

# ABOUT TOWNE

## Quarterly Newsletter of the Towne Family Association

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### NOW IS THE TIME!

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE AGAIN! To remain in good standing TFAers should send payment to our sec/treas Donna Moore by January 1, 1988.

The membership list for the new year will come out in the next issue of About Towne and will contain only the names of members who are paid up for 1988. Be sure your name is on the list.

Donna J. Moore  
1525 Rogers court  
DeKalb, IL. 60115



Elected at the 1987 Towne Meeting, above left to right- Jim Roome, V.P. for Publications. Arthur Towne, Board Member, one year. William B. Towne Sr., President. Emma Mosher, V.P. for Programs. Wally Parsons, Board Member, three years. Jean Towne, recording Secretary.

### LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT....

To all members, subscribers and friends:

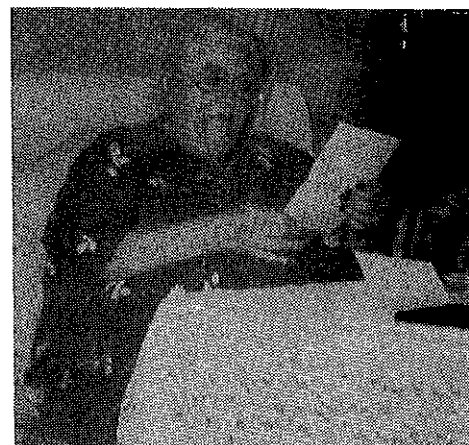
To those of you who couldn't be at our 1987 Towne Meeting, and to those of you who were there, I want to tell you just how good I feel about our meeting. I also want to thank you for electing me as captain for the Township for 1987-1988. I earnestly hope and pray that I will be up to the job of leading your Association over the coming months. I feel, right now, very much encouraged resulting from our get-together in beautiful Stowe, Vermont, and I look to the future with utmost optimism.

Our first Towne Meeting was in 1981, though TFA had been organized a year before. I distinctly remember what our banquet speaker, Dr. James B. Bell, then Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, told us. "In ten years," he said, "the Towne Family Association will have spread beyond your most optimistic dreams. Your membership will grow and grow and grow." I don't think it has taken ten years, because we are already at the point he predicted.

I want at this time to share my recognition of those who planned our Stowe meeting and others who helped with it. As 1st Vice-President, Clarence E. Towne and his daughter, Kim Towne Early and Lori Towne Webster, made up the 1987 reunion committee, and it was through their efforts, especially Kim's who did the lion's share of the organizing, that made our get-together so successful. I might add that in Danvers in 1986, Kim had been a member only a few months, and Clarence and Lori had just joined when we asked them to host the 1987 meeting. Never having had experience conducting such a meeting, they dove right in and required only a minimum of help. Also, in 1986-1987 TFA drafted a booklet for meeting coordinators on how to operate the meetings. This booklet was reviewed by all those members who had run meetings in the past, and they provided their input to it. To them we extend our sincere gratitude.

I especially wish to thank Barbara Holden of Peabody, Mass., for the excellent job she did as acting recording secretary pro-tem for our Friday night Board meeting. Arthur and Jean had gotten held up in traffic and were unable to get there in time, but I want to thank Jean for taking the minutes of our Saturday morning meeting and the splendid job she did in writing them up for our records.

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Dear Cousins, Friends,  
and fellow TFAers,

The Holidays are approaching & the days are passing very quickly. Soon we will be seeing the fluttering of the white stuff---called SNOW. A sign of the approaching season of winter, & in some instances the chore of shoveling. So, watch the backs & enjoy the HOLIDAYS.

I wish you JOY, PEACE HEALTH & HAPPINESS, & the most prosperous NEW YEAR 1988.

My health is about the same but I am determined -- that it will not get me down.

My BEST WISHES to all.

Love, Deena

P.S. THANK YOU ALL FOR THINKING OF ME.

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**More Members for 1987**

These are the additional memberships for 1987 received by 29th October. An asterisk '\*' before a name indicates a new member; a 'c' means a charter member. Membership category codes are as follows: Act = Active; AF = Active Family; As = Associate; LIF = Life; Sb = Subscriber; Su = Sustaining. Please send all corrections to the Secretary-Treasurer, Donna J. Moore, 1525 Rogers Court, DeKalb IL 60115.

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So. Hamilton, Mass.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1987-1988:**  
Lydia Finlay Danvers, Mass.  
William E. Towne Lake Ariel, Pa.  
Arthur J. Towne So. Hamilton, Mass.

**1987-1989:**  
Barbara Holden Peabody, Mass.  
Krystene Towne Amesbury, Mass.  
Robin Wagner Sharon, Mass.

**1987-1990:**  
Alexandria Towne Amesbury, Mass.  
Robert I. Taylor Salem, N.H.  
E. Wallace Parsons Willow Grove, Pa.

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Number of members for 1987 to date: 285. Renewals: 246, including 69 charter members. New members: 39.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED**

Also at our 1987 Towne Meeting it was decided to plan some years ahead on locations for up-coming Towne Meetings, and in 1988 we'll be holding it in sunny California, with Mrs. Marian McGuire of Napa Valley as chairperson. TFA was invited in 1989 to Niagara Falls, New York, with Marian James as hostess. The 1990 Towne Meeting will be held in Salem, Mass., with Arthur and Jean Towne as co-hosts. In 1991 we will again meet at Kennebunkport, Maine, with Charles L. Towne and Natalie Johnson as co-hosts. In 1992, Barbara Holden will be hostess of our meeting in Danvers, Mass. TFA is looking to some of you members who may not have come to many of our meetings to host future meetings in your areas. It was gratifying to me that Emma (Towne) Mosher accepted the nomination for 1st Vice President in 1987-1988 as overall coordinator of the Towne Meeting. Her experience with the 1984 meeting in Lebanon, N.H. will serve her well in her endeavors.

I am very much encouraged with our new slate of officers for 1987-1988. Seldom does any organization enjoy as much talent as TFA seems to possess with this fine group of members serving as our leaders. In addition to myself and Emma Mosher, aforementioned, Jim Roome is VP for Publications, Donna J. Moore is again Corresponding Secretary/ Treasurer, Jean L. Towne is our first official recording secretary and her husband, Arthur J. Towne, was elected to the Board to finish out a vacancy. Directors for 1987-1990 include Past-President Alexandria N. Towne, Robert I. Taylor and E. Wallace Parsons. Though an appointed position, Jean R. Warner agreed to continue as editor.

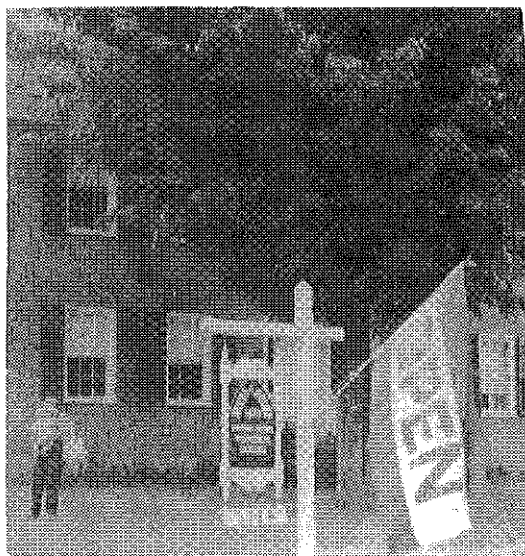
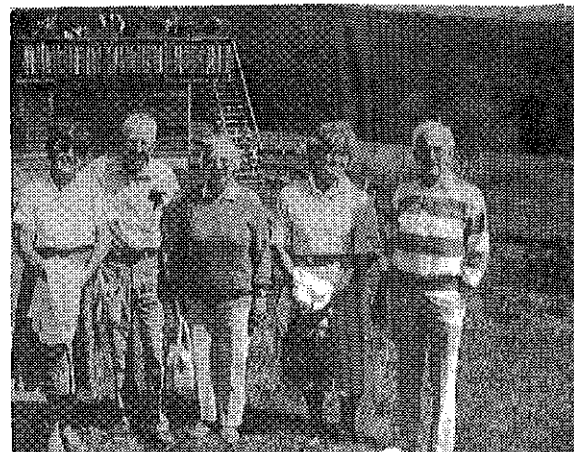
It made me very happy that the group unanimously voted, with no dissent whatsoever, to elect our Charter President, Alexandria N. Towne, as President Emerita, and to vote to give Deena a certificate of our appreciation together with a plaque, in an expression of the Association's sincere appreciation for her leadership and many contributions made for our group over the past seven/eight years.

For a full recapitulation of the events that took place in Stowe, please read the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting and the minutes of the general meeting elsewhere in this issue.

California, here we come! We look forward to another great year.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Towne, Sr.  
President



#### AT THE REUNION

Top, left, Early Arrivals, 1-r, Dorothy Cooper, Meredyth Burdette, Marian McGuire.

Top, right, At The Von Trapp Tea Room, 1-r Ella Mae Pero, Dick & Jean Warner, Lotte Towne & Chet Pero.

Middle, left, Morrisville Museum, on the lawn with his mother, William B. Towne, youngest attendee. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Towne.

Middle, right, Downtown Stowe, 1-r, Charlie Towne, Natalie Johnson, and Arline Towne mother of our president.

Bottom left, At The Meeting, 1-r Jean Smith & Patricia Swett, standing, Charlie Towne.

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of the Towne Family Association  
Friday, 28 August, 1987

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Towne Family Association was held on Friday, August 28, 1987, at the Stowflake Resort in Stowe, Vermont. The meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Clarence Towne, Vice-President for Programs, in the absence of President Alexandria N. "Deena" Towne. The conduct of the meeting was then turned over to William B. Towne, Sr., Executive Director, who read a letter from Deena regretting her inability to be present at the meeting.

Present for this meeting, in addition to Clarence Towne and William B. Towne, Sr., were Kim Earley, Lydia Finlay, Barbara Holden, Emma Mosher, Ella Mae Pero, and William E. Towne.

Kim Earley announced changes in the program for the following day regarding the time and location of the banquet. She was congratulated for her efficient organization of the reunion activities.

The meeting chairman presented each board member with a folder which contained the list of Board members, an agenda for the Board meeting, a copy of the minutes of the 1986 annual meeting, a copy of the TFA bylaws, two pages of proposed changes to the existing bylaws, a two-page financial report from Treasurer Donna J. Moore, and a report on the ancestor chart book project. This folder contributed substantially to an extremely well-run meeting.

The stated purpose of the meeting was for the Board to make recommendations concerning several items of both old and new business, in hopes that the general meeting would be brief as well as efficient.

The minutes of the 1986 general meeting were reviewed, as well as the pre-report of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee.

Under the heading of Old Business, the Board voted on the following recommendations to be presented to the membership the following day:

1. That Robert and Frances Balmer be given the authority to proceed with the incorporation of the Towne Family Association in the state of Delaware.
2. That the Towne Family Association records be microfilmed for storage in the Danvers Town Archives.
3. That the contents of the ancestor chart book be changed from ancestor charts to lineages, with the option given to those who have already subscribed to have their deposits returned, should they object to the change.
4. That the change regarding the membership year suggested for Article II of the TFA bylaws not be made; that all other suggested changes be made.
5. That the Towne Family Association send an annual donation of \$100.00 to the Rebecca Nurse Homestead Preservation Society.

Under New Business, the following recommendations were made for discussion at Saturday's general membership meeting:

1. That plans be made at least three (3) years in advance for the location of the annual Towne Family Association meeting and reunion.
2. That the committees planning reunions consider carefully the costs involved for those attending the reunions, along with keeping them consistent with suitable accommodations.
3. That Article III, Section 3B of the bylaws be changed so that the Vice-President for Programs henceforth would not be the local chairman of the annual meeting, but the coordinator of the programs, working with the local committee in each given location.
4. That a local publicity director be named for each annual meeting, allowing the Vice-President for Programs to remain responsible for publicity in About Towne.
5. That Alexandria N. "Deena" Towne be honored by the office of President Emerita and duly thanked for her devoted service to the Association.

The Executive Board Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Holden,  
Secretary pro tem.

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Note: It is with grateful appreciation that I am indebted to Barbara Holden for recording the minutes of this meeting in the event of the unforeseen delay in my arrival on Friday evening.

Thank you Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean L. Towne,  
Secretary pro tem.

## Robert E. Horgan

### Was Internal Revenue agent

HAVERHILL — Robert E. Horgan, 84, 25 Chandler St., died yesterday at Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover.

Mr. Horgan was an accounting teacher at Northeastern University before he joined the Internal Revenue Service in 1936. He was an agent in New York City and then in the Boston office. He later transferred to the accounting division of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where he worked until his retirement.

He was born in Haverhill, and he grew up in Braintree. He was a graduate of Boston College High School and Bentley College. He lived in New York City and Boston before returning to Haverhill in 1948. He attended Sacred Hearts Church.

He was the widower of Alice D. (Towne) Horgan and is survived by sisters, Mrs. Frank J. (Alice M.) O'Connor of Andover and Mrs. Albert O. (Mary T.) Barker of Haverhill; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Sacred Hearts Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Friends may call tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Linnehan-Noonan Funeral Home, 52 Salem St., Bradford.

Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Lawrence, Ma. 28 Sept. 1987. Submitted by Karen Courtenay. Alice (Towne) Horgan was a member of TFA until her death in May, 1982, and Mr. Horgan until 1986.



## Minutes of the 1987 Towne Meeting

The 7th Annual Meeting of the Towne Family Association was held on 29 August, 1987, at the Stowflake Resort, Stowe, Vermont. The meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. by the Vice-President for Programs, Clarence E. Towne, in the absence of our President, Alexandria N. "Deena" Towne.

The conduct of the meeting was then passed to Executive Director William B. Towne, Sr. of Asheville, N.C., who extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance in the beautiful mountain resort area.

There were several announcements. Bill Towne read a letter from our President, Deena Towne of Amesbury, Mass., in which she regretted her inability to be present at the meeting, and deeply wished the Towne Family Association much success. It was also announced that Raymond Towne of Colorado Springs, Colorado was currently in ill health. Cards will be sent to both Deena and Ray. Bill thanked John Bradley (Brad) Cooper of Pittsfield, Mass. for accepting the important appointment of Parliamentarian: that person who is fully familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and can serve as a referee during any meeting of the Board of Directors or of the membership. Bill also thanked Jean Towne of So. Hamilton, Mass. for accepting the nomination of Recording Secretary, as well as Barbara Holden of Peabody, Mass. for recording the minutes of the Board meeting the previous evening, because of the delayed arrival of Jean Towne. Clarence E. Towne of Morrisville, Vt. and his daughters Kim Towne Earley, also of Morrisville, and Lori Towne Webster of Danville, Vt. were thanked for a successful TFA weekend. Kim Earley announced banquet changes: seafood Newburg would be replaced by sole Florentine, and the banquet would start at 7:30 that evening, rather than at the previously scheduled 7:00. Kim also outlined the tour of the Morrisville Museum scheduled for later that afternoon.

Jean Towne read the minutes of the 1986 business meeting held in Danvers, Mass. Dorothy McNamara of Meriden, N.H. requested a correction to include the date, illegible in the original minutes. The date of 27 September was supplied by Ella Mae Pero of Rochester, N.Y. and added to the minutes, which were then accepted.

A single item of New Business was then presented, so that the remainder of the meeting could be conducted in a more efficient and logical manner. According to the TFA bylaws, the Vice-President for Programs is an officer chosen because of his or her proximity to the chosen location of the following year's annual meeting. A motion was made by Lydia Finlay of Danvers, Mass. to effect a change in the bylaws so that a general Vice-President for Programs may be chosen, regardless of where the next meeting is to take place. This change would allow for more efficient planning of future meetings. The motion was seconded by Marian McGuire of Napa, Calif., and was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The report of the Nominating Committee, comprising Arline Towne, of Exeter, N.H., Bob Taylor of Salem, N.H., and Wally Parsons of Willow Grove, Pa., was presented by Wally Parsons, Chairman. The following slate of nominees was presented:

## 1987-1988

President	William B. Towne, Sr.
Vice President for Programs	Emma Mosher
Vice President for Publications	James Roome
Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer	Donna J. Moore
Recording Secretary	Jean Towne
Director (1-year term)	Arthur Towne

## 1987-1990

Directors	Alexandria N. Towne
	Robert I. Taylor
	Wallace Parsons

Brad Cooper moved that nominations be closed, and the motion was seconded by William E. Towne. The presented slate of nominees was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Dorothy McNamara presented the Treasurer's report and that of the Auditing Committee after copies had been distributed to all present. There was a note presented from Treasurer Donna J. Moore of DeKalb, Ill. explaining a correction to include check number 326 in the amount of \$326.00. For the Inventory/Equipment column, William B. Towne, Sr. supplied the figure of \$630.00 (\$600.00 plus \$30.00 tax) for a copier; no invoice had been available for this. He also explained the \$30.00 Brassington book as the genealogy of the Lamb family. About Towne editor Jean Warner explained the importance of the \$62.83 waxing machine for the paste-up process which prepares the newsletter for printing.

The Auditors' report presented a \$25.00 correction offered by Dorothy McNamara and Carroll Mosher of Plainfield, N.H. Arthur Towne moved to accept the corrected report as read. The motion was seconded by Frances Balmer of Newark, Del., and was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

There were four recommendations from the Board of Directors presented for discussion by Barbara Holden, under Old Business: continued next page

## THE ESTY FILE

by  
Jim Roome

First of all I want to say that what a fine time Marie and I had at the Towne Family Reunion in Stowe, Vermont. Clarence Towne, Kim Earley and the others involved with the reunion deserve a lot of credit.

My 3g. grandparents, William Esty and Anna Powers immigrated from Leicester, Vermont to up-state New York in 1792, and I thought it would be interesting to visit Leicester on the way to Stowe. We had last passed through Leicester during our wedding trip way back when. On that trip we traveled the entire immigration route which the Esty family traveled from Salem to up-state New York, but that is another story. I wouldn't consider Leicester to be on the beaten path and after some time we arrived in Leicester with the map which Willis A. Rickert had developed in his ESTEY KINDRED, showing the early 19th century resident locations.

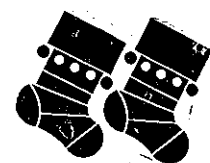
Not knowing the place I stopped and asked several people in the area if they could help me find these houses or at least the possible location of them. No one including the current town clerk knew of anyone with the name Esty nor had ever heard of anyone with that name. They never give out maps to strangers but maybe the people in the cemetery could help. I only found one Esty there. I did finally find the intersection of where the Leicester River flows into Otter Creek where old Aaron Esty, father of William operated a crude ferry to get people and animals across the Leicester River which is really smaller than the Creek. The area is now in a flood plain and there is no trace of the old house where Aaron and William might have lived. But at least I have visited the place.

Last May I visited a church in Hintlesham, England, near which, Jeffery Esty 1515-1592/3 had lived, what a contrast, the old church is still there.

In Gay Esty Bangs' article about ISAAC ESTY AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS there is mentioned on page 6 that Joshua Esty's widow Abigail married William Poole. It also states in this article that Abigail Kimball, widow of Isaac Esty, brother to above Joshua, also married a William Poole. I still get a lot of questions about this situation.

Jan Dexter of Saint John, New Brunswick states that it was Isaac's widow who later married William Poole. Jan gives no confirmation.

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1. In 1984 the TFA had voted to incorporate. Authority now needed to be given for proceeding with incorporation in the state of Delaware, whose laws are less stringent for non-profit organizations than those of Massachusetts. Ella Mae Pero made a motion to grant that authority to Robert and Frances Balmer. The motion was seconded by Lydia Finlay and was passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. The proposal was made that Towne Family records be microfilmed for storage in the Danvers Town Archives. At the 1986 meeting, James Roome of Ontario, N.Y., Lydia Finlay, and Arthur and Jean Towne had volunteered to investigate suitable storage sites for the files. During the banquet at that meeting, Bill Towne, Sr. had approached Richard Trask, the banquet speaker and the archivist for the town of Danvers. Jim now read the committee's report, which stated that Mr. Trask would indeed accept our records for the archives, since they are part of the heritage of Danvers (formerly Salem Village). Jim asked the cost of microfilming, and Bill quoted it at \$25.00 per 1,000 pages. The TFA would not have to purchase a reader, since the Danvers Archives already has one. Emma Mosher asked if donations of artifacts would be acceptable to the archives; Bill agreed to check with Dick Trask, but said that possibly anything would be accepted. Lydia Finlay motioned to microfilm the TFA records. The motion was seconded by Wally Parsons and passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. The Board had recommended that the proposed change to Article II (Membership) of the bylaws (to change the membership year from the calendar year to one beginning and ending with the Annual Meeting) not be made, and that all other proposed changes be made. Brad Cooper made the motion to accept the changes as read, except for Article II. The motion was seconded by Wally Parsons, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. It had been recommended that the contents of the proposed Ancestor Chart Book be changed from ancestor charts to lineage charts, going back to William Towne, the immigrant. Anyone objecting to this change would be entitled to have his or her deposit back. Lydia Finlay motioned to accept this change; the motion was seconded by Wally Parsons and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Following a coffee break at 10:00 a.m., the meeting addressed New Business, and it was announced that souvenir purchases could be made by seeing Arthur Towne. (Total sales later amounted to \$21.00.)

The membership then turned to discussing possible sites for future annual reunions, and sites for the next five years were accepted by unanimous voice vote. (The Sturbridge, Mass. area was again discussed, but was again rejected because there are no members living in the immediate area to head the committee.)

Marian McGuire offered to head the committee for the 1988 reunion, to be held in the San Francisco, Calif. area. Her motion was seconded by Brad Cooper, following discussion concerning the number of people who would be able to attend. A show of hands counted at least sixteen members in attendance who would definitely plan to attend.

Marian James of Niagara Falls, N.Y. volunteered to head the committee for 1989, with the reunion to be held at Niagara Falls. A motion to accept was made by Jim Roome and seconded by Marian McGuire.

Arthur and Jean Towne jointly volunteered to head the committee for 1990. The site will be Salem, Mass. Charles Towne of Kennebunk, Me. motioned to accept the site, and the motion was seconded by Natalie Johnson of Kennebunkport, Me.

The site of the 1991 Towne Meeting will be Kennebunk, Maine. Charles Towne and Natalie Johnson will be chairpersons. Bob Balmer of Newark, Del. motioned to accept this offer, and the motion was seconded by Jim Roome.

Barbara Holden volunteered to host the 1992 reunion, to be held in Danvers, Mass. during the tercentenary of the 1692 witchcraft hysteria. Brad Cooper motioned to accept and was seconded by Ella Mae Pero.

A Board recommendation was made at this point, asking the reunion chairpersons, when planning reunions, to please consider carefully the costs involved for the attendees, as well as the suitability of accommodations.

Emma Mosher made a motion to name a local publicity director for each annual meeting, allowing the Vice-President for Programs to remain responsible for publicity in About Towne. The motion was seconded by Jean Warner and passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Emma Mosher that our past President "Deena" Towne be duly thanked for her devoted service to the TFA, and be honored by being designated President Emerita and sent a letter recognizing same. This proposal was seconded by Arline Towne, was further amended by Charles Towne to include a certificate and a plaque, and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Emma Mosher made the further motion that the TFA send an annual donation of \$100.00, which would include a memorial gift, to the Rebecca Nurse Homestead Preservation Society. Natalie Johnson seconded the motion, and it was passed by unanimous voice vote. (continued next page)

Alma B. Howard of DeWitt, NY has proven her lineage back to Mary Towne Esty to the satisfaction of the National Society of Colonial Dames. The above Joshua Esty is her ancestor and Alma states that Joshua's wife was Abigail Stanley. Joshua and Abigail (Stanley) Esty had four children:

Born in Topsfield, Mass.,  
Mary/Marcia Esty, b. Jan. 1701/2  
Eleanor Esty, b. 05Mar1704  
Born in Rochester, Mass.,  
Marcy Esty, b. 08Jan1706  
Jacob Esty, b. 17Aug1710

Eleanor Esty married Samuel Griffith, a Quaker, 24Sep1723. Their children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

John Griffith, b. 11Feb1723/4  
Daniel Griffith, b. 08Jul1726  
Samuel Griffith, b. 22Jul1730  
Ephraim Griffith, b. 25Jul1733  
Joshua Griffith, b. 05Aug1735  
William Griffith, b. 02Aug1737  
Eleanor Griffith, b. 08Nov1739  
Mary Griffith, b. 21Jun1741  
Thankful Griffith, b. 16Sep1743  
Desire Griffith, b. 01Feb1745

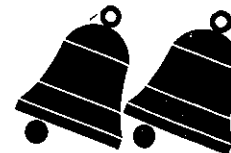
Thankful Griffith married Sergt. Samuel Balcom, Jr. Their children born in Douglas, Mass.:

Sarah Balcom, b. 12May1767  
Eleanor Balcom, b. 08Apr1769  
Mark Balcom, b. 03Jun1771  
Judah Balcom, b. 18Jan1773  
Luke Balcom, b. 18Jul1775  
Susanna Balcom, b. 29Oct1777  
Hannah Balcom, b. 04Jul1780  
Samuel Balcom, b. 1782  
John Balcom, b. 04Jul1784

Mark Balcom married Sally Tilley, 29Dec1793 and had 12 children. They lived in Redfield, NY.

I want to thank Jan Dexter and Alma B. Howard for the above information.

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#### NEW QUERY EDITOR APPOINTED

We had two members offer to assume the duties of Query Editor. Both Gladys Sandefur of Wisconsin & William Towne of Pennsylvania volunteered their services.

We have asked Gladys to fill the post since she had already agreed to do some typing for About Towne and she has had some editorial experience. Please send all queries and query answers to:

Gladys Sandefur  
3768 N. Bay Shore Dr.  
Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235.

Thanks to both Bill and Gladys.

Jim Roome made a motion that the TFA investigate the details involved in the presentation of a plaque to the church of St. Nicholas in Great Yarmouth, England, the church of William<sup>1</sup> and Joanna (Blessing) Towne, from their descendants in America. The motion was seconded by Ella Mae Pero and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dorothy McNamara discussed the need for the TFA to codify the bylaws to ascertain that important matters had not been unintentionally overlooked since the inception of the Association. She offered to chair a committee to accomplish this. Her motion was seconded by Emma Mosher and once again passed by unanimous voice vote.

Eight miscellaneous suggestions for the good of the Association were then discussed. Dorothy McNamara discussed the need for the updating of the TFA inventory. She offered to consult with Treasurer Donna Moore on this subject, and her motion was seconded by Ella Mae Pero. Dorothy also suggested that the TFA should know definitely the identity of the second person (besides the Treasurer) who has access to the safe deposit box. President Bill Towne appointed Jim Roome to obtain this information. Bill Towne announced the availability of order blanks for The Descendants of William Towne by Edwin Eugene Towne, which is being reprinted by the Parker River Researchers of Newburyport, Mass. Marian McGuire suggested informal discussions for members who wished to exchange family information; it was agreed that there would be time available for this after lunch, and that those who wished to participate could meet downstairs. Jean Warner, who was appointed editor of the newsletter for another year, requested that newspaper articles sent to her for publication in About Towne be accompanied by the address of the contributing newspaper, so that permission to reprint the article could be more efficiently obtained. She also reminded everyone that the deadline is the first of the month prior to the month of publication (February 1st for the March issue, etc.). Jim Roome, as Vice-President for Publications, offered to personally deliver the finished copies of the newsletter to circulation manager Ella Mae Pero after review of the layouts and printing. This would save considerable mailing time. Marian McGuire suggested that the application form for new members be printed on a separate page in the newsletter to eliminate the need to photocopy it in order to give one to a prospective new member. Robert Balmer suggested a show of hands to indicate which was the preferred month for reunions; September was chosen.

The meeting was turned over to Clarence Towne, and Frances Balmer motioned to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Bill Towne and passed.

Respectively submitted,

Jean L. Towne,  
Recording Secretary



#### NEW TOWNES IN MORRISVILLE, VERMONT

TFAer Kim Earley reports that her branch of the family has had several additions in recent months.

Clarence Towne Jr. and his wife Pam had a baby boy born Sept. 10th, 1987. He is Garrett Mitchell. Garrett has a big brother Christopher. The boys are grandsons of member Clarence Towne Sr.

Merrill Towne, brother of Clarence Sr. also has a new grandson. He is Patrick Churchill, born Sept. 23rd, 1987. His parents are Jeff and Marjorie J. (Towne) Churchill. John has two sisters, Jennifer, 5 and Sarah, 3.

Louis and Nina (Towne) Allaire also became grandparents in September. Nina is sister to Clarence Sr. and Merrill. On Sept. 28th daughter Tina (Allaire) Menard and her husband welcomed Katelyn Almary into the world. They also have a daughter Amy, 11.

Kim says, "We don't expect any more babies in the near future, that I know of"



## An identity problem

### Roger Conant's statue mistaken for witch

SALEM—Poor Roger.

He founded the city of Salem. But what does he get for thanks? He gets mistaken for a witch just about every day.

The statue of Roger Conant, the first settler of Salem village in 1626, was designed by Henry H. Kitson for the Conant Family Association and dedicated in 1913. The bronze figure of Conant stands upon a huge boulder, brought from the woods near the floating bridge to Washington Square.

But just about everyone who visits Salem mistakes the handsome figure for a witch.

The statue, in the shadow of the gothic-style Witch Museum, depicts Conant wearing a pilgrim-style hat and buckle shoes. A cape billows over his shoulder.

The inscription, surrounded by ivy, reads: "I

was a means through grace assisting me, to stop the flight of those few that then were here with me, and that by my utter denial to go away with them, who would have gone either for England or mostly for Virginia."

Yet despite Conant's accomplishments and lofty words, most tourists who visit Salem mistake him for a witch and snap pictures of the statue making sure to include the Witch Museum in the background.

Even a recent issue of *Colonial Homes*, which featured Salem in a recent glossy spread, misidentified the city's founder. The issue included a photo of the statue with the caption, "A statue of a determined sorceress may be seen at the witch museum on Washington Square North."

Other publications over the years have made similar errors. Perhaps the next photo caption of Conant's statue should read: Salem's most misunderstood monument.

The Salem Evening News, Salem, MA. Used with permission. Submitted by Jean and Arthur Towne. Editor AT misplaced date on this.



## REUNION '87

It was a super reunion! Stowe is a lively little Vermont town surrounded by some of the most beautiful mountains in New England. Stoweflake Resort was a grand location for our gathering with comfortable rooms, good food, and lots of things to do.

Kim Earley arranged to have dinner Friday night, the banquet on Saturday night as well as breakfast Saturday and Sunday included with the price of our rooms. It was a good plan, giving Towne cousins more "visiting" time. My husband and I were able to renew our friendship with Gladys and Wally Parsons, Marian McGuire and her friend Meredyth Burdette and Charlie Towne on Friday evening. On Saturday we had breakfast with Lydia Finlay, Brad Cooper and Frances and Sam Towne. On Sunday morning we sat with Rodney and Evelyn Lane. Chet and Ella Mae Pero, Warren and Lotte Towne, and Marian and Meredyth were at our table Saturday evening. Each time good food and good conversation proved to be an enjoyable combination.

Late Friday afternoon the group toured the Stowe Museum and the old cemetery next to it. The town has an interesting history and many of our kinfolk lived there in the early days as well as today.

The business meeting went smoothly and took only two hours, as a result of the hard work Bill Towne and the Board of Directors had done preparing a sound, detailed agenda for us to follow.

Since we did not need an afternoon business session, Marian McGuire suggested that we hold an informal discussion of research problems and triumphs. About 25 people participated, and it was most helpful to many of us. Other cousins spent the time shopping or driving through the countryside.

Kim and her Dad Clarence Towne led a tour to the Morrisville Museum later in the afternoon. We elected to take a walk along the paved recreation path that goes through the Stoweflake Resort property and then winds down to the village. Unfortunately, it began to rain after we had gone only about a half mile and we had to turn back. At least it was only rain and not a hurricane as we had at the 1985 reunion.

After dinner Saturday evening J. Kevin Graffagnino, curator at the Baily/Howe Library at the University of Vermont spoke to us about "Vermont in the Victorian Age" He illustrated his talk with interesting slides. We were most interested to learn that the Esty Organ Company founded by a descendant of Mary (Towne) Esty figured quite prominently in the industrialization of Vermont during the period.

No formal activities were planned for Sunday, and most TFAers began to head for home soon after breakfast. We elected to stay at Stoweflake another day. Late that morning we drove up to the Von Trapp gift shop and tea room. We met Ella Mae and Chet and Lotte and Warren, and said our second good-byes over coffee and pastry. Dick and Marion James stayed an extra day too, and I had a nice visit with them Sunday evening.

Kim prepared a program booklet for us, listing the schedule of activities and quoting from the writings of two Vermonters, Calvin Coolidge and Robert Frost. In a 1928 speech Coolidge called his native state "This brave little state of Vermont" I would add beautiful, peaceful and friendly.

There were many more cousins I wanted to chat with, but the time seemed to pass too quickly. Next year in California! JRW.



Our after dinner speaker  
J. Kevin Graffagnino

### ATTENDEES AT THE 1987 TOWNE MEETING

Members and Guests

Balmer, Robert & Frances  
Burdette, Meredyth  
Chamberlain, Ruth  
Cook, Priscilla  
Cooper, Dorothy J.  
Cooper, J. Bradley  
Daniels, Sybil L.  
Earley, Kim Towne  
Finlay, Lydia  
Hamilton, Chester & Beverly  
Hein, Rollin & Edna  
Hoch, Mr. & Mrs. Merton  
Holden, Barbara  
Howard, Alma B.  
James, Richard & Marion  
Jardick, Claire  
Jardick, Michele  
Jelleson, Edward  
Johnson, Natalie  
Kahler, Silke  
Lane, Rodney & Evelyn  
Manosh, Susanne  
McGuire, Marian Towne  
McNamara, Basil & Dorothy  
Roome, James & Marie  
Mosher, Carroll & Emma  
Pero, Chester & Ella Mae  
Parsons, Wally & Gladys  
Smith, Jean R.  
Swett, Patricia  
Swett, Elaine  
Towne, Arline  
Towne, Arthur & Jean  
Towne, Barbara A.  
Towne, Charles  
Towne, Clarence  
Towne, Jeffery R.  
Towne, Samuel H. & Frances  
Towne, Warren & Lotte  
Towne, William & Velda  
Towne, William B. Sr.  
Towne, William F. & Arline  
Warner, Richard & Jean  
Webster, Lori Towne

Newark, DE.  
Sonora, CA.  
DeWitt, NY.  
Kennebunk, ME.  
Richmond, VT.  
Pittsfield, MA.  
Salem, NH.  
Morrisville, VT.  
Danvers, MA.  
  
Mendenhall, PA.  
Kansas City, MO.  
Peabody, MA.  
DeWitt, NY.  
Niagara Falls, NY.  
Morrisville, VT.  
Morrisville, VT.  
Wells, ME.  
Kennebunkport, ME.  
Litchfield, NH.  
Gloucester, MA.  
Morrisville, VT.  
Napa, CA.  
Meriden, NH.  
Ontario, NY.  
Plainfield, NH.  
Rochester, NY.  
Willow Grove, PA.  
Kennebunk, ME.  
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Kennebunk, ME.  
Exeter, NH.  
So. Hamilton, MA.  
Litchfield, NH.  
Kennebunk, ME.  
Morrisville, VT.  
Litchfield, NH.  
Billercia, MA.  
Sanquoit, NY.  
Lake Ariel, PA.  
Asheville, NC.  
Stony Run, PA.  
Hamden, CT.  
Danville, VT.

The above names were taken from the guest book.



**Towne Lineage of William Frank<sup>12</sup> TOWNE**  
Box 112, Stony Run PA 19557

<b>William<sup>1</sup> TOWNE</b> bp. 1598/99 Great Yarmouth Eng. d. 1673 Topsfield Mass.	<b>m.</b> 25 Apr. 1620 Great Yarmouth	<b>Joanna BLESSING</b> b. ca. 1600 England d. by 1682 Topsfield Mass.
<b>Jacob<sup>2</sup> TOWNE</b> bp. 11 Mar. 1632/3 Gt. Yarmouth d. 27 Nov. 1704 Topsfield Mass.	<b>m.</b> 26 June 1657 Topsfield	<b>Catherine SYMONDS</b> bp. 28 Apr. 1630 England d. 1704 Topsfield Mass.
<b>John<sup>3</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 2 Apr. 1668 Topsfield Mass. d. 27 Nov. 1740 Oxford Mass. (first town clerk of Oxford)	<b>m.</b> 2 Feb. 1680 Topsfield	<b>Mary SMITH</b> b. 28 Oct. 1658 Ipswich Mass. d. Oxford Mass. (sister of ancestor of LDS prophet Joseph Smith)
<b>Samuel<sup>4</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 25 Jan. 1695 d. 1760 Oxford Mass.	<b>m.</b> 16 Apr. 1722 Oxford Mass.	<b>Sarah LAMB</b> b. Oxford Mass. d.
<b>James<sup>5</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 11 Oct. 1722 Oxford Mass. d. 1768 Greenbush N.Y. (served in the French War; wounded?)	<b>m.</b> 10 Dec. 1747 Oxford Mass.	<b>Ann BLOOD</b> b. Oxford Mass. d. 25 Nov. 1738
<b>James<sup>6</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 1756 Belchertown Mass. d. 1 Aug. 1837 Stowe Vt. (Lexington Minuteman in Rev.; wounded)	<b>m.</b> 9 Aug. 1778 Charlton Mass.	<b>Lucy BETTIS</b> b. 1758 d. May 1843 Stowe Vt.
<b>Oliver<sup>7</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 15 June 1779 Charlton Mass. d. Ohio	<b>m.</b>	<b>Damaris LUCE</b> b. 24 Jan. 1779 d.
<b>Nathan<sup>8</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 1800 Stowe Vermont d. 1852 Coshocton Ohio	<b>m.</b> 1828 Louisville O.	<b>Matilda HEVIL</b> b. 1800 Hagerstown Md. d. 1872 Kewanee Illinois
<b>William Samuel<sup>9</sup> TOWNE</b> b. Coshocton Ohio d. 12 Dec. 1917 Kewanee Ill. (served in the Civil War - wounded)	<b>m.</b> 3 Aug. 1871 Monmouth Ill.	<b>Agnes RAY</b> b. Ireland d. 13 Feb. 1899 Kewanee Ill.
<b>Frank Seley<sup>10</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 27 July 1875 Kewanee Ill. d. 28 May 1932 Utica N.Y.	<b>m.</b> 21 Jan. 1900 Galesburg Ill.	<b>Sarah E. Isabella (DANIELS) PRATT</b> b. 15 Oct. 1867 d. 5 June 1909
<b>William Frank<sup>11</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 17 May 1903 Kewanee Illinois d. 19 Dec. 1967 Bethlehem Pa.	<b>m.</b> 29 June 1929 Canton N.Y.	<b>Doris Ritter OWEN</b> b. 12 July 1905 Utica N.Y. living 1987
<b>William Frank<sup>12</sup> TOWNE</b> b. 17 July 1930 Bethlehem Pa. living 1987	<b>m.</b> 2 Feb. 1952 Durham N.C.	<b>Arline R. PATTON</b> b. 11 Oct. 1926 Wilkes-Barre Pa. living 1987

children:

**Sarah Patton<sup>13</sup> TOWNE** unnm.  
b. 28 Aug. 1953 Bethlehem Pa.  
living 1987

**Bonny<sup>10</sup> TOWNE** m.  
b. 18 Dec. 1954 Bethlehem Pa.  
living 1987 15 Mar. 1980

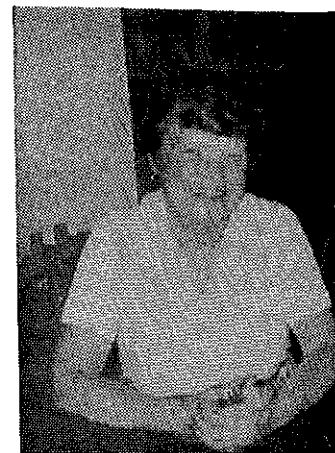
**Kurtis Scott REINERT**, b. 27 Apr. 1982 Hershey Pa.  
**Dustin Paul REINERT**, b. 16 Oct. 1984 Hershey Pa.

**William Frank<sup>13</sup> TOWNE, Ph.D.** unnm.  
b. 29 Jan. 1956 Bethlehem Pa.  
living 1987

**Jeffrey Robert<sup>13</sup> TOWNE** m.  
b. 30 Sept. 1957 Bethlehem Pa.  
living 1987 6 July 1985  
Shavertown Pa.

**Barbara Ann VOELKER**  
b. 6 Feb. 1959  
living 1987

**William Benjamin<sup>14</sup> TOWNE**, b. 13 Mar. 1987 Nashua N.H.



Circulation manager Ella Mae Pero

**EARLY CONNECTICUT MARRIAGES**  
**TOWN/TOWNE**

**LYME**

Capt. Barnaby Tuthill of Lyme & Abiah  
Towne of Saybrook-31 May 1764

**THOMPSON**

David Town & Lucy Upham-30 Jan. 1793

Archelaus Town & Sarah Brown of  
Pomfret 10-Dec. 1754

Joseph Town & Abigail Thompson-23  
Nov. 1762

Thomas Town of Munson & Bette Town  
of Killingly-17 Nov. 1768

Sarah Town, widow & Thomas Ormsby-  
5 Dec. 1771

Sarah Town of Killingly & Aaron  
Foster of Dudley-12 April 1781

William Town & Lucy Prince-27. Jan.  
1782

Sarah Town & Daniel Bixby- 30 Oct. 1783

Isaac Town & Anne Ormsby- 20 Nov. 1783

Archelaus Town & Martha Johnson- 25  
Dec. 1783

Joseph Town 3rd. & Anna Barret- 24  
March 1784

Polly Town & Nehemiah Upham- 15 Nov.  
1791

**WOODSTOCK**

David Town & Mary Barton, both of  
Oxford, MA. 31 Dec. 1716

Ephraim Town & Sarah Kenny both of  
Oxford, MA. 31 Dec. 1719

(from Early Connecticut Marriages- Bailey)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - August 1, 1987

Cash on Hand August 30, 1986 per audit \$ 3,911.68

RECEIPTS:

Memberships	\$ 3,728.89	
HoJo deposit return	500.00	
1986 sales/monies from meeting	254.10	
Sales of back issues	181.00	
	\$ 4,663.99	4,663.99
Correction--cash on hand		(25.00)

\$ 8,550.67

PAYMENTS:

Newsletter costs	\$ 1,689.02	
Copy Machine, comp time	1,100.00	
Officers expenses	1,038.68	
Donations (Nourse Home)	100.00	
Subscriptions	193.95	
Rebates	15.00	
Bank Boxes 1987/1988	56.00	
	\$ 4,192.65	\$ 4,192.65

Cash on hand August 1, 1987 4,358.02  
\$ 8,440.67

Money on Deposit

Exeter Bank (C.D.)	\$ 2,509.91
Hendersonville, NC Bank (C.D.)	750.00
	\$ 3,259.91

Total Assets \$ 7,617.93

Note: Hendersonville S/L has the account consisting of deposits from members for the Ancestor Book. This is not included in statement, but is for information only. Amount: \$847.86.

INVENTORY

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Value</u>
Waxing Machine	\$ 62.83	Microfishe-John Alden	\$ 5.00
3-hole punch	15.25	2 Roberts Rules Order	15.90
Sharp Calculator	26.61	Chas A Towne Collection	40.00
File Box	2.26	Lamb Family Book	25.00
Copier	630.00		

Dorothy McNamara } Auditors  
Carroll N. Mosher }

COL. RAYMOND L. TOWNE JR.

Raymond L. "Ray" Towne, retired director of public relations for Douglas Aircraft Co., has died in Colorado Springs, CO, after a brief illness. He was 70 years old. He had served in the Air Force for 22 years, piloted bombers in World War II and handled communications for the Air Force during the Berlin Airlift of 1948-50.

Towne was a colonel when he retired from the Air Force in 1964 and accepted the Douglas position as director of external relations. He retired from Douglas in 1981 and moved to Colorado Springs.

Before joining Douglas, he had been director of information for the Military Air Transport Service (MATs), a major command that included transport units of the Air Force and Navy.

During World War II Towne was a bomber pilot and operations officer in North Africa and Europe. Later, except for several years as special assistant to the Air Force surgeon general in Washington, DC, he was closely associated with airlift operations.

Towne was flight operations officer and later organized and directed operational production control for the Berlin Airlift Task Force. After the airlift was well under way he became executive officer to the commanding general, with additional duty as special assistant for public relations.

In the Korean War, Towne was chief of information for the Far East Air Force's Combat Cargo Command, and in 1953 he became chief of public information and special projects for the Air Forces in Europe.

Towne's decorations included the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Flusters, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

During his years with Douglas he lived in Belmont Shore and was an active members of the Pacific Coast Press Club. *continued next page*



Left-Justin Scott Towne, son of Scott and Maria Towne, and first grandchild of Jean and Arthur Towne. Arthur is a TFA Director and Jean is our recording Sec. Justin was 3 months old when this photo was taken.

Towne died Wednesday, September 9. Survivors include his wife, the former Dorothy Marie Jorski, historian of the Berlin Airleft; two daughters, Sarah Margaret DiCicco of Pasadena and Christine Hartley Irvine, CA; and two sons, Raymond Lester Towne III of Pasadena and Andrew James Towne of Colorado Springs.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Colorado Springs. Interment will be at the Arlington National Cemetery.

From: The Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram, Sunday, September 13, 1987.

Ray was a TFA member and first cousin to members Ella Mae Towne Pero, Martha Towne Kolartis and Warren Towne. His sister is Dorothy Towne Snow, a prospective member. See related item about Ray page 75 this issue.



Bill Towne at the podium



Elaine Swett At The Meeting

# Checks written from August 31, 1986 through August 1, 1987

Ck #	Item	Purpose	Amount
326	Towne, WB		\$ 326.00
327	Pero, Ella Mae	Bulk mailing, postage	34.19
328	Harvie, Jean	Subscription	15.00
329	Towne, WB	Copy machine, comptr time	1100.00
330	Lincoln Litho	Printing, pamphlet copies	68.30
331	Moore, Donna	Supplies, postage	34.16
332	Lincoln Litho	Copies prepared for storage	12.45
333	Nat'l Bank, Sycamore	Deposit boxes - 1987	28.00
334	Warner, Jean	Newsletter preparation	93.59
335	Towne, WB	Newsletter printing	422.77
336	"Publish"	Subscription	19.95
337	Towne, Krys	Film Developing ('86 mtg.)	40.90
338	Morris, Andrew	John Alden Microfiche	5.00
339	Pero, Ella Mae	Newsletter mailing	40.96
340	Towne, WB	Supplies for newsletter	91.15
341	Danvers List Co.	Donation Nourse Homestead	50.00
342	Moore, Donna	Postage, copies	30.00
343	Towne, WB	Expenses, member deposit \$15	75.29
344	Moore, Donna	Postage, copies	23.64
345	Postmaster, Sycamore	Postage	3.66
346	Lyben Comp. Systems	Mailing Labels	25.90
347	Lincoln Litho	Instruction pamphlet copies	4.75
348	Postmaster, Sycamore	Postage	7.10
349	Postmaster, Rochester	Bulk mailing permit	50.00
350	Moore, Donna	Postage and copies	30.00
351	Towne, WB	Book and copies	8.77
352	Warner, Jean	Supplies for newsletter	71.57
353	Towne, Charles L.	Rebate	5.00
354	Towne, WB	Newsletter printing	300.00
355	Everton Publishing	Subscription	34.00
356	Second Boat	Subscription	20.00
357	Fed.Gen. Society	Subscription/membership	20.00
358	Jewett, Edna	Rebate	5.00
359	Danvers List Co.	Donation Nourse Homestead	50.00
360	Moore, Donna	Postage, copies	20.00
361	Pero, Ella Mae	Newsletter mailing	43.53
362	Towne, WB	Sales tax (\$30), member deposit	45.00
363	Nile, Abbott	Rebate	5.00
364	Towne, WB	Paper supplies, phone calls	9.51
365	Moore, Donna	Postage	20.00
366	Visible Comp Sup.	Xerographic Paper	70.53
367	Warner, Jean	Newsletter expenses	95.48
368	VOID	VOID	---
369	Moore, Donna	Copies, postage, supplies	37.39
370	Moore, Donna	100 reminder letters, postage	50.00
371	Towne, WB	Newsletter printing, rules bk	378.98
372	Towne, WB	Chas. A. Towne collection	40.00
373	Lincoln Litho	100 record replacements	10.30
374	DownEast Ancestry	Subscription	15.00
375	L&L Office Supply	Receipt bks, paper punch	30.26
376	Postmaster, Sycamore	Postage newsletters	12.61
377	Towne, WB	Phone calls, copier supplies	44.74
378	Moore, Donna	Postage, phone calls	14.21
379	Nat'l Bank, Sycamore	Deposit boxes for 1988	28.00
380	Moore, Donna	File box, cards, supplies	50.00
381	Brassington, Kathryn	Genealogy book (Lamb family)	25.00
			\$ 4192.65

MYRA S. REYNOLDS  
MOTHER of TFAer JEAN SMITH

Myra S. Reynolds, 75, of Sea Road, Kennebunk, ME. died Oct. 21 at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford.

Her husband, Kenneth F. Reynolds, died in 1975.

She was born here, a daughter of Elmer and Eleanor (Towne) Shuffleburg, and attended Kennebunk schools.

Mrs. Reynolds was a well-known seamstress, and had been employed by Youlands as a clerk for more than 30 years.

Surviving are a son, David K., and a daughter Mrs. Royal (Jean) Smith both of Kennebunk; four brothers, Harold and Donald Shuffleburg of Kennebunk, Elmer Shuffleburg of West Kennebunk and Herman Shuffleburg of Biddeford; a sister Doris Vigue of Springvale; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Janice Burgess died in 1981.

York County Coast Star Oct. 28, 1987. Submitted by Jean Smith.

**Towne Lineage of Emma Rose (TOWNE) MOSHER**  
Box 1991, 227 Willow Avenue, Anna Maria FL 34216

John TOWNE	m. (1)	Elizabeth/Alice ----
b. England	before 1597	b.
d. prob. England		d.
	m. (2)	Margaret WALDEN
	before 1600	b.
William <sup>1</sup> TOWNE	m.	Jane/Joanna BLESSING
bp. 18 Mar. 1598/99 Gt. Yarmouth	25 Apr. 1620	b. ca. 1595 England
d. 1672/3 Salem Mass.	Gt. Yarmouth Eng.	d. ca. 1682 Salem Mass.
Edmund <sup>2</sup> TOWNE	m.	Mary BROWNING
b. 28 June 1628 Gt. Yarmouth Eng.	1652	b. 7 Jan. 1637/38 Salem Mass.
d. bet. 1675 and 3 May 1678	prob. Topsfield	d. 16 Dec. 1717
Joseph <sup>3</sup> TOWNE	m.	Amy SMITH
b. 2 Sept. 1661 Topsfield Mass.	10 Aug. 1687	b. 16 Aug. 1668
d. 18 May 1717		d. 22 Feb. 1756
Nathan <sup>4</sup> TOWNE	m.	Phebe CURTIS
b. ca. 1693 Topsfield Mass.	31 Dec. 1715	b. 2 Mar. 1689/90
d. 1762		d. 5 Jan. 1762 Andover Mass.
Aaron <sup>5</sup> TOWNE	m.	Hannah BEVERLY
b. 25 July 1734 Andover Mass.	15 Oct. 1755	b.
d.		d.
Aaron <sup>6</sup> TOWNE, Jr.	m.	Patience FREETOE
b. 25 Aug. 1769	24 May 1796	b. Danvers Mass.
d.		d. Danvers Mass.
James Coos Freetoe <sup>7</sup> TOWNE	m. (1)	Mary Jane SWINNINGTON
b. 2 Aug. 1822 Greenfield N.H.		d. 26 Dec. 1852
d. 27 Dec. 1917 New Boston N.H.	m. (2)	Margaret WALKER
		d. 30 Nov. 1868
	m. (3)	Esther WILLOWAY/WILLOUGHBY/
	9 Jan. 1873	SMITH/DOUGLAS
	Mt. Vernon N.H.	b. 25 Nov. 1853 Mt. Vernon N.H.
		d. 30 May 1914 New Boston N.H.
Elmer Clarence <sup>8</sup> TOWNE (twin)	m.	Estella Iola KIMBALL
b. 8 May 1894 Peterborough N.H.	30 Oct. 1915	b. 9 Jan. 1900
d. 24 Apr. 1981 Windsor Vt.	Meriden N.H.	d. 17 July 1981 Windsor Vt.
bur. Meriden N.H.		bur. Meriden N.H.
Emma Rose <sup>9</sup> TOWNE	m. (1)	Fredus Lincoln SHEPARD, Sr.
b. 17 Feb. 1918 Meriden N.H.	18 Jan. 1936	b. 18 Aug. 1916 Brandon N.Y.
living 1987	Lebanon N.H.	d. 16 July 1980 Hanover N.H.
	div. June 1947	bur. West Lebanon N.H.
	m. (2)	Carroll Norman MOSHER
	4 Oct. 1952	b. 30 Jan 1915 Ayers Cliff Que.
	Plainfield N.H.	living 1987
<b>Children:</b>		
Gladys Mae SHEPARD	m.	Evan Edward EVANS
b. 15 Feb. 1937 Lebanon N.H.	20 June 1959	b. 1 Nov. 1938 Norwich Vt.
living 1987	Plainfield N.H.	living 1987
	div. 20 June 1964	
	Sacto Calif.	
Karen EVANS, b. 23 Nov. 1960 Hanover N.H.		
Arthur Carl SHEPARD	m.	Josephine HICKS
b. 6 Apr. 1938 Lebanon N.H.	18 Oct. 1969	b.
living 1987	Pomfret Vt.	living 1987
	div.	
Dennis FLOYD SHEPARD, b. 30 Apr. 1971		
Charlotte Ann SHEPARD	m.	William E. WAGNER
b. 10 Nov. 1939 Lebanon N.H.	8 Apr. 1961	b.
d. 12 Jan. 1980 Falls Church Va.	Munich Germany	living 1987
bur. Oak Hill Cem., Falls Church Va.		



### James Thompson Towne

WOODSTOCK — James Thompson Towne, 71, died Saturday at the Veterans Administration Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on July 10, 1916, the son of Dr. George and Mary (Thompson) Towne. He graduated from the Silver Bay School for Boys and from Dartmouth College in 1938. In 1940, he graduated from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Towne was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for two years before joining the Army. He served as captain in the European Theater during World War II.

He also worked for the Air Reduction Corp. and the Vanadium Corp. of America. He was vice president of Howmet Corp. and was an investment banker with Bear Stearns and Co., Neuberger, Loeb Inc., and Evans and Co.

In 1976, he retired and moved to Woodstock. He was affiliated with Burbank and Co. in Hanover and was currently an investment advisor for Bernard Herrold of New York.

He was a member of the Mining Club and the Union League, both of New York, the Tokeneke Club of Darien, Conn., and the Dartmouth Club of New York City, Connecticut

and Upper Valley.

He was also a member of the Woodstock Rotary Club, the Woodstock Country Club and served on the North Pomfret Community Church Committee.

He leaves his wife, Bettina (Loh-ee) Towne of Woodstock, whom he married in 1942; a son, James T. Jr. of Albany, N.Y.; two daughters, Mary Dolen of Littleton, Calif., and Jane Martin of McLean, Va.; a sister, Frances Conant of Darien, Conn., and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the North Pomfret Congregational Church. The Rev. Mounir SaAdah and the Rev. Margaret Stoddard will officiate. Burial will be Thursday in Elmwood Cemetery in Schaghticoke, N.Y.

The Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Valley News, West Lebanon, New Hampshire. 21 Sept. 1987. Submitted by Emma Mosher.



## GRAVESTONE DESIGNS

The primitive sculptures created by early gravestone carvers have been recognized as a unique form of American folk art for over fifty years.

In the 17th and 18th centuries simple designs such as the skull and crossbones, Father Time, hearts and flowers and the hourglass were popular. Many headstones of the time featured a sad, angelic face, and later uplifted wings stretching out from the face were added. The face itself symbolizing the soul of the deceased, the wings signifying the hope of a better life in the hereafter.

One New England stonecutter, James Wilder of Lancaster, MA. who worked at his trade between 1760-1790 used a number of variations on the face-with-wings design. Some of his early work featured a young face with tightly wound curls. Later, the face became longer with ringlets on the sides and the hair on top combed straight. In his later designs the face was older, with a straight, rolled back wig and a stern expression.

By 1800 the urn and the willow tree became often repeated designs, and portraits of the deceased were favored by the affluent. It is felt by many that gravestone art went into a decline at this point.

In 1987 monument etching techniques have improved so that greater detail is possible. People are requesting gravestone designs that are unusual, and considered by some to be in poor taste.

Richard Burton, a fourth generation carver from Waterbury, Connecticut has produced designs of everything from a bulldozer to a Boston Red Sox insignia. One family requested an etching of a Care Bear for the headstone of a young girl, and the relatives of a longtime Telephone Company employee asked that the company logo be used.

John Perkins, president of a New Haven monument company says that they have done etchings of motorcycles, ferriswheels, dogs, cats, racoons, birds of all kinds including seagulls, trains, buses, trucks, boats, horses, footballs, shotguns and fishing rods. Perhaps one of the most unusual is a martini glass complete with olive.

Donna Jean WAGNER m.  
b. 23 Jan. 1962 Arlington  
Virginia 8 Oct. 1982  
Springfield Va.

James Franklin MILLER,  
b. 16 Jan. 1966 Chateauroux  
France; m. (1) 18 Jan. 1977  
Alcione FIGLAO; div. 1979;  
child Christina Marie MILLER,  
b. 7 July 1977.

William E. WAGNER, Jr., b. 4 Jan. 1964 Falls Church Va.  
Kimberly Michelle WAGNER, b. 25 July 1969 Falls Church Va.

Fredus Lincoln SHEPARD m. Merrily INGALLS  
b. 13 June 1941 Hanover N.H. 2 Dec. 1961 b.  
d. 26 Feb. 1970 Ascutney Vt. Plainfield N.H. living 1987  
bur. Plainfield Cem., Plainfield N.H.

Dayna Joy SHEPARD m. Anthony WOOD  
b. 16 Aug. 1965 Hanover N.H. 1984 b.  
Windsor Vermont

Nicholas Anthony WOOD, b. 19 Jan. 1986 Hanover N.H.  
Jordon Michael WOOD, b. 12 Sept. 1987 Lebanon N.H.

Robbin Earl SHEPARD m. April VASHAW  
b. 26 Sept. 1966 Hanover N.H. 3 Aug. 1985 b.  
Claremont N.H.

Matthew Tobey SHEPARD, b. 6 June 1986 Claremont N.H.

Joan Carol SHEPARD m. Richard POLAND  
b. 1 Oct. 1943 Lebanon N.H. 18 Nov. 1967 b. 14 July 1937  
living 1987 Plainfield N.H. living 1987  
div.

Dawn Marie POLAND, b. 16 July 1966 Windsor Vt.  
Ian Patrick POLAND, b. 24 Apr. 1969 Lebanon N.H.

Linda Louise SHEPARD m. Ralph Walter STONE  
b. 12 July 1945 Lebanon N.H. 12 Aug. 1967 b. 8 Oct. 1946 Windsor Vt.  
living 1987 Windsor Vt. living 1987

Jill Louise STONE, b. 22 Nov. 1967 Lebanon N.H.  
Timothy Walter STONE, b. 17 Jan. 1969 Lebanon N.H.  
Melissa Rose STONE, b. 26 Feb. 1973 Lebanon N.H.

Only time will tell if these designs will be considered examples of folk art in the future. Some cemeteries are refusing to accept them. In any case, they are sure to bring a smile to the face of future genealogists as they prowl cemeteries seeking family data. JRW.

## Sources:

HEHGS Register April, 1983  
New Haven Register 30 Jan. 1986  
New Haven Register ? Sept. 1987  
Yankee May, 1986.

## HAROLD IVAN TOWNE

Harold Ivan Towne, 65, of Camp Verde, a retired machinist for the Eastman Kodak Co., died July 28, 1987, at the Veterans Administration Center in Prescott. Born in South Alabama, NY. he was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife Betty, son, Robert and Lawrence; three sisters; three brothers; and three grandchildren. Services will be held at the Westcott Funeral Home, Camp Verde.

Arizona Republic Phx, AZ. Submitted by  
Lester LeMay.

RALPH ESTY JR. 69  
OPERATED OWN SAW MILL

GROVELAND — Ralph A. Esty Jr., 69, 184 Uptack Road, died Saturday at his home.

The husband of Mildred (Stephenson) Esty, he was born in Lancaster, Mass. He was a lumberman who operated his own saw mill for many years at his home in Groveland.

Mr. Esty is survived by his wife; a son, Allen of California; a daughter, Linda Connor of Nashua, N.H.; two step-sons, Walter J. Marchisio and Anthony P. Marchisio of Groveland; a step-daughter, Mrs. Bernice Lord of Groveland; three brothers, Hobart B., Roy E. and Howard T. of Groveland; two sisters, Greta Craven of Newton, N.H. and Barbara Maughan of Lawrence; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the Merton E. Roberts Jr. Funeral Home, 14 Pleasant St., Georgetown. Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will in the Harmony Cemetery, Georgetown.

Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Lawrence, MA.  
7 Sept. 1987. Submitted by Karen Courtenay



## A CIVIL WAR LETTER

Fredericksburg, July 16st 1862

Dear brother:

I received the note you sent! Was glad to hear you was well. I got a letter from Calvin last night which informed me of the death of granmother! There is a great deal of sickness here! Mostly typhoid fever! You folks heard our division was down at Richmond but its not so they have noises lately. When ever any one says any thing they dont beleive here they say we hear a noise! Doctor Donor died at the hospital this morning. He was a private in our Company, lived in Plattville I beleive. He will be burid here at 4 oclock this afternoon. There has been 4 or 5 boys drowned in this river since we have been here, Homer Lilly among the number. We took one out the other day. He (a cavalry man) was swimming his horse and the horse went under and got him off and he did not rise till dead. There is two gunboats in the river here, the boys on them are gay fellows. We have a fine time here in town, go a blackberrying every day. There is plenty of fruit of all kinds here. The secesh? are confident that Jackson will be in here soon! Nothing would suit me better than to see him some (soon) and see this town blown to the four winds. James More says he has not heard from Mr. Britton for over a month. I suposse you have heard from him since then. J More and I went out in the country a week ago last Sunday about 4 miles and we found a good Union family. They invited us in to dinner and we stopped most all day. The had some tolerable hard storrys to tell. The old lady was mighty hostile, the secesh? had shot through their house 2 or 3 times and took their horses and evry thing else, they were well off. The while folks talk just like the n\_\_\_\_\_ here. This is the stile (Lets we all go down thar whar they all ar.) Well, Ill tell you the rest next time. Give my best respects to all and beleive me, your effectionate

Brother Alonzo Russell  
to C. B. Russell

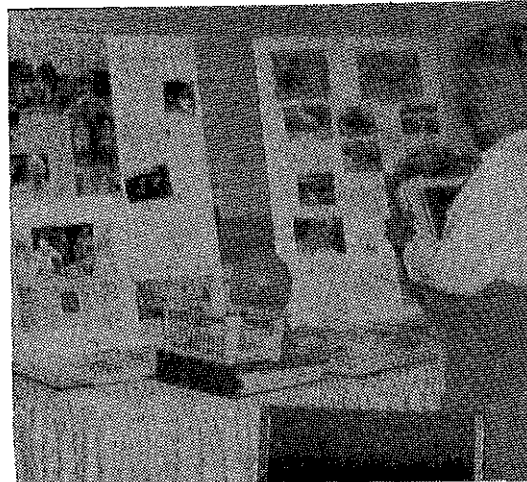
*This letter is a poignant glimpse of the Civil War from a participant's standpoint. It may be of interest to Towne families who have a Civil War ancestor.*

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*The following tells us more of Alonzo and gives Towne lineage.*

Alonzo<sup>9</sup> Russell (Erastus<sup>8</sup>, Roswell<sup>7</sup>, Stephen<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Russell, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Nurse Russell, Rebecca<sup>2</sup> Towne Nurse, William<sup>1</sup> Towne) was a soldier in the Civil War who was wounded and died in a Washington D.C. hospital 25 February 1863, age 24. Alonzo was from Platteville, Wisconsin. "Grandmother" was Maracha Russell Brooks, also a Towne descendent. Her daughter Elizabeth and Alonzo's father Erastus were first cousins. Calvin (Russell) was Alonzo's brother, as was C. B. (Chester Brooks) Russell, to whom this letter was written.

*Submitted by Lester LeMay,*



**GRAVESTONES  
MT. VIEW CEMETERY  
CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Arthur E. Towne  
1865-1958  
(Indian Head design)

Wife

Edna E. Towne  
1870-1957

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Charles E. Towne  
1898-1984  
(moose head design)

Wife

Ethel G. Towne  
1906-1984  
(Rebecca emblem-Odd Fellows design)

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Submitted by Emma Mosher



Left- Hostess Kim Towne Earley  
views the display.



DON'T  
FORGET  
TO  
PAY  
YOUR  
DUES!

## LADY LUCK RIDES ON TOUGH FLIGHTS WITH LOCAL PILOT

(This dispatch about the exploits of a Cleveland, Lieut. Raymond Towne, was received from the War Department. Lieut. Towne is a B-26 Marauder medium bomber pilot)

FROM A 12TH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE. Lieut Ray Towne has required a supplement to his flying skill in the form of "Lady Luck" to come through all the hazardous experiences he has had. He seems to be a magnet attracting enemy flak and fighter aircraft, for his missions have been mostly tough ones.

On Jan. 20th while bombing a bridge in Italy, his throttle control was shot away and he had to feather the right engine on his B-26 Marauder five minutes away from the target.

One can imagine at this point the look on the gunners' faces when he called back on the interphone and told them to throw their guns and ammunition overboard-over enemy territory. But this had to be done to lighten the load so he could fly the plane on one engine. In fact, they threw out everything they could tear loose inside the plane.

From an altitude of 9000 feet over the Italian coast Lieut. Towne flew on one engine-gradually losing altitude until he was at 1000 feet off the coast of Sardinia. He barely had enough altitude to make his home base- and on one engine he made a beautiful landing.

A few days later at the Anzio beach head Lieut Towne was right in the midst of it again in a 25 minute running fight with crowding enemy fighters. His turret gunner shot down an ME-109 on this occasion. Then there was the time he was flying at a registered zero altitude in a blinding snow-storm and had to pull up to go over some power lines on the approach to the runway. Still another time he barely made it to Sardinia with both gas tanks dry when he hit the runway.

Lieut. Towne has been over Rome three times. His 40th mission was on Feb. 22 to a railroad bridge at Albinia.

Having flown 40 combat missions to date he is still in there pitching with plenty of fight left. In commenting on his combat experiences he says he has made a solemn promise to his crew that one of these times he will bring the plane in for a normal landing.

Lieut. Towne has been awarded the Air Medal and seven Oak Leaf Clusters for his achievements. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Towne of 6404 Belvidere avenue.

From a Cleveland, Ohio paper, 1944.  
Submitted by Ella Mae Pero.



Here are some Towne notes from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.

Vol. 3, No. 1, p. 4 and Vol. 9, p. 87: Abraham Stagg, b. 1778, son of John Stagg of New York City (1732-1803) and Anneke (Dolly) Stoutenburgh married 1 Feb 1800, Rachael Town, daughter of John and Hannah Town.

1. Anna Matilda (Hannah), b. 19 Apr 1803 in NYC married Samuel Ten Eyck Gautier in 1822, and died in Fordham, NY in 1865, buried Trinity Church Yard.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. 12 Aug 1805, m. James Jackson (living in Jersey City). Children listed as:
  - a. A daughter who m. Rev. Mr. Ferguson
  - b. A daughter who m. Rev. Mr. Jackson
  - c. Jane
  - d. Abraham
  - e. A daughter who died young.
3. John Town, b. 25 Sep 1807
4. Abraham, b. 5 Sep 1809
5. Benjamin, b. Dec 1811, m. Mrs. Hannah Hornblower, dau of ? Town, but d.s.p. (as believed). (sic)
6. Charles Frederic, b. 26 Feb 1814
7. Helena, b Nov 1816
8. Junius Theodore, b. 27 Nov 1818

Vol. 9, p. 87: Charles Towne m. 24 Nov 1797 Ann Stagg, b. 30 Aug 1766, dau of John Stagg (1732-1803) and his second wife Anneke (dau of Isaac Stoutenburgh). Their children:

- Ann, b. 12 Jan 1801. d. 13 Oct 1802
- John S., 28 Apr 1802 d. 8 June 18.. (sic)
- Caroline, b. 7 Jan 1804
- Charles Henry, b. 27 Sep 1805
- Edward, b. 8 Dec 1807 (1806?)
- Mary Ann, b. 4 Nov 1807
- Emma, b. 29 Sep 1811
- John, b. 13 Sep 1813
- Eliza, b. 12 Sep 1815

Vol. 33, p. 5: The Journal of Capt. Nathaniel Dwight of Belchertown, Mass. during the Crown Point Expedition of 1755 lists in his company a John Town. The men in the company were from CN, NY, RI, and NH.

Vol. 40, p. 28: List of New Brunswick Loyalists of the American Revolution.

Archelaus Towne settled Charlotte Co.

Samuel Towne settled Charlotte Co.

Original source of the records was the Cape Ann Association.

Vol. 40, p. 108: Robert Towne is mentioned in the will of William Baker of Toppsfield, Essex, 9 Oct 1558. This is an abstract and the reason he is mentioned is not indicated. [Either I copied this date wrong, or the will is an English will. Is there a Toppesfield in Essex Co., England?]

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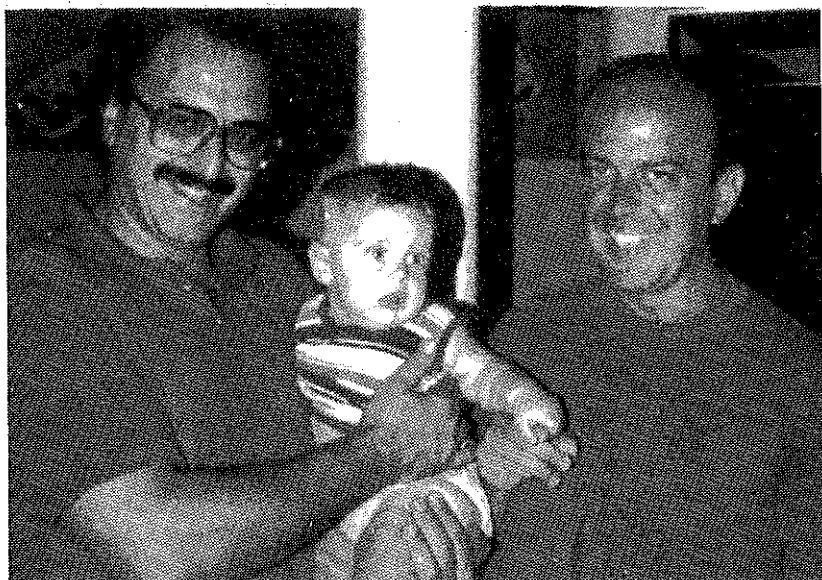
Towne Notes from The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record cont.

Vol. 41, p. 66: John Ely Towne of Utterly Manor painted by Romney. The portrait is among those published in "Historical Narrative of the Ely, Revell and Stacey Families", D. B. Ely, Treasurer of the Publications Committee, Montclair, N.J.

Vol. 45, p. 153, Vol. 47, p. 33 and Vol. 48, p. 154 and 251: Almira Thatcher, dau. of Deacon James Thatcher (b. 1771, son of Peter) and Achsah Handy (dau. of John Handy and Eliza Garrett) m. David Towne b 5 Mar 1789, Litchfield, ME, son of Noah Towne (b Par 1756, Kennebunkport, ME, d. 10 Mar 1841) and Ruth Burbank (d. 1826, of Litchfield, ME). Their children:

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Jun 1824 at Vassalboro, ME, m Thomas Getchell, lived Glendale, CA 1917.
2. Ashsah Thatcher, b. Mar 1826, m John A. Colby. Their children:
  - a. David Wilder, lived Malden, MA 1917
  - b. Grace Evelyn, lived Skowhegan, ME 1917
3. Joseph Lewis, b. 12 Jan 1828, d. 22 Sep 1891 at Waterville, ME, bur. Pine Grove Cem., m. 1st Harriet Turner. Their children:
  - a. Edward H., b. 31 Aug 1853 at Lewiston, ME, d. 27 Sep 1857
  - b. Frederick A., b 18 Aug 1856 at Attleboro, ME, d 15 Mar 1862
  - c. Joseph Everett, b. 9 Jan 1859, Waterville, ME, m. Nellie Perham and had 2 daughters
  - d. Ida Josephine, b. 8 Sep 1861, lived Skowhegan, ME in 1917
- Joseph Lewis Towne m. 2nd July 1864, Laura Marshall, b. 1 Nov. 1834 Vassalboro, ME, dau. of Enoch Marshall and Eunice Carleton, d. 3 Oct 1897, Waterville, ME, bur. Pine Grove Cem. Their children:
  - a. Helen Colby, b. 21 Sep 1868, m. R. E. Attwood of Auburn, ME, lived Skowhegan, ME in 1917.
4. Harriet W., b. Oct 1833 at Vassalboro, ME, m. Nathan Ripley, no children.
5. Sophia Thatcher, b. Feb. 1835, Vassalboro, ME, d. & bur. Waterville, ME, m. Fred Samuel Clay of Park Rapids, MN, a carpenter. He d. Park Rapids, MN and is bur. Waterville, ME.
6. Angeline Lincoln, b. Aug 1837, Vassalboro, ME, d. Kingston, ME, m George Washburn. Dau Katherine m. Mr. LaPorte.
7. William Irving, b. 5 Sep 1839, Vassalboro, ME, m. 3 Aug 1867, Ellen Martha Burgess, b. 2 Apr 1842 at Vassalboro, ME. Their children:
  - a. Jennie M., b. 4 Aug 1868, m. 26 Aug 1888 to T. F. Cowan
  - b. Inez M., b. 30 Apr 1874, d., 1 June 1879
  - c. Phil L., b. 27 Jan 1879, m 25 Jan 1899 to Fred H. Towne
8. Catherine Aiken, b. Nov 1842, Vassalboro, ME, d. Derry, NH, m. Charles Sargent, No children.

submitted by Elizabeth Towne Schmitt



Sculptor Yiannis Stefanakis, Joey Berry and David Berry in the artist's studio, East India Mall, Salem, MA.



The artist's drawing of how the statue should look finished and mounted on a base.

#### TOWNE DESCENDANTS VISIT WITCH MEMORIAL ARTIST

One day this past summer TFAer Joanne Berry, husband Bill, son David and grandson Joey visited sculptor Yiannis Stefanakis in his Salem studio. Joey is the child of Patti and Rick Berry, another Berry son.

The artist is creating a statue of the three Towne sisters who were accused of witchcraft in Salem in 1692. The statue is intended to serve as a formal apology not only to the Towne sisters but to all 24 men and women who died after being unjustly accused.

The artist works in a studio in the East India Mall, Salem and welcomes visitors. A July, 1988 unveiling is planned.

A Witch Trial Memorial Fund has been established to finance this effort and contributions are still needed. All are tax-deductable and may be sent to:

WITCH TRIAL MEMORIAL FUND  
YIANNIS STUDIO OF ART  
EAST INDIA MALL, BOX 310  
SALEM, MA. 01970

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## TALK OF THE TOWNE

## Pride of the Prairie.....

When DeKalb County Illinois celebrated its Sesquicentennial recently, certificates were awarded to the descendants of the oldest settlers. Our Donna Moore received one by virtue of her descent from Russell (7) Towne. Russell and his two brothers founded the town of Paw Paw. (See About Towne vol 4 #3)

Paw Paw was considered a part of DeKalb county at the time, but after county lines were changed it is now part of another.

The certificates are attractively designed with two seals, one for the descendants of people who came to the area between 1837-1850, and a bright red one for those settling before 1837.

The inscription reads:

DeKalb County Illinois Sesquicentennial Proudly Presents to Donna Lambkin Moore the Pride of the Prairie Pioneer Certificate in recognition of Russell Towne who settled in DeKalb County, Illinois between 1837 and 1850. Presented this 18th day of July, 1987 in Sycamore, Illinois.

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## Happy Birthday.....

Celebrating birthdays soon are:

Edna Jewett, Ipswich, MA. on Dec. 30th.

Fred Hardy, Kennebunk, ME. on Jan. 5th.

Sybil Daniels of Salem, NH. on Feb. 26th.

An extra special belated greeting to Alice Hardy who had a birthday on Sept. 9th. Forgive me Alice.

Best Wishes to All

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## More about the Logo...

In a letter to the Editor Harriet Ehringer says, "Its all a matter of attitude."

The Salem witchcraft trials did take place, and we Towne, Esty, Nurse, Cloyes and Bridges descendants know this is a part of our history. However we do not stress this part to the exclusion of all else. We do not exploit this part of our heritage, nor do we promote the idea of the Bell Book and Candle type of witchcraft in vogue in some quarters today.

I'm sorry it happened to anyone, but we cannot un-do history. Let's continue to use our tiny little witch logo and say a prayer for our ancestors who were wrongfully treated, and resolve to be vigilant to see that we who are living today do not make false accusations against others.

I am a descendant of Mary Esty, and I proud of her knowledge and courage." Sincerely, Harriet Scharf Ehringer.

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## California in '88.....

V.P. for Programs Emma Mosher reports that tentative plans are already being formed for our 1988 Towne Meeting in California. Chairlady Marian McGuire, of Napa and Gladys Evans of Sacramento who is assisting are at present negotiating for suitable facilities.

September is a busy month in the area because of the grape harvest. It would be most helpful if those of you who hope to attend would contact Emma soon, so it can be determined how many rooms need to be reserved. This of course would not be considered a definite commitment.

An update of plans will appear in the March newsletter, and final arrangements and reservation forms will be listed in June.

Emma and her husband Carroll are wintering in Florida. They will be at the following address until May 1st.

Emma Mosher  
P.O. Box 1991  
Anna Maria, FL. 34216

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## September late this year.....

Please forgive us for the delay in getting the September issue in the mail. We ran into a few snags changing to our new system.

About Towne is now being printed in Ontario, NY. under the supervision of V.P. for Publications Jim Roome. Jim is also in charge of the mailing labels.

Please continue to send any address changes to Sec/Treas. Donna Moore, who will in turn inform the President, The Editor, The Lineage Editor (who produces the quarterly membership list for AT) as well as the V.P. for Publications Jim Roome.

In future we hope to get all issues out on time!

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## Future M.D. ....

Bill Towne (Stoney Run PA.) reports: our oldest child (Sarah?) has had an early acceptance to medical school, so our lives will continue to be normally confused.

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## Cruising.....

Following the TFA reunion Jim and Marie Roome spent a week aboard the Lewis R. French a schooner built in 1871 sailing around the coast of Maine and the various islands off shore. They helped the crew polish brass, scrub the deck, lift the anchor and fold sails.

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## A visit With Deena....

Arthur and Jean Towne visited Alexandria "Deena" Towne at her home on Sunday, September 28th. At that time they presented her with a letter announcing her elevation to President Emerita of TFA. They report that Deena was her usual cheerful self, and Arthur snapped a picture of her as she read the letter. See page 61.

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## Reunion Photos...

Reunion photos in this issue by Lori Webster, Natalie Johnson, Jean Smith and Warren Towne. Thanks to all.

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## John H. Towne Honored...

John Henry Towne, 1818-1875 a business man with successful ventures in several fields was honored by the University of Pennsylvania when its Towne Scientific School was named in his honor. From E.E. Towne.

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## COUSINS and cousins.....

Bill Yarwood says he has a correspondent who claims there are two kinds of cousins. Kissing cousins have already established their descent from William and Joanna. Hello cousins are still trying to make the connection.

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## Get Well Wishes....

Chet Pero, husband of Ella Mae (Towne) Pero had surgery on Oct. 28th. We trust that by the time you read this he is back to his usual lively self.

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## You bet....

Before most people start boasting about their family tree, they usually do a good pruning job. O.A. Battista. -Submitted by Joanne Towne.

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## Tentative APPOINTEES FOR THE 1987-1988 Year

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Jean R. Warner

## Nominating Committee:

To be announced.

## Notes:

In Accordance with the By-Laws elected officers may serve as appointed officers, without restriction.

The Association President serves as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

It will be the chairperson's responsibility to contact prospective committee members to determine whether or not they will serve on the committee.

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## Note from Bill Towne:

TFA Does Not, And Can Not, Provide Data on Correlative Lines. . . .

Some members, and certain non-members, have written in asking for data and information on lines of females who marry into the Towne Family. It is impossible for us to have such data in ours files. For example, a request for the ancestry of Sally Johnson, who married Theophilus Towne, can not be honored. TFA can probably provide the descendants of this couple, but not the ancestry of the mother.

Likewise, a Towne female, such as Lucy Towne, who marries a Samuel Higgins, we can not provide the ancestry of Mr. Higgins, but we might be able to find the ancestry and the descendants of Lucy.

Readers are asked not to request data on people whom we do not have in the Central Index File.

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TOWN LATTICE TRUSS BRIDGES  
LOCATED IN VERMONT

**TWIGG-SMITH BRIDGE**-A 36 foot span over Mill Brook in Brownsville. This is one half of the Garfield Bridge of Hyde Park built in 1870. It was removed in the 1960's and relocated here. The other half is in South Pomfret. South of Route 44, west of Brownsville.

**MARTIN'S MILL BRIDGE**- Built in 1881. Spans 143 feet over Lull's Brook. East off Route 5, south of Hartland.

**WILLARD BRIDGE**- Date unknown. Spans 135 feet over natural waterfalls of the Ottaquechee River. East off Route 5.

**MIDDLE BRIDGE**- Built in 1969, this is Vermont's newest authentic Town lattice covered bridge. It was severely damaged by fire in 1974 and was completely restored in 1975-76. This bridge spans 125 feet over the Ottaquechee River in Woodstock Off Route 4 near the center of town.

**TWIGG - SMITH BRIDGE** (Other half) Spans 36 feet over Barnard Brook. Located in South Pomfret, west off Route 12.

Windsor Chronicle, Windsor, VT.

Submitted by Emma Mosher

## Harold E. Estey, 64

## Retired machine operator

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in Richardson's Funeral Home in Lynn for Harold E. Estey, 64, of Lynn, a retired machine operator.

Mr. Estey died Wednesday at AtlanticCare Medical Center, Lynn, after a brief illness.

Born in Lynn, Mr. Estey lived in Peabody for eight years until moving back to Lynn in 1986. He was a graduate of Swampscott High School.

Mr. Estey was employed by the former Hoague Sprague Co., Lynn, where he worked as a machine operator for 23 years until his retirement in 1977.

He was a member of Christ Church United Methodist, Lynn, and the South Congregational Church, Peabody.

He was also a member of the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge, Lynn.

Mr. Estey leaves his wife, Lillian E. (Stenler); a son, Ronald Estey of Lynn; and a grandson.

The Boston Globe 16 Oct. 1987. Submitted by Karen Courtenay.



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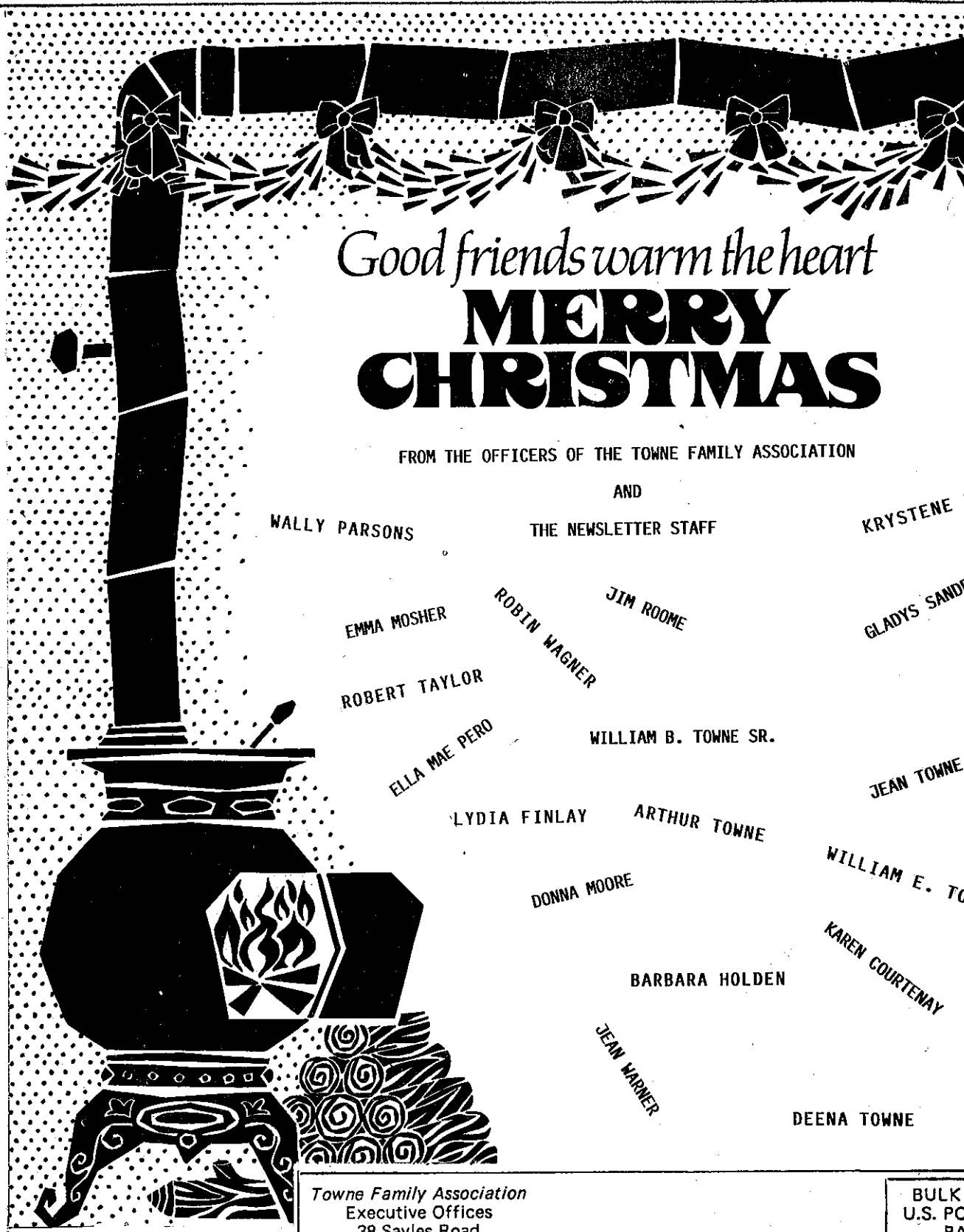
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