



THEY KEEP COMING IN!

Membership in the Towne Family Association grows and grows, month by month, as more and more people join with us. As of this writing our membership stands at forty persons! This is nine-teen more than shown on the last "About Towne" membership list, excluding prospective members, which we can't count. The figure also includes family members and subscribers.

We are deeply indebted to those members who have been sending us lists of people they think may be interested in our association.

Take these lists, and mail out our information letters to those on the lists. So far, we have had a good response to these mailings. If you know of Towne Family descendants living in your vicinity, including cousins and known relatives, send us their names and addresses. One never knows when someone will "catch" the genealogy bug! In this way our association will grow larger and larger. But, we must become known, and that's up to all of us. We're also asking that each member review city directories and telephone directories for people who may be Towne descendants, and send these names and addresses to your secretary-treasurer so he can mail to them our descriptive literature.

New members, those who have joined our association since the first "About Towne" are starred (*) on the membership list on page 4. Some of these were on the list of prospects in the first issue, who have since joined with us. We welcome them with open arms.

FROM THE DESK OF
Alexandria N. (Deena) Towne

(Towne Family Association President - Temp.)

Dating back to sixteenth century, 1599 to be exact, the descendants of the original progenitors of the Towne Family — namely, William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne — are many. Surname descendants and surnames of collateral lines are considerable and vary multitudinously, considering their immediate family had three daughters and five sons.

The Towne Family Association will facilitate the preservation of family records in one central location, available to all members. The records are vitally important family statistics. Hopefully, we will later be able to put information into a computer so that retrieval of it can be immediate. Many inquiries come in concerning a person of Towne lineage. An example

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TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEETING SET FOR 22 AUGUST

The date of 22 August 1981 has been finalized for the first annual meeting, or reunion, to be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel and Restaurant on the Newburyport Turnpike and Highway # 114 in Danvers, Mass.

The business meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the motel. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a banquet in the banquet room, which will feature our keynote speaker, Dr. James B. Bell, Esq., Director and Librarian of The New England Historic-Genesalogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, Ma. Dr. Bell will discuss methods of conducting genealogical research, and research facilities and materials available at the Society library in Boston. He will also present certain notes concerning the work of William B. Towne, who was a vice-president and treasurer of NEHGS in the mid 1800's.

Sunday, August 23rd, is scheduled for tours of the geographical areas where William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne made their home. They will include a tour of the Rebecca (Towne) Nurse Homestead and Cemetery in Danvers. Additional tours will be announced for that day.

All persons are welcome to attend the reunion who have an interest in the Towne Family, whether they are related or not. They may attend the business meeting, but cannot vote without a membership.

The agenda for the business meeting will include the election of officers, appointment of a newsletter editor, report of the treasurer, the appointment of a committee to draft by-laws, and other such business as may need to be covered.

The banquet menu will vary, unless we have a very large turnout. For this reason we will need to know how many people plan to come to it. Please return the form below if you plan to attend the banquet. A small turnout will allow the group to order from the menu of the day. Special menus are set up for large groups.

It is especially important for as many members as possible to attend the annual reunion so that the association can get underway in a business-like manner, it was pointed out by temporary president, Alexandria N. (Deena) Towne. At present, only one or two people are carrying the entire load of operating the association. This is why newsletters may be late, correspondence answered poorly, membership contact less than it should be, she said.

Without the full support of the membership and attendance at the annual reunion, it will be next to impossible to operate from year to year. The reunion meeting is an integral part of the Association's purposes. It enables members to meet in person, and exchange ideas directly with one another.

Accommodations for those who stay overnight are available at the Howard Johnson's Motel at the banquet site, or at any number of motels within driving distance. On the east coast of New England, August is the "high tourist season," prices are generally higher than normal, and reservations are sometimes needed. Single accommodations at the Howard Johnson Motel run from \$40 to \$60 per night. Advanced reservations should be made. Attendees must make their own arrangements. Address is Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, North Shore, Danvers, MA. 01923.

Other motels in the area include: The Addison Farmcroft (luxury), The Inn on the Pike (Best Western), Vic Porian Motel (Highway 144), The Rest Haven (on Hwy 1), Countryside Motel, (on Hwy 1), Plaza Motel, (on Hwy 1), The Carriage House Motel (on Hwy 1), North Shore Motel, (on Hwy 1), Royal Rest Motel (on Hwy 1), Holiday Inn (in Lynnfield), Bellevue Motel (on Hwy 1) and the Coronet Motel (on Hwy 1). The Association makes no recommendations as to the quality of the motels listed.

Banquet attendees will be expected to pay for their meal(s). The reservation form must be sent as soon as possible. Please send \$5.00 for each registrant, as a registration fee to defray the cost of the banquet room.

NURSE (NOURSE) FAMILY RESEARCH IS EXTENSIVE, BY MISS AVIS M. WATKINS

Miss Avis Watkins of Exeter, N. H. has compiled an extensive amount of research on the family and descendants of Francis Nurse. Persons interested in the family may contact her at 8 Gardner St., Apt. 1, Exeter, N.H. 03833. She wishes to learn of the ancestors of Francis Nurse from anyone who might have that information.

REGISTRATION FEE = \$5.00
Please include check or M.O.

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ seats for _____ (Name)
_____, a (Member/non-member) of the Towne Family Assn. I will be accompanied by _____ additional persons.

Your address: _____

ZIP _____

Mail to: Towne Family Association Reunion
c/o Alexandria N. Towne
44 Pearl Street
Danvers, MA. 01913

ABOUT TOWNE

FROM THE DESK OF DEENA TOWNE, (Cont'd from P. 1)

came up in the case of a member searching for information on Ichabod Towne who was born in the year 1701. To find out what your association has on this ancestor, it is necessary to search in detail manually through every resource we have. With the assistance of a computer, we push a button and everything available from all sources we have prints out for immediate mailing to the concerned member, saving hours of work.

The records of our members are vitally important and will be fed in to the central computer bank. Eventually we will become an archives for Towne genealogy and related lines. Future issues of "About Towne" will carry more information about the computer project.

We are very happy to have as one of our most recent members, Miss Avis Watkins of Exeter, N. H., a descendant of Rebecca (Towne) Nurse (Nourse), and a genealogist for that line. Miss Watkins has an accumulation of thirty-seven years' of data on the Nurse/Towne families, all of which she is sharing with your association and is happy to exchange information or provide it to members desiring it. Her address is 8 Gardner St., Apt. 1, Exeter, N. H., 03833.

Be sure to mark your calendar for 22 August, 1981! That's the date for our annual reunion, and we invite all interested persons to come to Danvers/Topsfield to share your personal presence and your information. If any member would like to present their information before the group, write to your secretary-treasurer so he can fit you into the schedule. Being there is a responsibility of membership! Be sure to read the accompanying article describing our first reunion attempt.

The work we are doing is important — perhaps much more so than any of us realize. Already so much time has elapsed before many of us really got into this genealogy thing, and as we all know much information has been lost forever. So, if you have any old stories, anecdotes, and other informational tidbits, send them in to us. It doesn't matter if you're not a writer. The information is what we want. Newspaper clippings of family members, obituaries, marriage announcements, birth announcements appearing in your local news media, records of local family reunions, and other such items, are all needed by your association. Keep it coming in, and keep up the good work! Let's get our family together again!

Alexandria N. (Deena) Towne
President - (Temp.)

Excerpts from: Abstracts of N. C. Wills, 1760-1800. Warren Co., N. C. Perquimans Co. Pub.

- In 1777, a David Townes left a will. Heirs were Richard and Priscilla (p. 316).
- In 1771, a Francis Towns left a will; heirs were Zachariah and Caleb. (p. 256).
- In 1774 a Zachariah Towne left a will; heirs were Francis, Margaret, Elizabeth, Winifred, and another Margaret. (p. 256)

ASCENDANCY OF NELLIE M. DAVIS AND CORRELATIVE LINES (Sent in by Nellie M. Davis, Rr 143, Coyle, Oklahoma, 73027).

- William¹ Towne 1600 - 1672 m. Joanna Blessing 1620 - 1682
- Joseph² Towne ca 1639-1713 m. Phebe Perkins
- Joseph³ Towne 1673-1757 m. Margaret Chase
- Elisha⁴ Towne 1708 - m. Mercy Foster

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Our sole source of income is from dues from our members. Therefore, our cash receipts including subscriptions to date amounts to \$403.50. Operational cost to date amounts to \$184.50, leaving our treasury with \$219.00. Operating expenses were made up from the following costs:

Advertising	\$19.00
Newsletter # 1 & reprints	29.41
Printing of promotional materials & copying	32.45
Postage	15.35
Supplies	39.32
Bank charges	5.40
Telephone calls	2.66
Membership (Gen. Sec. of Vt.)	6.00
Misc. Expenses & Petty cash	14.91
Total	\$ 184.50

PERSONS WITH TOWNE SURNAME LISTED IN 1820 CENSUS OF VIRGINIA (and derivatives)

Name	Co.	Page
Town, John D.	Foy	104
Townes, Allen	Ann	13A
Townes, Ann	Man	79A
Townes, Amistead T.	Ann	13
Townes, John	Ann	13
Townes, Joseph, Capt.	Mec	148A
Townes, Joseph H.	Wig	185A
Townes, Labon	Brk	43A
Townes, Lucy	Ann	13
Townes, Paschal L.	Ann	13
Townes, Robert	Pit	48
Townes, Stephen C.	Pit	57A
Townes, William	Mec	160
Townes, William	Pit	47A
Townes, William A.	Pit	52A
Towne, Stephan	Foy	102

Note that there are no persons with the surname spelled "Towne."

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- Thomas⁵ Towne 1743 - 1824 m. (1) Elizabeth Towne (2) Sarah Burton
- Moses⁶ Towne 1778 - 1845 m. (1) Betsy () (2) Abigail Porter (wid. of John Chandler, Jr.)
- Francis⁷ Towne 1802 - 1855 m. Nancy Chandler (which one?)
- Matilda⁸ Towne 1824 - 1875 m. (1) Henry Augustus Haynes (2) David Corwin George ?
- Olive Charity (Ida) Haynes 1857 - 1929 m. Benjamin Curtis Stout
- Elsie Roxanna Stout 1879 - 1969 m. Thomas Davis
- Nellie Marie Davis b. 1906

Now we come to my great-great-grandparents, Francis Towne and wife, Nancy Chandler. The question is, who were the parents of Nancy Chandler? P. 175, "Old Foxcroft" states: "Nancy Chandler dau. of Ichabod and Olive (Fish) Chandler, married Francis Towne." I do not think Ichabod Chandler had a daughter Man-

EXCERPTS FROM THE INDEX OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

(Note: Although a Revolutionary War soldier is listed here, this does not necessarily include all those who fought in that war. This is because not all applied for pensions. This list pertains to those granted pensions, or those duly eligible to receive them. Ed.)

TOWNE FAMILY

- TOWN, Daniel, Mass., Hetty, W11642; B1M1. 19831-160-55
- David, Mass., S41262, lived Waterbury, (Vt.) in 1827, age 65 yrs
- David D., Mass., S41259, res. of Halifax, Windham Co., Vt. in 1825, age 65 yrs.
- Edmund, Mass., S19129
- Edmund, Mass., Polly Elias, former wid., W5831; B1M1. 17711-160-55. Former husband, Solomon Elias. (Georgia, VT.)
- Elisha, Mass., S19129
- Ephraim, Mass., S41260
- Francis, Mass., S33807
- Jacob, Mass., B1M1. 2499-200
- James, Mass., Lucy, W22439
- Jonathan, Cont., Mass., S33810
- Joseph, Mass., See TOWNS
- Joseph, Mass., Hannah, R10651
- Moses, Mass., S15677
- Noah, Cont., and. Mass., S35673
- Phineas, Mass., S30745
- William, Ct., S32020; res. in Thompson, Ct.
- William, Cont., Ct., Mary, W31
- William, Cont., Mass., S42507, res. 1818 in Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y.
- William, Mass., S42512; res. 1818 Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y. age 59 yrs.
- TOWNE, Archelaus, N. H., Bether, W22432
- Elisha, Mass., S14709
- Berra, Cont., N. H., Keziah Hartstone, former widow, W21265
- Jacob, Mass., Martha, W11607; B1M1. 61053-160-55
- Joshua, Mass., S18629
- Stephen, Mass., Mary, W18144
- TOWNES, Thomas, Va., S6256
- TOWNS, James, N. C., R10652
- Joseph, Mass., S35671

(Cont'd from Col. 2)

oy. I find no other reference to her anywhere. All of his children through 1801 are recorded in the Poland, Me., records. (Old Foxcroft gives birth of this Nancy as 1803.) In reply to an ad I ran on this in a Maine genealogical magazine a woman wrote to me that Ichabod Chandler had no dau. Nancy. When I asked her for her source on this she said it had been some years since she had worked on her Chandler line, which did not include Ichabod, and she simply could not recall why she came to that conclusion at the time but thought it had something to do with the dates. I have searched in Dover-Foxcroft records, Minot and Poland, Maine, and those of Tazewell Co., Ill. and find no reference to a Nancy Chandler, dau. of Ichabod Chandler.

Francis Towne and Nancy Chandler were married in Dover-Foxcroft in 1824. (Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church records.) Their children:

1. Matilda, b. 16 June 1824, Foxcroft, Me. (My great-grandmother)
2. Sumner, b. 6 Oct. 1827, Foxcroft, Me.
3. Andrew J., b. 31 July 1830, Foxcroft, Me.
4. Olivia, b. 6 Dec. 1832, Foxcroft, Me.
5. Martha Jane, b. 3 Aug. 1835, Foxcroft, Me. died 10 Dec. 1911, Pekin, Ill. Usa.
6. Lydia, b. 19 June 1838, Knox Co., OH, d. 28 Sept. 1908, Pekin, Ill.
7. John C., b. 14 Jan. 1841, Tazewell Co. Ill. d. 5 Aug. 1843.
8. John M., b. 26 July 1843, Tazewell Co. Ill. d. 3 Oct. 1850.
9. Minerva Alicia, b. 14 May 1846, Tazewell

(Davis: Cont'd. from Col. 3, p. 2)

Co., Ill., s. to J. A. Moody. d. 16 Feb. 1912, Shennandoah, Iowa.

The Towne Family moved from Foxcroft, Me., in 1836 to Ohio, then on to Tazewell Co., Ill. in 1839. Both Francis and Nancy (Chandler) Towne died there.

I believe that the Nancy Chandler whom Francis Towne married was his step-sister, dau. of John Jr. and Abigail (Poole) Chandler, for the following reasons:

Abigail (Poole) Chandler was widowed and remarried Moses Towne. Bena Peterson, a distant cousin living in Peoria, Ill., great granddaughter of Moses and Abigail (Poole) (Chandler) Towne, told me that her father told her stories when she was a child about his favorite aunt, Nancy Chandler and how she played in the Maine woods, was hauled on a sled when she was small when her parents were moving, and her older brother John walked beside her. This sled story is told elsewhere of John and Nancy. Bena's father also told her that Nancy Chandler lived with her mother until she died. The 1850 Census of Tazewell Co., Ill. lists Francis and Nancy Towne, their children, a grandchild who lived with them, and Abigail, age 65, which is correct for the age of Abigail (Poole) (Chandler) Towne in 1850. Moses Towne d. in 1845.

In the office of the town clerk, Dover-Foxcroft, Me., is an old unsigned diary which gives the children of John Chandler, Jr., and Abigail as follows:

1. John, b. 1801, Minot, Me.
2. Nancy, b. 1803, Minot, Me.
3. Althea (or Althea) b. 30 Oct. 1808, Foxcroft, Me.
4. Jonathan, b. 9 Jan. 1810, Foxcroft, Me.
5. Samuel Poole, b. 18 Feb. 1813, Foxcroft, Me.

A distant cousin living now in Pekin, Ill., has some papers in an old Towne bible. One is an account of a death, apparently a copy of an obituary, and across the bottom is written: "the father of the deceased, Samuel Poole Chandler, was brother to Nancy Towne, mother of Matilda." I do not know who wrote this note.

Another paper in this bible is also handwritten which appears to be an obituary for Nancy Towne (writing is old-style): "Nancy Chandler was born in Foxcroft, Maine, January 29th, 1807. Married to Francis Towne in 1823. In 1836 moved to Ohio. In 1839 emigrated (sic) to Ill. Taz. Co. resided in Cincinnati township 4 years, moved to Groveland township in 1842 where she has ever since resided. Mother of 9 children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, died March 8, 1895, age 78 yr 1 month 9 days." At the bottom, in a different hand is: "written by Minerva Towne." Minerva was the youngest child of Francis and Nancy Towne.

The tombstone of Nancy Towne in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill., shows her birth year as 1807, as do the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Ill.

The dates on the birth of Nancy Chandler do not agree. Despite this, I believe that Nancy Towne was the daughter of John Chandler, Jr. and Abigail Poole, born in Minot in 1803, who for some reason I cannot explain, appears in Illinois with a birth date of 1807.

(To be continued)

MEMBERSHIP LIST: The following members, including subscribers, listed below are as of 9 June 1981. Prospective members have become so great, it isn't feasible to list them until they become members. If any reader knows of anyone having an interest in joining, write his or her name on a postal card and send it to our address so we can send copies of "About Towne" to that person. Those members with an asterisk (*) before their name have joined since the first issue was sent out.

(Act. = Active; Assoc. = Associate; F = Family; S = Sustaining; L = Life; Subs. = Subscriber.)

Name	Address	City	ZIP	Category
* ALLEN, Randall	P. O. Box 376	Pine Mountain	GA 31822	Act.
* APPLEBY, Josephine R.	945 East Elm St., Apt. 10	Springfield	MO 65806	Act.
* BOLENE, Rosalie Steele	2716 Juanito Ave.	Ponca City	OK 74601	S
* BOSLET, Laura Chapman	Prospect St. Ext.	Lebanon	NE 03766	Act.
* BUTTS, Dalene	310 S. 3rd St. West	Aurora	MINN 55705	Act.
* DAVIS, Nellie M.	Box 143	Coyle	OK 73027	Act.
* EVANS, Gladys S.	1409 51st St.	Bacramento	CA 95819	Act.
* FROST, Doris R.	1287 Paypas Court	Elgin	IL 60120	Act.
* ROSE, Marston R.	3914 N. Walnut St.	Kansas City	MO 64116	Act.
* HORGAN, Alice D.	25 Chandler St.	Bradford	MA 01830	Act.
* KALE, Iris F.	26623 Roxrose Ave.	San Pedro	CA 90732	Act.
* MC NAMARA, Dorothy Towne	Box 86	Merriden	NE 03770	S
* MUEHLING, Mildred I.	392 Mills Rd.	Saline	MICH 48176	Assoc.
* MOORE, Donna	1525 Rogers Court	DeKalb	IL 60115	Act.
* NILE, Abbott Howe	33 Christian Ave., R 235	Concord	NE 03301	Sub.
* WYTING, Leighton A.	155 Sunnyside Pl.	Libertyville	IL 60048	Act.
* PIERCE, Marcia J.	Box 211	Imperial	NEBR 69032	Act.
* ROBINSON, Roberta L.	7352 Hillsboro St.	Coleta	CA 93117	Act.
* ROSE, Ruth G.	2231 Main St.	Bellevue	NEBR 68005	Act.
* SCHEPPE, Elizabeth Towne	1100 Joyce Ave.	Nolla	MO 65401	Sub.
* SEE, Mary Elizabeth Towne	Box 6, Lot 20, Northwood Tr. Park	Harrisonburg	VA 22801	Act.
* SEBLEY, Fhebe Baker L.	25393 Via Palacio	Valencia	CA 91355	Act.
* STEELE, Samuel Robert	125 Stockfarm Rd.	Sudbury	MA 01776	Act.
* THOMPSON, Faye	P. O. Box 16523	Denver	CO 80216	Assoc.
* TISDEL, Myrtle Rivers	69355 County Farm Rd.	Sturgis	MICH 49091	Act.
* TOWNE, Marlene A. (Towne)	c/o Heritage Books, Inc. 3602 Marwen Lane	Bowie	MD 20715	Act.
* TOWNE, Alexandria M.	44 Pearl St.	Amesbury	MA 01913	Act. (P)
* TOWNE, Allen N.	113 Madbury Rd.	Durham	NE 03824	Act.
* TOWNE, Arlene Sheldon	277 Water St., Apt 325	Exeter	NE 03833	Act.
* TOWNE, Herbert Allen	P. O. Box 395	Inverness	FL 32650	Act.
* TOWNE, Joanne Lealie	4644 N. W. 44th Ct.	Tamarac	FL 33319	Act.
* TOWNE, Kenneth Boyd	44 Pearl St.	Amesbury	MA 01913	Act. (P)
* TOWNE, Krysstene	44 Pearl St.	Amesbury	MA 01913	Act. (P)
* TOWNE, Norman J.	1981 Calif. Ave.	Walton	GA 30786	Act.
* TOWNE, Rebecca Jeanne	P. O. Box 395	Inverness	FL 32650	Act.
* TOWNE, Richard Earl	4644 N. W. 44th Ct.	Tamarac	FL 33319	Act.
* TOWNE, William B. Jr.	Box 520 - Leonard Hall	Washington	DC 20016	Act.
* TOWNE, William B. Sr.	American University			
* VAN WORMT, Floyd R.	38 Bayles Road	Asheville	NC 28803	Act.
* WATKINS, Avis M.	R 2, Box 2823	Oroville	GA 99965	Act.
* WHITE, Marlene Cronk	8 Gardner St., Apt. 1	Exeter	NE 03833	Act.
* WILLIAMS, Muriel Voter	18 Maryvale Dr.	Webster	NY 14580	Subs.
* WILCOX, William R.	27 Eliot Rd.	Lexington	MA 02173	Subs.
	1250 N. State College Blvd.	Anahais	CA 92806	Act.

(If you wish to apply, but save the reverse side of the application blank, it can be Xeroxed.)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
The TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Enclosed is my check (), money order (), for my charter membership for the calendar year 1981 in accordance with the schedule checked at the right. (Tentative).

Annual dues:	
Subscriber:	\$ 8 ()
Active:	\$ 10 ()
Associate:	\$ 10 ()
Sustaining:	\$ 30 ()
Life:	\$250 ()

Please find my pedigree chart establishing my relationship to the immigrant ancestors, William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne. Note: Associate membership is available to those who can connect their names with the Towne Family, and as yet have not connected their lines to the original progenitors. Assoc. members will be entitled to vote. Family members receive one newsletter issue per family living at one address or at more than one address, but sharing only one newsletter.

*Receives Newsletter Only
No voting rights.
Family \$ 10 ()
- \$5 for each additional member.

NAME(S) _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

Make checks and money orders payable to: Towne Family Association. Mail all applications and other correspondence to: Towne Family Assn., c/o Wm. B. Towne, Sr., 38 Bayles Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803.

The Association sincerely wishes to thank Miss Watkins for her kind contribution to our effort. She is retaining her Nurse Family information and that of the other Brewer line for later publication. Due to the lack of reasonable copying facilities, the records were all copied by hand.

AVIS M. WATKINS GIVES TOWNE DATA TO THE ASSOCIATION;
SECTY-TREAS. COPIES REAMS OF FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

Miss Avis M. Watkins of Exeter, N.H. has for over thirty-five years been compiling data on the Towne, Nurse, and Brewer families, and of the latter (Brewer), two wate lines. The information is invaluable to TPA, so ght Secty-Treas. Mill Towne, so he and an assistant have copied all of Miss Watkin's data on the Towne Family and was given all data on one of the Brewer lines that she had. This Brewer line is of the ascendancy of Abigail Brewer who married Edmund⁵ Town (Sr.) of Framingham.

PERSONS OF THE SURNAME TOWNE, & DERIVATIVES, APPEARING IN THE PROBATE RECORDED INDEX OF WORCESTER CO. MASS.

Yr.	Name	Residence	Action	Document #
1855	Abest J.	Pitchburg	Admin.	59640
1776	Alexander	Oxford	Guardn.	59641
1859	Alice	Pitchburg	Will	59642
1844	Alcorset	Oakham	Guardn.	59643
1875	Amanda	Dana	Admin.	59644
1819	Anna	Peterham	Guardn.	59645
1815	Asa	Sutton	Will	59646
1792	Augusta	Oxford	Guardn.	59647
1785	Agubah	Charlton	Guardn.	59648
1833	Banji, F.	Oxford	Admin.	59649
1792	Betsey	Oxford	Guardn.	59650
1858	Boyleston	Town of	Trustee	59651
1828	Chalres	Oxford	Admin.	59652
1822	Charlotte	Sturbridge	Guardn.	59653
1808	Daniel	Charlton	Admin.	59654
1782	Ebenezer	Charlton	Admin.	59655
1745	Edmund	Oxford	Guardn.	59656
1745	Edmund	Oxford	Admin.	59657
1754	Edmund	Dudley	Admin.	59658
1755	Edmund	Sutton	Will	59659
1800	Eliz	Sturbridge	Will	59660
1791	Elias	Ward	Admin.	59661
1764	Elisha	Oxford	Guardn.	59662
1776	Elisha	Oxford	Guardn.	59663
1745	Elishabeth	Oxford	Guardn.	59664
1842	Ellen S. F.	Peterham	Guardn.	59665
1822	Emily	Sturbridge	Guardn.	59666
1879	Emmie J.	Athol	Will	59667
1872	Fannie M.	Dana	Guardn.	59668
1875	Franklin P.	Peterham	Admin.	59669
1830	George	Charlton	Admin.	59670
1872	Gracie A.	Dana	Guardn.	59671
1889	Harvlin	Charlton	Will	59672
1840	Hiram	Oakham	Guardn.	59673
1776	Ruldah	Oxford	Guardn.	59674
1789	Ruldah	Charlton	Guardn.	59675
1794	Ishabod	Gerry	Will	59676
1867	Ishabod	Dana	Admin.	59677
1775	Isaac	Oxford	Admin.	59678
1776	Isaac	Oxford	Guardn.	59679
1838	Jacob	Unknown	Pension	59680
1872	Jacob A.	Dana	Admin.	59681
1764	James	Oxford	Guardn.	59682
1774	James	Cold Spring	Account	59683
1740	John	Oxford	Will	59684
1755	John	Sutton	Will	59685
1768	John	Oxford	Guardn.	59686
1869	John	Hardwick	Admin.	59687
1762	Jonathan	Oxford	Guardn.	59688
1771	Jonathan	Oxford	Will	59689
1825	Josiah	Charlton	Admin.	59690
1862	Josiah T.	Winchendon	Admin.	59691
1844	Julia A.	Oakham	Guardn.	59692
1764	Kezia	Oxford	Guardn.	59693
1839	Lavinia	Auburn	Admin.	59694
1792	Lucy	Oxford	Guardn.	59695
1788	Lydia	Charlton	Guardn.	59696
1796	Lydia	Sutton	Admin.	59697
1863	Mary	Charlton	Will	59698
1861	Nabby	Charlton	Will	59699
1871	Mathan	Dana	Admin.	59700
1847	Nelson P.	Charlton	Admin.	59701
1798	Fameia	Oxford	Guardn.	59702
1837	Phineas	Ward	Admin.	59703
1792	Polly	Oxford	Guardn.	59704
1839	Ralph C.	Athol	Guardn.	59705
1775	Reuben	Sutton	Admin.	59706
1777	Reuben	Sutton	Guardn.	59707
1822	Ruby	Sturbridge	Guardn.	59708
1776	Rufus	Oxford	Guardn.	59709
1841	Rufus	Peterham	Admin.	59710
1792	Ruth	Oxford	Guardn.	59711
1825	Salen	Charlton	Will	59712
1792	Salen, Jr.	Oxford	Guardn.	59713
1788	Sally	Sutton	Guardn.	59714
1867	Sally	Thompson, Ct.	Admin.	59715
1768	Salvonus	Oxford	Guardn.	59716
1760	Samuel	Oxford	Will	59717
1761	Samuel	Oxford	Guardn.	59718
1861	Samuel	Peterham	Will	59719
1764	Sarah	Oxford	Guardn.	59720
1777	Sarah	Sutton	Guardn.	59721
1818	Sylvanus	Oxford	Will	59722
1844	Sophrona E.	Oakham	Guardn.	59723
1859	Thomas	Charlton	Will	59724
1811	William	Royalston	Will	59725
1859	William	Winchendon	Admin.	59726
1853	William E.	Pitchburg	Will	59727
1774	Zachus	Sutton	Guardn.	59728

END

HEADS OF FAMILIES WHO SETTLED IN NEWBURY PREVIOUS TO 1700

(Taken from plaques in front of the Jackson-Willitt House, Old Newbury, Massachusetts)

Adams, Robert
Allen, John
Alley (Ally), Thomas
Amis, Ouzmas
Aslett, John
Atkinson, John
Ayer, Obddiah
Ayer, Thomas
Bachelor, Rev. Stephen
Badger, Giles
Badger, Nathaniel
Badger, Richard
Bailey, John
Ballard, William
Barber, Thomas
Bartellett, (Bartelt) Christopher
Bartlett, John
Bartlett, Richard
Batt, Christopher
Batt, Nicholas
Bedell (Bedle), Robert
Belconger, John
Bingley, William
Bishop, John
Blumfield, Thomas
Bodwell, Henry
Bolton, William
Bond, John
Boynston, Caleb
Boynston, Joshua
Brading, James
Bradley, Henry
Bradstreet, Dr. Humphrey
Brickett (Briccket), Nathaniel
Brittain, Francis
Brown (Browne) James
Brown, Richard
Brown, Thomas
Bryer, Richard
Can, James
Chadwick, (Chaddock), Thomas
Chandler, William
Chase, Aquila
Cheney, John
Cheswore, David
Chute, James
Clark, Dr. John
Clark, Johnathan
Clark, Nathaniel
Clemens, Abraham
Coffin, Tristram
Coker, Robert
Coleman (Coulmar), Thomas
Cottle, William
Crowwell, (Cromlor), Giles
Cutting (Captain), John
Danforth, William
Davis, John
Davis, Thomas
Davison, Daniel
Delane, Philip
Dole, Richard
Dow, Thomas
Downer, Joseph
Dummer, Richard
Dummer, Stephen
Easton, Nicholas
Bels, John
Emerson, Lt. John
Emery, Anthony
Emery, John
Evans, Philip
Fanning, William
Field, John
Fisfield, William
Fitts (Fitz), Richard
Flood, Philip
Follansbee, Thomas
Forman, John
Franklin, William
Fraser, Colin
Frye (Fry), John
Gerrish, Capt. William
Glading, John
Godfrey, Peter
Goff (Goffe) (Goofe), John
Goodridge, William
Goodwin, Edward
Goodwin, Richard
Granger, Launcelot

(For those Towne's with collateral lines.)

Grant, John
Greenland, Dr. Henry
Greenleaf, Edmund
Hale, Thomas
Hall, Joseph
Hart, Lawrence
Haynes (Raines etc.), Jonathan
Heard, Luke
Heath, Bartholomew
Hendrick, John
Hemming, Richard
Hills, Joseph
Hilton, William
Hoag, John
Holman, Solomon
Holmes, Robert
Holt, Nicholas
Hull, John
Huse, Abel
Hussey, Christopher
Hutchins, John
Ilisley, William
Jackman, James
Jaffrey, George
James, Edmund
Jaques, Henry
Johnson, William
Kelly, John
Kent, Richard
Kent, Stephen
Keyes, Solomon
Kimball, John
Kingsbury, John
Knight, John
Knight, Richard
Lans, Capt. John
Lavenue, Stephen
Little, George
Littlehale, Richard
Long, Robert
Longfellow, William
Lowell (Lowle), John
Lowell (Lowle), Percival
Lowell (Lowle), Richard
Lunt, Henry
Major, George
March, Hugh
Marshall, Peter
Marston, William
Matthews, Hugh
Mayo, Joseph
Merrill, John
Merrill, Nathaniel
Merrill, William
Mingo, Robert
Mirick, James
Mitchell, William
Moody, William
Moore, Edmund
Moore, Matthew
Moore, Samuel
Morrison, Daniel
Morse (Mores), Anthony
Morse (Mores), Robert
Morse (Mores), William
Moulton, William
Muffett, William
Musselwhite, John
Mussey, Joseph
Mussiloway, Daniel
or Roger Waldron of Siloway
Nisbet (Nisbitt), William
Noyes, Rev. James
Noyes, Nicholas
Oliver, John
Palmer, Henry
Palmer, Joseph
Palmer, William
Parker, Rev. Thomas
Pearson, Benjamin
Pearson, John
Peaseley, Joseph
Pemberton, John
Pemberton, James
Parkins, Benjamin
Pettingell, Richard
Pierce, Daniel
Pike, John
Pillsbury, William
Fluser, Francis
Poore, John
Poore, Samuel
Randall, William
Ravins, Nicholas
Rawson, Edward
Remington, John
Richards, John
Richardson, Edward
Richardson, John
Richardson, Joshua
Richardson, William
Robbins, Thomas
Robinson, John
Robinson, Robert
Rogers, Robert
Rolfe, Benjamin
Rolfe, Henry
Rolfe, John
Ross, John
Sargent, Capt. Edward
Sargent, William
Saunders, John
Savory, Robert
Sawyer (Sayer), William
Souliard, Samuel
Seers, Thomas
Sevall, Henry
Silver (Silber), Thomas
Silver, (another) Thomas
Smith, John
Smith, Thomas
Smilling, Dr. William
Somerby, Anthony
Somerby, Henry
Sponcer, John
Stevens, John
Stevens, Thomas
Stevens, William
Stewart (Stuart), Duncan
Stickney, Amos
Swett, Capt. Benjamin
Swett, John
Swett, Stevens
Tewksbury, Henry
Thomas, William
Thompson (Tompeon) Edward
Thurlow (Thoria) Richard
Thurston, Daniel
Tillotson, John
Titcomb, William
Toppam, Abraham
Towers, Henry
Trotter, William
Trueworthy (Treworgy), John
Tucker, John
Wallington, (John Wareham (Warban, Warr), William
Weare, Nathaniel
Webster, Israel
Webster, John
Wells, John
Wheeler, David
Wheeler, George
Wheeler, John
Wheeler, Roger
White, Capt. Paul
White, William
Whittier, Thomas
Willit, Francis
Williams, John
Woodridge, John
Woodman, Archaelus
Woodman, Edward
Woolcott (Wolcott), John
Woolery, Richard
Worster, Timothy
Worth, Lionel
Wright, John
Young, Edward

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THE ANCESTRY OF ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) TOWN

In last issue of "About Towne," p. 5, we printed the article on the offspring of Edmund and Abigail (Brewer) Town. Due to the kindness of Miss Avis Watkins of Exeter, N.H., the ancestry of Abigail Brewer is now known and is printed herewith.

Abigail was the fifth child of ten children of Jonathan and Arabella (Goulding) Brewer of Sudbury and Framingham, Mass. Records show Abigail baptized 29 Mar. 1724, and married to Edmund Town, of Boosack Port (Williamstown), Mass., on 16 Jan. 1735.

Jonathan³ Brewer, b. 21 Jan. 1689, in Sudbury, Mass., died in Framingham in 1752. He was the son of John² and Elizabeth (Rice) Brewer. Arabella was the dau. of Peter and Sarah () Goulding, probably.

The children of Jonathan³ and Arabella (Goulding) Brewer were:

1. Samuel⁴ b. 4 Nov. 1716
2. Abner b. 10 Jul 1718
3. Peter b. 17 Apr. 1720
4. Elizabeth b. 2 Jun 1722
5. Abigail, bpts. 29 Mar. 1724
6. Jonathan, bpts. 3 Feb. 1725/6
7. Moses, b. 26 Mar. 1728
8. David, b. 24 Dec. 1731
9. Martha, b. 16 Jun. 1734
10. Elias, b. 14 Mar. 1737

All children above were born in Framingham.

Samuel⁴ Brewer m. Martha Bent in Framingham on 10 March 1740. He may have died in Rutland, Vt.

Abner⁴ Brewer did not marry.

Peter⁴ Brewer married Elizabeth (or Abigail) Pratt, 22 Dec. 1748.

Elizabeth⁴ Brewer married David Pratt, Jr. 30 May 1745.

Jonathan⁴ Brewer married (1) Francis Buckminster, and (2) Dorothy Fowle in 1772 of Watertown, Ma. He died in Waltham, 9 Jan. 1784.

No marriages for Moses, Martha, and Elias are known.

David⁴ Brewer married (1) Mary Smith in 1757, and Elizabeth Smith in 1763. He became an Army colonel.

Jonathan settled on a farm in Framingham later to become known as the Edward Goodnow place. Abner was an "eccentric." Jonathan, Jr., was in the Army, commanding a regiment at Bunker Hill as a colonel. He resided in Framingham, Watertown, Waltham, and Boston. Samuel removed from Framingham to Rutland in 1744.

Jonathan³ was the ninth of nine children of John² and Elizabeth (Rice) Brewer of Sudbury. Elizabeth Rice was the daughter of Henry² and Elizabeth (Hoore) Rice of Sudbury, Mass. Elizabeth Moore was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Whale?) Moore, also of Sudbury. Henry² was the son of Deacon Edmund¹ Rice. Elizabeth³ (Rice) Moore was born 4 Aug. 1648 and died in Feb. 1693.

John² Brewer was born 10 Oct. 1642 in Cambridge, Mass. He died 1 Jan. 1690/1 in Sudbury.

The children of John² and Elizabeth (Rice) Brewer

1. John³ (Lt.), b. 29 Sept. 1669.
2. Elizabeth, b. 21 Mar. 1670/1.
3. Hannah, b. 22 Mar. 1672.
4. James, b. 10 Sept. 1675.
5. Sarah, b. 14 Jan. 1677/8.
6. Mary, b. 17 Mar. 1679/80.
7. Abigail, b. 5 Apr. 1682.
8. Martha, b. 5 Mar. 1685.
9. Jonathan, b. 21 Jun 1689.

All of the above births were in Sudbury, Mass.

Lt. John³ married Mary Jones of Watertown 5 Jul. 1693. He died in Weston, 5 May 1709.

James³ married (1) Elizabeth Grove in 1703 (2) Abigail Smith in 1719, and (3) Joann (Say-blox ??). He died 18 Nov. 1764.

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Sarah³ Brewer married Caleb Bridges on 28 Nov. 1700 in Framingham, Mass.

Mary³ Brewer married Benjamin Ball, 29 Mar. 1704, in Framingham.

Abigail³ Brewer married David Paxton on 12 Feb. 1712/3 in Sudbury.

Jonathan³ married Arabella Goulding on 17 Apr. 1714. No data is available on the marriages of the remaining children.

John¹ Brewer arrived on 16 Sept. 1632 in Boston on the ship *Iron*, Wilbur Peirce, master, having departed London, England, 22 June 1632. He was listed as coming from Sumner, destination Cambridge, Mass., his family with him. He is probably the brother of Daniel, also on the same ship with the family. John was entrusted with the care of wills, inventory and other documents at General Court 11 Oct. 1676 as petitioner on his behalf and other Sudbury residents for redress of losses suffered at hands of the Indians on 21 Apr. 1676. Received \$ 200 for his share.

John¹ Brewer was married (1) to Anne () who is thought to have died in 1658. John¹ is listed as being from Cambridge, Mass., and was a corporal. He died 23 June 1684 in Ipswich. He married (2) Mary Whitmore on 23 Oct. 1647 of Ipswich. He was a proprietor of Cambridge as early as 1640 or 1642. He removed to Sudbury about 1646.

The records questionably show John¹ marrying (2) Mary Whitmore of Ipswich on 23 Oct. 1647. However, if his first wife, Anne, died in 1658, it would indicate that the first marriage was dissolved, an uncommon event in that day and

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time. Anne may have died in Roxbury, Mass.

Children listed as being of John¹ and Anne () Brewer are as follows:

1. John² Brewer, b. 10 Oct. 1642.
2. Hannah² Brewer, b. b. 18 Jan. 1644/5.

Both births were in Cambridge, Mass.. Hannah² m. Daniel Goble on 25 Feb. 1663 in Sudbury, Mass. John married Elizabeth Rice.

Another reference provided states that John¹ was the son of Thomas Brewer of Hampton, N. H., but that John¹ was born about 1620 in England. The Thomas Brewer data is questioned. Wife number 2, Mary Whitmore (or Whitman) was from Lynn, Mass., who was the daughter of John Whitmore (Whitman) of Ipswich. The children of John¹ Brewer and Mary Whitmore included:

1. Mary² Brewer, b. 23 Sep. 1648, Ipswich. She married Sison Chapman of Rowley on 21 Mar. 1666. She died in Ipswich on 23 Feb. 1724.
2. William (or John)² Brewer was born on 6 Oct. 1653 at Ipswich.

3. Sarah² Brewer was born on 27 Mar. 1657 in Ipswich (probable), and married Samuel Graves (Graves) in 1677 or 1678.

John¹ Brewer died on 23 June 1684. Mary, his widow, being incapable, renounced executorship of his estate. She made an agreement with son John (may be William), and Sison Chapman, husband of Mary B., deceased. John's will was dated 14 June 1684. The possibility exists that there may have been two John Brewer's. If one was son of Thomas he would have an exponent "2" after his name. There are families of Brewer's who came from Hampton and its environs. Any readers having any enlightening data on this aspect are urged to contact TFA with the details.

IN DANVERS, MA., VISIT THE REBECCA (TOWNE) NURSE HOMESTEAD

The Rebecca Nurse Homestead is located at 149 Pine Street in Danvers, Massachusetts, and includes 27 acres of fields, pasture, and woods. An old dirt road leads to the ancient whitish style Nurse house situated on a small knoll near the property midpoint. The homestead is today a visible link to many of the famous and infamous events of Salem Village and Danvers, and visitors to the property will acquire a good representation of New England life during the colonial period.

In the 17th century Danvers was known as Salem Village, and the land surrounding the Nurse house was originally a portion of a three hundred acre grant given to Townsend Bishop in 1636. In 1648 the property was purchased and improved by Governor John Endicott; and in 1678 the then owner, James Allen, began renting the property to Francis Nurse, who could purchase the property outright at the end of 20 years. The land agreement proved very successful for Francis, his wife Rebecca, and their eight children. The house traditionally dates from this period when the Nurse family moved to the property.

In the midwinter of 1691-2, girls living in Salem Village began to fall into horrid fits, and their parents tried to discover what was causing their distress. In late February, the village doctor concluded that the girls were being afflicted by witchcraft, and the girls, at the urging of their elders, named three witches — Tituba, Sarah Good and Sarah Osborn.

Then on March 19 the girls named the frail 71-year-old midwife, Rebecca Nurse, as one of their torturers. When informed of her being accused of practicing witchcraft, Rebecca exclaimed "... as to this thing, I am innocent as the child unborn, but surely what sin hath God found out in me unpunished of that He should lay such an affliction upon me in my old age?"



On March 21 constables arrested Rebecca in her bed chamber and took her away from her beloved homestead. In June, Nurse's trial took place with 40 of her neighbors signing a petition commending her exemplary character. Nurse was at first found innocent by the jury, but they reversed their decision when the afflicted girls began to go into terrifying torments, and after the presiding magistrate asked them to reconsider some of the testimony. Although her children continued the fight to save her life, Rebecca was finally hanged on June 19. After the execution, Rebecca's children secretly removed their mother's body to her homestead and there buried it in an unmarked grave. In 1884 the Nurse family erected a memorial in Rebecca in the family grave yard. The monument included a poetic



sentiment written by famed poet John Greenleaf Whittier. Later, another market dedicated to the 40 neighbors was erected close by.

Francis died in 1693, and the house came into the possession of his son Samuel. In 1775 Rebecca's great grandson, Francis, occupied the house. He was a sergeant in Captain John Putnam's Alarm Company, which was to be ready to march within a few minutes notice in case of trouble. On April 19, 1775, Nurse received the alarm that British troops were marching to Concord, and from this house he shouldered his musket and marched to the battle. Danvers was the farthest town to respond to the Lexington Alarm that saw action, and save for Laurington, suffered the most casualties.

In 1784 Phineas Putnam purchased the property, and it remained in the Putnam family until 1908, when the house was purchased and restored by the Rebecca Nurse Memorial Association. In 1924 the property was given to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, and in June, 1976 management of the homestead was taken on by the Danvers Alarm List Company, Incorporated.

Today the house includes three restored rooms with period furnishings of the 17th and 18th centuries together with the outbuildings and exhibit areas. The house is open to the public from June 15 to October 15, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:30, and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 or by appointment; throughout the year by calling (617) 742-2990. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for persons under 16.

To reach the Nurse homestead from Route 128, take Exit 24, north on Endicott Street, right on Sylvan Street, then bear left on Pine Street.



The Kitchen Leanto

QUERIES

Query Guidelines: Address queries to the Editor, "About Towne." Please type with dark ribbon, or if necessary print legibly, with one query per sheet. Use the format shown in the queries below and the abbreviations displayed in "About Towne," Vol. 1, No. 1, page 5. Each member and paid subscriber will be entitled to one free query per month, although more than one may be submitted. At the discretion of the editor, and space permitting, more than one query may be used. All queries are subject to editing and for conformance to format and style of this newsletter. Number of words in queries should not exceed fifty, give or take a few either way. Each query will be assigned a number. Your name and address will not be used in the query, but please indicate your name and address on each sheet submitted. Answers to queries should be directed to the Editor, referencing the query number assigned to that query. Include a blank stamped envelope for forwarding of your answer to the initiating person. This method ensures that all readers get to see query answers and thus information is made known to all members and subscribers.

81-2 ROGERS, TOWNE. Desire to contact Desc. of Ariel ROGERS who m. Judith TOWNE. Judith was dau. of John TOWNE and Mary BABBITT, Judith and Ariel both b. Dana, Mass. They lived and died Monson, Mass. Ariel b. 1798; Judith b. 1801. ER

81-5 TOWNE, FITTS, HAWES. Seek info on Robert TOWNE, b. 11 May 1754; Sutton, MA., s. of Bartholomew TOWNE and Hannah FITTS. Was he the Robert TOWNE who m. Elizabeth HAWES on 26 Nov. 1782 at New Braintree, MA.? Died 26 June 1820 N. Winfield, N.Y. (Windear, MA.?) Ch. Incl: Sewell, Simon, Polly, Hannah, Betsey, plus three more. ERG

81-4 TOWNES, TOWNS, ETC. (Ed. Note: Because of the nature of the query that follows, in that there seems to be scant information on the "Southern" Towne's, we are exceeding our regular space limitation to provide as much info as possible.) Seek info and p. of Halcott, Belmont, Halcott, (etc.) TOWNES. I am sure his anc. came from VA. My g-g-gr/f Halcott Townes came to MO. in 1833 from S. Carolina (Greenville Co.). Two of his ch., John Henry & Wm. F. were b. in S.C. 1850 Census Benton Co., MO., showed Halcott Townes to be 54 yrs. of age. His wife was Caroline TEUSTON, aged 39 in 1850 Census. Their son, Thomas, b. 3-6-1838 was my g-gr/f. He was b. in MO., & m. Margaret Ann Stowers b. 8 May 1846, Morgantown, Ind., on 27 Aug. 1863 in Springfield, MO.

Additional Info: The "History of the Towns Family of Virginia," Virginia History and Biography Magazine, Vol. 21, p. 195, states that three Towns brothers came from England and settled in Henrico Co., VA. They were James, Samuel and John, Wm., the youngest son of James, had six sons. One was named Halcott, who died aged 35, and was a Rev. War veteran. Another son of James was Thomas who rem. to B/ Carolina 1793. (She thinks he could be Halcott's father.) VSS

81-5 TOWN. Seek info ref. Adolphus TOWNE. Is he the Adolphus who was the grandson of Edmund TOWN, the father of Edmund, Jr. of Georgia, VT? He was my gr-gr-gr. This Adolphus b. ca 1805, Wash. Co., Vt., m. Rebecca Simmons, 1 Apr. 1827, Waterbury, Vt. They were p of Alva Sabin TOWN who d. 17 Sept. 1912 in Baliton, MN. MRT

81-5 BEVERLY, TOWNE. Seek dpl & dd of Hannah BEVERLY who m. Aaron TOWNE, 15 Oct. 1755 in Andover, MA. d of David and Hannah (PARM) BEVERLY. MTT

81-6 FRETOTE, TOWNE. Seek anc., bpl & bd, dpl & dd of Patience FRETOTE who m. Aaron TOWNE, jr. 24 May 1796 in Andover, MA. She may have been b. in Danvers, MA. They lived in Andover, MA., Peterboro, NH., and Greenfield, N.H. MTT

81-7 TOWNE. Seek dpl & dd of Aaron TOWNE son of Aaron & Hannah (BEVERLY) TOWNE, b. 25 Aug. 1769 in Andover, MA & later rem. to Greenfield, NH. MTT

81-8 NURSE. Seek anc. of Francis NURSE, husband of Rebecca TOWNE who was hanged for witchcraft in 1692. He was b. 18 Jan. 1618 in England, m. Rebecca TOWNE on 24 Aug. 1644. He d. 22 Nov. 1695 Salem Village, MA. AMW

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81-9 TOWNE, HUTCHINSON, KNIGHT, BROWNING, BLESSING. Seek anc Joseph HUTCHINSON of Salem, MA., who m. 1701, as her 2d h., Rebecca (TOWNE) KNIGHT. She b. 2 Feb. 1668 dau. of Edmund and Mary (BROWNING) TOWNE. Rebecca was grand of immigrant anc's William and Joanna (BLESSING) TOWNE. GSE

WILLIAM B. TOWNE HISTORIC MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION UNCOVERED AT N. E. HIST-GEN. SOC. IN BOSTON . . .

Papers representing years of painstaking and devoted research into the Towne Family were unearthed last month by your secretary-treasurer, William B. Towne, Sr. at the HEGS Library. It was the collection of manuscripts written by Wm. B. (Lambert) Towne who was treasurer of the society in the mid-1800's, and a vice president until his death.

The late Mr. Towne spent much of his life compiling his ancestry and that of other members of the family. It was mostly on his efforts that later Towne Family genealogies were based.

The collection contains rare, old letters from family members living then. These are neatly wrapped in packets and tied with strings. He maintained considerable correspondence with one family member in San Francisco who was an official of the Chicago/Burlington Railroad.

Mr. Towne began a number of genealogy books written in a meticulous script, but none are known to have been published as a book. However, his articles appeared regularly in the HEGS Register. As HEGS Treasurer it was reported that through his untiring efforts the society was finally able to operate "in the black" during those fledgling days. It was he who initiated and made his own personal financial contributions to the Towne Memorial Fund, which provided for the publication of the family histories of society members.

As yet your secretary-treasurer has been unable to go through the entire collection. Piled one book atop another, the manuscripts exceed one foot in height and approach two feet of solid reading.

RESEARCHING IN VERMONT ANYONE? TPA SECRETARY-TREASURER MAKES COMPLETE VR LIST

Your TPA Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Towne has been in New England since last April conducting family research and assisting his mother in her move to a new residence. In a June trip to northern Vermont Bill spent three days in Montpelier, and with the help of an assistant, Katrin B. Koerth, copied all of the vital records of the Towne and related families, through 1870, that are in the VR section of the Vermont Archives at 6 Baldwin St. These include all birth, death and marriages filed from the inception of the state until that date.

Persons desiring a copy of the VR's may acquire same by sending \$25.00 to him. Until 24 August his address is 277 Water St., Apt. 325, c/o A. S. Towne, Exeter, N. H. 03833. After that date send all orders to him at 38 Sayles Road, Asheville, N. C. 28803.

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New Hampshire Sentinel.

South, Straits: Straits, July 17, 1871.

BRIDGES - Silver Wedding. - Mr. and Mrs. Joshua C. Towne celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on the 17th of June at their residence. Many friends were present, among whom four generations were represented. A table laden with nice presents abounded and Mr. and Mrs. Towne have many warm friends. A beautiful supper was provided for the party, after which interesting remarks were made by several of the gentlemen present, and the following verses, found among the presents, were read:-

Kind friends, 'twas the joyous day
I saw you first, and I bring
And say to friends who'll hear
How I've been doing.

To be a wife, a beautiful one,
Pursued by gratitude
For the many days of husband
By friendship's hand bestowed.

The wish? To see, that is to give
The heart of his you give
God may with his hand, bring hand,
You'll be in my hand!

My friends were true and dear,
My future never dim,
And may the children, God has given,
Honor the name of Towne.

God grant, in his providence,
A long and happy life,
And happiness always near,
Oh, Joshua Towne and wife.

May I tell that you may celebrate
Your golden wedding day
When the past hundred-twenty years
Have softly passed away.

And when at last he shall you know,
And the time of life is run,
May you rest in your reward,
"Amen, they had well done"

A Poetess

PASSING OF ELMER C. TOWNE MOURNED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

MERIDEN, N. H. - Elmer Clarence Towne, 86, died on Friday 24 April 1981 in a Windsor, VT. hospital. He was a resident of Meriden and the husband of Estella Iola (Kimball) Towne, who survives him. He was born in Peterboro, N. H., on 8 May 1894, the son of James Coos Freedom Towne and Esther Willoway (Smith) Douglas. Also surviving is a sister, Daisy Towne Chapman, two daughters, Mrs. Carroll Mosher of Plainfield, and Mrs. Basil McManara of Meriden. There are six grandchildren, several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Towne leaves his sister, Daisy Towne Chapman as the last surviving child of their parents. She is 92 years old as of this writing.

On Oct. 30, 1980 Elmer C. Towne and his wife celebrated 65 years of their marriage. The couple were avid Grangers, members of the Lebanon and Meriden Granges for 51 years. Elmer C. Towne was master of both Granges at one time and held most other offices. He was a WWI veteran, having enlisted in the Army in Sept. 1917. He served in France from July 1918 until

April 1919.

After the war, Mr. Towne worked on many local farms in and around Meriden, and was for a time an assistant cook at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden. He did carpentry and painting for a number of local contractors. In the late 1950's Mr. Towne built his own house in Meriden, where he raised berries and produce which he sold and Mrs. Towne canned for winter.

A personal note from his granddaughter, Gladys (Gigi) Evans of Sacramento, CA., states: "This doesn't tell much about the wonderful man my grandpa was. It would make the newsletter too heavy to mail. He worked hard all of his life, never complained or said a mean thing about anyone. The respect and esteem which others had for him was demonstrated beautifully at his funeral - standing room only."

Other grandchildren of Mr. Towne who are TPA members, in addition to Mrs. Evans, are Laura Chapman Bosley of Lebanon, and one of our latest members (sustaining), Mrs. Dorothy McManara of Meriden.

Persons desiring to contribute to the memory of Elmer C. Towne, should mail it to Mrs. Bosley. (Addr. on Membership list.)