

ABOUT TOWNE

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AT LEFT: The Church of St. Nicholas, Yarmouth, England, where six of the children of William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne were baptized.

FAMILY GROUP CARDS: THE HEART OF THE CENTRAL FILE INDEX:

They keep coming in, these family group cards. Every day your genealogist-historian-editor Bill Towne gets another batch. When he has time to review the cards they are placed in an alphabetical file. He attempts to make necessary corrections.

There are a few problems, however. We hope we can clear up some of them. In Vol. I, # 3 we provided instructions for filling in the cards. One was to use black ink! (Or type.) Many cards have come in in pencil and in blue ink. Bill wasn't able to copy them over in black ink so the cards were put into the files anyway in hopes they will reproduce and hold up sufficient ly. If they don't, then there's added work that must be done. Bill can't do it all.

We request that each of you filling in your cards will put your name, address, etc. on each card under the column labeled "Source:"
The original source you got the information from is also desired. If these take up too much room put your name and address on the back of the care

The number of cards you submit has been questioned. If John Town has a son Ephriam, and Ephriam has twelve children, then the TFA wants a card headed by each of the twelve, whether or not you have all the data as to whom the child later married, etc. Please supply cards with children heading up the cards. They are Towne descendants, also.

Especially important are present generations. Suppose you have three sisters and two brothers. If you are a Towne, so are they. We want their data also, so each of them would head up a card. Then, if your sisters and brothers have children, we want a card for each of them, even if they aren't married as yet.

Another thing to be careful about is the use of data you're not certain about. If you are not certain of the evidence, or do not have primary sources to back it up, it should be put in

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

Hopefully everyone had HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

we are indeed into the New Year - 1982! What a challenge it holds for us all! 1981 was a very busy and a great year for the TFA. 1982 offers to be every bit as exciting.

After much work by our Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Towne, our "Towne Meeting" became a reality during the weekend of 22 and 23 August 1981.

A highlight of the meeting on Saturday night at the banquet was a most impressive talk by Dr. James B. Bell, director and librarian of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society headquartered in Boston. MA.

Then, on Sunday morning, 23 August, Towne cousins gathered at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Danvers, Mass., for a visit to some of the ancestral burial grounds in Topsfield, and later to the Rebecca (Towne) Nurse Homestead in Danvers. Rebecca was the first daughter and the eldest child of William (1) and Joanna (Blessing) Towne, our progenitors. Rebecca was one of three Towne sisters tried and convicted of witchcraft. She was hanged in 1692.

The group also visited the former Jacob Towne homestead in Topsfield. Jacob was the great of t grandfather of Alice (Towne) Horgan of Bradford, MA., who accompanied the group. She was a great tour guide.

Second Vice-President Arthur Justin Towne, his wife, Jean, together with Krystene Towne,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: (Cont'd from Page 1)

provided transportation and assisted in guiding the group. Arthur and Jean are of South Hamilton and Krystene is of Amesbury.

1981 was an exciting and interesting year. But, really the groundwork for the TFA was laid during the fall of 1980. Bill Towne was at my house one night and he told me we were going to have a family association. It came as a big surprise when he told me I was going to be the president. Little did we realize then the degree to which our group would grow. Of course, then, we just decided on temporary officers to get things going. We must have done something right, because most of them were re-elected at the "Towne Meeting. "

Now with 1982 upon us, and with our membership approaching the 135-mark, we are looking forward to a bountiful year while gaining more and more members that will tie together the loose ends of our family from far and wide.

Why not plan now for our "Towne Meeting" in August. It's on the 21st (and tours on the 22nd) to take place in Amesbury. Those of us who got together last August all became well acquainted and are very good friends as well as cousins. So, it's good to get together and swap stories, genealogies, yarns, etc.

One thing is a must, however, before I close this missive to the membership. The TFA, and I, want to thank each and everyone of you for joining with us and supporting us during our tottering infancy. We really didn't know whether or not we'd make it. But, I've learned that there's something about the Towne's that would appear to be inbred into them. They're a really determined bunch of folks, brought forth upon this continent amongst a bounty of hardship requiring considerable intestinal fortitude to overcome. With that kind of roots, no wonder we have survived in such good order.

I am so optimistic about 1982, and I know that all of the new members we get in this rear will be every bit as hard-working as our charter members were and are, Recession be iamned!

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR MERIT SCHOLAR: THE RANKS AMONGST THE TOP LEADERS IN NATION .

Joanne Leslie Towne, daughter of Mr. and irs. Richard E. Towne of Dhahran, Saudi-Arabia, ind who is in her senior year at the Westtown . chool, Westtown, Pennsylvania, has received a etter of commendation for her outstanding perormance in the National Merit Scholarship Qualfying Test held at the school recently. She laced amongst the top 51,000 participants seected from some 1 - 2 million students in the

A NEW 1982 ARRIVAL!

Robert James Maxwell, b. 17 Jan. 1982, to Robert Earl and Anita Elaine (Wilkerson) Maxwel in Houston, TX. The mother is the daughter of James Arthur and Dorothy Ann (Steele) Wilkerson. Dorothy Ann (Steele) Wilkerson is a sister to TFA member Rosalie Steele Bolene. The baby's father is the son of Robert, Jr., and Patricia Ann (Bleimeyer) Maxwell. Congratulations are in order for this first of the new year arrival and latest descendant of William (1) and Joanna (Blessing) Towne.

QUERY

Re: David Towne, son of David and Lydia (Slate) Towne, b. 31 Dec. 1787. He arrived at Paw Paw, IL in 1834. Need to fill in the time between birth and 1834, ie., marriage, children, occupations, etc. Also need info on any of David's sisters prior to his birth. Reply to Query Editor. Refer to number A0029.

ANYONE DESCENDED FROM GOLDYLOCKS? ? ? ? ? ?

One fellow named Willie Towne asked his teacher, "What's the difference between Goldylocks and a genealogist?" The teacher couldn't tell him.

"It's 1 (one)," he said.

"Why is it one?" she asked.

"Well, Goldylocks is concerned with three bears, and genealogists are concerned with forebears."

ARE YOU A SON-OF-A-WITCH??????? See Page 18

United States who entered the 1982 competition. A spokesman for the National Merit Scholarship Program stated, "To be designated a Commended Student out of all the merit scholars is an outstanding achievement deserving of full public recognition. The nation will benefit from the continued educational and personal development of students such as these, for they show exceptional promise."

Because of her high marks on this Merit Scholarship Test, Joanne will be able to just about pick any college in the nation to attend next fall. She has been looking at a number of them in New England, plans to study business administration and economics and to continue her mastery of German. At present she is participating in an excursion sponsored by the Westtown School to Mexico. Having lived in Venezuela for a number of years, Joanne is fluent in Spanish. Joanne's father is an engineer with the EXXON Corporation working with ARAMCO in Saudi-Arabia.

From: The Arabian Sun, Dhahran, S.A., Dec. 1981

A DREAM

Dear Bill,

Here is a poem written by an aunt in 1926 when she 83 years old. There were other poems, but this is the shortest one. Her name was Nellie Aborn Towne, of Paw Paw, IL, and she was the daughter of one of the first families to settle in Lee Co., IL.

Donna Moore

A DREAM

By Nellie (Towne) Aborn

In my dream, I stepped in the old kitchen door Where I had stood so many times before. The room was large, the ceiling low, The same sun shone with a rosy glow.

The old kichen table stood out from the wall, Making plenty of room for one and all. Three brothers, four sisters all took a place, Bowed heads while father or mother said grace.

Twas the dinner hour, but no orchestra played While the courses on our plates were laid, But wild birds sang their songs o'er and o'er Just outside the old kitchen door.

I quietly went from one room to the other, This one was used by father and mother. It looked the same with its bed neatly made, blue counterpane over it laid.

Shall I open this door, but where does it go? It will lead to the attic, don't you know. Here are the stairs we used to climb, Up where we played in olden times.

I will pause for a moment, for here I see, Something that looks familiar to me. The spinning wheel and the great old loom, May be standing there in the twilight gloom.

Now I'll turn back, no loved one I'll meet, For all of them, in the churchyard sleep. Do not disturb them, for my dream is o'er, Let me steal away from the old kitchen door.

Ed. Note: Family history never stops with just finding names and dates, places and towns. What these people did during their lives is really of greater importance. Donna has sent us an example of who Nellie (Towne) Aborn was. All of us who read the poem feel that they know Nellie so much better than if all we had were her vital records and a list of her children. This, to me, is what family history and genealogy is all about. In these ways we come to know ourselves better. If you have a verse, or an anecdote, or a funny legendary story, send it to your editor. These make our association much more meaningful. Tell us the people did, who they were and what they believed. Because that is our need. WET

MEMBERSHIP COSTS BROKEN DOWN

Membership in TFA for active and associate members is \$10.00 yearly. We think that the newsletter consumes about \$8.00 of it, and \$2.00 for the membership.

OBITUARY

TOWNE - Earle F., March 11, 1982, husband of Omegga (Spears) Towne, residence 302 Terrace Ave. Riverside, R. I., formerly of West Peabody. Funeral services at the Rebello Funeral Home, 901 Broadway, East Providence, Sunday at 1 p.m. Calling hours Saturday 7-9.

Boston Globe, 12 March 1982

Contributed by Avis M. Watkins, Exeter, N.H.

Members who subscribe to newspapers magazines and other periodicals should always be on the lookout for articles, birth announcements, obituaries, marriage notices, etc., dealing with the Towne Family like the obituary sent in by Miss Avi. Watkins (above). Current data is a vital part of Towne Family history. So, when yo see something printed in one of the resources mentioned, clip it out or burn of a copy and send it to your Editor, "About Towne."

With each yearly volume of "About Towne" we have hoped that it could be indexed. Volunteers Wm. Yarwood and Donna Moore are indexing all of Volume I which will soon be available to members and other recipients. Because this is an added expense and because the printing of the index was not programmed in our budget, we must charge a fee for copies sent to you. We are not sure how many pages will be in the index, so as yet we cannot tell how much the charge will be. Let us estimate it at \$2.50 for now. In the next "About Towne" there will be an order form for you to purchase a copy

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 21 AUGUST "TOWNE MEETING" IN AMESBURY, MASS. A PRIZE OF A ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO "ABOUT TOWNE" WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON(S) WHO HAS COME THE LONGEST DISTANCE TO ATTEND (OVER 250 MILES). DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL/MAY/JUNE "ABOUT TOWNE." DON'T MISS IT!

Bring a relative!

William Bradford Towne, Jr., son of the TFA Editor and Secretary-Treasurer, was the recipient of a graduate program assistantship at The American University, Washington, D.C., last fall. Graduating with his A.B. degree in political science he was selected for the assistantship in the field of criminal justice.

Young William spent the Christmas Holidays in Asheville, N.C., with his father before going to Inverness, Florida, for some sunshine and vacation before returning to the D.C. area. His award will provide an opportunity for him to work through until he attains his Ph.D. degree.

Buck, as he is called, graduated from the Frankfurt (Germany) American High School before attending the Central Florida Community College in Ocala where he was awarded an Associate in Arts degree. His father, now retired, is a former educator and clinical psychologist who worked for the U. S. Army in Germany for nine years. Buck speaks fluent German and has traveled all over the European continent. He was an honor student throughout his undergraduate years. He has two sisters and one brother. All four are Towne Family Assn. active members.

TFA MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION BY STATES FOR 1982
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Massachusetts	23	District of
California	16	Columbia 1
New Hampshire	13	Washington (State) 1
New York	7	Utah 1
Illinois	5,	Vermont 1
Florida	4	New Jersey
Missouri	14	Arizona 1
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FAMILY GROUP CARDS, (Cont'd from 1st page)

parenthesis, unless you specify that the data are uncertain. "ca" means "about." If you think that someone is born on or about 3 Sept. 1813, you would write it "ca 3 Sept. 1813." While we're on this, write dates with the day of the month first not the month first, and never, never write the date such as 3/6/99, or 3-6-99. What's wrong with writing it like that? First, since dates are written sometimes with the month first, then the day, and by others the day of the month first, then the month (as is suggested here), how can one tell whether we're talking about 3 June '99, or March 6, '99? There's no way to know. And what does '99 mean? It could mean 1799, 1899 or whatever, so write the year in full.

Remember the difference between Gregorian dates and English dates. Pope Gregory changed the calendar around so the days of the year would come out more precisely. Since the English were then, in 1752, breaking away from the Catholic Church, they didn't want to have anything to do with it. Under the English system the calendar year began on 25 March. January and February were the 11th and 12th months respectively. That is why you are sometimes going to see dates that might look like this: 10 Feb. 1775/6, because 1775 was in the 12th month of the English calendar but was in the 2nd month of the Gregorian calendar. Be sure your dates reflect what year was which. The two differences in dates are represented by OS and NS, meaning, Old Style and New Style. Dates from original records preceding the change of the calendar will reflect the old calendar; dates from secondary sources may perhaps been modified by the compiler of the secondary source. For example, in Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, he has adjusted the recorded dates to agree with the new style calendar. This makes one wonder whether or not George Washington was or was not born on 22 February. This date is said to be an adjusted one.

What do we do when names are changed for women, in particular, by marriage, by nicknames, and by other means? Make it a practice to refer to a woman by her last legal name, ie. if she was married three times, her last name (surname) would be identical to that of her last husband, unless for some reason she renounced it. My grandmother's Aunt Mary was married twice, could not conceive, (or wouldn't), divorced both her husbands, and took back her maiden name. Put maiden names in parenthesis and underline them. Then, in the order of her marriages, write in parenthesis her married surnames.

An example of the above situation is the case of Polly Town, that is, Sabin -- er, I mean, Bliss. Polly McMasters was born in Wil-liamstown, Massachusetts, the daughter of Jona-

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Your editor walked into a fellow family historian's home one time and there on the living room wall was what he thought was his family crest, or coat-of-arms. When I saw it and mentioned it to him, he replied, "Er, yeh! I just got it from the XYZ Company. Cost me \$65, but they did a real good job mounting it, didn't they?"

There could be no doubt about the quality of the mounting. The craftmanship was superb. The colors were rich and brilliant. It was truly a beautiful piece and a compliment to his home. In addition to that I guess it did something for the guy's prestige. He was really proud of it.

I didn't have the heart to tell him it was as phoney as a three-dollar bill.

Unfortunately -- very unfortunately -- a lot of people like to feel that they are a little better than other people. I'm often reminded of the cartoon in the New Yorker (I think) showing this puffed up middle aged woman telling the gardener, "All of my people were picts." Then the gardener was shown replying, "Is that so? Well, some of my people had kidney problems, too."

Your editor has no intention of castigating those who want to know if the Towne Family is armigerous. If the family has a crest it can be displayed legally. In olden days a few crests were given out by the kings. Usually these came about when a person was knighted. There were far fewer of them than we might think. Also, remember that it wasn't so much the aristocracy of England who populated America, so therefore, not too many settlers were ever armigerous.

When he was writing his book, Edwin Eugene Towne (The Descendants of William Towne who Settled in Salem, Ma. etc.) wrote to the College of Arms in England to find the answer to the question of whether the Towne Family was armigerous or not.

The following excerpt is from a letter from Henry B. Woods. Chairman - Committee on Heraldry, to Edwin Eugene Towne: dtd. 16 March 1901: "In regard to the supposed TOWNE arms which you have submitted to me, vis., ARGENT, on a ron gules three crossed crosslet of the first, I beg to say that, so far as I am able to find, they are NORWOOD arms. If the chevron were sable, irstead of gules, it would make them an arms ascribed to a TOWNE, or ATTOWNE, family; and it might be that the engraver neglected to

put across the vertical lines, which signify gules, the horizontal lines, which would then signify sable.

Towne, of whose descendants the geneology (sic) treats, has never been established, it would be misleading to make use of any particular arms in connection with him, for it might be eventually found that he was of a totally different Towne family, and not armigerous."

The problem lies in determining who the father of William (1) Towne was. The work of William Blanchard Towne, Esq., of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and that of Edwin Eugene Towne, state that William's father may have been Richard of Braceby. Walter Goodwin Davis (Anc. of Lt. Amos Town) says William(1)'s father was John. Another source I read states that someone named Nicholas was William's father. With such uncertainty over the ancestry of William (1) Towne, as Mr. Wood points out, we can't establish a family history that goes back to the crest in question. While it is possible that there was a coat-of-arms for some person by the surname Towne, or Attowne, those of us who are descendants of William (1) and Joanna (Blessing) Towne, per se, cannot assume that the coat-ofarms applies to us, and the official position of the Towne Family Association, at present, is that William(1)'s descendants are not armigerous and are not entitled to display a crest.

Sorry for those of our membership who have come to prize this adornment. It ain't so! However, should anyone obtain proof, it must be confirmed by the College of Arms, Burke's Peerage and other books on Heraldry notwithstanding. It may make a difference to some to have to realize that they are not, were not, and never were members of the landed gentry. Most of us Towne's are common folks from common stock, but have proved over their years in America to be possessed with fortitude, perseverance, and determination. This is what we can be proud of. We must also remember that the American Revolution, in which so many gallants bore the Towne name, was not fought for taxes and tea alone, but as a slap in the faces of the English aristocracy. I don't know if I'd want to be include: as a part of them.

Another note: The bearing of arms is for soldiers. Therefore, the display of arms, is reserved only for direct male lineal descendant of the original arms bearer. Even if a female marries a cousin entitled to bear arms, the same as her father, for example, she cannot display the arms, unless she becomes queen of England. Our apologies to the women's liberation movement.

TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION Report of the Treasurer - 1981

INCOME:

Participating shares from membership \$933.00
Miscellaneous income 81.00
Total Income \$1014.00

EXPENSES:

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3 Feb. 1981	Check # 101		
4 Feb. 1981		Advertising	\$ 5.00
5 Feb. 1981	Check # 102	Advertising	3.00
	Check # 103	Newsletter # 1	25.00
13 Feb. 1981	Check # 104	Rubber Stamp	6.24
16 Feb. 1981	Check # 105	Typing Ribbon	2.81
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18 Feb. 1981	Check # 107	Organ'1 Exps.	21.87
2 May 1981	Check # 108	Postage & Supplies	35.00
2 May 1981	Check # 109	Announcement	1.00
9 May 1981	Check # 110	Record Book	
9 May 1981	Check # 111	Envelopes & Supplies	2.38
Feb. & Mar.	Bank	Bank Svc. Chrgs	9.53
23 May 1981	Check # 112	Xeroxing expenses	5.40
2 June 1981	Check # 113	3-M Copy paper	14.40
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3 June 1981	Check # 114	Gen. Soc. Vt. Mbrsnip	10.00
	Check # 115	Xeroxing expenses	6.00
6 June 1981	Check # 116	Howard Johnson's	9.95
	,	(Banquet room res.fee)	25.00
6 June 1981	Check # 117	Mimeo paper & ink	22.00
29 June 1981	Check # 118	Notebooks & Glue	23.00
13 July 1981	Check # 119	N'letter # 2	12.05
	Check # 120	Postage	37.96
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. 26 July 1981	Check # 121	Gen. Soc. Vt. Back	5.60
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11 Aug. 1981 .	Check # 122	Book copying	70.00
22 Aug. 1981	Check # 123	Donation N.E.H.G.S.	50.00
•		(For speaker)	30.00
21 Oct. 1981	Check # 123a	Newslotton donast (# 5)	
1 Nov. 1981	Check # 124	Newsletter deposit (# 3) Bal due on N/L: & Post-	45.00
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9 Nov. 1981	Check # 125	Postage & Copying	8.00
20 Nov. 1981	Check # 126	Misc. Expenses	13.58
24 Nov. 1981	Check # 127	Newsletter # 3 re-	118.62
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11 Dec. 1981	Check # 128	Bank service charges	2.80
14 Dec. 1981	Check # 129	Xeroxing expenses	22.67
14 Dec. 1981	Check # 130	Cash & Postage	40.00
14 Dec. 1981	Check # 131	Newsletter # L	72.82
17 Dec. 1981	Check # 132	Book copying	36.28
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Total expenses for 1981

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In 1981, \$311.00 was collected for 1982 dues and was carried to 1982

Income = \$1014.00 Expenses = \$952.82

\$ 59.18 Surplus, carried to 1982 funds

ASSOCIATION TAKES ITS MONEY TO NEW BANK

Due to excess service charges imposed by the Northwestern Bank of Ashe ville, N. C. on the TFA account, which was treated as a bus iness account, your Association was force to seek a better arrangement.

Your treasurer settled on the Bank of Inverness, of Inverness, of Inverness, Florida, whe it learned that the latter bank allowed associations, clubs, and organizations to bank with no service charges, no assessments, no minimum bal ances required. All we need to pay for is printing of checks and deposit slips.

Almost all of TFA's banking is done via mail. The Bank of Inverness provides us with business reply envelopes for sending in deposits.

Rebecca Jeanne
Towne, who lives in
Inverness, was appoint
ed Assistant Treasurer. Checks may be
signed either by the
President, SecretaryTreasurer, or Assistant Treasurer.

MAKE YOUR PLANS

NOW!

TO ATTEND THE

TOWNE MEETING

ON 21 AUGUST, AT

AMESBURY, MA.

P.O.Box 143 Coyle, Ok. 73027 Feb. 28, 1982

QUERY

NOURSE, James, b. 7 Feb. 1762. Desire to see

Pension. Refer to number A0082.

photo or know whereabouts of sampler

b. 10 May 1763 application for Widow's

mentioned in Elizabeth Mansfield Nourse's

About Towne 38 Sayles Rd. Asheville, N.C. 28803

Gentlemen:

E.E. Towne, "The Descendants of William Towne", 1901, states that 3rd generation Joseph Towne, son of Joseph (2) Towne and Phebe (Perkins) Towne, married 1st Margaret Case 9 Nov. 1699; 2nd Abigail Curtis Nov. 5, 1707; and 3rd Mary Mower of Lynn 21 Feb., 1730 and several in "About Towne also give these three marriages. This would seem to be in error.

There were several Joseph Townes in this area in this period.

Topsfield Vital Records under births show 14 children all born to "Joseph 3d and Margrit", as follows:
1. Margrit, Aug. 6, 1700

2. Joseph Dec. 26, 1701

3. Archulus Aug. 31, 1703

4. Israel Mar. 24, 1704-5.

5. Elisha Sept. 5, 1708 6. ватthоlmue мау 10, 1710

7. Mary, Feb. 18, 1712

8. David, Feb. 13, 1714-15 9. Abigail, May 3, 1716 10. Phebe, May 31, 1718 11. Hannah, Feb. 13, 1719-20

12. Martha, Aug. 25, 1722

13. Sarah, Apr. 2, 1726

14. Jonathan, Sept. 6, 1728. Eunice, daughter of Joseph and Mary is shown born Aug. 22, 1733.

under marriages is: Joseph of Salem and Jamima Bixby, at Salem, June 19, 1727 > Joseph and Margaret Case of Salem at Salem, Nov. 9, 1699 Joseph and Abigail Curtis Nov. 5, 1707 Joseph Jr. and Hannah Perkins, 2d, Dec. 28, 1809.

Under deaths: Joseph Sr. btwn. Oct. 24, 1712 & Feb. 10, 1713 Abigail, w. Joseph, Aug. 29, 1781 Eunice, youngest ch. of Joseph, Dec. 19, 1736 Hannah, w. Joseph, d. Asa and Hannah Perkins, Oct. 28, 1835 Jemima, d. Joseph Jr. and Jemima, June 24, 1729

> Joseph May 28, 1757 Joseph s. Joseph and Martha, Oct. 28, 1795 Joseph s. David and Mary, a. abt. 70 y., Jan. 27, 1820

> Margaret, wid., Nov. 5, 1751 Moses Averill s. Joseph Jr., Sept. 2, 1815 Phebe d. Joseph, Jan. 3, 1668-9. Sarah d. Joseph and Martha, Nov. 10, 1785

____ w. Joseph, Oct. 2, 1739

Wm. B. Towne, NEHGR Vols. xx and xxi, and E. Hubbard in "Towne Family", 1880, who drew largely from Wm. B. Towne manuscripts, give 14 children as the vital records show as those of Joseph (3) Towne and Margaret Case. Hubbard says: "Joseph (3) Towne married Nov. 9, 1699, Margaret Case of Salem; they had 14 children, b. at Topsfield."

Savage, under ...umphrey Case, says: "daughter Margaret, b. 8 Jan., 1673-4, m. 9 Nov. 1699, Joseph Towne 3d, of Topsfield; d. 5 Nov., 1751. 12 ch."

So it seems Joseph (3) Towne married only once, to Margaret Case, 9 Nov., 1699, and that they had 14 children as listed in the Topsfield vital records, and that she died 5 Nov. 1751.

The date of death as generally shown for Joseph (3) Towne is May 28, 1757, which may be that of another Joseph Towne as when margaret (Case) Towne died 5 Nov. 1751 she is listed as "widow."

Yours truly,

nellie m. Davis

FAMILY GROUP CARDS . (Cont'd from Page 4)

than McMasters. She married (1), Benjamin Sabin and moved to Georgia, Vt. He died, and she remarried Edmund Town, the town clerk of Fairfield and state representative. Edmund died and Mary married Solomon Bliss. Did I make a mistake and say, Mary? Oh, yes — in olden days Polly was a common nickname for Mary. Mary was her legal name, but Polly Town is on her tombstone. If we were to catalog (prepare for filing) Polly's name, it would have to be filed first under her last legal surname, Bliss. I'd write it like this:

BLISS, Polly (Mary)(McMasters) (Sabin) (Town)

Again, note that I underlined the maiden name. I used Polly instead of Mary because she was popularly known as Polly and never Mary. One local history book author couldn't read the clerk's handwriting of the day, and this Polly's name is printed as Mary Macumber, and tells that Edmund Town married her. Don't think that didn't throw a wrench into the spokes for awhile, until we figured out what happened.

How many Mary's today are called Polly? Not many. How many Margaret's are called Peggy? Remember also that not many town clerks all had had schooling in how to spell. Back then was before Webster invented the dictionary. Truman asaph Town was nick-named True. One record just out in "T. A. Town." True Town was considered in entirely separate person until someone could out together that True was a shortened name for 'ruman.

Try not to take short cuts with the Family roup Cards yourself. We know that the spaces

TFA BECOMES INTERNATIONAL WITH ITS 126th MEMBER, JANICE M. DEXTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK

At one time the TFA might have been able to call members from Hawaii and Alaska international members. However, that is no longer the case, and the TFA wishes to congratulate and welcome to its membership, Janice M. Dexter of New Brunswick, Canada. Janice is an associate member working on her Towne lines. She is publishing in a genealogical periodical in New Brunswick the news about the TFA, so we may have even more members from Canada soon. There have been in the past some inquiries from our Canadian relatives, but up until Janice came with us not one had joined.

We are all looking forward to meeting Janice face-to-face someday, and hopefully, she will be able to attend our next "Towne Meeting."

LINEAGES TO APPEAR IN LATER ISSUE . .

Lineages of descent from the progenitors cannot appear in this issue due to lack of space. They will be resumed in Vol.II, Nr. 2.

are small, but they CAN be written into, though it's hard for us older folks. Never would you find a person calling himself an ancestor hunter who doesn't own a magnifying glass.

By the way, if you do not have a supply family group cards to send in, or haven't send them in, request them from the secretary-treasurer. If you don't have enough, please Xerox them if you need more. It's OK if they are not on card stock paper. This cuts down on our postage costs immensely.

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Almira, d of Levi and Abigail (), 5 Jan. 1796.	Mary N., d of George W. and Mary T. (Barnes), 3 Jan. 1861.
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Grace Russell, b. 14 Jan. 1862, of Alanson and Rosanna

Lewis Warner, b. 15 Sept. 1874, of Andrew J. and Clara F.

Alice, b. 3 Apr. 1884, of Solon R. and Harriet C. (Somers)

Ella Frances, b. 29 June 1867, of Andrew J. and Clara F.

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SURNAME: Towne

Andrew J. Towne, s of Jonathan & Abigail, and Clara H. House, d. of Benjamin J. and Frances S. House, 2 June 1865.

Andrew J. Towne, s of Jonathan & Abigail, and Lucy A. Nutting, d. of Wm. and Amelia P. (Frost), 30 May 1885.

Edmund L. Towne, s of John and Susan, and Arabelle F. Avery, d. of Wm. and Adelia Avery 4 July 1882.

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VITAL RECORDS OF ENFIELD, MA. (DEATHS)

SURNAME: Towne

Andrew J., s of Jonathan and Abigail (Gleason)
14 June 1892.

Clara F., d of Benjamin and Frances ()
House, 19 Aug. 1876.

Dorothy, d of Charles and Frances () Towne, 25 Aug. 1900.

Edward E., s of Everett and Emma (Chaffee) Towne, 16 Apr. 1894.

Lauriston H., s. of Jonathan and Abigail (Gleason) Towne, 15 Oct. 1889.

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VITAL RECORDS OF PRESCOTT, MA. (Births & Deaths - None)

(Marriages) SURNAME: Towne

Abner E. Towne, s of Marcus and Charlotte, and Sarah L. Oakes, d of Hosea and Amilla Oakes, 5 Jan. 1851.

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VITAL RECORDS OF DANA, MA. (BIRTHS)

SURNAME: Towne

Amanda Orissa, b. 31 Aug. 1846, of Ichabod and Amanda

Charles E., b. 3 Oct. 1843, of Ichabod and Amanda

Nathan O., b. 8 April 1845, of Orson and Mary W.

Alace (sic) Mary, b. 14 May 1874, of Amos T. and Laura M.

Alice Belle, b. 9 Sept, 1897, of Wm. A. and Fannie M. (Pratt)

B. Eugene, b. 20 June 1875, of E. J. and Hattie M.

Carrie L., b. 12 Sept. 1851, of Lyman and Ursula

Cora May, b. 7 Jan. 1892, of Wm. A. and Fannie M. (Pratt)

Eleanor Ruth, b. 15 July 1919, of Spencer E. and Mary (Wrin)

Eva M., b. 10 Apr. 1860, of Amos T. and Sarah M.

Fannie Mabel, b. 24 Oct. 1866, of Jacob A. and Ellen M.

Flora Luthra, b. 26 Apr. 1872, of Arial R. and Mary

Frederick Spencer, b. 29 Aug. 1923, of Spencer Eldridge and Mary Grace (Wrin)

Grace Agnes, b. 23 Aug. 1870, of Jacob A. and Ellen M.

Grace Wilberta, b. 17 Oct. 1915, of Spencer E. and Mary G. (Wrin)

Hattie Bell, b. 20 Oct. 1867, of Wm. A.

Ichabod Fayette, b. 20 Apr. 1878, of Ichabod and Amanda

) Towne, Leroy 0., b. 26 Oct. 1878, of Ichabod and Amanda

Mildred Edna, b. 13 Apr. 1921, of Spencer E. and Mary G. (Wrin)

Ulysses Aziel, b. 14 Feb. 1866, of Arial R. and Mary

Walter Louis, b. 13 Jan. 1877, of William B. and Elizabeth

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SURNAME: Towne

ril and Adah Skinner (parents not listed)
25 Dec. 1833.

Elijah and Hannah Parkhast (parents not listed), 23 May 1805.

Elijah, 2nd and Louisa Felton (parents not listed), 2h June 1821.

Ichabod, Jr., and Amanda Doubleday (parents not listed), 27 March 1831.

John and Betsey Shaw (parents not listed) 6
July 1828.

John and Mary Emmons, (parents not listed) 22 Dec. 1829.

John 3rd and Eliza Covell (parents not listed)
10 May 1818.

Jonathan, Jr., and Abigail Gleason (parents not listed) 20 Nov. 1823.

Lyman, s of Elijah and Hannah (), and Ursula Skinner, d of Aliva and Lydia (), 30 Sept. 1845.

Nathan and Betsey Russel (parents not listed) 16 Dec. 1805.

Orson and Mary W. Johnson (parents not listed), 13 April 1837.

Oscar R., s of Amos A and Laura M. (Damon) and Anna M. Cambell (sic), d of Herbert and Mary (McDonald), 14 June 1910.

uben and Polly Thayer (parents not listed), 3 August 1813.

Alanson, s of Nathan and Elizabeth () and Rosanna Skinner, d of Ahira? and Lydia (), 11 Sept. 1851.

Ariel R., s of Nathan and Betsey () and Mary Towne, d of Ichabod and Amanda (Doubleday), ca 1857.

Charles A., s of Ichabod and Amanda (Double-day), and Emma C. Stone, d of Hosia E. and Fannie (), 18 Feb. 1869.

E. J., s of Orson and Mary W. (Johnson), and Harriet N. Gale (parents not listed) 30 March 1871.

Elbridge, s of John and Betsey () and Ellen M. Stone, d of Sidney and Palina (), ca 1857.

George W., s of Freeman and Eliza (), and Mary T. Barnes d of Nathan C., 18 Feb. 1858.

Henry G., s of Solomon G. and Sally W. () and Mary A. Warner, d of William A. and Elizabeth F. (), 1 Jan. 1872.

Jacob A., s of Ichabod and Amanda (Doubleday) and Ellen M. Hale, d of Lorenzo and Sarah (), 22 Nov. 1864.

hn, s of John and Mercy (), and Sarah Simonds, d of Stephen, 2 Dec. 1858.

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Spencer E., s of Ulysses A. and Bertha (Glark),
and Mary Grace Wrin, d of Charles and
Grace (Bosworth), 5 Jan. 1915.

Ulysses A., s of Ariel R. and Mary (Towne), and Bertha Clark, d of Wilber and Dora (Blackmer), 20 Oct. 1890.

Willie A., s of Amos T. and Laura M. (), and Lizzie M. Clifford, d of Pliney and Martha M. (), 26 May 1886.

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VITAL RECORDS OF DANA, MA. (DEATHS)

SURNAME: Towns

Betsey, 19 Oct. 1856.

Charles A., s of Ichabod and Amanda, 13 Apr. 1902 Adah, of Benjamin and Lois () Skinner, 9 Dec. 1890.

Amanda, d of Joseph and Lucy (Towne) Doubleday, 11 Feb. 1875.

Amos T., s of John and Betsey, 14 Apr. 1887. Ariel R., s of Nathan and Betsey (Russell), 27 July 1897.

Carrie L., d of Lyman and Ursula (), 25 Sept. 1857.

Cyril, s of John and Mary (Babbitt), 4 Oct. 1891. Elbridge, s of John and Betsey (Russell), 22 July 1862.

Elijah, 3 Oct. 1849.

Fila U., d of Lyman and Ursula (), 26 March 1849.

Fannie M., d of Jacob and Ellen (), 24 Apr. 1886.

Frederick Spencer, s of Spencer and Mary (Wrin)
7 Apr. 1924.

Hannah, d of Jonathan and Eunice (), 14 Feb.
1870.

Ichabod, s of Ichabod and Lydia (), 16 Dec. 1866.

Ichabod Fayette, s of Ichabod and Amanda (), 21 May 1849. John, 6 Nov. 1847.

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John, s of John and Mercy (Mary)(

Luke L., s of Ariel R. and Mary (Towne), 9 Dec. 1875.

Mary, d of Ichabod and Amanda (Doubleday), 14 Nov. 1918.

Mary W., d of Joshua and Rachel (Whipple) Johnson, 20 Oct. 1863.

Nathan, s of John and Mary (), 2 Apr. 1867.

Nathan O., s of Orson and Mary W. (), 30 Dec. 1870.

Orson, s of Nathan and Sarah (), 16 Jul. 188; Oscar Ralph, s of Amos T. and Laura M. (Damon),

5 Apr. 1917.
Rosanna, d of Ahira and Lydia () Skinner, 24

Feb. 1870.
Sally, d. of Stephen and Abigail () White,
9 Apr. 1886.

Sally W., d of Benjamin and Mary () Thayer, 21 Apr. 1883.

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Charles A., and Emma C. Stone (parents not listed), 18 Feb. 1869.

C. R., s of Truman and Eliza (), and Frances Foster, d of Jonathan and Sarah

), 29 Dec. 1859. Jabez, and Lucy Wright, (parents not listed), 20 Apr. 1806,

John, and Marcy Babbitt, (parents not listed), 28 Oct. 1790.

Levi, and Abigail Oakes, (parents not listed), 8 March 1790.

Orrin, and Nancy Edson (parents not listed), 29 Jan. 1836.

C. Wilton, s of Charles R. a d Frances (Foster), and Anna V. Hill, d of Ansel and Mary, 16 June 1886.

Edmon L., s of John T. and Susen (Cheever), and Carrie M. (Simonds) Williams, d of Joel Dwight and Sarah Jane (Drinkwater) Simonds, 9 Feb. 190-.?.

Willie A., s of Amos T. and Laura M. (and Lizzie M. Clifford, d of Phiny and Martha (), 26 May 1886.

Willis G., s of George W. and Mary T. (and Mary E. Rice, d of Lyman and Julia), 4 Oct. 1880.

(Info provided by Wm. R. Ames)

VITAL RECORDS OF GREENWICH, MA. (DEATHS)

SURNAME: Towne

Abigail, d of John, Jr., and Mary (23 Jan. 1767.

Albert O.,s of Orrin, 28 May 1844. Ellen M., d of Truman and Eliza A. (

5 Sept. 1867. Frederick L., s of George W. and Mary (16 Jan. 1870.

Junietta, d of Orrin and Nancy (). 9 Nov. 1849.

meinda F., d of Jonathan and Sarah (Edson) Foster, 6 Dec. 1862.

ledora Louisa, d of Orrin and Nancy (),

19 Nov. 1849. ren, s of Jonathan and Betsey, (), 24 Oct. 1850.

etsey, d of Jonathan, 24 Nov. 1857.

liza, dof Rufus and Elizabeth () Bond. 22 April 1881.

enry Allen, s of Andrew J. and Clara (House), 19 April 1892.

mathan, s of Jonathan, 26 Aug. 1859.

izzie M., d of Pliny and Martha (Bond) Clifford. 23 Dec. 1888.

Truman, s of Jonathan and Elizabeth (9 August 1882.

(Info provided by Wm. R. Ames.)

We would like to extend to Mr. Ames our deepest appreciation for providing your Association with this vital data. WBT

NEWSLETTER IMPROVEMENTS SLATED FOR 1982 GREATER READABILITY FOR ALL: MORE PAGES

of your Association this year compared to a year ago a larger newsletter is becoming possible wi more pages and with larger type. Among complain heard last year was that the reduced size of the type makes it very difficult for many people to read. The Fall newsletter, printed on Halloween orange paper, was not received as well as your editor would have wished, and could he have seen what it would have looked like printed on orange he would have chosen another color.

Due to a much better financial position

Some members have requested the newsletter be on pure white paper. We are trying to have each issue on a different color paper for easy identification. The Spring issue is on light green, the summer issue on yellow, the fall issue on a light pastel or white, (something other than orange), and the winter issue on light We will try these colors for 1982, and if there are any substantial complaints about this choice we'll go to all-white in 1983.

You editor appreciates the many favorable letters he has received from so many people concerning the overall quality of "About Towne." It is most important that it be correct, accurate, appealing and professional. Amateurism shows through when we use incorrect English and misspellings. The problem is that we always cannot find all of the boo-boos until after the issue stands before us printed in 500 copies. Then, of course, they stand out conspicuously. Your comments will be most helpful, and we welcome them.

QUERY

Who can help me identify a TOWN? It is Martha Town, who m. Abijah Clark. I have no record of either of their parents, birth dates, birth places, or data on their marriage. They had two ch. b. Williamstown, MA.; Annis (1782) & Elam (1786). After these the family migrate to Williamstown, VI, where 4 more children we b. between 1791 and 1799, Almon, Orange, Sally, and Lucinda. Both Martha and Abijah d. in 1832 aged 72 and 71, resp. Williamstown, VT. Reply to Query Editor. Refer to Number AS127.

Making 4-H a success: 'You have to love children'

The News-Letter, Exeter, N.H., Jan. 13, 1982 - Page A5



ARLINE TOWNE, left, is teaching another generation to sew as she continues her career as a 4-H leader into its 44th year. With her are Michelle Levesque, seated, and left to right

standing, Michelle Addario, Julie Driscoll, Jennifer Dion, Kadie Hinds, Faith Brewitt, and Malisa Linville. (Ron Goodspeed)

By Martha James

ÉXETER — Some parents are through with Scouts or 4-H as soon as their children are, but not Arline Towne.

Mrs. Towne became a 4-H leader in 1938. Her children were in 4-H once upon a time. She still is. Girls come after school to her home at Squamscott View Apartments, Water St., to learn to sew.

4.H is open to youth between the res of 8 and 19 to learn through projects and activities. Local club members elect their own officers, hold meetings, and develop their programs with the aid of adults and teen-agers who volunteer to be advisers. Instructional materials are available through the area 4-H office. Projects can be in animal

science, natural science, mechanical science, plant science, home and family life, and arts and crafts, among others.

Mrs. Towne was brought into 4-H by her oldest son. He was a member in the 1930s, and his group leader resigned. "I took over because he kept urging me to," said Mrs. Towne of her son. Later her other son joined, also.

She has been honored by the state for 40 years of service to 4-H and is in her 44th year now.

Why has she continued to be a leader? She thinks the participating children were responsible "because they kept teasing me (over the years), 'Aren't you going to take it next year? . . . We won't have any leader if you don't take it'."

She began in what she refers to as West Kingston with a group of boys, teaching them carpentry and gardening. They made sink racks out of wooden orange trates to protect the procelain sinks in their mothers' kitchens from black marks. Dishpans as well as pots and pans were metal in those days. The boys also made letter racks and doorstops.

Over the years Mrs. Towne has taught boys and girls, and she has been leader to the children of her former 4-H members. Girls learned canning and sewing. Boys learned safety, in the house, on a bicycle, and in a car.

She taught both cooking. "Two of my boys," as she calls them, "made the loveliest meatloaf I ever ate." She had

LINEAGE CORRECTION .

The Lineage of George Towne, and Harold G. Towne (Taken from: Ancestry of My Parents, Rejoice Foster Towne and Elizabeth Chloe (Session) Towne.

	
William Towne	m. Joanna Blessing
Jacob ² Towne	m. Catherine Symonds
John ³ Town	m. Mary Smith
John Town	
•	m. Lydia Hunkins
Simon ⁵ Town	m. Mary Pike
Joel ⁶ Town	m. Elizabeth Willard
Rejoice Fsoter 7 Towne	m. Elizabeth Chloe
В	/ Sessions
George Towne	m. Josephine Barber
Harold G.9 Towne	m. Gertrude Waters
lineage was run in the	last issue of "About

Towne," but was incomplete and incorrect. We hope

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Her fondest memories are of her 1954 group, which she says was her best. "They were so intense," very interested in learning to sew. Mrs. Towne keeps a photograph of the girls in her living room today. They won a special plaque for their float in a Kingston parade. The girls had made their uniforms blouses, skirts, and capes - for the event.

Her meetings always have been held at her home. She has led groups with up to 16 members. Today because she lives in a housing complex for elderly people, she is careful to have only two of the seven girls in the Powder House 4-H group at a time at her apartment for sewing.

She also teaches adults to sew, part of the 4-H program.

Has she had any unusual experiences as a leader. Yes, one that she doesn't enjoy talking about. Once while with some children at Long Pond, Danville, she saved a little girl from drowning. "It was an awful experience. . . . I had never swum out that far before," she recalled. ."I guess the Lord was with me."

Her favorite experience was seeing éach member in a group get a blue ribbon at a 4-H county exhibition.

Mrs. Towne is still enthusiastic about being a leader after all these years. "Oh, I love it. I love children," she said recently. "To make it a success, you

given them her recipe, but the boys made the meatloaf extra special.

this is now the correct lineage. Ed.

WILLIAM B. TOWNE . A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH . .

(Taken from History of Milford, (N.H.), "Biographical Sketches"

William Blanchard Towne was born in Bow, (N.H.), Oct. 12, 1810. He was the eldest of ten children of Jonathan Towne, a grandson of Jonathan Towne, who settled upon the Towne homestead on the Nashua road, as early as 1759, and was descended in the seventh generation from William Towne, of Yarmouth, in Norfolk, England, who emigrated to this country, and after a short residence in Sa-1em, Mass., removed to Topsfield, where he died about 1672. His mother, Clarrissa Hoyt, daughter of Capt. John Hoyt, lived to celebrate her one hundredth anniversary. A brief sketch of her long life is found upon an earlier page of this volume.

William began to attend school at the age of five years, and attended it till he was twelve. He then remained at home, assisting on the farm during the summer and going to school during the winter months, till he was fifteen.

when he was about twelve years old, he began to have a stro desire to strike out for himself and depend upon his own efforts to maintain himself. When told by his father that a boy of his age could not get a living among strangers, he replied, "If you will let me try, I will never call on home for assistance to the value of a farthing." The spirit of self-reliance and desire to try his fortune in the world increased as he grew older, and he persuaded his mother to use her influence with his father to obtain permission to make a trial. At length his wish was gratified. When he was sixteen years old, Dr. Josiah Crosby, of Concord, the family physician, was one day in Bow at the house of Mr. Jonathan Towne, and expressed a wish to find a boy to take care of his horse and do errands for Mrs. McClary, with whom he boarded. Mr. Towne said thought that his son William would suit, and arrangements were accordingly made for the doctor to take him home on his next visit.

have to love children."

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The day of his leaving home he has himself corded as the 20th of April, 1827. It is prob-Me that he went on trial to this place, for he records in 1834, that a supposed residence of a fortnight in Concord had been prolonged to seven years. One motive which attracted him to this place was no doubt the opportunity which it afforded for medical advice, for he states that he was then seriously affected with a lung complaint which had preyed upon him till at times it was with difficulty that he could sit up all day. The and adjuster of losses till the year 1865. change of situation and medical advice had a beneficial effect, for, he says, "the germ of health soon made its appearance in the feeble constitution, and continued to spread till it pervaded the whole system." He spent two years in this situation, attending school eight months the first year and ten months the second.

He had now arrived at a period when it became necessary to select some occupation for life. His own preference was for the printing business, but his father did not approve of this choice and he concluded to try a mercantile life. In April, 1829, in his 19th year, he entered the dry goods and grocery store of William West as a clerk where he continued two years or more. He was next employed, in the summer of 1832, in the re of John Leach. The ensuing autumn he took charge of a store for Nathaniel H. Osgood & Co. with which firm he remained one year. From the fall of 1833 to the spring of 1834, he was in the employ of Samuel Evans. On the first of April, 1834, he engaged with Daniel Carr, and went immediately to Boston to purchase goods for his employer.

On the 14th of April, 1834, after returning from his trip to Boston, he commenced a diary, which he kept for a little over four years, the last entry being Nov. 30, 1838. He prefaces his diary with an account of his ancestry and a sketch of his life to that time. Very little is afterwards recorded of his business and nothing concerning it after he had taken up his residence in Boston.

gan to have decided religious impressions, and on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1832, he joined the First Congregational Church in Concord, the pastor of which was his life-long friend, the Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.

His diary shows that he early took a decided and in the temperance and anti-slavery causes, Anch then were beginning to agitate the community. He remained with Mr. Carr but a few months and on the 24th of July, he left Concord for Boston, where he soon found employment as a clerk.

For a year or two after his arrival in Boston, he was employed as a clerk, and during this time he gained a reputation for honesty and ability. Having accumulated a few thousand dollars, he became a partner in the house in which he had been a clerk, the new firm being Bowker, Towne & Co. He was afterwards a member of the firms of Keegan, Towne & Waldo; Towne, Waldo & Co., and Towne, Hunt & Co. About the year 1852 he became connected with the firm of James M. Beebe & CO., where he held the position of confidential clerk

On the 15th of June, 1842, he married Miss Nancy French Hill, daughter of Jeremiah Hill, a commission merchant in Boston. About the year 1846 he removed to Brookline, Mass. Here his wife died, May 3, 1858, at the age of forty.

He was chosen assessor of Brookline in 1863 and held the position five years. For a time he was a trial justice for that district.

On the 28th of March, 1866, having a respit from business, he sailed for Europe, and after making a tour of about four months in the land of his ancestors and on the continent, he returned t Boston in July of that year. (On this trip he was to find a great deal of family history informatio which he later published in the N.E.H.G.S. Register and provided that society with an immense amount of manuscript material.)

On the 23rd of April, 1867, he was married to Miss Jennie S. Putnam, daughter of Daniel Putnam, of Milford, (N.H.), and sister of the wife o the Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh. He then removed to the village of Milford, the estate which he purchased being about half a mile distant from the family homestead, where his parents then resided, and where both his father and grandfather were born. He continued to reside in Milford till his death, which took place at the residence of his son, at Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., April 10, 1876, at the age of sixty-five. He left a widow, who, during their nine years of wedded life, did much to lighten his cares and encourage him in hi literary and other labors: and three sons, all members of the legal profession, namely, William It seems from the diary, that in 1831 he be-Henry, Charles Edward and Arthur French.

> On the 15th of September, 1852, he became a member of the New England Historic and Genealogic Society. In 1844 he had prepared an extensive gen ealogy of the name of Towne, to which he continue to add till his death.

From 1861 to 1871 he held the office of treasurer of this society. In January, 1875, he was elected vice-president for the state of New Hampshire. He was a director of the society from 1861, and a member of the publishing committee from 1865.

(To be continued)

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