

ABOUT TOWNE

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1986 Dues Coming up!

Members and subscribers are reminded that 1986 dues are payable 1 January 1986. We will not be sending out individual notices (too expensive), so please send your check as soon as you see this! The membership year of our Association is the calendar year, 1 January to 31 December.

Anyone joining at any time between these dates in a given year is considered to be a member from 1 January of that year, and is sent all the back issues of About Towne for that same year. Thus any new or lapsed member sending in dues before 31 December 1985 will be considered to be joining for 1985, unless he or she specifies that the money is for 1986. Please write "1985 dues" or "1986 dues" on your check to help your Secretary-Treasurer sort things out.

Remember that the sooner you send in your dues the sooner your Association can start accruing interest on the money! Every little bit helps. Thank you.

from the desk of the President...

We have had a fantastic year and we are looking forward to many more. We need everyone's input to keep our organization successful. Let's all try to find at least one new member for 1986.

A reminder that our Association dues are coming up in January 1986. Please get your dues in on time. Mail them to Secretary-Treasurer Donna Moore, 1525 Rogers Court, DeKalb IL 60115

Plans are already being made for our 1986 Towne Family Reunion. Lydia Finlay and Mary (Robin) Wagner have started organizing for the last weekend in September. The Reunion will be held in the Danvers, Massachusetts area. Be sure to look in the March issue of About Towne for further details. Hope to see you all there.

Best wishes for 1986.

Cousinly yours,

Alexandria "Deena" Towne

Love and Peace
for the
1985 Holidays
Ella Mae Towne Pero

Wishing you all Joy
and Happiness for the
Holiday Season.
Yours in Peace and
Health -
Mary (Robin) Wagner

Holiday Greetings
Looking forward to seeing
all of you next September
Lydia Finlay

Happy Holidays
full of Peace & Contentment
& Prosperous 1986!
Deena Towne

Warmest Wishes
for The
Holidays
Jeann Warner

Best Wishes of the Season
from
Jim Roome

A peaceful Holiday Season
to everyone.
Donna Moore

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!
Karen Courtenay

To all Townes everywhere
Let's make 1986 our
best year yet!
Happy Holidays!

William B. (Bill) Towne, Jr.

THE TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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More Members for 1985

These are the additional memberships for 1985 received since the September issue went to press and before November 15. An asterisk '*' before a name indicates a new member; a 'c' means a charter member. Membership category codes are as follows: Act = Active; AcF = Active Family; As = Associate; LIF = Life; Sb = Subscriber; Sust = Sustaining. Please send all corrections to the Secretary-Treasurer, Donna J. Moore, 1525 Rogers Court, DeKalb IL 60115.

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Jennings, Marian	630 Saginaw Street	Vassar MI	48768	Act

Change of address only (dues previously paid):

Sandefur, Gladys L.	3768 North Bay Shore Drive	Sturgeon Bay WI	54235	Act
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Number of members and subscribers for 1985 to date: 268.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Lydia Finlay	Danvers, Mass.
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Jean R. Warner	Hamden, Ct.

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Application for Membership
The Towne Family Association

Enclosed is my check () money order () for my membership (or subscription) for the calendar year 1986, in accordance with the schedule checked on the right.

If I have not already done so, I agree to provide the Historian-Genealogist of the Association with ancestor charts showing my descent from William¹ and Joanna (Blessing) Towne (Associates and Subscribers excepted). Associate membership is open to those who can connect their ancestry to a Towne family but as yet have not connected it to William¹ Towne. This class of membership is also open to other interested persons who may not be related to any Towne family. Associate members are entitled to vote.

new () renewal ()

ANNUAL DUES 1986:**Principal Members:**

Active	\$15	()
Associate	\$15	()
Sustaining	\$35	()
Benefactor	\$100	()

Family Members:

Active Fam.	\$5	()
Assoc. Fam.	\$5	()
Sust. Fam.	\$12	()
Benef. Fam.	\$34	()

ONE-TIME PAYMENTS:

Life (Principal)	\$250	()
Life (Family)	\$84	()

subscription only \$10 ()

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name _____ date _____
street address/P.O. box _____
town/city _____ state/province _____ zip/postcode _____
home phone: () _____ - _____ business phone () _____ - _____

amount enclosed (in U.S. dollars) \$ _____ membership no. (leave blank) _____

Members with Canadian addresses add US\$2 to regular dues to cover newsletter postage. Members with other foreign addresses add US\$6.

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Report of the 5th Annual Towne Family Association Meeting and Reunion

September 27, 28, and 29, 1985

Charles L. Towne, Vice-President for Programs

The fifth annual meeting was a success because of the efforts of many people. Hurricane Gloria, which arrived on Friday, caused the cancellation of the tours scheduled for that afternoon, but most were squeezed in on Saturday. The hurricane had disintegrated by the time it got to Maine, doing little more than downing trees and causing widespread power outages; but it had been expected to be much more dangerous, and TFA-ers venturing out for the Friday tours were sent back to their hotel by the fire department. The afternoon was spent visiting with cousins, watching the waves on the ocean and the river, and watching television news on hurricane happenings.

There were some other changes to the program as printed in the June issue of About Towne. A tape of the public television miniseries Three Sovereigns for Sarah was shown Friday night. On Saturday afternoon, James Roome spoke in place of Margaret Steidl. Martha McLean sang at the Saturday night banquet. On Sunday morning, there was a talk and slide show by Natalie Johnson on "History of Gravestone Symbols."

My thanks to:

Jane Anderson -- drawing cover illustrations on the Towne Meeting booklet.

Melissa Brackley -- doing the calligraphy on the same cover.

Herbert Baum III -- typing the booklet so neatly and collating it.

Hazel Phillips -- making the favors for the banquet, the cranberry muffins for the Saturday morning refreshment time, and the markers for the Towne Family plots; and showing us the Towne Family graves in West Kennebunk.

Ruth Andrews -- obtaining binders for the booklets, making blueberry cakes, running off the booklets on the family-owned business copier, and collating booklets.

Susan Perrigo and Louise Stone -- collating booklets and using the binding machine.

Susan Andrews -- collating booklets.

Elizabeth Towne -- advertising the Reunion and making dozens of cookies for coffee breaks.

Robert Towne -- helping to contact local trailer parks, taping and showing Three Sovereigns for Sarah, helping in the planning of the Reunion and Meeting with me and with Mrs. Leathers of the Nonantum, and acting as tour guide on Saturday afternoon.

Patricia Swett and Jean Smith -- putting markers on Towne Family plots in Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk.

Krystene Towne and Kenneth Towne -- helping to make things go smoothly, helping whenever there was a need. Krys also sold Towne Family items.

Alexandria Towne -- having us meet in her house in the spring to finalize plans for the Reunion, giving encouragement, making phone calls and helping where needed, writing many thank-you notes for me.

Bill Towne -- meeting with us at Deena's house and helping in finalizing plans, speaking Saturday afternoon.

Natalie Johnson -- showing slides about the "History of Graveyard Symbols" and showing us headstones.

Jim Roome -- speaking Saturday afternoon.

Emma Mosher -- sharing information that was helpful from the 4th Towne Meeting in Lebanon, N.H.

Martha McLean -- singing at the banquet.

Marian McGuire -- speaking on "Genealogical Research in Maine."

The Leathers Family -- making everything so pleasant, as the owners of the Nonantum.

The Kennebunk Advent Christian Church -- for sending us a beautiful fall bouquet for our meeting.

All who came.
All who helped in any way.
All who came despite the storm.
All who shared ideas at the meeting.

Family Group Cards

We'd like to receive family group cards from every member. Merely submitting ancestor charts won't do the job, because the TFA is interested in ALL Towne descendants. These include all the children of your great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and so on, which ancestor charts do not show -- and all THEIR descendants, as far as you know them. Further, when making out your family group cards, don't stop with yourself! If you are a Towne descendant, then so are your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We want them all. Also, please have a heart and put your name and address on each Family Group Card and cross-reference card. Otherwise, your historian-genealogist has to add this information to every card himself, by hand.

Rubber Stamps and Address Labels

For about \$5, members can get a rubber stamp with their name, address, and telephone number. Such a stamp is handy for return addresses on envelopes, and also for stamping materials sent in to the TFA main office. It makes it easy to add your name and address to documents, and it helps your historian-genealogist a great deal! One of our members stamped every sheet of paper she sent in this way, and this was very convenient for us. Many times we must separate material you send in; for example, we may send a newspaper article to the newsletter editor, put cards in the Central Index File, and place ancestor charts in another file. A stamp on each sheet of paper helps us identify the source. Many times we get an excerpt from a town or city history and we'd like to put it in the newsletter. We take it to the copy shop, dissociated from whatever else came in the package, and then forget who sent it (we are only human). Then, when it goes to the editor, we can't for the life of us remember who sent it in, and we always want to give proper credit.

Labels or stickers do just as well, and you can get these for \$1.50 a thousand, if you want to save money. However, a rubber stamp is good for about 10,000 impressions, and may be a better investment.

If you don't know where to get these items, write to Walter Drake, or another supplier, and you'll get a catalog of nifty things, including labels and rubber stamps. Drake's address is 75 Drake Bldg., Colorado Springs CO 80940. This recommendation does not constitute a solicitation.

A Nourse Marriage

Benjamin Nourse of Bangor, Maine, died 10 August 1856. His wife was Mary G. (---) Nourse.
[from "Death Dates from Penobscot Co. Probate Records," Downeast Ancestry, Vol. 9, No. 3, October 1985.]



Youngest attendee and Towne descendant: Andrea Elaine Higgins, b. 25 June 1985, of Portland, Maine, and her mother Barbara Higgins.



Front row: James Roome, Arline S. Towne, Charles L. Towne, Patricia Swett, Elaine Towne Swett, Barbara Higgins. Back row: Robert E. Towne, Dorothy Towne Stevens, Elizabeth Towne, Hazel Phillips.



Arline S. Towne and William Everett Towne. (Where's Sis (Velda Towne)? Taking the picture?)

A special thanks to all our Maine cousins who came, some 38 in all. Only two Maine cousins had come to previous meetings.

Please forgive me if I forgot to mention your help. It was appreciated even if I didn't mention you by name!!

We had the honor of having Alberta Redmond at our meeting. She was nearly 100 the night of our banquet. We presented her with a corsage and a gift at the banquet. Martha McLean led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to her. We also sent her flowers for her 100th birthday celebration. Some 500 people sent her birthday cards, and a big celebration was held in her honor. We are so pleased that she is healthy and so active. She is an inspiration to those who know her.

Thanks again for everything. Without your help the Reunion would not have been a success.

Charles L. Towne.



left to right: Jane Clapp Towne (Mrs. Roy S.); Fredrick William Clapp (father of Jane), holding baby, Christopher Michael Denton; Roy Salem Towne; Mary Jane Towne Denton, mother of baby.



Back row: Jane Towne; G'ail Towne (Mrs. Roy Salem Towne III); Daniel DeKrey; Kerry Denton (father of baby); Roy Salem Towne Jr.

Middle row: Shawn Festor Towne; Anne Morrow Towne DeKrey (holding baby, Christopher Michael Denton).

Seated: Fredrick William Clapp (father of Jane); Mary Jane Towne Denton (mother of baby).

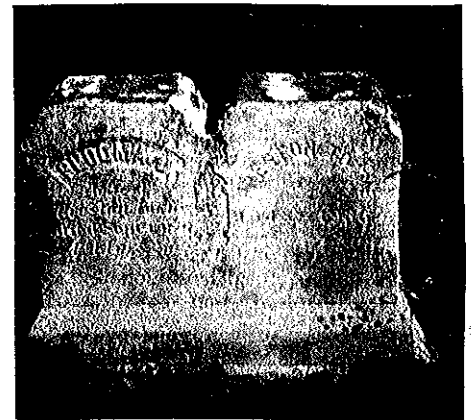
Attendees at the Fifth Annual Towne Meeting

Balmer, Robert and Frances
 Beard, Althea (guest)
 Bilderback, Beryl
 Brasler, Norma
 Burnette, Meredyth
 Cashen, Bessie
 Cluff, Karen
 Cook, Priscilla
 Cooper, J. Bradley
 Daniels, Sybil
 Feeney, Robert and Valerie Towne
 Finlay, Lydia
 Fraser, Mary
 Hamilton, William Towne and Sally
 Haskell, Caroline
 Higgins, Andrea
 Higgins, Barbara
 James, Richard and Marion
 Jellison, Ed (guest)
 Johnson, Natalie
 McGuire, Marion Towne
 McLean, Ralph and Martha
 McNamara, Basil and Dot
 Mosher, Carroll and Emma
 Mosser, Polly
 Pero, Chet and Ella Mae
 Phillips, Hazel
 Phillips, Kathleen
 Rathbun, Dorothy Towne
 Redmond, Alberta
 Reynolds, Myra
 Roome, James and Marie
 Sargent, Madeline
 Segler, Charlene
 Shuffelburg, Harold
 Smith, Jean
 Sprague, Bob and Mary
 Stevens, Dorothy Towne
 Swett, Elaine Towne
 Swett, Patricia
 Towne, Alexandria
 Towne, Arline
 Towne, Arthur and Jean
 Towne, Charles
 Towne, Frederick and Margaret
 Towne, Howard and Frances
 Towne, Hugh
 Towne, Kenneth
 Towne, Krystene
 Towne, James and Evelyn
 Towne, Col. (Ret.) Raymond and Dorothy
 Towne, Robert and Elizabeth
 Towne, Ronald and Beatrice
 Towne, Sam and Frances
 Towne, Stuart and Elora
 Towne, Theodore R.
 Towne, William B., Sr.
 Towne, William E. and Velda
 Wagner, Aubrey and Robin
 Warner, Richard and Jean

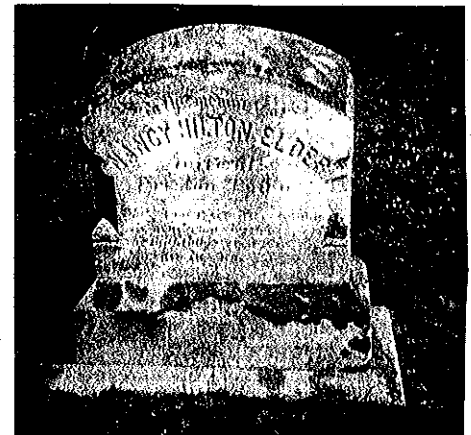
Maine	38
New Hampshire	12
Massachusetts	11
New York	7
California	2
Colorado	2
Connecticut	2
Delaware	2
Michigan	2
Pennsylvania	2
North Carolina	1
Washington	1

Total	82
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Newark, Delaware
 Kennebunkport, Maine
 Cape Porpoise, Maine
 Milford, New Hampshire
 Sonoma, California
 Kennebunk, Maine
 North Berwick, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Pittsfield, Massachusetts
 Salem, New Hampshire
 Falmouth Foreside, Maine
 Danvers, Massachusetts
 Everett, Washington
 Kennebunkport/Arundel, Maine
 Amherst, New Hampshire
 Portland, Maine
 Portland, Maine
 Niagara Falls, New York
 Wells, Maine
 Kennebunkport/Arundel, Maine
 Napa, California
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Meriden, New Hampshire
 Plainfield, New Hampshire
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Rochester, New York
 West Kennebunk, Maine
 West Kennebunk, Maine
 Iliou, New York
 Cape Porpoise, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Ontario, New York
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunkport/Arundel, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunkport/Arundel, Maine
 West Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Amesbury, Massachusetts
 Exeter, New Hampshire
 South Hamilton, Massachusetts
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Kennebunk, Maine
 New Boston, New Hampshire
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Amesbury, Massachusetts
 Amesbury, Massachusetts
 Newport, Michigan
 Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Kennebunk, Maine
 Plymouth, New Hampshire
 Billerica, Massachusetts
 Portland, Maine
 Sanford, Maine
 Asheville, North Carolina
 Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania
 Sharon, Massachusetts
 Hamden, Connecticut



Inscriptions: PLOOMA J./wife of/Preston Towne/died Sept. 1, 1907; PRESTON TOWNE/1848-1936



Inscription: to the memory of/NANCY HILTON ELDER/wife of/Preston Towne [no dates]



Mary Jane Towne-Denton, Roy Salem Towne, Jr., Jane Towne, Kerry Denton around replica of cradle from Rebecca Nurse Homestead. (See Towne Meeting minutes. Picture taken 7 April 1985)

Fourth-Graders Hit Augusta To Lobby For New Plate Design

by Vicki Adams

Fourth graders from York County testified before the Maine Legislature's Transportation Committee last week, promoting their proposal for a new state license plate design.

If the children have their way, Maine vehicles will sport sky-blue plates with red numbers and a small, red lobster in place of the hyphen that appears on current license plates.

The designer of the plate, Christine Olcott, 12, of Kennebunk, attended the hearing and enjoyed the elaborate presentation by the younger students.

"I thought it was very good," Olcott said. "They put a lot of research into things."

Olcott was in Robert Towne's fourth grade class at Park Street School two years ago, when Towne came up with a new class project -- to design a license plate for vehicles in Maine. The class chose Olcott's design because it was attractive, it included a well-known Maine product, and, with just two colors, it would be economical to produce.

Olcott chose the light blue background because "I just like the color blue." However, her classmates said the color, as well as the lobster, is significant, because it symbolizes Maine's lakes, rivers, and coast.

The project was a joint effort by Towne's class and a fourth grade class at the Burns School taught by Joseph Eragitano. The blue and red license plate was picked up each year by the new fourth grade classes in each school.

Last year, the classes continued the project by collecting signatures from all over the state on a petition for the new design. The petition, which included 10,000 signatures from 157 towns, was presented to the committee last week.

Since Robert Towne resigned in June, Eragitano's class has carried on the project, entering the world of politics. At the hearing, they displayed posters with information about the lobster industry, license plates throughout the country, and their petition. They also presented the committee with a large cake decorated with the proposed design. They answered the committee's questions, and argued for their proposal.

Committee Chairman Sen. Peter Danton, D-Saco, was given a T-shirt with the design on front, which he was happy to model, putting it on over his suit.

"The children did do a nice job," Danton said in a telephone interview.

Danton said the state will need new license plates soon, because there are so many annual registration stickers on them now that one can't tell whether cars are registered or not. Many vehicles in Maine have had the same plates for as long as 10 years.

Danton said the committee probably would consider other designs, such as the pine tree or potato, as well as the children's proposal, but he says he likes the lobster.

Minutes of the 5th Annual Meeting of the Towne Family Association

The fifth annual meeting of the Towne Family Association was called to order by President Alexandria Towne of Amesbury, Mass., at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 1985, at the Nonantum Inn in Kennebunkport, Maine. Dorothy McNamara of Meriden, N.H., was appointed recording secretary pro tem by the chair. Minutes of the previous (1984) meeting were read by Executive Director William B. Towne Sr. of Asheville, N.C., in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, Donna J. Moore of De Kalb, Ill.

Copies of the Treasurer's report, compiled from the Secretary-Treasurer's records, were handed out to the members present. There is a balance of \$4,690.57, which includes a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$2,050.99. Bill Towne of Asheville, N.C., explained that the certificate of deposit is made up of Life Membership funds. The members voted to accept this report.

The auditors' report was given by Dorothy McNamara of the auditing committee. She stated that only the auditors' report should be accepted, and not the Treasurer's, since the latter is subject to audit. The auditors' report was accepted unanimously. A motion was made and seconded that at least two of the auditors appointed should live near each other for ease in auditing the books.

It was reported that Roy S. Towne of Bismarck, N.D., has a son-in-law who has made a copy of the old Towne cradle from the Rebecca Nurse Homestead, the original of which is now in the Essex Institute. Dorothy Towne Stevens suggested that copies of the pattern and directions be made available to members of the Towne Family, with a donation going to the Association. Many were in agreement. President Deena Towne is custodian of the pattern, and interested persons should write to her.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning a meeting site for 1986. Suggested were: Deerfield, Mass., Sturbridge Village, Mass., Danvers (old Salem Village), Mass., and Crystal City near Washington, D.C. A show of hands indicated that a majority favored returning to Danvers, since it is in the area where the Towne Family first settled.

Lydia Finlay of Danvers, Mass., and Robin Wagner of Sharon, Mass., have agreed to co-chair the 1986 meeting, after being assured that meeting expenses would be reimbursed.

Robert and Frances Balmer of Newark, Del., offered to host the Towne Meeting in the Wilmington, (Delaware) area in 1987, and a majority expressed willingness to go there.

At this time the meeting adjourned so that members could have coffee, get to know one another, and buy Towne Family souvenirs if they wished.

When the meeting reconvened, Emma Mosher of Plainfield, N.H., talked about the Cornish, N.H. - Windsor, Vt. covered bridge which was included in the 1984 tour. It was designed by Ithiel Towne, who had his Towne Truss design patented in 1829. He sold the design for \$1 a foot to others who wanted to copy it; it allowed for the purchase of any length desired.

William Towne Hamilton spoke briefly about the Towne Family connections with Kenneth Roberts, author of *Arundel*, *Rabble in Arms*, and other historical novels.

The Nominating Committee Emma Towne Mosher, chairperson, placed in nomination the following slate of officers:

One-year terms, 1985-1986:

President:	Alexandria N. Towne, Amesbury, Mass.
Vice President for Programs:	Robin Wagner, Sharon, Mass., with co-chairman Lydia A. Finlay, Danvers, Mass.
Vice President for Publications:	William B. Towne, Sr., Asheville, N.C.
Secretary-Treasurer:	Donna Jean Moore, DeKalb, Ill.

Three-year terms, 1985-1988:

Board of Directors:	Lydia Finlay, Danvers, Mass.
	William Towne, Lake Ariel, Pa.
	Jean Warner, Hamden, Ct.

It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed, and the nominees were unanimously elected.

Dorothy McNamara suggested that a Recording Secretary be included in the list of officers. William B. Towne, Sr., moved that the bylaws be amended to include this office; Marian McGuire of Napa, Calif., seconded the motion. After much discussion William Towne withdrew his motion and the matter was dropped in favor of having a recording secretary appointed by the President at each Annual Meeting. Comment was made that all minutes of meetings should be recorded in a bound book if this was not already being done.

Bill Towne of Lake Ariel, Pa., expressed his pleasure over having the meeting held at this particular time of year.

William B. Towne, Sr., reported on the Ancestor Chart Book. It will probably be ready for distribution in about a year. Cost will probably be between \$15 and \$20. More than fifty people have already made reservations for copies of the book. A motion was made by Frances Balmer that money be allotted for the printing and other costs of this book. Frances Towne seconded the motion. A majority voted in favor.

Under new business it was stated that a new editor is needed for the newsletter, About Towne. A large number of members expressed their gratitude to Karen Courtenay of Andover, Mass., the present editor, and directed the President to write to Karen, who was not in attendance, giving her our overwhelming thanks and asking her to reconsider her resignation. It was felt that she has done an extraordinary job in setting up a unique newsletter layout and getting in the information on a timely basis.

Jean Warner of Hamden, Ct., the present Query Editor, offered to get out the December newsletter if she had permission to hire a typist. Ella Mae Pero of Rochester, N.Y., offered to type, and Jim Roome of Ontario, N.Y., expressed willingness to put everything through his computer if correct copy is sent to him. William B. Towne, Sr., Vice-President of Publications, suggested that an alternative, though costly, would be to have a professional newsletter service do the job. A motion was made by Emma Mosher and seconded by Natalie Johnson to accept the offers of Jean Warner, Ella Mae Pero, and James Roome, with the stipulation that the arrangements be for the December issue only, and contingent on Karen Courtenay's refusal to reconsider her resignation. The motion was seconded by Natalie Johnson and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ronald Towne of Plymouth, N.H., and seconded by Emma Mosher. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was declared adjourned by the President.

A brief recall to business was made in the afternoon. A lovely bouquet had arrived from the Advent Christian Church of Kennebunk, Me., and everyone wished to express their appreciation.

The President expressed the thanks of the entire group to Mr. Charles L. Towne, 1984-85 Vice-President for Programs, and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Towne, all of Kennebunk, for the splendid program that they planned and put into effect for this 1985 Reunion. The accommodations were excellent, she said, and the entertainment and other services superb.

The meeting was then permanently adjourned, to be followed by programs and tours and the evening banquet, at which Martha McLean sang and Marian McGuire of Napa, Calif., spoke on "Conducting Genealogical Research in Maine."

Respectively submitted,

Dorothy (Towne) McNamara, Meriden, N.H.
Recording Secretary pro tem

Letter from Avis Watkins on Censuses

8 Gardner St., Apt. 1
Exeter, N.H. 03833
19 Aug. 1984

Dear Bill,

While viewing some census microfilm recently, looking for one particular Nourse, I ran across quite a few Towne families which might be of interest to someone looking for a specific person. I found Nourses I didn't know existed, in the most unlikely places, as well as people from other families who married into the Nourses. I've decided to continue getting the census films on loan and just go through all of Massachusetts to 1910. I should be able to amass quite a bit of data that way.

The enclosed information is mostly from the 1860 census for Worcester County, Mass., with a little bit from the 1870 census. I had the usual difficulty in some places trying to decipher the handwriting, and so there may be some errors, particularly with initials. The mid-1800s was the era for writing with a lot of flourishes, and that didn't help any. Unfortunately, the census enumerator for Fitchburg listed everyone by initials only, bless his little pointed head! Where I could identify them, I have added the wife's name and/or the complete line of descent. In most cases, without going through my complete records, I couldn't fit them in anywhere. But they might be just the ones someone is looking for, so possibly they might be included in About Towne.

Just went and looked through my Towne files and found some 1870 census reports on family members, so will add them to the rest.

The letter in the Apr/May/June issue of About Towne, from Nabby Nourse to Edwin Augustus Nourse, her son, is certainly full of good advice even for nowadays. Perhaps Mr. Warner gave you her background, but just in case he didn't, you might like to include it in a future issue for those who lack the information.

Edwin Augustus⁷ Nurse (Francis⁶ John⁵ Samuel⁴-3-2 Francis¹) was born in Leominster, Mass., in April 1819, and died in Van Etten, N.Y., on 31 Jan. 1887. He married Mary Ann Fales of Lowell, Mass., on 1 Jan. 1843. She was born 8 May 1820 in Lancaster, Mass., and died 5 May 1892 in Van Etten. Children: George Edwin; Mary Louise; Elizabeth Boyd; and Helen.

Nabby, or Abigail, (Puffer), Augustus' mother, who wrote the letter, was born in Harvard, Mass. 13 Feb. 1777, and died in Leominster on 6 Jan. 1845. She married Francis⁶ Nurse in Harvard on 20 Mar. 1796. She was the daughter of Lt. Jonathan Puffer and Abigail Fairbank. They had six children, one of whom died young.

This seems to be all I can dredge up at this time.

Sincerely,
Avis M. Watkins

*I reconsider!
Karen*

"I'll tell you why I like it," he said. "The first thing legislators say to me when I go out of state, when they hear I'm from Maine, is, 'Boy would I like to have a Maine lobster.' It's our most asked-for item. It's our trademark."

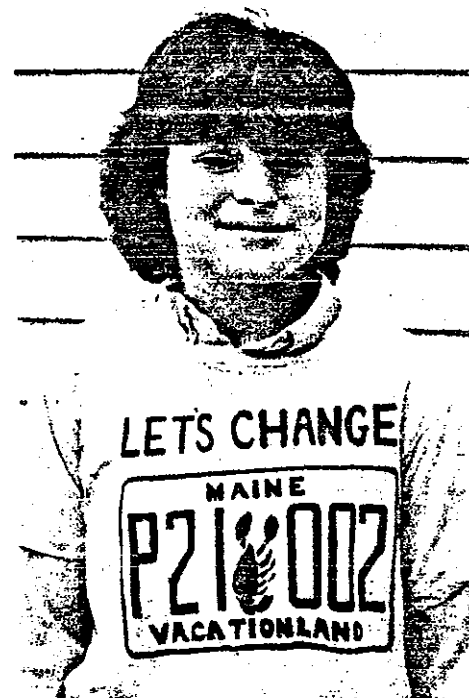
Rep. Thomas Murphy, R-Kennebunk, who advised the students throughout the project, said the Saco students did a very effective job of lobbying for the license plate.

"Those kids were like whirling dervishes when they hit the State House last week," he said. "I've got four or five bills to present, and I would like to have them do the lobbying for me."

Murphy helped another of Towne's fourth grade classes several years ago when the students wanted to establish the honeybee as the state insect. Murphy said the legislators chuckled at first, but the effort was a success.

Rep. Orland McPherson, R-Eliot, a member of the Transportation Committee, said the committee would have to research the visibility and cost of the design, but it definitely is in the running.

"The youngsters did a great job," he said. "Everyone is willing to look at it. The proposal was right in there at the top." [Christine Olcott is the niece of Elizabeth (Olcott) Towne, wife of the Robert E. Towne mentioned in the story. Robert, of course, was one of our hosts for the Kennebunkport Towne Meeting. Article from the York County Coast Star, Wednesday, April 10, 1985. Submitted by Charles L. Towne.]



Christine Olcott of Kennebunk is proud to wear a T-shirt printed with the license plate she designed. Students from Kennebunk and Saco have been working for three years on their proposal to change the design of Maine's plates. (Staff photograph by Vicki Adams)

1860 Census, Worcester County, Massachusetts

TowneBlackstone -

Salem, 53, farm laborer, b. Mass.
Nancy, 59, b. Mass.

Westminster -

George W., 23, farmer, b. N.H.
Lizzie (Hall), 20, b. Mass.

Fitchburg -

G.R., 30, chair manufacturer, b. Mass.
M., 25, wife, b. Ireland.
S. (male), 7, b. Mass.
M. (female), 5, b. Mass.

Milbury -

William, 13, b. Mass., in house of Charles Stockwell, farmer.

Winchendon -

Solomon F., 49, Supt. of Poor Farm, b. Vt.
Phebe, 49, b. N.H.

Emma J., 16, domestic, b. N.H., in house of Ephraim Flint, farmer.

Joseph L., 49, teaming, b. N.H.
Carona D., 35, b. N.H.
Webster M., 20, b. N.H.
Ellen H., 13, b. N.H.
Lyman H., 11, b. Mass.
Francis D., 5, b. N.H.
Charles W., 2, b. Mass.

Lucinda, 28, tailoress, b. N.H., in house of Oliver Puffer, farmer.

Josiah T., 34, turner, b. N.H.
Sybil L., 33, b. Mass.
Alice C., 9, b. Mass.
Sarah M., 6, b. Mass.
Celina F., 4, b. Mass.

West Boylston -

William H., 46, mechanic, b. R.I.
Lydia M., 42, b. R.I.
William G., 19, b. Mass.

Worcester, Ward 1 -

Moody, 45, b. Maine, in house of Lewis Burgess, blacksmith.

Worcester, Ward 2 -

Preston, 44, machinist, b. Mass.
Jane, 34, b. Mass.

Mary, 74, b. Mass., in house of George Gill.

Worcester, Ward 7 -

Lorson D., 48, machinist, b. Mass.
Olive P., 40, b. Mass.
Jane, 18, b. Mass.

Harvard -

Emily S., 15, b. Mass., resident of State Industrial School for Girls.

Charlton -

Leonard, 76, shoemaker, b. Mass.
Joanne, 74, b. Mass.
William H., 46, b. Mass.

Thomas⁶, (son of Simon⁵), 87, farmer, b. Mass., in house of Harvey Nichols.

Moses Dresser⁸ (son of Nelson Parker⁷), 28, shoemaker, b. Mass.
Ellen E., 25, b. Mass.

Salem, 80, farmer, b. Mass.
Sally Browne (dau.), 47, b. Mass.
Margaret Louisa, 41, b. Mass.
Amelia Mariah, 39, b. Mass.

Hardwick -

John, 63, farmer. [places of birth not noted - my fault! - AW]
Sarah, 60.
Sally, 31.

Carrie P., 21, domestic, b. Mass., in house of A. Emmons, farmer.

Edwin E., 28, tedder, b. Mass.
Emily M., 25, b. Mass.

Dana -

Amos T., 29, farm laborer, b. Mass.
Laura M., (Damon), 23, b. N.H.
Eva M., 2, b. Mass.
Sibel Damon, 63, b. N.H. [Laura's mother]

Ichabod, 50, farmer, b. Mass.
Amanda (Doubleday), 52, b. Mass.
Charles A., 10, farmer, b. Mass.
Ichabod, 20, farm laborer, b. Mass.
Amanda O., 13, b. Mass.

Ariel R.⁷ (Nathan⁶, John⁵ Jacob⁴⁻³⁻² William¹), 41, farmer, b. Mass.
Mary, 24, b. Mass.
Nathan, 81, b. Mass.
Betsey, 75, b. Mass.

Cyril, 36, farmer, b. Mass.
Ada (Skinner), 35, b. Mass.
Benjamin F., 21, farmer, b. Mass.
Abigail, 83, b. Mass.

Lyman, 38, piano(?) leg maker, b. Mass.
Ursula, 37, b. Mass.
Willis L., 5, b. Mass.
Hannah, 74, b. Mass.

Orson, 49, farmer, b. Mass.
Mary W., 43, b. Mass.
Catherine (?) E., 19, school teacher, b. Mass.
Nathan O., 15, farmer, b. Mass.
Eugene J., 13, b. Mass.
Rachel Johnson, 78, b. Mass. [Mary's mother?]

Franklin, 18, farm laborer, b. Mass., in house of Lucian Williams, farmer.

William B., 26, mill laborer, b. Mass., in house of Orrington Doubleday, farmer.

Petersham -

Solomon G., 50, farmer, b. Mass.
Sally W., 54, b. Mass.
Henry G., 17, b. Mass.

Jonathan, 58, b. Mass.
Abigail (Gleason), 54, b. Mass.
Andrew J., 21, b. Mass.
Theodosia, 18, palm leaf weaver, b. Mass.
Louiston H., 14, b. Mass.
Elmer E., 10, b. Mass.

Samuel, 49, b. Mass.
Rachel (Johnson), 51, b. Mass.
Lydia A., 16, palm leaf weaver, b. Mass.
Ann M., 13, b. Mass.
Franklin, 12, b. Mass.
Clara Fish, 61, palm leaf weaver, b. Mass. [relationship?]

Upton -

Hiram, 26, boot maker, b. Mass.
Emily, 21, b. Mass.

Worcester, Ward 3 -

Joseph, 36, blacksmith, b. R.I.
Louisa, 30, b. N.Y.
Evaline, 8, b. N.Y.
Emma, 11/12, b. Mass.

1870 Census, Norfolk County, Mass.

Towne

Foxboro -

Angie, 19, works in straw hat factory, b. Maine, in boarding house.

Angie F., 33, works in straw hat factory, b. Maine, in house of Seth Sherman.

Hyde Park -

Mary H., 48, b. Mass., housekeeper for Charles Smart and family.

Medfield -

Abbie, 39, b. Mass., housekeeper for Caleb Kennard and family.

1870 Census, Grafton County, New Hampshire

Towne

Orford -

Charles, 29, farmer, b. N.H., \$10,000 real estate/\$2,000 personal.

Mary, 27, b. N.H.

Florence, 2, b. N.H.

Hattie, 8/12 (b. Oct. 1870).

Hanover -

Solon R., 23, student at Dartmouth College, b. Vt.

Littleton -

Luther B., 56, farmer, b. N.H., \$6000/\$2800.

Nancy W., 52, b. N.H.

Samuel, 62, farmer, b. N.H., \$2000/\$1000.

Lovina W., 51, b. Vt.

Charles F., 30, farmer, b. N.H., \$1200/\$400.

Julia A., 24, b. N.H.

Elmira, 3, b. N.H.

Roby C., 53, farmer, b. N.H., \$6000/\$2200.

Nancy G., 52, b. N.H.

Elmore G., 20, b. N.H.

James W., 67, farmer, \$2600/\$1400, b. N.H.

Lucinda, 64, b. N.H.

Alonzo E., 37, farmer, b. N.H.

Lina (Sina?), 21, b. N.H.

Lizzie L., 1, b. N.H.

[this family and the one before it lived next door to each other]

Cephas B., 41, farmer, b. N.H., \$1500/\$700

Susan, 29, b. Vt.

[living with William C. and Martha L. Nurse, next door to other Towne families.]

Henry G., 27, farmer, \$1500/\$1300, b. N.H.

Ellen M., 23, b. N.H.

Ida M., 4, b. N.H.

Luther L., 3, b. N.H.

Gracie, 1, b. N.H.

1880 Census, Franklin-Grand Isle-Lamoille Counties, Vt.

Towne

North Hero -

Joel, 83, farmer, widower, he and parents b. Mass.

Leusa [?], 51, dau., single, she and parents b. Vt.

Dexter B., 49, farmer, b. ? father b. Mass., mother b. ?

Lydia A., 39, wife, b. ?, parents b. Vt.

Frank A., 11, son, b. ?

Carrie A., 9, dau., b. ?

Neillie M., 3, dau., b. ?

Joel Jr., 56, farmer, b. Ohio, father b. Mass., mother b. ?

Maryette, 53, b. Vt., father b. Vt., mother b. ?

Merrill, 16, son, works on farm, b. ?

Fanny, 14, dau., b. ?

1860 Census,

Franklin-Grand Isle-Lamoille Counties, Vt.

Towne

Swanton -

Lucian, 24, farm laborer, b. Canada East,
in house of Sylvester Chadwick.

Franklin -

Almon, 18, farm laborer, b. Vt.,
in house of James Spaulding.

Ephraim, 70, farmer, \$1000/\$600, b. Vt.

Jane, 60, b. Canada East.

Orris S., 36, farm laborer, b. Canada East.

[submitted by Avis Watkins]

The Esty File

by

Jim Roome

My wife Marie and I had a grand time at the Towne Family Reunion regardless of the hurricane. Charles Towne, Deena, Bill Towne and everybody did a tremendous job.

We had just come back from a motor home trip to Salt Lake City to attend the Annual Conference of the National Genealogical Society, and we had a good time there also. 2000 to 2500 people from all over the world attended the conference. There were about 280 class sessions given by some 170 speakers on many subjects pertaining to family history and genealogy.

Some of the most interesting to me were the lectures on the Latter Day Saints International Genealogical Index. The IGI is an index, published on microfiche, to the names in the computer of the LDS Genealogical Department. It contains more than 88 million records, primarily of births, christenings, and marriages, from more than 90 countries from the early 1500s to about 1875. The index is not limited to the names of LDS church members and their ancestors.

Among other uses, the IGI can be used to find birth, christening, or marriage information on millions of deceased persons; to identify possible pedigree connections to extend family lines; and sometimes to identify others who are researching a specific family. The IGI was created for members of the LDS Church, but is made available to the public because of its great value as a genealogical research aid.

I made a friend while at Salt Lake City, and she is sending me all the sections of the IGI for the U.S. and Canada which include the name Esty. This information will go into my own general index of the Esty name. Of course the IGI is a secondary source and has to be treated as such. The IGI is available at the LDS branch library nearest you.

My Esty General Index now contains over 4000 names. I have included Estys who are mentioned in such works as the series of books on Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 for 206 towns and cities in Massachusetts, which was published under a state-sponsored program; and the 17-volume work Massachusetts Soldiers

and Sailors of the Revolutionary War. I intend to include all the Estys from another source: the many letters I have received from Estys across this country and Canada for several years now.

There is a new book out, The Estey Kindred, compiled by Willis A. Rickert, 2929 S.E. 112 Avenue, Portland OR 97266. It is a typewritten, indexed book with an Accopress hard cover and a metal clip binding. It contains family information, dates, children, etc., for some 2013 people. It also includes maps of an area in Vermont where Esty families lived, showing roads and locations of early Esty homes. Mr. Rickert was born in that area of Vermont and is descended from Susan Emeline Estey, daughter of Nelson and Eunice (Goodrich) Estey. He is asking \$25 for a copy of the book.

Queries

Smallwood. Seek info mother of Edward Towne Smallwood b. 1859, d. 1931, Oakland, Calif., s. of Edward & Cynthia (---) Smallwood. Was Cynthia a Towne? Mary Jo Hunt, 9 Stonehaven, Quincy IL 62301.

Towne-Esty-Parker-Russell-Damon. Need help with date & place of m. of Mary² Towne to Isaac Esty, Anna Russell to Enos Parker, & Russell Parker to Rachel Damon. Also names of ch. of Isaac & Mary (Towne) Esty. AO285.

Town-Locke. Need vitals for Silas⁵ & Susannah (Locke) Town & their 10 ch. & their spouses. Also for their s. Ephraim⁶ Town & his w. Huldah (Gale) & their ch. Acc. to E.E. Towne dau. Roxanna⁷ m. 1st Eldred Hodge. Who was 2nd h., m. prob. in 1850s? AO294

TFA Board Member Weds

Robert I. Taylor of Salem, N.H. and Pamela Ellis, also of Salem, were married at the Taylor home on North Main Street on Sunday, 27 October 1985. Bob is a member of the Board of Directors of the TFA, and is also a charter member. He is the son of Mildred Frances (Clinkard) and the late Milburn Kenneth Taylor, of Salem. Bob has a daughter, Kim Robin (Taylor) DeVeau, from his first marriage to Rita M. (Edwards) Reno, who died in 1969, and also two grandchildren.

Bob's mother Mildred is the older sister of Arline Sheldon (Clinkard) Towne, mother of the TFA's Executive Director. Members of the Clinkard family descend through the Emery line from Deliverance³ Towne, who married John Stiles.

Bob was just recently released from the New England Deaconess Hospital, where his gall bladder was removed. Earlier, in July, he had undergone a kidney transplant. (See About Towne, Vol. V, No. 3, p. 53.)

The marriage ceremony was attended by close family and friends.

Townes in D.A.R. Patriot Index

TOWNE (or TOWN or TOWNS)

Amasa b 5-18-1755 d 12-27-1820 m Margaret Smith Pvt MA
 Amos b 10-17-1737 d 9-8-1793 m (1) Jane Smith (2) Sarah ??? [illegible on photocopy] Lt MA
 Archelaus Sr. b 1734 d 12-1-1779 m Martha Abbott Capt NH
 Archelaus Jr. b 7-10-1760 d 7-8-1818 m Esther Weston Pvt NH W*
 Daniel b 7-9-1760 d 5-25-1813 m Hitta Brown Pvt MA
 David b 3-17-1744 d 2-26-1815 m Susannah Averill Sgt MA
 David b 8-7-1756 d 4-5-1802 m Elizabeth Southworth Pvt MA
 David b 6-25-1762 d 9-5-1828 n (1) Lydia Slade (2) Olive --- Pvt MA
 David b 7-17-1734 d 1- -1792 m Kezia Shumway Cpl MA
 Ebenezer b 9-22-1744 d 2-11-1778 m Huldah Wheelock Ens MA
 Edmund, Sr. b 8-19-1724 d 1779 m Abigail Brewer Pvt MA
 Edmund b 8-6-1764 d 1843 m Anna Fisher Pvt MA
 Eli Sr. b 3-3-1731 d 10-14-1800 m Elizabeth Gould Pvt MA
 Elijah Sr. b 2-16-1719 d p 1793 m Lydia Locke Capt MA
 Elijah Jr. b 7-18-1754 d 2-22-1825 m Sarah Holton Pvt VT; MA
 Elijah b 9-11-1740 d 1803 m Eunice Dwinell Pvt NH
 Ezra Sr. b 4-30-1736 d 12- -1795 m Elizabeth --- Capt NH
 Francis b 7-27-1737 d 8-11-1811 m Phoebe --- Capt PS NH
 Francis Alonzo b 11-18-1757 d 8-24-1827 m Eunice Warner D?? MA
 Israel Sr. b 3-24-1705 d 1791 m Grace Gardner PS NH
 Israel Jr. b 11-16-1736 d 4-28-1813 m Lydia Hopkins CS NH
 Jabez b 6-15-1704 d 4-1-1783 m Tryphena Dwinell PS NH
 Jacob b 3-7-1728 d 9-18-1807 m Elizabeth Perkins Pvt MA
 Jacob b 9-25-1738 d 7-29-1829 m. (1) Susannah Brown (2) Mrs. Sarah Bridge PS Pvt NH
 Jacob b 12-15-1750 d 4-30-1835 m (1) Rachel Cain (2) Mrs. Martha Case Hartwell Pvt MA
 James b 12-15-1757 d 8-1-1837 m Lucy Bettis Pvt MA W*
 John Jr. b 12-5-1729 d 1-9-1820 m Mary Thomas Capt MA
 John b 9-22-1740 d 3-8-1830 m Ann Cummings Sgt MA
 John b 5-12-1758 d 10-19-1829 m Mrs. Margaret (George) Hardwick 1Lt VA
 Jonathan b 10-19-1724 d 1784 m Esther Gould PS NH
 Jonathan b 12-24-1757 d 9-25-1824 m (1) Mary Holbrook (2) Miriam Warner Pvt MA
 Joseph b 2-22-1761 d 1-18-1824 m Hannah Coleman Pvt MA
 Joshua b 9-23-1721 d 1-31-1788 m Sarah Ball Pvt MA
 Moses b 4-1-1747 d 4-3-1781 m Sarah Lawson Cpl MA
 Nathan b 7-11-1744 d 9-3-1810 m (1) Mary Poole (2) Hannah Gould (3) Mrs. Lydia Hall Sgt MA
 Nehemiah b 10-15-1748 d 5-2-1820 m Lucy --- Pvt MA
 Peter b 8-10-1749 d 5-20-1830 m (1) Lydia Abbott (2) Rebecca Sheldon Pvt MA
 Reuben b 7-29-1746 d 1775 m Sarah Dodge Pvt MA
 Robert b 5-11-1754 d 6-26-1820 m Elizabeth Hawes Pvt MA
 Robert b 5-3-1761 d. 7-18-1829 m Mary Fairfield Cpl MA
 Salem b 10-21-1746 d 7-22-1825 m (1) Elizabeth Mayo (2) Ruth Moore (3) Mrs. Comer Maj MA
 Sylvanus b 2-15-1750 d 4-8-1818 m (1) Margaret Watson (2) Ruth Hovey Lt MA
 Thomas b 12-25-1759 d 12- -1819 m (1) Ruth Burton (2) Mary Coleman Pvt MA
 Thomas b 2-8-1743 d 5-1-1824 m (1) Elizabeth (Towne) (2) Sarah Burton Pvt NH
 Thomas b 1751/2 d 1848 m Sarah Wade Pvt VA *
 Wm b 9-3-1758 d 12-25-1846 m (1) Lucy Prince (2) Altada Newell Pvt CT
 Wm b a 1753 d 1826 m Obedience Allen 2Lt VA

[submitted by Anne W. Tillinghast, Asheville, N.C.]

Missouri Towne Data

St. Louis, Mo. marriages (published by the St. Louis Genealogical Society):

Julia Towne m. Sullivan Meredith 4 Oct. 1864, v. 11 p. 453.
 Julia Towne m. Sullivan B. Meredith 6 Oct. 1864, v. 12 p. 38.
 Andrew Towns m. Julia Scott 1 Jan. 1866, v. 12 p. 211.
 Eliza I. Towns m. Charles Schmidt 12 July 1863, v. 11 p. 172.
 Jeremiah Town m. Hannah Buckley 17 May 1845, v. 3 p. 176.
 Mary Ann Town m. David Wm. Dixon 14 Dec. 1837, v. 2 p. 76.

1860 census, St. Louis, Mo. (St. Louis Genealogical Society Index, pub. 1983)

Peter Town, age 30, ward 8, p. 717.
 Margaret Town, age 30, ward 8, p. 717.
 James Town, age 8, ward 8, p. 717.
 Wm. H. Town, age 6, ward 8, p. 717.
 George Town, age 2, ward 8, p. 717.

(More information can be found in the printouts of the census itself, available at the same library when a Society member is on duty.)

1890 Special Veterans' Census (pub. Ozark Genealogical Society, 1983)
John M. Towne, 19th Ia. Inf., res. Marmaros, Stone Co., Mo.
Richard Towns, 1st Ark. Vol., res. Springfield, Mo., ward #2.

1880 Census, Greene Co., Mo. (pub. Ozark Genealogical Society, 1983)
Richard Towns, Painter, age 36, b. Mo., fa. --, mo. --.
Malinda, age 36, b. Ill., fa. Tenn., mo. Tenn.
George, age 11, b. Mo., fa. Mo., mo. Ill.
Alice (sic), age 9, b. Mo., fa. Mo., mo. Ill.
(Family res. 4th ward on South St., res. #34, fam. #36, ED #45, page number not given.)

Cass Co., Mo. Marriages
Ezoy Town m. Sarah Webb 9 Aug. 1857 v. B, p. 290.
(groom from Kansas Terr., mar. by John Franse)

Harrison Co., Mo. Marriages:
Bertha G. Towns m. Oscar C Moss 27 Aug. 1877, v. A, p. 355.
Jennie Towns m. Walter Price 27 July 1879, v. A, p. 421.
Mary R. Towns m. John E. Smith 20 Dec. 1866, v. A, p. 103.
Albert Towns m. Isabella Roberts 2 Sept. 1877, page not given.
William F. Towns to Julia Ann Price 6 Mar. 1879, v. A, p. 404.
Charles F. Towns to Electa Harrison, 21 Dec. 1879, v. A, p. 442.

[submitted by Elizabeth Towne Schmitt]

Letter from Wg. Cdr. Munday on a Case of Reverse Emigration

22 September 1985

Dear Bill,

Whilst doing some searches of the Nottinghamshire area last week, I came across the following entry in the 1881 census which may be of interest to the family association.

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f136 41 Bridge Place					
Robert L TOWNE	head	m	45	Grocer and Provision Merchant	New York USA
Mary S Leonard	wife		43		Retford Notts
	son	um	17	ditto	Worksop
plus					
Henry HARDWICK	apprentice	um	18	Grocers apprentice	do
John R NUMARCH	assistant	um	18	Shopman	Lincs Scartho
William BERESFORD	groom	un	30	Groom and porter	Derby Elmtun
Mary S HARRISON	servant		21	Dom Servant	Notts Spalford?

My card index shows an IGI entry for Robert Leonard TOWNE son of Leonard and Ann TOWNE baptised 24.9.1837 at Rampton.

I assume from the census entry that his family went to America after his birth, and he, at least, returned sometime before the birth of his own son Leonard in 1864 at Worksop.

According to the IGI a Leonard/Ann TOWNE had two children baptised in Farnfield Notts, Leonard William TOWNE in 1832 and Lucy TOWNE in 1834. I assume this is the same family although the parishes of Rampton and Farnfield are 16 miles apart.

Yours sincerely,

Tony

Wg. Cdr. A.J. Munday
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*An Interesting Letter concerning
Ancestry of the Nourse Family
of Cincinnati*

by Conteur

The Nourse family is a very old one in Cincinnati and a much older one in the original English colonies. Charles E. Nourse is in the firm of Clencay, Nourse & Huntingdon, real estate and loan brokers, at Fourth and Main. There are sisters, Louise C. Nourse, from whom have come some of the facts of the history of the family, and Elizabeth Nourse, an artist in Paris, whose twin sister was the wife of Ben Pitman. Mr. Pitman was a prominent man in shorthand writing and in carving. His older brother was Sir Isaac Pitman, of England, who was at the head of the shorthand business. A letter to the writer's nieces, Nellie Nourse Reeves and Elizabeth C. Stacy, referring first to one of their ancestors, says:

"Your grandfather was Caleb Elijah Nourse, son of Elijah Nourse and Susan Brooke. He was born in Concord January 25, 1808, and died in Cincinnati April 21, 1880. His grandfather was a Mr. Brooke, who married a Miss Easterbrooke. Your grandfather was always known in Cincinnati as C.E. Nourse and was often called 'Old Commercial Bank.'

Your great-grandfather, Mr. Elijah Nourse, died very young of an epidemic. His wife, Susan Brooks, married again a Mr. Pollard having two children by this marriage, Miss Pollard, who married ---, and Mr. --- Pollard, your grandfather's half-brother. All of these were of old English families.

"Your grandmother, Elizabeth Le Breton Rogers, daughter of David Rogers and Eunice Sawyer Conch, born in Boston May 20, 1818, died in Cincinnati August 27, 1880. Your great-grandfather, David Rogers, was born in 1789, and died August 19, 1823, aged 34 years. Both he and his wife, Eunice Sawyer Conch, died the same year of an epidemic. She was about one year older than her husband. This left your grandmother (our mother) an orphan when seven years old. There were three children, John, Julia, and Elizabeth. These children were raised by their half-uncles, as David Rogers' father had been married twice - David Rogers, an only child by the first marriage, and Samuel and William Rogers by the second marriage. William Rogers was one of the first bankers in Cincinnati. Samuel Rogers, who raised our mother and was her guardian (your grandmother's), moved from Philadelphia (where he lived) to Cincinnati in 1830. It was in Cincinnati, in 1830, that our mother and father met. They were married in 1833. Our mother was then living with her aunt and uncle on 'Pike street,' in the house that is now known as the 'Longworth House.' It was then, in 1833, the show house of the city, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rogers were the parents of Mrs. Anna Rogers Noonan, mother of Mrs. Thomas Graddy Kenedy and Mrs. Stanley Burt (Anna and Edith Noonan, of Covington).

"Your grandmother's family, the Rogers, were an old English family who came to America early in 1650. Your great-great-grandfather was 'Lieutenant Charles Rogers,' who fought the Indians during the reign of George II (reign of George II was from 1700 or 1720 to 1760), to whom the King gave a grant of all the land around Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., and it was one of the Rogers who founded the town of Wolfborough. The Rogers of Boston still own farms and country seats on this lake. The brother of Lieutenant Charles Rogers is known in the history of these wars, when the English were fighting for Canada, as 'Robert the Devil,' because he was such a terrible fighter.

"Your great-grandfather, of whom we have a silhouette (born in 1789), always wore a sword, showing that he was a gentleman and of a family of soldiers. Our mother remembered this sword and where it used to hang every night, at the head of his bed. He, of course, did not fight in the Revolution, but his father did, your great-grandfather. This same great-grandfather who wore the sword and knee breeches always wore his hair in a queue. We have one of his long silk stockings, so if you ever come across it in our belongings when we are dead you will know that it belonged to and was worn by your great-grandfather, David Rogers.

"The family of Elijah Nourse was descended from Rebecca Nourse, who was born in England in 1621. The old homestead in Danvers, Mass., was built in 1636 (sic), and is still standing. She was hanged as a witch in 1692. An old lady of 71, who lived alone in this house, her children, several sons, all married, occupying important business positions away. She had grown very deaf and could not plead her own case. In the 'Life of Nathaniel Hawthorne,' by Julian ---, he says the only blot on his great-great-grandfather's name, John Hathorne, the old Judge, was his condemning Rebecca Nourse to death. (Nourse was then spelt Nurse or Nourse, both ways), see Page 25 of Vol. I of this book. Rebecca Nourse is now considered a martyr, many poets have written about her, and her old house in Danvers is owned by the Government. It is one of the oldest houses in America.

"Your grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Nourse, had ten children - John, William, Samuel, Charles, Mary, Catherine, Julia, Louise, Elizabeth and Adelaide. John and Julia died when they were born. Mary died at the age of 3. William was a Jesuit and very learned. Samuel was a fine writer and poet; Catherine, a musician, became a nun, and Adelaide married Mr. Ben Pitman; Elizabeth is the artist, and I am Louise, your old Aunt Louise, who loves you all very much.

"Dear Nellie, all this family history is in answer to your last letter, May 19, 1919, asking something about your grandparents on the father's side, our brother, Charles Edward Nourse, born in 1841, April 27, and died in 1876, January 9. Our mother always told us that her family had been in America as long as the Nourse family. She must have had some French blood or connections, as she was

Some Descendants of Sarah⁶ (Sally) Towne

John Hamlin (Isaac, Benjamin, John, James), son of Isaac Hamlin and Sarah Shaw, was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 22 October 1762; married (1st) Sally⁶ Towne (Reuben⁵, Bartholomew⁴, John³, Joseph², William¹), daughter of Reuben and Sarah Towne (b. in Sutton, Mass., 1773), in Windsor, Mass., in 1790, and had ten children. Sally Towne died 11 October 1818. John married (2nd) Mrs. Dorothy Gove, of Worthington, 10 November 1819; no ch. She died 21 Sept. 1847, ae. 69 years.

John Hamlin served in the war of the Revolution, and died in Plainfield 15 April 1852. In the year 1776, at the age of thirteen, he removed with his parents to Cummington three years before it took the municipal rank of a town. It was among the most distinct of his recollections that while at Northampton, on his way to Cummington, the news of our country's Declaration of Independence reached that town, surprising yet rejoicing the inhabitants. At the age of sixteen he entered the service of his country for the maintenance of this declaration, in which service he continued about six months. For this he was subsequently moderately pensioned by the government, and was, at the time of his death, the last of the Revolutionary pensioners in Plainfield. At the age of twenty-eight he married and removed to Plainfield, then a district belonging to Cummington, thus becoming one of its earliest inhabitants, though it was not incorporated as a town until about seventeen years later. As a citizen Mr. Hamlin was respected and honored, having received many offices of trust by the suffrages of his fellow citizens. For nineteen years he was one of the Selectmen of the town, and was five years, including ten sessions, a member of the General Court, as a representative of his town. He was also early appointed a Justice of the Peace, but steadily declining the legal qualifications, he never exercised the functions of that office.

Children of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin:

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| 1. John | b. 29 July 1791; d. 20 Feb. 1792. |
| 2. Orran | b. 2 Dec. 1792; d. 14 Sept. 1877 [illegible on photocopy]. |
| 3. Reuben | b. 19 May 1795; see below. |
| 4. Clarissa | b. 5 July 1797; see below. |
| 5. Nabby (Abigail?) | b. 10 Feb. 1800; see below. |
| 6. Lyman | b. 14 Jan. 1803; see below. |
| 7. Freeman | b. 8 May 1805; see below. |
| 8. Polly (Mary?) | b. 15 Sept. 1807; see below. |
| 9. Horace | b. 23 Aug. 1810; see below. |
| 10. John | b. 3 Dec. 1814; d. 22 Oct. 1844. |

Reuben Hamlin, son of John Hamlin and Sally Towne, was born in Plainfield, Mass., 19 May 1795; married (1st) Rhoda Richards, of Plainfield, 15 Feb. 1816, and had five children. Rhoda died 29 Dec. 1826. Reuben married (2nd) Fanny Warner, of Plainfield, 17 Apr. 1828, and had four children. Fanny died 22 July 1829. Reuben married (3rd) Elizabeth Jones, of Plainfield, 3 Nov. 1829, and had no children. Elizabeth died 11 Dec. 1851, ae. 45 years, 11 months and 26 days. Reuben married (4th) Mrs. Eunice Tirrell, of Plainfield, 1 Jan. 1854, and had no children. Eunice died 1 Jan. 1864, ae. 58 years, 1 month and 3 days. Reuben married (5th) Mrs. Pamela Little, of Shelburn Falls, 23 Sept. 1866; no ch. Reuben Hamlin died at Shelburn Falls, 28 Dec. 1866, ae. 71 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Children of Reuben and Rhoda (Richards) Hamlin:

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| 1. Marilla R. | b. 4 June 1817; d. 7 Oct. 1837. |
| 2. Flora A. | b. 29 Mar. 1819; d. 12 June 1840. |
| 3. Martha A. | b. 28 Mar. 1821; m. William C. Bissell, 19 Mar. 1855; d. 8 Sept. 1857. |
| 4. Shepard L. | b. 14 Feb. 1823; m. Elizabeth B. Valentine; d. 6 Mar. 1866 in New York City. |

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| a. Lizzie Lord | b. 7 May 1853 in Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| b. Ella Watts | b. 15 Aug. 1856 in Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| 5. Laura B. | b. April 1825; d. 14 Oct. 1826. |

Children of Reuben and Fanny (Warner) Hamlin:

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| 6. Laura B. | b. 27 Apr. 1829; m. James C. Bellman of Cincinnati, Ohio, 22 Dec. 1853. |
| 7. Rosamund W. | b. 1 June 1831; d. 29 Aug. 1844. |
| 8. Alfred W. | b. 17 June 1834; m. Harriet N. Stratton; d. 6 June 1872. |
| Children: | |
| a. Harry Barker | b. 23 Aug. 1864 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. |
| b. Earle Warner | b. 7 Dec. 1871 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. |
| 9. Wallace A. | b. 13 Mar. 1839; m. Rachel Mercer 27 Oct. 1870; d. 6 June 1872; no ch. |

Clarissa Hamlin, daughter of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield, Mass. 5 July 1797; married Otis Pratt of Plainfield 28 Jan. 1817; and died 13 Dec. 1831. Otis Pratt married (2nd) Sally Bates of Plainfield 30 Dec. 1832, and had a son Erastus B. Pratt, b. 24 Oct. 1842. Otis Pratt died 30 July 1874, ae. 84 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Children of Otis and Clarissa (Hamlin) Pratt:

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| 1. Sally H. | b. 10 Nov. 1818 |
| 2. Lucy G. | b. 28 Dec. 1820; m. Noah L. Gloyd of Cunningham 28 Oct. 1847; d. 10 June 1851. |
| 3. Mary L. | b. 9 May 1823; m. Leavitt Torrey of Weymouth 9 May 1848. He died 17 Apr. 1854. |
| 4. Maria G. | b. 19 May 1826. |
| 5. Laura | b. 24 Sept. 1827; m. William J. Shattuck of Boston 4 Apr. 1848; d. 16 Apr. 1872. |
| 6. Bennie | b. 13 July 1829; m. Lydia A. Pool of Abington 3 Oct. 1853. |

Nabby (Abigail?) Hamlin, daughter of Reuben and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield 10 Feb. 1800; married John Ford of Cunningham 3 Sept. 1818, and died 29 Sept. 1833. John Ford married (2nd) Ruth Torrey of Cunningham, where he resided. John Ford died 10 Sept. 1874.

Children of John and Nabby (Hamlin) Ford:

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| 1. Celia | b. 28 Oct. 1819; m. John B. Wait of Whately 6 Dec. 1837. |
| 2. Angeline | b. 9 Nov. 1821; m. Ariel S. Ayers of Windsor 4 July 1843. |
| 3. Octavia | b. 28 Sept. 1823; m. Orren Tirrell of Plainfield 27 June 1852. |
| 4. Lavantia | b. 13 Aug. 1825; m. Fayette Shaw of Cunningham 13 Sept. 1844. |
| 5. Orren | b. 19 Dec. 1827; d. 19 Dec. 1827. |
| 6. Polly R. | b. 11 Dec. 1828; d. 19 July 1829. |
| 7. Martha H. | b. 3 July 1831; m. Calvin L. Bartlett of Cunningham 27 Nov. 1851. |

Lyman Hamlin, son of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield, Massachusetts on 14 January 1803. He married Lucy Flint of East Bloomfield in 1826. Lucy died in Pontiac, Michigan, 6 October 1876, ae. 66 years. Lyman died 14 February 1878.

Children of Lyman and Lucy (Flint) Hamlin:

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| 1. Sarah E. | b. 20 May 1827; m. John C. Johns 7 Sept. 1848. |
| 2. Mary M. | b. 3 Apr. 1830; m. Russell Bradley 13 Nov. 1854. |
| 3. Amelia | b. 29 Mar. 1833; m. William D. Quick 29 Mar. 1854. |
| 4. Horace | b. 8 June 1835; d. 3 Feb. 1839. |
| 5. Horatio B. | b. 1 Aug. 1837; m. Harriet Brown of Clarkston, Michigan, 17 Dec. 1861. |
| 6. William H. | b. 29 Aug. 1840; m. Minerva Bartlett of Pontiac, Michigan, 8 Jan. 1873. |
| Child: | |
| a. Bessie A. | b. 14 Apr. 1879. |
| 7. Martha A. | b. 2 Feb. 1843; m. Dennis Collins of Clarkston, Michigan, 2 May 1865. |
| 8. Alice Flora | b. 25 June 1846; d. 25 Jan. 1854. |
| 9. Edwin C. | b. 11 July 1849; d. 14 Nov. 1865. |
| 10. Frederick B. | b. 31 July 1853; m. Lizzie Weeks of Pontiac, Michigan. |
| Children: | |
| a. Jessie | b. 5 Apr. 1880. |
| b. William H. | b. 14 May 1881. |

Freeman Hamlin, son of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield 8 May 1805. He married (1st) Clarissa Whiting of Plainfield, 4 June 1829. She died 13 Oct. 1847, and Freeman married (2nd) Martha Taylor of Hawley, N.Y., 30 Nov. 1848. Freeman was Town Clerk, Treasurer or Selectman of Plainfield for twenty-five years; a member of the General Court [Massachusetts legislature] in 1851-2, as a representative for Plainfield; and a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853.

Child of Freeman and Clarissa (Whiting) Hamlin:

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| 1. Edward F. | b. 6 June 1842; m. Helen A. Church of New York City 9 June 1868. They resided in Boston, Mass. |
| Child: | |
| a. Franklin Church | b. 19 Sept. 1876 in Boston. |

baptized Elizabeth Le Breton Rogers. One of the first steamboats on the Ohio River was named after our mother, the Elizabeth Rogers. Our father's family always wrote their name in England as Nourse, and it is in fact an old French name. The family was 'de Nourse,' of Normandy, who were driven out of France as Huguenots in the sixteenth century. The family went to England and was there driven out for their religion in the seventeenth century as Puritans; they were among the first to come to the New World to seek refuge, and there Rebecca N. was hung as a witch. It is not strange all the family have been religious, and way back behind the Huguenots it was, of course, Catholic. Both of our parents were Protestants, and both became Catholics about the year 1836, and we, almost the last of our family, are Catholics.

"Your father and mother, dear Nellie, were married July 17, 1859. I tell you this because, perhaps, you may not know the date exactly - one forgets so easily - as I do not think your family ever had a 'Family Bible.' You see, we have always had one ever since our mother and father were married, and probably when they entered the Catholic Church in 1836, August 15, I think. Lizzie (your sister, Mrs. Stacy) has always taken such an interest in the family, that I told her a long time ago that when we died she was to have our old 'Family Bible,' a book that our mother loved dearly, and every Sunday she would get down the book and kiss it, and then read us a chapter out loud, either from the Old or the New Testament, and explain the beauties of it. Your Grandmother Nourse was a lovely character, so sweet, and she had the sweetest soprano voice I have ever heard. She sang almost all her life in the cathedral choir, was the leading soprano voice, but when she moved to Mt. Healthy, of course, she had to stop. That was in 1855. I was 2 years old. I could write you pages about your mother's charities and good works - visiting the sick, nursing them through several epidemics which ravaged Cincinnati in those bygone days; burying the dead, nursing in the hospitals during the war, and the founding of the German Orphan Asylum, which is still in existence at Cumminsville. But I must stop now, dear children; it is late and I am tired, and you all will be exhausted if you can read this far and keep all this straight in your heads.

We have been in Paris all summer. Times are so hard, worse than during the war. Prices beyond sight, traveling almost impossible, so we decided home was the cheapest place on earth. Of course we have not been here in the city all the time, as we have been to that land of ruins and desolation - The Marne - all along through that region of devastation - to Rheims, also the north, where the work among the refugees took us to Arras, where we carried food and money for seven families whom we had cared for in Paris. Then twice we have been out to Fontainebleau on short visits. The last time we passed twice through a deserted camp where last year 100 American boys

waited with their tanks to attack the Germans if they had come any nearer to Paris. The boys had cut down the trees, built all their barracks, cut a new road through the forest to the nearest railroad station, built their own railroad to carry their supplies."

[from the Cincinnati Enquirer Sunday Magazine, 1 Feb. 1925; submitted by Margaret Kling. See About Towne Vol. IV, No. 1 for more on the artist Elizabeth Nourse.]

*Broadsides to Birth Records:
He Gathers Danvers' History*
by Andrew Lindsay
News Staff

DANVERS -- There's a bit of buried treasure in Danvers.

It's the Danvers Archival Center, buried in the well-lit, air-conditioned basement of the Peabody Institute Library on Sylvan Street.

Under the direction of Archivist Richard B. Trask, the collection comprises some 5,000 books, 250,000 manuscripts and thousands of drawings and photographs, all relating to the history of Danvers. But, according to Trask, the collection's importance goes far beyond the borders of Danvers.

"We're remarkable in that we've managed to compile the records of hundreds of years of history from dozens of sources in one place. They're all centralized here, making research a lot easier for scholars and more interesting for the amateur. You don't have to go to the basement of the First Church to get someone's name, then to the Town Hall basement to get their birth certificate, then to the school basement to find the old school records. It's all right here and that's very rare."

In fact it's so rare it took several hundred years to come about.

It wasn't until 1970 that the Danvers Historical Commission came up with the idea in its Master Plan, seeking to collect all the town's pertinent records in one central location where they could be protected from fire and atmospheric and insect damage.

In 1972, local Danvers historian Trask, himself a Danvers native and High School graduate, was appointed to marshal all the various sources of historical material together. Through the cooperation of the Danvers Historical Society, the Town Clerk, the Library and the First Church, old records were rounded up and brought to the Historical Society headquarters on 13 Page St., where Trask began the time-consuming task of cataloging all the material.

Finally, in 1981, the entire archives were moved to the Peabody Institute basement. But though it's still in the basement, it's a very nice basement.

Built as part of the \$2.2 million library renovation project, the new headquarters gives the archives 2,500 square feet of spacious, clean and climate-controlled storage space, divided into a reading room in front and archives in the back.

Polly (Mary?) Hamlin, daughter of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield 15 Sept. 1807. She married Mason Ames on 12 May 1830, and died in Chester, Ohio, 18 Mar. 1847. Mason Ames married (2nd) Mercy H. Rust of Chester, Ohio, where they both resided, on 22 Dec. 1847, and had two children: Emily F., b. 21 Oct. 1843, and Statira W., b. 14 Sept. 1850.

Children of Mason and Polly (Hamlin) Ames:

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| 1. Edward M. | b. 20 May 1831; d. 20 Sept. 1832. |
| 2. Edward M. | b. 8 Jan. 1833; d. 20 Jan. 1833. |
| 3. John H. | b. 2 Jan. 1834; d. s. 16 Nov. 1854. |
| 4. Edward M. | b. 1 Aug. 1835; d. 25 Dec. 1854. |
| 5. David B. | b. 25 Feb. 1837; m. (1st) Mary Gates of Mayfield, Ohio, 14 Jan. 1865; (2nd) Victoria Anderson, 24 Feb. 1876. |
| 6. Sarah E. | b. 5 Mar. 1828; m. Aaron Van Hoesen of Chester, Ohio, 16 May 1858. |
| 7. Mary L. | b. 16 Dec. 1840; d. 3 Apr. 1853. |
| 8. Freeman H. | b. 16 Mar. 1844; d. s. 12 Oct. 1864. |
| 9. Lucius F. | b. 16 July 1845; d. 28 Aug. 1845. |

Horace Hamlin, son of John and Sally (Towne) Hamlin, was born in Plainfield on 23 Aug. 1810. He married (1st) Clarissa Bancroft of Granville, Ohio, 1 May 1834. She died 8 Aug. 1875. Horace married (2nd) Mrs. Lizzie Gavren in Gratiot, Ohio, 6 July 1876.

Child of Horace and Clarissa (Bancroft) Hamlin:

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| 1. Samuel B. | b. 20 Feb. 1835; m. Lydia Clark of East Hampton 16 Sept. 1856. |
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[from Genealogical Notes on New York and New England Families by S.V. Taicott. Published 1883, reprinted 1973. Submitted by Elizabeth Towne Schmitt.]

Letter from Lockwood Towne on English Towne Connection

October 23 1985

Dear Mr. Towne:

I am enclosing my Towne genealogy charts and cards covering my family since my grandfather, Salem B.⁸ Towne. Records back of this are in E.E. Towne's genealogy.

For your interest and for the record if you do not have it I am enclosing a Xerox-type copy of the baptismal record of William¹ Towne. This was obtained from the archives of Lincoln Cathedral in Lincoln, England. I was unable to get a copy of the marriage record of William and Joanna but was able to see it as well as the baptismal records of Rebecca, John, Susan, Edmund, Jacob, and Marie. These records were all considered too fragile to copy. The records are now kept in the Norwich Library, Norwich, England. Originally, they were kept in the archives of the St. Nicholas Church in Great Yarmouth. During W.W. II, however, this church was bombed by the Nazis; the spire was knocked down and the building set afire. Many of the old records were destroyed but fortunately not those of the Towne family. Incidentally, Joanna's name was variously spelled "Jone," "Joane," or "Joana" in the old records.

I have always felt that the "missing link" in the Towne ancestry was the absence of clear evidence that William Towne of Braceby, England was the same William Towne who emigrated to Salem, Mass. Recently, when searching records in the New Bedford, Mass. Public Library, which has a large genealogical section devoted to New England families, I found what may be the proof of this connection. In the Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650 written by Charles Banks and published by Elijah Ellsworth Brownell, Philadelphia, 1937, it shows on page 95 that William Towne m. Joanna Blessing came from the English parish of Braceby, England. Enclosed is a copy of this record. I have as yet been unable to find what I consider definite evidence of when William Towne came to this country or on what ship. In the Genealogical Dictionary of New England by James Savage, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore, I found in Vol. IV page 316 that "Edmund Towne, Topsfield, was the eldest son of William, who probably was son of Richard of Braceby.... [actually, John, not Edward, was the eldest son] He came in 1637, probably in the Rose of Yarmouth, aged 18, as apprentice to Henry Skerry of Salem." Page 317 of the same volume: "William, [of] Salem, had m. at Yarmouth, Co. Norfolk, 25 March 1620 or 21, Joanna Blessing, and prob. came over the water 1635, tho in what ship is not seen...." Enclosed is also a copy of this record.

I hope I have been able to give the information you need. Where I did not have the data, I left it blank and when possible gave a reference where it might be obtained. The information that Richard Towne's wife Ann's maiden name may have been Parker was obtained by a genealogist I hired in Lincoln, England. He also came up with the information that Richard's father's name was Leonard and that he was at one time the Vicar of Heydor and died in 1599. I have also seen the wills of Richard and Ann Towne.

Richard mentioned his brothers John and Leonard as well as his grandchild Leonard in his will. William was the executor of both wills, although there was another son, Edward, and several daughters mentioned.

The data in my compilations has come from personal knowledge, some personal research, autobiographies of my grandfather Salem B.⁸ Towne and my great-great-grandfather Salem⁶ Towne, and E.E. Towne's genealogy.

If you need further information, please write me and I will do my best to supply it.

Very truly yours,

Lockwood Towne, M.D.
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Westport MA 02790

[for other discussions of what little we know or surmise about the English ancestry of William¹ Towne and his wife Joanna Blessing, see the following articles in previous issues of About Towne:

"Ancestry of Joanna Blessing," Vol. I, No. 1, March 1981, p. 2

"What about the Towne Family Crest and Coat of Arms?," Vol. II, No. 1, March 1982, p. 5

"William Towne, His Daughters, and the Witchcraft Delusion," Vol. II, No. 4, December 1982, p. 75

"Letter from Marbeth S. Powell on Her Way to England," Vol. III, No. 1, March 1983, p. 13

"Answer to Mrs. Davis' Letter," Vol. III, No. 3, September 1983, p. 57.]

Towne Lineage of Florence Lorena (Yarwood) HARDING
719 - 10th Avenue, Coralville IA 52241

William ¹ TOWNE bp. 18 Mar. 1598/9 Gt. Yarmouth d. 1673 Topsfield Mass.	m. 25 Apr. 1620 Gt. Yarmouth Eng.	Joanna BLESSING b. ca. 1600 England d. by 1682 Topsfield Mass.
Joseph ² TOWNE b. 3 Sept. 1639 Salem Mass. d. 1713 Topsfield Mass.	m. 1666 Topsfield Mass.	Phoebe PERKINS b. ca. 1644 Topsfield Mass. d. 1715 Topsfield Mass.
Joseph ³ TOWNE b. 22 Mar. 1673 d. 28 May 1757	m. 9 Nov. 1699 Salem Mass.	Margaret CASE b. 8 Jan. 1673/4 d. 5 Nov. 1751
s i Joseph ⁴ TOWNE b. 26 Dec. 1701 Topsfield b d. March 1786	m. 19 June 1727 Topsfield Mass.	Jemima BIXBY b. 26 Jan. 1703 Topsfield Mass. d. 1790
i i Elisha ⁴ TOWNE n b. 5 Sept. 1708 Topsfield g d. ca. 1791	m. 11 June 1738 Topsfield Mass.	Mercy FOSTER b. 23 Oct. 1711 Boxford Mass. d.
s Thomas ⁵ TOWNE (son Elisha ⁴) b. 8 Feb. 1743 Topsfield Mass. d. 1 May 1824 Dover Maine	m. (1) (first cousins) 17 Nov. 1768 Thompson Ct.	Elizabeth ⁵ TOWNE (dau. Joseph ⁴) b. 27 Mar. 1738 Thompson Ct. d. 1769 Thompson Ct.
Sarah ⁶ TOWNE b. 18 Oct. 1769 Thompson Ct. d. 5 July 1848 Weston Vt.	m.	Willard ⁵ LUND b. 21 Feb. 1762 Dunstable Mass. d. 29 Dec. 1855 Weston Vt.
Lucinda ⁶ LUND b. 28 May 1802 Dunstable Mass. d. 18 Jan. 1895 Calmar Iowa	m. 2 Sept. 1826 Vermont	Ira ⁷ GARFIELD b. 19 Feb. 1802 Rockingham Vt. d. 21 Aug. 1891 Calmar Iowa
Lucy Jenette ⁸ GARFIELD b. 5 May 1841 Rutland Vt. d. 20 Nov. 1901 Kent Oregon	m. 21 Dec. 1858 Decorah Iowa	John L. ⁶ McCULLOCH b. 9 Nov. 1838 Wisconsin d. 12 Dec. 1905 Calmar Iowa
Mary Lucinda ⁷ McCULLOCH b. 20 Feb. 1868 Calmar Iowa d. 13 May 1955 Austin Minn.	m. 11 June 1890 Calmar Iowa	William Leonard ² YARWOOD b. 21 May 1867 Calmar Iowa d. 9 July 1941 Austin Minn.
Robert William ³ YARWOOD b. 18 July 1894 Calmar Iowa d. 12 June 1935 New Hampton Ia.	m. 5 Feb. 1915 Spencer Iowa	Elsie Lorena ² BERTELSON b. 27 Sept. 1895 Spencer Iowa living 1985
Florence Lorena ⁴ YARWOOD b. 15 June 1916 Spencer Iowa living 1985	m. 29 Dec. 1935 Eldora Iowa	Joe Petsel ⁴ HARDING b. 30 Dec. 1913 Iowa City Iowa d. 21 May 1978 Wilmington N.C.

Walking through the crowded archives section, with rows and rows of carefully filed material, Trask finally leads into the walk-in vault, where the collection's special treasures are stored, including a 1776 broadside of the Declaration of Independence, sent to the South Parish minister Nathan Hoit to read to his congregation; dozens of 17th-century books on witchcraft; and the complete records of Samuel Parris, the minister at the First Church of Christ of Salem Village (now known as First Church Congregational on Centre Street) whose daughter's stories helped whip up the Salem witchcraft hysteria.

Another part of the archives' prized collection of Revolutionary War broadsides is away being restored at the Northeastern Document Conservation Center in Andover as a result of a \$575 matching grant award from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Trask said the collection of broadsides -- rabble-rousing posters intended to be plastered on walls to keep the public informed of revolutionary events -- includes some signed by George Washington, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Trask says Danvers has an outstanding collection of the broadsides because the Danvers selectmen of the late 1700s carefully filed them away instead of plastering them on walls as the Massachusetts Provincial Council intended them to.

"Most people don't know half of what we do down here," said Trask, holding some old Danvers deeds, "But we're really safeguarding Danvers' past. These things explain how it all happened."

[From the Salem, Mass., *Evening News*, Monday, 9 September 1985. Submitted by Arthur J. Towne. Mr. Trask was a speaker at our 2nd Towne Meeting.]

Murphy's Laws for Genealogy

1. You finally get a day off from work to go to a courthouse, and when you get there, they are closed for emergency plumbing repairs.
 2. You finally find the obituary of your ancestor in an old newspaper, but all it says is "... died last week ..."
 3. You spend eternity looking for great-grandmother's maiden name, and when you find it, your mother tells you she already knew that but you had never asked her.
 4. You spend half your life looking for the other side of the family only to find they live right across the street, but had changed their name because of a family feud.
 5. You write down the address of a long-lost relative on the back of a telephone bill, and when you go to find it, your spouse has been helpful and paid it the day before.
- [submitted by Iris Kalb]

Profile of Ella Mae¹¹ (Towne) Pero

Ella Mae¹¹ (Towne) Pero was born in the Mohawk Valley town of New Hartford, N.Y. on 6 July 1918, the first child of Warren Elisha¹⁰ and Margaret Johanna (Eck) Towne. Her sister, Nartha Evelyn, was born in nearby Utica in 1920. In 1921 their parents bought their first home in the village of Sauquoit, N.Y., 8 miles south of Utica, their father having obtained employment in the nearby Clayville Foundry as a molder. In 1926 their brother Warren Stephen was born. The children obtained their education in the Sauquoit school system, and in 1935 Ella Mae graduated from the Sauquoit Valley Central School as valedictorian of her class. A year later she graduated from the Utica School of Commerce with a secretarial major.

For several years Ella Mae worked in secretarial positions in Utica, first for a building contractor and later for the local newspaper. In the summer of 1939, while on a vacation cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas, she met Chester Pero. (This was the original LOVE BOAT!) He was a native Bostonian of French-Canadian parentage. Five years later they were married. The country was in the throes of World War II at the time (1944) and Chet was on active duty with the Navy. Ella Mae was supporting the war effort with her secretarial expertise at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physical Laboratory in Silver Spring, Maryland. The lab was involved in munitions research and development for the Navy Department.

Following Chet's discharge from the service in 1945, he and Ella Mae returned to Sauquoit, N.Y. It was while living there that their three children were born in Paxton Hospital in Utica. Jeffrey Towne was born in 1946, Nancy Margaret in 1947, and Bradley Scott in 1948. For several years Chet worked as a traveling salesman for the Boston-based Samuel Ward Mfg. Co., an office supply company. Because of the extensive traveling (7 states), he resigned and took a position as sales engineer with the Utica office of Bendix Aviation Corporation.

In 1958 the family moved to Rochester, N.Y. where Chet had been offered a position as a subcontract manager with the General Dynamics Corporation. Later, in 1961, he took a position as customer service manager with Bausch and Lomb, the well-known optics corporation. He retired from the company in 1976. In the meantime the children had completed their education. Jeffrey graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame, and won a Root-Tilden scholarship to the New York University School of Law. He earned his B.L.L. in 1971. Nancy graduated with a B.S. in nursing from D'Youville College (Buffalo), and Bradley earned his B.S. in biology from Niagara University (Niagara Falls, N.Y.). For 25 years Ella Mae worked as a secretary/counselor assistant in the guidance department of the local Irondequoit High School. She retired in June 1984.

Towne Lineage of Ella Mae Towne PERO
472 Winona Blvd., Rochester NY 14617

William¹ TOWNE
bp. 18 Mar. 1598/9 Gt. Yarmouth
d. ca. 1673 Topsfield Mass.

Edmund² Towne
bp. 28 June 1628 Gt. Yarmouth
d. 3 May 1678 Topsfield Mass.

Joseph³ TOWNE
b. 2 Sept. 1661 Boxford Mass.
d. 1717 Topsfield Mass.

Nathan⁴ TOWNE
bp. 30 May 1693 Topsfield Mass.
d. aft. 5 Jan. 1762 Andover Mass.

Jonathan⁵ TOWNE
b. 19 Oct. 1724 Boxford Mass.
estate settled 1785 Rindge N.H.

Jonathan⁶ TOWNE
b. 9 Jan. 1753 (Topsfield Mass.?)
d. aft. 1810 prob. Otsego Co. N.Y.

Jonathan⁷ TOWNE
b. 1787
d. 29 May 1875 Schuyler Lake N.Y.

Abner Foster⁸ TOWNE
b. 21 Feb. 1815 Otsego Co. N.Y.
d. Schuyler Lake N.Y.

William Clarence⁹ TOWNE
b. 30 Jan. 1860 Schuyler Lake N.Y.
d. 14 Feb. 1945 Rome N.Y.

Warren Elisha¹⁰ TOWNE
b. 6 Dec. 1891 Frankfort N.Y.
d. 8 Jan. 1980 Rochester N.Y.

Ella Mae¹¹ TOWNE
b. 6 July 1918 New Hartford N.Y.
living 1985

Children:

Jeffrey Towne PERO
b. 16 Aug. 1946 Utica N.Y.
living 1985

Nancy Margaret PERO
b. 1 Oct. 1947 Utica N.Y.
living 1985

grandchildren:
Christopher Daniel PAWLOWICZ b. 11 Aug. 1969 Kenmore N.Y.
Jason Adam PAWLOWICZ b. 3 July 1971 Kenmore N.Y.

Bradley Scott PERO unm.
b. 11 Oct. 1948 Utica N.Y.
d. 3 Jan. 1981 Rochester N.Y.

m. Joanna BLESSING
25 Apr. 1620 b. ca. 1600 England
Gt. Yarmouth Eng. d. by 1682 Topsfield Mass.

m. Mary BROWNING
ca. 1652 bp. 7 Jan. 1637/8 Salem Mass.
Salem Vill. Mass. will pb. 16 Dec. 1717

m. Amy (Amea) SMITH
10 Aug. 1687 b. 16 Aug. 1668 Boxford Mass.
d. 22 Feb. 1756 Topsfield Mass.

m. Phoebe CURTIS
31 Dec. 1713 b. ca. 1700
d. 5 Jan. 1762 Andover Mass.

m. Esther GOULD
9 July 1751 b. prob. Rindge New Hampshire
Rindge N.H. d. aft. 1785 prob. Rindge N.H.

m. ?
ca. 1785/6 b. d. aft. 1800 prob. Otsego Co. N.Y.

m. Rachel ---
ca. 1812 b. 1786 Montgomery Co. N.Y.
d. 5 Aug. 1880 Schuyler Lake

m. Hannah MILLER
ca. 1838/9 b. 1820
d. 27 Feb. 1891 Schuyler Lake

m. (1) Ella Mae DINGMAN
21 May 1879 b. 2 May 1861 E. Springfield N.Y.
d. 22 Nov. 1906 Frankfort N.Y.

m. Margaret Johanna ECK
12 Jan. 1916 b. 1 Sept. 1892 Utica N.Y.
d. 21 Sept. 1982 Utica N.Y.

m. Chester Daniel PERO
12 Aug. 1944 b. 14 Feb. 1911 Somerville Mass.
Clayville N.Y. living 1985

m. Bunny (Elva) Roseanne (ROSENBERGER) Petersen
19 Dec. 1976 b. 12 July 1943 Centralia Ill.
Newport Bch. Cal. living 1985

m. Dennis Francis PAWLOWICZ
1 Feb. 1969 b. 28 Sept. 1948 Buffalo N.Y.
Depew N.Y. living 1985

Towne Lineage of Marian E. (Smith) JENNINGS
630 Saginaw Street, Vassar MI 48768

William¹ TOWNE m. **Joanna BLESSING**
bp. 18 Mar. 1598 Gt. Yarmouth Eng. 25 Apr. 1620 b. 1600 England
d. ca. 1673 Topsfield Mass. Gt. Yarmouth Eng. d. 1683 Topsfield Mass.

Mary² TOWNE m. **Isaac² ESTY**
bp. 24 Aug. 1634 Gt. Yarmouth ca. 1655 bp. 17 Nov. 1627 Freston Eng.
hanged 22 Sept. 1692 Salem Mass. d. bef. 22 June 1712 Topsfield

John ³ ESTY b. 2 Jan. 1662/3 Topsfield Mass. d.	m. 31 May 1688	Mary DORMAN b. d.
Hannah ⁴ ESTY bp. 24 Dec. 1693 d.	m. 10 Apr. 1718	Jonathan RUSSELL b. 19 Aug. 1682 d.
Susanna RUSSELL b. ca. 1718/19 d. 15 June 1799 (r. Windsor Ct 1745)	m. 10 Sept. 1735 Salem Mass.	Ebenezer RUSSELL Jr b. 22 Feb. 1714 d. 4 Aug. 1791
Anna RUSSELL b. 29 Oct. 1739 d. 1804	m.	Enos (Zenos) PARKER b. 1739 d. 18 July 1821 Springfield Mass.
Russell PARKER b. 9 Apr. 1770 Massachusetts d. 10 Sept. 1844 Genesee Co. Michigan	m.	Rachel DAMON b. 11 July 1770 d. 21 July 1860
Agnes PARKER b. 30 May 1809 Springfield Mass. d. 7 Nov. 1864 Genesee Michigan	m. (desc. of witchcraft victim Susanna Martin) 28 Oct. 1834 Mt. Morris NY	Henry Dearborn HUNT b. 2 July 1812 New York d. 24 Sept. 1881 Genesee Co. MI
Frances Lamira HUNT b. 6 Sept. 1837 Livingston Co. NY d. 25 Apr. 1901 Washtenaw Co. MI	m. 6 Sept. 1859 Genesee Co. MI	Lewis Henry LEE b. 28 Apr. 1837 Orleans Co. NY d. 10 Feb. 1917 Tuscola Co. MI
Minerva Agnes LEE b. 31 Oct. 1864 Tuscola Michigan d. 29 Nov. 1948 Tuscola Michigan	m. 25 Aug. 1861 Tuscola Michigan	Albert Sidney BALDWIN b. 2 Nov. 1861 Tuscola Co. MI d. 27 Sept. 1925 Tuscola Co. MI
Frances E. BALDWIN b. 18 June 1890 Tuscola Michigan d. 7 Aug. 1964 Saginaw Co. MI	m. 31 Dec. 1912 Tuscola Co. MI	Herbert Leon SMITH b. 18 Aug. 1887 Tuscola Co. MI d. 20 Feb. 1962 Tuscola Co. MI
Marian E. SMITH b. 12 Sept. 1915 Tuscola Michigan living 1985	m. 30 Jan. 1938 Grand Blanc MI	Melvin A. JENNINGS b. 14 Jan. 1913 Randolph Co. MO living 1985

child:

Phillip M. JENNINGS b. 28 Sept. 1943 Saginaw Co. MI living 1985	m. 28 Sept. 1968 Caro, Michigan	Luella Mae MURDICK b. 29 July 1949 Genesee Co. MI living 1985
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grandchildren:

Matthew P. JENNINGS, b. 13 Aug. 1970
Elliott Ian JENNINGS, b. 8 June 1974
Jeremy Nathan JENNINGS, b. 9 Nov. 1976

Towne Lineage of Gladys Lovell SANDEFUR
3768 North Bay Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

Susannah TOWNE b. England d. 1678 Massachusetts	m. England	Thomas HAYWARD b. Aylesford, Kent, Eng. d. ca. 8 Mar. 1681 Bridgewater Mass.
Joseph HAYWARD b. 1643 Duxbury Mass. d. 1714 Bridgewater Mass.	m. (3) ca. 1681 Duxbury Mass.	Hannah MITCHELL b. d.
Hannah HAYWARD b. 1691 Bridgewater Mass. d. 11 Jan. 1761	m. 9 Dec. 1714 Bridgewater MA	Capt. Ebenezer BYRAM b. Oct. 1692 Bridgewater Mass. d. 9 Aug. 1753 Mendum N.J.
Japhet BYRAM b. 21 May 1721 Bridgewater Mass. d. 8 June 1801 Sparta N.J.	m. (3) 10 Jan. 1754 Hanover N.J.	Elizabeth TAPPAN b. d.
Hannah BYRAM b. 1756 New Jersey d.	m. 3 Apr. 1777 Sussex Co. N.J.	Asahel LOVELL b. ca. 1750/60 d. 17 Mar. 1835 Enfield N.J.

Son Jeffrey is now a practicing attorney (corporate law) in Newport Beach, California. He is married and lives with his wife Bunny in Laguna Beach. In 1982 they were among those who attended the Towne Family Association annual meeting in Amesbury, Massachusetts. Daughter Nancy is married to Dennis Francis Pawlowicz and is employed by the Buffalo Visiting Nurse Service as a manager of clinical records. Their two children, Christopher and Jason, accompanied their grandparents to the 1983 TFA reunion in Danvers. Scott Bradley died on 3 January 1981, at the age of 32, following his second surgery for a malignant brain tumor. He was a technical adviser in the Contact Lens Division of Bausch and Lomb, and was unmarried.

Ella Mae enjoys genealogy, photography, calligraphy and reading (history and biography), and she and Chet are involved in church and community work. They also like to travel. In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary last August (1984), they vacationed in Hawaii and California. Ella Mae is the circulation manager of About Towne and a charter member of the TFA.

Danvers Isn't Rankled about Past
by Joanne Menesale
News Staff

DANVERS -- Residents here might be sensitive about the witchcraft history that began in Danvers, but they didn't get rankled over a request from historians to examine local records, said Margaret Crofts.

Crofts, a Centre Street resident who is moderator of the First Church of Danvers Congregational, whose minister, Samuel Parris, was a central figure in the infamous witchcraft trials in 1692, has taken issue with some statements attributed to the University of Massachusetts professor who investigated that event.

In a letter to the editor, Crofts disputed Professor Stephen Nissenbaum's statement that people in Danvers "were rankled even in 1970" when he and a co-author, Paul S. Boyer, went to the church to research their 1974 book, Salem Possessed.

"There was a real reluctance to let us use the church records. It's like showing your dirty laundry in public, even if it's old laundry," Nissenbaum was quoted in an Associated Press story published in The Salem Evening News last week.

Crofts said her letter was a kind of apology that Nissenbaum felt that way. "I would like to know just who the 'rankled' people were. I was the church secretary at the time, and the pastor was Rev. Edward Glennie who would go out of his way to be helpful to anyone. We're sorry that Professor Nissenbaum has this impression," Crofts wrote.

The whole witchcraft history -- which the city of Salem has capitalized on with its tourists and museums and the town of Danvers would sometimes rather

forget -- was back in the spotlight last week with the PBS drama "Three Sovereigns for Sarah," which focused on the trials.

The American Playhouse drama, starring Vanessa Redgrave, was based on Nissenbaum's study, which argues that a power-hungry minister and local politics contributed to the hysteria and the deaths of 23 people accused as witches.

Crofts agreed that people are still touchy about the horrors that began in Salem Village, now a part of Danvers, in 1692.

"It's part of the church history, but it's kind of a painful part of history. We know it's there and we know we can't erase it, but we don't like to make a big deal of it," Crofts said.

Crofts said she also wanted to correct some factual errors in the Associated Press story. Charles W. Upham, who wrote a local history book in 1872 about the trials, was not "a former Danvers mayor," as stated in the AP story, Crofts said, since Danvers has always had a town form of government and never had a mayor. Upham was also never a Congregational minister in the First Church of Danvers, she said.

Samuel Parris, the third minister of the church, was the recorder at the Salem witch trials and the church still owns those records, recorded in Parris' own handwriting, which now are housed in the climate-controlled Archival Center at the Peabody Institute Library.

The church members know that the witchcraft hysteria was none of their doing, "but they deeply regret it," Crofts said.

Crofts said she, like many Danvers residents, watched "Three Sovereigns for Sarah," which was filmed here and on other locations on the North Shore last fall.

"I thought it was excellent," she said, although she reluctantly watched the third night of the show in which the accused were hanged as witches.

Crofts, a member of the church since she was a girl, grew up in a house at 69 Centre St. Behind that house is the cellar hole of Parris' old house.

"We call it the dig," she said, because of the archaeological excavation that took place at the site when the cellar hole was located several years ago. Crofts said the boys in the neighborhood used to play ball on the location.

[From the Salem, Mass., *Evening News*, Monday, 3 June 1985. Submitted by Arthur J. Towne.]



Abraham LOVELL
b. May 1785 New Jersey
d. 8 Jan. 1865 Pennsylvania

Amos Buck LOVELL
b. 20 Apr. 1820 Allegheny Pa.
d. 4 Apr. 1889 Phillips Wis.

Calvin Amos LOVELL
b. 16 Aug. 1859 Fredonia N.Y.
d. 29 Mar. 1920 Phillips Wis.

Oscar Amos LOVELL
b. 27 Feb. 1897 Phillips Wis.
d. 28 Dec. 1967 Sturgeon Bay Wis.

Gladys Marie LOVELL
b. 25 May 1925 Phillips Wis.
living 1985

children:

Sandra Lee SANDEFUR
b. 21 Sept. 1945 Bunkie La.
living 1985

grandchildren:

Richard Kevin SHARBAUGH
Rachel Marie SHARBAUGH

Herschel Myron SANDEFUR II
b. 30 May 1947 Bastrop La.
living 1985

grandchildren:

Daniel Aaron SANDEFUR
Eleanor Marie SANDEFUR

John Richard SANDEFUR
b. 26 Apr. 1950 Natchitoches La.
living 1985

grandchildren:

Tarsha Dorothy SANDEFUR
Michael John SANDEFUR

m.
1806
New York

m. (2)
ca. 1858
Pennsylvania

m.
20 Feb. 1882
Erie Pa.

m.
29 June 1922
Marshfield Wis.

m.
16 Oct. 1944
Sturgeon Bay Wis.

m.
31 July 1965
Center Texas

b. 4 Oct. 1967 Baton Rouge La.
b. 4 Aug. 1972 Baton Rouge La.

m.
13 June 1970
Sturgeon Bay Wisc.

b. 23 June 1982 Little Rock Ark.
b. 2 May 1984 Little Rock Ark.

m.
21 Aug. 1976
Darwin Australia

b. 15 Apr. 1980 Darwin N.T. Australia
b. 13 May. 1983 Darwin N.T. Australia

Elizabeth CROSBY
b. 1785 Pennsylvania
d.

Elizabeth Ann CARLE
b. 28 May 1829 Tompkins Co. N.Y.
d. 1886 Phillips Wisconsin

Maria Caroline GERNHARDT
b. 16 Oct. 1863 Erie Pa.
d. 12 Jan. 1908 Erie Pa.

Emma Babette GROSS
b. 6 Dec. 1899 Worcester Wis.
d. 1 Oct. 1972 Natchitoches La.

Herschel Myron SANDEFUR
b. 22 Nov. 1916 Bunkie La.
living 1985

Richard William SHARBAUGH
b. 20 Aug. 1945 Baton Rouge La.
living 1985

Barbara Ann ANDERSON
b. 18 Dec. 1951 Rockford Ill.
living 1985

Joy Lorraine LANGSFORD
b. 6 July 1944 Richmond, Victoria,
Australia
living 1985

Address by George H. Towne

delivered at the Pioneers Convention, held at Helena, Montana, 28 Sept. 1909

Mr. President -- Fellow Pioneers, and Ladies and Gentlemen: -----

The name, Montana, is as dear to me as the word, Mother.

Little did I think when I landed at Fort Union, on the Missouri River, in Montana, while yet in my teens, that in the 63rd year of my life that I would be called upon to address a Montana Pioneers' association formed in this great and wonderful state and bearing the honor of being one of its members.

When I left my home in Whiteside County, Illinois, and started for the mining districts of Montana, traveling by steamboat from Omaha, Nebraska, the trip taking about 35 days to complete, and a trip that was full of expectations and hopes to discover something, in the then great unknown West, arriving at Fort Union on or about the 15th or 20th day of August, 1867, I had the gratification and pleasure of meeting one of the first Pioneers of Eastern Montana, who was a great curiosity to me and to everyone else on our little boat. He was dressed in buckskin shirt and pants, wearing moccasins, grey hat and was carrying a six-shooter, belt of cartridges, butcher knife, tommyhawk or squaw hatchet, fire steel, box of matches and whetstone in his belt, and was carrying in his hands a Winchester Rifle, and I then and there resolved that that would be my future life, sustaining myself by hunting, trapping, wolfing and trading with the Indians, occasionally varying this occupation by scouting for the government. It was at this time that I met Aba Farwell, who was an Indian trader at Fort Peck, and who had come down to meet the boat and to warn the captain that that was as far up the river as the boat could navigate. I entered Mr. Farwell's employment and accompanied his freight teams, and helped stand guard many and many a night on this trip as there were a great many hostile Sioux Indians in that part of the country. Arriving at Fort Peck, which was an Indian trading post consisting of a stockade built of logs and other storage buildings used for storing hides and stores. While during guard duty at the fort I met Luther S. Kelly, known all over the West as "Yellowstone Kelly" who had been out on a hunting trip

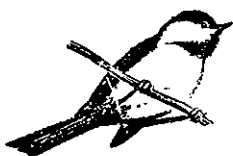
to the south of the fort and had been shot in the hand by some hostile Indians, and had come in to have his wounds dressed. I was called upon to perform the operation, and although having had no previous experience, and with no surgical tools of any description, I improvised a saw made out of a shoe knife and a small file, and successfully performed the operation of removing one of his fingers from his left hand and the only anesthetic administered to Mr. Kelly was a little spirits of "booze" and a chew of tobacco. After his recovery we formed a partnership and traveled together for over a year covering the greater part of Eastern Montana; hunting, trapping and carrying Government dispatches. We had countless encounters with hostile Indians, especially with Sioux and Cheyennes, but we were very fortunate in making our escape in each incident with them. Mr. Kelly is now Indian agent at San Carlos, Arizona, and I consider him one of the greatest pioneers that ever traversed the plains of Eastern Montana.

During one of our trips we traveled for over two months and lived entirely on what meat we could kill, carrying no provisions with us. After separating from Mr. Kelly, I had a man by the name of Arnold Smith and we made a trip to the mouth of the Mussellshell River, where as many encounters between white faces and Indians took place as at any place in Eastern Montana. A trading post was located at this point and when we arrived found it garrisoned by seven or eight men, and when we camped there later on two of those men were killed in a brush with the Indians. Their names were Charlie Ross and Charlie McKnight. After stopping there a short time we organized a party of five and started for Lewistown, in the Judith Basin country, traveling with three yoke of oxen, and our wagons were loaded with trading goods for the Indians. We arrived at where Lewistown now stands, or in the immediate vicinity. We found a village of about five hundred lodges of Indians of various tribes who had gathered together to hold a pow-wow. They followed hunting and trading with the whites and with each other, and their squaws were tanning [sic] their robes when we arrived. They amused themselves by horse racing, dancing and other Indian sports too numerous to mention. Quite a number of brave Pioneers were laid to rest at this place, the majority through Indian treachery, as all the different tribes immediately after trading with each other went on the war path, not only with each other but also with any whites they could encounter. They spent all of their time pillaging from each other and from the whites. It was about this time that I assisted in building the first cabin on Spring Creek in the Judith Basin. The location of this cabin was about a mile from where the present Lewistown Court House now stands.

After spending about two months at this place, a party of five or six of us started for Bozeman with our furs, which we had secured from the Indians, for Colonel Black who we were to deliver them to, as he was our backer on this excursion. After arriving in Bozeman and unloading our furs I went to the Crow mission located on Mission Creek, about eight miles below Livingston, or rather where Livingston now stands. After spending several months at this place, trading with the Indians on my own hook, and at various times, was arrested by United States Marshal, Uncle Billy Hamilton, and put off of the reservation, and ordered to remain off forever, but on numerous occasions we got back on the Reservation and had traded for one or two robes before Uncle Billy could get back to the Agency. It was at this place that I cast my maiden vote for Billy Laggett, our first Republican delegate to the United States Congress at Washington from the Territory of Montana. This was in the year 1870. I followed hunting, trapping, freighting and tracing until the Custer Massacre. From here I journeyed to Bozeman again and purchased about 12,000 or 14,000 pounds of vegetables, hauled them to the Yellowstone, and built a Mackinaw and floated down the Yellowstone. [this part illegible] I traded third [blurred] to the Quartermaster at Fort Kaogh. In 1891 I loaded a nine-yoke bull team and hauled to Coulson, a distance of about one and one half miles, from where Billings now stands, groceries and merchandise of all descriptions. After unloading my groceries, knowing of some good timber up on Alkali, a distance of about eight miles from Billings, I cut and hauled to a spring about 225 thousand feet of logs that were cut into lumber to build the first building that was erected in Billings.

In 1888 I went to Red Lodge, in Carbon County, and there erected the first house that was built on the present townsite, and followed from then on the business of getting out mining props and ties for the Rocky York Coal Company. In 1891 I came to the Clarke Fork Valley and located the Bridger Coal Mines, and started to develop them. I afterwards took in Mr. T.P. McDonald and through his influence and my own interest our United States Senator W.A. Clark and he was the factor that caused our present mines to be opened and the building of the Clark Fork (Rock) Branch of the N.P. Railroad to Bridger.

[submitted by Roy Salem Towne, Jr. See About Towne, Vol. III, No. 4, for articles on George H.⁸ Towne and Yellowstone Kelly.]



"My family's ancestry is very old," said one club member trying to impress the group. "We can be traced back to the early kings of Europe." Then, turning to a lady sitting nearby, she asked, "And how old is your family, my dear?" "I really don't know," replied the lady with a sweet smile. "All our family records were lost in the great flood."

[from Modern Maturity, December 1984.]

Letter from Beverly Zingerline

October 27, 1985

Dear Karen,

I wish I had a dollar for every time I thought about writing to thank you for putting the article about my booklet "The Witches of Salem Village" in About Towne. I had many requests for it from Oregon to Arizona to Vermont. There is a great deal of interest in the subject -- perhaps as an undercurrent. I have lectured on it for quite a few organizations and the talks are always well-attended. Would you believe that tomorrow I am speaking to second- and third-grade students at a private school?

The PBS station in Syracuse which televised "Three Sovereigns for Sarah" asked me to appear on their afternoon talk show and the phone lines were lit up with people calling in to ask questions.

I had 500 booklets printed and do not plan on a second printing, so the original edition will become a collector's item if I am lucky.

I was so sorry to read of the passing of your mother. What a marvelous person she was with so much grit. My mother is in a nursing home; she has had several strokes, cannot walk alone, and has to be fed. She does not know me anymore, which is heartbreaking. She will be 88 next month and I hope to visit her in western N.Y.

Forgive the typing errors. I had surgery for a mass in my left arm last Friday so am just pecking this out. Fortunately, the mass was benign.

I look forward to every issue of About Towne. Miriam Bahn and Warren Towne, who are now active members, are my cousins. I sent them both application forms. Miriam lives in Rochester Minn. and not N.Y. as is listed.

Take care and keep up your excellent work.

Sincerely

Bev. Zingerline

P.S. I was in Salem again this past July. It just poured but did not dampen our spirits. Tried to see Laurie Cabot but she was solidly booked for readings. Richard Trask of the Peabody Institute wrote for two copies of my booklet!

He'll Guide You to Salem's Past
by John Laidler
News Staff

SALEM -- Paul G. Carroll is the type of person who can't walk down the street without getting stared at.

But that doesn't bother the Fort Avenue resident. In fact, the more attention he attracts, the better.

Carroll, 53, has been attracting stares ever since he took a leave of absence from his job as an employee with an airline food dispensary company and donned the garb of a 17th-century Salemite.



Most days, barring poor weather, Carroll is out in front of the Witch Museum looking every bit the way a resident of Salem would have looked at the time of the witch trials.

Carroll doesn't just look the part. When curious visitors approach him, he obliges them by reciting from memory a 10-minute poem that tells the tale of the witch trials and hanging.

An amateur poet, Carroll wrote the poem some years ago after delving into the history of the times.

The appearance of Carroll on the streets has attracted interest not only of visitors but of Salem residents. "Salem people sometimes stop me while I'm walking down the street and ask me what I'm doing. I tell them. Sometimes I joke with them, 'Doesn't everybody dress this way?'" he said.

Carroll has even attracted the interest of Mayor Anthony V. Salvo, who suggested the city might be able to use him. "He could fit in with historic Salem. He could pass pamphlets, recite his poems. Things like that are good for the downtown. He's very colorful."

Carroll, who is on a leave of absence from his regular job, said interest in his colonial persona has been so lively he's thinking of making it a full-time endeavor beginning next spring.

He said the idea of taking to the streets came upon him gradually. After stopping in the Witch Museum several years ago, he said, "I got very interested" in witch lore. "As a kid, history didn't really interest me. Now it fascinates me."

After doing some research, Carroll composed the poem "The Execution of Bridget Bishop, The Witch Trials of Salem," the one he now recites on the street corner. He also sells it in printed form to interested visitors.

"History doesn't always make for dynamic poetry," Carroll said. "But the witch trials are on the borderline of the supernatural. This is what makes the poem as dynamic as it is."

"It's a time in our history we'd like to forget," the poem says at one point. "Full of violence and horror that we truly regret. The people of Salem remember it well, so this story of terror we'd now like to tell." Carroll said it was only last winter that he decided to take a leave from his job and recite the poem on the street. He admits he got a mixed review from friends and relatives. "Some people think it's a fantastic idea," he said. "Other people think I'm off my rocker."

Carroll purchased his colonial garb at

a costume store in Haverhill. It includes purple knickers, a shirt with lace, a vest, buckled shoes and the all-important "Salem," the black derby of the period.

When he first donned the costume, Carroll admits he was "proud as hell. This is our heritage, where it all started." Nowadays, he confesses, "It's getting to be old hat. To me, it's just a suit.... It's just my daily dress."

[From the Salem, Mass., Evening News, Wednesday, 24 July 1985. Submitted by Arthur J. Towne.]

Additional Excerpts from the Charles A. Towne Collection

Generation 4

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- 5 KENNEY, Rebecca (Nurse) was born at Salem, Mass., 16 Sept. 1688. She married Jonathan Kenney at Salem, Mass. (date obscured).

His will was proved 10 Aug. 1781.
She died 1764.

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| 1 | Jonathan | born 20 Apr. 1712; bp. 8 June 1712, Salem, Mass. |
| 2 | Rebecca | born 20 Sept. 1714 |
| 3 | Thomas | born 2 Sept. 1716 |
| 4 | Nathan | born 2 Mar. 1718 |
| 5 | Samuel | born 12 June 1720 |
| 6 | Henry | |
| 7 | Elizabeth | m. Ebenezer Gale, June 1742, of Sutton, Mass. |
| 8 | Eunice | m. Aaron Wesson, 24 Dec. 1744. |
| 9 | Mary | |

Generation 4

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- 4 DOGGETT, Mary (Nurse) was born at Salem, Mass., 25 May 1685. She married William Doggett, 28 November 1711 at Salem, Mass., who was born 6 Feb. 1689 at Saco, Me.

He died in Salem, Mass., January, 1724/5.

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| 1 | Susanna | born 11 Oct. 1712, Salem, Mass. |
| 2 | Mary | born 1 November 1713, Salem, Mass. |
| 3 | Rebecca | born 20 July 1716, Salem, Mass. |

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