



# ABOUT TOWNE

## OUR 1983 TOWNE MEETING ... IS NEARLY HERE!



### EDITORIAL: WHY HAVE A FAMILY ASSOCIATION?

By: William Bradford Towne, Sr.,  
Historian-Genealogist, 2nd Vice-President, and EDITOR,  
ABOUT TOWNE

I won't be one of the esteemed speakers at our annual **Towne Meeting** this year, so I thought I'd take my rusty old Royal (we used to say, "pen-in-hand" but that is categorically out of date) to write a few lines.

I think it was Rouseau who said something to the affect -- or is it "effect?" (you grammarians can counsel with me) -- that "I do not have time to be brief." I feel a lot like he did, in many ways, because while I am writing all of this preliminary chit-chat, I'm really thinking about that which I am going to write. Speakers do it all the time, all the while you thought you were being entertained.

Winston Churchill is credited with what I agree was the last word about ending sentences with prepositions, which I tend to do much of the time. An adviser accosted Sir Winston and said, "Your Excellency, (or some such drivel) you just cannot say this in public. You have by far too many sentences ending with prepositions." "Oh, do I now?" replied one of the world's greatest commanders of the English language. "Well, let's see what we can do about that. I really think that this type of balderdash is something up with which I will not put."

I really do not have the foggiest idea what all of the above has to do with why we have family associations but the Genealogical Helper for April-May 1983 had a whole list of them, and another list, equally as long as the first, about newsletters published by those associations and organizations. Many of you have read it already, I'm certain.

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## Main Address by Nation's No. 1 History Teacher On Tap

Donald Arthur Doliber is known throughout history circles in America as one of the foremost authorities on the Witchcraft Delusions prevalent in Salem, Massachusetts, in the late 1600's. Last year's fall issue of *About Towne* (Page 43) had an article about Witchcraft and Mr. Doliber.

His expertise is known to many genealogists and his students adore him. "He's the greatest!" says Masconomet Regional High School junior class president Jennifer Winick, about the man who has been acclaimed the best American History teacher in the nation.

Our Towne Family Association is indeed fortunate to have as its prime speaker for our Saturday evening banquet, Doland Arthur Doliber, whose home is in Marblehead, Massachusetts.  
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DONALD A. DOLIBER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -- SHE'S ALL HEPPED UP FOR THE TOWNE MEETING AS SHOULD BE EVERYONE ELSE ...

By Alexandra N. (Deena) Towne,  
President

Dear Cousins and Other Friends,

Our summer is passing us by and soon the weekend of 19, 20, and 21 August will be here! That is the **BIG WEEKEND** for the Towne Family Association's Towne Meeting and Reunion at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, North Shore, in Danvers, Massachusetts.

We've planned on some excellent speakers, but more social get-togethers. We want to make the motel our headquarters, and would like for all registrants to stay there so we can do more "visiting" amongst us and so we can get to know one another better. We'll be going to our ancestral stomping grounds together as well as the final resting places of our forefathers and foremothers.

Our Towne Meeting chairperson, Arthur J. Towne, has some neat things up his sleeves for us to do, I'm told. These are on their way to our editor as I write this and if possible these activities will be included in this newsletter.

I know the summer season is busy for all of us. But, everyone, practically, takes a vacation in the summer, and the beautiful New England seashore is unsurpassed in beauty as well as in history with a never-ending list of activities for young and old and all the in-between ages. So, try New England on for your vacation enjoyment this year and include our Towne Meeting along with it. You'll be happy you did. Let's pray for good weather.

We put a registration blank in our last newsletter, and we're putting another in this one. Please, if you haven't done so, send in your reservation blank ASAP. Please understand that this is for official registration for the meeting, and does not include any other arrangements you might wish to make. I understand the motel will be in touch with each of you for reservations at that facility. Look for it with a separate mailing, if it hasn't come by the time you read this. We should get your reservations early so we can plan for meeting room size and banquet room sizes, etc. The sooner we know how many will be here, the better our get-together can be. We have to make guarantees, you know, with the motel and we can't do that if we don't know you're coming.



Aside from our Towne Meeting, I personally want to thank all of you who have renewed old memberships and subscriptions for 1983, and I want to welcome our many new members as last issue's membership list showed. We're just delighted! This tells us, more than any other way, that someone in our association must be doing things right. We're far from perfect yet, so if any of you feel we have slighted you, please let us know. I'm sure it would have been an oversight if we did.

Our Second-Veeep, Bill Towne, has once again re-acquired the job of being our newsletter editor due to the inability of Dean Skelley to find time for it. Who would like to get some newsletter experience by helping Bill out? We appreciate Dr. Skelley's offer to help, just the same.

While I'm on the subject of Bill Towne, we are all profoundly happy that he has made it through his surgical ordeal and is back in the shape he was in ten years ago, (he says). His mom, Arline S. Towne who had surgery back in March the same time Bill had his, is about to give tap-dancing lessons to any who have had hip replacements. She says she never felt better, and uses her cane only for "going shopping." Isn't it marvelous what modern medicine is able to do with folks? I wish the very best to both of them. May their lives be healthy and happy. Arline returned to Exeter, N.H. from Asheville at the end of May with her other son, Richard Earl Towne, who was sojourning in the USA from his work as an oil engineer in Saudi Arabia. I know that you all join me in wishing them a great life as well as a wonderful summer for each and every one of our association members and subscribers and all of our other friends.

See you in August -- every one of you -- that's my dream!

Most sincerely,  
"CUZZIN'" DEENA

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**LINE OF DESCENT OF JOANNE ESTEY KERNER**

William <sup>1</sup> Towne	m.	Joanna Blessing
Mary <sup>2</sup> Towne	m.	Isaac <sup>2</sup> Estey
Isaac <sup>3</sup> Estey	m.	Abigail Kimball
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Richard <sup>5</sup> Estey	m.	Hannah Hazen
Amos <sup>6</sup> Estey	m.	Mary Estey*
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Joanne <sup>11</sup> Estey	m.	Roger Kerner

\* = Son of Jeffrey<sup>1</sup> Estey  
\* = A cousin

Submitted by Joanne Estey Kerner.

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I've always had this reticence about joining associations and of becoming an officer in one of them. I am a radio amateur. Once a group of us all thought it would be a great idea to form a ham radio club. I was made the secretary and later became president. It was great except for one thing. I seldom got to do much hamming any more and it seemed that all I did was clubbing. The Towne Family Association turns out for me to be a repeat performance although in a much greater proportion. Now I work almost full time on the Towne Family Association, and I get to do comparatively little genealogical research for myself. However, I think the effort is well worth it, because of what I shall write about below.

In the "good old days" in New England, and if you should ride through that neck of the woods you'll see many evidences of it, people lived in huge houses, with big red barns attached to them. These houses usually had one helluva big chimney running right up the middle. (I know all this because I lived in one in the early 1930's.) There were rooms all around the chimney, usually on two floors,

**PROLIFIC TOWNE DESCENDANTS ADD MORE TFA-ERS TO BE: BIRTH OF ADAM SEAN THRAPP**

(Submitted by Rosalie Steele Bolene)

26 April 1983

Dear Cousin Bill,

Reporting another birth in my line. Not mine, but my sister's grandchild:

Adam Sean Thrapp, b. 7 April 1983, Houston, Harris Co., TX, male and 3rd child of Danny and Mary Kathleen (Wilkerson) Thrapp, and grandson of James Arthur and Dorothy Ann (Steele) Wilkerson.

I am also, per request, sending a picture of:

Ashley Mandeville Lorenz,



Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Lorenz with daughter Ashley Mandeville Lorenz

She is my brother's grand daughter, the one who was born in Vermont last August. (Did your niece ever inquire about Dennis Lorenz who is a professor there?) How are you and the computer coming along? It is a real job getting this stuff all entered, but it is easy to get out once you get it all in.

Am looking forward to the next About Towne.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rosalie

with a big arched chimney base in the cellar. Under the arch was where we kept the potatoes, apples, cabbages and carrots. In each room was a fireplace that was supposed to provide warmth. Wood in those days was as plentiful as sea water at the beach. In these houses the farmers raised LARGE families. There might be as many as twenty children born to some. As these grew up and got married and since land was cheap and plentiful fathers often donated a piece for their children to live on, build houses upon (with more red barns), etc. So, in an area the size of Danvers, for example, a population existed mainly of folks akin to each other in one way or another. We all know that New England was not alone in these phenomena, as the same thing happened and exists to this day in Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, the Carolinas and the Virginias. Folks were proud of their homes and of their families. The biggest insult a fella could pay to another would have been to say, "Golly, I've never heard of you Hatfield's." The Hatfields, McCoy's, Townes, Nurses, Estey's, Bridges's and Cloyes's were all from big prolific families, and each "identified" with the rest of the family. Each knew exactly where in this family

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**DAVID CURTIS DEARBORN, F.A.S.G. TO DISCUSS PRIMARY RECORDS OF ESSEX COUNTY**

We are indeed privileged to have David C. Dearborn with us at our Towne Meeting in August, after trying for two earlier years previously to get him to join with us. It isn't often we can enjoy the distinction of having a Fellow of the American Genealogical Society speak to us, so we consider this opportunity a distinct honor in every way.

**Grew up in Essex County**

Dave is a native of Andover, Massachusetts, and has lived in Essex County his entire life until he went to Boston about ten years ago. His parents and relatives still live in Andover. He earned a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, an M.A. in history from Northeastern University, and an M.S. in library science from Simmons College, both colleges in Boston.

**Joins NEHGS Staff**

Dave began pursuing genealogy about sixteen years ago both as a hobby and as a career. In 1976 he joined the staff as a reference librarian at the New England Historic-Genealogical Society in Boston, perhaps the most prestigious organization of its type in the world, now having in excess of 500,000 volumes of published data and manuscripts. Since 1978 he has held the title of Director of Reference Services there. In line with his job he has travelled widely throughout the Americas as a speaker mainly with the NEHGS National Seminar program. Also, he was a speaker at the two most recent conferences of the National Genealogical Society.

**Widely Published**

Dave has a number of publications to his credit. These include, "New Hampshire Genealogy: a Perspective," in the October, 1976, issue of the Register which was mainly a bibliographical article. Also, "The Irish Family of New England and New York City" in the Spring 1982 issue of the Genealogist, this family being in his maternal ancestry. In addition, Dave edited for publication Harold Clarke

Durrell's "Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell and His Descendants," which appeared in the Register between 1978 and 1981, this being a Maine - New Hampshire family. Dave is also a contributing editor of The Essex Genealogist, published quarterly by the Essex Society of Genealogists (Lynnfield, Mass.) Besides these mentioned publications Dave has a number of more articles planned for the future. He is currently working on two books: The Banton Family of Maine, to appear, he says, in a few more years (he hopes), and The Dearborn Genealogy which he calls his magnum opus.

**Member of Many Groups**

Dave is a highly respected member of a large number of genealogical and historical societies, including the National Genealogical Society, The New Hampshire Historical Society, the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, of which he is treasurer, the Society of Genealogists based in London, and the

**MARtha LONG, EMINENT GENEALOGIST TO DISCUSS MORMON RESEARCH AIDS**

Mrs. Martha Long of Kingston, New Hampshire, and operator of a genealogical bookstore there, will address the August Towne Meeting on the subject of the many genealogical services available to all researchers provided by the Church of Latter Day Saints, headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**U.N.H. Graduate**

Martha graduated from the University of New Hampshire to become an elementary school teacher. She now is deeply involved in genealogical pursuits and is a librarian at the stake library of the LDS Church in Nashua, N.H. In addition, she teaches genealogical classes there.

**Kids to Kollege Program**

A natural teacher, Mrs. Long teaches a program titled, "Kids to Kollege." Also, she is featured regularly in the Rockingham County Gazette published in that New Hampshire County, in a column she writes on genealogy.

**Member; N.H. Soc. Genealogists**

She belongs to a number of genealogical societies including the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists (Rockingham Co.) and she is a director in the Goodwin Family Organization (formerly the "Daniel Goodwin Immigrant Ancestor" association). She often gives lectures at the state meetings of the N.H. Society of Genealogists. Martha serves part time on the faculty of the University of New Hampshire where she teaches genealogical classes.

(Ed. Note: Martha and I have known each other for many years, since I once lived in Kingston. Only a little while ago did we discover that we both descend from the immigrant, Daniel Goodwin. MBT.)

Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society, of England.

**Elected a Fellow, Am. Soc. Gen.**

Of all Dave's accomplishments, he considers his election last fall to the esteemed American Society of Genealogists, a very great honor. He's ranked right in there with Milton Rubincam, John Coddington, and a very few others, relatively speaking. The association is made up of only the world's finest genealogists.

**Ancestry**

Over half of Dave's ancestry goes back to the British Isles in the 19th century. His surname originates in New Hampshire. (There are a lot of Dearborns there.) Nevertheless, he says, most of his traceable ancestry comes from Essex County, Massachusetts, the Salem area, in particular. In 1980 Dave published an article on his paternal grandmother's family, "The Family of William Curtis of Danvers, Massachusetts," which appeared in A Tribute to John Inslay Coddington, ed. by Neil D. Thompson and Robert C. Anderson. One of his great-grandmothers was a Rea, he having three descents from the immigrant,

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uary 1773. m. Mehitable Hoadley of Goffstown, N.H. He d. 8 Feb. 1857, and (they) had four children.  
 iv. Eli, b. 10 August 1774, Temple, N.H. m. (1) Betsey Scripture, and (2) Betsey Longley. Four ch. were b. to the 1st wife and 7 more to the 2nd.

Eli<sup>6</sup> can claim the honor of being the first permanent settler in the town of East Dover, Maine, in 1803, and one dau., (Sybil), b. 18 March 1805) was the first child born there. She was living only a few years ago (written in 1901). Eli was a blacksmith, and while growing up with the town, he had all the business and became quite wealthy for those days. He was interested in all matters of the town. The first religious meeting was held in his house. He was an officer in the military company of the town, and a justice of the peace. He often held other town offices."

v. David B., b. 5 Oct. 1775. ("B" for Burton), b. Wilton, N.H., m. Joanna Pierce of Peterborough, N.H. He d. 30 Jan. 1852. They had nine ch.

vi. Moses, b. 22 June 1778. Moved to Ohio. Two girls.  
 vii. Abel, b. 19 Sept. 1779, Temple, N.H., m. Sarah Adkinson, 1803, 11 children.

viii. Samuel, b. 19 June 1782, d. in 1843. Served in War of 1812. m. but name of wife unknown (Towne says). Their children:

1. Joab, b. about 1813, m. (1) Jane Felker, in 1846; (2) Jane Doe, & moved to Newport, Maine. Three children; Eugene H., Ferdinand and Minnie.

ii. Asahel, b. 9 August 1818, m. Nancy French. He was in the Civil War and killed at Petersburg.

iii. Abisha, b. ca 1820, m. Desire Warren. He was a soldier in the Civil War and was killed at the Battle of Bull Run in 1862. Their children, all b. in Concord, Maine:

1. Frank, b. 1841; d. 1865.

ii. Phillander, b. 1844.

iii. Samuel, b. 1851; d. 1862.

iv. Thomas, b. 1857; m. in Newport, Maine, 1888.

v. Moses, b. 1859, m. in Gardner, Ore. 1885.

iv. Titus, b. 30 May 1823, at Concord, Maine, m. Loreanna Goding in 1859. In 1900 living at Plymouth, Maine. No children as of that date.

ix. Francis P., b. 7 May 1784, d. 1802.

x. Abigail, b. 18 January, 1786, m. Amos Fletcher, of Hollis, N.H.; she d. 4 March 1854.

xi. Betsey (or Eliza), b. 30 April 1788, m. (1) William Ring; (2) Joseph Howard.

xii. Sarah, b. March 4, 1790, m. Joshua Bailey.

xiii. Mary, b. March 4, 1790, m. Thomas McColley. (Must have been a twin to Sarah.)

The ascendancy of Thomas<sup>5</sup> Towne, was Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3,2</sup>,

and William<sup>1</sup>. This means that Thomas was the son of Elisha, the grandson of Joseph (Jr.), the great grandson of Joseph (Sr.) who was the son of William (the first Towne in America). The lineage would look like this:

William<sup>1</sup> Towne m. Joanna Blessing  
 Joseph<sup>2</sup> Towne m. Phebe Perkins  
 Joseph<sup>3</sup> Towne m. 1) Margaret

Case\*  
 2) Abigail Curtis\*  
 3) Mary Mower\*  
 \* According to Towne; Disputed: Ask Nellie Davis.

Elisha<sup>4</sup> Towne m. Mercy Foster  
 Thomas<sup>5</sup> Towne m. 1) Elizabeth Towne  
 2) Sarah Burton  
 Samuel<sup>6</sup> m. Elizabeth Rowe<sup>6</sup>

0 -- According to Carla Foster.  
 All children would be 7-th generation Towne's. Towne does not list all children as are set forth in letter. Would appreciate verification and will include that in Towne book for future reference.

Hope this helps! Let me know if I can give you anything else, and we hope Miss Davis can also be of help. Perhaps you have info on the children of Samuel Towne you could provide us.

Very best wishes,  
 WILLIAM B. TOWNE, SR.  
 TFA Genealogist-Historian

**CARLA DILLON FOSTER PLANS HISTORY OF CONCORD, ME.**

Some time ago your editor was contacted by Carla Dillon Foster who said she was doing a history of the CONCORD, ME, area. She asked if I could help her in her search for data. She also had considerable data for us which she sent along in her next letter, which we have reproduced here for whatever use it can be for our readers:

Bingham, ME 04920  
 RFD 1, Box 2010  
 19 August 1982

Dear Mr. Towne,  
 Received your wonderful letter yesterday with all the Towne Family data . . . just what I needed. Thank you so much; I appreciate your time and effort on my behalf. I'm sending the Samuel Towne family record, just as I found it recorded in the old Concord town records on microfilm at the State Archives in Augusta. Some of the dates do not agree with the 'Towne' book (E.E. Towne, Genealogy) which you quoted in your letter.

SAMUEL TOWNE, b. 19 June 1781  
 ELIZABETH, his wife, b. 23 July 1784. Their children:

Betsy B., b. 29 Feb. 1808.  
 Sarah B., b. 16 Sep. 1809.  
 Lucinda, b. 17 Feb. 1813.  
 Aseneth, b. 8 June 1814.  
 Joab, b. 26 Mar. 1816.  
 Abishai, b. 28 Aug. 1818.  
 Asahel, b. 3 June 1820.  
 Lydia R., b. 25 Nov. 1821.  
 Titus Williston, b. 30 May 1823.

I recently visited Samuel and Elizabeth's burial site on the old farm in Concord. It is in the woods now and there is only one stone for three people, but in excellent condition. On one side it reads:

Samuel Towne, Born 1783  
 Died 1836.  
 Elizabeth, Born 1785 Died 1848.

On the back side is their daughter-in-law, Mary J. Towne (wife of Joab), Born Aug. 4,

1825, Died Apr. 7, 1850. Mary was a Felker, but I don't know her parentage. I took photos of this gravestone but have loaned them to someone. I will send copies for your Towne files as soon as I can.

In various town records, including Concord, I have found the marriages or intentions of most of Samuel's children:

Betsey m. William Peavy of Old Carritunk, 30 Sept. 1835.

Sarah m. Jacob Young (who was b. in Deerfield, NH) 27 Nov. 1834 in Embden, ME.

Lucinda m. Abraham Brown, 24 Oct. 1835, by Rev. Obed Wilson of Bingham, ME.

Aseneth m. Henry Fee of Solon, ME, 26 Feb. 1839.

Joab m. (1) Mary J. Felker, 9 Aug. 1843, and (2) Mary Jane Hutchins, 28 Nov. 1850.

Abishai m. Desire Warren of Concord, ME, 29 Aug. 1840, dau. of Richard, Jr., and Eunice (Wing) Warren. (This is a Mayflower line.)

Asahel m. Nancy French, 20 Oct. 1842.

Lydia R. m. Benjamin Cooley, 24 June 1844.

I found no marriage for Titus Williston Towne. Following is the marriage of Sarah, just as I found it in the records. I think it is quite interesting. (This is Sarah the daughter of Abishai.)

"Charles I. W. Richardson and Sarah B. Towne, married 28 March 1869, in the presence of James Warren, B. F. Towne, the bride's mother and other members of the family, at the residence of the bride, within Concord.

Signed.....  
 Joel Colby, JP"

Of course, her father, Abishai, was not there as he had died in the Civil War. This was the only marriage recorded in such detail in the town records!

Here is the record of the Abishai Towne family as recorded in the Concord Family Records:

Abishai Towne, b. 28 Aug. 1818. Desire, his wife, b. 10 July 1816.

Their children:  
 Mary Ann, b. 18 July 1841. Benjamin Franklin, b. 11 Sept. 1842.

Mercy, b. 17 Feb. 1844. Richard Hartwell, b. 6 Aug. 1845.

Samuel, b. 27 Nov. 1846. Phillander, b. 1848.

Sarah B., b. 10 Feb. 1852. Desire, b. 7 Feb. 1854.

Thomas, b. 16 June 1857. Moses, b. 27 Aug. 1859.

Nancy, b. 3 Mar. 1861.

Abishai's death is also recorded as follows: "Abishai Towne died of wounds received at the Battle of Petersburg, Va., July 24, 1864, in U. S. General Hospital." Desire (Warren) Towne died 6 May 1869. So far I have located only three or four marriages for Abishai's children:

Mary Ann Towne m. Asa Burns of

Concord, ME, 1861.

Richard Hartwell Towne m. Lucy J. Brown, 25 May 1866, int.

Sarah B. Towne m. Chas. Richardson as stated above.

Thomas Towne m. Lillian May Vittum, 23 Aug. 1884. The Vittum family was from Sandwich, NH.

Here are a few more notes: Samuel Towne m. Elizabeth Rowe of Embden, ME (the next town south of Concord), in Anson, ME, 27 June 1807. His brother, Abel Towne filed his intentions to marry in Embden, 17 Aug. 1805, to Sary (Sarah) Adkinson. So far I haven't found the marriage in any of the local area towns. Samuel, Abel and Sary were all listed as residents of Carritunk, which was the name of this whole general area north of Solon and Embden, being the "Million Acre" tract of land purchased by William Bingham. Eliz. Rowe was of Embden. There is some question as to who she was, there being several families of the name in Embden at the time. She was possibly the dau. of Abraham and Kitty Rowe, who came to Embden very early from Barrington, NH. Much work has to be done on the Rowe family! I desc. from them myself, and have never been able to prove my line.

Lowell Hill Cemetery, Concord, ME, also called "Felker" Cemetery.

Lucy J., wife of Richard H. Towne, d. Oct. 1, 1892, aged 67 years, 5 months, 24 days.

Alburtie (infant), dau. of Richard H. and Lucy J. Towne, d. Oct. 7, 1867.

Jennie E., dau. of Richard H. and Lucy J. Towne, d. Oct. 8, 1896, aged 28 years, 3 mos.

Richard H. Towne (GAR marker), d. May 13, 1897, aged 51 yrs, 9 mos., 8 dys.

There! I guess that about concludes the Towne records that I have accumulated so far. Will send more as I find them. Once again I thank you for your wonderful help. I received much more than I ever expected! If I can be of any more help to the Assn., just let me know. I'll be more than happy to do what I can. It's the least I can do for all your assistance.

Sincerely yours,  
 Carla Dillon Foster

**LETTER FROM MERTON R. HOCH (Excerpts)**

Dear Cousin Bill,

"Since receiving the last About Towne I have obtained a copy of "Towne Genealogy, 1630-1901 by Edwin Eugene Towne. In it I found all of my ancestral lines and I'm sure they are correct. The data below are taken from that book. On Page 70, column C, Vol. II, Number 4 should read:

Joseph [6] and Hannah (Coleman) Towne had four sons:

1. Noah, b. 11 Nov. 1786, m. Susannah Martin, 18 June 1809, d. 26 Apr. 1867, Erie, PA.

2. Israel, b. 5 May 1791, m. Lucy White, 27 July 1820, d. 20 Sept. 1859, Hudson, OH. >>>>>>>>





start." Middleton is putting in a research section together with many local and area histories. Lynnfield has a room set aside for record keeping and research. You can go to most local libraries and order a microfilm with vital records or the census of an area you may have spent a great amount of money visiting for the purpose of research.

**MARCIA WISWALL IS AT LYNNFIELD**

Lynnfield's library director is Mrs. Marcia Wiswall, past president of the Essex County Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. The Society has over 2,000 members and holds monthly meetings with headquarters at Lynnfield.

Mrs. Wiswall, one of the Chadwell Family of Lynn, became interested in genealogy at an early age. She is presently at work on a family history that begins with Thomas Chadwell in 1638. Her great-grandmother was Clarinda Faustina Chadwell, who left a handwritten genealogy for her family.

Mrs. Wiswall has spent several years compiling this family history and had reached a standstill. While speaking at a meeting of the Lynnfield Historical Society she mentioned her history and her problem. Following the meeting a woman came forward to tell her that a sister in California had married a Chadwell. Mrs. Wiswall followed up this lead and found her missing family members. The Chadwell history was to have been published in 1980.

With a degree in library science, Mrs. Wiswall said, "I believe a library should react to community interests, and I enjoy fostering an interest in genealogy. This research gives us an awareness of who we are. In our world we need that."

Working in the library several years ago, Mrs. Wiswall found the Vital Record Books to 1850 stored in the basement along with other valuable record books, including The Soldiers of the American Revolution. These books were restored to the library shelves and have been joined by 500 other volumes since. The collection is housed in the Lynnfield Room of the library where patrons enjoy a pleasant work area, surrounded by memorabilia from the town's past. The pace is relaxed and it is not unusual to see a researcher pause to eat a sandwich from a brown paper bag before continuing or while doing research. The library has completed a surname index.

Mrs. Wiswall is serving the New England Library Assn. at the time of this article as chair-person of the bibliography committee. This committee of ten persons from the six New England states has compiled the Handbook for New England Research. (Available from the Lynnfield Library.) This project was financed by the Library Assn. and is a very valuable research aid. According to Mrs. Wiswall it should take some of the burden off the town clerks.

Massachusetts has done an excellent job of record keeping. The New England Historic-Geological Society, oldest in America and located in Boston, has an outstanding collection as does the Essex Institute in Salem. In Waltham is a branch office of the National Archives and Weston has a branch library of the genealogical department of the LDS (Mormon) Library. That library is open to the public and offers millions of rolls of microfilm on loan from the Granite Mountain vault in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:  
MERTON R. HOCH . . . . .**

Merton R. Hoch was born 15 March 1915 near Hartford, Lyon Co., Kansas, son of Ralph Miller and Lean (Zimmerman) Hoch. He was the second of five children and the eldest son. He attended a one-room country school until the seventh grade. He graduated from the Hartford Public School in 1932. During his high school senior year, Merton's parents bought a farm northeast of Emporia, the county seat of Lyon Co. The next year he attended the College of Emporia for a semester until his father had an operation. For the following eighteen months Merton did the farming until his father's recovery. He then started in the fall of 1934 at Kansas State Teachers' College at Emporia (now Emporia State University) and graduated in 1938 with a degree in education.

During this depression time Merton's parents lost their farm. They just left it and turned the mortgage over to the bank. They returned to the original Hoch family farm near Hartford on which Merton's father had been born. They lived there until the family was grown.

Merton first taught for two years in southwestern Kansas, then for a year at Parkville, MO. 1940-1941. During that year the draft was closing in on Merton, so he volunteered for his one year of service. He had become acquainted with another teacher at Parkville, Ernestine E. Lessley. Just before he entered the military service they were married on 26 May 1941.

Merton was one of the few lucky draftees. He was in the first group of those assigned to the Army Air Corps, now the US-AF. He was assigned to a materiel squadron, took his basic training at March Field, and the squadron opened the new, but incomplete air base near Fresno, CA, in Aug. 1941. He spent the next eight months in squadron supply, before being sent to officer candidate school in Miami Beach, FL in May 1943. After graduating from OCS he went to Orlando to a highly secret radar school and was trained as a fighter intercept officer. Upon graduation Merton was sent to the Panama Canal Zone where he spent the remainder of his war-time service. He also had duty at outlying bases in Ecuador and on the Galapagos Islands as well as inside the Bombproof Headquarters at Quarry Heights, living at Albrook Field in the Canal Zone. As the war wound down in 1945, he was returned to the States and discharged as a captain in the reserves. He got home to Parkville just prior to Christmas 1945.

Although Merton had not planned to return to teaching, during the Christmas season he was asked to fill a position in the North Kansas City Public Schools at which the former teacher had died. Amazingly he stayed with teaching and retired from the system in 1976 after 30 years with it. The suburban system grew from about eighty teachers in 1945 to about 1,100 of them in 1976. He taught mathematics, primarily, and also a little science. He did part-time counseling for twelve years.

Merton and Ernestine Hoch have one child, a daughter, Jan

Lessley Hoch, b. 1 Feb. 1947, m. Roger Lee Boyd 8 Aug. 1970. They are parents of one son, Jonathan Jared Boyd (Jon), b. 9 Oct. 1977. They live in Baldwin, Kans. where Roger is a professor of biology at Baker University.

Merton has enjoyed retirement and has kept busy with his hobbies and other interests: golf for exercise, reading for enjoyment, and genealogy for interest. He has especially enjoyed being a Towne Family Association charter member and looks forward to seeing it grow and flourish. He says, "It's a great feeling to have such a background of ancestors."

Submitted by Merton R. Hoch.

**LETTER FROM FRANCES TIETGE APPENDS  
LOVELY POEM . . . . .  
(Excerpts)**

What fun it was catching up with the two year's of Towne Family Association news! I can hardly wait for the first 1983 newsletter.

(Ed. Note: Now you have it!)

I've already exchanged letters with Avis Watkins and while we had about the same information about John Nurse and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Very (or Verry) and their daughter, Sarah, my 6th great grandparent who married Peter Twist, Avis did give me a whole new set of eighth great grandparents with Samuel Very and Alice Woodis.

I am enclosing a copy of a poem written by my great grandfather at the time of the death of his first wife. Francis Lyman Twist is the great, great, great, grandson of Peter Twist and Sarah Nurse, Rebecca (Towne) Nurse's granddaughter. The second short poem refers to his work as a railroad telegrapher. Feel free to use them.

With best wishes,  
Frances (Twist) Tietge

(Ed. Note:) Thanks a lot, and we will!

Copies made from the original notebook of Francis Lyman Twist, written and signed in 1882.

**Mary's Dead -- and I'm Alone**

In my chamber, sad, I ponder,  
Ponder deep upon the past;  
And my heart is full to bursting  
With emotions crowding fast.  
In my fancy I can picture  
Scenes of joy -- but all are  
flow;

I can never recall them,  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

Like a mighty rushing river  
Sweeping onward to the ocean,  
Rises up my life before me,  
Stirs my soul with wild  
emotion

As I view the vivid vision,  
All my heart-strings throb and  
moan;

All I see then seems to tell me,  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

I can see her as a maiden,  
Full of mischief, mirth, and  
life;

Brimming o'er with glee and  
gladness,  
True and faithful as a wife;  
Filled with goodness, fond and  
patient,

Making all our cares her own,  
Oh, the thought augments my sorrow,  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

And I see a little cottage  
With its clinging ivy vine,

And the cool and shady plum tree  
With its thatch of green  
woodbine;  
There we lived, and we were happy  
For we called it all our own;  
Like a shadow all has vanished --  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

How my little Mary kissed me  
In those happy days of yore,  
As she met me at the doorway  
When my daily task was o'er!  
Ah, but now there's none to greet  
me,

All my youthful hopes are  
prone;  
She has gone to meet the angels,  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

How we worked, and planned, and  
pictured  
Brighter future yet in store!  
How dear mother often told us,  
"Better days are yet before!"  
How those words encouraged, cheered  
us,

Spoken in such kindly tone;  
Now the world seems void and  
cheerless,  
Mary's dead -- and I'm alone.

Alone -- alone -- so sad and lonely  
--

Solemn gloom pervades my soul;  
O'er my drear and mournful spirit  
Dark and murky shadows roll;  
Though it may appear to others  
That my sorrow is outgrown,  
I shall never cease to mourn her,  
While I journey on -- alone.

Reedsburg, Wis., July  
11th, 1882.

**The Operator's Morning**

The mists arise, the morning skies  
Are gilded o'er and under;  
The clouds are broke, the day is  
woke,  
The night is burst asunder;  
The midnight owl no more shall prow  
Around the murky dell,  
For day will fetch another wretch  
And let me off to sleep, oh!

Night Owl, Kendall's,  
Wis., 1882.

**WALNUT GROVE FARMER, BRUCE TOWNE,  
THROWS HUGE FARM AUCTION . . . . .**

(SOURCE: The Sacramento Bee,  
Saturday, 4 Dec. 1982 . . . . .)

(Submitted by Helen Simoni.)

(Excerpts)

**By Ken Payton  
Bee Staff Writer**

WALNUT GROVE -- The weather was perfect: Muddy fields to keep farmers from getting onto their land, and sunshine to draw them to the party.

Bruce Towne, born in Walnut Grove and a farmer since 1958, threw the affair, one of those social, farm auction events where so many people just show up to renew friendships.

Five-hundred appeared at this one, bidding in a carnival atmosphere on 400 lots of equipment, tools and spare parts Towne collected on his 1,000 acres over the years.

Towne is too busy to keep running the farm, what with his interest in All State Packers fruit sheds in Lodi and Walnut Grove. He's a partner with five others in the business. Their sheds at Walnut Grove ship 8,000 tons of pears



annually to the Gallo winery.

So, now Towne is going to lease his land for farming and take it a little easier.

Nervous at first as the auction got under way, Towne soon settled down as Ed Huisman of Sacramento, 18-year veteran Northern California auctioneer, started to knock down some high bids the retiring farmer hadn't expected. Other bids came in lower, though. "They kind of balance out," said Towne.

**JUDGE D. B. TOWN OF THE GRAND ISLE COURT, VERMONT**

The following probate record was taken from the files on record at the District of Grand Isle Probate Court, Grand Isle County, Vermont.

**ORLANDO BELL'S ESTATE - COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.**

To the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Grand Isle: The Subscribers, Commissioners, appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Orlando Bell late of Alburgh in the district aforesaid, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto. Report; that having been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of our duty, we caused within sixty days after our appointment, the times and places of our meeting, and the time allowed by said Court to the creditors of said estate to present and prove their respective claims before us, to be made known by notification posted in four public places in the County of Grand Isle, to wit: R. R. Hathaway's Store, North Hero, VT., H. C. Hill's Store, Isle La Motte, E. R. Brayton, Alburgh Center, John Skelly's Store, Alburgh Springs, VT., and published three weeks successively in the Swanton Courier printed at Swanton, and that we have attended to the business of our appointment agreeably to notice and return a list of all claims presented or exhibited in offset, how much was allowed and how much disallowed, together with the balance whether in favor of the creditor or the estate, with the interest cast on said claims, up to the 15th day of January A.

D., 1887, as follows:

Names of Claimants	Nature of claims	Sum Allowed	Due from * Estate
E. R. Goodsell, Adm.	Extra Int. and bond	63.63	63.63
Ora O Bell	Book Acct.	1118.17	
Susan O. Cole	Acct for Sheep	512.00	
Frank T. Bell	" "		
Minnie Honsinger	" "		
and surviving children	" "	512.00	
Rana Daba	Book Acct.	22.67	22.67
B. E. Lingfield	" "	3.00	3.00

\*Other heads of column categories containing no information included: Sum Disallowed, Nature of Offset, Sum Allowed, Due to Estate, and Remarks. Given under our hands at Alburgh this 26th day of January A.D. 1884:

O. P. Knight  
I. E. Niles  
B. H. Reynolds  
(Commissioners)

**NOTES SENT IN BY MAXINE CANNY SHOWS INTEREST IN TOWNE'S GENEALOGY**  
-- Excerpts --

I have found my Towne Family Genealogy by Edwin E. Towne of great interest. Who is the father of James, page 317 in "Ancestry Unknown?" His son, Oliver, m. Damaris Luce and he moved to Ohio. James, Oliver, Damaris, Salem, Rebecca and Lucy are all names passed down in our family. Little doubt this is our family connection. If you read page 311, Nathaniel believed to be son of Oliver buried at Cashocton, Ohio. It says on page 312, Wm. S., Jr., can find no trace of where his ancestry came from, but no doubt from New England. He is down from Oliver and could not trace his family as they went by the name of Towns (our Jason) in Cashocton Tescawars Township along with other Towns in an early census. My great grandfather had the name William and Hamilton County written down on a book cover but I never could figure out the connection.

Now think it over and tell me if you think Salem, son of James, could be our Salem. Perhaps Priscilla Soule, his 2nd wife. He was 35 when he married her. The Salem I'm looking for would be about this age.

Hope you are well and enjoy the holidays.

/s/ Maxine Canny



**A NOTE FROM ROBERT GOODALE, M.D. EXCERPTS**

11 April 1983

My great grandmother, Prudence Aiken (Nourse) Goodale was a member of the Rebeccah Nourse Association when funds were raised for a memorial there in the Nourse Family Cemetery. Our branch is always spelled it "Nourse" and we have always cherished the memory of Rebeccah.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert Goodale

Ye Editor

Returned to Probate Office the 15th day of February AD 1887, Accepted and ordered to be recorded:

ATTEST: D. B. Town, Assistant Judge of Grand Isle County, Acting Judge of Probate.

A true record Attest D. B. Town, Assistant Judge of Grand Isle County Court & Acting Judge of Probate.

(Submitted by Bea Baumback)



Aunt Minny Ho!



**LETTER FROM NELLIE M. DAVIS HAS GOOD IDEAS FOR ABOUT TOWNE**

16 Feb. 1983

Dear Mr. Towne,

I prefer the ragged edge columns as I have an eye problem and they are easier for me to follow than a straight edge. However, either is OK.

Regarding correcting errors of typing, I wonder if you have ever used the attached? (She sent a piece of "Correct copy".) They come in a little plastic box and are the best I have ever found - most any stationery shop has them. Put the dull side down, preferably put the typewriter on "stencil", and strike over the error, then re-type. Copy machines do not pick up the white. If you catch the error as you go along of course there is no problem of proper alignment; and if necessary to align it makes it easier as you can tell when the white strikeover gets right and adjust until it is.

Best wishes,  
/s/ Nellie M. Davis  
P. O. Box 143  
Coyle, OK  
73027

(Ed. Note: We certainly appreciate the responses from our membership telling us of ideas on how to do things better. I think right now we have the error problem solved and we hardly ever make any more mistakes.)

**SHAKER HEIGHTS, A TOWNE TOWN**

Submitted by Lester LeMay

In 1821 while returning to Warrensville, Ohio, from his visit with the Shakers at Union Village across the state, Ralph Russell, fifth great-grandson of William Towne, saw a "ray of light" which led him to his home and "at the end of the journey it rose in a strong, erect column and became a beautiful tree of light." The following year Shakerism was accepted by Ralph and several of his brothers and their families and the Shaker community began in his home. This area would eventually become the community of Shaker Heights, near Cleveland, Ohio.

Shakers developed from the "Shaking Quakers" of England. With a dependence upon the "inner light" as well as scripture for inspiration and acceptance of the ministry of women as equal to men, it was not too far for some Quakers to accept Ann Lee as a manifestation of the Christ. They followed her primary teachings of confession of sin and the walk with Christ forsaking all desires of the flesh. When her visions led her and a small group to migrate to America in 1780, gradually the concepts of communalism, celibacy, and consecrated labor were integrated into their teachings. Their peculiar doctrines and their practice of "dancing to the Lord" caused them to experience much persecution.

In 1821, the year that his father Jacob Russell died, Ralph became a Shaker. Through him seven of his eleven brothers and sisters became Shakers. Ralph was the first local leader, but he was supplanted by Elder Ashbel Kitchell before the covenant was signed at North Union. Yet seventeen of the thirty-six

original signers were Russells! Elijah Russell became their head horticulturist and Return Russell (both older brothers of Ralph) helped in building the mill. Later one of Return's sons, Samuel Russell, would lead the North Union gathering for eighteen years. When the Shakers came to the years of decline and the North Union community was ready to shut down in 1889, Abigail, Rachel, and Melinda Russell were among the last members.

The source of much of this information is Caroline B. Piercy's book, *The Valley of God's Pleasure*, published in 1951. Two articles by George Ely Russell in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (July 1964 and January 1966) complete the connection between Shaker Heights and William Towne. In the first article, George Ely Russell corrects the birthplace of Jacob Russell and connects him to Samuel Russell of Windsor, Connecticut. Jacob was born 15 April 1746 in Kingston, New York. Kingston Dutch Church Register lists marriage bans for "Samuel Rassel" and Maria Hof August 18, 1745. Research of Hank Jones, Palatinate expert, prove Maria to be daughter of Johan Andreas and Catharina Margreta (Ernst) Hof of Heddendorf, Germany. The second article in the Register details the life of Samuel's father Ebenezer Russell and points out his mother Elizabeth (Nurse) Russell as daughter of Francis and Rebecca (Towne) Nurse.

George Ely Russell, well known genealogist, is presently consultant with the Russell Register, published by Frances Nelson, 7041 Pedley Rd. #18, Riverside, CA 92509.

**LINEAGE OF RUBY ELIZABETH MC KIM FULLERTON**

I would be interested in more information on the Towne Family Assn. My husband is a descendant of Mary (Towne) Estey and also from her brother, Joseph Towne (m. Phebe Perkins).

- William<sup>1</sup> Towne m. Joanna
- / Blessing
- [Mary<sup>2</sup> Towne m. Isaac
- / Estey]
- [Joseph<sup>2</sup> Towne m. Phoebe
- / Perkins]
- Susannah<sup>3</sup> Towne m. John Cum-
- ings
- Isaac Cummings m. (1) Hannah
- / Estey
- Rebecca Cummings m. Ichabod
- / White
- Ichabod White m. Abigail
- / Lester
- Margaret White m. Jeremiah
- / Briggs
- Katherine Briggs m/ Ambrose
- / Rowson
- Harvey Briggs m. Margaret
- / Amelia
- Rowlson / Vanden-
- / bergh
- Jenria Amelia m. Charles
- / Fargo Reed
- Margaret Lacy m. Wm. Bar-
- / land Ful-
- / lerton
- Wm. B. Fullerton m. Ruby
- / Elizabeth
- Jr. / McKim

- [Wm. B. Fuller-
- ton, III m. Ruth
- / Jacobson]
- [Catherine Chris-
- tina Fullerton m. Michael A.
- / Woodcock]

Submitted by Mrs. Wm. B. Fullerton, Jr.



Following is a list of Members/Subscribers joining since the last newsletter, current through 7 July 1983. For the complete list see Vol. III, # 1, Pages 10, 11, & 12, plus those added here. A warm welcome is extended to them all.

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	CAT.
BAILEY, Natalie E. T.	527 Howell Street	Ridgecrest	CA	93555	Act.
BRISTOL, Miriam L.	Regency House Rm 517 33 West Adams St.	Jacksonville	FL	32202	Assoc.
CADY, Barbara L.	2270 S. Hillcrest Dr.	West Linn	OR	97068	Subs.
CLARK, Margaret R. S.	530 Zircon Way	Livermore	CA	94550	Assoc.
CLIFFORD, George M., Capt.	P. O. Box 762	Captain Cook	HI	96704	Act.
DAY, Lorena	1131 2nd Ave.	Chula Vista	CA	92011	Act.
DOUGLAS, Bernice B.	5837 - 14th Ave.	Sacramento	CA	95820	Subs.
EHRINGER, Harriet S.	233 Gregory Ave.	West Orange	NJ	07052	Act.
FULLERTON, Betty M.	121 West 48th St.	Kansas City	MO	64110	Act.
HALL, Ruth G.	R.R. Box 7241	Spitt Lake	IA	51360	Act.
HERTNER, Gretchen R.	2619 Ong St.	Amarillo	TX	79109	Act.
HONEA, Barbara L.	1410 S. Hughes St.	Amarillo	TX	79102	Act.
KERNER, Joanne Estey	P. O. Box 700	Plymouth	CA	95669	Act.
MAGARIAN, Agnes Towne	1449 Lake Highland Dr.	Orlando	FL	32803	Act.
MORTENSEN, Paula P.	363 S. Park Victoria Dr.	Milpitas	CA	95035	Subs.
PEARSON, Ann Lisa	3312 E. Costilla Ave. Littleton (Morrell/Morrill Families Assn.)	Littleton	CO	80122	Assoc.
PEPPER, Rosemary Towne	7151 Mossvine (Temporary residence, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia)	Dallas	TX	75240	Act.
PRINCE, Marjorie L.	R. 2	Sabattus	ME	04280	Act.
TOWNE, Roy Salem, Jr.	1136 Pioneer Dr.	Bismarck	ND	58501	Act.
WHEELER, Jas. E., MD	130 Llanfair Road	Ardmore	PA	19003	Act.



Inadvertently omitted from our last issue, with apologies;

BOSLEY, Laura Chapman	Prospect St. Ext.	Lebanon	NH	03766	Act.
DEXTER, Janice M.	956 Dever Road	Saint John	NB	E2M 4J3	Assoc.



### Ed Towne Elected Chairman of Liberty Distributors' Exec. Comm.

SOURCE: The Sacramento Union, Friday, 3 December 1982.

Edward S. Towne, president of the Thompson-Diggs Company, Sacramento, California, has been elected chairman of Liberty Distributors' executive committee.

Established in 1935, Liberty is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary wholesale hardware merchandising group, with 29 member firms claiming 3,000 franchised hardware stores and home centers. Collectively, Liberty members generate the second largest dollar sales volume in the wholesale hardware industry.

Towne was elected by the executive committee at Liberty's 96th semi-annual membership meeting, held Friday and Saturday, October 16 - 17, at the Sheraton Washington hotel in Washington, D.C. He replaces William M. Wyeth III, Wyeth Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, whose two-year term had expired.

Towne comes to the position with thirty years of experience at the Thompson-Diggs Company, including eleven years as president. As a strong advocate of sharp buying and merchandising practices, he believes Liberty should maintain its proven price, product and service policies while addressing an expanded range of hardware consumers.

(Submitted by Helen Simoni.)

I was interested in the entire issue, but found I had done a poor job of preparing my line pedigree from which my lineage had been taken. The family cards which accompanied it would have answered two of the questions raised.

My wife's, Irene, maiden name was Luelloff. Richard, our son, is unmarried.

The biggest question I don't have answered is which of the Solomon[6] Towne's wives would be the mother of Solomon [7]? Solomon[6] was married twice, first to Lois Butler, and second to Abigail Jenkins. Since Solomon[7] was the fourth child, I would assume his mother was Abigail Jenkins but I have no proof. If anyone has information on this I would greatly appreciate getting it.

I am also seeking information about Mary Crittendon. She was born 2 Feb. 1823. I suspect she was born at Belcher-town, Massachusetts, but I have no information.

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#### ELIZABETH TOWN SCHMITT PROVIDES VALUABLE CENSUS DATA . . . . .

26 Feb. 1982

Dear Mr. Towne,

Enclosed is some more Towne material I ran across in my research.

I also have the following census records from Jackson Co., MI, 1850:

- P. 347, Jackson Township
- Stephen Town, 43 M Farmer, b. N.Y.
- Elizabeth, 41 F, b. N.Y.
- Laura, 18 F, b. N.Y.
- H. Ellen, 16 F, b. Mich.
- Simon, 13 M, b. Mich.
- Julia, 10 F, b. Mich.
- Margette, 6 F, b. Mich.
- Hiram Gardner, 17 M, farmer, b. N.Y.

(I had thought this would be the son of Simon<sup>6</sup> Town, Robert<sup>5</sup> Town, Bartholomew<sup>4</sup> Towne, John<sup>3</sup>

Towne, Joseph<sup>2</sup> Towne, William<sup>1</sup> Towne. The ages of Stephen and his wife, and her name, along with the name and age of Simon agree with the data in Charles A. Towne collection, but the names of the rest of the children do not. According to Charles A. Towne, Simon's son Stephen, went to Jackson, Michigan. I have no way of knowing Mr. Towne's source or his accuracy here.)

- P. 405, Liberty Township.
- Calvin Towne, 25 M, farmer, b. Vt.
- Sabra, 22 F, b. N. Y.
- Helen, 1 F, b. Mich.

- P. 405, Liberty Township.
- William Town, 59 M, farmer, b. Vt.
- Mary, 38 F, b. Vt.
- George, 6 mos., b. N.Y.

- P. 396, Liberty Township.
- Ichabod A. Town, 41 M, b. N.Y.
- Theda, 38 F, b. N.Y.
- Hezekiah, 17 M, b. N.Y.
- Josia, 14 M, b. N.Y.
- Charles, 11 M, b. N. Y.
- Sarah, 3 F, b. Mich.
- (Reneth Snalles [Sp.??] 17 F, b. Canada

- P. 242, Hanover Township.

#### NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION . . . . .

##### GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

The Genealogical Library of the D.A.R. is outstanding in its field. This highly specialized collection, containing over 65,000 books and pamphlets and more than 30,000 manuscripts, much of it available in no other library and almost all of it out of print, makes the D.A.R.

- James Town, 6 mos., b. Mich. (He was in the household of Daniel Porter, aged 85, b. N.H.; listed in this household, immediately under the name of Isaac Soule, 25 M, a Physician, b. N. Y.)

- P. 298, Spring Port Township.
- Newill Town, 21 M, farmer, b. Maine.
- Margarette, 20 F, b. Ohio.
- George, 1 mo., b. Mich.

- P. 299, Spring Port Township.
- Thomas Town, 50 M, b. Maine.
- Rachael, 49 F, b. Maine.
- Israel, 19 M, b. Ohio.
- Noah, 18 M, b. Ohio.
- Newell, 16 M, b. Ohio.

- P. 223, Spring Arbor Township.
- William Town, 35 M, farmer, b. Vt.
- Hannah, 40 F, b. N. Y.
- Matthew, 18 M, b. N. Y.
- Ira, 13 M, b. Mich.
- Esther, 12 F, b. Mich.
- William, 8 M, b. Mich.
- Francis, 3 M, b. Mich.

The following Town men are listed as having served in the Kansas Militia during the Civil War. The numbers following the names are the Volume and Page number where they are listed on the rosters in the State Adjutant's office. Information can be obtained from the State Archives, Kansas State Historical Society, 10th & Jackson, Topeka, Kan. 66612. Enclose a SASE (Self-Addressed-Stamp-ed-Envelope).

- C. C. Town 1:74
- C. G. Town 1:73
- Cornelius Town 1:80
- George Town 3:191
- H. Town 2:95
- I. N. Town 1:29
- R. H. Town 1:29

(Mrs. Schmitt also included a biography of Walter H. Towne which was published in About Towne, earlier. (See p. 48, Vol. II, # 3).

Library a facility of extraordinary distinction.

When the D.A.R. Library was established the society had no headquarters of its own. Now, the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. cover an entire city block on Seventeenth St. near the White House. The composite group of halls and buildings is the largest group in the world owned by women.

The Library is used by the Society not only to establish lines but to verify lines used on application papers of members. In areas on two levels surrounding the Library are the Society's departments devoted to this work. Thus all important research divisions are consolidated in the Library area.

Genealogists who use the D.A.R. Library acknowledge the outstanding contribution this facility has made to research. The types of material available here are: compiled genealogies; state, county and local histories; published rosters of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots; abstracts of some Revolutionary War pension files; published vital records; cemetery inscriptions of various county records, i.e., marriages, etc.; published archives of some of the Thirteen Original States; Federal Census Schedules (1850-1880, all states) and Federal Mortality Schedules (a few states); and genealogical periodicals.

The Library books are arranged alphabetically. There are two main divisions -- STATE and GENEALOGY. In addition, there is biographical, military, church, organizational, etc., information.

An important aspect of the Library is its open stacks, from which the readers may select books.

The Library is strictly a genealogical reference library where material may be used but not borrowed. Assist- (Please turn to Page 40, Col. D)

#### LETTER FROM E. LOUIS TOWNE ABOUT HIS LINEAGE . . . . .

19 Feb. 1983

Dear Cousin Bill,

Just received the Volume II, No. 4 of About Towne.

I would make a suggestion which might solve a problem on lineage. A line pedigree chart used in this area has a line in the bottom left for the spouse of the person on line 1 of the chart. This completes the chart to that generation and helps to prevent confusion on this matter.

Keep up the good work!

/s/ E. Louis Towne  
P. O. Box 881  
North Bend, WA  
98045

GOOD IDEAL  
WBL

**WRITING FOR PUBLICATION ANYBODY?? HERE ARE THE HENGS GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:**

**GENERAL RULES FOR WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:**

1. Type all manuscripts on good quality, nonerasable white bond paper, 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size.
2. Double space all material-text, quotation, footnotes, appendices. Never single space. Leave a margin of 1 1/2 inches on the left side, one inch on the other three sides of the page. Indent paragraphs five spaces.
3. Center the title in upper case, four inches from the top of the page. Three spaces below that, center the author's name. Begin the text four spaces below the author's name.
4. Number the pages consecutively.
5. Indicate italic type by underlining once. Use this type for titles of books, periodicals, newspapers, names of ships, technical terms, and occasional foreign words. Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary is authoritative for determining the italicization of words. Do not italicize direct quotations in a foreign language, foreign titles preceding proper names, or words anglicized in modern usage.
6. Write out numbers from one through one hundred, then use Arabic numerals (except for "round" numbers, such as two hundred, five thousand, one million.) A number beginning a sentence should be written out, even if this is a large number such as "Eight hundred twenty-nine men." A sentence should never begin with a date: "The year 1776 was historic," not "1776 was an historic year."
7. Prose quotations over seven typewritten lines should be set apart from the rest of the text, even if this occurs in the middle of a paragraph. Double space these passages with an increased margin (an additional ten spaces) on the left-hand side of the page; triple space before and after the extract.
8. Quotations from manuscripts should correspond exactly to the original in wording, capitalization and punctuation. Expand the thorn ("y") to "th" (for example, y<sup>e</sup> to the y<sup>t</sup> to that), but explain all other changes.
9. Type charts or tables on a separate sheet of nonerasable white bond paper. Caption it, and put references to

sources at the bottom of the page.

10. Pictures or photographs may be used. In such cases provide the clearest glossy print available.

**ARTICLES**

The format for articles should follow the general rules already noted, and in addition, conform to the following:

1. Designate footnotes through the use of raised numbers (1/2 space above the line of type) after the punctuation mark. Number the notes consecutively. Double space the notes, each with a paragraph indentation (five spaces), on separate sheets of paper following the text.
2. Citations should be consistent and conform to the following rules and examples:

A. BOOKS. Always cite the titles of books from their title pages, not from the lettering on the binding of the books. Cite volumes in Arabic, with a colon to separate volume from page number (see examples under multi-volume works.)

Single Volume. Michael Kammen, People of Paradox: An Inquiry Concerning the Origins of American Civilization (New York, 1972), 5

Multi-Volume. Charles M. Andrews, The Colonial Period of American History (New Haven, Conn., 1934-1938), 2:33; 4:180.

Edition. Gilbert H. Doane, and James B. Bell, Searching for Your Ancestors: The How and Why of Genealogy, 5th ed. rev. (Minneapolis, Minn., 1980), 12.

Edited Volume. Michael McGiffert, ed., The Character of Americans: A Book of Readings (Homewood, Ill., 1968), 8.

No Author or Editor. Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to 1850, 1: Births (Boston, 1929), 12.

**B. ARTICLES AND SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.** For both articles and society publications, cite volumes as for books. Cite only the year of the volume when these publications are pagged consecutively. Where pagination is not consecutive, then cite the month or season of issue.

Article. Verle Delano Vincent, "Descendants of Henry<sup>3</sup> and Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Stiles," New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 107 (1976): 65-69.

Society Publication. James B. Bell, "Anglican Clergy in American Colonies Ordained by Bishops of London," American Antiquarian Society, Proceedings, 83 (1973): 156.

C. MANUSCRIPTS. Manuscript citations should enable the reader to locate the material. They should include the following information, where available: title; volumes and page or folio number; title of collection; depository; location of depository. Citations to

manuscript journals, account books, or diaries should also include the date of entry.

Letters. Henry Knox to Timothy Pickering, 2 May 1791, Timothy Pickering Papers, 60: 3, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.

Unpublished Records. Tax List, 1676, Windsor Town Records, 1:10, Town Clerk's Office, Windsor, Conn.

Other Documents. Muster Rolls of Mobilization (Lexington and Concord), 13: 23, Massachusetts State Archives, State House, Boston.

D. SUBSEQUENT CITATIONS. Use short titles and abbreviations for subsequent citations.

Do not use loc. cit. or op. cit.

Kammen, People of Paradox, 23. Andrews, Colonial Period, 1:45.

Doane and Bell, Searching for Your Ancestors, 10. McGiffert, ed., American Character, 12. Taunton V.R., 21.

Vincent, "Henry<sup>3</sup> and Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Stiles," N.Y.G.B.R., 107 (1976): 66. Bell, "Anglican Clergy," Am. Antiq. Soc. Procs., 83 (1973): 101. Knox to Pickering, 2 May 1791, Pickering Papers, 60:3. Tax List, 1676, Windsor, T.R., 1:13. Muster Rolls, 13: 25.

To refer to a single work from a note immediately preceding, use ibid. However, if the note contains more than one citation, ibid. should not be used, and short titles must be.

**GENEALOGIES**

The following points should be included in a genealogy, but they are by no means the only facts that one has to detail. Begin with these basic suggestions, and develop according to the use of documented material.

1. Start the genealogy with an introduction of one or more paragraphs in which are incorporated the following: the significance of the family or individual, the context of the times in which the family or individual lived, and discussion of previously published material, especially if errors are to be corrected.

2. Next find an account of the progenitor or immigrant ancestor of the family. Include:

- a. date and place of birth and death and authorities for these statements.
- b. details of marriage
  1. date and place of marriage. If the exact date is not known, give the approximate date and reasons for supporting it.
  2. the vital statistics and history of the wife, including parentage. If the wife is a widow, the name(s) should be given. If she remarried after the death of this husband, cite those facts also.
  3. If the head of the

family married more than once, have a separate paragraph for each marriage.

c. description of the life of the subject, including education, profession, service to the community (including military), the various moves of the family, and so on. Include the wife's history, too, if she had done something significant.

d. wills of both husband and the wife. Give the dates of execution and probate, the court where the will was proved, the relationship of the heirs to the testator, and details of administration.

e. children in order of birth, known or conjectured. The Register uses small roman numerals to indicate the order of birth and arabic numerals for all lines to be carried on. When a child is not continued, give all known information in the first entry, including the issue of such a child. Indicate the surname of the daughters' children. Dates of baptism should be used when a birthdate is unavailable, but otherwise should be omitted, unless significant. See the examples in the sample genealogy which follows.

3. This basic form, along with any other documented information the contributor wishes to add, should be followed for each family group detailed in the genealogy. For successive generations the name of the head of the family is followed by the name of the father, underlined to indicate italic type, with a raised number to indicate italic type, with a raised number to indicate the generation and lineage, all enclosed in parentheses. This procedure is followed throughout the genealogy. Example:

James<sup>1</sup>  
Harold<sup>2</sup> (James<sup>1</sup>)  
James<sup>3</sup> (Harold<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)  
Mary<sup>4</sup> (James<sup>3</sup>, Harold<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.)

4. References for genealogies deserve special mention, as, unlike articles, they follow immediately after the fact or series of facts that they substantiate. This process helps to eliminate the need for raised numerals as footnotes and thus to avoid confusion between footnote numerals and numerals indicating generations. It is still possible to use footnotes, however, as the context alone distinguishes the difference for the discerning reader. In addition, the courses used for genealogies are often more likely to use original family records only available to a very limited number of people, i.e. Bible records, or family letters. This is perfectly permissible, provided that identification is given, as in manuscripts: Bible Records, now in possession of Mrs. Jeremiah Brown, Charlestown, Mass.

5. Genealogies use many abbreviations, especially in listing children, although names are never abbreviated. Listed below are the standard abbreviations for the Register.

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b. born  
 bp. baptized  
 bur. buried  
 ca. circa  
 d. died  
 dau. daughter  
 d.s.p. died with-  
 out issue  
 (decessit sine  
 prole)  
 d. unm. died unmar-  
 ried  
 d.v.p. died in the  
 decessit vita lifetime of  
 patris) the father  
 fl. flourished\*  
 g.s. gravestone  
 m. married  
 rec. records; re-  
 corded  
 s. son  
 unm. unmarried  
 w. wife  
 wid. widow

\* Flourished is used only when the contributor has no knowledge of either the birth or death date, but does know that the subject was alive in 1806 and then in 1850; the citation would read, "fl. 1806-1850".

SAMPLE GENEALOGY

INTRODUCTION

"The families of some of the pioneer settlers of Sandwich have received little attention from genealogists; the opposite is true of the New England Gifford Families. Harry E. Gifford published, in 1896, his Gifford Genealogy which gives an account of the descendants of Wil-

liam<sup>1</sup> Gifford of Sandwich. But the compiler of that work was handicapped by what was evidently an inability to search thoroughly in original records, and the enormous size of the family caused confusion, for he was not able to connect several branches of the family tree. A number of years ago the present compilers, having each amassed an appalling amount of data, decided to pool the information. Meanwhile we learned that a great many others had done work on the Sandwich Gifford family and also on the other New England Giffords. Among these were the late G. Andrews Moriarty, Jr., A.M., L.L.B., F.A.S.G., although his research was largely confined to precolonial English records (See, "Genealogical Research in England-Gifford-Sargent," Register, 74 (1920): 233, and "The Early Giffords," *ibid.* 105 (1951): 292; 106; (1952): 76). Richard G. Rider of Paris, France, a William Gifford descendant, had done Gifford research in London. It was he who brought to our attention the marriage records of St. Martin-in-the-Fields (mentioned below). George B. Giffard, Esq., and American barrister of London, retained the professional services of Sir Anthony Wagner, K.C.V.O., D. Litt., F.A.S.G., Garter King of Arms, also of London.... But so far nothing has been found which would definitely prove the English ancestry of the Sandwich Giffords."

Register, 128 (1974): 239-240.

CHILDREN:

"2. i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. ca. 1642, as his first child was b. in 1665.  
 ii. PATIENCE, b. ca. 1644; d. perhaps in childbirth, ca. 1675; m. at Dartmouth, 19  
 Oct. 1665, RICHARD<sup>2</sup> KIRBY (also spelled Kerbee), b. ca. 1633; d. testate, at Dartmouth, 8 Mar.

1719/20, son of Richard Kirby who bought the other half of the Dartmouth tract sold by the widow Sarah Warren in 1670. These Kirby's were active in the Sandwich and Dartmouth Friends' Meetings.... Children, surname Kirby: 1. Sarah, b. 1 May 1667; m. Samuel Merthw. 2. Temperance, b. 5 May 1670; d. 15 Feb. 1763... She probably m., 22 Mar. 1721, George Pierce of Little Compton. 3. Experience (twin), b. 5 May 1670; m. 5 Mar. 1692, John Mosher of Dartmouth, Seven children...

3. iii. HANNANIAH, b. ca. 1646 (his first child was b. ca. 1672).

4. iv. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1654 (his first child was b. 1676.)"

*Ibid.*, 250

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE EVERETT OF NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCE

In the name of God, Amen, I George Everett of Fredericton in the County of York and province of New Brunswick being of Sound mind and Memory (sic) do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

After all my just debts and funeral expences are paid I give and devise and bequeath my Estate real and personal in manner following, that is to say

First I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Ruth Everett the whole of My Estate (as wile seal??) (unable to decipher) as personal to her sole use and benefit during her natural life which said Real Estate She Shall Keep whole and undivided nor shall she alienate any part thereof.

Secondly after the decease of my said Wife Ruth Everett I give and bequeath my said Real Estate unto my children as follows

Unto my son John Estey Everett I give and bequeath two-fourths of my said Real Estate for his sole use during his Natural Life and at his decease said two-fourths to be equally divided between my sons Thomas Carlton and Charles Duncan Everett and their heirs forever

Unto my son Thomas Carlton Everett his Heirs forever I give and bequeath one fourth of my said Real Estate

And unto my son Charles Duncan Everett and his Heirs forever I give the remaining one fourth part of my said real estate

And I do hereby nomonate and appoint my Wife Ruth Everett and my son Thomas Carlton Everett to be joint Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and utterly disallowing all other and forms of wills legacies and bequests by me at any time heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my last will and Testament --

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Fredericton aforesaid this Twenty-Seventh day of October one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven.

/s/ George Everett

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Said George Everett as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names.

W. D. Hartt  
 H. G. Estabrooks, Jr.  
 Ann Estabrooks

YALE LOCKS KEEP OUR SECURITY . . . YALE & TOWNE MFG. CO. PRESIDENT, CHRM. OF BOARD, AN EARLY FOUNDER

Source: The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, First Families of America, Ed. by Frederick A. Virkus, A. N. Marquis & Company, publishers, Chicago, 1925.

TOWNE, Henry Robinson, b. Phila, PA, August 28, 1844.

9-- William Towne (1600-72), from Eng. to Salem, Mass., 1640, m. Joanna Blessing;  
 8-- Edmund (1628-78), m. Mary Browning;  
 7-- Joseph (1661-1717), m. Amy Smith;  
 6-- Nathan (1693-1763), m. Phebe Curtis;  
 5-- Nathan (b. 1720), m. Mary Poole;

4-- Benjamin (1747-88), m. Mehitable Chandler;  
 3-- John (1787-1881), m. Sarah Robinson;

5-- Robert Tevis;  
 4-- Robert;  
 3-- Joshua;  
 2-- Son of John Henry Towne (1818-1875), engr., mfr., philanthropist. founder Towne Scientific Sch. of U. Pa., m. Maria Rebecca Tevis (1822-92); issue: 1 - Henry Robinson (above); Edward Carman (d. young); 3 - Helen Carman (b. 1848; m. William Furness Jenks); 4 - Alice North (m. Ronald Crocker Lincoln).

1-- M. Mar 12, 1868, Cora Elizabeth White (1844 - Oct. 19, 1917); dau. John P. White, Phila, Pa.; issue: 1 - John Henry, b. Phila., Jan. 2, 1869; B.S., Mass. Inst. Tech., '90; m. Apr. 18, 1900, Eleonora, dau. of S. M. Swenson of New York (issue: Eleonor, b. 1901); 2 - Frederick Tallmadge (1872-1906; m. Constance Gibbons).

Student, U. Pa., 1861-1862 (hon. A.M., 1887); after serving as draughtsman abt. 2 years in iron works he was given charge of gov't work in repair shop of gunboat Mass., and in 1864-66, was in charge of engine erection in monitors Monadnock and Agamenticus, etc., until close of Civil War, when he became spl. student of engring with Robert Briggs and took special course in physics at the Sorbonne, Paris. Pres. Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., 1868-1915, now chrm. of bd.; also chrm. bd. Morris Plan Co., N.Y. Author of technical works and papers (See Who's Who in America). Residence: 420 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.

OUR MYSTERIOUS AND ELUSIVE SALEM TOWNE - HERE'S ANOTHER!

Submitted by Barbara L. Cady.

From: History of Harrison County (Iowa), pub. ca 1891. Given to Mrs. Cady on 12 June 1974, by Mrs. Henry Ganzhorn, 44 5th St., Woodbine, IA 51579.

Salem Towne has been a resident of Harrison County for a quarter of a century, effecting his settlement as he did in 1866.

He is a native of Monroe County, N.Y., born February 5, 1820, at Henrietta. He is the son of James and Almira (Wilder) Town, and the grandson of James Town and David Wilder, of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively, and of Scotch and Irish extraction. The parents of our subject passed their lives principally in the State of New York, the father dying in 1836, and the mother in 1827. They reared a family of six children, our subject being the fourth child. His parents being farmers,

he was brought up midst the scenes of rural life and educated in the subscription schools common to that day.

At the age of sixteen he started on life's journey for himself, and followed farming in New York and Vermont, but after he was of age he engaged at boat-building which took him over a large scope (sic) of territory. He followed this (trade) until he was twenty-seven years old; spent one year at his old home in the Empire State, and in 1847 made his acquaintance with the rules and regulations of a pioneer life in the Badger State, locating at Lafayette, Wis., where he passed about two years, then went to Jo Daviess County, Ill., and remained four years, and transacted business of an important character, for on April 4, 1850, Eliza J. Reed became his wife, the marriage ceremony being performed at Galena. His wife was born in Ireland, June 1833, and reared a family of six children - Almira J., wife of William H. Moore, a native of Woodbine; William R., a resident of Page County, Iowa; Willis, residing with his father; George, a resident of the State of Washington; Anna, resident in Washington; Ida B., wife of Walter J. McWilliams, residing at Charter Oak, Iowa.

Our subject remained in Jo Daviess County, Ill., until 1855, and then moved to Fillmore County, Minn., where he remained until 1866, during which time he followed farming. From there he removed to Harrison County, Iowa, and in 1877 purchased an eighty-acre tract on section 33, of Harrison Township, which was wild land at the time. He rented a farm until 1870, adjoining his present place, and during that year removed to his own land into a small house that now does duty as a stable. In 1876 he erected his present residence, which is a frame building 20 x 28 feet, with an ell 12 x 16 ft. His farm is finely improved and is made beautiful and valuable by the presence of groves, orchards, etc. Our subject has done much toward the improvement of the country in general. When he came to the county it was little less than a wilderness, and a few years after the Indian had bid a long farewell to this domain, and wolves, deer and prairie chickens abounded in great numbers. Great are the changes of a quarter of a century, especially when the keen plowshare of civilization cuts its multiplied furrows.

Mr. Town is in the true sense of the term a self-made man, having started with nothing but pluck to carry him through, and "under his own vine and fig tree," surrounded with the comforts of a beautiful farm home, he enjoys the fruits of his labor. Politically, he is a Republican, and has always taken a deep interest in educational matters including the establishment of early schools. In his religious belief, for many years he was associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, but of later years has accepted the Universalist's doctrine. He was one of the organizers of the Dunlap Methodist Church, and aided in the construction of their church edifice.

After a companionship of forty years along the meandering journey of life, our subject was called upon to mourn the loss

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of his wife, who passed to the unseen world February 7, 1890 -- a true friend, a faithful wife and a loving mother.

**HARRIET EHRINGER, A NEW MEMBER WRITES ABOUT THE ESTEY'S . . .**

233 Gregory Ave.  
West Orange, NJ  
07052

(Excerpts)

Dear Mr. Towne:

Enclosed is my application, check, chart and pp. 138-9 from Essex Institute, Vol. XXXVI (the end of the article on the Estey family). The author or compiler, Gay Esty Bangs, I'm sure is no longer around, or I'd ask her why she listed Esther Estey's husband as Abijah (Wood), when all indications are that his name was Joshua Wood. He is listed as Joshua in birth records of his children (in addition to Judith -- she later used the name Julia.). His gravestone says Joshua.

Have you noticed any other Towne/-Estey descendants in this particular line, or am I the first one to list Esther Estey/Joshua Wood? I still am working on additional documentation for this couple.

May I compliment you on your fine newsletter! I thoroughly enjoyed reading and studying it. The article on the food poisoning theory was fascinating. My brother, a biology teacher, will be interested in this.

The most important thing, to my way of thinking, is the fact that you stress accurate record keeping and documentation of information. I'm sure you are too well aware of the many careless people who consider themselves to be full-fledged genealogists -- and they definitely are not. I think you are very wise to instruct novices and to stress the importance of careful work.

With all good wishes for continued success ----

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Harriet Scharf  
Ehringer

(Ed. Note: We hope our readers will be able to respond to Mrs. Ehringer's fine letter. If you do have any information on her particular Estey line please let us or her know. We appreciate very much her compliments to About Towne).

**EXCERPT FROM ESSEX INSTITUTE HISTORICAL COLLECTION ON SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC ESTY . . .**

(Submitted by Harriet S. Ehringer)

Pages 138-139.

Aaron<sup>4</sup> (Esty) born Topsfield, Feb. 16, 1698/9, and died there April 21, 1783. He married June 7, 1723, at Lynn, Esther Richards, who was born, it is said, in Southboro. She died in Topsfield, July 23, 1805, aged 100 years and 16 days.

Children:

- 48. Isaac, b. Jan. 23, 1723/4; d. young.
- 49. Aaron, b. Jan. 18, 1724/5; d. in French war in 1745.
- 50. Hannah, b. Apr. 14, 1726; m. Feb. 2, 1753, Enos Towne.
- 51. Mary, b. June 1, 1730; m. Feb. 27, 1750, / Benj. Dwinell; d. Mar. 5, 1820, at Keene, N.H.
- 52. Isaac, b. Sept. 30, 1731.

- 53. Abigail, bapt. May 5, 1734; d. Feb. 24, 1737.
- 54. Esther, bapt. July 4, 1736; d. Feb. 28, 1737.
- 55. William, bapt. Dec. 11, 1737; d. Mar. 13, 1745.
- 56. Daniel, b. May 4, 1739.
- 57. Esther, b. June 29, 1741; ; m. Nov. 12, 1761, David Balch III; settled in Keene, N.H.; four children.
- 58. Aaron, b. Jan. 18, 1745 /46; d. Aug. 1844.

**37. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup>**

Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>), baptized May 4, 1707. Married Susannah Monroe of Lexington. He lived in Middleton, and his children were born there.

Children:

- 60. Joshua, b. Aug. 28, 1735; d. Oct. 3, 1807, at Hillsboro, N.H.; m. Elizabeth Clark of Millbury, Mass. Settled in Hillsboro, N.H. in 1769. L. K. Eastey of Winona, Minn., is a descendant.
- 61. Sarah, b. June 13, 1737; m. David Wright.
- 62. Hannah, b. July 26, 1739.
- 63. Susannah, b. Jan. 26, 1741; d. May 27, 1827; m. Nathaniel Berry.
- 64. John, b. May 13, 1742; d. Nov. 2, 1834, at Middleton; m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Andrews) Flint. The late Gen. Geo. P. Este of Toledo, Ohio, who served in the Civil War, Rev. Jonathan Estey of Boston and E. J. Estey of Galena, Ill., are descendants.
- 65. William, b. July 23, 1744; d. Apr. 11, 1768, unmarried.
- 66. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 25, 1746; d. in 1807; m. (1) Sept. 26, 1771, Mehitable Preston of Salem; (2), Jan. 28, 1792, Mrs. Rebecca (Rolfe) Hobbs of Middleton. He lived in Salem and Middleton, and had issue by both wives. This family changed their spelling of the name to "Estes."

**52 Isaac<sup>5</sup> (Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Isaac,<sup>3</sup>**

Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>), was born in Topsfield, Sept. 30, 1731. Married Hannah Smith of Duxford, Sept. 2, 1755, and resided in Topsfield until about 1770, when he moved to Keene, N.H. He was a member of the N.H. Committee of Safety, March 14, 1776, and was sergeant on the Keene Foot Company. He was a free-mason.

Children:

- 67. Stephen, b. Apr. 14, 1756; d. Nov. 18, 1815, Keene, N.H.
- 68. Abigail, b. Sept. 3, 1758; d. June 11, 1759.
- 69. Hannah, b. Aug. 9, 1760.
- 70. Isaac, b. Aug. 7, 1771, at Keene; d. Oct. 15, 1839, at Reedsboro, Vt.; m. Apr. 3, 1794, Polly Warner, b. July 25, 1773, and d. Oct. 28, 1821. Settled in Reedsboro, Vt. Chas. C. Estey of Gardner, Mass., is a descendant.
- 71. Esther, b. at Keene; m. Abijah Wood.

(Ed. Note:) See letter from Mrs. Ehringer on this. She disputes the author claiming that Esther married not Abijah, but Joshua, and provides the following birth certificate to prove her contention:

-----BIRTH CERTIFICATION-----  
 THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 Town or City of Keene  
 Name Judith Wood@  
 Birth Date Feb. 7, 1790 Sex: F  
 Birthplace Keene, State of N.H.

Father's Name Joshua Wood  
Mother's Maiden Name Esther Esty  
Record Filed #1763 Date Issued: 10/23/81

This certifies that the above record is a true copy of the facts recorded on Birth Records of the individual named hereon, said record being filed according to law.

By /s/ Patricia A. Little  
Town or City Clerk V.S. 6a

0 Used name Julia.

**Notes by Harriet Ehringer**

\* On back of certificate -- Filed in chronological order with records for (1763)

No. 71 - Esther Estey - birth record from New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Records in Concord says Esther was born "prior to 1771" in Keene, N.H. -- Father's name, Isaac Esty. -- Mother's name, Hannah (Smith) [Figuring her age from a family letter, she was born ca 1763.]  
No. 72 - Sarah - On D.A.R. application for Frances Panelia Chapman Watson -- Nat. No. 113935 (a descendant of Sarah), birthdate of Sarah listed as 28 April 1770.

Notes made 4 June 1982. H. S. E.

72. Sarah, b. Apr. 28, 1774, at Keene.

**56 Daniel<sup>5</sup> (Aaron,<sup>4</sup>**

Isaac,<sup>3,2</sup> Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>), born in Topsfield, May 4, 1739, and died there July 22, 1830. He was a soldier in the Revolution, a private in Capt. Jos. Gould's company at Lexington. Married Hannah ( ). She died Feb. 26, or 28, 1802, aged 62.

Children:

- 73. Mary, b. May 28, 1766; d. Apr. 17, 1846.
- 74. Daniel, b. May 29, 1768; d. May 7, 1790.
- 75. Richard, b. Feb. 14, 1771; d. Jan. 5, 1853; m. 1st, ( ) 2nd, Caroline Fox of Dracut.
- 76. Enos, b. Dec. 10, 1773; d. Feb. 26, 1848; m. Eunice Kenney. She d. Nov. 4, 1851, aged 77.
- 77. Sarah, b. Oct. 12, 1775; m. Nov. 27, 1800, Oliver Peabody.
- 78. Hannah, b. Apr. 24, 1778; m. May 16, 1822, Elijah Gould.
- 79. Abigail, b. Nov. 7, 1780; m. Nov. 10, 1808, William Hoeman.
- 80. John, b. Mar. 28, 1785.

**58 Aaron,<sup>5</sup> (Aaron,<sup>4</sup>**

Isaac,<sup>3,2</sup> Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>), born in Topsfield, Jan. 18, 1745/6. Married Oct. 23, 1765, Molly Hooper of Lynn. About 1770 removed to Rindge, N.H., then after a few years to Shrewsbury, Vt., and thence to Leicester, Vt., where he died Aug. 1844, retaining a rugged vitality almost to the very last.

Children:

- 81. Joseph, b. Aug. 5, 1767.
- 82. Hannah, bapt. Aug. 6, 1769.
- 83. William, b. May 26, 1771, at Rindge; d. Dec. 6, 1848; m. Ann Powers. Settled in Seneca Co., N.Y. E. B. Esty of Cleveland, Ohio, is a descendant.
- 84. John, b. June, 1773, at Rindge; m. March 22, 1797, Sally Desper of Leicester, Vt. Had twelve children. One son, Jason Esty, is still living in Palmyra, N.Y.

**59 William<sup>5</sup> (Aaron,<sup>4</sup>**

Isaac<sup>3,2</sup> Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1748, in Topsfield, and died Nov. 17, 1819, at . . . . .

End of page 139. The remaining pages we do not have.

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**PROBATE PAPERS REFERRING TO SARAH TOWNE SUBMITTED BY MARY F. GRAY**

(To our President, Deena Towne)

Mary F. Gray  
3 Read Road  
Hanover, NH  
03755

5/2/84 (sic)

Dear Mrs. Towne:

I have many herein-mentioned Burton family documents (paternal Sarah Towne side).

M. F. Gray.

Lyndsborough March  
28thd 1791

Here Received of Abraham Burton Executor to the last Will and Testament of his Honor, d (sic) Father John Burton late of Wilton Decest (sic) five shillings which was given to us by our honored Father John Burton late of Wilton Decest (sic) in his last Will and Testament which Sum together with what we have heartofore Received is in full of our Demands on the estate of the said Decest (sic)

atest Benj<sup>a</sup> (???) Killiam  
Samuel Butterfield  
Thomas Towne  
Sarah Towne

**WILL**

In the name of God, Amen -- I John Burton of Wilton in the County of Hillsboro and State of New Hampshire, yeoman, being advanced in years yet in a comfortable state of health, and of a sound Deposing mind and memory thanks be to God therefor Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and not knowing how soon the time of my Desolution may be, Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say Principally and first of all I give resign and Commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping through the merits and Intercession of my Great Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ to have free and full pardon of my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Escutor hereafter named -- And as touching such worldly estates as it hath pleased Almighty God to favour me with with I give and bestow the same in the following manner and form, thus -- I wish that my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid out of my Estate by my Escutor hereafter named Item. I give to my well Beloved Wife Abigail, all of my household goods of every sort and kind belonging to womens use to be at her disposal. Item. I give to my Wife aforesaid the use and Improvement of the east end of my now dwelling house from top to bottom so long as remains my widdow Item. I give to my Wife aforesaid one hundred pounds of Pork Seventy pounds of Beef Ten Bushels of Indian corn Ten bushels of Rye one Bushel of malt twelve pounds of Flax two pounds of Collen wool if to be had ten pounds of sheep' wool one pair of shoes fourteen pounds of shugar two Gallons of Molasses two gallons of Rum Spices of every sort that>>>>>

she needs sauce of all kinds both green and dry as much as she wants for her use and some fresh meat in the Summer Seasons and Eight cords of good wood cut fit for the fire and brought to the doore and into the Rooms if she desires it all the above mentioned Articles I order my son Abraham Burton to provide for and deliver to my wife yearly as long as she remains my widow. Item. I give to my wife aforesaid one good Cow for her own, and I order my son Abraham Burton to keep it for her Summer and Winter, So long as she remains my widow. I also order my Son Abraham to carry my wife to meeting when she requires it and to provide for her good and suitable physick and attendance in Case of Sickness while she remains my widow and to give her a Decent Burial if she Die my widow. Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Burton the sum of four pounds Lawful Money to be paid him by my son Abraham Burton in five years after my Decease which together with what he hath heretofore had and received Completes his portion in full out of my Estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jonathan Burton the sum of three pounds, Lawful money to be paid him by my son Abraham Burton in six years after my Decease, which together with what he has heretofore had and recvd completes his portion in full out of my Estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Abigail the wife of Benj. Burton one cow of the value of three pounds ten shillings to be delivered to her by my son Abraham Burton in one month after my decease which together with what she has heretofore had and recd Compleats her portion in full out of my Estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah the wife of Thomas Town Six Shillings to be paid to her by my son Abraham Burton in one month after my Decease which together with what she hath heretofore had and Recd Compleats her portion in full out of my Estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Abraham all my Real and personal Estate viz Lands, Buildings Brute Creatures of what

Ever Denomination Husbandry and Carpenters Toole Book, Notes, Bonds Book Accts. wareing apparell and all other Estate that I may die Siedz and possessed of or may have any right in Law too whether real or personal and wherever Situated or however to be Described to be by him the sd Abraham Burton his heirs and assigns occupied Improved and injoyed and I do hereby oblige him to act and to payout and deliver as I have ordered in this will Lastly I do make Constitute appoint and ordain my well beloved Son Abraham Burton full and sole executor of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke Disallow and Dis---- all and Every other former wills and Testaments by me made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Wilton this third Day of September AD 1788 and in the thirteenth year of the Independency of the United States of America Signed Sealed Published and Pronounced and Declared by the sd John Burton to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us

Nathan Ballard John Burton  
James Abbot (Mark)  
Jacob Abbot

**SOME TOWNE DATA PROVIDED BY BILL & SIS TOWNE**

(Submitted by William Everett and Velda [Ray] Towne, Lake Ariel, PA.)

Ruth Abigail Towne, born in Phillips, Wisconsin, March 31, 1905,

died by accidental drowning in Lake Clear, The Adirondacks, June, 1921.

Frank F. Towne, Apr. 2, 1939.  
Patricia Lynn, Oct. 9, 1941.  
Jane Audrey, Sept. 24, 1946.  
Born to Frank & Helen??? J.

William R. Towne, July 1, 1935.  
Marjorie Love, June 27, 1941.  
Charles Phillips, August 26, 1940.  
Born to Mm. & Velda Towne.

William Alfred Stevens, Jr., born Feb. 28, 1954 to Mm. A. and Margaret (Towne) Stevens. Paula Louise Towne born to George and Pearl Towne, Oct. 10, 1945. Diana Kay Chamberlin to Harriet (Towne) Chamberlin and Clyde Allen Chamberlin, July 26, 1956 in Lansing, Mich.

Ruth Adelaide Towne, daughter of Frank & Hattie Towne, born March 28, 1905 in Phillips, Wisconsin, died at Bloomingdale, New York, in a drowning accident about June 1921. (Saranac Lake, N.Y.)

George Lee Towne, son of William E. and Pearl Reese Towne, born at Phillips, Wisconsin, August 21, 1906, married to Pearl Etchelberger at Winchester, Tenn., June 9, 1944. Daughter Paula Louise, Oct. 10, 1945.

Frank Ford Towne, son of William E. and Pearl Towne, born in Duluth, Minn., April 14, 1909. Married to Helene Langer July 1st 1932.

William Everett Towne, Junior, son of Mm. E. and Pearl Towne, born in Duluth, Minn., Dec. 17, 1911. Married to Velda Marie Ray on July 8, 1933.

Margaret Ruth Towne, daughter of Mm. E. and Pearl Towne, born in Duluth, Minn., on October 17, 1916. Married to Robert L. Clyman and divorced. Married May 20, 1950 to William Alfred Stevens of Houston, Texas.

Harriet Hannah Towne, born May 13, 1929 at Floral Park, New York. Married June 24, 1950 to Clyde Allen Chamberlin of Grand Ledge, Michigan.

William Everett Towne, born Sept. 16, 1888(), son of Frank F. and Hattie A. Towne, in Indianapolis, Ind. died Sept 5, 1949 in Floral Park, N.Y.

John Langdon Towne, son of Frank F. and Hattie A. Towne, born in Indianapolis, Ind.

Alice Abigail Towne, daughter of Frank and Hattie Towne, born in Indianapolis, Ind.

Thomas Munhall Towne born in Indianapolis, Ind. Died at \_\_\_\_\_ 1956.

( ? ) Born Nov. 19, 1857 in Winchendon, Mass. Died Jan. 19, 1917.

**LETTER FROM JAMES DWINELL WRITTEN TO ALICE D. HORGAN**

4605 Waveland Court  
Des Moines, IA 50312  
March 7, 1983

Mrs. Alice D. Horgan  
25 Chandler St.  
Bradford, MA 01830

Dear Mrs. Horgan,

I have recently joined the Towne Family Association. Among the information that was sent to me from the association was a back number of the bulletin, About Towne. In it was your lineage to William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne.

Your Towne line was of interest to me because it contains a

name of a wife that appears to have married into my Dwinell line. I am referring to the Louise Page that married Jacob Towne. (In your lineage, have the names of Jacob and Joshua been turned around?) It is my belief that Jacob Towne died fairly young and left a wife, Luse, and two young sons, Jacob and Joshua. The widow Luse (or Luce) Towne then married my ancestor, Michael Dwinell. After they were married, the son Jacob Towne died. Michael and Luce Dwinell had a family. After Michael died, it is uncertain whether or not Luce remarried -- it appears that she had intentions of doing so, but never went through with it because her death is recorded as "Dwinell, Lucy, w. Micall ...".

The reason I am writing to you is to see if you have information on Louise (Page) Towne which would confirm my speculation. I have searched the available records that we have on the Pages and have been unable to come up with the names of the parents of Luse Page. Do you have information on her ancestors?

The following is a chronological listing of the published Topsfield, Mass., Vital Records as they pertain to Luse Page. It appears that the spelling of her name appears in enough different ways that she may have been referred to as either Lucy or Louise.

Topsfield Marriages

"Page, Luse, and Jacob Town, May 28, 1719."

Topsfield Births

"Town, Joshua, s. Jacob, Jr. and Luse, Sept. 3, 1721."  
"Town, Jacob, s. Jacob, Jr., and Luse, June 30, 1724."

Topsfield Marriages

"Towne, Lucy and Mitchell Dunnell, at Salem, Sept. 27, 1727."

Topsfield Births

"Dwinell, Bartholomew, s. Michael, Jr., and Luce, April 5, 1728."  
"Dwinell, Hannah, d. Michael, Jr., and Luce, Sept. 17, 1732."  
"Dwinell, Michael, s. Michael, Jr., and Luce, Jan. 6, 1734-5."  
"Dwinell, Luce Murphea, d. wid. Luce, Dec. 8, 1754."

Topsfield Deaths

"Towne, Jacob, s. of the w. of Micall Dwinell, Jr., Oct. 13, 1732, C.R."

Topsfield Marriages

"Dwinell, Luce, wid., and John Grant of Ipswich, int. Jan. 18, 1756."  
"Dwinell, Luce, wid., and John Grant, int. June 25, 1758."  
"Dwinell, Luce [wid. int.] and William Moneys, Oct. 14, 1761."

Topsfield Deaths

"Dwinell, Lucy, w. Micall, "an aged woman," April 15, 1764. C.R."

I am enclosing a copy of my ancestor chart which shows where Lucy Towne fits into my Dwinell line. The chart also shows a later Dwinell-Towne connection, which is the basis for my membership into (the) Towne Family Association.

In closing, if you can shed any light on the parentage and family of Luse Page, or have other

information that would confirm my speculation about her remarriage to Michael Dwinell, I would certainly like to hear from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Dwinell

(Ed. Note: As most of the older TFA members know our beloved Alice Dolores (Towne) Horgan met her demise about a year ago. Her husband, Robert, referred Mr. Dwinell's letter to our president, who in turn referred it to your historian-genealogist and to About Towne. We are publishing his letter in the hope that some of our readers will be able to help Mr. Dwinell out.)

LINEAGE OF CRAIG W. LILLYWHITE

William[1] Towne	m.	Joanna
	/	Blessing
Joseph[2] Towne	m.	Phebe
	/	Perkins
John[3] Towne	m.	Abigail
	/	Stanley
Bartholomew[4] Towne	m.	Hannah Fitz
	/	
David[5] Towne	m.	Elizabeth Southworth
	/	
Elizabeth[6] Towne	m.	Russell Kibburn Clark
	/	
Daniel Porter Clark	m.	Sarah Melissa Hakes
	/	
Sarah Melissa Clark	m.	Lorenzo Dow Watson
	/	
Laverd Watson	m.	Joseph Clinton Lillywhite
	/	
Craig Watson Lillywhite	m.	Bonnie Lee Wade

**MONA WORSENCROFT'S GETTING A NEW BOOK TOGETHER: NEEDS HELP!**

In her letter to your editor, Mrs. Worsencroft asks, "Would it be asking too much in somewhere in the newsletter you could request members to send me any handed-down legends, stories, etc., of Towne, Nurse and Esty families who served in the Revolution?" Book two is being researched. It will deal with the family in the Revolution. I also need information on the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont if anyone has anything to share with me. I am especially interested in the Green Mountain Boy named Aaron Esty of Leicester and those parts. I am doing the research now, and need factual stories to incorporate in a book. Actual writing won't be done for a couple of years until I retire.

Mrs. Worsencroft says she has a new publisher now, the National Heritage Foundation. We hope our readers will respond generously.





ed by others. Each one of her ancestor's lines, but one, go back to the early 1600's in Massachusetts. As they grew in size, these families went on and helped to colonize most of the other New England states. She claims a number of royal lines as well as some going back to Charlmagne, the Holy Roman Emperor.

**Genealogical Consultant**

For several years Pat has taught both basic and intermediate genealogical classes. She spent many years on genealogical library staffs as a research consultant, both in Colorado and Arizona. She has been a guest lecturer on a number of occasions as well as a guest teacher in several genealogical seminars. When Pat is working with genealogy and family history she is happiest. She has a goal of doing genealogical and family history writing to pass on the marvelous stories she has come across.

**Starting a Family Association (God Help Her--WBT)**

Pat, together with others, are currently setting up the Millburn Family Association and hope to publish a Millburn Newsletter and also hoping to be as successful in both endeavors as has been the Towne Family Association. Both are an inspiration well worth emulating. (Ed. Note: [Can't pass this up.] Someone once said, "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." Many, many thanks, Pat, however, be fore-warned. You'll never be able to do anything else! You just might need a computer, too! Let me know if I can be of help. -- WBT)

**LINEAGE OF PATRICIA CLARK OLSEN**

- William<sup>1</sup> Towne m. Joanna Blessing
- Edmund<sup>2</sup> Towne m. Mary Browning
- Abigail<sup>3</sup> Towne m. Jacob Peabodie
- Keziah Peabody m. Joseph Kinney
- Zepporah Kinney m. Thomas Branch
- Stephen Branch m. Hannah Starkweather
- Elisha Branch m. Mary Herrick
- Wm. Henry Branch m. Ella Coombs
- Olive Branch m. Herbert West Millburn
- J. Ruth Millburn m. Frank Roundy Clark
- Patricia L. Clark m. Leon Arden Olsen

**CHARLES ARNETTE TOWNE, LAWYER, CONGRESSMAN AND POLITICIAN, MIGHT HAVE BECOME PRESIDENT**

(From: Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. XVIII, Page 612. Submitted by Nellie M. Davis.)

Charles Arnette Towne (Nov. 21, 1858--Oct. 22, 1928), lawyer, congressman, was born in Oakland County, Mich., the son of Charles Judson and Laura Anne (Fargo) Towne, and a descendant of William [1] Towne who came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., about 1640. (TFA thinks it was earlier.) Charles attended local schools until he was ready to enter the University of Michigan in 1875. His progress through college was delayed by ill health and the necessity of earning his living, so that it was not until 1881 that he was graduated. Subsequently, he became a clerk in the department of public instruction at Lansing, read law, and was admitted to the bar on Apr. 16, 1885. After practicing in Marquette, he went in 1890 to Du-

# Doliber 'History Teacher of the Year'

**MARBLEHEAD** — Washington, D.C., in April. He was named the Massachusetts American History Regional High Teacher of the year by the state DAR at its conference in March. Doliber was selected as American History Teacher of the Year by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. He was presented the award by the DAR's National Continental Congress in

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luth, Minn., and five years later became a member of the law firm of Phelps, Towne & Harris.

Although he had declined a nomination for Congress in 1888 (E. E. Towne, post, p. 268), his political career really began in 1894, when he was elected to Congress on the Republican ticket from the Duluth district. An ardent proponent of free silver, he refused the nomination by the regular Republicans in 1896 and ran as an independent, being defeated by a small margin; again, in 1898, he was similarly defeated; in 1900 he refused to be a candidate. During this period he was generally recognized as the leader of the Silver Republicans and was chairman of their national committee from 1897 to 1901. Although a close associate and friend of William J. Bryan, Towne felt that he could aid the silver cause more effectively by not affiliating with the Democratic Party. Bryan evidently hoped that Towne would be selected as vice-presidential candidate in 1900 by Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans, but while he was chosen by the two last named, the Democrats turned to a more moderate candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson; whereupon, Towne declined the other two nominations (Review of Reviews, August 1900). When Senator Cushman K. Davis died, Governor Lind appointed Towne to fill the vacancy until the legislature could elect a successor. That body, however, turned to Moses E. Clapp, and Towne's term lasted only from Dec. 5, 1900 to Jan. 28, 1901.

In 1901 he removed to New York City, where he made his home for the rest of his life. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1904, and represented New York in the Fifty-ninth Congress (1895-97). In 1907 he was asked to be personal adviser to the King of Korea, but as he later declared, "By the time I reached the King of Korea, there was no longer a Korean question. It was a Japanese question, -- Japanese and American" (Michigan Alumnus, post, p. 94). This brief Korean experience no doubt colored his views thereafter, for he retained a persistent apprehension concerning Japan's future course of action with respect to the United States. Before leaving Duluth, Towne had become interested in oil properties; this interest continued for the rest of his life and drew him into other financial undertakings. At the same time he continued to practice law, being for a time associated with B. F. Spellman. During the World War (1) he was an active supporter of President Wilson and was a frequent speaker on patriotic occasions. His final excursion into politics was in 1928, when he made an extensive-speaking tour in support



Beginning Wednesday, the Essex Institute Museum will present an exhibition which has become an annual event. The display is entitled "Salem Witches: Documents of an Early American Drama," and will most likely remain as a year-round attraction. Prized witchcraft paintings including "The Trial of George Jacobs," above, are but a segment of the rich material necessary to mount an exhibit on the subject of Salem witchcraft. The rare remaining original artifacts relating to the subject will be featured as well.

**THIS EXHIBIT IS ALL PART OF THE HISTORIC WHIRL OF THINGS GOING ON AND THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN THE DANVERS-TOPSFIELD-SALEM AREA OF MASSACHUSETTS THIS AUGUST. WHY NOT MAKE IT YOUR VACATION SPOT THIS SUMMER AND COME TO THE TOWNE MEETING AS WELL?**

of Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic candidate for the presidency. Towne died in Tucson, Ariz. He was married twice: first, Apr. 20, 1887, to Maude Irene Wiley of Lansing who died in 1915; second, Mar. 3, 1917, to Mrs. Alice Reinhart Elkin of New York. He had no children.

(Who's Who in America, 1916-17; E. E. Towne, Descendants of William [1] Towne (1901); Biog. Dir. Am. Cong. (1928); The Outlook, Oct. 13, 20, 1900; The Forum, Nov. 1900; Review of Reviews (N. Y.), June, Aug. 1900; The Nation, Aug. 17, 1916; N. Y. Times, Mar. 4, 1917; News Tribune (Duluth), Oct. 24, 1928; Minneapolis Journal, Oct. 23, 1928; Mich. Alumnus, Dec. 1907.) L.B.S.



RESERVATION FORM  
3RD ANNUAL  
TOWNE MEETING  
Towne Family Association  
19, 20, & 21 August 1983

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$7.00 / Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Towne Family Association Annual Meeting  
c/o Alexandria N. Towne  
44 Pearl Street  
Assbury, Massachusetts 01913

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with what you've typed and possibly retype it on a large master sheet of paper, but I know this is a lot of work in retyping. The other option is that since you have all of this on a computer, is to place a large sheet in a computer printer, press the appropriate designations and let the computer-printer retype the final copy, page-by-page, with appropriate typing corrections already made. This is how I would have done it, but I don't have a computer.

As I may have mentioned to you, I have transcribed all of the first reel of Charles Tapley's work on Rebecca Nurse and her descendants. I am very much interested in communicating with others who are interested in working on this project, and I see that some people are working on this project. If I can sell this condo, then I plan to purchase a computer that will enable me to put all of Charles Towne's records on tape, making an index as I go along and a new family member designation to get away from the one he used. I think I can utilize my time better in this project than in working on the newsletter, or at least as it presently stands. It may well be that I can help you with the newsletter later on.

I may be able to visit with you in Asheville sometime later in July, or I may see you in Mass. in August as I plan to be in Essex County at that time.

Most sincerely,

/s/ Dean

[Ed. Note: Sorry you couldn't help us with About Towne. Hope you will be able to come to our Towne Meeting on August 19, 20, and 21st while you're in Essex Co. I expect to leave for N.E. by mid-July. WBT.]

**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION — NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20408**

**CENSUS MICROFILM RENTAL PROGRAM**

The National Archives and Records Service is pleased to announce the resumption of the census microfilm program. After a budget-imposed hiatus of 19 months, the National Archives has named the DDD Company as the contractor to carry out this new rental program. The DDD Company will be contacting all public libraries and most genealogical associations in early May to provide details of program operation. As before, the program will operate only through public libraries and other institutions. No individuals will be able to order microfilm from the contractor. After June 5, institutional orders may be sent to:

Census Microfilm Rental Program  
P.O. Box 2940  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20784

The following is a series of operating policy statements dealing with those areas most critical to the smooth start-up of the program:

**START-UP PHASE**

Individuals may order census microfilm from participating libraries and associations beginning in June, 1983, with actual distribution of the film scheduled to begin in early July. Orders dated after June 5, 1983,

will be accepted by the contractor. Order forms and promotional literature will be distributed to all public libraries and many genealogical associations starting the first week in May, 1983.

**LENGTH OF USE OF FILM**

The user may rent the film for a one-week (7-day) usage. Extensions are permitted if they do not interfere with the subsequent user's schedule. Because the film is now "rented" for specific periods, it must be stressed that timely customer return of the film is essential to the smooth operation of the program as well as the libraries' and associations' ability to use the program. Inordinate or frequent delays in return of film may cause libraries to be dropped from the program.

**COST OF RENTAL**

The basic seven-day rental for both 35mm and 16 mm (schedules and Soundex) is \$2.25. Overdue charges of \$2.25 are assessed if the film is returned more than two days after the designated return date which will appear on confirmation and packing lists.

**PAYMENT METHODS**

The participating institution receives payments from the individual patron and may charge an additional fee to cover handling and return postage. The contractor will then accept prepayment, selected accounts receivable, and deposit accounts. All publicly funded institutions (basically libraries) that qualify for the service may utilize accounts receivable, as well as deposit accounts or prepayment. All users, including libraries, who utilize deposit accounts will receive a \$.05 per roll discount. Unless deposit accounts have been established prepayment (which is always optional) must accompany an order when two rolls or less are being ordered.

**NOTICE OF FILM AVAILABILITY**

Customers may order film to be delivered on a specific date or they may request film to be shipped "as soon as possible" (ASAP). In either event, if the film cannot be shipped within ten days of the receipt of the order, a written confirmation will be sent to the participating institution notifying it of the arrival date of the film. Included in this confirmation will be the notice of the return date of the film. Adherence to the return date is crucial to the success of the program and all waiting institutions are expected to comply with these dates to the maximum degree possible.

**WAITING PERIOD**

The program is designed for prompt shipment when the film is available and systematic scheduling when multiple orders accumulate, with no customer having to wait more than 60 days.

**CENSUS MATERIALS AVAILABILITY**

Now, the 1790 to 1900 census schedules and Soundex are available. Later this year, the schedules and Soundex for the 1910 census will be available through the same contractor.

**PLACING AN ORDER**

A person wishing to rent a census microfilm can place an order through his/her local library or participating genealogical association. The film is then delivered to the library or the association and must be returned by the library or association, not by the individual user.

**INITIAL ORDER PLACEMENT**

The contractor will accept orders dated after June 5, 1983, with initial shipments beginning July 8, 1983.

**LOST OR DAMAGED FILM**

When film is lost or damaged beyond use (through negligence), the contractor will charge the participating institution \$12.00. It is the institution's responsibility to collect the fee from the patrons and to forward these funds to the contractor.

**RETURN OF FILMS**

Individual patrons are expected to use the film at the participating institutions. Rental film is not designed to "circulate" outside the institution. The library or the association is expected to return the film in a timely fashion, using United States Postal Service (libraries may use library rates).

**FILM RESEARCH**

The contractor is not able to perform census research on behalf of the libraries or associations. All research must be performed after the film is rented and delivered to the library or association.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ROSALIE STEELE BOLENE**

Margaret Rosalie Steele was born in Kingfisher, Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, on 11 July 1923. She was born in the Steele home which was atop College Hill outside of Kingfisher, OK. College Hill was named for Kingfisher College, a Congregational college, which in its time produced 3 Rhodes scholars. Her mother, Harriet Newell White Steele, was a graduate of Kingfisher College in 1907. Her father, Clarence Rufus Steele, was a graduate of Kansas University, Lawrence, KS. Margaret Rosalie, called Rosalie by her family, was the 8th child and the youngest. She attended the public schools of Kingfisher and graduated from Kingfisher High School in 1941. She attended the University of Oklahoma and majored in bacteriology. These were the years of World War II and her father was a Lt. Colonel in the Army so her junior year of college was spent at Oregon State College in Corvallis, OR. Her father was post engineer at Camp Adair near Corvallis. Rosalie continued in her bacteriological pursuits with minors in French and chemistry. She returned to Oklahoma where she graduated in January 1946 with a B. S. degree (with honors) from the University of Oklahoma.

**Marriage**

In April 1946 Rosalie began work as a bacteriologist at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Laboratories where she stayed for two years until her marriage to Robert Victor Bolene, M.D., in Feb. 1948. In June of that year they moved to Detroit,

Michigan, where Dr. Bolene was a surgical intern and Rosalie was an assistant bacteriologist at the Henry Ford Hospital. They returned to Oklahoma in June, 1949, where Dr. Bolene worked as a county health physician until Oct. 1950 when he volunteered for the Air Force as a doctor during the Korean crisis (War).

**Children**

Their first child had been born on 23 August 1950, when they were stationed at Vance Air Force Base at Enid, Oklahoma. They were there until October of 1952. Their second child was born September 13, 1951 while in Enid. Following duty with the Air Force Dr. Bolene returned to Public Health Service until a residency in obstetrics and gynecology began in July, 1953 in Oklahoma City. They lived there for three years while Dr. Bolene completed his specialty training, after which they moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where he entered private practice. Their fourth child was born on 13 Sept. 1957 and the fifth on 28 Oct. 1959, both in Ponca City. (Ed. Note: Wonder where the 3rd child came in?)

**Genealogy Bug Bites Her**

While her children were growing up, Rosalie Steele Bolene spent most of her time with them plus being active in PTA's, the Medical Auxiliary and the American Assn. of University Women. In 1960 she joined the D.A.R. and became interested in genealogy. She served as a volunteer in many drives and in the Red Cross Bloodmobile program. In addition to the D.A.R. Rosalie belongs to the Daughters of the American Colonists, the National Huguenot Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Dames of the Court of Honor, Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, State President of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Magna Charta Dames, Oklahoma Heritage Assn., Pioneer Historical Society, Red Rose Garden Club, Twentieth Century Club, Ponca City Music Club, Ponca City Art Assn., Ponca Playhouse, and she is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

**Named in Who's Who**

Rosalie is listed in Who's Who of American Women, and in Who's Who in the South and Southwest as well as in the Hereditary Register. She is Regent of her DAC Chapter and treasurer of D.A.R. and the Oklahoma Court of Assistants of Women Descendants of Ancient and Honorable Artillery. She is also president of the Red Rose Garden Club.

**Hobbies**

Rosalie's hobbies include reading and researching her family genealogy. She assisted a distant cousin in gathering material for publishing the Steele Genealogy. Rosalie also serves as secretary and business manager for her husband's practice and is a bacteriological consultant for him. She belongs to the Edmund Rice (1638) Family Assn., The Snodgrass Family Assn., the Bunker Family Assn., as well as the TFA. Her five children have all graduated from college and four are married. She has three grandchildren, aged 1, 3, and 5.

/s/ Rosalie Steele Bolene

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he belonged, even if he was the scrubbiest dirt farmer, share-cropper, still operator, or corporate president. There existed, amongst clan members, a feeling of belonging.

We've all watched that crazy TV show with the two guys with that red-orange car called the "General" something or another. Can't remember now what the show is called, -- something like Hogg's Dudes -- ah, yes, the Dukes -- the Dukes of Hazzard. (I like to digress once in awhile.) I mention the Dukes of Hazzard because when any one of those Dude boys ever got into trouble, the whole famm family would come to their rescue. Of course, every TV viewer "identifies" with the Duke family because they're always the good guys and right-doers, and Boss Hogg exemplifies everything watchers detest. The Dukes can never do anything wrong, seen from their point of view, even if they might have really done something wrong. It's knowing, as does each of the Dude boys, that one is never alone when he needs help, that he belongs to folks who will always support him; that makes the difference.

What happens to that feeling of identity, the feeling of belonging, the feeling of kinship, etc., when a person from a couple little New Hampshire towns (Kensington and Kingston) up and goes into the military service (U.S. Coast Guard) in World War II, settles in a far-away city after attending a college in Florida, such as Augusta, Georgia, and marries a girl there? Even if he adopts the family of his wife, he still has no feeling of deep kinship like he had back in New Hampshire, and he dare not divert from his new family's ways, or they won't support him either. And what about family love? Do folks need that? We all know that when we marry, whether we want it that way or not, we marry the family of the other person.

As much as some people put on masks and wear suits of armor telling the world, "don't get close to me!" every last one of these people is human. Being human means needing love. So many of us are starved for it and I don't think a person ever gets too much of it.

Psychologists define love, in many cases, as "unconditional positive regard." That means that no matter what a kin-person does, he'll still be loved come Hell or high water, even if he's just as wrong as he can be. One may not like what the person did, but his people will love him all the same. It's because wives and husbands do not always feel this way about each other that marriages break apart. Love in a marriage seems to always have "conditions" attached to it. "I'll continue to love you only if you abide by the rules we both agreed upon." Deviate from those rules and the marriage is washed away. Kinship love is stronger. A brother does not divorce his sister. She'll always be his sister, etc.

Some computer nut, not me this time, invented a test of compatibility to find out what personalities would be most compatible with people desiring to marry. The computer, having no knowledge of consanguine (incestual) taboos, came up with the one person who would make the perfect mate for this man would be his sister, even though all they did was fight with each other most of the time. (Sibling rivalry caused this.) The best way to ensure failure in a marriage is to marry the person who is least like you. Our culture on the other hand fosters and rewards us for doing just that: trying to intermix the cultures of the world who have settled in our country so there will be sometime in

the future one culture, the world culture, in which everyone agrees. As it now stands, probably the worst choice an American could make for a mate would be a Russian. To make matters worse, if it was an American capitalist with immense wealth marrying a Russian peasant, chances are good that the marriage would fail. The solution to racial/minority group problems in America would be total intermarriage, so all offspring would be coffee-colored. Then there would be no need for racial strife, discrimination, etc. At the same time, not many of the marriages that produced the coffee-colored people would have worked, so what can be said about the family system of life styles? These are already breaking down whereas they did not break down in the olden days, as we all know. Already our culture is headed toward the integrated society concept.

The vast majority of our population cannot trace ancestry back beyond grandparents, or to great-grandparents, to say the least. So, how does one find a feeling of kinship, of identity and of belonging? The Jews were faced with this problem and tried to solve it with varying degrees of success by living together in an appropriated location that they called their "nation," in groups called extended families or communes. In the 1960's and 1970's in America and Europe young people solved, or tried to solve, identity, belonging and togetherness problems by forming communes to the point that it became a movement. I was one of those who formed such a commune, in Europe. The Germany chapter of the Association for Humanistic Psychology which I began in 1972 is made up of mostly Americans, and has in excess of five-hundred members now. We used to meet together about every week, and a small branch of us almost took over an apartment building and we lived together in it.

In many, many ways, the communes solved the problems of identity, of belonging, of loving, of protection, of kinship, etc. Our ancestors did the similar thing, essentially. Topsfield, Massachusetts, for example, boasted large families of Townes. These people were all interrelated to the Nurses, Esteyes, Putnams, Endicotts, Peabodys, Dwinells, Perkins, Symonds, Smiths, Frenches, Whipples, Wildes, Stones, Tarbells, Tarboxes, Styles, Rays, Reeds, Porters, Potters, Perleys, Bridges, Cloyes, Lakes, Goulds, Clarks, and I could mention a whole lot more.

On the other hand, I could make a comparable list of families from Topsfield that had very little to do with the list above, including the Trasks, Noyeses, (though later there was considerable intermarriage between Noyes and Towne descendants), etc. That may mean that there existed a Hatfield-McCoy situation. We know of the great border disputes that existed in Danvers, Middletown, etc., just before the Salem Witchcraft Delusions that pitted groups of families against other groups of families. Be that as it may, these individual families related to daughters who married into other families, that spread the family ties even wider. The one social institution to which they all belonged was the Congregational Church which set up the laws (we can never have any relationship between people, even between two people, without some laws by which the participants abide) and to which the families flocked not only on Sundays but many times during the week as well. The church was the center of their society and the families together made up what is today called the community (commune-ity).

During the early 1900's and earlier, America accepted many immigrants. In about every case the Irish

from Ireland sought out the Irish-American, Italians from Italy sought out Italian-Americans, and Swedes banded together and lived in Minnesota (cold, just like at home), the Dutch came to New York (New Amsterdam, though their immigration was much earlier), Germans came to Pennsylvania, etc. I mentioned our commune in Europe. There Americans sought out other Americans probably because we needed to have folks with us whom we could understand. So, we did the same thing in Europe as the Swedes, etc., did in America. It's only natural for human-kind to seek out those who understand them and share a common heritage.

Our government, in its policies, is contradictory. On the one hand it wants the Chinese-Americans to assimilate with the Brahmin-WASPS (White-Anglo-Saxon-Protestant), the Puerto Rican immigrant to assimilate with the Alaskan, and all people to become a part of the great melting pot our forefathers foresaw America to become. Now we hear our president, Mr. Reagan, extoll the premise that the family forms the foundation stone of democracy, on the other hand. I wrote earlier that the best way to break up a marriage is for the two partners to come from backgrounds that are as much out-of-phase with each other as possible. So, if we follow the melting pot premise, the family, as traditionally thought of, is doomed. If we follow President Reagan's philosophy, how can America be a melting pot culture?

I personally feel so deeply sorry for those people who were brought to U.S. soil under varying conditions of servitude. Alex Haley sees this problem that is an immense one for his racial heritage. Roots was his attempt to deal with it and Haley exemplifies the problems faced by every former slave's descendants in the USA today. When Europeans came to America there were many of them who were literate, who could write and had lived in a society for the most part that had a high level of written communication, including books for those who could afford them, the Bible, that every spiritual leader and most heads of families had a copy of, and ways to write letters and correspondence. The ways of the slave, and what his culture once was for him in Africa, had to give way to his master's culture. What was African, except for what the slaves brought with them, just didn't become part of the majority culture in the USA. The black person had very little knowledge, if any, of writing and reading skills, because his African culture had progressed, but not in the direction that was to become the American culture -- one based on literary skills. When he got here there was no way for him to communicate with his grandparents in what is now Mozambique or the Congo. His jungle drums wouldn't cover the miles and there could be no chain of drums across the sea, to say nothing of a mail service to and from Africa and the Americas, as the WASPS had with Europe. So for the most part the black person here has only a miniscule chance of identifying with his own kind, has little chance of claiming any heritage other than what the white slave owners gave him, has little chance of belonging, being with, and unable to say, "we did this," or "we did that" in building America to what it is today, other than their true claim that the American South was built up, until the beginning of the 20th century, and even after, on their backs.

American people are therefore seeking a psychological answer, for over a number of years, to the problems of loving, belonging, identifying, kinshipping and accepting. All humans want to belong, love, identify, be kin, be accepted, etc., whether they are black sharecroppers from Alabama, or a descendant of a William[] Towne descendant gold miner

of San Francisco. (I understand that there are enough Towne descendants in California that they could have their state-wide Towne Family Association. Our mailing list sends our newsletters in large bundles to Massachusetts and to California, that state having the largest share of members and subscribers outside of New England.) Whether we know it or not, each of us who is researching his roots, is a part of this overall larger movement, for the purpose of meeting the immense psychological needs of identifying, belonging, loving, kinshipping, accepting, etc. We find that without these needs being met, many of our descendants go astray, turn to drugs (another way of attaining an identity, albeit a fanciful one), get involved in crime (because there's no one to account to except the law, such as what's happening in lower Florida with Cubans and Haitians right now), and other non-socially accepted activities.

We cannot say that Alex Haley's book, Roots, was what started the recent genealogical movement. It contributed to it, to be sure. But, the movement was there for some time. An example of the type of identifying I'm writing about came about when I discovered a young man working in a garage in Exeter, N.H. I noticed that his last name was the married name of a former church playmate of mine when I was a bit of a boy living in Kensington. Curious, I asked him, "Aren't you the grandson of Leavitt Brown of Kensington?" The fellow really perked up. He had never said much before then. But, he suddenly became much more alive, affable, and his bearing was one of pride -- something almost undefinable about it. I could tell he was just as proud as he could be that he was Leavitt Brown's grandson, and he was even happier that his customer from North Carolina knew that he was. I never mentioned that I might be a far-distant cousin of his, going way, way back in history to our common ancestor, perhaps, Roger Eastman. I knew, however, that he came from a long and distinguished line of Browns, because the book written about the descendants of John Brown (of Hampton, N.H.) had been dedicated to this young man's grandfather, Leavitt. The young man knows that with his family background he has much to live up to, because it was his family, and many others similar to it, who were the "salt-of-the-earth", and who could be depended upon, descendant after descendant, down through the years, to provide love, identity, belonging, charity, integrity and the many values that have made America what it has become, for better or for worse. The book about John Brown, though it was never published until lately, was written long before Roots was ever conceived.

Family associations, I think, are an answer to the basic human needs of all of us humans. They provide identity, a sense of belonging to and being with, acceptance, kinship, love, and common bonds. Our membership is made up of individuals, like myself, who are starved and are starving to have what Leavitt Brown's grandson has already, and has had since the day he was born, a knowledge of his family's past and the knowledge that he is a part of it. Would he ever do anything that would disgrace that past? I really think not. So, if each of us starved ones, who's ancestors left their New England homes and crossed the prairies in covered wagons and on horseback to the mid-west and California, can find his or her roots, what greater accomplishment can each of us give to our progeny?

Now, this summer, the Towne Family Association is trying with all of its might, to get as many of us as is

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TFA ACQUIRES OLD BIBLE; PUB. BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS OF THE JOHN C. WINSTON, CO., ORIGIN UNKNOWN .

Your Genealogist-Historian has purchased for the TFA an old Bible of the Towne Family, yet unidentified, that came into the possession of Mrs. Luella Mohler, 518 Locust St., Adrian, MI 49221. Our cost was \$30.00.

We do not know who was the original owner of the Bible, nor is the publication date given anywhere in it. It seems that it may have been published in the 1920's or 30's and when acquired one person seems to have entered data that had been accumulating somewhere else, as most of the handwriting is the same for the earliest entries. If any reader recognizes the people listed below please let your genealogist/historian/editor/2nd vice-president know.

- J. E. Towne was born Aug. 23th(sic) 1863.
Mary Alice Towne was born Jan.2th (sic) 1866.
Wilbur Arthur Towne was born Apr, 16th 1867.
Winfred Eugene Towne was born Oct. 2th(sic) 1869.
Anna Dell Towne was born Dec. 5th 1872.
Jason Albert Towne was born Apr11 3th(sic) 1875.
Pearl Edith Towne was born Dec. 22 th(sic) 1876.
Isa Cordelia Towne was born Dec. 15 th 1879.
Jason Towne was born Nov. 6th 1842.
Anna E. Towne was born March 18th 1842.

- Mary Alice departed this life June 15th 1866.
Anna Dell departed this life June 6th 1874.
Pearl E. Wertz departed this life March 21th(sic) 1912 age 35 yrs, 2 m, & 23 days, married Oct. 30, 1910.

(In another handwriting):

- Anne E. Towne departed this life Aug. 24, 1919.
Amy Sparks departed this life Dec. 27, 1927.
Jason W. Towne departed this life Sept. 18, 1928 - Willborn, Florida.

(In a third handwriting):

- Jason Albert departed this life Jan. 8, 1931.
Joseph Ellsworth departed this life Aug. 22, 1931.

(Ed. Note: None of the above names appear in E. E. Towne's Genealogy.)

LINEAGE OF MARJORIE L. PRINCE, SUBMITTED BY MARJORIE L. PRINCE

- William1 Towne m. Joanna Blessing
Jacob2 Towne m. Catherine Symonds
Jacob3 Towne m. Phebe Smith
Elisia4 Towne m. Sarah Rhodes
John5 Towne m. Ann Cummings
Daniel6 Towne m. Hannah Harris
Joseph H.7 Towne m. Mary Ann Groves
George H.8 Towne m. Nancy Gay Peabody
Elizabeth9 m. Burton B. Shorey
Elzira Towne / Shorey
Bernice E. Shorey m. Clyde E. Palmer
Marjorie L. (Pal-mer) m. (Prince?)

WHO WAS LUCY? A PROBLEM ALSO, AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE TFA CAN HELP ITS MEMBERS OUT OF MANY DILEMMAS. HERE'S THE CASE OF JEANNE MOBLEY AND JIM DWINELL SOLVING THEIRS . . . .

In the last issues of About Towne on Page 8, we ran excerpts from a letter from Jeanne J. Mobley and her search for an elusive Lucy Towne Dwinell. In the same issue we ran the lineage of our new member, James Ira Dwinell on page 7. (We goofed on this. See correction in this issue. Also, Jim Dwinell had written to our now deceased Alice (Towne) Horgan the letter passed on to your editor which is on Page \_\_\_ of this issue. He also wrote an earlier letter to your editor of 23 February 1983, that explained his Dwinell lines, which is printed on Page \_\_\_ of this issue.

Since Jim Dwinell read Jeanne's letter in the last newsletter he volunteered to answer it, and on the same day we received his letter, one came from Jeanne Mobley. With his letter was a request for her address. Both of the letters received recently are set forth here as an example of how your newsletter can be of genealogical help in tracing lost ancestors.

LETTER FROM JEANNE J. MOBLEY (Excerpts) 15 June 1983

Dear Bill,

I was very happy to receive the copy of About Towne. Was tickled to see my letter, too.

Even though I found out that Lucy was only a Towne by marriage, I feel a close kinship to you all, because so many of you are cousins through some of my other lines which intersected with the Townes at one point or another -- the Dwinells, the Jewetts, the Perkins and several others. There are still some lines I haven't traced back to immigrants -- and I might even manage to find a Towne hanging from one of these branches. (Please don't take that literally!)

I still haven't found the lineage of Lucy (Page) Towne Dwinell. There is one possible answer, but I haven't had a chance to check it out. Because her name was Lucy, it occurred to me that she might have been a great granddaughter of Robert and Lucy (Wadd?) Page of Hampton, NH.

Oddly enough, the family is pretty well documented in Hampton -- except one grandson, because he moved to Massachusetts. That reason alone makes him a likely candidate. He was John Page, born 15 Nov. 1672 in Hampton. He was son of Thomas and Mary (Hussey) Page, she dau. of Christopher and Theodate (Batchelder/or) Hussey.

Well, the upshot of all this is that I decided to renew my subscription even though I don't qualify as a member.

Best wishes,

/s/ Jeanne Jewett Mobley

(Ed. Note: The Associate Membership you had last year was designed for circumstances exactly as yours are, and you can still be a member of TFA even though you do not now think you are "one of us." The TFA is not clannish, nor exclusive. We love you and want you to stay with us forever, as a member, if that is your choice. In either event, thank you for your subscription renewal and your continued interest in our growing association. I know I speak

for all of the others, as well. (WBT)

LETTER FROM JAMES I. DWINELL

4605 Waveland Court
Des Moines, IA 50312
16 June 1983

Dear Bill,

I have just received Vol. III, # 1 of About Towne. I was pleased to see my lineage published in it, but I did, however, notice one error: The parentage of Francis5 Towne and his wife, Phebe5 Towne were reversed.

(Ed. Note: Corrected version run elsewhere in this issue. Thanks for pointing it out.)

On Page 8 of About Towne the letter of Jeanne J. Mobley caught my eye. I think I have the answer to her search for the parentage of Lucy Towne Dwinell (Dwinell). My belief is that Lucy Towne was the widow of

Jacob4 (Jacob3, 2, William1) Towne. If this was the case, her maiden name would have been Lucy (or Louise) Page. The first part of my letter to you of February 23, 1983, explains how I arrived at my conclusions.

Would you send me Jeanne Mobley's address? It looks like we have common family interests and I would like to contact her. I have enclosed a postcard for her address.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jim James Dwinell

(Ed. Note: We sure do appreciate your responding to this cry for help, Jim. We would like, for purposes of publishing it, whatever information you might exchange that we haven't as yet gotten. Many thanks. WBT.)

LETTER FROM JAMES I. DWINELL OF 23 FEBRUARY 1983 . . . . .

(Excerpts)

Dear Bill,

I'm including charts on my Dwinell line to show how Townes and Dwinells are interrelated on my direct line. The Towne charts show my direct lineage to the immigrant

ancestors, William1 and Joanna (Blessing) Towne.

The first "Towne" that shows up in my Dwinell line is Lucy Towne, the wife of Michael Dwinell. After many attempts to fit her into the Towne Family, I have concluded that she was not a Towne by birth, but

rather the widow of Jacob3 (Jacob3, 2, William1) Towne. According to Edwin Eugene Towne's book, The Descendants of William

Towne, Jacob4 married Louise Page on May 28, 1719. Topsfield Vital Records gives this entry under marriages:

"Town, Jacob, and Luse Page, May 28, 1719."

The following births are given to this couple:

"Town, Joshua, s. Jacob, jr., and Luse, Sept. 3, 1721.

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LETTER FROM CHARLES E. TOWNS HAS SUCCESSSES AND TRIBULATIONS TRACING LINES

(Excerpts) 15 June 1983
Dear Bill,

We are diligently working on our own line but have nothing definite yet. We are in need of information on Edward Town, son of Thomas and Hannah ( ) Town, born 12 Sept. 1750 at Oxford, MA.

(Thomas5, John4,3, Jacob2,

Mm.1) Our source indicates that Thomas and Hannah Town removed to Gardner, ME, but has no information on the children other than their names. If any of the TFA members have information on this Edward we would like to hear from them.

We have been very successful in tracing the family of Eliza Ann Hayward, wife of Gr.-Gr.-Grandfather Ed Town. She's descended from Samuel Hayward of Mendon, 1672; John Warfield of Dedham, 1642; Robert Moulton, Salem, 1629; Robert Randall, Weymouth, 1647; Henry Cook, Salem, 1638; Nicholas Groves, (LaGroves), Beverly; Edward Holyoke, Lynn, 1638; John Putnam, Salem, 1640; Thomas Hale, Newbury, 1635; Richard Hutchinson, Danvers, 1634; Thomas Fuller, Salem and Woburn, 1640; Capt. William Trask, Salem, 1626; Henry Birdsall, Salem, 1632; Hopedill Leland, Weymouth, 1650; Thomas Blodgett, Cambridge, 1635; William Symonds, Concord, 1641; John Todd, Woburn, 1640; Nathaniel Coalborne, Dedham, 1641; and Thomas Richardson, Charlestown, 1635.

We would welcome correspondence with all TFA members who are descended from any of these people.

Sincerely,
/s/ Charles E. Towns

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My Gr., Gr., Grandfather, Edward Town, b. ca 1810 in Argyle, Washington Co., NY, married to Eliza Ann Hayward/Hayward in Lisbon, St. Lawrence Co., NY, in 1828. Family emigrated to Canada sometime after 1828 and to Michigan in 1863. Edward's father may have also been an Edward. Need information on the above. Any help would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ Betty J. Towns
2803 Maywood Dr.
Port Huron, Mich.
48060

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humanly possible to share with each other our presence, our identity, our history, our family's contributions to America's growth, our being with and belonging to, our acceptance, our kinship and our LOVE. We all want to know each other, for way too long we have been apart. That's why, today, we have our family association. We need all of us Townes to be a part of it in Danvers.



DON'T BLEW YOUR COOL!



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"Town, Jacob, s. Jacob, Jr. and Luse, June 30, 1724."

Although I have found no record of his death, it is my belief

that Jacob<sup>4</sup> died before September, 1727, and his widow married Michael Dwinell. Topsfield Vital Records give the following entry under marriages:

"Towne, Lucy, and Michael Dunnell, at Salem, Sept. 27, 1727."

The last piece of evidence that links Lucy Towne, the wife of Michael Dwinell to Jacob Towne is the death entry for Topsfield:

"Towne, Jacob, s. of the w. of Mical Dwinell, Jr. Oct. 13, 1732."

The son, Jacob Towne, is probably the previously mentioned Jacob Towne who was born to Jacob and Luse Towne on June 30, 1724.

My conclusion is that Lucy Page married first Jacob Towne; had two children by that marriage, and then secondly married Michael Dwinell. I believe that the name Lucy and Louise were either used interchangeably or were confused by different spellings in the records; the given name is written as "Lucy" and "Lucy" in the Vital Records.

To date I have been unable to find information about the Page family that would give me the parents of Luse Page. Could you suggest any sources?

My other Dwinell-Towne connection is Rebecca<sup>6</sup> Towne who married Bartholomew Dwinell at Topsfield, Massachusetts, on June 23, 1785. Rebecca's lineage on her

father's side is Francis<sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Edmund<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Towne.

Rebecca<sup>6</sup> Towne's mother was Phebe Towne. I have had some difficulty in tracing Phebe Towne's lineage, but believe I have succeeded in doing so.

I believe that Edwin Eugene Towne's genealogy is in error in assigning Phebe's parents as

Gideon<sup>4</sup> (Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Gould) Town. E. E. Towne gives Phebe two birth dates: August 22, 1729 and February 11, 1740. Stearn's "Genealogical Register" in the History of Rindge, New Hampshire gives her the 1740 birthdate. According to Topsfield Vital Records, the Phebe Town that was born on August 22, 1729 was the daughter

of Gideon<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Gould) Town. I do not think that this is the Phebe Town that married Francis Towne for the following reasons:

1. She would have been eight years older than her husband.
2. She would have been 53 years old when she had her last children -- a set of triplets!

According to Topsfield Vital Records, the other Phebe Towne was born on February 11, 1740, and was the daughter of "Joshua and Rebeckah Towne." The 1740 birthdate is more consistent with the circumstances in that Phebe would have been three years younger than her husband Francis and she would have been only 42 years old when she had the triplets.

Assuming that Phebe's parents were Joshua and Rebecca Towne, through the use of Topsfield Vital Records, I have come to the following conclusions:

1. That her father was Joshua<sup>4</sup> (Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Towne.
2. That her mother was Rebecca<sup>4</sup> (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Edmund<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Towne. Phebe's mother, Rebecca Towne, married first Stephen Johnson, and had two children before she married Joshua Towne.

The parentage of Phebe Town as I have shown seems to agree with other entries about Joshua and Rebecca Towne in E. E. Towne's genealogy.

The apparent error of Edwin Eugene Towne in assigning the parentage of Phebe Towne, wife of Francis Towne, to Gideon and Hannah (Gould) Towne, may have been discovered a long time ago by others and I am just rediscovering it. However, I am passing it on to you in hopes that it may be helpful to others researching this branch of the Townes. I would be interested in knowing if you or others may have additional information that would confirm my findings.

I shall close this letter in saying that I have received the October-December 1982 issue of About Towne and find it to be very interesting. The Towne Meeting for next August looks good to me and I am strongly considering attending. I have never been to Essex County, MA, and this would give me an opportunity to do some research in that area.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Jim Dwinell  
James I. Dwinell

(Ed. Note: Really hope you're going to make it in August with us at Danvers. We'll hold you to it! Thanks a lot for this fine letter. MBT.)

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER OF SHIRLEY REINHART. WHO'S EDNA TOWNE? . . .

. . . . Do you have a record of Edna Towne, born ca 1723? She m. Benjamin[5] in Topsfield, moved to Sturbridge and then somewhere unknown in 1781. I can find no record of a fifth generation Edna. Was she perhaps a widow?

Enclosed is a letter "to Towne Cousins," in which I have summarized what I have learned about my line. I would like to know what you think. Does this make me a bonafide "Towne?"

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To Towne Cousins -- P. 1.

Mrs. Towne, 1st generation; Edmund, 2nd; Joseph, 3rd; Benjamin, 4th; and 5th; Joseph, 6th.

Joseph<sup>6</sup> born 16 Sept. 1760, son of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Edna ( ) Towne.

Married Mary Ellis, 28 June 1780, in Sturbridge, Mass., and had son Luther<sup>7</sup>, born 7 Mar. 1789, in Dalton, Mass.

This is the only record of their children I could find. (enclosed).

But, according to (enclosed) abstract of wills, Mary Town of

Louisville, N.Y., had son Luther, son Elihu, daughter Hannah Donaldson and Abigail Barber. Since her granddaughter is listed as Mary Ellis Barber I believe this to be Mary (Ellis). Will 8 Mar. 1814.

Elihu's daughter, Mary Ellis Towne, was born after this date. Since there is no information on Muldah, his oldest, possibly she died young.

Elihu was born in 1784 in Mass.

In 1830 Louisville, N.Y., census, he is age 40-50.

In 1839, Elihu Towne and family to depart township (date arrived in Madison, Georgia-Lake County, Ohio.)

In 1840 Elihu & family in Madison, Ohio census.

In 1843 Ann Towne & 1846 Elihu, members of church in Ohio records. Family history says Ann died about now.

1860 Census, Wood County, Elihu age 76, also Caroline age 40 and Elihu, age 6.

Last doctor bill for Elihu from May to October of 1866, so he died in Oct., Nov, or Dec. as Perrysburg Journal states settlement of his estate 27 Dec. 1866.

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His older children, Mary Ellis (Towne) Cory and Abraham Roberts Towne came to Minnesota in 1866 with the large Cory and Bradley families.

Elihu appears to have brought his younger children to Ohio (family history book says his wife, Ann Roberts, died in Ashtabula County, Ohio; 1850 census puts his son Erastus in Harpersfield twp Ashtabula. Erastus, Luther, Caroline and Jane all have marriage records in Ohio.

I have no actual proof of his parentage but everything keeps tying in. I'm still striving for this one link. Always something to check.

/s/ Shirley (Rogers) Reinhart

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From: Abstracts of Wills, Miscellaneous Records, Book 1, Part 1, St. Lawrence Courthouse, Canton, N.Y.

TOWN, Mary, of Louisville, Written March 8, 1814, recorded March 8, 1815. To daughter, Hannah Donaldson, \$85. To son, Luther Town \$85. to son Elihu Town \$40. To three grandchildren Elisha Barber, Philo Barber and Mary Ellis Barber \$35 each. To granddaughter, Mary Donaldson \$10. Rest of estate, real and personal, to two daughters Hannah Donaldson and Abigail Barber and son Luther Town to be equally divided. Apt. Luther Town and Elisha W. Barber both of Louisville to be executors. Signed Mary X Town (her mark) Wit: John Wilson, Henry Blanchard, Timothy Washborn. page 97.

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In the Abstracts of Wills, you can see Elihu's mother was Mary. Also, do you have anything on Hannah Donaldson or Abigail Barber (husband possibly Elisha W.?) These should be sisters of Elihu and Luther as they are married Towne girls (spelled Town). You can see there is a Mary Ellis Barber (granddaughter). Hannah's children include Mary Donaldson, and Abigail's children were Elisha Barber, Philo Barber and Mary Ellis Barber. (These would be 7th and 8th generations.)

Since Mary had a will she must be a widow, and since my records say Joseph and Mary moved from Sturbridge in 1781, I am looking for a will in Mass. or N.Y. for Joseph between 1790 and 1814. (Luther born 1789).

Hope you can confirm some of this info. I am enjoying your newsletter and am trying to come to the meeting in Mass. in August along with Louise Lawrence of Medelia, Minn., another Cousin.

REPLY LETTER TO MRS. REINHART FROM TFA GENEALOGIST-HISTORIAN . . .

(Excerpts) . . . . .

. . . . Yes, Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Towne and his wife, Edna, are in E. E. Towne's The Descendants of Wm. Lawrence, etc., on Page 36, if you have access.

I am certain that you are a bona-fide Towne (Wm.[1]) desc., so I have changed your membership category to "Active".

E. E. Towne doesn't follow-on

the line of Benjamin<sup>5</sup>'s son Joseph and Mary (Ellis) Towne. I'll go along with your assumption regarding Mary Town's will, of Louisville, N.Y.

Can you complete the following lineage?

- William<sup>1</sup> Towne m. Joanna
- Edmund<sup>2</sup> Towne m. Mary
- Joseph<sup>3</sup> Towne m. Amy Smith
- Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Towne m. (1) Catherine Towne
- (Which of these was your ancestor?) >>>>>>> / (2) Susannah Wildes
- / (3) Mary Perkins
- / (4) Mrs. Mary Clark
- Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Towne m. Edna Towne\*
- Joseph<sup>6</sup> Towne m. Mary Ellis
- Elihu<sup>7</sup> Towne m. Ann Roberts??
- ( )<sup>8</sup> Towne m. ( ) ( )
- Guy Walter Rogers m. Harriet Jane Bradley
- Logan Benedict m. Marion Jane Rogers
- Shirley Ann Rogers m. Howard Edward Reinhart

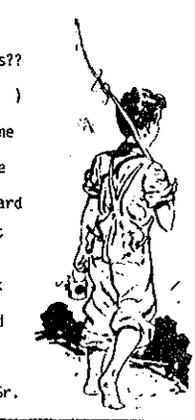
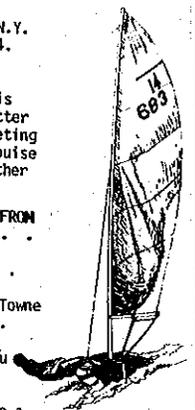
\* Do you have another line back to William<sup>1</sup> Towne? If so, we'd like that one, too.

Best regards,  
Wm. B. Towne, Sr.  
2nd V. Pres.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH CHARLES A. TOWNE PROJECT . . .

Five reels of the Charles A. Towne Collection of the some thirty-seven or more that are currently at the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City on microfilm have arrived at the Arden, N.C. LDS Church Branch Library. Genealogist-Historian Bill Towne has spend six afternoons copying data from the microfilms and he is barely through one-fourth of the first reel. He is putting the information on Rebecca (Towne) Nurse's descendants on the TFA Family Group Cards. These cards will be added to the TFA Central Index File that is growing larger and larger every day.

Is there a LDS Branch Library near where you live? If so, you can



(Please turn to Page 40, Col. A)

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be of valuable service to the TFA by doing at that branch library what Bill is doing in Arden. Since it will be a physical impossibility for any one person to complete the task of bringing all of this information into our files, we must have help. LDS Branch Libraries are located in most of the larger cities in the USA and Canada.

If you would be willing to do the work of extracting these data, let Bill know. Check first to see if an LDS Library is in your area. Or, if the microfilms can be acquired at any other library, extraction can be done there (such as the Newberry Library in Chicago). The cost of acquiring the microfilms from LDS headquarters in Salt Lake City is \$2.50 per microfilm for a loan of two weeks. For \$5.00, the LDS Branch Library can keep the microfilm indefinitely at that particular branch library, so you can go in at your leisure and use them. Of course, they would be available to anyone else desiring to use them, also. If you will extract data from the microfilm, TFA will reimburse you for the microfilm rental fee. The microfilm cannot be taken from the LDS Branch Library and all work must be done at that library. Please let us hear from you if you would be interested in working on this project.

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Daniel<sup>1</sup> Rea, whose homestead still stands in the Putnamville section of Danvers on Locust Street. He is also a descendant

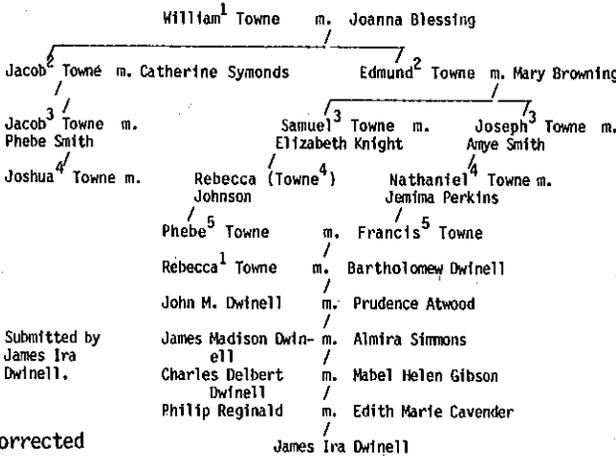
twice from John<sup>1</sup> Putnam of Danvers (makes Dave my cousin -- MBT) and he descends from Gov. Roger Conant. He descends from another prominent Danvers family, the Popes. Many of his Pope ancestors are buried in the Pope Burial Ground on Elm Street. Dave says he regrets he has no Towne ancestors to descend from, or, for that matter, from any of the so-called "Salem witches."

Services Much in Demand

Dave has a busy summer ahead of him, always being in demand for talks and presentations all across the country. He will be on three of the programs at the Hartford genealogical conference, 14-16 July. The week before the Towne Meeting he will be in Oklahoma to take part in a genealogical conference sponsored by the State University. Somehow he expects, also, to squeeze in some vacation time.

We are all anticipating hearing Dave, although he says he doesn't know what, exactly, to talk about. He thinks that genealogical researchers need to make more use of government records on the local level, with particular emphasis on the various court records, ignored by many genealogists and those doing their amateur bit. He doesn't think we should rely so heavily on records that are already published. In deciding on his final topic title he has aptly come up with "Using Primary Records in Essex County Genealogy." What could be more appropriate since all of the Townes came from there originally?

LINEAGE OF JAMES IRA DWINELL



Submitted by James Ira Dwinell. Corrected

(Cont'd from Page 1, Col. D)

Doliber received the best teacher award in Washington, D.C., from the Daughters of the American Revolution at their Constitution Hall. He also addressed 3,000 people, including the 92nd Congress in a three-minute speech.

See related story, Page 35

The award is given to a public, private or parochial teacher who shows outstanding service in stimulating a deeper understanding and appreciation of American History and who has the capability of evoking interest in American History.

Doliber was also presented an American History Medal upon receiving his award.

In regard to Witchcraft Doliber has a number of opinions. One is that the pious were extremely superstitious about many things. The study of Witchcraft, he says, is one of intolerance and of scapegoating.

When Doliber discusses the history he's been teaching Masconomet students for nine years, he radiates excitement. He doesn't believe that the Puritan society that produced the trials of 300 years ago was much different from our own.

Doliber also thinks that Witchcraft was a women's liberation movement. It was an early protest against patriarchal society referring to the social structure dominated by men. "For the first time, they are indicating that they are human beings, but these women's attempts to

demand recognition cost many their lives.

He also blames the weather as a factor in the Witchcraft Delusions that historians may not normally consider. He compares the June through September outbreak of accusations and their subsequent trials with modern-day riots that have coincided with long, muggy summers in cities.

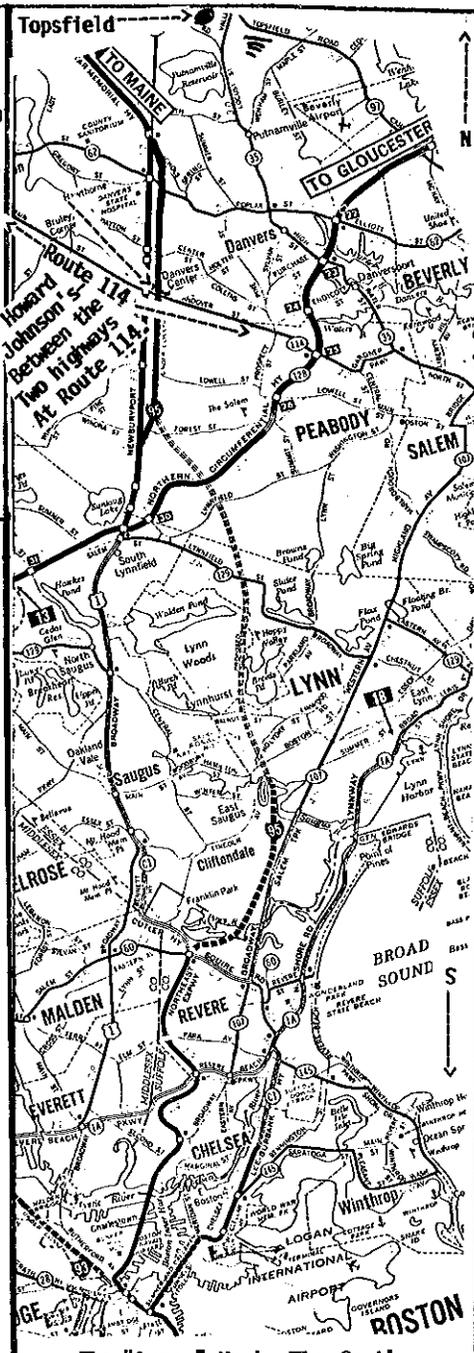
Doliber will also cite the conflict between the Porters and the Putnams, two established families of what was then Salem Village and is now Danvers, as an important factor. They battled over who would control the land, the church and the tax rate.

He points out that the town could be divided into two camps according to the resident's alliances with the families. The accusations also fell along those lines, he tells.

The Putnams supported arecent trend to separate church and state that would have also separated Salem Village (Danvers) from Topsfield. The Porters opposed this and wanted to maintain the connection.

Newcomers resented the control harbored by both of the families, particularly their near-monopoly of land, which caused prices to rise.

It will be a very interesting talk, especially for members of the Towne family due to its vital interest in the Witchcraft trials, since three of our family were accused and convicted and two were hanged. We don't want to miss it!



The "Arrow" Marks The Spot!

Clip out the Towne Meeting reservation Form on Page 35 and Mail it Today! Bring a Friend along!

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ance is given to visitors in the use of the library. Regretfully, finances do not permit staff members to do research in person or by mail. Non-members of the Society pay a nominal fee per day. Copy service is available for most of the material.

Library hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except during April when the library is open to members only). Entrance is at 1776 D. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006. This is also the Library address.



# Towne resigns from Microsoft

By David Needle, IV Staff

James C. Towne, appointed president of Microsoft Corporation a little over a year ago (July 6, 1982), has resigned. Towne, 40, will assume new responsibilities as president and chief operating officer of Metheus, a privately owned manufacturer of engineering work stations and CAD (computer-aided-design) equipment in Hillsboro, Oregon. Metheus is two years old and has approximately 125 employees. Microsoft is a major developer of microcomputer software based in Bellevue, Washington.

"Microsoft's future goals require the company to become stronger in consumer marketing (see related story on page 1). As a result, we concluded that Microsoft would be better served by someone whose skills would more closely fit the new direction," stated Towne in a news release sent out by Microsoft.

Towne had originally joined Microsoft as president to give the chairman, William H. Gates, time to develop new products and ventures.

"I agree it [Microsoft] needs more consumer-marketing experience, but at least half of its business will continue to involve complex OEM (original-equipment) manufacturer technical relationships," commented Jean Yates, president of Yates Ventures, a market-research firm.

"Towne was a super chief operating officer," Yates continued. "It's going to be extremely difficult for Microsoft to get someone who can maintain authority with Gate's 'finger in every pie' attitude."

Towne, who has an MBA from Stanford, previously worked for Tektronix Corporation, a graphics hardware

manufacturer based in Beaverton, Oregon, where he was general manager of the firm's instrument division.

Ironically, it seems that Towne is slated to fill a similar niche at Metheus for Gene Chao, the firm's chief executive officer, as he did for Gates at Mi-



Microsoft chairman William H. Gates (left) and former president James Towne in summer 1982

crosoft. Chao and Towne worked together for several years when both were employed by Tektronix.

Gates was quoted as saying, "I think it is a strong compliment to our organization and the people involved that we've been able to discuss and resolve this situation openly and without rancor. It is a compliment to Jim's ability to objectively and honestly assess the needs of our business and determine his own ability to meet those needs. Jim has been an asset to Microsoft."

Towne's replacement is expected to be named by the time this article is printed. Gates will assume Towne's responsibilities in the interim.

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History teacher Donald Doliber receives congratulations and a special gift from Pamela Hieber, chairman of the Masconomet Parents Advisory Council, in recognition of his being chosen the nation's best history teacher by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Salem News/Dave Matt

ANYONE GOING TO TOPSFIELD? BETTER LOOK UP WALLY KNEELAND. IF ANYONE KNOWS ABOUT TOWNES, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WALLY . . . . .

(With a tip of our hat to The Salem, Mass. Evening News, Tuesday August 24, 1982.)

By KARYN KORIEITH

**TOPSFIELD --** Working among the graves of Civil War heroes and the first town settlers at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Wallace Kneeland is more aware of cycles and change than most people.

He not only watches hot summer days turn into autumn from his secluded office, but over the past 61 years, he has seen Topsfield change from a town of rural farmers to a community of commuters.

One of a handful of old-time natives left in Topsfield, Kneeland himself seems immune to change. He still wears small wire-rimmed glasses, a well-worn plaid shirt tucked into his baggy khaki pants, and speaks with a Downeast twang.

Kneeland never moved into the fast lane of life, but has remained a hometown boy. He not only grew up in the woods and meadows of rural Topsfield, but today spends both his waking and sleeping moments in town, working for the Cemetery Department, as the tree warden, as park commissioner, moth superintendent, a call fire-fighter and dead animal remover.

To call him a jack-of-all-trades would be an understatement, and not really fair. He is always there behind the scenes, making sure the polls are set up for elections, removing dead skunks from the road, pumping out flooded basements in the middle of night, keeping town trees healthy and the cemetery grass green, answering fire calls at a moment's notice.

"I like Topsfield. I didn't have ambition enough to get out. I like it here. I wouldn't like working in a factory. It would be like jail. I like outdoor work. And I wouldn't want to go the distance to Boston," he said, lighting up his fifth cigarette of the morning.

"I was born and brought up here. It means more to me to work here," he said.

But a lot of what Kneeland likes about Topsfield has changed as the town has grown over the past half century from a population of 500 to 5,000.

"It's a suburban area now, and people move in and out so fast that you don't get a chance to get acquainted with them. You don't get an opportunity when going down the street to know who's who," he said.

"It used to be that you could go downtown on election day and call people by their names. Now you have to think who 'tis. People are still nice, but they don't stay in town long enough to get to know them."

Although the Village Shopping Center has long since replaced the Odd Fellows Hall on South Main Street as the center of gossip in town, Kneeland sees some advantages to the town's growth. "We don't have to worry about water now, and we got power machinery, like chain saws to do town work," he said.

Born Wallace Henry Kneeland in 1921, the Topsfield native comes from a family of Ipswich shoemakers. He grew up in rural Topsfield and

attended the Proctor School from kindergarten through high school, and he still remembers his third and fourth grade teacher, Gladis Burns.

There were only about 500 people in Topsfield then, and the land was taken up by large estates, which were tended for by local residents. The B&M (railroad) even ran passenger trains to town (Boston).

After high school, Kneeland took dairy, vegetable and fruit courses at Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute in Danvers, graduating in 1941. After working at the former Perkins Dairy Farm in Topsfield for three years, he went to work for the Cemetery Department, digging graves by hand and making 75 cents an hour. After leaving the Cemetery Department for two years to farm, he returned in 1946, and has been there steadily since, becoming the superintendent in 1956.

Kneeland also became tree warden in 1948 and was later appointed as moth superintendent. Currently he makes less than \$1,600 a year for both part-time positions.

Kneeland lives on Main Street, next door to the house that had been in the family for 134 years, with his wife and a stray German shepherd, Sandy. Kneeland married Mary Livingston when he was 50, after meeting her at the cemetery when she came to tend her father's grave.

Although childless, Kneeland has become a surrogate father to the high school boys who work in the cemetery each summer, and to dozens of elementary school children through tree planting programs.

Kneeland enjoys the work of the cemetery, though he hates to see people use the lots he sells them.

Fortunately for the town, Kneeland has no intention of retiring for a few more years.

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TFA-ers know that many, many genealogists visit the four or five cemeteries in Topsfield. One is near the Alalfa Farm, another across from the Topsfield Fair Grounds on US Highway # 1 (the old Isaac Estey place), and the Pine Grove Cemetery that's near the old churches and the Parson Capen House. (Topsfield Historical Society headquarters.)

During one visit, the TFA-ers chatted at length with Wally Kneeland. Some asked him where such-and-such a Towne grave would be and he'd know exactly where it was located. Then, he pointed out a grave with a name that didn't seem akin to the Towne family, and he'd say, "Now that is where so-and-so Towne is buried. She married a such-and-such. TFA-ers always make it a point to visit Topsfield's cemeteries. There's no doubt as to how well they are kept up, thanks to Wally Kneeland.

Today, no Townes that we know of live in Topsfield. But Topsfield is as dear to our hearts as it must be to the heart of Wally Kneeland. At our up-coming Towne Meeting TFA-ers will again be provided with tours of the historic Topsfield cemeteries and historic landmarks relating to our family in both Topsfield and Danvers.



NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NATIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAM 18 FEBRUARY 1982, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA - HANDOUT INFORMATION

SUBJECT: "Church Records in the British Isles," by David Dearborn

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(To Be Continued)

NELLIE M. DAVIS ANSWERS QUERY:

A partial answer to the query on Page 28, Vol. 1, No. 4 (we're late getting to this) is that although I do not have dates asked for, but Thomas[S] Towne had no children by his first wife, Elizabeth ( ) Towne.

BOOK ACQUISITIONS

The following books have been acquired by the TFA library. Members (only) may request loan of these books

for a two-week period for \$5.00 to cover the costs of postage and handling. An extension of this list will be published in a later newsletter.

Topsfield Historical Society, The Historical Collections of, Vol. XXXII, 1974, Fox Run Press, Topsfield, Mass.

Topsfield Historical Society, The Historical Collections of, Vol. XXXIII, 1982, The Merriam-Eddy Co. Inc., South Waterford, ME.

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NEWSLETTER OVERFLOWS TO TWENTY-TWO PAGES: PUBLISHING COSTS ESCALATE

"Try as I could," said About Towne editor, William B. Towne, Sr., "it was next to impossible to get everything into the regular twenty pages and still have a meaningful newsletter." All kinds of rearrangements were tried. A story about Mr. Wally Kneeland of Topsfield, although typeset and ready, was laid aside for other news. If readers don't read about Kneeland in this issue, then the story is dead for another year, perhaps.

For months now, About Towne has attempted to publish the NEHGS passenger list information, but always has had to put it aside until later. The same goes for the current list of books, pamphlets, etc., that NEHGS has for sale that would be of interest to our readers.

Reductions

As you can plainly see, the size of our type in this issue has had to be reduced and still we didn't have enough room. Our thinking along this line is that most of our members take their family history very seriously, and have magnifying glasses available if the print is just too small for normal reading. However, we think the type size will be large enough, and the type used is bolder than that used in our last issue. Saving the stories until the next or later issue has never worked because we always get in more materials than we can print.

Costs to get Higher

Editing About Towne is taking an enormous amount of time. Your editor has put in many eight-hour + days. If the newsletter gets much larger, costs will increase accordingly, as they have even achieving its present size. Already back issues of 1983 issues will be \$3.00 instead of the former \$2.50. At our 1983 business meeting your second vice-president (he's in charge of newsletters, publicity and publications) will ask the membership to increase dues to \$12.00 for active and associate memberships, \$6.00 per additional family member, \$36.00 for sustaining members and \$10.00 for a subscription.

Deadlines

We would like to reiterate the importance of getting information you expect to be published in About Towne to us by the first day of the month the issue is due to come out. These months in-

clude March, June, September and December. This newsletter was delayed because certain deadlines were not met. These oversights increase costs of your newsletter because in some cases long-distance telephone calls have to be made to spark the contributors to get in their expected lines of wisdom, or whatever, as soon as possible.

We realize that we are working with a strictly volunteer force. However, what began as a small endeavor with our Towne Family Assn., has begun to mushroom into and up-coming larger game entirely. The larger the newsletter the longer it takes to get it printed. How would any of our readers like to spend from six to ten hours "collating" a 22-page newsletter after it comes from the printer? All by oneself, that is! Most print shops charge \$30 to \$35 to do the collating. (Collating is the term used in the trade to mean putting every page of a document in 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., order, then fastening it together with a staple or something else.)

In addition, our mailing list for the last issue exceeded 270 pieces. We tried once sending issues open-style, and pages arrived torn off and in real bad shape, so we gave up on that idea. This resulted in stuffing them in envelopes (all done by the writer) which each envelope having to be addressed and be arranged in zip-code order to meet with Post Office requirements for bulk mail. After the copy is finally at the printer's, one might think your editor might be able to sit back and rest, watch some TV, or mow the grass -- or perhaps go to a movie or walk the dog in the park. But, no way, as envelopes have to be prepared with address labels from our computer, bulk rate stamp put on, return address stamped on and so on.

Because of the lateness of our last issue your editor has had to put out two newsletter issues over a one-month period. That means that since his release, and recovery from his hospital stay he's been doing nothing but preparing and processing newsletters. It's a full-time job. We realize that it is all necessary, because it's through our newsletter that we communicate with each other. A family association on the national level such as ours is only as good as its newsletter.

Staff Columns

Because of the immense amount of work involved it is extremely important that staff people who contribute regularly to About Towne have their expected columns to the editor as early as possible. We know it's easy to forget, so to enhance remembering we make the deadline the first of the month so that the time will become a habit like paying the electric bill, because it is easier to remember.

Back Issues

We have been asked about back issues by members and subscribers recently joining with us. Back issues of all About Towne's are available for \$2.50 apiece. These include Vol. 1, #'s 1, 2, 3, & 4, and Vol. 11, #'s 1, 2, 3, & 4, plus Vol. III, # 1 and 2 (this issue). All those joining or subscribing during the current year will get all 1983 issues, even if they don't join until November. If you want all back issues (some will be Xeroxed) send the appropriate amount to our headquarters address.

Your understanding is very much appreciated, and we likewise appreciate your many favorable comments regarding About Towne that have been coming our way.

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TFA SKILLS SURVEY

We are asking our members and subscribers to let us know what are their skills and abilities that can help your Towne Family Association grow. We realize that there must be a huge resource of untapped potential just waiting to be used. Please answer questions, complete the items below and mail to us, Towne Family Assn., 38 Sayles Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

INTERESTS

- Photography
Art
Writing
Journalism
Family Research
Features
Crafts
Cooking
Hospitality
Party Arrangements
Travel & Tours
Idea Person
Book Reviews
Query Editing
Public Speaking
Cemetery Records
Court Records
Probate Records
Heraldry
Land Records
Filing
Cataloging
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Computer work
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Census Research
Library Research
Archives Research
Budget Preparation
Educ. Workshops
Teaching
Interviewing
Others (Please list)

Highest degree earned. (Circle all degrees attained.)

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Type of career you are involved in:

Are you retired? (Circle) Yes No

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