

Editorial

As this is the final issue for the year, much of its space is devoted to items other than the usual articles—two indexes, an annual table of contents, and a list of additions and corrections to earlier articles. This is a necessary trade-off between new genealogical information and the accessibility and accuracy of that information. However, this issue's set of Additions and Corrections includes an unusual amount of new genealogical information—most notably small but substantial additions to our knowledge of Great Migration immigrants Masakiell/Musachiell Bernard (and his father Rev. Richard Bernard), Rev. John Lothrop, and Balthazar Willix, as well as an important caution for users of published collections of vital records (in this particular case, the “brown-book” *Vital Records of Beverly* [Mass.] published in the early 1900s).

Our lead article in this issue is **The English Origin of Roger¹ Chandler of Plymouth and Duxbury, Massachusetts, with New Details on the Mayflower Crackstone, Allerton, Clarke, and Ely Families in Essex**, by *Mayflower* specialists Sue Allan and Caleb Johnson. Though he was not himself a *Mayflower* passenger, Roger Chandler spent time with them in Leiden and joined them later in Plymouth, Mass.; and his wife, Isabel Chilton, was a daughter of *Mayflower* passengers James Chilton and his wife. The authors discovered his likely origin in and around the Essex parish of Little Bromley, with a web of family and locality connections to members of the Crackstone, Allerton, Clarke, and Ely families.

The second article is a description of **The Family Bible of John² Wood of Middletown, Rhode Island: Its History and Contents**. Author Michael M. Wood, an agnatic descendant of its first owner John² Wood (abt. 1620–1704), details the passage of that Bible through the intervening years and generations, showing how the inscriptions in that Bible and the land records of the Wood farm in Middletown, Rhode Island go along with those successive owners.

The next article deals with **William Lyngwood of Braintree, Essex, and His Relationships with Several Founders of Hartford, Haddam, and Windsor, Connecticut**. In a previous article, author Jeff Bissey used a letter from this William Lyngwood to his “Cousin Clarke” in Connecticut to identify Clarke as William¹ Clarke of Hartford and Haddam. In that letter, Lyngwood also mentioned “Cousin Loomis” and “Cousin Cullwick,” uncontroversially taken to be New England immigrants Joseph Loomis and John Cullick. In this article, the author lays out the family history of William Lyngwood in an

attempt to determine how Clarke, Loomis, and Cullick were considered his “cousins.” That attempt was successful for Loomis, suggestive for Clarke, and unsuccessful for Cullick; however, much useful information was uncovered concerning those men as well as several other Connecticut immigrants who came from in and around Braintree, Essex.

The final article in this issue is the second half of George W. Varney’s detailed look at the career and the children and grandchildren of **Brewer⁶ Dodge of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Lower Canada**. This part of the article deals with Brewer Dodge’s six children (one probable and five certain) and their children, who within just those two generations spread to Canada and a swath of states from coast to coast (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, and Oregon).

The final items in this issue are the **Additions and Corrections** noted above and the **Index of Subjects, Index of Persons**, and **Annual Table of Contents** for Volume 179.

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