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WAS DESCENDANT OF ANNE HATHAWAY  
TRACES FAMILY HISTORY TO SHAKESPEARE'S TIME  
**MRS. SARAH A. MATTESON**

Forefathers Came Over on the Mayflower—  
Her Father Was One of the First Settlers of Pamela.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Matteson, widow of Elisha Matteson, aged 92 years, who passed away Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Greene, 727 Gotham street, was held from the daughter's home this afternoon at 3, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of the All Souls' Universalist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Brookside cemetery.

Mrs. Matteson was a remarkable woman, having an exceptional memory. She traced her genealogy back to a relationship with William Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway. She was a member of the eleventh generation from Elder Brewster who came to this country on the Mayflower and who was really the instigator of the expedition.

The genealogy, as traced today, showed that Henry Webb, the first of whom a record is kept, was born in Warwickshire, May 15, 1350. He was the father of Goeffrey Webb, who was the father of William Webb, lord manor of London. This William Webb was born March 16, 1425. Shakespeare's mother-in-law was a Webb before she was married. The combining of the Brewster and Webb strains was made through Mary Brewster Strong, who was born in Lebanon, Ct., Sept. 17, 1779. This fusion was made at the fifth generation of the strain from Elder Brewster.

The Webb forefathers came to this country on this second trip of the Mayflower. Russell Weaver, father of Mrs. Matteson, came to this section from Vermont. He was a surveyor. He settled in the town of Pamela and there organized and gathered together the first town meeting that was ever held in this section.

He was a school teacher by occupation. In 1856 he was elected to the assembly from Jefferson county. There were eight children besides Mrs. Matteson in the family, the average age at death being 86 years. (Debbie?) Morse, Mrs. Matteson's grandmother, was a sister of [Samuel] Morse, the man who invented the telegraph. A pestle mortar, which had been used to grind corn on the Mayflower, is still in the possession of the Webb family.

Mrs. Matteson's name appears on the LaFayette monument in France.

She was a colonial dame, and was a Daughter of the American Revolution. She was born in Pamela, and later her parents moved to Brownville, Dexter, and then to East Hounsfeld, where she lived for many years in the old homestead, which still stands near the Half Way House. She came to this city in 1875, where she has since resided.

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Besides her daughter Mrs. Greene, she is survived by two sons, L. [Lorenzo] C. Matteson of this city and Clark R. Matteson of Strongsville, and one brother, George Weaver, of this city.

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