

# About Towne

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## Salem End and the Efforts to Preserve the Sarah Clayes House

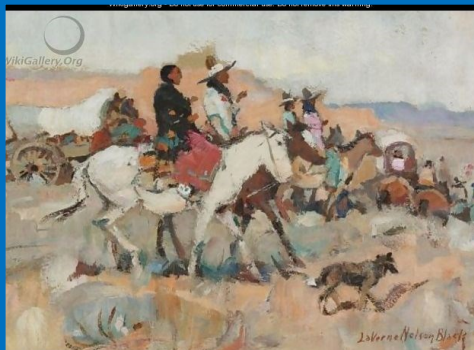
By Elizabeth Hanahan



The Sarah Clayes House in Framingham, MA

### *Come to Vancouver, WA in September!*

Would you like to see the Oregon Trail? You now have a chance to see it and many other sights along with your Towne cousins, if you are able to attend the TFA Reunion in Vancouver, WA. September 18-20, 2015. Please see page 8 For more information!



**F**eatured in the Fall 2014 issue of *American Ancestors*, a publication of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, was an article by historian and Professor of History at Salem State University, Emerson W. Baker, entitled “Salem End: The Diaspora That Followed the 1692 Witchcraft Crisis.” Prominently featured in the article were the many members of the Towne family who relocated to what later became Framingham, Massachusetts following the witchcraft hysteria. This article is an excerpt from Professor Baker’s latest book, *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience*, published in September 2014 by Oxford University Press. His goal in writing this well-documented book was to examine the experience and aftermath of the Salem hysteria within the context of history.

Sarah Towne Bridges Cloyes and her husband, Peter, were the first of the family to relocate to the area of Framingham which is still known as Salem End after Sarah’s release or escape from prison. Changing the spelling of their name to “Clayes” to avoid negative connections to the trials, they established themselves at what is now 657 Salem End Road. Efforts to save this house, which is abandoned and in poor repair, have been going on for years. Janice Thompson, who has tirelessly spear-headed these efforts, prepared a video in which she portrays Sarah and talks about the restoration plans. For those who did not see this video at our reunion in Topsfield, here is a link to it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iUzNb2IIT4>.

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 Jacob

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 East Hartford, CT  
 Sarah

Melanie and Robert Culling-  
 worth  
 Spencerport, NY  
 Sarah

Lisa Rettler  
 Holland, MI  
 Mary

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 Madison, WI  
 Rebecca

Sharon Sova  
 Carlsbad, CA  
 Sarah

Staci McClellan Flournoy  
 Burleson, TX  
 Rebecca

Tedra Towne  
 Boone, IA  
 Jacob

Elva Wedgworth Hellen  
 Hondo, TX  
 Rebecca

Eben Gordon Townes III  
 Mineral, VA  
 Edmund

Robert & Kathleen Hultgren  
 Michigan City, IN  
 Joseph

Judy Carol Zecha  
 Eagle Creek, OR  
 Sarah

John & Ann Johnson  
 Washington, DC  
 Edmund

About Towne is the official voice of the all-volunteer Towne Family Association, incorporated in Delaware in 1989 and comprised of descendants of William and Joanna Blessing Towne and those interested in their family's history. William and Joanna emigrated with their family from Great Yarmouth, England, to Salem, MA, about 1635. In 1692, two of their daughters—Rebecca Towne Nurse and Mary Towne Estey—were hanged as witches during the Salem witchcraft hysteria. A third daughter—Sarah Towne Clayes/Cloyes—was jailed for witchcraft but escaped execution.

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## President's Letter



**T**FA has extended a very special "thank you" to **Ann Hager-Kosher** for her many years of dedication and service to TFA. Ann, who was elected as TFA's VP-Publications in September 2009, has regrettably had to step down from her position recently for health reasons. The entire board wishes her well and a swift recovery and we hope to see her continue to be active in the Towne Family Association in the future. Thank you Ann for your hard work over the years. **Dianna Estee Emerson** was asked and has graciously accepted to take over the position. The VP-Publications title was changed to Publications Coordinator when the bylaws were revised at the TFA Reunion's general meeting in Beaufort, SC in 2013. Dianna's term begins immediately and you will find her new title, name, address and email on page 2 of this newsletter.

Much interest has been shown in another printing of **Lois Hoover's book, *Towne Family, Five Generations of Descendants***. I am now addressing the question. If you want a copy, please let me know as soon as possible. I have contacted the printer and she is looking into what will be needed to reprint the book. I have an order form for the book in this newsletter and on the website under books, so please send in your orders with the payment for the book as soon as possible. We will be having a discounted price at first, and after the first 100 books have been purchased, I will send in the order to print. Please note that if you pick your copy or copies up at the reunion you will not have to pay the mailing cost. Now is the time for all of you who said you wanted a book or books to send in your order, and anyone else who is interested may order also. We are making a rather large order to get the price down per book so please check out the possibility of buying a book today. The order form is on page 27 of this newsletter.

**REMINDER:** If you have not paid your dues yet, do so now or your membership will be dropped. I joined as a life member just so I could get out of remembering to pay dues yearly. Sadly it costs money — even with an all-volunteer work force — to print and mail the newsletter, for the reunion, for research, and for many other things we do throughout the year. Postage alone can be quite expensive, and the only way we have to offset these expenses is to charge dues. You may print a form off the TFA website or, if you get the mailed printed newsletter there was one in the December 2014 issue. Mail the dues (\$20 for a single, \$22 for a couple) to Will Towne.

**T**he **2015 reunion** will be in Vancouver, Washington this year. We are planning a tour of Fort Vancouver and the End of the Trail museum that you should enjoy. Fort Vancouver was a fur trading fort run by the Hudson Bay Company. It was run well and helped welcome the settlers coming from the east coast as they started to arrive. Many emigrants from all quarters were assisted at the fort with medical care and food so that they could regain their health and establish themselves. Then we will travel to Oregon City, Oregon to see the End of the Trail Museum. There we will enjoy learning about those who traveled the Oregon Trail and what life was like for them. We will try to have in the hospitality room all sorts of brochures to help you find other fun and informative destinations in the area.

*Virginia Towne*

## *Reflections of My Life*

**By: Emma Towne (Shepard) Mosher**



**T**his project, covering the years from 1918 – 2014, began in 1980 and continued periodically over the years. In early 2014, a neighbor who is a published author, volunteered to help me finish and get published. After many hours of reaching back into the past selecting events and photos, it is now finished and published. Originally meant to be given as a family gift, I have been encouraged to market the book. It was made available to the public in January 2015 after a local book signing event.

I attended the first Towne Family Association meeting in 1980 and have served as President of the Association as well as other office positions and on committees.

According to Emma’s daughter, Linda, the sixteen chapters of the book tell the stories of Emma’s life at different times. They cover her life in

the 20s, 30s, her marriages and raising six children, World War II, her 40 years working for Goodyear shoe production in Windsor, VT, her Christian walk, her connection with The Towne Family and her genealogy tree.

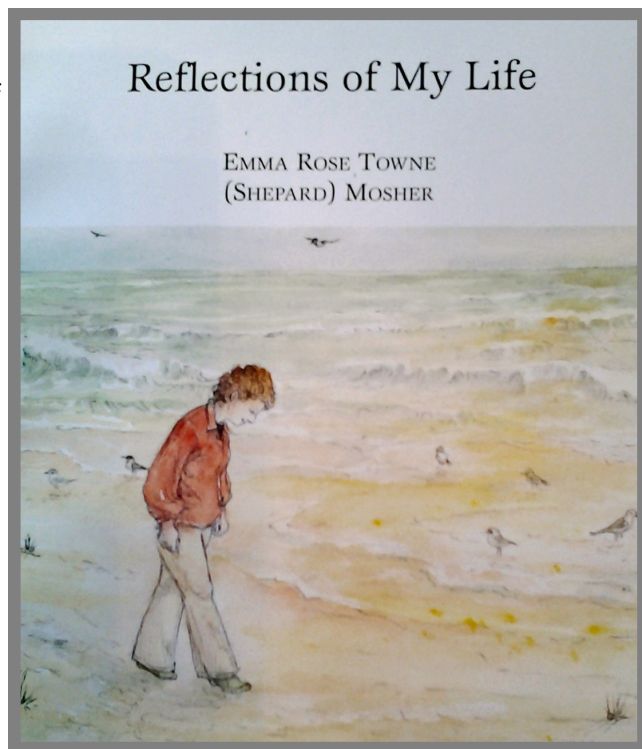
**Lineage: William, Edmund, Joseph, Nathan, Aaron, James, Elmer, Emma**

**I**f you wish to buy *Reflections of My Life* in soft cover for \$21.50 plus postage \$3.50: total \$25.00

Make checks out to:

**Emma Mosher  
P. O. Box 54  
Plainfield, NH 03781**

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## **“Towne Cousins” Facebook Group — One Year Anniversary!**

**By Dianna Emerson**

**T**he Facebook group “Towne Cousins” reached its one year anniversary on January 15, 2015 with almost 450 members — many of them TFA members. This site has enabled cousins around the world to keep in touch with each other and make new acquaintances. The group was started simply as a way to share information in a venue away from the comments on popular genealogy websites. Through those sites individuals were invited to join Towne Cousins and they were informed about the Towne Family Association, which resulted in new members joining TFA. Please take time to invite other Towne descendants to join “Towne Cousins,” whether it be through your connections through TFA, Facebook genealogy groups or via other popular websites. If you aren’t a member of Towne Cousins and would like to be, email Dianna at [tfapublications@gmail.com](mailto:tfapublications@gmail.com) for information .∞

## TFA England Tour in 2017

By Karen Johnsen

The Towne Family Association is planning our yearly reunion in 2017 to be held in England. Karen Johnsen and Charles Farrow, the English Researcher for TFA, have been putting an itinerary together for the trip. With a lot of new research completed since our last trip, we will be adding new places of interest. We are hoping to have a two week trip in June of 2017.

### GENEALOGICAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Our 2017 TFA Reunion meeting will be held at the Minster Church of St. Nicholas in Great Yarmouth. This church was founded in 1101. It was bombed during WWII. It was restored and recently designated a Minster Church. This is the church where William and Joanna Towne were married and where they baptized 6 of their 8 children. We will attend a morning worship service in the very church where our ancestors once worshipped. This will be followed by a lunch, a tour of the church, our annual meeting and afternoon tea. We will learn about the history of the church and see the TOWNE FAMILY PLAQUE on the wall. In Great Yarmouth we will also see where William Towne and family gardened. We will visit the Time & Tide Museum showing the Herring Industry. William was apprenticed to a Basket Maker in his youth.
- We will see and visit many churches and communities related to our ancestors.
- We will be able to see firsthand many of the original documents related to our family.
- We will go to the church where John Towne, the father of William Towne, was baptized 15 Dec 1570 in Haddiscoe, Norfolk, England. This is a new discovery since our last trip.
- For those who descend from Joseph Towne & Phebe Perkins, there will be many new places to visit related to Phebe's ancestry. We will see the Deacon House where Thomas Deacon once lived and visit towns and churches related to the Deacon, Gould and Perkins families.
- For those who descend from Mary Towne and Isaac Esty/Eastie/Easty, there will be many new places added. Isaac Eastie's parents were Jeffery Eastie and Mary Salmon. We hope to visit with our cousin Derek Salmon who wrote a book about the Salmon family and included Mary and Isaac in his book. We will visit places and churches related to this family.
- For those who descend from Jacob Towne and Catherine Symonds there will be a visit to Walcott where her parent's Ruth Foxe and John Symonds were married.



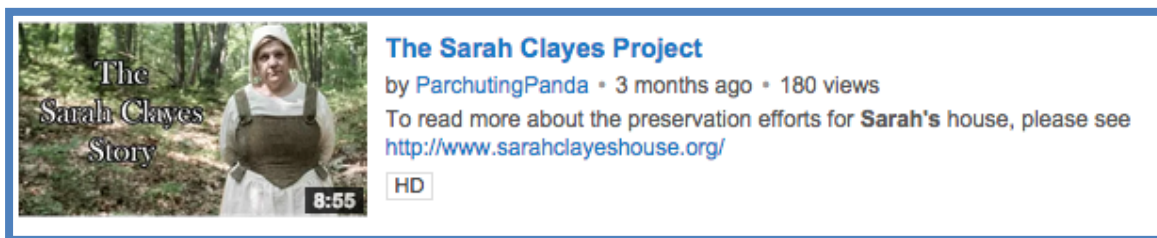
St. Nicholas Minster — Great Yarmouth

### OTHER HISTORICAL SIGHTS AND POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY

- Our trip will begin with a visit to Stonehenge. We will travel by coach to Avebury, passing The Sanctuary and Silbury Hill, for a tour of Stone Circle and Museum, with free flow around Manor House and Garden.
- Our travels to see the places where the Gould, Perkins and Deacon families lived will take us to a new part of England. Here we will go to Wilmcote to visit Mary Arden's house and then travel on to Stratford-Upon-Avon where we will see Ann Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's Grave in Holy Trinity Church, New Place & Nash's House and Hall's Croft. There may even be an opportunity to see a play written by Shakespeare.
- Phebe Deacon's brother Thomas Deacon was a scholar at Oxford. We will see the college, archives and art collection.
- A romantic boat ride, castles, famous halls and gardens and many other points of interest will be planned along the way. And there will be a lot of good food to eat. ∞

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The latest information from Janice was received on November 10, 2014 and details what has been accomplished and the direction in which the project is heading. The donation of the house to The Sarah Clayes House Trust is inching forward. The best news: the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office has devoted personnel and resources to assist in efforts to expedite the bank's donation, contingent upon the group's commitment to raise the necessary funds for the preservation of the property. If you are interested in helping, you can go to the website <http://www.sarahclayeshouse.org/> for information or to be added to the email list. Please note that the goal of the Trust is now to work with a preservationist organization to find a private buyer who is willing to restore the house, rather than have the Trust restore and maintain the house itself. As such, TFA will have no financial connection to the restoration as an organization, but members who are interested in seeing this important piece of our family's history preserved are certainly encouraged to make individual donations.



From Janice's message:

*Over the past year we have had countless conversations with the bank, Historic New England, Town of Framingham officials, and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office about our request that the bank donate the property to our preservation efforts. We have also invited contractors and preservationists to the property to give us some estimates about what it will cost to shore up the house against further damage once the donation is (we hope) made.*

*We are pleased to report that all the Massachusetts organizations are in alignment with our plans, and are supporting our efforts to preserve the property. Together we are putting pressure on the bank to move forward with their verbal agreement to donate the house, and we still feel that that decision is imminent.*

*As we invite preservationist organizations to take a look at the house, these professionals have told us that it is possible, through various public initiatives, to find a buyer who will work with us to preserve the house. This is a much more feasible model for us, as it will require much less fundraising (renovating the house and creating a house museum out of it, including an endowment that would maintain the house into perpetuity, would cost upwards of \$2-3 million) while reaching our primary goal of saving the house. We would work with any private buyer so that s/he would open the house to the public through the annual house tour sponsored by the Framingham History Center. A 70 page comprehensive Historic Development Report was created by Bill Finch, Chairman of the Historic District Commission for the Town of Beverly and a preservationist consultant with the firm Finch & Rose in Beverly who spent hours last summer inside and outside of the house taking hundreds of photographs and gathering data.*

A link to the full Historic Development Report may also be found on the Books and Resources page of our website. Having been actively involved with the preservation efforts for many years now, I continue to be impressed by the time and effort invested in this project by people who, for the most part are unrelated to the Towne or Cloyes families. Efforts to clean up the property and secure it from the elements have been made, and have slowed the deterioration, but time still continues to be of the essence. [https://drive.google.com/viewerng/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnczYXJhY2xheWVzaG91c2V8Z3g6MzY3NjU5NzcyYThiNjYyYg&utm\\_source=November+5%2C+2014&utm\\_campaign=11%2F10%2F14+newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](https://drive.google.com/viewerng/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnczYXJhY2xheWVzaG91c2V8Z3g6MzY3NjU5NzcyYThiNjYyYg&utm_source=November+5%2C+2014&utm_campaign=11%2F10%2F14+newsletter&utm_medium=email) ∞



## TFA Genealogy Database Project — Volunteers Needed!

By Gail Garda

**I**n conjunction with the plans for the 3rd reprinting of Lois Hoover's book (*Towne Family William and Joanna Blessing, Salem, Massachusetts, 1635, Five Generations of Descendants, 2010*), we are conducting an extensive review of TFA's genealogy database, beginning with the first five generations. This project's goal is to compare what is in the database with what is contained in the 2010 book. Focus will be to: 1) identify and correct all errors, add missing information and verify sources contained in the database; and, 2) identify and document all new "proven" information in the database that was not included in the original 2010 book publication. Any new data identified, will be included in the Addendum of updates in the 2015 TFA reprinting of the Towne Family book. There have been lots of data added to the TFA database over the years, and only verified data was used for the book, making it the best, most accurate source of information on the Towne family. This project will also help to ensure that our database is as accurate as possible. Six very detailed genealogy reports have been prepared of the descendants of Rebecca, Edmund, Jacob, Joseph, Mary and Sarah (4 generations only), containing everything currently in the database, including all source references, narrative comments, stories, etc.

In order to effectively and efficiently review all this data, a committee is being formed. Volunteers will each be assigned one of the six ancestor reports, for review and comparison to the related chapter in the Towne Family book. Obviously, all volunteers must already have a copy of the book.

The six special genealogy reports are being used instead of using direct access to the database, because it provides for a much easier way to visually compare all the data, than to maneuver and review the database online against what's in the book. Each of the individual reports can be sent via email, and have already been provided to Virginia Towne and Lois Hoover.

**A**ny TFA members interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project, please email Virginia Towne or Gail Garda\*, of your specific interest in:

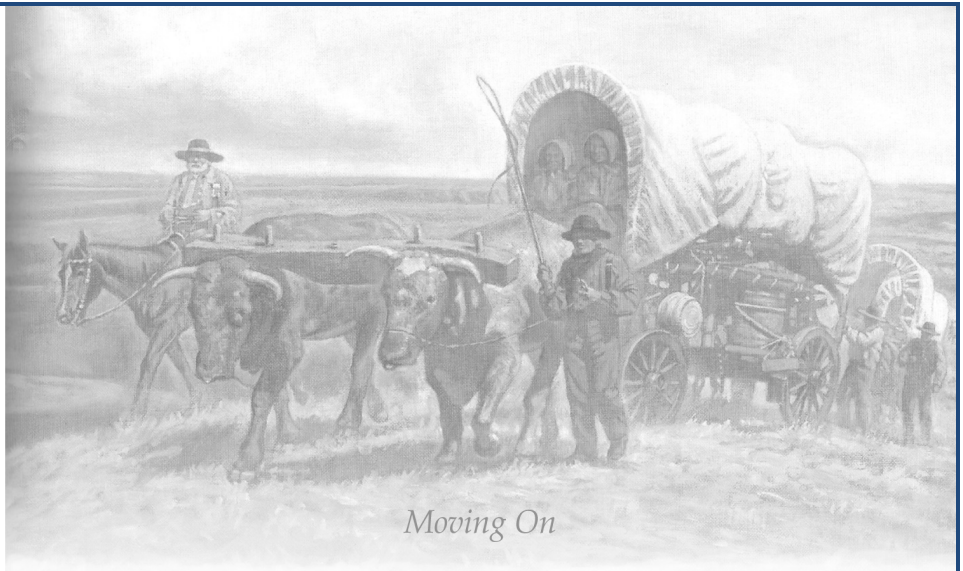
- 1-Rebecca (166 pages);
- 2-Edmund (111 pages);
- 3-Jacob (146 pages);
- 4-Joseph (112 pages);
- 5-Mary (118 pages); and,
- 6-Sarah (129 pages).

If needed, more than one volunteer may be assigned to any one of the six ancestors.

To provide uniformity in documenting all changes and additions found, there will also be a special data reporting format provided to all volunteers (i.e., for noting in the book, -chapter, -page, -paragraph, -line, -source, "...should read:....", etc.; and, for the database, references from the ancestor's report, - page, corrections, additions, deletion, new sources, etc.) All "new" data identified and verified, will be included in the Addendum of the 3rd reprinting of the Towne Family book. ∞

\*See page 2 for Virginia's and Gail's email addresses.

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
 to Vancouver, Washington  
 (the other Vancouver)  
 for the 35th annual  
 Towne Family Reunion & Meeting  
 September 18th, 19th & 20th. 2015



*Moving On*



We have selected the beautiful Heathman Lodge, a rustic mountain lodge located in the heart of Vancouver. The Heathman Lodge was designed and crafted of wood from the Northwest forests. Designs from nature and the Northwest Indian culture inspired the paintings, carvings, textiles and sculpture by local artists. We invite you to go to <http://www.heathmanlodge.com> to view more of what you will find when you arrive.

All the while enjoy eating at the Hudson's Bar & Grill. A four star restaurant, Hudson's partners with local ranchers and farmers to bring only the freshest and finest ingredients to each dish. If you would rather eat elsewhere or want to sample other foods there are plenty of other places within walking distance.



Our tour on Saturday will begin with Ft. Vancouver. Founded in 1825 Fort Vancouver was the headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company's Columbia Department, embracing present day British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Primarily responsible for the post's success was Dr. John McLoughlin who served as chief factor. In the 1830's and 40's American settlers were attracted to the rich farm lands of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Much to the

chagrin of the heads of the Hudson's Bay Company, McLoughlin made supplies and credit available to the settlers. In 1846 Dr. McLoughlin retired and moved to Oregon City which is where we will travel to next.

End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center: Oregon City has been named the official end of the Oregon Trail because this is where the first Federal Land Office west of the Rocky Mountains was located. This meant that anyone wishing to claim land anywhere in what is now Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Western Wyoming would need to come to make the claim legal.



### Get your wagon ready for the Vancouver TFA Reunion!

As you get ready to leave on your trip to the Oregon Territory packing your wagon becomes your number one priority. You need to balance the things you want and need to take versus how much space you have to take it. The following activity will allow you to choose your items. Look around the store and the home to get a good idea of some of the things you will be taking. **Remember, you are traveling with a family of four people and you wagon can only hold 1500 – 2000 pounds, plan carefully.**

Item (weights)	How many	Item (weights)	How many
50 lbs of flower (50)		Pick Axe (5)	
20 lbs of oats (20)		100 ft of rope (6)	
25 lbs of Bacon or Salt Pork		Hatchet (4)	
25 lbs of vegetables (30)		Axe (7)	
5 lbs of dried fruit		Shovel (7)	
25 lbs of dried beef (25)		3 prong pitch fork (6)	
25 lbs of beans (25)		2-man cross-cut saw (7)	
20 lbs of sugar (20)		Hammer (2)	
5 gal of vinegar (25)		4 steel animal traps (5)	
Assorted spices (5)		Metal plow (40)	
25 lbs of salt (25)		Hoe (4)	
5 lbs of baking soda (5)		Scythe (7)	
10 lb bag of coffee (10)		Bellows for fire (10)	
5 lb tin of tea (6)		Misc small tools (10)	
Water barrel – filled (50)		Axle grease (13)	
Rifle (6)		Oxen Yoke repair supplies (15)	
Gunpowder (10)		Crate of Chickens (30)	
Powder Horn (4)		Chicken Feed (50)	
Hunting Knife (3)		Cook Stove (75)	
Medicine (8)		Matches in bottle (2)	
Bedding for 1 bed (12)		Family China (15)	
Bed frame (40)		Rug (25)	
Blanket (7)		Rocking Chair (15)	
Feather Tick (30)		Piano or small organ (120)	
Baby Cradle (15)		Musical Instrument (6)	
Clothing for 1 person (20)		Mantle Clock (5)	
Extra pair of boots (7)		Table and 4 chairs (70)	
Trunk for packing clothing (35)		China Cabinet (80)	
15 yds of fabric for clothing (13)		Children’s toys (8)	
Sewing supplies (5)		School books and slate (5)	
Sewing machine (100)		Rocking horse (10)	
Cooking Utensils for family (5)		Pair of candle sticks (2)	
Eating utensils for 1 (2)		2 dozen candles (4)	
Set of dishes (20)		Lantern (3)	
Frying pan (6)		Mirror (10)	
Dutch oven (10)		Chamber pot (2)	
Coffee pot (3)		Pitcher and bowl (10)	
Coffee grinder (6)		5 lb brick of soap (5)	
Butter Churn (10)		Wooden bucket (5)	
Wash tub (15)			

Remember your total cannot exceed 2000 lbs.



## Josiah Russell's Sons, Grandsons and Nephews in the Civil War

### By Rae Johnson

It was suggested several years ago that perhaps since this is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, that perhaps we should highlight the contributions that Towne Descendants made to the war between the North and South. Josiah Russell was my 2xgreatgrandfather who was born in 1791 in Windsor, Vermont, but soon moved to Stowe where he married and later died in 1867. Josiah had served in the War of 1812 in Plattsburgh, NY. His father, John Russell, and grandfather, Jonathan Russell, had participated as part of the Danvers Alarm Co. in the Battle of Menotomy, fighting the British on their return to Boston from Lexington and Concord on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. They were definitely a family of participants in any war, serving wherever and whenever they were needed. However, the largest number of family members participating in any war seems to be in the Civil War.

The following information on the Russells who served in the Civil War was taken from the Vermont website of Civil War soldiers and from the book, *History of Stowe to 1869*, by Mrs. M. N. Wilkins. The list of soldiers from Stowe, VT, shows that three sons, two grandsons and two nephews of Josiah Russell served in the Civil War. James W. Russell, a son, was the only one to die, he was killed in battle in Virginia and was buried there.

#### Soldiers Credited To, Born In, Or Buried In Stowe, VT

The number of men credited to the town is greater than the "official" number from the Vermont Adjutant General's Office records, because it includes soldiers who served in Vermont units, soldiers who served in other State's units, or Federal forces (Army, Navy, Marines), and civilians in a variety of roles, which is closer to reality than government statistics.

There are currently 273 soldiers credited to, born in, or buried in Stowe, VT. Of these, 228 are credited to the town, 96 were born there (research is far from complete for this figure), and 119 are buried there. In addition, 14 were drafted, but did not serve.

The following are Josiah Russell's descendants and nephews:

**Son - Russell, James W.**, Age: 34, cred. Underhill, VT; **service:** Infantry, killed in action, Lee's Mill, 4/16/62, enlisted Aug 30, '61, mustered in Co. K 5<sup>th</sup> VT Regiment, Sept 16, 1861. He was killed in his first battle, at Lee's Mills, with a rifle ball through the neck, aged 34. His body was left in the enemy's lines for about 2 days, was recovered and buried by his comrades. His captain in a letter to his wife, Mariah Ham, says: "He was ever obedient to orders, true and faithful to his duty. Nobly he died while in the performance of his highest duty."  
**Born:** abt 1827, Stowe, VT; **Died:** 04/16/1862; **Buried:** Yorktown National Cemetery, VA (no cenotaph)

*(Son of Josiah Russell and 1st wife, Abigail Luce)*

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Yorktown, VA Headquarters of Gen George B. McClellan, Camp Winfield Scott — around the time of Lee's Mills Battle No Restrictions on use of photo. LC-DIG-cwpb-00997

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**Son - Russell, Charles F.**, Age: 26, cred. Stowe, VT; **service:** Charles enlisted Oct 1, '61; he was mustered in the 8<sup>th</sup> VT Reg as a private, in Co. A, Feb 18, '62 at Brattleboro; discharged Nov 25, '62; reenlisted Aug 22, '64; mustered the same day at Burlington (VT), in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Co. D, receiving \$500 bounty from the town; mustered out June 9, '65; served 1 year, 10 months. **Born:** 04/17/1835, Stowe, VT; **Died:** 08/31/1905; **Buried:** Elmwood Cemetery, Northfield, VT  
*(son of Josiah and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Diana)*

**Grandson - Russell, Henry H.**, Age: 21, cred. Stowe, VT; **service:** He enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> VT Reg, July 2, '61, mustered in on July 16, '61, at St. Johnsbury, as a private, in Co. H; in the first battles of his regiment in '61, and in '62 went with them through the Peninsular campaign, sick with fever about a month, at White House Landing, while the army was before Richmond; after recovering, fought in the battles during McClellan's retreat from Richmond, and at South Mountain and Antietam; transferred to Co. K, 5<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry, Oct 31, '62, engaging in its duties 'til on the May 4<sup>th</sup>, '63, while on Stoneman's raid, about 12 miles from the Gordonsville, he was taken prisoner and sent to Libby Prison, remaining 10 days; then paroled and sent to Annapolis, MD, and from there to Alexandria, where he remained 5 months, when he was exchanged and joined his regiment. -- He was detailed Jan 10, '64 to the band of the same regiment; discharged Feb 5, '64, that he might reenlist, which he did the same day, and was afterwards connected with the band of the 5<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry, 3 years, until his discharge, Feb 5, '67; he received \$502 government bounty, \$300 from the city of New York and \$75 from the State; served 5 years, 7 months, 2 days. **Born:** abt 1840, Stowe, VT; **Died:** unknown; **Buried:** Unknown  
*(Grandson of Josiah and Abigail, son of John Russell and Laura Moody)*

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**Son - Russell, Albert W.**, Age: 21, cred. Stowe, VT; **service:** Albert enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> VT Regiment, May 7, '61; mustered in as a private, in Co. D, June 20, '61, at Burlington; Oct 5, '62 ordered to report to Gen. Franklin, who appointed him mounted orderly; which appointment he received through Col. Whiting, for personal services rendered him on the battlefield; afterwards he was retained in the capacity by Generals Smith, Sedgwick and Wright. These duties often called him to dangerous and responsible positions; one of which he relates, in connection with the movement of the army, after the battle of Spotsylvania, from the North Anna to the Pamunkey River; being sent first to explore, and then to act as guide for the army. He reports he was in all the battles of his regiment during his term of service, once hit in the head with a piece of shell, causing a slight wound; sick in Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C., 2 weeks. He was mustered out June 29, '64. He reenlisted Aug 17 '64; mustered same day in Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> VT Reg. Soon after he was ordered to New Haven, assigned to duty as first Sergeant; remained here until March 25, '65, when he joined his regiment at Mobile; after May, he was detailed as mounted orderly for Gen Steele and retained until he was mustered out of service, June 25, '65; received \$133.33 government bounty, and \$500 from the town; served 4 years.

**Born:** 1840, Stowe, VT; **Died:** 10/16/1898; **Buried:** MN  
*(Son of Josiah and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Diana)*

**Grandson - Russell, Joseph R.**, Age: 18, cred. Stowe, VT; **service:** He enlisted Sept 14, '64, was mustered in the same day at Burlington, in Co D, 2<sup>nd</sup> VT regiment; 2 days after joining his regiment, he engaged with them in the battle at Cedar Creek, and in the closing battles of the war in the spring of '65. About the first of May, '65, he became sick with measles, and was sent to the 6<sup>th</sup> corps hospital, City Point, after about 10 days to Finley Hospital, Washington, where he remained until mustered out, June 12, '65; received \$66.66 government bounty, and \$625 from the town; served 8 months, 28 days. **Born:** 1849, Stowe, VT; **Died:** 11/01/1929; **Buried:** Riverbank Cemetery, Stowe, VT  
*(Grandson of Josiah Russell and Abigail Luce, son of Daniel Russell and Elzina Ham)*

## How to Navigate the TowneFolk.com Database

By Elizabeth Hanahan and Margaret Press, Website Coordinators

**I**n the December 2014 issue of *About Towne*, you learned how to navigate the various informational pages of the site. In this issue, you will learn how to best navigate the many useful features of the database, which includes information on over 77,000 individuals. This information is provided to help members of Towne Family Association with their research and is for personal use only. To keep misinformation out of the tree we never upload GEDCOMs (the 2012 upload you may notice on the site refers to when we did a major upgrade, and moved our own data via a huge GEDCOM.) Every name is painstakingly added by our genealogist, who checks for sources and mistakes. To add your own information (if it's not already there) you can send the information to [admin@townefolk.com](mailto:admin@townefolk.com) and, once verified, it will be added to the full tree. Note that information for living individuals will not be viewable by members.

To access the database, go to [www.townefolk.com](http://www.townefolk.com) and log in with your *username* and *password*. **Make sure you type your usernames and passwords exactly as they are given — as both are case-sensitive.** This will bring you to the home page.

Most of the links on the left side of the page are available for members only since they are linked to the database. A good place to start when you visit the site is **What's New** which will give you a quick overview of newly added information. We will also post information about events of interest to members as we become aware of them. If you hear of an event in your area, send us the information and we will post it. Another link to visit regularly is **Most Wanted**. You may be able to help solve someone else's brick wall, and if you send us your brick wall to post, maybe someone can help you out.

**T**o look for a specific person in the database, enter the name into the search box. With a family tree as large as ours, there are numerous people with the same name. To make your search more manageable, if you have several possible people to search for, select the one with the most unique name. For example, if you are looking for William Towne, the original immigrant, a search for Joanna Blessing will get you to him much more quickly. If your search turns up a list of possibilities, you may hover your mouse over a person's name so you can see a quick preview. Once you have chosen one to view in detail, a click on the name will take you there. (Clicking on the link for the Towne Full Tree will take you to information about the tree only, not the individual.) If your search turns up a large list of possibilities, use the Advance Search option. If you know the name of the spouse or about when the person died, click the "show spouse" or the "show death/burial information" box to narrow things down. Once you have found an ancestor you would like to visit again, click the Bookmark icon in the upper right corner. You may add as many bookmarks as you would like, and then have them quickly available to you when you click the **Bookmarks** link in the left column of the home page.

Whenever you're on an individual's page you are "in" the full tree. All of the information we have can be viewed here. If you notice any errors or have additional information to submit, click the **Contact Us** link on

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the left side of the page. Please include the Person ID number and include any source information you have. Information which does not include sources will not be added to the database until it can be verified. To maintain the integrity of the tree, we do not allow members to edit information directly.

You can go from individual to individual by clicking on the names of the children, parents or spouse on the individual page. But to see the individual's tree, click on the ancestors or descendants tab above the individual information which will give you a view of multiple generations. The default tree is 4 generations, which may be viewed in several different formats listed on the red horizontal bar. You can change the default, but for this family, selecting more than about 6 generations will take a huge time to load, and will be tough to navigate, since there are so many people to display. Select "Compact" in order to see more. A nice feature of this program is the ability to determine relationships between people. Pick an obscure ancestor and try it!

We have been adding more photographs of individuals, cemeteries and headstones as we receive them. You can see the ones we have by clicking the appropriate link in the menu on the left side of the page. If you have submitted a photo of your ancestor, you will see it attached to the individual's page. If you would like to add photos of your ancestors - and we hope that you will, please contact us for submission directions. Be sure to include the Person ID for each submission. Do not include photos of living people since they would not be visible to anyone except for web administrators.

Other links on the left side of the home page provide different views of the information in the database. **Dates and Anniversaries** is fun. Find out who was born, died or married today or who was born on your birthday or married on the same day as you.

**The Places** link will show all of the locations in the database with a map of each location and a link to each individual associated with that place. This is useful for identifying information which should be in the database, but isn't. This is particularly helpful for collateral relatives you might not think to check.

As you can see, there is a wealth of information available to members. All items listed in the menu on the left side of the home page, with the exception of **Log In**, **Contact Us**, and **Register For a New User Account**, are attached to our database and therefore may only be accessed after your user account has been activated.∞

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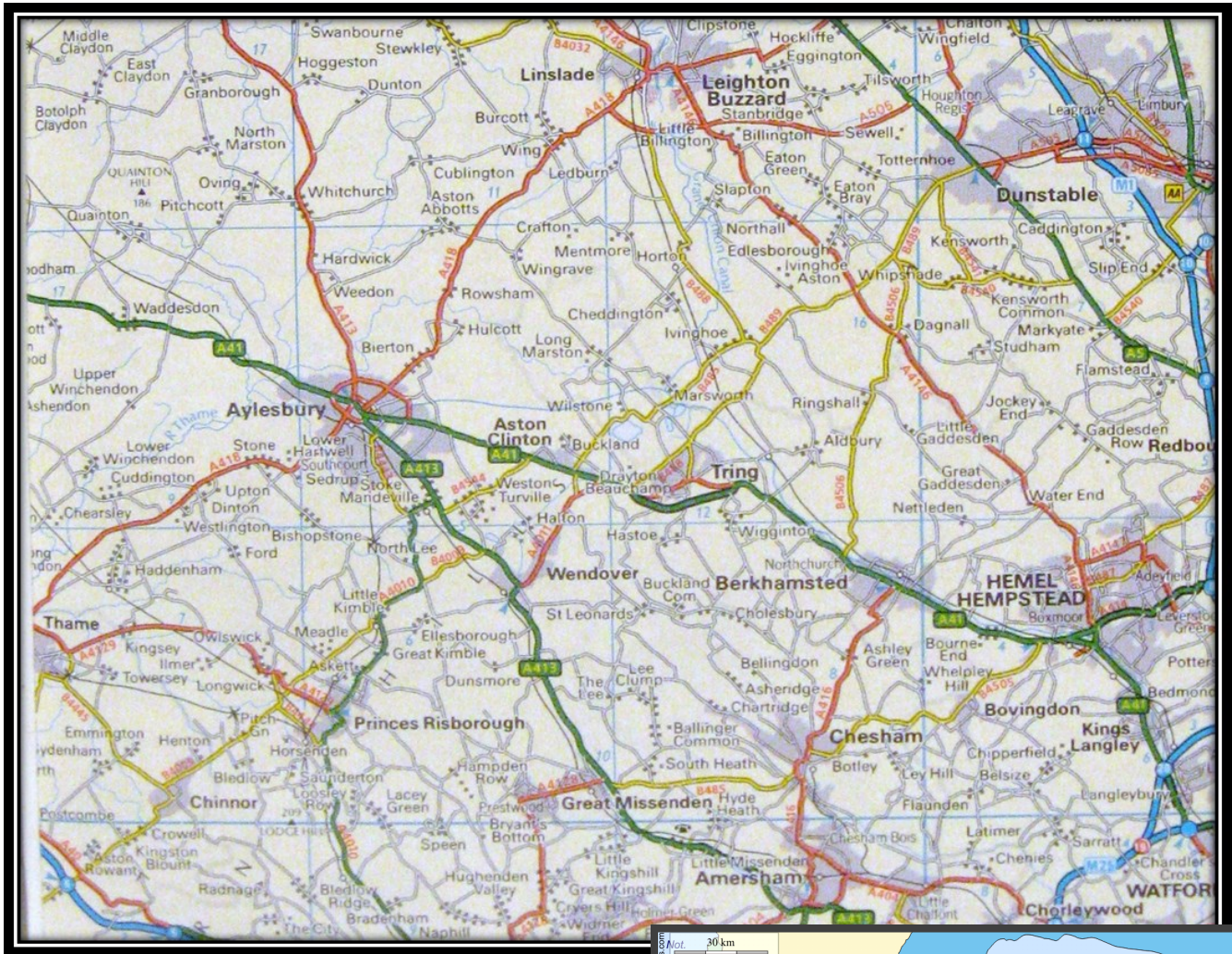
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**Nephew - Russell, Lorenzo**, Age: 34, cred. Stowe, VT; **service**: he enlisted Feb 13, '65, mustered in the same day in Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> VT, mustered out on June 28, '65; received \$500 from the town; served 4 and one half mos.  
**Born**: 04/16/1830, Stowe, VT; **Died**: 1906; **Buried**: West Branch Cemetery, Stowe, VT  
**(Son of Stephen Russell and Amanda Luce; nephew of Josiah and Abigail)**

**Nephew** - Russell, Ezra Flint, Age: 23, cred. Stowe, VT; **service**: He enlisted in the 5<sup>th</sup> VT Regiment, Aug 17, '61; mustered in as a private, in Co D, Sept 16, '61 at St. Albans; in the battle at Savage Station, June 29, '62; soon after confined with chronic diarrhea, not recovering, discharged Jan 28, '63; drafted and mustered July 17, '63, assigned to Co. K, 4th VT Reg.; in 9 battles with his regiment, received a slight wound with a piece of shell at Fisher's Hill, Sept. 1864; transferred to Co. D, 2/25/1865; mustered out 7/13/1865; received \$100 government bounty; served 3 years, 5 months, 7 days. **Born**: 11/20/1838; **Died**: 1/20/1923; **Buried**: Bijou Hills Union Cemetery, Bijou Hills, SD  
**(Son of Lorenzo Russell and Eleanor Ham, Nephew of Josiah Russell )**

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The above map shows the places mentioned in the following article. Hemel Hempstead is quite clear in the bottom right, and if you move to the left you will see Bovington, Chesham and Great Missenden. Then look straight up to Wendover, and midway between the two you will see The Lee, where Hunts Green is situated. Immediately above Wendover you will see Halton, and above that Weston Turville. The town of Aylesbury is clear, and up in the top left hand corner you will see Botolph Claydon. The scale of the map is five miles to the inch, but as this is a blown-up photo, no reliance should be placed on actual scale.



→The map on the right shows the counties of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire, where the above mentioned towns are located, lie to the southwest of Norfolk and Suffolk counties and just north of London.

## The Gould Family of Bovington and Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire

### Part 4: Zacheus Gould and his family

By Charles Farrow, Consulting Genealogist, Towne Family Association

**T**he last article on the Gould family ("About Towne" Vol. XXXIV No. 3 pp. 63 – 68) ended with the death of Richard Gould, father of Zacheus, before 1594, and of his widow, Elizabeth, obtaining administration of his estate in 1597. Reference was briefly made to events which took place in the following century, and in this article, we will look in more detail at these matters, and follow the life of Zacheus until he emigrated to New England in the late 1630s.

Once again the Manor Court books of the Manor of Hemel Hempstead are a mine of information. The books are as follows:-

1593 – 1599 [HALS: D/EX 640 M17 and duplicated in HALS: 13999]

1600 – 1602 [HALS: 14000]

1603 – 1614 [HALS: 14001]

1615 – 1619 [HALS: 14002]

1619 – 1625 [HALS: 14003]

1625 – 1633 [HALS: 14004]

The first entry of relevance in the volume commencing in 1593 is a dispute between Alice Gould, widow of Thomas Gould deceased, and her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Gould, widow of Richard Gould deceased. The Court held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1594 heard that Alice was claiming a third part in four messuages (legal term for house, or house and garden) and 80 acres of land in Bovington and Crowchefeild. Elizabeth was resisting this, since she also had her interest in these properties, reserved when her late husband divided them between his sons. The matter was not resolved then, and does not reappear.

Elizabeth Gould seems to have been active both buying and selling property, giving rise to a number of entries in the Manor Court books. As these properties did not come to Zacheus Gould, they are not relevant to this present study. However, Elizabeth Gould must have married again, to a William Mortimer, and this does give rise to entries of interest at a Court held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1618:-

"At this Court come William Mortimer and Elizabeth his wife, who was sometime the wife of Richard Gould deceased, and claims against Edmund Fisher in respect of one third part in one messuage one orchard and one acre of land with appurtenances in Bovington Deane held of this Manor as reasonable dower of the said Elizabeth from the gift of the said Richard Gould and her claim is presented"

"At this Court come the said William Mortimer and Elizabeth his wife sometime the wife of Richard Gould deceased and claims against John Allen one third part in one messuage one orchard with the fruit and one acre of land with appurtenances in Crouchfeild of this Manor as reasonable dower of the said Elizabeth from the gift the said Richard Gould and her claim is presented"

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“At this Court comes the said William Mortimer in right of Elizabeth his wife and claims as heir one principall out of a messuage at Two Waters with 20 acres of land adjoining in the occupation of Zacheus Gould son of said Elizabeth who is sister and next heir of Robert Coleman deceased and his claim is presented”

This has taken us many years ahead, and we need to go back in time. At a Court held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1604 Richard & Elizabeth’s son Jeremy Gould was admitted to the house and 60 acres of lands which his father had surrendered to Elizabeth for 12 years and then to Jeremy. It is specifically stated that Jeremy was of full age. Then at a Court held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1609 the death of John Gould son of Richard Gould was presented, holding a remainder in the property his father had granted to his wife Elizabeth in 1593, and that Jeremy Gould was his brother and next heir. Jeremy was then admitted to the remainder.

Zacheus Gould came of age in 1610, and he too went to the Manor Court for admission, appearing at the Court held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1610:-

“At this Court comes Zacheus Gould son of Richard Gould and prays to be admitted to two closes called Venyce Hills containing by estimation 12 acres more or less abutting on a road called Venyce Hill Lane and a road called Jeyes Hatch Lane which said premises with the appurtenances were sometime surrendered by the said Richard Gould to the use of Elizabeth his wife for 50 years with remainder at the end of the term to the said Zacheus Gould and his heirs for ever as recorded in the Court Roll dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 1593 as is there clear And on that account the Lord King by the Steward grants by the rod to the said Zacheus Gould his heirs and assigns for ever to have and to hold all and singular the premisses and appurtenances to the said Zacheus Gould his heirs and assigns for ever at the will of the Lord King paying a rent of 6s and a fine of 3s and he is admitted.”

Immediately afterwards Zacheus comes into Court and openly surrenders the two closes to Jeremy Gould. Clearly Jeremy was consolidating his holdings.

**A**s far as the Manor Court is concerned, Zacheus disappears from view until 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1618:-

“At this Court Edward Wheeler, John Doggett, Zacheus Gould, James Dell, John Longe, Richard Stanboroughe and Henry Cocke are elected to the office of the Headboroughe viz. Edward Wheeler for High Streete, John Doggett for Cornerhall, Zacheus Gould for Two Waters and Feldon, James Dell for Boxsteed side, John Longe for Berrymillend, Richard Stanborough for Bovingdon and Henry Cocke for Flanden for the year following.” Zacheus had obviously moved from Bovingdon to the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead, to the hamlets of Two Waters and Feldon, just across the River Gade from Corner Hall. At the same Court we learn why he was there:-

“At this Court it was presented by the Homage that Robert Coleman a customary tenant of this Manor after the last Court died and there falls due to the Lord for a heriot one cow price 33s 4d And before his death namely on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1617 he surrendered into the hands of the Lord by the hand of Thomas Axtell in the presence of Jeremie Gould and John Stanbridge two customary tenants of this Manor all his messuage or tenement with all lands belonging situate and being in Two Waters with the appurtenances to the use of Zacheus Gould his heirs and assigns for ever And the said Zacheus Gould present in Court prays the Lord to be admitted to all and singular the premises with the appurtenances and the Lord by the Steward grants possession by the rod to have and to hold all and singular the premises with the appurtenances to the said

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Zacheus Gould his heirs and assigns for ever of the Lord by the rod at the will of the Lord by custom of the Manor and an annual rent of 14s and all services and dues of custom payable to the Lord and his fealty is respited and he is admitted”

Uncle Robert Coleman had made his death bed gift to his nephew Zacheus, and placed him firmly in the community of Two Waters with a substantial house and 20 acres of land. As we have seen, his stepfather was claiming a part of the income in right of his wife Elizabeth. Nonetheless, Zacheus was well placed to take a bride, and this he must have done, since entries of Baptism of his children appear in Hemel Hempstead parish registers. Although no marriage has been found, it probably took place in Bovingdon in 1617 – 18 or 1619 – 20, when there are no Bishops Transcripts, we know from other evidence that his bride was Phoebe Deacon, daughter of Thomas Deacon of Corner Hall, Tanner (see “About Towne” Vol. XXXIII No. 1 p. 11). The Parish Registers of Hemel Hempstead have the following baptisms:-

17<sup>th</sup> September 1620 Phoebe daughter of Zacheus Gould

19<sup>th</sup> December 1621 Maria daughter of Zacheus Gould

25<sup>th</sup> May 1623 Martha daughter of Zacheus Gould

Martha’s is the last baptism here, and reference to the Manor Court book shows us why. At a Court held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1623:-

“At this Court it is presented by the Homage that Zacheus Gould after the last Court and out of Court surrendered into the hands of the Lord by the hand of Richard Aberrie in the presence of John Bunne and Seth Feild customary tenants of the Manor one close called Millfeild containing by estimation two acres with the appurtenances more or less abutting upon the marsh on the north and on land of John Stambridge on the west to the use of Isaac Bunne his heirs and assigns for ever” and he is admitted. At the same Court:-

“At this Court it is presented by the Homage that Zacheus Gould after the last Court and out of Court on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1623 surrendered into the hands of the Lord by the hand of Richard Aberrie in the presence of Seth Feild and John Feild customary tenants of this Manor two closes of arable land called by the name of Millfeilds containing by estimation 10 acres more or less with appurtenances abutting on Rowdowne on the south and the marsh on the north and on land of John Knevitt on the east situate and being at Two Waters in the parish of Hemel Hemsted and in the occupation of said Zacheus Gould and his assigns to the use of Isaac Bunne of Greene End his heirs and assigns for ever” and he is admitted.

**T**his was not the end of this matter, since Zacheus was back with Phoebe and Isaac Bunne at the Court held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1624. Phoebe was first secretly examined by the Steward to make sure she was agreeable, and then she and Zacheus released the three closes to Isaac Bunne freed of all claims they might have in the future in respect of dower etc. The final action took place at the Court Baron and View of Frankpledge held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1626:-

“At this Court come Zacheus Gould and Phebe his wife (the said Phebe having been solely and secretly examined by the Steward) and in open Court surrender into the hands of the Lord by the hand of the Steward a messuage with garden and orchard with appurtenances and two closes of land containing by estimation five acres with all and singular the appurtenances situate and being in Two Waters to the use of William Gould his heirs and assigns for ever” and he is admitted. Zacheus and his family were on their way elsewhere.

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Their destination was Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, some 12 miles west from Hemel Hempstead. According to a memorandum of John Gould, his grandfather Zacheus lived “at a place called Hunts Green near Potter Row, belonging to Great Missenden”. Hunts Green is on the boundary with the small parish of The Lee, and little town (Borough) but large parish (Foreign) of Wendover, all to the north. Zacheus apparently had lands in Wendover Foreign, as we shall see in a minute.

Like Bovingdon, the first Parish Register of Great Missenden has been lost, but the transcripts sent to the Archdeacon of Buckingham have for the most part survived. From these we learn of the baptisms of two more children:-

7<sup>th</sup> September 1628 Priscilla daughter of Zacheus Golde

29<sup>th</sup> June 1635 John son of Zacheus and Phebe Gould

[CBS: D/A/T/102]

It seems certain that Zacheus’ brother Jeremy had earlier migrated to Buckinghamshire. Certainly he married at Chesham, the entry in the parish register recording:-

27<sup>th</sup> November 1604 Jeremie sonne of Richard Gould of Bovingdon deceased & Priscilla daughter of William Grover of Codmore [CBS: PR44/1/1].

There are no children baptised in Chesham. He certainly returned initially to Bovingdon, and lived in the house in Walters Lane, for there are the following entries in the surviving Bishops Transcripts:-

7<sup>th</sup> August 1608 Simon the son of Jeremie Goold baptised

11<sup>th</sup> November 1610 Larance son of Jeremie Goold baptised

27<sup>th</sup> January 1616/7 Thomas son of Jeremie Goold baptised

28<sup>th</sup> May 1617 Jeremie Gould & Abigail Gould married\*

15<sup>th</sup> November 1618 Jeremy son of Jeremy Gould, Taylor, baptized\*

18<sup>th</sup> November 1618 Mary daughter of Jeremy Gould of Walters Lane

[HALS: AHH15/15]

The two \* items are another Jeremy Gould marrying and having a son. He carries on baptizing children here after the departure of Jeremy of Walters Lane.

However, by 1625 in the Subsidy Roll, there is a Jeremia Gould at Halton, Buckinghamshire, who is taxed on £4 goods, the amount due being 10s 4d [TNA: E 179/79/276]. Halton is a small village about 6 miles north of Great Missenden, also has no early Parish Register, and lacks any Bishops Transcripts before 1633. By 1628 he had left there, and instead appeared at Weston Turville as Jeremy Gould, being taxed on 20s in lands, on which he had to pay 8s [TNA: E 179/80/287]. Weston Turville immediately adjoins Halton on the north west, and has surviving Parish Registers, which contain no Gould entries [CBS: PR225/1/10]. In this same year Zacheus Gould appears at Great Missenden, with goods worth £3 on which 16s was payable [TNA: E 179/80/287]. Jeremy then moved to Aston Abbotts where the parish register records what must be their last child being baptised:-

12<sup>th</sup> July 1631 Henry son of Jeremy & Priscilla Goold

Aston Abbotts is about 5 miles north east of Aylesbury, and about seven miles north of Weston Turville [CBS: PR7/1/2].

Subsidies were not very effective at raising revenue, and vast amounts of tax remained uncollected. This left the King short of funds for pursuing wars or preparing for them. In 1634 another type of tax was tried, specifically to provide ships for the navy, covering the cost of building them, and then furnishing crew and provisions. This was levied on maritime counties and proved more successful. In 1635 Ship Money as it was called was levied on all counties, and so we have yet more records with names. In the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, is the vast archive (nearly half a million items) purchased in 1921 at the sale of the contents of Stowe, the greatest estate in Buckinghamshire. Amongst the treasures are ship money papers and

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the note book of Richard Grenville, and fortunately the Buckinghamshire Record Society have transcribed and published these items. Under “Arrears of Ship Money 1636?” is the following:-

Wendover Forrens

Zacheus Gold 14s

Wendover Forence

Zacheus Gold 5s

There is also a note:-

“Jeremy Golde of Bottle Claydon in debt & 8 children.”

Bottle Claydon is a variation of Botolph Claydon, a hamlet in East Claydon, midway between Aylesbury and Buckingham. Presumably Jeremy left this debt unpaid when he emigrated to New England.

**I**n The National Archives are three Ship Money returns, showing the arrears owing, all sent out in 1637, and relating to the uncollected amounts for the 1635 levy:-

9<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> May

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Zacheus Golde 14s	Zacheus Golde 5s
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28<sup>th</sup> June 1637

Wendover Forraignes	Missenden Magna
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Zacheus Gould 14s	Zacheus Golde 5s
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28<sup>th</sup> November 1637

Wendover Forougns	Missenden Magna
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Zacheus Gould 14s	Zacheus Golde 5s
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[TNA: E 179/244/2; E 179/273/5; E 179/275/2]

**U**nfortunately, there are no Manor Court records for Great Missenden and Wendover recording any land transactions by Zacheus Gould. It is quite possible that he was a tenant of the property where he lived, or it may have been freehold. What we do know, however, is that by 1639 Zacheus and his family were in Weymouth, Mass, when he purchased land from his brother Jeremy, already resident there [see *The Lineage of Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield* by Benjamin Apthorp Gould (published 1895), p. 26]. Why first Jeremy and then Zacheus emigrated is not immediately clear. Whilst one can guess that religion may have had something to do with it, there are no surviving records from the Archdeaconry of Buckingham to show if they were in trouble with the Church Courts, such as was the case with William & Joanna Towne.

In the final article on the Gould family, I will look at various Gould Wills to see if we can bridge the gap in the Gould pedigree. ∞

As per Charles:

CBS = Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies

HALS = Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

TNA = The National Archives

Explanations of words and terms within quotations from original documents are added in italics within square brackets.

## Moving on is a Family Business

By Virginia Towne

**M**y branch of the Towne family started moving west in the 1850s. Until then the family had been slowly moving as a group from Salem and Topsfield to the Quabbin Valley. As my father put it, "it took a long time to get from one place to another. As a result families often travelled together to find new places. In many instances additional family members followed later." The family moved on to Belchertown. From there, the family moved only a day's journey to Ludlow and then North Hadley.

The first big move was from North Hadley to Wisconsin in the winter of 1857-58. My father, E. Louis Towne, in his book *The Towne Trek* speculates about their travel. He felt that they probably used the train from Massachusetts to Albany, New York. From there, a trip down the Erie Canal was an economical method to get to Buffalo, New York. Then they probably would have taken the lake steamers to their destination.

Solomon and his son Nelson and their families and extended relations went to Winnebago County and settled there. It is thought that the family was following Nelson's brother-in-law Aretas Crittenden as that family was in Wisconsin in 1850. Nelson and Mary, his wife, later moved to Juneau County, possibly to get a larger farm.

As the children of Nelson and Mary grew up and married, more connections were formed. My great-grandfather's older brother Francis married Ella Thompson, granddaughter of John Brown the abolitionist. Ella's mother was Ruth Brown and her father was Henry Thompson. Thompson had been with the Brown family in Kansas but not at Harper's Ferry. Apparently some of the Thompson family moved with some of the Brown family to Pelee Island, Canada, in Lake Erie, and Francis and Ella moved to the island after their marriage. John Brown, Jr. lived on South Bass Island just below the Canadian border.

Francis and Ella were in Pasadena, California, in 1890 for the birth of their son, Victor. They arrived by train and went right to the Simmons place, Ella's sister. Nelson's oldest son, Aretas, followed and then Nelson and Mary came along after 1890. Nelson and Mary lived with Aretas until they died in La Canada, California. Note that Owen Brown, son of John Brown, also spent his last days in the Pasadena area.

**M**ilton, my great-grandfather, studied photography in Minnesota, and then married Petra Katrina Frederikke Olsen on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, 1890. Milton stayed in Wisconsin until after the census of 1900, and all four of their children were born there. Then they followed the rest of the family west on the train to Pasadena where Milton had his studio. In 1907, Milton appeared to have suffered chemical poisoning from his photography and went north to buy 80 acres at Carrollton, Cowlitz County, Washington. There were many tree stumps but also a partially finished house and some farm land.

Milton continued as a photographer to add to the family income when the farm didn't need him. He traveled to logging camps and sawmill towns to take pictures. One day he was almost hurt in a train derailment as he took pictures of the oncoming train. Another time in a logging camp he broke his leg and was confined to home from May of 1915 to September.

The farm at Carrols is down the river a bit from Vancouver. Here the family "stump farmed." Waste lumber and stumps from large trees were left after the farm was cut by lumber companies. This wood was cut and sold to the river boats for fuel or burnt. After the farm had cows my father wrote, "One of my joys as a very small boy was to ride in Grandad's buggy when he took the cream to the train."

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**M**ilton did have a Model T Ford before he died, but not very long. He died 7 April, 1929 in Portland, Oregon. His wife Petra moved to Portland after he died until she went to live with her daughter in Yakima, Washington. She died 9 July, 1943. Both Milton and Petra are buried in Riverview Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

The last three generations of the family have lived all over Washington and Oregon. I lived in California for six months and my Dad was based there during WWII. We have traveled, flying and driving all over the United States and Canada, Mom and Dad went from Europe to Australia and one of my sisters lived in Denmark for a time, the other in the southeast states. We can pop up just about anywhere. We stay in Washington and Oregon to live generally, but we are always moving on to see something new. You just don't know what is down that road!

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The following are two obituaries of two of the soldiers: James Russell who was killed in battle in 1862, and Joseph Russell who lived until 1929.

**5th Vermont Infantry  
Biographies/Obituaries**

**James W. Russell — printed in the Lamoille County Newsdealer: May 9, 1862,** As Reported by: Headquarters of Vermont Brigade, Near Yorktown, Va. April 26 — On the battlefield near Yorktown Virginia, April 16, 1862, James W. Russell of Stowe Vermont, aged 32. He belonged to Company K of the 5th Vermont Regiment, and took an active part in the engagement with the rebels by which they were repulsed on the day above mentioned, and driven behind their earthworks. His determined and fearless conduct singled him out from his comrades, and he fell, dying the death of the brave.

He was buried under a lofty pine, near the earthworks of 1783, and over his grave his comrades agreed to avenge his death.

He leaves a wife and four children, with a large circle of friends in Stowe, to mourn his loss. They can but be comforted by the cause for which he suffered and the manner of his death.

**Webmaster's note:** most fatalities from the 16 April battle at Lee's Mill are buried in Yorktown National Cemetery. James Russell is not listed among the known burials, so may be there listed as an 'unknown U.S. soldier.'

**2nd Vermont Infantry  
Biographies/Obituaries**

**Joseph R. Russell — printed in the NEWS & CITIZEN: OCT. 30, 1929  
FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN WASH.**

Mrs. Nellie Russell of Morrisville has received news of the death of her brother-in-law, Joseph R. Russell, at his home in Fife, Washington, where he has been a resident for 16 years.

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A page from our 1992 cookbook, *Best Cooks in Towne...*



## Hearty Bean Soup

Jean T. Warner

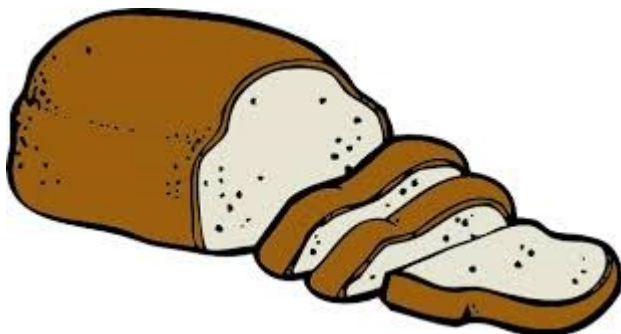
Perfect for a chilly late winter, early spring meal along with some bread fresh from the oven!

1 onion, diced	1 c. green split peas
2 Tbsp. oil	1/4 c. barley
1 bay leaf	1/2 c. dried lima beans
2 tsp. salt	10 c. water
Dash pepper	1 carrot, chopped
1/2 tsp. basil	1 stalk celery, diced
1 tsp. celery seeds	1 potato, diced
1/2 tsp. thyme	

Sauté onion in oil until soft with bay leaf and celery seed. Stir in peas, barley and lima beans. Add water, bring to a boil. Cook 1 hour and 20 minutes. Add salt, pepper, vegetables and herbs. Simmer another 45 minutes.

Go to the cookbook page of our website for Barbara Baylis' recipe for anadama bread.

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**GOODALE, Robert L. Jr.**, MD PhD Of Minneapolis, MN, passed away July 17, 2014 in Edina, MN, age 84. Dr. Goodale is survived by his wife Katherine, four children: Anne Esmonde, Katherine Prendergast, Margaret Mason, and Robert Goodale III; 5 grandchildren; sisters Susan B. Hay, and Mary B. Crowther. His sister Jane C. Goodale, predeceased him in 2008. Born in Boston, February 1, 1930, son of the late Dr. Robert L. Goodale and Susan B. (Sturgis), he grew up in Cambridge and Ipswich MA. He was educated at Groton School, Princeton University and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. After his internship at Boston City Hospital and military service, he was appointed instructor of surgery in 1967 at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Goodale was founding director of the Department of Endoscopy. He and his wife Katherine endowed a chair for minimally invasive surgery at the university's medical school. In 2004 he received the Harold S. Diehl Award, & in 2012, was named Surgical Alumnus of the Year. He is remembered for his collegial manner with staff & colleagues, and his dedication to the well-being of his patients. He enjoyed playing trombone, recorder, life drawing, languages, sailing & jogging. A memorial service for Dr. Goodale was held on August 5, 2014 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis. Published in The Boston Globe on Sept. 14, 2014

**Descent from William: Rebecca Towne Nurse, Samuel, Francis, Benjamin, Benjamin, Prudence Nurse Goodale, George, Joseph, Robert Sr., Robert Jr.**

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**Anne K. Towne (nee Kresman)**, 96, of Lorain, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Mercy Regional Medical Center. Born on December 7, 1917 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania to the late Charles and Barbara (nee Hritzko) Kresman, she came to Lorain with her family in 1922. She graduated from Lorain High School in 1935.

For 15 years Anne worked as an office manager and medical secretary for Dr. Julian Silecky. She retired in 1980. She was a member of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, where she enjoyed volunteering her time. Anne sang with the Singing Seniors Chorus through the Salvation Army. She enjoyed gardening, especially flower gardening, listening to live music, traveling, watching sports, and reading novels.

She is survived by her sisters, Helen Oros, of Richfield, Ohio and Margaret Kocorek, of Garland, Texas.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell in 1943; her son, Richard in 1987; her brothers, Michael and John and her sisters, Susan Huber, Olga Tymms and Barbara Thomas.

The family received friends Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 4 until 7 P.M., in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, where a Parastas service was conducted at 6 P.M. Funeral Liturgy was held Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 10 A.M., at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 2711 West 40th Street, Lorain. The Reverend Fr. Nicholas Rachford, pastor, officiated.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com).

**Anne's husband Wendell Phillips Towne was descended from William: Edmund, Joseph, Nathan, Jonathan, Asa, Samuel, Levi, Robert, Wendell Phillips Towne,**



**Jerry Wayne Gollihar**, author, salesman, entrepreneur, mentor, avid reader, father, grandfather, and husband to his beloved wife Judith Towne Gollihar, died on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. To those who knew him, Jerry was a big personality who occupied huge spaces in their hearts and minds.

Born to George Chesley Gollihar and Avie Myrtle Denney January 9, 1944 in Muleshoe, Texas, Jerry was the youngest of eight children. He left home at the age of 12, and began inventing himself from his own imagination, a process that continued throughout his life.

When Jerry was 20 years old, he managed the children's shoe department at Nordstrom's in Portland, Oregon. He met Judy that August. His biggest sales job was convincing her to marry him; a deal he closed November 28, 1964. Fifty years of frequent bliss, occasional fighting, and many unforeseen adventures followed.

Among those adventures was raising their three sons. None of his boys turned out how he expected, but he loved and supported them all despite the surprises and challenges they presented.

Jerry and Judy spent 17 years in La Grande, Oregon, where they primarily raised their sons. They also took their marriage on tour to Portland, Oregon, Hayward and San Mateo, California, Boone, North Carolina, and Valdosta and Hahira, Georgia. They retired to Kennewick, Washington in 2007.

Jerry was known for continually striving for his next professional challenge, and educated himself to overcome each obstacle he faced. Throughout his varied career Jerry sold shoes and appliances. He managed shoe stores. He owned collection agencies and credit bureaus in Oregon, and a collection agency in Georgia. He was a co-founder of Legal Aide in La Grande. He wrote and published a self-help book and two novels. He speculated in precious metals. He invested in a skating rink.

While Jerry thought constantly about "the next thing" for his career, he was a dedicated family man who fought to protect his wife, children, and siblings from perceived threats. This sometimes led people to believe that he was gruff or cranky, but the truth is Jerry had a huge heart that was wide open to those he cared about. So it was small surprise when Jerry and Judy celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in November.

Jerry was a renowned storyteller and giver of frequently terrible advice. His hobbies included fishing and fake hunting trips with his best friend, John Stebbins. He had a well-developed sense of humor and a big laugh. He loved country music, classic movies, science, and history. He will be missed.

Jerry is survived by his wife Judy. Additionally, he is survived by: son Eric Wayne Gollihar and his wife Ami Palmer Gollihar and children Dylan and Anna Gollihar of Richardson, Texas; son Tobin Louis Gollihar of Portland, Oregon; son Steven Ryan Gollihar and his wife Arlene Gollihar of Moses Lake and children Jeremy, Trevor, and Mason Gollihar of Nashville, Georgia; sister Kathryn Struck of Boise, Idaho; sister Gloria Bayne of Dalhart, Texas; and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces. He was preceded in death by his siblings Maxine Obrecht, George Chesley Gollihar Jr., Mank Gollihar, Florence Holt, and Connie Strom.

**Our line down from William: Jacob, Jacob, Gideon, Abner, Solomon, Solomon, Nelson, Milton, Elbert Louis, Sr., Elbert Louis, Jr. (E. Louis Towne, Jr.), then the children of E. Louis: Judy, Teresa, Rick, Steve and I (Virginia Towne). All the children of E. Louis Towne except Steve are members of TFA.**





**Raymond C. Cole**, 84, passed away unexpectedly at 9:19 a.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Born on June 10, 1930 in Plymouth, Indiana, Raymond was the son of Daniel T. and Ada E. (Hartman) Cole. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1948. In 1948, Raymond enlisted into the U.S. Navy and served as a cook until his Honorable Discharge in 1968. He traveled all over the world on ships and was even on a ship that was transporting the helicopter for President Johnson. He was aboard the USS Uvalde during the Korean War, on the USS Midway from 1951-1954 and was also on the USS Kearsarge for 5 years. On June 6, 1959, Raymond married **Barbara A. Shanafelt** and to this union five children were born: Cynthia, Curtiss, Catherine, Cheryl and Charman. Raymond enjoyed fishing and following Jeff Gordon in NASCAR races,

even going to races at Talladega. The couple enjoyed traveling, which included: Canada, taking a train out west to Washington, California to revisit the USS Midway, and to Mobile, Alabama for the commissioning of the USS Kearsarge. He helped bake a birthday cake for John Wayne, and picked up Walter Schirra from the Gemini space capsule that was out in the ocean. He was a member of the American Legion Post 189 in Walkerton and the Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara of Tyner and their children: Cynthia C. Merton of Plymouth, Curtiss C. Cole of Harvest, AL, Catherine C. (Ronald) Williams of Tyner, Cheryl C. (Frederick) Avery of Wakarusa, and Charman C. (Steven) Dreessen of Walkerton; and 10 grandchildren: Lee C. (Alyssa Justice) Cole, Andrew P. (Jessica) Merton, Derek R. Cole, Heather A. (Donnie Hattery) Merton, Brandon D. Balsley, Charles L. Dreessen, Kelsey B. (Addison Davis) Williams, Stephanie G. Dreessen, Carrie E. Avery and Thomas F. Avery. Also surviving are 11 great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Mildred Cole of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Grace Stutzman, Madeline Burch, Clara Shanafelt and Marian Cole; and brothers, Daniel, Earl, Lester and Luther Cole. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer officiating. Burial was in the Tyner Cemetery with Military Honors provided by members of the American Legion Post 198. Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church. Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the web-site: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

Raymond Cole was married to Towne Descendant, Barbara A. Shanafelt. Her descent from William is through two of his sons — Joseph and Edmund. Barbara's sister, Trudy Hovarter, is also a TFA member.

**Barbara's descent from William: Joseph, John who married Mercy Towne, daughter of William, granddaughter of Edmund, John, Ichabod, Elijah I, Elijah II, Samuel, George, Grace Towne Shanafelt, Elmer Leroy, Barbara Shanafelt Cole.**



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The deceased was 80 years of age, and is survived by four sons, Gerald D. of Fife, Eugene G. of Enumiclaw, Arthur C. of East Hartford, Conn., and E. Russell of Tacoma, a sister Mrs. Angie Wakefield, of Swanton, Vt.

The funeral service was held from the Lynn Chapel, Fife.

The deceased was formerly a resident of Morrisville, was a brother of the late Orrin Russell, and was a member of the G.A.R. of Stowe.

**One young, one old, both gave all! ∞**

Josiah Russell's descent from William: Rebecca Towne Nurse, Elizabeth Nurse Russell, Jonathan, Jonathan, John, Josiah; and William, Mary Towne Estey, John Estey, Hannah Estey Russell. Hannah Estey married the first Jonathan Russell, son of William Russell and Elizabeth Nurse.∞

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**Reminder --- Genealogist Position Open!**

Gail Garda had agreed to continue as "Acting Genealogist" during her involvement in planning last year's annual reunion. Any members with genealogy research experience, who might be interested in filling this appointed officer position should contact Virginia Towne or Gail Garda for more information.

**10 Reasons to Visit in 2015**



**J**ohn Russell, one of the coordinators for the 2015 TFA Reunion, sent me the following email address to be able to check out what recreational opportunities are available in the Vancouver region. —

**Welcome to 2015 in Vancouver USA!**

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**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM TOWNE . . .**  
**BY LOIS PAYNE HOOVER**

Lois Payne Hoover’s prize winning book, *Towne Family, William Towne and Joanna Blessing, Salem, Massachusetts, 1635, Five Generations of Descendants*, will be going to press for a third time, under the authority of the Towne Family Association, if they can receive a minimum of 100 **pre-paid** orders by July 1, 2015, — **or** sooner, if 100 **pre-paid** orders are received before that date. The publisher will then be authorized to print the books when the 100 book order goal is reached.

This book was copyrighted and printed in 2010 with a second printing in 2011. It is the best, most complete book on the early years of the Towne family descendants of William Towne and his wife, Joanna Blessing. The book contains 508+ pages of which 59 pages are an index of names. Addendums will be included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> printing and the book may have a different color cover to differentiate the printing under the TFA authority instead of Ms. Hoover. It will be the same quality book as those Ms. Hoover had printed by the same publisher.

The cost for each book will be \$55 (\$45 plus \$10 for shipping/handling) and each book will be mailed out individually. If you will be attending the 35<sup>th</sup> Towne Family Reunion in Vancouver, Washington, in September 2015, and would prefer to pick up the book there, then the \$10 shipping fee is waived. (*NOTE: Postage outside the continental USA might be higher; please complete your order and any additional mailing cost will be billed at time of shipment.*) If not enough orders come in prior to July 1, 2015, your money will be refunded.

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