capt. April 27, 1701, a son of Capt. John Morgan of Preston about 1692, by his second wife, widow Elizabeth Williams, (a daughter of Lieut. Gov. William Jones of New Haven). Joseph Morgan was commissioned captain of the Preston train band, May 18, 1761, by Gov. Thomas Fitch. He died in Preston, May 24, 1764, aged 63. His widow survived him, living to the age of 96 years, the latter part with her daughter, Mary Noble, in Canaan, Conn., where she died and was buried in 1807.

Sixth Generation.

Children of Capt. Joseph and Ruth (Brewster) (5) Morgan:

- i. Olive Morgan, born May 8, 1737, married William Brewster of Lebanon.
- ii. Isaac Morgan, born March 29, 1739, married, March 26, 1759, Alice Spalding, a daughter of Benjamin Spalding ~~xxxxxxx~~ of Plainfield, and settled on the Preston homestead, but subsequently removed to Plainfield. He was commissary in the Revolutionary war, and a portion of the French troops under Gen. LaFayette, were quartered for a few days on his farm in Plainfield. He died there May 29, 1796, aged 57, as did his widow, Jan. 6, 1808, aged 67.
- iii. Consider of Quaker Hill and afterward of Sneffield, Mass., born June 28, 1740, graduated at Yale in 1762. He died in Sneffield in 1802, aged 61. He married Ruth Moseley of Glastonbury.
- iv. Lydia, born Sept. 7, 1742; died, unmarried, about 1810
- v. Joseph of Preston as late as 1771, removed to Canaan, and was living there during the revolution, where he was probably a Tory. No further record. He was born May 14, 1745. He had six children.
- vi. Dwell Morgan, born April 12, 1749; died Sept. 19, 1764, aged 15 years.
- v. Mercy, born April 8, 1751; died Nov. 2, 1754, aged 24.
- vi. Mary, born June 20, 1753, married ----- Noble, and settled in Canaan.

From "The Brewster Book", in Register, 53/286:283-112-109.
Jonathan Brewster, b. April 2, 1694; d. about 1763; married (1)
Feb. 23, 1713-19, Ruth Morgan, b. _____ d.
da. of _____

Le n. (2) April 29, 1736, Lucy Andrus.

He was son of Jonathan & Judith (Stephens) Brewster of Norwich,
g-dson of Benjamin & Ann Dartt (Brewster of that place, grt-g-dson
of Jonathan & Lucretia (Oldham) Brewster of the same place & grt-
grt-g-dson of Elder Wm. Brewster, by his wife Mary.

Ch. by 2d wife:

Sarah, b. Oct. 17, 1737.

Andrew, b. Aug. 1, 1739.

Judith, b. May 31, 1744.

Josua, b. May 8, 1747.

Hezekiah, b. Aug. 11, 1749.

Lucy, b. Oct. 11, 1751.

Mary, b. April 1, 1754.

From same, p. 443:442-285-113-109.

Simon Brewster, b. June 10, 1720, d. June 29 29, 1801, son of Ben-
jamin Brewster of Preston, by his second-wife first wife Elizabeth,
da. of Ebenezer & Dorothy (Morgan) Witter, g-dson of William and
Brewster of Fuxbury, by his wife Lydia, a da. of George and Sarah
(Tracy) Partridge, grt-g-dson of Hebr-Love Brewster of Fuxbury, who
came in the Mayflower with his parents & bro. Wrestling, by his w.
Sarah, da. of Wm. Collier of that place, & grt-grt-g-dson of Elder
Wm. Brewster by his wife Mary.

Simon Brewster m. in _____, May 25, 1742, Anne Andrus.

Children recorded at Preston:

Lydia, b. March 13, 1743.

Asher, b. July 22, 1745.

Judah, b. Jan. 15, 1749.

Simon, b. May 1, 1751.

Anne, b. Sept. 19, 1753.

Olive, b. Aug. 28, 1757.

Elias, b. Sept. 11, 1759.

Elisha, b. Oct. 22, 1761.

Joseph, b. Aug. 26, 1763.

Mercy, b. July 1, 1765.

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