

Excerpt from Forbes and Forbush Genealogy: The Descendants of Daniel Forbush, Who Came From Scotland About the Year 1655 and Settled in Marlborough, Mass; In 1675 Having published four volumes of the Peirce, Pierce and Pearce family history at the urgent request of relatives, I have compiled the Forbes-Forbush genealogy, with what success the reader of this volume can judge. Thousands of letters were written, and in nearly every instance prompt, full, and very complete replies received, varying in length from a single page of note paper to over twenty pages of foolscap. It required considerable work to arrange all this matter in a presentable form. The style adopted by the New England? Historical and Genealogical Society in the publication of their Register, has been used as the best and simplest arrangement. It is the habit of some persons to depreciate genealogical studies and labor, and in some instances even to ridicule the efforts of those so engaged. It is a matter of extreme indifference to them whether they have had any ancestors or not, and in nearly every case of this kind the persons only care for themselves. They are so wrapt up in self, that all other matters dwindle into utter insignificance. Abbreviations And Explanations. - ae. for aged; abt. for about; b. for born; bap. for baptized; bef., before; ch., children; d., died; dau., daughter; decd., deceased; m., married; unm., unmarried; inv., inventory; rep., representative; res., resided, resides, or residence; w., wife; wid., widower; yr., year; s. p., without issue. There are other abbreviations of such common use that the meaning will be obvious. A name in parenthesis, thus: Sarah Forbush, dau. of John and Maria (Scott) Forbush, indicates the maiden-name of the mother. An interrogation mark implies doubt or want of absolute certainty. Birthplaces are not always given, but they can be ascertained by reference to the persons parents and their residence at the time of birth. Old and New Style. - In computing time, the solar year is reckoned 365 days, but this is too much by eleven minutes and a fraction. If this excess be neglected, in the course of centuries, 1st of January would fall back toward midsummer, and in 1582, the time of Pope Gregory XIII., it was found that the vernal equinox, which, in A. D. 325, happened on the 21st of March, actually occurred on the 10th of March. For the purpose of rectifying the calendar, the Pope ordered that ten days be dropped for that year. This was called New Style, and the former calendar, Old Style. The new calendar was soon adopted by all Catholic countries, but in England, and her colonies, it was disregarded till 1752, when the error of the old calendar amounted to eleven days, and by an Act of Parliament they were dropped from September of that year. If the year began the 25th of March, the date would be February 9, 1684; if the year began the 1st of January, the date would be February 9, 1685, and changed to New Style by addition of eleven days, would be February 16, 1685. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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