

Outline of Our (Fred, Sarah Fran, Clara, Tony) Taylor - Brewster - Smith History:

Legions with Iron Smith s= Ngola migrated down the Nile to Giza to build the Great Pyramid, then crossed the Mediterranean to the Balkans where they formed Alexander's Army, then as Roman Legions moved down the Danube and up the Rhine and over to Britain, along the way setting up Silk Road Trade..

In 1209 King John of England (whose Consort Queen of England Isabelle Taylor of Angouleme, is our 20-Great Granddaughter) hanged 3 Oxford Academics (for involvement in death of an Oxford Townswoman) which caused some Academics to flee Oxford to **Cambridge** where they founded that University. After King John died our 20-Great-Aunt Isabelle remarried. Her Grandson (our cousin) Aymar de Valence, 2nd Earl of Pembroke, married Marie de St. Pol. After his death (legend - he died in a friendly jousting match accident just after their wedding so that she was maiden, wife, and widow all in one day). Marie de St. Pol founded **Pembroke College Cambridge** with license from Edward III on Christmas Eve **1347**.

Our 17-Great Grandfather Galfridus Brewster (1350-1410)

was also 17-Great Grandfather to **HRH Charles** and to **Lady Dianas**

In 1617 our 9-Great Grandfather Francis Brewster II was admitted as **Fellow Commoner to Pembroke College Cambridge. He received his Cambridge MA in 1624.**

He died in **1647 lost at sea in the New Haven Phantom Ship,**

the subject of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Phantom Ship".

His son our 8-Great Grandfather Nathaniel Brewster was one of the 9 in **Harvard class of 1642, which was Harvard's first graduating class.** He moved to England and when Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector of England, Scotland, and Ireland he went to Ireland where he received a B.D. in 1656 from Trinity College. After the 1662 Restoration, Nathaniel returned to America where he was the **first minister of the Presbyterian Church at Setauket** where he remained until his death in 1690.

He was also 4-Great Grandfather of **Abraham Lincoln**, who is therefore our cousin.

Also lost at sea on the Phantom Ship was John Taylor V (born 1603) 3-Great Grandson of our 15-Great Grandfather William Taylor II born 1429 who was Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery.

John Taylor V was 4-Great Grandfather of **Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman**, so he is our cousin.

Our 10-Great Grandfather Thomas Taylor Jr (born 1574) had 3-Great Granddaughter Elizabeth Bassett who married Benjamin Harrison V who signed the Declaration of Independence. Their son **William Henry Harrison** and their Great Grandson **Benjamin Harrison** were Presidents and our cousins.

Our 9-Great Grandfather John Taylor (1607-1652) immigrated to Virginia. He was 3-Great Grandfather of **Abraham Lincoln** who is therefore our double cousin through Taylor and Brewster.

His son our 8-Great Grandfather James Taylor (born 1633) also immigrated to Virginia.

In 1675 our 7-Great Grandfather James Taylor II was born. His Great Grandchildren included Presidents **James Madison Jr.** and **Zachary Taylor** who are therefore our cousins.

Our 6-Great Grandmother Martha Taylor married Thomas Chew and our 5-Great Grandmother Frances Chew married Henry Downs Jr and **in North Carolina in 1780** our 4-Great Grandmother Mildred Downs married our 4-Great Grandfather James Brewster thus uniting in North Carolina the Taylor and Brewster lines of ancestry.

Our 3-Great Grandmother Sarah Brewster married James Dickerson and our 2-Great Grandmother Mary Brewster Dickerson married our 2-Great Grandfather **Benjamin Franklin Smith** thus uniting the Brewster, Taylor, and Smith lines of ancestry.