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Proctor's Ledge in Salem Confirmed as Witch Execution Site - From the Salem News: Local News

By Arianna MacNeill Staff Writer

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GROUND ZERO



Ken Yuskus/Staff photo - Professor Tad Baker

Professor Tad Baker walks the overgrown area at Proctor's Ledge where accused witches were hanged in Salem more than 300 years ago.

SALEM — Nearly 325 years after 19 people accused of witchcraft were hanged in this city, a group of scholars has finally confirmed the place where they met their fate: Proctor's Ledge.

The Gallows Hill Project, a group of seven scholars, says they were able to definitively identify the location after five years of research, using court records, maps, ground-penetrating radar and aerial photographs.

Now the city intends to mark the location with a memorial, according to Mayor Kim Driscoll.

The discovery didn't come as a shock, said Emerson "Tad" Baker, a history professor at Salem State University.

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*TFA's 2016 Reunion
September 16 - 18*

Providence, Rhode Island

Details and registration form will be in the next issue!

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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



I would like to thank **Gail Garda** again for all her hard work as TFA Genealogist for the past several years. Gail has brought professionalism to the position that will be hard to match. The job requires a mind for details; plus, she has worked very hard for us. We will miss having her involved with inquiries into odd family tangles.

As you read this, we are already well into 2016. I hope you have paid your dues by now. If you have not, you will not be receiving any future newsletters and your members-only access will be cut off on the website. I encourage any members who have not paid their 2016 dues to please go to the website now and download the membership form, also please note the increase in the dues for this year, then mail your dues payment to Will Towne as soon as possible. If you are a life member, please make sure we have your current address, phone number and email address.

I would also like to remind you that we are still collecting money and pledges for the Estey Map Restoration Project. The map displays the property owners located in Hintlesham, Suffolk, England in the late 1500s and shows the location of the Estee property as well as all the other owners. Unless we can unroll it, we won't be able to see who else may have lived in the vicinity. This was the Estee homestead, and it is part of the family's history for all the descendants of Mary and Isaac Estey. {See page 4 for more information.}

Our reunion will be in Providence, RI for 2016. It is part of the area that influenced the Bay Colony. Roger Williams set up the colony of Rhode Island as a safe haven for religious dissenters who were trying to escape religious persecution from other places in New England. In fact, Rhode Island is the area that first gave us the idea of having co-existing religious freedom. In England, you worshiped as the King told you or you worshiped in secret. This created friction when one King didn't agree with the previous King, or even his own previous thoughts. Religious strife had convulsed England more than once over the preceding one hundred years. Escaping persecution was the reason for both the Plymouth and Bay Colonies. The fact that these Puritan settlers then would exhibit the same kind of behavior towards other kinds of worshipers was not surprising; it was what they had known.

Rhode Island is close to Boston, Plymouth and other nearby notable sites, including places related to our cousin Clara Barton. Clara was much touted for her nursing skills during the Civil War. In fact, she did a lot of the organization of supplies, which, in itself, saved many men's lives, as well as going onto the battlefields to give immediate first aid at a personal risk. One story states that a bullet passed through her dress, but did not harm her. She was known for doing many things during her lifetime; e.g., she started the American Red Cross. Did you know she also began the Missing Soldier's Office in Washington, D.C. to help answer the unsolved questions about the men who didn't come home from the war? (See **About Towne**, Vol. XXII. No.4; Gail Garda wrote an article regarding Clara Barton and The Missing Soldiers Office for the Genealogist's Corner.)

The 2017 Reunion trip to England reservation list is full. However, if you would like to go, consider putting your name or names on the waiting list. Each time we have gone, someone (or more) on the list has had to back out for one reason or another. A waiting list allows us to fill a vacancy or vacancies quickly with people who we know are interested.

This year has started with much promise. I can't wait for March when the early planting begins. I spent yesterday morning attending a lecture on the Purple Martin, a species that live in the Puget Sound area, then I built a bird house which will be put on a pole in the bay to await their arrival in April. As you may have noticed, I love nature.

Virginia Towne

Best Cooks in Towne

Mexican Chicken Casserole

Zoereta Lawton

A warm main course for a cool winter evening.

- 4 chicken breasts (cooked)
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 2 cans or 1 8-oz. bottle chili salsa
- 1 c. milk
- 1 onion
- 1 lb. mozzarella cheese, grated



Combine soups, salsa, milk and chopped onion and stir until smooth. Put 2 Tbsp. liquid from chicken in bottom of 9 X 15 inch pan. Break tortillas into bite-sized pieces and line baking dish with half of them. Put bite-sized pieces of chicken over that. Cover with half the sauce, then put in the rest of the tortillas, chicken and sauce. Cover with cheese.

Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 325 for 1 hour.



Go to the cookbook page of our website for additional recipes.

http://townefolk.com/testing/TFA_COOKBOOK.php



New England in the 1640s

Entering the 1640s, America was continuing to grow. Then, as the bloody Civil War in England took hold, shipping from England decreased and some people began to migrate back to England either to fight in the war, take a pulpit if they were ministers, or just because the English government was no longer looking for them.

What was the Massachusetts Colony like at the 1640 mark? It was a bit of England stuck on the edge of an unknown land, far from the center of things. For the most part, it was peaceful, although there were pirates, Native American disagreements, and the French settlers (Catholics) in Canada. The colonists recreated the world they had known -- except for their religion, the English Catholic Church was out, and, for the most part, the Puritan church was the only one accepted.

In setting up the colony, not only were the houses recognizable as English style houses, but the clothing and other goods came in barrels from England. Brick mansions soon went up in Boston. The manners were English; and people arriving with titles or money were quick to find places in the colony that reflected their status back in England. Where you sat in church was determined by your status, wealth and age; children, servants and slaves sat upstairs and the nobility and wealthiest older citizens sat in the first pew, working back through the house to the younger and less wealthy citizens. Councils met to determine this seating pattern, everyone was given a place and they were expected to accept it.

The top ranking citizens were any nobles, ministers and the wealthy. From these people were chosen the rulers of the colony. Military rank also was determined from social ranking, making the wealthy Judge Sewall a captain in the militia even though he was not able to ride a horse and had no idea of military procedures. If you were high in society, you had to be an officer; common soldiers came from farmers and fishermen.

The amount of land grants you could expect to be given was also based on your ranking. A yeoman, farmer or fisherman could expect a nice parcel; however, the rich man or noble would get many more acres, which he could then let out to tenant farmers, or sell, if he so desired. These were often country estates, with the owner having a political seat in Boston or Salem.

Most of the people settled along the coast. The colony grew north to what is now Maine and New Hampshire and south to the Plymouth Plantation. The further out you were, the more likely it was to meet Native Americans and the French, especially in upper Maine and Canada.

As the shipping from England was cut in the 1640s, the people of the new world had to learn to fend for themselves even more. Now we start seeing homespun cloth and homemade candles and soaps. [I know for a fact there is a stiff learning curve for some of these things. I recently read a book on soap making and there is a long list of cautions cited as it is easy to burn yourself or others with the lye content of uncured soap.] Candle making, bread baking, and general cooking were also hazardous to the housewife with her long skirts. The men faced their own hazards with large animals, trees falling, axes, saws and other implements.

Exportation of wood, fur and fish continued. Ship building became more important along with iron works. New trade routes to the Caribbean and Mediterranean were developed. Farm animals and produce demanded good prices and the ships soon brought back luxury goods from the Mediterranean for the wealthy. Barrel staves were needed for the sugar produced in the Caribbean. Varied trade routes taught the shippers that wealth lay not in just selling the homemade products, but also in the transport continued on bottom of next page

TFA Member Emma Towne Mosher

Bucket List Item – To Receive The Boston Post Cane – Check!



On Dec. 23, 2015, officials of the Town of Plainfield, NH presented Emma Towne Mosher, age 97, with the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen of the community.

Family, friends and neighbors gathered at her home for the presentation! She was the oldest person present that day while the youngest was her 11 month old great-granddaughter. Emma is the third person in her family to have received this honor. In 1911, her grandfather, James Coos Towne, at the age of 91 received the cane in New Boston, NH; and on March 8, 2012 one of his grandsons, Howard Towne, age 91, also of New Boston, NH was honored.

The Boston Post Cane began as an advertising gimmick created by Edwin Grazier in August 1909. He had a very elaborate cane design that he produced, then forwarded 431 canes to various town Selectboards throughout New England – none to Connecticut and only two to Vermont. He did not ask them if they cared to do these presentations,

which, at that time, were given only to men. However, most towns took on the effort. In 1930, women were included in this process. Many of the original elaborate canes have since come up missing as the towns have found it hard to locate many of them since the recipients had passed away and their families either had lost or kept the original cane. Now, in most communities, the canes are displayed in the local Historical Societies, and only duplicate renditions are presented that can be kept forever by the family.

Emma is among the eighteen founding members of TFA and helped shape the early years. She held many offices including President. ∞

Lineage from William: Edmund; Joseph; Nathan; Aaron; Aaron; James Coos; Elmer; Emma

Calling all genealogy addicts -- As you are aware our very fine Genealogist, Gail Garda, has stepped down from her position. It is important that we keep providing this service to our members. So if you enjoy doing genealogy research, please contact Elizabeth Hanahan. Elizabeth has agreed to temporarily fill in, until we find someone to replace Gail. Elizabeth will work with you and let you know what the position entails. If you would be interested, I'm sure Elizabeth would be delighted to talk with you and help you get started.

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of goods from country to country. The merchant and shipping industries took off during this period; and wealth was gained by the people in the cities that engaged in trade. This would later become a sore spot for those living by farming and fishing as it pointed out the difference between the wealthy and the others.

Religious dissent also continued. We have already seen Ann Hutchinson and her brother-in-law banished along with Roger Williams to Rhode Island. The trouble with people, however, is that they continue to think. According to the New England Historical Society, by 1650, William Pynchon had written a book, *The Meritorious Price of Our Redemption*, expressing a set of ideas that sounded rather like what Ann Hutchinson had put forth. In 1650, Pynchon's book was the very first to be "Banned in Boston." I wonder if I can find a copy. ∞

Proctor's Ledge - Continued from Cover page

Proctor's Ledge, a wooded, city-owned area that abuts Proctor and Pope streets, and described as a "rocky ledge ... at the base of the hill," has been considered the most likely spot since the early 1900s, when historian Sidney Perley conducted research and settled on that location.

"There was never really a 'eureka' moment," Baker said. "I think most of us — we're talking about a number of scholars who were working on this — we knew Perley's research was really good."

What Perley's research lacked was modern technology, Baker said.

Around 1,000 documents survive from the time of the trials, Baker said, making it "one of the best recorded events in early American history." But missing are eyewitness accounts of the hangings, he added.

Gallows Hill, but where?

Traditionally, the hangings have been described simply as occurring at Gallows Hill, but that covers many acres of land. To determine exactly where the executions took place, a group of scholars was assembled in 2010 to examine the evidence.

They included Baker; Elizabeth Peterson, director of Salem's Corwin House, aka The Witch House; Tom Phillips, who directed and produced "Salem Witch Trials: Examine the Evidence"; Marilynne Roach, a witch trials author and historian; Peter Sablock, a Salem State geology professor; Benjamin Ray, a religion professor at the University of Virginia; and Shelby Hypes, chairwoman of the Salem Award Foundation.

They were able to combine their research and knowledge of the 1692 events, explore the possibilities, and also rule out that anything occurred on top of Gallows Hill.

"We're pretty certain there's nothing up there," Baker said.

To memorialize the people who died there, the city is seeking Community Preservation Act funds to install a plaque there, as well as to clean the site up and prepare it for tourist traffic.

"Salem, long known for a dark time in our past when people turned on each [other], is now a community where people turn toward each other," Driscoll said in a prepared statement. "Having this site identified marks an important opportunity for Salem, as a city, to come together and recognize the injustice and tragedy perpetrated against 19 innocent people."

This is a sharp contrast from what was planned back in 1892 — a large memorial lookout tower, according to Baker.

At least 25 people died in the Salem Witch Trials. In addition to the 19 hanged, five died in prison awaiting trial. Another, Giles Corey, was crushed to death when rocks were placed on his chest in an effort to make him cooperate with the court.

While Baker said he and his team were excited to give the location legitimacy, he said they are simply "confirming the great work" that Perley did a century ago.

"I think we are all honored to be a part of this effort and are extremely happy that the mayor and the city are eager to see that the site is properly maintained and marked," he said.

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HOW THEY DID IT

The Gallows Hill Project prepared a series of questions and answers explaining how they confirmed Proctor's Ledge as the execution site for accused witches.

How did they pin down the site?

Marilynne Roach discovered a few key lines of eyewitness testimony in a Salem witch trials court record from Aug. 19, 1692. ... The record quotes the defendant Rebecca Eames, who had been on her way to the court in the custody of her guards and traveled along the Boston Road, which ran just below the execution site.

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A few hours later, she appeared in the Salem court for her preliminary examination. The magistrate asked Eames whether she had witnessed the execution that took place earlier that morning as she was passing by. She explained that she was at “the house below the hill” and that she saw some “folks” at the execution. Roach determined that the “house below the hill” was most likely the McCarter House, or one of its neighbors on Boston Street. The McCarter house was still standing in 1890 at 19 Boston St.

What other evidence is there?

Professor Benjamin Ray conducted research that pinpointed the McCarter house’s location and worked with geographic information system specialist Chris Gist of the University of Virginia’s Scholars Lab to determine whether, in fact, it was possible for a person standing at the site of the house on Boston Street to see the top of Proctor’s Ledge. Gist produced a view-shed analysis, which determined that the top of Proctor’s Ledge was clearly visible.

Why did they rule out the top of Gallows Hill?

There are several reasons why the location at the top of Gallows Hill does not work. First, it would not have been visible from the McCarter house and its neighbors on Boston Street. It also would not have been visible from the Symonds house on North Street, where another person is known to have witnessed some of the executions. Furthermore, we know that the eight victims hanged on Sept. 22 were driven by cart to the execution site. It would have been next to impossible to get a cart full of eight victims up a steep and rocky slope that lacked a road.

Finally, executions were meant to be public events, so everyone could witness the terrible consequences that awaited those who committed witchcraft and other serious crimes. The top of Gallows Hill would be much more difficult to access than Proctor’s Ledge.

Did the project find anything on Gallows Hill?

Professor Peter Sablock carried out geo-archaeological remote sensing on the site with a team of his geology students. Ground-penetrating radar and electronic soil resistivity do not disturb the soil, but can tell us about the ground underneath. His tests indicate there is very little soil on Proctor’s Ledge. There are only a few small cracks in the ledge, and here the soil is less than 3 feet deep — certainly not deep enough to bury people.

This finding is in keeping with oral traditions that the families of the victims came under cover of darkness to recover loved ones and rebury them in family cemeteries. There is no indication that there are any human remains on the Proctor Ledge site.

What about the gallows?

The numerous surviving documents from the witch trials contain no mention of a gallows. Indeed, the only time Gallows Hill was used for executions was in 1692. Therefore, the team believes that the executions were carried out from a large tree, a common tradition at the time. The remote sensing research supports this conclusion, as no trace of structures were discovered, though admittedly a temporary wooden gallows would leave little evidence behind for archaeologists to discover.

Source: The Gallows Hill Project ∞

Tad Baker, professor of history at Salem State University and former dean of its graduate school, will be the main speaker at the TFA Reunion in September in Rhode Island. *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience* by Emerson W. Baker, or “Professor Tad Baker.” goes into great detail of the life and times of this historical period. Ed: RRJ

Reunion Hosts are Needed — Reunion hosts are the people who make the activity plans and reservations for the reunion. It can be lots of fun. Volunteers will have help when needed. TFA president, Virginia Towne, would love to hear from you at tfapres@gmail.com. New England is preferred for the 2018 reunion, but other localities will be considered as well for 2018 or any year thereafter. ∞

Glimpses into the Lives of the Past By Martha Lamkin Ades

The following information was given by Gladys Florence Towne Lamkin to Martha Lamkin Ades in the late 1970s:

In 1844, at age 31 in Holyoke, MA, Oliver Perry Towne, who had been born in Kennebunkport, Maine, married Mehitable Louisa Boston, age 17. They moved west and were in Elk Grove (no longer exists), Cook County, Illinois in 1847, when their oldest son, Robert Whitten Towne was born. The 1850 census has them in Schaumburg, Illinois. On December 11, 1851, their third child, Oliver Perry Towne II, was born while they still resided in Illinois. By 1854, they had moved to Dane County, Wisconsin, just north of Madison to what is now the community of Waunakee (established 1870). In 1857, Oliver Perry I died leaving Mehitable with four children to raise.

In 1858, Mehitable "Louise" married a local farmer, Edward Livingston Noyes. In 1880, they moved to South Dakota as they had heard of the excellent opportunities of acquiring good land from the government. They settled in Spink County, just north of present day Mellette, South Dakota. They obtained forty acres of land during the land grant for the price of paying the taxes – about \$2.60.

During the winter of 1882, Mr. Noyes wrote a letter to his stepson, Oliver Perry "O. P." Towne who was logging in Wisconsin. In those days, logging was done in the winter with the logs being stacked on the frozen rivers so that they would flow downstream to the mills in the spring when the river thawed. Mr. Noyes was explaining the settling of the Dakota Territory and suggesting that O.P. come to the Dakota Territory in the spring as it would offer much better opportunities than staying in Wisconsin. Here is his letter in full:

"My Dear Son,

Yours of the 8th was rec'd on the 16th and we were very glad to hear from you again and that you were located to your liking, and hope you will enjoy your present abode. We should have been glad to have you come here and shall look for you when spring opens. When you hear more of this country you will want to see it, and as you have "no wife to bother your life" you can paddle your own canoe.

Here is the Bachelor Paradise where they revel in all the luxuries of single cussedness. Alice Packham is roaming the prairie here, wild and free, as fit as a cub and nearly as handsome, she expects to leave soon for Wisconsin. Themika will come this week to prove up, and Alice will go with him, her mother is back here again and Roy says they are all coming again in the spring. The big horses are all dead but two, and they have the itch and their hair is nearly all off. George is taking care of them again this winter, had them in my stable run till last week when he moved to his own.

Mr. Kiser's family have just arrived and two more of the Boyer family are here and others are arriving every day. We expect a very heavy immigration this year as there have been large quantities of land taken.

The people are inclined to be social here and we have Religious meetings, Debating and Literary Societies. Peter and I make it to interesting school meetings, have a district formed here and organized, and have decided to build a good school house near the middle of my land. Ours is the 12th District in the county, a year ago there were two. At that time there were three stores and no railroad. Now there are sixty miles of railroad, twenty stores and several hundred new dwellings. Five lumber dealers have been selling lumber since Aug 1st as fast as they could get it shipped in and demand still continues. Every man that could drive nails was employed at \$2 to \$3 per day through the fall, and many are working now.

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Lands that were taken a year ago are now selling for \$3 to \$10 per acre with very little improvement.

This is the coldest night we have had up to this time. The weather has been the finest I ever saw in winter, and the roads dry and smooth.

Please give our compliments to Geo and Jean and children, and Warren & Mary and children, and Emery & Lizzie and children. "Mr Albert" Kellog helped kill a buffalo a few days ago of which we had a steak and soup bone. Wild game is scarce now. The "white man" is too numerous for the game.

You are probably doing well where you are this winter, but in the spring I think you will do better here as there will be plenty of work and you can, at the same time, take some land and do well by so doing; but don't come until you are satisfied, and then stay away as the land will be taken near us. There is not much left now. If you do come bring a car load of lumber with you to build with.

We have just had a letter from Maine, announcing your grandfather's death. He died Dec 7.

Yours truly,
Ed Noyes"

*The death in Maine that is mentioned in the letter was of O.P.'s maternal grandfather, Isaac Boston.

Apparently O.P. took that suggestion and moved because in 1886 in Ashton, South Dakota, he met and married Laura Zerviah Adams. They had met in the mill there. She had been born in Cuba, New York, but had grown up in Ohio and Michigan where she was a teacher. Her family moved to South Dakota and she became a bookkeeper in a flour mill. O.P. Towne had become a miller in Ashton, South Dakota. Later he became a farmer because his hand was torn in a mill accident.

Laura and O.P. Towne had three children. Oliver Vernon, born in 1887, died when he was five and is buried in the Ashton, South Dakota cemetery. Gladys Florence (1890-1983) and Waldo Perry (1891-1963) moved with their parents to California when Gladys was about six. They lived in Los Angeles a few months and then moved to Downey, California. Gladys grew up there and later took a train daily to Los Angeles to earn her teaching degree. She married Jerome Smith Lamkin in 1913. "Smith" Lamkin had been born in Hart County, Kentucky, the 10th child of Susan Ann Highbaugh and William Henry Lamkin.



Gladys Florence Towne

On August 14, 1914, the first child of Gladys Florence and Jerome Lamkin was born, William Henry. Gladys and Smith were living in Compton, California but her parents were living in Downey, California. Gladys stayed with her parents during the customary "laying in" period after a child was born. Later, they had two more children, Laura Zerviah (1916-1998) and Howard Norman (1917-1983).

William Henry Lamkin was raised in Compton and went to Compton Junior College after graduating from high school. William eventually attended and graduated from the University of Alabama. ∞

Descent from William: Edmund, Joseph, Amos, Lt. Amos, Capt. Ezra, Oliver Perry, Sr., Oliver Perry, Jr., Gladys Florence Towne Lamkin, William, Martha Lamkin Ades



Grandpa Grandma Towne and Belle Lamkin

Oliver Perry, & Laura Towne and William H. Lamkin

ATTENTION!!

Ancestry - Family Tree Maker Software Users

By Gail Garda

With the recent announcement that Ancestry has discontinued selling their Family Tree Maker software as of 1/1/2016 and will only be supporting its current FTM users through 2016, all users would be wise to start evaluating your options now to transition to another available software program, and, download a GEDCOM file of your current family tree, to be opened in your new software.

Some of the best known software programs offer free trial/demo versions, some have access to online sites, are portable, allow multiple and single source citation templates, provide research guidance, online tutorials, printable manuals, allow you to create your own webpage; and all have varying price levels options.

To help guide you in your selection process, here is a list of some of the available software programs:

Legacy Family Tree 8.0: www.legacyfamilytree.com (a Windows program)

Cost: **\$29.95** Deluxe Edition download only;

\$39.95 plus shipping to get the book and CD;

\$21.95 upgrade from earlier versions to the Deluxe Edition;

Offers a “free” downloadable Standard Edition.

RootsMagic 7: www.RootsMagic.com (a Windows and MAC program)

Cost: **\$29.95** base cost for new license;

\$19.95 for upgrade of previous versions; also offers various price “bundles” with CD, user guide, books, etc. (on back order right now).

“RootsMagic 7 Essentials” is a “free” downloadable version.

Reunion 11: www.leisterpro.com (a MAC program)

Cost: **\$99.00** for a license to download;

\$49.95 if you have an older version and want to buy a license to download;

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\$49.95 if you have an older version and want the upgrade delivered to you on CD (download not included).

Offers a “free” Demo Mode Version.

Heredis 2015: www.heredis.com/en/ (a Windows and MAC program)

Cost: **\$29.90** download version for Windows;

\$49.99 download version for MAC;

\$19.99 download for Windows upgrade;

Offers a “Free” Trial, downloadable version in both formats.

Ancestral Quest 14: www.ancquest.com (a Windows and new MAC program)

Cost: **\$29.95** Windows download;

\$38.95 Windows download bundle, includes 500+ page manual;

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\$38.95 MAC download; **\$47.95** MAC download bundle, includes 500+ page manual; **\$19.95** Upgrade download for previous software-Windows and “Line Upon Line – A Beginners Guide to Genealogy” by Margery H. Bell;

\$28.95 Upgrade download for previous software-Windows with bundle of downloadable manual;

\$24.95 Upgrade Windows CD, with quick start video tutorial, registration key to download while waiting for CD, and “Line Upon Line – A Beginners Guide to Genealogy” by Margery H. Bell;

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\$24.95 Upgrade MAC download;

\$33.95 Upgrade MAC downloadable bundle with manual;

\$12.95 Downloadable manual;

\$24.95 Printed manual, plus S&H;

Offer a “Free” Basics Version (the new MAC version is available for a limited time).

Plus, website offers additional books and products for sale.

Family Tree Builder: www.myheritage.com (a Windows and MAC program)

“Free” downloadable software.

MacFamilyTree 7.6.2: www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree (a MAC program)

Cost: **\$49.99** (available at the Mac App Store)

Offers a “free” downloadable Demo version 7.6.2.

You can continue to use your FTM software, however, you won’t have any back-up support if something goes wrong, and if it does stop functioning, you run the risk of losing access to your data (which is why it is very important to periodically back it up with GEDCOM downloads).

Once you have selected a new software, please report back to the newsletter editor your opinions (pros and cons) so we can share your experience with others. ∞

See next page for how to generate a GEDCOM! — Ed. RRJ

Please come join TFA in Rhode Island on September 16-18!~

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Creating a “GEDCOM” File

By Gail Garda

(NOTE: Excerpt from a TFA “About Towne” Newsletter Article, Vol. XXXIV, Vol. 4, pgs. 89-90, *edited and updated on 1/2/2016 to reflect changes made on Ancestry.com)

*I thought this might be helpful info to post in the "Genealogy Corner" of the website, or published in a newsletter. Lots of members have no clue how to do this... I've sent these instructions in individual emails to many members when the issue comes up. Most have just invited me into their trees as a "guest" to retrieve their lineages (very tedious). It amazes me that so many family trees are only kept on ancestry.com and NOT backed up into personal software. (I had a very distant relative in New Brunswick, Canada, who had died; he had a huge family tree database on Sympatico.com. Thousands of names, photos and stories were lost when his subscription lapsed and no immediate family members could be located.... **Never take for granted the family tree information you have or what you see, online, because the next time you look for it, it may be gone!**)*

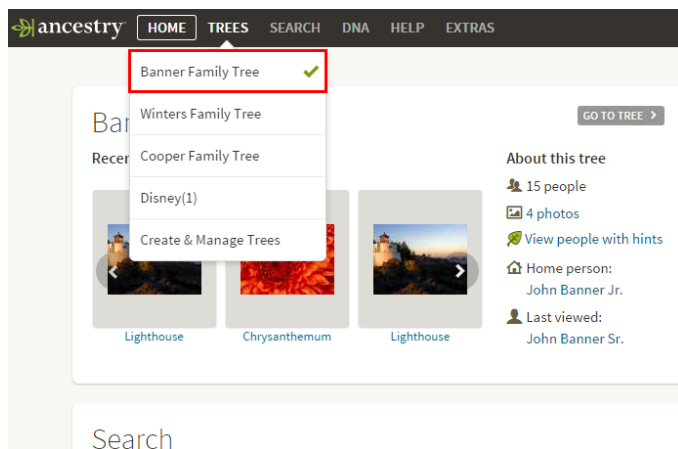
I've recommend to other TFA members who have their family trees on ancestry.com, that they should always back-up their trees by periodically creating and exporting a GEDCOM file. This type of file can be opened in almost all of the family tree software available. So, if the ancestry.com website ever goes down temporarily, crashes, or you don't renew your subscription, you will have your own GEDCOM file copy of all your hard work! ***In addition, it is more important than ever to do this, due to the recent announcement by Ancestry that they are discontinuing their manufacture and support of their Family Tree Maker software.**

Here are the ancestry.com instructions for downloading a GEDCOM File:

Downloading a GEDCOM from Ancestry.com Only the owner can create a GEDCOM file of their tree. Any individual can be invited to see a tree as a “Guest”, a “Contributor” or “Editor” is unable to *download* trees as a *GEDCOM file*. If you would like a copy of a *GEDCOM file*, we recommend you contact the owner of the tree directly, and request that they create a GEDCOM file and send/email you a copy. For more information on how to contact another Ancestry member, please click here.

To generate and download a GEDCOM file from Ancestry.com:

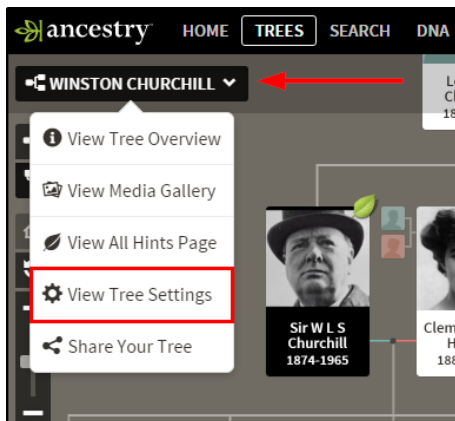
1. Click the **TREES** tab, located in the main navigation bar at the top of the page and select the tree you would like to download from the drop-down menu.



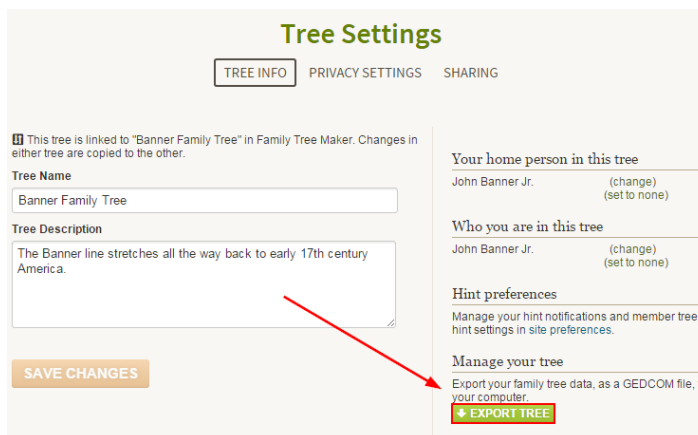
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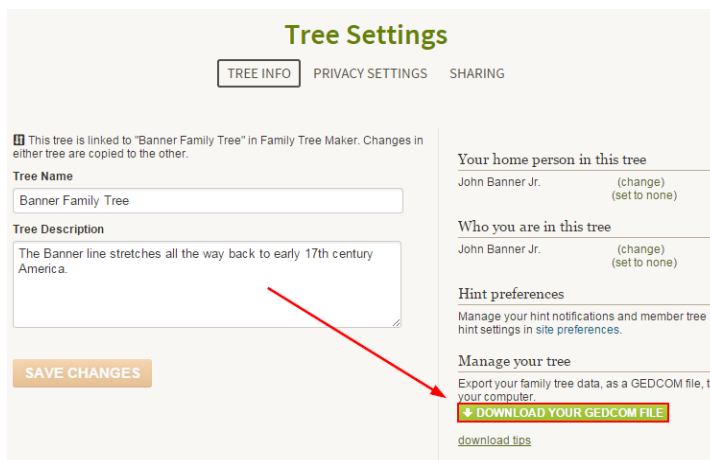
2. Click the **Tree Name** drop-down menu and select **View Tree Settings**.



3. On the right side of the page, within the **Manage your tree** section, click the **EXPORT TREE** button.



4. The tree will be generated as a GEDCOM file, once it's finished generating click the **DOWNLOAD YOUR GEDCOM FILE** button to save the file.



5. Once your tree has been downloaded you can either save it directly to your computer's hard drive, or make a copy of the file by saving it to an external disc or flash drive

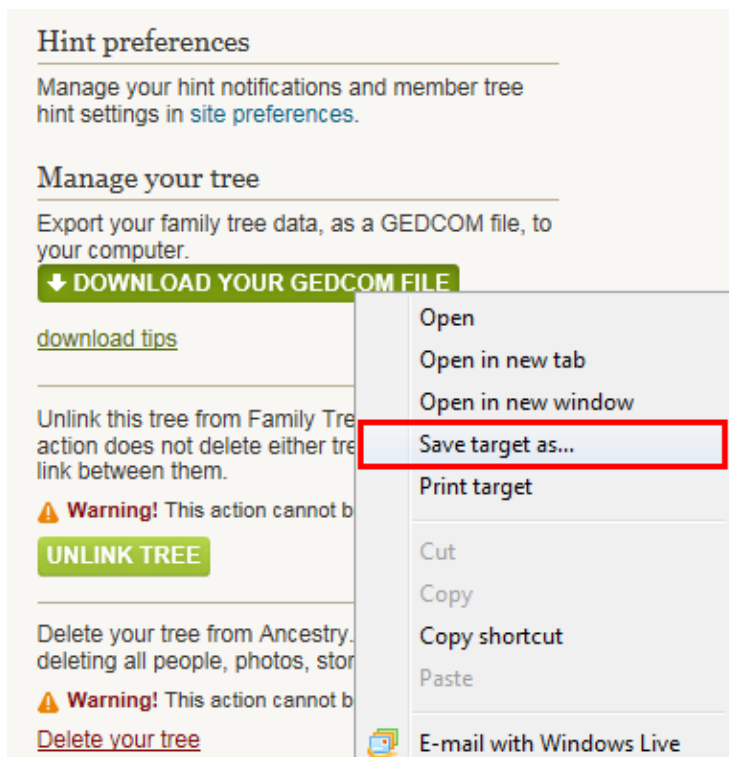
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Troubleshooting Download Issues

If the File Download window does not appear and your computer automatically downloads a text file:

6. Right click with your mouse (on a Mac Control+ click simultaneously) on the **DOWNLOAD YOUR GEDCOM FILE** button and select **Save target as...** from the drop-down menu.



Note: If you are using Firefox or Google Chrome, select **Save Link as...** from the drop-down list. If you are using Safari, select **Download linked file as**.

7. A **Save As** window will appear. Select a location for the file that you will be able to locate later, such as Desktop. Then give the file a name, and click **Save**.

Exporting from your own Family Tree Maker to create a GEDCOM file

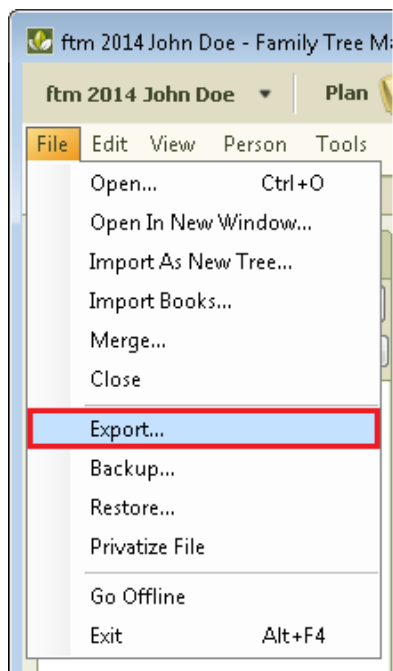
For anyone who may own a copy of Family Tree Maker software and has already exported their tree from Ancestry.com, or maintains their family tree only in their software, if you would like to create/export a GEDCOM file from your software to share with family or friends or to periodically create your own back-up file (highly recommended!), here are instructions for that:

To export your file:

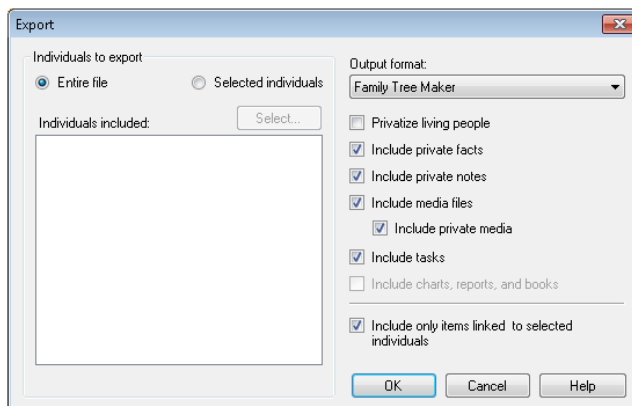
1. Click on the **File** menu and select **Export**.

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2. The Export file window will open. On the left side, you have 2 options near the top. You will need to select one of them.

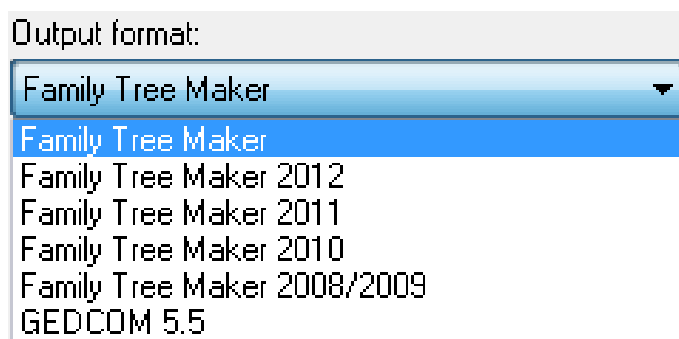


- **Entire File** will copy all individuals you have in this file into the new file you are exporting.
 - **Selected Individuals** allows you to choose what individuals you want to export. For more information regarding exporting selected individuals, please click [here](#).
3. Under **Output Format** you'll need to decide what format you want your file to be in. Clicking on the drop-down list will present you with different options, explained below.
- ◆ **Family Tree Maker** saves the file in Family Tree Maker format, for the version you are using, .FTM or .FTMB. These files can only be opened with the same or newer versions of Family Tree Maker.
 - **Family Tree Maker 2012** is only available in Family Tree Maker 2014. This option allows you to save your file for use in Family Tree Maker 2012.

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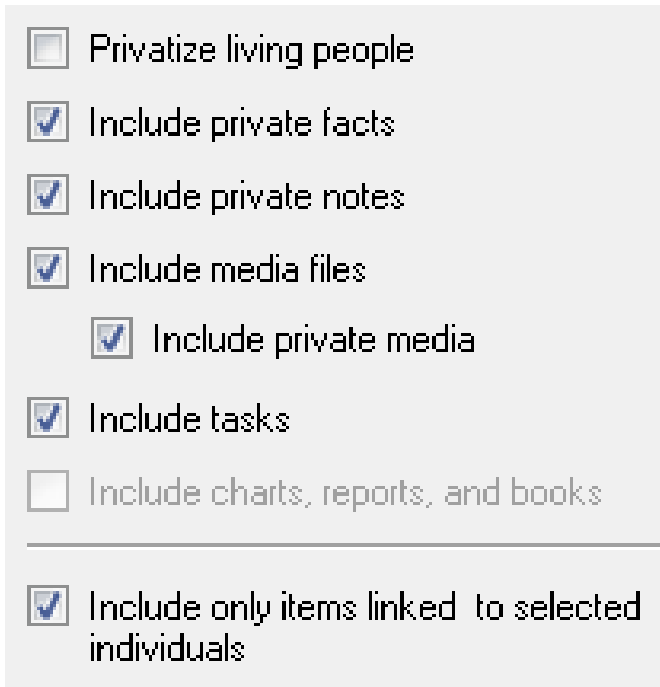
- **Family Tree Maker 2011** is only available in Family Tree Maker 2012. This option allows you to save your file for use in Family Tree Maker 2011.
- **Family Tree Maker 2010** is available in Family Tree Maker 2011 and 2012. This option allows you to save your file for use in Family Tree Maker 2010.
- **Family Tree Maker 2008/2009** is available in Family Tree Maker 2010, 2011, and 2012. This option allows you to save your file for use in Family Tree Maker 2008/2009.
- **GEDCOM 5.5 (standard)** saves your file in GEDCOM format. GEDCOM is a universal file format that can be opened in any genealogy software. For more information about GEDCOM files, [click here](#).
- **GEDCOM for FTM 16** saves your file as a GEDCOM specifically for Family Tree Maker 16. This option is not available in Family Tree Maker 2008.



4. After selecting the output format, you will then need to choose what options you want for this file as well. These options are explained on next page.
- **Privatize Living People** will change the name of anyone considered by the software as living to **Living Surname** in the exported file. Facts and Shared Facts for living individuals are also not exported.
 - **Include private facts** exports this file with all facts, private or not. Private facts will still be marked private if the file is exported as a Family Tree Maker file. GEDCOM files don't retain this formatting. The facts will show as any other fact.
 - **Include private notes** exports this file with all notes, private or not. Just like private facts, private notes will still be marked private if the file is exported as a Family Tree Maker file. GEDCOM files don't retain this formatting. The notes will show as any other note.
 - **Include media files** will include media files, such as photos, with your file when you export it. This option is not available for GEDCOMs.

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- **Include private media** will include any media items you have marked as private.
- **Include tasks** saves your file with all tasks you may have for your tree. This option is not available for GEDCOM files.
- **Include charts, reports, and books** allow you to include any items you have saved in the Publishing workspace. Charts, reports, and books can only be included when saving as the Family Tree Maker format. This option is not available for saving as past versions of Family Tree Maker or GEDCOMs.
- ◆ **Include only items linked to selected individuals** is only available when exporting selected individuals. It allows you to export your file with just items, such as sources, associated with the filtered individuals. Unchecking it will include all sources and media for the file, whether they are associated with the filtered individuals or not.

5. We're now ready to export the file. Clicking **OK** will open the **Export to...** window. Using this window, navigate to the location on your computer where you want to save this file. Once there, type a name in for your new file, and click **Save**. Your new family tree file has now been created in a GEDCOM format. (Suggestion: whenever I am creating a back-up file, I always include the date when I name the file.)

Any questions on any of these instructions please send inquiry to the TFA genealogist, via www.townefolk.com. ∞

Estey Land on 1595 Hintlesham Estate Map
Progress Report on Restoration Project Appeal
By Charles Farrow,
Consulting Genealogist, Towne Family Association

On 21st January 2016, I attended a meeting at Suffolk Record Office Ipswich branch with Bridget Hanley, senior archivist there, Mrs Elizabeth Scott Townsend (the daughter of Mr. Anthony Stokes who deposited all the archives relating to the Hintlesham Hall Estate, including the Map of 1595) and Vivienne Aldous from University Campus Suffolk, who has made a study of 16th century Suffolk estate maps. Although she is now the legal owner, Elizabeth Townsend had never seen the map, so Bridget made the brave decision to unroll it on the map tables. This demonstrated the parlous condition, which resulted in Elizabeth making a very generous offer of £1000 towards the restoration, which she is keen to see go ahead.

The reign of Queen Elizabeth was a time of new innovations, and certainly from the 1570s a new wave of map making based on accurate methods of surveying swept across England. The aristocracy and landed gentry eagerly availed themselves of the services of this new profession of surveyors. Chief amongst them was Robert Agas, most famous for his survey of London. One of Robert's apprentices was Thomas Wright, and it was to him that Nicholas Timperley, newly installed at Hintlesham Hall following the death of his father in 1594, turned for a survey and map of his estate. Wright produced a very detailed map on four skins, sewn together. At some subsequent stage this has been given a cloth backing, larger than the map, which also had wooden rollers added at top and bottom. Tragically, varnish was applied to the surface of the map, no doubt intended as a preservative.

The picture shows an overview of the map unrolled and weighted. It is only when one looks closely at the map that one can see every field is named. With the full conservation which has been advised, and which Elizabeth Townsend wishes to go ahead, legibility will be much better. In addition, once the full technique of relaxing the skins has been completed, the map will lie flat, and then be ready for enhanced photography. In the December issue of *About Towne*, a figure of £2126 is mentioned, which is not for full conservation. The paper I submitted to the Board prepared by the Suffolk Record Office Conservator gave quotations for both partial and full conservation. The latter is a figure of £2876. Having discussed these two quotes with Bridget, Elizabeth and Vivienne, and with professional input from the SRO Conservator, it is clear that full conservation is the most appropriate way forward. Since SRO are unable to do this work in their small conservation department, they have no financial interest. The work will have to be outsourced to either Essex or Norfolk record offices, who have sufficient staff and equipment to handle this very large document.

Now it is up to you! Yes, this is where Towne Family Association comes in. Some of you have already responded generously to the initial appeal launched at the 2015 Reunion Meeting, and as of January 2016 have the sum of \$1053 of the \$1500 appeal. \$1500 translates into about £1000 if the current exchange rate remains. This means that about another £1000 will be needed, and I have sufficient substantial backing to make a bid for grant funding to cover any shortfall. This map is of family interest to every descendant of Isaac & Mary Towne Estey. Please help TFA not just meet the appeal target, but hopefully exceed it!

We plan to have the fully conserved map on display when the Tour visits Suffolk Record Office at Ipswich in June 2017, and Elizabeth Townsend looks forward to meeting everyone on the Tour. She will also join us at Hintlesham Hall, and will be able to talk about her former family home.

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← Estey Property Insert/ ↑ Full Hintlesham Estate Map unrolled and weighted

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Make contributions by check payable to TFA Inc. and mail to: Catherine Troeger Kauffman at 5201 E. Mountain View Rd., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-1627. Earmark your pledge for the Estey Map Restoration. A pledge can be mailed or sent by e-mail to Catherine at ckauffman217@gmail.com

Book Review – Judge Sewall’s Apology: The Salem Witch Trials & The Forming of an American Conscience by Richard Francis (Hardcover 432 pps., published Aug 9, 2015 by Harper, Paperback, reprint Aug 1, 2006, available for purchase on Amazon.com)

Book Review by Virginia Towne

Judge Samuel Sewall was born in England, but grew up in New England. He came from land owners and married well, leading him to become an official in the Salem area. Here we see a fellow like his contemporaries, but also different from them. He believed in the church teachings whole heartedly, yet was buffeted by real life as he grew to understand his roles. How could he judge Rebecca Nurse as guilty? Events in his own life, the teachings he believed in, lead him to a stance he would later regret.

It is little known that a pirate case had a direct bearing on the witchcraft cases. Class and wealth have been understood in regards to the conflicts between the accused and the accusers, but it also influenced the judges.

Judge Sewall went to England to help get the best deal they could for New England when the King Charles II was restored to power after the English Civil War. There he was supposed to be working with Increase Mather, but was almost completely pushed aside. However, he did work closely with Cotton Mather, whose beliefs on witchcraft were adopted by the judges. A wealthy merchant himself, he lived with other wealthy men and the elite ministers of the colony. He strove to stay in the good graces of his equals, but yet his intellect and conscience frequently exerted themselves, causing him to question things that he saw and lived with.

I found this to be an excellent book, taken from the Judge’s own journals. This gives much of the background and social custom that help us understand the times and place. As you see Judge Sewall interacting with the others of his time and class, it becomes easier to understand why he did the things he did and why those around him were acting the way they were. It is a very good read to learn more about the lives of the early settlers in New England. ∞

A Special “Hello” from one of our TFA Members! Charles L. Towne — Member # 6 — from Kennebunk, Maine — Written on the back of his membership form on December 26th:

I enjoy bird watching. We still have Eastern Blue Birds in our yard. I am still substituting teaching in grades 4 & 5 at Sea Road School here in Kennebunk. I will be 80 years old in February 2016.

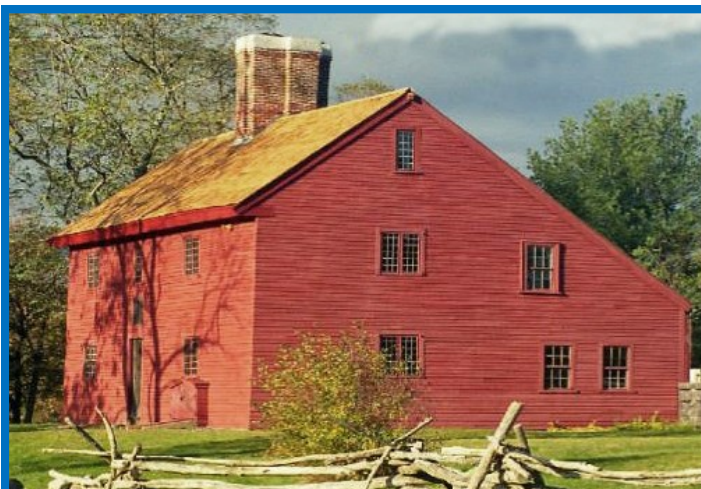
My wife **Patricia**, enjoys quilting and is active in quilting groups. We both sing in our church choir.

Both of us are active. We enjoy traveling. Went to Prince Edward Island last summer. Went to Sight & Sound Production of “The Christmas Story” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Photograph: Marcia Towne Scott



Rebecca Nurse Homestead

Three Centuries and 925 Miles Apart By Elizabeth Hanahan

Recently, Marcia Towne Scott, a visitor to our website, www.townefolk.com sent the following message:

My maiden name is Marcia L. Towne. I live in South Bend, Indiana. My husband and I married in 1974. I've always had an interest in Early American antiques and homes. From the very beginning of our marriage, I always had an interest in building a red and white saltbox home. I had no knowledge at the time I was a direct descendant of Rebecca Nurse. A saltbox house is not unique to the area we live in. Finally in 1989, my husband and I had a chance to build our dream home. We built a red and white saltbox. In the early 2000s, it was brought to my attention by my great aunt, that I was indeed related to Rebecca Nurse and that she lived in a red saltbox. That home still stands today. My husband and I intend on visiting Danvers, Massachusetts next summer. I am looking forward to walking the ground my family once walked.

It is not surprising that saltbox houses are not common in South Bend, Indiana. The Rebecca Nurse house is an example of First Period Architecture which, by definition, is limited to parts of the country settled before 1700. It draws heavily on influences from Europe. In New England, houses were adapted to use the most common building material available, wood, for their frames, siding and shingles. They were typically two stories high, with small, multi-paned casement windows. A large central fireplace provided heat needed throughout the frigid winters and was used for cooking. Roofs were steeply sloped so as to more easily shed the heavy winter snows.

For more information about First Period Architecture, visit <http://www.historicnewengland.org/preservation/your-older-or-historical-house/architectural-style-guide>

Many thanks to Marcia for sharing her story of how her dream house turned out to be the key to link her to her Rebecca Nurse heritage. As all of us who have been to the Danvers/Salem/Topsfield area know, she and her husband are in for a real treat when they visit this summer.

If you have a story to tell, please send it along to Rae Johnson at abouttownenews@gmail.com



The Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum in Saunderstown, Rhode Island

The Road to Rhode Island By Joanne Towne

The 2016 Towne Family Association meeting and reunion will be held September 16 - 18 at the Marriot Renaissance Hotel in downtown Providence, Rhode Island. This elegant ultra-modern hotel is situated in a beautifully restored, Greek Revival style, former Masonic Temple, which is on the National Register

of Historic Places. Its convenient location offers easy access to activities and sights throughout Rhode Island and southern New England.

The following are some of the most popular places in the Ocean State. Be sure to visit the associated web sites for a complete overview of attractions, including restaurants, cultural and sporting events, shopping, and suggested activities.

Providence

Home to Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Providence is packed with art galleries, theaters, clubs and boutiques, as well as fabulous restaurants, cafes, and museums. The city offers an eclectic mix of beautiful architecture, historic sites, creativity and youthful energy. www.goprovidence.com

Newport

Rhode Island’s “second city,” Newport is famous for its Gilded Age mansions, Cliff Walk, and summer music festivals; but there’s a lot more to see. Consider taking a walking tour of beautifully preserved colonial neighborhoods with the Newport Historical Society, visiting the International Tennis Hall of Fame, taking a boat tour or a sunset cruise on Newport Harbor, visiting Fort Adams and the Naval War College Museum, or just relaxing at a spa or outdoor café. Newport has something for everyone. www.discovernewport.org

Bristol

Often overlooked by tourists, this quaint little seaside town is popular with locals. Famous for hosting the nation’s oldest Fourth of July celebration, Bristol celebrates its historic and modern day ties to the sea. Tours of Linden Place, the ancestral home of the DeWolf and Colt families, offer a glimpse into the town’s connection with slavery and the triangle trade. The Herreshoff Marine Museum and the America’s Cup Hall of Fame highlight Bristol’s legacy of designing and building the world’s fastest yachts. Like Newport, Bristol offers numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Take a sailing or kayaking tour of Bristol Harbor, visit a bird sanctuary, bike the East Bay Bike Path, or take a stroll through Colt State Park - there’s always something new to see and do. www.explorebristolri.com



Pomham Rocks Light - one of many beautiful scenes along the East Bay Bike Path

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Exploring Rhode Island

Rhode Island's small size means every nook and cranny is easily accessible from a home base in Providence. The beaches in Westerly, Charlestown and Narragansett are some of the best in New England, and September is a great time to go. The water is still warm and the crowds have gone home. Lighthouse tours of Narragansett Bay offer an opportunity to experience the Ocean State from the water. Wineries and craft breweries provide a sample of local flavor, while numerous historic sites make it easy to immerse yourself in America's past. If you have ancestors from Rhode Island, take advantage of the State Archives, the Rhode Island Historical Society, and the various town libraries and historical associations, to further your research.

www.visitrhodeisland.com

Southern New England

Rhode Island's location in the heart of southern New England makes it an ideal base for day trips to sites throughout the region. If you're visiting for the first time, consider extending your stay and exploring this beautiful area. The following are all easy day trips from Providence.

- Martha's Vineyard
- Block Island
- Cape Cod
- Nantucket
- Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Mystic Seaport & Museum
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Old Lyme, Connecticut

If you haven't had the chance to visit Towne Family ancestral sites in Salem, Danvers, and Topsfield, Ma, they are just 1.5 hours away by car. www.visitnewengland.com

The Marriott is holding a block of rooms for our group at a rate of \$159 per night. You can make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling them toll free at (866) 630-0704. Be sure to mention you are with the Towne Family Association. If you prefer to reserve on-line, a dedicated link has been posted in the Reunions section of the TFA website.

Additional information regarding our banquet, bus tours, and social activities, along with registration forms, will appear in the next issue of About Towne.

Start planning your trip today - September will be here before you know it! ∞

TFA to ENGLAND June 2017 - **T**he trip to England has been filling up fast. If you are still interested in the trip, you can find out more by going to the Towne Family website: www.townefolk.com On this site on the home page you will see a place where you can click on the full color brochure! Click the red button 2017 England Tour information! If you are interested in going on the trip, you can download the application and mail it in to Catherine Kauffman. Her address is on the application. If the trip is full when you send in the application, Catherine will put you on a wait list. ∞



"Towne Cousins" Reaches 800 Members at End of 2015 -

In January 2014, Towne Cousins was created as a Facebook group forum for descendants of William and Joanna Towne. There are currently over 800 members exchanging information and discovering distant cousins in their hometown and state, as well as across the country and throughout the world. At the TFA 2014 Reunion in Danvers, Massachusetts, I was pleased to meet people I had interacted with through

Towne Cousins. Make it a resolution to reach out and connect with "Cousins" who live near you this year. I want to thank all the Cousins for their contributions to the success of our Face Book group! If you are not a member of Towne Cousins, check us out! —**Dianna Emerson**



Donald Andrew Maskell was born on June 22, 1963 in San Bernardino, California and passed away suddenly on January 11, 2016 at home. He was the son of Howard Andrew Maskell and Gloria Evelyn Iglesias. The family moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1967.

Donald grew up in Tacoma, graduating from Stadium High School in 1981. He then went to the University of Puget Sound, graduating in 1985. He worked for the State of Washington at the Dept. of Agriculture for one year and then started working at Boeing. He worked for Boeing on the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber, F-22 Raptor, and P-9 Poseidon in the configuration management section of engineering. He loved working at Boeing and found the work valuable and interesting.

Donald was a member of the Elks Lodge 174, the 28th District Republican Club and the Towne Family Association. He had many interests including traveling, art, aviation, reading, hiking, jogging, history, music, attending the theatre, and wine. He also loved animals. He was full of fun, life and joy; with a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He was a kind, thoughtful, generous, dependable, and intelligent man.

Donald loved his family and friends deeply and will be missed more than words can say. He is survived by his sister, Cecilia Maskell; uncle, Loyd Maskell; many cousins; and his cat, Sheba.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00am at Fircrest United Methodist Church (1018 Columbia Ave, Fircrest, WA 98466). In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Donald's memory to the charity of your choice. Please leave online condolences at www.gaffneycares.com. Arrangements by Gaffney Funeral Home, 253-572-6003.

Donald's descent from William: Jacob, John, Elijah, Elijah, Hannah Towne Chase, Eveline Chase Lang, Aurelia Margaret Lang Iglesias, Cloria Iglesias Maskell, Donald Andrew Maskell



Mary Janet Casey, 73, of Arab, AL died Sunday, May 17, 2015, at her residence. She was the daughter of Lester and RZ Thompson. She was married to J.C. Casey, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Casey was a member of the Arab Historical Society, enjoyed reading and genealogy and loved working on her family history. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Sabrina and James Oxendine; sons and daughters-in-law: Kenny and Beth Casey, Dennis and Rozeln Casey and Patrick and Michelle Casey; sisters: Sherry Merritt, Judy Fry and Wilma Ludwig; brothers: Gerald Thompson, Rand Thompson, Milton Thompson, Roger Thompson and Carter Thompson; grandchildren: Brandy Casey, Michael Casey, Shelby Casey, Casey Oxendine, Dakota Oxendine and Cole Casey; and great-granddaughter: Avery Casey.

She was preceded in death by a son: Jimmy Casey; a brother: Harold Thompson; and sister: Sue Parrish.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2015, at Union Grove Baptist Church and Guntersville Memorial Chapel directing. ∞

Descent from William: Joseph, Joanna Towne Nichols, Anna Nichols Vining, John, Shadrack, John, Mahalia Vining Abercrombe, Mary Abercrombe Thompson, William, Rev. William, Lester, Mary Janet Thompson Casey

Duane Richard Mallett, 76, of Sebec, Maine, passed away from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy on September 15, 2015, at the home he built on Sebec Lake. Born on October 22, 1938, in Milo, he was the son of Aubrey Mallett and Pauline (Towne) Mallett.

Duane graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1957. He attended the University of Maine and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1962. While there he was a member of Phi Eta Kappa. In 1961, he married his childhood sweetheart, Mary (Bearce) Mallett and they moved to Guilford, Connecticut where he worked at Southern New England Telephone Company in New Haven. In 1966, they moved to Ipswich, Massachusetts where he worked at General Electric for 4 years before returning to SNET and settling in Clinton, Connecticut with their 4 children. He was a member of Clinton Fire Department and was active in the Boy Scouts and Jaycees. In 1978, he returned to Dover-Foxcroft, where he worked for New England Telephone Company in Bangor as an Area Operations Manager, retiring in 1995. That year, he also earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Husson College. He was inducted into Sigma Beta Delta Society and tutored many of his classmates while there.

During the course of his lifetime, he also took over fifty managerial, technological and business classes from numerous universities including The University of New Haven, The University of Michigan and from Bell Systems Training Centers in Massachusetts, Ohio, California, Illinois and Connecticut. After he retired from the phone company, he worked at Mountain Ltd. as a Contract Field Engineer and was a substitute teacher in D-F, Milo and Guilford. He also built a log cabin, several outbuildings and was always involved in one project or another. Prior to his illness, he traveled through the U.S, driving cross country and wintering in Las Vegas for years and once worked as a ride attendant at Circus Circus.

Duane is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; son, Michael Mallett, his wife, Charla, and their son, Thomas; son, Wesley Mallett, his wife, Ana, and their children, Autumn and Summer; daughter, Melissa Mallett, her partner, Andrew Johnston, and their sons, E.J., Benjamin, and Charlie.

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He is also survived by grandson, Ethan Spelios, his girlfriend Danielle and their son Oliver; brothers; Aubrey Mallett and wife, Doreen, Karl Mallett, Neil Mallett and wife, Patsy, David Mallett and wife, Jayne; brother-in-law, Kenny Bearce; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by both of his parents; his son, Christopher Mallett; sisters-in-law, Donna Mallett and Glenna Bearce; and brother-in-law, Charlie Bearce.

The family would like to thank Pam Richardson and Jeanette Lane from CHCS Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to CurePSP at www.psp.org or the charity of your choice. He fought his disease long and hard and hoped that a treatment or cure can be found to help others afflicted. Arrangements were in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Condolences and memories can be expressed at www.larvfuneralhome.com.

Descent from William: Joseph, Joseph, Elisha, Thomas, Eli, Alvin, Sanford, William, Pauline Towne Mallett, Duane Richard Mallett
— Submitted by Katherine Towne Tweedie ∞

Judith Graves Kiely, Age 87, died on Thursday November 12, 2015 in Atlanta. Judith was the daughter of Joseph E. and Edith Osborne Graves of Marblehead, Massachusetts. She married her high school sweetheart, William L. Kiely, Jr., with whom she raised five children.



Mr. Kiely was the proprietor of the Royal Cigar Company, a landmark establishment located in downtown Atlanta. Her daughter, Kaedy Kiely, is a renowned Rock DJ, whose voice can be heard daily on Atlanta radio. Mrs. Kiely began her career as an educator for the Roman Catholic Church as a Sunday school teacher at Sacred Heart Church in Manchester, MA. Her great organizational and people skills, strong family values and action-based faith secured her a job as Director of Religious Education for the Parish of St. Lawrence Church when the family lived in Huntington, CT. After the Kiely family moved to Atlanta in 1970, Judith went to work for the Catholic Archdiocese, where she served four different parishes as Director of Religious Education, including Sacred Heart Church of downtown Atlanta, Holy Family of East Cobb, St. Paul of the Cross of Atlanta, and The Cathedral of Christ the King, where she felt privileged to serve in many capacities up until the present. In the late 1970's Mrs. Kiely confronted the issue of adolescent drug abuse, working tirelessly to help parents in the Atlanta community engage youth in non-judgmental parent-youth groups. An article of hers was published in "Atlanta Medicine: Bulletin of the Medical Association of Atlanta" in 1979, which spelled out effective, practical strategies for forming groups of concerned parents. Her influence grew as she spoke publicly at schools and various community organizations, and as she counseled countless concerned parents in person and by phone. She became a founding member of Unified Parents of America, Inc., and was recognized by Nancy Reagan at the White House for her achievements. After "retiring" from her career in Religious Education, she worked for a decade with the Technical College Directors Association. She became involved and served as President of Lifespan, an interfaith organization that responds to the needs of Senior Adults. She enjoyed her many cherished friends as an avid Bridge player and as a member of various organizations including Toastmasters, to which she belonged for over thirty years. Judith was a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution: Fort Peachtree Chapter, the National Society of Colonial Dames, the National Society of New England Women: Sarah Josepha Buell Hale Colony, the Towne Family Association and other patriotic organizations. She is survived by five children: William L. Kiely III, Joseph H. Kiely, G. Mark Kiely, Katherine E. Kiely, and Frank N. Kiely and their families, which include nine in-laws, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Donations may be made in her memory to St Vincent de Paul of Atlanta by visiting: www.svdpatl.org Funeral Mass to be held November 17, 2015 10:30AM Cathedral of Christ the King 2699 Peachtree Rd. Atlanta, Ga 30305. Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Nov. 15, 2015 ∞

Linage from William: Rebecca, Sarah Nurse, Samuel Bowden, Michael Bowden, Samuel Bowden, Tabitha Bowden, Thomas Hooper Gregory, Tabitha Bowden Gregory, Frank Norris Osborne, Edith Blaney Osborne, Judith Graves

Towne Family Association (TFA) Membership

Being a TFA member gives an individual certain benefits that can be of great assistance in learning many interesting details about the William Towne and Joanna Blessing family and their descendants, plus one receives the “blessing” of meeting fellow “cousins,” and the opportunity to have access to a wealth of genealogical information.

These benefits include: 1) being able to have **full member access** to the website www.townefolk.com that has many different facets of interest, including access to the Towne Family Tree, which now has over 80,000 names along with relationships and dates. 2) One receives, either by email or by mail, four award winning *About Towne* newsletters a year. These issues are full of articles and other pertinent information that may be of interest to a Towne descendant. 3) Every year, a reunion is held somewhere in the United States. One can meet “cousins” there and enjoy three days filled with excursions, speakers of Towne family interest topics, work with assistance on one’s genealogy “Brick walls,” eat and become friends with fellow family members. There is also a formal “all member” meeting where important business is discussed and voted on by all the members. Occasionally, there is a longer trip to England organized to visit the places where the Townes and the families who married into the family lived.



- ◆ **What is expected of a member: 1)** Dues are payable by the first of each new year, so please be prompt in renewing your membership as these dues help to meet TFA expenses associated with our quarterly newsletter publication, printing and mailing; the annual reunion budget, annual donations, the American genealogists’ research and library, the English genealogist’s research budgets as well as other general administrative expenses incurred by TFA board members. **Also, 2)** if a member wishes to, they may send in articles and/or comments either by email or with their membership form; or a member may send an article directly to the newsletter editor, Rae Johnson.
- ◆ **If you would like to become a member**, you may access the membership form “[here](#)” on the TFA website, www.townefolk.com, or contact TFA Executive Secretary Will Towne at famembership@gmail.com or by postal mail at 6001 Lost Maple Lane, Sugar Hill, GA 30518-8159.