

## New Member Lineage

When applying for TFA membership, we encourage all new members to provide us with their lineage information, so that new family members can be recognized and included in our proprietary genealogy database of the descendants of William and Joanna Towne.

Access to our website's genealogy database is restricted to members-only, with safeguards in place to protect the privacy of any and all "living" family members' information. Rest assured that your personal family information will be protected.

There is no set form or format for submission of family information, as we prefer to place more emphasis on the "accuracy" of the data itself. Whether a hand- or type-written attachment to your membership application, a document attached to an e-mail, or a downloadable GED file from your family tree software provided at a later date, we welcome the opportunity to have you join our growing family of Towne descendants in our genealogy database.

To guide you in preparing your lineage, you could start with YOU, your generation. This is an ancestral-ordered format, going backwards in time from what you already know as factual, first-hand knowledge of your immediate family, then going back one generation at a time, your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., to a point at which you will likely be connected to someone we already have in our database...one of the descendants of William and Joanna Towne. A descendant-ordered format would also be an option, which would start with your oldest known Towne ancestor, working forward to YOU. As you go back in time, accuracy of data may become an issue; however, if you are unable to verify your ancestral data with personal family records of births, marriages, deaths, etc., we would attempt to do that for you. Our volunteer genealogists strive to verify and note all sources whenever possible, prior to entering any new information into our database. If help is needed in your quest to research your ancestors, as an active TFA member, you can submit queries to our genealogy group at any time. They will be happy to assist you. The following is a sample format to guide you in preparing your family's history.

Family Group Sheet: (place an asterisk \* next to each entry for which you can provide a verified record source, with reference to your source footnoted on the bottom of each page. Copies of actual source records may also be submitted, i.e., certificates of birth, marriage, death, obituaries, along other factual information, such as, census reports, naturalization, or military records, newspaper stories, published books, etc.).

### By Generation – Each Family Group Sheet should include:

\*Full name of Husband

Husband's name of father

Husband's name of mother (use maiden name)

\*Names of other wives

\*Full name of Wife (maiden name)

Wife's name of father

Wife's name of mother (use maiden name)

\*Names of other husbands

\*Full name of each child,

\*And the following information (dates and places) on each:

Born

Place of Birth

Married

Place of Marriage

Divorced

Place of Divorce

Died

Place of Death

Buried

Place of Burial