Forefathers’ Day Orations, 1769–1865: An Introduction and Checklist

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Studies of collective memory and identity politics have rekindled interest in one of the most productive narratives of American history. The foundational saga of the Pilgrims and the role of Plymouth Rock in American mythography hold renewed attraction for scholars concerned with the cultural formation, political appropriation, and public representation of national ideologies in changing contexts. Plymouth Rock provides the point of origin for a number of recent studies that revisit the sites and stories of the Pilgrim heritage, retrace the Pilgrims’ participation in the construction and contestation of collective American identities, and remap the inventory of texts, images, and platforms supporting the Pilgrim myth over the course of more than three centuries. Published almost simultaneously, but differing in scope, approach, and agenda, John Seelye’s Memory’s Nation,1 Ann

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Uhry Abrams’s *The Pilgrims and Pocahontas,* and my own articles on Pilgrim anniversaries from the American Revolution to the Plymouth Tercentenary of 1920/21 reassess the cultural impact of a regional legend that once governed the national iconography to a considerable extent and shaped the Anglocentric fabric of American civil religion. These recent publications on the documents and traditions of American ancestor worship springing from Plymouth Rock emphasize the politics and competitiveness of the Pilgrim myth, incorporate a wider range of visual materials and printed matter of diverse kinds into their analyses, and try to recover the scripts and choreographies of commemorations in and beyond New England.


The following checklist of Forefathers' Day orations has emerged from my research on the history and choreography of festivities that celebrated the so-called landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock between the Revolution and the Civil War. Before the Civil War reconfigured collective American memory, and before the further ethnic pluralization of the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries eroded the cohesive authority of New England anniversaries as nationally binding rites, Forefathers' Day provided a major plat-
form to advocate New England-centered formulations of American history and cultural memory. When the annual cycle of early national and antebellum American festive culture was bursting with celebrations of the Constitution, Independence Day, presidential birthdays, inaugurations, and diverse events of local and national history, the observance of Forefathers’ Day on December 21/22 occupied a prominent position in the commemorative landscape and was a serious rival of the Fourth of July. In his 1836 ‘Eulogy on King Philip,’ Pequot writer and orator William Apess placed the Plymouth anniversary next to the Fourth of July and recognized the contemporary clout and national popularity of Forefathers’ Day celebrations from the perspective of those who suffered the consequences of both historical events: ‘We say, therefore, let every man of color wrap himself in mourning, for the 22nd of December and the 4th of July are days of mourning and not of joy.’ The consideration of materials from outside Massachusetts shows that, in the decades before the Civil War, Forefathers’ Day spread across the continent to the shores of the Pacific and even reached beyond the northern border of the

8. The exact date of the ‘landing’ remained a matter of dispute into the nineteenth century. Whereas December 22 had first been taken to mark the anniversary, December 21 was eventually fixed as the proper date. See *Report of the Pilgrim Society on the Expediency of Celebrating the Landing of the Pilgrims December 21 Instead of December 22* (Boston, 1850).


United States when New England anniversaries were observed for a brief period in Montreal. In post-Civil War times, the power of the civic rite began to wane, and the recently installed holiday of Thanksgiving soon challenged the cultural position of the Plymouth anniversary as a New England celebration of national stature. In view of the demise, if not disappearance, of Forefathers’ Day from the calendar of national holidays in the twentieth century, the monumental Plymouth tercentenary festivities of 1920/21 sealed ‘the passing away of a New England that would not return’ instead of revitalizing the spirit of ‘the so-called Pilgrim Century, from 1820 to 1920.’

The cultural significance attributed to celebrations of Forefathers’ Day in revolutionary, early national, and antebellum America is reflected in the large number of orations that were printed for wider circulation after their delivery as ‘the quintessence of filiopietistic mythography.’ This checklist provides for the first time a comprehensive documentation of Forefathers’ Day sermons and speeches from the inception of civic performances in pre-revolutionary Plymouth 1769 to their eclipse after the Civil War. No matter which approach investigations of the history of the Pilgrim myth have taken, and no matter what the specific focus of their analyses of related documents and performances has

13. See Seelye, Memory’s Nation, 379–80 on the promotion of the first Thanksgiving as a national anniversary by Sarah Josepha Hale in the late 1850s and its official institution by President Lincoln in 1863. The initiation of Thanksgiving during the Civil War and the post-Civil War changes in American cultural memory inform the cutoff date of the present checklist.
14. Gomes, ‘Pilgrims and Puritans,’ 2. For a discussion of the weakening of the cultural power of Plymouth Rock, the demise of Forefathers’ Day, and the failure of the Plymouth Tercentenary to revive the New England heritage production, see Seelye, Memory’s Nation, chs. 22–25, and Hebel, ‘Historical Bonding With an Expiring Heritage.’ Significantly enough, Litwicki’s America’s Public Holidays, 1865–1920, which is focused on ‘the holidays invented or revived between the Civil War and World War I’ (2), does not refer to Forefathers’ Day. Today, the very cradle of the tradition, the Old Colony Club of Plymouth, remains the last site of Forefathers’ Day celebrations.
been, the orations given at annual commemorations of the foundation of Plymouth have always provided rich source materials.\textsuperscript{16} This first documentation of very rare, at times hitherto uncatalogued, items, especially from locations outside New England, and the identification of speeches previously not recognized as Forefathers' Day orations may thus support more far-reaching interpretations of the rhetorical productivity of the anniversary during the period of its highest visibility.\textsuperscript{17} It is hoped that this checklist will stimulate further explorations of the political functions of Forefathers' Day in different historical and geographical contexts,\textsuperscript{18} and encourage scholars to recover more fully the performative dimensions of the public events for which they were commissioned.\textsuperscript{19}

The majority of printed addresses were published at the request of the organizing committees soon after their delivery. In


\textsuperscript{18} For a sample discussion of the historicity and localism of the politics of Forefathers' Day celebrations, see Hebel, 'The Forefathers' Day Celebrations of 1802,' and Hebel, 'New England Forefathers' Day Celebrations Between the American Revolution and the Civil War,' 125–33.

some instances, reprints, (partial) reproductions in newspapers and magazines, and the inclusion in anthologies of different kinds followed. As early as 1804, Jedidiah Morse and Elijah Parish recognized the didactic value of Forefathers’ Day oratory and selected passages from the early Plymouth speeches of John Davis, John Quincy Adams, and J. T. Kirkland for their *Compendious History of New England, Designed for Schools and Private Families*. Edward Everett’s 1824 Plymouth address was excerpted in John Pierpont’s *National Reader* of 1827, between sections from William Robertson’s and Daniel Neal’s histories of New England and Charles W. Upham’s and Felicia Hemans’s Pilgrim poems. When Frank Moore compiled *American Eloquence: A Collection of Speeches and Addresses, by the Most Eminent Orators of America* in 1857, he deemed it suitable to include John Quincy Adams’s ‘Oration at Plymouth’ of 1802 and Seargent S. Prentiss’s ‘New England Address’ presented in New Orleans in 1845. Selective reproductions of Forefathers’ Day speeches in, e.g., *Niles National Register, The Literary World*, and *The Liberator* testify to a different, both journalistic and propagandistic, appeal of Forefathers’ Day oratory. A particularly noteworthy case in that respect is the complete reproduction of J. R. Benton’s 1853 Sacramento oration in the *Sacramento Daily Union* of December 23, 1853, which is the only available version of the speech.

Although the present checklist significantly expands previous documentation, it still needs to be seen whether the 132 entries provide an ‘inclusive bibliography’ for those interested in New

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England studies. The full scope and energy of Forefathers’ Day oratory went far beyond what has been preserved in print. That the first officially commissioned oration, by Chandler Robbins (1772), has only been handed down in a brief mention in the records of the Old Colony Club, together with letters documenting the introduction of the practice of commissioned orations, is certainly a case in point.\textsuperscript{23} Research beyond the trodden paths of

\textsuperscript{23} See ‘Records of the Old Colony Club,’ \textit{Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society} 2nd ser., \textbf{3} (1886–87), 434; for reproductions of the letters of December 23, 1771, and
Plymouth, beyond the readily available collections of New York orations, and beyond the less well-known but still accessible records of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, yields many of the items given here for the first time and draws attention to a largely uncharted (and probably unchartable) archive of forgotten celebrations and lost documents. Thus, a letter sent to Plymouth by a certain W.R.S. from Hillsboro, Illinois, in 1838 gives a report on ‘the first celebration (I believe) of the kind that has ever occurred in the Mississippi Valley.’ The author regrets the lack of ‘local scenery,’ but suggests that ‘through the instrumentality of imagination, the letter’s recipient may recall in some imperfect degree at least, the scenes and events with which he has been associated.’ The local variant of the civic rite at Hillsboro seems to have been a fireside enactment of the pioneer interpretation of the historic event, with ‘a social circle of Old Colony friends ... seated round a comfortable fire,’ reveling in ‘the gradual improvement of society, in the arts, institutions, and conveniences so essential to the happiness of man,’ and reenvisioning the day ‘when the hardy adventurers of the Mayflower, with axe in hand, left their ship at anchor.’ The address given that day by the Reverend William D. Huntington would probably shed more light on the specifically midwestern frame of the event had it been preserved. Similarly, the diary of Christopher Columbus Baldwin records celebrations at Worcester, Massachusetts, in the early 1830s, with explicit mention of evidently lost orations by William

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January 7, 1772, see 421–24: also Hebel, "A Proper Recollection of These Things," 32–33. The first address qualifying as a Forefathers’ Day oration had been given informally by Edward Winslow at the 1770 celebration; its text has survived in the ‘Records of the Old Colony Club’ (1, p. 348).


Lincoln (1829) and a Reverend Hill (1833). In a diary entry for December 22, 1838, Thomas Robbins describes the Plymouth celebration of 1838 and his own—lost—contributions to it in the form of an oration of sixty-five minutes before a ‘large assembly’ and a ‘short extempore address to the Guards.’ In its lengthy coverage of the 1846 festivities of the New England Society of Cincinnati, the *Liberty Hall and Cincinnati Gazette* of December 31, 1846, refers to an untraceable address by Benjamin B. Fessenden, which ‘was commemorative of the virtues and peculiarities of the early inhabitants of New England and exhibited a true and graphic picture of the Yankee character, as well as some interesting historical facts connected with New England and her people.’ The *New Orleans Weekly Picayune* of December 28, 1846, mentions a lost oration by Thomas A. Adams, as well as ‘a most feeling speech, redundant with eloquence and beautiful passages’ by a certain ‘Mr. P.’—most likely Seargent S. Prentiss, the speaker of the year before. Lists of South Carolina orators added to Joshua Barker Whitridge’s *Oration Delivered on the Anniversary of the New-England Society, Charleston, S.C. December 22d, 1835*, and included in Way’s *History of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina,* refer to items whose existence can no longer be verified. Broadsides issued for celebrations in, e.g., Cincinnati, San Francisco, and, especially, Middlebury, Vermont, also announce addresses no longer traceable. In other cases, speakers...
declined to have their commemorative product preserved for posterity, as did the Reverend John Brazer of Salem in 1831.31 Finally, the fifteen-page manuscript of a sermon by Winchendon, Massachusetts, pastor Abijah Perkins Marvin for December 22, 1850, entitled ‘The Pilgrim Fathers,’32 shows that there is, of course, a middle station between continued availability in print and evident—at times intentional—erasure from the storehouse of collective memory.

The checklist of Forefathers’ Day orations through 1865 is arranged chronologically and only includes orations delivered for the declared purpose of commemorating the landing of the founders of Plymouth in 1620. Orations supporting the production and circulation of a usable Plymouth past from other platforms and in the contexts of other public performances have not been considered.33 The chronological checklist is supplemented with two indexes, one giving the names of orators in alphabetical order and one illustrating the geographical spread of celebrations. Together with a quantitative enlargement of previous bibliographies, this documentation of the national expansion of Plymouth anniversary festivities should enhance our understanding of the position of Forefathers’ Day in American culture between the Revolution and the Civil War.

Chronological Checklist
of Forefathers' Day Orations

1. Winslow, Edward
[Address, December 24, 1770]

2. Turner, Charles
*A Sermon, Preached at Plymouth, December 22d, 1773. Being the Anniversary Thanksgiving, in Commemoration of the Landing of the Fathers there, A.D. 1620.*

3. Hitchcock, Gad
*A Sermon Preached at Plymouth December 22d, 1774. Being the Anniversary Thanksgiving, in Commemoration of the first Landing of our New-England Ancestors in that Place, Anno Dom. 1620.*
Boston: Edes & Gill, 1775. 44 pp.

4. Baldwin, Samuel

5. Conant, Sylvanus
*An Anniversary Sermon Preached at Plymouth, December 23, 1776. In grateful Memory of the first Landing of our worthy Ancestors in that Place, An. Dom. 1620.*

1. Entries are based on copies held by the American Antiquarian Society, unless noted, using the following location symbols: [CaOONL] [CyY] [DLC] [MiU] [MH] [NCD] [PHI] [RPB]
6 West, Samuel


Boston: Draper & Folsom, 1778. 77 pp.

7 Robbins, Chandler

*A Sermon Preached at Plymouth, December 22, 1793; Being the Anniversary of the Landing of Our Ancestors In That Place In 1620. Published at the request of those who heard it, and others; with some enlargements, and particular anecdotes relating to their sufferings before they left England; never before published.*

Boston: Joseph Bumstead, 1794. 56 pp.


8 Davis, John

‘From an Oration, delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22d, 1800, being the Anniversary Festival of the Sons of the Pilgrims.’


9 Allyn, John

*A Sermon, Delivered at Plymouth, December 22, 1801, Commemorative of the Pious Ancestry, Who First Imigrated [sic] to That Place, 1620.*

Boston: Munroe & Francis, 1802. 35 pp.

10 Adams, John Quincy

*An Oration, Delivered at Plymouth, December 22, 1802, At the Anniversary Commemoration of the First Landing of Our Ancestors, At That Place.*


Repr.: Plymouth: Re-Published by Joseph Avery, 1820. 22 pp.

11 Judson, Adoniram  
*A Sermon, Preached in the New Meeting House, Plymouth, December 22, 1802, In Memory of the Landing of our Ancestors, December 22, 1620.*  
Boston: David Carlisle, 1803. 23 pp.

12 Kirkland, J. T.  
‘Extract from Rev. Dr. J.T. Kirkland’s Oration, delivered on the Anniversary beforementioned, at Plymouth, Dec. 22d, 1803.’  

13 Strong, Jonathan  
*A Sermon, Delivered at Plymouth, December 22, 1803, At the Anniversary Commemoration of the First Landing of Our Ancestors At That Place.*  

14 Bradford, Alden  
*A Sermon Delivered at Plymouth, December 21st, 1804; The Anniversary of the Landing of Our Fathers In December, 1620.*  

15 Holmes, Abiel  
*A Discourse, Delivered at Plymouth, 22 December, 1806, at the Anniversary Commemoration of the First Landing of the Fathers, A.D. 1620.*  

16 Stetson, Seth  
*The Substance of a Discourse, Preached in the Second Parish, Plymouth,*
December 22, 1806, In Memory of the Landing of Our Forefathers, 22 December, 1620.

17 Harris, Thaddeus Mason
*A Discourse Delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22d. 1808, at the Anniversary Commemoration of the Landing of Our Ancestors At That Place.*

18 Abbot, Abiel
*A Discourse Delivered At Plymouth, December 22, 1809, at the Celebration of the 188th Anniversary of the Landing of Our Forefathers in That Place.*
Boston: Greenough & Stebbins, 1810. 28 pp.

19 Davis, John
*A Discourse Before the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, December 22, 1813. At Their Anniversary Commemoration of the First Landing of Our Ancestors at Plymouth, in 1620.*

20 Flint, James
*A Discourse Delivered at Plymouth, December 22, 1815, At the Anniversary Commemoration of the First Landing of our Ancestors at that Place.*

21 Goodwin, Ezra Shaw
‘The Providence of God in the Settlement of New England [Preached at Plymouth, December 22, 1816]’
In *Sermons, by the Late Rev. Ezra Shaw Goodwin, Pastor of the First Church and Society in Sandwich, Mass. With a Memoir.*
Boston: Benjamin H. Greene, 1834, 33–50.
22 Ely, Ezra Stiles

The Migration of the Pilgrims, and of Their Posterity, Considered in An Address, Read Before the New England Society of Philadelphia, on the 22d of December, 1817.


23 Dunkin, Benjamin Faneuil

Address, Delivered Before the Members of the New-England Society, in Charleston (S.C.) At Their Anniversary Meeting, December 20th, 1819.

Charleston: Courier Office, 1820. 8 pp.

24 Chapin, Stephen


25 Chester, John


26 Crafts, William

Address Delivered Before the New-England Society of South-Carolina, on the 22d December, 1820, Being the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing at Plymouth of the Ancestors of New England.


Charleston: Published by the Society, 1920, 90–96.
27 Dodge, Joshua
*A Sermon, Delivered in Haverhill, December 22, 1820; Being the Second Centesimal Anniversary, Of the Landing of New-England Fathers, At Plymouth.*

28 Ely, Alfred
*A Sermon, Delivered at Monson, Massachusetts, December 22, 1820; The Second Centurial Anniversary of the Landing of the Fathers of New-England, at Plymouth.*
Hartford, Conn.: George Goodwin & Sons, 1821. 27 pp.

29 French, Jonathan

30 Holmes, Abiel
*Two Discourses, on the Completion of the Second Century From The Landing of the Forefathers of Newengland at Plymouth, 22 Dec. 1620, Delivered at Cambridge 24 Dec. 1820.*

31 Humphrey, Heman
*The character and sufferings of the Pilgrims. A Sermon, Delivered at Pittsfield, (Mass.) December 22, 1820; Being Just Two Centuries From the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. With an Appendix.*
32  Huntington, Daniel
A Discourse, Delivered in the North Meeting-House in Bridgewater, on Friday, Dec. 22, 1820, Being the Second Centurial Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

33  Hyde, Alvan
A Sermon Delivered at Lee, December 22nd, 1820; Being the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of Our Ancestors at Plymouth.
Stockbridge, Mass.: Charles Webster, 1821. 31 pp.

34  Mann, Joel
A Discourse Delivered in Bristol, December 22, 1820, On the Anniversary of the Landing of Our Ancestors At Plymouth.

35  Porter, Noah
Hartford, Conn.: Peter B. Gleason, 1821. 20 pp.

36  Rowland, William F.

37  Sabine, James
38 Spring, Gardiner


39 Webster, Daniel


40 Wilbur, Hervey


41 Woodbridge, John


42 Hurlbut, M.[artin] L.[uther]

Address Delivered Before the Members of the New-England Society, in Charleston, South Carolina, At Their Anniversary Meeting, December 22d, 1821.
43 Romeyn, John B.

The Duty and Reward of Honouring God. A Sermon, Delivered In the Presbyterian Church, Cedar-Street, New-York, on the 22d of December, 1821, the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims of New-England.


44 Torrey, William T.

A Sermon, Delivered in Plymouth, Dec. 23, 1821, on The Lord's Day after the Anniversary of the Landing of the Fathers.


45 Whelpley, P. M.


46 Everett, Edward

An Oration Delivered at Plymouth December 22, 1824.


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47 Hunt, Benjamin Faneuil
[Address before the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, December 22, 1824]
In Way, History of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, 115–22

48 Storrs, Richard S.
The Spirit of the Pilgrims. A Sermon Delivered at Plymouth, December the Twenty-Second, 1826.

49 Beecher, Lyman
The Memory of our Fathers. A Sermon Delivered at Plymouth, on the Twenty-Second of December, 1827.

50 Green, Samuel
A Discourse Delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 20, 1828, on the Two Hundred and Eighth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.
Boston: Peirce & Williams, 1829. 36 pp.

51 Knapp, Samuel L.
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52. Sullivan, William
*A Discourse Delivered Before the Pilgrim Society, at Plymouth, on the Twenty Second Day of December, 1829.*
Boston: Carter & Hendee, 1830. 60 pp.

53. Wisner, Benjamin B.

54. Cobb, Alvan
*God's Culture of His Vineyard. A Sermon, Delivered at Plymouth Before the Robinson Congregation, On the 22d of December, 1831.*

55. Codman, John
Boston: Perkins & Marvin, 1832. 28 pp.

56. Francis, Convers
Plymouth: Allen Danforth, 1832. 56 pp.

57. Blagden, Geo. W.

58. Sprague, Peleg
*An Address Delivered Before the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth, December 22, 1835.*
Boston: Light & Stearns, 1836. 32 pp.
59 Whitridge, Joshua Barker

*An Oration Delivered on the Anniversary of the New-England Society, Charleston, S.C. December 22d. 1835; In Commemoration of the Landing of the Pilgrims, Upon the Rock of Plymouth, December 22d. 1620.*


60 Bacon, Leonard

*An Address Before the New England Society of the City of New York, on Forefathers’ Day, December 22, 1838.*


61 Ripley, Charles


62 Winthrop, Robert C.

*An Address, Delivered Before the New England Society, in the City of New York, December 23, 1839.*


63 Hadduck, Charles B.

*A Discourse, Delivered Before the New England Society, of the City of New York, December 22, 1841.*


64 Cheever, George B.


65 Choate, Rufus
'The Age of the Pilgrims The Heroic Period of Our History: An Address Delivered in New York Before the New-England Association, December, 1843.'


66 Webster, Daniel
'Response' [The Landing at Plymouth – 1843]


67 Albro, John A.

68 Breck, Samuel
Discourse Before the Society of the Sons of New England of the City and County of Philadelphia, on the History of the Early Settlement of Their Country; Being their First Anniversary. Delivered December 21, 1844.
Philadelphia: John C. Clark, 1845. 44 pp.

69 Marsh, George P.
New York: M. W. Dodd, 1845. 54 pp.

[MH]
70 Remarks On an Address Delivered Before the New England Society of the City of New York, December 23 [sic], 1844 by George P. Marsh.

71 Chandler, Joseph R.
'The Pilgrims of the Rock.' An Oration, Delivered in the First Congregational Church, Before the Society of the Sons of New England of Philadelphia, At Their Second Anniversary On the 22d December, 1845.

72 Dyer, David
A Discourse, on the Characteristics of the Puritans, Delivered in Dorchester, December 21, 1845.

73 Homes, William
'Oration.'
Proceedings at the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims. St. Louis, December 22, 1845.

74 Peabody, Oliver W.
A Discourse, Delivered in the Church of the First Congregational Society in Burlington, Sunday, December 21, 1845, The Anniversary of the Sabbath, Which Preceded the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth.

75 Prentiss, Seargent S.
'Oration.'


76 Buel, Alexander W.
Oration, Delivered Before the New England Society of Michigan, At Detroit, December 22d, 1846, On the Landing of the Plymouth Pilgrims; Being Upon the Occasion of Its First Anniversary Celebration.

77 Furness, W.[illiam] H.[enry]

78 Hopkins, Mark
A Sermon, Delivered at Plymouth, on the Twenty-Second of December, 1846.

79 Upham, Charles W.

80 Boynton, Charles Brandon
81 Dillingham, William H.

82 Hall, J. Prescott
A Discourse Delivered Before The New England Society In the City of New York, December 22, 1847.
New York: George F. Nesbitt, 1848. 77 pp.

83 Skinner, Mark
Chicago, Ill.: Chicago Democrat Book and Job Establishment, 1848. 30 pp.

84 Woodbridge, William

85 Cass, Lewis
Address Delivered Before the New England Society of Michigan, December 22, 1848.
86 Humphrey, James
*An Address, Delivered Before the New England Society of the City of Brooklyn, N.Y. December, 1848. On the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.*

87 Post, Truman M.
*The Pilgrim Fathers. A Discourse in Commemoration of the Pilgrim Fathers, Delivered in the Third Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, December 24, 1848.*
St. Louis, Mo.: Printed at the Union Job Office, 1849. 47 pp.

88 Thacher, J. S. B.

89 Worcester, Samuel M.

90 Anderson, Charles
*An Address on Anglo-Saxon Destiny; Delivered Before the Philomathesian Society, of Kenyon College, Ohio, August 8th, 1849; and Repeated Before the New England Society of Cincinnati; December 20th, 1849.*

91 Bushnell, Horace
92 Allen, Joseph Henry
*The Great Controversy of States and People. Being Two Discourses, Preached on Thanksgiving and Forefathers' Day, 1850, in the Union Street Brick Church, Bangor. Revised and Published by Request.*

93 Cheever, George B.

94 Dutton, Samuel W. S.

Boston: J. Howe, 1851. 24 pp.

96 Love, Wm. DeLoss
*Obedience to Rulers.—The Duty and Its Limitations. A Discourse Delivered December 22d, 1850. On the Two Hundred and Thirtieth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.*
Riddle, D. [avid] H. [unter]

_The Pilgrims and Their Principles: A Sermon Before the New England Society of Pittsburgh, On the Evening of December 22d, 1850, In the Third Presbyterian Church._


[RPB]

Webster, Daniel

_Speech of Mr. Webster, at the Celebration of the New York New England Society, December 23, 1850._


Lamson, Alvan

_The Memory of John Robinson: A Discourse Delivered at Dedham, Mass. On Sunday, Dec. 21, 1851._


Spooner, Allen C.

_Speech of Allen C. Spooner, ESQ. Before the Pilgrim Society, at Plymouth, Dec._
22. *MDCCCLII, In Reply to the Toast, 'The Faith of the Pilgrims—May it be our Pillar of Fire, to guide us alike in the day of prosperity and the night of trial.'*


103. Adams, William

*An Address Delivered Before the New England Society, in the City of New-York, December 22, 1852.*


104. Hunt, T.[imothy] Dwight

*Address Delivered Before the New England Society of San Francisco, At the American Theatre, On the Twenty-Second Day of December, A. D. 1852.*


105. Benton, J. R.

'Oration' [Sacramento, Calif., December 22, 1853]

*Sacramento Daily Union*, December 23, 1853.

106. Hopkins, Mark


107. Evarts, William M.

*The Heritage of the Pilgrims. An Oration Delivered Before the New England Society Of the City of New York, In Celebration of the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Anniversary of the Landing at Plymouth* [1854].
108 Hunt, Benjamin Faneuil

[Address before the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, December 22, 1854]
In Way, History of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, 212–19.

109 Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Oration Delivered Before the New England Society, In the City of New York, At Their Semi-Centennial Anniversary [1855].

110 Phillips, Wendell

‘The Pilgrims. Speech at the Dinner of the Pilgrim Society, in Plymouth, December 21, 1855.’
Boston: James Redpath, 1863. 228–36.

111 Seward, William H.

Oration at Plymouth, December 21, 1855.
ADDRESS

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AT THE AMERICAN THEATRE.

ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1852,

BY REV. T. DWIGHT HUNT,

Pastor of the New England Church.

SAN FRANCISCO:

COOKE, KENNY & CO. PUBLISHERS.

1853.
Copp, Joseph A.

'The Old Ways'—or the Pilgrims and their Principles. A Discourse on the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, Delivered in Broadway Church, Chelsea, Mass., December 21, 1856.


Cordner, John

The Vision of the Pilgrim Fathers. An Oration, Spoken Before the New England Society of Montreal, in the American Presbyterian Church, On 22nd December, 1856. With the Proceedings at the Dinner.


Wellman, Joshua Wyman

The Church Polity of the Pilgrims. A Sermon Delivered December 21st 1856, In the Eliot Church, Newton, Massachusetts. With an Appendix


Gilman, Samuel

[Address before the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina, December 1857]


Smith, Asa D.


Storrs, Richard S.

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118 Andrews, John W.
Address Delivered Before The New England Society of Columbus, December 22, 1858.
Columbus, Ohio: Follett, Foster & Co., 1859. 22 pp.

119 Briggs, J. R.
‘Oration.’
The Officers and Members of the Plymouth Society of Keokuk, With the Oration and Poem Delivered at the Celebration of Forefathers’ Day, December 22d, 1858.
Keokuk, Iowa: Daily Gate City Office Print, 1858. 5–22.

120 Burchard, S. [Samuel] S.

121 Alger, William Rounseville

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