



Whatever drummer you choose to march to,
may your road lead to peace, love, joy,
and the warmth of friends along the way.



FROM THE DESK OF ALEXANDRIA N. (DEENA) TOWNE, TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

"One Thousand Years of Christmas as Celebrated by Our English Ancestors" . . .

No other people have ever observed CHRISTMAS as lustily as the English. They have been celebrating it for well over one thousand years! According to legend, King Arthur spent Christmas at York in 521 (a.d.) with guests, minstrels, gleemen, harpers, pipe-players, jugglers and dancers. An English chronicle of 1735 claimed that King Arthur, his clergy, all his nobility, soldiers and neighbors spent the holidays in mirth, jollity and drinking.

Ever since, except for brief periods of Puritan rule, vigorous feasting and merrymaking have been the order of the season. Even the word CHRISTMAS comes from CHRISTES (Christ) and MASSE, an old English word for feast or festival. Once upon a time Christmas was celebrated for twelve days each year with each day having its own name and special observances.

Early invaders of England came from many parts of Europe. They brought their own customs with them. Christianity arrived in England in the sixth century. Eventually, Christmas became a merry fusion of old and new, of pagan and Christian rituals.

A Puritan ban on Christmas in the mid-1600's ended after the monarchy was restored in 1660. Then the holiday became more spiritual. In the 1800's the Victorian era added some new touches, including the Christmas tree and Christmas cards. Christmas in Britain is a quieter time now than in the old days. But, it is still a festival of joy that is rich with tradition. Though the incredible banquets, jousting tournaments and boisterous revelry of the Middle Ages may be long gone, many remnants of colorful old-time Yuletide customs are still practiced.

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CHRISTMAS ART-WORK ESPECIALLY DONE FOR "ABOUT TOWNE" BY FLORIDA ARTIST

The Towne Family Association wishes to convey its sincerest thanks to our Christmas artist, Jeanne Van Dorn Mauk, 2255 Lake Ruby Road, Deland, Florida, 32720, for the creative and inspiring winter scene at the top of our front page. If you like what you see, I'm certain that Jeanne would love to know. Write to her. WBT

Britain announces the holiday season with music, including concerts and pealing clamorous bells. They have multitudes of carols. In addition to the wealth of classic Christmas music that is part of the British heritage, new carols are always being added by contemporary composers.

Christmas has always inspired writers and poets. Some of the liveliest examples of Christmas literature have come from England. William Shakespeare, John Milton, Robert Herrick, Lord Tennyson, William Makepeace Thackeray, Anthony Trollope, Christina Rossetti, George Bernard Shaw, Dylan Thomas -- these and many more have given us the flavor, taste and sound of British Christmastide.

Charles Dickens, sometimes called "Father of Christmas himself," toured England and America giving readings of his "A Christmas Carol." Eager audiences stood in long lines in freezing weather to hear him. Washington Irving was an American but he lived in England for seventeen years and captured the essence of English Christmas in his Sketchbook.

CALENDAR YEAR 1982 IS UPON US, AND THE TIME FOR 1982 DUES IS HERE!

With the coming of 1 January 1982, comes also the time for you to pay your dues! It is also the time for present members to change their membership categories, if they so desire. Send in the application blank on page 24 to change

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NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SPURS TFA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO NEW HEIGHTS

In the Autumn issue of the NEWS-LETTER of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (Vol. 8, Number 2) an entire half-page was devoted to an article (written by your editor) on the formation of the Towne Family Association. We never knew so many Towne descendants existed, but motivated by the NEHGS Newsletter article membership inquiries and memberships have been coming in in record numbers. As of this writing (6 Dec. 1981) our membership and subscriptions stand at ninety-three persons, compared to the fifty-eight people listed in the last "About Towne." A copy of the NEHGS newsletter article is reproduced on page 25.

"1st 100 Club" Set Up

The NEHGS Newsletter also announced the formation of the "1st 100 Club" of our Association. This honor is bestowed on the first one-hundred people to become members of the association.

The influx of over half-again as many members as we had before the distribution of the NEHGS Newsletter constitutes a significant plus for the Association. (See membership list.) It has made the TFA much more financially solvent than ever before, and the task of deciding how money must be spent, between this or that item, and the concern as to where the money for the next "About Towne" would come from no longer exists. It is a very good feeling to have.

The NEHGS Newsletter article brought in in excess of eighty inquiries, of which thirty-five have joined to this date. Most inquirers were exuberant upon learning of the association's existence. Some, who live in northeastern Massachusetts, were remiss for not knowing earlier so they could have attended the TFA's Towne Meeting held on 22 August 1981 in Danvers and Topsfield.

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NEHGS Newsletter Spurs

Secty-Treas. Works Overtime

So unexpected was the rash of inquiries and new members, your Secretary-Treasurer was hardly prepared to handle them all. Other things, such as this issue of "About Towne," had to take a back seat to the need to answer the inquiries and to attend to correspondence involving new memberships. Perhaps by the week of 6 through the 12th of December the dust will settle and work on "About Towne" can continue.

350 Copies of Vol. I, # 3 gone

The last issue of "About Towne" has been exhausted, and we had three-hundred and fifty copies printed. Many of them were sent to telephone book listings. Unfortunately, however, this procedure is not paying off, and those who did not respond will be sent no more promotional data. On 7 December the TFA had the issue reprinted. Vol. I, #'s 1 & 2 are now on their fifth re-print. Much of your secretary-treasurer's time is spent at the copy shops getting re-prints made.

The TFA is very grateful to the New England Historic Genealogical Society for its generous help in getting our Association going. According to Dr. James B. Bell, NEHGS Director, the Towne Family Association is a step in the right direction, as he told the group attending the Towne Meeting in August. In his opinion the TFA will grow and grow and grow. The descendants of William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne are scattered throughout the USA and Canada. Since the progenitors had a large family and whose children themselves had large families, their descendants now are located in every state. According to Dr. Bell, the timing in starting the TFA could not have been better.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
MAYBE TOWNE'S ARE MILLER'S, OR BREWERS,
OR ATWOODS, TOO

By William B. Towne, Sr.

Surnames existed at one time in history only for the royalty and people of high station. If any surname existed before 1000-1100 it probably was because a person was the son of his father. If the father was named Richard, his son was called Richard's-son, hence the surname Richardson. But Richard's son may have been given the name Robert, and when he married and had sons, they may have been called Robert's-son, or Robertson. From the standpoint of bloodlines, then, Richardsons and Robertsons may be different names, but their bloodlines identical.

We all know that occupations and locations of homes played a large part in providing surnames for people. If a Thomas who lived near a forest were named, it would probably have been Thomas-at-

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Calendar Year 1982 Dues Due!

your category. If you do not wish to make any changes in your membership status, you need not send in the application blank -- just send us your check.

We must point out that even though you may have joined the TFA in late 1981, you will have received all issues of the TFA newsletter, "About Towne," and unless you specified to the contrary, dues for 1982 are due now. Please do not delay in getting your dues to us, if you haven't already paid, so that your membership status continues without a break.

(The application below may be Xeroxed if you do not wish to destroy the newsletter, and the opposite page.)



WHEN A TOWN IS NOT A TOWN
CHOCTAW INDIAN TAKES TOWN NAME

Pictured above are OTAT (Office of Terminal Assistance) officials, Ron Jaeger, left, and Jess T. Town, director of administrative services at the scene of remodeling work on a building intended for use by the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) operation. However, OTAT now has been directed to prepare a phase-out plan.

One of our newest members, Mrs. Phyllis Young, according to her daughter, Maxine Canny (TFA member), found the news item in the Brigham City, UT newspaper. She then called Mr. Town to find out what his heritage lines were. "He said that although his name is Town, he

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THE TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed is my check (), money order (), for my membership for the calendar year in accordance with the schedule checked at the right. Please check one:

- New Membership/Subscription
- Renewal Membership/Subscription

Please find my ancestor charts establishing my relationship to the immigrant ancestors, William (1) and Joanna (Blessing) Towne. Note: Associate membership is available to those who can connect their ancestry to the Towne Family, but who have not as yet connected it to the immigrant ancestors. Assoc. membership is also available to interested persons who may not be related to the Towne Family. Assoc. members are entitled to vote.

Annual dues:

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|-------------|----|-----|-----|
| Subscriber* | \$ | 8 | () |
| Active | \$ | 10 | () |
| Associate | \$ | 10 | () |
| Sustaining | \$ | 30 | () |
| Life | \$ | 250 | () |
| Family | \$ | 10 | () |

+ \$5 for each additional member

* Receives newsletter only. No voting rights, and not considered a member.

Family members: Regular dues for the first member, and \$5 for each additional person with all members of the family receiving only one newsletter at one address.

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

YULETIDE PRAYER

By Ruth G. Rose

As long as mortals have the nerve
To pray for things they don't deserve;
As long as conscience has a stain,
The prayer of man will be in vain.

So humbly, Lord, we ask of Thee
That princely gift -- sincerity.
And may we use it through life's span
To build on earth a better man.

And should we crave for gifts more royal,
Please make us, God, a bit more loyal.
That we may give to those we serve
A measure full as they deserve.

And make us rich with eager zest
To give our work the very best.
To know the wheat; reject the chaff.
To have the nerve to stand the gaff.

O Lord in mercy intervene
To keep our hearts both young and clean.
The will to give a man a lift;
Make this, O God, our Christmas gift.

Sent in by: Mrs. Perry G. Rose
2231 Main St.
Bellevue, NE 68005

Towne Family Association Born January 1981

WILLIAM AND JOANNA (BLESSING) TOWNE ARRIVED from Yarmouth, England, with the wave of Puritans who came to Salem, Massachusetts, in the mid-seventeenth century. Their descendants have been many and have populated all of the fifty states, as well as the Canadian provinces. The Towne Family Association, begun on 1 January 1981, is seeking members from all over the world who can trace their ancestry back to the two progenitors, or who either bear themselves, or have ancestors who bore, the Towne surname or one of its derivatives.

The progenitors had eight children, half of whom were girls. If your name is Nurse (Nourse), Esty (Easty), Bridges, or Cloyes, you may be descended from one of the progenitor's daughters. Granddaughters married persons with the following surnames: Pritchett, Peabody, Knight, Wilkins, Perkins, Stiles, Nichols, Kenny (Kenney), Fitz, Farnum (Farnham), Curtis, Haven, McKinstry, and many others. If your ancestry goes back to the progenitors through the married names of the Towne daughters, granddaughters, etc., you are a direct descendant and are eligible for active membership in the association.

The purpose of the Towne Family Association is to bring together the family via correspondence, newsletters, and other media as they exist today, wherever descendants may be. Also, the association will attempt to index and identify as many Townes (or derivatives thereof) and collateral lines as possible, and to research and provide research assistance back to the progenitors. Other purposes include the preservation of family documents, monuments, cemeteries and inscriptions therein, and family histories and memorabilia. The association encourages the free exchange of information among its members and will attempt to bring members from all over the continent together, both in person and by correspondence.

The Towne Family Association publishes the highly informative *About Towne* quarterly as its official family newsletter. In future issues there will appear as many family histories as possible.

Members joining during the year 1981 or earlier (some joined as early as September 1980) are automatically "charter members." The association has also established the "1st 100 Club," which consists of the first 100 charter members. There are still opportunities to fill openings in the "1st 100 Club," on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons desiring to affiliate should write to William B. Towne, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer, 38 Sayles Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803.

(Reprint of article in NEHGS News-Letter, Vol. 8, Number 2, Autumn, 1981.)

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

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Woods, which later became Thomas Atwood. Interestingly enough, Thomas may have had a brother who lived by a river and ran a mill. The brother's name could have easily become Miller, so we have William Miller, even though an identical blood relationship existed between the two.

In the case of the Towne surname, and this can be verified by any who have learned to read Chaucerian English, it is derived from a hedge or wall, or some other bordering designating the limits of a town. The name comes from the

TFA NEEDS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MEMBERS

From time-to-time in our newsletters, the TFA would like to publish short autobiographical or biographical sketches of its members. The reason is for all of us to get to know one another better. It's difficult by mail to learn much about our cousins across the world. Ancestor charts don't tell us much about the person. Send in your

word "tun". It does not mean a village as so many think. In Chaucer's stories the word "tun" is commonly and throughout used to indicate a town as we know it today. In fact, the term, town, used to indicate a small city or large village, as we now know it, probably came from the same word, "tun."

Some books refer to the origin of the Towne surname being from a person's location, but, like Thomas-at-Woods, those who lived next to a "tun" acquired a name such as Peter-at-tun. In fact, there is an account of a Thomas who lived near a tun, and his name ~~is~~ was Thomas-at-Towne. Eventually, as the language evolved, "tun" became "town," and Town became Towne.

Another interesting thing about family history is just how much of the Towne family are we? I am an eleventh-generation descendant of William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne. I am also an eleventh-generation descendant of Anna Paulgrave. Except for accidents of birth along the way, my name could have as well been Paulgrave. Just because my surname is Towne, doesn't mean that I am any more of a Towne than I am any one of some 2064 ancestors that go back to eleven generations. I am a Spink, Woodbury, Ober, Harper, and about 300 surnames, just as much as I am a Towne.

John³ Towne -- that's how his name was spelled (I think) when he was born, dropped the final "e" for some unknown reason. Perhaps he thought it was English-like and England was coming into some disfavor about John's time. Just as possible, people generally were not able to spell very well, just didn't put the "e" on. My grandfather who was born in 1872, grew up with his surname spelled without the "e". However, it became fashionable in the early 1900's to have "good penmanship," and that meant to be able to write with flourishes and whirley-gigs. On my father's and mother's marriage certificate, my grandfather was a witness to the ceremony, and his signature on the certificate was like Towne, with just a whirley-gig flourish at the end of his surname. However, his wife and my father always spelled their surnames with the final "e" and by the time of my grandfather's death, he was spelling it that way, also.

In this article it is shown how our surnames change over periods of time. Now, if you want to go into the sons of people named Towne, we could explore the Townshends, Townsends, Towners, and other derivatives, and we'd probably find kinfolk. But, space does not permit it.

autobiographical sketch so the others can get to know you better.

A HELPFUL HINT ABOUT POSTAGE

Many of our members send us letters from time-to-time that weigh more than one 20¢ stamp will carry. So, they put on another 20¢ stamp. This is unnecessary. You can save three cents by adding 17¢. The first ounce is 20¢ and the second ounce is 17¢, or for any fraction of an ounce over the first one ounce.

A small \$4 or \$5 diet scale available in most drug stores is excellent for weighing letters as well as food, and it would not be long before it paid for itself.

Since postage rates have reached the point of being ridiculous we don't want to enhance the Post Office.

NATIONAL EXAMINER STORY HIGHLIGHTS JOSEPH TOWNE'S CASE

A story in the Nov. 24, 1981, National Examiner dealing with the threat of microwaves highlighted the example of Joseph Towne, a victim of the problem that threatens all of the people in the world, according to the news magazine.

Physicians and scientists are alarmed by the ominous presence of deadly microwaves in our atmosphere. Joseph Towne, of North Highlands, CA., was cited as an example of the problem. Joseph Towne worked as a mechanic-technician on a radar plane for the Air Force, the article pointed out. He was on the job for 10 years. During this work, he had eye problems and had to leave his job in 1966, after which his eyes developed cataracts.



In addition to problems with his eyes Towne told the Examiner that he now has a myriad of illnesses including heart trouble and circulation problems. He has pains in his legs. One physician diagnosed Towne's ailments as "Microwave Sickness." The disease is irreversible, the article continued. Towne feels that the Air Force is doing more to covering up the problem than in helping him fight the disease. He works now in a volunteer job as a service officer for the Disabled American Veterans.

NEWLY ARRIVED! A NEW TOWNE DESCENDANT!

Kyle Roy McDaniel, son of Philip Craig and Sally Sue (Bolene) McDaniel, b. 21 Aug. 1981, Ponca City, Kay Co., Oklahoma. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents!

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DIRECTOR HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION AND WORK OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

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13 November 1981

Mr. William B. Towne, Sr.
38 Sayles Road
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Dear Bill:

How nice it is to hold in my hand a cheering and thoughtful letter from you. How I wish we could sit together and chat now, today, about all those matters which are of interest to us. Many thanks for sending on to me a copy of the latest issue of About Towne. You certainly have strengthened the Towne Family Associations understanding of the family's genealogy as the issue of the newsletter is just packed with significant historical details. I am grateful to you also for the visibility which you provided the Society and myself on the occasion of the first annual meeting of the Towne Family Association.

It is encouraging to learn that the Towne Family Association is growing at a rapid pace. I knew that would happen because you have laid your groundwork with people and ideas so carefully.

I hope you've received all of the issues of the Register, however let me know precisely which copies you are missing and I will mail them to you right away. Don't worry, I'll see to it that you get all the printed materials that we put together for your bookshelves. The October issue of the Register should be in your mailbox within the next ten or fourteen days.

I hope by now you've received the books from our Library Loan Department which you ordered on September 24. I fear the extraordinary increase -- more than triple a year ago -- of demand on our loan services have built a backlog. I'm now frantically searching for another staff member, full-time, to assist us in filling this gap. However, we have made some inroads in our position during the past ten days. I apologize to you for the inconvenience which we have caused you as that is not our style of operating our Society.

It is happy news to learn that you have had nothing but favorable comments about our engagement in Asheville, and at the Towne Family Association meeting. As always, it was a great pleasure for me to participate in both as I suspect I learn much more from my audience than they do from me, and I mean that candidly.

As always, my thoughts are with you, and I know Janet wants me to convey her good wishes also. I look forward to putting my eyes on you, either in February when I am in Florida, or next spring when you come to New Hampshire to visit your charming and lovely mother. In the meanwhile, the kindest of regards.

Yours sincerely,

James B. Bell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1525 Rogers Court
DeKalb, IL 60115
Nov. 10, 1981

Dear Cousin Bill,

While reading my newsletter for the third time, (Really--reading each article,) I was horrified to see that in sending my lineage, or when I filled out the family chart, I inadvertently put my maternal grandparents where my paternal grandparents belonged. The chart I filled out was enough different from the ones I usually used that I must have put the wrong name in the wrong place, Or something. So ---- I hope I can correct this without further errors, because I want to appear in the family charts correctly. It's important to me! According to the lineage that appeared in the newsletter (Sec. Vol. I, Nr. 3) at the point of Cora (10) Pearl Town, she married John Lambkin, not Amzy Boyd, who is my maternal grandfather. This is the way it should appear from this point on:

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|--------------------------|------------|----|-----------------|
| Cora ¹⁰ | Pearl Town | m. | John W. Lambkin |
| Archie ¹¹ | W. Lambkin | m. | Irene Boyd |
| Donna Jean ¹² | Lamb- | m. | Wm. H. Moore |
| | kin | | |

Can you please fix my papers so I am represented correctly? I am looking forward to the next newsletter.

Sincerely yours,
/s/Donna J. Moore

(Ed.'s Note: All corrections have been made, and I hope that all of the members will piece out our imperfections with their hearts. Thanks, Donna. WBT)

WE REGRET THAT WE GOOFED! HERE IS THE CORRECTED LINEAGE OF ROSALIE STEEL BOLENE

The lineage of Rosalie Steele Bolene, published on Page 16, Vol. I, # 3 is incorrect, due to a goof on the part of your editor. The corrected lineage is as follows:

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| Wm. ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Joseph ² Towne | m. | Phebe Perkins |
| Joseph ³ Towne | m. | Margaret Case |
| Joseph ⁴ Towne | m. | Jemima Bixby |
| Jemima ⁵ Towne | m. | James White |
| Samuel White Sr. | m. | Betty Chandler |
| Samuel White Jr. | m. | Phebe Baker |
| Jared Baker White | m. | Mary Charlotte Mandeville |
| Harriet Newell White | m. | Clarence Rufus Steele |
| Margaret Rosalie Steele | m. | Robert Victor Bolene |

We apologize for the error.

MEMBERSHIP LIST; Following are the members and subscribers current as of 8 December 1981. Members who joined only for 1982 (not for 1981) have a @ after their names. Those persons with an asteriks (*) before their names have become members since the last newsletter was printed in Vol. I., Nr. 3.

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| TOWLE, Marlene A. | c/o Heritage Books 3602 Maureen Lane | Bowie | MD 20715 | Act. |

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QUERY

Mary Towne married John Pritchard. He had previously married a daughter of John Denison and had a child by her. The said child was mentioned in the will of Denison as Sarah (Sara) Pritchett. John Pritchard then married Mary Towne 1 Mar. 1680/81 Topsfield.

1. Sarah, d. 4 Dec. 1695
2. Elizabeth, b. 22 July 1675; d. 30 Nov. 1695.
3. John b. 28 Mar. 1680.

My question has never been answered satisfactorily as to who was John Pritchard Jr.'s mother? -- A Denison or a Towne? From the records it would be a Towne. Can anyone help? Send info to the Query Editor, at the Assn.'s address.

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Ancestry of My Parents, Rejoice Foster Towne and Elizabeth Chloe (Sessions) Towne, by George Towne, STILL AVAILABLE.

The Ancestry of My Parents, Rejoice Foster Towne and Elizabeth Chloe (Sessions) Towne, by George Towne, is still available. It is an excellent family history and traces in excess of eighty lines of descent down to the author. The book was one of those recommended by Dr. James B. Bell, Director of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, at the TFA Towne Meeting on 22 August.

Bound in a red wine colored hard cover, the book contains over 235 pages of ancestral data, maps, charts, crests and family records.

A recent letter from our member, Harold G. Towne, son of the author, reveals that he has several hundred copies of the book which was printed in 1974. The price is \$10.00 per copy, and is very well worth it. Write to Harold G. Towne, 58 South Street, Westboro, MA. 01581 to get your copy.

THE LINEAGE OF HAROLD G. TOWNE
(Taken from: Ancestry of My Parents, Rejoice Foster Towne and Elizabeth Chloe (Sessions) Towne.)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| William Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Jacob ² Towne | m. | Catherine Symonds |
| John ³ Town | m. | Mary Smith |
| John ⁴ Town | m. | Lydia Hunkins |
| Simon ⁵ Town | m. | Mary Pike |
| Joel ⁶ Town | m. | Elizabeth Willard |
| Rejoice Foster ⁷ Towne | m. | Elizabeth Chloe Sessions |
| Harold G. ⁹ Towne | m. | |

QUERY

Samuel George Towne was born about 1795. Where? He died 15 November 1842 at Brownville, Jefferson Co., N.Y. His wife was Lydia Harvey b. 14 Mar. 1793 in Connecticut. Does anyone have data that could identify Samuel George Towne, who lived

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MEMBERSHIP LIST. Continued from Page 27.

| Name | Address | City | Zip | Cat. |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|
| TOWNE, Alexandria N. | 44 Pearl St. | Amesbury | MA 01913 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Allen N. | 113 Water Rd. | Durham | NH 03824 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Arline S. | 277 Madry St. Apt. 325 | Exeter | NH 03833 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Arthur J. | 20 Savoy Rd. | So. Hamilton | MA 01982 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Harold G. | 58 South St. | Westboro | MA 01581 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Herbert A. | P.O. Box 395 | Inverness | FL 32650 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Jean L. | 20 Savoy Rd. | So. Hamilton | MA 01982 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Joanne L. | Westtown School | Westtown | PA 19395 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Kenneth B. | 44 Pearl St. | Amesbury | MA 01913 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Krystene R. | 44 Pearl St. | Amesbury | MA 01913 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Lucy A. | 3 Sutton Avenue | Salem Willows | MA 01970 | Act. |
| *TOWNE, Nan Louise@ | 4644 N.W. 44th Ct. | Tamarac | FL 33319 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Norman J. | 1981 Calif. Ave. | Wahkiawa | HI 96786 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Rebecca J. | Box 395 | Inverness | FL 32650 | Act. |
| TOWNE, Richard E. | 4644 N.W. 44th Ct. | Tamarac | FL 33319 | Act.F. |
| TOWNE, Warren J. | 1315 N. Columbus Apt. 32 | Glendale | CA 91202 | S |
| TOWNE, William B.Jr. | 4610 45th St., N.W. | Washington | DC 20016 | Act. |
| TOWNE, William B.Sr. | 38 Sayles Rd. | Asheville | NC 28803 | Act. |
| TOWN, William L. | R.F.D. 1 | Earlville | IL 60518 | Act. |
| *TUOHY, Ann | 1707 7th St. | Snohomish | WA 98290 | Act. |
| TUCKER, Dorothy | 829 Wilson St. | Manitowoc | WI 54220 | Subs. |
| VAN WOERT, Floyd R. | R 2 Box 2823 | Oroville | CA 95965 | Act. |
| *WARNER, Jean R. @ | 45 Roosevelt St | Hamden | CT 06514 | Act. |
| WATKINS, Avis M. | 8 Gardner St., Apt. 1 | Exeter | NH 03833 | Act. |
| WHITE, Marlene C. | 18 Maryvale Dr. | Webster | NY 14580 | Subs. |
| *WHITMAN, Herbert S. | Box 186 | Cornwall | CT 06753 | Act. |
| *WHITNEY, Eileen L. | 11 35 Westview Ave | White Plains | NY 10603 | Act. |
| WILLIAMS, Muriel V. | 27 Elliot Rd. | Lexington | MA 02173 | Subs. |
| YARWOOD, William R. | 1250 N. State Col. Blvd. | Anaheim | CA 92806 | Act. |
| *YOUNG, Phyllis | 461 So. 2nd East | Brigham City | UT 84302 | Subs. |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DAISY CHAPMAN!

The TFA wishes to extend to Daisy G. (Towne) Chapman Happy Birthday wishes. On 3 December Mrs. Chapman was 93 years young. She is the last living child of James Coos Freedom Towne, who had eleven children. (See: Vol. I, No. 3, Page 17).

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHOCTAW INDIAN NAMED "TOWN" . . .

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is no relation to us," Mrs. Canny wrote. He is a Choctaw Indian. His grandfather, Chief Whitehorse, was born in 1844 and rode in the Trail of Tears and Jess said that he wrote his thesis on this subject. Jess Town was born in Oklahoma and has taught in seven western states. This Christmas he is being transferred back to Oklahoma.

Jess's name came about from the name given to his grandfather when Indians had to take an American name as he was carrying a rifle, and riding into town he was given the name Winchester Town, and thus all of his descendants go by the name of Town.

Interestingly enough, this just might have been the way some of the European Towne's got their surnames back in olden day England.

LINEAGE OF LAURA CHAPMAN BOSLEY

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Wm. ¹ Towne | m. Joanna Blessing |
| Edmund ² Towne | m. Mary Browning |
| Joseph ³ Towne | m. Amy Smith |
| Nathan ⁴ Towne | m. Phebe Curtis |
| Aaron ⁵ Towne | m. Hannah Beverly |
| Aaron ⁶ Towne | m. Patience Freetoe |

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| James Coos Freedom ⁷ Towne | m. (3) Esther Willoughby (Smith) Douglas |
| Daisy Clista ⁸ Towne | m. Newell Chapman |
| Laura Chapman | m. Bosley |

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from ca 1825 to about 1842 in Ontario, Canada, a descendant of William and Joanna (Blessing)Towne? Contact your Query Editor if you can help. BLMOP.

QUERY

Seeking any information on my ancestor, Salem Craftsbury Towne, moved to near Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio, from Vermont after 1825. His Children: Zerah, Isiah, Jason, Washington, Willard, and Elizabeth. Need parents, place of birth, dates, etc. Also, of brothers and sisters. Contact TFA Query Editor. A0008.

INTERESTING DATA SENT IN BY DONALD I. BARTON ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TOWNE AND BARTON FAMILIES THE FOLLOWING CHART IS PROVIDED:

Lineage of Danny Hugh See, Jr.
(Taken from Vol. I, # 3)

Lineage of Timothy Mark Barton

Lineage of Clarissa Harlowe Barton

| WILLIAM ¹ TOWNE | | JOANNA BLESSING | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jacob ² Towne | m. Catherine Symonds | Sarah ² Towne | m. Edmund Bridges, Jr. (1st marriage) |
| John ³ Towne | m. Mary Smith | Hannah Bridges | m. Samuel Barton |
| Ephriam ⁴ Towne | m. Sarah Kenney | Caleb Barton | m. Mary Shunway |
| Edmund ⁵ Towne | m. Abigail Brewer | John Barton | m. Abigail Dana |
| Edmund ⁶ Towne | m. Lydia (Ann) Luce (1st marriage) | Jeremiah Barton | m. Eleanor Sinclair (St. Calif) |
| Edmund Brewer ⁷ Towne | m. Ruel Mace | Leonard Barton | m. Caroline Elizabeth Bateman |
| George Edwin ⁸ Towne | m. Sarah Lavinia Stevens | Albert Wheeler Barton | m. Georgianna Sharp |
| Herbert Alphonso ⁹ Towne | m. Grace Farnum Spink | Martin Van Buren | m. Alma Inez Runner |
| Herbert Ray ¹⁰ Towne | m. Arline Sheldon Clinkard | Donald Irving Barton* | m. Virginia Ozelma Barton |
| William Bradford ¹¹ Towne | m. Mary Elizabeth Cook (Div.) | Timothy Mark | m. Janice Diane Harkey |
| Mary Elizabeth ¹² Towne | m. Danny Hugh See, Sr. | | |
| Danny Hugh See Jr. | unmarried | | |

* Author of the chart

QUERY

Thomas TOWNE m. (1) Elizabeth Towne (2) Sarah Buxton. Is Sarah Towne his daughter by his 1st or 2nd marriage? Need date of death for Elizabeth, and date of marriage to Sarah. Send your answer to Query Editor. A0072

LETTER FROM MERTON R. HOCH TELLS ABOUT MID-WEST DEVELOPMENT BY TOWNE FAMILY

My grandmother, born Bertha Beatrice Towne, Sept. 4, 1854, parents William and Miranda Ringsley Towne, was one of the group that helped develop the Mid-West. I am not certain of her birthplace though likely it is around or in Erie, PA. After she was married, she visited her grandmother Susannah (Martin) Towne in that city. Her mother died when she (Bertha) was two and her father remarried when she was four. She married Martin Zimmerman in 1871 when she was just seventeen. They had ten children with my mother, Lena, being the ninth of these.

Most or all of these children were born in or near Winnebago, near Rockford, IL. The family lived there until after the oldest children were married. Then they moved to near Osceola, Iowa, but I am not sure of the year. In March, 1906, they moved to a farm a mile south of Hartford, Kansas, in the southeastern part of Lyon County. At that time my mother was sixteen. Her father, Martin Zimmerman, contracted Typhoid fever and died that same month.

At this time the four youngest of the children were still at home. They ranged in age from fourteen to twenty-three. They all married and lived around Hartford, Kansas. The youngest, Rose, married Orme Hoch, the next younger brother to my father, who was the oldest of children of Philip Hoch and Catherine Miller. Grandmother never remarried. The first I remember of her was that she lived with Uncle Orme and Aunt Rose in the 1920's. Then she returned to Rockford, IL, to help her oldest son, Will, to raise his youngest son, Kenneth, when Will's wife died. Later, in the 1930's, she returned to Hartford, and lived with one of her daughters and her family. The last few years of her life she lived with Aunt Ella in Hartford. She died in 1949 at the age of 95. Both she and her husband are buried in the Hartford Cemetery along with several of her children.

The family groups (charts) I have sent are primarily those of the two youngest daughters of Bertha (Towne) Zimmerman -- Lena Mae Zimmerman, who married Ralph Hoch; and Rose Zimmerman who married Orme Hoch. Ralph and Lena had five children of whom I am the second; Rose and Orme had nine children.

Even though we have been widely separated we have kept in touch more than would ordinarily be true since we are also Hoch. This family group has begun having yearly meetings. A number of these are interested in family history and hopefully interested in the Townes also.

Though another sister, Ella, married and lived near Hartford, and with whom we were close as children, we have not kept in touch in the last forty years. Ella married Jess Chambers and

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NEWSLETTER COLORS BOTHER SOME; SMALL PRINT HARD ON THE EYES

Your editor had hoped that with each season issue of "About Towne" we would be able to have a seasonal color, if possible. In our first issue, the color of the paper was a pastel green, though it turned out darker than was at first desired. Number 2 was printed on yellow paper. Number three was on orange paper. Yellow could be associated with the sunshine of summer and orange with the colors of fall. However, the orange paper turned out to be of a darker shade than was anticipated, and it brought in one or two complaints.

In the next year we intend to follow the color pattern for the seasons, and in cases where the color was too dark, we're just going to find a lighter shade.

With this issue we have increased the size of the type for easier reading. However, this will mean that we can't squeeze as much data into the newsletter as we could with the smaller type. Let us know which you like better. In an effort to keep down postage costs we are trying to get by with only enough pages to stay within the 20¢ stamp mailing without going overweight. Your editor claims a little Scotch ancestry where the expenditure of money is concerned. If you have any constructive suggestions, please let us know.

Lineage provided by Allen N. Towne . . .

- William¹ Towne m. Joanna Blessing
- Edmund² Towne m. Mary Browning
- Joseph³ Towne m. Amy Smith

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they had three children, all as old or older than I. Likely I could gather information from them with the help of one of my sisters.

Also, the youngest son of the Zimmerman family, Herbert, married and lived in Hartford. We did not visit or see much of them even while growing up. They had five children; three boys and two girls. The oldest son, Will, lived in Rockford and had four children. I have not kept in touch with any of them although my oldest sister has. Most of the cousins there are gone since Uncle Will was sixteen years older than my mother. The second son, Norman, raised a family near Kent, Minnesota. I never saw them. The other sister that married, Edith, lived in Murray, Iowa, having married a Myers. They had one son who died young. Aunt Edith came to live near home when her husband died and we got acquainted with her in the fifties.

Merton R. Hoch
December 1981

Editor's Note: Writings such as this are what the TFA needs for use in its newsletter. These are the type of stories that make genealogy interesting. If you have autobiographical or biographical information please send it to your editor for use in the "About Towne" newsletter.

- Nathan⁴ Towne m. Phebe Curtis
- Nathan⁵ Towne m. Mary Poole
- John⁶ Towne m. Patty Gray
- John P.⁷ Towne m. Susan Woodbridge
- George W.⁸ Towne m. Mary A. Hannan (Mannan)
- Raymond A.⁹ Towne m. Lillian V. Smith
- Allen N. Towne m. Carmilla Foskin (Foshin)

ESTATE OF GEORGE G. TOWNE OF CAMBRIDGE, MA. WILL

Will: Be it known that I, George G. Towne, of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being in full health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and mindful of the uncertainties of human life, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me at anytime heretofore made.

1st. I hereby designate and appoint my wife Augusta W. Towne and Enos W. Reed of said Cambridge executors of this my last will and testament, and I direct that no surety or sureties be required upon the bond at said execution in discharging said trust.

2nd. I request my said executors to pay my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as may be after my decease.

3rd. To my brother, Trueman B. Towne at Boston, Mass., I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred dollars in money.

4th. All the rest residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, of every name and description and wherever placed or situated at which I may die seized, possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Augusta W. Towne, aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I, the said George G. Towne hereunto set my hand and seal and in the presence of three witnesses declare this to be my last will and testament this fifteenth day of January A.D. 1887.

/s/ George G. Towne (seal)

On the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1887, George G. Towne of Cambridge, Massachusetts, signed and reoled (sic) the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be his last will and testament and as witnesses thereof we three do now at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names.

- Edw B. J. Nalley
- John F. Dillon
- Sarah E. Edwards

Real Estate Value: \$16,500.00
Personal Estate 10,674.65

His date of death was 13 May 1887.

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IF YOU OFFER TO HELP, DON'T BE SURPRISED IF WE TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER

Recently, as our front-page story has announced, the TFA is experiencing continuing growth. Numbers of new members have written in asking what they can do to help. That is, indeed, gratifying. To begin with, we are asking all members to provide us with ancestor charts and later on, family group cards. Compiling the latter is no easy task, and compiling them for the entire society by one person would be impossible. If you want the Association to be a central processing information storage facility that can put its information in a centralized and computerized place, there are no two ways about what has to be done.

Ancestor charts, by themselves, only tell who a person's forebears were. They are not enough, by themselves. We want as much information about ALL Towne descendants as possible. Therefore, all 15 children are important in your great, great, grandfather's family -- not just the one you descend from.

It is hoped that the TFA in the future will be able to publish and put together a new Towne Family Genealogy. To do so, it will be imperative that we have as much data as possible. The key to that data are the Family Group Cards we have requested from you.

So that your genealogist can concentrate on the compilation of data, your Association needs an editor of "About Towne," as announced in Vol. I, # 3. Who will be first to volunteer?

Another job that can be done right from your living room is that of indexing the four issues of "About Towne." This should be an on-going project issue by issue. Volunteers are sought to perform this very important task. Please get in touch with the Editor for details on how it should be done.



Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all, young and old, from your TFA!

Lineage of William R. Butts, provided by Dalene Robinson Butts:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Edmund ² Towne | m. | Mary Browning |
| Joseph ³ Towne | m. | Amy Smith |
| Benjamin ⁴ Towne | m. | Susanna Wildes |
| Eli ⁵ Towne | m. | Elizabeth Gould |
| Eli ⁶ Towne | m. | Abigail Cutting |
| Elijah ⁷ Towne | m. | Elizabeth Potts |
| Cyrus Huston ⁸ Towne Sr. | m. | Martha Elizabeth Hilligoss |
| Helen Milan ⁹ Towne | m. | Hiram Albert Willis |
| Mary Helen Willis | m. | Murray Reese Butts |
| William R. Butts | m. | Dalene Robinson |

Lineage provided by Doris M. Frost:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Sarah ² Towne | m. | Peter Cloyes |
| James Cloyes | m. | Mary () |
| Keziah Cloyes | m. | William Goddard |
| Solomon Goddard | m. | Thankful Bouker |
| Levi Goddard | m. | Lydia Whitrey |
| Josiah Goddard | m. | Eunice Willard |
| Marcia Marian Goddard | m. | Joseph S. Moulton |
| James Buchanan Moulton | m. | Catherine McBriarty |
| Ethel Moulton | m. | Paul A. Raue |
| Doris M. Raue | m. | Richard J. Frost |

Lineage provided by John Bradley Cooper, CG (Certified Genealogist):

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Edmund ² Towne | m. | Mary Browning |
| Abigail ³ Towne | m. | Jacob Peabodie |
| Mercy Peabodie | m. | Richard Dresser |
| John Dresser | m. | Sarah Scott |
| Benjamin Dresser | m. | Jemima Scott |
| John Dresser | m. | Nancy Tucker |
| Mary Dresser | m. | John Milton Cooper |
| Octavia Maria Cooper | m. | John Milton Cooper |
| Samuel Clayton Cooper | m. | Ella Lillian Dusenbury |
| John Bradley Cooper | m. | ? |

Anybody perplexed by these lines? Mr. Cooper tells us, "The Cooper lineage as presented is tangled but correct. The father of Octavia Maria Cooper was John Milton Cooper and she married her

cousin who was also named John Milton Cooper, but was not the same person."

MORE GOOFING
 We regret that we left off, inadvertently, the name of our active member, Margaret Spink Steidl from our membership list in Vol. I., Nr. 3. Please accept our apologies, Margaret.

Lineage provided by Elizabeth T. Schmitt

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Joseph ² Towne | m. | Phebe Perkins |
| John ³ Towne | m. | Abigail Stanley |
| Bartholomew ⁴ Towne | m. | Hannah Fitts |
| Robert ⁵ Town | m. | Elizabeth Hawes |
| Simon ⁶ Town | m. | Betsy Williams |
| Reuben ⁷ Town | m. | Polly Green |
| Joel ⁸ Town | m. | Rosetta Powers |
| Howard Elson ⁹ Town | m. | Eva P. Wormser |
| Claude C. ¹⁰ Towne | m. | Marjorie Myrtle Clouser |
| Elizabeth Ann ¹¹ | m. | John Leigh Schmitt |

Lineage provided by Iris Foster Kalb:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Jacob ² Towne | m. | Catharine Symonds |
| John ³ Town | m. | Mary Smith |
| Ephraim ⁴ Town | m. | Sarah Kenney |
| Edmund ⁵ Town | m. | Abigail Brewer |
| David ⁶ Town | m. | Lydia Slate |
| Edmund ⁷ Town | m. | Sarah Straw Smith |
| Russell Newton ⁸ Towne | m. | Olive Priscilla Smith |
| Edwin Wallace ⁹ Towne | m. | Dora Amelia Davis-son |
| Dora Grace ¹⁰ Towne | m. | Everett Leslie Foster |
| Iris Foster | m. | James Warren Kalb |

Lineage provided by Roberta L. Robinson:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| William ¹ Towne | m. | Joanna Blessing |
| Jacob ² Towne | m. | Catherine Symonds |
| Jacob ³ Towne | m. | Phebe Smith |
| John ⁴ Towne | m. | Abigail Stanley |
| John ⁴ Towne | m. | Marcy Babbitt |
| Judith ⁵ Towne | m. | Ariel Rogers |
| Wm. H. H. Rogers | m. | Jennie Cassidy |
| Fisk Grant Rogers | m. | Hattie Eliza Blanchard |
| Esther May Rogers | m. | Arthur Clifford Loomis |
| Roberta Elaine Loomis | m. | Harland Spencer Robinson |